



HERNANDO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

February 2018

Medication Assistance

Needing help with your Prescriptions! Hernando County Health and Human Services have the following programs to help with your needs.

- ◆ **Hernando County Emergency Prescription Program**
A program designed as a one time annual assistance program for low income, uninsured residents of Hernando County for help with your immediate prescription needs.
- ◆ **Prescription Assistance Program Enrollment**
Assistance is provided to residents with locating and enrolling in Prescription Assistance Programs offered by pharmaceutical companies. Program guidelines and enrollment varies with each company but residents are potentially eligible to receive free or reduced price medications for up to one year. Most programs can be renewed with appropriate documentation as long as assistance is still available.
- ◆ **Hernando County Coast2Coast RX Discount Prescription Card**
Hernando County offers a free prescription discount card through a joint agreement with Coast 2Coast RX. Savings on a single prescription range from a few percent up to 75% off the retail price of the medication. The card is always **free**, has no expiration, and can be used immediately. There are no age, income or other exclusions. **Cardholders can also benefit from savings provided through other discount programs, like dental care, vision care, hearing care, veterinary services, diabetic supplies, and lab work and imaging.**

Please feel free to contact Health and Human Services for help with your prescription needs, 352-540-4338.



Health and Human Services
 621 West Jefferson Street,
 Brooksville, FL 34601
 Phone : (352) 540-4338
 Fax: (352) 5404339
 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

IR Staffing: 1-800-261-9188
www.irstaffing.us

Temporary Employment Agencies:

Labor Ready: 352-796-3264
www.laborready.com

Spherion: 352-796-6000
www.spherion.com

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

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

Suncoast Technical Education Center: 352-352-797-7091
www.suntech.com/

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

Early Learning Coalition of Pasco & Hernando Counties, Inc.: 352-754-5068 www.phelc.org/vpkparentinformation.php

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

“KICK” Start to Early Literacy

United Way of Hernando County's 3rd Annual Kickball Tournament



Saturday, February 17th

Family Fun Day!

First Team Kicks Off at 9:00AM

Anderson Snow Park

1360 Anderson Snow Rd. Spring Hill, FL 34609

BBQ Raffle Prizes Bounce House

Come on out to cheer on your favorite local business partners while they compete to win the Ultimate Kickball Traveling Trophy!



We Need Your Support! | All Proceeds Benefit

United Way's Dolly Parton Imagination Library program

www.UnitedWayHernando.org | 352-688-2026



Controlled School Choice Open Enrollment

Applications for the 2018-2019 school year will be accepted beginning **February 5, 2018**. The online application link will become available on that date, and will close on March 2, 2018. Please return to the website between those dates to complete your application. For more information call the school at 352-797-7000 ext. 478

Website: <https://www.hernandoschools.org/>

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

HOUSING AND SHELTER

Homestead and Low Income Senior Exemption

“Save Hundreds of Dollars”

The Property Appraisers office will accept exemption applications for the 2018 Tax Year until March 1, 2018. Applications submitted from March 2, 2017 through March 1, 2018 will be for the 2018 Tax Year. For your convenience, there are **three (3)** ways to file:

In person: 20 N Main Street, Room 463, Brooksville, FL 34601
7525 Forest Oaks Blvd, Spring Hill, FL 34606

By Mail: 20 N Main Street, Rm 463, Brooksville, FL 34601
7525 Forest Oaks Blvd, Spring Hill, FL 34606

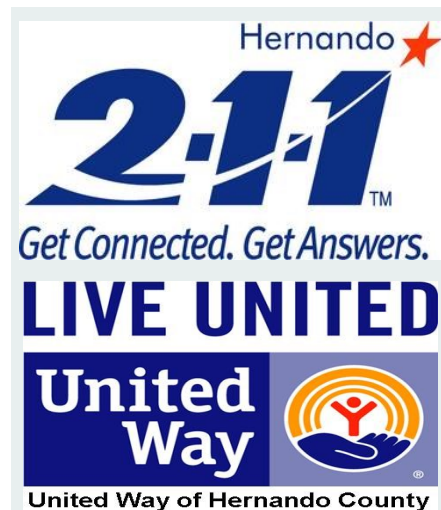
Or Online: [https://www.hernandopa-fl.us/PAHXApp/\(S\(v2ojen45oywfxs55q2vjoh45\)\)/default.aspx](https://www.hernandopa-fl.us/PAHXApp/(S(v2ojen45oywfxs55q2vjoh45))/default.aspx)

- ◆ Residents who bought a home in Hernando County during 2017 are reminded that applications for Homestead Exemptions must be submitted to the Property Appraiser’s Office by **March 1**.
- ◆ To qualify for the Homestead Exemption and the accompanying “Save Our Homes” Assessment Cap, the home must be the primary and permanent residence.
- ◆ If you have moved into the County and had a previous Homestead or are transferring from one home to another, you may qualify for Portability.
- ◆ Seniors (at least one owner must be 65 or older prior to January 1) with a total Household Adjusted Gross Income that does not exceed \$29,454, who did not apply for the Low Income Senior Exemption last year must submit an application by **March 1, 2018**.
- ◆ If you received the Low Income Senior Exemption for 2017, you do not need to file an application for 2018, this exemption renews automatically.

If you are receiving the Homestead Exemption, see if you qualify for other exemptions.

- ◇Widow/Widower Exemption ◇Disability Exemption
- ◇Total and Permanent Disability ◇Deployed Military Exemption
- ◇Fallen Hero Exemption ◇Combat Related Disability Tax Discount
- ◇\$5,000 Service Connect Disability Exemption
- ◇Service Connected total and Permanent Disability Exemption
- ◇\$5,000 Service Connected Disability Exemption for Surviving Spouse

For more information contact 352-754-4190.



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/

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

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



PREMIER
Community HealthCare

3rd ANNUAL
CHILDREN'S DENTAL DAY

Dental Screenings | X-rays
Cleanings | Fluoride Treatments
(Sealants as needed)

Enjoy Fun Activities | Refreshments | Giveaways

WHEN:
FEBRUARY 2, 2018
7AM - 4PM

WHERE:
Dade City Dental Center
37944 Pasco Avenue, Dade City, FL 33525
New Port Richey Family Health Center
2114 Seven Springs Boulevard, Trinity, FL 34655
Spring Hill Family Health Center
7551 Forest Oaks Boulevard, Spring Hill, FL 34606

Schedule your child's appointment today!
352-518-2000

Same day appointments available Hablamos Español www.PremierHC.org  

If uninsured, FREE dental services include: screening, sealants, and fluoride treatment.
Most insurance plans accepted, including Medicaid & Florida KidCare plans.

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>

Coast2CoastRx

Free Discount Prescription Card



Hernando County

- Save up to 75% on prescriptions
- Individuals or families can use
- 60,000 participating pharmacies
- Use immediately with no paperwork to fill out
- No health restrictions – Everyone is accepted
- No fee ever charged for the card
- Save on brand and generic drugs
- Covers drugs not covered in health plans
- 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 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

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

Disposal of Prescription Drugs

Trying to dispose of your unused medications? There are safer ways than placing them into our water system or landfill.

Hernando Community Coalition is providing **FREE** Deterra Drug Deactivation Systems for Hernando residents. It is a simple and painless way for the community to help reduce prescription drug abuse and the availability of prescription drugs in medicine cabinets to children, teens, and others visiting in your home, as well as better the environment.

The Deterra Drug Deactivation System is a easy-to-use, cost-effective, environmentally friendly, scientifically proven product recognized by Nation Drug Control Strategy to dispose of pharmaceuticals and unused prescriptions. Its a simple three (3) step process that works for pills, liquids and patches in the home, clinical and public setting. Deterra has a 98.1 percent success rate in deactivating prescription drugs, according to a research study supported by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).

To obtain your Free Deterra Kit, please call 352-596-8000.

For more information about Deterra Drug Deactivation system visit their website at <http://deterrasystem.com/>.



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://hernando.floridahealth.gov/>



Premier Health Care

352-518-2000

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

Florida 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:
www.crescentclinic.org

Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour training course designed to give members of the public key skills to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. Just as CPR training helps a layperson without medical training assist an individual experiencing a heart attack, Mental Health First Aid training helps a layperson assist someone experiencing a mental health crisis.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Mental Health First Aid makes people feel more comfortable managing a crisis situation and builds mental health literacy — helping the public identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness. Studies found that those trained in Mental Health First Aid have greater confidence in providing help to others, greater likelihood of advising people to seek professional help, improved understanding health professionals about treatments, and decreased stigmatizing attitudes. If interested in attending a class below or for more information call **352-596-8000** or **352-631-5534**.

February 15, 2018- BayCare Behavioral Health
March 10, 2018- NAMI Hernando
April 26, 2018- NAMI Hernando
May 17, 2018- BayCare Behavioral Health



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



VA Facilities Offers Same-day Care for Urgent Primary and Mental Health Care

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced a major milestone, that 100 percent of its more than 1,000 medical facilities across the country now offer same-day services for urgent primary and mental health-care needs.

Same-day services means a Veteran with an urgent need for primary care and mental health-care receives services that may include: a face-to-face visit with a clinician; advice provided during a call with a nurse; a telehealth or video care visit; an appointment made with a specialist; or a prescription filled the same day, depending upon what best meets the needs of the Veteran.

In addition to offering same-day services, VA has reduced patient wait times. VA also implemented a new process to ensure timely follow-up appointments for time-sensitive medical needs.

To view access information about each facility nationwide, visit <https://www.accesstocare.va.gov/>.

New Online Tool Will Provide Veterans With Customized Instructions for Discharge Upgrade Process

The Department of Defense (DOD), through a joint initiative with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), has launched a new web-based tool that will provide customized guidance to Veterans who desire to upgrade or change their military discharge.

After a few short questions, Veterans will receive the following:

- ◆ **specific armed services board to contact,**
- ◆ **the form/s to fill out,**
- ◆ **special guidance applicable to their case,**
- ◆ **where to send their application, and**
- ◆ **helpful tips for appealing their discharge.**

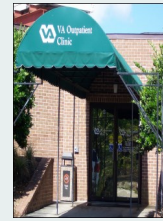
“This new tool and partnership with DOD is one of many VA initiatives offered to Veterans who believe they may have been unfairly discharged or received an unfair discharge characterization.

“Veterans who believe their discharge was unjust, erroneous or warrants an upgrade are encouraged to use the tool and then apply for review.”

The military has estimated that tens of thousands of Veterans with less than honorable discharges are especially likely to have unjust discharges deserving of upgrades. These are Veterans who were discharged due to incidents relating to post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury or sexual orientation. The discharge upgrade tool is available at <https://www.vets.gov/discharge-upgrade-instructions>.

Hernando County

Veterans Services Information



VA Outpatient Clinic

Brooksville CBOC
14540 Cortez Blvd, Suite 108
Brooksville, FL 34613

Keith Growe

LCSW / Social Worker
Phone: (352) 597-8287 Ext. 4121
Fax: (813) 631-3458
Email: keith.growe2@va.gov



Career Source Pasco Hernando Veteran Employment Services

7361 Forest Oaks Blvd.
Spring Hill, FL 34606

Marty Monegro:
(352) 200-3022



Your Local Veteran Service Office

Tony Graham HM2 USN, (FMF)

Veteran Services Manager, CVSO

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/

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



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

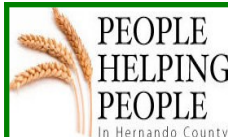
Food Pantry: 9AM - 1PM

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

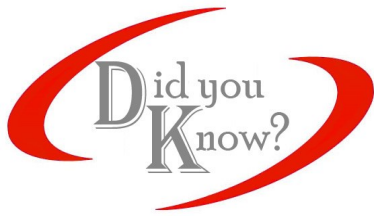
Next to Mophead,

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



HIGHLIGHTED RESOURCE

A Life Saving Partnership

The **Hernando County Sheriff's Office** has a program for the security and well-being of those living alone who would like daily contact with someone who cares. The program is **free!** To participate you must request an application from **Hernando County Sheriff's Office, 352-797-3660.**

The application, properly completed, is also an agreement to comply with procedures essential to make the program successful. A waiver is included which, when signed, authorizes a Deputy to enter your residence to check on your well-being, should it become necessary.

Their primary concern is to make certain that you have not suffered an injury or illness that prevented a response to your daily call.

- ◆ If they do not receive a call from you, a Care Line Representative will attempt to call you.
- ◆ If contact is not made, they will then check with the neighbor or friend you listed on your application.
- ◆ If this fails a Deputy will be dispatched to your home to check on your well being.

For more information please contact them at (352)797-3660 or visit their website at www.hernadosheriff.org.



“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

FRIDAY NIGHT DONE RIGHT Hernando County

Do you have a teenager, who is looking for something fun and safe to do on a **Friday Night** that doesn't involve drugs or alcohol??



Come out and enjoy a night with Hernando Community Coalition in partnership with Hernando County Schools and the YMCA!! Its Friday Night Done Right including prizes, giveaways and snacks.

When: February 2, 2018, 7pm to 9pm

Where: YMCA, Hernando County, 1300 Mariner Blvd, Spring Hill

Event: Dodge Ball Tournament

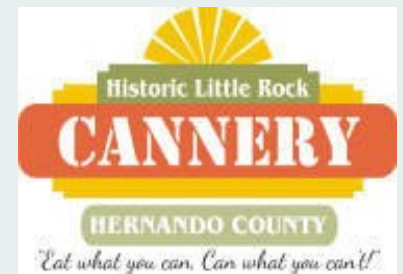
Ages: Teens in grades 6 –12

For more information, call Hernando Community Coalition at **352-596-8000**



Tourist Development: <http://floridasadventurecoast.com/>

Hernando County Parks & Recreation: http://www.hernandocounty.us/Parks_Rec/



www.hernandocounty.us/cannery/



Brooksville Native American Festival

Feb 3rd & 4th 2018
Florida Classic Park

5360 Lockhart Rd.
Brooksville, Fl

Check it out!
Hernando County
Public Library
<http://www.hepl.lib.fl.us/>


**Florida's
ADVENTURE COAST**
BROOKSVILLE ♦ WEEKI WACHEE
— [FloridasAdventureCoast.com](http://floridasadventurecoast.com) —
<http://floridasadventurecoast.com/>

Community Events (continued)



Adventure Coast
CHILI COOK OFF
 Saturday, Feb 17, 2018 12- 4PM
 Lake House
 1202 Kenlake Ave, Spring Hill

A benefit for
People Helping People
 in Hernando Co., Inc.

Helping take a bite out of hunger in Hernando County
 PHP, PO Box 6182, Spring Hill, FL 34606 (352) 686-4466 www.phpinhc.org



TIRE AMNESTY DAY

Saturday, February 24th
 9am—3pm

Hernando County Fairgrounds
 6436 Broad Street, Brooksville

Hernando County residents only
 (photo ID with address or photo ID and proof of address required)

Passenger and/or truck tires— NO RIMS — no limit.
 Commercial business tires will NOT be accepted

Staff will be on hand to oversee tire stacking only,
 residents are responsible for unloading and putting into containers.

Take advantage of this opportunity to clear your property
 of mosquito breeding tires for FREE !!!

Tires can harbor West Nile, Zika, Chikungunya, Dengue mosquitoes

Sponsored by
 Hernando County Mosquito Control and
 Florida Dept. Of Environmental Protection



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



The Bus: <http://www.hernanobus.com/>

