



DOING THE
MOST GOOD

PANHANDLERS

HELP THOSE IN NEED

Use the Help Card for those that you feel are in need of help, hope, or ready for change.

Simply, download the hunger card template from our website and print in color on business cards. If you would like printing guidance or assistance contact us.

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Gulfport, MS

EDUCATION

There are different types of career panhandlers:

- The person who raises money and gets back into their car and goes home.
- The person who leads a team of people to ask for money. . . this is a form of human trafficking.
- The addict (drugs/alcohol/gambling) who desperately needs money to fund their addiction.
- A small percentage of panhandlers want and need our help.

For more education or to schedule a speaker:

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HOW TO RESPOND TO PANHANDLERS

Remember for some, panhandling, is degrading and a last resort:

1. Make eye contact.
2. Smile
3. Have compassion
DON'T wish to give: **Give card** and say, "Hello, I am not able to give any money, but here is information of where you may find further assistance, I hope you have a great day."
DO wish to give: **Give card** and say, "Sure, here is a little. Also, this card has information of where you may find further assistance, have a good day."

STATISTICS

1. 58% have panhandled for 5 years; an average of 4.6
 2. 32% are addicts
 3. 82% are homeless; 18% have homes
 4. Income can be anywhere from \$25 per day and up to \$80,000 per year, but this is rare.
 5. 80% have been in jail
 6. 80% choose to be homeless or live outside
- Source: www.brandongaille.com "23 Amazing Panhandling Statistics"