



# HERNANDO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



## March 2018

### Medicaid for Aged or Disabled

Medicaid is not only for children or families with children. Low-income individuals who are aged (65 or older) or disabled are potentially eligible for Medicaid under SSI-Related Medicaid Programs.

Individuals may apply for regular Medicaid coverage and other services using the online ACCESS Florida Application at [www.myflorida.com/accessflorida](http://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida).

If **long-term services in a nursing home or community setting** are needed, the individual can also apply online but must check the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)/Waivers or Nursing Home selection. HCBS/Waiver programs provide in home or assisted living services that help prevent institutionalization.

**Medicare Saving Programs (Medicare Buy-In)** help Medicare beneficiaries with limited finances pay their Medicare premiums and in some instances, deductibles and co-payments. Medicare Buy-In provides different levels of assistance depending on the amount of an individual's or couples income. Individuals may apply for Medicare Buy In coverage by completing a paper Medicaid/Medicare Buy-in Application or online.

Individuals eligible for Medicaid or a Medicare Savings Program are automatically enrolled in Social Security Extra Help with Part D (Low Income Subsidy) benefit. You may also apply for Extra Help directly with Social Security at [www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare/prescriptionhelp](http://www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare/prescriptionhelp).

Those who are not eligible for "full" Medicaid because their income or assets are over the Medicaid Program limit may qualify for the **Medically Needy Program**. Individuals enrolled in Medically Needy must have a certain amount of medical bills each month before Medicaid is approved. This is known as a "Share of Cost" and varies depending on the household's income and size. Once an individual meets their share of cost for the month, they must contact DCF to complete bill tracking and approve Medicaid for the remainder of the month.

**Health and Human Services**, 621 W Jefferson St, Brooksville, FL, 352-540-4338 is one of several Community Partners trained to help Department of Children and Families provide customers access to these programs, as well as check the status of an application, upload or fax documents and help with programmatic issues.

For more information feel free to call us or Department of Children and Families customer call center number 1-866-762-2237.

### Health and Human Services

621 West Jefferson Street,  
Brooksville, FL 34601  
Phone : (352) 540-4338  
Fax: (352) 540-4339  
Website: <http://www.hernandocounty.us/HealthandHumanServices/>

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### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Mission Statement:

Providing diverse services designed to assist with resolving human service needs through state mandates, direct services, advocacy and networking.

**Goal:** To provide interim assistance to Hernando County residents in an effort to promote social and economic self-sufficiency.

# EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION

## EMPLOYMENT LINKS

**CareerSource Pasco Hernando:**  
352-200-3020  
[www.careersourcepascohernando.com](http://www.careersourcepascohernando.com)

**IR Staffing:** 1-800-261-9188  
[www.irstaffing.us](http://www.irstaffing.us)

**Temporary Employment Agencies:**

**People Ready:** 352-796-3264  
[www.laborready.com](http://www.laborready.com)

**Spherion:** 352-796-6000  
[www.spherion.com](http://www.spherion.com)

**Manpower:** 352-592-8071  
<https://www.manpower.com>



## Student Scholarships Available

Bayfront Health	SoberTimes	Spring 2018	FP Essay Writing
African American Hernando Student	Spring Hull Domino's Club 2018	RMD Essay Writing	Suncoast Credit Union
Oak Hill Hospital	Black Educators Caucus 2018	Artistic31 mama	Quit Smoking
Suntech	FSU Service Scholar Program	UEW Healthcare EEOICPA	Benenati Law Firm Futures

**Click this link to locate more scholarship's and information on how to apply:** <https://www.hernandoeducationfoundation.org/p/61/student->

## Education Links

**Hernando Adult Education Program:** 352-797-7018  
<https://www.hernandoschools.org/Domain/1037>

**Pasco-Hernando State College:**  
352-688-8798 [www.phsc.edu](http://www.phsc.edu)

**Suncoast Technical Education Center:** 352-352-797-7091  
[www.suntech.com/](http://www.suntech.com/)

**Mid Florida Community Services, Inc.—Head Start in Hernando County:** 888-227-0010  
[www.mfcs.us.com/programs](http://www.mfcs.us.com/programs)

**Early Learning Coalition of Pasco & Hernando Counties, Inc.:** 352-754-5068 [www.phelc.org/vpkparentinformation.php](http://www.phelc.org/vpkparentinformation.php)

**Vocational Rehabilitation** <https://www.careersourcepascohernando.com/>

# SPRING BREAK CAMP



## Spring Break Camp

Mon Mar, 12, 2018 at 09:00 AM - Fri Mar, 16, 2018 at 4:00 PM

1300 Mariner Blvd, Spring Hill, FL, 34609

School's Out and the Y's In! Join in on the fun during Spring Break Camp.

Kids will enjoy swimming, games, art, science, sports and more each day while school is out.

**Fees:**

\$95/week for Full Members

\$150/week for Non-Members

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” ~ Nelson Mandela

## HOUSING AND SHELTER



Habitat for Humanity offers low-income families the opportunity to own a home. Becoming a Habitat homeowner requires commitment, responsibility and deep involvement.

In order to partner with Habitat for Humanity, you must meet the following preliminary criteria:

1. You must be a Legal Permanent Resident of the United States.
2. You must have lived or worked in our county for at least 12 months. Affiliates for other vicinities can be found at [habitat.org](http://habitat.org).
3. Your yearly income must fall within our income guidelines, which are adjusted for family size (refer to Income Table on the Selection Criteria page). Income includes wages, Social Security, disability, SSI, TANF and child support.
4. You must have one year of continuous income.
5. You must have a reasonably good credit history. It must be at least two years since you discharged any bankruptcies, and you must be making payments on your debts.
6. You must have a need for housing because your current housing is unaffordable, unsafe, or overcrowded.
7. You must partner with Habitat for Humanity and contribute "sweat equity," helping to build your home as well as other families' homes, and attend a minimum of 10 educational workshops.

If you meet these criteria, then please complete the [Homeowner Initial Application Form](#)

PO Box 15389

Brooksville, Florida 34604-0117

19450 Cortez Blvd.

Brooksville, Florida 34601

Phone: (352) 754-1159

Fax: (352) 754-6044

<http://habitathernando.org/>



Get Connected. Get Answers.

**LIVE UNITED**



United Way of Hernando County

**Jericho Road Ministries**

<http://www.jericho-road.net/>

**The Dawn Center**

<http://www.thedawncenter.com/>

**New Beginnings Shelter**

<http://www.yfainc.org/>

**The Life Center** [http://](http://www.lifecenterofhernando.com/)

[www.lifecenterofhernando.com/](http://www.lifecenterofhernando.com/)

**Mid-Florida Homeless Coalition** [http://](http://www.midfloridahomeless.org/)

[www.midfloridahomeless.org/](http://www.midfloridahomeless.org/)

**HHS Listing of Area Shelters**

<http://www.hernandocounty.us/HealthandHumanServices/homeless/index.asp>

**HHS Low and Affordable Apartment Listing**

<http://www.hernandocounty.us/HealthandHumanServices/housing/index.asp>

**Hernando County Housing Authority**

<http://www.hernandocounty.us/housing/>

**Hernando Down Payment Assistance Program—NSP3**

<http://www.hernandodownpayment.com/>



# PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH



**Hernando Cares**  
<http://hernandocares.org/>



**NAMI –National Alliance of Mental Illness:** <http://www.flnamihernando.org/>



**BayCare Behavioral Health:** <https://www.baycare.org/services/behavioral-health>



- Save up to 75% on prescriptions
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- 60,000 participating pharmacies
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- No health restrictions – Everyone is accepted
- No fee ever charged for the card
- Save on brand and generic drugs
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- Covers many pet prescriptions

Save on your family's dental, vision, veterinary, hearing, diabetic equipment/supplies, lab and imaging services – all non-insurance discounted benefits – call 1-800-931-8872 or go to [www.coast2coastrx.com](http://www.coast2coastrx.com) for more information on all benefits and to print out a card, search for a provider and see frequently asked questions.

Cards can be obtained at :  
**Hernando County Health & Human Services**  
621 West Jefferson  
Brooksville, FL 34601



## NAMI Hernando's Mental Health First Aid Training (Adult)

Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 8AM–5PM

NAMI Beautiful Mind Center

10554 Spring Hill, Drive Spring Hill, FL 34608

<https://www.facebook.com/events/761138244092579/>

## 6th Annual Disability Awareness Walk & Roll 5K & Fun Run

Saturday March 3 at 7AM - 10AM

West Hernando Middle School

14325 Ken Austin Pkwy, Brooksville, FL 34613

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1974791589402254/>

2018 DISABILITY AWARENESS WALK & ROLL 5K & FAMILY FUN RUN



**SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018**



TAKE ACTION TO PREVENT THE FLU.

### Flu Vaccine Finder

Find flu clinics near you. Everyone six months of age and older needs a flu vaccine.

powered by HealthMap

Take time to get a [flu vaccine](#).

Take [everyday preventative actions](#) to stop the spread of germs.

Take [flu antiviral drugs](#) if your doctor prescribes them.

## PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

# Fl♥rida KidCare

### Coverage for Florida Children

Florida children from birth through the end of age 18 are eligible for coverage. It is free to apply and with year-round enrollment, the time to apply is always now.

Based on the age of the child, household size, and family income , we automatically match each child with their best fit of the four (4) Florida KidCare programs – Medicaid, Medikids, Florida Health Kids, or the Children’s Medical Services Managed Care Plan.

Florida KidCare includes free, subsidized, and full pay options based on family income and household size. Most families pay nothing at all and many pay as little as **\$15** or **\$20** a month for all children in the household. Families who do not qualify for free or subsidized coverage may purchase a competitively priced full pay plan.

Florida KidCare benefits included but are not limited to

- ◆ Doctor’s Visits
- ◆ Surgeries
- ◆ Check—Ups
- ◆ Immunizations
- ◆ Vision and Hearing
- ◆ Prescriptions
- ◆ Dental Care
- ◆ Emergencies
- ◆ Hospitals Stays
- ◆ Mental Health

**Health and Human Services** are trained to help with your health insurance application. Feel free to contact our office at 352-540-4338 or visit us at 621 W Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601.



**Florida**  
**Department of Health,**  
**Hernando County**

7551 Forest Oaks Blvd.  
Spring Hill, FL 34606

And 300 S. Main Street  
Brooksville, FL 34601  
352-540-6800  
<http://>



**Premier Health Care**  
352-518-2000

## Fl♥rida KidCare

**Florida KidCare**

888-540-5437  
<https://www.healthykids.org/apply/>



Apply for assistance from any computer with an internet connection at: <https://dcf-access.dcf.state.fl.us/access/index.do>

Paper applications available at your local Customer Service Center. Go to: <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/access/map.shtml> to find a center near you.

For More Information call Toll Free: (866) 762-2237

### **Crescent Community Clinic**

5244 Commercial  
Way Spring Hill  
34606  
(352) 610-9916



For more information visit:

# VETERAN SERVICES

“Honor the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bear his country’s cause. Honor, also, to the citizens who cares for his brother in the field and serves as he best can, the same cause” ~ Abraham Lincoln

What do you want to do?



Apply	Manage Benefits	Manage Health
Disability Compensation	Compensation Claim Status	Share Your Medical Records
Add or Remove Dependent	Personal Contact and Direct Deposit	VA Prescription Refills
VA Health Care	Military Personnel File	VA Appointments
Education Benefits	VA Letters	Hearing Aid Batteries and Prosthetic Socks
Pension Benefits	Certificate of Eligibility for Home Loan	SERCURE MESSAGING on MyHeathVet
Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment	Supporting Document Upload for Claims	DoD TRICARE Health Insurance

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage>

## U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development- VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program



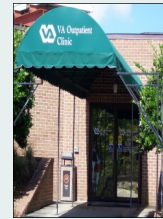
HUD-VASH is a collaborative program between HUD and VA combines HUD housing vouchers with VA supportive services to help Veterans who are homeless and their families find and sustain permanent housing.

Through public housing authorities, HUD provides rental assistance vouchers for privately owned housing to Veterans who are eligible for VA health care services and are experiencing homelessness. VA case managers may connect these Veterans with support services such as health care, mental health treatment and substance use counseling to help them in their recovery process and with their ability to maintain housing in the community. Among VA homeless continuum of care programs, HUD-VASH enrolls the largest number and largest percentage of Veterans who have experienced long-term or repeated homelessness. As of Sept. 30, 2015, HUD had allocated more than 78,000 vouchers to help house Veterans across the country.

Click for more information: <https://www.va.gov/homeless/hud-vash.asp>

## Hernando County

### Veterans Services Information



#### **VA Outpatient Clinic**

Brooksville CBOC  
14540 Cortez Blvd, Suite 108  
Brooksville, FL 34613  
**Keith Grove**  
LCSW / Social Worker  
Phone: (352) 597-8287 Ext. 4121  
Fax: (813) 631-3458  
Email: [keith.grove2@va.gov](mailto:keith.grove2@va.gov)



#### **Career Source Pasco Hernando Veteran Employment Services**

7361 Forest Oaks Blvd.  
Spring Hill, FL 34606  
**Marty Monegro:**  
(352) 200-3022

## Hernando County Veteran Services



**Your Local Veteran Service Office**

**Tony Graham HM2 USN, (FMF)**

Veteran Services Manager, CVSO

[tgraham@co.hernando.fl.us](mailto:tgraham@co.hernando.fl.us)

**621 West Jefferson Street**

**Brooksville, FL 34601**

**Phone (352) 754-4033**

**Fax (352) 754-4726**

**Monday - Friday**

**8 AM - 5 PM Closed 12-1 for Lunch**

**Visit our website to see all of the benefits available to Hernando County Veterans**

Services, Medical Facilities, Shuttle

Services, Form & Publications & Much More!!

For more information go to:

[http://www.co.hernando.fl.us/veteran\\_services/](http://www.co.hernando.fl.us/veteran_services/)

## HOT MEALS SITES & MORE



*Free Meal*

*Every*

*Wednesday*

*5 - 6 PM*

375 S. Broad Street  
Brooksville, FL 34601  
352-587-2425

### Our Community



### First United Methodist Church of Spring Hill

Receive a hot nutritious meal  
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM every Tuesday  
9344 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill  
for all those in need for more information  
call (352) 683-2600 Ext. 1

### Northcliffe Food Ministries



#### Soup Kitchen

Every Thursday

11 AM - Noon

Served in the Fellowship Hall

#### Northcliffe Baptist Church

10515 Northcliffe Blvd

Spring Hill, FL 34608

352-683-5882

[www.northcliffeonline.org](http://www.northcliffeonline.org)



#### Grace's

#### Closet

Free Clothing for the family  
1 bag every 4 weeks

#### Food Pantry

2 food bags once every 2 months

#### Grace Presbyterian Church

8375 Spring Hill Drive

352-683-2082

Open Tuesday 9—11 am

#### God's Clothes Closet

Open 9:30am—1:10pm

#### Christ Lutheran Church

475 North Ave. W

Brooksville, FL 34

352-796-8331

#### Joseph's House Brooksville

823 Josephine St., Brooksville, FL 34601

352-600-8295 - <http://jhbv.org>

Free Hot Meal

Every Friday at 5 PM



## FEED THE HUNGRY

#### St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

offers "In His Footsteps"

soup & sandwich outreach program

The 1st Thursday of every month

Noon to 2:00 PM

Parish Hall of the Church

13485 Spring Hill Dr., Spring Hill

The meal is free of charge. For more information,  
please call 352-688-0663



## DOING THE MOST GOOD

### The Salvation Army

15464 Cortez Blvd.  
Brooksville, FL 34613  
352-796-1186

Every Tuesday

Hot Meal: 11:AM - 12:30PM

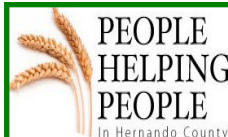
Food Pantry: 9AM - 1PM

Bread & Pastries

Mon. Thurs. .

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Fri. 9:00AM - 1:00PM



AN INTERFAITH COMMUNITY  
SERVING PEOPLE IN NEED

#### People Helping People In Hernando Co

Free Sunday Dinner Every Sunday 4 PM - 5:30 PM

Senior Citizens Center of Hernando County

7925 Rhanbuoy Rd Spring Hill, FL 34606

#### Free Meal

Every Tuesday at 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Next to Mophead,  
1400 Kass Circle., Spring Hill, FL 34606

Every Tuesday at 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
In the Winn Dixie Parking Lot Brooksville  
1230 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34601

Ron Van Matre 352-686-4466

[www.phpinhc.org](http://www.phpinhc.org)

## HIGHLIGHTED RESOURCE

### Compassion Food

Every 3rd Saturday of the month from 9-11AM

There is a qualification/identification process that is in place to help identify the actual need in a given home. This process only takes about 5 minutes and the qualification card is good for a year. If you need assistance from this ministry and have not applied for your qualification card, still come out on the Saturday of the "Compassion Food" distribution and you will not be turned away. At this time you will be given further instruction for the application process.

If you want more information on this ministry or would like to volunteer in this area please contact our Ray Rose, our Compassion Food Coordinator. [rayprose@gmail.com](mailto:rayprose@gmail.com)

Grace World Outreach Church. 20366 Cortez Blvd, Brooksville, FL, 34601 (352) 796-3685  
[contact@graceworldag.org](mailto:contact@graceworldag.org)



### Friday Night Done Right - Basketball Tournament

*Friday, Mar, 2, 2018 at 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM*

*1300 Mariner Blvd, Spring Hill, FL, 34609*

It could be dodgeball, kickball, flag football or a glow-in-the-dark sports night, but whatever the first Friday of the month is, it's Friday Night Done Right including prizes, giveaways and snacks.

Since most Hernando County teens - 74 percent - don't drink alcohol when hanging out with friends, you can be sure this will be a safe environment to hang out and have fun.

**FREE EVENT** for middle school and high school students, grades 6-12.

***OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!***



"It is not more bigness that should be our goal. We must attempt, rather, to bring people back to...the warmth of community, to the worth of individual effort and responsibility...and of individuals working together as a community, to better their lives and their children's future". ~ Robert F. Kennedy



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando Counties  
presents

## Storybook Forest

The Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando Counties, Inc. invites you to travel through our Storybook Forest  
March 10, 2018 11:00am - 2:00pm










**Crews Lake Wilderness Park**  
16739 Crews Lake Dr.  
Shady Hills, FL 34610

**No on site parking**  
**Free Shuttle Pick-Up:**  
Crews Lake Middle School  
15144 Shady Hills Rd.  
Shady Hills, FL 34610

**PUBLIC SUPER MARKETS CHARITIES**  
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**Tourist Development:** <http://floridasadventurecoast.com/>

**Hernando County Parks & Recreation:** [http://www.hernandocounty.us/Parks\\_Rec/](http://www.hernandocounty.us/Parks_Rec/)



*"Eat what you can. Can what you can't!"*

[www.hernandocounty.us/cannery/](http://www.hernandocounty.us/cannery/)



## Art in the Park Festival

Sat Mar, 10, 2018 at 10:00 AM -  
Sun Mar, 11, 2018 at 4:00 PM

Tom Varn Park 301 Darby Ln,  
# 397, Brooksville, FL, 34601

**BIKE RALLY**

Historic Downtown Brooksville



Main Street Cruise-In

**2:00 P.M. — 6:00 P.M.**  
2018 Dates

Third Sunday Every month March - June / September - December

## Historic Downtown Brooksville

Food...Beer...Live Music      Classic Car Parking  
50 / 50 Drawing      Motorcycle Parking

Vendor Space Available      727-422-3360      Sponsorships Available  
INFO.HCGA@gmail.com  
[www.BrooksvilleBikeRallyAndCruise-In.com](http://www.BrooksvilleBikeRallyAndCruise-In.com)

Check it out!  
Hernando County  
**Public Library**

<http://www.hepl.lib.fl.us/>

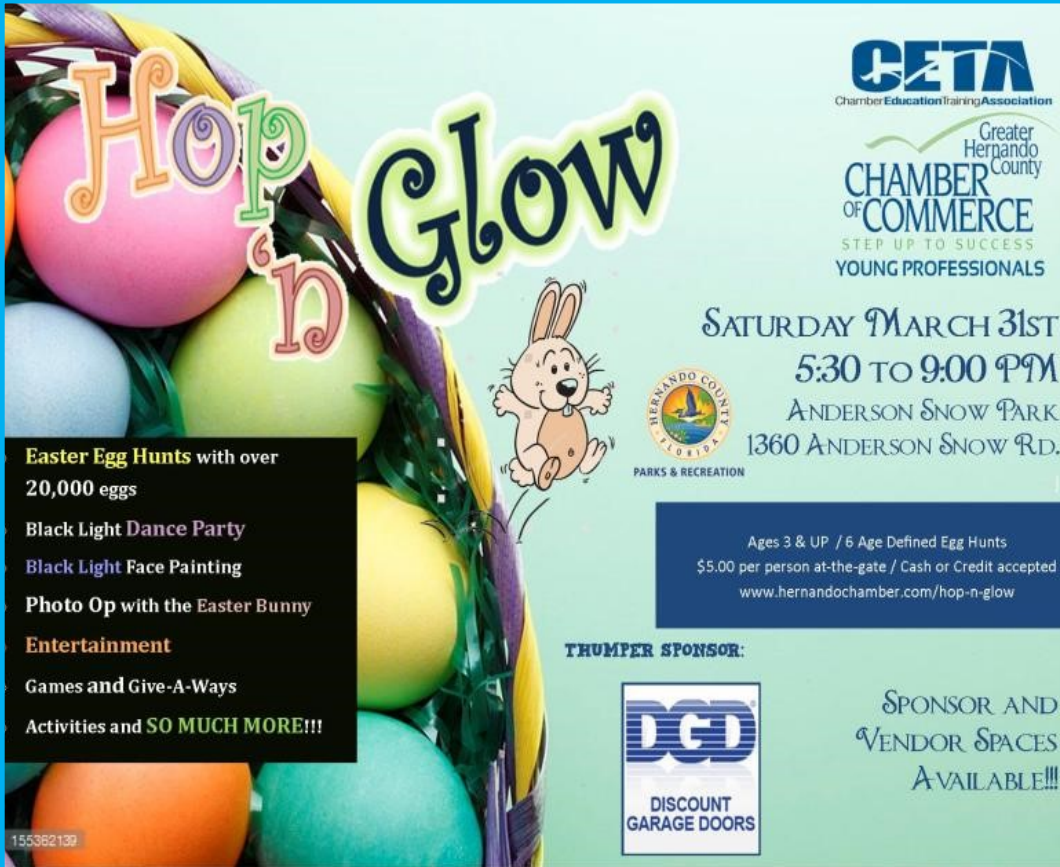


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**ADVENTURE COAST**  
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— [FloridasAdventureCoast.com](http://FloridasAdventureCoast.com) —

<http://floridasadventurecoast.com/>

# Community Events (continued)



**Hop n Glow**

**CETA**  
Chamber Education Training Association

Greater  
Hernando  
County  
**CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE**  
STEP UP TO SUCCESS  
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

**SATURDAY MARCH 31ST**  
**5:30 TO 9:00 PM**  
ANDERSON SNOW PARK  
1360 ANDERSON SNOW RD.

**HERNANDO COUNTY**  
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Easter Egg Hunts with over  
20,000 eggs

Black Light Dance Party

Black Light Face Painting

Photo Op with the Easter Bunny

Entertainment

Games and Give-A-Ways

Activities and SO MUCH MORE!!!

Ages 3 & UP / 6 Age Defined Egg Hunts  
\$5.00 per person at-the-gate / Cash or Credit accepted  
[www.hernandochamber.com/hop-n-glow](http://www.hernandochamber.com/hop-n-glow)

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**Hernando County Extension Services:** <http://extension.hernandocounty.us/>




**REALLY BIG  
EASTER PARTY**

**NORTHCLIFFE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 31**  
**10:00AM - 12:00PM**

Sat Mar, 31, 2018 at 10:00 AM - Sat Mar, 31, 2018 at 12:00 PM

10515 Northcliffe Blvd, Spring Hill, FL, 34608

Come out and enjoy a FREE morning of Easter Egg Hunts (toddlers - 5th grade), food, bounce houses, popcorn, snow cones, and much more!

**This event is free for the entire family!**



**The Bus:** <http://www.hernanodobus.com/>

