

Some Existing Library Resources for People in Crisis

- [Pierce County Library \(Tacoma, WA\)—Tools for Tough Economic Times](#)
Via an easily navigable interface with well-curated general and state/local resources, the site offers links and resources on topics such as unemployment, job hunting, housing assistance, adult education, personal finance, food resources, clothing resources, legal assistance, and computer classes.
- [State Library and Archives of Florida—The Right Service at the Right Time](#)
Users select their area of need (daily needs, family services, healthcare, housing, immigration, jobs, or transportation), then check off applicable demographic information (such as if they're over 18 or a U.S. citizen). Then they are provided with a listing of relevant local services that may be able to offer help. Currently only available for a few counties, the site does offer other Floridians a link to request the service be expanded to their county, and also includes form links for charities to sign up to be included and for libraries to create profiles. Also available in Spanish, Vietnamese, and Haitian Creole.
- [Baltimore County Public Library \(MD\)—Connections: Children, Youth, & Family Resources](#)
Includes well-organized weblibliographies for a variety of topics, including emergency/crisis assistance, child care, domestic violence, education, and employment. Many sections also include informative introductions and tips on immediate steps that should be taken in the case of identifying a problem (such as child abuse).
- [Maternal and Child Health Library at Georgetown University—Knowledge Paths](#)
Regularly updated and extensive weblibliographies for topics such as Domestic Violence, Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs, and Adolescent Violence Prevention. Though these were created to serve a broad range of users, from professionals and academics to victims and their families, many resources are more fact-oriented than practical-approach driven, which may make this better suited for librarians seeking to help than for those they are directing toward other resources.

These additional resources provide links to regional resources:

- [Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library \(Nova Scotia\)—Health and Wellness](#)
- [King County Library System \(WA\)—Look to Your Library](#)
- [State Library of Ohio—Find Help in Tough Times](#)
- [Camden County Library \(NJ\)—Your Library, Your Lifeline: Help in the Economic Crisis](#)