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ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS:

Program	Address	Services Provided	Population Served & How to Refer Kids
A. Quinn Jones Center Susan Keller, Principal kellersp@gm.sbac.edu (352) 955-6840 Fax: (352) 955-7138	1108 NW 7 th AVE Gainesville, FL 32601	❖ 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 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	❖ 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, AMIkids Personal Growth Model, Functional Family Therapy	❖ Ages 14-18 ❖ Court-ordered or referred by the School Board
Horizon Center James Speer, Principal horizon@sbac.edu (352) 955-7250 Fax: (352) 955-7122	2802 NE 8 th AVE Gainesville, FL 32641 http://horizon.sbac.edu/	❖ 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 Steven Belk, Center Director (352) 377-2555 Fax: (352) 374-8257	5301 NE 40 th 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-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 site. ❖ Up to 350 participants live in dorm style	❖ 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.

		housing on the center's campus. ❖ Thursdays at 9a.m. 6 open enrollment		
W. Travis Loftin High School Dr. Chet Sanders, Principal sanderchs@gm.sbac.edu (352) 955-6839 ext. 243 Fax: (352) 955-6999	3000 E. University AVE Gainesville, FL 32614 http://loften/sbac.edu/	❖ <i>Accept Program 6</i> 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. ❖ <i>Professional Academics Magnet Program 6</i> 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, Executive Director, Ed. S, LMHC Kathie.Southwick@pacecenter.org (352) 374-8799 Fax: (352) 378-6602	1010 SE 4 th AVE Gainesville, FL 32601 http://www.pacecenter.org/centers/alachua	❖ 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, not to exceed 15 months.	❖ Girls ages 11-17 ❖ 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:

Program	Address	Services Provided	Population Served and How to Refer Kids?
Alachua County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 983 Sgt Kelvin Jenkins, Senior Advisor kjenkins@alachuasheriff.org (352) 367-4099	2621 SE Hawthorne Road Gainesville, Florida 32641 www.alachuasheriff.org/programs/explorer_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) at 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 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.
Big Brothers and Big Sisters Ada Torres-Del Gais ada@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"> ❖ 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Boys and girls ages 6-18 ❖ 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/	<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 and Eastwood Meadows Units & residents of GHA). \$90/yr for two or more children. Fill scholarships are available.

Cultural Arts Coalition Nkwanda Jah, Executive Director njah52@gmail.com (352) 372-0216 Fax: (352) 372-0876	321 NW 10 th ST Gainesville, FL 32601 www.culturalartscoalition.org	❖ Environmental Ambassadors Program is an employment program for teenagers. This program helps teens to learn how to work taking care of the environment (ages 15 to 21). ❖ The "Girl Power" program is an after-school program for middle school girls designed to build strong minds, bodies and spirits by providing enriching experiences.	❖ Ages vary depending on program ❖ 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 klapan@dignityproject.com administrator@dignityproject.com (352) 371-6792	1125 SE 4 th ST Gainesville, FL 32601 www.thedignityproject2.org	❖ 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	❖ Ages 16+
Foundations After-School Program Shannon Keleher, Recreation Manager Admin: (352) 334-5067 Fax: (352) 334-3299 Thomas Center: (352) 334-5067 www.cityofgainesvilleparks.org	This program is offered at 4 great locations: ❖ 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	❖ The program offers a safe environment for participants to be active, learn and have fun! ❖ Participants enjoy games, activities and crafts that encourage achievement, gives them a sense of community, promotes good health and builds strong character! ... a FOUNDATION for success!	❖ Ages 1 st through 7 th Grade ❖ City Residents- \$3.30 per day ❖ Non-City Residents- \$5.00 per day ❖ FREE Scholarships are available with verification of free or reduced lunch from the School Board of Alachua County ❖ Monday to Thursday, 7 am - 6 pm
Gainesville Police Explorers – Post 917 Dontonya Smith, Advisor smithdc@cityofgainesville.org (352) 334-2430	413 NW 8 th Avenue Gainesville, FL 32601 https://www.gainesvillepd.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=57&Itemid=73	❖ 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. Janna Magette, Executive Director info@GirlsPlace.net	2101 NW 39 th AVE Gainesville, FL 32605 www.girlsplace.net	❖ Girls Place provides four main programs that are available for members: 1. After-school program, costing \$49 per week. Middle/High school age girls pay \$30 per	❖ Ages 5-18

<p>(352) 373-4475 Fax: (352) 373-5550</p>		<p>week.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Summer day camp: \$75 for the first child and \$65 for each sibling. 3. Athletic League, which runs seasonal sports such as volleyball, cheerleading and track and field at a cost ranging from \$35-\$110 for an 8-10 week season. 4. ACHIEVE is a year-round academic enhancement program that coincides with their after school and summer programs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The annual fee for membership is \$20 and \$40 for a family. ❖ Early learning coalition program 	
<p>Reichert House John Alexander, Executive Director Info@reicherthouse.org jjalex@ufl.edu (352) 334-2320 Fax: (352) 334-2166</p>	<p>1704 SE 2nd AVE Gainesville, FL 32641 www.reicherthouse.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The Reichert House is a Para Military fashion, after-school program that seeks to help at-risk youth. ❖ Programs available through the Reichert House: Academic assistance, vocational training, etiquette training, anger/stress management techniques and more. ❖ <i>Beta Sigma Alpha</i> is a youth fraternity that provides service to the house, and the community. Teaches leadership skills. ❖ <i>Rites of Passage</i> is a program that teaches kids about their heritage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Must be a male Alachua County resident, enrolled in school between the ages of 12-17, 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.
<p>Take Stock In Children Nikki Wagner, Associate Director wagnerng@gm.sbac.edu (352) 955-7003 Fax: (352) 955-7240</p>	<p>1725 SE 1st AVE Gainesville, FL 32641 www.takestockinchildren.org www.acpsf.org/ http://50.116.98.179/~acpsf/?page_id=53</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 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 	<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. Please contact the program for application information. ❖ Currently accepting applications for qualifying 8th- 10th grade students.
<p>Teen Court Angie Chesser, Teen Court Coordinator Email: achesser@alachuasheriff.org (352) 367-4125</p>	<p>Alachua County Sheriff's Office 2621 SE Hawthorne Road Gainesville, FL 32641 Mailing Address:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 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. at the Criminal Courthouse located at 220 South Main Street Gainesville, FL. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Ages 10 to 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

Fax: (352) 374-1809 Fax: (352) 384-3328	P.O. Box 5489 Gainesville, FL 32627 www.alachuasheriff.org/programs/teen_court.aspx	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 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 34 th Blvd Gainesville, FL 32605 www.ncfymca.org/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Offers recreational & competitive sports, after school programs, Leadership in Training programs, camps, enrichment programs, mentoring, child care, fitness, dance & gymnastics, aquatics, and more. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Family membership: \$50 joiner's fee and \$66 per month; Single Parent Family \$50 joiner's fee and \$52.80 per month; Teen membership (12-19 yrs old): \$50 joiner's 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 Kids?
Alachua County Rape Crisis & Victim Services Loretta Golden, Director Email: llg@alachuacounty.us Main Line: (352) 264-6760 Toll Free: (866) 252-5439 Fax: (352) 264-6774	218 SE 24 th ST. Gainesville, FL 32641 http://www.alachuacounty.us/Depts/CSS/VictimServices/Pages/VictimServices.aspx	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 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. 	<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) 371-9840	4300 SW 13 th ST Gainesville, FL 32608 www.mbhci.org	<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 recovery 	<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.
CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services Jim Pearce, CEO Gainesville: (352) 244-0618 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	<p>The CDS mission is to strengthen communities by building strong families. Established in 1970, CDS focuses on helping at-risk youth and their families through counseling and prevention programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ CDS provides a short-term residential program for youth age 10-17 through three Interface Youth Shelters, out-patient counseling, and prevention programs in Alachua and 13 other counties in North Central 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, ❖ <i>"Too Good for Drugs" and "Project Success"</i> (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. ❖ <i>Independent Living-</i> a program for youth aging out of Foster Care, age 16-23. Contact Rhonda Lockwood (386) 487-0190. ❖ Reichert House services high-risk African American middle school and high school males 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Most services are offered free of charge to participants

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ in an after school program in Alachua County. ❖ <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 Marshall Knudson, Ph. D., Director mlk@alachuacounty.us (352) 264-6789 Fax: (352) 264-6774	218 SE 24 th ST Gainesville, FL 32641 http://www.alachuacounty.us/DEPTS/CSS/CRISISCENTER/Pages/CrisisCenter.aspx	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 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 - 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Services are provided free of charge.
Discount Counseling Network, Inc. Owner: Roy Duenas 352-332-9960 email: roy@prxdps.com	Main Office: 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, 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ DJJ youth, ages 17+ ❖ 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.
Juvenile Diversion Alternative Program Donna Wendt Donna.wendt@baysflorida.org (386) 418-5261 Fax: (386) 478-4433	14107 US Highway 441 N Building 200 Alachua, FL 32615 http://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 old and under; male and female ❖ Any misdemeanor offender ❖ First time felony offenders (of the third degree)
Peaceful Paths (352) 377-58255 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 ppncf@ppfa.org http://www.plannedparenthood.org/north-florida/ http://www.plannedparenthood.org/healthcenter/centerDetails.asp?f=2155	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Men and women ages 14 and older w/o parent/guardian ❖ Clinic is open Mondays ó Fridays from 10 am ó 6pm ❖ Must call to make an appt, 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 Dot Maver, Executive Director dot@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 F: (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 eight hours of content divided into eight 60-minute modules. Counties Served: Levy, Alachua, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Age requirements: 12-24 years ❖ No costs associated with services

		<p>Sumter, Lake, and Citrus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <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. ❖ <i>Community Service opportunities</i> 	
Vocational Rehabilitation Laura Henderson, Supervisor Laura.henderson@vr.fl DOE.org (352) 955-3200 Fax: (352) 955-3223	2610 NW 43 rd ST Suite 1-A Gainesville, FL 32606 www.rehabworks.org	<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.
Youth Talk Cassandra Evans cassandra_evans@cdsfl.org 24/7 Line: (352) 244-0666 Lake City (386) 487-0190 Palatka (386) 385-0405 <i>To reach a live counselor, dial extension 555</i> Admin Fax: (352) 334-3814	http://www.cdsfl.org/youth/youth-talk/	<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 Kids?
Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches Boys Ranch, Live Oak Amber Friis, Program Director afriis@youthranches.org (386) 842-5555 Fax: (386) 842-1029	www.youthranches.org 1813 Cecil Webb Place Boys Ranch, FL 32060 P.O. Box 2000 Boys Ranch, FL 32064	<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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 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

<p>Youth Villa, Bartow (Girls) Jim Semple, Program Director Jsemple@youthranches.org (863) 533-0371 Fax: (863) 533-7006</p> <p>Youth Ranch, Bradenton Dominic Morales Dmorales@youthranches.org (941) 776-1777 Fax: (941) 776-2812</p> <p>Youth Ranch, Safety Harbor Chuck Deitch, Program Director cdeitch@youthranches.org (727) 725-4761 Fax: (727) 799-9243</p>	<p>3350 State Road 60 E Bartow, FL 33830</p> <p>751 Rye Wilderness Trail Parrish, FL 34219</p> <p>3180 Enterprise Road E Safety Harbor, FL 34695</p>	<p>❖ Locations include Live Oak, Bartow, Bradenton, and Safety Harbor, Florida</p>	<p>_____ 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 ó 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.</p>
<p>Florida Youth Challenge Academy (904) 682-4000 Fax: (904) 682-3990</p> <p>James R. Ransom, Program Director Jransom@flyca.info</p> <p>Abigail Vazquez avazquez@flyca.info</p> <p>Admissions Department (904) 682-4031 admissions@floridayouthchallengeacademy.org</p>	<p>5629 State Road 16 West Bldg. 3800 Starke, FL 32091</p> <p>http://www.floridayouthchallengeacademy.org/</p>	<p>❖ 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.</p> <p>❖ This program consists of three phases: Pre-Challenge phase (2 weeks), Challenge phase (5 months), and Post-residential phase (12 months).</p> <p>❖ Program is provided free of charge for those who apply and are accepted.</p>	<p>❖ Ages 16-18</p> <p>❖ 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.</p>
<p>Gainesville Job Corps Center Steven Belk, Center Director (352) 377-2555 Fax: (352) 374-82-57</p>	<p>5301 NE 40th Terrace Gainesville, FL 32609</p> <p>http://gainesville.jobcorps.gov/Home.aspx</p>	<p>❖ Job Corps is the nation's oldest and largest federally funded residential job training and education program for economically disadvantaged youth, ages 16-24.</p> <p>❖ Gainesville Job Corps Center offers education and training opportunities to help train for long-term, specialized careers.</p> <p>❖ Job Corps offers on-site job skills training in office technology, carpeting, plastering, tile setting, painting, facilities maintenance, auto technician, phlebotomy,</p>	<p>❖ Ages 16-24</p> <p>❖ Funding comes from the Department of Labor, so there is no direct cost.</p>

		<p>culinary arts, health occupations, and pre-law enforcement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 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. 	
Interface Youth Shelter Cassandra Evans Cassandra_evans@cdfsfl.org Gainesville: (352) 244-0618 Toll Free: (800) 854-5377	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 to 17 ❖ Services are available 24 hours a day ❖ No charge
Pleasant Place, Inc. Stuart Palmer, President info@pleasantplace.net Management Firm: BCN Associates (Administration) House: (352) 505-8645 Fax: (888) 430-5556	408 W University AVE, #110B Gainesville, FL 32601 http://www.pleasantplace.net/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 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:

Program	Address	Services Provided	How to Refer Kids?
Gator TeamChild Meshon Rawls, Director rawls@law.ufl.edu (352) 273-0800 Fax: (352)392-0414	P.O. Box 117625 Gainesville, FL 32611 http://www.law.ufl.edu/academics/clinics/civil/gator-team-child/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Gator TeamChild 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, 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 Toll Free: (866) 256-8091 Fax: (352) 375-1631	901 NW 8 th AVE Suite D-5 Gainesville, FL 32608 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, size, assets and case type. ❖ Call to make an appointment

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS:

Program	Address	Services Provided	How to Refer Kids?
Cornerstone Solutions, Inc. Job Corps Services Linda Rutledge-Calhoun, Career Transition Specialist lrcalhoun@csiteamonline.com (352) 505-2177 Fax: (352) 505-0736	1409 NW 6 th Street, Suite 110 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 of our future.	❖ Eligibility varies with each individual case
Florida Works Youth Program Keira Simmonds, Supervisor ksimmonds@floridaworksonline.com (352) 244-5921 Fax: (352) 244-5971	4800 SW 13 th St. Gainesville, FL 32608 http://www.floridaworksonline.com/job-seekers/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 Steven Belk, Center Director (352) 377-2555 Fax: (352) 374-82-57	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. ❖ 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.	❖ Ages 16-24 ❖ Funding comes from the Department of Labor, so there is no direct cost.

FOR THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS/FAMILIES:

Program	Address	Services Provided	How to Refer Families?
Camelot Community Care Aaron Runion, LMFT Clinical Director runion@camelotcommunitycare.org (904) 493-6160 Fax: (904) 493-6161	2233 NW 41 st Street Gainesville, FL 32606	❖ Camelot Community Care is a DJJ Redirection in-home functional family therapy program. Youth must be on probation or aftercare and at-risk of commitment or returning from commitment.	❖ Ages 11-18 ❖ Youths referred by juvenile probation officer ❖ Services are free of charge
Children's Home Society Jennifer Anchors, Executive Director jennifer.anchors@chsfl.org helpfloridachildren@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 Robert Wilford, Executive Director info@cfcaa.org (352) 373-7667 Fax: (352) 378-2168	1405 NW 13 th Street, Suite B Gainesville, FL 32601 http://www.cfcaa.org/index.asp?page=	❖ 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 peggy_vickers@cdfsfl.org (352) 244-0628 ext. 3813 Fax: (352) 244-0668	3615 SW 13 th Street, Suite 4 Gainesville, FL 32608 www.cdfsfl.org	❖ Counseling provided on a 24-hours basis. ❖ Family Action works to reestablish communication between parents and teens through family intervention	❖ Ages 6 to 17 ❖ Free of charge for all basic services
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	❖ 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. Gainesville- familyInstitute@yahoo.com (352) 376-5543 Fax: (352) 376-2042	1031 NW 6 th ST Suite C2 Gainesville, FL 32601 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.	❖ 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	❖ 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
Partnership for Strong Families partnershipinfo@pfsf.org (352) 244-1500 Toll Free: (866) 310-7326 Fax: (352) 244-1647	5950 NW 1 st Place Suite A Gainesville, Florida 32607 http://www.pfsf.org/	❖ 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 Dorothy Benson, Chair notyek@aol.com Katie Fields, Manager Katie.fields@pfsf.org (352) 505-6823	807 SW 16 th Terrace Gainesville, Florida 32607 http://swadvocacygroup.org/ http://www.pfsf.org/resource-centers/swag-family-resource-center/	❖ 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.	❖ No age eligibility ó children must have parental supervision ❖ No fee ó parents submit an application for child to participate ❖ Open Monday& Wednesday - 9:30 am-4:30 pm; Tuesday & Thursday - 9:00 am -6:00 pm; Friday ó 9:30am-4:00pm