

COMMUNITY RESOURCES DESOTO COUNTY

Employment Services

CareerSource Heartland

Free employment and training and related services. Internet and computer available for job seekers

➤ <https://www.desotocareshomeless.com>

Goodwill

Job Connection program. Provide help with preparing a strong resume and cover letter, identify prospective employers, practice your interviewing skills for maximum impact and assist with applications.

➤ <https://www.desotocareshomeless.com>

Food (Pantries and SNAP)

All Faiths Food Bank and Resource Center

Assists with free emergency food supplies along with public benefit application assistance, such as SNAP, Medicaid, TANIF, Social Security, Disability and Florida Kid Care.

➤ <https://allfaithsfoodbank.org/desoto-food-and-resource-center/>

Feeding Tampa Bay

Mobile Food Pantries - Tampa Bay Region

Mobile food pantries visit specific areas on select days, giving families and individuals access to nutritious, free food that helps stretch their grocery budget.

➤ <https://feedingtampabay.org/findfood>

Housing Resources (utilities, rent assistance)

Catholic Charities

Assistance with payments for rent, mortgage, and utilities, along with other basic needs.

➤ <https://catholiccharitiesdov.org/charities/catholic-charities-desoto-county/>

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Salvation Army

Rental and utility assistance

➤ <https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/>

Mental Health

Community Care Family Counseling

➤ <https://mcr.health/community-care-family-clinic-counseling-services/>

Charlotte Behavioral Health

Case Management, Crisis Support/Emergency, Medical Services, Outpatient/Individual

➤ <https://www.cbhcfi.org/contact/>

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**FINANCIAL
WELLNESS
AT WORK**

**Support On The Job
Stability At Home**



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UWS RESOURCES FOR DESOTO COUNTY

Money Matters: Help Your Dollars Make More Sense (Virtual Financial Stability Learning Series)

Engaging experts spend an hour on the second Monday of each month discussing a variety of important financial topics including budgeting, tax returns, building/repairing your credit score, home buying, retirement planning disaster preparation and more. Visit our Money Matters page for more information and to register for upcoming webinars.

➤ <https://unitedwaysuncoast.org/money-matters/>

Free Tax Help

Have your federal tax return prepared, e-filed, and direct deposited for FREE. IRS-certified tax preparers will file your taxes and ensure you get the largest refund for which you qualify. Need to file a prior year return? Volunteers can help with that as well. You may also be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit when you file. For more information visit:

➤ <https://www.uwsvita.org>

Bank On Suncoast

Open a safe and affordable bank account and quickly set up direct deposit, pay bills, get a debit card and more. Bank On Suncoast offers 30 federally insured, overdraft-free, low-fee accounts through our partner financial institutions. For more information or to open an account visit:

➤ <https://unitedwaysuncoast.org/what-we-do/income/bank-on-suncoast/>

Financial Coaching

Get support from a personalized financial coach; create and achieve goals from preparing a budget and building/repairing your credit to buying a home, getting a bank account, retirement planning and more. One-on-one private coaching is available 8 a.m.-8 p.m., every day.

➤ <https://unitedwaysuncoast.org/what-we-do/income/financial-coaching/>

Additional Resources

Resources may change and are subject to eligibility requirements. For the most up-to-date information and help with locating assistance, reach out to 211, listed below.

211 Suncoast Cares Call by dialing "211"

The caring specialists at 211 assist with a range of issues including housing, financial and hunger needs while identifying underlying problems and addressing root causes. If you need help and don't know where to turn, make 211 your first call.

➤ <https://211suncoastcares.org/>

988 Suicide & Crisis Line Call by dialing 988

The 988 Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals in the United States.

➤ <https://988lifeline.org/>

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Education

United Way Suncoast partners with and invests in early learning organizations and preschools throughout DeSoto County. Thanks to these supports, more children living in our community have equitable access to a quality childcare and school experience, preparing them for the future.

United Way Education Partners:

Boys & Girls Club of Sarasota and DeSoto Counties
K-3rd grade Early Learning Program to achieve grade-level reading proficiency

➤ <https://bgcsdc.org/>

Early Learning Coalition of the Heartland

VPK & childcare options and support

➤ <https://elcfloridasheartland.org/>

Redland Christian Migrant Association (RCMA)

Early learning supports to migrant families

➤ <https://rcma.org/>

Preserve Vision Florida

Vision screenings for children and adults

➤ <https://www.pvfla.org>

The Florida Center for Early Childhood

Early education and healthy development service for children

➤ <https://www.thefloridacenter.org/>

YMCA of Southwest Florida

Summer Camp, Before and After School Enrichment and literacy support

➤ <https://www.ymcaswf.org/>