



CFCH
Monthly Members'
Meeting

June 24, 2025

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Welcome!

Agenda

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Spotlight on Best Practices, Ebony Tanner – Homeless Services Network

Motivational Interviewing, Tricia Mosher

PJI Leading from Within, Rachel Allen – Peace and Justice Institute

Homelessness in the News, Kate Santich– Homeless Services Network

Transformation Village, Tim McKinney – United Global Outreach

HSN/City of Orlando Sustainability Partnership, Anna Ashie– Homeless Services Network

CLS/HSN Emerging Issues, Morgan Cardinal – Community Legal Services

Announcements

Spotlight on Best Practices

Ebony Tanner





Spotlight on Best Practices



Proudly presented to

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Exemplary Service in the Practice of

Person Centered Care



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HOMELESS



Partnerships for Change: Using Motivational Interviewing to Inspire Action



Join us for an interactive session on Motivational Interviewing. We'll explore change theory and skills that help move people toward change.

Wednesday, June 25 • 9am - 4pm EDT

PJI Leading from Within: Building Resilience and Wellbeing

Leadership Cohort and Workshop Series



<https://youtu.be/Hu1tHyeuBg>

Leading from Within:

Building Resilience and Personal Well-being Workshops & Series NEW COURSE FROM PJI



Sign up for individual workshops or the extended leadership cohort series, which begins Aug. 13

Led by the Peace and Justice Institute, this professional development series is designed for both emerging and current leaders. You'll learn to nurture your own well-being while helping to shape a workplace culture of compassion, resilience, and purpose.

Two ways to participate:

1 Join a transformational leadership cohort, limited to 20 participants, to attend all six virtual events, plus an in-person opening and closing session, Aug. 13 and Dec. 3. You'll experience a customized professional development course and receive a certificate of completion.

Cost: \$300

2 Attend one or more of the six virtual workshops to increase emotional intelligence, build community and navigate conflict.

Cost: \$35 per session
or \$175 for all



You'll learn to:

- Build emotional intelligence and leadership resilience
- Strengthen communication, collaboration and community
- Promote trauma-informed and healing-centered leadership
- Develop practical tools for conflict resolution, self-care and reflection
- Create a positive workplace culture that supports wellbeing, belonging and long-term success

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!](#)



Sign up to join the Leadership
Cohort:



Sign up to join individual
workshops in the series:



Homelessness In The News

Kate Santich



HOMELESSNESS in the NEWS:



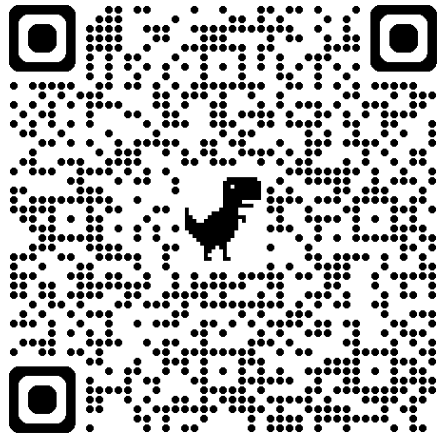
JUNE 2025

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW...

Read this!

If you want to understand the big picture of the proposed federal plan on homelessness, here it is:

Commentary: America's plan for homelessness: Burn the lifeboats, blame the ocean



<https://www.orlandosentinel.com/2025/06/22/commentary-americas-plan-for-homelessness-burn-the-lifeboats-blame-the-ocean/>

By **ERIC GRAY**

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The temporary shelter plan may be gaining traction...

On June 18, the Apopka City Council approved an agreement that would allow Matthew's Hope to park a special sleeper bus at a series of rotating locations in the city, providing at least 20 overnight shelter beds. It must locate funding and more parking places — the council approved just one of four proposed spots.

Modeled after the “407 Connect” project enacted in March by the city of Orlando, which is contracting with the Christian Service Center to operate two charter buses. The buses have been refurbished to offer sleeping compartments.

But there are some obstacles to the Apopka plan: Matthew's Hope still has to find funding for the bus and more places to park it. Apopka has only approved four locations to date.

Other temporary shelter plans using specialized trailers are in the preliminary planning stages for East Orange County and elsewhere. But they have yet to be approved.

2026 Florida Legislature (already!)

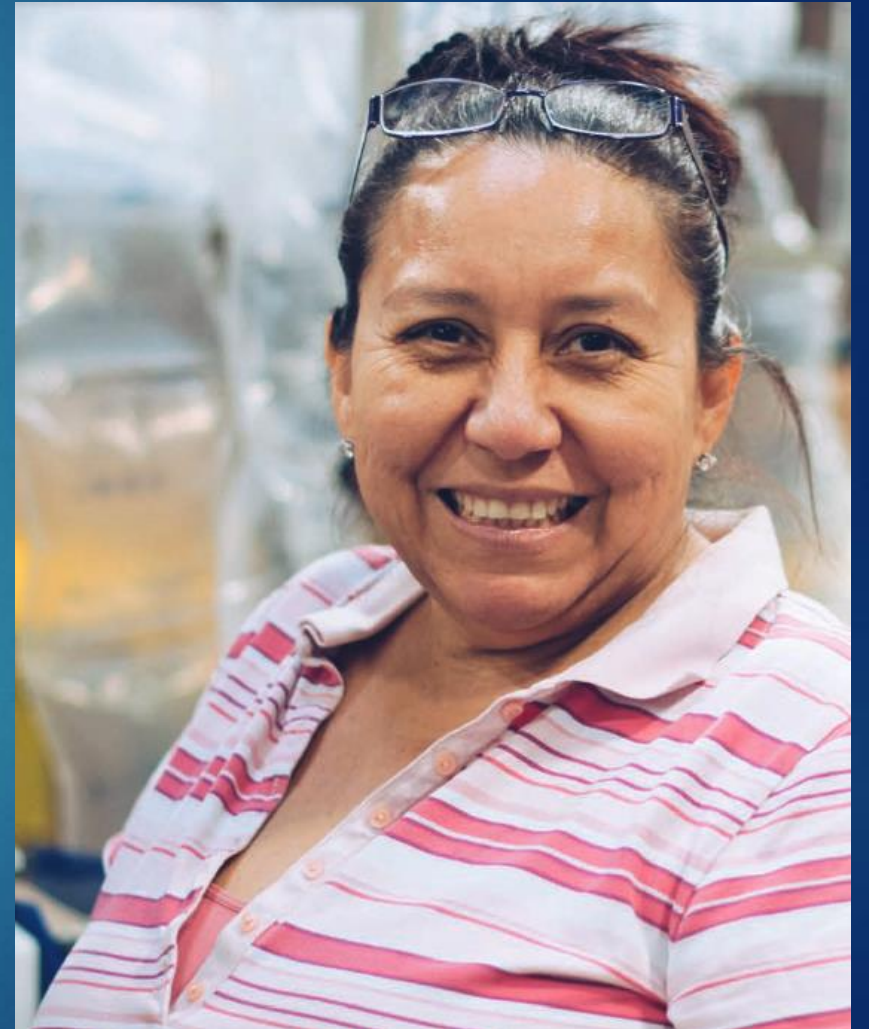
- The Legislature is projecting a budget deficit for the 2026-2027 fiscal year of at least \$3 billion, and as much as \$7 billion.
- Florida does have a rainy-day fund, though it is unlikely lawmakers will be willing to dip into that.
- FCEH legislative advisors say any increases will be very difficult ... and we may face cuts.
- Watch for emails in the coming months to attend local delegate meetings; ask them to protect current budget levels.
- DCF was supportive of trying to tweak the formula for TANF dollars, allowing more to go toward families experiencing homelessness. Currently, it is less than 1 percent.
- More to come... The regular legislative session starts January 13, 2026. (Yes, sooner than you think!)

Help on the job front

Orange County Commissioners have approved a \$750,000 workforce partnership with First Step Staffing, expanding employment opportunities for veterans, **individuals experiencing homelessness**, and those with prior incarceration.

Employment opportunities cover a range of fields in county departments (facilities management, food service, landscaping, distribution, customer service, etc.). The partnership with First Step Staffing, Inc., will be facilitated through the county's Mental Health and Homelessness Division.

Apply or refer clients at
<https://www.firststepstaffing.com/services>



Second Harvest recruits for next class



Applications are open for Class 59 of the free, 16-week Culinary Training Program, running July 21 to November 7, 2025.

Applications are **due by July 14.** (Any applications received after that date will be considered for Class 60, which begins in October.

Go to <https://www.feedhopenow.org/>
Click on "Need Help?" and then "Culinary Training Program."

Note eligibility requirements and online application.

Questions? Call 407-514-1037 or email kyearwood@feedhopenow.org



...to an inbox
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Please welcome CEO Martha Are for an
important announcement on an
upcoming RFA...

Transformation Village

United Global
Outreach



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Orlando, FL 32833

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- Psychiatric & Behavioral Health Services (Blue Building)
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- Counseling & Case Management
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- Peer Support

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**Empowering Communities:
Energy Equity and the Future of Resilience
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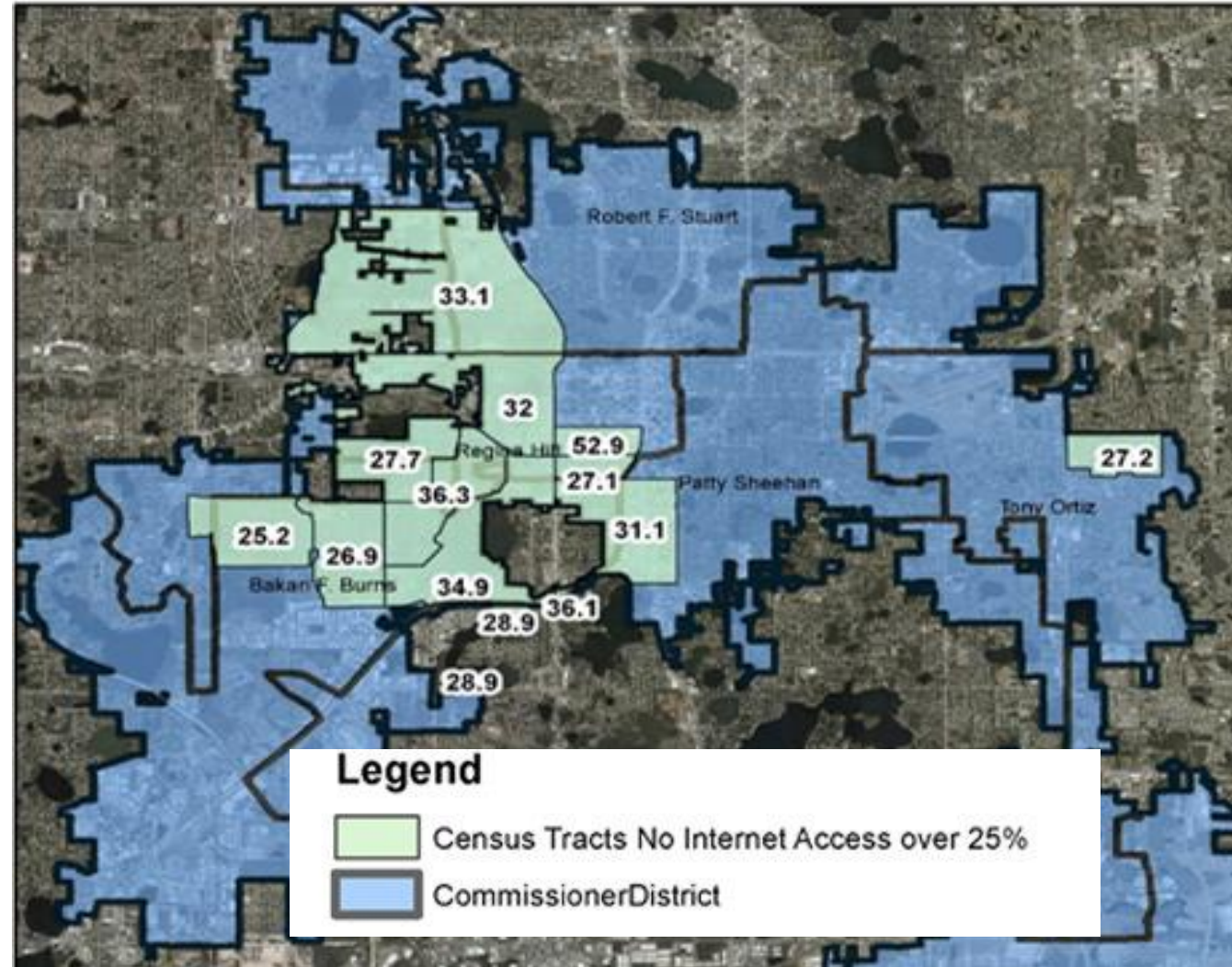
City of Orlando

- 100% clean energy by 2050 – need everyone to get there.
- Many residents struggle with their electric bills (energy burdens at 130% of the national average).
- Some lack adequate air conditioning and have electric resistance heat and water heating.



City of Orlando

- Nearly 20% lack quality internet access in their home.
- Not everyone can afford a generator, or to stock-up on food before a hurricane. Losing the food in their refrigerator is catastrophic.



City of Orlando

- 62.3% of homes are rentals.
- Typically, the landlord owns everything while the tenant pays the electric bills – difficult to justify energy investments.
- Most energy efficiency and resilience opportunities are geared towards homeowners.
- Low-income renters are afraid of being further left behind and don't always trust government programs.
- High potential for unintended consequences to improve a rental property (i.e. cause a rent increase and further exacerbate the affordable housing crisis).
- Energy efficiency and resilience could use better communication and more fun in outreach efforts

Our Role

- Fill the gaps – find new ways to make energy efficiency, clean energy, and resilience accessible for all residents.
- If we can solve this for renters, homeowners will be easier.
- If we can bypass landlords, it will only be easier if the landlord wants to partner.
- May not be able to fix the whole home – but can we help enough?



Energy Equity

Energy Equity

- Developed a new program, focused on plug-in technologies
 - Energy Star Window AC Heat Pump
 - Heat Pump Water Heater
 - 400W Portable Solar and Battery Storage
- Created energy efficiency baskets that feel more like a housewarming gift
 - Aerators with LED lights
 - Color changing LED bulbs
 - Glow stars
 - Threads for Teds
 - Educational Flyers
- The tenant can own all this stuff, similar to their own refrigerator or TV - bypassing the landlord.



Pilot Projects

Phase 1

- Provided in 4 homes via City funding
- We are building relationships and project success

Phase 2

- 4Roots donated 50 additional window AC units!
- Installed via City funding



Clear Lake Project Results

	<i>Electric Consumption History (kWh)</i>												
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
2024	423	406	385	605	672	754	834	783	845	538	589	303	595
2023	661	522	567	744	1,058	1,117	1,407	1,519	1,109	798	732	530	897

- Energy savings over **30%** for the year due to Energy Star Window AC
- Saving the resident nearly **\$40 per month** (closer to \$90 in the summer)
- Recently added portable solar and bumped the energy savings over **40%**
- Added resilience - Has back-up power for AC, refrigerator, etc.

Clear Lake Icing on the Cake

- At first, the resident did not realize solar power even existed. Now he is testing different devices on his solar system.
- Resident - *"I feel like I'm connected to the future."*
- He just had us over for breakfast



Jernigan Ave Project Results

- We did not fix everything, but...
- Heat pump AC has reduced her winter bill by more than **30%**
- Saving **over \$30** per month
- She taught us... we created this program together!!!

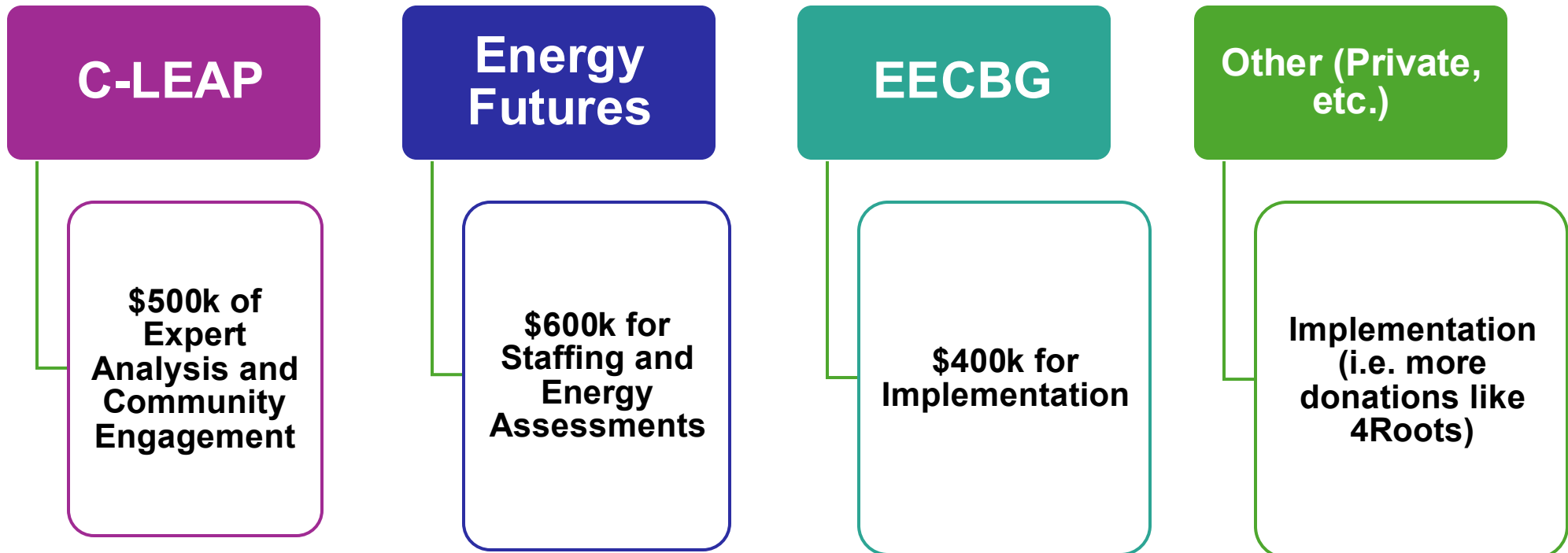




Next Steps

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- We will scale this, hopefully the federal government will still help
- Come see us if you want to get involved!



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Community Legal Services & HSN Emerging Issues

Morgan Cardinal



EMERGING ISSUES

Areas of Assistance



HOUSING LAW



CONSUMER LAW



CHILDREN'S RIGHTS



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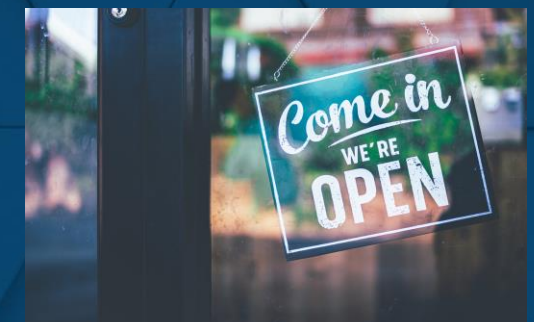
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HEIRS PROPERTY

Emerging Issues

- Tell us what you're seeing in your community that CLS should be aware of...



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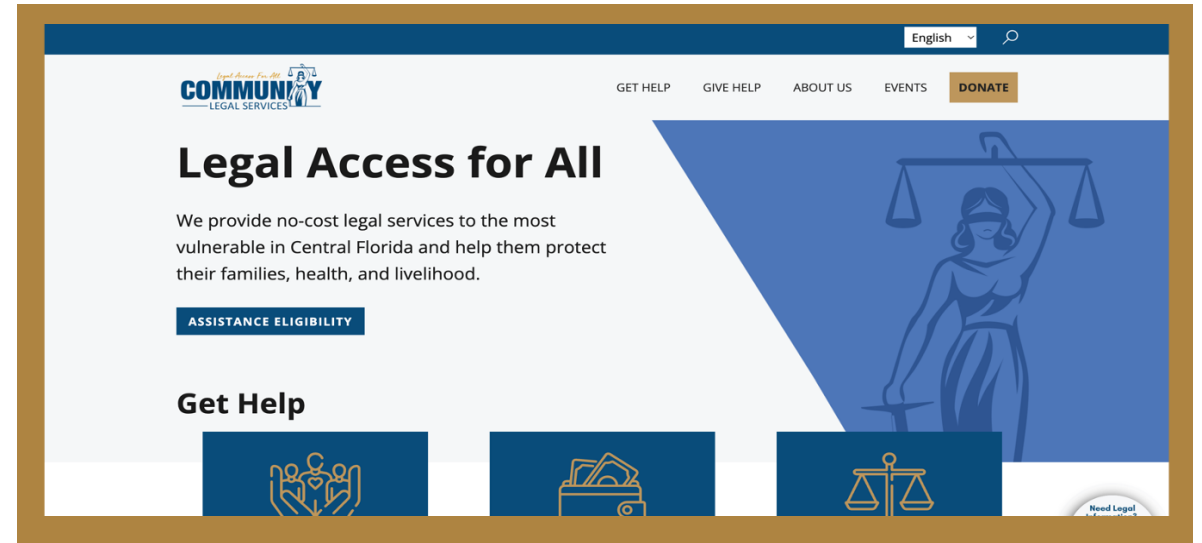
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Contact Us

HELPline

1-800-405-1417

MONDAY AND THURSDAY 8:30-4:30
TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY 8:30-6:30
FRIDAY 8:30-3:30



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Announcements

CFCH Membership Renewal

- We are asking all current members of the Central Florida Commission on Homelessness that submitted a membership application prior to January 2025 to renew their membership by **August 31st, 2025**
- You can renew your application following the link sent to your email or filling out a paper application at the sign-in desk
- This renewal process is mandated by HUD and will provide us up-to-date information about our members
- We ask that you ensure **ONLY** one organizational membership application is completed per organization.

Disaster Prep Committee

Interest Form



Next Meeting:

Tuesday, July 22nd

10am to 11:30 am

Location: VIRTUAL

*NOTE: Next meeting
is virtual ONLY*

