

NEWS RELEASE

For more information contact:

Anne Satterlee, APR, CPRC
Communications & Marketing Manager
772.460.2200 x308; asatterlee@city-ftpierce.com



December 2, 2010
News Release #35-10

Telephone Assistance Available to Low Income Families

Florida's Public Service Commission (PSC) provides Link-Up and Lifeline assistance to low income families. Link-Up provides a 50 percent rebate in the telephone hook-up charge (up to \$30) and Lifeline provides a \$13.50 credit per month on local phone bills. Generally most families receiving federal or state assistance are eligible (public housing, Section 8, Medicaid, SSI, temporary cash assistance, food stamps, free school lunches).

If you already have phone service, contact your local phone company and ask for help signing up for the Lifeline Assistance Program. If you are a new applicant or re-certifying your eligibility at the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) for Temporary Cash Assistance, Food Stamps, or Medicaid you can choose to be automatically enrolled for Link-Up Florida or the Lifeline program.

Visit the PSC's Lifeline Web page at <http://www.floridapsc.com/utilities/telecomm/lifeline/> to apply online or call 1-800-540-7039 (Office of Public Counsel in Tallahassee) and ask for assistance in signing up.

###