

Community Services

The **Family Self-Sufficiency Program** assists low-income 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 Hernando, 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 Hernando 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 Hernando, 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 Hernando 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 Hernando, Sumter, Lake, and Polk Counties. For more information about services, or to schedule an appointment, call: (352) 796-1426.

Transportation

Trans Hernando is Hernando 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 low-income 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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