



**ALACHUA COUNTY, FL**  
**Special Meeting - Policy Discussion**  
**Meeting Agenda**

**April 1, 2025**  
**10:00 AM**

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**A. Approval of Agenda**

**Recommended Action:**

To approve the Agenda.

**B. Items for Discussion**

**1. Community Resource Centers - 25-00109**

**Fiscal Note:**

There are no funds appropriated to support Community Resource Centers.

**Strategic Guide:**

Social and Economic Opportunity

**Recommended Action:**

Hear the presentation and receive input from the Community Resource Centers

**C. Closing Comments**

**1. Public Comment**

**2. Commission Comment**

**D. Adjourn**

**Recommended Action:**

To adjourn the meeting.



## Agenda Item Summary

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**File #: 25-00109**

**Agenda Date: 4/1/2025**

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Community Resource Centers**

**Presenter:**

Claudia Tuck, Community Support Services Director, (352) 231-0058  
Candie Nixon, Assistant Director, (352) 213-4896

**Description:**

Need Assessment for Community Resource Centers

**Recommended Action:**

Hear the presentation and receive input from the Community Resource Centers

**Prior Board Motions:**

December 10, 2024- Commissioner's comments

**Fiscal Note:**

There are no funds appropriated to support Community Resource Centers.

**Strategic Guide:**

Social and Economic Opportunity

**Background:**

On December 10, 2024, the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners held a discussion regarding community centers as it relates to financial difficulties. The Commissioners elected to have a broad discussion regarding community centers in Alachua County. Below is the Commission motion.

*Motion: 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.*

*County Manager Lieberman stated that a Comprehensive discussion of Community Centers will be scheduled for March with the appropriate staff.*

In respect of the motion, the Department of Community Support Services created a needs based survey to assess the status of community centers across the County. The survey was distributed to the eleven (11) community centers listed below. Responses were received from all.

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

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

The survey, Community Profile, encompassed:

- name,
- location,
- entity type,
- facility status,
- days & hours of operation,
- zip codes served,
- partners,
- programs/services,
- staff levels,
- annual budget,
- target population,
- community impact,
- areas of need,
- and an opportunity to include a vignette.:



# Community Resource Center Survey

## Community Support Services

Claudia Tuck, Director  
Community Support Services  
April 1, 2025

# BoCC Motion/Discussion

December 10, 2024: To discuss community centers in a broad conversation as several of them are struggling in the current economy.

# 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 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
- 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

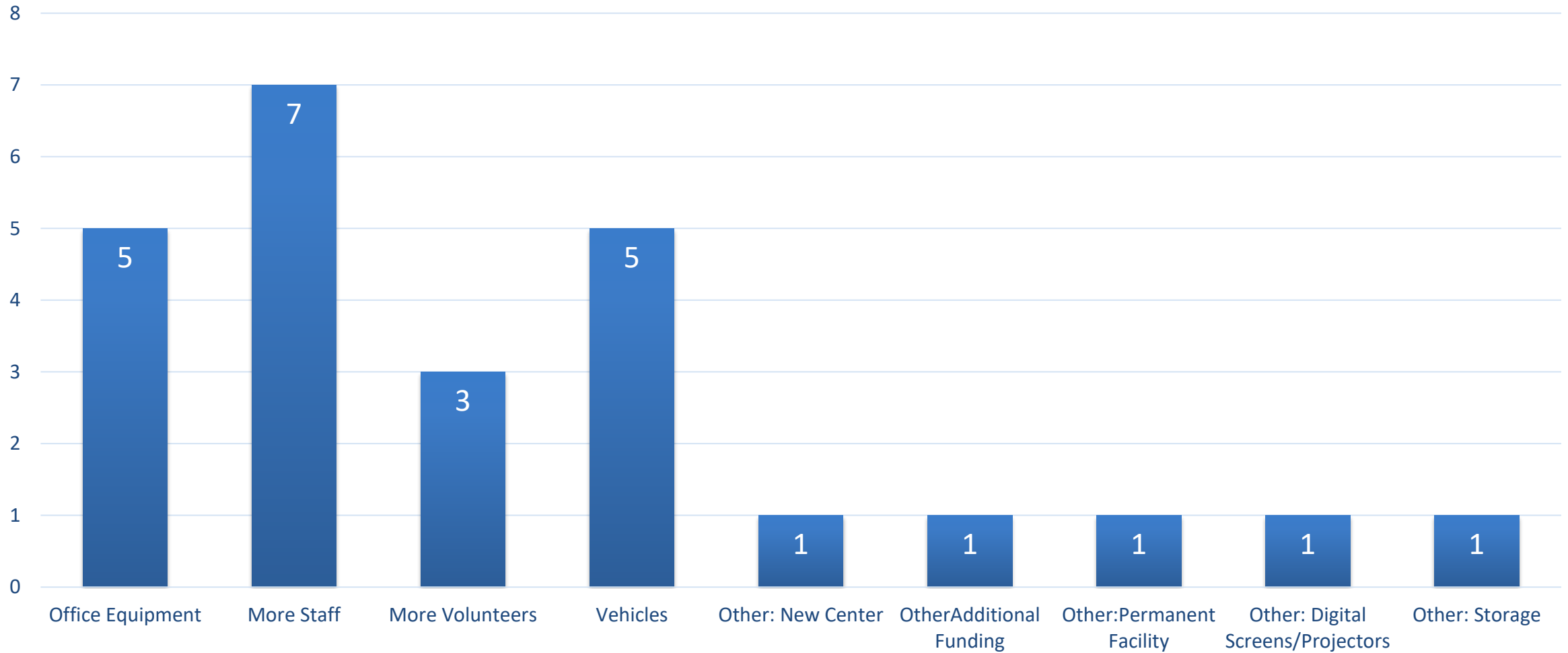




# Community Resource Center's Staffing



# Community Resource Center Needs



# Community Resource Guides

- [United Way 211](#)
- [FindHelp.org](#)
- [Bread of the Mighty “Find a Food Pantry” Site](#)
- [Alachua County’s Housing Resources Virtual Map](#)

# Community Resource Center Name: City of Alachua Recreation and Culture Department- Hathcock Community Center

Address: 15818 NW 140<sup>th</sup> St Alachua, FL 32615

Entity Type: Government Agency

Facility: Own

## Days & Hours of Operation

Monday, Wednesday & Thursdays  
9:00am to 12:00pm  
Open for rentals outside of hours listed above.

## Zip Codes Served

32615, 32616, 32653 & 32643.

## Community Center Partners

Crafty Gemini, Mebane Alumni, Alachua County Coalition, Elder Options/Care, Sprout Squad.

## Program Services

Food Assistance, Referral Services to Other Organizations, Healthcare Support, Other

Also provides senior activities such as arts & crafting, bingo, dance, gardening, outreach and field trip - routinely.

## Staffing Detail

Full-time: 0  
Part-Time: 2  
Volunteers: 10

## Annual Center Budget

\$14,000

## Target Population

Senior Citizens

## Community Impact

Not listed

## Areas of Need

Facility repair, new programs/services, office equipment, increase staff and volunteers, vehicle(s), Other: RFQ for new center

## Success Stories/Comments

The World Famous Senior Chas' became a fan favorite over a decade ago at the Annual Senior Day Event in Tallahassee. It all started with a group of seniors that just wanted to dance.

Many other triumphs materialized during the past twenty years. The H.C.C.C. was the start of our Annual M.L.K. Day Event. The event is now a staple in our local community. For roughly a decade the H.C.C.C. fed over five hundred families on a consistent basis every Tuesday morning. With the partnerships of Gainesville Harvest, Bread of the Mighty, Walmart, Sysco, Publix and Hitchcock's Market, we were able to provide a much-needed service for our locals. The Center provides a gathering place for birthday parties, baby showers, meetings, and activities, fostering social interaction, community engagement, and a sense of belonging.

# Community Resource Center Name: City of Archer-Ollie Mae Robinson Senior Center

Address: 13349 Weimer St Archer, FL 32618

Entity Type: Government Agency

Facility: Own

## Days & Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday  
8:00am-6:00pm

## Zip Codes Served

32618

## Community Center Partners

Elder Care

## Program Services

Food Assistance

## Staffing Detail

Full -Time: 7

Part-Time: 0

Volunteers: 0

## Success Stories/Comments

Not listed

## Annual Center Budget

\$8,000

## Community Impact

20 individuals served last program year

## Target Population

Adults, Senior Citizens

## Areas of Need

Facility repair, new programs/services, increase staff

# Community Resource Center Name: City of Newberry-Martin Luther King Community Center

Address: 25515 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave Newberry, FL 32669

Entity Type: Government Agency

Facility: Own

## Days & Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday  
7:00am-6:00pm

## Zip Codes Served

32669

## Community Center Partners

Not listed

## Program Services

Afterschool Programs (tutoring & keyboard lessons)  
Senior Bingo

## Staffing Detail

Full-time: 1  
Part-Time: 0  
Volunteer: 7

## Success Stories/Comments

Not listed

## Annual Center Budget

\$5,000

## Community Impact

498 individuals served last program year

## Target Population

Children, Senior Citizens, Adults

## Areas of Need

Facility repair, new programs/services, office equipment, storage, other

# Community Resource Center Name: City of Waldo Community Center

Address: 14450 NE 148 Ave, Waldo, Florida 32694

Entity Type: Government Agency

Facility: Own

## Days & Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday  
7:00am to 5:30pm

## Zip Codes Served

32694

## Community Center Partners

Waldo Community New Visions Coalition

Alachua County

Lisa Hill

YMCA

## Program Services

Elder Care,  
Community Outreach  
Hosts events by the Waldo Community New Vision Coalition, a free summer camp among other things that come up throughout the year

## Staffing Detail

Full-Time: 5  
Part-Time: 1  
Volunteers: 0

## Annual Center Budget

Bundled in with City Budget

## Success Stories/Comments

Waldo now has the Waldo City Square the old Waldo Community School Campus and the Community Center which is not open unless and event is going on, like summer camp, health fair etc. We had the UF Health bus come there and to the Waldo City Square and it has discontinued due to lack of use. It is hard to get the Waldo Citizens engaged in the outreach programs we have. It is a low-income town and we struggle to get people to take advantage of events and programs. The need is here. It is very frustrating.

## Community Impact

Not listed

## Target Population

Adults, Senior Citizens, Children, Infants, Veterans, All Citizens

## Areas of Need

None



# Community Resource Center Name: Community Impact Corporation

Address: 3575 NE 15th Street, Gainesville FL 32609

Entity Type: Non-Profit

Facility: Lease

## Days & Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday  
9:00am-4:00pm

## Zip Codes Served

32609, 32601, 32641, 32653,  
32607, 32608

## Community Center Partners

Meridian Healthcare  
ASO  
GPD  
City of Gainesville  
Alachua County  
ACPS  
Bread of the Mighty  
Star Center  
Children's Trust of Alachua  
County  
PAVE

## Program Services

Food Assistance  
Summer Camp  
Employment Training  
After school program

## Staffing Detail

Not listed

## Annual Center Budget

\$155,000

## Target Population

Children  
Adults  
Senior Citizens  
Veterans

## Community Impact

Not listed

## Success Stories/Comments

Weekly food distribution  
provided for the past 25  
years.

## Areas of Need

Facility repair, new programs/services, office  
equipment, increase staff and volunteers,  
vehicle(s), Other: large digital screen and  
projector

# Community Resource Center Name: Deeper Purpose Community Church, Inc

Address: 19930 N Us Hwy 441 High Springs, FL 32643

Entity Type: Non-Profit

Facility: Lease

## Days & Hours of Operation

Monday- Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm

## Zip Codes Served

32643, 32655, 32669, 32615,  
32616

## Community Center Partners

Bread of the Mighty  
High Springs Winn Dixie  
Deeper Purpose Community  
Charities  
Children's Trust of Alachua  
County  
UF Health Mobile Outreach  
Clinic

## Program Services

Housing Assistance,  
Food Assistance,  
Clothing Assistance,  
Utility Assistance,  
Referral Services to Other Organizations  
Childcare,  
Afterschool Programs,  
Community Education/Workshops,  
Employment Assistance,  
Healthcare Support,  
Transportation Assistance

## Staffing Detail

Full-Time: 1  
Part-Time: 2  
Volunteers: 2

## Annual Center Budget

\$85,000

## Success Stories/Comments

We are often asked how we do so much with so little.

## Target Population

Infants, Children, Adults, Senior Citizens,  
Veterans

## Community Impact

2500 individuals served last  
program year

## Areas of Need

New programs/services, office equipment,  
increase staff, vehicle(s), permanent facility,  
other: funding to build/purchase permanent  
facility

# Community Center Name: Hawthorne Area Resource Center, Inc.

Address: 21923 SE 67th Place Hawthorne, FL 32640

Entity Type: Non-Profit

Facility: Other; Partner with First United Methodist Church for building use

## Days & Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday  
9:30 am to 2:00 pm

## Zip Codes Served

32640

32666

32641

## Community Center Partners

None listed

## Program Services

Housing Assistance  
Food Assistance  
Clothing Assistance  
Utility Assistance  
Referral Services to Other Organizations  
Employment Assistance  
Healthcare Support  
Transportation Assistance  
Social/Emotional Support  
Other: Community Education

## Staffing Detail

Full-Time: 0

Part-Time: 0

Volunteers: 42

## Success Stories/Comments

We have helped people who now have jobs and more stability in their family thus less need to rely on assistance.

## Annual Center Budget

\$44,873

## Community Impact

12,000 individuals served  
last program year

## Target Population

Infants	Veterans
Children	Disabled
Adults	
Senior Citizens	

## Areas of Need

New programs/services, office equipment, increase staff and volunteers, vehicle(s)

# Community Resource Center Name: Partnership for Strong Families- Library Partnership

Address: 912 NE 16<sup>th</sup> Ave Gainesville, FL 32601

Entity Type: Non-Profit

Facility: Lease

## Days & Hours of Operation

Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9am - 5pm  
Wednesday and Thursday 11am - 5pm

## Zip Codes Served

32607

## Community Center Partners

Over 80 community partners:  
Alachua County  
Children's Trust of Alachua County  
Southwest Advocacy Group  
Community Foundation  
University of Florida  
Santa Fe College  
Alachua County Library District  
Florida Legal Services  
Meridian Healthcare  
RTS  
Bread of the Mighty  
Catholic Charities  
Farm Share  
Trinity United Methodist Church  
Queen of Peace Catholic Church  
Satchel's Pizza  
Wells Fargo

## Program Services

Housing Assistance,  
Food Assistance,  
Clothing Assistance,  
Utility Assistance,  
Referral Services to Other Organizations,  
Afterschool Programs,  
Community Education/Workshops,  
Employment Assistance,  
Healthcare Support,  
Transportation Assistance,  
Social/Emotional Support,  
Childcare

## Staffing Detail

Full-Time: 2  
Part-Time: 1  
Volunteers: 10

## Annual Center Budget

\$230,000-\$245,000

## Community Impact

8000 individuals served last  
program year

## Target Population

Infants, Children, Adults

## Success Stories/Comments

Attached Accomplishment  
Report

## Areas of Need

More volunteers, new  
programs/services

# Community Resource Center Name: Pleasant Street Civil Rights and Cultural Arts Center Inc-One Community Family Resource Center

Address: 1725 SE First Ave Gainesville, FL 32641

Entity Type: Non-Profit

Facility: Lease

## Days & Hours of Operation

Mondays -Thursdays 9:00am-5:00pm

## Zip Codes Served

32601

## Community Center Partners

## Program Services

Housing Assistance  
Food Assistance  
Clothing Assistance  
Utility Assistance  
Referral Services to Other Organizations  
Community Education/Workshops  
Employment Assistance  
Social/Emotional Support  
Healthcare Support

## Staffing Detail

Full-Time: 3  
Part-Time: 2  
Volunteers: 10

## Annual Center Budget

\$225,000

## Community Impact

40,285 individuals served

## Target Population

Adults, Senior Citizens, Veterans

## Areas of Need

None listed

## Success Stories/Comments

I wanted to share a positive experience I had with a patron recently. She came in feeling down about her situation and was looking for a job to help improve things. We discussed job openings and resume building, and I informed her about a job fair with on-the-spot interviews that Career Source was hosting.

She initially felt discouraged due to her attire and the limited time before the job fair ended. However, I was able to assist her by opening the clothing closet and providing her with something nice to wear, which boosted her confidence.

I believe this experience highlights the importance of the resources we offer and the positive impact they can have on our patrons' lives.

Children's Trust  
SWAG  
Library Partnership  
HOPE Florida  
ACSB  
UF Health  
VA  
GRACE  
One More Child  
Baxter's House  
NHDC  
Community Foundation  
Willie Mae Stokes Community Center  
Gainesville Housing Authority  
Alachua County Housing  
Bread of The Mighty  
Whole Foods  
Family Promise  
ELC  
Elder Options  
Elder Care  
Community Action Agency  
Gainesville Community Ministries  
UF Mobile Clinic  
SFCC Civic Engagement  
UF Students Affairs

# Community Resource Center Name: Partnership for Strong Families-Southwest Advocacy Group (SWAG) Resource Center

Address: 807 SW 64<sup>th</sup> Terrace Gainesville, FL 32607

Entity Type: Non-Profit

Facility: Other

## Days & Hours of Operation

Monday -Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm &  
1:00pm to 5:00pm  
Friday 9:00am-1:00pm

## Zip Codes Served

32607

## Community Center Partners

Over 80 community partners:  
Alachua County  
Children's Trust of Alachua County  
Southwest Advocacy Group  
Community Foundation,  
University of Florida  
Santa Fe College  
Alachua County Library District  
Florida Legal Services  
Meridian Healthcare  
RTS  
Bread of the Mighty  
Catholic Charities  
Farm Share  
Trinity United Methodist Church  
Queen of Peace Catholic Church  
Satchel's Pizza  
Wells Fargo

## Program Services

Housing Assistance  
Food Assistance  
Clothing Assistance  
Utility Assistance  
Referral Services to Other Organizations  
Afterschool Programs  
Community Education/Workshops  
Employment Assistance  
Transportation Assistance

## Staffing Detail

Full-Time: 3  
Part-Time: 0  
Volunteer: 3

## Annual Center Budget

\$230,000-\$245,000

## Target Population

Infants, Children, Adults, Senior Citizens,  
Veterans

## Success Stories/Comments

Attached Accomplishment Report

## Community Impact

12,892 individuals served last program year

## Areas of Need

Increase staff and volunteers, other, new programs/services

# Community Resource Center Name: The Willie Mae Stokes Community Center

Address: 355 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave Micanopy FL 32667

Entity Type: Non-Profit

Facility: Own

## Days & Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday 10:00am-6:00pm

## Zip Codes Served

Entire Alachua County

## Community Center Partners

Not listed

## Program Services

Food Assistance  
Utility Assistance  
Referral Services to Other Organizations  
Afterschool Programs  
Community Education/Workshops  
Healthcare Support  
Transportation Assistance

## Staffing Detail

Full-Time: 5  
Part-Time: 0  
Volunteers: 5

## Success Stories

Not listed

## Annual Center Budget

\$150,000

## Community Impact

1500 individuals served last program year

## Target Population

Children, Adults, Senior Citizens, Veterans

## Areas of Need

More staff, vehicle(s), funding, other