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Monthly Members Meeting

July 25th, 2023



Welcome!

Agenda

Welcome & Introductions

HUD NOFO, Martha Are

CFCH Managing Board Vote, Brian Postlewait

Harm Reduction, Dr. Pia Valvassori

Suicide Prevention Training, Marni Stahlman & Lisseth Russa

Heart of Florida United Way 211 - 988 Services, Catherine Rea

Brighter Days Update, Aja Hunter & Valerie Perez

Announcements



HUD NOFO

Proposed Timeline



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HOMELESSNESS

HUD NOFO— Proposed Timeline

Local Competition & Federal Submission

Event/ Milestone	Who	Date (and Time, If applicable)	Notes
Introduction to HUD's CoC & Homeless Assistance Grants	Prospective Applicants, especially new applicants	May 30 and June 5	Overview of what the Continuum of Care competition includes, what types of projects are likely to be awarded funds, how the competition works.
CoC Membership Meeting	CoC Members	July 25, 9:00	
Release of local RFA and Application	Prospective Applicants	Estimated: July 28	Renewal and New Applications available on CoC/HSN website
RFA Information Session and Q&A	Prospective Applicants	August 4 11 – 12:30 Virtual Meeting (see link below)	RFA Information Session 1 (repeated on 8/10) New or Expansion Applications: Required Renewals: Encouraged
RFA Information Session and Q&A	Prospective Applicants	August 10 10 – 11:30 Virtual Meeting (see link below)	RFA Information Session 2 (repeated from 8/4) New or Expansion Applications: Required Renewals: Encouraged
CoC Membership Meeting	CoC Members	August 22	
Applications Due from Applicants	Applicants	August 21 5:00 PM	Renewal and New Applications must be submitted to application@hsncfl.org
Volunteer Reviewers submit scores	Independent Reviewers	August 29	
Ranking Committee Meeting	Community Ranking Committee	Tentative: September 1 - 7	Committee develops funding recommendation for CoC Board approval
Managing (CoC) Board Meeting	CoC Board	Tentative: September 8	CoC Board receives and votes on Ranking Committee recommendations
Funding Recommendation Notification	Applicants, public	September 13	Applicants notified of funding recommendations (both selected and not selected for funding)
Deadline for Appeals of Funding Recommendations	Applicants not recommended for funding	September 15	Deadline for submission of any appeals by applicants not recommended for funding

Event/ Milestone	Who	Date (and Time, If applicable)	Notes
Review of Appeals	CoC Board, Community Ranking Committee	September 18- 19	Review and decide on submitted appeals
Notification	Applicants that submitted appeals	September 20	Notification of result of appeal
CoC Membership Meeting	CoC Members	September 26	
CoC Approves Submission	CoC Board	Between September 25- 26	
Submission to HUD posted on CoC Website		Between September 25- 26	
Submission Due to HUD		September 28 8:00 PM	Federal Submission due date

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92200833932?pwd=UzJDRldiU0QzQTN5RE1FRW5POW4zZz09>

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Call: +1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 922 0083 3932

Password: 4078930133



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CFCH Managing Board Ballot
Scan here to vote.



Harm Reduction

Dr.Pia Valvassori
Health Care Center for the Homeless

Harm Reduction Defined

- Minimize negative consequences associated with certain behaviors including substance use and risky behaviors
- Mitigates potential harms and risks
- Promotes non-judgemental, compassionate, practical means of intervening



Rationale for Harm Reduction

Overdose Prevention-over
100,00 overdoses last
year alone

Infectious disease
prevention/identification-
syringe access decreased
risk of infectious disease
by 50%

Gateway to
treatment/further
intervention-housing,
healthcare, treatment, BH
services

Examples of Harm Reduction:

Safe sex
education-
condom
distribution

Clean needle kits
and exchanges

Safe Injection
Sites-nonexistent
in Florida

Narcan
distribution

Medically assisted
therapies for
opiod addition

HIV, Hepatitis
testing

Pre-exposure
prophylaxis

Peer support and
counseling



Screening for Narcan distribution

- Have you ever experienced an overdose?
 - In the last year have you used illegal drugs or prescription medication for nonmedical purpose?
 - Are you taking a prescribed opioid or benzodiazepine?
 - Have you recently left prison/correctional facility or detox or rehab?
 - Have you ever witnessed an overdose?
- Does someone in your space use or have a history of substance use?

Xylazine

Explosion of related deaths:

627 deaths-2019

1500 deaths-2020

3500 deaths-2021

Biden administration has recently implemented increased testing and tracking of use

Xylazine

- Clear liquid cooked down to power form
- Powerful animal sedative
- Added to fentanyl giving enhancing high
- Cheaper and easier to access than fentanyl
- Users appear lethargic, trance like state
- Slows heart rate, respirations, drops blood pressure
- Causes skin ulcerations, cigarette burns and abscesses
- Wounds can preclude treatment
- Narcan does not necessarily reverse OD however use anyway, most xylazine mixed with Fentanyl

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Community resources

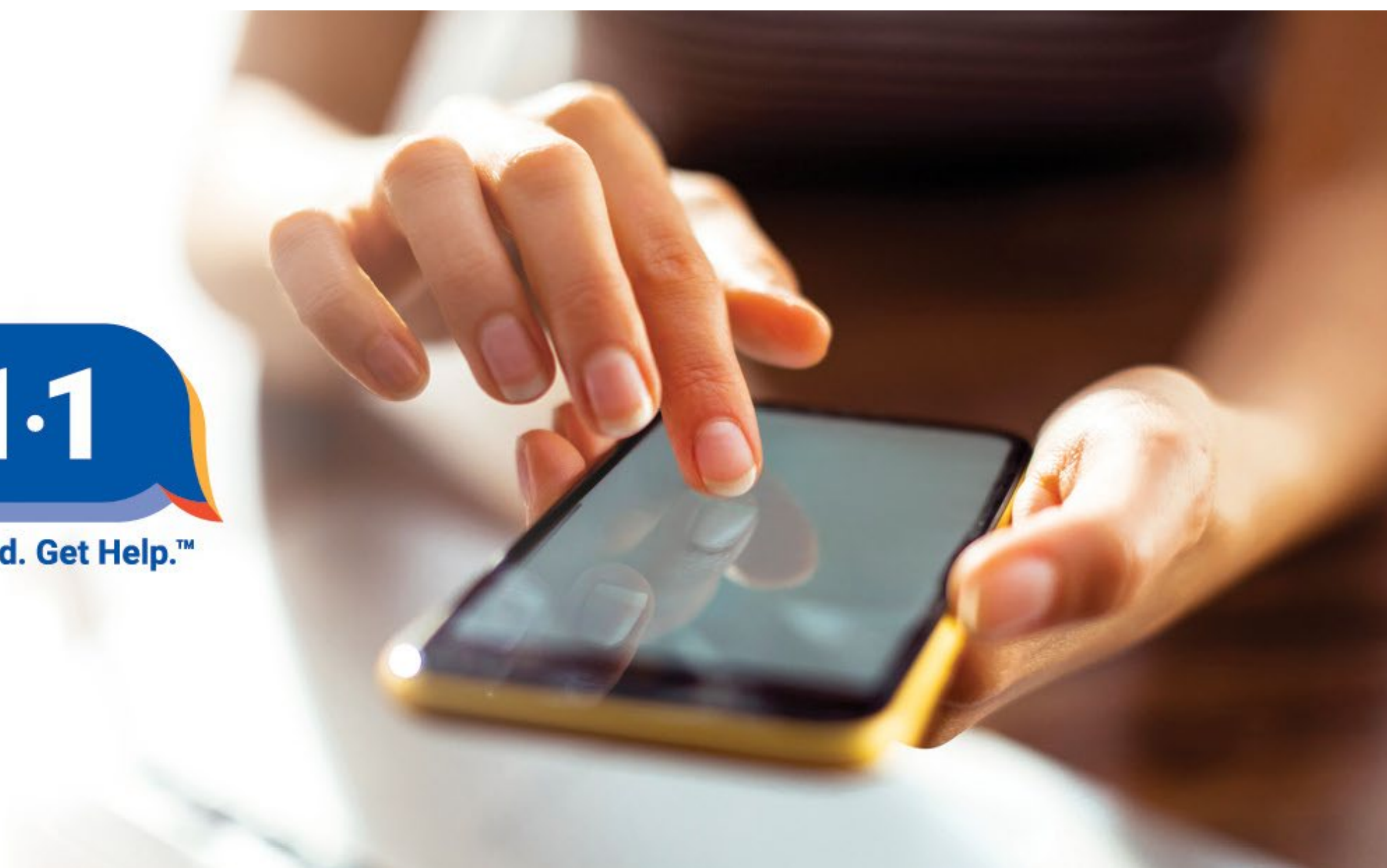
Health Care center for the
Homeless

Veterans Administration

Hope and Help

The Center

Harmony Healthcare



Heart of Florida United Way 211 - 988 Services

Available 24 hours a day to connect you with community resources
Information, referral, and crisis support

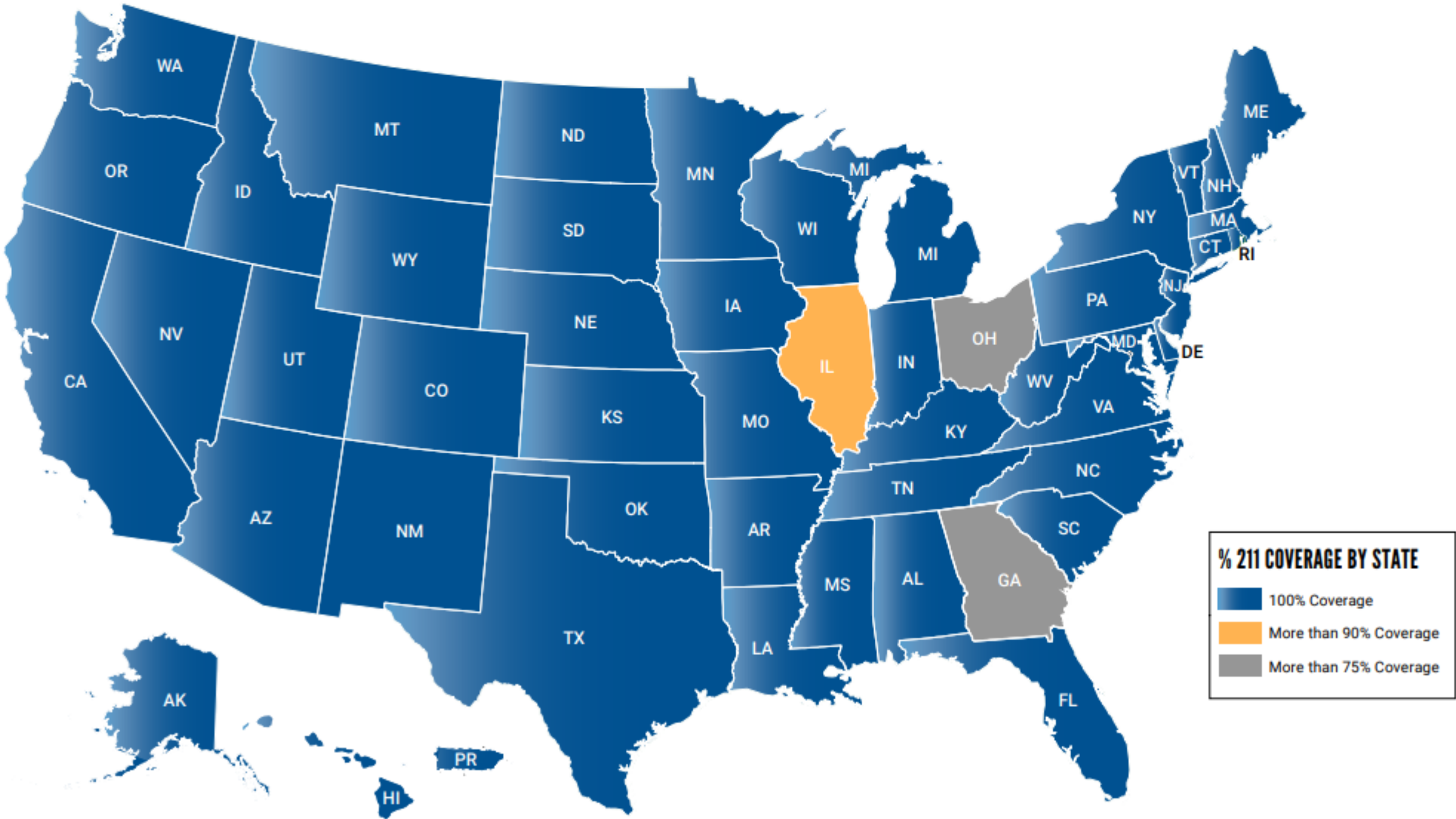


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99% OVERALL COVERAGE

% of Population Covered* by 211 in Each State



Florida 211's are authorized through Florida State Statute

- “The Legislature authorizes the planning, development, and, subject to appropriations, the implementation of a statewide Florida 211 Network, which shall serve as the single point of coordination for information and referral for health and human services...”

[Statutes & Constitution : View Statutes : Online Sunshine \(state.fl.us\)](http://state.fl.us)

- **Eleven 211's cover 100% of Florida**
- **Work closely together through the Florida Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (FLAIRS) and hold several statewide service contracts** (Dept's of Corrections, Veterans Affairs, Agriculture, and DCF)



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HFUW 211 partners with five other United Ways in Florida to serve a total of 14 counties and over 5.5 million people



United Way of Central Florida



United Way of Citrus County



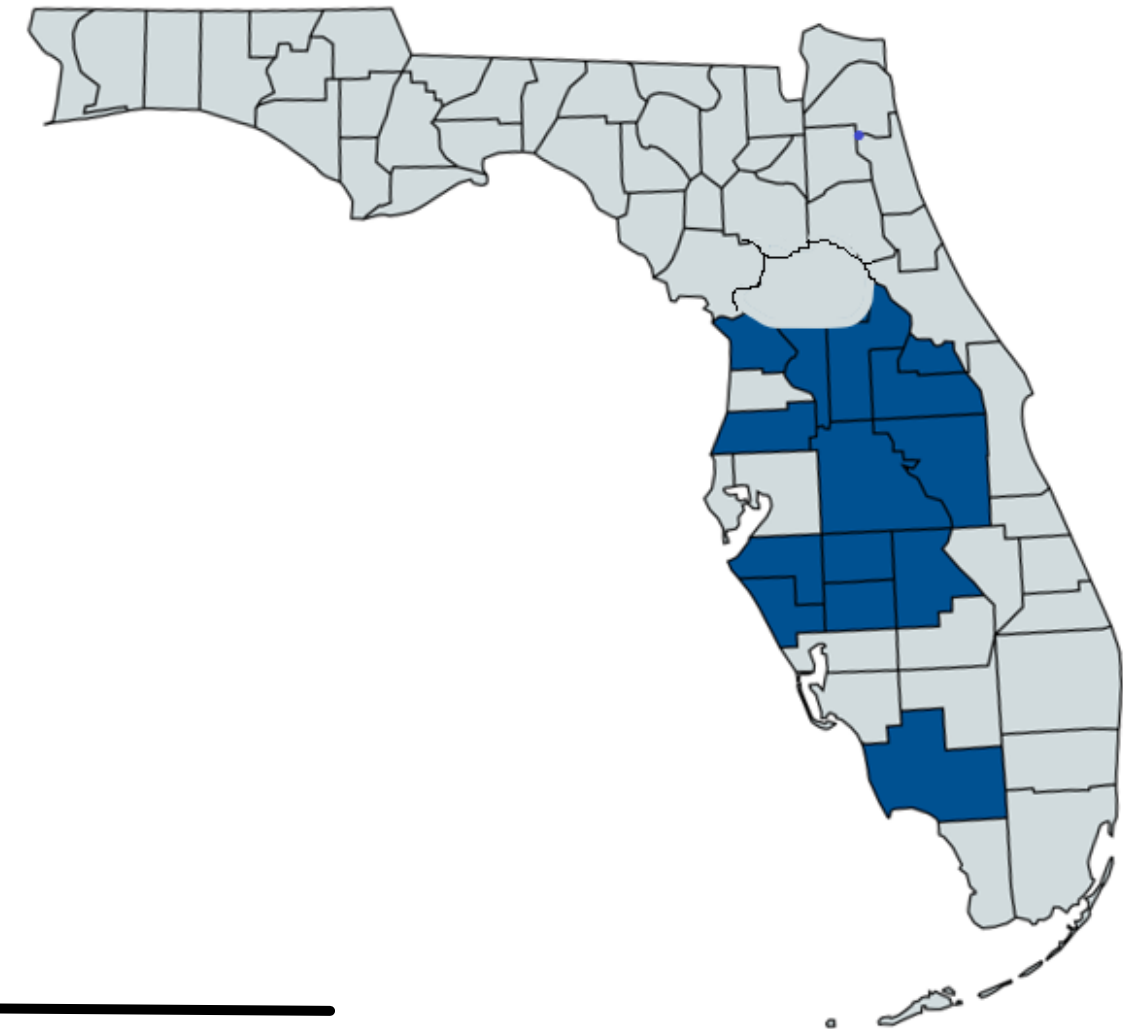
United Way of Collier County



United Way of Pasco County



United Way of Suncoast



Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Lake, Sumter, Pasco, Citrus,
Collier, Polk, Hardee, Highlands, DeSoto, Manatee, Sarasota



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A M E R I C A N
ASSOCIATION OF SUICIDOLOGY



What we do.

- 24/7/365 three-digit 2-1-1 dialing access
- Information and referrals to community services
- Dial 211, text zip code to 898 (TXT) 211, email, chat
- Online database
- National 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline
- National Disaster Distress Helpline (DDH) text
- Language translation services
- Coordinated Entry Services (CES) homeless screenings
- 211 Counts and 988 dashboards
- Cloud based telephony and databases



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SUICIDE
& CRISIS
LIFELINE



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Veteran services



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Mobile Response Team Crisis Dispatch



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Child development support



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Emergency and disaster support

A record 30 named storms formed in 2020,
21 storms in 2021, Hurricane Ian and Nicole in 2022



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Housing and Shelter Assistance

8,951 COC-FL507 CES screenings completed in 2022

- A increase of 108% from 2021

4,635 from City of Orlando (52%) in 2022

- An increase of 80% from 2021



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National 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

Transition from 800.273.8255 to 988 July 2022



- **Member Florida 988 State Coalition and Florida 988 Advocacy Committee**
- **Currently 12 Lifeline Centers in Florida, 10 are also 211's**
- **American Association of Suicidology (AAS) accredited**
- **“Cross-Trained” blended crisis staffing model with in-house ASIST Trainers**
- **HFUW expanded 988 service area in October 2022**
 - **Primary: Hardee, Highlands, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole**
 - **Secondary: Brevard, Citrus, Desoto, Lake, Manatee, Sarasota, Sumter (Pasco Aug 1, 2023)**



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Help is 3 Numbers Away



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211 maintains a comprehensive database of community resources and provides information and referrals for essential needs like:

- Food
- Housing and Shelter
- Utility Assistance
- Healthcare Services
- Government Services

Call for
Information and
Community Resources

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211 also can connect people with information and referrals for:

- Transportation
- Legal Services
- Counseling and Support Groups
- Disaster Aftercare
- Everything Else

988 provides crisis support for:

- Thoughts of Suicide
- Mental Health Crisis
- Substance Use Crisis
- Emotional Distress

Call for Suicide
Intervention and
Crisis Support

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Whole
Person
Care

Warm
Handoff

Call for
Emergencies

911

911 provides first responder dispatch for:

- Medical Emergency
- Fire
- Reporting a Crime
- Disaster Response
- Life Threatening Situation

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United Way 211 maintains and regularly updates over 3,200 programs for an average of 1,000 contacts daily

<https://www.hfuw.org/GetHelp>

<http://www.uw211help.org>

www.hfuw.org/gethelp/

The screenshot shows the United Way 211 website homepage. The header includes the 'LIVE UNITED' logo, 'United Way Heart of Florida United Way', and navigation links: 'Get Help', 'Get Involved', 'Our Impact', 'What We Do', and 'Donate'. A 'DONATE' button is also visible. The main heading is '211 IS HERE TO HELP'. Below this, a red banner asks 'AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS?' and provides a link to search for services. The central section features a large '2-1-1' logo, a 'NEED HELP?' button, and a '24' hour service icon. Text below explains that users are not alone and can access 211 by phone, email, chat, or text. At the bottom, there are three large buttons: 'DIAL', 'TEXT', and 'CHAT', each with instructions on how to use the service. A sidebar on the right includes a '2-1-1 counts' graphic, a 'CONTACT US 2-1-1 EMAIL' button, a 'Donate Now' button, and a 'Latest blog posts' section with links to various articles.

<https://www.hfuw.org/988lifeline/>

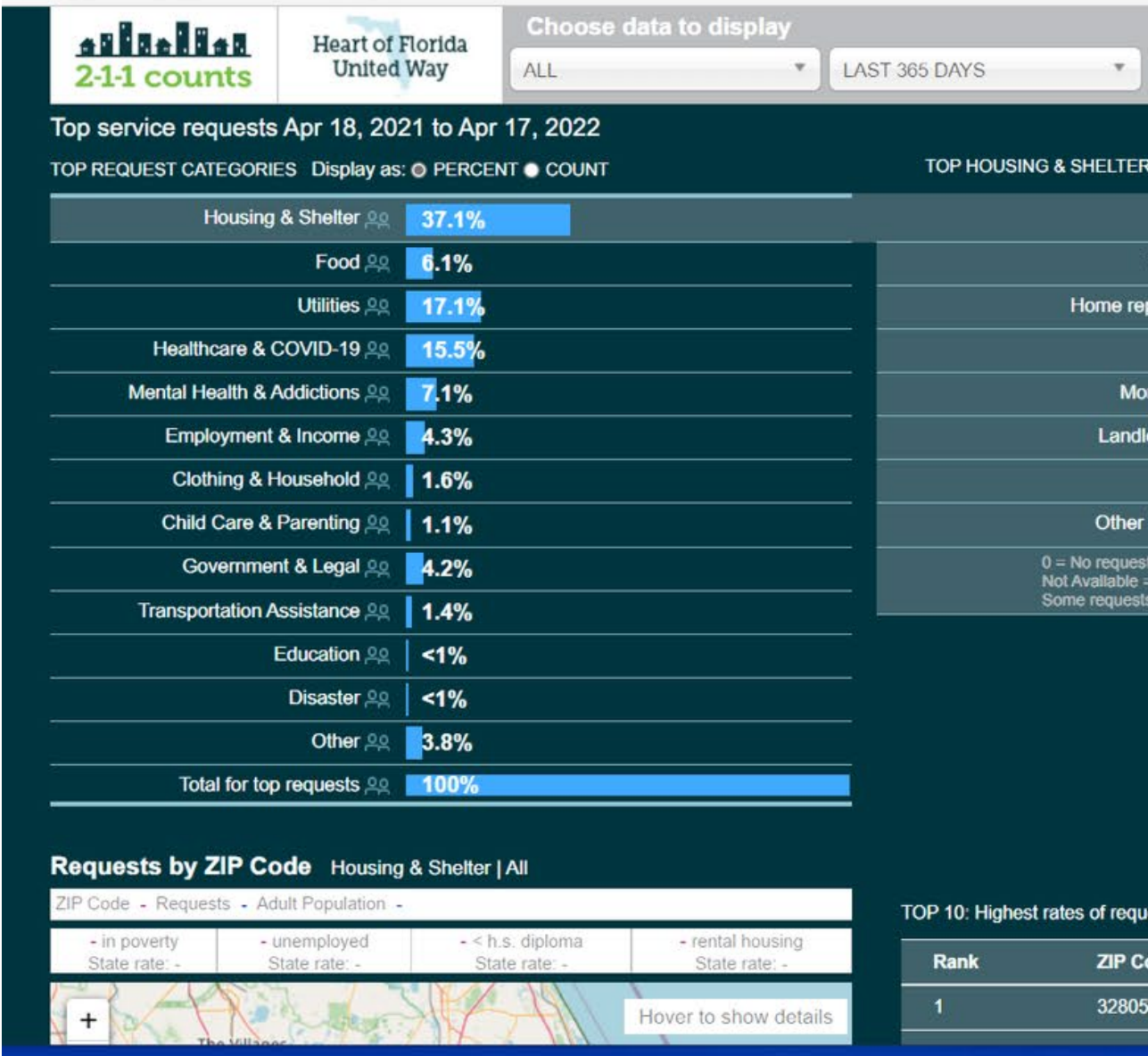
The screenshot shows the HFUW 988 Crisis and Suicide Prevention Services page. The header includes the 'LIVE UNITED' logo, 'United Way Heart of Florida United Way', and navigation links: 'Get Help', 'Get Involved', 'Our Impact', 'What We Do', and 'Donate'. The main heading is '988 SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE'. Below this, a video player displays a woman wearing a headset, with the title 'HFUW 988 CRISIS AND SUICIDE PREVENTION SERVICES'. The video player includes a 'Watch later' button, a 'Share' button, and a 'New 3-Digit Suicide Prevention Hotline' banner. At the bottom of the video player, it says 'Watch on YouTube'. Below the video player, the text 'It's okay not to be okay.' is displayed.

[Search - 211](#)

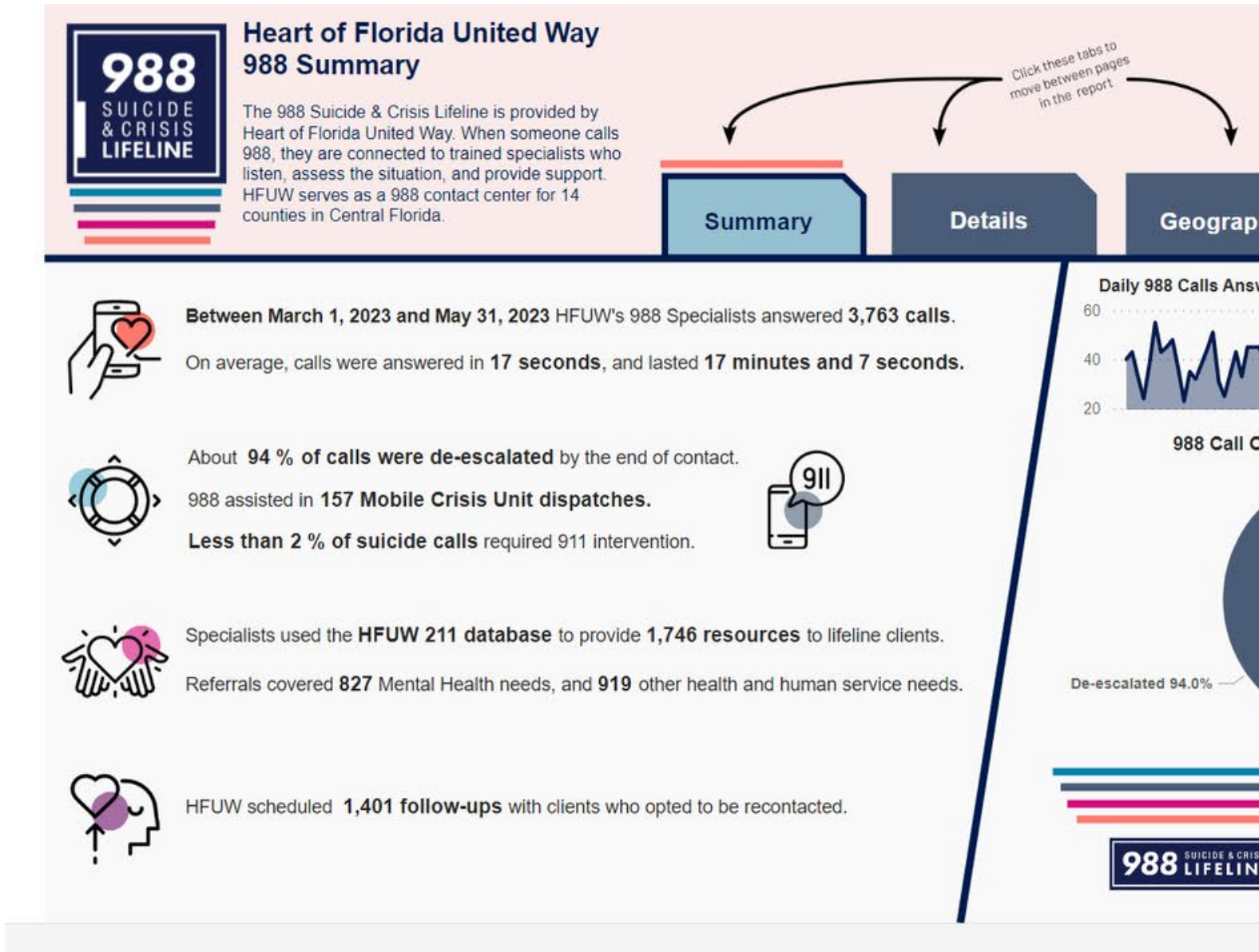
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United Way 211 provides 211 Counts and 988 Dashboards

<https://hfuw.org/GetHelp/211counts/>



<https://www.hfuw.org/988lifeline/>



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**Every day of the year, 211 is here.
24/7/365**

Catherine Rea

Vice President 211

Heart of Florida United Way

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Moving Towards Brighter Futures

- Successfully submitted the YHDP applications to HUD
- Projects and Partners included in the application :
 - Youth Navigation: HOPE Partnership, Embrace Families
 - Youth Case Managers: Impower, Family Promise of Greater Orlando, Zebra Youth
 - Youth Drop In and Outreach: SALT Outreach
 - Joint TH-RRH: Zebra Youth, HOPE Partnership, JUMP IN Ministries
 - Host Homes & Other Innovative Strategies: No applicant selected

Announcements

- Hired 2 Lived Experience Specialists



Brighter Days Newsletter August Sneak Peek


Every month:

- Highlight a YYA in our community who may be receiving services to acknowledge their accomplishments in leadership, transitioning into employment, education, housing, etc.

To nominate:


- Send an email to brighterdays@hsncfl.org with the subject line as “NOMINATE YOUTH”
- Send a photo of them
- Include why you want to highlight them

Once selected, we will follow up with them.



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OF CENTRAL FLORIDA**





A YHDP NEWSLETTER - VOL 1 ISSUE 1 - AUG 2023

Building Connections: The Selected Partners for YHDP

We are happy to announce we have successfully submitted our YHDP applications to HUD, listed below are the projects and partners included in this year's submission.

Youth Navigation: HOPE Partnership, Embrace Families	Youth Drop In and Outreach: SALT Outreach
Youth Case Managers: Impower, Family Promise of Greater Orlando, Zebra Youth	Joint TH-RRH: Zebra Youth, HOPE Partnership, JUMP IN Ministries
Host Homes and Other Innovative Housing: No partner selected.	

Brighter Days Fall Community Block Party- Get Involved!!

- Goal:
 - Bring together providers and resources for YYA & families
 - Launch our new campaign
 - Raise awareness about youth and young adult homelessness
 - Most importantly - to have fun with our community!

[Sign up to get involved!](#)





Announcements!

Florida Coalition to End Homelessness (FCEH) invites you to FOCUS on ending homelessness in the State of Florida by finding original, creative, unique solutions during this year's conference. This conference places an emphasis on networking and finding solutions; helping over 400 attendees annually develop long-term relationships with their peers to support efforts to serve Florida's most vulnerable residents.

REGISTER HERE: <https://website.eventpower.com/23FCEH-ANNUAL/Register>

FLORIDA COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS INVITES YOU TO

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on ending homelessness



20TH ANNUAL FCEH CONFERENCE ON HOMELESSNESS

OCTOBER 4-6TH, 2023 | ORLANDO FL

FREE NUTRITION CLASSES



Free Nutrition Classes

SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education

Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida is now offering SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education classes at partner organizations that serve clients receiving SNAP benefits or those eligible for SNAP benefits. Nutrition education can help SNAP-eligible Florida residents to incorporate more nutritious foods into their diet, adopt an active lifestyle, prevent chronic disease, manage a healthy weight and improve their quality of life. Classes are available for various age groups, such as youth/teens, families with children, adults and seniors.

Nutrition class information	Available class topics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">◊ Classes are free◊ Classes run approximately 20 minutes◊ Schedule the classes when it's convenient for your organization◊ Marketing materials provided◊ Cooking demonstration supplies are provided◊ Class curriculum is approved by Department of Children and Families (DCF)◊ Educators can teach multiple classes at your facility◊ Handouts are available in English, Spanish and Creole	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◊ Shopping and cooking healthy on budget◊ How to read nutrition labels◊ Reducing fat, sugar & sodium◊ Diabetes, know the risks◊ Gut health◊ Choosing to eat whole foods◊ Keep moving◊ Healthy portion and serving sizes◊ And more!

For more information: Contact the SNAP-Ed Nutrition Educator for your county

ORANGE & LAKE Shavanna Burt-Miller 407-561-3704 SBurtmiller@feedhopenow.org	OSCEOLA & SEMINOLE Abir Blaney 407-967-2629 ABlaney@feedhopenow.org	VOLUSIA & MARION Doreen Bevans 407-360-1109 DBevans@feedhopenow.org	BREVARD Raven Ellis 407-561-1157 REllis@feedhopenow.org
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SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK



CULINARY TRAINING PROGRAM

The Second Harvest Culinary Training Program is a 16-week continuing education opportunity offering adults facing barriers to employment with the culinary and life skills training needed to pursue a full-time sustainable career in the food industry, and is free of charge to qualified applicants.

ENROLL TODAY!

Applications are being accepted for the following sessions:

Session Dates

May 8 – August 25, 2023

July 31 – November 17, 2023

October 23 – February 23, 2024

Start dates are subject to change.

Application Deadlines

May 1, 2023

July 24, 2023

October 16, 2023

Class Schedule

Monday - Friday

8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Onsite at Second Harvest Food Bank

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 18 years of age
- Authorized to work in the United States
- Have experienced financial instability (unemployment, low wage, government assistance, etc.) during the last 12 months
- Must not possess a criminal history involving arson, sexual battery or violent crimes. All other criminal activity records will be considered on a case-by-case basis
- Must agree to disclose and provide criminal history records
- Must agree to a background check and drug test
- Must be drug and alcohol-free for at least one year prior to the application and enrolled in a rehabilitation support program
- High School Diploma or G.E.D. preferred, or the ability to meet minimum aptitude requirements based on curriculum needs
- Demonstrate an enthusiasm for and willingness to commit to the Program and food service industry
- Must have the physical ability to perform required kitchen duties as assigned, including standing for long periods of time, lifting (which may include up to 50 lbs.), bending and, on occasion, working in rooms with cool temperatures (below 40°F)
- Must be able to attend classes Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., for 16 weeks
- Must be willing and able to work full-time upon completion of the Program

HOW TO APPLY

In Person: 411 Mercy Drive, Orlando, FL 32805

Online: Fill out the pre application form at FeedHopeNow.org/CTPapp



For more information please contact: Keonna Yearwood, KYearwood@FeedHopeNow.org, (407) 514-1037, or Katrina McGee, KMcGee@FeedHopeNow.org, (407) 514-1071.



Join Us!

- ✓ PROMOTE DIGNITY
- ✓ CHALLENGE STIGMA
- ✓ CHANGE THE CONVERSATION ABOUT HOMELESSNESS

Lived Experience Advisory & Advocacy Council

Within Central Florida Commission on Homelessness, there are committees comprised of our peers who have come together with the purpose of collaborating to enhance our system of care for persons within our community experiencing homelessness.

**Complete this 5-min
Interest Form right
on your phone!**



**For Q&A, email Rashad at:
l.rashad.haynes@hsncfl.org**

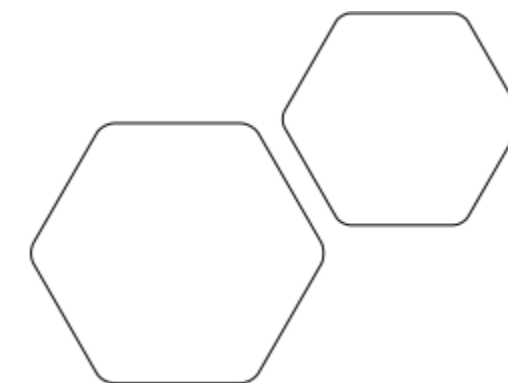




Join Us!

We believe in empowering the youth of today to help shape the safe spaces youth seek while experiencing homelessness. Join the Youth Action Society (YAS) and make the change.

Contact Aja Hunter to Join:
aja.hunter@hsncfl.org





Need PPE?

Let HSN meet your PPE needs!

- Reusable and Disposable Masks
- Hand Sanitizer
- Gloves
- Need any? Let us know!

Contact

Christopher.Fowler@hsncfl.org
to arrange a pickup

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, August 22nd,
2023

9 to 10:30 am

Location: Hybrid

