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**ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS:**

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| **Program** | **Address** | **Services Provided** | **Population Served**  **& How to Refer Kids** |  | **Alternative Schools** |
| **A. Quinn Jones Center**  Leonard Weiss, Ph. D, Principal  weissli@gm.sbac.edu  (352) 955-6840  Fax: (352) 955-6840 | 1108 NW 7th AVE  Gainesville, FL 32601  www.sbac.edu/~aqjones/ | * Special day school that provides a therapeutic environment for severely emotionally disturbed students. | * Grades K-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. |
| **AMI KIDS Gainesville**  Cedric Cliatt, Executive Director  Gainesville-ed@amikids.org  (386) 418-5235 | 100 SE 134th AVE  Micanopy, FL 32667 | * Combines education, treatment and behavior modification to provide a holistic, comprehensive approach to the needs of at risk youth * Residential programs, day programs, Infinity Schools, WINGS, Functional Family Therapy | * Ages 14-18 * Court-ordered or referred by the School Board |
| **Horizon Center**  James Speer, Principal  speerjh@gm.sbac.edu  (352) 955-7250  Fax: (352) 955-7122 | 2802 NE 8th AVE  Gainesville, FL 32641  www.sbac.edu/~horizon/ | * The Horizon Center is a 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. | * Grades 6-12 * School Board referrals |
| **Job Corps**  Samuel Kolapo, Center Director  (352) 377-2555  Fax: (352) 374-82-57 | 5301 NE 40th TERR  Gainesville, FL 32609  www.jobcorpsregion3.com/  jcCenters/gainesvilleJCC.html | * Job Corps is the nation’s oldest and largest federally funded residential job training and education program for economically disadvantaged youth. * Gainesville Job Corps Center offers education and training opportunities to help train for long-tern, 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. * 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) on center. * Up to 350 participants live in dorm style housing on the center’s campus. * Thursdays at 9a.m. – open enrollment | * Ages 16-24 * Funding comes from the Department of Labor, so there is no direct cost. |
| **Loften High School**  Dr. Chet Sanders, Principal  sandercs@gm.sbac.edu  (352) 955-6839 ext. 243  Fax: (352) 955-6999 | 3000 E. University AVE  Gainesville, FL 32614  www.sbac.edu/~loften/ | * *Accept Program* – Provides an Alternative school for pregnant teens. Courses include parenting, pre and post natal health courses. Infant care is available on a limited basis, up to three years of age. * *Professional Academics Magnet* *Program* – Designed for students who are currently enrolled in one of the county high schools and are interested in developing job skills | * This program requires an application and is open to all Alachua County students in grades 9-12. |
| **PACE Center For Girls**  Kathie Southwick, Ed. S, LMHC  Kathie.Southwick@pacecenter.org  (352) 374-8799  Fax: (352) 378-6602 | 1010 SE 4th AVE  Gainesville, FL 32601  http://www.pacecenter.org/Alachua.htm | * PACE is a program for girls who are not meeting with success in public school and are experiencing difficulty or conflict at school or at home. * PACE provides intensive educational and counseling services to these girls for up to 18 months in an effort to help them better understand what is going on in their lives and make better choices to enable them to reach their potential. * Length of stay is determined by the needs of the individual girl. | * Girls ages 12-17 * Reasons for referrals include (but are not limited to) academic underachievement, delinquency, substance abuse, truancy, depression, victimization/abuse and suspension/expulsion. Referrals are accepted from any source. * There is no charge for students to attend PACE. * Bus passes are provided * Girl must reside in Alachua or Marion County |

**AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS & MENTORING:**

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| **Program** | | **Address** | **Services Provided** | | **Population Served and**  **How to Refer Kids?** | |  | | **After-School Programs & Mentoring** |
| **Big Brothers and Big Sisters**  John Bonacci  john@bbbsmidflorida.org  (352) 375-2525  Fax: (352) 375-0319 | | 1155 NW 13th ST  Gainesville, FL 32601  http://www.bbbsmidflorida.org/ | * 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. | | * Boys and girls ages 5-17 * Referred by partner schools or parent/guardians may enroll their youth. | |
| **Boys & Girls Clubs**  Keith Blanchard, Chief Professional Officer  keith@myboysandgirlsclub.com  (352) 372-5342  Fax: (352) 373-3885 | | P.O. Box 358452  Gainesville, FL 32635  www.myboysandgirlsclub.com  Boys & Girls Clubs of America http://www.bgca.org/ | * 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, Smart Choices, 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 and Soccer.” | | * Ages 6-18 * Annual membership fee is $60/yr at both the NW and SE Units and $5/yr at the Woodland Park and Eastwood Meadows Units & residents of GHA). $90/yr for two or more children. | |
| **Cultural Arts Coalition**  Nkwanda Jah, Director  njah52@hotmail.com  (352) 372-0216  Fax: (352) 372-0876 | | 321 NW 10th ST  Gainesville, FL 32601  P.O. Box 198  Gainesville, FL 32602  www.culturalartscoalition.org | * “Environmental Ambassador” Program is an employment program for teenagers. This program helps teens to learn how to work taking care of the environment. * The “Girl Power” program is an after-school program for girls ages 10-13 * “Gentlemen Distinction” is an after-school program targeting African American boys ages 6-12 from low income neighborhoods who have a history of drugs in their families. | | * Ages 14-21 * Individuals are referred via community organizations, school officials, and past recipients of the program. * These programs are offered free of charge to their participants. | |
| **Dignity Project Second Generation**  Kim Lapan, Director  Kim.lapan@yahoo.com  thedignityproject@gmail.com  (352) 371-6792 | 1125 SE 4th ST Gainesville, FL 32601  www.thedignityproject.com | | * 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 | * 16+ | | | |
| **Focus on Leadership**  Larry McDaniel  Lmcde8@yahoo.com  (352) 275-7538  Fax: (352) 338-3299 | PO Box 2413  Gainesville, FL 32602 | | * *Young Women on the Rise-* Mentoring program for girls 10-14. * *Motivator One-* Youth basketball for kids 9-16. League provides additional training by providing seminars. Athletes talk to youth about making positive choices, drug and alcohol abuse, self respect, and they serve as a positive role model. * *Mentorship Program-* Targets middle school girls ages 10-15 from Alachua, Gainesville, Hawthorne, High Springs, and Newberry. | * Girls and Boys, ages 7-15 * The majority of students are identified by school guidance counselors, law enforcement, and criminal justice agencies as exhibiting potential for experiencing difficulties in establishing themselves as good citizens and students. | | | |
| **Alachua County Sheriff’s Office Explorer Post 983**  Sgt Kelvin Jenkins-Senior Advisor  [kjenkins@alachuasheriff.org](mailto:kjenkins@alachuasheriff.org)  352-367-4122 | 2621 SE Hawthorne Road  Gainesville, Florida 32641 | | -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 (Thursday) at the Alachua County Sheriff’s Office. | * Ages 14-20   -Applicants must be in good physical condition, must maintain a 2.5 GPA, must not have an arrest record (misdemeanor or felony), alcohol and tobacco free, must complete the Alachua County Sheriff’s Office background check, and be a resident of Alachua County. | | | |
| **Gainesville Police Explorers**  Dontonya Smith, Advisor  smithdc@cityofgainesville.org  (352) 334-2430 | 413 NW 8th Avenue  Gainesville, FL 32601  https://gainesvillepd.org/index.php/community-programs/explorers | | * 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 once 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. | * 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.**  Renae Clements, Executive Director  info@girlsplaceinc.org  (352) 373-4475  Fax: (352) 373-5550 | 2101 NW 39th AVE  Gainesville, FL 32605  www.girlsclubnet.org | | * The Girls Club provides four main programs that are available for members:  1. After-school program, costing $49 per week for elementary age children or $41 per week if the child qualifies for free or reduced lunch at school. Middle school age girls pay $25 per week. 2. Summer day camp, costing $75 per week for girls of all ages or $65 if the child qualifies for free or reduced lunch at school. 3. Athletic league, which runs seasonal sports such as volleyball, basketball, and soccer at a cost of $75 for an 8-10 week season. 4. Specialty classes, which include Girl Scout troops, coin collecting classes, piano lessons, etc. There usually is not a fee associated with the specialty classes.  * The annual fee for membership is $20 and $15 for a second child (sibling). * Early learning coalition program | | | * Ages 5-18 | |
| **Reichert House**  John Alexander, Director  Info@reicherthouse.org  (352) 334-2320  Fax: (352) 334-2166 | 1704 SE 2nd AVE  Gainesville, FL 32601  [www.reicherthouse.org](http://www.reicherthouse.org/) | | * The Reichert House is a para- military style, after-school program that seeks to help at-risk youth * Programs available through the Reichert House: Educational Enhancement, Life & Employability Skills, Recreation, and Character Development * *Beta Sigma Alpha* is a youth fraternity that provides service to the house, and the community. Teaches leadership skills. * *Rites of Passage* is a program that teaches kids about their heritage. | | | * Must be a male Alachua County resident, enrolled in school (grades 5-12) between the ages of 11-18, complete an application and submit a letter of recommendation. * Referrals into the program can be through school staff, parents, self-referral, and neighborhood crime watches. There is no cost to participate in the program. | |
| **Take Stock In Children**  Nikki Wagner, Associate Director  wagnerng@gm.sbac.edu  (352) 955-7246  Fax: (352) 955-7240 | 1725 SE 1st AVE  Gainesville, FL 32641  www.takestockinchildren.com  www.acpsf.org/takstock.html | | * Take Stock in Children is an incentive scholarship and mentoring program administered locally by the Alachua County Public Schools Foundation. * 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. * Take Stock breaks the cycle of poverty by providing a post secondary education, mentors, and hope for at risk youth | | | * 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. Please contact the program for application information. | |
| **Teen Court**  Elizabeth Edwards  Teen Court Coordinator  eedwards@acso.us  (352) 367-4125  Fax: (352) 374-1809 | Alachua County Sheriff’s Office  2621 SE Hawthorne Road  Gainesville, FL 32641  Mailing Address:  P.O. Box 5489  Gainesville, FL 32627  www.alachuasheriff.org | | * Teen Court is a crime prevention program and a diversion/alternative sentencing program. * Teen Court meets every Tuesday from 4:15 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. on the second floor of the Courthouse located at 201 E. University Ave. * Local judges, attorneys, law students, and community leaders volunteer their time as one of two Teen Court Judges to hear the sentencing hearings. * Teenagers from local middle and 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, and substance awareness, and internet safety. * Please visit our website to view the current month’s calendar or call (352) 367-4125 to verify court dates. | | | * Grades 6-12 * 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 and community leaders to volunteer their time | |
| **YMCA**  Brooke Bauzon,  Child Department Director  b.bauzon@nyfymca.org  (352) 374-9622  Fax: (352) 372-5247 | 5201 NW 34th ST Gainesville, FL 32605  www.ncfymca.org/ | | * Offers recreational & competitive sports, after school programs, Leadership in Training programs, camps, enrichment programs, mentoring, child care, fitness, dance & gymnastics, aquatics, and more. | | | * Family membership: $90 joining fee and $66 per month; Single Parent Family $70 joining fee and $55 per month; Youth membership (under 18): $50 joining fee and $29 per month. * No one is turned away from the YMCA due to an inability to pay. | |

**COUNSELING &/OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE:**

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| **Program** | | **Address** | **Services Provided** | **How to Refer Kids?** |
| **Alachua County Rape Crisis & Victim Services**  Loretta Golden  (352) 264-6760 - main line (866) 252-5439 - toll free | | 218 SE 24th ST.  Gainesville, FL 32641 | * The Alachua County Victim Services & Rape Crisis Center provides services to survivors of interpersonal violence, sexual violence and personal injury crimes. * The program has received statewide and national recognition for providing creative and 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 and managing finances, etc. | * Free and open to anyone |
| **Bridge House**  (Meridian Behavioral Healthcare)  Maggie Labarta, President  mlabarta@mbhci.org  (352) 374-5615  Fax: (352) 374-5652 | | 4300 SW 13th ST  Gainesville, FL 32608  www.mbhci.org | * 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 to twelve months. * Aftercare program supports recovery | * 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. |
| **CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services**  Jim Pearce, CEO  (352) 244-0628 x 3824  Receptionist:  (352) 244 0628  ext. 3813  Fax: (352) 244-0668 | | 3615 SW 13 Street, Suite 4  Gainesville, FL 32608  www.cdsfl.org | CDS is a local agency aimed at preventing youth from running away, combating addiction and substance abuse, and reunifying families with troubled youth.  It has been serving the community for more than forty years.   * + Provides short-term residential program through three Interface Youth Shelters, out-patient counseling, and prevention programs in Alachua and 13 other counties in North Central Florida.   + *“Too Good for Drugs” and “Project Success”* (Williston Elementary and Middle) 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.   + *Independent Living-* a program for youth aging out of Foster Care. Contact Rhonda Lockwood (386) 487-0190.   + Programs utilize strategies specifically designed to promote self-awareness, self-esteem, and rehabilitation.   + Reichert House services high-risk African American middle school and high school males in an after school program in Alachua County.   + *Spotlight on Youth-* CDS holds a teen talent show each spring to give recognition to youth who are excelling in music and the arts | * + Most services are offered free of charge to participants   + .Counselors can travel to see participants in their homes, schools, or other location   + Counseling is offered to youth and/or parents |
| **Crisis Center**  Marshall Knudson, Ph. D., Director  mlk@alachuacounty.us  (352) 264-6789  Fax: (352) 264-6777 | | 218 SE 24th ST  Gainesville, FL 32641  http://crisiscenter.alachua.fl.us/ | * The Crisis Line is offered 24 hours a day and is operated by trained volunteers. Crisis Counseling is offered from 8:30am-5:00pm Monday through 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  email: roy@prxdps.com | | 7003 NW 11th Place, Suite 6.  Gainesville, FL 32605 | * This program specializes in anger management, conflict resolution, substance abuse, and communication skills. Other issues can be addressed as needed. * Diversified Human Services contracts with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice to provide adolescent and family counseling services. | * DJJ youth, ages 10-19 * The Adolescent must be on probation and referred by their Juvenile Probation Officer to qualify for free services. * Limited slots available for private/pay clients. |
| **Peaceful Paths**  (352) 377-5690 | |  | * 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. | * Children who have witnessed domestic violence |
| **Planned Parenthood**  Clinic: (352) 377-0881  Education: (352) 376-9000  Fax: (352) 374-6823  vpexternal@ppnfl.org | 914 NW 13th St.  Gainesville, FL. 32601  ppncf@ppfa.org | | * Planned Parenthood of North Central Florida (PPNCF) provides high-quality, affordable reproductive healthcare and education at its clinic. * Birth control counseling and supplies (including prescription methods and free male and female condoms) * Emergency contraception (commonly known as “the morning-after pill” or Plan B) - ID required for age verification. * Pregnancy testing and non-biased 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. | * Men and women Ages 14 and older w/o parent/guardian * Clinic is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00-5:00, Tuesdays 10 am – 6pm and Thursdays 11am – 7pm. * Must call to make an appt, unless you need HIV or pregnancy testing. * HIV testing: Free on Wednesday mornings from 9 – 12:00. * Pregnancy testing: $2.00 for ages 14 – 17 and $5.00 for ages 18 and older. Free walk-in testing Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9am, - 11am and 1pm – 4pm and Tuesdays 11am – 1 pm, 3pm- 6pm. |
| **Vocational Rehabilitation**  Laura Henderson  Laura.henderson@vr.fldoe.org  (352) 955-3200  Fax: (352) 955-3223 | 2610 NW 43rd ST  Suite 1-A  Gainesville, FL 32606  www.rehabworks.org | | * 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. | * Must be classified as physically and/or mentally impaired. |
| **Youth Talk**  Cassandra Evans  cassandra\_evans@cdsfl.org  (352) 2440666  Fax: (352) | http://www.cornerdrugstore.org/  YouthTalk.htm | | * Children can call Youth Talk 24 hours a day to gain access to a counselor. The service is completely confidential. | * Call for assistance |

**RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS:**

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| **Program** | **Address** | | **Services Provided** | **How to Refer Kids?** | |
| **Florida Sheriff’s Youth Ranches**  Boys Ranch, Live Oak  Brad Gregory  BGregory@youthranches.org  (386) 842-5555  Fax: (386) 842-1029  Youth Villa (Girls)  Jim Semple  Jsemple@youthranches.org  (863) 533-0371  Fax: (863) 533-7006  Youth Ranch @ Bradenton  Dominic Morales  Dmorales@youthranches.org  (941) 776-1777  Fax: (941) 776-2812  Youth Ranch @ Safety Harbor  Scott Halbach – Program Director  Shalbach@youthranches.org  (727) 725-4761  Fax: (727) 799-9243 | www.youthranches.org  P.O. Box 2000  Boys Ranch, FL 32064  3350 SR 60 E  Bartow, FL 33830  751 Rye Wilderness Rd  Bradenton, FL 34212  3180 Enterprise Rd.  Safety Harbor, Fl 34695 | | * 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 Oaks, Bartow, Bradenton, and Safe Harbor, Florida | * Boys ages 8-18 * Before picking up application from local sheriff’s office contact the program closest to their county and ask to speak with the Family Case Manager (FCM) for their area.  If they are unsure just contact any program switchboard and ask to speak with FCM who covers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County.  The switchboard operator will give the caller the name of the FCM for that area and a direct cell phone number for this person.  The FCM would work with the family/youth throughout the application/admission process.  If the inquiry has access to a computer they can go on-line at [www.youthranches.org](http://www.youthranches.org) – there they will find the FCM for their area 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**  Danny Brabham, Program Director  Danny.brabham@fl.ngb.army.mil  James R. Ransom, Deputy Director  James.ransom2@uf.army.mil  (904) 682-4000  1-866-276-9304  Fax: (904) 682-3990  Admissions Dept  (904) 682-4033 | 5629 SR 16 West  Bldg. 3800  Starke, FL 32091  www.ngycp.org/state/fl | | * 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. | * Ages 16-18 * 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/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. | |
| **Interface Youth Shelter**  (352) 224-0618 |  | | * 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. | * Ages 10 – 17 * Services are available 24 hours a day | |
| **Job Corps of Gainesville**  Samuel Kolapo, Center Director  (352) 377-2555  Fax: (352) 374-82-57 | 5301 NE 40th TERR  Gainesville, FL 32609  www.jobcorpsregion3.com/jcCenters/gainesvilleJCC.html | * 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. * 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) on center. * Up to 350 Participates 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. |
| **Pleasant Place**  Stuart Palmer, President  info@pleasantplace.net  Management Firm: BCN Associates (Administration)  (352) 377-9669  House: (352) 373-6993  Fax: (352) 373-6789 | 732 NW 4th ST  Gainesville, FL 32601  408 W University AVE, 6th Floor Gainesville, FL 32601  http://www.pleasantplace.net/ | * Pleasant Place is a safe home for pregnant and parenting teens and provides teen mothers with skills necessary for independent living. * Teens pursuing high school education with a small child are monitored in their academic life and school attendance. * Offers mentorship programs, group counseling and support to all residents * Following each mother's 18th birthday, Pleasant Place assists her in transitioning into independent living within the community, including 2 years of supportive follow-up. | | | * Teen girls * Referrals are received from area social service organizations and agencies. Each teen mother may reside at Pleasant Place as long as she remains enrolled in coursework toward a high school diploma or GED test. |

**LEGAL ADVOCACY:**

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| **Program** | **Address** | **Services Provided** | **How to Refer Kids?** |
| **Gator Team Child**  Meshon Rawls, Director  rawls@law.ufl.edu  (352) 273-0800  Fax: (352)392-0414 | Box 117626  Gainesville, FL 32611  www.law.ufl.edu/centers/juvenile | * 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. | * Ages <18 * Children are referred by courts, guardians ad litem, school personnel, public defenders, prosecutors, state agency case workers, and/or other agencies. * Can be contacted without referral |
| **Three Rivers Legal Services**  alanhill@trls.org  (352) 372-0519  Fax: (352) 376-7631 | 901 NW 8th AVE, # D5 Gainesville, FL 32601  www.trls.org | * 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 | * Eligibility is based on household income, size, assets and case type. * Call to make an appointment |

**EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS:**

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| **Program** | **Address** | **Services Provided** | **How to Refer Kids?** |
| **Florida Works Youth Program**  Jerri Richardson, Supervisor  jrichardson@floridaworksonline.com  (352) 244-5921  Fax: (352) 244-5921 | 4800 SW 13th St.  Gainesville, FL 32608 | * 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. |
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**FOR THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS/FAMILIES:**

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| **Program** | **Address** | **Services Provided** | **How to Refer Families?** |
| **Child Abuse Prevention Project**  Annie McPherson, Program Director  UF Department of Pediatrics  mcphea@peds.ufl.edu  (352) 334-1330  Fax: (352) 334-1543 | 701 SW 16th AVE  Bldg. A  Gainesville, FL 32608  http://capp.peds.ufl.edu | * Designed for parents considered to be at risk for abusing or neglecting their children. This program is designed as a child abuse prevention program and therefore does not accept families with signs of existing abuse. * Home visitors, called Parent Educators, assist the families with parent education and support. | * Ages birth-10 * Families can be referred by DCF Protective Investigators. * There is a limited capacity for referrals from: health department, hospitals, children medical services, doctor’s offices, or self referral. * Referrals must meet program guidelines in order to be eligible. * All referrals must be sent to Partnership for Strong Families |
| **Children’s Home Society**  Jennifer Anchors, Executive Director  Helpfloridachildren@chsfl.org  (352) 334-0955  Fax: (352) 334-0957 | 711 NW 1st 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**  Robert Wilford, Executive Director  info@cfcaa.org  (352) 373-7667  Fax: (352) 378-2168 | 2606 NW 6th ST  Gainesville, FL 32605 | * 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**  Leslie Frost  leslie\_frost@cdsfl.org  (352) 334-3800, ext. 3813  Fax: (352) 334-3849 | Gainesville, FL. | * Counseling provided on a 24-hours basis. * Family Action works to reestablish communication between parents and teens through family intervention |  |
| **Fearnside Family Service Center**  Ann Crowell, Director  crowelma@gm.sbac.edu  (352) 955-6875  Fax: (352) 955-6965 | 3600 NE 15th ST  Gainesville, FL 32601  www.sbac.edu/~famsvcs/ | * 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. Herbert M. Steier, Ph.D.  Gainesville-familyInstitute@yahoo.com  (352) 376-5543  Fax: (352)376-2042 | 1031 NW 6th ST  Suite C2  Gainesville, FL 32601 | * 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. | * Call for appointment or to register for classes. * GFI does not discriminate against any applicants for any reason. |
| **Gainesville Housing Authority**  (353) 872-5500 | 1900 S.E. 4th St.  Gainesville, Florida 32641  <http://www.gainesvillehousing>  authority.org | * 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 | * Low income families * May apply online or at computer in lobby at the GHA |