



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Hearing / Visual

Accessible Communication for the Deaf

Accessible Communication for the Deaf - ACD Interpreter Service

10218 NW 47 Street

Sunrise

FL

33351

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 578-3081

FAX: (954) 241-5033

Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - Offers on-sight community interpreting for the deaf and hard of hearing and video remote interpreting.

Eligibility: Anyone in need of interpreter services. Entity requiring service pays fees.

Fees:: \$65-\$120/hour depending on type of agency requesting service and length of notice provided

Intake: Appointment necessary. Emergencies are accommodated

Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

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

ASL Pediatric Therapy Services, Inc.

ASL Pediatric Therapy Summer Program

2771 Executive Park Dr. #7

Weston

FL

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Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 389-8090

FAX: () -

Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - ASL is offering a summer camp that specializes in providing state of the art Speech Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Academic Tutoring. 4-hours per day 5 days a week. Provides therapies for children with various diagnoses, including but not limited to: Autism, Apraxia, ADD, ADHD, Central Auditory Processing, PDD-NOS, Feeding Problems, Learning Disabilities, Oral Motor Treatment, and Sensory Integration Issues.

Eligibility: Serves Ages 0-21. Call for details

Fees:: Sliding Scale based on income, does not accept insurance.

Intake: Call for details

Area Served:

Hours of Operation:

M-F 9:30-6pm



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ASL Pediatric Therapy Services: OT, Speech, Tutoring

2771 Executive Park Dr. #7

Weston

FL 33331

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 389-8090

FAX: () -

Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - ASL specializes in providing state-of-the art Speech Language Therapy, Social Skills Groups, Occupational Therapy and Academic Tutoring. Can provide consultation, testing and written evaluations, and intensive therapies for newborn to 21 years of age. Provides therapies for children with various diagnoses, including but not limited to: Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Autism, ASD, Apraxia, ADC ADHD, Central Auditory Processing, PDD-NOS, Feeding Problems, Learning Disabilities, Oral Motor Treatment, and Sensory Integration Issues.

Eligibility: Serves Ages 0-21. Call for details

Fees: Sliding Scale based on income, does not accept insurance. Social Skills Groups are \$65 an hour sessi

Intake: Call office or email to arrange a consultation

Area Served:

Hours of Operation:

M-F 9:30-6pm

Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Bascom Palmer Eye Institute - Florida Lions Eye Bank

900 NW 17th Street #347

Florida Lions Eye Bank

Miami

FL 33136

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

American Sign Language

Phone: (305) 324-4340

FAX: (305) 326-6376

Description of Services:

The Florida Lions Eye Bank is a non-profit organization that provides donor eye tissue to ophthalmologists for corneal transplantation or o types of eye surgery. The Eye Bank also maintains a pathology laboratory for studying eye disease and provides resources and tissue for testing and research.

Eligibility: Anyone interested in information

Fees: Insurance; Processing fee for those in need of transplants

Intake: Call for information, Those in need of eye transplants must go through their ophthalmologists

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

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



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BC CS Libraries Division

BC Library - Talking Book Library - Main Branch

100 South Andrews Avenue

Fort Lauderdale FL 33301

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 10am-6pm

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 357-7555

FAX: (954) 357-6122

Bolesta Center

Bolesta Center

7205 North Habana Avenue

Tampa FL 33614

Description of Services:

Provides auditory-verbal therapeutic approach for hearing impaired children.

Eligibility: Hearing loss in child - active parent participation and follow-up.
Fees: Most insurances accepted. Fees based on ability to pay.
Intake: Complete case history and audiological data
Area Served: State of Florida

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (813) 932-1184

FAX: (813) 932-9583

Broward College

Broward College - Vision Center - North Campus

1000 Coconut Creek Blvd

North Building 41

Coconut Creek FL 33066

Description of Services:

Full range vision clinic with vision students working with doctors to provide the community with affordable, quality vision care. The BCC Vision Care Clinic offers a full range of vision care services including: vision testing, frame and lens fitting, contact lenses and glasses repair.

Eligibility: Persons needing vision services
Fees: Self-pay/Sliding scale; Fees vary
Intake: To schedule an appointment call (954) 201-2400
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am-1pm

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 201-2400

FAX: (954) 201-2389



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Broward County Parks - Individual Parks

BC Parks - Tandem Bike Program - Special Population

950 NW 38th Street
Administration
Oakland Park FL 33309

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 357-8160
FAX: (954) 537-2849

Description of Services:

This six week Tandem Bike program (bicycle for two) for visually impaired / blind adults teaches basic biking skills, leisure rides, fun and socialization. Call Special Populations at 954-357-8160 for details. Program dates depend on participation.

- Eligibility:** Blind/visually impaired adults. Dates and time of program depend on number of participants.
Fees: No fees
Intake: Pre-registration required in order to pair with a volunteer partner
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Administrative hours Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm to call. Dates and Times determined by participants.

Calvary Chapel Fort Lauderdale

Calvary Chapel - Deaf Social Signs of Life

2401 West Cypress Creek Road
Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 214-3181
FAX: (954) 977-9774

Description of Services:

Signs of Life provides a personal worship experience within the deaf and hard of hearing community. They offer interpreted special events and deaf socials. The deaf social is held on the second Sunday of every month, 3:30pm to 6pm, in the Youth Building's HUB. (The northeast part of Calvary Chapel.) Interpreted services are on Wednesdays at the 6:30pm service and Saturdays at the 6pm service.

- Eligibility:** Deaf and hard of hearing community
Fees: No Fee
Intake: Contact Annie Meliti at 954-214-3181 for information
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

2nd Sunday of each month 3:30pm-6pm (Deaf Social)



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Canine Assistants

Canine Assistants - Assistance Dogs

3160 Francis Road

Alpharetta GA 30004

Description of Services:

Canine Assistants is a non-profit organization which trains and provides service dogs for children and adults with physical disabilities or special needs. They provide service dogs free of charge and with lifetime care to qualified applicants.

Eligibility: Physically Challenged persons who must complete an applicant medical history form and application

Fees: All dogs are placed at no cost to recipients; Donations accepted

Intake: Applicants are evaluated on an individual basis & may need to wait for several months while the dog completes his/her training

Area Served: National

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (770) 664-7178

FAX: (770) 664-7820

Canine Companions for Independence - SE Regional Center

Canine Companions for Independence

8150 Clarcona Ocoee Road

Orlando FL 32818

Description of Services:

Provides assistance dogs and ongoing support for sighted persons who are handicapped.

Eligibility: Handicapped, not for the blind

Fees: No fee

Intake: Call for pre-application packet

Area Served: Southeast United States, includes seven southern states

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (407) 522-3300

FAX: (407) 522-3347



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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

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (954) 262-7111
FAX: (954) 262-3996

Description of Services:

UM-NSU CARD serves both children and adults of all levels of intellectual functioning who have autism, pervasive developmental disorder, 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:

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

Center for Hearing and Communication

Center for Hearing and Communication - Educational Programs

2900 West Cypress Creek Road
Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (954) 601-1930
FAX: (954) 601-1399

Description of Services:

Provides 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



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Center for Hearing and Communication - Interpreting Services

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

2900 West Cypress Creek Road

American Sign Language

Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

Phone: (954) 601-1930

FAX: (954) 601-1399

Description of Services:

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

Eligibility: Must be a deaf or hard of hearing person in need of assistance, live in Florida
Fees: Self-Pay/Full 2 hour minimum at standard rate; \$45/hour with 2 hour minimum (for non-profits)
Intake: Must call to check on availability of interpreters
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

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

Center for Hearing and Communication - Cordless Amplified Phones

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

2900 West Cypress Creek Road

American Sign Language

Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

Phone: (954) 601-1930

FAX: (954) 601-1399

Description of Services:

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

Eligibility: People who are deaf or hard of hearing
Fees: No Fee
Intake: Walk-ins Tues & Thurs 9am-4pm. Appointments only on Mon, Wed & Fri. Must provide verification of hearing loss & FL residency
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Center for Hearing and Communication - Florida Telecommunication

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

2900 West Cypress Creek Road

American Sign Language

Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

Phone: (954) 601-1930

FAX: (954) 601-1399

Description of Services:

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

Eligibility: Must be deaf or hard of hearing, and Florida residency is required
Fees: No fee
Intake: Call for information
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

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



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Center for Hearing and Communication - Job Counseling/Placement

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

2900 West Cypress Creek Road

Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

Phone: (954) 601-1930

FAX: (954) 601-1399

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)

Center for Hearing and Communication - Audiological Services

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

2900 West Cypress Creek Road

Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

Phone: (954) 601-1930

FAX: (954) 601-1399

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Center for Hearing and Communication - Youth Force

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Seminole Middle School

6200 SW 16 Street

Plantation FL 33317

Phone: (954) 601-1930

FAX: (954) 485-6336

Description of Services:

Provides case management, counseling, academic support services, pregnancy and drug prevention education, life skills training as well as health and fitness to any at risk middle school students. Students must meet eligibility requirements.

Eligibility: Middle School aged youth who meets criteria (student must not be deaf/hard of hearing)
Fees: No fee
Intake: Call for information and application packet
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 4pm-6pm.



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Center for Hearing and Communication - MOST Program - Tamarac

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

7601 N University Drive
Tamarac Elementary School
Tamarac FL 33321

Phone: (954) 731-7200
FAX: () -

Description of Services:

This afterschool program provides a safe, positive environment for children, including those with behavioral health and other special needs that enhance academic achievement, supports a social and physical development, and strengthens children's relationships with adults peers within the context of their families, schools and communities, while strengthening children's protective factors and reducing risk factors.

- Eligibility:** Must be age 5-12 and are deaf or hearing impaired
- Fees:** Self-pay/Sliding scale; No Fee - based on income
- Intake:** Call for information
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Hours vary - Please call

Center for Hearing and Communication - Family & Personal Counsel

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

2900 West Cypress Creek Road

Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

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

Description of Services:

Provides confidential psychotherapy and counseling by trained and licensed staff members to hard of hearing/deaf people, their families & associates in reference to hearing loss, assistive devices, coping, marital and family problems.

- Eligibility:** Must be age 6 or older and hearing impaired or deaf.
- Fees:** No fee, Medicare, Self pay/full, self-pay sliding scale
- Intake:** By appointment only
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

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

Center for Hearing and Communication - Advocacy/Social Services

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

2900 West Cypress Creek Road

Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

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/d 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 Hearing and Communication - LIFT - S PLANTATION

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

South Plantation High School
 1300 Paladin Way
 Plantation FL 33317

Phone: (954) 601-1930
FAX: (954) 485-6336

Description of Services:

LIFT (Independence through Focused Transition) is multi-faceted youth development program in an out of school environment. Program serves high school age youth (16-21) with disabilities and allows each participant to increase life, daily living, career and employability skills through functional hands-on transitional learning experiences.

- Eligibility:** High school aged youth who are deaf or hearing impaired
Fees: No fee
Intake: Call for information
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 3pm-6pm

Center for Hearing and Communication - Administration

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

2900 West Cypress Creek Road
 Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

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

Description of Services:

Sponsored by League for the Hard of Hearing, provides support groups for late deafened adults, hard of hearing, hearing parents of deaf children.

- Eligibility:** Individuals with hearing loss or deaf and Friends/family. Persons interested in classes eligible regardless of disability.
Fees: Medicare, Medicaid, Self-Pay, Sliding Scale, No fee
Intake: Call for information
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Center for Hearing and Communication - MOST/ Summer Program

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

5703 NW 94th Avenue
 Challenger Elementary School
 Tamarac FL 33321

Phone: (954) 731-7200
FAX: () -

Description of Services:

This summer program provides a safe, positive environment for children, including those with behavioral health and other special needs that enhance academic achievement, supports a social and physical development, and strengthens children's relationships with adults peers within the context of their families, schools and communities, while strengthening children's protective factors and reducing risk factors.

- Eligibility:** Must be age 5-12 and are deaf or hearing impaired
Fees: Self-pay/Sliding scale; No Fee - based on income
Intake: Call for information
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Hours vary - please call



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Center for Hearing and Communication - Support Groups

2900 West Cypress Creek Road

Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

Description of Services:

Provides support groups for late deafened adults, hard of hearing and hearing parents of deaf and/or hard of hearing children.

- Eligibility:** Must be 17 years old and over and are deaf or hearing impaired
- Fees:** No fee
- Intake:** Schedules vary; Please call office for days/times
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Schedules vary; Call for information

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 601-1930

FAX: (954) 601-1399

Center for Hearing and Communication - Lip Reading Class

NW Regional Library
3151 University Drive
Coral Springs FL 33065

Description of Services:

Free Lip Reading Class - \$10 one time charge for supplies

- Eligibility:**
- Fees:**
- Intake:** Call 954-341-3900 (NW Regional Library) to reserve a spot in the class
- Area Served:**

Hours of Operation:

January 19 - March 23, 2007 10:00am - 11:30am

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 341-3900

FAX:

Coda Link, Inc.

Coda Link, Inc. - Interpreting Services

1304 SW 160th Ave.
Suite 340
Sunrise FL 33326

Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - Provides ASL sign-language interpreting services to the deaf and hard of hearing community in the tri-county area. Also offers ADA advocacy and awareness trainings and in-services on deaf culture as well as community outreach. Also offers foreign language translation services for documents.

- Eligibility:** Anyone in need of interpreting services
- Fees:** Call for details
- Intake:** Call to schedule appointment
- Area Served:** Broward and Beyond

Hours of Operation:

Mon-Friday 8:30-5pm (Services offered on weekends)

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 423-6893

FAX: (954) 423-2315



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Community Christian Church

Sign Language Classes - Community Christian Church

1001 W. Commercial Blvd.

Tamarac FL 33351

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 724-7400

FAX:

Description of Services:

Community Hands Deaf Ministry will offer Beginner and Intermediate Courses in American Sign Language. Classes meet for 11 weeks or Thursdays from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. The Beginner class is designed for those with little or no sign language skills. The Intermediate class is designed for those who have some background in sign language such as previous classes and a basic vocabulary. There is no cost for th classes but beginners will need to purchase three books before classes start. For more information contact Beginner instructor, Lisa Eady Intermediate instruction, Terri Harding.

- Eligibility:** Anyone interested in learning ASL
- Fees::** Classes are free. Book must be purchased
- Intake:** Call or email for details
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Thurs. 7-8:30pm. Email or call for schedule.

Deaf Family Literacy Academy, LLC

Deaf Family Literacy Academy

1350 E. Sunrise Blvd
Suite 112
Fort Lauderdale FL 33304

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 370-1145

FAX: (954) 252-4269

Description of Services:

Deaf Family Literacy Academy (Formerly known as AFDC) serves families who have deaf or hard of hearing children up to 12 years old. provide language and literacy education to children and parent education to their families. Also provide in-home mentoring services, workshops and parent support groups. DFLA a non-profit organization whose ultimate goal is to see every deaf and hard of hearing child Broward and Miami-Dade counties enjoy success in their academic and personal lives through providing families with resources, services and support.

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm (Also offers home support as needed)



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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

DOE - Blind Services - Vocational Rehab 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:

Provides a variety of services including diagnostic exams, treatment of eye problems (and other health problems which may prevent employment), vocational counseling, job training and placement, work experience and transportation. May provide living allowance (while training), necessary tools of the trade and tuition; reader service also provided for blind students.

- Eligibility:** Must be age 15 years old or older with vocational impediment due to vision
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 - Medical Rehabilitation

2880 W. Oakland Park Blvd
Suite 227
Fort Lauderdale FL 33340

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 497-2910
FAX: (954) 497-2911

Description of Services:

Medical Rehabilitation include speech-language therapies; psychological evaluations, hearing testing and hearing aids; early intervention services.

- Eligibility:** Must be under 21 and in need of described services
Fees: Insurance, Medicaid, Medicaid HMO, Self-pay/full, Sliding scale; \$60 for 1/2 hr per session Hearing aid \$800-\$2500.
Intake: Must provide insurance, medical card and proof of income if applying for financial aid (sliding scale)
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Thursday 7:30am-6:30pm, Friday and Saturday 9 to 4pm



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Florida Reading & Vision Center

Florida Reading & Vision Center

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

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 525-5311

FAX:

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday-Friday 11am-5pm

Florida Realtime Reporting Services

Florida Realtime Reporting Services - CART for Deaf and HoH

5571 SW 94th Ave.

Fort Lauderdale FL 33328

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 767-6969

FAX:

Description of Services:

Offers captioning / Transcription services (CART) for persons who are deaf and hard of hearing.

Eligibility: Anyone needing transcription or caption services to serve the Deaf or Hard of Hearing
Fees:: Call for price
Intake:
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9-5pm

Florida School for the Deaf and Blind

Florida School for the Deaf and Blind

207 N. San Marco Ave.

St. Augustine FL 32084

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) -

FAX: (904) 827-2234

Description of Services:

The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind is the state's center public school for eligible students who are deaf/hard of hearing and blind/low-vision pre-school through 12th grade. There is no cost to families for tuition for eligible Florida residents.

Eligibility: Various eligibility criteria based on state regulations with a documented eye or hearing impairment.
Fees:: No fees for eligible students
Intake: See website or call for details
Area Served:

Hours of Operation:



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Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc.

Florida Telecommunications Relay

1820 East Park Avenue
Suite 101
Tallahassee FL 32301

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 955-8770

FAX:

Description of Services:

The Florida Relay Service is the communications link for people who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf/Blind, or Speech Impaired. Through Florida Relay Service, people who use specialized telephone equipment can communicate with people who use standard telephone equipment. To call Florida Relay, dial 7-1-1, or use the appropriate toll free numbers

1-800-955-8771 (TTY)
1-800-955-8770 (Voice)
1-800-955-1339 (ASCII)
1-877-955-8260 (VCO-Direct)
1-877-955-5334 (STS)
1-877-955-8773 (Spanish)
1-877-955-8707 (French Cr)

Eligibility: Individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf/Blind, or Speech Impaired
Fees: No Fee
Intake: Call for information
Area Served: State of Florida

Hours of Operation:

24 hours, 7 days a week

Foundation Fighting Blindness

Foundation Fighting Blindness

11435 Cronhill Drive
Owings Mill MD 21117

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 683-5555

FAX: (410) 771-9470

Description of Services:

Provides information and referral services for affected individuals and their families, as well as doctors and eye care professionals. Provides comprehensive information kits on Retinitis Pigmentosa, Macular Degeneration and Usher Syndrome. Publishes Fighting Blindness Newsletter 6 times per year and offers an annual National Conference.

Eligibility: Anyone needing information on visual impairments
Fees: No fee
Intake: Call for information
Area Served: National

Hours of Operation:

Monday- Friday 9:00am-4:00pm



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Hadley School for the Blind

Hadley School for the Blind

700 Elm St.

Winnetka

IL

60093

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 323-4238

FAX: (847) 446-0855

Description of Services:

The Hadley School for the Blind is a non-profit organization that provides free distance education opportunities for people who are blind or visually impaired, helping them lead independent lives. Courses are offered in different media formats. The school offers more than 90 courses in four program areas as well as other services.

- Eligibility:** Blind or visually impaired individual 14+ years of age, a relative or professional in the blindness field
- Fees:** No fee for individuals who are blind or visually impaired
- Intake:** Must complete enrollment application available online, U.S. applicants must submit an eye report prior enrollment.
- Area Served:** US and Canada

Hours of Operation:

Innovative Communication Services for the Deaf, LLC

Innovative Communication Services for the Deaf

15476 NW 77th Ct.

Suite 190

Miami Lakes

FL

33016

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (866) 206-9005

FAX: (877) 441-4273

Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - Provides interpreting services, sign language, tri-lingual, Spanish-English ASL (American Sign Language), Deaf Blind, Tactile Interpreting for a broad range of services including Legal, Theatrical, Medical, and Mental Health. Visit website or call for details.

- Eligibility:** Professionals and others in need of interpreting services
- Fees:** Yes.
- Intake:** Can request services online
- Area Served:** Broward, Dade and Beyond

Hours of Operation:

24/7



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



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Insight for the Blind Inc.

Insight for the Blind - Recording Master

1401 NE Fourth Avenue

Fort Lauderdale FL 33304

Description of Services:

NOTE: This program provides NO direct service to the community! The program records magazines, books and textbooks digitally with the help of volunteers as narrators, monitors and reviewers. The completed master tapes are sent to the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. and to the Talking Books Library in Daytona Beach for duplication and distribution nationally and to U.S. citizens overseas. For actual books on CDs for the blind, please call the Talking Book Library at Fort Lauderdale main library for information at (954) 357-7555.

- Eligibility:** No direct service to clients
- Fees:** No fee
- Intake:** Call for volunteer opportunities
- Area Served:** National

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 522-5057

FAX: (954) 522-2966

Internet Sites (URL's)

New Eyes for the Needy - Eyeglass Voucher Program

549 Millburn Avenue
PO Box 332
Short Hills NJ 07078

Description of Services:

New Eyes for the Needy purchases new eyeglasses for poor children and adults in the United States and recycles donated glasses for distribution to indigent people in developing nations worldwide. Eligible clients can receive a voucher and present the voucher to any participating local optical dispenser, who fits the client with the proper prescription eyeglasses. The dispenser then receives reimbursement directly from New Eyes.

- Eligibility:** Must be at or below U.S. poverty guidelines, had a recent eye exam and no other resources available to pay for glasses
- Fees:** No Fee
- Intake:** Must complete an application (available online) and attach a copy of the eyeglass prescription to the application
- Area Served:** National

Hours of Operation:

Go to <http://neweyesfortheneedy.org>

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (973) 376-4903

FAX: (973) 376-3807



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Hearing / Visual

National Association of the Deaf

8630 Fenton Street, Suite 820

Silver Spring

MD

20910

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

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

American Sign Language

Phone: (301) 587-1788

FAX: (301) 587-1791

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf

3417 Volta Place, NW

Washington

DC

20007

Description of Services:

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

Eligibility: Open to anyone interested

Fees:: No Fee

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

Area Served: National

Hours of Operation:

24 hours a day (Web site)

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

American Sign Language

Phone: (202) 337-5220

FAX: (202) 337-8314

National Family Association for Deaf Blind

141 Middle Neck Road

Sands Point

NY

11050

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

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 255-0411

FAX:



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



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Starkey Hearing Foundation Hear Now Program

6700 Washington Avenue South

Eden Prairie

MN 55344

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 648-4327

FAX:

Description of Services:

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

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

Hours of Operation:

Learning Center for Vision Impaired Seniors of Broward

Learning Center for Vision Impaired - Support Group

10200 Sunset Strip
Nob Hill Banquet Hall
Sunrise

FL 33322

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 742-3214

FAX: (954) 748-4436

Description of Services:

Holds weekly support group meetings on topics of interested to blind and visually impaired seniors

- Eligibility:** Seniors who are blind or visually impaired and individuals who would like to volunteer
Fees: No Fee
Intake: Call for information
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Every Thursday, 10am-2pm



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



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Lighthouse of Broward County

Lighthouse - Low Vision Clinic

650 North Andrews Avenue

Fort Lauderdale FL 33311

Description of Services:

Low Vision Clinic is operated by NSU College of Optometry. Anyone with low vision can self-refer or be referred by an ophthalmologist, optometrist or other professional. Exams are covered by some insurance and include a comprehensive assessment of visual functioning ; various special magnification devices. Training in use of devices is provided in-home by Lighthouse staff.

Eligibility: Anyone with low vision can self refer. Referrals from other medical professionals are accepted.

Fees:: Most insurance accepted. Call for details.

Intake: Call for information

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

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

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 463-4217

FAX: (954) 764-3825

Lighthouse - Florida Reading and Vision Center

650 North Andrews Avenue

Fort Lauderdale FL 33311

Description of Services:

A retail store providing a wide array of products commonly used by visually impaired people, including Magnifiers, Talking Devices, Big Button Controls, TV Glasses, Kitchen & Craft Aids, Games, Large Print Items, Sun Shields, Lamps & Lighting, Magnifying Mirrors, Braille Items, Tape Players and Recorders.

Eligibility: Anyone in need of items/products commonly used by visually impaired population

Fees:: Self-Pay/Full. Call for details

Intake: No

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 10am - 4:00pm

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 463-4217

FAX: (954) 764-3825

Lighthouse - Social Work Services

650 North Andrews Avenue

Fort Lauderdale FL 33311

Description of Services:

Restricted Referral : Provides social work services to visually impaired people who are Lighthouse clients; services include support group individual counseling and information/referral services.

Eligibility: Must be legally blind or have an eye condition that affects ability to function independently and a client Lighthouse

Fees:: No fee

Intake: Call for intake interview; eye report and medical report required

Area Served: Broward County, North Dade, South Palm Beach

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 463-4217

FAX: (954) 764-3825



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



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Lighthouse - Transition (Learning Independence From Experience)

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

650 North Andrews Avenue

Fort Lauderdale FL 33311

Phone: (954) 463-4217

FAX: (954) 764-3825

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

Lighthouse - Vocational Rehabilitation Services

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

650 North Andrews Avenue

Fort Lauderdale FL 33311

Phone: (954) 463-4217

FAX: (954) 764-3825

Description of Services:

Provides instruction in specific skills needed by blind and visually impaired adults to help them become more independent. Courses include Braille, computers and other high tech devices, independent daily living skills, including home management and use of adaptive aids, such as talking equipment and various magnifiers, orientation and mobility, and counseling.

Eligibility: Must be at least 18, legally blind or have an eye condition affecting ability to function independently and willing to work

Fees: No Fee

Intake: Must have an eye report and call for an intake interview

Area Served: Broward, North Dade, South Palm Beach

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-4pm



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Lighthouse - Independent Living Skills Rehabilitation

650 North Andrews Avenue

Fort Lauderdale

FL 33311

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 463-4217

FAX: (954) 764-3825

Description of Services:

Provides instruction in specific skills needed by blind and visually impaired people to help them become more independent; courses include safe travel skills, Braille, computers and other high tech devices, independent daily living skills including home and personal management, adaptive communication skills, and safe and functional kitchen skills. All courses include use of adaptive aids, such as talking equipment various magnifiers. Also includes outreach services in the client's homes.

Eligibility: Must be legally blind or have a eye condition that affects ability to function independently

Fees:: No Fee

Intake: Must have an eye report and call for an intake interview

Area Served: Broward, North Dade, South Palm Beach

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

Lighthouse - Bright Beginning Early Intervention Program

650 North Andrews Avenue

Fort Lauderdale

FL 33311

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 463-4217

FAX: (954) 764-3825

Description of Services:

Specialized early intervention services for children birth through 5 years; provides adaptive techniques training to develop cognitive, sensorimotor, socialization, and communication functioning. Through this program, parents and caregivers are taught to reinforce skills that encourage their child's development so that critical developmental stages, normally dependent on vision, are not missed. A parent support group is also available.

Eligibility: Must be 5 years old or younger and have a bilateral eye condition affecting education

Fees:: No fee

Intake: Must have an eye report

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

Lighthouse - Adaptive Software and Computer Training

650 North Andrews Avenue

Fort Lauderdale

FL 33311

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 463-4217

FAX: (954) 764-3825

Description of Services:

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

Eligibility: Must be 6 years old or older, legally blind

Fees:: No Fee

Intake: Call for information

Area Served: Broward, North Miami Dade County, South Palm Beach County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-4pm



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Lighthouse - KIDS Children's Programs/ Camp

650 North Andrews Avenue

Fort Lauderdale FL 33311

Description of Services:

Provides summer camp program for children and youth who are blind or are visually impaired. Services include recreation and activities (e.g., arts and crafts, music, games), instruction in daily living, Braille, computers and orientation and mobility. Also includes support group meetings for parents. After school program being developed in collaboration with other organizations in Broward so services are close to children's homes.

- Eligibility:** Must be 6-22 years old and legally blind or have an eye condition that affects ability to function independently
- Fees:** Sliding Scale
- Intake:** Call for intake interview; Must have an eye report and be a client of Lighthouse
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Summer Program (June - August) Mon-Fri 9am-3pm and on selected Saturdays

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 463-4217

FAX: (954) 764-3825

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



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



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Lions Club

Lions Club - Sight Help

PO Box 556

Fort Lauderdale FL 33302

Description of Services:

Emphasizes assistance to needy, referral for eye glasses and surgery and assistance to those with hearing disabilities. Requires a letter from a social service agency, school, or medical professional (not First Call For Help) sent to: Fort Lauderdale Lions Club - Sight Chair, P Box 556, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33302. The answer usually takes about a week. Letter must include Name, phone number, birth date, address and explanation of situation and need.

Eligibility: all ages

Fees:

Intake: Social Service agency or medical professional must supply a letter stating the need and giving the client name and address.

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Call to leave message

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 525-4667

FAX:

Mailman Center for Child Development

Mailman Center for Child Development

1601 NW 12th Avenue

Miami FL 33136

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

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (305) 243-6801

FAX: (305) 243-5978



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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 appliance and other adaptive equipment for the blind, advocacy services and protection of civil rights, development and evaluation of technology, ar 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:

Visually Impaired Support Group

8000 West Broward Mall - North Entr
Plantation Police Outreach Center
Plantation FL 33317

Description of Services:

We 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. We provide a support group for the blind person along with family a friends.

- Eligibility:** Visually impaired and family and friends of visually impaired
- Fees:** no fees
- Intake:**
- Area Served:**

Hours of Operation:

Second Saturday of each month - call for times

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 442-1855

FAX:



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



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Nova Southeastern University

Nova - Programs in Speech, Language & Communication - Davie

2555 Davie Road

Davie FL 33314

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 262-7702

FAX: (954) 262-3940

Description of Services:

Provides speech and language screenings, full assessments and therapy for infants, children and adults. Group therapy and support groups are offered for special populations. Specialized clinics are offered in augmentive communication and voice disorders.

- Eligibility:** Persons with speech and auditory disorders
Fees:: Insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, Self-Pay/Full, Sliding Scale
Intake: Completed case history, release forms, insurance information, Medicaid paperwork and patient information form required
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-7pm; Saturday 8am-2pm

Nova - Programs in Speech, Language & Communication - Miami

1750 NE 168th Street

Miami FL 33162

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 262-7735

FAX: (954) 262-3940

Description of Services:

Provides speech and language screenings, full assessments and therapy for infants, children and adults. Group therapy and support groups are offered for special populations. Specialized clinics are offered in augmentive communication and voice disorders.

- Eligibility:** Persons with speech and auditory disorders
Fees:: Insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, Self-Pay/Full, Sliding Scale
Intake: Completed case history, release forms, insurance information, Medicaid paperwork and patient information form required
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-7pm; Saturday 8am-2pm

Nova - Hearing and Balance Clinic

3600 South University Drive

Davie FL 33314

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 262-7765

FAX: (954) 262-3940

Description of Services:

Provides comprehensive services for persons with hearing and/or balance disorders. Services include evaluation, management and treatment of children and adults with auditory disorders, including hearing loss, auditory processing and tinnitus.

- Eligibility:** Persons with hearing disabilities and/or balance disorders
Fees:: Insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, Self-Pay/Full, Sliding Scale; \$135 initial evaluation
Intake: Must provide complete medical history, Medicaid or Medicare paperwork, patient information form & Patient Bill Of Rights
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm



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Quota International, Inc.

Quota International - Sound Beginnings Program

2501 Palm Aire Dr.
S. 101
Pompano Beach FL 33069

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 224-5050
FAX:

Description of Services:

Quota International's main missions are to help disadvantaged women and children meet their needs and the deaf and hearing impaired obtain hearing aids through the Sound Beginning Program.

- Eligibility:** Ages 0-17 in need of hearing aid, referred by audiologist from Center for Hearing and Communication.
Fees: None
Intake: Application must be processed by the Center for Hearing and Communication (formerly LHH)
Area Served: Broward and Beyond

Hours of Operation:
Mon-Friday 10am-4pm

Samuel M. & Helen Soref Jewish Community Center, Inc

Soref JCC - Brodzki Early Childhood Program

6501 West Sunrise Blvd

Fort Lauderdale FL 33313

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 587-7033
FAX: (954) 792-4839

Description of Services:

A preschool for children between ages 15 months to five years old; extended day care also available. Intergrated program also serves children with hearing impairments.

- Eligibility:** Must be between 15 months-5 years old
Fees: Self-Pay/Full, Self-Pay/Sliding scale; \$195-\$540 per month
Intake: Registration form, financial aid form, tax return and interview required
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:
Monday-Friday 7:30am-6:00pm



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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

Schott Communities - Case Management for Disabled and Caregiver

6591 S. Flamingo Road

Cooper City FL 33029

Description of Services:

Case management: identifies client needs, develops a service plan, implements plan through referrals to Schott programs or to outside service providers; advocates for the client, monitors program progress and final resolution of the problem.

- Eligibility:** Age 18 and over, disabled or family member/caregiver of disabled person
- Fees:** Self-pay/sliding scale
- Intake:** Appointment required: Must have social security card and signed forms (HIPAA, release of information and Confidentiality)
- Area Served:** Broward

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday-Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 434-3306

FAX: (954) 434-3307

Schott Communities - Programs for Physically Disabled/ Blind

6591 S. Flamingo Road

Cooper City FL 33029

Description of Services:

Weekly activities include: social for the blind, art and class, arts and crafts class and quarterly dances, for disabled in the community. These activities strive to dispel the sense of isolation through activities calling for creativity, cooperation, working with others, conversation entertainment and education.

- Eligibility:** Must be age 18 and older and physically disabled or blind
- Fees:** No Fee
- Intake:** Call for information, appointment required
- Area Served:** Broward

Hours of Operation:

Mon 10a-12p Oil paint, Wed 9a-1p Arts/Crafts, Thur 9a-3p blind social/paint/sculpting, Sat 6p-9p disability dances, Sun 8:30-12p liturgy

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 434-3306

FAX: (954) 434-3307



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Hearing / Visual

Schott Communities - Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing

6591 S. Flamingo Road

Cooper City

FL 33029

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 434-3306

FAX: (954) 434-3307

Description of Services:

Program welcomes persons who are deaf and anyone interested in socializing with members of the deaf community. Among the latter are family, friends, and students of American Sign Language (ASL) classes who come to improve their signing skills. The program allows participants to meet new friends, learn about services and opportunities for the deaf community and more about the deaf culture. Interpretation for individuals and groups facilitates deaf inclusion.

- Eligibility:** Must be 6 years old and over and hearing impaired/deaf
Fees: Self pay/sliding scale; Fees for camp, socials and counseling
Intake: Must have Camp-Registration, Power of Attorney and Liability form completed
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30pm-5pm, Saturday 10am-12pm (Camp - June Only); Sundays 11am-3pm (Deaf Social/literacy)

Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc.

Southeastern Guide Dogs

4210 77th Ave.

Palmetto

FL 34221

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 944-3647

FAX: (941) 729-6646

Description of Services:

Southeastern Guide Dog's mission is to create and nurture partnerships between visually impaired individuals and guide dogs, facilitating life's journey with mobility, independence and dignity. The guide dogs are provided completely free of charge to the blind or visually impaired recipients we serve.

- Eligibility:** Blind or visually impaired individual
Fees: None
Intake: Call for details
Area Served:

Hours of Operation:



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Speaking Hands, Inc.

Speaking Hands

127 North State Road 7

Plantation FL 33317

Description of Services:

Non-profit agency specializing in programs that make a difference for deaf and hearing impaired children and "at-risk" teens. Services such as Life Skills training, Reading, Presenting a Positive Image, Social Etiquette, Employability Skills, Health and Hygiene, HIV/AIDS Awareness, Sexual Responsibility with a strong emphasis on abstinence, Dressing for Success, Walking with Pride, Dining with Elegance and Entrepreneurial Skills, are just a small part of programming. We are the only sign language organization in Florida that offers program both the hearing and deaf world.

Eligibility: Must be 3 to 18 years old; Deaf and hearing impaired or an "at-risk" teen
Fees: Self-pay/sliding scale
Intake: Appointment required: Must have photo ID, Social Security card and proof of income
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-8pm

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 792-7273

FAX: (954) 792-7281

Special Needs Physicians

Dr. Morris Gunthrie - SN Ophthalmologist

220 SW 84th Ave
Suite 204
Plantation FL 33324

Description of Services:

Pediatric Ophthalmologist (Eye Care) with experience serving children with Special Needs with visual impairments. The office also treats adults.

Eligibility: All appropriate individuals seeking eye care.
Fees: Many insurances
Intake:
Area Served:

Hours of Operation:

Mon-Friday 8:30-5:00pm

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 424-5959

FAX:



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



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Summer Programs - Special Needs

Center for Hearing and Communication - Camp - Tamarac

Tamarac Elementary School
7601 N University Drive
Tamarac FL 33321

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (954) 601-1930
FAX: (954) 485-6336

Description of Services:

Offers oral communication and American Sign Language activities and includes field trips, literacy, math, cooking class swimming, reading Martial arts, physical fitness, cultural arts and programming.

- Eligibility:** Youth Ages 5 to 12 who are deaf or hearing impaired
- Fees::** No fee, Self pay/sliding scale minimum fees
- Intake:** Call for information
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 3pm - 5:30 pm (Call for days/times when school is not in session)

Schott Communities - Schott Summer Literacy Program

6591 S. Flamingo Road

Cooper City FL 33330

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

Description of Services:

Schott Communities offers a literacy summer camp for children ages 6-12 who are deaf. Program focuses on reading and communication skills, along with various recreational activities. Approach is oral and sign.

- Eligibility:** children ages 6-12 who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- Fees::** \$125 per camper. Includes breakfast, lunch, and activities)
- Intake:** Call for information
- Area Served:** Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm (June 8-26)

Tampa Bay Academy

Tampa Bay Academy

12012 Boyette Road

Riverview FL 33569

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (800) 678-3838
FAX: (813) 671-3145

Description of Services:

We provide psychiatric residential services for deaf and hard-of-hearing children ages 4-18 and therapeutic group home services for adolescents ages 11-18.

- Eligibility:** Deaf or hard-of-hearing children, 4-18 years (clinical appropriateness is determined on a case by case basis)
- Fees::** Insurance, Medicaid, Medicaid HMO, Self-Pay/Full
- Intake:** psych eval, edu recs, immunizations, insur, medicaid cards, med recs, custody papers, list of continuin care providers
- Area Served:** State of Florida

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Hearing / Visual

Toll-Free Helplines

Eye Care America Helpline

655 Beach Street

San Francisco CA 94109

Description of Services:

EyeCare America operates multiple toll-free, 24-hour, seven-days-a-week, helplines that allow callers to request free eye health education materials or to see if they qualify for a referral to one of EyeCare America's 7,500+ volunteer ophthalmologists nationwide. Callers seeking referral will be automatically screened to determine their eligibility for the program that provides the most appropriate eye care services. Eligible seniors who have not seen an ophthalmologist in three or more years may be able to receive a referral for eye care at no out-of-pocket cost for up to one year

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

Hours of Operation:

24 hours, 7 days a week

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 222-3937

FAX: (415) 561-8567

American Council of the Blind

1155 15th Street NW
Suite 1004

Washington, DC DC 20005

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

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 424-8666

FAX: (202) 467-5085