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PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	FUNDED COUNTIES	OUTCOME Areas	
2-1-1 HELPLINE	A 2-1-1 Big Bend program that crosses all five strategic priority impact areas of the UWBB to connect low income and ALICE individuals with service providers. It helps fill service gaps for clients ineligible for help from other agencies.	Gadsden, Leon Madison, Wakulla	(
ACCESS TO INDEPENDENCE	A program of The Center for Independent Living dBA Ability 1st , the Access to Independence program helps people under the ALICE threshold with mobility/self-care needs obtain the necessary services, medical equipment, and supplies that allow them to remain safely in their homes.	Gadsden, Leon Madison, Taylor Wakulla	(7)	
ANNIE'S NURSERY SCHOOL	A program of Project Annie, Annie's Nursery School , in Frenchtown, offers year-round full day care, including limited time free childcare for unemployed parents looking for work, who, once employed, can then qualify for subsidized care. No other center addresses this need. Its primary objective is to prepare children to be successful in school.	Leon	(A)	
BGC (STEM) SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY Engineering Mathematics PRE K -5th Grade	A program of the Boys and Girls Club of North Central Florida Inc. offering a full range of academic learning with a particular emphasis on STEM activities, delivered by a qualified teacher ensuring success through a research-based approach to learning offering lasting learning gains.	Taylor	(A)	
BIG BEND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	A Big Bend Habitat for Humanity, Inc., housing program which funds land acquisition and existing infrastructure improvements to build or renovate affordable houses for low -and moderate-income families. Families are active participants, investing sweat equity and time in home ownership workshops. Also provides training in high demand construction industry skills for youth.	Leon	(4)	
BREHON HOUSE	Brehon Institute for Family Services, Inc., a program providing housing, shelter, educational, and support programs for adult homeless, pregnant women and their infants, supporting the birth and care of healthy babies. The residential facility is the only maternity home serving this specific population between Jacksonville and Pensacola. All services are provided free to the women.	Leon	(A)	
CAREER READINESS AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING	A program of AMI Kids Tallahassee and AMI Kids Gadsden that operates a nonprofit after school program providing compre- hensive programming to help local students ages 11-17 determine and develop career pathways through vocational education and training, job placement, and support services.	Gadsden, Leon	\otimes	
CARRABELLE FOOD PANTRY	Carrabelle's Food Pantry program is an all-volunteer, locally operated program distributing daily and weekly food and food packages to community residents to meet the needs of food insecure neighbors and families.	Franklin	(
CHILDCARE TUITION ASSISTANCE	An Early Learning Coalition program providing tuition assistance for families of young children enrolled in high quality early learning environments. The program specifically targets ALICE families whose income, although below the median income level, disqualifies them from other subsidy programs. This allows parents to work knowing their children are in a positive educational environment.	Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla	(A)	
CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER	A program of Children's Home Society , the Advocacy Center provides critical intervention and support to children who have experienced the trauma of abuse of any type. Its primary goals are to provide mental health and victim advocate services and to help coordinate continued services for the children.	Leon	(A)	
COMMUNITY CARE For the Elderly	A program of Jefferson Senior Citizens Center Inc. that helps meet the needs of seniors/elders by providing support to the most vulnerable citizens of Jefferson County and providing a safe place for seniors to go for help. Senior Citizens Council of Madison County Inc. is a state program providing community-based services, resources and preventive services to enhance quality of life for the elderly population and help functionally impaired elders live in a least	Jefferson, Madison	(
DISASTER SERVICES	restrictive setting. A program of the American National Red Cross providing persons affected by a disaster free and immediate help with basic needs including emergency services in the area of health and mental health.	Franklin, Gadsden Madison, Taylor, Wakulla	(
EARLY HEAD START	A program of Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend providing quality educational, health, nutritional and family engagement services to at-risk families with children ages 0-3. The program operates three early learning centers and home-based services in Leon County. A minimum of 10% of children enrolled have special needs.	Jefferson, Leon Madison	(A)	
EMERGENCY & DIVERSION Program Services	A program of Connecting Everyone with Second Chances (CESC Inc.), Kearney Center , which provides shelter for 400 people as well as working to implement diversion services to prevent our neighbors from entering homelessness. Housing, Food, Transportation and Healthcare are all primary services offered through the Kearney Center.	Leon, Wakulla	(7)	
EMPLOYMENT READINESS Training and support	A Lighthouse of the Big Bend, Inc. program helping teens, adults, and seniors who are blind or visually impaired to overcome barriers to employment with job readiness assessment, skill development, supported job search, paid work experience and on-the-job training and support.	Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla	×	
FAMILY PLACE	A Capital City Youth Services , Inc., non-residential counseling program providing free solution-focused mental health services to youth ages 6-17 and their families for up to 12 weeks, depending on the severity of presenting issues.	Leon		
FOOD BANK OPERATIONS	An America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend program to meet the short-term nutritional needs of the hungry and food-in-secure residents in Leon County and neighboring counties. Food assistance can also free up funds for families to pay for other expenses such as medicines, school expenses, rent, and utilities.	Franklin, Gadsden, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla	(7)	
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GADSDEN HOUSING	A Big Bend Habitat for Humanity, Inc., volunteer-based construction program providing simple, decent housing for individuals and families currently living in substandard housing, enabling them to create generational wealth opportunities for their families.	Gadsden	@		
GETTING AHEAD/STAYING AHEAD	A program of Capital Area Community Action Agency, Inc. which creates opportunities that foster long-term personal and economic development through initiatives and programs promoting educational attainment, skills development, and mentorship.	Jefferson	(3)		
GREAT FUTURES START HERE	A Boys and Girls Club program providing positive after school and summer sessions focused on character and leadership development, education and career development, Health and life skills, arts and sports, and fitness and recreation. The goal is to ensure all the kids graduate from high school with a plan for his or her future.	Gadsden, Leon	(A)		
HEALTHY FAMILIES GADSDEN	A Brehon Institute for Family Services program which supports community home visits providing prenatal services for up to five years, with trained staff helping families identify needs and create plans focusing on early learning goals for the child.	Gadsden	(3)		
HOPE COMMUNITY FAMILY Emergency Shelter	A Big Bend Homeless Coalition program, HOPE House (now called Family Promise) is a transitional shelter assisting families in exiting homelessness and obtaining permanent housing. The program provides emergency shelter, housing placement assistance, case management, and life skills training in a trauma-informed setting that encourages recovery and responsibility, autonomy, and independence.	Leon	(4)		
IN-HOME AND COMMUNITY Based Services	A program of Elder Care Services providing care for seniors who need help to remain safely at home; specifically for seniors who are frail, functionally impaired, and homebound or suffering from chronic diseases or dementia.	Gadsden, Leon	(
MARYLAND OAKS CROSSING At-risk family Housing	A Good News Outreach program providing 47 families safe transitional housing for two years, during which families have access to supports including services for their children. It offers food programs, counseling and trauma-informed care, and health and wellness programs provided by FSU School of Medicine. Adults/families are helped to complete education goals, build work skills, develop financial literacy, and supported in job searches to help them transition into permanent housing.	Leon	®		
NUTRITION SERVICES	A program of Elder Care Services which provides meals to seniors suffering from food insecurity. Meals on Wheels provides nutrition to frail and home-bound seniors in Leon County by delivering five meals each week directly to the senior at home.	Leon	(
OMEGA LAMPLIGHTERS Program	The Omega LampLighters, Inc. , program works to help boys and young men gain skills in leadership, college and career readiness, civic responsibilities and community service, and positive interactions and focuses on engaging youth in activities and supportive services aimed at reducing crime and violence in the community.	Leon	×		
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE Housing for individuals With intellectual and Developmental disabilities	An Independence Landing facility providing supportive housing to individuals who have documented intellectual or developmental disabilities, and who meet certain financial eligibility criteria. These individuals will be provided opportunities to help them build life skills and engage and thrive within their community.	Leon	@		
REACH THERAPY	A program of Pace Center for Girls, Inc. , which is a prevention and intervention program tailored to meet the unique therapeutic needs of girls not enrolled at the Pace Center. The center provides social-emotional, behavioral, therapeutic, and mental health counseling to at-risk girls and their families at their schools and/or their homes.	Leon			
REFIRE CULINARY	A program providing on-the-job culinary training and community re-entry support for people experiencing poverty who also face barriers to housing, employment, and self-sufficiency because of a prior felony conviction.	Leon	×		
RESIDENTIAL SERVICES Program	A Refuge House program offering life-saving support targeted and tailored for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault including safety services for adults and children after attacks. Support services include emergency shelter, basic needs including food, clothing, personal care supplies, school supplies for children, emotional support, and transportation assistance.	Gadsden, Leon Madison, Taylor Wakulla	(7)		
STABLE INCOME, SECURE Housing	A program of Legal Services of North Florida providing assistance to help individuals and families increase available income and stabilize housing.	Gadsden	(
TAYLOR COUNTY Weekend Backpack Food Program	A Taylor County 4-H Foundation Inc. program providing meals and snacks to children in need for weekends and holidays when school is not in session and food is not available or limited. Backpacks are stocked with kid-friendly, nutritious & shelf-stable food with special emphasis on sending home with kindergarten students in bags discreetly placed inside students' individual backpacks every Friday afternoon.	Taylor	(3)		
WAKULLA SENIOR CITIZENS Council, Inc.	Wakulla Senior Citizens Council, Inc. – Federally legislated by The Older American Act (OAA) which provides funding for social services for person 60 or older by providing meals, Nutrition Education, recreational activities, and transportation to the Center.	Wakulla	(7)		
WE CARE NETWORK	A program of Capital Medical Society Foundation, Inc. to decrease healthcare disparity and improve health outcomes by facilitating access to specialty healthcare for Leon County and neighboring counties' vulnerable, low-income, uninsured adult patients by coordinating donated specialty medical and dental care.	Gadsden, Jefferson Leon, Wakulla	(4)		
WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT Program	A program of The Oasis Center for Women & Girls , The center program provides therapeutic counseling and workshops for building positive parenting and reaching personal goals, using well established curriculum that helps give single mothers the support they need to raise their children successfully.	Leon	(A)		









