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Marion County Community Resource Guide • 1/2

LOCAL HELP. ONE PLACE TO START.

A practical handout assembled for our community. Share it with churches, chaplains, counselors, schools, families and anyone helping a neighbor find the next right door.

911

Immediate danger / medical emergency

988

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

211

Local health & human-service navigation

Healthy Ocala

352-622-3662 / county resource directory

FOOD / CLOTHING / DAILY NEEDS

Interfaith Emergency Services

Food, clothing, emergency assistance, showers, case management and shelter support.

CALL: 352-629-8868

GO: 435 NW 2nd St, Ocala

WEB: iesmarion.org

EMAIL: info@iesmarion.org

Brother's Keeper

Emergency food/personals, clothing, furniture, utility/medication help and soup kitchen.

CALL: 352-622-3846

GO: 320 NW 10th St, Ocala

WEB: bkocala.org

EMAIL: info@bkocala.org

Apply in person for Emergency Services.

Gateway to Hope Ministries

Drive-through free food plus prepared community meals.

GO: 3803 NE 7th St, Ocala

WEB: gatewaytohopeministries.com

His Compassion / Living Waters

Food distribution and emergency food assistance.

CALL: 352-351-0732

GO: 2000 NE 78th St, Ocala

Call to confirm current distribution schedule.

MORE FOOD PANTRIES

Ocala First United Methodist

1126 E Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala

352-622-3244

Salvation Army Food Pantry

2901 NE 14th St, Ocala

352-629-2004

Immaculate Heart of Mary

10670 SE Maricamp Rd, Ocala

cficc.org/css/immaculate-heart-of-mary

Bellevue United Methodist

5640 SE Brown Rd, Bellevue

bellevuemc.net/food-pantry.html

Ramah Missionary Baptist

10545 SE 58th Ave, Bellevue

352-245-1944

Wings of Faith Fellowship

5066 SE 64th Ave Rd, Ocala

352-687-4600 • fly.wingsoffaith.com/ministries

MEDICAL / DENTAL / VISION

Heart of Florida Health Center

Primary medical, pediatric, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy and case management; sliding fees available.

CALL: 352-732-6599

GO: 1025 SW 1st Ave, Ocala

WEB: myhfhc.org

EMAIL: info@heartoffloridahealthcenter.org

Multiple Marion County locations.

FreeD.O.M. Clinic USA

Free dental, optical, medical and health-education services for qualifying Marion County residents.

CALL: 352-421-5510

GO: 1056 SW 1st Ave, Ocala

WEB: freedomclinicusa.org

La Guadalupana Medical & Dental

Free medical and basic dental care for eligible uninsured Marion County residents.

CALL: 352-509-6996

GO: 11185 W Hwy 40, Ocala

WEB: cficc.org/clinics

Appointment required.

DOH-Marion Dental Clinic

Dental exams, preventive/restorative care and emergency/problem visits; sliding scale for uninsured.

CALL: 352-622-2664

GO: 1501 W Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala

WEB: marion.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/clinical-and-nutrition-services/dental-clinic

Hope Clinic

Free compassionate healthcare and navigation for uninsured/low-income Marion County residents.

CALL: 352-877-9907

GO: 108 N Pine Ave #200, Ocala

WEB: hopeclinicocala.com

NEED FOOD NOW?

Use Second Harvest Marion or Feeding America. Pantry hours and inventory change - call ahead when possible.

feedhopenow.org/find-help/community-resources-marion/

feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank

SHELTER / HOUSING

Interfaith Emergency Shelter

Emergency shelter and self-sufficiency support for women, single parents and families.

CALL: 352-629-8868

GO: 435 NW 2nd St, Ocala

WEB: iesmarion.org

EMAIL: info@iesmarion.org

Bed availability applies.

Salvation Army Center of Hope

Emergency shelter and homelessness/basic-needs support.

CALL: 352-732-8326

GO: 320 NW 1st Ave, Ocala

WEB: salvationarmyflorida.org/ocala

Open Arms Village

Men's housing plus recovery, counseling and support toward independence.

CALL: 352-304-6229

GO: 1839 NE 8th Rd, Ocala

WEB: openarmsvillageocala.org

EMAIL: oav.director@yahoo.com

Project Hope

Emergency/transitional housing support for adults with children.

CALL: 352-624-4673

GO: 830 NE 28th St, Unit 201, Ocala

WEB: projecthopeocala.org

CASA Marion

24/7 domestic-violence hotline, advocacy, safety planning and emergency shelter.

CALL: 352-722-2272

GO: 717 SW MLK Jr Ave, Bldg 6, Ocala

WEB: casamarion.org



THE NEXT RIGHT DOOR.

For needs that require treatment, recovery, employment, education, financial stability, safety, legal help or a trained ministry response.

MENTAL HEALTH / ADDICTION

Beacon Point

24/7 behavioral-health and substance-use access, crisis care, detox/residential recovery and support.

CALL: 352-565-5700

GO: 717 SW MLK Jr Ave, Ocala

WEB: mchdt.org/beacon-point

After-hours number listed by Healthy Ocala: 352-255-6985.

SMA Healthcare

Mental-health and addiction services for adults/youth; crisis help available 24/7.

CALL: 800-539-4228

GO: 5664 SW 60th St, Ocala

WEB: smahealthcare.org

NAMI Marion County

Free education, support groups and advocacy for people living with mental-health conditions and families.

CALL: 352-368-2405

GO: 324 SE 24th St, Ocala

WEB: namimariioncountyfl.org

Together to Thrive

Free faith-based peer support for depression, anxiety, mood disorders, addiction and co-occurring struggles.

CALL: 352-261-3367

WEB: togethertothrive.com

New Season Treatment Center

Outpatient opioid-use treatment with medication-assisted treatment and counseling.

CALL: 352-732-6565

GO: Ocala

WEB: newseason.com

EMPLOYMENT / CAREER / EDUCATION

CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion

Job search help, career coaching, training pathways, resume/computer resources and employer connections.

CALL: 352-840-5700

GO: 2703 NE 14th St, Ocala

WEB: careersourceclm.com

Marion County Literacy Council

Adult literacy, GED, ESOL, computer literacy, career coaching and financial-literacy workshops.

CALL: 352-690-7323

GO: 120 SW 5th St, Ocala

WEB: marionliteracy.org

Community Home Project

Free employment help, tutoring, continuing education, healthcare navigation, dental clinics, nutrition and family support.

CALL: 352-671-4186

GO: 306 NW 7th Ave, Bldg 3, Ocala

WEB: mchdt.org/community-home-project

Wear Gloves

Workforce readiness, certifications, resume-building, coaching and stability services built around dignity.

CALL: 352-727-0239

GO: 98 NE 9th St, Ocala

WEB: weargloves.org

FINANCIAL LITERACY / STABILITY

UF/IFAS Extension - Marion County

Family & Consumer Sciences education including financial management and homeownership.

CALL: 352-671-8400

GO: 2232 NE Jacksonville Rd, Ocala

WEB: styl.ifas.ufl.edu/marion

Marion County Literacy Council

Financial education plus literacy, GED, ESOL and career coaching.

CALL: 352-690-7323

GO: 120 SW 5th St, Ocala

WEB: marionliteracy.org/programs

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

1. Start with the category that matches the immediate need.
2. Call first when possible; hours, funding, eligibility and capacity change.
3. If one agency cannot help, ask for a warm referral rather than stopping.
4. For complex needs, use Healthy Ocala or 211 to identify additional options.
5. Immediate danger: 911. Suicidal or mental-health crisis: call/text 988.

FAMILY / YOUTH / DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

CASA Marion

24/7 hotline, advocacy, safety planning and emergency shelter for domestic-violence survivors.

CALL: 352-722-2272

GO: 717 SW MLK Jr Ave, Bldg 6, Ocala

WEB: casamarion.org

Kimberly's Center for Child Protection

Child-protection and support services; local victim-resource partner.

CALL: 352-873-4739

WEB: kimberlyscenter.org

The Pearl Project

Trauma-informed caregiver/child support, training, groups and foster/adoptive resources.

CALL: 352-405-5005

GO: 625 NE 12th Ave, Ocala

WEB: thepearlproject.org

EMAIL: joy@thepearlproject.org

VETERANS / LEGAL / ADVOCACY

Marion County Veterans Services

VA compensation, pension, healthcare, education, death/burial benefits and replacement medals.

CALL: 352-671-8422

GO: 2730 E Silver Springs Blvd, Unit 100, Ocala

WEB: marionfl.org/agencies-departments-facilities-offices/veterans-services

Community Legal Services

Free/low-cost civil legal assistance; consumer, family, domestic-violence and education matters.

CALL: 352-629-0105

GO: 222 SW Broadway St, Ocala

WEB: clsmf.org

Ocala Police Victim Advocates

Victim advocacy and local referrals, including domestic-violence resources.

CALL: 352-369-7139

GO: 402 S Pine Ave, Ocala

WEB: ocalapd.gov/resources/victim-services/domestic-violence

NAVIGATION / DIRECTORIES

Healthy Ocala

Broad Marion County directory for behavioral health, substance use, housing, food, employment, veterans and more.

CALL: 352-622-3662

WEB: mchdt.org/all-resources

Second Harvest - Marion Resources

County resource directory plus pantry/food finder.

CALL: 407-295-1066

GO: 4045 NE 36th Ave, Ocala

WEB: feedhopenow.org/find-help/community-resources-marion

United Way 211

Local health and human-service navigation.

CALL: 211

WEB: 211.org

CHAPLAINCY / MINISTRY SERVICE

Ignite Chaplaincy Training

10-week / 20-hour chaplaincy certification published by Ignite Ministries. Public materials direct inquiries to Pastor Bobby.

CALL: 302-525-1455

GO: 1601 NE 25th Ave #500, Ocala

WEB: igniteocala.com

Call for current schedule and registration.

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