



Community Resource Center Update

Community Support Services

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BoCC Motion/Discussion

December 10, 2024: Commissioner Prizzia stated that she would like to discuss community centers in a broad conversation as several of them are struggling in the current economy rather than just discussing the need in High Springs. She would like to discuss this at a Policy Meeting.

Community Resource Center Definition

A public location where members of a community gather for group activities, social support, public information, and other purposes. They may be open for the whole community or for a specialized subgroup within the greater community. Community centers can be religious in nature, such as Christian churches, Islamic mosques, Jewish synagogues, Hindu temples, or Buddhist temples; though they can also be secular and in some cases government-run, such as youth clubs or senior centers.

Community Resource Center Survey Criteria

- Identify community centers that are a “one stop” hub of community resources that offer a wide range of social services and support in one location
- Services that go beyond one single need to include but not limited to clothing, job training, health care, senior services, educational resources, mental health support, and youth services

Community Resource Centers Surveyed

- City of Alachua Recreation and Culture Department- Hathcock Community Center
- City of Archer-Ollie Mae Robinson Senior Center
- City of Newberry-Martin Luther King Community Center
- City of Waldo Community Center
- Community Impact Corporation
- Deeper Purpose Community Church, Inc
- Greater Montechoa-Gordon Community Center
- Hawthorne Area Resource Center, Inc.
- Partnership for Strong Families- Library Partnership
- Partnership for Strong Families-Southwest Advocacy Group (SWAG) Resource Center
- Pleasant Street Civil Rights and Cultural Arts Center Inc-One Community Family Resource Center
- The Willie Mae Stokes Community Center



Highlights of Services and Programs

| CRC | Afterschool/ Summer | Clothing & etc. | Food | Health Care | Housing | Transport | Other |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|-------|
| City of Alachua | | | √ | √ | | | √ |
| City of Archer | | | √ | | | | |
| City of Newberry | √ | | | | | | √ |
| City of Waldo | √ | | √ | | | | |
| Community Impact | √ | | √ | | | | √ |
| Deeper Purpose Inc | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Hawthorne Area | | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| PFSF Library Partnership | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | √ |
| Pleasant Street | | √ | √ | √ | √ | | √ |
| SWAG | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | √ |
| Willie Mae Stokes | √ | √ | √ | √ | | √ | √ |
| Greater Montechoa | | | √ | | | | |

April 1, 2025 Board Motion

1. That staff identify for the Commission of the list which of these entities are municipally run versus run by nonprofits and/or volunteers, 501c(3) and provide that back to the Commission by email is fine.
2. Request any operating budgets that May or May not exist relating to these entities and provide that back to the Commission by email is fine.
3. That the Commission refer to staff to work with the Community Foundation and the Children's Trust and develop recommendations with regards to both the amount and a method or process for potential funding in fiscal year 2025-2026.
4. Staff be utilized to help these organizations gather that information.
5. Explore opportunities to utilize surplus and government access to resources and software for support of these centers.
6. Bring back recommendations for support of a community wide resource guide that works.

Designated Family Resource Centers by CTAC

- Family Resource Centers (FRCs) are defined as a national model of community based welcoming hubs of community services and opportunities designed to strengthen families
- Family Resource Centers
 - Deeper Purpose Family Resource Center
 - Hawthorne Area Resource Center
 - Library Partnership Family Resource Center
 - One Community Family Resource Center
 - SWAG Family Resource Center
 - Willie Mae Stokes Community Center



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CRCs Support

- In response to the SNAP delays, the County provided \$200,000 to 6 CRCs to provide weekly fresh produce to food insecure residents
 - Deeper Purpose Family Resource Center
 - Hawthorne Area Resource Center
 - Library Partnership Family Resource Center
 - One Community Family Resource Center
 - SWAG Family Resource Center
 - Willie Mae Stokes Community Center
- Provided commercial refrigeration to 3 CRCs to address food insecure residents to assist in weekly food distributions and food
 - Deeper Purpose Family Resource Center
 - One Community Family Resource Center
 - Willie Mae Stokes Community Center

CRCs Support Cont'd

- Continuing to provide access and training to EUNA Grant portal to all CRCs
- Continuing to provide technical assistance and support to all CRCs with referrals to community resources
- Collaborated with the Office of Accreditation and Grants to provide ongoing grant and funding opportunities for all CRCs
- Providing \$300,000 in support of 6 CRCs via Social Services to provide rent and utility assistance referrals