

**Office of Early Learning  
Community Resource Flyer**

**Child Support and Housing Resources**

**Child Support** information is available at the Department of Revenue at 1-800-622-5437 (Miami-Dade residents call 305-530-2600).

**DCF Office of Homelessness** designated lead agencies provide supportive services and information to address the varying needs of people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. To locate your designated lead agency visit <http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/homelessness> or call 850-922-4691.

**Public Housing Agency or Section 8 Housing** offers rental housing for eligible low-income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. Visit <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/pha/contacts/states/fl.cfm> or call the Office of Public Housing at 1-800-955-2232 to obtain your local office contact information.

**Food Resources**

**Temporary Cash Assistance and Food Stamps** information is available at the Department of Children and Families Access Florida hotline at 1-866-762-2237 or visit <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/access/>.

**WIC** is a federally funded nutrition program for Women, Infants, and Children. WIC provides healthy foods, nutrition education and counseling, breastfeeding support, and referrals for health care, at no cost. For your local WIC number visit [http://www.doh.state.fl.us/family/wic/pages/program\\_info/contact.htm](http://www.doh.state.fl.us/family/wic/pages/program_info/contact.htm) or call 1-800-342-3556.

**Medical and Special Needs Resources**

**Early Steps and Children's Medical Services** offers intervention services to families and children age birth to three with disabilities or who are developmentally delayed. For more information call 1-800-218-0001 or visit [www.earlystepsdirectory.com](http://www.earlystepsdirectory.com).

**Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System** provides diagnostic, instructional, and technology support services to district exceptional education programs and families of students with disabilities over three years of age. For more information call 850-245-0478 or visit <http://www.fdlrs.org/>.

**Florida KidCare** offers low cost health insurance for children. For more information call 1-888-540-5437 or visit <http://www.floridakidcare.org/>.

**Medicaid** information is available at the Department of Children and Families Access Florida hotline at 1-866-762-2237 or visit <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/access/>.

**Social Security Administration** can offer Disability, Supplemental Security Income, Survivors Benefits, and more call 1-800-772-1213 or visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

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## Workforce Resources

**Employ Florida** provides access to statewide and local workforce resources, assistance in searching for jobs, building and posting resumes. For more information call toll-free at 1-866-352-2345 or visit <https://www.employflorida.com/>.

**Reemployment Assistance** may be available to Florida residents or individuals working in the state of Florida and to those who are unemployed or partially unemployed. For more information call 1-800-204-2418 or visit <http://www.fluidnow.com>.

## Other

**2-1-1** is an information and referral service for local services such as crisis intervention services, housing, support groups, counseling, financial assistance, transportation, and more. Dial 2-1-1 or visit <http://www.211.org/>.

**Domestic Violence** crisis intervention and support services to victims of domestic violence and their children are provided by certified domestic violence centers throughout Florida. For the center nearest you and information about safety planning, resources and referrals as well as emotional support call the FL Domestic Violence 24/7 Hotline at 1-800-500-1119 or visit <http://www.fcadv.org/centers/local-centers>.

**Early Head Start and Head Start Programs** are free federally funded early learning programs for children birth to three-years-old and three to five-years-old. Eligibility for both programs is based on a family's income. For further details visit <http://www.floridaheadstart.org/program%20directory.html> for your local agency contact information.

**Early Learning Coalitions** are non-profit organizations located throughout Florida that locally administer the School Readiness program (subsidized child care), Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education program, a free program for Florida's four-year-old children, and the Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) program. For details and to locate a local coalition, call the Office of Early Learning toll-free at 1-866-FL-Ready (357-3239) or visit <http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/>.

**Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)** is a benefit for certain people who work and have earned income or are self-employed. EITC reduces the amount of tax you owe and may also give you a refund. For details, visit <http://www.eitc.irs.gov/central/abouteitc/> or call toll-free at 1-800-829-1040.

**Financial Aid (for college students)** may include student loans and grants available to students through the financial aid department. These funds might help with the cost of child care. On-site child care services may also be available for students and faculty. To explore options visit <http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/>.

**SafeLink Wireless** provides a free cell phone and airtime each month for income-eligible customers. To learn more and apply call 1-800-SAFELINK (1-800-723-3546) or visit <https://www.safelinkwireless.com>.

**Step Up For Students** K-12 scholarship program offers low-income families the ability to choose the school that best meets their children's needs. Families who qualify for the free or reduced-price school lunch program, children who are in foster care or who are homeless, could be eligible. Call 1-877-735-7837 or visit <https://www.stepupforstudents.org/>.