



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



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2-1-1 First Call For Help of Broward

FCFH - Hotline for Children with Special Needs

3217 NW 10th Terrace, Suite 308

Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

Description of Services:

Provides a "No Wrong Door" approach of entry into the Broward County System of Special Education and related services. The program offers more than basic information and referral services, including: providing an overview of the special needs system in Broward County, explaining how to access varying levels of services, identifying the caller's primary and additional needs, matching the caller's needs to existing community resources, following up with community providers and/or callers to determine disposition of referrals, following up with community providers and/or callers to determine disposition of referrals, offering follow-up calls and/or on-going contacts with the family, providing information regarding legal and advocacy services, and maintaining a log of unmet needs and systematic problems identified.

Eligibility: Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, Mental Retardation, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, hearing or visual impairment

Fees: No Fee

Intake: Calls accepted 24-hours a day. After hours Helpline counselors will take messages.

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

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

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: () 2-1-1

FAX: (954) 390-0499

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
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Phone: (954) 971-7155

FAX: (954) 971-4797



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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

Autism Speaks, Inc.

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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BC CS Mass Transit

BC Transit - TOPS - BC Paratransit for the Disabled

3201 West Copans Road

Pompano Beach FL 33069

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 357-8400

FAX: (954) 978-0795

Description of Services:

Provides paratransit services according to the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) for persons with a disability or an impairment-related condition who cannot access the regular Broward County fixed-route bus system (written application with a doctor's verification of need required); transport is to doctor's appointments, grocery stores and senior centers. Initially, transportation providers are assigned depending on where clients live, but riders are allowed to change providers.

- Eligibility:** Must be certified with inability to use regular bus system; clients are assigned to a specific service
- Fees::** Self-Pay/Full, one-way trip fare is \$2.50 (exact change required)
- Intake:** Call for application. An in-person functional assessment is required, in most cases, to complete the eligibility process.
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:00am-7pm (Reservations taken 8:00 to 5pm, 1 day notice required)

BC Human Services Department

BC Vulnerable Population Registry

<http://www.broward.org/atrisk/>

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- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 831-4000

FAX:

Description of Services:

The Vulnerable Population Registry allows people who are disabled, frail or have health issues to register in advance with their city so that emergency workers may plan a better response to vulnerable residents in a recovery effort following a hurricane or other emergency. Each city may use the Vulnerable Population Registry list in a different way, based on their city's recovery effort. For more information or to register, visit the website <http://www.broward.org/atrisk/> or call 954-831-4000.

The Vulnerable Population Registration was designed as a joint partnership between all municipalities and Broward County to assist emergency responders to better plan for future recoveries from hurricanes and other disasters. Registering into the database should not be considered as a guarantee that you will be provided services or be placed on a priority list for emergency responders; however, it will help us to be better prepared to respond after a disaster.

All the information provided will be held in the strictest confidence as required by State law. Thank you for taking the time to help us serve you better.

- Eligibility:** People who are disabled, frail or have health issues
- Fees::** No Fee
- Intake:** Visit the website at <http://www.broward.org/atrisk/> or call
- Area Served:** Broward

Hours of Operation:



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Broward Homebound Program Inc.

Broward Homebound - Community Care for Disabled Adults

3810 Inverrary Blvd

Lauderhill FL 33319

Description of Services:

Provides case management and arranges in-home services to permanently disabled adults throughout Broward County, along with home delivered meals, adult day health care, medical supplies, emergency response system and chore services.

Eligibility: Must be between 18-59 years old and have a disability/diagnosis that puts client at risk of nursing home placement

Fees: No fee, income restriction of assets limited to \$2000 per an individual

Intake: Call intake worker at (954) 786-2484; provide information and case manager will set up a home visit

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

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

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 741-5373

FAX: (954) 741-6949

Calvary Chapel Church

Front Porch Parent Fellowship for Caregivers

Calvary Chapel
2401 West Cypress Creek Road
Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

Description of Services:

A monthly meeting group of parents of children with special needs, offering mutual support, shared knowledge, and caring fellowship. Meets the 3rd Sunday of the month from 12pm-2pm

Eligibility: Parents of children with Special needs

Fees: None

Intake: Call Nicole Zegarelli to register (954-556-4739)

Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

3rd Sunday of each month

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 315-7509

FAX: (954) 977-9774



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Center for Independent Living of Broward, Inc.

Center for Independent Living - Housing Coordination

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

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

Description of Services:

Provides assistance to persons with disabilities with information on home financing, locating accessible property, referral to housing programs, coordination of roommate matches and provides applicable skills training.

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Center for Independent Living - Independent Living Skills

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

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

Description of Services:

Provides consumers with skills for daily living through individual counseling and workshops, including self-esteem, budgeting and art appreciation; also includes a Health and Wellness Program, which addresses nutrition, cooking and recreation programs.

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Center for Independent Living - Peer Support

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

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

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:

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



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Christopher Connections, Inc.

Christopher Connections - Swim 2 Live Live to Swim

13762 W. SR 84 #416

Davie FL 33325

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

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 594-4833

FAX:

City of Plantation

Parents and Me Support Group

5555 Palm Tree Rd.

Plantation FL 33317

Description of Services:

A support group for parents of individuals with mental or physical disabilities, as well as their families. All are welcome to this monthly meeting held the 3rd Friday of every month at 6:00pm. Participants are asked to bring a covered dish to share with the group. From October to March, meetings are held at the Kennedy Community Center (5555 Palm Tree Drive Plantation) From April to September, meetings are held at Seminole Park (6600 SW 16th St. Plantation).

Eligibility: Adults and children with disabilities and their families welcome

Fees: No fee

Intake: Call ahead for more information

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

6:00-8:00pm

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 270-4455

FAX: (954) 797-2223



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Cleveland Clinic - Florida

Cleveland Clinic - Florida - Financial Assistance Program

3100 Weston Road

Weston FL 33331

Description of Services:

This program provides charity care financial assistance to patients who do not have insurance coverage at family income levels up to 4 times the Federal Poverty Guidelines, and consideration toward patients with insurance coverage if there are exceptional circumstances. The Cleveland Clinic Florida Charity Care program applies to both hospital and physician services.

Eligibility: Family Income Poverty 4 times fed. poverty level, or insurance with exceptional circumstances.

Fees::

Intake:

Area Served:

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm Hospital open 24 hours/7 days

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (866) 737-4358

FAX: () -

Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America

Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America

Florida Chapter

21301 Powerline Road, Suite 301

Boca Raton FL 33433

Description of Services:

Provides support groups, seminars and educational information to those suffering from Crohn's Disease or Colitis. Serves all of South Florida.

Eligibility: Anyone with Crohn's Disease or Colitis

Fees:: Call for details

Intake: Call for location and times

Area Served: Palm Beach, Broward, and Dade County

Hours of Operation:

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

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (561) 218-2929

FAX: (561) 218-2240



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Danielle DeMarzo Foundation, Inc

Grants - Danielle DeMarzo Foundation

P.O. Box 771675

Coral Springs FL 33077

Description of Services:

Assist Special Needs individuals and their families who have no healthcare coverage, and assist those unable to meet insurance premiums or deductibles for adequate healthcare. Support a Financial Assistance Program for individuals with medical conditions and needs who do not meet financial criteria for state programs and financial aid. Support resources and activities for children with learning, mental, or physical disabilities and their families and aid families needing assisted living programs for adolescents and young adults.

- Eligibility:** Must demonstrate a need, eligibility determined by foundation
- Fees:** None
- Intake:** Contact Main Office
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Mon-Friday 9am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 575-5556

FAX: (954) 755-4199

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
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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 State Elks Association

Grants - Elks Association Children's Clinic

Florida States Elks Therapy Service

Pompano FL 33060

Description of Services:

Provides orthopedic and related services (OT, PT, etc) at no cost for children with disabilities where families are unable to afford the medical service otherwise.

- Eligibility:** Any child with disability / family demonstrating financial need
- Fees:** None
- Intake:** Call for details
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Appointments occur 1st Wed of the Month

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 427-7859

FAX:



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Health Resources and Services Administration

Hill-Burton Uncompensated Services Hotline

5600 Fishers Lane, Parklawn Bldg
US Dept of Health & Human Services
Rockville MD 20857

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 638-0742

FAX:

Description of Services:

A Federal program providing assistance to individuals who have incurred hospital or facility based medical bills that they are unable to pay or who are currently in need of medical services for which they are unable to pay. Hill-Burton facilities include hospitals, nursing homes and clinics. Applicants must ascertain what services are offered and at which facility by calling the Hotline number. Hill-Burton is not health insurance. In order to apply for Hill-Burton assistance you must have already received services or know that you will require a specific service in the near future. Applicants can apply anytime, before or after care and even after a bill has been sent to a collection agency.

- Eligibility:** Must meet poverty guidelines established by participating institution
Fees:: No Fee
Intake: You may apply for Hill-Burton assistance at any time, before or after you receive care; Must contact hotline for application
Area Served: Federal

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm

Internet Sites (URL's)

DisabilityInfo.gov

<http://www.DisabilityInfo.gov>

Unknown

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone:

FAX:

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:

24 hours a day



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Special Needs Housing Locator

www.floridahousing.org/SpecialNeeds

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- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (850) 488-4197

FAX:

Description of Services:

Florida Housing Finance Corporation is pleased to announce the Special Needs Housing Website. The website is a comprehensive clearinghouse for Florida Housing's affordable housing funding programs and resources targeting households of persons with special needs. These households include persons who are frail, disabled, and/or at risk of being or are homeless. These special needs populations may include subgroups such as youth aging out of foster care, survivors of domestic violence, persons with severe and persistent mental illness, farmworkers, or persons with developmental disabilities. Individuals or families with special needs may have difficulties

Features of the Special Needs Housing Website:

- ò Detailed information about the range of Florida Housing programs that can assist eligible organizations in building or substantially rehabilitating housing;
- ò Information on training and technical assistance available for nonprofit organizations that want to learn about housing development and operations for individuals or families with special needs;
- ò Other affordable housing resources for nonprofit and for-profit developers;
- ò Florida Housing affordable homeownership and rental resources for consumers; and
- ò Search engines that tailor requests for Florida Housing program and resource information, as well as available affordable rental units throughout Florida. To access Florida Housing's Special Needs Housing Website, visit www.floridahousing.org and click on

Eligibility:

Fees::

Intake:

Area Served:

Hours of Operation:

Prescription Drug Price Comparisons

www.flseniors.net/prescription

FL

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 342-2762

FAX:

Description of Services:

This site is sponsored by the State of Florida and presents comparative pricing for prescription drug prices based on county. The 50 most prescribed Medicare drugs and the pharmacies that have sold those drugs in Florida are available to search.

Eligibility:

Fees:: No Fee

Intake: Go to <http://www.flseniors.net/prescriptiondrugs/> for information

Area Served: State of Florida

Hours of Operation:

24 hours a day



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Grants - Shriners of North America

2900 Rocky Point Drive

Tampa

FL 33607

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 237-5055

FAX: (813) 975-7120

Description of Services:

Assists children with orthopaedic problems, burns, spinal cord injuries and certain other health conditions. Shriners Hospitals for Children is a network of 22 pediatric hospitals providing specialized care for orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palate. (Nearest facility is in Tampa). All services are provided at no charge.

Eligibility: Ages 0-18. Eligibility for care is not based on financial need or relationship to a Shriner. Child attend a Shriner hospital.

Fees:: No Fee

Intake: visit website <http://www.shrinershq.org> for details

Area Served: Nearest hospital is in Tampa, FL

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm (Referral Hotline)

National Information Center for Children Youth with Disabilities

N.I.C.H.Y.

Other - State

FL

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 695-0285

FAX:

Description of Services:

NICHCY stands for the National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities. We serve the nation as a central source of information on: disabilities in infants, toddlers, children, and youth, IDEA, which is the law authorizing special education, No Child Left Behind (as it relates to children with disabilities), and research-based information on effective educational practices.

Eligibility:

Fees::

Intake:

Area Served:

Hours of Operation:

FCFH - Special Needs Web Site

<http://www.211-broward.org>

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- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone:

FAX:

Description of Services:

Click on the Special Needs "STAR" to access surveys, resources, and news especially for parents of children with special needs.

Eligibility:

Fees:: No Fee

Intake: Go to <http://www.211-broward.org> for information

Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

24 hours a day



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NeedyMeds.com

PO Box 63716

Philadelphia

PA 19147

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone:

FAX: () -

Description of Services:

NeedyMeds is the best resource available for people who need help with the cost of medicine and other healthcare expenses. We do not supply medications or financial assistance but we do provide information so you can find programs that will help you.

- Eligibility:** Differs program by program
Fees: No Fee
Intake: Visit through the Internet at <http://www.NeedyMeds.com>
Area Served: National

Hours of Operation:

24 hours a day

Kiwanis Club of Coral Springs and Parkland

Kiwanis Club of Coral Springs/Parkland - Children's Services

935 NW 118th Lane

Coral Springs

FL 33071

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 752-5717

FAX: (954) 345-0045

Description of Services:

Children's Services includes providing books to disadvantaged, preschool and ESE students to improve literacy; provides scholarships to graduating seniors and supports leadership programs like Key Club in high schools.

- Eligibility:** Must be 19 years old and younger and are disadvantaged or ESE students
Fees: No fee
Intake: Call for information
Area Served: Coral Springs/Parkland area

Hours of Operation:

Hours vary

Lucanus Developmental Center Inc.

Lucanus Developmental Center - Transportation

6465 Taft Street

Hollywood

FL 33024

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 981-4019

FAX: (954) 981-2816

Description of Services:

RESTRICTED REFERRAL: DCF - Provides door to door transportation for clients to participate in day treatment program (DTP).

- Eligibility:** Persons with developmental disabilities who need transportation to DTP
Fees: Medicaid waiver
Intake: Call for intake packet, must be referred by DCF to obtain services
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm



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March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation

March of Dimes - Public Education

1001 West Cypress Creek
Suite #110
Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (954) 772-0013
FAX: (954) 772-4655

Description of Services:

Provides information to the public as to the causes, prevention and treatment of birth defects through brochures, videos and speakers; also supports area teen pregnancy prevention efforts.

Eligibility:

Fees:: No fee

Intake:

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

March of Dimes - Professional Education

1001 West Cypress Creek
Suite #110
Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (954) 772-0013
FAX: (954) 772-4655

Description of Services:

Provides seminars that are scheduled locally and in cooperation with other chapters and/or agencies and the subject matter is usually related to maternal/infant issues, such as birth defects and prenatal care.

Eligibility:

Fees:: Self-Pay/Full

Intake:

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm



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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

School Board - SSS/ESE/Health Education Services

BC Schools - Health Ed - Medically Fragile/Complex

600 SE Third Avenue
7th Floor
Fort Lauderdale FL 33301

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (754) 321-2270
FAX: (754) 321-2289

Description of Services:

Provides medical/health services to students recommended by staffing committees which consider complexity and frequency of medical needs, level of skill and technology needed to provide medical services and full range of placement options in relation to medical needs.

Eligibility: Students ages 3-21 with complex, multiple needs requiring medical assistance or intervention
Fees:: No fee
Intake: Parental permission and release of medical records required
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-4pm



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Schott Communities

Schott Communities - Special Needs Parent Support Group

6591 S. Flamingo Road

Cooper City FL 33330

Description of Services:

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

- Eligibility:** Parent or caregiver or of special needs children, and/or providers of special needs children
- Fees::** None
- Intake:** Call for information and to confirm meeting
- Area Served:** Broward

Hours of Operation:

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

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 434-3306

FAX: (954) 434-3307

South Florida Fragile X Resource Group

Fragile X Research Foundation - FRAXA

16363 Fern Dr.

Weston FL 33326

Description of Services:

Resource group for families affected by Fragile X Syndrome. FRAXA's mission is to accelerate progress towards effective treatments and directly funding the most promising research and to raise awareness.

- Eligibility:** Families of Fragile X, Autism, Aspergers Syndrome
- Fees::**
- Intake:**
- Area Served:** All of Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-6pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 433-5413

FAX:

Fragile X Parent Contact

1942 NW167 Terr.

Pembroke Pines FL 33028

Description of Services:

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

- Eligibility:** Family member with Fragile X or suspect that family member has Fragile X
- Fees::** No fee
- Intake:**
- Area Served:** Broward, Dade, Palm Beach Counties

Hours of Operation:

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 433-5413

FAX:



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Special Olympics - Broward County

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5101 NW 21st Avenue
Suite#440
Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 486-7464
FAX: (954) 486-7454

Description of Services:

Oversees county sports training and competition for developmentally disabled children and adults throughout the year. Training done through schools and individual programs.

Eligibility: 8 years of age and older with a mental disability
Fees:: No fee
Intake:
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

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

Support Groups - Health

Crohn's and Colitis Foundation - Support Group

3702 Washington St., 5th Floor
Hollywood Medical Cntr - 5 West
Hollywood FL 33020

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (305) 762-1411
FAX:

Description of Services:

Support group for individuals with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis and their families and friends.

Eligibility: Individuals with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis and their families and friends
Fees:: No fee
Intake: Call for information
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

First Thursday each month, 7:00pm

Catholic Prayer Group - Special Needs

Fort Lauderdale FL

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 649-3090
FAX:

Description of Services:

Support group offers special prayer group for catholic families with special needs children regardless of age.

Eligibility: Catholic Special Needs Families
Fees:: None
Intake: N/A
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Meets 2x a month 7pm-8:30pm



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Dysautonomia Support

Dysautonomia Foundation
8100 Sunrise Lakes Drive North
Sunrise FL 33322

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 749-8055

FAX:

Description of Services:

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

Eligibility: Families and friends of children suffering from dysautonomia

Fees: No fee

Intake:

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

3rd Monday 10:30am

Seizure Disorder - Ft Lauderdale

512 NE Third Avenue
Epilepsy Foundation
Fort Lauderdale FL 33301

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 779-1509

FAX: (954) 779-1549

Description of Services:

Offers information and support to individuals affected or interested in seizure disorders.

Eligibility: People with epilepsy, their families and other interested individuals

Fees: No fee

Intake: Call for information

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

1st Tuesday each month, 7pm

Therapies 4 Kids Inc.

Grants - Bright Steps Forward, Inc.

4001 N. Ocean Drive
Suite 305
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea FL 33308

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 491-6611

FAX: (954) 491-6699

Description of Services:

A non-profit organization that provides children with Cerebral Palsy and other developmental delays with intensive pediatric therapy, using the thera-suit and HBOT method and PT and OT. Those found to qualify for and who receive a grant (based on financial need and documentation of illness) may attend any of the forty or so clinics nationwide that offer this type of therapy.

Eligibility: Eligibility based on financial need and documentation of illness of child. Call or visit website for details

Fees:

Intake: Register online. Call for details

Area Served:

Hours of Operation:

8-5pm M-F



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Toll-Free Helplines

Medicare Hotline

Fort Lauderdale

Description of Services:

Provides information about Medicare benefits. Referral service of physicians nation-wide for second opinions also available. Associated with Health Financing Association.

Eligibility:

Fees::

Intake:

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-8pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 633-4227

FAX:

United Cerebral Palsy of Broward County Inc.

United Cerebral Palsy - Development Department

3117 SW 13th Court

Fort Lauderdale FL 33312

Description of Services:

Raises funds for UCP via television specials (and other special events), as well as obtaining funds through direct mailings, private donations, bequests and memorials.

Eligibility: Open

Fees:: No Fee

Intake: Call for information

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 584-7178

FAX: (954) 584-3151

United Cerebral Palsy - Adult Day Training and Transportation

3117 SW 13th Court

Fort Lauderdale FL 33312

Description of Services:

Provides transportation to and from vocational or preschool program for community adults and/or children with developmental disabilities.

Eligibility: Cerebral palsy or other developmental disability and enrolled in a United Cerebral Palsy program

Fees:: Self-pay/full; Medicaid

Intake: Appointment necessary

Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 584-7178

FAX: (954) 584-3151



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United Healthcare Children's Foundation

Grants - Unitedhealthcare Children's Foundation

MN012 - 5286
PO Box 41
Minneapolis MN 55440

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 328-5979

FAX:

Description of Services:

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

- Eligibility:** Child must be under the age of 16, have a commercial health insurance policy. Medicaid recipients are not eligible.
- Fees::** None
- Intake:** Must complete application online. Call for questions not covered on website.
- Area Served:** All Unitedhealthcare region in the U.S.

Hours of Operation:

USK Karate Academy, Inc.

Grants - Sidekick Foundation, Inc

4630 N. University Dr.
Suite 322
Coral Springs FL 33067

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 341-5700

FAX: (954) 340-5427

Description of Services:

Works with martial arts studios to award scholarship funds for at-risk and special needs children.

- Eligibility:** At-risk or special needs youth with financial needs, seeking to get involved in martial arts.
- Fees::** None
- Intake:** Call for details
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

11-6pm M-F

