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SENIOR DIRECTORY

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United Way Hernando - 211 Senior Directory Hernando

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Our goal at United Way Hernando - 211 is to have a community that is connected and informed regarding health, mental health, crisis response and human service information.

If you or someone you know needs help
please call 211 or text your zip code to 898211.

Caring people are available 24 hours per day 7 days per week to provide help, hope and connection to community resources.

*Organizations or companies that would like to be listed in the 211 database,
please email our 211 Database Office at update@211tampabay.org*

*Disclaimer: Some listings in this directory may have changed after printing.
Please call 211 or visit us on line at <https://211tampabay.org/> for
additional information.*

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Get Connected. Get Help.™
211 Tampa Bay Cares, Inc.



Call 211



**Text Zip Code
to 898211**

www.211tampabay.org



Hernando Senior Directory

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Alzheimer's & Dementia Care/Caregiving/Respite

Alzheimer's Association Florida

Gulf Coast

(800) 272-3900

24-hour helpline providing emotional support.

Caregiver/care receiver support groups,
disease/disability information

Dementia Spotlight Foundation

(888) 695-1596

Various forms of support for families and
individuals facing the diagnoses of dementia or
Alzheimer's, support groups, in person and online
group meetings

Elder Options

Caregiver Training and Support

(800) 262-2243

Education and resources for caregivers
of individuals with dementia. Free
in-person or online classes

Family Caregiver Alliance

(800) 445-8106

Connecting caregivers to resources and services
both in-person and online providing multiple tools
to help navigate the complexities of caregiving

Florida Department of Elder Affairs

Senior Housing

(850) 414-2000

Senior housing information and referral via website search with information for assisted living facilities, adult family care homes, adult day care centers and nursing homes

Mid Florida Community Services

Senior Services

(352) 796-1426

Provides adult in home and out of home respite care

United States Department of Veteran

Affairs, Caregiver Support Line

(855) 260-3274

Veterans enrolled in the VA healthcare system and their caregivers can receive services including but not limited to; counseling with a social worker, monthly education calls, and a variety of support services. Some programs have financial assistance to assist with respite care for eligible applicants

United Way of Hernando

Caregivers Support Group

(352) 688-2026

On-going dementia care support groups for all caregivers caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's or dementia. In partnership with Dementia Spotlight Foundation

Disaster Resources

Disaster Preparedness

Center for Independent Living

North Central Florida

(352) 378-7474

Help with creating a disaster plan for those with a disability and guidance for inclusion on the special needs registry

FEMA, Ready.gov

(202) 646-2500

A tool to help people prepare for and mitigate emergencies. Order free preparedness materials that make emergency planning easy and quick

FEMA, Ready.gov, Build a Kit

(800) 621-3362

Tips and checklists to help people build an emergency kit that allows them to survive on their own for a few days

FEMA, National Flood

Insurance Program

(800) 621-3362

Provides affordable flood insurance for property owners of private or public structures

Hernando County Emergency

Management

(352) 754-4083

Find information such as evacuation zones and routes, special needs registration, preparation checklists, shelter locator and more

Special Needs Registries

Center for Independent Living

North Central Florida

(352) 378-7474

Guidance for inclusion on the special needs registry for those with a disability and help with creating a disaster plan

Hernando County Special Needs

Evacuation Assistance

(352) 754-4083

Assistance for residents with medical, functional or special transportation needs in an emergency.

Example: need oxygen, need electricity, need assistance with routine care, medication and more. Registration required. Service animals only – please make arrangements for pets

Crisis Response/Resources

United Way Hernando - 211

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Call 211 or text your zip code to 898211 for crisis intervention, health and community resources, financial or housing assistance

Hernando County Emergency Management

Shelter Information

(352) 754-4083

Community storm shelters, evacuation information, disaster related animal shelters, special needs registry

Crisis Response/After Disaster

American Red Cross Central Florida

Tampa Bay Chapter

(813) 348-4820

Disaster related emergency supplies and assistance plus other forms of disaster relief

DisasterAssistance.gov

(800) 621-3362

Disaster claims information, FEMA disaster assistance online and via telephone

Endeavors, Disaster Case Management (813) 947-9952

Provides disaster case management to survivors who have unmet needs by connecting them with resources and services that can help, including creating a recovery plan that includes sustainable assistance for recovery

FEMA, Disaster Assistance

(202) 646-2500

Assistance programs for individual citizens after disaster, online and via telephone

Mid Florida Community Services

Emergency- Support Services

(352) 796-1425

Emergency support services to assist low-income households facing a crisis due to unexpected circumstances with rent/mortgage payments, past due bills, food, emergency car repairs, gas prescriptions and other primary medical care

Salvation Army Hernando County

Social Services

(352) 796-1186 X 104

Emergency utility assistance for electric, gas or water bills, clothing vouchers and emergency food assistance



Report Service Issues

Duke Energy

Report outages

(800) 228-8455

Frontier

(800) 921-8101

Spectrum

(855) 222-0102

TECO Peoples Gas

Report outages

(877) 588-1010

Gas leaks

(877) 832-6747

Withlacoochee River

Electric Cooperative

(352) 567-5133

WOW!

(866) 745-3685

Hernando County Health Department

Sanitary Nuisances

(352) 540-6812

Investigates alleged nuisance complaints

ex: failing septic systems, sewage leaks, diseased animals, fly and mosquito control

Education

Continuing Education & Livelong Learning

AARP, Senior Planet

(888) 713-3495

Live, online classes for seniors. Learn about finance, wellness, fitness, computers and technology. Register online at seniorplanet.org/classes or call the hotline



University of South Florida

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

(813) 974-5848

A member-based learning community of adults 50+.

Online and in-person classes, workshops, lectures, events and social networking, over 300 classes annually on a variety of topics

Employment

AARP Senior Community

Service Employment

(727) 547-0534

Matches eligible older job seekers (55+) with local non profits and companies to increase skills and build confidence while earning a modest income. Job search/placement

Center for Independent Living

North Central Florida

(352) 378-7474

Employment services that assist people with disabilities find and retain competitive employment.

Job search/placement, special needs job development

Employ Florida Marketplace, Inc.

(800) 438-4128

A one- stop statewide online resource for job listings, reemployment & career building assistance, education and training for state government agencies/departments

Florida Department of Economic

Opportunity, CareerSource Hernando (727) 484-3400

Comprehensive job assistance centers for people considering a job change, seeking training or underemployed. Support with all aspects of career development

VetJobs

(877) 696-7226

Provides helpful job search tools for veterans, transitioning military and their family members. services include job banks, job search/placement and military transition assistance

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Brooksville

(352) 610-5212

Helping people with disabilities find and maintain employment and enhance their independence

Financial Assistance/Taxes

Elder Options

Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program

(800) 262-2243

Financial assistance for seniors facing a home energy crisis (heating/cooling). Some eligibility requirements apply

Home and Community Based Care

(800) 262-2243

Financial assistance for services in an Assisted Living Facility

Hernando County Housing Authority

Section 8 Voucher Program

(352) 754-4160

Qualified applicants may receive assistance with paying rent. People receiving Section 8 vouchers find housing on their own and use voucher from the housing agency to help pay the rent

Very Low-Income Set Aside Program

(352) 754-4160

Assists low-income eligible tenants who want to lease a home as their primary residence at an affordable market rate for the long term.
Low income/Subsidized private rental housing

Mid Florida Community Services

Emergency- Support Services

(352) 796-1425

Emergency support services to assist low-income households facing a crisis due to unexpected circumstances with rent/mortgage payments, past due bills, food, emergency car repairs, gas prescriptions and other primary medical care

Emergency Home Energy Assistance for Elderly Program

(352) 251-2313

Assists low-income seniors experiencing a home energy heating/cooling emergency with service payment assistance

Salvation Army Hernando County

Social Services


(352) 796-1186 X 104

Emergency utility assistance for electric, gas or water bills, clothing vouchers and emergency food assistance



Taxes

AARP Foundation, Tax Aide Program (888) 227-7669
Provides virtual and in-person tax preparation assistance free of charge

United Way Hernando, VITA Tax Sites (352)  751-7178
Free tax preparation, call to find a location near you

Fitness & Recreation

Elder Options

Healthy Aging Workshops (800) 262-2243
Workshops designed to help older adults maintain health and independence. Focus on fall prevention with Tai Chi and classes that improve balance

Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

(850) 488-4676
Licensing for outdoor activities such as fishing and hunting.

Hernando County Cooperative

Extension Service (352) 754-4433
Providing educational opportunities for gardening, landscaping and horticulture.

Hernando County Parks & Recreation

(352) 754-4031
Athletic fields/courts, recreation centers, team sports/leagues

Jerome Brown Community Center (352) 540-3835
Athletic and recreational facility with multipurpose center for the community and educational purposes.

**YMCA of the Suncoast
Hernando County** (352) 688-9622
Multiple programs for seniors including but not limited to; aquarobics/aquatic exercise, group exercise and sports leagues. The Silver Sneakers program includes yoga, Pilates, pickle ball and circuit training. Membership provides access to physical, social, and recreation activities

Food & Nutrition

Food Stamp/SNAP Assistance

**Department of Children and Families (DCF)
ACCESS** (850) 300-4332
DCF access to assistance programs: Food, medical and cash assistance. EBT card services, food stamps/SNAP, Medicaid and TANF applications

**Department of Children and Families (DCF)
SNAP Hernando** (866) 762-2237
Formerly "Food Stamp Program" provides nutritional support for low-income seniors on fixed incomes and help completing SNAP applications

Hernando County Growers Association

Fresh Access Bucks SNAP

Senior Farmers Market Program

(352) 270-3071

Operates the Brooksville Farmers Market, a mobile market throughout Hernando County.

They accept Fresh Access Bucks SNAP to purchase fresh produce

Meal Service

Food with Care

(877) 578-9938

Frozen meals that are microwaveable delivered to your home for a small fee. Call to see which day they will be in your city. Service authorization is required to begin service

Mid Florida Community Services

Senior Services

(352) 796-1426

Provides congregate meals and nutrition sites as well as home delivered meals

People Helping People

Sunday Blessings

(352) 686-4466

Free meals for low-income people at 3:30 pm on Sunday's at the HELP Center

Food Pantries & Farmers Markets

Daystar Life Center Brooksville

Food Pantry

(352) 799-5930

Food pantry for Hernando residents

Feeding Tampa Bay

(813) 254-1190

Mobile food banks, call for locations near you

Hernando County Growers Association

Fresh Access Bucks SNAP

Senior Farmers Market Program

(352) 270-3071

Operates the Brooksville Farmers Market, a mobile market throughout Hernando County.

They accept Fresh Access Bucks SNAP to purchase fresh produce. Call for locations near you

Jericho Road Ministries, Food Barn

(352) 799-2912

Food distribution for Hernando residents in need

People Helping People

Senior Blessings

(352) 686-4466

Provides supplemental groceries for Spring

Hill and Brooksville seniors living in subsidized housing

Salvation Army, Brooksville/Hernando County

Food Pantry

(352) 796-1186

Provides food for those in need, free of charge

Spring Hill Calvary Church of the Nazarene

Food Pantry

(352) 683-0587

Food pantry, with non-perishable foods

SpringLife Church

Food Pantry

(352) 683-2600

Drive- thru food pantry with staples and canned goods to those in need. Bread and baked goods monthly

Society of St. Vincent DePaul

Food Pantry

(352) 688-3331

Providing food for those in need, free of charge, some eligibility requirements apply

Healthcare Resources

Health Insurance

Elder Options

SHINE – Serving Health Insurance

Needs of Elders

(800) 262-2243

Free, personalized, confidential Medicare counseling. Explore Medicare options, supplemental and advantage plans, prescription drug coverage, long term care planning and more



Health Support Services

ALS Association Florida Chapter

(813) 637-9000

Information, education, referral support groups, respite and equipment loan closet with augmentative communication

Alzheimer's Association Florida

Gulf Coast

(800) 272-3900

24-hour helpline providing emotional support, caregiver/care receiver support groups, disease/disability information

Arthritis Foundation Florida

(813) 402-8712

Disease/disability information, health/disability related support groups, health related advocacy groups

Center for Independent Living

North Central Florida

(352) 378-7474

Provides information and referrals for those with disabilities and independent living skills training. Additional services include: durable medical equipment and installation of wheelchair ramps

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

Of Florida Pasco/Hernando

(727) 853-1010

Free amplified phone distribution, American sign language instruction, audiological evaluations, support groups, information and referral to statewide relay services

Eldercare Locator Helpline

(800) 677-1116

A public service of the U.S. Administration on Aging that connects seniors to services in their community with a variety of helpful resources online

Elder Options**(800) 262-2243**

Provides information, referrals and choices to assist with accessing a variety of services available to elders, people with disabilities and their caregivers

DEEP- Diabetes Empowerment Education Program

A 6-week class designed to help diabetics or caregivers of diabetics understand the disease and prevent complications

Florida Alliance for Assistive Services & Technology**(813) 844-7591**

Assistive listening devices, assistive technology equipment loan and expense assistance, wheelchairs/wheeled mobility

Healthwell Foundation**(800) 676-8416**

Assistance with medical care expenses, medical equipment expenses and prescription expenses

Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind**Vision Store & Magnification Screening (352) 754-1132**

Educates, empowers and employs people who are visually impaired or blind. Assistive technology equipment sales, low vision aids and independent living skills

Mid Florida Community Services

Senior Services

(352) 796-1426

Provides a variety of services to help seniors stay healthy and maintain an independent living situation. Services include but are not limited to, in-home respite care, out of home respite care, home delivered meals, homemaker assistance and personal care assistance

Patient Advocate Foundation

(866) 512-3861

Co-pay relief for qualified patients includes prescription copays

Sertoma Speech & Hearing Foundation of Florida

(727) 312-3881

Audiological evaluations, hearing augmentation aid donation programs, specialized telecommunications equipment

Telecommunications Equipment

Distribution

(800) 222-3448

Distributes telecommunications equipment to qualified Floridians who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf/blind and speech impaired at no charge

YMCA of the Suncoast, Hernando County Diabetes Prevention Program

(352) 688-9622

Chronic disease self-management programs

Senior Health Clinics

**Department of Veterans Affairs
Brooksville – Community Based
Outpatient Clinic**

(352)597-8287

Veteran outpatient clinic

**Hernando County Health Department
*Adult Chronic Disease Program***

Brooksville

(352) 540-6800

Spring Hill

(352) 540-6800

Screens for diabetes, cholesterol, cancer, cardiovascular risks and more plus medications for diabetes, epilepsy and rheumatic fever are available. Sliding scale for payment

Adult Immunizations

Brooksville

(352) 540-6800 X 82052

Spring Hill

(352) 540-6800

Flu vaccines, hepatitis B, measles/mumps/rubella, pneumonia and chickenpox immunizations

**Hernando County Health Department
Primary Care (AKA) Nature Coast**

Community Health Center

(352)540-6800

Primary care provided on a sliding scale

People Helping People

Free Health Clinic

(352) 686-4466

Free health care for uninsured low-income individuals, Tuesdays from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Help Center. Appointments necessary

Dental Clinics/Vision/Hearing

Dental

Hernando County Health Department

Dental Services



(352)540-6800

General dentistry, hygiene and screening. Limited services for adults, call to ensure your needs will be met

Vision

EyeCare America, Inc.

Seniors Program

(877) 887-6327

Eye care services for medically underserved seniors who qualify. Program includes one free eye exam and up to one year of follow up care for any condition diagnosed during the initial exam

Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind

Educates, empowers and employs people who are visually impaired or blind.

Vision Store & Magnification Screening

(352)754-1132

Assistive technology equipment sales and low vision aids

Independent Living Skills

(352) 754-1132

Instruction on living skills, sign language, braille and self- help

New Eyes, Eye Glasses

E-Voucher Program

(973) 376-4903

Provides e-vouchers for new prescription eyeglasses but does not cover eye exams

Hearing

Center for Independent Living

North Central Florida

Sign language interpreting services (877) 629-8840

FAAST Assistive Technology Program (352) 378-7474

Provides a variety of assistive technology, device trainings, information and assistance, device loans and financing programs

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

Of Florida Pasco/Hernando

(727) 853-1010

Free amplified phone distribution, American sign language instruction, audiological evaluations, support groups, information and referral to statewide relay services

Florida Alliance for Assistive Services & Technology

(813) 844-7591

Assistive listening devices, assistive technology equipment loan and expense assistance, wheelchairs/wheeled mobility

Sertoma Speech & Hearing Foundation of Florida

(727) 312-3881

Audiological evaluations, hearing augmentation aid donation programs, specialized telecommunications equipment

Telecommunications Equipment

Distribution

(800) 222-3448

Distributes telecommunications equipment to qualified Floridians who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf/blind and speech impaired at no charge

Medications & Prescriptions

Florida Prescription Drug Price Website

RX Drug Price Finder

(850) 412-3600

Interactive website providing pricing information and comparisons for the 300 most commonly used prescriptions in Florida. Find the lowest prices in your area at www.MyFloridaRX.com or call the Agency for HealthCare Administration (AHCA) at the number above

Florida RX Card

(800) 726 4232

Prescription drug discount cards

Healthwell Foundation

(800) 676-8416

Assistance with medical care expenses, medical equipment expenses and prescription expenses

Hernando County Health Department

Adult Chronic Disease Program

(352) 540-6800

Medications for diabetes, epilepsy and rheumatic fever are available. Sliding scale for payment

Hernando County Health & Human Services

Free RX Discount Prescription Card (352) 540-4338

Offers the Coast2CoastRX free prescription discount card that saves up to 80% on brand name or generic drugs and may cover dental, vision, hearing, diabetic equipment/supplies, lab & imaging services, veterinary and much more. Some eligibility requirements apply

Mid Florida Community Services

Emergency- Support Services (352) 796-1425

Emergency support services to assist low-income households facing a crisis due to unexpected circumstances including prescriptions and other primary medical care

NeedyMeds

(978) 281-6666

Prescription drug discount cards

Patient Advocate Foundation

(866) 512-3861

Co-pay relief for qualified patients includes prescription copays



Medical Equipment & Supplies

Center for Independent Living

North Central Florida

(352) 378-7474

Provides a variety of assistive technology, device trainings, information and assistance, device loans and financing programs. Additional services include: durable medical equipment (wheelchairs, walkers, canes, scooters and sliding boards) and installation of wheelchair ramps

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

Of Florida Pasco/Hernando

(727) 853-1010

Free amplified phone distribution, American sign language instruction, audiological evaluations, support groups, information and referral to statewide relay services

Florida Alliance for Assistive

Services & Technology

(813) 844-7591

Assistive listening devices, assistive technology equipment loan and expense assistance, wheelchairs/ wheeled mobility

Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired

and Blind, Vision Store

(352) 754-1132

Assistive vision technology equipment sales and low vision aids

Telecommunications Equipment

Distribution

(800) 222-3448

Distributes telecommunications equipment, to qualified Floridians who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf/blind and speech impaired at no charge

Veterans Action Project, Inc.

(727) 841-7329

Provides general assistance on a case by case basis, for veterans, including; food, motorized & mechanical wheelchairs, walkers, furniture, hearing aids and dentures, free of charge

Home Assistance Programs

Always Near Home Care

(352) 293-3222

Provides non-medical home care services; such as companionship/caregiver respite and support housekeeping, meal prep/cooking/laundry/pet care/plant watering/medication reminders/errand running and shopping assistance

Elder Options

Home and Community

Based Care

(800) 262-2243

Provides counseling and screening for seniors, caregivers and families to access a variety of programs that allow individuals to maintain an independent living situation. Services include but are not limited to personal care (bathing etc.), respite care, housecleaning, meal delivery and more. Many services are free, some have eligibility requirements



Mia Florida Community Services

Senior Services

(352) 796-1426

Helps seniors live an independent lifestyle by providing in-home respite care, home delivered meals, homemaker assistance, personal care and telephone reassurance. Many services are free, some have eligibility requirements

Home Improvements & Modifications

Center for Independent Living
North Central Florida
Installation of wheelchair ramps

(352) 378-7474

Hospice Services

Chapters Health

HPH Hospice, Inc. - Brooksville

(352) 544-1181

Quality palliative care, in-home, facility or hospital.

No one denied due to financial hardship, accepts Medicare, Medicaid, Tricare with all-inclusive services

Legal

Community Legal Services
of Mid-Florida

(800) 405-1417

Professional, free legal advice on various issues including elder law and advocacy, family law, housing, public benefits, tax controversy assistance and veteran benefits assistance

Equal Employment Opportunity
Commission

(800) 669-4000


Employment discrimination assistance
(age, disability, race, etc.)

**Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services,
Landlord/Tenant Rights Florida** (800) 352-9832
Landlord rights information and counseling

**Florida Department of Elder Affairs
Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program** (888) 831-0404
North Central Florida Office (Ocala) (352) 620-3088
Advocating for the health, safety, welfare and rights of those in long-term care facilities

**Florida Statewide
Senior Legal Helpline** (888) 895-7873
Free legal resource for seniors, their advocates and caregivers

Mental Health

United Way Hernando – 211 211
 Call 211 or text your zip code to 898211 for crisis intervention, health and community resources, financial or housing assistance

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline 988
24/7 free and confidential support for people in distress. Callers are connected to crisis and suicide counselors



Elder Options

PEARLS – Program to Encourage Active

Rewarding Lives

(800) 262-2243

Empowers older adults to develop skills they need for self – sufficiency and independence. Focus on identifying depression and overwhelm

Hernando County Health Department

Mental/Behavioral Health

Brooksville

(352) 540-6800

Spring Hill

(352) 540-6800

Mental health professionals provide individual, family or group therapy, education, coping skills and general mental health screening

Hernando County Veteran Services

(352) 754-4033

Assists veterans, dependents and survivors with reintegration counseling and a variety of other services

LGBT National Senior Hotline

(888) 234-7243

Telephone peer support

NAMI Hernando County

(352) 684-0004

Support groups and education for people living with mental illness. Support groups and education for family members and caregivers of people living with mental illness.

National Domestic Violence Hotline

(800) 799-7233

Expert advocates available 24/7 to talk confidentially to those experiencing domestic violence, seeking resources and information or to discuss unhealthy aspects of your relationship

Operation PAR

Hernando County: Spring Hill

(888) 727-6398

Comprehensive outpatient medication- assisted treatment for drug use disorder with counseling services

People Helping People

Free Health Clinic

(352) 686-4466

Free mental health screening and referral resources for uninsured low-income individuals, Tuesdays at the Help Center. Appointments necessary



Springbrook Hospital

Bridges Senior Mental Health Program

(352) 306-2714

Comprehensive treatment program for seniors suffering from addiction and mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, eating disorders and more

Trauma and Counseling Solutions, Inc.

(813) 328-6034

Counseling services for those experiencing trauma, anxiety, depression, fears/phobias and more provided by EMDR Certified Therapists

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous

Hernando County Intergroup

(352) 683-4597

Alcohol use disorder in person and online support groups and alcohol use hotline which is available 24/7

Chapters Health

HPH Hospice, Inc. - Brooksville

(352) 544-1181

Terminal illness support groups



Clutterer's Anonymous

(866) 402-6685

Hoarding support group. A 12-step program like AA.
Share experiences, strength and hope to help each other
recover

Co-Dependents Anonymous

Words of Wisdom, Brooksville

(352) 596-2492

A fellowship of people whose common purpose
is to develop healthy relationships

Dawn Center of Hernando County, Inc.

(352) 688-8430

Support services to survivors of domestic violence
and sexual violence through shelter, outreach
programs and legal advocacy

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance

(800) 826-3632

Support groups for families/friends of individuals with
mental health disorders such as depression and other mood
disorders. Also support groups for people who have
mood disorders

Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling

(888) 236-4848

Support for those suffering with compulsive gambling.
Help line, email, text line and live chat available
24 hours per day

Gamblers Anonymous Florida

(855) 222-5542

12-step support groups for adults who gamble
compulsively and have a desire to stop

**Hernando County Health Department
Smoking Cessation Classes**

Presented by Gulfcoast North Area

Health Education Center

(813) 929-1000 X203

Smoking addiction support groups, options for in-person group quit or online groups

Hernando County Sheriff's Office

Care Line

(352) 754-6830 X 53660

A program for those living alone who would like daily contact with someone who cares.

Registration required

Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind, Support Groups

(352) 754-1132

Disability and health related support groups for individuals, veterans, parents of children who are blind, caregivers/family members and one-on-one counseling


Mended Hearts

(888) 432-7899

Offers peer-to-peer support, resources and education for those with heart disease, their families and caregivers

NAMI Hernando County

(352) 684-0004

Support groups and education for people living with mental illness. Support groups and education for family members and caregivers of people living with mental illness. 

Narcotics Anonymous
River Coast Area of NA (352) 754-7200
Support group using 12-step program and local recovery meetings to aid in substance use recovery

Nicotine Anonymous (877) 879-6422
Support group using 12-step program to achieve abstinence from nicotine

Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. (505) 891-2664
Support to help people abstain from compulsive overeating

Parkinson's Foundation (800) 473-4636
Connecting individuals and families affected by Parkinson's to support and resources in their area and on-line

United Way of Hernando
Caregivers Support Group (352) 688-2026
On-going dementia care support groups for all caregivers caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's or dementia. In partnership with Dementia Spotlight Foundation

Pet Resources

Always Near Home Care, LLC, Inc. (352) 293-3222
Assistance with pet care is one of the services provided among many other in-home care services

Hernando County Emergency Management
Pet Friendly Shelters (351) 754-4111
Provides pet friendly shelter locations that are open during declared county emergencies

Humane Society of the Nature Coast

Pet Pantry

(352) 796-2711

Pet owners who need help with pet supplies can visit the food pantry just outside the main gate on Mobley Road. First come, first served basis. Come inside if the pantry is empty during business hours

Jericho Road Ministries, Food Barn

(352) 799-2912

Food distribution for Hernando residents and their pets

PetLuv, Inc

(352) 799-9990

Provides affordable spay and neuter services, vaccines and more

Laps of Love Veterinary Hospice

(813) 407-9441

Provides compassionate, in-home end-of-life care for your pet

Technology

Federal Communications Commission

Affordable Connectivity Program

(877) 384-2575

Helps low-income households pay for internet services via discounted internet pricing

Florida Alliance for Assistive Services & Technology

(813) 844-7591

Assistive listening devices, assistive technology equipment loan and expense assistance, wheelchairs/wheeled mobility

Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind

(352) 754-1132

Computer literacy training opportunities, assistive technology training and product demonstration

MedicAlert

(800) 432-5378

Bracelet or necklace that offers emergency medical information and personal identification in an emergency

Sertoma Speech & Hearing Foundation of Florida

(727) 312-3881

Specialized telecommunications equipment

Transportation

Disabled American Veterans, Florida

(352) 331-0945

Offers transportation to VA medical appointments and provides a variety of additional services to disabled veterans in Florida including help with VA claims for disability compensation

Mid Florida Community Services, Inc.

Transportation

(352) 799-1520

Safe, low cost transportation for seniors for medical, nutritional and shopping needs. Must complete an application for service. Trans Hernando is Hernando County's designated Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC)

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Proof of service required

Veteran Shuttle

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Trans Hernando travels to and from James A.

Haley VA Hospital in Tampa. Reservations required

The Bus

(352) 754-4444

Public bus transportation service that also has ADA service operations

Veterans

Clinics

Bay Pines Department of Veterans Affairs

Medical Center

(727) 398-6661

Bay Pines V.A. Healthcare

Diabetes Education Program

(727) 398-6661

Geriatric diabetes management clinics

Bay Pines V.A. Health Care System

Suicide Prevention

(727) 398-6661 X14226

Suicide counseling, suicide prevention programs

**Department of Veterans Affairs
Brooksville – Community Based
Outpatient Clinic (CBOC)**

(352)597-8287

Veteran outpatient clinic

**Veterans Affairs, James Haley
Veterans' Hospital**

(813) 972-2000

Primary care, specialty health services, mental health care and more

Crisis Response/Resources

**American Red Cross Central Florida
Tampa Bay Chapter**

(813) 348-4620

Armed forces emergency services, career placement for veterans

**Disabled American Veterans, Disaster Relief
St. Petersburg VA Regional Office**

(727) 319-7444

Disaster relief supports veterans, service members surviving spouses and families after isolated/specific disasters including, cash grants, clothing, emergency supplies and food.

Employment

VetJobs

(877) 696-7226

Provides helpful job search tools for veterans, transitioning military and their family members. services include job banks, job search/placement and military transition assistance

Financial Assistance

Angel Wings for Veterans (757) 318 - 9174

Provides free air and ground transportation for veterans, wounded warriors and their families for specialized medical evaluation, diagnosis and treatment.

Air Ambulance

Freedom Alliance, Scholarship Fund (800) 475-6620

Fund that honors veterans who have sacrificed life or limb defending our country by providing educational scholarships for their children

Hernando County Veteran Services (352) 754-4033

Assists veterans, dependents and survivors with Federal/State benefits including but not limited to military transition assistance, veteran benefits assistance, compensation/pension benefits, life insurance, reintegration counseling and survivors benefits

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Financial Assistance and Counseling (850) 230-3307

Provides urgent financial assistance with free budgeting counseling through interest Free loans or grants upon approval

Operation Homefront Veterans Critical Financial Assistance (877) 264-3968

Financial assistance to help with mortgage/rent, food, utilities, vehicle repair/payment/insurance and other urgent needs for those currently serving military families, post 9/11 wounded, ill or injured veterans

**United States Department of Veterans Affairs,
Veterans Administration**

Housing Counselors (800) 698-2411

Helps service members, veterans and eligible surviving spouses become homeowners. Home loans, mortgage delinquency and default counseling

Veterans Action Project, Inc. (727) 841-7329

Provides general assistance on a case by case basis, for veterans, including; food, motorized & mechanical wheelchairs, walkers, furniture, hearing aids and dentures, free of charge

Veterans Affairs

Veterans Benefits Office (800) 827-1000

Administers all federal government veteran programs including; CHAMPVA, TRICARE Extra/Prime/Standard, benefit assistance, burial benefits, education benefits, life insurance and pension programs

Home Assistance Programs

Elder Options

Veteran Directed Care (800) 262-2243

For veterans who are in need of nursing home level care but want to stay in their home. Services include but are not limited to; eating, bathing, bathroom, dressing, grooming and more

Mental Health

- United Way Hernando - 211**
Veteran Peer Support Line **211**
Case/care management, veteran specific information and referrals, veteran/military hotlines
- 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline** **988**
24/7 free and confidential support for people in distress. Callers are connected to crisis and suicide counselors
- Hernando County Veteran Services** **(352) 754-4033**
Assists veterans, dependents and survivors with reintegration counseling and a variety of other services
- K9 Partners for Patriots, Inc.** **(352) 397-5306**
Helps match veterans who have PTSD with rescue shelter dogs and teach veterans how to train the K9 to be a service dog while developing a strong bond of trust
- The Veterans' H.E.A.T. Factory, Inc.** **(352) 251-7015**
Empowering veterans & first responders who have PTSD to achieve lifelong success and re-enter civilian life

Support Groups

- NAMI Hernando, Homefront** **(352) 684-0004**
Class for families, caregivers and friends of veterans with mental health conditions

**United States Department of Veteran
Affairs, Caregiver Support Line (855) 260-3274**

Veterans enrolled in the VA healthcare system and their caregivers can receive services including but not limited to; counseling with a social worker, monthly education calls, and a variety of support services. Some programs have financial assistance to assist with respite care for eligible applicants

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Volunteer Opportunities

United Way Hernando -211

211

Numerous volunteer opportunities in a wide variety of nonprofit organizations serving Hernando

211 Tampa Bay Cares

(727) 888-5211

Volunteers needed to assist in public education and outreach events as well as authorized calls to seniors

Boys and Girls Clubs of Hernando County

Before & After School Programs

(352) 666-0068

Child care volunteers needed for before and after school programs and event setup/clean up

Daystar Life Center Brooksville,

Food Pantry

(352) 799-5930

Multiple opportunities for volunteers including food collection, food sorting and packing, office help

Thrift Store

(352) 799-2636

Thrift shop support volunteer opportunities

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of Florida

Pasco/Hernando

(727) 853-1010

Volunteers needed for data entry/word processing filing, receptionist and more, training provided

For Each 1 Reach 1 Mentoring Program

(352) 556-2768

Mentoring and tutoring opportunities in math and reading

Habitat for Humanity of Hernando

ReStore

(352) 754-1255

Thrift shop support volunteer opportunities

Hernando County Cooperative

Extension Service

(352) 754-4433

Gardening volunteer opportunities for University of Florida's Agriculture Sciences extension.

Providing educational opportunities for gardening, landscaping and horticulture

Hernando County Sheriff's Office

Care Line

(352) 754-6830 X 53660

Friendly volunteers needed for Care Line operators and telephone reassurance for those living alone who would like daily contact with someone who cares

Humane Society of the Nature Coast

(352) 796-2711

Animal shelter attendant volunteer opportunities

Jericho Road Ministries, Inc.

(352) 799-2912

A variety of volunteer opportunities to help those in need including, donation pick up, donation sorting and packing, grant development, fundraising and van/bus driver

Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind

Independent Living Skills

(352) 754-1132

Volunteer opportunities include; braille transcription, disability related reading services, event coordination, event setup/cleanup and sign language volunteers

Pay it Forward Futures (727) 378-5331

A variety of volunteer opportunities including, art coach, child care help, errand running, exercise/fitness leader, mentor and more

People Helping People (352) 686-4466

Help support PHP programs, logistical needs or administrative functions for two to five hours per week. Opportunities include but are not limited to, cooking, data entry, gardening, janitorial, food bagging, transportation and more

Salvation Army, Hernando (352) 796-1186 X 104

Numerous volunteer opportunities include, food sorting and packing, fundraising event help, receptionist and more

Senior Corps, Corporation for National and Community Service (800) 942-2677

Connects seniors with organizations that need them.

**United Way of Hernando County
Hernando Volunteer Reception Center** (352) 688-2026

Help ensure the community is ready in the aftermath of a disaster. Volunteer to help the community organizations and emergency management via, amateur radio operation, chainsaw operators, damage assessment, shelter assistance, search and rescue and more

Youth and Family Alternatives

New Beginnings Youth Shelter

(352) 540-6015

Numerous volunteer opportunities to help youth ages 10 – 17 who are in crisis. Opportunities include; meal preparation & serving, tutoring, donation of bedding/linen/toys and games

United Way Hernando - 211

Providing help, hope and connection to community resources

Crisis intervention and community resources for medical equipment, prescriptions, health insurance assistance, financial assistance for utilities, legal assistance, grief support groups and so much more.

If you or someone you know needs help please call 211 or text your zip code to 898211.

Caring people are available 24 hours per day 7 days per week to provide help, hope and connection to community resources.



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