

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida (CLSMF)

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc., provides free legal assistance to eligible low-income persons in civil matters (we do not provide legal assistance in criminal or traffic matters).

CLSMF provides community education seminars and detailed informational brochures on the

Project CARE

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Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida Project CARE Offices: *All calls are confidential*

Citrus County: 352-726-8512
Hernando County: 352-726-8512
Lake County: 352-343-0815
Sumter County: 352-568-0257

Project Care Partners

CASA (Citrus Abuse Shelter Association)

(352) 344-8111

Dawn Center (Hernando Co.)

(352) 799-0657

Farmworker Association of Florida, Inc.

(407) 886-5151

Haven of Lake/Sumter Counties

(352) 787-5889

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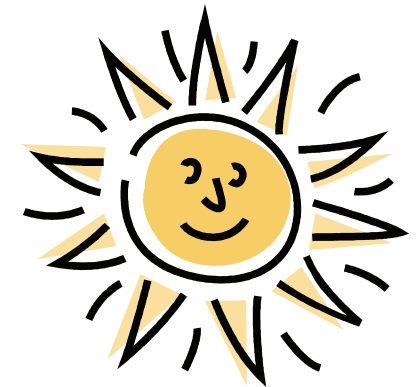


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Project CARE

Collaboration
and
Rural Empowerment

If you are a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking, we can help.



What is Project CARE?

Project CARE provides a wide range of services to help victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking gain safety and independence. A group of agencies joined together to support victims so that they can become survivors.

How Can Project CARE Help Me?

Project CARE can help you with any of the following issues:

- I am worried about my physical safety.
- I don't have a support system.
- I do not feel safe where I live.
- I am concerned about my immigration status.
- I am worried about completing school.
- I am worried about being safe at my job.
- I'm scared of losing my job.
- Even my pets' safety has been threatened.
- I have financial problems.
- I am confused about the civil or criminal justice system. I'm confused about going to court.

Project CARE agencies can help you take action against stalking, domestic violence, dating violence, or sexual assault through counseling, safety planning, educational workshops, legal help, and/or law enforcement. Together, we can provide the services you need to gain freedom from victimization.



If you are a victim and/or feel that you are in a dangerous situation, you can call your local law enforcement agency for help.

(Dial 911 if you are in immediate danger):

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

(352) 726-4488

Hernando County Sheriff's Office

(352) 754-6830

Lake County Sheriff's Office

(352) 343-9500

Sumter County Sheriff's Office

(352) 793-0222

Each Sheriff's Office has a victim advocate who can assist you.

Again, if you need immediate help, call 911

If you need emergency shelter, support, or counseling, call your local domestic violence center:

-Dawn Center (Hernando County) - (352) 799-0657

-Haven of Lake/Sumter Counties - (352) 753-5800

-CASA (Citrus County) - (352) 344-8111

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc. can help you with the following:

Injunction for Protection (IFP) — This orders the stalker, abuser, or perpetrator of sexual assault to stay away from your home, work, school, and can restrict this person from having contact with you.

Exclusive Possession and Use of the Home If you are living with and/or married to the abuser, this allows you to remain in the home without the abuser.

Dissolution of Marriage/Divorce

Child Custody/Support — This may give you temporary custody of the child(ren), and the judge may order the abuser to pay some child support to you.

Other Civil Legal Help — We may help with housing problems, employment issues, and other problems related to the victimization.

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E-mail: info@clsmf.org



What if I am a Victim of Sexual Assault or Stalking ?

- Contact Law Enforcement
- Call Community Legal Services for legal assistance in obtaining an Injunction for Protection and/or handling related civil matters (employment, housing, public benefits, etc.)
- Contact a Sexual Assault Center for counseling and support:

Dawn Center (Hernando County)
(352) 799-0657

Haven of Lake & Sumter Counties
(352) 787-5889

Florida Council Against Sexual Violence
(888) 956-7273