

## About Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida (CLSMF)

*The mission of CLSMF is to provide access to justice through high quality legal assistance to low-income persons.*

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 major areas of law we practice. Please see the back of this brochure for a complete listing of offices.



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## Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida Offices:

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**CITRUS & SUMTER**  
106 N. Osceola Ave., Inverness, FL 34450  
**(352) 726-6592 – CITRUS**  
**1-800-984-2918 – SUMTER**

**FLAGLER: 1-800-405-1417**

**HERNANDO: 1-866-801-5566**

**LAKE— (352) 343-6351**  
226 West Main St., Tavares, FL 32778

**MARION— (352) 629-6257**  
2300 SE 17th St. Suite 201  
Ocala, FL 34471

**\*ORANGE — (407) 841-7777**  
122 E. Colonial Drive, Suite 200  
Orlando, FL 32801

**OSCEOLA — (407) 933-1791**  
800 North Main St., Kissimmee, FL 34744

**PUTNAM: (386) 385-0928**  
216 S. 6th Street, Palatka, FL 32177

**\*SEMINOLE: (407) 322-6673**

**VOLUSIA — (386) 258-5600**  
128 Orange Ave., Suite 100,  
Daytona Beach, FL 32114  
**Client toll-free number: 1-800-363-2357**

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE:**  
**386-506-5396**

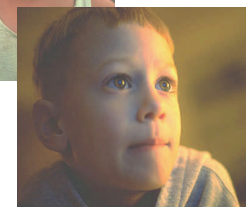
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**\*Offices currently not offering  
Family Law services**



## Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida

# SSI and MEDICAID for CHILDREN



## How do children on SSI qualify for Medicaid?

Children who receive SSI benefits are automatically eligible for Medicaid.



## What happens if a family receives a notice that their child's SSI benefits will stop?

If a family receives a notice that their child's SSI benefits will stop, the state must continue Medicaid eligibility for at least 50 days to give the family time to appeal the decision. If the family files an appeal and requests continued SSI benefits, the child will be eligible for Medicaid through the SSI appeals process. A request must be filed with the Social Security Administration within 60 days to appeal the end of SSI benefits. But to continue receiving benefits during the appeal, you must file within 10 days.



## What happens if DCF decides the child is not eligible for Medicaid?

DCF must give 10 days written notice before stopping the child's Medicaid. This notice must say why Medicaid is being stopped and how to request a fair hearing to appeal the decision. The family has 90 days to appeal the decision. **A Fair Hearing must be requested within ten (10) days for Medicaid coverage to continue through to your Fair Hearing.**



## How can I request a Medicaid fair hearing?

To request a fair hearing, you can write or fax:

**Office of Appeal Hearings  
Dept. of Children & Families  
Building 5 – Room 203  
1317 Winewood Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0700  
Phone: (850) 488-1429  
Fax: (850) 487-0662**

It is a good idea to keep a copy of your written request. If you call, you will want to follow your call with a letter and keep a copy of your letter.



## IMPORTANT

**Be sure to ask for "aid-paid-pending the hearing" to make sure that Medicaid continues during the appeal.**

**If you need help with an SSI or Medicaid appeal, you can contact Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc.**

