

## *Lehigh Community Services, Inc. (lead agency for) United Way House & Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida*

### **Description of Goodwill Job-Link Services provided in Lehigh Acres – (housed by) Lehigh Community Services, Inc. & Lehigh United Way House**

The Job-Link center helps people with employment, skills training, and family strengthening. 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 resumes and job applications. Finally, the Job-Link center provides referrals to family strengthening services within the community. In addition, we partner with numerous agencies across Southwest Florida with the common goal of helping individuals become more independent.

**Additional Services offered:** Haitian Mission Outreach and Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) - Three weeks Job Loss Recovery Program. Topics: Surfing the Web, Resume & Cover Letter, and Interview Skills

### **Description of Programs Offered at the Lehigh Community Services, Inc. & Lehigh United Way House**

#### **LCS Food Pantry**

LCS Choice pantry is open Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 9-11:30 a.m. Must be a resident of Lehigh Acres, FL and documentation is required.

#### **Emergency Utility Assistance**

LCS offers limited financial assistance, if an individual qualifies, once a year. Funds are available with a 3 time lifetime limit. Must be a resident of Lehigh Acres, FL and documentation is required. In addition, a budget class is mandatory to receive financial assistance.

#### **Literacy Volunteers of Lehigh**

Volunteer tutors teach English to those of different cultures and nationalities as well as persons unable to read and write. In addition, classes are offered to assist individuals in preparation for the United States Citizenship Test.

#### **Unemployment**

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.

#### **Voucher Program**

*Partner: Kiwanis International Thrift Store – Lehigh Acres, FL*

Vouchers are based on individuals' need and limited by availability of store's supplies. The amount will be determined and must be a resident of Lehigh Acres, FL.

#### **Access**

*Partner: Department of Children and Families*

Assistance is provided to those who wish to apply for benefits such as Food Stamps, and Medicaid.

#### **VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program)**

*Partners: CredAbility and IRS*

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

**Organizations Meeting at Lehigh Community Services, Inc.**

**Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center**

Counseling and support provided to individuals caring for a family/friend with Alzheimer's. Meetings are held on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday from 1:30-4:00 p.m.

**Children Home Society**

Foster Teen Support group meetings held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 6-7:30 p.m.

**Lifeline Family Center**

Provides free onsite pregnancy testing and counseling, by appointments. For an appointment call 239-242-7238.

**Lutheran Services**

Provides various onsite parenting classes, which may last up to 6 months. Appointments are scheduled by calling 239-461-7605

**Guardian Ad Litem**

Provides onsite trainings on an as needed basis. Contact number is 1-866-341-1425.

**Lee County Human Services**

Family Self- Sufficiency has a variety of funding sources that can help to prevent eviction, past due mortgage and utility disconnection. Call for a preliminary telephone screening at 239-533-7900.