

Social Workers in Libraries: Pedal Forward Project





- Volusia County's social workers travel among the 14 library branches.
- Information & referrals are provided for:
 - Employment
 - Legal Services
 - Mental Health
 - Substance Abuse
 - Food, SNAP, & WIC
 - Housing Information
- Partner: Volusia County's Community Assistance Division





- Award-winning program providing bikes to low-income, job-seeking adults – affording greater self-reliance & independence.
- Spearheaded by the *Social Worker in Libraries* program after seeing a need for reliable transportation among clients.
- Partners: Sheriff Chitwood's Youth Foundation, VOTRAN (Volusia County's Public Transportation System), First Presbyterian Church of New Smyrna, Friends of the Library, & Volusia-Flagler TPO.



Recipients



- Focus – *Social Worker in Libraries* clients who are underserved or underhoused. Once having their basic needs met, become *Pedal Forward Project* participants to combat “next-level” obstacles to acquiring or maintaining jobs.
- Recipients must reside within Volusia County.
- Recipients must demonstrate a lack of reliable transportation.



Bicycle Partnerships



- First generation donations were from Sheriff Chitwood's Youth Foundation. Library staff refurbished.
- Second generation donations were from Volusia County bus transit system: VOTRAN. Social workers refurbished.
- Third generation donations are from the First Presbyterian Church of New Smyrna. Church volunteers refurbish before donation.



Other Partnerships



- Friends of the Library in Daytona Beach, Ormond Beach, and Deltona donate bicycle locks to each participant.
- Volusia-Flagler Transportation Planning organization donate certificates for free fitted helmets to participants.

