



**Bradford County Resource Guide**

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## EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

### **Bradford/Union Technical Center**

(904) 966-6764 or (904) 966-6780

<http://www.butc.eduwww>.

**Services Offered:** Job leads, career assessments, job search and placement assistance

### **Bradford County Public Library**

(904)368-3911

[www.bcplibrary.com](http://www.bcplibrary.com)

**Services Offered:** Public lending library, computer access, Adult, Teen & Children's Programs. Computer Classes

### **Bradford County School District**

(904)368-3911

[www.bradfordschools.org](http://www.bradfordschools.org)

**Services Offered:** Public School

### **Communities in Schools**

(904) 964-7776

[www.cisbradford.org](http://www.cisbradford.org)

**Services Offered:** Tutoring H.S. and Middle school kids, CISTO- Free Transportation for Bradford Residents

### **Displaced Homemakers Program (Santa Fe College Gainesville)**

(352) 395-5047

**Services Offered:** Classes for displaced women over 35, in goal setting, job search, basic computer skills and communication skills

### **Divine Mercy House**

(904) 268-6282

**Services Offered:** Maternity Home for unwed pregnant women who fear they have no place to go.

### **Even Start**

(904) 966-6039 or (904) 966-6800

**Services Offered:** GED, adult basic education & parenting classes, adult literacy training

**Head Start - Bradford County Head Start**

(904) 964-8280

**Services Offered:** childcare serves and parent education

**Florida Gateway College**

(386) 754-4287

<http://www.fgc.edu>

**Services Offered:** Education, 2 year degree

**Santa Fe College**

(904) 964-5382

[www.sfcollege.edu/andrews/](http://www.sfcollege.edu/andrews/)

**Services Offered:** Education, academic advising, registration for classes

**University of Florida**

(352) 392-5447

[www.ufl.edu/](http://www.ufl.edu/)

**Services Offered:** Education

**Career Source of N. Fl.**

(904) 964-8092 ext. 0

[www.careersourcenorthflorida.com](http://www.careersourcenorthflorida.com)

**Services Offered:** Vocational and occupational training

**FOOD AND NUTRITION****American Red Cross**

(904) 358-8091

<http://www.redcross.org/>

**Services Offered:** Emergency food, clothing, & shelter

**Bradford County Clothes Closet**

(904) 964-9396

[www.starkechurch.org](http://www.starkechurch.org)

**Services Offered:** Clothing & food

**Bradford County Food Bank & Clothes Closet**

(904) 964-8835

**Services Offered:** Food & Clothing

**New River Community Health Care - Bradford County Public Health Department**

(904) 964-7732

[www.floridahealth.com](http://www.floridahealth.com)

**Services Offered:** WIC, school health, maternity care, family planning, and immunizations

**Bradford Ecumenical Ministry Food Pantry**

(904) 964-3984

**Services Offered:** Free food twice within a 6 month period

**Catholic Charities**

(904) 964-6155

**Services Offered:** Food assistance

**Central Florida Community Action Agency**

(352) 373-7667

**Services Offered:** Rental assistance, utility payment assistance, emergency home repair and weatherization. Food vouchers (when available)

**Department of Children & Families**

(904) 380-8255 or 1-866-762-2237 (Food Stamps)

[www.myflfamilies.com/](http://www.myflfamilies.com/) OR [www.myflorida.com/accessflorida](http://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida)

**Services Offered:** AFDC, food stamps & Medicaid

**Lake Area Ministries ("L.A.M. Ministries")**

(352) 473-2846

**Services Offered:** Food, clothing, furniture, medication and help with utilities.

**Outreach Tri-County**

(352) 493-2310

**Services Offered:** Food and clothing for Bradford, Columbia and Dixie counties

## **Suwannee River Economic Council**

(904) 964-6696

[www.financialhelpresources.com](http://www.financialhelpresources.com)

**Services Offered:** Emergency medical & food vouchers, utility bills, low income energy assistance

## **HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH**

### **AIDS HOTLINE**

1-800-TALK-HIV or 1-800-825-5445

[www.aids.gov](http://www.aids.gov)

**Services Offered:** Information on aids prevention, testing & treatments.

### **Al Non-Al Teen**

1-800-851-1795

[alanonfla.org](http://alanonfla.org)

**Services Offered:** Support and information for families and teens of alcoholics.

### **Alachua County Organizations for Rural Needs "ACORN"**

Medical (352)485-1133

Dental (352)485-2772

[www.acornclinic.org](http://www.acornclinic.org)

**Services Offered:** Low cost medical and dental care to low income families in rural North Central Florida.

### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

(904) 399-8535

[www.neflaa.org](http://www.neflaa.org)

**Services Offered:** Support and group meetings for alcoholics.

### **New River Health Care/ Bradford County Public Health Department**

(904) 964-7732

**Services Offered:** WIC, school health, maternity care, family planning, and immunizations, primary care for children and adults on a sliding fee scale basis. Open 5 days a week, with a physician/ARNP at this location.

**Child Abuse Hotline**

1-800-962-2873

[www.kidsafe-caps.org/report.html](http://www.kidsafe-caps.org/report.html)

**Services Offered:** Confidential child abuse reporting.

**Children's Crisis Center**

(904) 529-9228

**Services Offered:** Intervention, child abuse prevention, & treatment programs.

**Department of Children & Families**

(904) 380-8255

<http://www.myflfamilies.com/>

**Services Offered:** AFDC, food stamps & Medicaid.

**Family Medical & Dental Centers**

(386) 328-0108

[www.fachc.org/fmdc\\_palatka.htm](http://www.fachc.org/fmdc_palatka.htm)

**Services Offered:** Cost-effective primary health care, dental and mental health services. Provides low cost care for low income individuals and migrant workers. Available in Clay, Bradford, Putnam and SJ counties.

Call main number for Satellite office locations.

**Florida Kid Care**

1-888-540-5437

[www.floridakidcare.org](http://www.floridakidcare.org)

**Services Offered:** Low cost health insurance for children.

**Lake Area Ministries " L.A.M. Ministries"**

(352) 473-2846

**Services Offered:** Food, clothing, furniture, medication and help with utilities.

**Narcotics Anonymous Hotline**

1-800-576-4357

1-904-723-5683

[www.firstcoastna.org/](http://www.firstcoastna.org/)

**Services Offered:** Recovery program and support

**Parents Anonymous**

1-800-352-5683

**Services Offered:** 24 hour parent help line and support groups for parents, parenting and anger management tips.

**Peaceful Paths**

904- 966-6878

1-800-393-7233

[www.peacefulpaths.org](http://www.peacefulpaths.org)

**Services Offered:** Emergency shelter for abused women & their children, counseling & crisis intervention.

**Poison Control Hot Line**

1-800-222-1222

[www.fpicjax.org](http://www.fpicjax.org)

**Services Offered:** Poison information & emergency treatment

**Rape Crisis Center Hotline (RAINN)**

1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

904-721-7273

<https://rainn.org/>

**Services Offered:** 24 hour rape crisis hotline, counseling & medical exams for 12 & up.

**Suwannee River Economic Council**

904 964-4545 Starke

386-362-4115 Live Oak

**Services Offered:** Emergency medical & food vouchers, utility bills, low income energy assistance.

**Village Counseling Center**

352-373-8189

[www.villagecounselingcenter.net](http://www.villagecounselingcenter.net)

**Services Offered:** Children & Youth Counseling, Marriage & Families, Couples, Adoption Counseling. Call the Gainesville office for appointment in Bradford County. Fee set up on sliding scale.



**Bradford Tobacco Free**

(866) 341-2730

[www.ahectobacco.com](http://www.ahectobacco.com)

Help to quit smoking.

**UF HealthStreet**

2401 SW Archer Rd, Gainesville, FL 320608

(352) 294-4880

**Services Offered:** Health Screenings, Diabetes Support, Mental Health Support

**RENT/UTILITIES AND HOUSING**

**Bradford County Community Development**

(904) 966-6382

**Services Offered:** Assistance with minor home repair, down payment and closing cost, weatherization.

**Bradford County Ministerial Alliance**

(904) 964-8835

**Services Offered:** Financial assistance, temporary lodging

**Catholic Charities**

(352) 372-0294

**Services Offered:** Assistance with food, one day per month call for location, dates and times

**Central Florida Community Action Agency**

(352) 378-5892

**Services Offered:** Rental assistance, utility payment assistance, emergency home repair and weatherization. Food vouchers (when available)

**Florida Power & Light**

1-800-226-3545

1-800-4outage

[www.fpl.com](http://www.fpl.com)

**Services Offered:** Electricity

**City of Starke -Water**

(904) 964-5027

Website: [www.cityofstarke.org](http://www.cityofstarke.org)

**Services Offered:** Water connection services

**Habitat for Humanity**

(904) 782-3550

[www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org)

**Services Offered:** Housing assistance

**I. M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless**

(904) 359-0457

[www.sulzbachercenter.org/](http://www.sulzbachercenter.org/)

**Services Offered:** Shelter for homeless men, women & children, Emergency shelter, food, medical & dental care

**Lake Area Ministries L.A.M. MINISTRIES**

(352) 473-2846

**Services Offered:** Food, clothing, furniture, medication and help with utilities.

**Peaceful Paths**

(904) 966-6878

1-800-393-7233

[www.peacefulpaths.org](http://www.peacefulpaths.org)

**Services Offered:** Emergency shelter for abused women & their children, counseling, and crisis intervention

**Sprint – Phone Company**

1-800-877-7746

1-877-369-0999

[www.Sprint.com](http://www.Sprint.com)

**Services Offered:** Affordable Phone Service

**Safe Link**

1-800-977-3768

[www.safelinkwireless.com](http://www.safelinkwireless.com)

**Services Offered:** Services: Free cell phones for low income households.

## **Section 8 Program**

1-800-365-9527

**Services Offered:** Assistance with housing & rent

## **Starke First Baptist Church**

(904) 964-6562

**Services Offered:** Assistance with electricity, & various bills

## **Suwannee River Economic Council**

(904) 964-6696

**Services Offered:** Emergency medical & food vouchers, utility bills, low income energy assistance

## **CLOTHING AND HOUSEHOLD**

### **Bradford County Clothes Closet**

904-964-9390

[www.starkechurch.org](http://www.starkechurch.org)

**Services Offered:** Clothing and Food

### **Children's Home Society-Thrift Store Gainesville**

352-393-2826

<http://www.chsfl.org/>

**Services Offered:** Clothing, Household Goods

## **SPECIAL NEEDS/DISABILITIES**

### **Agency for Persons with Disabilities**

850-488-4257

1-866-APD-CARES

1-866--273-2273

[www.apd.myflorida.com/](http://www.apd.myflorida.com/)

**Services Offered:** Serves children Ages 3 and above and young adults with disabilities, autism, cerebral palsy or spina bifida, behavior management, consultation, residential services, support coordinators.

**Alzheimer's National Hotline**

1-800-272-3900

[www.alz.org/cnfl](http://www.alz.org/cnfl)

**Services Offered:** Resources, family education, newsletters, respite care information, support groups.

**American Lung Association**

(904) 743-2933

1-800-940-2933

[www.lungfla.org](http://www.lungfla.org)

**Services Offered:** The American Lung Association in Florida funds vital research on lung disease cures provides education and support programs to both adults and children and advocates for stronger air laws and tobacco prevention and education at the capital. Helping smokers quit with our smoking cessation programs.

**ARC of Bradford County**

(904) 964-7699

[http://www.arcflorida.org/families/facts\\_dd.htm](http://www.arcflorida.org/families/facts_dd.htm)

**Services Offered:** Group homes & day programs for mentally & physically handicapped individuals. Counseling and support services.

**Autistic Society**

352-846-2761 Gainesville

904-633-0760 Jacksonville

<http://www.autismfl.com/resource.shtml>

**Services Offered:** Information, support & educational materials.

**Brain Injury Association of Florida**

1-800-992-3442

[www.biaf.org](http://www.biaf.org)

**Services Offered:** Support groups, education and information about brain injuries, information and resource center, on line library.

**CCAR Services Inc.**

(904) 284-9859

[www.ccar.org](http://www.ccar.org)

**Services Offered:** Provides educational & therapeutic learning for physically & medically challenged preschoolers & adults. Job placement & inclusion services.

**Center for Autism & Related Disabilities "CARD"**

(904) 633-0760

1-800-928-2416

1-800-AUTISM

[www.card.ufl.edu](http://www.card.ufl.edu)

**Services Offered:** Home consultation, parent training, workshops, training events, family support, support groups, sib shops, behavior assessment, behavior support plans.

**NEW HEIGHTS of NE Florida (Cerebral Palsy)**

(904) 396-1462

<http://www.ucp.org/>

**Services Offered:** Therapy and education for children with disabilities from birth to 5 years.

**Child Cancer Fund**

(904) 396-4223

[www.childcancerfund.org](http://www.childcancerfund.org)

**Services Offered:** Respite care, financial assistance, support groups, educational services.

**Child Find**

(904) 346-4601

[www.fdlrs.org](http://www.fdlrs.org)

**Services Offered:** Screening for special needs children, information about programs for special needs children.

**Children's Medical Services**

1-800-340-8354

904-360-7070 (Jacksonville)

<http://www.cms-kids.com>

**Services Offered:** Provides children with special health care needs with medical support services, prevention, and early intervention services. Medical and Therapeutic specialty care and long term care.

**Cleft Palate Parent Support Group**

1-800-242-5338

<http://www.cleftline.org/>

**Services Offered:** Information, feeding instructions, support group specialized equipment & financial assistance

**Diabetes Association**

1-800-342-2383

1-800-diabetes

904-730-7200

<http://www.diabetes.org>

**Services Offered:** Information, resources & services for people with diabetes

**Division of Blind Services**

352- 955-2075

1-800-443-0908

<http://www.myflorida.com/dbs/>

**Services Offered:** Independent living training, counseling, vocational rehabilitation, & limited eye medical treatment.

**Down Syndrome Association**

904-353-6300

<http://www.dsaj.org/>

**Services Offered:** counseling, information, inclusion & educational programs.

**Dyslexia Association**

904-603-2775

1-800-222-3123

<http://www.idafla.org>

**Services Offered:** Support groups, seminars and resources for families with children with Dyslexia.

**Easter Seals at Altrusa House**

352 377-7708

Web Site: [www.fl.easterseals.com](http://www.fl.easterseals.com)

**Services Offered:** Physical, occupational and speech therapy for children birth to 3 yrs. with developmental delays. Outpatient therapy up to age 10.

**Epilepsy Foundation of NE Florida**

904-731-3752

[www.efof.org](http://www.efof.org)

**Services Offered:** support groups, information & summer camp.

**FDLRS/NEFEC**

386- 329-3811

1-800-227-6036

**Services Offered:** Community programs, consultation, screenings, & information on educational programs for children with special needs

**Florida Respite Coalition**

866-357-3543

[floridarespite.org/contact](http://floridarespite.org/contact)

**Services Offered:** Information for respite care.

**Florida School for the Deaf & Blind**

904-827-2200

<http://www.fsdb.k12.fl.us/>

**Services Offered:** Residential school for Deaf & Blind ages 3-21. Occupational & Physical therapy, athletic program & home intervention program for birth-3years.

**Florida Spinal Cord Injury**

1-866-313-2940

[www.fscirc.com](http://www.fscirc.com)

**Services Offered:** Information about spinal cord injuries, support groups, mentors, center for independent living, video library

**Hope Haven Children's Clinic**

904- 346-5100

[www.hope-haven.org](http://www.hope-haven.org)

**Services Offered:** Mental health, academic support, tutoring, speech and language, counseling, serves children with ADHD, Autism, Down Syndrome, learning disabilities, and dyslexia.

**Haven Hospice of North Central Florida**

352- 378-2121 Gainesville

800-727-1889 Toll Free

386-328-7100 Palatka

<http://www.havenhospice.org/>

**Services Offered:** Grief counseling for the terminally ill & their families, home visits can be scheduled.

### **Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of America**

904- 332-6414

1-800-785-0733

[www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org)

**Services Offered:** Family support groups for patients and families coping with cancer.

### **March of Dimes**

904- 398-2821

[www.marchofdimes.com](http://www.marchofdimes.com)

**Services Offered:** Provides information about birth defects, genetic conditions, prenatal care, labor and delivery, and newborn screening test.

### **Nemours Children's Clinic**

407-567-4000

[www.nemours.org](http://www.nemours.org)

**Services Offered:** Children's clinic, outpatient services for Cardiology, Allergies, Dentistry, Vision, Endocrinology, Epilepsy, Cerebral Palsy, Cystic Fibrosis, Neurology, and many other conditions.

### **Spina Bifida Association**

904- 697-3686

1-800-722-6355

<http://www.sbj.org/site>

**Services Offered:** Support group, medical supplies, medication, medical travel, orthopedic supplies & educational supplies.

### **Sprout Therapy**

(833) 458-0386

[www.joinsprouththerapy.com](http://www.joinsprouththerapy.com)

**Services Offered:** Sprout is a provider of *in-home* and *online* Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapy. Our mission is to provide personalized, technology-powered care for autistic children. We accept referrals for children under the age of ten and they will remain with us until they graduate from our services. Sprout is currently in network with *FL Medicaid, United, BCBS, Cigna* and more. We would welcome an opportunity to be a resource for any of your families seeking ABA Therapy at home.



## RECREATION AND MENTORING

### **Big Brother/Big sisters**

352-375-2525

[www.bbbsmidflorida.org](http://www.bbbsmidflorida.org)

**Services Offered:** Scouting, Camping, recreation, mentoring

### **Boy Scouts of America**

352-475-5080

[www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)

**Services Offered:** Scouting, Camping, Recreation, Mentoring

### **Bradford County Extension Service**

904-966-6224

Website: [www.bradford.ifas.ufl.edu](http://www.bradford.ifas.ufl.edu)

**Services Offered:** 4H programs & camping

### **Girl Scouts of America**

904-388-4653

[www.girlschoutsgateway.org](http://www.girlschoutsgateway.org)

**Services Offered:** Scouting, Mentoring, Recreation Activities

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

### **Bradford County Ministerial Alliance**

(904) 964-8835

**Services Offered:** Financial assistance, temporary lodging

### **Child Support**

800-622-5437

[www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/extinf.html](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/extinf.html)

<http://dor.myflorida.com/dor//childdsupport/>

**Services Offered:** Assistance with obtaining child support

### **Federal Student Aid**

800-433-3243

<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

**Services Offered:** free grant money, student loans

### **Florida Corporate Tax Credit Scholarship Program**

800-447-1636

[www.scholarshipfunding.org](http://www.scholarshipfunding.org)

**Services Offered:** Assistance to low income families for private school tuition

### **Social Security Administration**

352-376-1743

[www.ssa.gov/](http://www.ssa.gov/)

**Services Offered:** Social Security Benefits, SSI for disabled children and adults

## **RELATIVE CAREGIVER**

### **AARP**

888-687-2277

<http://www.aarp.org/families/grandparents/>

**Services Offered:** Provides information & referrals for grandparents raising grandchildren, support groups and tips

### **DCF-TANF/TCA-ACCESS**

866-762-2237

<http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/access-florida-food-medical-assistance-cash/temporary-cash-assistance-tca>

**Services Offered:** Temporary cash assistance and cash assistance (needy, relative caregivers)

### **FOSTER CLOSET**

904-382-5959

[www.fostercloset.org](http://www.fostercloset.org)

**Services Offered:** Provides clothing and household items for foster families, relative caregivers, and non-relative caregivers

## **GRANDPARENT'S RIGHTS**

<http://www.grandparentsrights.org/>

**Services Offered:** Grandparents support, information, & advocacy

## **GRANDPARENTS/RELATIVES RAISING CHILDREN**

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/gprg/qandas.html>

**Services Offered:** Grandparents support, information, & advocacy

## **NCAC**

<http://www.nacac.org>

**Services Offered:** Support services for parents/grandparents who are adopting children. Information on adoption subsidy, tax credit and resources. Post adoption support & parent support groups

## **LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

### **Three Rivers Legal Services**

352-375-2494

<http://www.trls.org/>

**Services Offered:** Lawyer

### **Legal Aid Clinics-Lawtey**

904-782-1054

**Services Offered:** Legal Aid

### **CASA**

727-895-4912

**Services Offered:** Legal Aid

### **University of Florida College of Law: Virgil D. Hawkins Civil Legal Clinic**

352-273-0800

**Services Offered:** Family and juvenile law clinic

### **Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida-Palatka**

386-385-0928

**Services Offered:** Family, Divorce, Domestic Violence & Estate Planning

## TRANSPORTATION

### **Suwannee River Economic Council**

904-964-6696

**Services Offered:** Transportation expenses.

### **Greyhound Bus Lines**

904-964-4444

[www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com)

**Services Offered:** Bus travel for fee

## MISCELLANEOUS

### **New River Community Health Care**

904-964-7732

**Services Offered:** Birth Certificates

### **Bradford County Board of Commissioners**

<http://www.bradford-co-fla.org/>

**Services Offered:** Information

### **Bradford County Chamber of Commerce**

904-964-5278 904-967-2863

[www.northfloridachamber.com](http://www.northfloridachamber.com)

### **Bradford County Sheriff's Office**

904-966-6380

[www.bradford-co-fla.org](http://www.bradford-co-fla.org)

### **Bradford County Court House**

904-966-6335

### **Poison Control Hotline**

1-800-222-1222

### **Episcopal Children's Services**

904-964-1543

[www.ecs4kids.org](http://www.ecs4kids.org)

**Services Offered:** VPK, School Readiness, Child Care Resource and Referral

**United Way First Call for Help**

211

1-800-318-0211

[www.nefl211.org](http://www.nefl211.org)

**Services Offered:** Referral Services

**ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**

[www.myfloridahouse.gov](http://www.myfloridahouse.gov)

