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CILDRC reminds you to thank our first responders, medical professionals, grocers, truck drivers and the host of other essential workers in our community who continue operations so that we can have what we need while we continue to navigate this pandemic called COVID-19.

CILDRC team members are enjoying being in contact with all of our current and former consumers. We are happy to be speaking with those of you who are participating in our assessment surveys. The CILDRC team and our community partners have been providing those of you in needs with connections to resources. (If you have not yet been contacted and don't feel you need to connect with CILDRC directly, please reply to this email and type **"I AM OKAY"** in the body.)



Staff continues to be available by phone and email, managing day to day activities by appointment and remotely **during our normal business hours 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.** You can reach us by **calling 850-595-5566** or by **emailing info@cil-drc.org**.

In the meantime, practice physical distancing and be well. For social connection, please see social engagement opportunity further down in this newsletter.



USDA Approves Florida's Request to Launch Online Grocery Purchase Pilot Program

The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) announced Florida will pilot a program for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients to purchase groceries online through **Walmart** and **Amazon** with the use of an EBT card.

This is an accommodation the statewide **Centers for Independent Living (CILs)** were able to advocate for through the designated “**CIL Seat**” – thanks to **Florida Independent Living Council and Florida Association for Centers for Independent Living** - at the Emergency Operations Center.

The program will be available locally and statewide starting April 21, 2020. For the full press release, click [here](#).

[Click here for Online Purchasing Pilot FAQs](#)

For assistance with placing an order online using an EBT card at Walmart, please [click here](#).

For assistance with placing an order online using an EBT card at Amazon, please [click here](#).



CIL Disability Resource Center Invites you to Social Engagement Hour via Zoom

When: April 22nd - 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

[To join click on this link on computer or mobile app:](#)

<https://zoom.us/j/91778567183?pwd=UFkyc2ZteTFpc3F3MmxrWFk0dXd6UT09>

To join Zoom Meeting by App on the computer, tablet or phone manually without the link use the "join meeting" then type in the information below:

Meeting ID: 917 7856 7183

Password: 4222020

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The Social Engagement Hours will occur each Wednesday at 12:00 noon. Please watch for updated information on how you can connect posted on our website. We will also be sending out reminder emails like these that contain the information on how you can participate.

Save up to 80% on your prescriptions!!!

During this unprecedented time it's more important than ever that people have the medications they need at the lowest possible price.



When using a CharityRx discount card at the pharmacy you can save up to 80% on prescriptions! Often times the price with CharityRx even beats insurance co-pays. Right now, with every prescription discounted **CharityRx is giving a donation to provide vital PPE (personal protective equipment) for our brave doctors and nurses that are fighting this pandemic.**

It's easy! To use our card, just save the image at the above right (or screenshot it). You can also print, download, have it emailed or texted by visiting their website at <https://charityrx.com/#>. Then, the next time you're picking up your prescription just show any pharmacy staff the card. They will know what to do!

Florida Unemployment Updates

Governor Ron DeSantis, by Executive Order 20-104, has suspended the biweekly "actively seeking work" reporting requirement. This means, beginning

April 16, claimants do not need to re certify your weeks bi-weekly to receive your Reemployment Assistance benefits.

If you are new claimant, please visit <http://www.floridajobs.org/RAApplication>.

For unemployment claims assistance, call 1-800-204-2418.

If you a person with a disability and you continue experience problems with filing for unemployment, please contact United Way by dialing 2-1-1 so they connect you with resources.



**United Way
of West Florida**

UNITED WAY OF WEST FLORIDA DISTRIBUTES \$246,266 IN PHASE ONE OF COVID-19 RESPONSE FUNDING

PENSACOLA, FLA. – April 16, 2020 United Way of West Florida (UWWF) has distributed its first phase of COVID-19 Response Funding to nonprofit agencies providing direct support to impacted individuals and families in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.

The COVID-19 Response Fund will target assistance to ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) households that have been economically impacted by the pandemic with expenses such as rent, mortgage, utilities, childcare, and other household expenses.

Contact United Way at 2-1-1 for information on how to reach one of the participating agencies.

For a complete list of participating agencies, see full press release by clicking [HERE](#).



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Energy-saving tips while
spending more time at home

During this unprecedented COVID-19 crisis, while so many customers are either working or staying at home more, Gulf Power is sharing useful energy-saving tips that can be easily implemented to help you manage energy use.

Up to date information about COVID-19
specific to your County is available
by clicking the applicable graphic below.



Shape Your Future: Take the 2020 Census
Visit: [2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020census.gov)

Want to help people with disabilities live fuller,
more meaningful lives in the community?
Funding is presently needed to purchase
wheelchairs, bath benches, walkers and other
durable medical equipment.

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!
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A copy of the Official registration and financial information maybe obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll-free within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the state.
1-800-HELP-FLA (435-7352), www.FloridaConsumerHelp.com

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