Tallahassee, Florida
Community Resource Guide

Leon County • Emergency Help • Affordable Housing • Family Services

“Carry one another’s burdens.” Galatians 6:2

Start here: Dial **2-1-1** for local referrals. If homeless or facing homelessness, ask about coordinated entry and family shelter. For immediate danger call **911**; for mental-health crisis call or text **988**.

Housing notice: Waiting lists, eligibility, funding, and available beds change frequently. No vacancies or currently open application periods are guaranteed in this guide. Call first. Prepared October 2026.

LOW-INCOME & AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Tallahassee Housing Authority

850-385-6126 | tallha.org
Public housing and Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) programs. Ask which waiting lists are open, how to apply, and about income-restricted communities including Pinewood Place, Springfield Apartments and Lake Bradford Apartments. Applications mentioned for October 2026 may already have closed.

City of Tallahassee Housing Programs

talgov.com/neighborhoodservices/housingprograms
City programs for affordable housing, homeownership and other housing needs. Ask about rental or housing-stability assistance and participating community partners.

Big Bend Continuum of Care

850-792-5015
Coordinated access and referrals for people experiencing homelessness. Ask about coordinated entry, rapid rehousing, and family-appropriate placements.

ECHO (Emergency Care Help Organization)

850-224-3246
Emergency assistance and stabilization services. Ask about housing-related financial help, eligibility and referral options.

EMERGENCY SHELTER & HOMELESSNESS

The Kearney Center

850-792-9000
Emergency shelter and support for adults experiencing homelessness. If seeking shelter with a child, ask specifically for family-appropriate referrals before traveling.

Family Promise of the Big Bend / Big Bend Homeless Coalition

850-576-5566
Family homelessness services and housing-stability referrals. Ask about emergency family shelter, eligibility and coordinated entry.

211 Community Resource Line

Dial 211
Ask for tonight's available shelter, family shelter, transportation to shelter and any motel-voucher or emergency-placement resources.

FOOD & BASIC NECESSITIES

Second Harvest of the Big Bend

850-562-3033
Food bank serving the region. Ask for nearby partner pantries and food distributions.

ECHO

850-224-3246
Ask about food, basic needs and other emergency assistance.

UTILITIES & FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Capital Area Community Action Agency

850-222-2043
Ask about energy assistance (LIHEAP), weatherization and current emergency financial assistance.

ECHO

850-224-3246
Ask about eligible rent, utility and other crisis assistance.

WOMEN, CHILDREN & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Refuge House

850-681-2111
Confidential support for people experiencing domestic or sexual violence. Ask about safety planning, emergency shelter, advocacy and services for children.

National Domestic Violence Hotline

800-799-7233 | Text START to 88788
24/7 confidential support. If a device is being monitored, seek help using a safer phone or computer.

Florida Department of Children and Families

myflfamilies.com
Applications and information for SNAP food assistance, Temporary Cash Assistance and Medicaid eligibility.

HEALTH, LEGAL, VETERANS & EMPLOYMENT

211 Community Resource Line

Dial 211
Ask for local low-cost clinics, WIC, childcare assistance, legal aid, job training, transportation and senior services.

Legal Services of North Florida

850-385-9007
Civil legal assistance for eligible low-income residents. Ask about eviction, benefits, family safety and housing rights.

Veterans Crisis Line

988 then press 1 | Text 838255
24/7 confidential crisis assistance for veterans and their loved ones.

WHEN YOU DO NOT KNOW WHERE TO START

1. Call 211 and describe the household, immediate needs, and whether there is a child.

2. For homelessness, call Big Bend Continuum of Care (850-792-5015) and ask for coordinated entry.

3. For longer-term affordable housing, contact Tallahassee Housing Authority (850-385-6126) and ask which waiting lists are open.

4. For food, contact Second Harvest (850-562-3033); for utilities, call Capital Area Community Action (850-222-2043).

5. If abuse or violence is involved, call Refuge House (850-681-2111) for confidential help.

This guide is informational and does not confirm current program capacity, eligibility or openings. Verify directly before visiting.