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OUR HISTORY

Dr. April Glasco founded Second Chance Last Opportunity, Inc. (SCLO) in 1995 as a hands-on intervention center. After escaping domestic violence and living out of a car with her four daughters, Dr. Glasco sought self-defense training and worked her way up to becoming a deputy sheriff. Dr. Glasco would later receive her masters in counseling and an honorary doctorate in divinity.

Since its inception SCLO's programs have grown to include life-management and parenting skills training, counseling, mentoring, health education, and counseling, summer/after-school youth programs, food, clothing and shelter referrals, and meals/food distributions. Dr. Glasco's programs and services have transformed lives by restoring and building healthy relationships between parents, children, couples, family members, and friends. Today, she continues to reach youth, women, and men seeking and needing a second chance by helping to change, rebuild, renew, and reset lives.

Dr. Glasco's unwavering commitment, innate compassion, faith in human potential combined with her formal education and lived experiences allows her to continue to transform lives, empower individuals, and build a better future for families in Sarasota and beyond.



WHAT IS SECOND CHANCE LAST OPPORTUNITY?

Our **mission** is to empower individuals in crisis by providing them with essential skills and tools so they can manage their lives more productively.

Our **vision** is to serve as a gateway to hope for individuals who want to change their lives for the better.



The name "Second Chance" came to me after recovering from a near-death experience where I felt I had received a second chance at life. "Last Opportunity" came from my recognition that I wouldn't be alive today if I hadn't sought the help I needed. The phrase "Last Opportunity" doesn't mean that it's their last opportunity with Second Chance; it refers to the clients' need to continue to strive for success and work on themselves. We believe everyone deserves a second chance at life. We can work with individuals to help them receive a second chance, but it's up to them whether that will be their last opportunity. Our clients are in crisis, asking for a second chance and hoping any opportunity to improve their lives won't be their last. We have never turned anyone away who came to us looking for such an opportunity.

-Dr. April Glasco, Founder & CEO

WHAT IS SECOND CHANCE LAST OPPORTUNITY?

At Second Chance Last Opportunity, Inc. we always aim to:

- **Offer a Hand Up:** We strive to provide a supportive environment that extends a helping hand to those in need. We aim to uplift individuals and foster their self-sufficiency by offering essential services and opportunities.
- **Meet Immediate Needs:** Recognizing the urgency of crisis situations, our focus is on promptly addressing the immediate needs of individuals. We aim to provide timely assistance, ensuring crucial resources are available to alleviate their hardships.
- **Facilitate Personal Growth:** Our ultimate objective is to enable individuals to achieve their fullest potential. Our programs and services aim to empower them to become their best selves, fostering personal growth and facilitating positive life transformations.
- **Foster Cultural Competency:** Cultural competency means being aware of your own cultural beliefs and values and how these may be different from other cultures—including being able to learn about and honor the different cultures of those you work with.

At SCLO, we are committed to embodying these goals in all aspects of our work. By providing practical support, addressing immediate needs, and nurturing personal development, we strive to make a meaningful impact in the lives of those facing crises.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO & FOUNDER - DR. APRIL GLASCO

After spending my career in non-profit management, I feel incredibly privileged to write this message as Chief Executive Officer of Second Chance Last Opportunity, Inc. (SCLO). This is a special time in this company's history as we celebrate our successes and tremendous growth since our inception. SCLO began its journey in 1995, and through the years, we have continued to build and expand our organization. SCLO has become synonymous with our commitment to helping our clients. From the hundreds of families with small children we serve to the vast teen mentoring program we have developed, and to the hundreds of adults whose dedication to attending SCLO programs has enhanced their lives. From every aspect, so many benefit from the extensive variety of programming offered by SCLO's Emergency Crisis Center, Life Skills, Empowerment, and Counseling.

We are committed to providing exceptional client services and living this organization's core values to the fullest. We are dedicated to enhancing the physical, emotional, and intellectual health and wellness of our communities' children, teens, adults, and seniors. SCLO always aims for excellence in leadership, integrity, full transparency in the spirit of community collaboration.

Looking ahead, we are focused on accelerating our growth strategy while continuing to build on the strength of our mission.

We are excited about expansion plans for our current programs, expansion of our Emergency Crisis Center, and new programming concepts that will increase the scope of youth and education services. All of which brings positive change to the communities where we work and live.

I am incredibly grateful to be the founder and CEO of SCLO and am excited about the journey ahead. The best of Second Chance Last Opportunity is yet to come!



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR - ERYN MCINTYRE

For the past two years, I have proudly served as the Program Director at Second Chance Last Opportunity, Inc (SCLO). SCLO vision is "to provide a gateway of hope for individuals who want to change their lives for the better," and I have seen Dr. Glasco instill that hope in an individual in crisis almost every day.

I deeply value SCLO's hands-on approach to working with clients. From inputting client data and grant writing to personally engaging with and assisting clients, the variety and depth of experiences have been truly remarkable. As Program Director, I work closely with Dr. Glasco to oversee essential services like our Bundles of Joy baby supplies distribution, housing solutions, counseling intake, and ensuring our clients are registered for all programs and services, such as holiday events and youth programs. Working with Dr. Glasco has been an honor, and I am grateful for the opportunity to learn from her expertise.

As we look ahead to the 2023-2024 fiscal year, I am excited about the prospects and opportunities that lie ahead. Second Chance Last Opportunity, Inc. has made a profound difference in the lives of those we serve, and I am eager to continue contributing to our mission and making a positive impact on our community.





OUR BOARD

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PROGRAMS & SERVICES

S.M.I.L.E.S

Specifically, Meeting Individual's Life Skills, Emergency Services & Support

The S.M.I.L.E.S. Emergency Crisis Center offers emergency food, personal hygiene, cleaning supplies, and clothing twice weekly.

Our Bundles of Joy program provides emergency formula, diapers, wipes blankets, and baby clothing.

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

We provide Mental Health counseling for individuals, couples, and families in crisis. It is available who are grieving the loss of a loved one, living with domestic violence, and situational depression, despair, and sadness. We offer counseling for individuals, couples, and families.

SKILLS FOR LIFE

Life Skills & Job Training

We offer life skills classes, job training services, and resume support to assist our clients in gaining full-time employment.



PROGRAMS & SERVICES

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Pieces of Me

The Pieces of Me Women's Empowerment Class is a six-month program for women and girls. Participants will receive and be encouraged to keep a journal throughout the program. Arts and crafts activities are offered, and participants can enter their projects in the Sarasota County Fair competition. Participants who complete the program will be taken on a shopping trip and receive a gift card to be used for their Graduation Event.

Many of the women who attend these classes have experienced hunger, homelessness, or risk of homelessness, often involving domestic violence. The Pieces of Me classes strive to help women learn how to define their crisis situation and plan for the next step. They grow to see that safety for themselves, their children, and their grandchildren is a fundamental basic human right.

At SCLO, we do whatever it takes to assist women in times of crisis to accept their situation and empower them to formulate a plan to move to their next step. Many of the women are single moms. The Pieces of Me Program is open to all women and girls and is recognized within the community as a program that does not exclude anyone and makes all attendees feel included, valued, and able to speak their truth.



PROGRAMS & SERVICES

‘OUT OF THE BOX’ YOUTH PROGRAMS

Reading is Fun

SCLO’s Reading is Fun program aims to encourage families to start their own home libraries. The Reading is Fun Book Club provides new and gently-used books from independent donors and local libraries and invites children and their parents to the book mobile and select books to take home.

Our mission is to encourage family bonding—for parents to connect with their children in a healthier way—through reading together. We know that if we engage families and youth in our Reading is Fun Book Club, we can inspire a passion to read and provide a more positive image in the community.

Summer Program

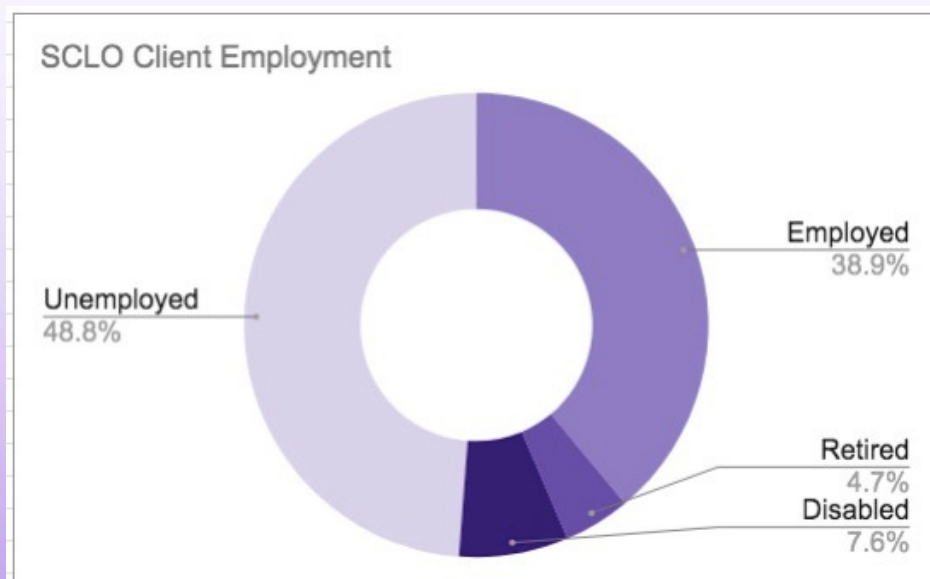
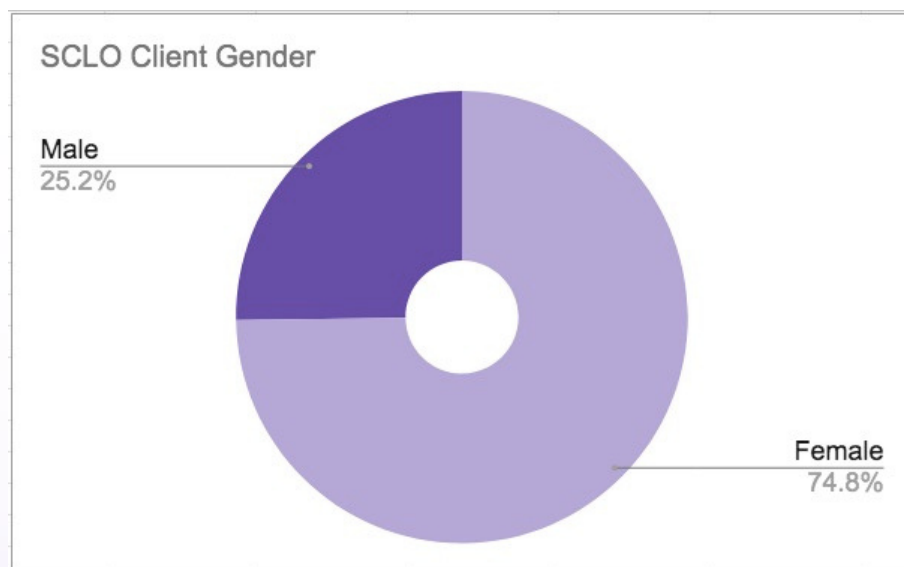
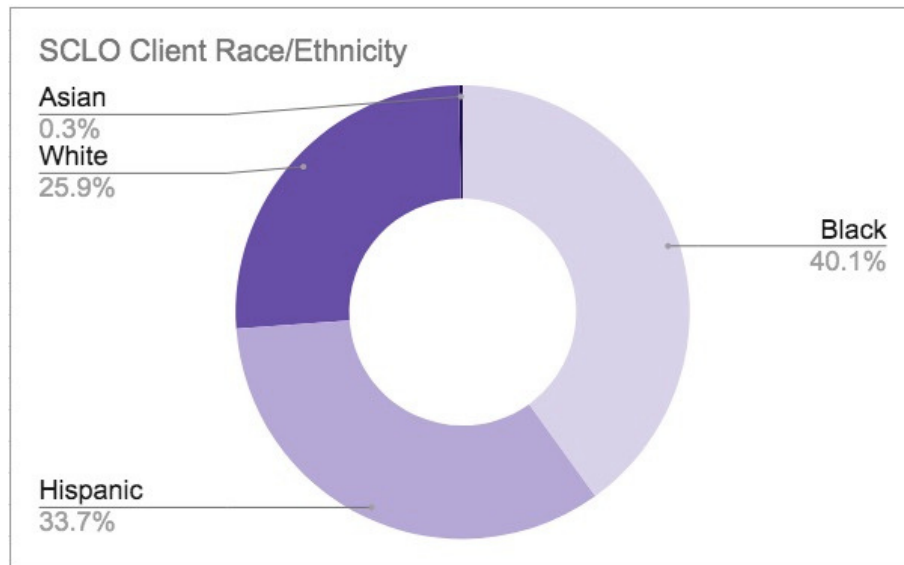
Our summer program provided children in the community with fun and educational activities Monday through Wednesday along with breakfast and lunch. The children received rewards for completing educational activities and volunteered at our emergency food distributions. At the end of the program all participants received a congratulatory dinner and gift card for new school clothes.

In Recognition of Our Sons

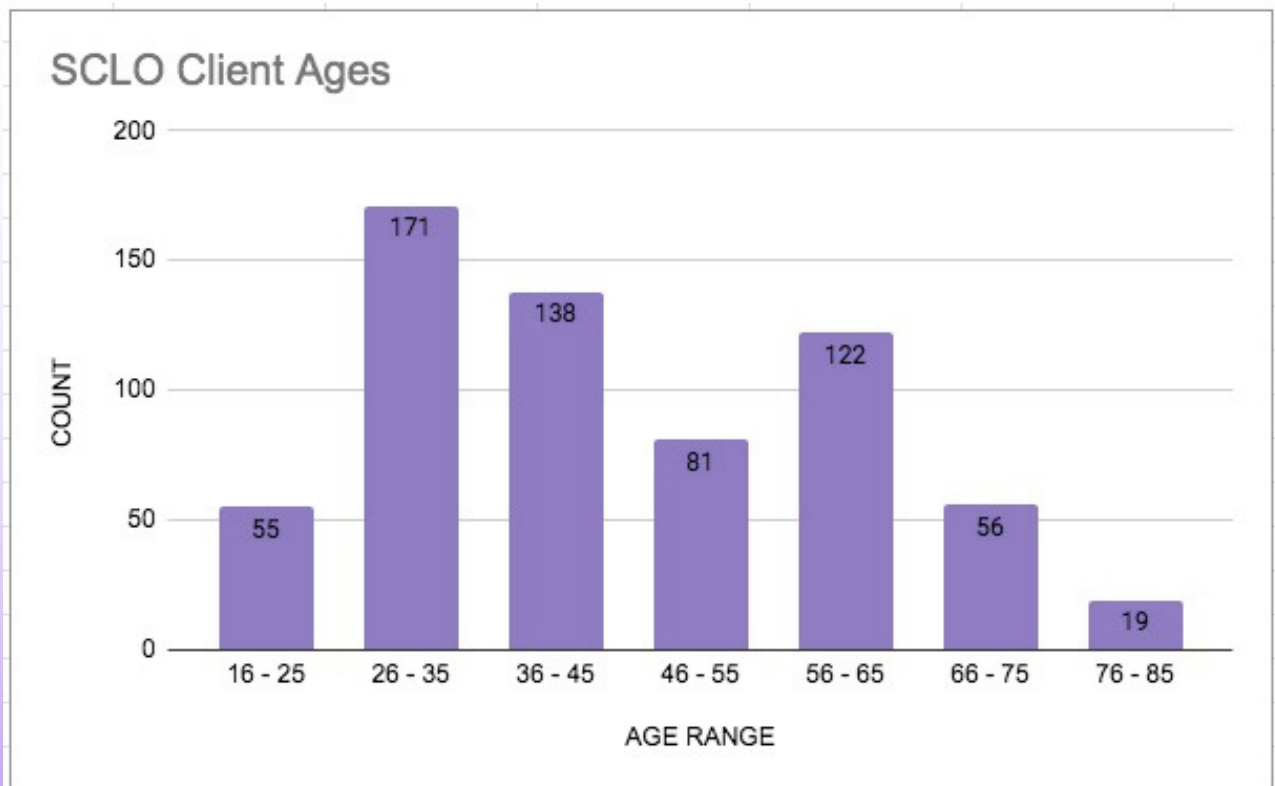
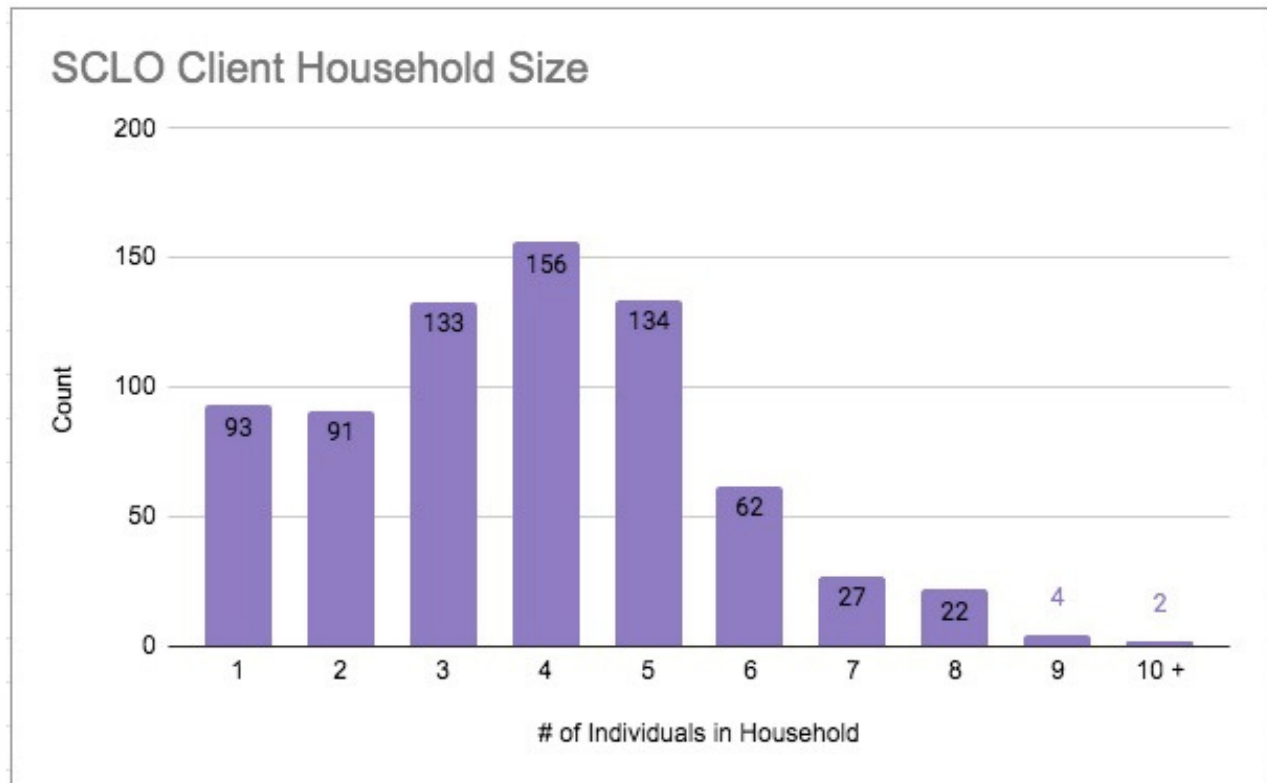
This multi-part program provides boys in the community with meals and the opportunity to engage with positive male figures. We also provide incentives for the boys to complete the program including bicycles and basketball hoops.



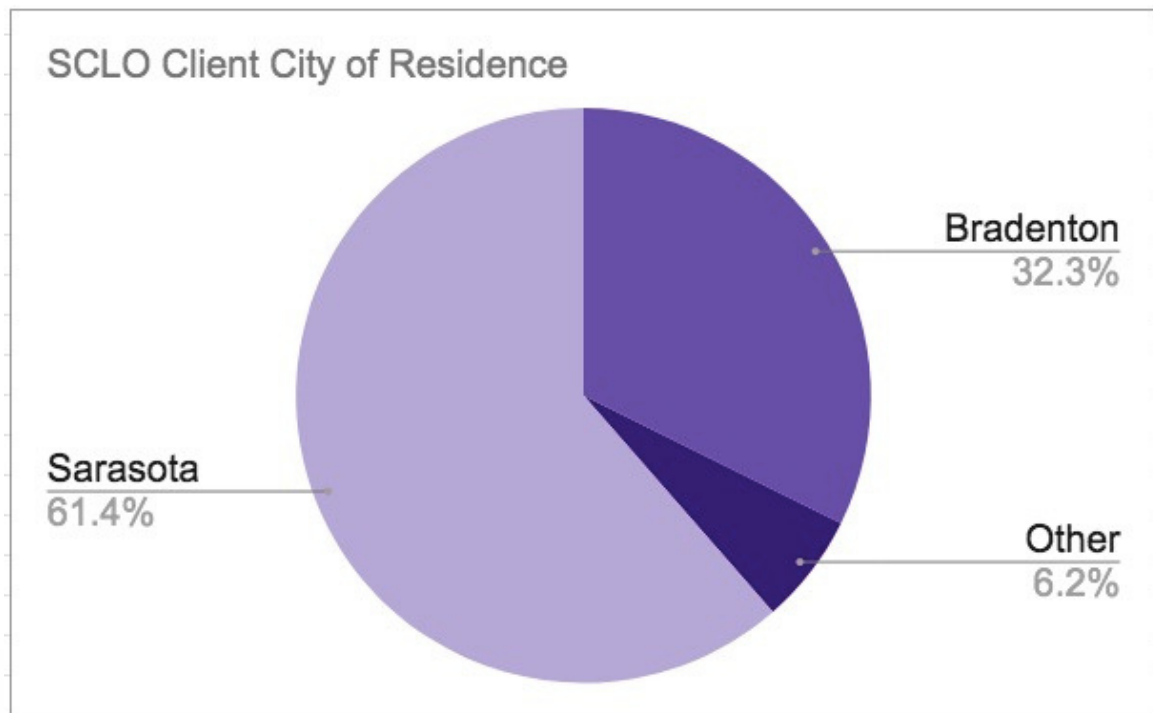
SCLO CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS



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SCLO's clients also reside in:

- Venice
- Ellenton
- North Port
- Palmetto
- Parrish
- Port Charlotte
- Duette
- Englewood
- Myakka City
- Osprey
- Ruskin
- Rotunda West



2022-2023 HIGHLIGHTS

OVER 1,440 FAMILIES UTILIZED OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES UTILIZED PROGRAMS & SERVICES OVER
4800 TIMES

OVER 4,200 MEALS & GROCERIES SERVED

OVER 200 MOTHERS ATTENDED OUR *BUNDLES OF JOY* PROGRAM

26 WOMEN GRADUATED FROM *PIECES OF ME*

OVER 400 FAMILIES ATTENDED OUR SPECIAL EVENTS



TESTIMONIALS

I have been receiving diapers for my kids. Diaper cost is expensive with raising 3 young kids. Together with the rising costs of everything, it makes it even harder. I am unemployed, and my husband has limited work. We have lived solely on savings for the years we were working. I am very grateful for the help you do for my family during this difficult time. We will pay it forward when the time comes.

We are a military family. I am a retired disabled veteran with Parkinson's and my wife is also my caregiver and we live at the moment on social security and SCLO has helped us with food and supplies. We appreciate all the help you have given us and our family ❤️ Thanks for your generosity and kindness you have really made a difference in our lives

Second Chance Last Opportunity has helped me financially and mentally. SCLO helped me to remain encouraged and to continue working on the person that I am becoming. SCLO gave my children the opportunity to enjoy their holidays. Thank you Second Chance Last Opportunity.

They have helped us days we had nothing, bringing hope to our family ❤️ Ms. April is a wonderful, kind and caring person, always helping less fortunate people with a big smile on her face, Thank you Miss April for all you do! We appreciate you!

You guys have literally been Lifesavers for me. One of my sons is disabled and I miss a lot of work because of this. I often do not have diapers and occasionally food. It's been tough for us but we're making do. Thank you for everything you do!

MOVING FORWARD 2023-2024

Mental Health Initiative

In our upcoming 2023-2024 fiscal year, SCLO is focusing on mental health and addiction awareness and education. This proposal aims to tackle the historic trauma and violence experienced by members of the Black community, which has led to deep-seeded mistrust and disparities in access to healthcare.

The initiative seeks to promote mental health support, offer educational resources, and advocate for mental health awareness. It will address the increased mental health struggles brought on by events like COVID-19, police brutality, and divisive politics. The stigma surrounding mental health is a significant barrier, but data shows that our pre-registered clients are increasingly willing to seek help.

One of our key strategies involves employing community advocates from within the Newtown community, who can bridge the gap between disenfranchised individuals and the available resources. These advocates will provide support and guidance through various systems, ultimately improving the quality of life for clients.

Additionally, SCLO will hire professional mental health counselors to expand our services, addressing the enormous need for professional support in the community. Paul White, a licensed clinical social worker, who has worked with SCLO since its inception, is critical in this effort.

SCLO's initiative underscores the unique challenges historically Black communities, such as Newtown, face in mental health care, including stigma, misdiagnosis, overrepresentation in the prison system, and a lack of culturally competent practitioners. SCLO's mission this year is to create a safe space, provide education, and advocate for mental health support to address these issues.



MOVING FORWARD 2023-2024

Emergency Crisis Center Expansion

SCLO is adding an extension to its Emergency Crisis Center, where we provide food, toiletries, and baby supplies. Currently, the clients line up for food outside in the sun, rain, poor air quality, and other elements. An extension will enable the clients to wait inside an air-conditioned building and protect clients, staff, and volunteers from inclement Florida weather. With the expansion of our Emergency Crisis Center, we plan to purchase a freezer, additional refrigerators, and additional shelving which will enable SCLO to offer frozen foods and provide a healthier food selection.

Groundbreaking is scheduled for Fall 2023, and the project is expected to be complete by Fall 2024.



MOVING FORWARD 2023-2024

Meet Our New Team Manager - **Kenneth Matthews**

As team manager for SCLO, my obligation is to ensure SCLO programs and services are maintained in a measurable and effective way to ensure the integrity of our mission.

Everyone is guaranteed a second chance at SCLO.

My vision is to continue meeting the goals Dr. April Glasco, the founder, has set before us.

Although I am new to this establishment, my purpose is to fulfill the mission of helping individuals who face many challenges while in crisis.

Dr. Glasco is a strong leader and is passionate about her work. As Founder and CEO, she has a heart for everyone, and it is pure, from the children to their parents and those who are disabled or mentally challenged.

Dr. Glasco has a unique ability to help those in need by uncovering the darkness within individuals and helping them find sunshine in their recovery - allowing them to have hope again.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Donate To Second Chance Last Opportunity

Financial Donations are tax-deductible and used to support our ongoing programs, services, and overheads. Your tax-deductible support has a huge impact on our success as a local, grass-roots non-profit. Through your generosity, we can continue to help change the lives of our fellow community members, ultimately benefiting us all.

Please mail your tax deductible contribution to
Second Chance Last Opportunity
P.O . BOX 1027
Sarasota, Florida 34234

OR ONLINE

A matching-gift program is now available at through the Flanzer Trust. Go to <https://flanzertrust.org>, and select SECOND CHANCE LAST OPPORTUNITY

Spread The Word

Raising awareness of the work that we do is so important. Every mention makes a difference. Find us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

Volunteer

Volunteer opportunities are always available. Give us a call at (941) 360-8660 to let us know how you would like to get involved. We'd love to have you on board!



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Wishlist

We appreciate your in-kind gifts as well! Your donations help us reach and transform our community. Please take a look at our needs below:

- **Baby Items** - especially larger diaper sizes, pull-ups, formula, and wipes.
- **Gift cards**
- **Organize Diaper/Food/Holiday Drives**
- **Sponsors for educational field trips to the theater, seminars, horseback riding, concerts, etc.**
- **Funds** - specifically to help with bus fares for interviews and photo IDs for those clients who are transitioning into employment and further education.
- **Food & Clothing Donations** - for our weekly distributions
- **Toy & Book Donations** - for our Holiday Giveaways



PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIONS

We are thrilled to announce that SCLO has teamed up with the **Department of Health** to offer monthly health screenings to our clients.

Our clients for the weekly donation of fresh fruits and vegetables from **Trader Joe's**, which enables us to continue our mission of providing healthy food options.

Our partnership with the **National Alliance on Mental Illness** is a significant step towards enhancing our mental health services and education programs for clients.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS





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[SECOND CHANCE LAST OPPORTUNITY EDUCATION CENTER
INTRODUCES FREE COUNSELING](#)

[DR. APRIL GLASCO HELPS PEOPLE WHO'VE HIT BOTTOM START
OVER](#)

SCLO YOUTUBE VIDEOS

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[SECOND CHANCE LAST OPPORTUNITY \(2015\).](#)

[SECOND CHANCE LAST OPPORTUNITY'S 27TH ANNIVERSARY.
SHARE THE LIGHT LUNCHEON.](#)

[I AM WHAT I EAT - SECOND CHANCE LAST OPPORTUNITY'S
JUMPING BEANS](#)



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