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COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE · REVIEWED OCTOBER 21, 2026

Tampa Bay Second-Chance Resource Guide

Real places to call in Tampa Bay for housing, food, treatment, counseling, DUI help, jobs, apprenticeships and basic necessities, with what each one costs and who qualifies.

For people with pending charges, prior convictions, limited income, or anyone who simply needs to start over. Start with the section that matches what you need most right now. On a phone, tap any number to call. If you have a court case, ask your attorney or supervising officer whether a program satisfies your particular requirement.

Need help today?

- Immediate danger or a medical emergency: **call 911**
- Suicidal crisis or urgent mental health support: **call or text 988**
- Food, shelter and community referrals: **dial 211 (Crisis Center of Tampa Bay)**
- Hillsborough homeless housing intake: Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative, **(813) 223-6115**
- Adult addiction crisis receiving facility, 24/7: ACTS, **(813) 367-2565**

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Before you call a program

1. Ask whether the program takes people with pending charges, probation, or your type of criminal record.
2. Ask what truly costs nothing, and whether an intake fee, deposit, assessment or waiting list applies.
3. For court requirements, ask whether the agency provides enrollment and completion letters. The court decides what qualifies.
4. Have your ID, insurance or Medicaid details, court paperwork and a good callback number ready when you can.

01 Emergency housing and shelters

Admission often depends on bed availability, intake screening, safety rules and criminal-history policies. Call first unless walk-in intake is noted.

Catholic Charities: Tampa Hope

NO-COST SHELTER

(813) 394-2881 · 3704 E. 3rd Avenue, Tampa, FL 33605

Short-term shelter for adults, with meals, hygiene supplies, case management and pathways to jobs or permanent housing. Includes Hope Cottages. Ask about bed availability and eligibility.

City of Tampa shelter directory https://www.tampa.gov/homeless

Salvation Army: Red Shield Center

NO-COST SHELTER

(813) 549-0641 · 1514 N. Florida Avenue, Tampa, FL 33602

Emergency adult shelter with meals, case management and employment and social-service support. City guidance says first-come, first-served, no reservation; photo ID required.

City of Tampa shelter directory https://www.tampa.gov/homeless

New Beginnings of Tampa

ASK ABOUT COST

(813) 971-6961 · 8535 N. Nebraska Avenue, Tampa, FL 33604

Emergency shelter in a drug-free environment, including programs for veterans. Entry is first-come, first-served, subject to availability.

Website https://newbeginningsoftampa.org/

Ibis / Cove Community Housing Solutions Center

PROGRAM-BASED

(813) 384-4170 · 3630 N. 50th Street, Tampa, FL 33619

Bridge housing for adults experiencing homelessness, focused on the move into permanent housing. Not an addiction rehabilitation program.

City of Tampa shelter directory https://www.tampa.gov/homeless

Metropolitan Ministries: Emergency & Family Shelter

NEED-BASED

(813) 209-1222 · 2002 N. Florida Avenue, Tampa, FL 33602

Shelter screening for families with children and single women, plus meals, emergency resources and case management. Apply through its intake process.

Get help https://www.metromin.org/get-help/

Dawning Family Services

NEED-BASED

(813) 875-2024

Homelessness prevention, shelter and housing stabilization for eligible households with children. Not a same-day walk-in shelter.

Eligibility and requests https://dawningfamilyservices.org/get-help/

Hillsborough House of Hope

CALL FOR INTAKE

(813) 231-5122

Transitional housing and reentry support for women returning from incarceration, with job, recovery and family-reunification services.

Services https://www.hhhopefl.org/services

Mary & Martha House

NEED-BASED

(813) 641-7027

Emergency and transitional housing for women and children in crisis.

Services https://marymarthahouse.org/our-services/

Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative: Coordinated Entry

NO-COST REFERRAL

(813) 223-6115

If you are not sure where to start, call this local housing access point for screening and housing connections. A referral does not guarantee immediate placement.

Housing access and resources https://www.thhi.org/

Oxford House: Sober Living

WEEKLY SHARED COST

Self-run, shared sober homes for people in recovery. Residents split household expenses; vacancies, acceptance and weekly costs differ by house.

Apply and find houses https://www.oxfordhousefl.org/apply · Check vacancies https://oxfordvacancies.com/

St. Vincent de Paul CARES

NEED-BASED

(727) 823-2516

Housing and homelessness assistance, including services for veterans. Programs and access points vary by location.

Website https://www.svdpsp.org/

02 Food, clothing, rent and charity assistance

Financial help depends on available funds. Ask for an eligibility screening before you visit.

Catholic Charities: Diocese of St. Petersburg

NEED-BASED

(813) 631-4370

Housing assistance, emergency and family support, and referrals through programs across Tampa Bay. Ask which local service is currently taking requests.

Contact https://www.ccdosp.org/contact-us/

Metropolitan Ministries: Get Help

NEED-BASED

(813) 209-1000 · 2002 N. Florida Avenue, Tampa, FL 33602

Emergency food, clothing, housing services and family support through screening and intake.

Get help https://www.metromin.org/get-help/

ECHO: Brandon & Riverview

NO COST IF ELIGIBLE

(813) 685-0935 · 507 N. Parsons Avenue, Brandon, FL 33510

Emergency groceries, clothing, job coaching, financial education and referrals for eligible eastern Hillsborough residents. Service areas are by ZIP code.

Check your service area https://www.echofl.org/need-help

Feeding Tampa Bay

NO-COST FOOD

Find nearby no-cost food distributions, pantries and other food access with its locator.

Find food near you https://feedingtampabay.org/findfood/

City of Tampa: Rental and Move-In Assistance

FUNDING-LIMITED

(813) 307-5555

Eligible renters may qualify for help when applications and funding are open. Check the city site for current intake status before applying.

Program page https://www.tampa.gov/housing-and-community-development/rental-move-in-assistance

The Coffee Shop Drop-In Center

NO-COST SERVICES

(813) 272-2311 · 6220 N. Nebraska Avenue, Tampa, FL 33604

Drop-in services that may include showers, laundry, computers and phones for people without stable housing. Confirm current hours.

City of Tampa shelter directory https://www.tampa.gov/homeless

The Spring of Tampa Bay

NO-COST SUPPORT

(813) 247-7233

Confidential shelter and help for domestic violence survivors and their children, including safety planning and support services. The shelter location is confidential.

Confidential shelter information https://thespring.org/get-help/shelter/

03 Rehab and substance use treatment

Low-cost options first. These are possible treatment options; none is automatically "court-approved" for every case.

Salvation Army: Tampa Adult Rehabilitation Center

GENERALLY NO COST

(813) 972-0471

Long-term residential recovery and work-therapy program for qualifying adults with alcohol or substance use problems. Call for admission and program rules.

Rehabilitation and admissions https://tampa.satruck.org/tampaarc/rehabilitation

Phoenix House: Orient Wellness Center

NO COST IF ELIGIBLE

(813) 881-1000 (press 1) · 1800 Orient Road, Tampa, FL 33619

Residential addiction treatment, medical and mental health services and case management. No cost for patients who qualify through the Hillsborough County Health Care Plan; walk-in assessments advertised.

Residential program https://phoenixfl.org/treatment/tampa-residential-program/

ACTS: Outpatient Treatment

$65 INTAKE, THEN SLIDING SCALE

(813) 936-8100 · 8605 N. Branch Avenue, Tampa, FL 33604

Substance use assessments, individual, group and family counseling, and relapse prevention while living at home. ACTS posts a $65 initial outpatient assessment, then sliding-scale pricing.

Hours and assessments https://www.actsfl.org/services/outpatient-services/

ACTS: Adult Addictions Receiving Facility

COST BY ELIGIBILITY

(813) 367-2565 · 3107 N. 50th Street, Suite A, Tampa, FL 33619

24/7 addiction crisis receiving and stabilization for people impaired by drugs or alcohol, with referral to continued care.

ACTS services https://www.actsfl.org/services/

ACTS: Justice and Diversion Programs

SLIDING SCALE / PROGRAM

(813) 936-8100

Treatment and case management for eligible court-involved people. Some programs require a State Attorney, law enforcement or receiving-facility referral.

Diversion program requirements https://www.actsfl.org/services/justice-services/

Ibis Healthcare (Gracepoint / Cove)

SLIDING SCALE / INSURANCE

(813) 384-4000 · 5707 N. 22nd Street, Tampa, FL 33610

Outpatient behavioral health, addiction recovery, psychiatric care and housing-related programs in Tampa. Ask about sliding-scale and publicly funded openings.

Website https://ibishealthcare.org/

Phoenix House: Tampa Outpatient

INSURANCE / ASSISTANCE

(813) 881-1000

Substance use assessments, outpatient therapy and intensive services. Medicaid, insurance or financial assistance may apply; confirm coverage before enrolling.

Website https://phoenixfl.org/

Tampa Crossroads: BeWell

PAYMENT HELP MAY APPLY

(813) 238-8557

Mental health and substance use counseling, including services for people navigating life after justice involvement. Confirm the program location and current charges.

BeWell https://tampacrossroads.com/bewell/

Hillsborough County Health Care Plan

NO COST IF ELIGIBLE

(813) 272-5040

County health coverage for qualifying low-income residents without Medicaid, Medicare or other coverage. Covered services cost eligible members nothing.

Check eligibility and apply https://hcfl.gov/residents/health-care-plan/apply-for-the-health-care-plan

Central Florida Behavioral Health Network

PUBLICLY FUNDED OPTIONS

(813) 740-4811

Regional network that points uninsured and underinsured people to state-funded treatment providers and where to seek intake.

Provider locator https://www.cfbhn.org/service-locator/

04 Counseling and recovery groups

Peer support groups usually have no cost, but they do not replace licensed counseling when a court or DUI evaluation requires treatment.

Hillsborough County: Youth & Family Counseling

NO COST IF ELIGIBLE

(813) 264-3807

No-cost licensed individual or family counseling for Hillsborough families with youth ages 6 to 17 facing behavioral, drug or alcohol problems.

Referral and screening https://hcfl.gov/residents/children-and-families/childrens-services-and-assistance/community-counseling-with-childrens-services

Crisis Center of Tampa Bay / 211

NO-COST REFERRAL

Dial 211

No-cost connection to community services for housing, food, mental health and other help.

Website https://www.crisiscenter.com/

NAMI Hillsborough

NO-COST GROUPS

No-cost peer and family education and mental health support groups. Not clinical therapy.

Website https://namihillsborough.org/

Alcoholics Anonymous: Tampa

NO COST

(813) 933-9123

No-cost peer-led meetings for people who want support with alcohol use. Ask the group about attendance verification if you need it.

Find an AA meeting https://meetings.aatampa-area.org/

Narcotics Anonymous: Tampa Funcoast

NO COST

No-cost peer-led recovery meetings for drug use, online and in person.

Find an NA meeting https://www.tampa-na.org/meetings/

SMART Recovery

NO COST

No-cost, science-informed mutual support meetings. Some meetings offer attendance verification, but whether a court accepts it is a separate question.

Find a meeting https://smartrecovery.org/meeting

Tampa Bay Thrives: Let's Talk

NO-COST SUPPORT

(844) 968-6529

Confidential emotional support and help finding mental health care. Not an emergency service or a legal referral line.

Website https://tampabaythrives.org/

05 DUI school and Hillsborough court programs

Official DUI school and optional counseling are different things. A judge, probation officer or DUI evaluator decides what a requirement actually calls for.

DUI Counterattack: Hillsborough

PAID; VERIFY FEES

(813) 875-6201

The state-listed DUI program for eligible Hillsborough residents, workers and students. Level I is 12 hours plus evaluation; Level II is 21 hours plus evaluation. Fees listed online were $352.85 (Level I) and $512.85 (Level II) and may change.

Registration and cost https://duicounterattack.com/OnlineRegistration · State DUI program list https://www.flhsmv.gov/driver-licenses-id-cards/education-courses/dui-and-iid/licensed-dui-programs-florida/

RIDR: Reducing Impaired Driving Recidivism

COURT PROGRAM; FEES VARY

Hillsborough State Attorney program for select first-time, non-aggravated DUI defendants. It may involve DUI school, monitoring and other requirements. A defense attorney should review eligibility.

State Attorney programs https://hillsboroughsao.gov/about/programs/

DETRR: Drug Education & Treatment Reducing Recidivism

ELIGIBILITY REQUIRED

Prosecutor program for eligible low-risk drug possession defendants. Treatment or education and an arrest-free period may lead to dismissal after successful completion.

DETRR and defense counsel details https://hillsboroughsao.gov/about/defense-attorney-information/

13th Circuit: Adult Drug Treatment Court

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC

Problem-solving court for certain eligible adult defendants with substance use disorders. Entry is a legal process; ask your attorney about screening.

Court page https://www.fljud13.org/Court-Services/Court-Programs/Problem-Solving-Courts/Adult-Drug-Treatment-Court

13th Circuit: Mental Health Treatment Court

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC

Treatment-focused court for eligible defendants with mental health needs. Admission and conditions are decided through court procedures.

Court page https://www.fljud13.org/Court-Services/Court-Programs/Problem-Solving-Courts/Adult-Mental-Health-Treatment-Court

13th Circuit: Veterans Treatment Court

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC

Eligible veterans may receive coordinated treatment and supervision, with their attorney involved.

Court page https://www.fljud13.org/Court-Services/Court-Programs/Problem-Solving-Courts/Veterans-Treatment-Court

13th Circuit: Marchman Act Drug Treatment Court

COURT PROCESS

Civil court pathway for qualifying substance use assessment and treatment proceedings. Not the same as criminal diversion.

Court page https://www.fljud13.org/Court-Services/Court-Programs/Problem-Solving-Courts/Marchman-Act-Drug-Treatment-Court

13th Circuit: Problem-Solving Court Directory

OFFICIAL INFORMATION

(813) 276-8190

Official local directory of adult, juvenile, mental health, veterans and drug court programs and their contacts.

Directory https://www.fljud13.org/Court-Services/Court-Programs/Problem-Solving-Courts

06 Second-chance employment help

These programs provide reentry employment services. Ask whether you can enroll with a pending case or only a completed one.

Operation New Hope: Ready4Work Tampa

NO-COST PROGRAM

(813) 360-0280 · 4017 W. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Ste 101, Tampa, FL 33614

No-cost job readiness, coaching and placement, skills training, case management, transportation and possible transitional housing support for justice-involved adults.

Apply for Ready4Work https://operationnewhope.org/ready4work-tampa/

Abe Brown Ministries: inspHire

NO COST; SCREENED

(813) 247-3285

Career coaching, job placement, employer connections and support for people rebuilding after incarceration. Its published eligibility currently excludes applicants with pending or active criminal cases and sexual offense convictions.

Check eligibility https://abebrown.org/insphire-become-a-client/

CareerSource Tampa Bay: CARE Re-Entry

NO COST IF ELIGIBLE

(813) 930-7158

Workforce program for returning citizens with training, employment help, GED support, clothing and transportation, run in partnership with Abe Brown Ministries.

CARE application and screening https://careersourcetampabay.com/care-re-entry-program/

CareerSource Tampa Bay: General Job Services

NO-COST SERVICES

(813) 930-7400 · 9215 N. Florida Avenue, Tampa, FL 33612

Job listings, career development and help at the Tampa, Plant City and Ruskin career centers. Useful when a specialized reentry program does not fit.

Career and training resources https://careersourcetampabay.com/career-training-resources/

Goodwill Industries-Suncoast: Job Connection

NO-COST JOB SUPPORT

(727) 282-4478

Job search support, interview and resume help, computer access and employment referrals. Individual jobs have their own screening standards.

Job Connection Center https://goodwill-suncoast.org/job-connection-center/

Florida Federal Bonding Program

NO COST TO EMPLOYER OR WORKER

(850) 245-7451

State-run, no-cost fidelity bond coverage that lowers an employer's risk in hiring eligible candidates with barriers, including past convictions. Available after a job offer and a scheduled start date. This is not a court bail bond.

Program page https://www.floridajobs.org/partner-resources/federal-bonding-program

07 Paid apprenticeships and skilled trades

Apprentices are usually paid while they train. A felony may be evaluated case by case; no trade group guarantees admission or a job.

IEC Florida West Coast: Electrical Apprenticeship

NO-COST TUITION; BOOKS EXTRA

(727) 499-0727

Independent Electrical Contractors program with job referral help to member contractors. Tuition costs apprentices nothing; books are listed at about $500 to $625 a year unless covered. You must work for a participating electrical contractor.

Application and referrals https://iecflorida.org/apprenticeship/

Florida Association of PHCC: Plumbing

PAID APPRENTICE PATH

(800) 621-3478

State-registered plumbing apprenticeship information and a directory of plumbing and HVAC contractors you can approach about helper and apprentice jobs.

Apprenticeship information https://faphcc.org/apprenticeship-programs/ · Contractor list https://faphcc.org/members-2/

ABC Florida Gulf Coast: Construction

EMPLOYER-SPONSORED OPTIONS

(813) 879-8064

Associated Builders and Contractors member network with construction craft training and employer connections in electrical, plumbing, HVAC, carpentry, roofing, sheet metal and more.

Training and member information https://www.abcflgulf.org/

Tampa Area Electrical JATC: IBEW Local 915

NO-COST TUITION

(813) 621-3002

Union electrical apprenticeship with paid field work, classroom education and no-cost tuition. Transportation and drug-free workplace requirements apply.

Website https://tampajatc.org/

UA Local 123: Plumbing, Pipefitting and HVAC

EARN WHILE LEARNING

(813) 754-4054 · 3601 McIntosh Road, Dover, FL 33527

Union apprenticeships for plumbers, pipefitters, welders and HVAC-R workers. Contact the training office for the current application window.

Apprenticeship applications https://www.lu123.com/

Florida Trade Academy

FUNDING VARIES

(813) 392-3484

Employer-connected construction and technical training. Ask about second-chance and community-partner pathways.

Website https://floridatradeacademy.org/

Hillsborough College: Apprenticeships

SPONSOR-DEPENDENT

Directory of apprenticeships in carpentry, electrical, plumbing, roofing, pipefitting, HVAC, sheet metal and other trades. Requirements depend on the sponsor.

Apprenticeships https://www.hcfl.edu/academics/associate-science/apprenticeships

City of Tampa: Apprenticeships

PROGRAM-DEPENDENT

Official city information on local registered apprenticeship opportunities and training sponsors.

Apprenticeships https://www.tampa.gov/tpa-wrx/apprenticeships

08 Employers and contractor leads

These are leads to contact, not promises to hire someone with any particular conviction. Be upfront about required screening and ask about current openings.

PeopleReady: General Labor and Skilled Trades

FAIR-CHANCE CONSIDERATION

Short-term or ongoing assignments in labor, construction, warehouse and skilled trades. PeopleReady says publicly that it considers applicants with arrest and conviction records, subject to job requirements.

Find openings https://jobs.peopleready.com/ · Skilled trades jobs https://skilled.peopleready.com/

Operation New Hope: Employment Partners

ASK FOR A REFERRAL

Its published employer-partner list includes Miller Electric, Coca-Cola, Swisher, Bono's Pit Bar-B-Q and Goodwill. Partnerships may be statewide rather than current Tampa openings; seek a referral through Ready4Work.

Employer partner list https://operationnewhope.org/create-opportunities/employment-partners/

ABC Florida Gulf Coast: Contractor Directory

EMPLOYERS TO CONTACT

Local electrical and general contractor members, including Tri-City Electrical, Bates Electric, Erwin Electric, Borrell Electric and Sheppard Electrical. Their felony hiring policies have not been verified.

ABC contractor directory https://web.abcflgulf.org/demo/advancedsearch

PHCC: Plumbing Contractor Directory

EMPLOYERS TO CONTACT

Plumbing companies including Channelside Plumbing, Olin Plumbing and South Shore Plumbing. Ask each about helper jobs and apprenticeship sponsorship. Their background policies have not been verified.

PHCC member directory https://faphcc.org/members-2/

Tradesmen International

STAFFING; SCREENING VARIES

Construction staffing with skilled trade and general labor work. Background and job-site requirements vary, so ask about the specific placement.

Find a branch or job https://www.tradesmeninternational.com/

Employ Florida: State Job Search

NO-COST JOB SEARCH

Statewide job postings and workforce help. Filter by city, occupation and experience, and ask CareerSource for help.

Website https://www.employflorida.com/

09 ID, transportation, GED, childcare and benefits

The practical services that can make the difference between keeping a new job and losing it.

Hillsborough Sunshine Line: No-Cost Bus Passes

NO COST IF ELIGIBLE

(813) 272-7272

Low-income residents with no other transportation may qualify for HART day or month passes. The county asks for applications at least five days before travel; eligibility rules apply.

Bus pass program https://hcfl.gov/residents/human-services/public-transportation-assistance/bus-pass-program

Sunshine Line: Door-to-Door Transportation

NO COST IF ELIGIBLE

(813) 272-7272

No-fee rides for qualifying elderly, disabled or low-income residents to some kinds of appointments, subject to availability and advance booking.

Door-to-door transportation https://hcfl.gov/residents/human-services/public-transportation-assistance/door-to-door-transportation

Hillsborough Tax Collector: Homeless ID

NO COST IF ELIGIBLE

No-fee Florida ID for eligible people experiencing homelessness. You need original identity, lawful presence and Social Security documents, plus shelter or halfway-house certification dated within 90 days.

ID documents and offices https://www.hillstaxfl.gov/drivers-license-id/identification-card/

Florida Birth Certificates: Health Department

FEES APPLY

Request an official Florida birth certificate to replace lost documents. Standard fees generally apply.

Birth certificates https://hillsborough.floridahealth.gov/certificates/birth-certificates/

Hillsborough Adult & Career Services: GED

ASSISTANCE IF ELIGIBLE

(813) 231-1639 · 5410 N. 20th Street, Tampa, FL

Financial help with GED preparation, GED tests and qualifying adult and technical training for income-eligible residents.

GED and adult education help https://hcfl.gov/residents/human-services/education-and-training/ged-prep-and-adult-continuing-education-assistance

Florida MyACCESS: SNAP, Medicaid and Cash Aid

NO COST TO APPLY

(850) 300-4323

Official application portal for food assistance (SNAP), Medicaid and Temporary Cash Assistance. Eligibility depends on the household and program.

Apply for benefits https://myaccess.myflfamilies.com/

Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough: Childcare

SUBSIDIZED IF ELIGIBLE

(813) 515-2340

School Readiness subsidies help eligible families pay for childcare while working or studying. A copayment and waitlist may apply.

Financial assistance https://www.elchc.org/financialassistance/

Florida iSaveFL: No-Cost Naloxone

NO COST AT PARTICIPATING SITES

Find organizations that provide no-cost naloxone, which reverses opioid overdoses, plus addiction resource referrals. For a suspected overdose, call 911 immediately.

Website https://isavefl.com/

Florida Association of Recovery Residences

NO COST TO LOOK UP

Use the certification directory to check a sober living home before you pay a deposit or move in.

Check recovery residence credentials https://www.farronline.org/

10 Legal help, records and government resources

No-cost civil legal aid is not the same as criminal defense. Court programs, expungement and DUI conditions need individual legal review.

Bay Area Legal Services

NO COST IF ELIGIBLE

(800) 625-2257

No-cost civil legal aid for eligible residents, including some help sealing or expunging criminal records and with housing and employment issues.

Record sealing and legal help https://bals.org/help/expungement

Florida Department of Law Enforcement: Seal & Expunge

APPLICATION FEES MAY APPLY

Official eligibility rules and application process. Most adjudications of guilt block ordinary sealing or expungement, but exceptions and other relief may apply.

Seal and expunge process https://www.fdle.state.fl.us/Seal-and-Expunge-Process

Hillsborough Clerk of Circuit Court

OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT

Official dockets, payments, expungement and sealing procedures, and court services. Confirm case dates with the Clerk and your attorney.

Court records and services https://www.hillsclerk.com/

Hillsborough State Attorney: Diversion Programs

OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT

Official information on RIDR, DETRR, misdemeanor intervention, treatment and other diversion options. Enrollment is not automatic.

Programs https://hillsboroughsao.gov/about/programs/

13th Judicial Circuit: Hillsborough Courts

OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT

Hillsborough County's trial courts, including criminal court and treatment court administration.

Website https://www.fljud13.org/

Florida Second District Court of Appeal

APPELLATE INFORMATION

The appeals court for cases from its assigned circuits. It does not run rehabilitation or employment programs; those are local trial court and agency services.

Website https://2dca.flcourts.gov/

Florida State Courts: Problem-Solving Courts

OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT

Statewide directory, useful for nearby counties including Pinellas, Pasco, Sarasota and Manatee.

Statewide directory https://www.flcourts.gov/Services/Problem-Solving-Courts/florida-problem-solving-courts-directory

Florida Highway Safety: Licensed DUI Programs

OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT

Check the approved DUI school for your county rather than substituting unrelated counseling or an online certificate.

Licensed DUI programs https://www.flhsmv.gov/driver-licenses-id-cards/education-courses/dui-and-iid/licensed-dui-programs-florida/

Hillsborough Tax Collector: License Reinstatement

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Procedures and document requirements for restoring suspended Florida driving privileges.

Reinstatement and suspensions https://www.hillstaxfl.gov/drivers-license-id/reinstatement-and-suspensions/

Florida DCF: Public Behavioral Health Networks

OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT

State overview of the managing entities that administer publicly funded substance use and mental health services.

Managing entities https://www.myflfamilies.com/services/samh/providers/managing-entities

11 Your step-by-step checklist

A simple action plan. You do not need to do everything at once.

Today: stabilize

- Need a safe place tonight? Call the Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative at (813) 223-6115, or try Tampa Hope or the Red Shield Center (section 01).
- Need detox or help with an addiction crisis? The ACTS receiving facility is open 24/7 at (813) 367-2565.
- Need food? Dial 211 or use Feeding Tampa Bay's food locator.
- In immediate danger or an overdose emergency? Dial 911.

This week: build a plan

- Need treatment? Ask ACTS, Phoenix House Orient or Ibis about intake, funding and open appointments.
- Need work? Call Ready4Work or CareerSource. For electrical jobs call IEC; for plumbing contact PHCC or UA Local 123.
- No ID or transportation? Use the homeless ID instructions and the Sunshine Line.
- Have a pending case? Talk to your attorney or supervising officer before making any change that affects court dates or where you live.

What to say when you call

> *"I live in Hillsborough County. I need help with [housing / treatment / employment]. I [have pending charges / am on probation / have an old felony conviction]. Do you accept people in my situation? Is there a fee, deposit or waiting list? What documents should I bring, and what is the first step to apply?"*

If the treatment or classes are court-related, add:

> *"Can you provide dated proof of enrollment, attendance and completion? Does your program have a license or credential my attorney or probation officer can check?"*

Before your first appointment, bring if you can

- Photo ID or shelter verification; birth certificate and Social Security card if you have them.
- A current phone number or safe email address, and an emergency contact.
- Insurance card, Medicaid or Hillsborough Health Care Plan details, and income information.
- Your court case number, probation or bond terms, upcoming court dates and any treatment referral orders.
- Your work history, references, the trade you want, and reliable transportation options.

A few important safety points

- **No automatic admission:** Providers can turn applicants down based on capacity, safety rules, eligibility or background. Call first.
- **No automatic court approval:** DUI school, recovery meetings, therapy and diversion are not interchangeable. A court order or licensed DUI evaluation controls.
- **Protect yourself:** Be wary of anyone who guarantees a court outcome, wants payment by gift card or cryptocurrency, or pushes you into a rehab placement without discussing fees and licensing.

- **Keep case details private:** Discuss sensitive case information with your attorney and treatment staff rather than sharing it widely with employment or housing contacts.

If someone calls demanding money for a court fee, a treatment program or an ankle monitor, read How to Spot a Bail Bond Scam before you pay anything.

About this guide

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