



Listing of Prevention, Intervention and Support Services in the Gun Violence Prevention Space

Services and programs that have an impact in reducing violence:

Alachua County

352-374-5204, www.alachuacounty.us

- On Feb. 27, 2018, the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution calling for statewide legislation to allow counties to pass gun control measures. The county has a number of programs to support the community and prevent violence.
- Community Agency Partnership Program supports area non-profit organizations that reduce the impact of poverty among Alachua County residents. **352-264-6707**
- CHOICES Grant Award Program assists uninsured residents by providing grant funding annually to health care providers in Alachua County to support the wellbeing of eligible county residents. **352-264-6707**
- Community Self-Sufficiency Program (CSSP) is part of the Community Stabilization Program; it provides resources to help families break the cycle of poverty and improve the quality of life. **352-264-6745**
- Community Sustainability Program (CSP) is the second part of the Community Stabilization Program; it identifies at risk communities and provides assistance for becoming independent and sustainable. **352-264-6745**
- Alachua County Crisis Center offers crisis and suicide intervention phone counseling to all residents of Alachua County. **352-264-6789**
- Foster Grandparent Program provides opportunities for low-income persons aged 55 or over to provide supportive person-to-person services in health, education, welfare or related settings to help alleviate the physical, mental or emotional problems of children having special or exceptional needs. **352-264-6730**
- Alachua County Victim Services & Rape Crisis Center provides services to survivors of interpersonal violence, sexual violence and personal injury crimes. **352-264-6760 (24-hours-a-day)**

Alachua County Crime Stoppers

352-372-STOP, www.stopcrime.tv

- Collects information on unsolved crimes, location or involvement of suspects, felonious criminal activity, and other information which may result in arrest.
- Information is received at the 24-hour anonymous tips line 352-372-7867 and is forwarded to the investigating law enforcement agency for follow-up.
- Monetary awards are given to information leading to arrest.

Alachua County Health Department

352-334-7900, alachua.floridahealth.gov

- Coordinates and provides individual and community health and wellness, with medical and mental health services for adults, children and families.

Alachua County Public Schools

352-955-7300, sbac.edu

- Through an ongoing partnership with local law enforcement agencies, Alachua County Public Schools has school resource officers or deputies assigned to every school.
- All public school employees and students are trained to be prepared for an active threat on campus.
- Alachua County Public Schools has partnered with the I Love U Guys Foundation in order to provide safety, security and structure for any emergency.
- School Board of Alachua County has approved a resolution and produced messaging to raise awareness about the importance of safely storing guns.

Alachua County Sheriff's Office

352-367-4000, www.acso.us

- Investigates crime, apprehends suspects and provides public safety.
- Deputies and K-9 teams work with schools to prevent firearms on premises.
- Alachua County Sheriff's Office (ASO) works with Alachua County Crime Stoppers at 352-373-STOP to take guns off the street.
- ASO provides victim advocacy services to ensure that victims of crime are treated with fairness, respect and dignity by providing assistance and services in an effort to lessen the impact of crime.

Black-on-Black Crime Task Force

- Provides mentorship and education to approximately 100 youths per year as part of its crime prevention programs.
- Works to connect parents and youth with support resources.

CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services

352-244-0628, www.cdsfl.org

- Interface Youth Program provides short-term shelter for young people who are temporarily homeless, have run way (or threatened to run away), are skipping school, or are having trouble following rules.
- Family Action Counseling is a 12-week program for families with children who are having behavioral issues.
- SNAP (Stop Now and Plan) is an evidence-based, cognitive-behavioral 13-week program to help children learn to manage their emotions and manage behavior.
- Independent Living Program is a case management and support program for youth aging out of foster care.
- Prevention Services include drug prevention and life skills programs in elementary and middle schools.
- Safe Place is a national network of businesses and other community establishments where youth in crisis can get immediate help; CDS sponsors and operates the Safe Place program.

Children's Trust of Alachua County

352-374-1830, www.childrenstrustofalachua.us

- Funds a full-time violence prevention coordinator at Peaceful Paths, which is the certified domestic abuse network that serves survivors of domestic violence in Alachua, Bradford and Union counties.
- Supports residents by providing access to programs that promote literacy, provide after-school learning, give

nutritional service and supplies, and offer vocational opportunities.

Department of Children and Families

866-762-2237 (toll-free), www.myfloridafamilies.com

- Office of Domestic Violence provides oversight on the administration of state and federally funded initiatives designed to intervene and prevent domestic violence and support survivors and their families.
- Operates a Domestic Violence Hotline, an Abuse Hotline, a Suicide Prevention Hotline, and a Human Trafficking Hotline.
- Oversees policy and funding toward ending homelessness and serving persons experiencing homelessness and recognizes and designates local Continuum of Care (CoC) entities to serve as lead agencies for the homeless assistance system throughout Florida.
- Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder examines the current methods of providing mental health and substance use disorder services in the state and works to make improvements.

Episcopal Children's Services

352-240-6533, www.ecs4kids.org

- Episcopal Children's Services (ECS) helps underserved children in northeast and central Florida build a strong foundation for educational success. Working with children through kindergarten age– the most critical years for cognitive development – ECS's teachers and staff use curriculums based on the latest research and best practices to help families ensure their youngsters enter school ready to learn.

Family Learning Center

www.gnv4all.org

- Organized by the Gainesville Empowerment Zone, this center on the Metcalfe Elementary School campus is aimed at providing high-quality early learning and childcare for families challenged by low-income circumstances.
- The program will improve the literacy rate, prepare children for kindergarten and narrow the achievement gap.
- This is partially funded by donations of \$350,000 each from the City of Gainesville and Alachua County in the form of ARPA funds.

Family Promise

352-378-2030, www.familypromisegvl.org

- Provides a shelter for families with children.
- Provides wraparound services that help families obtain secure and stable housing.
- Coordinates with local churches to shelter families until permanent housing is secured.

Florida Department of Corrections

850-488-7052, www.dc.state.fl.us

- Offers substance abuse programs that include assessment, a 35- to 40-hour educational program, an eight-week modified therapeutic community, a one-year therapeutic community, and a 10-week outpatient drug treatment program at community correctional centers.

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

850-488-1850, www.djj.state.fl.us

- Offers voluntary youth crime prevention programs through the Office of Prevention Services.
- Addresses the juvenile crime problems by contracting for delinquency prevention services and awarding grants to local providers throughout the state.

- Provides programs for youth who exhibit problem behaviors such as ungovernability, truancy, running away from home and other pre-delinquent behaviors.

City of Gainesville – Gainesville Fire Rescue

352-334-5078, www.gfr.org

- Gainesville Fire Rescue (GFR) has a Community Resource Paramedicine Program (CRP) that works with neighbors to facilitate access to healthcare, housing, food, transportation and health education. This program also helps connect people with support services from other community organizations.
- As part of One Nation One Project (ONOP), GFR is working to increase opportunities for arts and cultural engagement in the community to promote youth wellbeing and reduce youth gun violence.
- The Public Safety Summer Camp is hosted in partnership with the Gainesville Police Department, and includes lessons in gun safety awareness and violence prevention.
- GFR first responders are trained and certified crowd managers. Required in all places of public assembly, crowd managers ensure proper safety and security is in place for events that bring large gatherings of people.
- GFR crews provide emergency medical services when responding to calls; and these are sometimes incidents of gun violence. As well as giving lifesaving care, GFR also works with law enforcement to share information about suspicious activity, weapons or other dangers.
- GFR serves as the city's Emergency Management arm with plans in place to respond to active shooters or other incidents of gun violence. By coordinating with partner agencies, GFR is trained to provide swift and effective collaborative action.

City of Gainesville – Gainesville Police Department

352-393-7500, 352-955-1818 (dispatch), www.GainesvillePD.org

- In October 2022, Gainesville Police Department (GPD) organized an innovative approach to gun violence awareness. That December, 42 members of GPD worked together to host two weeks of community events focused on education, engagement and mobilization for a safer community.
- The Co-Responder Program is a partnership with Meridian Behavioral Healthcare that pairs uniformed officers with mental health clinicians in teams that respond to crisis calls. GPD has four active teams working to prevent unnecessary incarceration and provide community and follow-up support.
- Gun buy-back events funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) are taking weapons off the streets.
- GPD purchased new technology known as BrassTrax. This search engine helps law enforcement agencies quickly find links between firearm-related incidents across the country. This purchase also was funded by ARPA.
- The Gun Violence Initiative is comprised of a group of area law enforcement agencies that meet on a bimonthly schedule to discuss strategies and compare similarities of violent crimes in each of their jurisdictions.
- The Real Time Information Center functions as a centralized hub that helps investigations by immediately producing data related to crimes, crime patterns, suspects and vehicles.
- GPD meets regularly with pastors of local churches, along with other community members, to support neighbors who have been involved in a crime as a participant, victim or witness. This pastors' workgroup is part of a One Community initiative that works throughout the year to bring awareness to gun violence.
- The Brave Overt Leaders of Distinction Program (B.O.L.D.) provides assistance to young men in need of guidance as they navigate life situations and circumstances. Many who benefit from this program have been justice-involved, are working with educational challenges, and are unemployed or underemployed. They receive case management, life skills, and other interventions to spur personal development and growth.
- "Who's in the Box" is a GPD initiative that relies on a two-part play to dramatize for young people how personal conflicts can escalate to violent crime. An effort launched with a wide range of community partners, this is a traveling presentation. It works well when performed at schools, churches or similar locations.

- The Focused Deterrence Ceasefire Program is a collaboration between the City of Gainesville, the Florida Department of Corrections and various community partners. It is a targeted approach to help people avoid future brushes with law enforcement.
- The Police Athletic / Activities League (P.A.L.) provides mentorship, service, athletics and educational opportunities. The goal is to help young people develop positive attitudes toward law enforcement and reward good citizenship.
- My Block activities are gatherings organized by GPD to reach out and develop connections with neighbors. The main focus is at-risk youth, and the events include athletic and intercultural elements, music and food.

City of Gainesville – Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs

352-334-5067, www.cityofgainesvilleparks.org

- The direct aim of youth athletics offered by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department (PRCA) is to provide space for children and teens to enjoy a safe, monitored and secure environment. Programs offered include Midnight Basketball and Summer Heatwave.
- Midnight Basketball is a free program offered monthly at the Martin Luther King Jr. Multipurpose Center from April to August. The events include pizza and refreshments, motivational speakers, learning activities and 3-on-3 matchups.
- Summer Heatwave is a 5-on-5 basketball program offered weekdays throughout the summer. As an inclusive activity that attracts neighborhood youth and volunteers along with local middle and high school teams, Heatwave provides a safe environment that teaches character, leadership and life skills along with training and drills.
- PRCA hosts year-round youth and after-school programming, along with summer camps and enrichment programs aimed at children and teens.
- PRCA works with community partners to provide resources to youth and their families. These include CareerSource, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Santa Fe College, Mirror Image Leadership Academy, I Got Your Back Youth Mentoring Program and the YMCA.
- PRCA offers a monthly outreach program at the Cone Park Branch of the Alachua County Library District. This group meets once a month for the Science-Oriented Activities and Recreation (SOAR) Program.
- The Cultural Affairs Division works closely with the A. Quinn Jones Center School to develop programs and activities designed to engage youth who have been affected by, have participated in, or lost friends or family due to gun violence.
- PRCA is teaming with GFR to lead the One Nation One Project GNV initiative to increase opportunities for arts and cultural engagement in the community to promote youth wellbeing and reduce youth gun violence.

Girls Place

352-373-4475, www.girlsplace.net

- Provides services and support for girls (ages 5-14) by offering mental health consultation, assessment and treatment; education and early intervention to cope with potentially harmful experiences and adverse events.
- Works to refer children in need of additional support to the appropriate community resources.

GRACE Marketplace

352-792-0800, www.gracemarketplace.org

- Homeless support organization that offers emergency shelter, food services, housing programs, street outreach, day services and medical services.

Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce

352-334-7100, www.gainesvillechamber.com

- Works with local organizations and businesses to raise awareness about violence and domestic violence by providing space for educational materials and supporting community efforts and campaigns.

HCA North Florida Hospital

352-333-4000, www.hcafloridahealthcare.com

- Supports community efforts and campaigns.
- Operates an emergency room that is open 24/7 and also operates three freestanding emergency care locations across the community.
- Provides acute and critical medical services for patients.

Helping Hands Clinic

352-519-5542, www.hhclinicgv.org

- Provides funds for operating costs and program delivery of healthcare services to uninsured people who are experiencing homelessness.
- Provides supplies to fulfill pharmaceutical needs, vision care, and laboratory and imaging to people who are experiencing homelessness.

Howard Bishop Middle School

- Howard Bishop Middle School works with community partners to bring resources and opportunities to students and families in east Gainesville.
- This collaboration provides outreach for those dealing with food insecurity, poverty, homelessness and wellness challenges.
- Services include academic support, healthcare, counseling and mentoring.
- Renovation of the track and tennis / basketball courts was completed in November 2021 as a Wild Spaces Public Places project through a partnership with Alachua County Public Schools.

League of Women Voters

my.lwv.org/florida/alachua

- Holds and supports events aimed at promoting gun control.

Moms Demand Action Alachua County

www.momsdemandactionalachua.com

- Moms Demand Action is a grassroots movement that promotes public safety measures to protect people from gun violence.

Office of the Public Defender 8th Judicial Circuit

352-338-7370, www.publicdefender.alachuacounty.us

- Works with law enforcement to represent suspects in court and help them receive a fair trial.

People Against Violence Enterprises (PAVE)

352-505-6839, www.pavingpeace.org

- PAVE promotes violence prevention education and mediation to youth and parents in North Central Florida.
- Works closely with Alachua County public schools and law enforcement to ensure student needs are met.
- Hosts an annual Stop the Violence Back to School Rally at which 5,000 students receive free backpacks filled with school supplies.

NAACP. Alachua County Branch

352-363-4483, www.naacpacb.org

- NAACP has declared violence in America as a public health concern.
- NAACP has advocated for laws to help eliminate or decrease the damage and death caused by gun violence.
- NAACP advocates for and protects civil rights.

Partnership for Strong Families

352-244-1500, www.pfsf.org

- Provides child welfare services designed to protect local children from abuse, neglect and abandonment.
- Assists in establishing safe and permanent homes for children to live with their own families, partner families or adoptive parents.
- Offers free services and support to families and community members including financial literacy programs, clothing closets, food distribution, enrichment programs for children, infant care products and employability training.

Randall VA Medical Center

352-376-1611, www.va.gov

- Offers substance use disorder services to help patients overcome problems ranging from unhealthy alcohol use to life-threatening addiction.
- Offers counseling, group therapy or medication to patients seeking support.
- Works to provide transitional and supportive housing by offering many programs and services, including free health care.
- Helps veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless due to financial hardship, unemployment, addiction, depression, or transition from jail.
- Can provide access to immediate food and shelter needs, transitional and permanent housing, job training, life skills development and education.
- Assists with justice system navigation and community reentry from jail.
- VA Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Program provides services and resources to veterans, caregivers, their families and VA employees to focus on health and safety in relationships.
- VA health care facilities offer same-day help and operate a Veterans Crisis Line for free, private help 24-hours-a-day.

Santa Fe College

352-395-5000, www.sfcollege.edu

- Santa Fe College's Behavioral Intervention Team trains employees to learn skills that can be used to alleviate potential incidents of workplace violence.
- Santa Fe College Police Department, Counseling Center and Risk Management work in conjunction with other offices at Santa Fe to train employees to address issues vital to the safety and security of everyone on SF property.
- Institute of Public Safety at the Kirkpatrick Center accommodates the growing need for skilled public safety personnel in Florida and nationwide.
- Santa Fe has sworn police officers on their staff and mutual aid agreements with all local law enforcement agencies in the community including Alachua Sheriff's Office, Bradford Sheriff's Office, Gainesville Police Department, UF Police Department, City of Alachua Police Department and Florida Highway Patrol.
- Santa Fe Police Department has both emergency and nonemergency numbers, along with a rumor control hotline and an online "say something" report form.

- Santa Fe utilizes several systems for timely warnings: notifications to students and staff via internal email, a banner on the Santa Fe College webpage, social media.

St. Francis House

352-378-9079, www.stfrancishousegnv.com

- This program assists people and families who are experiencing homelessness by providing access to shelter.
- Assists people who are experiencing homelessness find employment and permanent housing.
- The Cold Night Shelter Program allows expanded overnight shelter and services during certain weather emergencies.

State Attorney's Office for the Eighth Judicial Circuit

352-374-3670, www.sao8.org

- Violent Crimes Unit is a specialized unit that prosecutes violent offenses including those involving firearms or other deadly weapons.
- Domestic Violence Program helps by providing information and services to break the pattern of abuse.

UF Health Shands Hospital

352-261-0111, www.ufhealth.org

- Violence prevention task force consisting of a multidisciplinary team that works to develop and implement solutions to address issues identified by UF Health.
- Mobile safety app is a free app that allows staff to connect with emergency services, send locations, sound alarms, report a tip, track shuttles and more.
- Nurse training includes a Crisis Prevention Institute and crisis development and nonviolent de-escalation training courses.
- Tools and resources are currently being developed to help staff identify and deescalate difficult behaviors when interacting with patients and visitors
- UF Health locations considered high risk are equipped with panic alarms that silently contact a security dispatcher.

University of Florida

www.ufl.edu

- UF Police Department is a 24-hour-a-day resource to help students stay safe on campus; it oversees security surveys for departments across campus, registers property to prevent theft, and manages crime reporting. **352-392-1111**
- Violence Prevention Hold is a program that requires all incoming students to complete a course on violence prevention.
- UF operates a multidisciplinary diagnostic and training program that provides a range of services including diagnostic evaluation and consultation for children and youth identified as having complex medical, educational, emotional, and/or behavioral problems.
- UF Office for Accessibility and Gender Equity Violence Prevention specializes in support once harm has occurred and provides prevention-focused initiatives and resources for a safer and healthier campus community. **352-273-3721**



Housing Assistance and Support Programs

City of Gainesville Housing & Community Development

352-393-8618, www.gainesvillefl.gov

- Home Repair: Provides direct housing support by coordinating home repair services for low- and very-low income households. Rehabilitation program money can address health and safety issues; electrical and plumbing problems; installation of new windows, roof and HVAC systems; removal of lead paint; and retrofitting for those with special needs. The city oversees all work performed and pays the contractors directly upon satisfactory completion.
- Home Replacement: Provides loans to low and very-low income households for home replacement when home repair is not feasible.
- Down Payment Assistance: Provides funding to eligible homebuyers to buy a home within the city limits of Gainesville. The funding is used to pay a part of the down payment and closing costs associated with purchasing a home. Up to \$15,000 in help may be provided.
- Mortgage Foreclosure Intervention: Provides financial help to homeowners who are behind on their mortgage payments and are near foreclosure. Homeowners will work one-on-one with a city staff member to determine possible solutions for repayment.
- Financial Education: The workshop walks homebuyers through the process and gives participants helpful information including how to choose a qualified lender and inspector. Other topics include credit, budgeting, savings, mortgage loans, house selection, lenders, realtors, home inspection, home maintenance and closing day. There is no cost to attend the workshop.
- Water and Waste Water Connections: Provides grant funding to assist with the payment of costs associated with the extension, construction and connection to the city's water, wastewater and reclaimed water systems throughout the entire GRU service area.

City of Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area

352-393-8200, www.gainesvillecra.com

- Neighborhood Paint Program: Provides free exterior pressure washing and painting services to homeowners. The eligible neighborhoods are Fifth Avenue, Pleasant Street, Porters Community, Springhill, Sugarhill, Cedar Grove II and Duval neighborhoods.
- Heirs Property Assistance: Offers probate legal assistance to heirs' property owners to clear the title to the homes so owners can take advantage of property rights. The purpose of the program is to increase neighborhood stability, grow individual and family wealth in Gainesville's underserved communities, and increase access to attainable housing.
- My Neighborhood Program: Offers \$25,000 towards the purchase of a home or lot within eligible neighborhoods. To be eligible, recipients must have lived in a program neighborhood for at least three years before 2011. The purpose of the program is to encourage strong community connections by incentivizing long-term homeownership within neighborhoods. The eligible neighborhoods are Cedar Grove II, Greater Duval, Fifth

Avenue, North Lincoln Heights, Pleasant Street, Porters, Springhill and Sugarhill.

- Home Energy Tune-Up: Through a partnership with the Community Weatherization Coalition (CWC), home energy tune-ups are available to eligible property owners (homesteaders and landlords) and renters in order to lower the energy cost burden of district residents. The purpose of this program is to encourage safe, well-designed, high-quality housing to support the existing housing stock that provides housing options for long-term homeowners and renters.

Outside Agencies (Housing)

Alachua Habitat for Humanity

352-378-4663, www.alachuahabitat.org

- Funds for the construction of new houses that are mortgaged at 0% interest. Principle payments are then returned to the program, thereby recycling capital investment. Homeowners are City of Gainesville low-income residents, who are willing to contribute sweat equity.

Center for Independent Living

352-378-7474, www.cilncf.org

- Construction of wheelchair ramps for persons with disabilities who currently live without proper accessibility in their own homes. Wheelchair ramp recipients are individuals with disabilities who meet federal low- to very-low-income requirements

Gainesville Housing Development & Management Corporation

352-380-9119, www.gainesvillehousingauthority.org

- Funds are used to construct three new affordable homes for low- to moderate-income individuals and/or families within the City of Gainesville.

KLH Invest, LLC (The Hutchinson Foundation)

- Funds to cover soft costs for new construction of affordable rental housing for low- to moderate-income individuals/families.

Neighborhood Housing & Development Corporation

352-380-9119, www.gnhdc.org

- Funds used for the acquisition and new construction of housing that will be offered for purchase to eligible first-time low-income homebuyers in the Duval neighborhood.

Rebuilding Together North Central Florida (emergency repair)

352-373-2573, www.rebuildingtogetherncf.org

- Provides critical home repair/rehabilitation to low-income homeowners, disabled residents, and/or veterans.