## **Services Offered**

Early Head Start Before/After School Care USDA Child Care Food Program VPK School Readiness	Head Start/Early Head Start USDA Child Care Food Program VPK School Readiness	Weatherization Assistance Program	Transportation Services	Senior Services	Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly	Low Income Home Energy Assistance	Community Services	Children's Advocacy Center of Hernando County	"House to Home"	
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We envision our community working together to reduce poverty. Individuals and families are empowered, strengthened, have sufficient money for food and housing; and, they can meet their own needs by utilizing their talents, potential and passions. All sectors within the communities we serve are engaged, including low-income populations, and play an active role in reducing poverty and helping low-income individuals and families become fully self-sufficient. Mid Florida Community Services, Inc. is a leader, advocate, and voice for low-income individuals and families.

# **Program Contact Information**

"House to Home": (352) 754-1159

Community Services: (352) 796-1425

Children's Advocacy Center of Hernando County: (352) 754-8809

Head Start/Early Head Start: 1 (888) 227-0010

Senior Services: (352) 796-1426

Transportation: (352) 799-1510

Weatherization: (352) 796-1427

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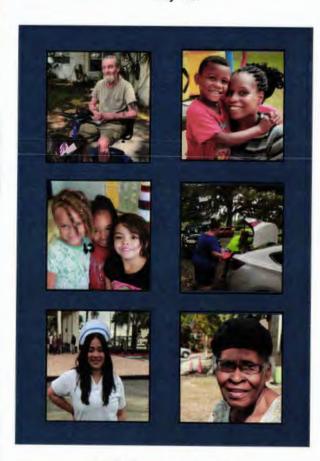
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#### MISSION

To strengthen partnerships, mobilize resources, and provide integrated services that promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families in the communities in which they live.



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## **Community Services**

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program assists lowincome individuals who are in need of additional education or job skills training with securing employment at a living wage.

Assistance is available through the Emergency Support Services Program to low-income households who are at 200% or less of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program assists eligible households who are at 150% or less of the Federal Poverty Guidelines with paying energy/gas bills to prevent service interruption.

The Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly Program is designed to assist low-income households with at least one member aged 60 or older experiencing a heating or cooling emergency.

**Employment Support Services** provides assistance with securing employment, after completing a job training program, either through the Family Self-Sufficiency Program or referral from an outside agency.

Serving Hemando, Pasco, Lake, Sumter, and Citrus Counties. For more information on these programs call: (352) 796-1425.

## "House to Home"

MFCS' "House to Home" program is designed to create budget-friendly homeownership opportunities where we build ... you create!

This homeownership program is seeking applicants with a demonstrated need for housing and the financial ability to own a home, even if they would not qualify for a traditional mortgage.

Eligibility is determined through a process that assesses the applicant's need for housing, their ability to afford homeownership, and their willingness to fulfill requirements related to being a partner of the program.

Serving Hemando County. For more information call: (352) 754-1159.

# **Head Start/Early Head Start**

Head Start is a nationwide, federally-funded program whose purpose is to promote school readiness by enhancing the social, physical, and cognitive development of children. Head Start is provided at no cost to eligible families and accepts children ages 3 to 5. in Hemando, Sumter and Volusia Counties. Head Start prepares children to succeed, and empowers parents to become self-sufficient. Head Start strengthens communities through:

- Early childhood education
- Family and community partnerships
- Parent/male involvement

Early Head Start provides early, continuous, intensive, and comprehensive child development and family support services to low-income infants and toddlers and their families, as well as, pregnant women and their families. Early Head Start serves children across Hemando and Volusia Counties through a full day, full year program. MFCS' Early Head Start program offers both center-based and home-based options (varies by county), and provides early learning, individualized care, and enrichment experiences to children up to 3 years of age.

For more information call: 1 (888) 227-0010.

# **Children's Advocacy Center**

The Children's Advocacy Center of Hernando County is a child-friendly facility that responds to children who are child victims of sexual abuse. physical abuse, threatened harm, drug-endangerment, mental injury, neglect or witnesses of domestic violence. The program utilizes a nationally-recognized multidisciplinary team approach.

Appointments made by referral only. For more information call: (352) 754-8809.

### **Senior Services**

MFCS' Senior Services programs offer a wide array of

services designed to support seniors in their efforts to live independently in their own homes, improving their ability to function, and avoiding costly placement in long term care facilities.



Serving Hemando, Sumter, Lake, and Polk Counties. For more information about services, or to schedule an appointment, call: (352) 796-1426.

# **Transportation**

Trans Hemando is Hemando County's designated

Community Transportation Coordinator, providing safe, efficient, cost effective, and quality transportation services for transportation disadvantaged citizens of Hernando County. Transportation services assist veterans, elderly, physically

and/or emotionally challenged, and economically/ transportation disadvantaged residents.

For more information about services, or to make a reservation, call: (352) 799-1510.

#### Weatherization

The goal of the Weatherization Assistance Program is to reduce energy costs for lowincome families, particularly the elderly and the disabled; and, those with children under age 12, by improving the energy efficiency of their homes and ensuring their health and safety.



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Serving Hernando, Citrus, Sumter, Pasco, and Volusia Counties. To receive an application by mail or email: Please call our office at (352) 796-1427. You can also download an application from our website.