



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Assistive Technology

Accessible Communication for the Deaf

Accessible Communication for the Deaf - ACD Interpreter Service

19451 Sheridan St.
Suite 340
Pembroke Pines FL 33029

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 431-6505
FAX: (954) 241-5033

Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - Provides Sign-Language interpreting for all deaf and hard of hearing and offers and interpreter referral services.

Eligibility: Any individual in need of interpreter services
Fees: Yes - Call for details
Intake: N/A
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Mon-Friday 8-5pm (Also has 24-hour emergency interpretation line)

Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities

ACPD - Technology Assistance Program

4411 Sheridan Street

Hollywood FL 33021

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 342-0823
FAX: (954) 967-1496

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



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Amigo Mobility Center, Inc.

Amigo Mobility Center

830 East Oakland Park Blvd.

Fort Lauderdale FL 33334

Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - Provides custom wheelchairs, some consumables, and durable medical equipment for those who qualify. Also equipped to make wheelchair repairs.

Eligibility: Serves all ages. Accepts Medicaid-Waiver, Medicare, some Medicaid and insurances.
Fees: Call for details
Intake: Call for details
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 566-5073

FAX: (954) 946-5716

BC CS Libraries Division

BC Library - Talking Book Library - Main Branch

100 South Andrews Avenue

Fort Lauderdale FL 33301

Description of Services:

Provides Talking Books on cassette and children's print/Braille books in person or by mail; part of the Library of Congress National Library Service for the blind and physically handicapped.

Eligibility: Must be an individual who is prevented from using print materials due to a health condition
Fees: No fee
Intake: Call for application form at (954) 357-7555
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 10am-6pm

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 357-7555

FAX: (954) 357-6122



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Broward Children's Center Inc.

Broward Children's Center - Group Home #3

207 SE 20th Avenue

Pompano Beach FL 33060

Description of Services:

This home is designed for technologically assisted children and young adults and allows for maximum self-care (computers and assistive technology are available); Group Home (#3) is equipped with an electronic system that allows residents' needs to be monitored while, at the same time, permitting privacy and a maximum degree of independence.

- Eligibility:** Must be under 21 years old and diagnosed as medically complex/cognitively intact
- Fees::** Insurance, Medicaid, Medicaid HMO, Self-Pay/Full
- Intake:** Referral from DCF recommended for placement
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 943-7638

FAX: (954) 943-5950

Center for Independent Living of Broward, Inc.

Center for Independent Living - Information and Referral

4800 North State Road 7

Bldg. F, Suite 102

Lauderdale Lakes FL 33319

Description of Services:

Provides persons with disabilities (and community) with information about programs and services available in the community that can assist with independence and self-sufficiency.

- Eligibility:** Person(s) with any disability
- Fees::** No fee
- Intake:** Appointment required
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 722-6400

FAX: (954) 735-1958

Center for Independent Living - Assistive Technology

4800 North State Road 7

Bldg. F, Suite 102

Lauderdale Lakes FL 33319

Description of Services:

Provides consumers with the opportunity to try a variety of assistive technology, including hardware/software and low-tech assistive devices, which introduces them to information that can be applied to employment and home environment.

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 722-6400

FAX: (954) 735-1958



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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 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



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Sunrise Social Service Division - Social Services

10650 West Oakland Park Blvd

Sunrise FL 33351

Description of Services:

NOTE: Call first before sending out referrals. Provides pantry closet to meet client crisis need for food and medical equipment; provides limited financial assistance with utility payments (for residents only).

Eligibility: Must be a resident of Sunrise, show interruption of income or reason for needing assistance and has exhausted other resources

Fees: No fee

Intake: Appointment with social worker and proof of residency required

Area Served: City of Sunrise

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 746-3670

FAX: (954) 572-2268

Darrell Gwynn Foundation, Inc.

Darrell Gwynn Foundation - Wheelchair Donation

4850 SW 52nd St.

Davie FL 33314

Description of Services:

Darrell Gwynn Foundation, in conjunction with its partner Sunrise Medical, donates new, power wheelchairs to children and young adults in need. The Foundation receives many requests from people asking for assistance in getting a wheelchair for themselves or a family member who cannot otherwise receive one. DGF works closely with its recipient's physical therapists and doctors to custom fit the recipient with a wheelchair that will properly fit their needs and abilities.

Eligibility: Individuals in need of a wheelchair who are unable to afford the costs

Fees: None

Intake: Complete application online or call for details

Area Served: Broward County, Nation-wide

Hours of Operation:

M-F 8:00-5:30

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 792-7223

FAX: (954) 581-7223



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Exceptional Designs

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1208 NW 97th Ave.

Pembroke Pines FL 33024

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:

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 432-3366

FAX:

Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology

FAAST - Assistive Services and Technology - Miami

11200 SW 8th Street
FIU Disability Resource Center
Miami FL 33199

Description of Services:

Provides a toll-free line staffed by professionals who provide information and referral regarding assistive technology products or services to assist persons with disabilities of all ages. FAAST works with consumers, family members, caregivers, providers and agencies to ensure that individuals continue to benefit from assistive technology as they move between home, school, work and community. The FAAST Regional Demo Centers have a variety of assistive technology devices on display and for demonstration. You can get a free AT consultation by visiting the FAAST center, including information on where to purchase products and training on how to use them.

- Eligibility:** All ages, all disabilities; anyone interested in assistive technology
- Fees:** Information provided as a free service; some fees apply for service programs in development
- Intake:** Call for information or appointment
- Area Served:** Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Indian River, Lee, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Okeechobee, Palm Beach & St. Lucie

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (888) 788-9216

FAX: (305) 348-3850



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Florida Reading & Vision Center

Florida Reading & Vision Center

650 N. Andrews Avenue
Lighthouse of Broward
Fort Lauderdale FL 33304

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 525-5311
FAX:

Description of Services:

Florida Reading and Vision Center carries a wide array of products for the blind and visually impaired. The store is located at Lighthouse of Broward County.

- Eligibility:** Those needing products for the blind and visually impaired
Fees:: Self-pay/full; Payment plans are available
Intake: Call for product information
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday-Friday 11am-5pm

Florida Relay Service

Florida Relay Service

200 South Biscayne Blvd #600

Miami FL 33131

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 955-8770
FAX:

Description of Services:

Provides 24-hour telephone text to voice interpreting relay service between people using regular phones to people who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech disabled using a TDD, TTY or PC. Can also be contacted by dialing 711.

- Eligibility:** None
Fees:: No fee
Intake: Call
Area Served: State of Florida

Hours of Operation:

24 hours, 7 days a week

Incomplete Entries

Wheelchair - Electric Repairs

Al Klischer
3509 West Park Road
Hollywood FL 33021

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 894-9410
FAX: (954) 894-9411

Description of Services:

Repairs electric wheelchairs and scooters. Repairs are done at the client's home. Repairs only and no sales of parts or equipment.

- Eligibility:**
Fees:: Hourly labor rate adjusted to ability to pay
Intake: Call for appointment
Area Served: Hollywood, Fort Lauderdale, Hallandale

Hours of Operation:

Monday & Tuesday 10am-6pm



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Internet Sites (URL's)

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf

3417 Volta Place, NW

Washington DC 20007

Description of Services:

The Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (AG Bell) is a lifelong resource, support network and advocate for listening, learning, talking and living independently with hearing loss. Through publications, advocacy, training, scholarships and financial aid, AG Bell promotes the use of spoken language and hearing technology.

Eligibility: Open to anyone interested
Fees: No Fee
Intake: Visit website for information: www.agbell.org
Area Served: National

Hours of Operation:

24 hours a day (Web site)

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (202) 337-5220

FAX: (202) 337-8314

The Starkey Hearing Foundation Hear Now Program

6700 Washington Avenue South

Eden Prairie MN 55344

Description of Services:

Hear Now is a national non-profit program committed to assisting deaf and hard-of-hearing persons with limited financial resources who permanently reside within the United States with hearing aid devices. To apply for Hear Now Aid, download an application at <http://www.sotheworldmayhear.org>

Eligibility: Deaf and hard-of-hearing persons with limited or no other financial resources
Fees: No Fee (must meet income criteria)
Intake: Hearing healthcare professional must complete & sign client data sheet on application and provide an audiogram;
Area Served: National

Hours of Operation:

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 648-4327

FAX:



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League for the Hard of Hearing

League for the Hard of Hearing - Audiological Services

2900 West Cypress Creek Road

Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

Description of Services:

Provides hearing tests, hearing aid dispensing, assistive listening devices, counseling related to hearing loss and speech therapy, if criteria is met.

Eligibility: Must be deaf or hearing impaired and diagnosed by a doctor between the age of 5 - 99
Fees: Medicaid, Medicare, Self-Pay/Full, Self-Pay/Sliding Scale (125% poverty level)
Intake: Call for Appointment
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 601-1930

FAX: (954) 601-1399

League for the Hard of Hearing - Cordless Amplified Telephones

2900 West Cypress Creek Road

Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

Description of Services:

Distributes specialized cordless telephone equipment for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Walk-ins on Tuesdays and Thursday 9am-12pm, and 1pm-4pm. Appointments can be made on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays.

Eligibility: People who are deaf or hard of hearing
Fees: No Fee
Intake: Walk-ins Tues & Thurs 9am-12pm; and 1pm-4pm. Appointments only on Mon, Wed & Fri.
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 601-1930

FAX: (954) 601-1399



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League for the Hard of Hearing - Florida Telecommunication Relay

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:

Provides equipment (provided under FTRI by the State of Florida) through United Hearing and Deaf Services at no cost. Florida residents over 3 years of age that are deaf hard of hearing speech impaired are entitled to receive special telephone equipment at no cost.

Eligibility: Must be deaf or hard of hearing , and Florida residency is required

Fees:: No fee

Intake: Call for information

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Walk-ins Tues/Thurs 9-Noon and 1-5pm. Appointments preferred and can be made Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am - 5pm

League for the Hard of Hearing - Interpreting Services

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:

Provides ASL (American Sign Language) and oral interpreters on a 24-hour basis; 48-hour notice requested but not required for interpreter services.

Eligibility: Must be a deaf or hard of hearing person in need of assistance, live in Florida

Fees:: Self-Pay/Full 2 hour minimum at standard rate; \$45/hour with 2 hour minimum (for non-profits)

Intake: Must call to check on availability of interpreters

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm (Interpreters are only done by appointment)



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Lighthouse of Broward County

Lighthouse - Adaptive Software and Computer Training

650 North Andrews Avenue

Fort Lauderdale FL 33311

Description of Services:

Provides training in use of adaptive software and computer technology to visually impaired people who are Lighthouse clients. Instruction provided in use of screen enlarging software (Zoom Text) and voice software (JAWS), common business software, internet and e-mail software, portable note taking devices, scanners, and/or Braille printers.

Eligibility: Must be 6 years old or older, legally blind
Fees: No Fee
Intake: Call for information
Area Served: Broward, Some Dade County, South Palm Beach county

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 463-4217

FAX: (954) 764-3825

Lions Club

Lions Club - Sight Help

PO Box 556

Fort Lauderdale FL 33302

Description of Services:

Emphasizes assistance to needy, referral for eye glasses and surgery and assistance to those with hearing disabilities. Requires a letter from a social service agency or medical professional (not First Call For Help) sent to: Fort Lauderdale Lions Club - Sight Chairman, PO Box 556, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33302. The answer usually takes about a week.

Eligibility:
Fees:
Intake: Social Service agency or medical professional must supply a letter stating the need and giving the client's name and address.
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

2nd & 4th Thursday 7pm at VFW lodge

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 525-4667

FAX:



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Maxi-Aids, Inc.

Maxi-Aids Products for Independent Living

42 Executive Blvd

Farmingdale NY 11735

Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - Products for Independent Living. Offers large selection of thousands of products for independent living, including aids for the Blind, Visually Impaired, Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Arthritic, Diabetic & those with Mobility issues.

Eligibility: Anyone in need of products for independent living

Fees:: Yes.

Intake: N/A

Area Served: U.S. and beyond

Hours of Operation:

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 522-6294

FAX: (800) 281-3555

Toll-Free Helplines

AT&T Accessible Communication

5 Wood Hollow Road

Product Center

Parsippany NJ 07054

Description of Services:

Phone attachments for hearing impaired or visually or motion impaired.

Eligibility:

Fees:: Cost depends on product needed

Intake:

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-6:30pm

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 233-1222

FAX:



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



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United Trade Inc.

United Trade Inc.

12271 SW 129th Court

Miami

FL 33186

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 252-8656

FAX: (954) 252-8656

Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - Assists with consumable medical supplies, durable medical equipment and provides chore, companion, respite care, in-home support and personal care assistance for individuals with disabilities. Serves in-home and facility-based clients. Serves DCF Med-Waiver and guardianship program along with the private sector clients.

Eligibility: Children and adults, developmentally or physically disabled, Med-Waiver participants, referrals from DCF or social workers.

Fees: Medicaid, Medicaid-Waiver, and Private Pay

Intake: Call for details. Authorization on Support Plan (by Support Coordinator), Case Manager, guardian, or Social Worker

Area Served: Broward and Dade County

Hours of Operation:

24-hours

Wheelchair Foundation

Wheelchair Foundation Inc.

2800 E. Commercial Blvd

Fort Lauderdale

FL 33316

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 776-0722

FAX: (954) 776-7890

Description of Services:

The Wheelchair Foundation is a non-profit organization who provides non-motorized, standard wheelchairs to any individual in need who cannot afford to purchase one themselves or do not have insurance coverage.

Eligibility: Any individual in need of a wheelchair due to disability or injury

Fees: None

Intake: Must be able to pick chair up through arrangement with Alan Yott at Space Plus warehouse.

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Mon-Friday 11am-3pm