

Clewiston United Way House/Goodwill Job-Link Center

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida: Lead agency for the Clewiston United Way House

Description of Goodwill Job-Link Services provided at the Clewiston United Way House.

Our Goodwill Job-Link center helps people with employment, skills training, and family strengthening. Our trained employment consultants can assist with resume preparation, interviewing skills, and access to online employment opportunities. The Job-Link Center also provides computer access so that our clients can look for a job and submit online resume and job applications. Many of our computers are equipped with adaptive technology to assist people with disabilities. Finally, the Job-Link center provides referrals to family strengthening services in the community. We partner with numerous agencies across Southwest Florida with the common goal of helping people become more independent and self-sufficient.

Description of Programs Offered at the Clewiston United Way House/Goodwill Job-Link Center:

Food Pantry, Rent, Electric and Prescription Assistance

Partner: Salvation Army

Availability: (Monday-Friday, 9 am-12 noon)

They provide food assistance (once a month per household) rent, electric and prescription assistance (when funds are available) and ACCESS. They also organize a Christmas Toy Drive in partnership with United Way, Goodwill Job-Link and Hendry Glades Behavioral Center.

Child Care and VPK Vouchers

Partner: Early Learning Coalition

Availability: (1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month)

The agency teaches children basic English, reading and writing and provides assistance with Child Care and VPK.

Access Assistance

Partner: Department of Children and Families

Availability: (Tuesdays from 11 am-4 pm)

A Department of Children and Families supervisor is on site every Tuesday to assist clients regarding any issues or concerns regarding their Food Stamps or Medicaid case.

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Partner: ALPI (Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc)-

Availability: (By Appointment)

Electric bill assistance is provided to households in need of assistance under the Home Energy and Crisis programs.

VITA (Volunteer Tax Assistance Program)

Partner: United Way

Availability: (January-April)

VITA is a free tax preparation program for low and moderate income individuals. Preparation is completed by IRS certified volunteers.

Unemployment

Partner: Goodwill Job-Link

Availability: (Monday-Friday)

Application assistance is provided to those who wish to file an unemployment compensation claim, as well as those who wish to input their job search data and claim weeks.

Florida Kid Care

Partner: Goodwill Job-Link/Florida Community Health Center

Availability: (By Appointment)

Application assistance is provided to those who wish to apply for health insurance programs for their children through Florida Kid Care. Through Florida KidCare, the state of Florida offers health insurance for children from birth through age 18, even if one or both parents are working. It includes four different parts.

Safelink Wireless

Partner: Safelink Wireless

Availability: (Safelink Rep available once a month)

SAFELINK WIRELESS service is a program for Income eligible households provided by TracFone Wireless, Inc. In order to participate in the SAFELINK WIRELESS service, persons must meet certain eligibility requirements set by each State where the service is to be provided. These requirements are based on a person's participation in a state or Federal support programs or by meeting the Income Poverty Guidelines as defined by the U.S. Government. SAFELINK WIRELESS service is limited to **one** person per household.

The SafeLink wireless representative will be available to assist clients with the application process and with any questions or concerns regarding their phone or service.

Abuse, Counseling and Treatment

Partner: ACT (Abuse, Counseling and Treatment)

Availability: Thursdays from 9 am-12 noon)

Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit agency committed to serving victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking. Shelter in Labelle opening in the very near future.

Some of the services offered to clients and their children staying in our emergency shelters are: individual and Group Counseling, Goal Setting, Safety Planning, Food, Clothing, Job Skill, Personal Care Items, Assistance with Resume's, Parenting Skills, Specialized Children's Program, Child Assessments, Tutoring for Children.