

State Resources for Seniors in Florida

At PayingforSeniorCare, we understand that learning about and accessing the assistance you need isn't easy. We created this guide to help seniors and their families learn about the available financial assistance options for senior living and senior care in your state so you can focus on what matters: finding the right senior care for your loved one. In the following resource guide, learn about the financial assistance options for senior care and senior living in your state, what benefits the different programs offer, who is eligible, and how to apply.

Food Assistance Programs for Seniors

A well-balanced diet provides the vitamins, minerals and nutrients necessary for health. This is particularly important in later years, as metabolisms slow and digestive problems sometimes appear. Fortunately, older Floridians can rely on a range of organizations dedicated to giving them easy access to the right foods.

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels providers deliver freshly-prepared and nutritionally-balanced meals throughout Florida. Some request donations to help with their costs, but none deny seniors a meal because of their ability to pay.

| | Area Served | Address | Phone Number |
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| Meals on Wheels South Florida | South Florida | 451 N. State Road 7, Plantation, FL 33317 | (954) 731-8770 |
| Meals on Wheels of Tampa | Tampa | 5320 North Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33603 | (813) 238-8410 |
| Meals on Wheels Pasco | Zephyrhills, Dade City and outlying areas | 38145 15th Avenue, Zephyrhills, FL 33542 | (813) 782-7859 |
| Meals on Wheels of Sarasota | Sarasota | 421 N. Lime Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34237 | (941) 336-6693 |
| Seniors First | Orange County | 5395 L.B. McLeod Road, Orlando, FL 32811 | (407) 292-0177 |
| Aging Matters in Brevard | Brevard County | 3600 W. King Street, Cocoa, FL 32926 | (321) 639-8770 |
| Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee | Manatee County | 811 23rd Avenue E., Bradenton, FL 34208 | (941) 747-4655 |
| Meals on Wheels, Etc. | Seminole County | 2801 S. Financial Court, Sanford, FL 32773 | (407) 333-8877 |

Food Pantries

Food pantries help people at risk of hunger access the basics, such as rice and pasta and some fresh food, when available. They're often operated by nonprofits, although local government agencies also serve some areas.

| | Counties Served | Address | Phone Number |
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| Second Harvest of the Big Bend | Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla | Contact the provider in your county | Contact the provider in your county |
| Feeding the Gulf Coast | Bay, Escambia, Holmes, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, Washington | Find your nearest pantry | Find your nearest pantry |
| Florida Gateway Food Bank | Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee, Union | Visit your closest pantry | Multiple phone numbers |
| Feeding Northeast Florida | 1116 Edgewood Ave N, Units D/E, Jacksonville, FL 32254 | Locate your local pantry | (904) 513-1333 |
| Bread of the Mighty Food Bank | Alachua, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette, Levy | P. O. Box 5086, Gainesville, FL 32627 | (352) 336-0839 |
| Feeding Tampa Bay | Citrus, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sumter | Contact your nearest pantry | Contact your nearest pantry |
| Feeding South Florida | Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Palm Beach | Visit your local pantry | Call your local number |

Government Assistance Programs

The following assistance programs may provide help if there isn't a pantry or homedelivered meal service in your area.

| | Area Served | Address | Phone Number |
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| Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program | Statewide | P.O. Box 1770, Ocala, FL 34478-1770 | (850) 300-4323 |
| Suncap Program | Statewide | P.O. Box 1770, Ocala, FL 34478-1770 | (866) 762-2237 |