



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Advocacy / Legal Aid

### **Academic Options, Inc.**

#### **Academic Options - Educational Consultation**

12608 NW 74th Place

Parkland FL 33076

#### **Description of Services:**

For Profit - Private educational consulting for individuals with Special Needs. Practice specializing in college counseling and post-secondary placement of student with learning disabilities, spectrum disorders and special needs.

- Eligibility:** Ages 15-25 seeking post-secondary academic options.  
**Fees:** Private Pay. Fees range from \$2100-4500 depending on service needed.  
**Intake:** Appointment required. Call for details.  
**Area Served:** Broward and Beyond

#### **Hours of Operation:**

- Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 340-1636  
**FAX:** (954) 827-0291

### **Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities**

#### **ACPD - Individual Rights Protection & Advocacy**

4411 Sheridan Street

Hollywood FL 33021

#### **Description of Services:**

Serves individuals not eligible for PADD (Protection/Advocacy Developmental Disabilities) or PAIMI (Protection/Advocacy Individuals with Mental Illness) services or who want services beyond the authority of CAP (Client Assistance Program). PAIR protects those rights outlined by the Title II and III of the ADA and addresses systemic reform issues to promote compliance with the ADA.

- Eligibility:** For disabled individuals not otherwise eligible for CAP, PADD, PAIMI or who want services beyond the authority of CAP  
**Fees:** No fee  
**Intake:** Must call office to schedule an intake  
**Area Served:** Broward County

#### **Hours of Operation:**

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 967-1493  
**FAX:** (954) 967-1496



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### ACPD - Technology Assistance Program

4411 Sheridan Street

Hollywood FL 33021

#### Description of Services:

Promotes awareness of assistive technology devices or systems used to improve or maintain the capabilities of persons with disabilities and assists individuals who are having difficulty obtaining assistive technology.

- Eligibility:** Persons with disabilities who require assistive technology
- Fees:** No fee
- Intake:** Must call to schedule an intake
- Area Served:** Broward County

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (800) 342-0823

**FAX:** (954) 967-1496

### ACPD - Voting Access Protection & Advocacy

4411 Sheridan Street

Hollywood FL 33021

#### Description of Services:

PAVA ensures that people with disabilities have complete access to all aspects of voting in Florida.

- Eligibility:** Individuals age 18 and older with a disability
- Fees:** No fee
- Intake:** Must call office to schedule an intake
- Area Served:** State of Florida

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (866) 875-1794

**FAX:** (954) 967-1496

### ACPD - Developmental Disabilities Protection & Advocacy

4411 Sheridan Street

Hollywood FL 33021

#### Description of Services:

Assists persons who have a severe and chronic mental or physical impairment that began before age 22 years old and the impairment substantially limits the person's ability in 3 or more life activities or major skill areas. PADD investigates institutional and community abuse, neglect, and rights violations; and those having problems accessing Medicaid and Medicaid Waiver services.

- Eligibility:** Must have severe and chronic mental or physical impairment that began before age 22 years old and be substantially limiting
- Fees:** No fee
- Intake:** Must call to schedule an intake
- Area Served:** State of Florida

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 967-1493

**FAX:** (954) 967-1496



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### ACPD - Client Assistance Program

4411 Sheridan Street

Hollywood

FL 33021

Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 967-1493

**FAX:** (954) 967-1496

#### Description of Services:

Assists persons with a disability in applying for and receiving services from rehabilitative programs under the Rehabilitation Act.

**Eligibility:** Persons with disabilities

**Fees:** No fee

**Intake:** Must call 1-800 intake number for new clients to complete an intake

**Area Served:** State of Florida

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

### ACPD - Beneficiaries of Social Security Protection & Advocacy

4411 Sheridan Street

Hollywood

FL 33021

Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 967-1493

**FAX:** (954) 967-1496

#### Description of Services:

PABSS provides information and assistance to current beneficiaries of Social Security (SSDI/SSI) who wish to work and are experiencing barriers to employment.

**Eligibility:** Qualified beneficiaries of Social Security, age 16 to 64 who receive SSI or SSDI benefits and who are trying to work

**Fees:** No fee

**Intake:** Appointment or telephonic intake

**Area Served:** State of Florida

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm



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### Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)

#### APD Agency for Persons with Disabilities

201 West Broward Blvd  
Suite #305  
Fort Lauderdale FL 33301

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language
- Phone:** (954) 467-4218
- FAX:** (954) 467-5949

#### Description of Services:

Provides / monitors a variety of case management-related services for individuals with developmental disabilities through the Medicaid-Waiver service. Services include day training, supported employment, therapies, and residential services. Agency also assists in enrollment the Medicaid Waiver Program for Broward County residents through an intake procedure. (Callers for MW enrollment need to speak with the Intake Specialist and have their child's SSN available and will be sent a packet for enrollment. Parents should note MW process can take years be accepted depending on need and crisis).

- Eligibility:** Serves individuals with Spina Bifida, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Prader-Willi Syndrome and Mental Retardation.
- Fees:** No fee
- Intake:** To apply for Med-Waiver online: <http://apd.myflorida.com/customers/application.htm> - Must complete documentation, interview.
- Area Served:** Broward County

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

### APD - Toll Free State-Wide Number

FL

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language
- Phone:** (866) 273-2273
- FAX:**

#### Description of Services:

The agency's new phone number is 1-866-APD-CARES or 1-866-273-2273. It will be manned Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. (EDT). The phone operators will answer questions directly. For more complex questions, however, the caller will be transferred to the best person to respond in a timely manner. The goal is to answer a citizen's question related to APD and Medicaid Waiver quickly and accurately while not making the caller incur long distance phone charges.

- Eligibility:** Serves individuals diagnosed for Autism, DS, CP, MR, Prader Willie Syndrome, or Spina Bifida
- Fees:**
- Intake:**
- Area Served:**

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday 8am-5pm



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### American Civil Liberties Union of Florida

#### ACLU - American Civil Liberties Union - Advocacy

4500 Biscayne Blvd  
Suite #340  
Miami

FL 33137

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (786) 363-2700

**FAX:** (305) 576-2591

#### Description of Services:

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is a non-profit agency that works daily in courts, legislatures and communities to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties guaranteed to all people in this country by the Constitution and laws of the United States. Top issues include national security, free speech, privacy, racial justice, gay and lesbian rights and religious liberty.

- Eligibility:** Anyone whose civil liberties have been violated by a gov. agcy. Cannot accept complaints re: individuals or private businesses
- Fees::** No Fee; Membership dues and donations accepted (Individual Annual Membership \$20.00, Student/Low Income Membership \$5.00)
- Intake:** We only accept complaints regarding civil liberties violations that occurred in Florida; Call for an assessment; No walk-ins
- Area Served:** State of Florida

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm (State Headquarters); 2nd Tuesday each month, 7:30pm (Broward Chapter meetings)

### BC Clerk of the Courts

#### Guardianship

Office of the Public Guardian  
201 SE Sixth Street #2807  
Fort Lauderdale

FL 33301

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 831-6550

**FAX:** (954) 831-6912

#### Description of Services:

Provides guardianship services to indigent and cognitively impaired and incapacitated persons. Services include determining and managing medical, social and financial affairs.

- Eligibility:** Indigent and in need of guardianship under Chapter 744
- Fees::** No fee
- Intake:**
- Area Served:** Broward County

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm; 24-hour answering service



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### BC Office of Equal Opportunity - OEO

#### BC Office of Equal Opportunity - Civil Rights Division

115 South Andrews Avenue #A-680  
Broward County Governmental Center  
Fort Lauderdale FL 33301

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 357-7800

**FAX:** (954) 357-7817

#### Description of Services:

The Civil Rights Division's authority and responsibilities are mandated by the Broward County Human Rights Act, adopted by the Broward County Commission. The agency, which is a local Fair Employment Practices Agency (FEPA) enforces laws in the areas of employment, housing, and public accommodations, based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, political affiliation, disability, sexual orientation, familial status (housing only) and retaliation. The Division is currently in the capacity building phase of a contract with the Federal Office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Fair Housing Act to investigate charges of discriminatory housing practices.

#### Eligibility:

**Fees::** No Fee  
**Intake:** Call for information  
**Area Served:** Broward

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm

#### BC Office of Equal Opportunity - Equal Employment Opportunity

115 South Andrews Avenue #A-680  
Broward County Governmental Center  
Fort Lauderdale FL 33301

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 357-6500

**FAX:** (954) 357-7817

#### Description of Services:

The Equal Employment Opportunity Section investigates complaints of alleged employment discrimination filed by employees and applicants of Broward County Government on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability and retaliation. In addition, the EEO Section investigates complaints filed based on sexual orientation, marital status and political affiliation filed by employees of the Broward County Government. The Section also coordinates the county government's compliance with Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, in providing reasonable accommodations for the county employees and applicants covered by this Act.

#### Eligibility:

**Fees::** No Fee  
**Intake:** Call for information  
**Area Served:** Broward

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm



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### ***Behavior Education Social Training, Inc.***

#### **BEST - Behavior Education Social Training**

Margate FL 33063

**Description of Services:**

FOR PROFIT - Offers behavior training, IEP consultation, in-home tutoring, in-home social skills training, Mommie and Me class and early intervention services for family of children with Special Needs.

- Eligibility:** Special Needs / Developmental Disability ages 18 months to 22 years old
- Fees::** Fees vary upon type of service
- Intake:** Parent consultation, call for details
- Area Served:** Broward and Beyond

**Hours of Operation:**

M-F 9-5pm, Evenings available upon request

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 254-3673

**FAX:**

### ***Broward County Bar Association Inc.***

#### **Broward County Bar Assoc - Lawyer Referral Svc**

1051 SE Third Avenue

Fort Lauderdale FL 33316

**Description of Services:**

Provides referral service to find a lawyer.

- Eligibility:** Individuals needing legal services
- Fees::** Self-Pay/Full; \$50 per half hour (consultation fee)
- Intake:**
- Area Served:** Broward County

**Hours of Operation:**

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 764-8040

**FAX:** (954) 764-8060

### ***Broward County Dental Association***

#### **Dental Association - Grievances and Ethics**

1919 NE 45th Street

Suite#216

Fort Lauderdale FL 33308

**Description of Services:**

Upon receipt of a written patient complaint, attempts to assist parties in reaching an amicable settlement. Helps to ensure that member dentists uphold the established ethics and standards of the Dental Association.

- Eligibility:** Complaint must be filed by an adult
- Fees::** No fee to client
- Intake:** Call for information
- Area Served:** Broward County north of Griffin Rd

**Hours of Operation:**

Monday- Thursday 8:30am-2:00pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 772-5461

**FAX:**



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### ***Broward County Medical Association***

#### **Medical Association - Mediation Program**

5101 NW 21st Avenue #440

Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

#### **Description of Services:**

Investigates patients' complaints about doctors' services and attempts to resolve the problem through mediation. All complaints must be in writing via mail, not in person or by phone.

**Eligibility:** Patient's with a complaint about a doctor's service

**Fees::** No fee

**Intake:** Complaints in writing only

**Area Served:** Broward County

#### **Hours of Operation:**

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 714-9477

**FAX:** (954) 714-9289

#### **Medical Association - Advocacy for Managed Care**

5101 NW 21st Avenue

Suite # 440

Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

#### **Description of Services:**

Provides advocacy to patients with complaints about HMO services, which may include insurance complaints and complaints about physicians or other healthcare providers.

**Eligibility:** Individuals who have HMO insurance

**Fees::** No fee

**Intake:** Call for information

**Area Served:** Broward County

#### **Hours of Operation:**

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 714-9477

**FAX:** (954) 714-9289

### ***Broward County/OEO/Human Rights Division***

#### **BC Human Rights Division**

115 South Andrews Avenue #A-680

Governmental Center Annex

Fort Lauderdale FL 33301

#### **Description of Services:**

Provides processing of complaints of public accommodations, employment and housing discrimination; attempts to resolve problem through mediation and conciliation. Relief can also be provided through the Human Rights Act.

**Eligibility:** All residents of Broward County

**Fees::** No fee

**Intake:** Walk-ins accepted

**Area Served:** Broward County

#### **Hours of Operation:**

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 357-6050

**FAX:** (954) 357-7817



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### CareSource, Inc.

#### CareSource - Guardianship & Protective Services (GAPS)

7071 West Commercial Boulevard  
Suite 2-D  
Fort Lauderdale FL 33319

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 720-2485  
**FAX:** (954) 720-2486

#### Description of Services:

Provides protective financial services allowing for independence while maintaining safeguards to ensure proper use of assets. Includes: Guardianship services (agency appointed as guardian), Guardianship support (family or friend as guardian), Daily money management, Entitlements counseling, Appointment as representative payee, Corporate fiduciary, or Trustee.

**Eligibility:** For frail, elderly, disabled or at-risk individuals  
**Fees::** Self-pay/full; Sliding scale; \$30-\$100 per hour  
**Intake:** Appointment required; Must complete financial affidavit  
**Area Served:** Broward

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

#### CareSource - Advice and Advocacy

7071 West Commercial Boulevard  
Suite 2-D  
Fort Lauderdale FL 33319

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 720-2485  
**FAX:** (954) 720-2486

#### Description of Services:

Program includes similar yet distinct goals geared to the differing needs of the target population. Services include: information and referral, community education, legislative and community advocacy.

**Eligibility:** For frail, elderly, disabled or at-risk individuals  
**Fees::** Self-pay/full; Sliding scale; \$30-\$100 per hour  
**Intake:** Appointment required; Must complete financial affidavit  
**Area Served:** Broward

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

### Center for Independent Living of Broward, Inc.

#### Center for Independent Living - Advocacy

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 assistance to persons with disabilities regarding their civil rights under the American with Disabilities Act, the Fair Housing Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, along with self-advocacy and communications skills education programs.

**Eligibility:** Person(s) with any disability  
**Fees::** No fee  
**Intake:** Telephone or in-person interview to determine goal  
**Area Served:** Broward County

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm



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### ***Eppy Financial Group, Inc.***

#### **Eppy Financial Group - Special Needs Trusts**

1000 Corporate Drive  
7th Floor  
Fort Lauderdale FL 33334

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 689-9476  
**FAX:** (954) 776-7667

#### **Description of Services:**

FOR PROFIT - Special Needs planning. Legal and financial planning for families with Special Needs individuals. Topics discussed are guardianship, trustees and future financial and living needs. The planning process gets the client ready to meet with their attorney to draw-up the documents to complement their plan, using insurance, we create funds for special Needs trust.

- Eligibility:** Families of individuals with special needs.  
**Fees::** FOR PROFIT - Fees may be covered by client's individual budget. Call for details  
**Intake:** Call for intake  
**Area Served:** Broward County

#### **Hours of Operation:**

M-F 9am-5pm Note: Will meet evenings and weekends.

### ***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 ensure through collaboration that Floridians have full access to family-driven support, education, information, resources, and advocacy and to serve families of children with disabilities, ages birth through 26, who have the full range of disabilities.

- Eligibility:** Families and individuals, serves ages 0- 26 years, 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



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### FL Dept of Children and Families - FDCF

#### Abuse Registry 800-96-ABUSE

Florida Protective Services System

Fort Lauderdale FL

#### Description of Services:

Accepts reports of child abuse, neglect and reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation of disabled adults or adults over age 60 years old; the report is then referred to a local office for investigation. There are three ways to file an abuse report: (1) Talk to a counselor at above number (2) Fax a written report with all information including information on the person filing report (3) Leave Voice Mail of report to include name of person reporting and number where can be reached. Takes reports from anonymous callers.

#### Eligibility:

Fees:: No fee

#### Intake:

#### Area Served:

#### Hours of Operation:

24 hours, 7 days a week

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 962-2873

FAX: (800) 914-0004

### FL Dept of Education - FDOE

#### FL Dept of Education - FDOE

325 West Gaines Street  
Turlington Building, Suite 1514  
Tallahassee FL 32399

#### Description of Services:

#### Eligibility:

Fees:: No fee

Intake: Call for information

Area Served: State of Florida

#### Hours of Operation:

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (850) 245-0505

FAX: (850) 245-9667



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### FDOE - McKay Scholarship Program

325 West Gaines Steet, Room  
Office of Independent Educ & Parent  
Tallahassee FL 32399

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (800) 447-1636  
**FAX:** (850) 245-0875

#### Description of Services:

Provides information on the McKay Scholarship Program. Under the program, a parent of a special needs student who is dissatisfied with the student's current school may choose to transfer the student to another public school or receive a scholarship to attend a private school (religious or non-religious). Must be a disabled student in Florida who has been in public school for at least one year. The scholarship is good for the amount the public school would have spent on that student, or the total tuition and fees of the private school, whichever is less. Schools are permitted to charge students in the McKay program above the amount of their scholarships. Parents are responsible for selecting the participating private school and applying for the student's admission to the private school.

- Eligibility:** Disabled student in Florida, in public school for at least 1 year, has an Individual Education Plan & completed Kindergarten
- Fees::** No fee; Average scholarship is \$5, 547
- Intake:** Parents must get into the private school first, then apply for the scholarship; Must follow parental involvement requirements
- Area Served:** State of Florida

**Hours of Operation:**  
Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

### FL Dept of Elder Affairs

#### Medicare/Medicaid Abuse Hotline

FL

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (866) 357-6677  
**FAX:**

#### Description of Services:

If you suspect Medicare or Medicaid fraud or abuse this is user-friendly statewide toll free hot line. English and Spanish spoken.

- Eligibility:**
- Fees::**
- Intake:**
- Area Served:**

**Hours of Operation:**



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### Florida Bar Association

#### Lawyer Referral - Florida Bar Association

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (800) 342-8011

**FAX:**

FL

**Description of Services:**

**Eligibility:**

**Fees::** Any attorney to whom you are referred will charge \$50 for the first 30 minute consultation.

**Intake:**

**Area Served:**

**Hours of Operation:**

Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

### Florida CHAIN

#### Florida CHAIN

6600 Cypress Road

Suite 508

Plantation

FL 33317

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 791-7314

**FAX:** (954) 583-5149

**Description of Services:**

Statewide initiative that provides Florida residents information on pertinent issues, such as Medicaid Reform, Medicare Part D, KidCare and Immigrant Health.

**Eligibility:** Florida residents

**Fees::** No fee

**Intake:** Call for information

**Area Served:** State of Florida

**Hours of Operation:**

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

### Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc.

#### Florida Developmental Disabilities Council

124 Marriott Drive

Suite 203

Tallahassee

FL 32301

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (800) 580-7801

**FAX:** (850) 922-6702

**Description of Services:**

Florida Developmental Disabilities Council promotes innovative programs and practices designed to prevent developmental disabilities and improve the quality of life of individuals with such disabilities and their families through education, awareness, policy making, employment and prevention.

**Eligibility:**

**Fees::** No fee

**Intake:** Call for information

**Area Served:** State of Florida

**Hours of Operation:**

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm



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### Florida Local Advocacy Council

#### FL Local Advocacy Council

201 West Broward Blvd  
Suite #506E  
Fort Lauderdale FL 33301

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language  
**Phone:** (800) 342-0825  
**FAX:** ( ) -

#### Description of Services:

Advocates and protects the rights of anyone receiving services from Florida State Agencies. Provides three local advocacy councils focusing on target population of developmental disability, substance abuse and mental health, foster care, day care, adult services and human subject research proposals.

- Eligibility:** Any person receiving assistance from a state agency in Florida who feels their rights have been violated  
**Fees:** No fee  
**Intake:** Call for information  
**Area Served:** Southeast Region: Broward, Dade, Monroe, Okeechobee, Indian River and Martin Counties

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

### Florida SNAP

#### Florida SNAP

1580 Sawgrass Corporate Parkway  
Suite 130  
Sunrise FL 33323

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language  
**Phone:** (954) 806-7589  
**FAX:**

#### Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - FL SNAP offers free informational workshops for families with special needs children and adults. We cover legal, financial and quality of life issues that special needs families face.

- Eligibility:** Focus is on special needs family needing financial planning guidance, legal assistance, or quality of life issues addressed  
**Fees:** Call for details  
**Intake:** Both workshop attendance or personal referral are by appointment  
**Area Served:** Broward County and beyond

#### Hours of Operation:

7am-9pm Monday-Sunday Admin office: 10am-6pm



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### Florida's Voice on Developmental Disabilities

#### FVDD - Florida's Voice on Developmental Disabilities

5591 NE 28th Ave

Fort Lauderdale FL 33308

#### Description of Services:

FVDD is a statewide, all-volunteer not-for-profit advocacy and networking organization that advocates a variety of services and supports to meet the long-term care and rehabilitation needs of persons with mental retardation and related developmental disabilities (MR/DD). FVDD strives to educate families and lend support. Advocates for medical, educational, recreational, residential, therapy, medicaid issues, and vocational options.

- Eligibility:** Any individual with mental retardation or developmental disability
- Fees:** Dues for Membership: \$25 per year
- Intake:** Call for information
- Area Served:** Broward County

#### Hours of Operation:

9am-5pm M-F

- Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language
- Phone:** (954) 817-4742
- FAX:** (954) 975-5159

### Internet Sites (URL's)

#### TASH - Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps

1025 Vermont Avenue, Floor 7

Washington, DC DC 20005

#### Description of Services:

TASH helps to eliminate physical and social obstacles that prevent equity, diversity, and quality of life for people with mental retardation, autism, cerebral palsy, physical disabilities and other conditions that make full integration a challenge by providing information, linkage with resources, expert assistance toward fighting inequities, expertise, and targeted advocacy.

- Eligibility:** People with mental retardation, autism, cerebral palsy, physical disabilities and other conditions and professionals
- Fees:** No fee
- Intake:** Visit website: [www.tash.org](http://www.tash.org) for information
- Area Served:** National

#### Hours of Operation:

24 hours a day

- Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language
- Phone:** (202) 263-5600
- FAX:** (202) 637-0138



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### Disability Resources on the Internet

<http://www.disabilityresources.org/>

Other - State

FL

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:**

**FAX:**

#### Description of Services:

Disability Resources, inc. is a nonprofit organization established to promote and improve awareness, availability and accessibility of information for individuals with disabilities. They provide information about books, pamphlets, magazines, newsletters, videos, databases, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, telephone hotlines and on-line services that provide free, inexpensive or hard-to-find information to help people with disabilities live independently.

#### Eligibility:

**Fees::** No Fee

**Intake:** Visit <http://www.disabilityresources.org/> for information

**Area Served:** National

#### Hours of Operation:

### Advocacy for Patients with Chronic Illness, Inc.

18 Timberline Drive

Farmington

CT

06032

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (860) 674-1370

**FAX:** (860) 674-1378

#### Description of Services:

Nationwide organization providing free information, advice and advocacy to patients with chronic illnesses in areas including health and disability insurance, Social Security disability, employment discrimination, school-based accommodations and resource location.

#### Eligibility:

**Fees::** No Fee

**Intake:** Go to <http://www.advocacyforpatients.org/> for information

**Area Served:** National

#### Hours of Operation:

### National Family Association for Deaf Blind

141 Middle Neck Road

Sands Point

NY

11050

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (800) 255-0411

**FAX:**

#### Description of Services:

The National Family Association for Deaf-Blind (NFADB) is a non-profit, volunteer-based family association serving individuals who are deaf-blind. NFADB advocates for all persons who are deaf-blind of any age and cognitive ability. They share information related to deaf-blindness, provides resources and referrals, and publishes a tri-annual newsletter which addresses topics and activities of interest to parents and family members.

#### Eligibility:

**Fees::** No Fee

**Intake:** Visit [www.nfadb.org](http://www.nfadb.org) for information

**Area Served:** National

#### Hours of Operation:

24 hours a day



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Advocacy / Legal Aid

### DisabilityInfo.gov

<http://www.DisabilityInfo.gov>

\*Unknown\*

#### Description of Services:

DisabilityInfo.gov is the federal government's one-stop Web site for information of interest to people with disabilities, their families, employers, service providers and many others. DisabilityInfo.gov connects people with disabilities to the information and resources they need to pursue their personal and professional ambitions.

- Eligibility:** Must be able to access the internet
- Fees:** No Fee
- Intake:** Go to <http://www.DisabilityInfo.gov> for information
- Area Served:** National

#### Hours of Operation:

24 hours a day

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:**

**FAX:**

### National Association of the Deaf

8630 Fenton Street, Suite 820

Silver Spring MD 20910

#### Description of Services:

NAD promotes, protects, and preserves the rights and quality of life of deaf and hard of hearing individuals in the United States. They provide education, American sign language classes, advocacy, legal services and resources.

- Eligibility:**
- Fees:** No Fee
- Intake:** Visit [www.nad.org](http://www.nad.org) for information
- Area Served:** National

#### Hours of Operation:

24 hours, responds by email only

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (301) 587-1788

**FAX:** (301) 587-1791

### National Down Syndrome Congress

1370 Center Drive, Suite 102

<http://www.ndsccenter.org>

Atlanta GA 30338

#### Description of Services:

NDSC provides information, advocacy and support concerning all aspects of life for individuals with Down syndrome. They help to promote the availability of and accessibility of opportunities and/or resources that meet individual and family needs.

- Eligibility:**
- Fees:** No Fee
- Intake:** Please visit website for information; <http://www.ndsccenter.org>
- Area Served:** National

#### Hours of Operation:

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (800) 232-6372

**FAX:**



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Advocacy / Legal Aid

### Law Office of A.C. Paoli, P.A.

#### Law Office of A.C. Paoli

1720 Harrison Street  
Suite 6CW  
Hollywood FL 33020

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 925-9828  
**FAX:** (954) 925-9498

#### Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - Special Needs trusts, guardianships, estate planning documents for parent(s)/guardian(s) of minor children and adults with special needs.

- Eligibility:** Any family with special needs individuals in need of legal assistance.
- Fees:** No charge for initial consultation. Fees based on services rendered
- Intake:** Appointment is needed
- Area Served:** Broward County

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9-5pm

### League for the Hard of Hearing

#### League for the Hard of Hearing - Advocacy/Social Service Casework

2900 West Cypress Creek Road  
Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 601-1930  
**FAX:** (954) 601-1399

#### Description of Services:

Offers one-on-one assistance with socialization and consumer issues; goals include working for greater accessibility for hard of hearing/deaf in the community, sponsoring activities to encourage unity among hard of hearing and deaf organizations (rental telecaption decoders are available)

- Eligibility:** Must be hearing impaired or deaf individuals, their families and associates
- Fees:** No fee 125% poverty level, Medicare, Self Pay/full, self sliding scale
- Intake:** Appointment required
- Area Served:** Broward County

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Advocacy / Legal Aid

### Legal Aid Service of Broward County Inc.

#### Legal Aid Service - Central Office

491 North State Road 7

Plantation FL 33317

#### Description of Services:

Provides general civil legal service to low income citizens in housing, public benefits (TANF, Food Stamps, SSI, access to health care), consumer law and family law. Also provides specialized children advocacy services to dependent children in foster care, female juveniles who entered the DJJ system, and dependency/delinquency court cases. Does NOT handle wills, fee-producing cases, criminal or traffic cases.

- Eligibility:** Must be low income citizens and in need of general civil legal service; income eligibility is below 125% of fed poverty level
- Fees:** No fee
- Intake:** Appointments preferred, walk-ins accepted. Driver's license required.
- Area Served:** Broward County

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 765-8950

**FAX:** (954) 736-2480

#### Legal Aid Service - Education Legal Rights / Children Advocacy

491 North State Road 7

Plantation FL 33317

#### Description of Services:

Provides specialized children advocacy services to students with needs that are not being met in the public school system because of a learning disability, physical, mental or emotional disability or other health impairment. Also serves dependent children in foster care (Dependency Law Project), females juveniles who entered the DJJ system (Team-Child Project), educational legal rights, kinship and dependency/delinquency court cases (Bridge Project).

- Eligibility:** Low income youth and in need of service; income eligibility is below 125% of federal poverty level or dependent
- Fees:** No Fee
- Intake:** Appointment required
- Area Served:** Broward

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 736-2400

**FAX:** (954) 736-2480



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Advocacy / Legal Aid

### ***Living Inclusively For Everyone, Inc.***

#### **Living Inclusively For Everyone: LIFE**

350 NW 84th Ave. Suite 211

Plantation FL 33326

#### **Description of Services:**

An all-volunteer parent-run organization that promotes the inclusion of Broward County residents and developmental disabilities (DD). We provide advocacy to parents to obtain appropriate educational services as well as IEP support. We also provide recreational opportunities via our FAN or Friends Are Necessary Clubs. Also assists in affordable housing for Broward residents with DD. We offer all services free of charge and are bilingual.

**Eligibility:** Individuals with developmental disabilities (DD)

**Fees:** None

**Intake:**

**Area Served:** Broward County

#### **Hours of Operation:**

Mon-Friday 9-5pm

Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken

American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 817-4742

**FAX:** (954) 236-5071

### ***Melody Zamir Parent Advocate***

#### **Melody Zamir Parent Advocate Consultant**

Private

Davie FL 33331

#### **Description of Services:**

FOR PROFIT - Consulting services for ESE students and their families for IEPs, Placements, Evaluations, IDEA. Parent advocate for all disabilities helping parents navigate the educational systems for their child's needs.

**Eligibility:** Ages 3-22, student enrolled in ESE program

**Fees:** Yes, to be discussed upon contact

**Intake:** Contact for more information

**Area Served:** Broward County

#### **Hours of Operation:**

Mon-Friday 8:00-3:00pm

Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken

American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 793-7111

**FAX:**



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Advocacy / Legal Aid

### **National Federation of the Blind of Florida**

#### **National Federation of the Blind of Florida**

1511 North Hiatus Road

Pembroke Pines FL 33026

#### **Description of Services:**

NFB 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. They provide a support group for the blind person along with family and friends. - 2nd Saturday of every month 10:30am-12:30pm at the Broward Mall Police Outreach Center. www.nfb.org offers public education about blindness, information and referral services, scholarships, literature and publications about blindness, aids and appliances and other adaptive equipment for the blind, advocacy services and protection of civil rights, development and evaluation of technology, and support for blind persons and their families.

- Eligibility:** Visually impaired individuals and their family
- Fees:** Meetings are free, membership \$10 per year (not mandatory)
- Intake:** Call for information
- Area Served:** Broward

#### **Hours of Operation:**

By appointment, please call ahead

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 442-1855

**FAX:**

### **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 school-aged children and youth at risk of or diagnosed as developmentally delayed or mentally or physically disabled.

- Eligibility:** Parents, family member and professionals dealing with individuals with special needs. Serves ages 0- 26 years.
- 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



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Advocacy / Legal Aid

### Prosperity Life Planning, Inc.

#### Prosperity Life Planning - Special Needs Planning

4673 Brady Blvd.

Delray Beach FL 33445

#### Description of Services:

Provides educational non-profit organization teaching parents of children and adults with disabilities how to protect future benefits and understanding trusts, trustees, guardianship and tax efficiency for special needs families. Assisting parents through the process of establishing supports for children with special needs. Service Agreement includes joining parents through the process, including meeting with attorneys, consultation on Trust funding and tax savings, benefits preservation, letter of intent, first year's tax return for trust, etc.

- Eligibility:** Families with children with disabilities including Autism, Down Syndrome, other Developmental Disabilities, Medically Fragile
- Fees::** Free 90-minute consultation. Call For Information
- Intake:** Appointment Required, summary of financial, insurance and tax / legal documents.
- Area Served:** Broward and Beyond

#### Hours of Operation:

7 days a week, 9am-9pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (866) 527-3618

**FAX:**

### School Board - SSS/ESE/Exceptional Student Education

#### BC Schools - FDLRS Media Center

100 South Andrews Avenue  
Broward County Main Public Library  
Fort Lauderdale FL 33301

#### Description of Services:

A reference, preview and loan library for parents, teachers, community agencies and university personnel working with students who have special or unique needs (located at the main public library).

- Eligibility:** Must be a parent, teacher, member of an agency or employee of a university and reside in Broward
- Fees::** No fee
- Intake:** Must present evidence of Broward County residency
- Area Served:** Broward County

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Thursday 9am-6pm; Friday and Saturday 9am-5pm; Sunday 12noon-5:30pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (754) 321-2205

**FAX:** (754) 321-7507



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Advocacy / Legal Aid

### BC Schools - SSS/ESE/Exceptional Ed - District Office

600 SE Third Avenue

Fort Lauderdale

FL 33301

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (754) 321-2225

**FAX:** (754) 321-2715

#### Description of Services:

Provides support and services to those students meeting eligibility requirements in the areas of specific learning disabilities, emotional handicapped, educable mentally handicapped, trainable mentally handicapped, profoundly mentally handicapped, physically impaired, deaf or hard of hearing, visually impaired, speech/language impaired, severely emotionally disturbed (SED), traumatic brain injured, orthopedically impaired, hospital/homebound, autistic, gifted or other health impaired. These supports and services are documented by an Individual Educational Plan (IEP) Committee composed of school personnel and the parent.

**Eligibility:** Must be a student who is classified as emotionally handicapped and/or mentally handicapped, autistic and/or SED

**Fees:** No fee

**Intake:** Parents and students can access services during school day; evening hours as needed

**Area Served:** Broward County

#### Hours of Operation:

Mon to Friday 7:30am to 5pm    Saturday and Sunday Call office for information

### School Board - SSS/ESE/Psychological Services

#### BC Schools - South - Psych Svcs - 504 Support

1643 North Harrison Parkway

Bldg H

Sunrise

FL 33324

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (754) 321-3614

**FAX:** (754) 321-3693

#### Description of Services:

RESTRICTED REFERRAL - Services performed by school psychologists include diagnostic testing, consultation with teachers and parents, individual/group counseling, staff/parent training and crisis intervention. Section 504 is federal law prohibiting discrimination against and providing accommodations for the disabled; Section Support Services for 504 include consultation with school staff/parents about eligibility for 504 issues related to providing accommodations for eligible students and training for staff/members of the community regarding the provisions of the law.

**Eligibility:** Must be between age 0 to 22 years old

**Fees:** No fee

**Intake:** School referral-based (no intake)

**Area Served:** Broward County

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm



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## Advocacy / Legal Aid

### BC Schools - North Central - Psych Svcs - 504 Support

7770 West Oakland Park Blvd

Sunrise FL 33351

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (754) 321-3040

**FAX:** (754) 321-3275

#### Description of Services:

RESTRICTED REFERRAL - Services performed by school psychologists include diagnostic testing, consultation with teachers and parents, individual/group counseling, staff/parent training and crisis intervention. Section 504 is federal law prohibiting discrimination against and providing accommodations for the disabled; Section Support Services for 504 include consultation with school staff/parents about eligibility for Section 504 issues related to providing accommodations for eligible students and training for staff/members of the community regarding the provisions of the law.

**Eligibility:** Must be between age 0 to 22 years old

**Fees:** No fee

**Intake:** School referral-based (no intake)

**Area Served:** Broward County

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm

### BC Schools - North - Psych Svcs - 504 Support

1400 NE Sixth Street

Pompano Beach FL 33060

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (754) 321-3470

**FAX:** (754) 321-3487

#### Description of Services:

RESTRICTED REFERRAL - Services performed by school psychologists include diagnostic testing, consultation with teachers and parents, individual/group counseling, staff/parent training and crisis intervention. Section 504 is federal law prohibiting discrimination against and providing accommodations for the disabled; Section Support Services for 504 include consultation with school staff/parents about eligibility for Section 504 issues related to providing accommodations for eligible students and training for staff/members of the community regarding the provisions of the law.

**Eligibility:** Must be between age 0 to 22 years old

**Fees:** No fee

**Intake:** School referral-based (no intake)

**Area Served:** Broward County

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Advocacy / Legal Aid

### BC Schools - South Central - Psych Svcs - 504 Support

1619 NE Fourth Avenue

Fort Lauderdale

FL 33305

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (754) 321-2460

**FAX:** (754) 321-3887

#### Description of Services:

RESTRICTED REFERRAL - Services are performed by school psychologists and include diagnostic testing, consultation with teachers and parents, individual/group counseling, staff/parent training and crisis intervention. Section 504 is federal law prohibiting discrimination against and providing accommodations for the disabled; Section Support Services for 504 include consultation with school staff/parents about eligibility for Section 504 issues related to providing accommodations for eligible students and training for staff/members of the community regarding the provisions of the law.

**Eligibility:** Must be between age 0 to 22 years old

**Fees:** No fee

**Intake:** School referral-based (no intake)

**Area Served:** Broward County

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm

### School Board - SSS/ESE/Social Work and Attendance

#### BC Schools - Child Abuse Services

600 SW Third Avenue

7th Floor

Fort Lauderdale

FL 33301

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (754) 321-2492

**FAX:** (754) 321-2499

#### Description of Services:

Provides case consultation and supportive services to school administrators and children identified or at high risk for child abuse, abandonment or neglect, this includes victims of domestic violence and sexual behavioral problems. Support services include training, policy and procedural development and consultation for school personnel in the identification and mandatory reporting of possible abuse or neglect and liaison services for community agencies to assist in the coordination of follow-up and care to students.

**Eligibility:** Children reported or at-risk for abuse, neglect, abandonment or a victim of domestic violence

**Fees:** No fee

**Intake:** Call For Information; Must be a Broward County School Board student

**Area Served:** Broward

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 7:30am-3pm



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Advocacy / Legal Aid

### Schott Communities

#### Schott Communities - Advocacy for the Disabled

6591 S. Flamingo Road

Cooper City FL 33029

#### Description of Services:

Advocacy through the Welcome to My World Workshops, consisting of activities through which participants experience the challenges and frustrations of the disabled. Sign language classes promote clearer communication between hearing and deaf persons; and are also helpful for persons in service positions

- Eligibility:** Must be age 7 and older
- Fees:** Self-pay/full (varies by program) Sign Language fee \$40.00 a term; WTMW \$500 for workshop (24 participants)
- Intake:** Call for information
- Area Served:** Broward

#### Hours of Operation:

Calendar varies, call for times

- Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language
- Phone:** (954) 434-3306
- FAX:** (954) 434-3307

### Special Education Advocacy Network, Inc.

#### Special Education Advocacy Network

5011 Pinecreek Place

Coconut Creek FL 33073

#### Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - Provides advocacy to represent parents of children with special needs in the area of school law (i.e. IEP's, staff meetings, eligibility and placement determination meetings, mediation, due process, and disciplinary proceedings). Advocates will attend IEP meetings with parent and assist parents and school in developing educational plans.

- Eligibility:** Any child with a disability or disorder needing educational assistance in the school, ages 0-22.
- Fees:** Yes. Call for details. Fees vary depending on the service needed.
- Intake:** Call for a free consultation
- Area Served:** Broward County and Beyond

#### Hours of Operation:

8-6pm M-F, will accomodate schedule as needed.

- Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language
- Phone:** (954) 531-9050
- FAX:** (954) 425-8787



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Advocacy / Legal Aid

### Special Kids Law Center, LLC

#### Special Kids Law Center

2241 Hollywood Blvd

Hollywood FL 33020

#### Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - Centralizes the legal services sought by families with special needs including, but not limited to, special education advocacy, estate planning for special needs, special needs trusts, guardianships, trustee services, and guidance and support through the government benefits maze.

**Eligibility:** Individuals and families seeking special needs legal assistance

**Fees:** Yes

**Intake:** Appointment needed

**Area Served:** Broward County

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 9am-12pm

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 342-4077

**FAX:** (954) 430-9471

### Surinak Consultants

#### Surinak Consultants - Special Needs Tutoring / Consulting

PO Box 23487

Fort Lauderdale FL 33307

#### Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - Assists with special Needs tutoring, IEP review, behavior management, autism needs, scheduling needs, social skills, career planning, self-advocacy, independent living preparations and the organization offers their expertise in being an expert witness, in presentations, and as a conference speaker.

**Eligibility:** Special needs, MR, ASD, LD, DD

**Fees:** Yes. To be discussed at time of intake, based on service.

**Intake:** Appointment needed

**Area Served:** Broward County

#### Hours of Operation:

Mon-Sun. 8am-8pm

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 258-5245

**FAX:** (954) 493-9794



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Advocacy / Legal Aid

### Toll-Free Helplines

#### American Council of the Blind

1155 15th Street NW  
Suite 1004  
Washington, DC DC 20005

- Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (800) 424-8666  
**FAX:** (202) 467-5085

#### Description of Services:

Provides a toll-free information and referral helpline on all aspects of blindness ; Scholarship assistance to blind/visually impaired post-secondary students; Public education and awareness training; Support to consumer advocates and legal assistance on matters relating to blindness; Leadership and legislative training; Consulting with industry regarding employment of blind and visually impaired individuals and a national legislative hotline.

**Eligibility:** Anyone interested  
**Fees:** No Fee  
**Intake:** Call for information  
**Area Served:** National

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

#### Florida Clearing House on Disability

Tallahassee FL

- Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (877) 232-4968  
**FAX:**

#### Description of Services:

Toll free information line for disabled Florida residents

**Eligibility:** Persons with emotional or mental disabilities  
**Fees:** No fee  
**Intake:**  
**Area Served:** Florida

#### Hours of Operation:

24 hours

#### ADA Americans with Disabilities Act

Department of Justice

Washington, DC DC

- Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (800) 514-0301  
**FAX:**

#### Description of Services:

Provides information on the Americans With Disabilities Act.

**Eligibility:**  
**Fees:**  
**Intake:**  
**Area Served:**

#### Hours of Operation:



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## Advocacy / Legal Aid

### Heath Disabilities Resources Center

The George Washington University  
2121 K Street, NW Suite 220  
Washington DC 20037

- Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (800) 544-3284  
**FAX:** (202) 973-0908

#### Description of Services:

The HEATH Resource Center of The George Washington University, is the national clearinghouse on post-secondary education for individuals with disabilities. The clearinghouse serves as an information exchange about educational support services and opportunities at American campuses, vocational-technical schools, and other post-secondary training entities. They provide specialized educational information to people with disabilities, their families, and the professionals who work with them.

- Eligibility:** Those interested in postsecondary education for individuals with disabilities  
**Fees::** No fee  
**Intake:** Call for information  
**Area Served:** National clearinghouse

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

### Parent Education Network - PEN

5510 Gray Street Suite 220  
Tampa FL 33609

- Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (800) 825-5736  
**FAX:** (954) 777-9912

#### Description of Services:

Provides support and information for parents of special needs children. Parents are helped through local liaison who help locate appropriate special education services.

- Eligibility:**  
**Fees::**  
**Intake:**  
**Area Served:** Broward County

#### Hours of Operation:

### United Cerebral Palsy of Broward County Inc.

#### United Cerebral Palsy - Advocacy for Children with Disabilities

3117 SW 13th Court  
Fort Lauderdale FL 33312

- Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 584-7178  
**FAX:** (954) 584-3151

#### Description of Services:

The program provides assistance to families of children with disabilities ages birth through 22 who need assistance in obtaining resources, navigating the social services system and finding help for their children.

- Eligibility:** Families of children, age 22 and younger with Cerebral Palsy or any other developmental disability  
**Fees::** No Fee  
**Intake:** Complete an Intake Packet  
**Area Served:** Broward

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-3pm



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Advocacy / Legal Aid

### **United Healthcare Children's Foundation**

#### **Grants - Unitedhealthcare Children's Foundation**

MN012 - 5286

PO Box 41

Minneapolis

MN

55440

Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken

American Sign Language

**Phone:** (800) 328-5979

**FAX:**

#### **Description of Services:**

Provides financial assistance grants up to \$5000 for children needing medical care, therapies, dental treatment, medical equipment or other medical services not fully covered by their commercial health insurance or where co-payments pose a financial burden. Awarded grants are based on severity of condition, financial needs, and are intended to improve the quality of life for the child. Application can be completed on-line.

**Eligibility:** Child must be under the age of 16, have a commercial health insurance policy. Medicaid recipients are not eligible.

**Fees::** None

**Intake:** Must complete application online. Call for questions not covered on website.

**Area Served:** All Unitedhealthcare region in the U.S.

**Hours of Operation:**