



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Down Syndrome

### Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)

#### APD - Toll Free State-Wide Number

Agency for Person with Disabilities

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**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. It will be manned Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. (EDT).

**Eligibility:** Serves individuals diagnosed for Autism, DS, CP, MR, Prader Willie Syndrome, or Spina Bifida

**Fees::**

**Intake:**

**Area Served:**

**Hours of Operation:**

Monday - Friday 8am-5pm

### Broward Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization

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10250 NW 53rd Street

Sunrise

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**Phone:** (954) 577-4122

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

#### 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.bgcdownsyntaxdrome.org](http://www.bgcdownsyntaxdrome.org)

**Area Served:** Broward County

**Hours of Operation:**



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### Internet Sites (URL's)

#### National Down Syndrome Congress

1370 Center Drive, Suite 102  
http://www.ndsccenter.org  
Atlanta GA 30338

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**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:

#### National Down Syndrome Society

666 Broadway  
New York NY 10012

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**Phone:** (800) 221-4602  
**FAX:** (212) 979-2873

#### Description of Services:

Offers information and resources about Down Syndrome by locating support groups, clinics, NDSS affiliates, articles, books, and videos about Down Syndrome and other organizations near you.

#### Eligibility:

**Fees::** No Fee  
**Intake:** Visit web site for information; www.ndss.org  
**Area Served:** National

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

#### Down Syndrome Resources

www.ds-health.com

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**Phone:**  
**FAX:**

#### Description of Services:

A list of informative internet sites for parents of children with Down syndrome. Categories include national organizations, community education, medical resources, online magazines and newsletters, resources for parents, non-profit foundations and comprehensive web sites.

#### Eligibility:

**Fees::** No Fee  
**Intake:** Visit website for information: www.ds-health.com  
**Area Served:** National

#### Hours of Operation:



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### ***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

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**Phone:** (954) 817-4742

**FAX:** (954) 236-5071

### ***March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation***

#### **March of Dimes - Community Services**

1001 West Cypress Creek

Suite #110

Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

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

Provides referrals pertaining to genetic counseling, prenatal care, medical evaluations and birth defect treatment, as well as maternal/infant referrals to assist clients in reaching appropriate agencies.

**Eligibility:**

**Fees:** No fee

**Intake:** Contact program office

**Area Served:** Broward County

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

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

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**Phone:** (954) 772-0013

**FAX:** (954) 772-4655



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### **Parents of Down Syndrome Angels (PODS)**

#### **PODS Angels Support Foundation**

1270 SW 28th Terrace

Fort Lauderdale FL 33312

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**Phone:** (954) 581-4165

**FAX:** (954) 585-8787

#### **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