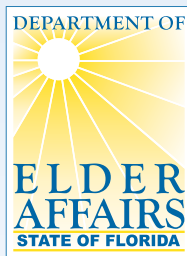




CARES is Florida's federally mandated pre-admission screening program for nursing home applicants. CARES is required to perform an assessment or review of each individual requesting Medicaid reimbursement for nursing facility placement.



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Helping You Help Yourself

Make Choices for Long-Term Care



Florida Department of Elder Affairs
Comprehensive Assessment
and Review for Long-Term Care Services

CARES

What is CARES?

CARES is a division of the Department of Elder Affairs. It is a free service to help you decide the best way to care for yourself if you need long-term care assistance.

Who can use CARES?

You can use CARES if you are in need of long-term care. This may be because you can no longer care for yourself or because you have a disability. Long-term care services may include:

- Case management
- Home delivered meals
- Personal care
- Adult daycare
- Caregiver support
- Emergency response
- Nursing Home
- Medical equipment & supplies
- Homemaker
- Assisted living
- Respite care
- Chore services
- Caregiver training

Why call CARES?

Many long-term care alternatives exist instead of nursing home care. CARES will help you explore these alternatives.

What will CARES do?

CARES staff can provide a free comprehensive on-site assessment to determine your long-term care needs and discuss long-term care alternatives available to you.

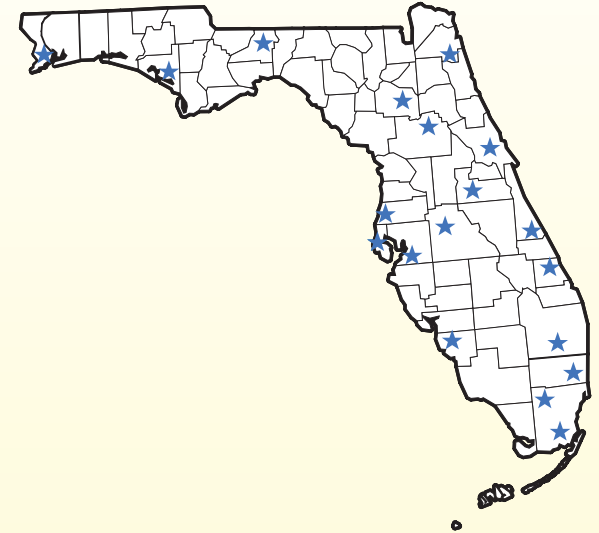
Community Services

The goal of CARES is to assist you to remain in the community if possible. There are many services available in the community. CARES will explain how community services may help you.

To learn more about community-based alternatives, please contact the CARES office in the city closest to your home.

Department of Elder Affairs CARES Office Locations

Sites by city and phone number



Cocoa	-----	(321) 690-6445
Daytona Beach	-----	(386) 238-4946
Fort Myers	-----	(239) 278-7210
Fort Pierce	-----	(772) 460-3692
Gainesville	-----	(352) 955-6560
Gulf Breeze	-----	(850) 916-6700
Jacksonville	-----	(904) 391-3920
Lakeland	-----	(863) 680-5584
Largo	-----	(727) 588-6882
Miami North	-----	(786) 336-1400
Miami South	-----	(305) 671-7200
New Port Richey	-----	(727) 376-7152
Ocala	-----	(352) 620-3457
Orlando	-----	(407) 228-7700
Palm Beach	-----	(561) 840-3150
Panama City	-----	(850) 747-5840
Tallahassee	-----	(850) 414-9803
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