



Catholic Charities
Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc.

Hillsborough Florida

Location – Hillsborough County

The Hillsborough Regional Center of Catholic Charities offers services and programs that meet the important needs of individuals and families. Our services are available to everyone without regard to race, religion, age, ethnicity or gender.

Office Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you would like more information, are in need of assistance, or would like to volunteer or support any of our services, please call the Administrative offices at the number listed below.

Hillsborough Regional Center

2021 E. Busch Blvd.
Tampa, Florida 33612
(813) 631-4370
Fax (813) 631-4395
Counseling Services: 888-816-6968

Beth-El Family Support and Resource Center

18240 Hwy. 301
Wimauma, Florida 33598
(813) 672-5321
Fax (813) 672-5369
Provides family support

HIV/AIDS Services

(813) 375-3933
Fax: (813) 375-3937
Provides HIV/AIDS Housing

Ruskin Center

911 US Highway 41 North
Ruskin, Florida 33570
(813) 671-5250
Provides counseling and, family support

San Jose Mission

3204 San Diego Lane
Dover, FL 33527
(813) 707-7416



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Fax: (813) 707-7417

Provides counseling, family support, mobile medical and low-income farmworker housing. Partner agencies provide child care, adult education visiting nurse and food and clothing emergency assistance.

Plant City Center

RSSP Hispanic Services Council Center

606 So. Collins Street

Plant City, FL 33563

(813) 707-7463

Fax: (813) 707-7463

Provides counseling

The following services are available in Hillsborough County:

Adoption: Services provided to birth parents facing an untimely pregnancy and considering adoption planning include pregnancy counseling, medical and living expenses, and post-adoption counseling and support. For couples wishing to build their family through adoption, home studies and post-placement supervision is provided. Search services for persons interested in reunification with their children or biological parents are available to adoptees and families placed through Catholic Charities' Adoption program. Appointments and services are available days, evenings and weekends.

Homebuyer Education & Housing Counseling Services: The Homebuyer Education and Housing Counseling Services program provides services at no charge to both prospective and existing homeowners. Prospective homeowners are helped to develop a home ownership plan based on each family's unique financial situation. Emphasis is placed on recognizing the family's housing needs, family budgeting, closing costs, down payment and closing cost assistance, insurance, home inspections, credit counseling, and options to rebuild credit. Existing homeowners are offered help in dealing with debt and budget counseling to prevent future foreclosures. Also provided are reverse mortgage counseling for senior citizens, equity loan counseling, and debt consolidation. Appointments and classes are available days and evenings.

Counseling: Mental health professionals offer individual, marriage and family counseling for those experiencing a broad range of personal, relationship and family problems. Life Skills Classes and therapeutic groups are also offered, including parenting skills classes. Day and evening appointments are available and fees are based on a sliding scale depending on household size and income.

Family Support: This program focuses on early intervention to improve family functioning, empower individuals to achieve self-sufficiency and promote healthy parent-child relationships. This is accomplished by assessing needs, and providing comprehensive support services, case management, counseling and life skills education. Specialty services are available to relative

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caregivers (Kinship Care) and families who are at risk of child abuse and neglect (Parents as Partners) in the South sections of Hillsborough County. A Family Support and Resource Center is offered at the Beth-el Mission in Wimauma. Appointments and classes are available day and evenings.

Foster Homes: Through a contract with the community-based child welfare system provider, this program recruits, licenses and provides training and support to foster homes caring for abused and neglected children who have been removed from their parents care. Home studies and post placement supervision for children in the foster care system who are adopted is also provided. Services are available days, evenings and weekends. Deleted sentence on specialty homes

HIV Services: A variety of service modalities are available to persons who have HIV/AIDS. These include emergency rent and utility assistance for persons who are in danger of eviction or losing their home, transitional supportive housing facilities for women and their children and permanent housing for individuals and families.

Immigration Services: This program provides affordable legal immigration counseling services and is accredited by the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), U.S. Department of Justice. Services include consultation and assistance with applications for citizenship, family petitions. Assistance is also available for the replacement and renewal of immigration documents, non-immigrant applications, travel document applications, and abused spouse self-petitions. Consultations occur on a walk in, or call in bases, for a small fee. Saturday, daytime and evening appointments are available upon request.

Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Services: The San Jose Mission provides a wide variety of social, health and educational services targeting farmworkers in the East part of Hillsborough County. This collaborative partnership of agencies dedicated to serving the farmworker families in the area includes St. Vincent de Paul Society's food and clothing pantry, St. Joseph's /Baptist Hospital's Parish Nurse Program, Hillsborough School System's Adult Education program and computer lab, RCMA's Migrant Headstart program and Catholic Charities' Mobile Medical Services and counseling and family support services through the REACH program. The Mission also offers 80 low-income farmworker family housing units.

Mobile Medical Services: This program provides medical screening and follow-up medical care to migrant and seasonal farmworkers and other low-income residents of East and South Hillsborough County. Services are provided on a medically equipped bus at various locations, including churches, schools and the San Jose Mission. The bus is staffed by volunteer medical professionals and qualified staff. In addition to medical care, health promotion and disease prevention education is provided in the targeted communities. Outings and Health Fairs are conducted during the day, in the evening and on weekends.

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Parish Ministry: Our Parish Social Ministry seeks to empower persons within the parish to respond to community needs through service, action, and education for justice, advocacy, and community building. Through a process of parish needs assessments, identification of needs and resources, and planning for action, the parish is empowered to meet the needs of its community and to reach out to the larger world.

POWER Team: Promotes abstinence among adolescents, the program offers weekend retreats and activities to youth through the POWER Team component. Daytime and evening appointments are available.

Pregnancy Plus Medical (PPM): The Pregnancy Plus Medical program offers services to women facing a crisis pregnancy such as free pregnancy testing, life options; ultrasound, abstinence, childbirth and infant parenting education and information and referral services. A mentoring/incentive program provides maternity and infant supplies to families experiencing a crisis pregnancy and those parenting children up to the age of 2 years old.

Project Rachel: Trained priests, lay support individuals and mental health professionals offer healing and reconciliation services to families and individuals affected by the aftermath of an abortion. Services include a weekend retreat, which offers emotional and spiritual support and assistance in working through repressed grief and anger, and a support group that addresses guilt, grief, anger, relationships and healing. Retreats and support groups are available evenings and weekends.

Down Payment Assistance: The Catholic Charities Homeownership Assistance Program (CCH Program) provides gift funds (with no repayment implied) for down payment to qualified buyers in accordance HUD Handbook 4155.1 Rev-4. The seller of a property pays a contribution/processing fee after a successful closing has occurred. **Contact:** Program Administrator (727)563-0063.

