

HERNANDO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

August 2018

2018 Back-to-School Tax Holiday

Friday, August 3, 2018 thru Sunday, August 5, 2018

The back-to-school "tax holiday" would provide tax breaks on clothing and shoes up to \$60.00 per item. School supplies costing \$15 or less will also be tax-free and technology items like computers and accessories costing at least \$750.00 would be tax-free as well.

This sales tax holiday does not apply to:

Any item of clothing selling for more than \$60;

Any school supply item selling for more than \$15;

Books that are not otherwise exempt;

Rentals or leases of any eligible items;

Repairs or alterations of any eligible items; or

Sales of any eligible items in a theme park, entertainment complex, public lodging establishment, or airport.

For more information visit their website at:

http://floridarevenue.com/backtoschool/Pages/default.aspx





Health and Human Services

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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:

People Ready: 352-796-3264

www.laborready.com

Spherion: 352-796-6000

www.spherion.com

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

Under the **National School Lunch/School Breakfast Programs** for the 2018-2019 school year, **ALL** students at **ALL** Hernando County Schools, including charter schools, will be served lunch/breakfast at **no charge**.



*This includes district charter schools

Hernando Schools is expanding their Community Eligibility Provision program.

*ALL students in Hernando County Schools may enjoy free nutritious and healthy meals through school year 2021-22!



For more information please contact: Hernando County School District, Food and Nutrition Department, 8050 Mobley Road, Brooksville, FL 34601 352-797-7028

https://www.hernandoschools.org/

Education Links

Hernando Adult Education Pro-

gram: 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.sunteched.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 <u>www.phelc.org/</u> <u>vpkparentinformation.php</u>

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

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

CareerSource PASCO I HERNANDO

Employment Support Center of CareerSource Pasco Hernando

The Employment Support Center is available to assist you over the phone, online during live chat, or via email. CareerSource Pasco

Hernando locally operated call center is available extended hours providing assistance to you by navigating online job searches, connecting you to local employers, and much more. The support center provides the services you need to give you an advantage over other job candidates.

Receive help with EmployFlorida.com; review and update your resume, obtain assistance with workshop registration, local job vacancy and career fair information.

Live Chat is available on the website. Simply look for the live chat box on homepage.

You can also *E-mail* your questions from inside EmployFlorida.com at <u>E-Referral@CareerSourcePascoHernando.com</u>.

Remote User Support allows CareerSource team of professionals to assist you with interactive online support from your personal computer, but they will need to first speak with you to receive your permission for this feature.

For information contact the Hernando office at 352-200-3023.

HOUSING AND SHELTER

Take steps now to prevent foreclosure!



FLORIDA FORECLOSURE COUNSELING PROGRAM

Florida Housing has \$10 million designated for foreclosure counseling from the National Mortgage Settlement. This funding will be allocated to:

- ⇒ Help prevent homeowners from going into foreclosure; and
- ⇒ Provide at-risk homeowners with good financial management education to help them better manage their money and assist them with credit problems to become financially stable.

Florida Housing will deliver these services through HUD approved housing counseling agencies (HCAs) that will carry out foreclosure counseling services and more extensive financial management education.

Counseling Agencies

Catholic Charities, Diocese of St. Petersburg

Jeff Currie: jcurrie@ccdosp.org: 727-893-1314 x161

Telephone Counseling: Yes

Citrus, **Hernando** (Telephone Counseling), Hillsborough, Pasco,

Pinellas

Consolidated Credit Solutions, Inc.

Barry Rothman: BRothman@consolidatedcredit.org: 954-377-9247

Telephone Counseling: Yes

Counties: All Counties: **Hernando** (Telephone Counseling)

Housing & Education Alliance

Marta Labiosa : mlabiosa@heausa.org: 813-932-4663

Telephone Counseling: Yes, and online: heausa.org

Counties: Citrus, Hernando (Telephone Counseling), Hillsborough,

Lee, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota.

For more information click: http://www.floridahousing.org/programs/homeowners/foreclosure-counseling-program





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://

www.lifecenterofhernando.com/

Mid-Florida Homeless Coalition 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



Caregiver Learning Day

A FREE Event

The Alzheimer's Family Organization offers Caregiver Days for home caregivers, families, and healthcare professionals. This event features two (2) speakers on Disability Rights Florida and Coping with Dementia and the Virtual Dementia Tour!

Breakfast and lunch are included Friday, August 10th at 10AM - 2PM The Residence at Timber Pines 3140 Forest Road, Spring Hill, FL 34606 Phone: 352-616-0170

Register @ https://alzheimersfamily.org/caregiver/

Lunch & Learn - Fair Housing Laws Friday, August 17, 2018 from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

NAMI Hernando's Lunch & Learn

Fair Housing Laws

Speakers: Jeffrey Hussey & Jasmin Tepale

"Brief overview of Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida" "Intro to Fair Housing Laws"

"HUD's Final Report from a study regarding rental housing discrimination on the basis of mental disabilities"

"Things to look out for that could be considered discriminatory"
"Rights under Fair Housing Laws"

"How to request reasonable accommodations"
"Where to get help in case of discrimination"
"Q&A with Legal Director"

Free Lunch Provided

Registration Required Limited Seating

NAMI Hernando - Beautiful Mind Center 10554 Spring Hill Drive Spring Hill, FL 34608

Register for event @ https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lunch-learn-fair-housing-laws-tickets-48342189791?aff=mcivte or call 352-684-0004



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



- · 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





QUIT **YOUR** WAY

Quitting tobacco isn't easy. Finding help should be. Tobacco Free Florida offers free tools and services to help you get started.

August 2018 - CLASS SCHEDULE

2-Hour Tools to Quit Class

Registration is Required

Thursday, August 2, 2018 | 12:30pm - 2:30pm Career Source Spring Hill 7361 Forest Oaks Blvd, Spring Hill

<u>Tuesday, August 14, 2018 | 10:00am - 12:00pm</u> Hernando Library - Brooksville 238 Howell Ave, Brooksville

Friday, August 17, 2018 | 10:00am - 12:00pm Florida Department of Health - Hernando 7551 Forest Oaks Blvd, Spring Hill

Tuesday, August 21, 2018 | 10:00am - 12:00pm Crescent Community Clinic 5244 Commercial Way (US 19), Spring Hill

<u>Tuesday, August 21, 2018 | 1:30pm - 3:30pm</u> Bayfront Health Hospital Spring Hill Medical Arts Building/Enrichment Center - Suite 105 10441 Quality Dr, Spring Hill

Wednesday, August 22, 2018 | 4:00pm -6:00pm Oak Hill Hospital GME Conference Center - Room C 11307 Cortez Blvd, Brooksville

Wednesday, August 29, 2018 | 4:00pm - 6:00pm Access Healthcare LLC 14690 Spring Hill Dr, Spring Hill

FREE

Nicotine replacement patches, gum and lozenges:

*While supplies last and if medically appropriate.

FREE

Community, worksite and clinic groups offered.

Programs cover all forms of tobacco.

Course Description: The Single-session program will provide you with the valuable tools you need to help you quit tobacco. These include: how to prepare a plan that works for you, specific ways to deal with cravings, what physical and emotional symptoms to expect and how to cope with them effectively, as well as four FREE weeks of patches, gum or lozenges while supplies last.



GROUP QUIT

Is the in-person option of Tobacco Free Florida Quit Your Way services.

toll free 877-848-6696 or locally at 813-929-1000 tobaccofreeflorida.com/quityourway

Registration required. Please contact:
Phone| 813-929-1000
info@gnahec.org
Gulfcoast North Area Health Education Center



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

hernando.floridahealth.gov/



Premier Health Care

352-518-2000

http://www.premierhc.org/

Fl\rida KidCare

Florida KidCare

888-540-5437 https://www.healthykids.org/



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

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

Coaching Into Care is a national telephone service of the VA which aims to educate, support, and empower family members and friends who are seeking care or services for a Veteran.



Need support helping a Veteran get into care? Call us.



1-888-823-7458

VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

www.va.gov/coachingintocare

- Calls with a coach vary in length, but generally take 10 to 30 minutes, depending on the issue. Their work with you may extend for several calls and usually with the same coach.
- ♦ When you call **Coaching into Care** at **888-823-7458**, you will talk with a member of their team who specializes in helping callers determine the best way to help the Veteran they care about and how to navigate the VA System. Their hours of operation are Monday Friday, from 8am to 8pm (Eastern).

Their goal is to help Veterans, their family members, and other loved ones find the appropriate services at their local VA facilities and/or in their Community. Coaching is provided by licensed psychologists and social workers.

Visit their website @ https://www.mirecc.va.gov/coaching/

"VEText"

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VEText System Transforming VA's Medical Scheduling Process

Veterans throughout the nation are receiving interactive VEText appointment reminders on their mobile devices. The U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs

(VA) recently launched VEText, a text messaging appointment-reminder system, which to date has helped the VA reduce no-show medical visits by more than 100,000. The VA introduced VEText in March and 138 facilities are currently using the automated interactive text messaging system, which remind Veterans of upcoming health care appointments, allowing them easily to confirm or cancel the event.

According to the VA, every Veteran with a cell phone number listed in their health record is automatically enrolled in VEText. Veterans can update their phone numbers during the check-in or check-out process at their next appointment or at any self-service kiosk located throughout the VA facilities.

VEText is integrated with the VA's electronic health records systems and does not require manual action by VA staff. Appointments are automatically scheduled and canceled via text message, freeing staff to provide more personalized care to Veteran.

For more information visit:

https://www.va.gov/HEALTH/VEText.asp

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

Fax: (813) 631-3458 Email: <u>keith.growe2@va.gov</u>

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.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-n-z/veteran-services

HIGHLIGHTED RESOURCE



Operation BackPack

School is right around the corner and several individuals and organizations have joined efforts to prepare your students for a successful school year by offering *free* backpacks and school supplies.

Hernando County has two events for Hernando County residents. Come out and take part in these helpful activities.



Tourist Development: http://floridasadventurecoast.com/

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







Operation BackPack Jerome Brown Community Center

Providers are aiming to provide over 500 backpacks and basic school supplies to children in the community. Vendors will also be available to provide other supplies.

When: Saturday, August 4, 2018, 10:00 am to 12:00pm Where: 99 Jerome Brown Place, Brookville, FL

For Information call: 352 -540-3830

And

SPRING HILL OPERATION BACKPACK

Children in grades K through 8 attending Hernando County schools can pick up a backpack full of supplies, while supplies last *free* of charge.

When, Sunday, August 5, 2018, 2:00pm to 5:00pm Where: Towne Square Mall, 3021 Commercial Way, Spring Hill

For Information call: 352-263-7829

If you are not able to make it to the events, contact your local schools for needed supplies.

HOT MEALS SITES & MORE



Free Meal

Every

Wednesday

5-6PM

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



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



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



823 Josephine St., Brooksville, FL 34601 352-600-8295 - http://jhbv.org

Free Hot Meal

Every Friday at 5 PM



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



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



Every Tuesday

THE MOST Hot Meal: 11:AM - 12:30PM GOOD Food Pantry: 9AM - 1PM

The Salvation Army

Doing

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

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

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