



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Parent Ed / Transition

Abilities of Florida

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1061 West Oakland Park Blvd.
Suite 126
Oakland Park FL 33311

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 290-4499
FAX: (954) 565-4466

Description of Services:

RESTRICTED REFERRAL: Help to create opportunities for individuals with disabilities through valued employment, training and support services.

- Eligibility:** Must be disabled and referred by a vocational rehabilitation center
Fees: No Fee
Intake: Must be referred by a vocational rehabilitation center; Appointment required
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)

Family Care Council - FCC

201 West Broward Blvd
Room #408
Fort Lauderdale FL 33301

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 768-2747
FAX: () -

Description of Services:

The mission of the Family Care Council is to advocate, educate, and empower individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, partnering with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) to strive for quality services with dignity and choice.

- Eligibility:** All are welcome to attend meetings.
Fees: N/A
Intake:
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monthly Meetings, 9:30am-12:00pm, 2nd Friday of each month (excluding July)



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



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Alliance for Families with Deaf Children

Alliance for Families with Deaf Children

700 East Atlantic Blvd
Suite 307
Pompano Beach FL 33060

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (954) 370-1145
FAX: (954) 252-4269

Description of Services:

AFDC serves families who have deaf or hard of hearing children up to 12 years old. We provide language and literacy education to children and parent education to their families. Also provide in-home mentoring services, workshops and parent support groups.

- Eligibility:** Families who have a deaf or hard of hearing child (up to age 12) or a children who can benefit from ASL.
Fees:: Call for information
Intake: Call for information
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

ARC Broward, Inc.

ARC - Human Services Training Solutions (HSTS)

10250 NW 53rd Street

Sunrise FL 33351

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (954) 746-9400
FAX: (954) 746-2954

Description of Services:

ARC Broward's Human Services Training Solutions (HSTS) provides regulated training programs to non-profit agencies in the South Florida area. Courses include CPR, HIV Training, First Aid, PCM, Abuse/Neglect, Applied Behavior Analysis, Team Building, Sensitivity Training and more.

- Eligibility:** Direct service professionals
Fees:: Fees vary: \$20.00 and higher per person, per class
Intake: Call for information
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

ARC - Culinary Art Training Program

10250 NW 53rd Street

Sunrise FL 33351

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (954) 746-9400
FAX: (954) 746-2954

Description of Services:

Provides 12 week on the job training program for adults who are interested in culinary and/or hospitality related training.

- Eligibility:** Age 18-49 with a developmental disability and interested in obtaining employment in the hospitality industry
Fees:: Call for information
Intake: Must be a client of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-3pm



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ARC - Community Based Behavioral Services

10250 NW 53rd Street

Sunrise

FL 33351

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 746-9400

FAX: (954) 746-2954

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)

ARC - Youth Links

10250 NW 53rd Street

Sunrise

FL 33351

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 746-9400

FAX: (954) 746-2954

Description of Services:

Program provides employability and life skills training to students with developmental disabilities who are transitioning to adulthood.

- Eligibility:** Must be between 16 and 22 years old and developmentally disabled. Enrolled in a Broward county public or private school.
Fees:: Sliding Scale; No Fee - income based scale
Intake: Appointment required
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

By appointment only

ARC - Parents as Teachers

10250 NW 53rd Street

Sunrise

FL 33351

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 746-9400

FAX: (954) 746-2954

Description of Services:

RESTRICTED REFERRAL: ARC Broward's Parents as Teachers program is a behavioral parent-training program, which includes family education and support that begins at birth and extends through age 5. The program also offers case management services and support, parent and family group meetings/networking opportunities and for families interested needing behavior analysis and mental health services.

- Eligibility:** Under age 5, have MLD, at-risk of delay, behavioral, developmental or emotional issue, at-risk parents & referred by an agency
Fees:: Self-pay/ Full
Intake: Must be referred by NBHD Behavioral, Children's Medical Services or agency and have verification of confirmed disability
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Hours vary



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ARC - Supported Living

10250 NW 53rd Street

Sunrise

FL 33351

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 746-9400

FAX: (954) 746-2954

Description of Services:

RESTRICTED REFERRAL: DCF - Provides individualized housing and supportive services.

- Eligibility:** Must be 18 years old or over, developmentally disabled and referred by or client of DCF Developmental Services
- Fees:** Medicaid Waiver, Self-Pay/Full, \$782 per month; Must meet financial eligibility under ICP Medicaid guidelines
- Intake:** Completed application, referral and collateral information must be submitted prior to interview and placement on waiting list
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Sunday 7am-9pm (emergency on-call available)

ARC - Skills Center Training Program

10250 NW 53rd Street

Sunrise

FL 33351

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 746-9400

FAX: (954) 746-2954

Description of Services:

RESTRICTED REFERRAL: DCF - Provides developmental day training, work adjustment and pre-employment training.

- Eligibility:** Must be 18 years old or over, referred by or client of DCF Developmental Services and have a developmental disability
- Fees:** Medicaid Waiver, Self-Pay/Full; \$27.83 per day
- Intake:** Completed application, referral and collateral information must be submitted prior to interview and placement on waiting list
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-3:30pm

ARC - Supported Employment Program

10250 NW 53rd Street

Sunrise

FL 33351

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 746-9400

FAX: (954) 746-2954

Description of Services:

RESTRICTED REFERRAL: DCF - A time-limited, formalized training program that assists individuals seeking employment to acquire necessary skills.

- Eligibility:** Must be age 18 years old and over, developmentally disabled and referred by or a client of DCF Dev. Svcs (call for info)
- Fees:** Medicaid Waiver, Self-Pay/Full; \$27.29 per day
- Intake:** Completed application, referral and collateral information must be submitted prior to interview and placement on waiting list
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-3:30pm



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



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Autism Society of America

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)

BC CS Libraries Division

BC Library - FDLRS Media Center- Main Branch

100 South Andrews Avenue

Fort Lauderdale FL 33301

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (754) 321-1700

FAX: (954) 357-6122

Description of Services:

Provides special materials for use by parents, teachers and those working with exceptional students. Materials are loaned out on a one month "trial use" basis for preview or research; collection includes videotapes, computer software, books, infant stimulation materials and various other resources.

- Eligibility:** Parents, teachers or others working with exceptional students
Fees:: No fee
Intake: Materials are loaned out on a monthly basis
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Saturday 10am-6pm



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BC Office of Equal Opportunity - OEO

BC Office of Equal Opportunity - Disability Affairs/ HIPAA

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

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 357-6500

FAX: (954) 357-7817

Description of Services:

The Disability Affairs/ HIPAA Compliance Section coordinates the County's implementation of, and compliance with the Title II provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The Section, staffed by an ADA Coordinator and a Publications Specialist, renders technical assistance to other county agencies.

Eligibility:

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm

Broward Children's Center Inc.

Broward Children's Center - Group Home #1

1216 NE Sixth Street

Pompano Beach FL 33060

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 943-7638

FAX: (954) 943-5950

Description of Services:

RESTRICTED REFERRAL: DCF - Group Home (#1) is a 10-bed home for children who are transitioning from either the skilled nursing facility or another facility in the county to their own home/foster care.

Eligibility: Must be under 21 years old, transitioning from another facility and referred by DCF
Fees:: Insurance, Medicaid, Medicaid HMO, Self-Pay/Full
Intake: Referral from DCF recommended for placement
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

24 hours, 7 days a week



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Broward Children's Center - Prescribed Ped. Extended Care-PPEC

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

114 SE 20th Avenue

Pompano Beach

FL 33060

Phone: (954) 941-1228

FAX: (954) 941-1164

Description of Services:

Offers skilled nursing and respiratory care, developmental and educational programs, nutritional services and occupational, physical and speech language therapy as needed to children with complex medical needs. This program is available to children who have private medical insurance or who qualify through the Children's Multidisciplinary Team (CMAT).

Eligibility: Must be under 21 years old and referred by children's Multidisciplinary Assessment Team (CMAT) or Doctor's script

Fees:: Insurance, Medicaid, Self-Pay/Full

Intake: Completed enrollment forms, current blue immunization, form 3040 physical form w/ PPD and prescription from primary MD

Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 6:30am-6pm

Broward Children's Center - Group Home #3

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

207 SE 20th Avenue

Pompano Beach

FL 33060

Phone: (954) 943-7638

FAX: (954) 943-5950

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

Broward Children's Center - Home Health

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

114 SE 20th Avenue

(Home Care)

Pompano Beach

FL 33060

Phone: (954) 941-1228

FAX: (954) 943-5950

Description of Services:

Home Health provides comprehensive medical services to infants, children and young adults in their homes. Specializes in medically fragile infants and children (RN's, LPN's, HHA's and therapists are available); its small client population allows for more personalized care. (includes Spina Bifida, Cerebral Palsy).

Eligibility: Must be birth to 21 years of age and be diagnosed as medically complex

Fees:: Insurance, Medicaid, Medicaid HMO, Self-Pay/Full, Self-Pay/Sliding Scale

Intake: In-home assessment is required

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm



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Broward Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization

Broward Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization

10250 NW 53rd Street

Sunrise FL 33351

Description of Services:

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

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

Fees:: None

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

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 577-4122

FAX: (954) 746-2954

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

Center for Autism & Related Disabilities - CARD

NSU Office of University of Miami

3301 College Avenue

Fort Lauderdale FL 33314

Description of Services:

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

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 262-7111

FAX: (954) 262-3996



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Special Gals Support Group and Workshops

NSU-CARD Satellite Office

Fort Lauderdale FL 33314

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

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 547-9982

FAX: () -

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 - High School/ High Tech

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

Description of Services:

Enrichment program for high school students with disabilities. It is designed to develop career opportunities and provide activities that will spark an interest in high technology fields and to encourage students to pursue higher education. Also provides instruction during after-school hours.

Eligibility: Students, age 15 to 21 with disabilities and a minimum GPA of 2.0

Fees:: No fee

Intake: Call for information

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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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 - Employment

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 in locating and maintaining employment.

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Chabad of South Broward

Friendship Circle - Chabad of South Florida

8672 Blaze Ct. Davie 33328
3500 N. Ocean Blvd. Ft. Laud. 33308
Davie FL 33328

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 382-8453
FAX: (954) 458-165F

Description of Services:

The Friendship Circle is a big brother, big sister group where every child counts. Volunteers are paired with a special needs child to give him or her a special friend of his or her own. Once a week, they meet for a beautiful hour filled with fun. In addition, families meet periodically at the synagogue to socialize with other families involved in the Friendship Circle. The program is overseen by Chabad with an occupational therapist on staff.

- Eligibility:** Though the program is open to all children ages 3-21, it will likely appeal most to children and families of Jewish faith
Fees: None
Intake: Intake is over the phone, RSVP
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Saturday, Monday-Friday



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Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center Inc.

Children's Diagnostic - Adolescent Medical Home Program

1401 South Federal Highway

Fort Lauderdale FL 33316

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 728-1052

FAX: (954) 779-1957

Description of Services:

An approach to health care for youth with special health care needs (YSHCN) whereby adolescents and young adults (ages 11-21) receive their medical and non-medical support services in a comprehensive, coordinated and compassionate fashion. Youth enrolled in the Adolescent Medical Home are assigned a primary care provider who understands their special health care condition and provides continuity of care. Each family is also assigned a medical social worker who helps the family identify, access and coordinate the myriad of services that special needs children need in order to grow and thrive appropriately. Other health services provided to youth in the Adolescent Medical Home include nutrition, health education, developmental assessment and special education assessment.

Eligibility: Must be age 11-21, enrolled in Primary Care at CDTC and chronically ill, disabled, and/or at-risk for developmental delay

Fees: Medicare, Medicaid, Medicaid HMO, Self Full, Self-Sliding and Insurance

Intake: Medical records, birth certificate, insurance information. Call for information/appointment.

Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm

Children's Diagnostic - Medical Home Model Pilot Project

1401 South Federal Highway

Fort Lauderdale FL 33316

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 728-1052

FAX: (954) 779-1957

Description of Services:

Medical Home is an approach to pediatric health care whereby children with special health care needs receive their medical and non-medical support services in a comprehensive, coordinated and compassionate fashion. Children enrolled in Medical Home are assigned a primary care provider who understands their special health care condition and provides continuity of care. Each family member is also assigned a medical social worker who helps the family identify, access and coordinate the myriad of services that special needs children need in order to grow and thrive appropriately. Other health services provided to children in the Medical Home include nutrition, health education, developmental assessment and special education assessment.

Eligibility: Must be under age 21, chronically ill, disabled, and/or at-risk for developmental delay. Referred by CDTC Medical Director

Fees: Insurance, Self-Pay, Sliding Scale, Medicare, Medicaid, Medicaid HMO

Intake: Must have Medical records, income verification, birth certificate and referral from CDTC Medical Director

Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm



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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

College Living Experience, Inc. - CLE

College Living Experience - CLE

6555 Nova Drive
Suite 300
Davie

FL 3317

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

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language
- Phone:** (954) 370-5142
- FAX:** (954) 370-0895



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Cypress Place Inc.

Cypress Place Day Program

2560 North SR7

Hollywood FL 33021

Description of Services:

Provides a School Board site for young, disabled adults, 18-50 years of age (retraining center five day program). Off-site activities are in the community.

- Eligibility:** All young, disabled adults (18-50 years of age)
- Fees:** Medicaid/waiver patients
- Intake:** Application forms - all clients accepted
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-3:30pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 989-7677

FAX: (954) 989-8977

Dimensions Therapy

National Autism Registry - Dimensions Therapy Center

12545 Orange Drive Suite 502

National Autism Registry

Davie FL 33330

Description of Services:

www.dimensionspeech.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.dimensionspeech.com/autism-registry.shtml
- Area Served:** National

Hours of Operation:

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 236-9415

FAX: (954) 236-9405



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DOE - Blind Services Division

DOE - Blind Services - Children and Family Program

2200 West Commercial Blvd
Suite #101
Fort Lauderdale FL 33311

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (954) 497-3360
FAX: (954) 497-3363

Description of Services:

Program facilitates children who are blind or visually impaired to participate within their schools and society.

- Eligibility:** Must be Broward resident between age birth-16 years old, visually handicapped or have a disease that will lead to blindness
Fees: No fee
Intake: Must provide proof of US citizenship
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Easter Seals South Florida

Easter Seal - Job Training and Employment

2880 West Oakland Park Blvd
Suites 225/227
Fort Lauderdale FL 33313

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (954) 497-2910
FAX: (954) 791-8275

Description of Services:

Job Training and Employment includes comprehensive vocational evaluations to determine job potential and readiness. Recommendations are made detailing the services needed to return individuals to work.

- Eligibility:** Age 16 and older, disabled and desire employment/vocational training
Fees: Self-Pay/Full - Fees vary by types of service
Intake: Call for information; Must have documentation of disability
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

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



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Family Network on Disabilities of Florida, Inc

Family Network on Disabilities of Florida

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

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

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

Description of Services:

The mission is to provide support through education, information, and training. Family Network on Disabilities of Florida is a statewide network of families and individuals of all ages who may be at-risk, have disabilities, or have special needs. They ensure through collaboration that Floridians have full access to family-driven support, education, information, resources, and advocacy and to serve families of children with disabilities, ages birth through 26, who have the full range of disabilities.

- Eligibility:** Families and individuals, serves ages 0- 26 years, who may be at-risk, have disabilities, or have special needs.
Fees: No Fee
Intake: Call for information
Area Served: State of Florida

Hours of Operation:

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

FL Dept of Education - FDOE

FDOE - McKay Scholarship Program

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

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

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

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Parent Ed / Transition

FL Vocational Rehabilitation

FL Vocational Rehab - Fort Lauderdale

2550 West Oakland Park Blvd

Fort Lauderdale FL 33311

Description of Services:

An employment program assisting individuals with disabilities, including those with the most severe disabilities, to pursue meaningful careers commensurated with their abilities and capabilities.

Eligibility: Must have a physical or mental disability that constitutes a substantial impediment to employment
Fees:: No fee
Intake: After referral is received, an appointment is scheduled for assessment
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 677-5600

FAX: (954) 677-5604

Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc.

Florida Developmental Disabilities Council

124 Marriott Drive

Suite 203

Tallahassee FL 32301

Description of Services:

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

Eligibility:
Fees:: No fee
Intake: Call for information
Area Served: State of Florida

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 580-7801

FAX: (850) 922-6702



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Parent Ed / Transition

Goodwill Industries of South Florida

Goodwill - Employment Services

2104 West Commercial Blvd

Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

Description of Services:

RESTRICTED REFERRAL - Designed to teach pre-employment skills that will assist in successful placement at a competitive job; program includes skills assessment, intervention, counseling and behavioral techniques to help the individual develop appropriate work behaviors and attitudes.

- Eligibility:** Must be 18 years of age or older, referred by Department of Vocational Rehabilitation and have any documented disability
- Fees:** No fee
- Intake:** Must have Social Security card, photo identification and current evaluation. Referral and interview required
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Thursday 8:00am-3:00pm; Friday-8:30am-12:00noon

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language
- Phone:** (954) 486-1600
- FAX:** (954) 497-3270

Goodwill - Adult Day Training Program

2104 West Commercial Blvd

Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

Description of Services:

RESTRICTED REFERRAL - Facilitates community integration by teaching life skills (i.e., community survival, personal care, social behavior and basic adult education; work opportunities are used to increase levels of productivity and improve basic work behaviors.

- Eligibility:** Must be 18 years old or over, referred by DCF Developmental Services and diagnosed with a developmental disability
- Fees:** No fee; Self-Pay
- Intake:** Social Security card, photo ID, current support plan, referral from Developmental Service, application and interview required
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-3:00pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language
- Phone:** (954) 486-1600
- FAX:** (954) 497-3270



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Parent Ed / Transition

Goodwill - Community Connections

2104 West Commercial Blvd

Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

Description of Services:

Provides comprehensive intervention to assist individuals with disabilities in reviewing their service needs and identifying community resources to help meet those needs; services include intake and referral, case management, educational and vocational assistance, recreation, socialization and advocacy.

- Eligibility:** Must be an individual with disabilities
- Fees:** No fee
- Intake:** Interview required
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm (or as needed)

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 486-1600

FAX: (954) 497-3270

Goodwill - Supported Employment

2104 West Commercial Blvd

Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

Description of Services:

RESTRICTED REFERRAL: Provides on-site community training and extended follow-up for developmentally disabled individuals to ensure successful performance at a competitive job.

- Eligibility:** Must be 18 years of age or older, referred by/Dept of Vocational Rehabilitation and have a developmental disability
- Fees:** No fee
- Intake:** Social Security card, photo identification, current evaluation, referral and interview required
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

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

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 486-1600

FAX: (954) 497-3270

Goodwill - Vocational Evaluations

2104 West Commercial Blvd

Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

Description of Services:

RESTRICTED REFERRAL: Program helps individuals with disabilities match their skills and interests to job opportunities; includes assessment of current skill levels to determine areas that need further development.

- Eligibility:** Must be 16 years of age or older with a disability and referred by Department of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Fees:** No fee
- Intake:** Referral sheet required
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Saturday 7am-6pm (very flexible)

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 486-1600

FAX: (954) 497-3270



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Parent Ed / Transition

Habilitation Center for the Handicapped Inc.

Habilitation Center - Sheltered Employment

22313 Boca Rio Road

Boca Raton FL 33433

Description of Services:

Provides compensable vocational training and counseling to help individuals achieve as much independence as possible

Eligibility: Age 18 and older and have a physical, mental or emotional disability.

Fees:: Self-Pay/Sliding scale;

Intake: Appointment required

Area Served:

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-3pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (561) 483-4200

FAX: (561) 483-1194

Habilitation Center - Adult Day Training

22313 Boca Rio Road

Boca Raton FL 33433

Description of Services:

Provides compensable vocational training and counseling to help individuals with disabilities to achieve as much independence as possible

Eligibility: Age 18 and older, must have a physical, mental or emotional disability.

Fees:: Self-Pay/Full

Intake: Appointment required

Area Served:

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-3pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (561) 483-4200

FAX: (561) 483-1194

Habilitation Center - Pre-Vocational Training

22313 Boca Rio Road

Boca Raton FL 33433

Description of Services:

Provides training in work skills and behaviors necessary to help individuals with disabilities begin preparation for more substantive work opportunities

Eligibility: Must be 18 years old and older

Fees:: Self-Pay/

Intake: Appointment required

Area Served:

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-3pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (561) 483-4200

FAX: (561) 483-1194



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Parent Ed / Transition

Hope Center, Inc.

Hope Center - Supported Employment

666 SW 4th Street

Miami FL 33130

Description of Services:

Vocational training and job placement services for adults with developmental disabilities

- Eligibility:** Must 18 years old and over and be diagnosed with a developmental disability
- Fees::** Self-pay/full, Medicaid waiver accepted; \$600 for day program; \$2000 for day program/ residential
- Intake:** Personal interview, psychological evaluation, medical info, security deposit (if self-pay), and prior approval if DCF funded.
- Area Served:** Florida

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 7am-3pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (305) 545-7572

FAX: (305) 325-0382

Internet Sites (URL's)

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

<http://cms.hhs.gov>

FL

Description of Services:

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Service (CMS) is a federal agency responsible for administering the Medicare, Medicaid, SCHIP (State Children's Health Insurance), HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), CLIA (Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments), and several other health-related programs. CMS provides a website that offers information on Medicare and Medicaid, eligibility and enrollment, Medicare fraud, military retiree benefits and other information on their programs.

- Eligibility:**
- Fees::** No Fee
- Intake:** Go to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov> or call 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:



Parent Ed / Transition

DisabilityInfo.gov

<http://www.DisabilityInfo.gov>

Unknown

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:

24 hours a day

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone:

FAX:

Disability Resources on the Internet

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

Other - State FL

Description of Services:

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

- Eligibility:**
- Fees:** No Fee
- Intake:** Visit <http://www.disabilityresources.org/> for information
- Area Served:** National

Hours of Operation:

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone:

FAX:

Jewish Community Services of South Florida

Jewish Community Services - Vocational Employment & Job Placeme

735 NE 125th Street

North Miami FL 33161

Description of Services:

Job placement services for the general community and deaf and hard of hearing individuals referred by Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

- Eligibility:** Age 18-65, in need of job placement and referred by Divison of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Fees:** No Fee
- Intake:** Must be referred by Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; Appointment required
- Area Served:** Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 741-1830

FAX: (954) 779-3350



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Parent Ed / Transition

L.I.F.T. Learning Independence Thru Focused Transition

LIFT - Learning Independence Thru Focused Transition

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 746-9400

FAX:

Fort Lauderdale FL 33332

Description of Services:

L.I.F.T. is a multi-faceted youth development program in an afterschool / out-of-school environment designed specifically to meet the needs of high school age adolescents with development, physical, vision, or hearing disabilities who require intensive social, career / vocational and communication supports not readily available elsewhere in Broward County. Serves high school adolescents 16-21 with documented disabilities who need these supports.

- Eligibility:** Serves high school adolescents 16-21 with documented disabilities who need supports. Not enrolled in other afterschool program.
- Fees:** None
- Intake:** Call for details
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Program starts October

League for the Hard of Hearing

League for the Hard of Hearing - Job Counseling/Placement

2900 West Cypress Creek Road

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 601-1930

FAX: (954) 601-1399

Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

Description of Services:

Provides for a liaison between community businesses and hard of hearing or deaf individuals by assisting clients in seeking employment opportunities.

- Eligibility:** Must be 17 years old and older, deaf or hearing impaired and seeking employment
- Fees:** No fee
- Intake:** Job counseling done by appointment only
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm (job counseling done by appointment only)



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Parent Ed / Transition

League for the Hard of Hearing - Educational Programs

2900 West Cypress Creek Road

Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

Description of Services:

Provides courses in ASL (American Sign Language). Speakers/programs on deaf culture and hearing loss and health issues are available upon request

Eligibility: Must be 18 years old or over
Fees: Self-Pay/Full; \$65 for ten weeks. No fee for family members of deaf
Intake: Call for information
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday & Tuesday 6:00pm-7:30pm

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 601-1930

FAX: (954) 601-1399

Life Transition Group, Inc.

Life Transition Group - Summer Program - Camp Liberty Zone

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs
2785 SW 11th Court Fort Lauderdale
Fort Lauderdale FL 33312

Description of Services:

Summer program offers job skills training, career exploration, life skills training, community outings, recreational skills and more to improve social and behavioral interactions for individuals with developmental disabilities. Individuals will be paired with a job coach at a 2:1 ratio. Also operates an afterschool program for youth.

Eligibility: Ages 15 and older, interested in employment, developmentally disabled including but not limited to Autism, Down Syndrome, CP
Fees: \$250 per week
Intake: Call for details and to register
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 907-5467

FAX:



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Parent Ed / Transition

Lighthouse of Broward County

Lighthouse - Lifetime Learners

650 North Andrews Avenue

Fort Lauderdale FL 33311

Description of Services:

Restricted Referral: Provides a continuing education program for blind and visually impaired elders to help them maintain or develop adaptive skills that aid them in remaining independent and productive, provides opportunity for social integration in the community.

- Eligibility:** Must be 18 years old and over, legally blind and have completed Lighthouse's rehabilitation program
- Fees:** No fee
- Intake:** Call for information
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Friday 9am-1:30pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 463-4217

FAX: (954) 764-3825

Lighthouse - Transition (Learning Independence From Experience)

650 North Andrews Avenue

Fort Lauderdale FL 33311

Description of Services:

Year round program with intensive summer program, provides adaptive skills training, counseling and goal setting to aid adolescents and young adults (14-21) with vision impairment in the transition between adolescence and adulthood. Clients receive training in job readiness awareness, job preparation skills, independent living skills, and socialization with the community. Some clients will participate in a work experience based upon their future vocational goal. The program is offered for seven weeks during the summer.

- Eligibility:** Must be 14-21 years old and legally blind
- Fees:** No Fee
- Intake:** Must have an eye report and eligibility determined by Blind Services Director is offered 8am-4pm for 7 wks summer only
- Area Served:** Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-4pm and selected weekends

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 463-4217

FAX: (954) 764-3825



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Parent Ed / Transition

Living Inclusively For Everyone, Inc.

Living Inclusively For Everyone: LIFE

350 NW 84th Ave. Suite 211

Plantation FL 33326

Description of Services:

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

Eligibility: Individuals with developmental disabilities (DD)

Fees:: None

Intake:

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Mon-Friday 9-5pm

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 817-4742

FAX: (954) 236-5071

Lucanus Developmental Center Inc.

Lucanus Developmental Center - Supported Employment

6411 Taft Street

Suite# 300

Hollywood FL 33024

Description of Services:

RESTRICTED REFERRAL: DCF - Serves developmentally disabled adults with supported employment.

Eligibility: Adults 21 or over who are diagnosed with mental retardation, cerebral palsy, or downs syndrome

Fees:: Medicaid waiver

Intake: Must be referred by DCF Developmental Disability office. Call for packet/application; appointment required

Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 981-4019

FAX: (954) 981-2816



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Parent Ed / Transition

Lucanus Developmental Center - Adult Day Training/Habilitation

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

6411 Taft Street

Hollywood FL 33024

Phone: (954) 981-4019

FAX: (954) 981-2816

Description of Services:

RESTRICTED REFERRAL: Provides academic daily living and employment training for persons with Developmental disabilities for integration into the community. Comprehensive services include supportive employment, transportation, supportive living and an adult day program.

- Eligibility:** Adults age 21 and over with developmental disabilities and who referred by DCF
Fees: Self-Pay/Full, Medicaid Waiver, sliding scale
Intake: Referral, support plan and service authorization from DCF, appointment required
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-2:30pm

Lucanus Developmental Center - Supported Living

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

6411 Taft Street

Suite # 300

Hollywood FL 33024

Phone: (954) 981-4019

FAX: (954) 981-2816

Description of Services:

RESTRICTED REFERRAL: DCF- Provides support and training for individuals with developmental disabilities living in their own home in the community.

- Eligibility:** Adults 21 or over with developmental disabilities who have been referred by DCF
Fees: Medicaid Waiver
Intake: Call for information packet/application, referral required from DCF
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Mailman Center for Child Development

Mailman Center for Child Development

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

1601 NW 12th Avenue

Miami FL 33136

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:



Parent Ed / Transition

Parent's Information and Resource Center Inc.

Parent's Information and Resource Center (PIRC)

817 North Dixie Highway

Pompano Beach FL 33060

Description of Services:

Provides mental health evaluation and counseling, child development services, child abuse information, education and support, prevention, intervention and treatment of substance abusers and their families; support services for special needs children (i.e., foster care); anger management; domestic violence and parenting education. Apply for Medicaid, food stamps and cash assistance.

Eligibility: Must be Broward County resident and in need of services
Fees: Insurance, Medicaid, Medicare A & B, Self-Pay/Full, Self-Pay/Sliding scale
Intake: Call for appointment, State ID, ins. card, proof of legal guardianship for minors
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-6pm, Tuesday, Thursday 9am-7pm, Saturday 9am-3pm

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (954) 785-8285
FAX: (954) 784-2756

Parents of Down Syndrome Angels (PODS)

PODS Angels Support Foundation

1270 SW 28th Terrace

Fort Lauderdale FL 33312

Description of Services:

PODS Angels is a non-profit support group for families raising an individual with Down syndrome. Families are connected with much-needed Down syndrome-specific information through local, state and national resources. PODS Angels offer many opportunities for families to be involved in local activities.

Eligibility:
Fees:
Intake: Please call for Down Syndrome parent and family support
Area Served: Broward and all South Florida (Online support site serves all of FL)

Hours of Operation:

Hours vary by activity, call for times and locations

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (954) 581-4165
FAX: (954) 585-8787



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Parent Ed / Transition

School Board - Career, Technical and Adult/Community Ed

BC Schools - McFatter Voc Tech Center

6500 Nova Drive

Davie FL 33317

Description of Services:

Provides vocational counseling/training, skill assessment, job placement, academic remediation and supportive services for vets, adults, offenders, seniors, disabled, limited English speakers, economically disadvantaged, youth and long term unemployed and dislocated (laid off) Broward residents. Also administers the Florida WAGES program for welfare recipients.

Eligibility: Must be a Broward County resident age 16 years old or over and meet eligibility requirements
Fees: No fee
Intake: Call for information
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

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

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (754) 321-5700

FAX: (754) 320-1647

BC Schools - Sheridan Voc Tech Center

5400 Sheridan Street

Hollywood FL 33021

Description of Services:

Provides vocational counseling/training, skill assessment, job placement, academic remediation and supportive services for vets, adults, offenders, seniors, handicapped, limited English speakers, economically disadvantaged, youth and long term unemployed and dislocated (laid off) Broward residents. Also administers the Florida Welfare Transition program for welfare recipients.

Eligibility: Must be a Broward County resident age 16 years old or over and meet eligibility requirements
Fees: No fee
Intake:
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

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

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (754) 321-5400

FAX: (754) 321-5680

BC Schools - Atlantic Voc Tech Center

4700 Coconut Creek Parkway

Coconut Creek FL 33063

Description of Services:

Provides vocational counseling/training, skill assessment, job placement, academic remediation and supportive services for vets, adults, offenders, seniors, handicapped, limited English speakers, economically disadvantaged, youth and long term unemployed and dislocated (laid off) Broward residents. Also administers the Florida WAGES program for welfare recipients.

Eligibility: Must be a Broward County resident age 16 years old or over and meet eligibility requirements
Fees: No fee
Intake: Call for information
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

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

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (754) 321-5100

FAX: (754) 321-5380



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Parent Ed / Transition

School Board - Child Development Services

BC Schools - Florida First Start/Parents as Teachers

600 SE Third Avenue
4th Floor
Fort Lauderdale FL 33301

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (754) 321-3302
FAX: (754) 321-3325

Description of Services:

A home-school partnership designed for children at-risk of school failure; supports parents as their children's first teachers, emphasizes intellectual, physical, language and social development; also provides monthly home visits, developmental screenings, parent groups and resource coordination.

- Eligibility:** Families with children birth to 3 years old who are disabled or at risk of school failure and live in the Ft. lauderdale area
Fees:: No fee
Intake: Contact area High School; Appointment required (enrollment procedures are completed in the home)
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

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

School Board - North Area

Dave Thomas Education Center - AWD

180 SW 2nd Court
Pompano Beach FL 33060

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (754) 321-6859
FAX: (954) 786-7858

Description of Services:

This program offers a safe place to learn with other students with disabilities. Students will participate in social and recreational activities, functional academics, pre-employment and technology skills and have opportunities to increase daily living, self-care, and communication skills. Program on a ten-month school calendar.

- Eligibility:** 16 and older, officially withdrawn from high school, documented disability, have own transportation, attend daytime classes
Fees:: None
Intake: Call for details and enrollment information
Area Served: North Area

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Parent Ed / Transition

School Board - South Area

Whispering Pines - AWD

1300 SW 32nd Court

Fort Lauderdale FL 33311

Description of Services:

This program offers a safe place to learn with other students with disabilities. Students will participate in social and recreational activities, functional academics, pre-employment and technology skills and have opportunities to increase daily living, self-care, and communication skills. Program on a ten-month school calendar.

Eligibility: 16 and older, officially withdrawn from high school, documented disability, have own transportation, attend daytime classes

Fees: No fee

Intake: Call for details and enrollment information

Area Served: South Area

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (754) 321-7616

FAX: (954) 680-5490

School Board - SSS/ESE/Exceptional Student Education

BC Schools - FDLRS Media Center

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

Description of Services:

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

Eligibility: Must be a parent, teacher, member of an agency or employee of a university and reside in Broward

Fees: No fee

Intake: Must present evidence of Broward County residency

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

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

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (754) 321-2205

FAX: (754) 321-7507



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Parent Ed / Transition

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

600 SE Third Avenue

Fort Lauderdale

FL 33301

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (754) 321-2225

FAX: (754) 321-2715

Description of Services:

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

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

Fees: No fee

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

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

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

BC Schools - Transition Support Services

600 SE Third Avenue

7th Floor

Fort Lauderdale

FL 33301

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (754) 321-2222

FAX: (754) 321-2715

Description of Services:

Serves Broward County students through the implementation of State and Federal mandated transition services regarding Transition IEP, Dare to Dream, Self Advocacy, and Transition Assessment. Establishes linkages between family, school and community partners in order to establish a seamless transition for ESE students. Provides technical support to middle and high school staff in the area of transition services with a focus on community based assessment and employment for students with disabilities.

Eligibility: Broward County Student in need of Transition Support Services (Ages 15-22)

Fees: None

Intake:

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 7:30am-5:00pm



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School Board - SSS/ESE/Guidance Services

BC Schools - BRACE (All Schools and Centers)

Broward County FL

Description of Services:

Provides assistance with post-secondary planning to 11th or 12th graders in Broward County public schools.

- Eligibility:** Must be a Broward County public school student
- Fees:** No fee
- Intake:** Referral from guidance counselor and/or student/parents required; contact BRACE Advisor or Advisor contacts student
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday (hours vary by school)

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (754) 321-2591

FAX: (754) 321-2591

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

Support Groups - Health

Catholic Prayer Group - Special Needs

Fort Lauderdale FL

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

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 649-3090

FAX:



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Surinak Consultants

Surinak Consultants - Special Needs Tutoring / Consulting

PO Box 23487

Fort Lauderdale FL 33307

Description of Services:

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

- Eligibility:** Special needs, MR, ASD, LD, DD
- Fees:** Yes. To be discussed at time of intake, based on service.
- Intake:** Appointment needed
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Mon-Sun. 8am-8pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 258-5245

FAX: (954) 493-9794

Toll-Free Helplines

Florida Clearing House on Disability

Tallahassee FL

Description of Services:

Toll free information line for disabled Florida residents

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

Hours of Operation:

24 hours

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (877) 232-4968

FAX:

Heath Disabilities Resources Center

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

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 544-3284

FAX: (202) 973-0908



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



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Best Buddies International

100 Southeast Second Street, #2200
Global Headquarters
Miami FL 33131

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 892-8339
FAX: (305) 374-5305

Description of Services:

Best Buddies « is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships and integrated employment. They raise funds to help the developmentally disabled. Accepts donations of automobiles provided donor has title.

Eligibility:

Fees:: No Fee

Intake:

Area Served: National

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

United Cerebral Palsy of Broward County Inc.

United Cerebral Palsy - Supported Living

3117 SW 13th Court
Fort Lauderdale FL 33312

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

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

Description of Services:

RESTRICTED REFERRAL: DCF - Provides supportive living services, community training and daily living skills for people with developmental and physical disabilities.

Eligibility: Must be 18 years of age or older with Cerebral Palsy or any other developmental disability

Fees:: Medicaid

Intake: Intake packet with background, medical and financial information required; referral from DCF or Waiver Supported Coordinator

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

24 hours, 7 days a week (Supported Living Services)

United Cerebral Palsy - Early Intervention Services/Preschool

3117 SW 13th Court
Fort Lauderdale FL 33312

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

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

Description of Services:

RESTRICTED REFERRAL: DOE - Prepares children with developmental disabilities for formal schooling by providing mainstreaming, special education, speech, occupational, physical therapies and transportation to and from the center (parent and child training and support also provided).

Eligibility: Must be birth to 5 years of age with any developmental disability and must be referred by DOE, Part C

Fees:: Medicaid; No Fee

Intake: Immunizations, physical, Birth Certificate, Social Security number and proof of residency required

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-2pm



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United Cerebral Palsy - Adult Vocational Supported Employment

3117 SW 13th Court

Fort Lauderdale

FL 33312

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 584-7178

FAX: (954) 584-3151

Description of Services:

RESTRICTED REFERRAL: DCF - Provides vocational training to adults with developmental disabilities, trains and places clients in supported employment throughout the community.

Eligibility: Must be 18 years of age or older with any developmental disability; referral from DCF or Waiver Supported Coordinator

Fees:: Self-Pay/Full, Medicaid

Intake: Extensive intake packet with all background, medical and financial information; interview screening and support plan required

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Victory Living Programs Inc.

Victory Living Program - Supported Living

1001 W Cypress Creek Road

Suite 400

Fort Lauderdale

FL 33009

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 616-1074

FAX: (954) 920-7102

Description of Services:

Provides assistance and life-long supervision in placing and maintaining adults who are developmentally disabled or with other special needs in their own apartments in the general community.

Eligibility: Must be at least age 18 years old with a developmental disability or special need

Fees:: Medicaid-Waiver, Self-Pay/Full

Intake: Appointment required: Florida ID, Social Security card and previous service documentation required

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm (administration); 24 hours, 7 days a week (Assisted Living)

Victory Living Program - Adult Day Training / Community Inclusion

1001 West Cypress Creek Road

Suite 400

Fort Lauderdale

FL 33009

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 616-1074

FAX: (954) 616-1075

Description of Services:

The program provides an opportunity for individuals to develop and utilize their own special talents and skills to better their own lives and the lives of others within their community. The range of services offer will include: cooking, gardening, sewing, craft, computer, music, dance and housekeeping classes. The skills the individuals learn and /or enhance will be used to assist them in contributing back to their communities through a variety of volunteer opportunities.

Eligibility: Adults with developmental disabilities

Fees:: Medicaid-Waiver, Private Pay. Call for details

Intake: Call for details

Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm (Administration); services provided 24 hrs a day



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Victory Living Program - Supported Employment Services

1001 W Cypress Creek Road
Suite 400
Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 616-1074
FAX: (954) 920-7102

Description of Services:

Provides employment services for adults with developmental disabilities, Welfare Transition, special needs or other barriers to independence.

- Eligibility:** Must be age 18 years old or over with a developmental disability or special need
Fees: Call for fee schedule
Intake: On-site personal interview: Florida ID, Social Security card and previous service documentation required
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-8pm; Saturday and Sunday (by appointment)

Victory Living Program - Vocational Evaluation

1001 West Cypress Creek Road
Suite 400
Fort Lauderdale FL 33009

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 616-1074
FAX: (954) 616-1075

Description of Services:

This program determines a person's strengths, weaknesses, vocational expectations and choices. VLP has the evaluation assessments, tools, techniques and Master-degreed staff to serve individuals with all types of disabilities. Testing can be completed in our office, however, we are mobile and are willing to travel to schools and/or facilities. Referrals are made through the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Division of Blind Services, Insurance companies and private sources.

- Eligibility:** 18 and older with a developmental disability or special need.
Fees: Call for details
Intake: On-site personal interview: Florida ID, Social Security card and previous service documentation required. Call for details.
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm (Administration); services provided 24 hrs a day



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Workforce One

Workforce One - Central - Job Search/Placement

2610 West Oakland Park Blvd

Fort Lauderdale FL 33311

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 677-5555

FAX: (954) 497-3331

Description of Services:

One-on-one assistance or independent access to internet, computers, faxes and phones for job search activities available to all job seekers. Specialized services provided for youth, older workers, ex-offenders and veterans. Also provides career testing, wage information, vocational rehabilitation, unemployment compensation, and workshops in resume writing, interviewing techniques, job seeking strategies and basic computer skills.

A claim for unemployment compensation benefits can be filed using the Internet at www.fluidnow.com. The Internet is available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. A claim may also be filed by telephone by calling toll free 1-800-204-2418. The telephone center is open to process claims Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm.

- Eligibility:** Must be a Broward County resident
Fees: No Fee
Intake: Limited programs require Social Security card; most have no requirements
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Summer STEPS Program

MCH - Dan Marino Center
United Cerebral Palsy, Inc.
Fort Lauderdale FL 33312

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 888-1771

FAX: () -

Description of Services:

The program is designed to teach social, communication and employability skills to youth (age 16-21) with disabilities. Students will have the opportunity for paid work in a variety of positions (part time or full time - 30 hours per week, five days per week, six hours a day), Must be able to work successfully in a 1:3 or 1:4 job coach to summer intern ratio. Summer Interns will be paid \$6.79 per hour.

- Eligibility:** All youth must be a Broward County resident between the ages of 16-21 with a documented developmental or physical disability.
Fees: None
Intake: Apply online at www.danmarinofoundation.org/steps.pdf
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Applications accepted until March 21st. Dependent on worksite: between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



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Workforce One - North - Job Search/Placement

2301 West Sample Road
Building 4, Suite #7-A
Pompano Beach FL 33073

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 969-3541
FAX: (954) 969-3550

Description of Services:

One-on-one assistance or independent access to internet, computers, faxes and phones for job search activities available to all job seekers. Specialized services provided for youth, older workers, ex-offenders and veterans. Also provides career testing, wage information, vocational rehabilitation, unemployment compensation, and workshops in resume writing, interviewing techniques, job seeking strategies and basic computer skills.

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- Eligibility:** Must be a Broward County resident
- Fees:** No Fee
- Intake:** Limited programs require Social Security card; most have no requirements
- Area Served:** Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Workforce One - South - Job Search/Placement

7550 Davie Road Extension

Hollywood FL 33024

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 967-1010
FAX: (954) 893-5030

Description of Services:

One-on-one assistance or independent access to internet, computers, faxes and phones for job search activities available to all job seekers. Specialized services provided for youth, older workers, ex-offenders and veterans. Also provides career testing, wage information, vocational rehabilitation, unemployment compensation, and workshops in resume writing, interviewing techniques, job seeking strategies and basic computer skills.

A claim for unemployment compensation benefits can be filed using the Internet at www.fluidnow.com. The Internet is available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. A claim may also be filed by telephone by calling toll free 1-800-204-2418. The telephone center is open to process claims Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm.

- Eligibility:** Must be a Broward County resident
- Fees:** No Fee
- Intake:** Limited programs require Social Security card; most have no requirements
- Area Served:** Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm