



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



Hearing / Visual

Accessible Communication for the Deaf

Accessible Communication for the Deaf - ACD

911 NW 209 Ave Ste 102

Pembroke Pines FL 33029

Description of Services:

FOR PROFIT - Provides Sign-Language interpreting for all deaf and hard of hearing and offers and interpreter referral services.

Eligibility: Any individual in need of interpreter services

Fees: Yes - Call for details

Intake: N/A

Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

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

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 431-6505

FAX: (954) 241-5033

Alliance for Families with Deaf Children

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812 West Plantation Circle

Plantation FL 33324

Description of Services:

AFDC serves families who have deaf or hard of hearing children or children up to 12 years old without a hearing loss who can benefit from American Sign Language. We provide in-home tutoring, language enrichment for babies, parent education, sign language instruction and parent and child activities. We offer parent support groups and monthly workshops for parents and professionals in partnership with the Broward County Library.

Eligibility: Families who have a deaf or hard of hearing child or a children who can benefit from ASL.

Fees: Call for information

Intake: Call for information

Area Served: Broward and Miami-Dade counties

Hours of Operation:

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 370-1145

FAX: (954) 252-4269



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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 other 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

BC CS Libraries Division

BC Library - Talking Book Library - Main Branch

100 South Andrews Avenue

Fort Lauderdale FL 33301

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (954) 357-7555
FAX: (954) 357-6122

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 Library 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 9am-5pm

Bolesta Center

Bolesta Center

7205 North Habana Avenue

Tampa FL 33614

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (813) 932-1184
FAX: (813) 932-9583

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



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Broward Community College

BCC - Vision Center - North Campus

1000 Coconut Creek Blvd
Building 41
Coconut Creek FL 33066

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 201-2400

FAX: (954) 201-2389

Description of Services:

Full range vision clinic with vision students working with doctors to provide the community with affordable, quality vision care. Services include: vision testing, frame and lens fitting, contact lenses, eye glass repair

Eligibility: Persons needing vision services

Fees:: varies

Intake: Appointment needed

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am-1pm

Broward County Parks - Individual Parks

BC Parks - Tandem Bike Program

950 NW 38th Street
Administration
Oakland Park FL 33309

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 357-8180

FAX: (954) 537-2849

Description of Services:

Visually Impaired: The Tandem Bike program (bicycle for two) assists visually impaired / blind individuals learn basic biking skills, bike mechanics, and safety techniques while promoting socialization, being outdoors, and riding through Broward County's beautiful parks, with the aid of biker volunteers. Program dates depend on participation.

Eligibility: Must have be blind or have a visual impairment. Dates and time of program are determined by the registered group participants.

Fees:: None

Intake: Pre-registration required in order to pair with a volunteer partner

Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

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



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Calvary Chapel Church

Signs of Life Deaf Social

Calvary Chapel
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:

The Deaf Social is a time for the deaf and hard of hearing community to have fun and fellowship. Meeting the 2nd Sunday of the month from 6-9pm

Eligibility:

Fees:: None
Intake: Contact Annie Meliti 954-214-3181
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

2nd Sunday of each month 6-9pm

Canine Assistants

Canine Assistants - Assistance Dogs

3160 Francis Road

Alpharetta GA 30004

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (770) 664-7178
FAX: (770) 664-7820

Description of Services:

Canine Assistants is a non-profit organization which trains and provides service dogs for children and adults with physical disabilities or other 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

Canine Companions for Independence - SE Regional Center

Canine Companions for Independence

8150 Clarcona Ocoee Road

Orlando FL 32818

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (407) 522-3300
FAX: (407) 522-3347

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



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

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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 disorders, autistic-like disabilities, dual sensory impairments, or sensory impairments (deaf-blindness) with other disabling conditions. Our primary focus is to provide individualized direct assistance through family support, technical assistance and consultation, parent and professional training programs, and public education activities.

- Eligibility:** Children & adults who have autism, autistic-like disabilities, pervasive developmental disorders or dual sensory impairments
- Fees:** No Fee
- Intake:** Must call for an intake and register with the program
- Area Served:** Broward, Palm Beach and Dade counties

Hours of Operation:

DOE - Blind Services Division

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:** (945) 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 in 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 be US Citizen
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm



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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 be a US Citizen
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Easter Seals Broward County

Easter Seal - Medical Rehabilitation

12701 West Sunrise Blvd

Sunrise FL 33323

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 792-8772
FAX: (954) 791-8275

Description of Services:

Medical Rehabilitation includes physical, occupational, and speech-language therapies; psychological evaluations and counseling; hearing testing and hearing aids; social and communication play groups; family support groups; specialized clinics; and early intervention services.

- Eligibility:** Anyone in need of 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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FL Dept of Health - Children's Medical Services

DOH - Children's Medical Services

1625 SE Third Avenue #415
Broward General Medical Office
Fort Lauderdale FL 33316

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (954) 713-3100
FAX: (954) 713-3179

Description of Services:

Approximately 30+ clinics a month are provided. Patients are screened, evaluated and referred for necessary surgery, lab work, therapy and/or prosthetic devices. Includes specialties such as renal, cardiac, hearing, pediatric, neurosurgical, cleft palate, orthopedic, eye, urology, genetic and sickle cell anemia. Dental needs are not included.

Eligibility: Chronic health problem and meeting Title IX, XXI & financial requirements
Fees: Insurance, Medicaid
Intake: Contact intake nurse
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Florida Relay Service

Florida Relay Service

200 South Biscayne Blvd #600
Miami FL 33131

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language
Phone: (800) 955-8770
FAX:

Description of Services:

Provides 24-hour telephone text to voice interpreting relay service between people using regular phones to people who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech disabled using a TDD, TTY or PC. Can also be contacted by dialing 711.

Eligibility: None
Fees: No fee
Intake: Call
Area Served: State of Florida

Hours of Operation:

24 hours, 7 days a week



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Foundation Fighting Blindness

Foundation Fighting Blindness

11435 Cronhill Drive

Owings Mill MD 21117

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

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 683-5555

FAX: (410) 771-9470

GRACA Autism Support Group

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 and 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:

Social Group for Hearing Impaired Young Professionals

United Hearing & Deaf Services
2800 West Oakland Park Blvd #306
Oakland Park FL 33311

Description of Services:

This group is for deaf and hard-of-hearing young professionals. Group members are given the opportunity to meet people and participate in fun-filled social events.

- Eligibility:** Deaf or hard of hearing person 18-35 years of age
- Fees:** Call for information
- Intake:**
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Call for information

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 731-7203

FAX:



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League for the Hard of Hearing - SHHH Group

2800 West Oakland Park Blvd #306

Oakland Park FL 33311

Description of Services:

Provides support and information to the hearing impaired, their family and friends. SHHH is devoted to the welfare and interests of those who cannot hear well but are committed to participating in the hearing world. Members learn about assistive listening systems and devices which can make life easier and less frustrating.

Eligibility: Hearing impaired individuals (all degrees of hearing loss), their family and friends

Fees: National membership includes 6 journals at \$20 per year

Intake:

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

2nd Wednesday 12:30pm

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 731-7203

FAX:

Internet Sites (URL's)

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:

- 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 aid, 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:

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (202) 337-5220

FAX: (202) 337-8314



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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:

The 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 a client data sheet on application and provide an audiogram

Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:



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League for the Hard of Hearing

League for the Hard of Hearing - Advocacy/Social Service Casework

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

2800 West Oakland Park Blvd
 Suite #306
 Oakland Park FL 33311

Phone: (954) 731-7200
FAX: (954) 485-6336

Description of Services:

Offers indirect and direct support for people who are hard of hearing, deaf, and deaf-blind in their struggles to gain communication and other access in places of public accommodation, the workplace, and government facilities. The program is designed to educate both consumers and the general public, providing information needed to make access a reality. Also offers one-on-one assistance with socialization and consumer issues, as well as personal and family problems; 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

League for the Hard of Hearing - Interpreting Services

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

2800 West Oakland Park Blvd
 Suite #306
 Oakland Park FL 33311

Phone: (954) 731-7200
FAX: (954) 485-6336

Description of Services:

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

- Eligibility:** Must be a deaf or hard of hearing person in need of assistance, live in Florida
Fees: Self-Pay/Full; \$40/hour with 2 hour minimum (for profit), \$30/hour with 2 hour minimum (for non-profit)
Intake: Interpreters are done by appointment only
Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:
 Monday-Friday 9am-5pm (Interpreters are only done by appointment)



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League for the Hard of Hearing - Family & Personal Counseling

2800 West Oakland Park Blvd
Suite #306
Oakland Park FL 33311

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language
- Phone:** (954) 731-7200
- FAX:** (954) 485-6336

Description of Services:

Provides confidential psychotherapy and counseling by licensed staff members to hard of hearing/deaf people, their families in reference to hearing loss, substance abuse, coping, marital and family problems, and crisis intervention.

- 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)

League For The Hard of Hearing - Lip Reading Class

NW Regional Library
3151 University Drive
Coral Springs FL

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language
- Phone:** (954) 341-3900
- FAX:**

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

League for the Hard of Hearing - Job Counseling/Placement

2800 West Oakland Park Blvd
Suite #306
Oakland Park FL 33311

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language
- Phone:** (954) 731-7200
- FAX:** (954) 485-6336

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)



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League for the Hard of Hearing - Audiological Services

2800 West Oakland Park Blvd
Suite #306
Oakland Park FL 33311

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language
- Phone:** (954) 731-7200
- FAX:** (954) 485-6336

Description of Services:

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

- Eligibility:** Must be deaf or hearing impaired and diagnosed by a doctor
- 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

League for the Hard of Hearing - Cordless Amplified Telephones

2800 West Oakland Park Blvd
Suite # 306
Oakland Park FL 33311

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language
- Phone:** (954) 731-7200
- FAX:** (954) 484-6336

Description of Services:

Distributes specialized cordless telephone equipment for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Walk-ins on Tuesdays and Thursday 9am-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-12pm; and 1pm-4pm. Appointments only on Mon, Wed & Fri.
- Area Served:** Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

League for the Hard of Hearing - Educational Programs

2800 West Oakland Park Blvd
Suite #306
Oakland Park FL 33311

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language
- Phone:** (954) 731-7200
- FAX:** (954) 485-6336

Description of Services:

Provides courses in ASL (American Sign Language), Signed English and speech reading, as well as interpreter training, developing assertiveness and leadership skills; speakers/programs on deaf culture and hearing loss are available upon request.

- Eligibility:** Must be 18 years old or over
- Fees::** Self-Pay/Full; \$55 for ten weeks
- Intake:** Call for information
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

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



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League for the Hard of Hearing - Support Groups

2800 West Oakland Park Blvd
Suite #306
Oakland Park FL 33311

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 731-7200
FAX: (954) 485-6336

Description of Services:

Sponsored by United Hearing and Deaf Services Inc., provides support groups for parents of deaf/hard of hearing children and alcohol and substance abuse.

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

League for the Hard of Hearing - Administration

2800 West Oakland Park Blvd
Suite #306
Oakland Park FL 33311

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 731-7200
FAX: (954) 485-6336

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

League for the Hard of Hearing - Florida Telecommunication Relay

2800 West Oakland Park Blvd
Suite #306
Oakland Park FL 33311

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 731-7200
FAX: (954) 485-6336

Description of Services:

Provides equipment (donated by the State of Florida) through United Hearing and Deaf Services at no cost. Florida residents 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:

Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm



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League for the Hard of Hearing - Cochlear Implant Support Group

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

2800 West Oakland Park Blvd
 Suite # 306
 Oakland Park FL 33311

Phone: (954) 731-7200
FAX: (954) 485-6336

Description of Services:

Support group is intended for individuals who are considering a cochlear implant and those who already have one, and any friends, family or significant others.

- Eligibility:** Individuals who have a cochlear implant or are considering one
- Fees:** No fee, Medicare, Medicaid, self pay/full, self pay, sliding
- Intake:** Call for information, appointment needed
- Area Served:** Broward

Hours of Operation:

Third Sunday of each month, 2:00pm-3:30pm

Learning Center for Vision Impaired Seniors of Broward

Learning Center for Vision Impaired - Support Group

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

10200 Sunset Strip
 Nob Hill Banquet Hall
 Sunrise FL 33322

Phone: (954) 742-3214
FAX: (954) 748-4436

Description of Services:

A nonprofit organization dedicated to providing continuing education, support and socialization for legally-blind seniors and adults. Offers a group once a week with lectures, speakers and activities.

- Eligibility:** Adults, age 21 and older who are legally-blind or volunteers wanting to help
- Fees:** No Fee
- Intake:** Call for information
- Area Served:** Broward

Hours of Operation:

Thursdays, 10am-2pm



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Lighthouse of Broward County

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 groups, individual counseling and information/referral services.

Groups include: Family Support Group (meets last Thursday. of every month 10-11:30am) and a Parent Support Group (meets first Tues. of each month 5:30-7:30pm). Call for information.

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

Lighthouse - Adaptive Software and Computer Training

650 North Andrews Avenue

Fort Lauderdale FL 33311

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, Some Dade County, South Palm Beach county

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

- 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



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Lighthouse - Bright Beginning Early Intervention Program

650 North Andrews Avenue

Fort Lauderdale FL 33311

Description of Services:

Specialized Early Intervention services for children birth to 5 years of age provide adaptive techniques training to develop cognitive, sensory-motor, 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

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 463-4217

FAX: (954) 764-3825

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 of 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 6-14 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 Mon-Fri 9am-3pm (June 7 - August 10th)

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 463-4217

FAX: (954) 764-3825

Lighthouse - Independent Living Skills Rehabilitation

650 North Andrews Avenue

Fort Lauderdale FL 33311

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 and various magnifiers. Also includes outreach services in the client's homes.

Eligibility: Must be legally blind or have an 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

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 463-4217

FAX: (954) 764-3825



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Lighthouse - Transition

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:

The Transition programs provides adaptive skills training, counseling and goal setting to aid adolescents and young adults (ages 14-21) with vision impairment making the transition from adolescence to adulthood. Participants receive training in job readiness awareness, job preparation skills, independent living skills, and socialization with the community. Some participants will be given a work experience based upon their future vocational goal.

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

Lions Club

Lions Club - Sight Help

PO Box 556

Fort Lauderdale

FL 33302

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 525-4667

FAX:

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 or medical professional (not First Call For Help) sent to: Fort Lauderdale Lions Club - Sight Chairman, PO Box 556, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33302. The answer usually takes about a week.

Eligibility:

Fees::

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

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

2nd & 4th Thursday 7pm at VFW lodge



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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 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 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:

Nova Southeastern University

Nova - Hearing and Balance Clinic

3600 South University Drive

Davie FL 33314

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 and auditory processing problems; hearing instrument selection and fitting; evaluation and management of balance disorders and risk identification for fall disorders, balance repositioning therapies.

- Eligibility:** Person with hearing disabilities and/or balance disorders
- Fees:** Insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, Self-Pay/Full, Sliding Scale; \$50 initial evaluation
- Intake:** Must provide complete medical history
- Area Served:** Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 262-7717

FAX: (954) 262-3940



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Nova - Audiology & Speech Clinics

3200 South University Drive

Davie FL 33328

Description of Services:

Provides speech and language screenings, full assessments and therapy for infants, children and special populations. Specialized clinics are offered in augmentative communication and voice disorders. Audiology is a separate department from Speech and Language.

- Eligibility:** Anyone in need of Speech and language services
- Fees:** Fees vary - call for information
- Intake:** Call for information
- Area Served:** Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 262-7750

FAX:

Nova - Programs in Speech, Lang and Comm - Davie Road

2555 Davie Road

Davie FL 33314

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 and patient information form required
- Area Served:** Broward

Hours of Operation:

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

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 262-7702

FAX: (954) 262-3940

Nova - Programs in Speech, Lang and Comm - Miami

1750 NE 168th Street

Miami FL 33162

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 and patient information form required
- Area Served:** Broward

Hours of Operation:

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

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 262-7735

FAX: (954) 262-3940



Special Needs Quick Guide to Resources for:



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Samuel M. & Helen Soref Jewish Community Center, Inc

Soref JCC - Brodzki Early Childhood Program

6501 West Sunrise Blvd

Fort Lauderdale FL 33313

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

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 589-7033

FAX: (954) 792-4839

Schott Communities

Schott Communities - Case Management for Disabled and Caregivers

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 and in need of counseling
- Fees::**
- Intake:** Call for information - Apt required SS card, signed forms HIPAA and Confidentiality
- Area Served:** Broward

Hours of Operation:

Call for schedule

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 434-3306

FAX: (954) 434-3307

Schott Communities - Blind and Visually Impaired

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, 9a-3p blink social/paint class/sculpting, 6p-9p disability dances, 9:30-1p liturgy/social

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 434-3306

FAX: (954) 434-3307



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Schott Communities - Advocacy, Sign Language Classes, Workshops Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

6591 S. Flamingo Road

American Sign Language

Cooper City

FL 33029

Phone: (954) 434-3306

FAX: (954) 434-3307

Description of Services:

Advocacy on behalf of and with persons with disabilities has many avenues: (1) dispensing information on resources regarding care, legal or financial issues; (2) promoting legislative initiatives, (3) networking to expand access to available resources; and (4) working to change public perceptions and attitudes. While Schott Communities does advocate in all the four ways listed, the agency has concentrated its efforts and resources on changing public perceptions and attitudes. Its major efforts in this direction are the Welcome to My World workshops, American Sign Language Classes and a quarterly newsletter which consists 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 is \$40 per term & WTMW is \$500 for workshop-24 participants

Intake: Call for information

Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Calendar varies, call for times

Schott Communities - Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken

6591 S. Flamingo Road

American Sign Language

Cooper City

FL 33029

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. Interpreting for individuals and groups facilitates deaf inclusion.

Eligibility: Must be 6 years old and over and hearing impaired/deaf

Fees: self pay/sliding fees charged camp, socials, counseling

Intake: Call for information Camp-Registration, Power of Attorney, Liability

Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30pm-5pm Camp - June Only ; Deaf Social interpreted literacy Sundays 11am-3pm



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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 programs to 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

Summer Programs - Special Needs

Camp - Margate - Special Needs - Summer

Margate FL

Description of Services:

1) League for the Hard of Hearing Enrichment Program, 6300 SW 18th Street, Margate (954) 731-7200, June 4- August 3, 2007, 11am-4pm, Fees based on a sliding scale (For deaf or hard of hearing students, at Margate Elementary, ages 5-12)

- Eligibility:**
- Fees::**
- Intake:**
- Area Served:**

Hours of Operation:

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language
- Phone:**
- FAX:**



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League for the Hard of Hearing - Summer Camp Program

2800 West Oakland Park Blvd
Suite #306
Oakland Park FL 33311

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (954) 731-7200
FAX: (954) 485-6336

Description of Services:

Camp offers total communication oral and American Sign Language Activities include 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 11am-4pm (June 5-August 4, 2007) at Margate Elementary

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/ disabled
Fees: \$100 per camper. Includes breakfast, lunch, and activities)
Intake: Call for information
Area Served: Broward

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm (June 11 - June 29, 2007)

Toll-Free Helplines

Eye Care America Helpline

655 Beach Street
San Francisco CA 94109

- Spanish Spoken Haitian Creole Spoken
 American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 222-3937
FAX: (415) 561-8567

Description of Services:

EyeCare America operates multiple toll-free, 24-hour, seven-days-a-week, helplines that allow callers to request free eye health educational materials or to see if they qualify for a referral to one of EyeCare America's 7,500+ volunteer ophthalmologists nationwide. Callers seeking a 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



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AT&T Accessible Communication

5 Wood Hollow Road
Product Center
Parsippany NJ 07054

- Spanish Spoken
- Haitian Creole Spoken
- American Sign Language

Phone: (800) 233-1222

FAX:

Description of Services:

Phone attachments for hearing impaired or visually or motion impaired.

Eligibility:

Fees:: Cost depends on product needed

Intake:

Area Served: Broward County

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-6:30pm

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