



Thank You For:

- Volunteering Your Time
- Electing CoC Leadership
- Providing Valuable Insights
- Guiding Services & Funding
- Developing Real Solutions
- Celebrating CoC Successes
- Driving Community Support
- Helping End Homelessness

www.PinellasHomeless.org/pinellascoc

The CoC Information Session will begin at 5:30pm.

While waiting, please sign in and introduce yourself in the chat.

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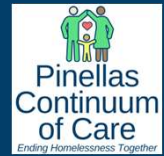
CoC Information Session: Transportation, Legal, Education, and Employment Resources

March 26, 2024

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Agenda

- **5:30pm:** Welcome and Introduction
- **5:35pm:** Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)
- **5:50pm:** Community Law Program
- **6:05pm:** St. Petersburg College RISE Program
- **6:20pm:** HLA Workforce Development Program
- **6:35pm:** Questions & Answers
- **6:45pm:** Public Comment
- **6:55pm:** Closing and Adjournment



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Become a Member of the Pinellas Continuum of Care (CoC)

- **How to Join:** Applications and brochures are available at www.PinellasHomeless.org/pinellascoc



- **Questions?** Email VKelly@HLAPinellas.org



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Membership Meeting Schedule

- **Upcoming CoC Meetings:**



April 9th at St. Pete Housing Authority

Register at www.bit.ly/April9coc



August 13th at Pinellas County Housing Authority



November 12th (location TBD)

- **Upcoming CoC Information Sessions:**

Topics will include family, youth, senior, and Veteran services; housing services; community resources; and CoC Board and election information

- May 14th
- June 11th
- July 9th
- September 10th
- October 8th
- December 10th



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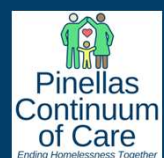
Today's Information Session

- **Presenters:**

- Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)
- Community Law Program
- St. Petersburg College (SPC) RISE Program
- Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas (HLA) Workforce Development Program

- **Questions:**

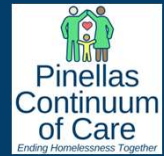
- Type questions in Q&A box
- Presenters may take questions after presentation
- Questions & Answer session will begin at 6:35pm



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Information Session Materials

- **Recording and Materials:** Shared after meeting
 - **February 2024, Healthcare Resources:**
www.bit.ly/Feb24-InfoSession
 - **March 2024, Transportation, Legal, Education, and Workforce Development Resources:**
www.bit.ly/March24-InfoSession



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Pinellas
Continuum
of Care
Ending Homelessness Together

Pinellas Transportation, Legal, Education, and Workforce Resources

The image shows a photograph of an information session taking place in a room with several people seated at tables, facing a presentation area. The room has large windows and a flag. The text and logo are overlaid on the right side of the image.

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PSTA PINELLAS SUNCOAST
TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Find Your Way

will get you a ride to the bus stop for as low as \$1

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PSTA Access

- Eligibility includes those persons who, because of their disability, cannot independently use a regular, accessible bus or cannot travel independently to or from a bus stop, or navigate the system.

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Travel Training



PSTA staff will meet you at your home & travel with you, allowing seniors, persons with disabilities, and others to have a safe, positive first experience using PSTA buses.



- Free of charge

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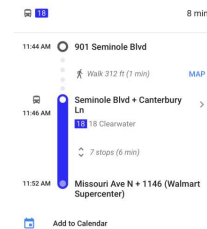
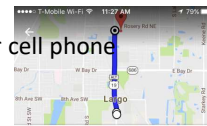
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Planning Your Bus Trip

- Call the PSTA info line at 727-540-1900
- View Bus Schedules & Information at PSTA.net
- Use the Google Transit Trip Planner at PSTA.net
- Learn to use Transit App, Text, or Voice Response on your cell phone



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See When Your Bus is Arriving:

Transit App



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GO YOUR OWN WAY

iPhone Android

It's in the Name™

B37 Bay Ridge Shore Rd via 3 Av 4 Av / Dean St 3 minutes

Uptown & Queens Broadway-Lafayette St 1 minute

SIMPLE, RELIABLE AND OH-SO-PRETTY.

Get upcoming departure times for nearby lines

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PSTA

Bus Routes Near You

PSTA REAL TIME BUS INFORMATION

1:16 PM 82°F Arrivals

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2850 61 TO WESTFIELD SHOPPING TOWN CENTER APPROX. 2:00 PM
Text: 'PSTA 3953' to '4141' for arrival times

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How much does it cost?

	<i>Full fare</i>	\$2.25
	<i>Disability/Senior fare*</i>	\$1.10
	<i>Veterans/Students</i>	\$0
	Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Monthly	\$11/\$6/\$0

*Includes seniors 65 and older, adult students, youth 18 and younger as well as people with disabilities and Medicare card holders. PSTA, school or government ID required.

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Where Can I Get Fares?

-  **Flamingo app or flamingofares.com**
-  **On the Bus - exact change required** (one way fares only)
-  **Amscot**
-  **PSTA Customer Service Centers**

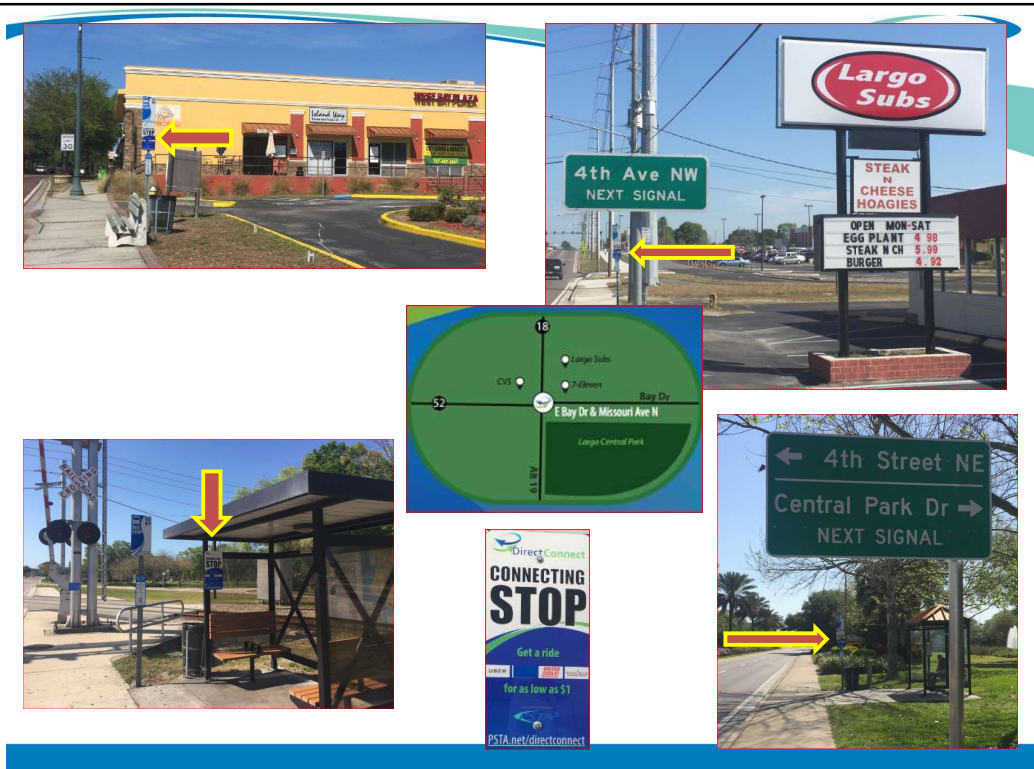


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- Take Uber, United Taxi or Wheelchair Transport to 1 of 26 Direct Connect locations.
- Trips must begin or end within 10 miles of any Direct Connect location.
- PSTA pays the first \$5; \$9 if TD. closest stop is usually under 3 miles; for TD can cost \$0.
- Service available 5 a.m. to midnight daily.

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Transportation Disadvantaged

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Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged

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Mail Station 49
Tallahassee, FL 32399

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Toll Free: 1(800) 983-2435
Fax: (850) 410-5752
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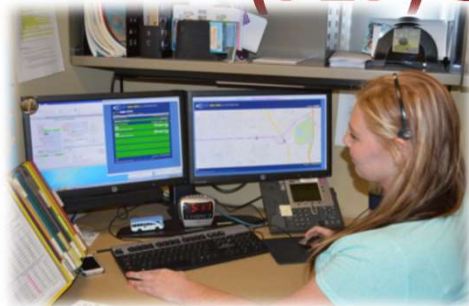
Additional Contacts
[Staff Directory](#)

Business Hours

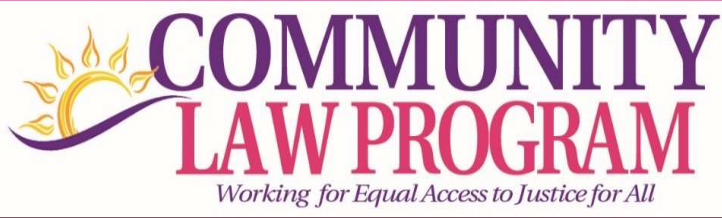


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Questions? PSTA Mobility Office (727) 540-1888



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Who We Are, Who We Help, & Our Services

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Our Staff



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Our History & Mission

Formed in 1989 by a small group of attorney members of the St. Petersburg Bar Association concerned about the unmet civil legal needs of residents in greater St. Petersburg. Our mission is to empower the most vulnerable in our community through the provision of pro bono legal assistance and representation, education about legal rights and responsibilities, and community outreach.

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**COMMUNITY
LAW PROGRAM**

Working for Equal Access to Justice for All

WHO WE HELP

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Client Eligibility

- ▶ Pinellas County residents*
- ▶ Household income at or below 200 FPL* (For a household of 1, this is \$30,120.00 annually. For a household of 4, this is \$62,400 annually.)
- ▶ Assets not exceeding \$2,000, except for one's homestead, vehicles that are drivable, and up to \$5K in retirement assets.

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**COMMUNITY
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SERVICES

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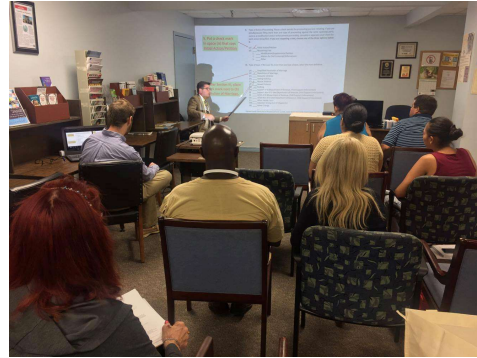
Advice Clinic Program

- ▶ **General Civil Law Clinic**
- ▶ **Bankruptcy**
- ▶ **Probate**
- ▶ **Housing Law**
- ▶ **Elder Law (wills & advance directives)**
- ▶ **Family Law**
 - ▶ **General family law advice**
 - ▶ **Family Law Forms**

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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Housing Clinic (9:00 – noon)	Probate Clinic (9:45 – noon; 1:00 – 3:00)	Family Law 9:45 – noon; 1:00 – 3:00	Housing Clinic 9:00 – noon	Elder Law Sunshine Senior Ctr 9:30 – 11:30
Week 2	Housing Clinic (9:00-noon)		Family Law 9:45 – noon; 1:00 – 3:00		Bankruptcy 9:45 – noon
Week 3	Housing Clinic (9:00-noon)	Probate 9:45 – Noon; 1:00 – 3:00	Family Law 9:45 – noon; 1:00 – 3:00 Family Foms Clinic 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Housing Clinic 9:00 – noon	General Civil – Childs Park YMCA 9:30 – noon
Week 4	Housing Clinic (9:00 – noon)		Family Law 9:45 – noon; 1:00 – 3:00		

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Free Legal Representation

- ▶ As available, volunteer attorneys represent qualifying low-income individuals:
 - ▶ Family Law matters
 - ▶ Housing (primarily foreclosure defense of seniors and landlord-tenant)
 - ▶ Consumer (including chapter 7 bankruptcies)
 - ▶ Probate
 - ▶ Guardian advocacy
 - ▶ Criminal records expungement/sealing

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Guardian Advocacy Project

- ▶ We match eligible families and caregivers with volunteer attorneys to help maintain the right to continue making decisions for their loved ones with developmental disabilities after they become adults.

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Pinellas Eviction Diversion Program (PEDP)

- ▶ Started during the height of the pandemic in October of 2020 to combat homelessness for tenants financially impacted by the pandemic. Services included:
 - ▶ Free Legal Help
 - ▶ Mediation via zoom with tenants & their landlords
 - ▶ Expedited access to rental assistance dollars
 - ▶ Housing navigation services provided by the HLA, Inc.
 - ▶ Referrals for other basic needs

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PEDP in the News

▶ **Washington Post**

The government promised to help renters in need. Here's why it's been a slow process.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/video/national/the-government-promised-to-help-renters-in-need-heres-why-its-been-a-slow-process/2021/09/28/66f8995f-6682-491c-8f5e-c94f6e064463_video.html

▶ **ABC Action News – Non-Profits, legal programs gear up for families needing help after SCOTUS clears evictions to resume**

<https://www.abcactionnews.com/news/coronavirus/non-profits-legal-programs-gear-up-for-families-needing-help-after-scotus-clears-evictions-to-resume?fbclid=IwAR1sgPww8QuZp75uFb2mUHudvtJcTGt8bhTUIkDIVVIaPROvAV-iCL1ZfR8>

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Landlord Tenant Mediation Program for Seniors (LTMPS)

- ▶ Subproject of PEDP that helps seniors at risk of eviction remain stably housed.
- ▶ We have received a grant from Pinellas Community Foundation's Senior Citizen Service Fund to provide up to \$1,000.00 in rental assistance to eligible seniors.

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Wills for Warriors

- ▶ In partnership with Stetson University College of Law's Center for Excellence in Elder Law and the St. Petersburg Bar Association, we provide free simple wills and advance directives to veterans and their spouses.

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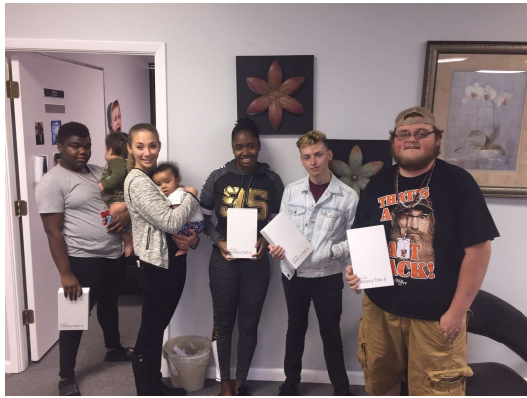


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Lawyers for Young Adults Project

- ▶ **Volunteer and staff attorneys assist young adults who aged out of foster care or who are in extended foster care with a variety of civil legal matters including:**
 - ▶ Obtaining or appealing denial of independent living benefits
 - ▶ Addressing civil legal needs to aid them in maintaining self-sufficiency, for example:
 - ▶ Appealing denial or termination of Postsecondary Education Services and Support (PESS)
 - ▶ Appealing the denial or termination of Extended Foster Care (EFC)
 - ▶ Helping to resolve a landlord-tenant dispute
 - ▶ Helping remove legal barriers to employment

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Family Law Litigation Project

- ▶ CLP Staff Attorney assisted by CLP Paralegal provides representation to qualified residents involved in high conflict family law proceedings, primarily where the adverse party is represented. This helps provide a level playing field when stakes are high.



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Community Counsel Program

- ▶ Volunteer attorneys provide free transactional assistance to qualified nonprofit organizations and community coalitions.
- ▶ Effectively address legal and risk management issues.
- ▶ Help organizations build and maintain their capacity to serve the needs of our community. Typically organizations we assist serve low-income youth, seniors, families, homeless, the disabled, and victims of domestic violence.

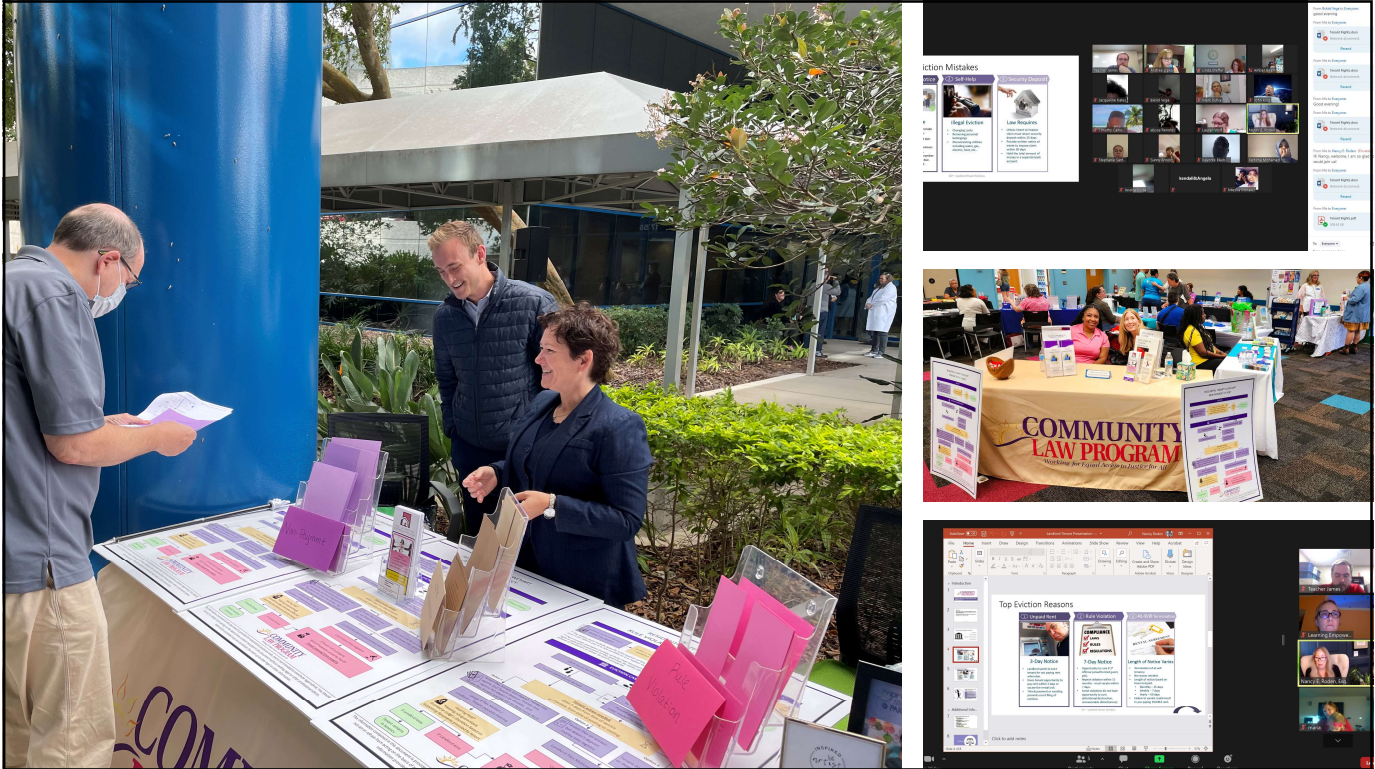
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Community Education & Community Outreach

- ▶ CLP hosts and/or participates in periodic events designed to educate the general public about legal rights and responsibilities.
- ▶ CLP creates material in both written and video format to educate the general public about legal rights and responsibilities.
- ▶ CLP participates in local events to spread awareness about its services and programs.
- ▶ To view some of our educational videos, go to our Youtube page at

<https://www.Youtube.com/@LawProgram89>

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Housing Legal Assistance Project

- ▶ This is CLP's newest project focused on increasing access to justice for residents residing within the South St. Petersburg Community Redevelopment Area (SSPCRA)
- ▶ We provide landlord tenant and probate services to these residents. The landlord tenant services are part of the City of St. Petersburg's pilot project to provide access to counsel for tenants facing eviction.
- ▶ The probate services are focused on addressing the prevalence of heirs' property within the SSPCRA.

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Connect with Community Law Program

- ▶ Office: 727-582-7480
- ▶ PEDP Line 727-582-7475
- ▶ Website: www.lawprogram.org
- ▶ Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LawProgram/>
- ▶ YouTube: www.youtube.com@lawprogram89

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**SPC RISE: ROAD TO
INDEPENDENCE,
SUCCESS, AND
EXCELLENCE**

RISE Program Coordinator/
DCF and Homeless Student Liaison
Austin Crawford
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AGENDA

- Introduction
- Homeless Tuition Exemption
- DCF Waiver
- RISE
- Other Resources at SPC

ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR SUPPORT AT SPC

- Assistance Navigating Resources at SPC
- Helpful Reminders about deadlines, etc.
- Support Letters and Advocacy (PESS, scholarships, etc.)
- Waiver Procurement Assistance
- 9 Campuses & Online
- Coaching Services
- Textbook Support
- Trauma-Informed



**Rule 6A-10.087, Florida Administrative Code,
Postsecondary Education Benefits and Services for
Students Who Have Been or are in Foster Care or are
Experiencing Homelessness**

State Board of Education
March 22, 2023

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McKinney-Vento Language:

(2) The term "homeless children and youths"—

(A) Means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence (within the meaning of section 11302(a)(1) of this title); and

(B) includes—

(i) children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals;

(ii) children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings (within the meaning of section 11302(a)(2)(C) [1] of this title);

(iii) children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and

(iv) migratory children (as such term is defined in section 6399 of title 20) who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this part because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii).

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HOMELESS TUITION EXEMPTION

- Covers Tuition (In-State*)
- Covers Associated Fees (lab fees, student life, etc.)
- No age requirement
- Currently Unhoused
- Residency Waived
- Must apply via online form
 - Provide PDF attachment of letter from Shelter, etc.
 - Provide contact info of supporting individual if no shelter
 - Certification valid for 12 months

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HOMELESS TUITION EXEMPTION PROCESS

- Meet with academic advisor to register for classes
- If Certified as homeless within past 12 months, fill out Enrollment Survey
- If not Certified within past 12 months, submit Certification of Homelessness within 30 days of start of classes, but before class starts
- Complete residency information, if able
- Succeed!
- Assess Need for other services, textbooks, etc.

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RISE PROGRAM BENEFITS

Textbook and School Supply Assistance

Information on upcoming events, scholarships, and other opportunities

Included in Student group to network with other students in similar situations

Tailored Supports

Programs and Workshops

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DCF TUITION WAIVER

- “Postsecondary Tuition and Fee Exemption”
- Covers TUITION & FEES up to age 28 (exact date)
- Submit signed document, procured from county Lead Agency
- Satisfies Residency- guaranteed in-state rate

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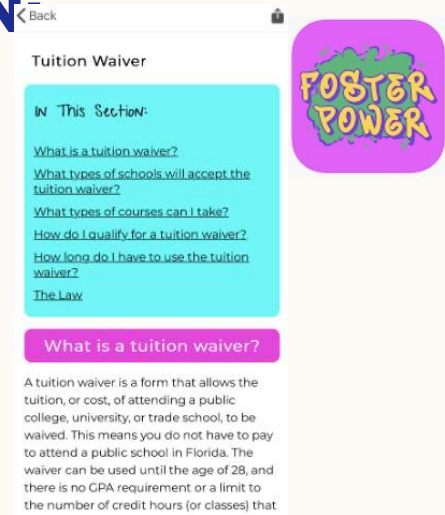
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DCF WAIVER INFORMATION

- FOSTER POWER App
 - Search: "Tuition Waiver"

<https://m.flsenate.gov/Statutes/1009.25>

<https://www.myflfamilies.com/services/child-family/independent-living/youth-young-adults/postsecondary-tuition-and-fee-exemption>



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OTHER SPC RESOURCES

- Titans Care Team:
 - Mental Health Resources
 - Laptop and Technology Lending
 - Food Pantry
 - WOW (Women On the Way)- Free clothing/textbooks, networking
 - Brother to Brother/ FAAME (Florida African American Male Experience)- Free Clothing/ textbooks
 - Bridge 2 Baccalaureate- college tours, textbooks
 - Summer of Success/Student Support Services-
 - Pell Grant eligible; 1st generation, textbooks, tailored academic counseling, 4-year college tours
 - And many more programs!
- Transportation/Bus Passes
- SPC Foundation Scholarships

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COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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FOLLOW- UP QUESTIONS?

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- Refer directly to Austin Crawford, RISE Program Coordinator
- Visit the RISE Homepage at <https://www.spcollege.edu/current-students/student-affairs/student-support-resources/retention-services/rise>


Email: Crawford.Austin@SPCollege.edu
 Call: 727.341.4464
 Offices: Gibbs SA137
 Clearwater SS 116

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Workforce Development

March 2024





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Workforce Development

Workforce Development works with individuals and households throughout Pinellas County with various income levels.

Workforce Development receives referrals from multiple sources including legal aid entities, community agencies, and HLA referral form.

Workforce Development funding is through United Way Suncoast. Reporting requirements include tracking of outcomes, indicators, and clients served.

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Referrals for
Workforce
Development can be
made on the HLA
Workforce Referral
Form:
[https://bit.ly/HLA
workforce](https://bit.ly/HLA_workforce)

- ▶ Open to all income levels & throughout Pinellas County
 - At least 75% of participants must reside in these focus areas:
 - Campbell Park and South St. Petersburg, Largo, Lealman, Kenneth City, Pinellas Park, North Greenwood and Clearwater, Tarpon Springs



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Workforce Development Specialists' Role

- ▶ **Work with clients**
 - ▶ Job search assistance, resume building, mock interview preparation, linkage to training programs & community resources, access to benefits, banking, & financial information
- ▶ **Work with employers & community partners**
 - ▶ Attends job fairs, networks with employers, researches training programs, collaborates with Career Source Pinellas and other groups



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Q&A

To ask a question, type questions in Q&A box or raise your hand



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Public Comment

To share, please raise your hand or type in the chat

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Membership Information is available at www.PinellasHomeless.org/pinellascoc



Questions?
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