



## SARASOTA COUNTY - COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### **FOOD PANTRIES / NUTRITION**

All Faiths Food Bank  
(941) 379-6333

Free Indeed Food Bank  
(941) 953-3559

The Center of Hope  
(941) 954-4673

Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program  
(941) 316-8100

WIC (Women, Infants and Children)  
(941) 861-2929

### **UTILITY ASSISTANCE**

Low Income Energy Assistance Program (Salvation Army)  
(941) 954-4673

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)  
(941) 316-8100

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Step Up for Students - (877) 735-7837

- Family Empowerment Scholarship
  - A scholarship based on financial need that allows parents to find new learning environments for their children.
- The Gardiner Scholarship
  - A program that helps parents individualize the educational plans for their children with certain special needs.

Take Stock in Children - (786) 369-5130

A unique opportunity for deserving low-income youth/students to escape the cycle of poverty through education starting in middle school. Offering students college scholarships, caring volunteer mentors and hope for a better life.

### **DENTAL & VISION CARE**

Florida's Vision Quest  
(386) 917-1001

Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program  
(305) 856-9830

Sight for Students - VSP Program  
[www.nasn.org/MemberCenter/VisionServicePlanVSPSightforStudents](http://www.nasn.org/MemberCenter/VisionServicePlanVSPSightforStudents)

Sarasota County Health Department  
(941) 861-2900

### **PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

Co-Pay Relief Program at Sun Pharmacy  
(941) 556-9622

Good Samaritan Pharmacy & Health Services Inc  
(941) 445-5687

Town Pharmacy  
(941) 429-7766



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### **EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Children First - (941) 953 - 3877

- Early Head Start
  - Early Head Start promotes healthy prenatal outcomes, enhances the development of infants and toddlers (from birth to three years of age) and supports family well-being
- Head Start
  - Serves children from three to five years old and their families, the Children First Head Start program focuses on Kindergarten readiness. Our team of highly qualified teachers and dedicated volunteers help young students to gain the cognitive, social and emotional skills needed to succeed in Kindergarten and beyond.
- RISE
  - A partnership between Children First and Take Stock in Children Sarasota County Inc., a statewide mentoring and college scholarship program. RISE provides support to low-income families with students in grades K-5 through a two part approach. One-on-one literacy support for each child instills a love of reading and creates caring relationships between child and mentor, and work with families promotes parent engagement and investment in students' education.

Early Learning Coalition - (941) 954 - 4830

One-stop resource for information about early learning experiences in Sarasota County

Family Literacy Program - Girls Inc. - (941) 366 - 6646 ext. 205

English classes and literacy instructions for girls in grades K-8 and their families including siblings and parents.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County's 21st Century Community Learning Center (941) 366-3911 (many locations)

Offers academic, artistic, and cultural enrichment opportunities to students and their families when school is not in session.

Forty Carrots - (941) 365 - 7716

Offering a variety of groups addressing families' needs throughout the many stages of a child's development, from birth through age 5: breastfeeding clinics for new mothers; parenting education for families with infants; play-based parenting groups for parents, caregivers and children; discussion groups to build trust and support among parents; and parenting education groups, helping families involved in the court system work toward reunification with their children.



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### **DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS**

Early Steps - (941) 487-5400

Florida's early intervention system that offers services to eligible infants and toddlers, age birth to 36 months, who have or are at-risk for developmental disabilities or delays.

Child Find - (941) 927-9000

Assists in locating, identifying, and obtaining services for children (ages 3-6) who have disabilities or special needs that are not enrolled in a public school.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

SPARCC - (941) 365-1976

State-certified center for domestic violence and sexual assault services

Baby Basics - (941) 684-0009

Provides diapers and kindness to working, low-income families who do not receive any governmental assistance