Catholic Charities
Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc.

Pinellas Florida

Location – Pinellas County

The Pinellas Regional Center of Catholic Charities offers services and programs that meet the important needs of individuals and families. Our services are available to everyone without regard to race, religion, age, ethnicity or gender.

Office Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you would like more information, are in need of assistance, or would like to volunteer or support any of our services, please call the Administrative offices at the number listed below.

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1213 16th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL 33705
Phone: (727) 893-1313
Fax: (727) 893-9543
Counseling Services: 800-242-9012

HIV/AIDS Services
(813) 272-3643
(813) 272-3645
Provides HIV housing services

The following services are available in Pinellas County:

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 biological parents are available to adoptees and families placed through Catholic Charities' Adoption program. Appointments and services are available days, evenings and weekends.

Pinellas Counseling Center: The Pinellas Counseling Center is an outpatient program that provides professional clinical counseling provided by licensed mental health professionals. The program provides affordable individual, marriage and family therapy for those experiencing a broad range of personal, relationship and family problems.

Pregnancy Plus Medical: The Pregnancy Plus Medical program offers a wide array of services to young women facing a crisis pregnancy. The program offers free pregnancy testing, life options, abstinence, childbirth and infant parenting education and information and referral services. Qualified medical professionals provide pregnancy exams and ultrasound to determine fetal viability. The -"Parenting Partners" component of the program offers a mentoring/incentive program providing maternity and infant supplies to families experiencing a crisis pregnancy and those parenting children up to the age of 2 years old. To promote abstinence among adolescents, the program also offers weekend retreats and activities to youth through the POWER Team component.

HUD 202 Low-Income Senior Housing Service Coordination: Catholic Charities provides supervision to the service coordination program at each of the eight diocesan-based low-income senior housing facilities located in Pasco, Pinellas, and Hillsborough Counties. The purpose of service coordination is to help the senior residents of the facilities age in place by offering, developing, contracting, and/or partnering with community providers of services. .

Homebuyer Education & Housing Counseling Services: The Homebuyer Education and Housing Counseling Services program provides services at no charge to both prospective and existing homeowners. Prospective homeowners are helped to develop a home ownership plan based on each family's unique financial situation. Emphasis is placed on recognizing the family's housing needs, family budgeting, closing costs, down payment and closing cost assistance, insurance, home inspections, credit counseling, and options to rebuild credit. Existing homeowners are offered help in dealing with debt and budget counseling to prevent future foreclosures. Also provided are reverse mortgage counseling for senior citizens, equity loan counseling, and debt consolidation Appointments and classes are available days and evenings. Appointments and classes are available days and evenings. Appointments and classes are available days and evenings.

HIV Services: A variety of service modalities are available to persons who have HIV/AIDS. These include emergency rent and utility assistance for persons who are in danger of eviction or losing their home, transitional supportive housing facilities for women and their children and permanent housing for individuals and families.

Immigration Program: This program provides affordable legal immigration services including assistance with applications such as affidavit of support, adjustment of status, naturalization, replacement of immigration documents, extension of non-immigrant visas, change of status, petitions for family reunification, political asylum and other services. Immigration case management services include screening, assessment, consultation and information, referral and representation. The Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) recognizes the program and has qualified BIA accredited staff.

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Refugee Resettlement Programs:

- ***Reception and Placement:*** This program is the largest refugee resettlement program operating in the Tampa Bay area. Staff provide family reunification cases with orientation and guidance in obtaining services such as food stamps, Medicaid, cash assistance, SSI benefits, health screenings, English as a second language classes, and school enrollment for children. Refugees without sponsoring families are provided with the services listed above along with airport reception, housing, household furnishings, food, clothing and basic services.

- ***Refugee Match Grant:*** This program provides employment assessment, training, development and job placement services to refugees.

- ***Project AIM:*** Assistance in Micro enterprise" This program provides micro enterprise business education and mentoring in the development of and growth of small businesses for refugees, asylees, Cuban/Haitian Entrants, Trafficking victims. Participation in training is a requirement of this program.

- ***Refugee Survivors of Torture Program:*** This program allows Catholic Charities to identify refugees who have been victims of torture and provides links to qualified mental health practitioners. In addition, legal interpreter and medical support services are provided as needed. This program is in partnership with Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services Florida Center for Survivors of Torture and other refugee programs.

- ***Refugee Healthcare Partnership:*** This program advances strategies which promote justice and demonstrate respect for the refugees served, by facilitating access to health services, meaningful employment and training opportunities that will foster well-being and increase sustainable independence for refugees in caring communities.

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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