



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Asperger's / Autism

### **ABC Behavior Solutions, Inc.**

#### **ABC Behavior Solutions - In-Home Behavior Services**

2975 SE Crooken Oak Ave

Hobe Sound FL 33455

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

FOR PROFIT - Serving the North Broward area, ABC Behavior Solutions Offers in-home behavior consulting and behavior therapy, behavior shadowing, ABA, discrete trial therapy, comprehensive psycho-educational evaluations, verbal behavior, RDI extender and other services.

- Eligibility:** Serves any age needing behavior intervention with Autism, PDD, or a developmental delay
- Fees::** In-home sessions are \$125, Comprehensive psychological eval \$300, school observations are \$100.
- Intake:** Appointments are required
- Area Served:** North Broward Only

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

9-6pm

- Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 817-8371

**FAX:**

### **Alzheimer's Family Center Inc.**

#### **Project Lifesaver - Alzheimer's Family Center**

6280 West Atlantic Blvd

Margate FL 33063

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

Rapid response program that provides transmitter bracelets to clients with brain disorders or disabilities who are prone to wandering from their caregivers. If a client wanders, caregivers call 911 to initiate search.

- Eligibility:** Must have diagnosis brain disorder or autism and live in Pompano Beach, Lauderdale Lakes, Margate or Tamarac
- Fees::** Sliding scale
- Intake:** Applicants are evaluated by AFC staff. Must have confirmed diagnosis of brain disorder.
- Area Served:** Pompano Beach, Lauderdale Lakes, Margate or Tamarac

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

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

- Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 971-7155

**FAX:** (954) 971-4797



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### ARC Broward, Inc.

#### ARC - Community Based Behavioral Services

10250 NW 53rd Street

Sunrise FL 33351

##### Description of Services:

RESTRICTED REFERRAL: DCF - Provides home-based behavioral and developmental training and support.

**Eligibility:** Must be Developmentally Disabled - Part C Program and referred by DCF Developmental Services

**Fees:** Self-Pay/Full, Medicaid - Part C, FDCF - Developmental Disabilities

**Intake:** Support Plan required; Referral and collateral information must be submitted prior to intake interview.

**Area Served:** Broward

##### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm (or by appointment)

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 746-9400

**FAX:** (954) 746-2954

#### ARC - Specialized Aftercare - Alternative Behavioral

10250 NW 53rd Street

Sunrise FL 33351

##### Description of Services:

A specialized aftercare for children between age 3-21 years old who have severe behavioral challenges and a developmental disability.

**Eligibility:** Must be between 3-21 years old and developmentally disabled with maladaptive behavior/behavioral challenges

**Fees:** Paid by Children's Services Council

**Intake:** Must provide proof of current immunizations and physical exam

**Area Served:** Broward County

##### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 1:30pm-5:30pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 746-9400

**FAX:** (954) 746-2954



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### ASL Pediatric Therapy Services, Inc.

#### ASL Pediatric Therapy Services: OT, Speech, Tutoring

2771 Executive Park Dr. #7

Weston FL 33331

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 389-8090

**FAX:** (954) 450-0213

#### Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - ASL specializes in providing state-of-the art Speech Language Therapy, Social Skills Groups, Occupational Therapy and Academic Tutoring. Can provide consultation, testing and written evaluations, and intensive therapies for newborn to 21 years of age. Provides therapies for children with various diagnoses, including but not limited to: Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Autism, ASD, Apraxia, ADD, ADHD, Central Auditory Processing, PDD-NOS, Feeding Problems, Learning Disabilities, Oral Motor Treatment, and Sensory Integration Issues.

**Eligibility:** Serves Ages 0-21. Call for details

**Fees:** Sliding Scale based on income, does not accept insurance. Social Skills Groups are \$65 an hour session.

**Intake:** Call office or email to arrange a consultation

**Area Served:**

#### Hours of Operation:

M-F 9:30-6pm

### ASL Pediatric Therapy Summer Program

2771 Executive Park Dr. #7

Weston FL 33331

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 389-8090

**FAX:** (954) 450-0213

#### Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - ASL is offering a summer camp that specializes in providing state of the art Speech Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Academic Tutoring. 4-hours per day 5 days a week. Provides therapies for children with various diagnoses, including but not limited to: Autism, Apraxia, ADD, ADHD, Central Auditory Processing, PDD-NOS, Feeding Problems, Learning Disabilities, Oral Motor Treatment, and Sensory Integration Issues.

**Eligibility:** Serves Ages 0-21. Call for details

**Fees:** Sliding Scale based on income, does not accept insurance.

**Intake:** Call for details

**Area Served:**

#### Hours of Operation:

M-F 9:30-6pm



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### Atlantis Academy School

#### Atlantis Academy

10173 NW 31st St.

Coral Springs

FL 33065

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 752-7511

**FAX:**

#### Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - Private special education school for grades K-12. Serving individuals diagnosed with Aspergers, ADHD, and specific learning disorders or developmental delays.

**Eligibility:** Ages 6-21. Aspergers, ADHD, specific learning disorders or developmental delay.

**Fees::** Private pay, Call for details

**Intake:** Appointment is needed, please bring psychological evaluation to meeting.

**Area Served:** Broward County

#### Hours of Operation:

7:30am-6:00pm Monday-Friday

### Autism Care and Treatment Today, Inc.

#### Grants - ACT - Autism Care and Treatment Today

19019 Ventura Blvd. Suite 200

Tarzana

CA 91356

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (818) 705-1625

**FAX:** (818) 758-8015

#### Description of Services:

SN ONLY - ACT Today! is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to increase access to effective autism treatments. Our goal is to help facilitate treatment by providing the necessary resources including funding, information and referrals to individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) and their families. Our mission is to fund effective treatments and needed assessments.

**Eligibility:** Diagnosed with Autism or ASDs. Application must be received by April 24th

**Fees::** No fee. (Any services later financially reimbursed must be returned).

**Intake:** Apply online. The application must be completed in its entirety. Proof of household income, verify diagnosis, etc.

**Area Served:**

#### Hours of Operation:

N/A



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### Autism Society of America

#### SPEC (Support for Parents of Exceptional Children)

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

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 577-4141  
**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

### 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::** All are welcome to attend. \$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



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### Autism Speaks, Inc.

#### Autism Speaks Inc.

1166 W. Newport Center Drive  
Suite 314  
Deerfield Beach FL 33442

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 421-9997  
**FAX:** (954) 421-1054

#### Description of Services:

Autism Speaks is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing hope to all who struggle with autism spectrum disorders. Our primary goals are to raise public awareness about autism and to fund biomedical research that will lead to better treatments and ultimately find a cure. Walks, special events, and festivals, for families and friends affected by autism, are also organized.

- Eligibility:** Families touched by autism, all are eligible to participate in organized events.  
**Fees:** None  
**Intake:** Registration with site is encouraged  
**Area Served:** Broward County

#### Hours of Operation:

M-F 9-5pm

### Grants - AutismCares

Autism Speaks, Inc.  
2 Park Ave. 11th Floor  
New York FL 33442

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (800) 610-6227  
**FAX:** ( ) -

#### Description of Services:

AutismCares Family Support Award assists families affected by autism to cover costs associated with critical living expenses; housing, transportation, food, insurance premiums, prescriptions, funeral expenses, and other items on a case-by-case basis. Must complete application online for consideration. Assistance provided can not exceed \$1,500 per family.

- Eligibility:** A child (children) diagnosed with autism, income of \$65,000 or less, and event must have occurred within 90 days.  
**Fees:** No fee  
**Intake:** Must complete application online  
**Area Served:**

#### Hours of Operation:

M-F 9-5pm



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### ***Behavior Analysis and Therapy Inc.***

#### **Behavior Analysis Inc. Home and Center-Based Services**

8001 SW 36 Street  
Suite 9  
Davie FL 33328

Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language  
**Phone:** (954) 577-7790  
**FAX:** (954) 577-7780

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

FOR PROFIT Provides center and home-based behavior analysis service and related assistance to individuals with developmental and/or functional (behavioral) handicaps and specialized training of child victims of maltreatment and their caregivers. Serves individuals with Autism, Aspergers Syndrome, Cognitive Impairments, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, and other Special Needs. Also offers behavior seminars to parents related to applied behavioral analysis.

**Eligibility:** Must have a behavioral, learning, or developmental disorder or disability. No specific diagnosis required if private pay.  
**Fees::** Self-pay \$135; No fee for services for FDCF funded service.  
**Intake:** Must be in the DCF Family Safety System and approved by a D11 or D8 community based organization for Medicaid Waiver  
**Area Served:** Broward County

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

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:30pm. Evenings and weekends by appointment

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

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

Margate FL 33063

Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language  
**Phone:** (954) 254-3673  
**FAX:**

#### **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



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### Behavioral Education - BLAST

#### BLAST Summer Program

9722 W. Sample Road

Coral Springs FL 33065

#### Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - BLAST is offering a 6-8 week summer social skills program for Special Needs children Kindergarten to High School age. Program lasts 90 minutes 1 time a week. Designed for children and adolescents with social / cognitive deficits, autism, aspergers syndrome, non-verbal learning disorder, and / or ADD or ADHD.

**Eligibility:** Ages 5-17. Diagnosed with Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, cognitive or social deficits, or non-verbal learning disorder.

**Fees::** Private Pay. Call for fees

**Intake:** Call for details

**Area Served:** Broward

#### Hours of Operation:

90 minutes 1 x a week

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 575-5998

**FAX:** (954) 575-5098

#### BLAST Educational Services - Behavior Learning Social Training

9722 W. Sample Road

Coral Springs FL 33065

#### Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - Provides weekly social skills classes, professional consultation, IEP Support, development of visual supports / social stories. For children and adolescents with social / cognitive deficits, autism, aspergers syndrome, non-verbal learning disorder, and / or ADD or ADHD. Also offers consultation and / or collaboration with school and teachers.

**Eligibility:** Ages 5-17. Diagnosed with Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, cognitive or social deficits, or non-verbal learning disorder.

**Fees::** Private Pay. Call for fees

**Intake:** Parent and child present for \$50 1-hour assessment

**Area Served:** Broward

#### Hours of Operation:

11:00am-6:30pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 575-5998

**FAX:** (954) 575-5098



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### ***Bi-County Speech Language Pathology Inc.***

#### **Bi-County Speech Language Pathology - OT, PT, Speech**

5846 S. Flamingo Rd.

Cooper City FL 33330

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

FOR PROFIT - Offers Speech, occupational therapy, and Physical Therapy as well as pragmatic group, parent trainings, Mommie and Me Classes, and interactive metronome therapy for language processing and attention disorders. Also offers speech, hearing and vision screenings at a nominal fee.

- Eligibility:** Specialization in ages 0-3, All ages for speech therapy, ages 0-12 for OT, ages 0-5 for PT.
- Fees:** Accepts Medicaid and Med-Waiver. Discounts available for qualified clients. Fees exist for some activities.
- Intake:** Call for details
- Area Served:** Broward

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

M-F 8:30-6:30 Saturdays 9am-3pm

- Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language  
**Phone:** (954) 680-0488  
**FAX:** (954) 252-6073

### ***BodyMed Wellness Center, Inc.***

#### **BodyMed Wellness Center - Biomedical Treatments**

7450 Griffin Rd. Suite 250

Davie FL 33314

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

FOR PROFIT - Physician consults on diet modifications, detoxification, amino acid therapy, vitamin, anti-oxidants, Supplementation, IV therapy, gastrointestinal treatments. Bodymed is a wellness center that provides integrated holistic healthcare for children and adults. Specializing on the treatment of children with autism and ADD with biomedical treatment using DAN practices.

- Eligibility:** Children with autism, attention disorders
- Fees:** Initial consultation \$200, treatments vary depending on the individual. Some insurances reimburse.
- Intake:** Appointment needed, must fill all paperwork before 1st visit
- Area Served:** Broward

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

M, W, F 9-5pm, Tues, Thurs. and Saturday by Appointment Only

- Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language  
**Phone:** (954) 584-3198  
**FAX:** (954) 584-3114



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### BodyMed Wellness Center - Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy

7450 Griffin Rd. Suite 250

David FL 33314

#### Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - Bodymed is a wellness center that provides intergrated hollistic healthcare for children and adults. Specializing on the treatment of children with autism and ADD with biomedical treatment. H-BOT delivers high levels of oxygen to the body-more than can be achieved by the inhalation of oxygent at normal pressure. It is believed to help detoxification and improve health.

**Eligibility:** Children and adults with autism, ADD, ADHD, cerebral palsy, brain injury, autoimmune disease, fibromyalgia.

**Fees::** Yes. Initial visit \$100, \$110-1960.00 (20 session package). One-time supply fee \$100. Call for additional fees.

**Intake:** Appointment Only

**Area Served:** Broward and Beyond

#### Hours of Operation:

M, W, F 9-5pm, Tues, Thurs. and Saturday by Appointment Only

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 584-3198

**FAX:** (954) 584-3114

### Breakthrough Therapy Service, Inc.

#### Breakthrough Therapy Services - OT, ST

12545 Orange Dr.

Suite 502

Davie FL 33330

#### Description of Services:

Offers Occupational therapy, Speech therapy, interactive metronome, and pragmatic skills groups. At Breakthrough Therapy Services, our focus is to provide the best possible therapy services to your child and family. Our therapists, work as a cohesive team to provide individualized evaluations and treatment plans that incorporate all aspects of your child's life.

**Eligibility:** Serves all ages up to 21. Focus is on children with Special Needs including autism, CP, DS, ADHD and others.

**Fees::** Accepts Medicaid, CMS, and some insurances. Early Steps Provider. Call for details (\$50 for 30 minutes is average).

**Intake:** Call for an appointment

**Area Served:** Broward and Beyond

#### Hours of Operation:

Varies on Need, Monday-Saturday

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 474-8048

**FAX:** (954) 474-8145



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### Butterfly Effects, LLC

#### Butterfly Effects - Behavioral Services

2708 NE 14th St.  
Suite 5  
Pompano Beach FL 33062

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 603-7885  
**FAX:**

#### Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - Provides in-home and school behavioral / educational services to children to address behavioral reduction social skills, communication skills, and provide daily living skills training.

- Eligibility:** Ages 23 months to 18 years of age. Serves children with ASD, ADHD, LD, developmental delays, CP, MR, or problem behaviors.  
**Fees::** Yes. Call for updated fee schedule  
**Intake:** Complete in-home / school; call office to set appointment  
**Area Served:** Serves Broward, Dade, Palm Beach

#### Hours of Operation:

M-F 9-5pm

### Cadenza Music Therapy, Inc.

#### Cadenza Center for Psychotherapy and the Arts

210 S. Federal Highway  
Suite 302  
Hollywood FL 33020

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 925-3191  
**FAX:** (954) 925-3193

#### Description of Services:

Offers psychological testing, educational evaluations, individual and family therapy, behavior modification, parent guidance, school consultation, social skills therapy, small group therapy, play therapy, music therapy, art therapy.

- Eligibility:** Ages 1.5 - Adult  
**Fees::** Fees vary by service needed. Accepts many insurances and most PPOs.  
**Intake:** Appointment required.  
**Area Served:** Broward County

#### Hours of Operation:

M-F: 9:00 - 8:00; Sat: 9:00 - 3:00pm

### Cadenza Music Therapy

210 S. Federal Highway  
Suite 302  
Hollywood FL 33020

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 925-3191  
**FAX:** (954) 925-3193

#### Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - Provides music therapy for developmentally delayed adolescents and adults, autistic individuals, as well as for children with special needs. Also offers play therapy, counseling, and psychological evaluations. Therapist will provide therapy in-home or at their site. Classes also offered in Weston and in Wellington.

- Eligibility:** Individual with a developmental disability in need of or interested in music therapy  
**Fees::** \$75 per music therapy session. Other service fees may vary. No sliding scale.  
**Intake:** Contact office, complete an intake-packet  
**Area Served:** Broward

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm; Saturdays 10am-3pm



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### **CasaBlanca Academy - Private School**

#### **CasaBlanca Academy**

400 N 35th Ave.

Hollywood FL 33021

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

FOR PROFIT - CasaBlanca Academy is a private school for their children with autism and other developmental challenges.

**Eligibility:** 2nd to 5th grade with Asperger's Syndrome, Autism, PDD or other developmental disability. Able to work in small groups.

**Fees::** Yes. Cal for details. Also accept McKay.

**Intake:** Applicants should complete the application provided along with providing the \$100 dollar application fee.

**Area Served:** Broward County

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

M-F 8:45am-2:45pm

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 415-1149

**FAX:**

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

#### **Asperger Support Group for Families**

UM-NSU CARD Satelilte Office

6100 Griffin Road

Davie FL 33314

#### **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:** Resistration 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 are monthly.

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 262-7111

**FAX:**



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### Center for Autism & Related Disabilities - CARD

NSU Office of University of Miami  
3301 College Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale FL 33314

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language
- Phone:** (954) 262-7111
- FAX:** (954) 262-3996

#### 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 conditions. Our primary focus is to provide individualized direct assistance through family support, technical assistance and consultation, parent and professional training programs, and public education activities as well as regular child play groups.

- Eligibility:** Children & adults who have autism, autistic-like disabilities, pervasive developmental disorders or dual sensory impairments
- Fees::** No Fee. Registration is free.
- Intake:** Must call for an intake and register with the program
- Area Served:** Broward, Palm Beach and Dade counties

#### Hours of Operation:

### Special Gals Support Group and Workshops

NSU-CARD Satellite Office  
Fort Lauderdale FL 33314

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language
- Phone:** (954) 547-9982
- FAX:** ( ) -

#### Description of Services:

Provides support groups for caregivers, events for special gals with disabilities to connect with peers and workshops to help parents, caregivers, teachers and others have a positive effect on the special gals in their lives. All About Gals is a program for parents, grandparents, caregivers, professionals and others who are involved with females with special needs. Our mission is to help those involved in the lives of girls with special needs to help their special gals live fuller, happier lives filled with opportunities.

- Eligibility:** Parents, grandparents, caregivers, professionals who are involved with females with Special Needs. Call for meeting times.
- Fees::** None
- Intake:**
- Area Served:** Broward and beyond

#### Hours of Operation:

Meetings occur once a month, times vary



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### Cheer Florida All Stars Inc.

#### Cheer Florida All Stars - Special Needs Cheerleading

4800 Lyons Technology Parkway  
Suite 2  
Coconut Creek FL 33073

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language
- Phone:** (954) 254-3673
- FAX:** (954) 428-1157

**Description of Services:**

FOR PROFIT - Offers competitive cheerleading for youth with developmental disabilities. Focus is on team building, physical fitness, and social interactions in a group setting. Meetings will take place weekly.

- Eligibility:** Male and Females with Special Needs Ages 5-21.
- Fees::** Nominal Fee may apply. Call for details
- Intake:** Call ahead for information
- Area Served:** Broward County and Beyond

**Hours of Operation:**

Sunday 3-5pm, Competition and meeting dates may vary

### Child Provider Specialists

#### Child Provider Specialists - Psychology Services

2900 South Commerce Parkway  
Miami Children's Hospital  
Weston FL 33331

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language
- Phone:** (954) 577-3396
- FAX:** (954) 915-0394

**Description of Services:**

Provides diagnostic services and/or psychological interventions for children. Offers a reduced fee schedule for families whose income falls below \$39,000 per year with basic psychoeducational evaluation and basic psychotherapeutic support. Offers individualized tutoring, school-based interventions, and shadowing.

- Eligibility:** Children in need of psychological counseling, tutoring or evaluation or ongoing services.
- Fees::** Self-Pay/Full, Sliding Scale; Evaluation \$90-\$900 per session and Psychotherapy \$10-\$100 per session
- Intake:** Must call for appointment
- Area Served:** Broward

**Hours of Operation:**

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm



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### ***Children's Center for Development and Behavior, Inc.***

#### **Children's Center for Development and Behavior - OT, ST, ABA**

440 Sawgrass Corporate Parkway  
Suite 106  
Sunrise FL 33325

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 745-1112

**FAX:**

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

FOR PROFIT - Rehabilitation center for children with Autism and related disabilities. Offers in-home and on-site ABA Programs, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Social Programs (social skills groups), Behavioral Management Plans, CBAM and Free Parent Training Workshops.

- Eligibility:** Ages 0-18 with Autism or related disability.  
**Fees:** Accepts Medicaid (OT, Speech -waiting list) and Med-Waiver for behavior. Parent workshops are free.  
**Intake:** Appointment required. Call for details.  
**Area Served:** Broward County and beyond

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

M-F 9-5pm

### ***Christopher Connections, Inc.***

#### **Christopher Connections - Swim 2 Live Live to Swim**

13762 W. SR 84 #416  
Davie FL 33325

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 594-4833

**FAX:**

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

Christopher Connections is a non-profit organization providing swimming resources and safety awareness for children with special needs and autism spectrum disorders for adaptive aquatics lessons and swim instruction. The program connects families and children with qualified aquatic facilities that are appropriately certified to instruct special-needs children and their families; providing education and scholarships to children and swim instructors.

- Eligibility:** Required verification of disability  
**Fees:**  
**Intake:** Email requests or contact by phone  
**Area Served:** Broward County and Beyond

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

9-5pm M-F



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### City of Coral Springs Police Department

#### Project Lifesaver - Coral Springs Police Department

2801 Coral Springs Drive

Coral Springs FL 33065

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 346-1201

**FAX:** (954) 346-1210

#### Description of Services:

Services offered through Coral Spring's police department. Project lifesaver's's mission is to bring loved ones home. The durable bracelet worn on the wrist, helps locate and rescue missing persons who might wander from home. The tracking-device will locate (within a 3 mile radius) any wanderer 24/7 by alerting the specially trained police to the missing individual. Primarily designed for individuals with cognitive impairments, dementia, autism and related disabilities. Restrictions: Must be a resident of the city. The device will only be effective within Coral Spring's city limits.

- Eligibility:** Must demonstrate a need for the service and complete documentation
- Fees::** Bracelet costs \$270. Batteries must be changed at a cost of \$8 monthly. Financial aid may be available.
- Intake:** Fill out appropriate application to register
- Area Served:** City of Coral Springs

#### Hours of Operation:

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

### City of Plantation

#### PALS Dynamites

400 NW 73 Avenue

Plantation FL 33317

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 270-4455

**FAX:** (954) 797-2223

#### Description of Services:

The Plantation Athletic League Dynamites (PAL Dynamites) Program is a sports and activities program organized for the mentally and/or physically challenged. Activities include bowling, soccer, basketball, dances and social gatherings and more. All ages welcome.

DANCES (every 4th Friday)  
7:30-9:30 PM. Cost: \$3 - Pizza, refreshments, prizes & we celebrate all that month's birthdays!

- Eligibility:** No Age limit, Must have a developmental disability or special need and be a resident of Broward County
- Fees::** Fees, vary depending on activity, and may be no cost depending on event
- Intake:** Call or arrive on day of event, but must register before participation
- Area Served:** Broward County

#### Hours of Operation:

M-F 8:00AM - 4:30PM Event times may vary



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Asperger's / Autism

### City of Sunrise Special & Community Support Services

#### Project Lifesaver - Sunrise Social Service Division

10650 West Oakland Park Blvd

Sunrise FL 33351

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 746-3526

**FAX:** (954) 572-2476

#### Description of Services:

Project lifesaver's's mission is to bring loved ones home. The durable bracelet worn on the wrist, helps locate and rescue missing persons who might wander from home. The tracking-device will locate (within a 3 mile radius) any wanderer 24/7 by alerting the specially trained police to the missing individual. Primarily designed for individuals with cognitive impairments, dementia, autism and related disabilities. Restrictions: Must be a resident of Sunrise. The device will only be effective within the city limits.

- Eligibility:** Must demonstrate a need for the service and complete documentation
- Fees::** Bracelet costs \$270. Batteries must be changed at a cost of \$8 monthly. Financial aid may be available.
- Intake:** Must fill out appropriate application to register
- Area Served:** City of Sunrise

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm; Tuesday 6pm-9pm

### College Living Experience, Inc. - CLE

#### College Living Experience - CLE

6555 Nova Drive

Suite 300

Davie FL 3317

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 370-5142

**FAX:** (954) 370-0895

#### Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - CLE is a post-secondary support program designed to help students with varying exceptionalities transition into independence. Services provided are in the areas of academics, independent living skills, and social skills. Provides an opportunity for students to live in apartments to learn independence. This program serves individuals diagnosed with Aspergers, ADHD, Learning Disabilities, Hearing Impairment, Cerebral Palsy, Vision Impairments and other disabilities.

- Eligibility:** Must complete CLE student and parent application. Recent psychological and educational evaluation required.
- Fees::** \$50 application fee. Tuition is \$35,000 a year. Fee does not include school tuition. Student loan program is available.
- Intake:** Student interview required for acceptance
- Area Served:** Broward County and beyond

#### Hours of Operation:

M-F 8am-7pm



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Asperger's / Autism

### Dan Marino Foundation, Inc.

#### Dan Marino Foundation - www.childnett.tv

P.O. Box 267640

Weston FL 33326

#### Description of Services:

Free Web TV channel dedicated to autism and other neuro-developmental disorders. Viewers can watch personal stories, therapies, lectures and the latest medical break throughs 24 hours a day from home or work.

#### Eligibility:

- Fees::** No Fee
- Intake:** Go to www.childnet.tv for information
- Area Served:** National

#### Hours of Operation:

24 hours a day

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 888-1771

**FAX:** (954) 423-5355

#### Dan Marino Foundation - Marino Swim Central

P.O. Box 267640

Weston FL 33326

#### Description of Services:

Provides an adaptive aquatics certification program for swim instructors working with the special needs population. This unique online course is designed to certify instructors and give them information and tools to work with the special needs population.

- Eligibility:** Must be a swimming instructor teaching individuals with a developmental disability
- Fees::** Call for information
- Intake:** Call for information
- Area Served:** State of Florida

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 888-1771

**FAX:** (954) 423-5355

#### Dan Marino Foundation - Marino Autism Research Institute

1335 Shotgun Road

Sunrise FL 33326

#### Description of Services:

M.A.R.I. is a one-of-a-kind multi-site, virtual institute with the University of Miami and Vanderbilt University working together to accelerate the discovery of new strategies of understanding, treating and preventing autism.

- Eligibility:** Research for individuals with a neurodevelopmental disorder
- Fees::** No Fee
- Intake:** Call for information
- Area Served:** National

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 888-1771

**FAX:** (954) 423-5355



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Asperger's / Autism

### Dimensions Therapy

#### National Autism Registry - Dimensions Therapy Center

12545 Orange Drive Suite 502  
National Autism Registry  
Davie FL 33330

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

#### Description of Services:

www.dimensionsspeech.com/autism-registry.shtml. Autism- Website Only -Register free on the website. Registering yields one of two types of (wallet-sized) cards that can be carried with the child when in public places The card explains the reasons why this behavior might occur. This is a non-profit service whose purpose is to help families cope with some of the difficult issues that occur when raising an individual with autism as well as improve the quality of life for the individual when encountering certain problematic situations.

- Eligibility:** Families of children with Autism
- Fees::** None
- Intake:** Visit website; [www.dimensionsspeech.com/autism-registry.shtml](http://www.dimensionsspeech.com/autism-registry.shtml)
- Area Served:** National

**Hours of Operation:**

### Discovery Toys, Inc.

#### Discovery Toys

2801 East Orchard Circle  
Davie FL 33325

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language
- Phone:** (954) 540-5216
- FAX:**

#### Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - Sales of educational and fun toys, games, books and software with a focus on children with Special Needs. Sensory needs are addressed through these interactive and creative toys. Call or visit the website for details and prices.

- Eligibility:** All ages
- Fees::** Yes. Fees vary per item.
- Intake:** None. Visit website or call for a catalogue
- Area Served:**

**Hours of Operation:**

8am-8pm. Monday-Sunday



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Asperger's / Autism

### ***Divine Academy International, Inc.***

#### **Divine Academy**

3347 N. University Drive  
Suite 9  
Davie FL 33024

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 499-4638

**FAX:** (954) 499-4690

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

FOR PROFIT - Fully accredited through SACS Divine Academy is a Special Needs School for children with developmental disabilities including autism and aspergers syndrome. Serves students with special needs who are on a special diploma track and independent in self-care skills. Provides functional academics, life skills, vocational training, social skills, and community-based instruction. O.T., P.T. and Speech are also offered for students at this school. Divine Academy also offers a low student-teacher ratio.

**Eligibility:** 11-22. Students must be seeking a special diploma or disabled seeking regular diploma. Must have IEP. No aggressive behaviors

**Fees::** Call for details, accepts McKay scholarship. Financial Aid is available.

**Intake:** Call for details

**Area Served:** Broward County

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

M-F 9am-1pm

### ***Exceptional Designs***

#### **Exceptional Designs**

1208 NW 97th Ave.  
Pembroke Pines FL 33024

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 432-3366

**FAX:**

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

FOR PROFIT - Home designs and custom furniture that are designed to manage behavioral characteristics and withstand the abusive behaviors that can often take place. The goal through this design is to make home environment more compatible for the entire family and avoid expensive repairs.

**Eligibility:** Any family in need (where behaviors or circumstances warrant redesign)

**Fees::** Yes. (For-Profit Agency). Call for more information

**Intake:** Each individual's needs and circumstances are discussed and assessed at an initial meeting. Call or visit site for more info

**Area Served:** Broward County

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



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Asperger's / Autism

### **Foundations Therapy Inc. - ABA Therapy**

#### **Foundations Therapy - ABA, OT, Speech Therapy**

10365 West Sample Road

Coral Springs FL 33065

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

FOR PROFIT - Offers ABA Therapy, Speech and Occupational Therapy. Provides behavior reduction plans and implementation (in-home or school), social skills groups, and discrete trail teaching. Also offers parent trainings and workshops.

- Eligibility:** Serves children with autism and related disabilities
- Fees::** Part C providers (Early Steps, CMS), call for fees. Private pay, some insurances accepted.
- Intake:** Call for appointment. Walk-ins are welcome. Part C intake through Early Steps
- Area Served:** All of Broward

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

M-F 8am-6pm Sat. 8am-12pm

- Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 344-6550

**FAX:** (954) 344-8634

### **Healing Hooves Psychotherapy Inc.**

#### **Horses - Healing Hooves**

3500 Peaceful Ridge Road

Davie FL 33330

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

FOR PROFIT - Healing Hooves offers equine facilitated psychotherapy for children with Special Needs and their families.

- Eligibility:** Children with developmental delays or severe behavioral problems.
- Fees::** Call for details
- Intake:** Call for an evaluation appointment
- Area Served:** Broward

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

M-F 9-5pm, Sat. 9-4:30 and Sun. 9-2pm

- Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 547-9928

**FAX:** (954) 424-0271



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Asperger's / Autism

### **Horses and Psychology, Inc.**

#### **Horses and Psychology**

17490 SW 58th St.

Southwest Ranches FL 33331

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

FOR PROFIT - Equestrian Assisted Psychotherapeutic services. We provide therapy with horses for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, ADHD, Depression, Down Syndrome, LD, and other related special needs. Horses are used as an integral part of the therapeutic intervention. Licensed and insured following the NARHA (North American Riding for the Handicapped Association) guidelines and design a thorough treatment plan for every participant.

- Eligibility:** Developmental or learning disability, ages 02 and older. May be some restrictions and limitations due medical issues.
- Fees::** Private Pay Call for details
- Intake:** Call for details
- Area Served:** Broward County and Beyond

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

Monday-Saturday 10am-6pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language
- Phone:** (954) 661-8586
- FAX:** (954) 680-9989

### **Internet Sites (URL's)**

#### **O.A.S.I.S. - Asperger's Syndrome information**

[www.aspergersyndrome.org](http://www.aspergersyndrome.org)

\*Unknown\* FL

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

This web site provides information on Asperger's Syndrome; support group information; newsletters and updates on developments affecting patients with Asperger Syndrome.

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

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

24 hours a day

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language
- Phone:**
- FAX:**



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Asperger's / Autism

### Website - Denise's List

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

Fort Lauderdale

FL

**Phone:**

**FAX:**

#### Description of Services:

Autism internet / email List-Serv where members exchange information on news, therapies, resources, advocacy, on just about anything concerning autism. Provides autism information of particular interest to the South Florida area, which is distributed daily. This is a very active List, generating 10-20 postings per day. Denise's List is not a support group.

#### Eligibility:

**Fees:**

**Intake:**

**Area Served:**

**Hours of Operation:**

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DenisesList/>

### Learning Blocks, Inc.

#### Learning Blocks - Behavior Therapy

9510 NW 24th Ct.

Sunrise

FL

33322

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 394-3772

**FAX:** ( ) -

#### Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - Provides Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy for children with disabilities in their home environment. Therapies and services include: ABA therapy, discrete trials, verbal behavior, shadowing, toilet training programs, behavior reduction, independence training and more.

**Eligibility:** Serves ages 0-20, assisting individuals with autism and learning disabilities.

**Fees:** \$45 / hour, \$300 for initial evaluation, \$80 / hr consultation.

**Intake:** Initial meeting with child and family (at no charge)

**Area Served:** Broward County

**Hours of Operation:**

Mon-Saturday 8am-9pm



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Asperger's / Autism

### **Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes, Inc.**

#### **Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes**

Weston Town Center  
1835 Main St. Suite 201  
Weston FL 33326

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 349-1688  
**FAX:** (954) 349-3228

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

FOR PROFIT - Lindamood-Bell is an organization dedicated to helping students learn to their potential. The instructional model helps individuals struggling with reading, spelling, comprehension or math; and have been proven effective for those with previous diagnoses of autism spectrum disorder, dyslexia, and other learning difficulties. Through the learning centers and the school program children receive intensive instruction, diagnostic testing, and consultation. Students learn to integrate sensory information to help them become self-correcting and independent in all learning tasks. Regular pace instruction time is 1 hour a day for 4-6 months and intensive instruction is 4 hours a day for 6-8 weeks based on individual needs.

- Eligibility:** Serves ages 5 and older
- Fees::** Yes. Call for details
- Intake:** Contact the office for a diagnostic evaluation. Visit the website for more details.
- Area Served:** Broward County

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

### **Mailman Center for Child Development**

#### **Mailman Center for Child Development**

1601 NW 12th Avenue  
  
Miami FL 33136

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (305) 243-6801  
**FAX:** (305) 243-5978

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

Interdisciplinary training, service and research programs in child developmental disability and handicapped conditions, development evaluation and referral. Clinical psychology, speech and language development, nutrition, social work and audiology are some of the programs in place to help children.

- Eligibility:**
- Fees::**
- Intake:**
- Area Served:** Broward County and Miami-Dade County

**Hours of Operation:**  
Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Asperger's / Autism

### Memorial Healthcare System - Behavioral Health

#### MHS - Behavioral - S.T.E.P.S. Program

18221 Pines Blvd

Pembroke Pines FL 33029

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 442-1316

**FAX:** (954) -

#### Description of Services:

STEPS (Success Through Effective Problem Solving) is a day treatment program for high school students. Structured and comprehensive, STEPS uses a caring approach to help adolescents address behavioral, mental health and substance abuse problems. The goal is to improve interpersonal skills, address behavioral and emotional problems and help the patient return to a mainstream school environment. Individual, family and group therapies, parent support groups and School Board of Broward County education services are available. Treatment is carefully integrated to help teens pursue a healthy, productive future. STEPS is licensed by the Department of Children & Families for substance abuse treatment.

**Eligibility:** Adolescents in grades 9-12 experiencing family difficulties, behavioral problems, substance use or school legal problems / ASD

**Fees:** No fee, Insurance, Self-pay/Full, Sliding scale, Medicaid, Medicaid HMO; No fee based on income

**Intake:** Appointment, proof of identification, residency and health insurance card. Uninsured - proof of income

**Area Served:** No restriction; only if indigent then must be resident in the area of South Broward Hospital District

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 7:15am-4:15pm

### Miami Children's Hospital Dan Marino Center

#### Dan Marino Center - Miami Children's Hospital

2900 South Commerce Parkway

Weston FL 33331

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 385-6200

**FAX:** (954) 423-5355

#### Description of Services:

An outpatient center for the comprehensive evaluation and treatment of children with special needs. The center provides comprehensive neurological and developmental medicine care, as well as a full scale resource center where information on specific diagnoses can be obtained, community resources, support groups and parenting seminars.

**Eligibility:** Must be under 21 years old with special needs

**Fees:** Fees vary, call for information

**Intake:** Call for information

**Area Served:** Broward

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm (outpatient services only)



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Asperger's / Autism

### National Autism Association

#### Grants - NAA Helping Hands Project

PO Box 101  
Crystal Springs, MO  
Other - State MO 65714

Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language  
**Phone:** (877) 622-2884  
**FAX:**

#### Description of Services:

Autism Grant - The Helping Hands Project provides families with financial assistance in getting necessary biomedical treatments, supplements and therapy services for their child diagnosed with autism. Maximum grant award is \$1,500. Application can be found online. Grant award is paid directly to the vendor providing the service needed. Only approved NAA grant recipients will be contacted by NAA.

**Eligibility:** Age 0-18, reside in US, diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder,  
**Fees::** None  
**Intake:** Attach a letter from child's physician that confirms your child's diagnosis. If request exceeds \$300, send copy of tax return.

#### Area Served:

#### Hours of Operation:

Application begins Jan. 9, 2009

### Nova Southeastern University

#### Nova - Baudhuin Preschool

3301 College Avenue  
Jim/Jan Moran Family Center Village  
Fort Lauderdale FL 33314

Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language  
**Phone:** (954) 262-7100  
**FAX:** (954) 262-3936

#### Description of Services:

Provides a language based program for preschool children with autism, age 2-5 years old. Classrooms incorporate social skills training, and TEACCH (Treatment and Education of Autism and Related Communication Handicapped Children) methodologies, i.e. independent work systems. Speech/language, behavioral, and occupational therapies are integrated into each child's classroom experience.

In addition to educational programming, multi-dimension therapeutic support services are offered for children and families.

**Eligibility:** Family/parent must be Broward resident with child between 2 years old and kindergarten, at-risk with special needs  
**Fees::** No Fee  
**Intake:** Programming at the Preschool follows the calendar for Broward County Schools; Call Child Find (754) 321-2204 for information

**Area Served:** Broward County

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-2pm



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Asperger's / Autism

### Nova - Unicorn Child Development Clinic

Mailman Segal Institute  
7600 SW 36th St.  
Davie FL 33314

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 262-6900  
**FAX:** (954) 262-3977

**Description of Services:**

Provides diagnostic, assessment, and program planning for children up to 8 years old with developmental concerns, including autism. Behavioral Analysis, O.T., P.T., speech and language therapy, consultation and therapeutic services concerning typical child rearing challenges. Also provide parent consultations. A focus is on children with learning and communication disorders.

- Eligibility:** 0-8 years of age with developmental concerns, including autism  
**Fees:** Insurance not billed directly. Flat-fee rate (based on therapy needed), some insurances do reimburse.  
**Intake:** Must call for appointment  
**Area Served:** Broward County and Beyond

**Hours of Operation:**  
Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm

### Piano Lessons Plus

#### Piano Lessons Plus

Miramar FL 33029

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 558-4334  
**FAX:**

**Description of Services:**

FOR PROFIT- Specializing in piano lessons for children to adults with autism and related disorders. Piano lessons are taught using ABA methodologies and instructor visits individuals at their home. Lessons are tailored to fit the needs of the individual. Typically a 45 minute session once a week. Piano lessons work on behavior problems and academic needs as well as inspire confidence and build self-esteem.

- Eligibility:** Must be child, adolescent, or adult with Autism or a related disability  
**Fees:** \$85 per lesson a week (paid on a monthly basis).  
**Intake:** Phone interview, followed by a home visit  
**Area Served:** Broward County

**Hours of Operation:**  
Morning, Noon, and Eve appointments



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Asperger's / Autism

### **PsychEd Solutions, P.A.**

#### **PsychEd Solutions - Counseling and Evaluations**

3810 Inverrary Blvd.  
Suite 201  
Sunrise FL 33311

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 857-7473

**FAX:**

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

FOR PROFIT - Provides counseling and psychoeducational assessments for children and adolescents. This includes testing for learning disabilities, conduct and behavior problems, gifted education, ADHD, and emotional adjustment problems. Psychologist provides recommendations for interventions and school placement following evaluation.

- Eligibility:** Children and adolescents in need of counseling and/or psychoeducational evaluations.  
**Fees::** Self-Pay/Full. Sliding Scale \$200-\$1000 per evaluation (some insurances will reimburse)  
**Intake:** Must call for appointment, provide proof of income and photo identification  
**Area Served:** Broward and Dade County

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

Monday-Friday 3-8pm and Weekends by Appointment

### **Smith Community Mental Health**

#### **Smith - Outpatient Program**

601 South State Road 7  
Plantation FL 33317

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 321-2296

**FAX:** (954) 741-0626

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

The outpatient program provides service to clients who are experiencing emotional/behavioral problems or functional deficits that interfere with personal, family, educational, or community adjustment. Service includes individual and family therapy and psychiatric assessment and follow up care.

- Eligibility:** Must have an Axis I Mental Health Diagnosis and receive an evaluation for admission.  
**Fees::** Insurance, Medicaid, Medicaid HMO, Self-Pay/Full, Self-Pay/Sliding scale, DCF Contract for indigents  
**Intake:** Previous mental health records, custody documentation, and funding information required  
**Area Served:** Broward County

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

Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm, Saturday 11am-5pm, Saturday 8am-5pm



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Asperger's / Autism

### South Cluster Children Services, Inc

#### South Cluster - Summer Youth Program

7343 Davie Road Ext

Davie FL 33024

#### Description of Services:

Includes transportation, meals and informal case management. Must be able to toilet independently. Children with characteristics related to mild autism may also be accepted into this integrated setting.

#### Eligibility:

**Fees:** Call for details

#### Intake:

#### Area Served:

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 963-1063

**FAX:** (954) 983-4321

### South Florida Jewish Academy

#### South Florida Academy of Learning

4640 NW 74th Place

Coconut Creek FL 33073

#### Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - School for children with Special Needs. Accepts McKay Scholarship. We believe that small classroom size and individualized curriculums contribute to successful outcomes. Children will be taught to be creative, imaginative thinkers, actively involved in academic and social activities that will build self-confidence, self-esteem, self motivation, and pride in their heritage. South Florida Jewish Academy knows that children with special needs deserve special care and attention to help them gain confidence and realize their full potential. Serves ADD / ADHD, Autism, NLD, Aspergers, Auditory Processing, and other disabilities.

**Eligibility:** Ages 5-15. Equipped to assist any child with learning disability, high to moderate functioning.

**Fees:** Call for Details. Accepts McKay Scholarship

**Intake:** Appointment is needed. Call for details.

**Area Served:** Broward County

#### Hours of Operation:

M-F 8am-3pm

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 427-7788

**FAX:** (954) 427-6384



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Asperger's / Autism

### Special Needs Hair Cut Services

#### SN Haircuts - Cartoon Cuts Salon

11401 Pines Blvd.

Pembroke Pines FL 33026

##### Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - Autism - Cartoon Cuts salon provides a fun environment for children to receive hair cuts. The staff are accommodating to children with autism and other special needs. This family-oriented salon provides an entertainment-filled waiting area which includes video games, toys, and televisions to enjoy. A child needing additional services is recommended to visit on the weekdays.

- Eligibility:** Any individual seeking haircuts
- Fees::** Varies upon service requested; basic child's haircut \$14
- Intake:** Walk-ins welcome or call to make appointment. Parents are recommended to bring child during the weekdays.
- Area Served:** Broward

##### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Saturday 10am-9pm; Sunday 11am-6pm

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 435-7166

**FAX:**

#### SN Haircuts - Magic Cuts

15912 W State Road 84

Sunrise FL 33326

##### Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - Autism - Magic Cuts is a full-service hair salon that provides accomodating staff and haircut services for children with Special Needs. Must call to schedule an appointment.

- Eligibility:** Anyone in need of haircut services
- Fees::** Yes. Call for details
- Intake:**
- Area Served:** Broward County and Beyond

##### Hours of Operation:

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 385-2329

**FAX:**



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Asperger's / Autism

### Special Needs Leisure / Recreation Program

#### Autism on the Seas Cruise

Alumni Cruises  
15 Oak Glen Drive, Shelton  
Other - State CT 06484

- Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (800) 516-5247  
**FAX:** (888) 286-2797

#### Description of Services:

Autism on the Seas are dedicated to servicing the cruising needs of families and individuals faced with Autism and Asperger Syndrome. We provide Group Cruises for a vacationing experience that is unmatched. We also provide an "Autism Cruise Package" for those individuals and families who wish to cruise on any date or ship of their choice.

- Eligibility:** Assists children with Autism or Asperger Syndrome and their families  
**Fees:** Yes. Call or visit website for details.  
**Intake:** Call the toll-free number for information. An Autism Group Leader will return your call.  
**Area Served:**

**Hours of Operation:**

### Spectrum Therapy Services Inc.

#### Spectrum Therapy Services - Speech Therapy

11011 Sheridan St.  
Suite 302  
Cooper City FL 33026

- Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 499-1125  
**FAX:** (954) 499-1123

#### Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - Provides speech therapy to children with disabilities. Focus is on children with Autism, PDD, or who have a speech delay need.

- Eligibility:** Ages 0-18. Serves children with disabilities who have speech delays. Must have doctor's perscription  
**Fees:** Medicaid, Private pay with fees from \$68 to \$125 per hour.  
**Intake:** Must have a perscription, complete intake packet  
**Area Served:** Broward County

**Hours of Operation:**

M-F 8:30-7:00pm

#### Spectrum Therapy Services - Occupational Therapy

11011 Sheridan St.  
Suite 302  
Cooper City FL 33026

- Spanish Spoken  Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 499-1125  
**FAX:** (954) 499-1123

#### Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - Provides occupational therpay to children with empahsis on sensory intergration for children with disabilities.

- Eligibility:** Ages 0-18. Doctor's perscription. Serves children with autism, PDD and other disabilities.  
**Fees:** Accepts Medicaid, Private pay. Fee scale from \$68 to \$125 an hour.  
**Intake:** Must have a doctor's perscription, complete intake packet. Call for details.  
**Area Served:** Broward County

**Hours of Operation:**

M-F 8:30-7:00pm



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Asperger's / Autism

### Spring Gate School

#### Spring Gate School - Day School

6515 West Sunrise Blvd

Plantation FL 33313

#### Description of Services:

We are a private, non-profit day school for children in grades 1-11. Our students have varying exceptionalities including learning disabilities, ADD/HD, mild autism, and physical and visual disabilities. School can not accept students who exhibit signs of aggression towards their peers.

**Eligibility:** Children, grades 1-11 with a physical or visual disability, ADD/ADHD, mild autism, and/or a learning disability

**Fees::** Self-pay/full; Tuition \$9500 a year, Aftercare \$40 a week

**Intake:** Parents meet with school administration and students try the facility for a hour. Students must have no behavioral issues.

**Area Served:** Broward

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday, 8:00am-2:00pm, extended aftercare 2:00-6:00pm

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- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 316-7330

**FAX:** (954) 316-7332

### STOP and Relax, LLC

#### STOP and Relax - Behavioral Training

PO Box 93-6123

Margate FL 33093

#### Description of Services:

S.T.O.P. and Relax is a complete curriculum for use in your home, school, or therapeutic setting. STOP and Relax emphasizes visual cues and incorporates elements of yoga, cognitive-behavioral psychology, and special education. Also offers direct training for individuals and agencies.

**Eligibility:** Ages 3-25, Autism, Aspergers and children with Special Needs vulnerable to anxiety and agitation related to disability.

**Fees::** \$75 - \$200 an hour. Fee is per hour not per child. Kits also available for sale on STOP and Relax website.

**Intake:** Call for details. Determined by school or agency hosting the STOP and Relax program.

**Area Served:**

#### Hours of Operation:

Weekdays, evenings and weekends. Appointment required.

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- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 319-5684

**FAX:** (954) 917-5956



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Asperger's / Autism

### Summer Programs - Special Needs

#### Kentwood Preparatory Summer Program

4650 SW 61st Avenue

Davie FL 33314

##### Description of Services:

Summer program and extended care camp with a specialty in children with Asperger Disorder, Attention Deficit Disorder, and related difficulties. The 5-week camp focuses on social skills, organizational skills and behavior appropriateness. Sports, games and field trips available. Staff ratio is 6 students to 1 staff.

- Eligibility:** Children ages 5-17
- Fees:** Self-pay/full; \$234 per week (pro-rated weekly)
- Intake:** Call for information
- Area Served:** Broward

##### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-2:30pm (Summer program: June 12-July 14, 2006)

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 581-8222

**FAX:** (954) 797-0700

#### Camp Nottingham Residential Summer Program

Davie FL

##### Description of Services:

Highly structured behavioral academy for Children, ages 7-15 with ADD, ADHD, Learning Disability or Asperger Syndrome. Must be able to function in a 6:1 ratio and communicate needs and interests.

- Eligibility:** Children, ages 7-15 with ADD, ADHD, Learning Disability or Aspergers Syndrome
- Fees:** Call for information
- Intake:** Call for information
- Area Served:** Broward

##### Hours of Operation:

Call for hours - Camp starts in June

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- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 360-7210

**FAX:**

#### Miami Children's Hospital - Summer Youth Program - Camp DMC

Dan Marino Cntr / Tropical Elem.

1500 SW 66th Ave

Plantation FL 33317

##### Description of Services:

Camp DMC provides a fun-filled therapeutic and education environment while enhancing each child's social communication, academic and social skills at a 1:2 to 1:7 child to staff ratio. Activities include sports, creative movement and music, swimming instruction, and academics are based on the IEP. Summer program for children with autism and other developmental disabilities. Therapeutic activities are designed to match the pace and ability of each camper. Yoga, sports, crafts, swimming and music are offered.

- Eligibility:** Children ages 5-14 with developmental disabilities or autsim.
- Fees:** Sliding Fee Scale if in Broward
- Intake:** Call for information
- Area Served:** Weston

##### Hours of Operation:

Camp Runs from June to August 8:30-5:00pm

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- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 385-6258

**FAX:**



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Asperger's / Autism

### Support Groups - Parenting/Family

#### Nova - Mailman Segal Institute - Support Groups

7600 SW 36th Street

Davie FL 33314

#### Description of Services:

Provides a support group for grandparents of children with developmental disabilities or for breast feeding mothers to discuss the joys and challenges of nursing.

**Eligibility:** grandparents of children with developmental disabilities or breast feeding mothers

**Fees::** No Fee

**Intake:** Call for information

**Area Served:** Broward

#### Hours of Operation:

Call for monthly meeting times

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 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 262-6900

**FAX:** ( ) -

### TAG Gymnastics, Inc.

#### TAG Gymnastics

15851 SW 41st St.

Suite 100

Weston FL 33331

#### Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - In addition to learning gymnastics TAG Gym offers coordination and development of skills and strength as well as listening skills for youth with special needs in an integrated environment. Superstar classes for special needs students are structured. The Saturday classes held at 11am are for children with special needs that require parental assistance and support.

**Eligibility:** Must be compliant with rules of gym. Parent must be present to provide assistance for some students.

**Fees::** \$165 for 10 classes for independent group, \$145 for 11:00 lower-functioning class. Scholarships available through ASA Broward.

**Intake:** No appointment needed, release form must be completed and parent must participate if needs assistance

**Area Served:** Broward County and Beyond

#### Hours of Operation:

M-F 12:00-6:00pm , Superstar Classes are: Friday 4pm and Saturday 10am (independent class) and 11am (more assistance needed).

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 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 384-9393

**FAX:** (954) 384-4794



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Asperger's / Autism

### Trinity Harbor Therapeutic Services, Inc.

#### Trinity Harbor Therapeutic Services

7401 Wiles Rd.  
Suite 150  
Coral Springs FL 31206

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 341-7774  
**FAX:** (954) 287-9456

#### Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - Offers individual therapy services, group, family, marital therapy, parent classes, life coaching, as well as therapy services for individuals with special needs. Our client-centered therapy services are provided by Liscenced and Masters-level clinicians. Each client is offered a private consultation, a comprehensive biopsychosocial evaluation, and support.

- Eligibility:** Ages 3 and older
- Fees::** Free phone consultation. Sliding Scale Offered. Blue Cross, Humana, Aeta, Signa, and Tricare. Sliding scale offered. \$50-65.
- Intake:** Intake given over the phone, all sessions by appointment only
- Area Served:** South Florida

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Saturday 9am-9pm

### USK Karate Academy, Inc.

#### USK Karate MASSTER Program

8210 Wiles Rd.  
  
Coral Springs FL 33067

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 340-5425  
**FAX:** (954) 340-5427

#### Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - Martial Arts Social Skills Training for Excellence in Relationships - Martial arts based program designed to provide exercise and instruction for children with special needs to build social skills to use at home, school, with friends. The program is taught by licensed ESE teacher who is also a Master Degree martial arts instructor. Program runs year-round.

- Eligibility:** Ages 7-13 years old with high-functioning capabilities
- Fees::** \$225-295 a month, Fee includes 1 uniform and registration
- Intake:** Appointment and assessment private class required at no cost
- Area Served:** Broward County

#### Hours of Operation:

Tues / Thrs 6:30-7:30pm



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Asperger's / Autism

### YMCA of Broward County

#### YMCA - Special Needs - Y - Challengers - South Broward

3161 Taft Street

Hollywood FL 33021

- Spanish Spoken     Haitian Creole Spoken  
 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 989-9622

**FAX:** (954) 989-2367

#### Description of Services:

A social and recreational respite care program for children, teens and adults with disabilities.

- Eligibility:** Must have a physical, mental, emotional or behavioral disability
- Fees:** Self-Pay Full, Self-Pay/Sliding Scale; \$3-36 weekly - demonstrated financial need
- Intake:** Appointment for clients with disabilities. Families requesting financial assistance need recent tax return or letter from IRS
- Area Served:** Broward

#### Hours of Operation:

School dismissal until 6pm on regularly scheduled school days