



Below are several resources that may be helpful as you move through this process, including information on employment, health care, legal resources, utility resources, food and nutrition, child care, domestic violence and veteran resources.

Employment Resources

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) – Job Seekers and Community Services

The State of Florida provides many valuable employment search resources to help you create a great resume, obtain career advice, and land a job. For more information on, visit www.floridajobs.org/job-seekers-community-services.

Employ Florida Marketplace

Employ Florida Marketplace is an online portal to job-matching services and many other workforce resources. Job seekers may create and post resumes, search openings in all counties, and access other career-development tools. For additional assistance, job seekers also may link to either of Florida's state-level workforce partners, Workforce Florida and the Agency for Workforce Innovation, or its local-level partners, including 24 regional workforce boards and more than 80 One-Stop Centers. Visit www.employflorida.com/.

Health Care Resources

Web Resource from the Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida

If you need health care coverage or a supplement to current coverage, there is a web site resource for health care provided by BlueCross BlueShield of Florida and The Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida. Search for free and low-cost resources for preventative care, medications, prenatal care and immunizations, or other health services. You can find services based on where you live, your age or the kind of help you need, or search for resources by a condition. Visit www.forfloridashealth.com/home.do.

Florida KidCare

The State of Florida offers health insurance for children from birth through age 18, even if one or both parents are working. Florida KidCare is for children, not adults, and may also be available to children being raised by grandparents, as well as non-citizens

To qualify for premium assistance, a child must:

- Be younger than age 19;
- Be uninsured (not currently covered by any other health care insurance);
- Meet income eligibility requirements;
- Be a U.S. citizen or qualified non-citizen;
- Not be eligible for Medicaid;
- Not be the dependent of a state employee who is eligible for health insurance; and
- Not be in a public institution.

Families who are not eligible for premium assistance may buy Florida KidCare at the “full pay” premium rate. Visit www.floridakidcare.org/ or call 1-(888) 540-5437 for more information.

Cover Florida Health Care Program

Cover Florida Health Care is a comprehensive market-based plan to offer affordable health coverage to 3.8 million uninsured Floridians without using taxpayer dollars. As most plans are less than \$150, Cover Florida benefit options include coverage for preventive services, screenings and office visits, as well as office surgery, urgent care, prescription drugs, durable medical equipment, and diabetic supplies. To learn more about Cover Florida, visit www.coverfloridahealthcare.com.

Partnership for Prescription Assistance Program

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance brings together America's pharmaceutical companies, doctors, other health care providers, patient advocacy organizations and community groups to help qualifying patients who lack prescription coverage get the medicines they need through a public or private program. Many will get them free or nearly free. To determine if you qualify, call 1-(888) 4PPA-NOW [1-(888) 477-2669] or visit www.pparx.org.

Florida Discount Drug Card Program

All Floridians can sign up for the Florida Discount Drug Card to save on their prescription medications. Enroll online at www.floridadiscountdrugcard.com/, by telephone at 1-(866) 341-8894, or TTY Users may call 1-(866) 763-9630. The web site also features helpful web links, pharmacy information, Medicare information, and more.

Family Health Line

Administered by the Florida Department of Health, this program offers referral information for prenatal care, infant and toddler health care, Healthy Start, family planning, and for basic health questions. Call toll-free at 1-(800) 451-2229.

Medically Needy (Share of Cost) – Department of Children and Families

Individuals who are not eligible for full Medicaid because their income and/or assets are higher than the Medicaid program limits may qualify for the Medically Needy program. Individuals enrolled in Medically Needy must have a certain amount of medical bills each month before Medicaid can be approved. This is referred to as a "share of cost" and varies depending on household size and income. Information about this program can be found on the web at www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/access/medicaid.shtml#pw.

Legal Resources

Florida Law Help

FloridaLawHelp.org is administered by Florida Legal Services, Inc., and is produced in cooperation with Pro Bono Net, and legal service organizations and government agencies throughout Florida and the United States. Visit www.floridalawhelp.org/FL/index.cfm.

Legal Services

Legal Services Corporation offices are located throughout Florida. Using an Internet search engine (e.g., Google, Yahoo, Bing, etc.), you can find websites for the following offices in your community.

- Bay Area Legal Services
- Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida
- Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida
- Florida Rural Legal Services
- Legal Services of Greater Miami
- Legal Services of North Florida
- Three Rivers Legal Services

Utility Resources

Utility Company Assistance Program

Most utility companies throughout the state offer programs that provide assistance for paying utility bills. The programs provide emergency assistance to those who need the most help with paying energy bills, repairs to air-conditioning or heating equipment, and other energy-related needs. Contact your local utility company.

Weatherization Assistance Program

The Weatherization Assistance Program is administered locally by community action agencies and local governments. Its purpose is to help low-income households to lower energy costs by improving the energy efficiency of the home.

In Florida, find the provider in your community at the web site of the Department of Community Affairs at: www.floridajobs.org/job-seekers-community-services/community-services/weatherization-assistance-program.

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program provides federal money to non-profit agencies and local governments so they can assist low-income families with home heating and cooling costs. To see if you are eligible for this assistance and for local providers in your area, go to the Department of Community Affairs website: www.floridajobs.org/job-seekers-community-services/community-services/low-income-home-energy-assistance-program.

Lifeline and Link-Up Florida Telephone Programs

The Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) provides Lifeline Assistance Programs designed to make telephone service affordable to low-income customers. The programs are designed to ensure that the basic telephone connection (hook-up) and service remain affordable to all residents of Florida. Link-Up Florida gives a 50 percent rebate of the telephone hook-up charge (up to \$30.00); Lifeline Assistance gives \$13.50 credit per month on local phone bills. If you have questions, you may call the FPSC's Division of Regulatory Compliance and Consumer Assistance at 1-(800)-342-3552, or contact the FPSC via email at contact@psc.state.fl.us. The web site is www.floridapsc.com.

SafeLink Wireless makes wireless telephone service and cell phones more affordable by offering Lifeline service for qualified households. Contact the website of Florida Office of Public Counsel for eligibility information at www.floridaopc.gov/ or call toll-free at 1-(800)-540-7039.

Food and Nutrition Resources

Food Assistance Program

The Food Assistance Program helps low-income households purchase food. The program is administered in the state through the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF). For more information and eligibility requirements, visit the Access Florida website at www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/access/foodstamps.shtml.

Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program (WIC)

WIC is a federally funded nutrition program that provides healthy foods, nutrition education and counseling, breastfeeding support, and referrals for health care. If a woman is eligible, these resources are provided at no cost. For information, visit the website at www.floridawic.org/pages/wic.htm.

Child Care Resources

Child Care Resource and Referral Network

The Child Care Resource and Referral Network (CCR&R) provides information about state-funded early learning programs, such as the School Readiness, Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK), Early Head Start, and Even Start programs. The local (CCR&R) office can also provide financial assistance options and community resources. For more information, you can call the State CCR&R Network Office toll-free at 1-(866) 357-3239.

Domestic Violence Resources

Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Domestic violence can occur in any household, regardless of income level. To find the local certified domestic violence center nearest you, visit the website of the Florida Coalition against Domestic Violence at www.fcadv.org, or call the statewide toll-free hotline at 1-(800) 500-1119.

Veterans Resources

Florida Department of Veterans Affairs

The Florida Department of Veterans Affairs is a resource center for services and information on issues concerning Florida veterans. For more information, visit the department's website at www.floridavets.org/.

The U.S. Department Veterans Affairs

The U.S. Dept. of Veterans offers programs to help veterans get the services they have earned. For more information, visit www.va.gov/.

Veterans Employment Information

The www.fedshirevets.gov website contains information for job-seeking veterans, veterans currently employed by the federal government, and federal human resources specialists. This site will assist individuals when determining a veteran's special rights and privileges for civil service employment. The link above contains the most recent information and developments regarding veterans employment.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Veteran Resource Center - (HUDVET) - CPD - HUD

HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD), in consultation with national veteran service organizations, has established a Veteran Resource Center (HUDVET). The goal is to provide veterans and their family members with information on HUD's community-based programs and services. Veterans can find a range of resources on this site, including:

- Vet Preference Policy
- Information on the Service Members Civil Relief Act
- Social Security Administration benefits

HUDVET also is a source of information on HUD programs to combat homelessness, domestic violence, community and economic development, and affordable housing. For more information, visit portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/veteran_information.