

Brevard Community Resource Newsletter

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/EckerdConnectsBrevardCommunityResources/>

Programs & Services

S.O.S. (Safe Overnight Stay) SHELTER

Community of Hope, in partnership with the Brevard Homeless Coalition Inc., offers a very short-term shelter program called S.O.S. (Safe Overnight Stay). This program is for families who are unexpectedly or suddenly experiencing homelessness, particularly for the first time. There are two location for this program, one in South Brevard (Melbourne) and one in North Brevard (Titusville). **In order to access our S.O.S. program, a family must call and be referred by 2-1-1.**

Transitional Housing Program

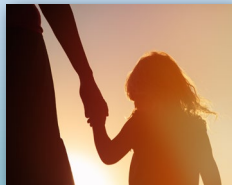
The Transitional Housing program fills the gap between emergency housing and long-term housing. We provide transitional housing units which provides a stable housing solution for up to two years. These units are available to working families with (minor) children who meet the criteria for entry and demonstrate a likelihood of success if given low-cost housing and supportive services.

Permanent Supportive Housing

This program provides long-term subsidized low-cost housing to families that would otherwise be unable to afford it. These include families who are saving for the down payment of a house, going to school while working, or taking care of older children who have long-term needs.

Reunification Program

Through a partnership with Brevard Family Partnership, Community of Hope works with case management professionals to provide housing for parents for whom it is the only thing left for parents to secure before being reunited with their children who are in the care of others by court order.



Feature Of The Month



Community of Hope is a local nonprofit organization that seeks to end family homelessness in Brevard County. They work with families of all types, especially those with minor children, to find housing solutions that fit their needs.

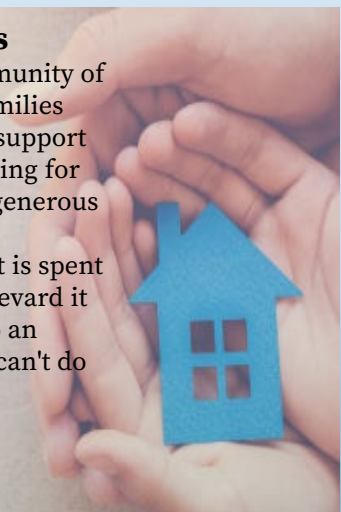
In addition, Community of Hope partners with a constellation of community organizations to provide a variety of services above and beyond shelter.

Phone 321-474-0966

Email: info@hopeofbrevard.com
<https://www.hopeofbrevard.com/>

Hope Housing Services

Hope Housing Services allows Community of Hope to provide funding to move families into rental housing and provide the support needed for them to stay there. Funding for the initial expenditure comes from generous giving from the community and donors. Grants reimburse only what is spent to get the family into housing. In Brevard it can cost over \$3000 just to move into an apartment. Many working families can't do that alone.



Partin Ranch Corn Maze:

(October 9th through November 7th)

Location: 5601 N Canoe Creek Rd, Kenansville, 34739

Hours: Saturdays & Sundays 10am-5pm

Admission: \$10 per person; 2 years and under are FREE

Your admission includes mazes, barrel train ride, hayride,

kiddie zip line, corn box, games, as well as various play areas.

There will also be pumpkins, food and beverages, pony rides and more

available for an additional fee. <https://www.partinranchcornmaze.com/>

Annual Fall Harvest Festival in Viera:

(October 16, 2021)

Location: 2261 Town Center Ave, Viera, FL, 32940

Hours: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Admission: FREE admission. This family-friendly event will have fun children's activities, traditional vendors and exhibitors, a pumpkin patch, pumpkin carving contest, music, food trucks and more! The annual Viera Voice's Scarecrow Stroll and competition will ALL happen at the event this year, as well. <https://www.facebook.com/events/209831787631008/?ref=newsfeed>

Tranquility Country Second Annual Fall/Harvest Festival:

(October 23, 2021)

Location: 5440 Dixie Way, Mims, Florida, 32754

Hours: 11am-5pm

We will have our famous horse rides again, vendors, food trucks and more.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/233473851801592/?ref=newsfeed>

Ever After Farms Fall Festival:

(Saturdays & Sundays – October 2 – November 7)

Location: 4455 Dixie Way, Mims, FL 32754

Hours: 9am-2pm

Admission: Entrance:\$5 per person (*children 1 and under are free*) which includes hayrides, maze & flower field access, games, playground access, activities, picture spots and more! Flowers: \$2 per Stem; Flower Bunches: prices vary; Petting Zoo: \$4 per person; Food & Drinks: prices vary.

<https://www.everafterfarms.com/fall-festival/>

Growers INC 3rd Annual Harvest: Yam Festival!

(October 31, 2021)

Location: 2528 Race Street, Melbourne, FL, 32901

Hours: 3:00 pm-6:00 pm

Washington Street will be lined with vendors, games and activities featuring this years theme YAM FESTIVAL! Enjoy the special guest, prizes, raffles, costume contest and more! Enter the raffle to win an Exclusive Prize. Don't miss this festive event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/827379744879882>

Countryside Citrus Family Farms:

(October 2nd through October 31st)

Location: 6325 81st St, Vero Beach, FL 32967

Hours: Saturdays & Sundays 10am-5pm

Admission: \$12.95 online, \$15.95 at the gate; Kids under 2 are FREE. Enjoy a corn maze, pumpkin patch, hayride, jumbo pillow, air cannon, zip line, corn hole, photo ops, food and much more! <https://www.countrysidecitrus.com/countryside-fall-festival-and-maze>

Flashlight Nights: Looking for a little night life and want an extra challenge?

(October 29th and 30th) Hours: 6:30pm to 9:30pm

Bring your own flashlight and explore the maze while still participating in many of the other attractions. Perfect for youth groups, scouting troops, and big families. It's a great "date night", too!

Scotts's Maze Adventures:

(October 1st through December 12th)

Location: 26216 County Road 448A, Mount Dora, FL 32757

Hours: Saturdays 10am-5pm & Sundays 12pm-5pm

Admission: \$15 per person; Kids 3 & under are FREE. Maze admission includes both Corn Mazes, the permanent Tree Maze, Rope Maze, Labyrinth, Mist Maze, Super Slide, Jumping Pillow, Small Kids Zip Line, Huge Fort-like playground, Tot Lot, Sand Tires, Tether Ball, other games, and covered picnic areas. Hayrides and fishing are available for an additional fee.

<http://longandscottfarms.com/maze/>

Black Willows Annual Fall Festival:

(October 9, 2021)

Location: Black Willow Trail, Mims, FL, 32754

Hours: 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Admission: \$5 admission, 2 and under FREE

Come enjoy the day with family and friends on the beautiful fall day as your stroll through our gorgeous vineyard, pick out the perfect pumpkin, enjoy some yummy BBQ, shop local vendors, and much more! <https://www.facebook.com/events/961348277929662>

Fall Family Fun



Church at Viera:

(October 9th through October 31st)

Location: 9005 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne, FL 32940

Dates: Monday-Thursday 4pm-8pm; Friday-Sunday 9am-7pm

Admission: Just pay for your pumpkin and enjoy storytime, games, pumpkin shopping, scavenger hunts, and great photo opportunities! <https://churchatviera.com/pumpkin-patch/>

LaPorte Farms:

(October 3rd through October 31st)

Location: 7700 129th Street, Sebastian

Hours: Mon-Friday, 8am-2pm & Saturdays & Sundays, 8am-4pm

Admission: Free, just pay for your pumpkin. Visit the farm, feed the animals and pick a pumpkin!

<https://www.laportefarms.com/upcomingevents>

Wesley United Methodist Church:

(October 4th through October 29th)

Location: 2075 Meadowlane Ave, West Melbourne, 32904

Dates and Hours: 7 Days a week 9am to 8pm; Fri & Sat 12pm-8pm

Admission: Just pay for your pumpkin and enjoy family fun hayrides, lots photo ops, baked goods and much more!



Cape Canaveral Trunk-or-Treat:

(October 29th • 6pm-8pm)

Location: 100 Polk Ave, Cape Canaveral, FL

Admission: FREE ADMISSION • KIDS 12 & UNDER

• Contact-less candy delivery • Socially distanced spaces • One-way foot traffic. Public parking available at library + rec complex. Children must remain with a parent/guardian at ALL times

<http://bitly.ws/gEt8>

Melbourne Square Mall Trunk-or-Treat:

(October 31st • 3pm-5pm)

Location: 1700 W New Haven Ave, Melbourne, FL

Admission: FREE ADMISSION. The first 500 kids in costume will get a free treat bag with candy and a to-go craft! You can also enjoy face painting and balloon twist. Various retailers will participate in the Teal Pumpkin Project, offering non-food treats to promote safety, inclusion and respect of individuals managing food allergies, as well as other children for whom candy is not an option. For safety reasons no Halloween mask are allowed for anyone over age 12. <http://bitly.ws/gEt7>

Space Coast Mom Life Trunk-or-Treat:

(October 22nd • 4pm-7pm)

Location: CW Theaters West Melbourne, FL

Admission: FREE ADMISSION. Bring the whole family out for a FREE evening of fun! Enjoy a trunk or treat, costume contest, raffles, food trucks, bounce house, FREE MOVIE and so much more! <http://bitly.ws/gEsU>

N. Brevard Fall Fest & Trunk-or-Treat:

(October 23rd • 7pm-9pm)

Location: 4400 Fox Lake Rd, Titusville, FL

Admission: FREE ADMISSION. Families, Teens, and Adults can enjoy a FREE trunk-or-treat experience in partnership with local community partners. Kids & Teens receive a FREE Goody Bag(s) filled with candy and activities (while supplies last)! Register to be a part of the trunk-or-treat <http://bitly.ws/gEsY>

RED RIBBON WEEK

October 23-31

Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention awareness campaign.

Red Ribbon Week is designed to be an awareness campaign that gets information to the general public and youth about the dangers of drug use, increase prevention, and to encourage a commitment to a safe, healthy and drug-free lifestyle.

ENTER THE 2022 RED RIBBON THEME CONTEST TODAY!

Send us your ideas for the 2022 Red Ribbon Theme Contest today for a chance to **WIN \$500** in Red Ribbon Theme Merchandise in 2022.



The Winning
2021 Red
Ribbon Theme

- **Entries must be received by Dec. 4, 2021 at 11:59pm (EST), via email to:** redribbon@nfp.org or via mail to National Family Partnership, 2490 Coral Way, Floor 3, Miami, FL 33145.

Please include your name, school, telephone number and email address.

- Winners will be announced on or before February 4th, 2022.
- All entries become property of the National Family Partnership. Note: NFP reserves the right to select the theme or design from one submission and match it with another submitted theme or design. In that case, there will be two contest winners.
- Entries can include a unique design or double-looped Red Ribbon but artwork is not required. (See Red Ribbon logo for sample image available here: www.redribbon.org/downloads)

HELPFUL HINTS

- Red Ribbon Week is celebrated in schools across America, where banners and signs are hung from marquees and fences. Whatever the theme or design you create should fit well within that context.
- Themes should be brief and as catchy as possible. For example, recent theme slogans include: "Be Happy. Be Brave. Be Drug Free.", "Send A Message. Stay Drug Free.", "Life Is Your Journey. Travel Drug Free.", "Your Future Is Key, So Stay Drug Free.", "YOLO. Be Drug Free.", "Love Yourself. Be Drug Free.", "A Healthy Me Is Drug Free.", "The Best Me Is Drug Free.", "It's Up To Me To Be Drug Free.", "100% Me Drug Free.", "Look At Me I'm Drug Free" and "Drug Free Is The Key."
- While the red ribbon should be prominently featured in the design, don't be afraid to use other colors, as well.

GET YOUR STUDENTS INVOLVED NOW!

The Red Ribbon Campaign has some great ways to get your schools and students involved in the drug-free movement ALL month long with some **AMAZING INCENTIVES.**

Enter The 2021 National Red Ribbon Week Photo Contest

WIN AN IPAD & \$1,000 FOR YOUR SCHOOL

ENTRY PERIOD OCT. 1 - NOV. 1, 2021

TWO WAYS TO ENTER

1. Families may submit a photo of a home decoration
2. Schools may submit a photo of a school or virtual school decoration

TWO WAYS TO WIN

1. Receive the most votes in your Region for your entry
2. Receive one of the following Judges Awards:

Home Entries

- Most Creative Home
- Best Use of Family and Community
- Best Use of The Theme
- Most Ambitious
- Most Educational

School Entries

- Most Creative School
- Best Use of School and Community
- Best Use of The Theme
- Most Ambitious
- Most Educational

HOW TO ENTER

Decorate your Home front door, mailbox or fence with a (double-looped) Red Ribbon and this year's **THEME:** "Drug Free Looks Like Me.TM".

OR

Decorate your School with a (double-looped) Red Ribbon and this year's theme: "Drug Free Looks Like Me.TM".

NEXT...

Snap a Photo & Upload

Take a picture of your Red Ribbon decoration (preferably with people in it!) and upload to www.redribbon.org/contest-2021. You must be 18 years old to enter, so parents (or for school entries, school staff or PTA members) must submit the photos.

Get Votes!

Ask your friends, family, colleagues and school contacts to vote for your photo on our website. **VOTING PERIOD NOV. 2 - NOV. 16, 2021**

WINNERS ANNOUNCED DEC. 2, 2021

[CLICK HERE FOR THE RED RIBBON PHOTO CONTEST RULES TERMS & CONDITIONS](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR A LIST OF FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS](#)

Take the #DrugFreeLooksLikeMe Social Media Challenge

PARTICIPATE AND GET THE CHANCE TO WIN AN AMAZON GIFT CARD

HOW TO ENTER

Show us what Drug Free Looks like!

- Have someone take a picture of you holding up the [Red Ribbon Theme Sign](#)
- Post it to Social Media during Red Ribbon Week **from October 23 through 31st.** Facebook & Twitter: @RedRibbonWeek
Instagram: @RedRibbonCampaign
- Add the hashtags #DrugFreeLooksLikeMe, #LivingDrug Free, and #RedRibbonWeek.



*Give Blood,
Give Life*



All donors receive a wellness checkup including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening!

*Donate Blood & Receive A
FREE \$20 Wawa® Gift Card**



**Sunday, October 10, 2021
12:00PM - 7:00PM**

Wawa Malabar Road
850 Malabar Road
Palm Bay, FL 32909

Register: <http://bitly.ws/gDhf>

**Sunday, October 10, 2021
12:00PM - 7:00PM**

Wawa #5265 Cocoa
923 West King Street
Cocoa, FL 32922

Register: <http://bitly.ws/gDhj>

**Wednesday, October 13, 2021
12:00PM - 7:00PM**

Wawa Palmetto Avenue
1105 Palmetto Avenue
Melbourne, FL 32901

Register: <http://bitly.ws/gDhd>

*Donate Blood And Enjoy
A FREE \$20 Publix Gift Card
And Oneblood Gift**



**Saturday, October 2, 2021
10:00AM - 3:00PM**

Publix Suntree
7777 N. Wickham Rd
Melbourne, FL 32940
Register: <http://bitly.ws/gDij>

**Monday, October 11, 2021
10:00AM - 3:00PM**

Publix Palm Crossings
145 Palm Bay Road NE
Melbourne, FL 32904
Register: <http://bitly.ws/gDio>

**Saturday, October 9, 2021
12:00PM - 5:00PM**

Publix Driftwood Plaza
3830 S. Highway A1A
Melbourne Beach, FL 32951-3143
Register: <http://bitly.ws/gDis>

*Make It A Magical Day By
Donating Blood & Receive:*

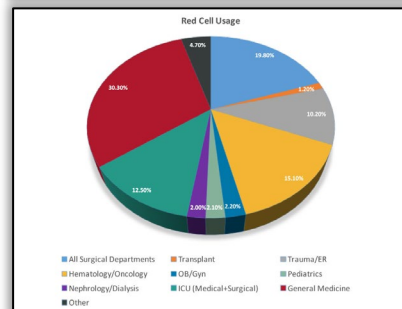
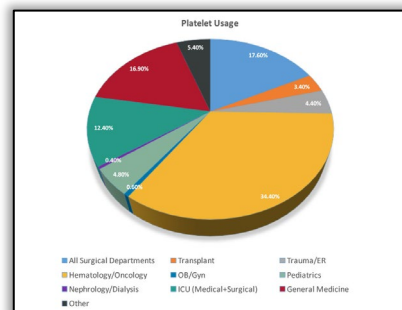
- 2 FREE tickets to an Orlando Magic game
- FREE OneBlood Gift



**Friday, October 1, 2021
11:00AM - 5:00PM**

Walmart Malabar Road
1040 Malabar Road Southeast
Palm Bay, FL 32907
Register: <http://bitly.ws/gDqf>

**According to a 2011 survey by the
Department of Health and Human
Services, here is the actual breakdown of
how blood is used in the U.S.**



Did You Know?

Every two seconds of every day, someone needs blood. Since blood cannot be manufactured outside the body and has a limited shelf life, the supply must constantly be replenished by generous blood donors.

Why Blood Is Needed

There are many reasons patients need blood. A common misunderstanding about blood usage is that accident victims are the patients who use the most blood. Actually, people needing the most blood include those:

- Being treated for cancer
- Undergoing orthopedic surgeries
- Undergoing cardiovascular surgeries
- Being treated for inherited blood disorders

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

COVID-19
RESPONSE

EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE

(ERAP) Application

- [Emergency Rental Assistance Application :](http://bitly.ws/d4CY) (<http://bitly.ws/d4CY>)
- [Attachment C - Form W-9 :](http://bitly.ws/d4D2) (<http://bitly.ws/d4D2>)
- [ERAP Policy Addendum :](http://bitly.ws/ge9F) (<http://bitly.ws/ge9F>)

Applications will be accepted via the following options:

- At all county libraries
- By email at BrevardERA@brevardfl.gov
- By mail or hand delivered to:
Housing and Human Services Department
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson way, B-106
Viera, Florida 32940
- [The online application portal:](http://bitly.ws/d4Uh) (<http://bitly.ws/d4Uh>)

COVID-19 BURIAL ASSISTANCE

Burial Assistance Application

- [\(COVID-19\) Burial Program Application :](http://bitly.ws/d4Dw) (<http://bitly.ws/d4Dw>)

Applications will be accepted via the following options:

- By mail or hand delivered to:
Brevard County Community Action Agency
Dr. Joe Lee Smith Community Center
415 Stone Street
Cocoa, Florida 32922
- [The online application portal:](http://bitly.ws/ge8W) (<http://bitly.ws/ge8W>)

Examples of COVID Impact:

- Treatment for the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency
- Actions taken to prevent infection;
- Costs for relocation due to financial or health circumstances;
- Purchases to support remote work or school;
- Childcare needs due to school closure;
- Cost of alternative transportation;
- Increase in utility costs; or
- Penalties for late rent or utilities.

NEW
UPDATE

BREVARD COUNTY RESIDENTS Financially Impacted By Covid

Rent / Utilities / Mortgage / Hotel / Burial

<https://www.brevardfl.gov/HousingAndHumanServices>

Brevard County has \$18 M for housing funding to help those financially affected by the COVID-19 pandemic (**Indirectly or directly affected- all self reported**). This assistance is for rent/rental arrears, utilities and home energy costs/costs arrears, other expenses related to housing, and burial.

CHANGES: *The income limit is more generous than past funding and there is no case management component. The county has been trying to make this process less challenging to be able to help more people and get the available resources out to people who need it.*

Assistance Key Points:

- The applicant must 'self-certify' to direct OR indirect COVID-19 cause of situation; which could be a loss of hours or increase in overall expenses due to Covid-19 price increases, or changes made due to the pandemic that cause financial hardships.
- Applicants do not need to be literally homeless.
- Funds may be used for delinquent rent, as well as up to 3 months of prospective rent.
- Applicants can 're-certify' their eligibility with a (not-yet-created shortened application) at the end of the 3 months of prospective rent and may be able to get another 3 months of prospective rent.
- **This funding will also pay for hotels if hotel agrees to 30 days of stay.**
- Applicants may be self-pay at hotel/motel and, as long as the hotel/motel will 'bill out' a month in advance.
- Room rentals in doubled-up situations may also apply as long as there is a lease.

Application Key Points:

- Income verification is a 1040 from 2020 tax year.
- A FULL COPY of a valid lease in the name of the applicant is required.
- Require W-9 from Landlord – If you are having issues with obtaining this, please call 321-633-2007 to find out what you can do. (*It has been "said" that the landlord can provide phone number for them to call to get this information from he/she directly, BUT call to verify*)
- **ALL** documentation must be provided at time of submission for the application to be considered, or application will be denied.
- **Full process takes about 4 weeks.**

If you have questions about acceptable forms of documentation, please call [321-633-2007](tel:321-633-2007) before submitting application.



Resource Center for
Disability Solutions

571 Haverty Court, Suite A.
Rockledge

PERSONS WITH DISABILITY OR LIVE WITH SOMEONE WITH A DISABILITY Who Have Been Financially Impacted By Covid

Rent / Utilities / Mortgage / Other Financial Needs

The Resource Center for Disability Solutions has funds for financial assistance, through the CARES Act, for persons with disabilities OR if someone living in your home has a disability who has been impacted by COVID.

321-633-6011 • <https://www.rcdsfl.org/services/>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

COVID-19
RESPONSE



Florida's federally-funded emergency rental assistance relief program.

Visit OURFlorida.com



OUR Florida is Florida's federally funded emergency rental assistance relief program to support renters who qualify with relief for unpaid rent and utility bills. Applicants must demonstrate that they had a loss of income or incurred significant costs due to the COVID Public Health Emergency. See below for program details. <https://www.ourflorida.com/>

RENT / UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Rent / Utilities / Hotel

Eligible Florida renters can qualify for **up to 15 months of rent and utility payments**. This includes 12 months of past due rent and utilities and three months of forward-looking rent payments.

- **Renters who are at risk of eviction** should speak to an attorney to understand their rights and what to expect while they apply for rental assistance. Renters can request for legal assistance from their local legal aid at no cost by applying online through www.floridalegalaidonline.org or calling them directly at 321-631-2500. You can also access their service directory at: <https://thefloridabarfoundation.org/florida-legal-aid-programs/>

Application Process

- **Full application approval process takes up to 14 days.**
- The online portal is the most efficient way for applicants to supply documentation, receive verification and obtain relief.
Eligible tenants and landlords can apply online: <https://era.ourflorida.com/>
- **Unable to access the online portal?**
OUR Florida's call center representatives will be able to assist you in completing your application via phone, **7 days a week from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST.** [833.493.0594](tel:833.493.0594)
[Download English Renter Application : http://bitly.ws/gmZ2](http://bitly.ws/gmZ2)
[Download Haitian Creole Renter Application : http://bitly.ws/gmZ6](http://bitly.ws/gmZ6)
[Download Spanish Renter Application : http://bitly.ws/gmZ8](http://bitly.ws/gmZ8)

ELIGIBILITY

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE IF YOU:

- Rent your home, apartment, or other residential dwelling in Florida.
- Earn an income at or below 80% of the area's median income (AMI).
- Have qualified for unemployment, experienced a loss of income, incurred significant costs or faced financial hardships due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.
- Are at risk of losing your home, experiencing housing instability or are living in unsafe or unhealthy conditions.

DOCUMENTATION

IF YOU ARE A RENTER, COLLECT ALL OF THESE DOCUMENTS THAT APPLY FOR ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD:

- Identification, such as driver's license, birth certificate or passport.
- Current lease agreement or other proof of rental arrangements, such as receipts, bank records or canceled checks that show a pattern of rent payments.
- Documentation of annual income, such as 2020 tax filings, a W-2 or 1099 from your employer, or other proof of income; or documentation of monthly income, such as pay stubs, bank statements, income certification for housing subsidy, or other proof of income.
- If you qualify for SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, subsidized housing or low-income housing, proof of eligibility documents.
- Documentation of unemployment benefits or proof of reduction in household income or proof of increased costs (medical expenses, childcare, transportation) due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.
- Notice of past due rent, lease termination or eviction, or condemnation order or failed inspection report from local government.
- All payments for utilities and home energy costs must be supported by a bill, or invoice in the name of the tenant reflecting the address for each qualifying utility for a period after April 1, 2020.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

INCOME LOSS

HOW DO I PROVIDE PROOF THAT I LOST INCOME DUE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY?

- Letter from employer stating reduced wages
- Notice of business closure; Termination or layoff notice
- Proof of wages prior to 3/13/2020 and wages after 3/13/2020 (at least three pay periods) showing reduction
- Proof of loss of child support; Proof of loss of spousal support
- Employer attestation indicating reduction
- Proof of routine cash deposits prior to 3/13/2020 and after 3/13/2020 for individuals with cash income

COSTS DUE TO COVID

HOW DO I PROVIDE PROOF THAT I INCURRED SIGNIFICANT COSTS DUE TO THE COVID PANDEMIC?

- Treatment for the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency
- Actions taken to prevent infection
- Costs for relocation due to financial or health circumstances
- Purchases to support remote work or school
- Childcare needs due to school closure
- Cost of alternative transportation
- Increase in utility costs; or Penalties for late rent or utilities.

Applicants must provide verification for expenses, such as: Receipts for purchased items; Medical bills; or Proof of utilities prior to 4/1/2020 and utilities after 4/1/2020 (at least three bills) demonstrating an increase.

IDENTIFICATION

WHAT DOCUMENTS / MEANS OF ID CAN BE USED TO PROVIDE PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION:

- Drivers License
- State Identification
- College Identification
- Passport
- Birth Certificate
- Military Identification
- Tribal Identification
- Employer Identification
- DHS issued immigration identification/documents, including employment authorization document (EAD), documentation of lawful permanent residency including i-551, or i-94, certificate of naturalization, certificate of citizenship, foreign passport with a valid unexpired us visa.

TO VIEW THE ANSWERS TO MORE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS, SUCH AS BELOW, VISIT:

<https://www.ourflorida.com/faqs/>

- What if I don't have a lease agreement?
- I'm paid in cash for my job. What other proof, besides a paystub, can I provide?
- My spouse lost his/her job during the last year, but I am still at work. Do we qualify for assistance through OUR Florida?
- I live in low-income housing, but I can't afford my rent. Can I qualify for OUR Florida?
- If I have already received relief or assistance, can I still apply?
- I have only received verbal threats that I will be evicted. How can I provide proof that I am at risk of housing instability to qualify for assistance?
- My rent is higher than the maximum payment for eligible households. Can I still receive rent assistance from OUR Florida?

News and Highlights

Got Drugs?



UPCOMING EVENT

Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose, and abuse.

Pharmaceutical drugs can be just as dangerous as street drugs when taken without a prescription or a doctor's supervision.

The non-medical use of prescription drugs ranks second only to marijuana as the most common form of drug abuse in America.

The majority of teenagers abusing prescription drugs get them from family and friends — and the home medicine cabinet.

Unused prescription drugs thrown in the trash can be retrieved and abused or illegally sold. Unused drugs that are flushed contaminate the water supply. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment.

Take-back programs are the best way to dispose of old drugs. But if a program is not available:

- Take the meds out of their bottles;
- Mix them with something unappealing like used kitty litter or coffee grounds;
- Seal them in a bag or disposable container, and throw that away.

For more information on prescription drug abuse, go to:

- www.DEA.gov
- www.GetSmartAboutDrugs.com
- www.JustThinkTwice.com

Stay tuned for more details on the RX Take Back Event that will be held on October 23rd! Details will be announced on our Eckerd Connects-Prevention Service Facebook Page as well as on our Community Resource Facebook Group.

Eckerd Connects-Prevention Service Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/EckerdConnectsPrevention>

Community Resource Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/EckerdConnectsBrevardCommunityResources>

Love, Support & Gratitude



When our school program sites put out a call for children's shoes, [Northrop Grumman Corporation](#)'s local work teams here in Brevard County answered the call. Led by NGWIN, Connect1NG, and AATG, shoes were donated to 4 local [Brevard Public Schools \(official\)](#). Check out the creative way Prevention Specialists at each school showed their gratitude for these much needed donations.

<https://youtu.be/r5nqvQe1t4w>

We also want to thank Mary Ann Lavery and the crew at Project Linus of Brevard County for providing hundreds of masks and blankets for our Eckerd Connects Prevention Specialists to take to our schools for children in need. The amount of hours the volunteers at Project Linus put into making these masks and blankets is unimaginable and we are blessed to be able to provide our clients, and so many others, with these items. Thank You Mary Ann Lavery and Project Linus!



Services Offered In Brevard County

Family Support Services

Eckerd Connects' Family Support Services provides case management and financial assistance through rapid re-housing to children, families, and individuals who have an identified history of substance use and are currently experiencing homelessness or are at imminent risk of homelessness in Brevard County. Our rapid-rehousing program helps with move-in assistance, rental assistance and case management.

Supervised Family Visitation

Eckerd Connects' Supervised Family Visitation program provides short-term therapeutic and standard supervised visitation services to families that are court-ordered through dependency and family court. Parenting classes and additional private-pay supervised visitation services are also available.

School-Based Prevention Programs

Our School-Based Prevention Counseling and School-Based Prevention Hi-Five programs have Prevention Specialists at schools providing classroom, group, and individual services with the goal of increasing protective factors against substance use. These Prevention programs utilize evidence-based curricula to focus on strength-building and substance use prevention. Lessons are taught weekly, and sessions are designed for grades 3-6 and 6-12.

Raising Hope Program

The Room of Hope has clothing, hygiene kits, infant needs, school supplies and other essentials which are provided to families in transition as well as children who were recently placed in the foster care system.

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