



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Advocacy / Legal Aid

Academic Options, Inc.

Academic Options - Educational Consultation

12608 NW 74th Place

Parkland FL 33076

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 843-9251

FAX: (954) 385-3807

Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) - Ft. Lauder

APD - Agency for Persons with Disabilities

201 West Broward Blvd

Suite #305

Fort Lauderdale FL 33301

Description of Services:

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

- Eligibility:** Documented diagnoses: Spina Bifida, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Prader-Willi Syndrome and Mental Retardation (IQ below 70)
- Fees::** No fee
- Intake:** Must complete documentation, interview. - To apply for Med-Waiver online: <http://apd.myflorida.com/customers/application.htm>
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 467-4218

FAX: (954) 467-5949



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APD - Toll Free State-Wide Number

Agency for Person with Disabilities
4030 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee FL 32399

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (866) 273-2273

FAX:

Description of Services:

The agency's new phone number is 1-866-APD-CARES or 1-866-273-2273. The phone operators will answer questions directly regarding Medicaid-Waiver services and APD. For more complex questions, however, the caller will be transferred to the best person to respond in a timely manner. The goal is to answer a citizen's question related to APD and Medicaid Waiver quickly and accurately while not making the caller incur long distance phone charges.

- Eligibility:** Serves individuals diagnosed for Autism, DS, CP, MR, Prader Willie Syndrome, or Spina Bifida
Fees:: No Fee
Intake: Call 1-866-APD-CARES or go to <http://apd.myflorida.com> for additional information
Area Served: State of Florida

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

American Civil Liberties Union of Florida

ACLU - American Civil Liberties Union - Advocacy

4500 Biscayne Blvd
Suite #340
Miami FL 33137

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (786) 363-2700

FAX: (305) 576-2591

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:

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



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Advocacy / Legal Aid

BC Clerk of the Courts

Guardianship

Office of the Public Guardian
201 SE Sixth Street #2807
Fort Lauderdale FL 33301

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 831-6550
FAX: (954) 831-6912

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:

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

BC Office of Equal Opportunity - OEO

BC Office of Equal Opportunity - Civil Rights Division

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

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 357-7800
FAX: (954) 357-7817

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm



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Advocacy / Legal Aid

BC Office of Equal Opportunity - Equal Employment Opportunity

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

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 357-6500
FAX: (954) 357-7817

Description of Services:

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

Eligibility:

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm

Behavior Education Social Training, Inc.

BEST - Behavior Education Social Training, Inc.

Margate FL 33063

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 254-3673
FAX:

Description of Services:

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

Eligibility:

Fees::
Intake:
Area Served:

Hours of Operation:

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

SN Tutoring - BEST - Behavior Education Social Training

5493 Courtyard Dr.

Margate FL 33063

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 254-3673
FAX:

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:

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



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Advocacy / Legal Aid

Broward County Bar Association Inc.

Broward County Bar Assoc - Lawyer Referral Svc

1051 SE Third Avenue

Fort Lauderdale FL 33316

Description of Services:

Provides referral service to find a lawyer.

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 764-8040

FAX: (954) 764-8060

Broward County Dental Association

Dental Association - Grievances and Ethics

1919 NE 45th Street

Suite#216

Fort Lauderdale FL 33308

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:

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

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 772-5461

FAX: (954) 772-0553

Broward County Medical Association

Medical Association - Advocacy for Managed Care

5101 NW 21st Avenue

Suite # 440

Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

Description of Services:

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

- Eligibility:** Individuals who have HMO insurance
- Fees::** No fee
- Intake:** Call for information
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 714-9477

FAX: (954) 714-9289



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Advocacy / Legal Aid

Medical Association - Mediation Program

5101 NW 21st Avenue #440

Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

Description of Services:

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

- Eligibility:** Patient's with a complaint about a doctor's service
- Fees:** No fee
- Intake:** Complaints in writing only
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 714-9477

FAX: (954) 714-9289

Broward County/OEO/Human Rights Division

BC Human Rights Division

115 South Andrews Avenue #A-680

Governmental Center Annex

Fort Lauderdale FL 33301

Description of Services:

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

- Eligibility:** All residents of Broward County
- Fees:** No fee
- Intake:** Walk-ins accepted
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 357-6050

FAX: (954) 357-7817

CareSource, Inc.

CareSource - Guardianship & Protective Services (GAPS)

7071 West Commercial Boulevard

Suite 2-D

Fort Lauderdale FL 33319

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 720-2485

FAX: (954) 720-2486



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Advocacy / Legal Aid

CareSource - Advice and Advocacy

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

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

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

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:
Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Center for Hearing and Communication

Center for Hearing and Communication - Advocacy/Social Services

2900 West Cypress Creek Road
Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

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

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:
Monday-Friday 9am-5pm



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Center for Independent Living of Broward, Inc.

Center for Independent Living - Advocacy

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

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 722-6400
FAX: (954) 735-1958

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Disability Rights Florida

ACPD - Developmental Disabilities Protection & Advocacy

1930 Harrison St.
S. 104
Hollywood FL 33020

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

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

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Advocacy / Legal Aid

Advocacy Counts, Inc.

5944 Coral Ridge Dr. #267

Coral Springs

FL 33076

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 531-9050

FAX: (954) 425-8787

Description of Services:

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

Eligibility: Any child with a disability or disorder needing educational assistance in the school. 0-99.

Fees: Yes. Call for details. Fees vary depending on the service needed.

Intake: Call for free 30-minute consultation

Area Served: Broward County and Beyond

Hours of Operation:

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

ACPD - Client Assistance Program

1930 Harrison Street

Suite 104

Hollywood

FL 33020

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 342-0823

FAX: () -

Description of Services:

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

Eligibility: Persons with disabilities

Fees: No fee

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

Area Served: State of Florida

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

ACPD - Technology Assistance Program

1930 Harrison Street

Suite 104

Hollywood

FL 33020

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 342-0823

FAX: (850) 488-8640

Description of Services:

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

Eligibility: Persons with disabilities who require assistive technology

Fees: No fee

Intake: Must call to schedule an intake, may take 4 business days to assist

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Advocacy / Legal Aid

ACPD - Voting Access Protection & Advocacy

1930 Harrison St.
Suite 104
Hollywood FL 33020

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (800) 342-0823
FAX: () -

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

ACPD - Individual Rights Protection & Advocacy

1930 Harrison St.
S. 104
Hollywood FL 33020

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (800) 342-0823
FAX: () -

Description of Services:

Serves individuals with Developmental Disabilities and/or Mental Illness needing services to promote compliance with the ADA.

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

ACPD - Beneficiaries of Social Security Protection & Advocacy

Hollywood FL 33021

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (800) 342-0823
FAX: (954) 967-1496

Description of Services:

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

Eligibility: Qualified beneficiaries of Social Security, age 16 to 64 who receive SSI or SSDI benefits and who are trying to work
Fees:: No fee
Intake: Appointment or telephonic intake
Area Served: State of Florida

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Advocacy / Legal Aid

Elder Law Associates, PA

Elder Law Associates, PA

2843 Executive Park Dr.

Weston

FL 33331

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 353-3752

FAX:

Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - The firm is experienced and accomplished in handling a diverse range of issues affecting individuals with disabilities, seniors (including medicaid planning) and their families. Offers assistance with Guardianship, Planning for People with Special Needs and their Families, Medicaid Planning, Setting up Special Needs and Supplemental Trusts, Asset Protection, Estate Planning, Estate Administration, and Elder Law.

- Eligibility:** All ages needing Special Needs estate planning, trusts, applying for guardianships or Medicaid for persons w/ disabilities.
- Fees::** \$400 one-hour consultation. Fees vary.
- Intake:** Appointment needed for initial consultation
- Area Served:** Broward County and beyond

Hours of Operation:

8:30am-5pm Mon-Friday

Eppy Financial Group, Inc.

Eppy Financial Group

1000 Corporate Drive

7th Floor

Fort Lauderdale

FL 33334

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 689-9476

FAX: (954) 776-7667

Description of Services:

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

- Eligibility:** Families of individuals with special needs.
- Fees::** None. Call for details
- Intake:** Call for intake
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

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



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Advocacy / Legal Aid

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- 22 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

Feinberg Consulting, Inc

Feinberg Consulting, Inc

433 Plaza Real
Suite 275
Boca Raton FL 33432

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (877) 538-5425
FAX:

Description of Services:

Provides advocacy resources for those with Traumatic Brain Injury (and other brain injuries) and links individuals with medical and social services. The agency will also contact legal resources to meet the individual needs of the client and advocate for government benefits and other services. We are members of the neurotrauma association.

- Eligibility:** TBI and other brain injury
Fees: Private Pay, \$500 for initial assessment and plan of care. \$95 an hour
Intake: Call main office for details
Area Served:

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Advocacy / Legal Aid

FL Dept of Children and Families - FDCF

DCF - Client Relations

1400 W Commercial Blvd

Fort Lauderdale FL 33301

Description of Services:

Handles complaints from DCF clients who feel they have been treated unfairly or have not received services to which they are entitled through the Department of Children and Families. Calls made between 5pm and 7pm may have a better chance of getting through. Callers still having difficulty may email their concerns to the email address above.

Eligibility:

Fees: No fee

Intake:

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 202-3338

FAX: () -

Abuse Registry 800-96-ABUSE

Florida Protective Services System

Fort Lauderdale FL

Description of Services:

Accepts reports of child abuse, neglect and reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation of disabled adults or adults over age 60 years old; hotline counselor assesses the information provided and determines if the information provided meets statutory criteria for the Department of Children and Families to conduct an investigation.

There are four ways to file an abuse report:

- (1) By Phone 1-800-96ABUSE (1-800-962-2873)
- (2) By Fax 1-800-914-0004
- (3) By TDD 1-800-453-5145
- (4) By Web Reporting <https://abuse-report-bc.dcf.state.fl.us/AbuseWebReport/Home.aspx>

Talk to a counselor at above number (2) Fax a written report with all information including information on the person filing report (3) Leave Voice Mail of report to include name of person reporting and number where can be reached. Takes reports from anonymous callers.

Eligibility: Accepts reports of child abuse, neglect and reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation of disabled adults or adults over 60

Fees: No fee

Intake:

Area Served:

Hours of Operation:

24 hours, 7 days a week

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 962-2873

FAX: (800) 914-0004



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Advocacy / Legal Aid

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

FL Dept of Education - FDOE

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

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (850) 245-0505
FAX: (850) 245-9667

Description of Services:

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

Hours of Operation:



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Advocacy / Legal Aid

FL Dept of Elder Affairs

Medicare/Medicaid Abuse Hotline

FL

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (866) 357-6677

FAX:

Description of Services:

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

Eligibility:

Fees::

Intake:

Area Served:

Hours of Operation:

Florida Bar Association

Lawyer Referral - Florida Bar Association

651 E. Jefferson Street

Tallahassee

FL

32399

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 342-8011

FAX: (850) 561-5827

Description of Services:

The Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Service (LRS), provides referrals to attorneys who will conduct an initial one-half hour office consultation for \$25. Lawyer Referral Service staff will give you the name, address, and telephone number of an attorney in your geographic area who handles the type of case you describe.

Eligibility:

Fees:: Any attorney to whom you are referred will charge \$25 for the first 30 minute consultation.

Intake: CaLL for information or go online to <http://www.floridabar.org>

Area Served: State of Florida

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5:30pm



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Advocacy / Legal Aid

Florida CHAIN

Florida CHAIN

6600 Cypress Road
Suite 508
Plantation FL 33317

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 791-7314
FAX: (954) 583-5149

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc.

Florida Developmental Disabilities Council

124 Marriott Drive
Suite 203
Tallahassee FL 32301

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 580-7801
FAX: (850) 922-6702

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Advocacy / Legal Aid

Florida SNAP

Florida SNAP

8201 Peters Road
Suite 1000
Plantation FL 33324

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 806-7589

FAX:

Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - FL SNAP offers free informational workshops for families with special needs children and adults. We cover legal, financial and quality of life issues that special needs families face. Also offers special needs family support groups including a Dad's Support Group.

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

Hours of Operation:

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

Florida's Voice on Developmental Disabilities

FVDD - Florida's Voice on Developmental Disabilities

5591 NE 28th Ave

Fort Lauderdale FL 33308

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 817-4742

FAX: (954) 975-5159

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:

9am-5pm M-F



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Advocacy / Legal Aid

Guardian Ad Litem Program

Guardian Ad Litem Program - Broward County Courthouse

524 South Andrews Avenue
300 East
Fort Lauderdale FL 33301

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language
- Phone:** (954) 831-6214
- FAX:** (954) 831-7192

Description of Services:

RESTRICTED REFERRAL - The program consists of 44 staff members and 440 volunteers who have been trained to represent abuse and neglected children in court; the program is assigned cases by the judges.

- Eligibility:** Must be birth-17 years of age, case be court appointed and youth in custody of a state/local agency for dependency cases
- Fees::** No fee; no income restriction except Family Law cases (not eligible through program if gross income is \$75,000 and over)
- Intake:** Must be court appointed and in the custody of a state/local agency for dependency cases
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

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

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



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Advocacy / Legal Aid

Disability Resources on the Internet

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

Other - State

FL

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone:

FAX:

Description of Services:

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

Eligibility:

Fees:: No Fee

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

Area Served: National

Hours of Operation:

National Association of the Deaf

8630 Fenton Street, Suite 820

Silver Spring

MD

20910

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (301) 587-1788

FAX: (301) 587-1791

Description of Services:

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

Eligibility:

Fees:: No Fee

Intake: Visit www.nad.org for information

Area Served: National

Hours of Operation:

24 hours, responds by email only

National Down Syndrome Congress

1370 Center Drive, Suite 102

<http://www.ndsccenter.org>

Atlanta

GA

30338

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 232-6372

FAX:

Description of Services:

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

Eligibility:

Fees:: No Fee

Intake: Please visit website for information; <http://www.ndsccenter.org>

Area Served: National

Hours of Operation:



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Advocacy / Legal Aid

National Family Association for Deaf Blind

141 Middle Neck Road

Sands Point

NY 11050

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 255-0411

FAX:

Description of Services:

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

Eligibility:

Fees:: No Fee

Intake: Visit www.nfadb.org for information

Area Served: National

Hours of Operation:

24 hours a day

Advocacy for Patients with Chronic Illness, Inc.

18 Timberline Drive

Farmington

CT 06032

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (860) 674-1370

FAX: (860) 674-1378

Description of Services:

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

Eligibility:

Fees:: No Fee

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

Area Served: National

Hours of Operation:

TASH - Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps

1025 Vermont Avenue, Floor 7

Washington, DC

DC 20005

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (202) 263-5600

FAX: (202) 637-0138

Description of Services:

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

Eligibility: People with mental retardation, autism, cerebral palsy, physical disabilities and other conditions and professionals

Fees:: No fee

Intake: Visit website: www.tash.org for information

Area Served: National

Hours of Operation:

24 hours a day



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Advocacy / Legal Aid

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

Law Office of A.C. Paoli

1720 Harrison Street
Suite 6CW
Hollywood FL 33020

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

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

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9-5pm

Legal Aid Service of Broward County Inc.

Legal Aid Service - Central Office

491 North State Road 7
Plantation FL 33317

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 765-8950
FAX: (954) 736-2480

Description of Services:

Provides general civil legal service to low income citizens in housing, public benefits (TANF, Food Stamps, SSI, access to health care), consumer law and family law. Does NOT handle wills, fee-producing cases, criminal or traffic cases.

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Legal Aid Service - Education Legal Rights / Children Advocacy

491 North State Road 7
Plantation FL 33317

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 736-2400
FAX: (954) 736-2480

Description of Services:

Provides specialized children advocacy services to dependent children in foster care (Dependency Law Project), female juveniles who entered the DJJ system (Team-Child Project), educational legal rights, kinship and dependency/delinquency court cases (Bridge Project).

- Eligibility:** Low income youth in need of service
Fees: No fee for income eligible residents of Broward County
Intake: Appointment required. Photo ID and income verification required
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Advocacy / Legal Aid

Living Inclusively For Everyone, Inc.

LIFE - Living Inclusively For Everyone

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 periodically offer scholarships.

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

Medicaid

Medicaid - Ombudsman Project

Unknown FL

Description of Services:

Assists with prescription coverage problems. When calling the toll free number, individuals should have the following information available: Name and phone number, date of birth, Medicaid Number, name of prescription, name/phone number of pharmacy and prescribing doctor and reason given for non-coverage.

Eligibility: Individuals on Medicaid experiencing prescription coverage problems

Fees: No fees

Intake: Call Medicaid Ombudsman Office

Area Served: US

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

American Sign Language

Phone: (866) 490-1901

FAX: (866) 490-1902



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Advocacy / Legal Aid

Melody Zamir Parent Advocate

Melody Zamir Parent Advocate Consultant

Private

Davie FL 33331

Description of Services:

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

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

Fees: Yes, to be discussed upon contact

Intake: Contact for more information

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Mon-Friday 8:00-3:00pm

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 793-7111

FAX:

National Federation of the Blind of Florida

National Federation of the Blind of Florida

1511 North Hiatus Road

Pembroke Pines FL 33026

Description of Services:

NFB assist all visually impaired individuals in finding the resources necessary to make their lives easier. "We are changing what it is to be blind." All stages of blindness are addressed--from children to adults. They provide a support group for the blind person along with family and friends. - 2nd Saturday of every month 10:30am-12:30pm at the Broward Mall Police Outreach Center. www.nfb.org offers public education about blindness, information and referral services, scholarships, literature and publications about blindness, aids and appliances and other adaptive equipment for the blind, advocacy services and protection of civil rights, development and evaluation of technology, and support for blind persons and their families.

Eligibility: Visually impaired individuals and their family

Fees: Meetings are free, membership \$10 per year (not mandatory)

Intake: Call for information

Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

By appointment, please call ahead

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 442-1855

FAX:



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Advocacy / Legal Aid

Parent to Parent of Broward County

Parent to Parent - Family Network on Disabilities of Broward

100 South Andrews Avenue

Fort Lauderdale FL 33301

Description of Services:

Advocacy for parents/caregivers of school-aged children and youth who are mentally or physically disabled.

Eligibility: Parents, family member and professionals dealing with individuals with special needs. Serves ages 0- 22 years.

Fees: No fee

Intake: Eligibility must be verified

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

10am - 5pm in Main Library, 24 hour voice mail

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (754) 321-1705

FAX: (754) 321-1707

Prosperity Life Planning, Inc.

Prosperity Life Planning - Special Needs Planning

4673 Brady Blvd.

Delray Beach FL 33445

Description of Services:

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

Eligibility: Families with children with disabilities including Autism, Down Syndrome, other Developmental Disabilities, Medically Fragile

Fees: Free 90-minute consultation. Call For Information

Intake: Appointment Required, summary of financial, insurance and tax / legal documents.

Area Served: Broward and Beyond

Hours of Operation:

7 days a week, 9am-9pm

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (866) 527-3618

FAX:



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Advocacy / Legal Aid

School Board - SSS/ESE/Exceptional Student Education

BC Schools - FDLRS Media Center

100 South Andrews Avenue 4th Floor
Broward County Main Public Library
Fort Lauderdale FL 33301

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (754) 321-1700
FAX: (754) 321-7507

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:

10am-6pm Monday-Saturday

BC Schools - ESE Exceptional Ed / SSS- 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/behavioral disabilities, intellectual disabilities, physically impaired, deaf or hard of hearing, visually impaired, speech/language impaired, (EBD) Emotionally Behaviorally Disturbed, 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, intellectually disabled, autistic, or EBD
Fees: No Fee
Intake: Parents and students can access services during school day; evening hours as needed
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 7:30am-5pm; Saturday and Sunday Call office for information



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Advocacy / Legal Aid

School Board - SSS/ESE/Psychological Services

BC Schools - North - Psych Svcs - 504 Support

1400 NE Sixth Street

Pompano Beach FL 33060

Description of Services:

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

- Eligibility:** Must be between age 0 to 22 years old
- Fees:** No fee
- Intake:** School referral-based (no intake)
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

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

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (754) 321-3470

FAX: (754) 321-3487

BC Schools - Central - Psych Svcs - 504 Support

1619 NE Fourth Avenue

Fort Lauderdale FL 33305

Description of Services:

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

- Eligibility:** Must be between ages 0 to 22 years old and student of Broward County
- Fees:** No Fee
- Intake:** School referral-based (no intake)
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

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

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (754) 321-2460

FAX: (754) 321-3887



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Advocacy / Legal Aid

BC Schools - South - Psych Svcs - 504 Support

1643 North Harrison Parkway
Bldg H
Sunrise FL 33324

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (754) 321-3614
FAX: (754) 321-3693

Description of Services:

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

- Eligibility:** Must be between ages 0 to 22 years old and Broward County student
Fees:: No Fee
Intake: School referral-based (no intake)
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

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

School Board - SSS/ESE/Social Work and Attendance

BC Schools - Child Abuse Services

600 SW Third Avenue
7th Floor
Fort Lauderdale FL 33301

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (754) 321-2492
FAX: (754) 321-2499

Description of Services:

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

- Eligibility:** Children reported or at-risk for abuse, neglect, abandonment or a victim of domestic violence
Fees:: No fee
Intake: Call For Information; Must be a Broward County School Board student
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 7:30am-3pm



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Advocacy / Legal Aid

Schott Communities

Schott Communities - Advocacy for the Disabled

6591 S. Flamingo Road

Cooper City FL 33029

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:

Calendar varies, call for times

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

Special Kids Law Center, LLC

Special Kids Law Center

2241 Hollywood Blvd

Hollywood FL 33020

Description of Services:

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

- Eligibility:** Individuals and families seeking special needs legal assistance
- Fees:** Yes
- Intake:** Appointment needed
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

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

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language
- Phone:** (954) 342-4077
- FAX:** (954) 430-9471



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Advocacy / Legal Aid

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

ADA Americans with Disabilities Act

Department of Justice

Washington, DC DC

Description of Services:

Provides information on the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Eligibility:
Fees:
Intake:
Area Served:

Hours of Operation:

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 514-0301

FAX:



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Advocacy / Legal Aid

American Council of the Blind

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

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

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

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Florida Clearing House on Disability

4030 Esplanade Way, Ste. 315A
Governor's Commission on Disability
Tallahassee FL 32399

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (877) 232-4968
FAX: (850) 414-8908

Description of Services:

The Clearinghouse on Disability Information serves as an information and referral source connecting people with disabilities and advocates of people with disabilities to the resources they need that will assist with their issues. Areas included but not limited are: Accessibility, ADA, Assistive Technology, Basic Needs, Benefits, Community Resources, Education, Employment, Health Care, Housing, Service Animals, State and Local Government Issues, Telecommunications, Transportation and foreclosure/fraud information.

Eligibility: Persons with emotional or mental disabilities
Fees:: No fee
Intake: For more information or to speak to a disability specialist please call 1-877-ADA-4YOU or 1-877-232-4968
Area Served: State of Florida

Hours of Operation:

24 hours a day



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Advocacy / Legal Aid

Heath Disabilities Resources Center

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

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

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

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Parent Education Network - PEN

5510 Gray Street Suite 220
Tampa FL 33609

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

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

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Advocacy / Legal Aid

United Cerebral Palsy of Broward County Inc.

United Cerebral Palsy - Advocacy for Children with Disabilities

3117 SW 13th Court

Fort Lauderdale FL 33312

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 315-4068

FAX: (954) 584-3151

Description of Services:

Assists families of children with special needs (physical/developmental/intellectual disabilities such as Spina Bifida, Prader-Willi Syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Down Syndrome) who reside in Broward County in securing educational services and resources for their children. Program provides the necessary training and support so that parents can learn the necessary skills to advocate for their children.

- Eligibility:** Families of children, age 22 and younger with a developmental disability. See note section for listing of disabilities
- Fees:** Sliding Scale based on income
- Intake:** Complete an Intake Packet
- Area Served:** Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

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: