



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Support Groups

League for the Hard of Hearing

League for the Hard of Hearing - Support Groups

2800 West Oakland Park Blvd

Suite #306

Oakland Park

FL

33311

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 731-7200

FAX: (954) 485-6336

Description of Services:

Sponsored by United Hearing and Deaf Services Inc., provides support groups for parents of deaf/hard of hearing children and alcohol and substance abuse.

Eligibility: Must be 17 years old and over and are deaf or hearing impaired

Fees: No fee

Intake: Schedules vary; Please call office for days/times

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Schedules vary; Call for information



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Alliance for Families with Deaf Children

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812 West Plantation Circle

Plantation FL 33324

Description of Services:

AFDC serves families who have deaf or hard of hearing children or children up to 12 years old without a hearing loss who can benefit from American Sign Language. We provide in-home tutoring, language enrichment for babies, parent education, sign language

Eligibility: Families who have a deaf or hard of hearing child or a children who can benefit from ASL.

Fees: Call for information

Intake: Call for information

Area Served: Broward and Miami-Dade counties

Hours of Operation:

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 370-1145

FAX: (954) 252-4269

ARC Broward, Inc.

ARC - Parents as Teachers

10250 NW 53rd Street

Sunrise FL 33351

Description of Services:

RESTRICTED REFERRAL: ARC Broward's Parents as Teachers program is a behavioral parent-training program, which includes family education and support that begins at birth and extends through age 5. The program is based on the belief that parents are their c

Eligibility: Under age 5, have MLD, at-risk of delay, behavioral, developmental or emotional issue, at-risk parents & referred by an agency

Fees: \$60 per unit

Intake: Must be referred by NBHD Behavioral, Children's Medical Services or agency and have verification of confirmed disability

Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Varies/Flexible

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 746-9400

FAX: (954) 746-2954



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Broward Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization

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10250 NW 53rd Street

Sunrise FL 33351

Description of Services:

Down Syndrome-Organization that offers many services for parents or individuals with Down Syndrome including: meetings and workshops designed to educate families on ways to improve and fulfill the lives of individuals with DS. Call or visit the website f

Eligibility: For families and children with Down Syndrome. (Not an appropriate referral for general Mental Retardation diagnosis).

Fees:: None

Intake: Call or visit the website for information; www.bgcdownsyndrome.org

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 577-4122

FAX: (954) 746-2954

Center for Autism & Related Disabilities (C.A.R.D.)

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NSU Office of University of Miami

3301 College Avenue

Fort Lauderdale FL 33314

Description of Services:

UM-NSU CARD serves both children and adults of all levels of intellectual functioning who have autism, pervasive developmental disorders, autistic-like disabilities, dual sensory impairments, or sensory impairments (deaf-blindness) with other disabling co

Eligibility: Children & adults who have autism, autistic-like disabilities, pervasive developmental disorders or dual sensory impairments

Fees:: No Fee

Intake: Must call for an intake and register with the program

Area Served: Broward, Palm Beach and Dade counties

Hours of Operation:

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 262-7111

FAX: (954) 262-3996



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Center for Independent Living of Broward, Inc.

Center for Independent Living - Peer Support

4800 North State Road 7
Bldg. F, Suite 102
Lauderdale Lakes FL 33319

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (954) 722-6400
FAX: (954) 735-1958

Description of Services:

Provides a support system to persons with disabilities, to help them towards independence and self-sufficiency. Monthly events are planned.

- Eligibility:** Person(s) with any disability
Fees: No fee
Intake: Must complete intake form and determine goals
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm

City of Plantation

Parents and Me Support Group

5555 Palm Tree Rd.
Plantation FL 33317

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (954) 270-4455
FAX: (954) 797-2223

Description of Services:

A support group for parents of individuals with mental or physical disabilities, as well as their families. All are welcome to this monthly meeting held the 3rd Friday of every month at 6:00pm. Participants are asked to bring a covered dish to share with

- Eligibility:** Adults and children with disabilities and their families welcome
Fees: No fee
Intake: Call ahead for more information
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

6:00-8:00pm

Dimensions Therapy Center

Dimensions Therapy Center Family Club

12545 Orange Drive Suite 502
Davie FL 33330

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (954) 236-9415
FAX: (954) 236-9405

Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT AGENCY - Every month, our students and their families are invited to participate in special outings such as The Dimensions bowling group. Children of all ages and levels bowl in a stress free environment with their families free of charge. The

- Eligibility:** Child must be enrolled in a Dimensions Therapy program (student). Call for details.
Fees: Some events are free of charge
Intake: Must complete intake information
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

9-5pm, Events are monthly.



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Family Network on Disabilities of Florida, Inc

Family Network on Disabilities of Florida

100 S. Andrews Ave
4th Floor Main Library
Fort Lauderdale FL 33301

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (754) 321-1705
FAX: (754) 321-1707

Description of Services:

The mission is to provide support through education, information, and training. Family Network on Disabilities of Florida is a statewide network of families and individuals of all ages who may be at-risk, have disabilities, or have special needs. They en

- Eligibility:** Families and individuals, birth - 26 years of age, who may be at-risk, have disabilities, or have special needs.
Fees:: No Fee
Intake: Call for information
Area Served: State of Florida

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

GRACA Autism Support Group

League for the Hard of Hearing - SHHH Group

2800 West Oakland Park Blvd #306
Oakland Park FL 33311

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 731-7203
FAX:

Description of Services:

Provides support and information to the hearing impaired, their family and friends. SHHH is devoted to the welfare and interests of those who cannot hear well but are committed to participating in the hearing world. Members learn about assistive listeni

- Eligibility:** Hearing impaired individuals (all degrees of hearing loss), their family and friends
Fees:: National membership includes 6 journals at \$20 per year
Intake:
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

2nd Wednesday 12:30pm

Asperger Support Group for Families

UM-NSU CARD Satellite Office
6100 Griffin Road
Davie FL 33314

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 262-7111
FAX:

Description of Services:

Group for Family Members of Individuals with this disability of Asperger's Syndrome. Program content and discussions focus on challenges faced by highly verbal individuals, many of whom have academic skills on/near grade level in some areas.

- Eligibility:** Registration is required by calling. Participant must care for or support an individual with Asperger's Syndrome
Fees:: None
Intake: Call to register
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

7:00-8:30pm Meetings on: August 17, September 21, October 19, and November 16, 2006



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Autism Society of America - Broward Chapter

10250 NW 53rd Street
ARC Broward
Sunrise FL 33351

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 577-4141

FAX:

Description of Services:

Provide support to parents of children and adults with autism. Information regarding current issues on autism is provided through various publications and guest speakers.

- Eligibility:** Parents of children and adults with autism or other interested parties
Fees: \$45 optional yearly individual membership; Full time student \$30; Family \$55
Intake: Call for registration information
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

3rd Wednesday of each month, 7:30pm-9:30pm (excluding July & August)

GRACA Autism Support Group

10250 NW 53rd Street
Grandparents & Realitives of Autism
Sunrise FL 33351

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 577-4141

FAX:

Description of Services:

Autism - Grandparents and other relatives and friends of individuals with autism are welcome to participate in this support group.

- Eligibility:** Grandparents and Families involved with children with autism
Fees: No Fee
Intake: Call for details on dates and time of meetings
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Call for meeting times

Handicapped of South Broward - Social Club Program

Meetings: Elks Club
South Federal Highway
Hollywood FL 33022

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 523-7210

FAX:

Description of Services:

Provides a social outlet for physically handicapped adults residing in south Broward. Monthly meetings include various activities, such as lectures, dinners, entertainment, etc.

- Eligibility:** Adults who are physically handicapped
Fees: \$2 annual membership
Intake:
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

3rd Tuesday except July, August, September



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Visually Impaired Support Group

8000 West Broward Mall - North Entr
Plantation Police Outreach Center
Plantation FL 33317

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 442-1855

FAX:

Description of Services:

We assist all visually impaired individuals in finding the resources necessary to make their lives easier. "We are changing what it is to be blind." All stages of blindness are addressed--from children to adults. We provide a support group for the blind

Eligibility: Visually impaired and family and friends of visually impaired

Fees: no fees

Intake:

Area Served:

Hours of Operation:

Second Saturday of each month - call for times

League for the Hard of Hearing

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Suite #306
Oakland Park FL 33311

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 731-7200

FAX: (954) 485-6336

Description of Services:

Sponsored by United Hearing and Deaf Services Inc., provides support groups for parents of deaf/hard of hearing children and alcohol and substance abuse.

Eligibility: Must be 17 years old and over and are deaf or hearing impaired

Fees: No fee

Intake: Schedules vary; Please call office for days/times

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Schedules vary; Call for information

League for the Hard of Hearing - Cochlear Implant Support Group

2800 West Oakland Park Blvd
Suite # 306
Oakland Park FL 33311

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 731-7200

FAX: (954) 485-6336

Description of Services:

Support group is intended for individuals who are considering a cochlear implant and those who already have one, and any friends, family or significant others.

Eligibility: Individuals who have a cochlear implant or are considering one

Fees: No fee, Medicare, Medicaid, self pay/full, self pay, sliding

Intake: Call for information, appointment needed

Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Third Sunday of each month, 2:00pm-3:30pm



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Learning Center for Vision Impaired Seniors of Broward

Learning Center for Vision Impaired - Support Group

10200 Sunset Strip
Nob Hill Banquet Hall
Sunrise FL 33322

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 742-3214
FAX: (954) 748-4436

Description of Services:

A nonprofit organization dedicated to providing continuing education, support and socialization for legally-blind seniors and adults. Offers a group once a week with lectures, speakers and activities.

- Eligibility:** Adults, age 21 and older who are legally-blind or volunteers wanting to help
Fees:: No Fee
Intake: Call for information
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:
Thursdays, 10am-2pm

Lighthouse of Broward County

Lighthouse - Social Work Services

650 North Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale FL 33311

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 463-4217
FAX: (954) 764-3825

Description of Services:

Restricted Referral : Provides social work services to visually impaired people who are Lighthouse clients; services include support groups, individual counseling and information/referral services.
Groups include: Family Support Group (meets last Thurs

- Eligibility:** Must be legally blind or have an eye condition that affects ability to function independently and a client of Lighthouse
Fees:: No fee
Intake: Call for intake interview; eye report and medical report required
Area Served: Broward County, North Dade, South Palm Beach,

Hours of Operation:
Monday-Friday 8am-4pm



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Parent to Parent of Broward County

Parent to Parent - Family Network on Disabilities of Broward

100 South Andrews Avenue

Fort Lauderdale FL 33301

Description of Services:

Monthly group meetings. Advocacy for parents/caregivers of children at risk of or diagnosed as developmentally delayed or mentally or physically disabled.

- Eligibility:** Parents, family member and professionals dealing with special needs children
- Fees:** No fee
- Intake:** None
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monthly group meetings, call for information and updates

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (754) 321-1705

FAX: (754) 321-1707

Parents of Down Syndrome Angels (PODS)

PODS Angels Support Foundation

1270 SW 28th Terrace

Fort Lauderdale FL 33312

Description of Services:

PODS Angels is a non-profit support group organization for parents of Down syndrome. They help families get connected to each other for friendships, support and encouragement. They offer monthly Angel Gatherings in the Park, Board game nights and guest s

- Eligibility:** Parents of children with down syndrome (Not appropriate for children general Mental Retardation).
- Fees:** No Fee; donations accepted
- Intake:** Call for information
- Area Served:** Broward

Hours of Operation:

Hours vary by activity, call for times and locations

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 581-4165

FAX: (954) 585-8787

Schott Communities

Schott Communities - Deaf and Hard of Hearing

6591 S. Flamingo Road

Cooper City FL 33029

Description of Services:

Program welcomes persons who are deaf and anyone interested in socializing with members of the deaf community. Among the latter are family, friends, and students of American Sign Language (ASL) classes who come to improve their signing skills. The progr

- Eligibility:** Must be 6 years old and over and hearing impaired/deaf
- Fees:** self pay/sliding fees charged camp, socials, counseling
- Intake:** Call for information Camp-Registration, Power of Attorney, Liability
- Area Served:** Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30pm-5pm Camp - June Only ; Deaf Social interpreted literacy Sundays 11am-3pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 434-3306

FAX: (954) 434-3307



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Support Groups

Schott Communities - Advocacy, Sign Language Classes, Workshop

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

6591 S. Flamingo Road

Cooper City

FL 33029

Phone: (954) 434-3306

FAX: (954) 434-3307

Description of Services:

Advocacy on behalf of and with persons with disabilities has many avenues: (1) dispensing information on resources regarding care, legal or financial issues; (2) promoting legislative initiatives, (3) networking to expand access to available resources; an

Eligibility: Must be age 7 and older

Fees: Self-pay/full (varies by program) Sign Language Fee is \$40 per term & WTMW is \$500 for workshop-24 participants

Intake: Call for information

Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Calendar varies, call for times

Schott Communities - Special Needs Parent Support Group

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

6591 S. Flamingo Road

Cooper City

FL 33330

Phone: (954) 434-3306

FAX: (954) 434-3307

Description of Services:

Schott Communities welcomes families of the special needs population to its support gathering. Come share your experiences with other families, siblings, and guardians. Meetings are normally the 1st Sunday of every month at 11:00am.

Eligibility: Parent or caregiver or of special needs children, and/or providers of special needs children

Fees: None

Intake: Call for information and to confirm meeting

Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

First Sunday of Every Month, 11am-12:30pm

South Florida Fragile X Resource Group

Fragile X Resource Group

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

1942 NW167 Terr.

Pembroke Pines

FL 33028

Phone: (954) 433-5413

FAX:

Description of Services:

A resource group for families affected by Fragile X Syndrome which also provides support for families and professionals who work with children and adults with Fragile X Syndrome. FXS: genetic disorder, most common inherited cause of mental retardation, ha

Eligibility: Family member with Fragile X or suspect that family member has Fragile X

Fees: No fee

Intake:

Area Served: Broward, Dade, Palm Beach Counties

Hours of Operation:



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SPEC (Support for Parents of Exceptional Children)

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Dan Marino Children's Hospital
2900 S. Commerce Parkway
Weston

FL

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 893-5553

FAX:

Description of Services:

Autism Support Group. A support group that shares information and asks questions of more experienced parents. Discussions include schools, issues, recent accomplishments, difficult behaviors, effective interventions, and upcoming events in the community

Eligibility: For parents and providers seeking group support and information for their autistic child

Fees: None

Intake: Call for next meeting

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Meets First Wednesday of every month 7-9pm



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Angel's Pediatric Heart House

Angel's Pediatric Heart House

3410 N. Ocean Blvd
(Meeting location only)
Fort Lauderdale FL 33308

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 318-2020

FAX:

Description of Services:

Angel's Pediatric Heart House provides meeting locations where families affected by congenital heart defects (CHD) or childhood acquired heart disease can come together to receive encouragement, emotional and social support. Membership includes support an

- Eligibility:** Must have a child affected by congenital heart defects (CHD) or childhood acquired heart disease
Fees:: Membership, including programs and services, are free of charge.
Intake: Call for information
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm - call for specific meeting times and locations

Support Groups - Health

Dysautonomia Support

Dysautonomia Foundation
8100 Sunrise Lakes Drive North
Sunrise FL 33322

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 749-8055

FAX:

Description of Services:

Provides mutual support to the families and friends of children with dysautonomia. Information and referrals are available through the foundation.

- Eligibility:** Families and friends of children suffering from dysautonomia
Fees:: No fee
Intake:
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

3rd Monday 10:30am