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ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS

Program	Address	Services Provided	How to Refer Families
A. Quinn Jones Center Suzanne Keller, Principal kellersp@gm.sbac.edu (352) 955-6840 Fax: (352) 955-7138 Horizon Center Vieta Jackson-Carter, Principal jacksovl@gm.sbac.edu	1108 NW 7 th AVE Gainesville, FL 32601	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Special day school that provides a therapeutic environment for severely emotionally disturbed students ♦ The Horizon Center is dropout prevention, disciplinary program for students who have been disruptive in the traditional school environment. ♦ The program provides a behavioral modification component to encourage students to modify their behavior through principles of positive reinforcement, consistency, structure, goal setting, and rewards for good behavior 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Grades 6-12 ♦ Students are staffed into this program from other schools in the district (must first be tested), as well as from other districts and residential centers. ♦ School Board referrals
AMI KIDS Gainesville Daniel Bacallao, Executive Director Gainesville-ed@AMIkids.org (352) 395-6193 Fax : (352) 367-2814	6815 SW Archer Road Gainesville, FL 32608 www.amikidsgainesville.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Combines education, treatment & behavior modification to provide a holistic, comprehensive approach to the needs of at risk youth ♦ Vocational Programs for youth 15-18 years of age. Opportunity to earn 2 Industry certifications: Construction and Culinary Food Handling, as well as Job Service training and placement ♦ AMIkids Corporate also provides various services around the U.S ♦ Residential programs, day programs, Infinity Schools, AMIkids Personal Growth Model, Functional Family Therapy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Ages 14-18 ♦ Court-ordered, referred by Juvenile Probation Officer or referred by the School Board
Job Corps Annie Pearl Brown, Center Director (352) 377-2555 (352) 381-6873 Fax: (352) 374-8257	5301 NE 40 th TERR Gainesville, FL 32609 www.jobcorpsregion3.com/jcCenters/gainesvilleJCC.html	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Job Corps is the nation's oldest & largest federally funded residential job training & education program for economically disadvantaged youth. ♦ Gainesville Job Corps Center offers education & training opportunities to help train for long- term, specialized careers. ♦ Job Corps offers on-site job skills training in office technology, carpeting, plastering, tile setting, painting, facilities maintenance, auto technician, phlebotomy, culinary arts, health occupations, & pre-law enforcement, CMA, CAN, & is the only Advanced Solar trade in the country. ♦ Provides opportunity to get a GED or high school diploma. Gainesville Job Corps Center is a partner with Santa Fe Community College, the University of Florida, and has a charter High School (SiaTech) that buses students to the school. ♦ Up to 350 participants live in dorm style housing on the center's campus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Ages 16-24 ♦ Funding comes from the Department of Labor, so there is no direct cost. ♦ For more information, please call (800)733-JOBS or (800)733- 5627. An operator will provide you with general information, refer you to the admissions counselor closest to where you live and mail you an information packet.

Professional Academics Magnet at W. Travis Loften High School William McElroy, Principal mcelroywc@gm.sbac.edu (352) 955-6839 ext. 243 Fax: (352) 955-6999	3000 E. University AVE Gainesville, FL 32614 http://loften/sbac.edu/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ An application-only Career and Technical Comprehensive high school that prepares students for entry into post-secondary education or directly into the workforce. ♦ <i>Accept Program</i> – a program for pregnant teens & young mothers who wish to continue their education at a facility other than their zoned high school. Courses include parenting, pre and post- natal health courses. ♦ <i>Professional Academics Magnet Program</i> – Designed for students who are currently enrolled in one of the county high schools & are interested in developing job skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ This program requires an Application & is open to students in grades 9-12. ♦ Day care is available up to three years of age.
PACE Center For Girls Natalya Bannister, Executive Director Natalya.bannister@pacecenter.org (352) 374-8799 Fax: (352) 378-6602	1010 SE 4 th AVE Gainesville, FL 32601 http://www.pacecenter.org/centers/alachua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ PACE is a school that provides a supportive environment for all girls. We specialize in providing individual attention to girls to help them build on their strengths & overcome life's challenges. ♦ PACE provides intensive educational, career-building, & life-coaching services to these girls for up to 24 months. We celebrate each girl for who she is & work with the girl & her family to provide support so she can maximize her potential. ♦ PACE services are completely FREE. PACE also provides free breakfast, lunch, & transportation (via RTS) for all students. Length of stay is determined by the needs of the individual girl, not to exceed 15 months. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ We serve girls who live in Alachua County & who are in the 6th-12th grade ages 11-17 ♦ Reasons for referrals include (but are not limited to) depression, victimization/ abuse, academic underachievement, delinquency, substance abuse, truancy, & suspension/ expulsion. Referrals are accepted from any source. ♦ 12:1 Student to Teacher ratio
Sidney Lanier Center Royce Kamman, Principal kammanrg@gm.sbac.edu 352-955-6841 Fax: 352-955-6885	312 NW 16 th Ave Gainesville, FL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Sidney Lanier offers programs in the following areas; Elementary, Secondary, Transition. ♦ Sidney Lanier offers the following services; Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy Speech/Language Pathologist Registered Nurses/ Guidance Department ♦ The Sidney Lanier Community Garden was created in by our transitional students and a volunteer master gardener. Great strides have been made to create a dynamic atmosphere where students can go to learn and connect with nature. The dual designed garden provides transitional students with employment related skills while allowing the K-12 students the opportunity to integrate math and science lessons in a non-traditional way. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ K-12 grade ♦ Enrollment Packets are available at the front desk please ask for Martha Danzy

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS & MENTORING:

Program	Address	Services Provided	How to Refer Families
Alachua County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 983 Lt. Jayson Levy, Senior Advisor jlevy@acso.us (352) 367-4099	2621 SE Hawthorne Road Gainesville, Florida 32641 www.alachuasheriff.org/programs/exporer_program.html	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The focus of Explorer Post 983 is to provide basic law enforcement training through lectures, guest speakers, and hands on training. Explorers are exposed to law enforcement through the Sheriff's Office Ride-A-Long program and time in the Combined Communications Center and also serve as bailiffs for the Teen Court Program. ♦ Explorer Post 983 also provides annual service to various Gainesville Rotary Club functions and Gator Nationals. ♦ Members of Post 983 meet bi-weekly (on Thursdays). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Ages 14-20 ♦ Applicants must be in good physical condition, must maintain a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale, must not have an arrest record (MM or CF), alcohol & tobacco free, must complete the Alachua County Sheriff's Office background check, & be a resident of Alachua County, and obtain a letter of Recommendation
Big Brothers and Big Sisters Craig Lowe- CEO craig@bbbsmidflorida.org Nikki Naylor- Program Director nikki@bbbsmidflorida.org (352) 375-2525 Fax: (352) 375-0319	1155 NW 13 th ST Gainesville, FL 32601 http://www.bbbsmidflorida.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Our mentoring programs help children reach their potential through professionally-supported, one-to-one, mentoring relationships. ♦ Informational workshops are provided to parents, including topics on helping your child with anger management, how to avoid power struggles with your youth, and other topics designed to provide parents additional resources to draw upon. ♦ Our tutoring program is available Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ We serve youth from 6-18 ♦ Referred by partner schools or parent/guardians may enroll their youth.
Boys & Girls Clubs Scott Monnett- Chief Professional Officer scott@myboysandgirlsclub.com (352) 372-5342 Fax: (352) 373-3885	P.O. Box 358452 Gainesville, FL 32635 www.myboysandgirlsclub.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Volunteers assist youths with homework (one- on-one tutoring), computer technology, internet and web page design, FCAT preparation, etc. ♦ Other daily activities include multi-cultural celebrations, arts and crafts instruction, story time, various field trips, and organized recreational activities (kickball, football, basketball, volleyball, ballet, modern dance, etc.). ♦ Kids at higher risk of developing certain problems can be placed in more specific programs as well, such as SMART Moves, a drug prevention program, Street SMART, a violence prevention program, and Project Learn, a program focusing on kids struggling with their academics. ♦ Special sports programs for children with mental and physical disabilities are available including "Endeavor Baseball" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Ages 6-18 ♦ Annual membership fee is \$60/yr at both the NW and SE Units and \$5/yr at the Woodland Park & Eastwood Meadows Units & residents of GHA). \$90/yr for two or more children. Fill Scholarships are available.

Dignity Project Second Generation Kim Lapan, Director kim.lapan@yahoo.com administrator@dignityproject.com (352) 371-6792	1125 SE 4 th ST Gainesville, FL 32601 www.thedignityproject2.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Works with Alachua County School Board ♦ High school students gain practice training and/or experience in the fields of automotive and computer repair by working on donated vehicles and computer equipment that is refurbished and subsequently awarded to eligible, economically disadvantaged recipients. ♦ Partners with Job Corps, UF, and Santa Fe College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Ages 16+
Foundations After-School Program Shannon Keleher, Recreation Manager Admin: (352) 334-5067 Fax: (352) 334-3299 Thomas Center: (352) 334-5067 rec@cityofgainesville.org www.cityofgainesvilleparks.org	Albert Ray Massey Center-1001 NW 34 St Clarence R. Kelly Center-1701 NE 8 Ave Eastside Comm. Center-2841 E University Ave Porters Comm. Center-512 SW 2 Terrace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The program offers a safe environment for participants to be active while learning and having fun! ♦ Participants enjoy games, activities and crafts that encourage achievement, give them a sense of community, promote good health and build strong character a FOUNDATION for success! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 1st through 8th Grade ♦ City Residents- \$3.30 per day ♦ Non-City Residents- \$5.00 per day ♦ FREE Scholarships are available w/ verification of free or reduced lunch; must qualify through the City of Gainesville Family application for Reduced Fees ♦ Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 1:30 pm- 6pm; Wed 12:30pm- 6pm
Gainesville Police Explorers Post 917 Officer Dontonya Smith, Advisor smithdc@cityofgainesville.org Explorer office: (352) 334-2430 Community Resource division: (352) 334-2441	413 NW 8 th Avenue Gainesville, FL 32601 www.gainesvillepd.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The focus of the Gainesville Police Explorer Post is the development and training of the youth in leadership, discipline, life management, community service, education, communications, and much more. The members meet twice a week to discuss on future events and to train on a variety of topics. ♦ Post 917 is responsible for annual City events. They assist the Gainesville Police Department as extra eyes and ears during events such as the Downtown Arts Festival, Spring Arts Festival, and many more. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Ages 15-20 ♦ Applicants must complete an application, interview with the Post Advisor, have consent from parent or guardian, be a resident of Alachua County, enrolled in school, have a GPA of 2.5 or higher, no felonies or misdemeanors, no history of drug abuse, free of alcohol and tobacco, and have 2 letters of recommendation from community leaders

Girls Place, Inc. Janna Magette, Executive Director janna@girlsplace.net (352) 373-4475 Fax: (352) 373-5550	2101 NW 39 th AVE Gainesville, FL 32605 www.girlsplace.net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Girls Place provides six main programs that are available for members: ♦ Strengthening the girls' academic success by engaging them in year round enhanced learning opportunities. ♦ Coincides with Alachua County Schools and open for most school holidays. Emphasis on homework completion and supplemented with diverse, structured activities. ♦ Year round opportunities including volleyball, softball, basketball, and track. ♦ One-on-one and family therapy and large group social and emotional learning. ♦ Grounded in the five components of authentic leadership: self-awareness, values, motivation, support team and integrated life. ♦ Offering full day camp for the duration of the summer. Emphasis on field trips and structured activities throughout the day. ♦ ACHIVE-Guided reading and BRAIN POWER-Mental Health ♦ Early learning coalition program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Girls are 5-14 years old in our programs. ♦ Afterschool program for members: \$52 per week Middle/ High School pay \$32 per week ♦ Summer Day Camp \$79/ Week ♦ The annual fee for membership is \$20 and \$40 for two or more children in a family.
Project Uplift Latarsha Jones, Project Director (352) 529-2030 Fax: (352) 529-2006 latarsha.ufcc@gmail.com	20030 NE 23 rd Place, Willison, FL 32696 www.Ufccflorida.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Tutoring ♦ Positive Action Curriculum ♦ Physical Fitness Activities ♦ Financial Literacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Mon- Thurs 3-6 p.m. ♦ Ages 5-17 ♦ Services provided are at no cost to the participants ♦ Program serves Levy County
Reichert House John Alexander, Executive Director Info@reicherthouse.org jjalex@ufl.edu (352) 334-2320 Fax: (352) 334-2166	1704 SE 2 nd AVE Gainesville, FL 32641 www.reicherthouse.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The Reichert House is a Para Military fashion, after-school program that seeks to help at-risk youth by providing wrap around services. Participants receive intervention during the school day, tutorial and mentorship services during the afterschool, and parental assistance. ♦ Programs available through the Reichert House: Academic assistance, vocational training, etiquette training, anger/stress management techniques and more. The Reichert offers specialized certification training through the following internal academies: Communications, Construction, Culinary, and Business. Transportation is provided from school and home at the end of the day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Must be a male Alachua County resident, enrolled in school between the ages of 8-18, complete an application & submit a letter of recommendation. ♦ Referrals into the program can be through school staff, parents, self-referral, & neighborhood crime Watches. ♦ There is no cost to participate in the program.

Take Stock In Children Judy Boles, Executive Director bolesje@gm.sbac.edu (352) 955-6891 Center: (352) 955-7003 Fax: (352) 955-7240	1725 SE 1 st AVE Gainesville, FL 32641 www.takestockinchildren.org http://edfoundationac.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Take Stock in Children is an incentive scholarship and mentoring program administered locally by the Education Foundation of Alachua County. ♦ Take Stock Scholars are accepted in the 7th grade and remain in the program until they graduate from high School, assuming they remain drug and-crime free, keep up their grades, stay in school, and meet weekly with a Volunteer mentor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Grades 7-12 ♦ All 6th graders attending an Alachua County public middle school that has at least a 2.5 GPA and is on free or reduced lunch is invited to apply in early spring. Please contact the program for application information. ♦ Each fall qualifying 8th-10th grade students are invite to apply.
Teen Court Angie Chesser, Teen Court Coordinator achesser@alachuasheriff.org (352) 367-4125 Fax: (352) 374-1809 Fax: (352) 384-3328	Alachua County Sheriff's Office 2621 SE Hawthorne Road Gainesville, FL 32641 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5489 Gainesville, FL 32627 www.alachuasheriff.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Teen Court is a crime prevention program & a diversion/alternative sentencing program. ♦ Teen Court meets every Tuesday from 4:15 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. at the Criminal Courthouse located at 220 South Main Street Gainesville, FL. ♦ Local judges, attorneys, law students, & community leaders volunteer their time as one of two Teen Court Judges to hear the sentencing hearings. ♦ Teenagers from local middle & high schools are invited to volunteer. Volunteers are required to come dressed appropriately ♦ Sanctions are tailored to the circumstances of each case. Sanctions may include community service, jury duty, apology letters, essays, curfew, drug testing, individual or group counseling, and no contact with co-defendant. ♦ Teen Court offers educational groups for defendants such as: theft awareness, aggression management, & substance awareness, & internet safety. ♦ Visit our website to view the current month's calendar or call (352) 367-4125 to verify court dates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Ages 10 – 17 ♦ Juveniles are either referred by the State Attorney's Office to complete the diversion program or they are referred by receiving a Civil Citation ♦ Youth can also serve as volunteers to gain criminal justice or courtroom experience. Youth who volunteer will receive community service hours. ♦ Teen Court also actively recruits student interns & community leaders to Volunteer their time
YMCA Hollie Lawrence Youth Development Director childcare@nyfymca.org (352) 374-9622 Fax: (352) 372-5247	5201 NW 34 th Blvd Gainesville, FL 32605 www.ncfymca.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Offers after-school childcare and summer camp, recreational and competitive sports, performing arts such as gymnastics, dance, cheerleading, and color guard, an in-ground heated pool for swim lessons and family fun, and health and wellness programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Family membership: \$50 fee and \$66 per month; Single Parent Family \$50 fee & \$52.80 per month; Teen membership (12-19): \$50 fee and \$25 per month. ♦ No one is turned away from the YMCA due to an inability to pay.

COUNSELING &/ OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE:

Program	Address	Services Provided	How to Refer Families
Alachua County Rape Crisis & Victim Services Karon Walker, Interim Director kwalker@alachuacounty.us (352) 264-6760 Toll Free: (866) 252-5439 Fax: (352) 264-6774	218 SE 24 th ST. Gainesville, FL 32641 www.alachuacounty.us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The Alachua County Victim Services & Rape Crisis Center provides services to survivors of interpersonal violence, sexual violence & personal injury crimes. ♦ The program has received statewide & national recognition for providing creative & non- traditional services for victims of violence, such as a computer workstation to provide internet access to employment opportunities and tutorial software for writing a resume & managing finances, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Free and open to anyone
Bridge House (Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.) Maggie Labarta, President Maggie_labarta@mbhci.org (352) 374-5600 fax: (352) 371-9841 Lake City Boys Residential Recovery Program Toll Free: (800) 330-5615 ext.8062	4300 SW 13 th ST Gainesville, FL 32608 P.O. Box 141750 Gainesville, FL 32614-1750 www.mbhci.org Lake City program: 439 SW Michigan Street, Lake City, FL 32025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The program provides a structured, drug-free environment in which individuals learn about the disease of addiction, engage in supportive counseling, receive tools for maintaining mental and physical wellness and become involved in community support groups ♦ A Residential program is available for pregnant moms with kids up to 2 years old. ♦ Children's services through Meridian include: home and school based services, therapeutic foster care, early enrichment programs, children's outpatient programs, and Challenges ropes course. ♦ Programs run from 6 months to a year. ♦ Aftercare program supports recover ♦ Lake City Program lasts 6 months in duration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Adults & children in North Central Florida who are suffering from substance abuse ♦ Referrals can be made by contacting the Access Center, or by calling the outpatient program for a walk-in appt. ♦ Fees are based on income or are subsidized depending on the program. ♦ Lake City Program serves Boys ages 13-17.
CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services Jim Pearce, CEO Gainesville Counseling Offices: (352) 244-0628 ext.3822- Family Action Counseling Lake City: (386) 487-0190 Palatka: (386) 385-0405 Toll Free: (800) 854-5377 Fax: (352) 244-0668	3615 SW 13 Street, Suite 4 Gainesville, FL 32608 www.cdsfl.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The CDS mission is to "strengthen communities by building strong families." CDS focuses on helping at-risk youth & their families through counseling & prevention programs. ♦ CDS provides a short-term residential program for youth age 10-17 through three Interface Youth Shelters, outpatient counseling, & prevention programs in Alachua and 13 other counties in Florida. ♦ Family Action counselors see participants age 6-17 in their homes, schools, or other location if transportation to local site is impossible ♦ Counseling is offered to youth but the whole family can be involved, "Too Good for Drugs" and "Project Success" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Most services are offered free of charge to participants

		<p>(Williston Elementary & Middle + 3 Alachua County schools) counselors work within the classroom environment to help elementary and middle school students develop new strategies for academic success while getting along with others. Provides mentoring, life skills, community service, and teaches the importance of remaining drug-free. Works to build a partnership with parents, students, and school-based personnel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ <i>Independent Living</i>- a program for youth aging out of Foster Care, age 16-23. Contact Rhonda Lockwood (386) 487-0190. ♦ <i>Spotlight on Youth</i>- CDS holds a teen talent show each spring to give recognition to youth who are Excelling in music and the arts. 	
Crisis Center Ali Martinez, Director amartinez@alachuacounty.us 24 hr. Hotline: (352) 264-6789 Fax: (352) 264-6774	218 SE 24 th ST Gainesville, FL 32641 www.alachuacounty.us/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The Crisis Line is offered 24 hours a day and is operated by trained volunteers. Counseling services are offered from 8:30am-5:00pm Monday - Friday by appointment or on an emergency walk-in basis. ♦ The Care Team is an emergency mobile outreach team of volunteers who respond to people in crisis on a face-to-face basis. 	♦ Services are provided free of charge.
Discount Counseling Network, Inc. Owner: Roy Duenas 352-332-9960 ref@prxdps.com	4424 NW 13 th Street, Suite C11 Gainesville, FL 32609 Classroom: 1107 N Main Street Gainesville, FL 32609	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ This program specializes in anger management, conflict resolution, substance abuse, domestic violence, and communication skills. Other issues can be addressed as needed. ♦ Discount Counseling Network, Inc. contracts with the Florida Department of Corrections to provide adolescent and family counseling services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ DJJ youth, ages 17+ ♦ The Adolescent must be on probation and referred by their Juvenile Probation Officer. ♦ Limited slots available for private/pay clients
Hanley Center Foundation Jacy Jones, Prevention Specialist jacy@hanleycenterfoundation.org 443-540-1647	Preside over Alachua County; office is based out of West Palm Beach, Florida. 900 54 th Street West Palm Beach, FL 33407	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Provide Free Alcohol Prevention Programs to public and private schools, and community organizations. ♦ Presentations are scheduled by the school or organizations, and a prevention specialist presents the program. Presentations are normally scheduled during school hours or specific hours of operation for community organizations. We also provide free parenting workshops to community organizations that provide strategies on establishing and maintaining healthy relationships between children and parents. ♦ Certificates of completion are also provided during the six workshop series. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Alcohol Prevention Program: Grades 5th – 12th ♦ Parenting Workshops – Parents, guardians, family members, foster parents, etc.

Juvenile Diversion Alternative Program Donna Wendt Donna.wendt@baysflorida.org (386) 418-5236 Fax: (386) 478-4433	13400 Progress Blvd Alachua, FL 32615 www.Baysflorida.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ JDAP is a diversion program that provides services based on individual youth and family needs. ♦ Services provided include: scheduling, supervision and monitoring of compliance with court-ordered sanctions including community service, curfew and restitution. ♦ Random urinalysis monitoring, anger management education, educational training, vocation services to age appropriate youth and provision of individual, group and family counseling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Only youth referred by the Department of Juvenile Justice and approved by the State Attorney's Office in the judicial circuit in which services are to be provided, shall be admitted to the JDAP program. ♦ 17 years & under; male & female ♦ Any misdemeanor offender ♦ First time felony offenders (of the third degree)
Peaceful Paths Dr. Theresa Beachy, Executive Director (352) 377-8255 Toll Free: (800) 500-1119	2100 NW 53 rd Ave Ste. A Gainesville, FL 32653 http://www.peacefulpaths.org/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Peaceful Paths' Children's Program provides services to children and parents who have witnessed or been victims of domestic violence. These services include but are not limited to: assessments, educational and social support groups, parenting support groups, after-school activities, childcare, community education, advocacy, children's case management, individual guidance, structured living ♦ Peaceful Paths provides support groups in the community for children who have previously witnessed violence in their homes or currently live in violent households. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Children who have witnessed domestic violence
Planned Parenthood Clinic: (352) 377-0881 Education: (352) 376-9000 Ext 16 Fax: (352) 374-6823 vpexternal@ppnfl.org	914 NW 13 th St. Gainesville, FL. 32601 http://www.plannedparenthood.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Planned Parenthood of North Central Florida (PPNCF) provides high-quality, affordable reproductive healthcare and education clinic. ♦ Birth control counseling and supplies (including prescription methods and free male and female condoms) ♦ Emergency contraception ("the morning-after pill" or Plan B) - ID required for age verification. ♦ Pregnancy testing and counseling on all pregnancy options ♦ Referrals for abortion, adoption and prenatal care ♦ Anonymous HIV testing and counseling ♦ Annual gynecological exams ♦ Testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections ♦ Testing and treatment for common gynecological ailments ♦ Colposcopy and cryotherapy to screen for and treat cervical conditions ♦ Instruction for breast self-exams ♦ Educational Outreach and Prevention Programs include: Safe Passages, From Boys to Men, Boys Rock, Youth Leadership Gainesville, RISKY (Responsible Investment in Sexual Knowledge for Youth) Business, Teen Clinic, Teen Counseling, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Men and women ages 14 and older w/o parent/guardian ♦ Clinic is open Mondays – Fridays from 10 am – 6pm ♦ Must call to make an appointment, unless you need HIV or pregnancy testing. ♦ HIV/AIDS testing: \$45 ♦ HIV/AIDS testing w/ immediate results: \$70 ♦ Pregnancy testing: \$10

River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding Jeffrey Weisberg, Executive Director jeffrey@centerforpeacebuilding.org (352) 234-6595	2603 NW 13 th Street. #375 Gainesville, FL 32609 http://www.centerforpeacebuilding.org/home.html	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding (RPCP) is a non-profit organization whose primary function is to focalize, coordinate, facilitate and champion the implementation of resources relevant to peace building and sustainability. ♦ Programs address social emotional learning, communication skills, conflict resolution and enhancing self-esteem. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ In partnership with the Department of Juvenile Justice ♦ Contact in order to view the sampling of programs and with any questions/needs you may have
Unity Family Community Center, Inc. Sharon L. Battles, Community Outreach Specialist bttshr@aol.com unityfamilycc@aol.com (352) 529-2030 (352) 528-3556 Fax: (352) 529-2006	20030 NE 23 rd Place, Williston, FL 32696	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Programs offered: <i>Abstinence Education</i> focuses on prevention and intervention for youth ages 12-19. Prevention was chosen to educate youth ages 12-14 the importance to focus on abstinence until marriage as well as teach healthy lifestyle choices. The curriculum has 8 hours of content divided into eight 60-minute modules. Counties Served: Levy, Alachua, Sumter, Lake, and Citrus ♦ <i>Comprehensive Health Education</i> is designed to provide students with skills to prevent pregnancy, HIV and STD. RTR includes 16 well-defined lessons which clearly emphasize teaching refusal statements, delay statements and alternative actions students can use to avoid unprotected sex. ♦ <i>College Entrance Preparation</i>: In partnership with College of Central Florida, Educational Opportunity Center (EOC), youth are provided with assistance to enter college. EOC provides assessment services that include: information sessions on post-secondary education, career counseling, financial assistance, and tutoring. ♦ Community Service opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Age requirements: 12-24 years ♦ No costs associated with services
Village Counseling Center Robert Edelman, Ed.S., LMHC CEO/Director of Clinical Services robert@villagecounselingcenter.net (352) 373-8189	Main Office: 3919 W Newberry Road, Suite 5 Gainesville, FL 32607 info@villagecounselingcenter.net www.villagecounselingcenter.net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Outpatient Mental Health Counseling in 16 counties for sexual abuse, child on child sexual abuse, juvenile sexual offenses, severe childhood trauma, domestic violence and adoption issues. ♦ Primary services include: individual, family and group therapy, psychological and psychosexual evaluations, trauma assessments, comprehensive behavioral health assessments, certified adoption counseling, domestic violence assessments and treatment (offenders and victims), pediatric occupational therapy, EMDR therapy, crisis intervention and critical incident training (CIT), and parent education classes related to the effects of DV and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Children and Adults (3+) ♦ Contracted, private and self-referrals Primary provider for children in foster care and/or being adopted ♦ Free trauma counseling, ♦ case management and occupational therapy services for children who might the following criteria ♦ 3-11 years old, ♦ Reside in Alachua County, ♦ Exposed to trauma,

		<p>trauma on children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ All services are provided by licensed clinicians 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ In need of treatment services ♦ IQ above 70 ♦ Unable to access and/or pay for trauma services ♦ To refer, call or complete online referral form www.villagecounselingcenter.net
<p>CDS Family & Behavioral SNAP (Stop Now And Plan) Referrals- Corey Collins Corey_collins@cdsfl.org 352-318-9416 Carlos Aguirre Carlos_aguirre@cdsfl.org 352-318-9431</p>	<p>3615 SW 13th Street, Suite 4 Gainesville, FL 32608</p> <p>CDS has been serving the communities of North Central Florida for over 40 years. Its services now cover an eleven-county area: Alachua, Dixie, Lafayette, Suwannee, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy, Union, Columbia, Hamilton, & Putnam</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ SNAP®, which stands for STOP NOW AND PLAN, is an evidence-based, cognitive-behavioral model powered by the minds at Child Development Institute (CDI). SNAP® helps troubled children and their parents learn how to effectively manage their emotions and ‘keep problems small’. ♦ Boys & Girls attend gender-specific weekly group sessions for 13 weeks. They learn how to use SNAP® in different situations through engaging activities including, discussions, role-playing and interactive games. A variety of topics, including dealing with angry thoughts and feelings, self-control, problem solving and bullying are addressed. ♦ Parents Group- The parent group meets at the same time as the SNAP® Boys/SNAP® Girls groups. Parents learn effective child management and SNAP® strategies. The group also provides parents with an opportunity to make connections with other parents facing similar challenges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ SNAP® services are completely free to youth and their families ♦ Boys & girls ages 6-11 ♦ Siblings can come- depending on their age and they learn SNAP skills.
<p>Vocational Rehabilitation Laura Henderson, Supervisor Laura.henderson@vr.fldoe.org (352) 955-3200 Fax: (352) 955-3223</p>	<p>2610 NW 43rd ST Suite 1-A Gainesville, FL 32606 www.rehabworks.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Services are designed to assist disabled individuals in their quest to obtain and maintain employment. Programs are tailored to individual needs on a case-by-case basis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Must be classified as physically and/or mentally impaired.
<p>Youth Talk Cassandra Evans McCray cassandra_evans@cdsfl.org (352) 244-0618 24/7 Line: (352) 244-0666 Lake City (386) 487-0190 Palatka (386) 385-0405 <i>live counselor, dial ext. 555</i></p>	<p>www.cdsfl.org/youth/youth-talk/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Children can call Youth Talk 24 hours a day to gain access to a counselor. The service is completely confidential. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Call for assistance ♦ Free every minute

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS:

Program	Address	Services Provided	How to Refer Families?
Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches <i>Boys Ranch, Live Oak</i> Amber Friis, Program Director afriis@youthranches.org (386) 842-5555 Fax: (386) 842-1029 <i>Youth Villa, Bartow (Girls)</i> Erika Key, Program Director ekkey@youthranches.org (863) 533-0371 Fax: (863) 533-7006 <i>Youth Ranch, Bradenton</i> Douglas Gillum, Camp Director Dgillum@youthranches.org (941) 776-1777 Fax: (941) 776-2812 <i>Youth Ranch, Safety Harbor</i> Chuck Deitch, Program Director cdeitch@youthranches.org (727) 725-4761 Fax: (727) 799-9243	www.youthranches.org 1813 Cecil Webb Place Boys Ranch, FL 32060 P.O. Box 2000 Boys Ranch, FL 32064 3350 State Road 60 E Bartow, FL 33830 751 Rye Wilderness Trail Parrish, FL 34219 3180 Enterprise Road E Safety Harbor, FL 34695	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Dedicated to the prevention of juvenile delinquency and the development of lawful, productive citizens, the Youth Ranches includes four residential child-care campuses and two camps helping to restore hope, fulfill dreams, and prepare boys and girls for the future. Additionally, community-based services provide intensive family counseling, family life education, foster care and other services to as many of Florida's troubled and at-risk children as possible. ♦ Locations include Live Oak, Bartow, and Safety Harbor, Florida ♦ Youth Ranch, Bradenton is a residential camp program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Ages 8-18 ♦ Before picking up application contact the program closest to their county and ask to speak with the Intake Coordinator for their area. If unsure contact any program and ask to speak with Intake Coordinator who covers their County. The operator will refer the family directly to the Intake Coordinator for that area and a direct cell phone number for this person. The Intake Coordinator will work with the family/youth throughout the application/admission process. If the inquiry has access to a computer they can go on-line. There they will find an online application to start the process as well as other information. The Request for Service application is not available on-line. Once it is filled out it must be returned to the Sheriff's office for his/her signature. The Sheriff's office may fax application in but original must be mailed.
Florida Youth Challenge Academy (904) 682-4000 Fax: (904) 682-3990 James R. Ransom, Program Director Jransom@flyca.info Alesia Johnson ajohnson@flyca.info	5629 State Road 16 West Bldg. 3800 Starke, FL 32091 http://www.floridayouthchallengeacademy.org/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The Florida Youth Challenge is a residential school for at-risk youth that provides a highly disciplined and Motivational environment, free from outside distractions, which fosters academics, leadership, development, personal growth, self-esteem, and physical fitness for qualifying high school dropouts. ♦ This program consists of three phases: Pre-Challenge phase (2 weeks), Challenge phase (5 months), and Post-residential phase (12 months). ♦ Program is provided free of charge for those who apply and are accepted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Ages 16-18, can turn 19 the day after the report day ♦ Applicants must not be in school (dropped out, expelled, or not enrolled), citizen or legal resident of the US and Florida, unemployed/ underemployed, not currently on probation or parole for anything other than misdemeanor offenses, not charged/ under indictment

Admissions Department 904-682-4002/4031/4033 admissions@floridayouthchallengeacademy.org			/awaiting sentencing/ convicted of a felony (case must be closed with probation status), free of illegal drugs, physically and mentally capable of completing the program, and applying on their own free will.
CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services Interface Youth Shelter Cassandra Evans McCray, Interface Central Regional Coord. Cassandra_evans@cdfsfl.org Gainesville: (352) 244-0618 Toll Free: (800) 854-5377 Fax: 352-244-0668	1400 NW 29 th Road Gainesville, FL 32605 http://www.cdfsfl.org/youth/interface-youth-program-shelters/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Temporary shelter for runaway, truant, or troubled youth; provides a safe and caring environment for youth in crisis. ♦ Staff helps youth develop ways to make better choices about how to deal with family, school, and personal problems. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Ages 10 – 17 ♦ Services are available 24 hours a day ♦ No charge

LEGAL ADVOCACY:

Program	Address	Services Provided	How to Refer Families
Gator Team Child Meshon Rawls, Director rawls@law.ufl.edu (352) 273-0800 Fax: (352)392-0414	P.O. Box 117625 Gainesville, FL 32611 https://www.law.ufl.edu/areas-of-study/experiential-learning/clinics/civil/gator-team-child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Gator Team Child is a legal service program that represents indigent children regarding a variety of issues including dependency, emancipation, delinquency, and school discipline. It is operated at the University of Florida's Levin College of Law. ♦ Student teams collaborate with other professionals in the community, including caseworkers, psychiatrists, and physicians. Teams also prepare treatment and dispositional plans that address the needs of the child and family. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Ages <18 ♦ Children are referred by courts, Guardian Ad Litem, school personnel, public defenders, prosecutors, state agency case workers, and/or other agencies. ♦ Can be contacted without referral
Three Rivers Legal Services Chris Larson, Director chris.larson@trls.org (352) 372-0519 Toll Free: (866) 256-8091 Fax: (352) 375-1631	901 NW 8 th AVE Suite D-5 Gainesville, FL 32601 www.trls.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. is a local, non-profit corporation funded for the sole purpose of providing free civil legal services to low-income, eligible clients ♦ Three Rivers Legal Services provides a full range of civil legal help, including emancipation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Eligibility is based on household income and size, assets and case type. ♦ Call to make an appointment

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS:

Program	Address	Services Provided	How to Refer Families
Cornerstone Solutions, Inc. Job Corps Services Linda Rutledge-Calhoun, Career Transition Specialist lrcalhoun@csiteamonline.com (352) 505-2177 Fax: (352) 505-0736	901 NW 8 th Ave. Suite A-2 Gainesville, FL 32601 http://www.csiteamonline.com/index.html	♦ Cornerstone Solutions, Inc. (CSI) is a professional, administrative, and management support services business; and is poised to provide a wide array of solutions, products and services to our public and private clients and partners, with a particular focus on youth and young adults – our future.	♦ Eligibility varies with each individual case
CareerSource North Central Florida Calandra Bradford, WIA Youth Program Manager cbradford@careersourcencfl.com (352) 244-5921 Fax: (352) 244-5971	4800 SW 13 th St. Gainesville, FL 32608 http://www.floridaworksonline.com/jobseekers/youth-services	♦ WIA Youth Program - a year round program serving youth 14-21 who live in Alachua or Bradford County. Youth specialists work in the area high schools, but it is not necessary to be attending school in order to receive their services. ♦ The program includes employability skills training, summer work experience, job assessments, and job listings.	♦ Ages 14-21 ♦ Eligibility varies with each individual case ♦ Anyone over 21 can be referred to Florida Works in Gainesville/Starke, along with parents of youth, who need employment assistance.
Gainesville Job Corps Center Annie Pearl Brown, Center Director (352) 377-2555 (352) 381-6873 Fax: (352) 374-8257	5301 NE 40 th Terrace Gainesville, FL 32609 http://gainesville.jobcorps.gov/home.aspx	♦ Job Corps is the nation's oldest and largest federally funded residential job training and education program for economically disadvantaged youth, ages 16-24. ♦ Gainesville Job Corps Center offers education and training opportunities to help train for long-term, specialized careers. ♦ Job Corps offers on-site job skills training in office technology, carpeting, plastering, tile setting, painting, facilities maintenance, auto technician, phlebotomy, culinary arts, health occupations, and pre-law enforcement, CMA, CAN, and is the only Advanced Solar trade in the country. ♦ Provides opportunity to get a GED or high school diploma. Gainesville Job Corps Center is a partner with Santa Fe Community College, the University of Florida, and has a charter High School (SiaTech) that buses students to the school. ♦ Up to 350 Participants live in dorm style housing on the center's campus.	♦ Ages 16-24 ♦ Funding comes from the Department of Labor, so there is no direct cost.
Project Youth Build Rachel Gillis	408 W. University Ave, Gainesville, FL 32608	♦ Project Youth Build is 7 month leadership development program that provides youth with a second chance to	♦ Ages 16 to 24

Email: rgillis@iwionline.org Office: 352-225-3307	Suite 112	earn their high school diploma, occupational skills training and job skills. Students are trained in light construction and spend a vast amount of their time giving back and serving the Alachua County community. Students have the ability to earn a biweekly stipend and educational award to aid in post-secondary education.	
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FOR THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS/FAMILIES:

Program	Address	Services Provided	How to Refer Families
Camelot Community Care Naomie Accluche Family Services Planning Team Coordinator naccluche@camelotcommunitycare.org Office: (352) 843-2415 Fax: (352) 671-7379	7731 W. Newberry Road STE. A1 Gainesville, FL 32606 www.camelotcommunitycare.org	♦ Camelot Community Care's Family Services Planning Team coordinates staffing to initiate community wrap-around services for children who are diagnosed with an emotional behavioral disability (EBD) or are documented to be at risk. The goal of these staffing is to maintain the stability of the child in the community utilizing traditional mental health/substance abuse services and nontraditional community supports in order to divert children from residential placement whenever possible.	♦ Ages 0-17 ♦ Referrals by community stakeholder or parent ♦ Services are free of charge to participants
Children's Home Society Jennifer Anchors, Executive Director Jennifer.anchors@chsfl.org (866) 427-5451 Fax: (352) 334-4345	711 NW 1 st ST Gainesville, FL 32601 www.helpfloridachildren.org/ www.chsfl.org	♦ Programs offered at CHS are adoption, mentoring, family visitation center for Lake City and Gainesville, healthy families, in-home parenting, crisis response team, and Family Treasures thrift shop	♦ Call for referral procedures. ♦ No self-referrals ♦ Services are free.
Community Action Agency info@cfcaa.org (352) 373-7667 Fax: (352) 378-2168	1405 NW 13 th Street, Suite B Gainesville, FL 32601 http://www.cfcaa.org/	♦ CFCAA is a private non-profit community-based organization designed to represent the public, poor, and private sector. The agency's purpose is to reduce poverty, and help low-income individuals to become self-sufficient in Alachua, Levy, and Marion counties. ♦ Programs include Utility Assistance, Home Weatherization, Family Self-Sufficiency Program, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance, Meals on Wheels and Emergency Assistance.	♦ Programs at CFCAA are volunteer-based. Participants must be eligible for certain programs. ♦ Appointments only
Family Action Peggy Vickers, Regional Coordinator	3615 SW 13 th Street, Suite 4	♦ Counseling provided on a 24-hours basis. ♦ Family Action works to reestablish communication between parents and teens through family intervention	♦ Ages 6 – 17 ♦ Free of charge for all basic services

peggy_vickers@cdfsfl.org (352) 244-0628 ext. 3833 Fax: (352) 244-0668	Gainesville, FL 32608 www.cdfsfl.org		
Fearnside Family Service Center Ann Crowell, Director crowelma@gm.sbac.edu (352) 955-6875 Fax: (352) 955-6965	3600 NE 15 th ST Gainesville, FL 32609	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Head Start is a federally funded nationwide program for preschool children from low-income families and children with special needs to increase social competence and self-esteem. ♦ Families of young children can receive coordinated services to help them achieve economic and social independence, with assistance from family services liaisons. Other onsite services include adult education/GED preparation, Women, Infant and Children (WIC) services, and emergency referral services. 	♦ Ages 3-5
Gainesville Family Institute Dr. Herb Steier, Ph.D. familyInstitute@yahoo.com (352) 376-5543 Fax: (352) 376-2042	1031 NW 6 th ST Suite C2 Gainesville, FL 2601 http://gainesvillefamilyinstitute.com/	♦ GFI is a private practice counseling center that works with families to find the best interest of children in divorce cases. GFI offers a court approved parenting class for those divorcing or seeking custody re-evaluation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Call for appointment or to register for classes. ♦ GFI does not discriminate against any applicants for any reason.
Gainesville Housing Authority contactus@gnvha.org (352) 872-5500 Fax: (352) 872-5501	1900 S.E. 4 th St. Gainesville, Florida 32641 http://www.gainesvillehousingauthority.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Administers housing programs for low income persons ♦ Administers over 1,000 section 8 vouchers which allow low income persons to rent privately owned houses or apartments ♦ Special housing programs to assist veterans and persons with mental disabilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Low income families ♦ May apply online or at computer in lobby at the GHA
Partnership for Strong Families partnershipinfo@pfsf.org (352) 244-1500 Toll Free: (866) 310-7326 Fax: (352) 244-1636	5950 NW 1 st Place Suite A Gainesville, Florida 32607 http://www.pfsf.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ PSF is contracted by the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) to deliver comprehensive child welfare services to children who are victims of abuse and neglect ♦ PSF also works with at-risk families to prevent child abuse and to decrease the risk of children entering the out-of-home care system. ♦ PSF serves nearly 5,000 children in 13 counties annually, including Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties. 	♦ Referred through Protective Services

SWAG Family Resource Center Tony Delisle, Chair twave@hnp.ufl.edu Katie Fields, Manager Katie.fields@pfsf.org (352) 505-6823	807 SW 16 th Terr Gainesville, FL 32607 http://swadvocacygroup.org/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The SWAG Family Resource Center is the site of our partnership with the Southwest Advocacy Group (SWAG), a local grassroots non-profit organization developed to assess and advocate for resources to meet the needs of the residents in southwest Gainesville. ♦ Our partnership aims to provide programs, services and activities for the community that connects residents with resources and opportunities otherwise inaccessible due to income and transportation limitations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ No age eligibility – children must have parental supervision ♦ No fee – parents submit an application for child to participate ♦ Open Mon. & Wed.-9:30 am-4:30 pm; Tues. & Thurs - 9:00 am -6:00 pm; Fri. – 9:30am-4:00pm
Library Partnership Resource Center Carressa Hutchinson, Resource Center Manager Carressa.hutchinson@pfsf.org (352) 334-0161	1130 NE 16 th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601 www.pfsf.org/resource-centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The Library Partnership is a place where families can go to obtain the services they need to increase their strength and independence. It is both a fully functional branch of the Alachua County Library and a neighborhood resource center where families can receive a myriad of services from any of the center's 30+ partnering agencies. ♦ All services are Free 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Open Monday, Tuesday, and Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Cone Park Library Resource Center Cherie Kelly, Resource Center Coordinator Cherie.kelly@pfsf.org (352) 334-0456	2841 E. University Avenue, A. Gainesville, FL 32641 www.pfsf.org/resource-centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The Cone Park Library Resource Center is located within the new Cone Park Library, which opened its doors December 2013. The center is staffed by PSF and provides a similar array of services as offered at the Library Partnership. The center is designed to serve the needs of Southeast Gainesville and is surrounded by the Fred Cone Park, which offers both indoor and outdoor recreational facilities, a playground, basketball courts and a track. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Open Monday-Friday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.