



# Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



## Spina Bifida

### Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)

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

Agency for Person with Disabilities

FL

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 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. 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

### Easter Seals South Florida

#### Easter Seal - Medical Rehabilitation

2880 W. Oakland Park Blvd

Suite 227

Fort Lauderdale

FL

33340

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 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 aids \$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 State Elks Association

#### Grants - Elks Association Children's Clinic

Florida States Elks Therapy Service

Pompano FL 33060

#### Description of Services:

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

**Eligibility:** Any child with disability / family demonstrating financial need

**Fees::** None

**Intake:** Call for details

**Area Served:** Broward County

#### Hours of Operation:

Appointments occur 1st Wed of the Month

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**Phone:** (954) 427-7859

**FAX:**

### Internet Sites (URL's)

#### Grants - Shriners of North America

2900 Rocky Point Drive

Tampa FL 33607

#### Description of Services:

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

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

**Fees::** No Fee

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

**Area Served:** Nearest hospital is in Tampa, FL

#### Hours of Operation:

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

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**Phone:** (800) 237-5055

**FAX:** (813) 975-7120



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

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

1001 West Cypress Creek  
Suite #110  
Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

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 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 772-0013  
**FAX:** (954) 772-4655

#### **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

### ***Spina Bifida Association of SE Florida***

#### **Spina Bifida Association of SE Florida**

PO Box 15113  
Plantation FL 33318

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 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 472-4089  
**FAX:** (954) 472-7252

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

Provides support, information, conferences, education and social gatherings for those with spina bifida and their families. Publishes a newsletter with helpful information.

**Eligibility:** Those with spina bifida, their families, friends or any interested persons  
**Fees::** Annual membership dues \$25 per family, \$35 for professionals  
**Intake:**  
**Area Served:** Southeast Florida

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



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### **Therapies 4 Kids Inc.**

#### **Grants - Bright Steps Forward, Inc.**

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

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 American Sign Language

**Phone:** (954) 491-6611

**FAX:** (954) 491-6699

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

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

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

#### **Fees::**

**Intake:** Register online. Call for details

#### **Area Served:**

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

8-5pm M-F