



Catholic Charities
Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc.

Pasco Florida

Location -Northern Region – Pasco County

The Pasco County Offices of Catholic Charities offer services and programs that meet the important needs of individuals and families without regard to race, religion, age, ethnicity or gender.

Office Hours are 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday in New Port Richey, and 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday in Dade City. If you would like more information, are in need of assistance, or would like to volunteer or support any of our programs, please call any of the numbers listed below:

Northern Counties Regional Center:

1423 Kass Circle
Spring Hill, FL 34606
(352) 686-9897
Fax (352) 686-1475

West Pasco Area Center

5609 US Highway 19, Suite I
New Port Richey, Fl 34652
(727) 834-3984 or (888) 816-6968
Fax (727) 834-3985
HIV/ AIDS Assistance (888) 816-6909

East Pasco Area Center

37733 Meridian Avenue
Dade City, Florida 33525
(352) 521-1218
Fax (352) 521-1219
HIV/ AIDS Assistance (888) 816-6909
Counseling Services (888) 816-6968

The following services are available in Pasco County:

Counseling (West Pasco): Mental health professionals provide individual, marriage, family and group counseling services to those experiencing a broad range of personal, relationship and family problems. We provide conveniently scheduled sessions on a sliding fee scale, ensuring that mental health services are affordable to those in need.

Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services (East Pasco): Trained staff and volunteers offer confidential, comprehensive services to women and their families facing the challenges of

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pregnancy and early parenthood. Services include free pregnancy testing, information on adoption, mentoring program, prenatal and childbirth information, post-natal and parenting information, maternity and infant supplies, community resource referrals and emergency food items. Services are provided at no cost to the client.

Adoption: Services provided to birth parents facing an untimely pregnancy and considering adoption planning include pregnancy counseling, medical and living expenses, and post-adoption counseling and support. For couples wishing to build their family through adoption, home studies and post-placement supervision is provided. Search services for persons interested in reunification with their children or natural parents are available to adoptees and families placed through Catholic Charities' Adoption program. Appointments and services are available days, evenings and weekends.

Project Rachel: Trained priests, lay support individuals and mental health professionals offer healing and reconciliation services to families and individuals affected by the aftermath of an abortion. Services include a weekend retreat, which offers emotional and spiritual support and assistance in working through repressed grief and anger, and a support group that addresses guilt, grief, anger, relationships and healing. Retreats and support groups are available evenings and weekends.

HIV/AIDS Emergency Services: Catholic Charities distributes Ryan White Title I funding for emergency rent and utility assistance to individuals with HIV/AIDS.

Project LIFT (Living Independently as a Family Transitioned): Project LIFT is located in Dade City. The property contains six duplex buildings with a total of 12 two-bedroom apartments. Ten (10) units will be used as permanent housing for homeless children and families with disabilities. One unit has been set aside for onsite residence by program management and another for supportive services and visiting agencies. Program participants will be assisted with obtaining and remaining permanently housed by working through phases of the program. Intensive case management will work to guide participants through the phases. Wrap around services by community partners will build the participants holistically and ensure that self-sufficiency and independent living are obtained and remain in place. Project LIFT will open in late Summer 2004.

Down Payment Assistance: The Catholic Charities Homeownership Assistance Program (CCH Program) provides gift funds (with no repayment implied) for down payment to qualified buyers in accordance HUD Handbook 4155.1 Rev-4. The seller of a property pays a contribution/processing fee after a successful closing has occurred. **Contact:** Program Administrator (727)563-0063.

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