

Living with Autism and Related Disabilities in Central Florida *Resource Guide*

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to The University of Central Florida's Center for Autism and Related Disabilities resource guide, **Living with Autism and Related Disabilities in Central Florida**. We have developed this booklet to provide information that helps families learn about their children's disabilities, local service systems, and community resources. After leaving a doctor's office many parents wonder where to turn. This guide, originally developed with input from parents, is designed to help answer that question. It will be updated regularly on our website, www.ucfcard.org.

Here at your fingertips are names and addresses of professionals and services that are offered in Central Florida. We hope you will find the guide helpful, and we are interested in your feedback. We are also interested in adding additional resources that may be familiar to you, so that we may share the information with other families.

Because a parent and former president of Greater Orlando ASA originally developed this booklet, it contains more information on autism spectrum disorders than the related disabilities. By no means does this indicate that individuals with autism spectrum are more valued than our other constituents. As we add additional information in future editions, the distribution of information will become more balanced.

During the preparation of this guide, area codes and phone numbers for some organizations changed as many as 3 times. All information was confirmed at the time of development. However, future changes are inevitable. We encourage you to contact us with updated information.

UCF CARD does not endorse programs or individual providers. Families must be savvy consumers in pursuing services for their children, just as they would be in choosing professionals in other areas of their lives. Inclusion in this guide by no means indicates endorsement of an agency or individual by UCF CARD, nor does it imply UCF CARD advocates or endorses any treatment or group advocated by these agencies or individuals. Opinions and recommendations provided by these agencies and individuals may not be the opinions and recommendations of UCF CARD. Families are invited to ask their CARD liaison for relevant information that may apply.

ABOUT CARD

The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) is a state-funded program that serves individuals with autism spectrum disorders, dual sensory impairment, and sensory impairment with related disabilities. The mission of CARD is to provide support and assistance that optimizes the potential of these individuals, by finding ways to build behaviors and skills that will allow them to successfully learn, work, and communicate. CARD also assists community agencies and resources to build their own capacity to serve individuals with autism and related disabilities using “best practice” methods. All CARD services are free of charge. There are currently 7 regional centers; the UCF CARD serves Central Florida counties.

CARD supports individuals, professionals and families of individuals who carry the following diagnoses:

Autism Spectrum Disorders

This category includes diagnoses such as Pervasive Developmental Disorder-Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS), Autism, Asperger’s Syndrome, Rett Syndrome, and Childhood Disintegrative Disorder. Much more information on these conditions is found later in this booklet.

Dual-Sensory Impairment

Also called Deaf-Blindness, dual sensory impairment affects 10% of all children with disabilities. Deaf-blindness is a condition in which an individual has losses in hearing and vision. A person who is completely blind is very rare. Most people who are considered deaf-blind have some hearing and/or some vision. The combination of losses makes learning and living different and difficult.

Sensory Impairment and an Additional Disability

Individuals who have a single sensory impairment coupled with an additional severe disability are also eligible for CARD services. For example, individuals with Down Syndrome who are legally blind, a child who has cerebral palsy and is hearing impaired, or an adult who has mental retardation and is deaf all qualify for CARD services under this category. These related disabilities are serious and typically result in a level of need quite similar to individuals with autism spectrum disorders. There are multiple causes of such cases, and each may be quite individualized.

DISABILITY INFORMATION: DEAF-BLINDNESS

What causes deaf-blindness?

Deaf-blindness can be caused by a number of hereditary conditions, as well as pre- and post-natal conditions and trauma. Below is a partial list. For more information on any of these causes, contact [CARD](#).

Hereditary/Genetic	Infections Before Birth	Other
Down Syndrome	Congenital Syphilis	Direct Trauma
CHARGE Association	Congenital Rubella	Head Injury
Usher Syndrome	Cytomegalovirus	Tumors
Trisomy 13	HIV	Stroke

People who are deaf-blind CAN:

- | | | |
|--------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Work | Play | Communicate |
| Go to school | Have friends | Be active in community |

Though deaf-blindness presents many unique challenges to both those who have visual and hearing impairments and to their caregivers and friends, these challenges are by no means insurmountable. Many persons who are deaf-blind have achieved a quality of life that is excellent. The persons who are deaf-blind who have high quality lives have several things in common. First, they have each, in their own way, come to accept the absence of sight and hearing as a life situation, which gives them a unique and valuable experience of the world. This fundamental acceptance can occur regardless of the severity of the particular sensory losses or other challenges that the person has. Second, they have had educational experiences that have helped them maximize their abilities to communicate and to function productively. Finally, these happy, involved persons who are deaf-blind live in families, communities or social groups that have an attitude of welcoming acceptance. They have friends, relatives and co-workers who value their presence as individuals with significant contributions to make to the world around them. For these persons with limited sight and hearing, and for those near them, deaf-blindness fosters opportunities for learning and mutual enrichment.

(Adapted from DB Link and Florida Outreach Project)

What can I do to help a child or an individual with deaf-blindness?

1. Learn more about deaf-blindness and its causes.
2. Take time to interact and make friends with people who are deaf-blind.
3. Consider employing or recommending employment of an individual with deaf-blindness.
4. Get more information by contacting the Florida Outreach Project for Children and Young Adults who are Deaf-Blind (www.deafblind.ufl.edu)
5. Call and join Family Network on Disabilities (FND - <http://fndfl.org/>) 800-825-5736

What books can I read?

There are books, videotapes and websites available on the topic of dual sensory impairment. Many of these books are available in the CARD library. Due to space constraints, we have listed only a few to get you started; however, the

entire UCF CARD library holdings are listed online (www.ucf-card.org/index.php/services/family-supportand-services/library) click on Services, then Library). These books and DVDs may also be available through your local

library and **FDLRS**. All registered constituents, their families and providers may borrow materials from the CARD library.

For more information about borrowing library materials, contact CARD.

Websites

American Council of the Blind: www.abc.org

American Foundation for the Blind: www.afb.org

Community Services for the Blind and Partially Sighted: <http://www.csbps.com/>

Florida School for the Deaf and Blind: <http://www.fldb.k12.fl.us/>

National Industries for the Blind: <http://www.nib.org/>

Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired: <http://www.tsbvi.edu/>

US Department of Health and Human Services: <http://www.hhs.gov/>

National Organizations/Providers

American Association of the Deaf-Blind (AADB)

8630 Fenton Street, Suite 121, Silver Spring, MD 20910-4500 * Ph: 301-495-4403 * TTY: 301-495-4402 Website: <http://www.aadb.org/>

Bionic Ear Association

Ph: 866-844-4327 * Website: <http://www.advancedbionics.com/>

DB-LINK: National Information Clearinghouse on Children Who Are Deaf-Blind

345 N. Monmouth Avenue, Monmouth, OR 97361 * Ph: 800-438-9376 TTY: 800-854-7013 Website: <http://nationaldb.org/>

Florida Outreach Project for Children and Young Adults Who Are Deaf-Blind

P.O. Box 100234, Gainesville, FL 32610-0234 * Ph: 352-273-7530 or 800-667-4052 Website: <http://deafblind.ufl.edu/>

Helen Keller National Center for the Blind (HKNC)

141 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point, NY 11050 * Ph: 516-944-8900 * Website: <http://www.hknc.org/>
HKNC is a national program which provides diagnostic evaluation, short-term comprehensive vocational rehabilitation training, work experience training, and placement for youths and adults with deaf-blindness.

National Deaf Academy

19650 U.S. Highway 441, Mount Dora, FL 32757 * Ph: 352.735.9500 * Fax: 352.735.4939 Website: <http://nda.com/>

National Family Association for Deaf-Blind (NFADB)

141 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point, NY 11050 * Ph: 800-255-0411 * Website: <http://nfadb.org/home.html>
NFADB is a national network of families who focus on issues surrounding deaf-blindness. As a national organization, NFADB advocates for all person who are deaf-blind, support national policy to benefit people who are deaf-blind, and encourage the founding and strengthening of family organizations in each state.

Perkins School for the Blind

175 N. Beacon Street, Watertown, MA 02472 * Ph: 617-924-3434 * Website: www.perkins.org

DISABILITY INFORMATION: AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

Someone says my child might have autism or PDD-NOS (Pervasive Developmental Disorder-Not Otherwise Specified) What should I do?

Early diagnosis and intervention are vital to the future development of the child.
{Adapted with permission from the Autism Society of America}

The most commonly asked question is: What do I do? If your child has not yet received a diagnosis, you will need to have a developmental evaluation. A developmental evaluation may be conducted by a physician (such as a pediatrician), a psychiatrist, or a psychologist. While pediatricians may be able to make this diagnosis, many are not comfortable in doing so. You may need to see a specialist, such as a developmental pediatrician, psychologist, psychiatrist, or neurologist. Although many different specialists can make the diagnosis, some agencies (particularly Florida Developmental Disabilities) require a diagnosis by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist in order to qualify for services. Remember to get copies of all tests and reports for your files.

Discovering that your child has an autism spectrum disorder can be an overwhelming experience. For some, the diagnosis may come as a complete surprise, while others may have suspected autism and attempted for months or years to obtain an accurate diagnosis.

While you are trying to work through these difficult feelings, we want you to know that you are not alone. There are hundreds of parents in Central Florida who have been in your shoes. We can put you in touch with other parents, parents who understand how you are feeling. They will be able to help you learn more about coping and how to find local resources, some of which are listed in this guide.

If your child is newly diagnosed or has been referred for evaluation, the most important thing for you to know is that children with autism will grow and can learn, although it may require different types of teaching and intervention than most typically developing children need. When a professional diagnoses your child, it only provides a label to describe the cluster of behaviors you have probably already noticed. Nevertheless, you will probably have many questions, such as:

What does it mean to have an autism spectrum disorder?

Autism spectrum disorder is a life-long developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life. This disorder affects functioning of the brain. ASD is generally four times more common in boys than girls, and occurs throughout the world, in families of all racial, ethnic, and social backgrounds. No known factors in the psychological environment of a child have been shown to cause autism spectrum disorders.

All individuals with autism spectrum disorders will show some behavioral symptoms that indicate:

1. *Disturbances in social reciprocity (the give-and-take of socially relating to others).*
2. *Abnormalities in speech and language development, such as speech that is absent or delayed. Alternatively, speech may develop, but be restricted in content to basic interests of the individual, or repetitive or echoic phrases. It is often difficult to carry on a conversation with individuals on the autism spectrum.*
3. *Abnormal ways of relating to people, objects, and events, which may be related to sensory processing, peculiar and restricted interests, self-stimulation, or attention, routines and rituals.*

Physicians and psychologists who diagnose these disorders use a specific list of symptoms specified by the American Psychiatric Association, in addition to other rating scales and diagnostic instruments to decide which label best describes an individual.

Autism spectrum disorders may occur alone or in association with other disorders that affect the function of the brain, such as viral infections, metabolic disturbances, and epilepsy. It is important to distinguish autism from intellectual disabilities or mental disorders since diagnostic confusion may result in referral to inappropriate and ineffective treatment techniques.

Persons with ASD may exhibit the following characteristics in various combinations and in varying degrees of severity:

1. May not want to cuddle.
2. No real fear of danger.
3. Inappropriate laughing, giggling or crying.
4. Apparent insensitivity to pain.
5. May prefer to be alone.
6. May avoid eye contact.
7. May echo words or phrases.
8. Difficulty interacting with others.
9. Inappropriate attachments to objects.
10. May spin objects or self.
11. Insistence on sameness.
12. Sustained, unusual or repetitive play.
13. Uneven physical and verbal skills.
14. Difficulty in verbally expressing needs (may not use gestures).
15. Inappropriate responses or no response to sound.
16. Self-injurious and/or aggressive behavior.

What are the causes of autism spectrum disorders?

Current research links ASD to biological or neurological differences in the brain. Some research suggests an abnormality affecting those parts of the brain that process language and information coming in from the senses. There appears to be a pattern of autism spectrum disorders in some families, which suggests there may be a genetic basis. However, at this time, no single gene has been identified as a cause of all cases of ASD. There is currently extensive research being conducted to identify the causes of these disabilities. Much more will be learned about the causes of these disorders in the near future. However, it is clear that autism spectrum disorders are **not** mental illnesses, children with autism are **not** unruly kids who choose not to behave, and autism is **not** caused by poor parenting skills.

What are the common needs in autism spectrum disorders?

The most common problems are the marked difficulties that these children have in developing social skills, relating to others, and learning to use language to communicate. Children with A S D may also experience extreme hyperactivity or unusual passivity. Behavior problems in the autism spectrum range from mild to severe. Severe behavior problems may take the form of highly unusual, aggressive, and, in some cases, self-injurious behavior. In its milder form, ASD resembles a learning disability. Usually, however, even people who are only mildly affected are substantially handicapped due to their deficits in the areas of communication and socialization.

Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder Need:

- Early intervention and services.
- Individualized learning programs built on their strengths, interests, and learning style.
- Functional and purposeful learning activities.
- Opportunities for interaction with typically developing peers, social skills training.
- Recreational programs, summer programs.
- Job coaches and job opportunities, vocational training.
- To be given patience, understanding, and a sense of worth.

Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder May Also Need:

- Consistent and predictable environments.
- Before and after school care.
- Extended school year programs. Group home facilities or other residential living options such as supervised apartments.

What does the future look like?

Unfortunately, none of us have a crystal ball to tell you the future of your child; however, today, many children with ASD grow into healthy, active members of our community. Some are college graduates and hold full time jobs. Some need a great deal of support, others do not. They may need to be pushed. Just remember that the future can be very bright. Don't give up hope and never stop believing in your child. Remember, all children can learn and succeed!

What Services and Resources are Available?

This resource guide was created to answer this question and to help parents from making millions of phone calls and going in circles. Early intervention is of great importance. We realize there will still be many calls that you will have to make, but this guide will at least give you some information as to where to start and who to call. We cannot provide every single available resource. This is a start and will enable you to find other local resources. The agencies and providers listed here have come primarily from family recommendations. However, every family is different, and some professionals may be preferred by one family and rejected by another. You will need to use your own judgment. CARD has not evaluated the services provided by all of these individuals and cannot vouch for their abilities. You may always ask your CARD representative if they have experience with a given provider.

What books can I read?

There are many books and videotapes about autism spectrum disorders. We have listed only a few to get you started here; however, the entire UCF CARD library holdings are listed on our website www.ucf-card.org, which any public librarian will help you reach if you do not have ready access to the Internet. You can also check with your local library, and FDLRS. All registered constituents, their families, and their providers may borrow materials from the CARD library. Call the center to learn more about this option. We have also included websites, which provide a great deal of information. Other web links are found throughout this guide.

Websites

Autism Resource Page: www.vaporia.com/autism

Autism Society of America: www.autism-society.org

Autism Speaks: www.autismspeaks.org

What do I do after my child has been diagnosed?

After your child has been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder, you may want to do the following:

- Start a 3-ring binder to keep all reports, important documents, and records.
- If your child is under 3, call your local Early Steps office (See numbers in local resources).
- Call Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD). 407-245-0440. Register your child there.
- Register your child with CARD (Center for Autism and Related Disabilities). (Call 800 9-AUTISM).
- Go to the Autism Society of America and Autism Speaks Websites for more info. Join a local support group or autism awareness group (See numbers in local resources).

These organizations are important resources for you. They are able to provide you with information, support and services that you will need for your child.

Other things you can do:

- Call for Supplemental Security Income (under *Federal Agencies*)
- Join on-line services.

- Call Florida Healthy Kids Program. (If you lack health care insurance).

I feel overwhelmed...

You have just begun a long journey, and there will be many twists and turns on the road. You will hear many opinions, receive a lot of advice, and have to sift through conflicting information.

The most important things to remember: You are the expert on your own child - you know your child and lifestyle best. **It is imperative that you learn your child's rights to an education and other services, but remember there are many parents in the area to assist you.** CARD can connect you to families in similar situations. If you think a program or service is not appropriate for you or your child, then it isn't. Never doubt yourself and always stand up for your child if that's what you believe in. **One size does not fit all.** There is not one treatment or therapy program that works for every child with autism spectrum disorders.

If you're in doubt or have concerns about a program or service, find all the information you can and remember who is the ultimate expert on your child. You are not alone; there are hundreds of thousands of families throughout the United States that live with autism in one form or another on a day-to-day basis. Dr. Diane Twachtman-Cullen has created an excellent one-page guide to sorting through "breakthroughs" in autism, and the CARD center will be happy to send it to you if you are considering a program or service.

ACCESSING SERVICES AND RESOURCES

Individuals with any disability are eligible for the following services:

If your child is younger than 3 years old, he/she is eligible for Early Intervention assistance. This federally funded program is called Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Formerly Part H). In Florida, the agency that serves this population is called Early Steps and is run through the Department of Health, Children's Medical Services.

Early Steps/Children's Medical Services

Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/alternatesites/cms-kids/families/early_steps/early_steps.html

Children's Medical Services (CMS) program provides children with special health care needs with a family centered, managed system of care. Children with special health care needs are those children under age 21 whose serious or chronic physical or developmental conditions require extensive preventive and maintenance care beyond that required by typically healthy children.

Early Steps in Central Florida:

Brevard: CATCH of Brevard, 2565 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940 Ph: 321-634-3688

Orange/Osceola/Seminole: Orlando Central Florida Early Steps 601 W. Michigan Street Orlando, FL 32805 Ph: 407-317-7430

Volusia: Early Steps, 421 S Keech Street, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 Ph: 386-238-4980

From the age of 3 through 21 years of age your child is guaranteed a free, appropriate education through the public schools (see ADA and IDEA, p 12, 52-53). **Contact your school system to be sure that your child is receiving a free and appropriate education program to address his or her disability.**

Contact Florida Diagnostic Learning Resources System (FDLRS: pronounced "FIDDLERS"; see *Florida Department of Education*) to get on their mailing list and to learn more about their lending library.

Gaining access to federal and state money allocated for people with disabilities can be a confusing process that may seem overwhelming at times. Try to keep detailed, accurate records of all correspondence and telephone calls (complete with names and dates). Keep a copy of all information sent to any agency. **NEVER** send originals, unless specifically required to do so. When dealing with agencies, start at the local level (city, county, or state), and only access the next highest level when you have exhausted your attempts with the local level.

Moving Out of State with a Person Who Has a Developmental Disability

What happens when you move out of state and bring with you a loved one who has a developmental disability? More often than not, you lose most, if not all, of the services that make it possible for that person to live a healthy, safe, and quality life in the community. In most cases, there will be no funding available for group homes, personal care support, adult day training, respite, diapers, or adaptive equipment. Although most states have home and waiver programs, most of these states have very long waiting lists. It could take years before your loved one receives services.

The MedWaiver Program interviewed all 50 states, and asked the same 10 questions:

- 1) What Programs Are Available to Assist People with Disabilities in your state?
- 2) What number do you call to start getting services?
- 3) Who Qualifies For Assistance? (disability, age, and financial requirements)
- 4) How many people are currently waiting for services, and how many years should they expect to wait?
- 5) How many people are currently receiving services?
- 6) What assistance is available while you wait?
- 7) Does the state offer group homes and supported living?
- 8) Are there still state owned institutions? How many people are living in institutions?
- 9) Do you have choice in providers?
- 10) What is the process to become a provider?

For the results, click here: <http://medicaidwaiver.org/state/florida.html>

FEDERAL AGENCIES

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a comprehensive civil rights law for people with disabilities. The rights of all individuals with physical or mental disabilities are protected under the ADA. This includes those with a history of a disability or those who may be presumed to have a disability. The ADA ensures equal opportunity to people with disabilities. It does not require an employer to give preference to people with disabilities over qualified applicants without disabilities.

ADA Information Line

Ph: 800-514-0301 * TTY: 800-514-0383 * Website: <http://apd.myflorida.com>

Medicaid

Website: <http://mymedicaid-florida.com/>

Brevard, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties Ph: 407-420-2500

Lake and Sumter Counties Ph: 800-803-3245

Volusia County Ph: 904-798-4200

Medicaid Provider Fraud Hotline Ph: 866-966-7226

Local Providers: Intervention Services, Behavior Support Services and the four Community Mental Health Centers (Lakeside, Park Place, Seminole CMHC and Circles of Care)

Medicaid or Medical Assistance is administered by the State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration and is financed by federal, state and county funds. It provides services for persons in financial need who are unable to pay for needed medical and health care services.

Anyone who receives public assistance or welfare, or SSI will receive a Medicaid card. A family may be eligible for Medicaid if it earns a minimal monthly income, or none at all, and owns little or no property.

Once a person has a Medicaid card, he or she will be required to choose a service delivery system called Medipass or one of the Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) in their area. However, if a parent chooses a HMO, the child cannot receive services through the Department of Health's Children's Medical Services (CMS). Either program will allow your child to receive hospital care, nursing home care, laboratory services, dental care, therapies and many other services.

*Medicaid helpline * Ph: 800-226-2316*

Medicare

Local Contact Numbers are the same as for Social Security Administration offices.

Website: www.medicare.gov

What is Medicare?

Medicare is our country's health insurance program for people 65 or older and certain people with disabilities. It provides basic protection against the cost of health care, but it doesn't cover all medical expenses or the cost of most long-term care. An individual can receive benefits in one of two ways under Medicare: the traditional fee-for service system, or the managed care program (HMO).

1. Under fee-for-service systems, Medicare pays a set percentage of a beneficiary's hospital, doctor and other health care expenses. The beneficiary is responsible for certain deductibles and coinsurance payments.

2. Under the managed care program, Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO's) that have contracts with the Medicare program must provide all hospital and medical benefits covered by Medicare. Services must be from an HMO's network of health care providers to guarantee services will be covered.

There are two parts to Medicare:

1. Hospital Insurance, Called Part A, which is financed by a portion of payroll (FICA) taxes that also pay for Social Security.
2. Medical Insurance, called part B, which is partly financed by monthly premiums paid by people who choose to enroll.

Who is eligible?

An individual is eligible to receive Medicare under the age of 65 after being a Social Security Disability beneficiary for 24 months. An individual with autism may be eligible for Medicare if he/she has received SSDI for at least 24 months or by paying a monthly premium. The national hotline number is 800-633-4227.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

What is SSI?

SSI makes monthly payments to people who have low income and few resources and are: age 65 or older; blind; or disabled. If you are applying for SSI, you also should get the publication, *What You Need to Know When You Get Supplemental Security Income (SSI)* (Publication No. 05-11011) from the Social Security Administration website.

Disabled or blind children also can receive SSI. You can get more information about benefits for children in the publication, *Benefits for Children with Disabilities* (Publication No. 05-10026). The basic SSI amount is the same nationwide. However, many states add money to the basic benefit. You can call your local office to find out the amounts for your state.

Who is eligible?

Anyone who is: aged (age 65 or older); blind; or disabled; and, who: has limited income; and has limited resources (things owned); and is a U.S. citizen or one of certain categories of aliens (In general, an alien who is subject to an active warrant for deportation or removal does not meet the citizenship/alien requirement.); and is a resident of one of the 50 States, including the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands; and is not absent from the country for a full calendar month or more than 30 consecutive days; and agrees to apply for any other cash benefits for whom he or she may be entitled; and meets certain other requirements.

How to apply:

SSI Homepage: www.socialsecurity.gov * Toll Free: 1-800-772-1213 * TTY 1-800-325-0778 Local Office Finder by Zip Code: <https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp>

Suggested Reading

Navigating Medicare and Medicaid:

<http://kff.org/medicaid/report/navigating-medicare-and-medicaid-a-resourceguide/>

SSI & Social Security Disability: *Securing and Protecting your Benefit* Available through Equip for Equality, Inc.

20 N. Michigan Ave. Chicago, IL 60602 * Ph: 800-537-2632 * Website: <http://www.equipforequality.org/>

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Please note that national organizations may also have local counterparts.

American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)

4720 Montgomery Lane, PO Box 31220, Bethesda, MD 20824 * Ph: 301-652-2682 TDD: 800-377-8555

Website: <http://www.aota.org/>

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)

2200 Research Blvd, Rockville, MD 20850-3289 * Ph: 301-296-5700 TTY: 301-296-5650

Website: <http://www.asha.org/>

Autism Society of America

4340 East-West Highway, Suite 350, Bethesda, MD 20814 * Ph: 800-3AUTISM

Website: <http://www.autism-society.org/>

ASA promotes lifelong access and opportunity for all individuals within the autism spectrum, and their families, to be fully participating, included members of the community. Education, advocacy, public awareness efforts and the promotion of research are all goals of ASA. The society is the leading source of information and referral on autism to parents, professionals, and members of the general public. They publish a bi-monthly newsletter, *Advocate*, that is free with membership and several brochures, including a parent packet, “*Getting Started*”.

Autism Speaks

557 N. Wymore Road, Bldg. A, Suite 101, Maitland, FL 32751 * Website: www.autismspeaks.org

*Ph: 407-478-6330

Beach Center on Disability - The University of Kansas

Haworth Hall, Room 3136, 1200 Sunnyside Avenue, Lawrence, KS 66045-7534 * Ph: 785-864-7600

or Website: <http://www.beachcenter.org/default.aspx?JScript=1> Clearinghouse with materials written for families of children with disabilities.

Disability Statistics Center, A Rehabilitation Research and Training Center

3333 California Street, Suite 340, San Francisco, CA 94118 * Ph: 415-502-5214

Website: <http://www.dsc.ucsf.edu/main.php>

Easter Seals National Headquarters

233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60606 * Ph: 800-221-6827 * Website: <http://www.easterseals.com/>

Families for Early Autism Treatment (FEAT)

PO Box 255722, Sacramento, CA 95865-5722 * Ph: 916-303-7405 * Website: <http://www.feat.org/>

Family Voices, Inc.

2340 Alamo SE Suite 102 Albuquerque, NM 87106* Ph: 888-835-5669 * Website: <http://www.familyvoices.org/>

Clearinghouse with materials written for families of children with disabilities.

Goodwill Industries International, Inc.

15810 Indianola Drive Rockville, MD 20855 * Ph: 800-741-0186 * Website: <http://www.goodwill.org/>

Head Start Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children & Families

61 Forsyth Street, Suite 4M60, Atlanta, GA 30303-8909 * Ph: Region 4 (Includes FL) 404-562-2800

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/>

Heart of Florida United Way

1940 Traylor Blvd., Orlando, FL 32804 * Ph: 407-835-0900 * Website: www.hfuw.org
Serving Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties. Services include the 211 and Elder Helpline which is a 24 hour- per-day helpline offers free assistance and referrals to approximately 800 health and human service agencies and 2,000 programs and services in Central Florida; the FamilyWise Prescription Discount Card which offers an average savings of 35 percent on retail prescription prices; and the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Free Tax Preparation Services which offers tax refunds ranging from \$438 to \$4,824 to eligible families and individuals, also free tax preparation sites are available to help residents get the tax refund they deserve.

International Rett Syndrome Association (IRSA)

4600 Devitt Drive. Cincinnati, OH 45246 * Ph: 800-818-7388 * Website: www.rettsyndrom.org

MAAP Services, Inc./OASIS

Nonprofit organization dedicated to providing information and advice to families of **more** advanced individuals with Autism, Asperger's syndrome, and Pervasive developmental disorder (PDD).

PO Box 524, Crown Point, IN 46307 * Website: www.aspergersyndrome.org

National Fragile X Foundation

1615 Bonanza Street, Suite 202, Walnut Creek, CA 94596 * Ph: 800-688-8765 * Website: www.fragilex.org

Organization for Autism Research

2000 North 14th Street, Suite 170, Arlington, VA 22201 * Ph: 703-243-9710 Website:

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

Sibling Support Project

6512 23rd Ave NW, #213, Seattle, WA 98117 * Ph: 206-297-6368 * Website: www.siblingsupport.org

Special Olympics International

1133 19th Street NW, Suite 770, Washington, DC 20036 * Ph: 202-628-3630 * Website: www.specialolympics.org

TASH

TASH supports the inclusion and full participation of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of their communities as determined by personalized visions of quality of life. Equity, opportunity and inclusion for people with disabilities since 1975.

1001 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 235, Washington, DC 20005 * Ph: 202-540-9020 * Website: <http://tash.org/>

UCP National (aka United Cerebral Palsy)

1660 L Street NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20036 * Ph: 800-872-5827 * TTY: 202-973-7197 Website:

<http://ucp.org/>

STATE-FUNDED AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS

ABLE United

ABLE United allows Floridians with disabilities to save money and build assets without negatively impacting federal benefits such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid. The mission of ABLE United is to encourage and assist people with disabilities to save private funds to support health, independence and quality of life. Simply put, to help save for a better life experience.

ABLE United accounts provide an economical way to save up to \$14,000 per year for future qualified disability expenses. For individuals who are employed, ABLE United can help grow assets with tax-free earnings. Those who are unable to work have the ability to save money without fear of losing benefits. An ABLE United account provides an opportunity for financial independence for individuals with disabilities, and also allows caregivers and family members to contribute and help financially prepare for their loved one's future.

Now, individuals with disabilities can:

- Save tax-free for future qualified expenses
- Save while maintaining federal benefits
- Save on fees – ABLE United offers the best value for Florida residents

How it Works

Like a Roth IRA or a 529 college savings plan, an ABLE United account is a tax-free savings account for your future. The individual with a disability owns the account, but an authorized person may establish and help oversee the account.

Eligibility

- Florida resident
- Qualifying disability
- Onset prior to age 26

Save for Your Future

Use your ABLE United account to save for a variety of future expenses, including housing, education, transportation, legal fees, financial management, employment training/support and more. For the full list of qualified disability expenses, visit <http://www.ableunited.com/learn/qualified-disability-expenses/>

Opening an Account

Creating an ABLE United account takes less than 15 minutes. No documentation is required to upload and others may open or assist in the opening of the account.

Ready to Learn More?

Connect with us at:

www.ableunited.com

888-524-ABLE (2253)

customerservice@ableunited.com

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

What is the Agency for Persons with Disabilities?

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities assists people who have developmental disabilities and their families. It also provides assistance to identify the needs of people with developmental disabilities and funding to purchase supports and services.

Who is eligible for APD services?

The agency supports individuals with a diagnosis of mental retardation (IQ and adaptive functioning scores under a standard score of 70), individuals with a diagnosis of autistic disorder (DSM-IV code 299.0 only—note that APD does not provide services to individuals with diagnoses of pervasive developmental disorder, PDD-NOS, autistic-like, Asperger's Disorder), spina bifida, cerebral palsy and Prader Willi. Individuals must be over the age of 3 to register.

What services can a person receive from the Agency for Persons with Disabilities?

The services children and adults can receive are called supports and services that make it easier for people to live, work and play in places they choose. Currently, there is a waiting list for APD services. It is still important to register for APD services if your child qualifies, as early as possible. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities will assign a support coordinator who can assist individuals in identifying the supports and services they need. Together a plan of supports and services will be developed to assist people with developmental disabilities, once the child's name comes to the top of the waiting list.

What is the Family and Supported Living Waiver?

The Family and Supported Living Waiver (FSL Waiver) provides home and community-based supports and services to eligible persons with developmental disabilities living in their own home or family home. The FSL Waiver provides

services to developmentally disabled adults with goals to participate in the community that may include a goal for independent living. The FSL Waiver offers ten services with dollar cap limits. Each service limit may be exceeded if the request is prior authorized and medically necessary.

The services are:

- Adult Day Training
- Consumable Medical Supplies
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptations/Home Modifications
- In-home Supports
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Respite Care
- Support Coordination
- Supported Employment
- Supported Living Coaching
- Transportation

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Administrative Office: 4030 Esplanade Way, Suite 380, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0950 * Toll-Free 866-273-2273

Website: <http://www.apd.myflorida.com/>

District 7 (Brevard, Orange, Osceola, Seminole) – Ph: 407-245-0440

District 13 (Lake, Sumter) – Ph: 352-330-2749

District 12 (Volusia) – Ph: 386-238-4607

Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD)

The primary focus of the regional CARD centers is to provide individualized assistance to individuals and their families who have autism spectrum disorders, dual sensory impairment (deaf-blindness), or related disabilities. The services include nonresidential assistance, outreach programs to school districts, families, and agencies, dissemination of referral and resource information and professional training materials and programs. Each center has a constituency board that consists of parents of individuals with autism or related disabilities.

University of Central Florida

P O Box 162202, Orlando, FL 32816-2202 * Ph: 407-823-6011/ 800-9 AUTISM

Website: www.ucf-card.org

University of South Florida

CARD-USF, MHC2113A, 13301 N. Bruce B. Downs Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33612-3899

Ph: 813-974-2532 * Website: <http://card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu/>

Florida Atlantic University

777 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL 33431 * 561-297-2023 *Website: www.coe.fau.edu/card/

Florida State University

1940 North Monroe Street, Suite 72, Tallahassee, FL 32303

*Ph: 800-769-7926 *Website: <http://autism.fsu.edu/>

University of Florida at Gainesville

East Campus Building 2124 NE Waldo Road, Suite 3200, Gainesville, FL 32609

*Ph: 352-273-0581 *Website: www.card.ufl.edu/

University of Florida at Jacksonville

6271 St. Augustine Road, Suite 1, Jacksonville, FL 32217 *Ph: 904-633-0760

Website: <http://www.hscj.ufl.edu/pediatrics/autism/>

University of Miami

Department of Psychology, 5665 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Coral Gables, FL 33124-0725

*Ph: 305-284-6563 *Website: www.umcard.org

Children's Home Society

Children's Home Society of Florida is a state and national leader in providing responsive, relevant, high quality community-based services to meet the needs of individuals, families, and communities. In this endeavor, CHS will
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provide a continuum of effective, efficient and humane services so that people are empowered to lead responsible, productive and meaningful lives. CHS will promote collegial partnerships, among both public and private agencies devoted to serving the best interests of children and families, and will work to achieve mutual goals through establishing good faith communication, fostering trust, and honoring commitments.

Children's Home Society of Florida (CHS)

Corporate Headquarters: 1485 S. Semoran Boulevard, Suite 1402, Winter Park, FL 32792

*Ph: 321-397-3000 *Website: www.chsfl.org

Children's Medical Services

The Children's Medical Services (CMS) program provides children with special health care needs with a family centered, managed system of care. Children with special health care needs are those children under age 21 whose serious or chronic physical or developmental conditions require extensive preventive and maintenance care beyond that required by typically healthy children.

Headquarters in Tallahassee: 850-245-4200 * Website: www.cms-kids.com or www.doh.state.fl.us/cms/ CMS

Locations in Central Florida:

Brevard: 2565 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940 * Ph: 321-639-5888

Orange/Osceola/Seminole: 7000 Lake Ellenor Drive, Orlando, FL 32809 * Ph: 407-858-5555

Lake/Sumter: 3230 E. Silver Springs Boulevard, Suite 201, Ocala, FL 34470 * Ph: 352-369-2100

Volusia: 421 S. Keech Street Daytona Beach, FL 32114 * Ph: 386-238-4980

Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology

FAAST works with consumers, family members, caregivers, providers and agencies to ensure that individuals with disabilities continue to benefit from assistive technology as they move between home, school, work and the community. FAAST is a non-profit organization funded by the US Department of Education through the Assistive Technology Act of 2004, Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), private foundations and individuals.

FAAST, Inc.

3333 W Pensacola St, Building 100, Suite 140, Tallahassee, FL 32304 * Ph: 888-788-9216

3280 Progress Drive Suite 500 (main clinic) or Suite 30 (Aphasia House), Orlando, FL 32826

*Ph: 407-882-0468 *Fax: 407-882-0483 *Website: www.faast.org

Florida Department of Early Intervention (Early Steps)

The Department of Early Intervention provides services to children demonstrating delays or disabilities between the ages of birth and their third birthday. Services are determined through a developmental assessment and parental priorities, and may include speech, physical, or occupational therapy, behavioral intervention, specialized instruction, parent training, and other services. In Florida, this agency is referred to as Early Steps. Website: http://www.floridahealth.gov/AlternateSites/CMS-Kids/home/faqs/early_steps.html

Orange, Seminole and Osceola Counties: Lourdes Quintana – Early Steps Director Mary Grimmer – Program Coordinator 601 W Michigan Street Orlando, FL 32805 * Ph: 407-317-7430 x2121

Lake, Sumter and Volusia Counties: Gayla Clark – Early Steps Coordinator Children's Advocacy Center of Volusia and Flagler Counties Inc, 1011 W International Speedway Blvd, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 Ph: 386-238-3830

Brevard County: Althea Puzio – Program Director

Catch of Brevard Inc, 2565 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940 * Ph: 321-637-7700

Florida Department of Education

The State DOE staff can answer questions about special education and related services in Florida. DOE officials are responsible for special education and related service programs for preschool, elementary, and secondary age children. Many, many resources are available directly from DOE through its website and clearinghouse:

Florida DOE Parent Information Line: 800-206-8956 * Website: <http://www.fldoe.org/>

Florida Head Start, Head Start is a comprehensive preschool program for 3 to 5 year olds at risk for school failure due to income or environmental conditions. Up to 10% of Head Start openings may be used by children with disabilities, regardless of their family's income. Students must be 3 or 4 by September 1 to qualify. Other families must meet income eligibility guidelines. Programs operate from 8:30 to 2:30pm year-round. Limited after school services are available for working parents. The centers are organized by county.

Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS)

The Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (pronounced "fiddlers") is a network of 19 Associate and 4 Specialized Centers in Florida that provide support services to educators, parents, and other professionals who work with exceptional students. Main Website: www.fdlrs.com

Brevard: 2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940-6699 * Ph: 321-633-1000, ext. 540

Website: <http://fdlrs.brevard.k12.fl.us/east/aboutus.htm>

Volusia: Atlantic High School, Portable 1, 1250 Reed Canal Road, Port Orange, FL 32129 *Ph: 386-258-4684

Lake / Orange / Osceola / Seminole / Sumter: 3130 Edgewater Drive, Orlando, FL 32804

Ph: 407-317-3600 * Website: <http://fdlrsaction.org/index.htm>

The FDLRS Action Resource Center is a state-funded program with regional Centers developed by the Florida Department of Education, Bureau of Instructional Support and Community Services. Services include:

- **Child Find** – assists in locating, identifying and obtaining services for children who have special learning needs. The CHRIS (Children's Registry and Information System) is utilized and interagency coordination and collaboration is emphasized.
- **Resources** – an extensive library includes a variety of journals, newsletters, videotapes, software, books and instructional resources that can be used to support the education of students with disabilities. Emphasis is placed on providing state of the art resources that support training and development initiatives and meet parent needs. A resource collection specialist is available to recommend materials and media for specific topics. Parents and professionals may borrow items. The Building the Legacy training curriculum was produced by NICHCY at the request of the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) at the U.S. Department of Education. The curriculum is intended to assist in understanding and implementation of the IDEA 2004 Part B regulations. The training curriculum has five overarching themes with multiple training modules beneath each theme.
- **Technology** – assists school districts and families in the delivery, modification and integration of instructional and assistive technology. This includes microcomputer application, adaptive devices and emerging technology. A Solutions Lab is available for teachers and parents to preview software, hardware and other equipment. A FDLRS Action Resource technology specialist is available for consultation.
- **Parent Services** – many services are available to parents, families and school staff who have children and learners with special needs. Services include: parent workshops and meetings, lending Resource Collection, Technology Solutions Lab and Assistive Technology Lab, FDLRS Newsletter and Training Calendar, "Parent Packets" of information, referrals to community resources/agencies and material available for school-based Parent Resource Centers.

Florida Developmental Disabilities Council

The primary mission of the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council is to promote innovative programs and practices designed to prevent developmental disabilities and improve the quality of life of individuals with such disabilities and their families. The Council, a non-profit organization that receives its funding from the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration on Developmental Disabilities, was founded in 1971 and operates independently of any agency or department of state.

124 Marriott Drive, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32301 * Ph: 800-580-7801 * TDD: 888-488-8633 * Website: www.fddc.org

Florida Discount Drug Card Program

The Florida Discount Drug Card is designed to lower the cost of prescriptions for Florida residents who are:

- Age 60 and older and without prescription drug coverage or who fall into the Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage gap; or
- Under age 60, without prescription drug coverage, and with an annual family income of less than 300% of the Federal Poverty Level. Call or go online for limits

The Florida Discount Drug Card can –

- Give eligible participants a discount on virtually all drugs
- Be used at all participating pharmacies

Apply today! Enroll online: <http://www.floridadiscountdrugcard.com/>

- Enroll by Telephone: 1-866-341-8894 or TTY Users may call: 1-866-763-9630

Florida Division of Blind Services

Florida Division of Blind Services offers guidance, counseling and referral information to individuals who are legally blind. The department also offers assessment, training, technology and job placements, and provides parent training. They also have a lending library.

Ph: 850-245-0300 * Website: <http://dbs.myflorida.com>

Locations in Central Florida:

Brevard: 1970 Michigan Ave, Bldg A-2, Cocoa, FL 32922 * Ph: 321-634-3680

Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter: 400 W. Robinson Street, Suite 1026. Orlando, FL 32801-1784

Ph: 407-245-0700 * Toll Free: (866) 841-0928 * Fax: (407) 245-0706

Volusia: 1185 Dunn Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 * Ph: 800-329-3801

Florida Healthy Kids and Florida KidCare Programs

Florida Healthy Kids and KidCare are health insurance programs for children from birth through age 18, with very low monthly premiums. The programs are:

Florida Healthy Kids Corporation

P. O. Box 980, Tallahassee, FL 32302 * Ph: 888-540-5437 * Website: www.healthykids.org

A public-private partnership that provides comprehensive, year-round health insurance for uninsured children ages 5 through 18. Florida Healthy Kids provides health insurance for children who are not eligible for Medicaid or Children's Medical Services and do not have health insurance.

Florida KidCare

Ph: 888-540-5437 * Website: www.floridakidcare.org

A health insurance program for uninsured children under age 19 who are not eligible for Medicaid or Children's Medical Services and do not have health insurance.

Florida Inclusion Network

The Florida Inclusion Network provides learning opportunities, consultation, information and support to educators, families, and community members, resulting in the inclusion of all students.

Central Florida: 1519 Clearlake Road, Cocoa, FL 32922 * Ph: 321-433-7948

Website: www.floridainclusionnetwork.com

Florida Independent Living Council

FILC's purpose is to promote independent living opportunities for persons with disabilities throughout the state of Florida.

1416 North Adams Street, Tallahassee, FL 32303 * Toll Free: 800-222-9422 * Website: www.flailc.org

Florida Parent Training and Information Projects

Family Network on Disabilities of Florida, Inc. (FND)

2196 Main St, Suite K, Dunedin, FL 34698 * Ph: 800-825-5736 * Website: www.fndfl.org Providing training, information, resources and referrals for families of children with disabilities.

Parent Education Network (PEN)

2196 Main St, Suite L, Dunedin, FL 34698 * Ph: 800-825-5736

A statewide project providing information, support, training, and technical assistance to individuals with disabilities, their families, and professionals.

The Family Café

519 N Gadsden St, Tallahassee, FL 32301 * Ph: 850-224-4670 * Toll-Free: 888-309-CAFÉ

Fax: 850-224-4674 * Website: www.familycafe.net

Florida's Protection and Advocacy Programs for Persons with Disabilities

Protection and Advocacy systems are responsible for pursuing legal, administrative, and other remedies to protect the rights of people who have developmental disabilities or mental illness, regardless of their age. Protection and Advocacy agencies may provide information about health, residential, and social services in your area. Legal assistance is also available.

The Client Assistance Program provides assistance to individuals seeking and receiving vocational rehabilitation services. These services, provided under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, include assisting in the pursuit of legal, administrative, and other appropriate remedies to insure the protection of the rights of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Disability Rights Florida

2728 Centerview Dr, Suite 102, Tallahassee, FL 32301 * Ph: 800-342-0823

Website: <http://www.disabilityrightsflorida.org/>

Client Assistance Program

Contact the Disability Rights Florida (see above).

Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

The state vocational rehabilitation agency provides medical, therapeutic, counseling education, training, and other services needed to prepare people with disabilities for work. This state agency will provide you the address of the nearest rehabilitation office where you can discuss issues of eligibility and services with a counselor. They can also refer you to an independent living program. Independent living programs provide services, which enable adults with disabilities to live productively as members of the community. The services might include, but are not limited to, information and referral, peer counseling, workshops, attendant care, and technical assistance.

4070 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, FL 32399-7016 * Voice/TDD: 850-245-3399 or 800-451-4327 Website:

www.rehabworks.org

Local Offices:

Brevard: 1970 Michigan Ave., Building A-1 Cocoa, FL 32922 * Phone: (321) 690-3280

1049 Eber Rd., Suite 101 Melbourne, FL 32904 * Phone: (321) 984-4869

815 S Washington Ave, Suite 102 Titusville, FL 32780 * Phone: (321) 383-2775

Lake/Sumter: 1101 Lake Harris Drive Tavares, FL 32778 * Phone: (352) 742-6100

Orange: 3191 Maguire Blvd. Orlando, FL 32803 * Phone: (407) 897-2700

Osceola: 111 E. Monument Ave., Suite 413, Kissimmee, FL 34741-5774 * Phone: (407) 846-5260

Seminole: 1450 W 1st Street, Sanford, FL 32771 * Phone: (407) 328-5777

1555 State Road 436, Suite 1281, Winter Park, FL 32792-1504

Volusia: 210 N. Palmetto Ave., Suite 144, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 *Phone: (386)-615-6111
775 Harley Strickland Blvd, Suite 102, Orange City, FL 32763 * Ph: 386-456-5320

Office of Workforce Education

Florida receives Federal funds for vocational education and must assure that funding is used in programs that include students with disabilities. Call this office to find out how Florida's funds are being used and receive information on current programs.

Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Education: www.fldoe.org/CC

Central Florida Area Vocational-Technical Centers: www.rehabworks.org

ACCESS Florida

Protect the Vulnerable, Promote Strong and Economically Self-Sufficient Families, and Advance Personal and Family Recovery and Resiliency. ACCESS Florida is the newly retooled and modernized public assistance service delivery system that is the Automated Community Connection to Economic Self-Sufficiency. This model is based on streamlined workflows, policy simplification, technology innovations and partnership with local community organizations.

Toll Free: 866-762-2237 Central

Region:

400 W Robinson St, Suite 1129, Orlando FL 32801* Ph: 407-317-7000 * Website: www.dcf.state.fl.us/ess

PRIVATE/NON-PROFIT SPECIAL INTEREST ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES IN FLORIDA

Advocates & Guardians for the Elderly & Disabled (AGED, INC)

1607 Cherrywood Lane, Longwood, FL 32750 *Ph: 407-682-4111 *Website: trustaged.org

A non-profit trust company assisting seniors and disabled individuals qualify for government benefits, reduce medication costs, and preserve assets.

ARC of Florida

2898 Mahan Drive, Suite 1, Tallahassee, FL 32308 * Ph: 800.226.1155 * Website: www.arcflorida.org

Lake: 35201 Radio Road, Leesburg, FL 34788 * Ph: 352-787-3079 * Website: www.sunrisearc.org

Volusia: 100 Jimmy Huger Circle, Daytona Beach, FL 32117 * Ph: 386-274-4735 * Website: <http://arcvolusia.org/>

Autism Society of Greater Orlando (ASGO)

4743 Hearthside Drive, Orlando, FL 32837 * Ph: 407-855-0235 * Website: <http://www.asgo.org/>

ASGO is a local family support program that is not affiliated with the Autism Society of America. Dues are collected annually to participate in activities. Monthly newsletter, parent support and training, workshops, mail-programs, and dissemination of material.

Autism Society of Florida

PO Box 677055, Orlando, FL 32867 * Ph: 407-207-3388 * Website: <http://www.autismfl.com/>

Brain Injury Association of Florida, Inc.

1637 Metropolitan Blvd, Suite B, Tallahassee, FL 32308 * Family Helpline: 1-800-992-3442

Website: <http://www.biaf.org/>

Catholic Charities of Orlando

1819 N. Semoran Boulevard, Orlando, FL 32807 * Ph: 407-658-1818 * Website: <http://www.cflcc.org/>

Center for Independent Living in Central Florida, Inc.

720 N. Denning Drive, Winter Park, FL 32789 * Ph: 407-623-1070 * TDD: 407-623-1185

115 500 S Florida Avenue, Suite 330, Lakeland, FL 33801 * Ph: 863-413-2722 or 888-263-6692 Website:

<https://www.cilorlando.org/>

Central Florida Dream Center

540 Pecan Avenue, Sanford, FL 32771 *Ph: 407-302-0880 *Website: www.cfdreamcenter.org *Email:

melva@cfdreamcenter.org

Provides anger management classes, marriage counseling, parents helping parents, parenting classes, support for abuse victims, after school programs, computer classes, adult math and reading, and the job career center.

Children's Home Society of Florida (CHS)

Website: <http://www.chsfl.org/> * Ph: 321-397-3000

Corporate Headquarters: 1485 S. Semoran Boulevard, Suite 1448, Winter Park, FL 32792

5768 Semoran Blvd., Orlando, FL 32822 *Ph: 407-896-2323 ext. 236

Christian HELP Foundations, Inc.

450 Seminola Blvd., Casselberry, FL 32707 *Ph: 407-834-4022 *Website: www.christianhelp.org & www.cfec.org

Christian HELP is a referral service that assists the unemployed to find jobs and provides for them.

Circle of Friends Services, Inc.

517 Deltona Blvd., Suite A, Deltona, FL 32725

300 N. Ronald Reagan Blvd. Suite 202 Longwood, FL 32750 * Ph: 386-473-4566 * Fax: 386-753-9265 * Website: www.cofsfl.org

Circle of Friends Services is a trauma-based agency serving children up to 18 years and families. Specializes in sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect, and domestic violence.

Community Based Care of Central Florida, Inc.

4001 Pelee Street, Suite 200, Orlando, FL 32817 *Ph: 321-441-2060 *Fax: 407-681-0560 *Website: www.cbccfl.org
CBC of Central Florida is an agency that develops community-based services and support for children in the welfare system.

Devereux Florida

Administrative Office, 5850 T.G. Lee Boulevard, Suite 400, Orlando, FL 32822 * Ph: 407-362-9210

Website: http://www.devereux.org/site/PageServer?pagename=fl_index

Devereux Florida provides mental health and developmental disabilities treatment to over 12,500 children and families annually through 46 programs throughout the state. Devereux is the largest provider of these services in the country and the state of Florida. Devereux Florida provides intensive and community residential treatment services for intellectual/developmental disabilities and individuals with mental health and/or dual diagnoses. Other services include: Intensive and Community residential, Community Counseling, Behavioral Consultation, Group Homes, Therapeutic foster care and specialty foster care for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities, early childhood, community outreach, abuse and neglect prevention programs and child welfare services.

EmployU

Melissa Sherry *Ph: 407-598-0202 ext. 104

120 S. Woodland, Suite 218, Deland, FL 32721

A Florida non-profit job placement company matching individuals who are primarily referred by the State of Florida Department of Education Vocational Rehabilitation Office to the appropriate work environment.

Family Care Council

Website: <http://www.fccflorida.org/> *Ph: 1-800-470-8101

A working group of parents, friends and consumers constantly busy protecting, gaining, and fighting for the rights and benefits for all citizens with any developmental disability. Please read on to know how you can participate and help the disabled.

Family Network on Disabilities of Florida, Inc. (FND)

2196 Main Street, Suite K, Dunedin, FL 34698 * Ph: 727-523-1130 or 800-825-5736

Website: <http://www.fndfl.org/> Providing training, information, resources and referrals for families of children with disabilities.

Florida Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (FLASHA)

Headquarters: 222 South Westmonte Drive #101, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 * Ph: 800-243-3574

Website: <http://www.flasha.org/>

This association for speech language pathologists provides training and collaboration to enhance speech, hearing and language services in Florida.

Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS)

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Brevard: 2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940-6699 * Ph: 321-633-1000, ext. 540

Volusia: Hurst Support Center, 1340 Wright Street, Holly Hill, FL 32117 * Ph: 386-258-4684

Lake / Orange / Osceola / Seminole / Sumter: 3130 Edgewater Drive, Orlando, FL 32804 * Ph: 407-317-3660 or 800-262-1596 (FL only)

Florida Council for Exceptional Children

Ph: 888-232-7733 * Website: <http://www.floridacec.org/>

Goodwill Industries of Central Florida, Inc.

7531 S Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, FL 32809 * Ph: 407-857-0659 * Website: <http://www.goodwillcfl.org/>
Goodwill's trained professionals help the disadvantaged remove employment barriers such as welfare dependency, illiteracy, homelessness, and language barriers. They also serve those with developmental, physical or emotional disabilities, or behavior disorders.

Free services including: B.E.S.T. Computer and Office Skills Training, Employee Development Services, Vocational Evaluation, Direct Placement Services, Faith-Based Jobs Partnership, Compass for Juvenile Offenders, Other Community Services (Special Programs for Exceptional Students, Ticket To Work, Placement and Retention Services for the Homeless,) Life Skills Training, High School, Work Activity Center, Job Club, Network Center, Community Resources Library, Hello Line.

Kids Central Inc.

880 S. Duncan Drive, Tavares, FL 32778 (Lake County)

2117 SW Hwy 484, Ocala, FL 34473 (Corporate Headquarters)

*Ph 352-253-5625 (Tavares), 352-873-6332 (Ocala), 352-873-8323 (after hours on-call placement line)

*Website: www.kidscentralinc.org

Nonprofit serving Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, and Sumter Counties. The agency develops and manages a comprehensive, community-based system of care for abused, neglected and abandoned children and their families. Kids Central is committed to promoting the welfare of expectant mothers, babies, children and young adults through prevention services, in-home care, foster care and adoption.

Lighthouse of Central Florida

215 E. New Hampshire Street, Orlando, FL 32804 * Ph: 407-898-2483 * Fax: 407-895-5255

Website: <http://www.lighthousecentralflorida.org/>

This is the only organization in Central Florida that meets the needs of adults and children with severe visual impairments, including hyper-peripheral vision, providing comprehensive vision rehabilitation services. Programs, including Independent Living Skills, Access Technology, computer classes and Orientation and Mobility, provide low vision individuals with the skills they need to remain active members of society and live full, productive, integrated lives. Adapted toy lending library and assistive devices. Services now include a specialized low vision optometrist and an expanded after-school program for school-age children and teens.

None Less, INC.

*Ph: 407-796-7400 * Website: www.noneless.org

Provides waiver support coordination, advocacy, information and referral, coordinated care, and ongoing education.

Dan Marino ChildNett

Website: <http://www.childnett.tv/>

Recovery International

Email: info@LowSelfHelpSystems.org *Website: www.LowSelfHelpSystems.org *Ph: 866-221-0302

Provides weekly peer-led self-help meeting in North America and beyond, as well as telephone meetings and online forums. It is a safe, confidential place to talk about life's challenges and receive support for self-help efforts.

ServiceSource

2735 Whitney Road, Clearwater, FL 33760 *Ph: 727-538-7370

A nonprofit disability resource that helps to provide employment, training, habilitation, housing and other support services.

Shepherd's Hope Health Centers

4851 S Apopka-Vineland Road, Orlando, FL 32819 * Ph: 407-876-6699 * Website: <http://shepherdshope.org/>

Provides medical care in evenings in a network of free clinics for those without insurance.

Spina Bifida Association – SBA of Central Florida

100 W Lucerne Circle, Suite 100-M, Orlando, FL 32801 * Ph: 407-248-9210

Website: <http://www.spinabifidaassociation.org/site/c.evKRI7OXIoJ8H/b.8028963/k.BE67/Home.htm>

DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT

Currently, there is no single medical test to identify autism spectrum disorders. However, medical professionals are commonly used for diagnosis, evaluation, medication management, developmental monitoring, and advice.

The following procedures are reprinted from the Autism Treatment Guide, by Elizabeth K. Gerlach and are suggested as part of a diagnostic work-up for autism:

1. A complete, detailed family history, looking for genetic abnormalities among family members. History of the pregnancy and child's medical history.
2. Comprehensive, age-appropriate physical, medical, and neurodevelopment examinations of the child, including well-validated assessments, checklists or screeners specifically for Autism Spectrum Disorder. These may include the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS-2), which is a research-validated semi-structured observation and interaction diagnostic tool specifically for ASD; the Autism Diagnostic Interview-Revised (ADI-R), a semi-structured comprehensive parent or adult interview used for more difficult diagnostic clarifications, the current versions of the Gilliam Autism Rating Scale, M-CHAT Toddler screener, or Childhood Autism Rating Scales. For more information on assessments specific to ASD, you can read up on tools at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmedhealth/PMH0042138/> or <http://www.firstsigns.org/screening/tools/rec.htm>.
3. Audiology exam or Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) testing to rule out different types of hearing loss that may explain language delay.
4. Laboratory tests (which may include):
 - Chromosomal analysis...with special regard to Fragile-X syndrome or Rett Syndrome (genetic disorders), which may better explain the child's profile
 - CT-scan or MRI scan...looking for neurological conditions such as tuberous sclerosis, neurofibromatosis, hypomelanosis of Ito that may mimic signs of ASD in early stages.
 - CSF-protein scan (cerebral spinal fluid)...for amino-acids, particularly phenylalanine, and CSF monoamines and endorphins.
 - EEG....for epilepsy, brain damage, or as a baseline.
 - 24-hour urinalysis...including a metabolic screen that checks for levels of uric acid and calcium.
Blood work-up....for phenylalanine, uric acid, lactic acid, pyruvic acid, and a herpes titer
5. Interaction with and observation of your child.

Local Providers

Brevard County:

Demara Bennett

405 N. Lakeside Drive, Satellite Beach, 32937 *Ph: 321-777-4440
Clinical psychologist.

Early Steps at *Catch of Brevard, Inc*

2565 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Viera, FL 32940
(321) 639-5887

Provides free developmental assessment for children under the age of 3 in Brevard County who are experiencing delays and differences in development, along with comprehensive planning for treatment.

Vijay Bhujang

1275 S. Patrick Dr, Suite C, Satellite Beach, FL 32937 * Ph: 321-779-9838.
5545 N. Wickham Rd., Melbourne, FL 32940
Diagnostic evaluations.

Joseph Cimino

8045 Spyglass Hill Road, Melbourne, FL 32901 * Ph: 321-610-7105 Accepts Medicaid.

Kim Deffebach, Ph.D.

*Ph: 321-728-9109
Clinical psychologist.

Stephen Nassar, PSY.D.

3684 N Wickham Rd., #B, Melbourne, FL 32935 *Ph: 321-751-3636
Specializes in working with adults.

Rockledge Psychiatric

Dr. Parwati C. Maddali, MD, PA
845 Executive Lane #100, Rockledge, FL 32955 *Ph: 321-631-4222

Kelly Rain

1507 Riverview Drive, Melbourne, FL 32901 *Ph: 321-984-0708
Clinical psychologist.

Bonnie Slade, Ph.D.

1555 Port Malabar Blvd NE, Palm Bay, FL 32905 *Ph: 321-729-0870

Debra Sloane

*Ph: 321-961-1825 Email: djsloane@cfl.rr.com
Clinical psychologist specializes working with older teens & adults.

Nancy M. Wenk

317 River Edge, Suite 104, Cocoa, FL 32922 * Ph: 321-264-1105

Lake County

Early Steps/Head Start

501 N. Bay Street, Eustis, FL 32726 *Ph: 352-357-5550

Mount Dora Pediatrics (Florida Hospital Medical Group)

1502 N. Donnelly Street Suite 103, Mt. Dora, FL 32757 *Ph: 352-383-0624

Orange County:

Early Steps at *The Howard Phillips Developmental Center for Infants and Children*

601 West Michigan St, Orlando, FL 32805
(407) 317-7430 Ext. 2121

Website: <http://www.orlandohealth.com/arnoldpalmerhospital/Index.aspx>

Provides free developmental assessment for children under the age of 3 in Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties who are experiencing delays and differences in development, along with comprehensive planning for treatment.

Colin Condron – *Pediatric Associates of Orlando*

414 N Mills Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803 * Ph: 407-841-7290

Emily Forrest * *Center for Child Development*

615 E Princeton Street, Suite 300, Orlando, FL 32803 * Ph: 407-898-6005

Website: <http://www.centerforchilddevelopment.com/>

Cornelia Franz

3160 Southgate Commerce Blvd., #64 Orlando, FL 32806 * Ph: 407-857-8860

Website: <http://drcorneliafranz.com/joomla/> Hair and stool analysis, homeopathic medicine, medication management, and alternative medicine.

Leslie Gavin * *Nemours Children's Clinic*

Nemours Hospital, Lake Nona, FL

1717 South Orange Avenue, Suite 100, Orlando, FL 32806 * Ph: 407-650-7455

Robert B. Goldstein

2180 Park Avenue N. Suite 324, Winter Park, FL 32789 *Ph: 407-647-8825

Child & adolescent psychologist

Patrick W. Gorman

136 Benmore Drive, Winter Park, FL 32792 * Ph: 407-644-7792

Dano Leli

500 N. Maitland Ave, Suite 110 Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-628-5354 * Fax: 407-628-0254

Website: www.MaitlandPsychology.com

Frank Lopez * *Children's Developmental Center*

2225 Glenwood Drive, Winter Park, FL 32792 * Ph: (407)-644-4844 * Fax: 407-644-6101

Website: <http://childrensdevelopmentalcenter.net/index.html> Takes only Medicaid, Medipass or Cash.

Maitland Psychology, PA

500 N. Maitland Ave, Suite 110 Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-628-5354 * Fax: 407-628-0254

Website: www.MaitlandPsychology.com

UCF Psychology Clinic

Psychology Building, UCF Orlando Campus, Orlando, FL * Ph: 407-823-4348

Website: <http://psychology.cos.ucf.edu/psychclinic/> Sliding Scale diagnostic assessment.

Osceola County:

Krista Marchman, Ph.D

599 Celebration Place, Suite 201, Celebration, FL 34747 * Ph: 321-559-1222

Website: <http://drkmarchman.com/>

Seminole County:

Sandra Cely * *Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics of Central Florida*

Dr Phillips * 6000 Turkey Lake Road, Suite 101 B, Orlando FL 32819

Casselberry * 950 S Winter Park Drive, Suite 302, Casselberry, FL 32707

*Ph: (407) 765-5437 *Website: www.developmentalpediatricsflorida.com

Diagnostic and psychological evaluation and assessment, medication assessment, medication management, developmental monitoring.

Prashant Desai

789 Douglas Avenue, Suite 137, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 * Ph: 407-862-9988

Volusia County:

Early Steps at Easter Seals of Volusia and Flagler Counties

1219 Dunn Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32114

(386) 873-0365 or (863) 944-7803

<http://www.easterseals.com/fl-vf/our-programs/childrens-services/early-steps-north-beaches.html>

Provides free developmental assessment for children under the age of 3 in Lake, Sumter and Volusia Counties who are experiencing delays and differences in development, along with comprehensive planning for treatment.

Ivan Fleishman

901 N Stone Street, Deland, FL 32720 * Ph: 386-736-8337

Website: <http://www.ivanfleishman.com/>

Halifax Behavioral

841 Jimmy Ann Drive, Daytona, FL 32117 * Ph: 386-425-3900 * Website: <http://www.halifaxhealth.org/>

TREATMENT OPTIONS

The area of treatment is controversial and often overwhelming. CARD's policy on treatment recommendations states "CARD will not lend its name to the endorsement of any specific program, practice, or model that is offered for service to people with autism and related disabilities." This policy does not preclude the provision of referral options or individualized recommendations by CARD staff, nor does it imply that CARD staff are to refrain from sharing any knowledge or personal experiences.

Principles of Evaluating Treatments of Autism

(adapted from Elizabeth Gerlach's work)

- Approach any new treatment with hopeful skepticism. Remember the goal of any treatment should be to help the person with autism become a fully functioning member of society.
- BEWARE of any program or technique that is touted as effective or desirable for every person with autism.
- BEWARE of any program that thwarts individualization and potentially results in harmful program decisions.
- BE AWARE that any treatment represents one of several options for a person with autism
- BE AWARE that treatment should always depend on individual assessment information that points to it as an appropriate choice for a particular child.
- BE AWARE that no new treatment should be implemented until its proponents can specify assessment procedures necessary to determine whether it will be appropriate for an individual with autism.
- BE AWARE that debate over use of various techniques is often reduced to superficial arguments over who is right, moral and ethical and who is a true advocate for the children. This can lead to results that are directly opposite to those intended including impediments to maximizing programs. □BE AWARE that, often, new treatments have not been validated scientifically.

Questions To Ask Regarding Specific Treatments

- Will the treatment result in harm to the child?
- How will failure of the treatment affect my child and family?
- Has the treatment been validated scientifically?
- Are there assessment procedures specified?
- How will the treatment be integrated into the child's current program?
- Do not become so infatuated with a given treatment that functional curriculum, vocational, life, and social skills are ignored.

BEHAVIORAL TREATMENTS

Behavioral treatments for children with autism are very effective, and many educational and treatment programs include techniques developed through applied behavior analysis to deal with the behavioral manifestations of autism. Some programs focus exclusively on inappropriate or challenging behaviors. These programs may include different types of behavior techniques meant to determine the cause of the behaviors and/or replace them. Other programs may be based on learning new skills such as communication or object recognition. Intensive or comprehensive behavior programs (sometimes incorrectly called *Lovaas Type programs*) incorporate both the acquisition of new skills and the replacement or elimination of maladaptive behavior. Behavioral programs may be carried out across home, school and work environments.

Behavioral treatments are based on research-proven procedures. There are numerous and diverse procedures that have been used to effectively teach individuals with autism and related disabilities a wide variety of skills. Children with autism can learn many things if you are persistent and consistent. The interventionist uses applied behavior analysis techniques, often, but not always, in one-on-one instruction. Behavioral treatments involve the systematic application of specific consequences contingent on the child's behavior. Positive Behavior Support is a form of applied behavior analysis that looks at the entire context of the individual's behavior and plans behavioral interventions that are sensitive to the values, desires and characteristics of the individual.

Behavioral principles are taught in colleges and universities around the country. Some individuals pursue a special certification in Behavior Analysis that has been recently developed. However, it should be noted that it is not necessary to hold certification in order to practice behavior analysis.

A BCBA is a Certified Behavior Analyst, who has at least a Master's Degree with specific coursework, has completed a predetermined number of hours of supervised experience and has passed a certification test. A BCABA (Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst) has completed an undergraduate degree, completed supervised work in behavior analysis and passed a certification test. These certifications assure that the individual has the knowledge necessary to perform behavioral techniques; however, the certification does not guarantee competence in the use of behavioral techniques. There are no competency tests for behavior analysts. Also, there are many Florida professionals who are very competent and knowledgeable in the area of Applied Behavior Analysis who have not become certified. Families interested in behavioral treatment are encouraged to learn a great deal about it so that they can assure their child's provider has the competence to correctly and effectively implement behavioral interventions.

For more information about specific behavioral treatments or providers, contact your CARD Coordinator.

Local Providers

ABA Milestones

Jennifer Wilson, M.A., BCBA & Gloriann Muniz, B.A., RBT

*Ph: 407-917-7060 *Email: info@abamilestones.com *Website: www.abamilestones.com

Provides 1:1 therapy to address communication, behavior challenges, daily living skills, social skills, and academic skills.

CServ, LLC

521 E. 5th Avenue, Mount Dora, FL 32757

*Ph: 844-385-4500

Telemedicine for behavioral treatment for individuals 18 months to adulthood. Currently no waitlist.

JKP Analysts, LLC

Josh Pritchard, Ph.D., BCBA-D

*Ph: 407-796-2908 *Email: josh@jkpanalysts.com *Website: www.JKPanalysts.com

Provides individualized ABA services.

Brevard County:

BASIX: Behavioral Health

Anthony Fischetti, PA, MS, BCBA

4185 US Hwy 1 Suite 102, Rockledge, FL 32955 * Ph: 321-877-4500

Website: <http://basixbehavioralhealth.com/>

Accepts Cigna, Aetna, Value Options, TriCare, AvMed, and Optum insurance.

Behavior Services of Brevard, Inc

Karen Wagoner

550 St. John Street, Cocoa, FL 32922 * Ph: 321-639-9800

Website: www.behaviorservicesofbrevard.com

Medicaid approved provider, must be referred by APD or Children's Home Society

Creative Learning

823 N. Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa, FL 32922 *Ph: 321-633-5511

Devereux Florida – Community Counseling Centers and Behavioral Consultation

8000 Devereux Drive, Viera, FL 32940 * Ph: 800-338-3838

Website: http://www.devereux.org/site/PageServer?pagename=fl_index

Everyday ABA, LLC

1051 Eber Blvd. Suite 108, Melbourne, FL

Updated: May, 2017

(321) 536-3532 * Website: www.everydayaba.com

Accepts Tricare, AETNA, Cigna, Blue Cross Blue Shield, United Behavioral Health, and Early Steps.

Florida Institute of Technology Behavior Analyst Training Program

150 W. University Boulevard, Melbourne, FL 32901 * Ph: 321-674-8104

Website: <http://www.fit.edu/bst/>

Services include: functional assessment of challenging behavior, function-based intervention design (i.e., behavior support planning), teacher training, IEP planning and early intervention services. Serving Brevard and Indian River counties; in the future, Orange, Seminole and Osceola. Billing is guided by Medicaid Waiver and Early Intervention allowances and a sliding scale for families paying out of pocket.

Hidden Potentials, Inc.

5650 S. Washington Avenue, Titusville, FL 32780 * Ph: 321-267-6318

Website: www.hpotentials.com

Provides one-on-one behavioral intervention and parent training. Also providing Medicaid Waiver services in Orange County, including in home supports, respite, PCA and companion.

ICAN

Janice Renk *Ph: 321-863-5286 *Email: jrenk@aol.com

892 S. Tropical Trail, Merritt Island, FL 32952

ABA provider. Accepts Medicaid.

The Scott Center

150 W. University Blvd., Melbourne, FL 32901

*Ph: 321-674-8106 *Website: www.thescottcenter.org *Email: thescottcenter@fit.edu

Lake County:

ABA Solutions

Kristin Dorsch, MA, BCBA – Clinical Director

Tatianna Treffehtn, BCBA

Central Florida Location

PO BOX 832, Pinellas Park, FL 33780 *ph: 727-492-5369

All Children's Hospital

*Ph: 727-767-8303 *Website: www.allkids.org/body.cfm?id=1291 *Email: ABAServices@allkids.org

Locations in St. Pete, East Lake, Lakewood Ranch, Pasco, Tampa & Sarasota

Harmony Mental Health and Behavioral Services *Serving Orange, Lake, Seminole and Osceola Counties*

927 S Goldwyn Avenue, Suite 128 Orlando, FL 32805 Email: info@harmonymhbs.com

Ph: 407-235-8151 for Mental Health Services, contact Schellie Fanfan-Sissoko, LMHC, MS, EdS

Ph: 321-297-7505 for Behavior Analysis Services, contact Robin Williams, MS, BCBA

Accepts Medicaid. Provides clinical & in-home services. Currently a 1-month waitlist.

Kalena's Touch of Faith

Kalena Simon *Ph: 321-370-2199 *Email: kalenasimon@gmail.com

226 Pine Ave., Mount Dora, FL 32757

Accepts Medicaid.

Learning Leaps Behavioral Services, Inc.

2050 Classique Lane, Tavares, FL 32778 *Ph: (352) 508-5243 Email: inquiries@learning-leaps.com

Provides in-home ABA therapy and consultation.

South Lake Autism and Behavior Services

355 Citrus Tower Blvd. Suite 104, Clermont, FL 34711 *Ph: 352-223-1999

*Website: <http://www.southlakeautism.com>

Orange County:

A Great Life Services, Inc.

1601 N. Goldenrod Road, Suite 2, Orlando, FL 32807 *Ph: 407-704-7811

Abilities Unlimited, LLC

815 North Magnolia Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803

*Ph: 407-276-1808 *Website: www.abilitiesunlimitedtherapy.com

Accolade Healthcare Services, LLC

Kevin Lima *Ph: 407-495-4924

750 South OBT, Suite 264, Orlando, FL 32805

Offers APD Waiver services, respite care and targeted case management.

ADAPT Behavioral Services

Vicki Migacz

225 S. Swoope Ave, #211, Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-622-0444 * Fax: 407-699-0444

Angela Minett

533 N Nova Road, #204, Ormond Beach, FL 32174 * Ph: 386-898-5003

Accepts many insurance plans, problem-focused. Does not provide 40 hour skill-building ABA. Offers in-home services, no waitlist.

Advance Behavioral & Learning

Stacy Taylor *Ph: 407-375-8176 *Website: advancebehavior.com

PO Box 623777 Oviedo, FL 32762-3777

Alternative Outcomes

AD Daisley

1531 Plantation Pointe Dr., Orlando, FL 32824

*Ph: 407-704-1144 *Email: info@alternativeoutcomes.net

ABA provider. Accepts Medicaid.

Aponte & Klein, Inc.

5575 S. Semoran Blvd., Suite #24, Orlando, FL 32822

*Ph: 321-400-5254 *Email: info@aponteandklein.com

ABA provider. Accepts Medicaid.

Applied Behavior Center

113 W. Chapman Road, Oviedo, FL

Ph: 407-324-7772 * Website: <http://www.appliedbehaviorcenter.com/>

Applied Behavior Center, ABC, formerly ABC School House, is dedicated to the improvement in the quality of life for children diagnosed with autism or related disabilities.

Applied Behavior Center

1450 Daniels Road, Winter Garden, FL

Ph: 407-324-7772 * Website: <http://www.appliedbehaviorcenter.com/>

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Attain, Inc.

2710 Staten Avenue, Orlando, FL 32804 *Ph: 407-965-3018

Website: <http://myattain.org/>

Behavioral Associates of Central Florida

1133 Louisiana Avenue, Suite 101, Winter Park, FL 32789 * Ph: 407-539-1935

Website: <http://www.bacffl.com/>

Behavioral Strategies Corp.

630 N. Semoran Blvd, Orlando, FL 32807

*Ph: 407-737-4007 *Website: www.behavioralstrategiescorp.com *Email: infor@behavioralstrategiescorp.com

Big Bear Behavioral Health

Ph: 407.540.9552 *

Website: www.BigBearCounseling.org

Takes Staywell/Wellcare Medicaid Plans

Rebecca Blaszak

*Ph: 727-272-2242 *Email: beckythebcba@gmail.com

ABA provider. Accepts Medicaid.

Boys Town Behavioral Central Florida

*Ph: 407-588-2190 *Email: cflbhc@boystown.org

2813 S. Hiawasse Road, Suite 204, Orlando, FL 32835

Serves youth of all ages, from infancy to 19, and offers families a wide range of specialized services, including: parent training, family therapy, individual therapy, psychological assessments, academic assessments.

Breakthrough Behavior

Maegan Pierce, M.A., BCBA

1900 Weltin St., Orlando, FL 32803 *Ph: 831-238-2575

Provides comprehensive behavior intervention services.

Gerard Brost

113 N. Econlockhatchee Trl., Orlando, FL 32825 *Ph: 407-493-3883

ABA & SMHS provider. Accepts Medicaid.

Carrington Services

Eve Carrington, Licensed School Psychologist

*Ph: 407-929-7399 *Email: Carringtoneval@aol.com *Website: carringtoneval.com

Centrally located in Winter Park.

Camen Behavioral Services, LLC.

Claire Rich Lottman

4020 Edgewater Dr., Orlando, FL 32805

*Ph: 407-687-4439 *Email: crich17@gmail.com

Center for Autism and Related Disabilities - University of Central Florida (UCF CARD)

12424 Research Parkway, Suite 365, Orlando, FL 32826

*Ph: 407-823-6011 or 800-9AUTISM *Website: www.ucf-card.org

Provides free consultative support services for individuals of any age with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or related disabilities. Helps families and adults to better understand an individual's disability, and supports skill development and planning for the future. Offers behavioral support and guidance to caregivers and professionals through consultative phone calls, educational/informational training sessions, coaching and problem solving in homes, schools and communities using the principles of ABA, as well as referrals, & support groups.

Devereux Florida – Community Counseling Centers and Behavioral Consultation

6417 Christian Way, Orlando, FL 32808 * Ph: 800-338-3838

Website: http://www.devereux.org/site/PageServer?pagename=fl_index

Harmony Mental Health and Behavioral Services Serving Orange, Lake, Seminole and Osceola Counties

927 S Goldwyn Avenue, Suite 128 Orlando, FL 32805 Email: info@harmonymhbs.com

Ph: 407-235-8151 for Mental Health Services, contact Schellie Fanfan-Sissoko, LMHC, MS, EdS

Ph: 321-297-7505 for Behavior Analysis Services, contact Robin Williams, MS, BCBA

Accepts Medicaid. Provides clinical & in-home services. Currently a 1-month waitlist.

Patrice D. Hay, LLC

1634 Ferris Ave, Orlando, FL 32803

*Ph: (407) 575-4310 *Email: patrice20@comcast.net

In-home ABA services

Johanna McDonald, LLC.

*Ph: 407-575-4236 *Email: Johanna@jomcd-therapy.com

1634 Ferris Ave., Orlando, FL 32803

ABA provider. Accepts Medicaid.

LifeShare Florida

37 N Orange Ave, Suite 604, Orlando, FL 32801 * Ph: 407-843-3043

Website: <http://www.lifeshareusa.com/clinical-services/behavioral-health/>

MTS Health Services, LLC

3708 S. Conway Road, Orlando, FL 32812

Isaac Manning, M.Ed *Ph: 407-883-5875 *Email: Imanning@MTShealthservices.com

Provides Targeted Case Management services, mental health counseling, Psycho-Social rehabilitation services and ABA.

OCA: A Special Place for Special Needs

Main campus: 4917 Eli Street, Orlando, FL 32804 *Ph: 407-808-7837

West campus: 436 Oakdale Street, Windermere, FL 34786 *Ph: 407-717-7431

*Website: www.gooqa.org

The Pieces Fit Interventions

13538 Village Park Drive, Suite 215, Orlando FL, 32837 * Ph: 321-872-7157

Website: <http://thepiecesfitinterventions.com>

Center-based ABA, accepts Medicaid. Provides clinical & in-home services. Currently a waitlist.

Positive Behavior Supports Corporation

Jennifer Lendemann, Lead Coordinator, Team PBS Orlando

1-855-832-6727 ext. 1096

www.teampbs.com

Positive Paths Counseling Center

718 Garden Plaza, Orlando, FL 32803 *Ph: 407-894-8894 *Website: www.positivepathsllc.com

Preston Behavioral Services, LLC

April Preston *Ph: 407-624-4002

8123 Whistlewing Court, Orlando, FL 32817

Provides ABA services.

QuestKids

500 East Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32803 * Ph: 407-218-4300

Website: www.questkids.org

Specializing in helping children with autism, pervasive development disorder, and other learning and behavior concerns with individualized one-on-one programs using Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA).

University Behavioral Center (Crossroads)

Windy McCarty Vanbommel, LMHC

2500 Discovery Dr., Orlando, FL 32826 * Ph: 407-281-7000

Website: <http://www.universitybehavioral.com>

Short-term stabilization (hospitalization) for behavioral and mental health emergencies.

Tara Zeller, BCBA

2605 Corbyton Court, Orlando, FL 32828 * Ph: 407-227-8718

In-home ABA Consultation; specializing in preschoolers; Orange County

The Therapy Place

9468 Colonial Dr, Orlando, FL 32817 * Ph: 407-281-3803

Website: <http://www.thetherapyplace.com/>

Updated: May, 2017

Services include: physical, occupational and speech therapies, socialization opportunities and an after school program. Currently charging based on a sliding scale.

Osceola County:

ADAPT Behavioral Services

Heidi Arroyo or Sharon Older

3483 W Vine Street, Kissimmee, FL 34741 *Ph: 407-298-0444 Website: <http://adapt-fl.com>

Accepts Medicaid, offers in-home services, no waitlist.

Camen Behavioral

1200 N. Central Ave., Kissimmee, FL 34741 * 407-978-6085

148 Wilshire Blvd., Casselberry, FL 32707 * 407-972-4039

Serving Seminole, Orange, Osceola, and Lake Counties.

Website: www.CamenBehavioral.org

CJA Behavioral Services

Jason McIntyre *Ph: 407-483-9550 *Email: jmcintyre1@cfl.rr.com

Carmen Joan Aponte (bilingual services) *Email: carmenjoan@cja-center.com

809 East Oak Street, #160, Kissimmee, FL 34744 * Ph: 407-483-9520

Website: <http://www.cjabehavioralservices.com/>

ABA provider. Accepts Medicaid. Offers in-home and clinical services. Currently a 4-5 month waitlist.

Expanding Horizons

3419 Cypress Point Circle, St. Cloud, FL 34772 * Ph: 407-891-7124

Accepts Medicaid, offers clinical services. Currently a 5-month waitlist.

Harmony Mental Health and Behavioral Services *Serving Orange, Lake, Seminole and Osceola Counties*

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Ph: 321-297-7505 for Behavior Analysis Services, contact Robin Williams, MS, BCBA

Accepts Medicaid. Provides clinical & in-home services. Currently a 1-month waitlist.

Seminole County:

ABA Therapy 4Kids

1544 Seminole Blvd., Unit #116, Casselberry, FL 32707

*Ph: 786-261-5601 *Email: abatherapy4kids@gmail.com

ABA provider. Accepts Medicaid.

Advance Behavior and Learning

P. O. Box 623777, Oviedo, FL 32762-3777 * Ph: 407-375-8176

Website: <http://advancebehavior.com/>

ABA services in natural environments (home, schools and community locations developmentally appropriate practices).

Boys Town Behavioral Central Florida

*Ph: 407-588-2190 *Email: cflbhc@boystown.org

975 Oklahoma Street, Oviedo, FL 32765

Collaborative Solutions

Dr. Nikki Keefer, LMHC, CBA

3516 Wild Eagle Run, Oviedo, FL 32766 *Ph: 407-489-2121

*Email: nixabcba@aol.com *Website: collaborative-solutions.org

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Florida Autism Center

1708 Lexington Green Lane, Sanford, FL 32771 * Ph: 407-413-9550

Website: www.floridaautismcenter.info

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Ph: 321-297-7505 for Behavior Analysis Services, contact Robin Williams, MS, BCBA

Accepts Medicaid. Provides clinical & in-home services. Currently a 1-month waitlist.

IMPOWER

587 E SR 434, Suite 1021, Longwood, FL 32750 (Provides outpatient services, Psychiatric Clinic, Foster Care) *Ph: 407-331-8002

3800 Dike Road, Winter Park, FL 32792 (The Village Transitional Housing Program /Independent Living)

*Ph: 407-478-4034 *Website: www.impowerfl.org

Provides care for abused and neglected children, counseling, behavior services, adoption services, and training of foster parents.

Interventions Unlimited

Jing Zhou *Ph: 407-678-8889 *Email: jing@interventionsunlimited.com

848 Executive Dr., Oviedo, FL 32765

ABA provider. Accepts Medicaid.

Interventions Unlimited, Inc.

848 Executive Drive, Oviedo, FL 32765 * Ph: 407-678-8889 * Fax: 407-678-8885

Website: <http://www.interventionsunlimited.com/>

Services include: in-home and center-based behavioral assessment and intervention, school consultation, parent training and staff training.

Seminole Behavioral Healthcare

237 Fernwood Blvd., Fern Park, FL 32730 * Ph: 407-831-2411 or 407-321-HELP

919 East Second Street, Sanford, FL 32730 (Crisis Stabilization Unit) * Ph: 407-323-2036

300 South Bay Avenue, Sanford, FL (Residential Treatment Facility)

*Website: www.seminolecares.org

Volusia County:**Applied Behavior Center**

111 S Alabama Avenue, Deland, FL

Ph: 407-324-7772 * Website: <http://www.appliedbehaviorcenter.com/>

Applied Behavior Center, ABC, formerly ABC School House, is dedicated to the improvement in the quality of life for children diagnosed with autism or related disabilities.

Florida Autism Center

1128 Beville Road, Suite A, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 * Ph: 386-267-3161

Website: www.floridaautismcenter.info

Halifax Behavioral Services

841 Jimmy Ann Drive, Daytona Beach, FL 32117 * Ph: 386-425-3900

Website: <http://www.halifaxhealth.org/behavioral-services>

Halifax Behavior Services offers family and group counseling for children and adolescents, using a broad range of approaches. HBS offers a complete continuum of care for children from birth to 18 years of age and is the largest provider of psychiatric and psychological services for children and adolescents in the area. Services include partial hospitalization, inpatient services, and outpatient services such as play therapy, parent education classes and support groups.

Strategies, Inc.

1176 Pelican Bay Drive, Daytona Beach, FL 32119 * Ph: 386-767-3752

Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc.

2486 Cecil Webb Place, Live Oak, FL 32064 * Ph: 386-842-5501

Website: <https://www.youthranches.org/>

The Mission of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches is to prevent juvenile delinquency and develop lawful, productive citizens through a broad range of family-centered services.

COMMUNICATION

One of the main areas affected by autism is an individual's ability to communicate. Many treatment programs include methods to increase communication skills. Depending on each child's needs, speech/language therapy may focus on acquiring language skills or sign language. Communication aids, such as electronic communication devices (sometimes called "assistive or augmentative devices") or picture communication boards, may be used to help a person with autism communicate more effectively. In some cases, speech therapy may include a combination of these and other methods.

Local Providers

(Note: local providers of behavioral treatments may also address communication)

Brevard County:**Advanced Therapy, Inc.**

Diane Braswell

863 N. Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa, FL 32922 *Ph: 321-305-5965

Aquatic Health & Rehab

Ro Olsson *Ph: 321-453-8484

595 Courtenay Parkway, Merritt Island, FL 32953

8085 Spyglass Hill Road #118, Viera, FL

Social Communication Coaching, LLC

Dr. Pat Craanen *Ph: 1-844-722-6224

*Website: www.socialcommunicationcoaching.com *Email:

drpat@socialcommunicationcoaching.com

Child and Family Consultants, Inc.

1800 Penn Street, Suite 12, Melbourne, FL 32901 * Ph: 321-768-6800

Website: <http://brevardchildandfamilyconsultants.com/index.html>

Hanen Trained SLPs

Diana G. Masker & Associates Pediatric Speech Language Therapy

3040 N Wickham Rd. Suite 4, Melbourne, FL 32935 *Ph: 321-751-1443

Space Coast Early Intervention at the HOPE Center

3790 Dairy Road, Melbourne, FL 32904 * Ph: 321-729-6858

Website: <http://www.sceic.com/>

Space Coast Speech and Language, LLC

Christine Carey M.A., CCC-SLP

3800 W. Eau Gallie Blvd, Suite 101, Melbourne, FL 32934 * Ph: 321-220-9405

Lake County:

Central Florida Pediatric Therapy Associates

2400 S Hwy 27 Suite B201, Clermont, FL 34711

*Ph: 352-394-0212

Clermont Speech & Language Therapy Center

450 E Hwy 50 Suite 8c, Clermont, FL 34711

*Ph: 352-432-3960 *Website: www.clermontspeechlanguage.com

Eustis Speech & Language Center, Inc.

17521 Highway 441, Suite 6, Mt. Dora, FL 32757 * Ph: 352-385-1944

Lake Speech & Language Services

835 7th Street Suite 7, Clermont, FL, 34711

*Ph: 352-432-3998 *Website: Lakespeech.com

Pamela K. Rowe

115 E 5th Avenue, Suite 202B, Mount Dora, FL 32757

Ph: 407-271-4911

Website: <http://www.speechorlando.com/>

Specializes in language, speech, oral motor and voice treatment. Accepts most insurances and Medicaid.

Smart Speech Bilingual Therapy

15840 Sausalito Circle, Clermont, FL 34711 * Ph: 407-924-3502

In-home bilingual (Spanish/English) speech language therapy services. Accepts Medicaid and Medipass.

The Speech Pros

Summer Perkins, M.S., CCC-SLP * Ph: 407-808-8063 * E-mail: sperk33@gmail.com

In-home or naturalistic environment therapy. Provide individualized and direct instruction tailored to the child's specific needs in child's home. Lake, Orange, Seminole, and Volusia counties

Step-By-Step Therapy

2762 Dora Avenue, Tavares, FL 32778 * Ph: 352-742-7837

Website: <http://www.stepbysteptherapy.com/>

Early Steps Providers.

Orange County:

A.LL Therapy Connection, Inc.

140 Tonina Cove, Suite 100, Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-388-0246

Website: http://www.alltherapyconnection.com/A.LL_Therapy_Connection.html

Multidisciplinary pediatric clinic, also provides bilingual services.

Arnold Palmer Outpatient Pediatric Therapy

925 S. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32806 *Ph: 407-237-6387

1555 Howell Branch Road, Suite B1, Winter Park, FL 32798 Ph: 407-645-2081

Provide speech therapy, occupational therapy & physical therapy.

Beckman & Associates

620 N Wymore Road, Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-590-4852

Website: <http://www.beckmanoralmotor.com/>

Oral Motor speech therapy

Updated: May, 2017

Beyond Therapy

14055 Towne Loop Blvd, Suite 300, Orlando, FL 32837 * Ph: 407-857-6285

Website: <http://centralfltherapy.com/>

Accepts Medicaid, Part C, Insurance

Center for Speech and Language

5020 Goddard Avenue, Orlando, FL 32804 * Ph: 407-299-1533

Website: <http://www.centerforspeechorlando.com/>

Children First

4448 Edgewater Drive, Orlando, FL 32804 * Ph: 407-513-3000

Website: <http://www.childrenfirsthomecare.com/home.html>

The Felice Center

7203 Aloma Ave., Winter Park, FL 32792 *Ph: 321-972-3960 *Website: <http://felicecenter.com/>

Pediatric rehabilitation and therapy in Central Florida. Provides speech, language, occupational and physical therapy.

FAAST Atlantic Region Assistive Technology Demonstration Center

University of Central Florida, 3280 Progress Drive Suite 500 (Main Clinic) Orlando, FL 32826 * Ph: 407-882-0463

*Website: <https://www.cohpa.ucf.edu/clinic/comprehensive-evaluation/augmentative-alternative/>

Florida Pediatric Therapy

2000 Derby Glen Drive, Orlando, FL * Ph: 407-641-0808

Website: <https://www.floridapediatrictherapy.com/>

Florida Speech Language Pathology Inc.

11602 Lake Underhill Road Suite 129, Orlando, FL 32825

*Ph: 407-277-5400 *Website: floridaspeech.com

Franz Speech Language Pathology

Jenni Franz, MA, CCC-SLP

Winter Park, FL 32789 * Ph: 407-810-2261 * Fax: 407-264-8734

Website: <http://franzen.com>

Patrice D. Hay, BCBA

220 Sandhill Crane Run, Orlando, FL 32828 * Ph: 407-575-4695 * Fax: 407-540-8594

Email: patrice20@comcast.net

Herman and Associates

4401 East Colonial Drive, Suite 107, Orlando, FL 32803 * Ph: 407-898-5060

Website: <http://www.hermanandassociates.com/> \ Provides

speech therapy and group pragmatics training

K and L Therapy Services Inc.

7209 Curry Ford Road, Suite E, Orlando, FL 32822 * Ph: 407-421-7284 * Espanol: Ph: 407-595-0753

Website: <http://www.kandltherapy.com/>

Accepts most PPOs, Aetna, BCBS, Amerigroup, Medipass, Health Ease, and Stay Well

Lynn Jenne

1004 Venetian Drive, Orlando, FL 32804 * Ph: 407-290-0709 * Fax 407-532-9250

Does not do evaluations. Accepts Medicaid and is a APD provider

LifeSkills Academy

1935 State Road 436, Winter Park, FL 32792 * Ph: 407-629-9455

Website: <http://lifekillscenter.com/>

Sonia Malave

Ph: (407) 697-7482 * E-mail: soniaemalave@gmail.com

Home-based services. Bilingual (English/Spanish). Takes Full Medicaid and Medipass. Covers Southwest Orlando and Kissimmee.

Meric O'Grady

1850 Lee Road, Suite 134, Winter Park, FL 32789 * Ph: 407-761-0561

Website: http://www.orlandokidstherapy.com/speech_pathology.htm

Pamela K. Rowe

5324 Windridge Lake * Orlando, FL 38210

Ph: 407-271-4911

Website: <http://www.speechorlando.com/>

Specializes in language, speech, oral motor and voice treatment. Accepts most insurances and Medicaid

Pediatric Therapy Services of Greater Orlando

1002 S Dillard Street, Suite 106, Winter Garden, FL 34787 * Ph: 407-761-0561

Website: http://www.orlandokidstherapy.com/speech_pathology.htm

Oral Motor and Feeding Specialists

The Pieces Fit Interventions

13574 Village Park Drive, Suite 250, Orlando FL 32837 * Ph: 321-872-7157

Website: <http://thepiecesfitinterventions.com/>

Professional Communication Services, Inc.

Timothy P. Kowalski, M.A., C.C.C

1401 Edgewater Drive, Suite A, Orlando, FL 32804 *Ph: 407-245-1026

Simply Speaking, LLC.

Laura Sajeski Ph: 407-737-2023 * Website: <http://simplyspeakingcentralflorida.com/Home.aspx>

3564 Avalon Park E. Blvd., Orlando, FL 32828

Speech & Occupational Specialists (SOS), LLC

409 East Oakland Avenue Suite B, Oakland, FL 34787

*Ph: 407-654-5455 *Website: www.sostherapygroup.com

The Speech Pros

Summer Perkins, M.S., CCC-SLP * Ph: 407-808-8063 * E-mail: sperk33@gmail.com

In-home or naturalistic environment therapy. Provide individualized and direct instruction tailored to the child's specific needs in child's home. Lake, Orange, Seminole, and Volusia counties

The Therapy Place

9468 Colonial Drive, Orlando FL 32817 * Ph: 407-281-3803 * Website: <http://www.thetherapyplace.com/>

Services include: physical, occupational and speech therapies, socialization opportunities and an after school program. Currently charging based on a sliding scale.

Three C's Therapy

Chrissy Meredith, MA CCC-SLP

Locations in Maitland and Windermere *Ph: (407)761-2130 or 678-849-4375

Social Thinking curriculum teaches students to learn to think and be social.

UCP Child Development Centers

Downtown/BETA Campus: 4680 Lake Underhill Road, Orlando, FL 32807
Administration Office: 3305 S. Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32806
Pine Hills: 5800 Golf Club Parkway, Orlando, FL 32808
East Orange (Bailes Campus): 12702 Science Drive, Orlando, FL 32826 West
Orange: 1297 Winter Garden Vineland Road, Winter Garden, FL 34787
Website: <http://www.ucpcf.org/> * Ph: 407-852-3300

Provides early intervention pre-school, inclusive childcare, physical, speech and occupational therapy and family support services at six locations throughout Central Florida.

UCF Communicative Disorders Speech/Language Clinic

3280 Progress Dr #500, Orlando, FL 32826* Ph: 407-882-0468

Speech clinic provides sliding-scale therapy (all ages), evaluation and diagnostic assessment, and Central Auditory Processing (CAPD) testing (over age 6 only). Student therapists supervised by licensed therapists provide therapy.

Osceola County:

ABCLand Therapy Services

Renaissance Park, 1020 E Osceola Pkwy * Kissimmee, FL 34744 * Ph: 407-201-3337

Website: www.abclandtherapy.com

Accepts Medicaid. Provides clinical services. Appointments available in morning only.

Florida Hospital Celebration Health

400 Celebration Place, Celebration, FL 34747 * Ph: 407-764-4000

Website: www.celebrationhealth.com

Accepts Medicaid.

Sonia Malave

Ph: (407) 697-7482 * E-mail: soniamalave@gmail.com

Home-based services. Bilingual (English/Spanish). Takes Full Medicaid and Medipass. Covers Southwest Orlando and Kissimmee. Can provide in-home services.

Pamela K. Rowe

8 Broadway Avenue, Suite 224, Kissimmee, FL 34741

Ph: 407-271-4911

Website: <http://www.speechorlando.com/>

Specializes in language, speech, oral motor and voice treatment. Accepts most insurances and Medicaid.

UCP Child Development Centers

Osceola: 448 W. Donegan Avenue, Kissimmee, FL 34741

Website: <http://www.ucpcf.org/> * Ph: 407-852-3300

Provides early intervention pre-school, inclusive childcare, physical, speech and occupational therapy and family support services at six locations throughout Central Florida.

Seminole County:

ABC Therapies of Florida, Inc.

Cheryl E. Townsend, M.A., CCC-SLP

890 Northern Way, Suite E, Winter Springs, FL 32708 * Ph: 407-340-2718 *

Website: <http://www.abcf.com/>

Central Florida Therapy Solutions, Inc.

Nancy Johnston M.S., CCC-SLP

455 W. Warren Avenue, Suite 200, Longwood, FL 32750

*Ph: 407-260-0551 *Website: www.centralfloridatherapysolutions.com *Email: cfts-inc@cfl.rr.com

Provider for: Medicaid, Medicaid HMO's, Aetna, Humana, United, and other major plans.

Child Life Therapy L.L.C.

1486 Swanson Drive, Suite 200, Oviedo, FL 32765 *Ph: 407-977-4448

Website: <http://www.childlifetherapy.org/>

Optimum Rehab Inc.

145 Middle Street Ste 1011, Lake Mary, FL 32746 * Ph: 407-323-6955

Website: <http://www.optimumrehab.com/contact>

PRN Speech Pathologist Support

300 N. Ronald Reagan Blvd, Longwood, FL 32750 * Ph: 407-260-0020

Website: <http://prnspeech.com/>

Provides free screenings at childcare centers. Serves all ages and accepts Medicaid, StayWell, Medipass, Amerigroup and Health Ease for non-screening services.

Professional Communication Services

1401-A Edgewater Drive, Orlando, FL 32804 * Ph: 407-245-1026

Website: <http://www.socialpragmatics.com/>

Language and Pragmatics Therapy, Diagnostic Evaluations. Accepts Medicaid, does not accept HMO insurance.

R.G. Therapy Services, Inc.

630 North Maitland Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-539-2488

Services include Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Speech Therapy, covering the Central Florida area.

Pamela K. Rowe

2957 W State Road 434, Suite 100 * Longwood, FL 32750

Ph: 407-271-4911

Website: <http://www.speechorlando.com/>

Specializes in language, speech, oral motor and voice treatment. Accepts most insurances and Medicaid.

The Speech Pros

Summer Perkins, M.S., CCC-SLP * Ph: 407-808-8063 * E-mail: sperk33@gmail.com

In-home or naturalistic environment therapy. Provide individualized and direct instruction tailored to the child's specific needs in child's home. Lake, Orange, Seminole, and Volusia counties

Speech Innovations of Central Florida

3421 Hollow Oak Run, Oviedo FL, 32766 * Ph:407-694-3603 * Email: jane@speech-innovations.com

UCP Child Development Centers

Seminole: 3590 N. Hwy 17/92, Suite 1038. Lake Mary, FL 32746

Website: <http://www.ucpcf.org/> * Ph: 407-852-3300

Provides early intervention pre-school, inclusive childcare, physical, speech and occupational therapy and family support services at six locations throughout Central Florida.

Volusia County:

Center for Assistive Technology Services (CATS)-Easter Seals

1219 Dunn Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 * Ph: 386-255-4568

Website: <http://www.easterseals.com/fl-vf/>

CATS offers information, referral, demonstrations, and advocacy for assistive devices and services. Some devices are available to Volusia and Flagler County residents on short term loan for trial usage.

Central Florida Therapy Solutions, Inc.

Nancy Johnston M.S., CCC-SLP

2705 Rebecca Lane, Suite B, Orange City, FL 32763

*Ph: 407-260-0551 *Website: www.centralfloridatherapysolutions.com *Email: cfts-inc@cfl.r.com

Provider for: Medicaid, Medicaid HMO's, Aetna, Humana, United, and other major plans.

Easter Seals

1219 Dunn Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 * Ph: 386-255-4568 * Fax: 386-258-7677

Diagnostic and remedial services for adults and children with stuttering, articulation disorders, aphasia, laryngectomy, delayed speech/language, tongue thrust, cleft palate, hearing loss.

Ramiah Rehabilitation, Inc.

115 W Granada Boulevard, Ormond Beach, FL 32174

The Speech Pros

Summer Perkins, M.S., CCC-SLP * Ph: 407-808-8063 * E-mail: sperk33@gmail.com

In-home or naturalistic environment therapy. Provide individualized and direct instruction tailored to the child's specific needs in child's home. Lake, Orange, Seminole, and Volusia counties

More than Words Trained Therapists

Child Life Therapy L.L.C.

1486 Swanson Drive, Suite 200, Oviedo, FL 32765 * Ph: 407-977-4448 * Website: <http://www.childlifetherapy.org/>

Preschool Diagnostic Intervention Services (PDIS)

3130 Edgewater Drive, Orlando, FL 328054 * Ph: 407-317-3503

Website: <https://www.ocps.net/cs/ese/support/ei/Pages/default.aspx>

Children ages 3-5 must begin eligibility determination for special education through contact with the EIS and residents of Orange County.

The Speech Pros

Summer Perkins, M.S., CCC-SLP * Ph: 407-808-8063 * E-mail: sperk33@gmail.com

Alicia Sperrazza

Ph: (321) 663-0937 * Website: <http://aliciasperrazzaslp.blogspot.com/>

UCF CARD

12424 Research Pkwy, Orlando, FL 32826 Ph: (407) 823-6011

Amy Fritz-O'Cock, Ed.D., MA, CCC-SLP

Amy.Fritz-Ocock@ucf.edu

MEDICATION ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT

While there is no one medication used to treat autism, some medications are prescribed to alleviate specific characteristics such as aggression, seizures, hyperactivity, obsessive/compulsive behavior or anxiety. Medications often have negative side effects, and there are dangers in mixing some medications. We recommend you consult a physician with experience in treating autism.

Local Providers

Shaheda Akhtar, MD

2500 Discovery Drive, Orlando, Florida * Ph: 407-282-3000

Vijay Bhujang

1275 S. Patrick Drive, Suite C, Satellite Beach, FL 32937 * Ph: 321-779-9838

Sandra Cely * *Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics of Central Florida*

Dr Phillips * 6000 Turkey Lake Road, Suite 101 B, Orlando FL 32819

Casselberry * 950 S Winter Park Drive, Suite 302, Casselberry, FL 32707

Maitland * 100 E. Sybelia Ave., Suite 150, Maitland, FL 32751

(407) 765-5437

Website: www.developmentalpediatricsflorida.com

Joseph Cimino

8045 Spyness Hill Road, Suite 105, Viera 32940 * (321) 610-7105 *Accepts Medicaid.*

Colin Condron – *Pediatric Associates of Orlando*

414 N Mills Road, Orlando, FL 32803 * Ph: 407-841-7290

2920 Maguire Road, Ocoee, FL 34761 * Ph: 407-654-6506

Website: <http://pa-orlando.com/index.php>

Prashant Desai

789 Douglas Avenue, Suite 137, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 * Ph: 407-862-9988

Esperanza Behavioral Health

Dr. Fredesvinda Jacobs-Alvarez, MD

7350 Futures Dr. #16, Orlando, FL 32819 *Ph: 407-226-3733

Cornelia Franz

3160 Southgate Commerce Blvd, #64, Orlando, FL 32806 * Ph: 407-857-8860

Website: franzcenter.com

Halifax Behavioral

841 Jimmy Ann Drive, Daytona, FL 32117 * Ph: 386-425-3900

Website: <http://www.halifaxhealth.org/behavioral-services>

Kimberly Kilgore - *Central Florida Pediatrics*

735 Primera Blvd, Suite 135, Lake Mary, FL 32746 * Ph: 407-321-0085

2881 Wellness Ave., Orange City, FL 32763

Frank Lopez - *Children's Developmental Center*

2225 Glenwood Drive, Suite 200, Winter Park, FL 32792 * Ph: 407-644-4844

Website: <http://childrensdevelopmentalcenter.net/index.html>

Partnership for Prescription Assistance

Ph: 1-888-477-2669 * Website: <http://www.pparx.org/>

Help low-income, uninsured Florida residents get free or discounted brand-name medicine

Bhaskar Raju

2345 Sand Lake Road, Suite 200, Orlando, FL 32809 * Ph: 407-851-5121

Website: <http://www.orlandopa.com/>

MEDICAL SUB-SPECIALTIES

Adult/Geriatric Medicine

Jeffrey Krotenberg

305 Waymont Court, Suite 111, Lake Mary, FL 32746 * Ph: 407-324-0405

DeLuca & DeLuca *Medical and Mental Health*

Dr. Joseph DeLuca M.D., Ph.D., P.A. & Dr. Pearlene Gardberg-DelUCA
378 Center Pointe Circle, Suite 1280, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701 *Ph: 407-862-5959

Pamela E. Hall, M.D.

840 Deltona Blvd, Deltona, FL 32725 *Ph: 386-860-4545

Jason M. Harmon, M.D. *Family Medicine Doctor – Florida Hospital*

461 S. Nova Road, Ormond Beach, FL 32174 *Ph: 386-671-4337

Paul Jueng, M.D. *Whole Health Family Medicine: Apopka Family Medicine*

225 E. 7th Street, Apopka, FL 32703 *Ph: 407-905-8827

John Yee, M.D.

161 N Causeway, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169 *Ph: 386-424-1584

Allergists

Dana Broussard Perry

8946 Conroy Windermere Road, Orlando, FL 32835-3128 * Ph: 407-876-1009

Audiologists

Easter Seals Child Development Center

1219 Dunn Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 * Ph: 386-255-4568

Website: <http://www.easterseals.com/fl-vf/our-programs/childrens-services/audiology.html>

Audiological assessment, hearing aid dispensing, site of lesion testing, measurement of mid ear function, ear mold and swim plug impressions, lip reading classes.

UCF Communicative Disorders Clinic

3280 Progress Drive, Suite 500, Orlando, FL 32826 407-882-0468

Website: <http://www.cohpa.ucf.edu/csd/>

Provides comprehensive hearing evaluations and evaluations for auditory processing disorders for all ages.

Cardiologists

Dr. Susan DesJardins

The Heart Center *Ph: 407-649-6907

Dr. Jorge Garcia

Florida Hospital Medical Plaza Suite #310 *Ph: 407-856-7226

Dr. Arthur Raptoulis

557 N. Wymore Rd. Suite #201, Maitland, FL *Ph: 407-647-4890

Dentists

A Advanced Dental Group

1111 Person Street, Kissimmee, FL 34741 * Ph: 407-870-7404

Yasmin Admed

647 W. South Street, Orlando, FL 32805 * Ph: 407-843-7426

A.K. Islam

1925 E. Michigan Street, Suite 101, Orlando, FL 32806 * Ph: 407-896-6336

Apopka Dental Center

225 E. 7th St, Apopka, FL 32703 * Ph: 407-886-9569

John Bailey

917 South Wickham Rd, West Melbourne, FL 32904 * Ph: 321-723-0938

Daniel Barnes

1440 Reed Canal Road, Port Orange, FL 32128 * Ph: 386-760-0550

Website: <http://www.barnesandmcdonnell.com/>

G. Wayne Batista

909 E. Oak Street, Suite A, Kissimmee, FL 34741 * Ph: 407-847-2103

John Bishop

1650 N. Maitland Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-628-2286

Website: <http://www.ibrushteeth.com/>

Blue Cross/Blue Shield

BC/BS offers a Dental Plan for \$10.65/month - \$24.95 for up to 3 people. There is a \$35.00 enrollment fee. This is an HMO plan called Blue Dental Care - there are no deductibles, no waiting period, unlimited dollar amount for needed work, and only "major work" has co-pays. BC/BS can be reached at 1-800-459-8431 and their web site is www.bcbsfl.com look for quick links on the left and click on "find a doctor" then on the next page click on Dentists and a list of DDS in a 15 mile range of your zip code will come up.

Mubashir Chaudry, DMD

907 Outer Road, Suite A, Orlando, FL 32814 * Ph: 407-898-5437

Website: <http://www.orlandopediatricdentistry.com/>

Central Florida Family Health

5730 Lake Underhill Road, Orlando, FL 32807 * Ph: 407-322-8645

Dental Research Clinic

301 W Amelia Street, Orlando, FL 32805 * Ph: 407-425-3381

Dentistry for Children

1390 City View Center, Oviedo, FL 32765 * Ph: 407-977-9990

Website: <http://pediatricdentistorlando.com/index.html> *Dentistry for children.*

Michael Dimauro

7424 Docs Grove Circle, Orlando, FL 32819 * Ph: 407-352-4800

Eatonville Dental Center

434 W. Kennedy Blvd, Orlando, FL 32810 * Ph: 407-905-8827

The Florida Department of Health in Seminole County Dental Health Program

400 West Airport Blvd., Sanford, FL 32773 * Ph: 407-665-3346

Dental services for children who have Medicaid.

Florida Special Needs Dentistry

855 Oakley Seaver Drive, Clermont, FL 34711 *Ph: 352-242-0149

The Humanitarian Foundation

430 Beecher Rd, Gahanna, OH 43230 * Ph: 614-933-0711

Website: www.hfgrotto.org

Dental care program for children under the age of 18.

W. Michael Ingalls, DDS

245 Waymont Court, Lake Mary, FL 32746 * Ph: 407-324-2090

Website: <http://www.ddsforchildren.com/>

Marcy Keown, DMD

1549 S Alafaya Trail, Suite 200, Orlando, FL 32828 * Ph: 407-482-1405

Website: <http://mlkdmd.com/>

Troy King, DDS

1390 City View Center, Oviedo, FL 32765 * Ph: 407-977-9990

Website: <http://pediatricdentistorlando.com/index.html> *Dentistry for children.*

Lach Orthodontics Specialists

*Ph: 407-359-1960

Website: www.Lach-OrthoEvents.com

Leff, Weiss, & Waldee, DDS

817 S. University Drive, Suite 103, Plantation, FL 33324 * Ph: 954-424-6500

Website: <http://www.sleepdentists.com/>

Sleep dentistry for handicapped patients with special needs.

Maria Mendez

1650 Sand Lake Road, Suite 116, Orlando, FL 32809 * Ph: 407-855-6305

Website: <http://allaboutsmilesortho.com/>

Alexander Nurell

668 N. Orlando Ave., Suite 1008, Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-629-6464

Pine Hills Family Health

1800 Mercy Drive, Suite 200, Orlando, FL 32808 * Ph: 407-209-3202

Shirin Rawji

2116 S. Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32806 * Ph: 407-426-9933

Arelis Rodriguez

2883 South Delaney Avenue, Orlando, FL 32806 * Ph: 407-425-9333

Willie Sherman

3599 Colombia Street, Orlando, FL 32805 * Ph: 407-295-0674

Shriners International Headquarters

2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607 * Ph: 813-281-0300

Website: <http://www.shrinersinternational.org/>

Program covers up to age 18, finds free dental services for children affected with mental and physical disabilities.

Cannot accept Medicaid.

Smile Angel Foundation, Inc.

*Ph: 321-626-3058 *Website: <http://www.smileangelusa.org> *Email: smileangelusa@cfl.rr.com

Committed to improving the health and well-being of military veterans, domestic violence victims, and the less fortunate. Their goal is to provide dental health/hygiene education and financial assistance for a fabrication of full or partial denture appliances and to initiate a sealant program to prevent the dental decay in our youth.

Lincoln Taylor - Pediatric Dental Care of Greater Orlando
7250 Red Bug Lake Road, Suite 1024, Oviedo, FL 32765 * Ph: 407-208-0288
11309 Lake Underhill Road, Suite 103, Orlando, FL 32825 * Ph: 407-208-0288 Website:
<http://www.pdcorlando.com/home.html>

Threshold Dental
3550 North Goldenrod Road, Winter Park, FL 32792 *Ph: 321-527-2062
Provides dental care for individuals with special needs.

Ronald Je Trevisani
11317 Lake Underhill Road, Suite 200, Orlando, FL 32825 * Ph: 407-366-2243

Winter Garden Health
13275 W. Colonial Drive, Winter Garden, FL 32878 * Ph: 407-905-8827

Ear/ Nose/ Throat Specialists

Brevard Ear, Nose and Throat Center
1099 Florida Avenue Rockledge, FL 32955 Ph: 321-632-6900
Website: <http://www.brevardentcenter.com/>

Izak Kielmovitch – The Ear, Nose and Throat Surgical Associates, PA
133 Benmore Drive, Suite 100, Winter Park, FL 32792 * Ph: 407-644-4883
Website: <http://www.entorlando.com/>

Family Practitioners

Richard Branoff - Family Health Center
303 N. Clyde Morris Boulevard, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 * Ph: 386-254-4000

Community Primary Health Clinic
2300 Kurt St, Eustis, FL 32726 * Ph: 352.589.2501 * Fax: 352.589.4041
Website: <http://www.fhwat.org/CareAndServices/CommunityClinic.aspx>
Free adult care to uninsured in Eustis area — by appointment only.

Edmund Frank Delgado
2863 S Delaney Ave, Orlando, FL 32806 * Ph: 407-894-6108
Website: <http://familymc.com/>

JMJ Jose Fernandez Family Practice
300 N John Young Parkway, Kissimmee, FL 34741 * Ph: 407-935-9012
Website: <http://thehealingvine.info/index.htm>

Pearl Huang-Ramirez
825 E Oak Street, Kissimmee, FL 34744 * Ph: 321-442-1214

Gastrointestinal (Pediatric)

Sanjay Khubchandani
Multiple locations * Ph: 407-438-3557 * Website: <http://floridachildrengi.com/>

Geneticists

John McReynolds
1717 S Orange Ave Orlando, FL 32806 Ph: 407-650-7245 Metabolic and genetic testing, counseling.

Gynecologists

Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology

Dr. Judith Simms

89 W. Copeland Drive, Orlando, FL 32806 *Ph: 321-841-5530

Provides contraception for adolescent girls with complicated medical problems such as lupus and autoimmune disorders, Crohn's disease, bleeding disorders and diabetes. Dr. Simms also provides menstrual cycle control options to children with special need such as cerebral palsy and Down syndrome.

Internal Medicine

Nemours Children's Clinic

Several Orlando Area Locations

Website: <http://www.nemours.org/locations/florida.html>

Oswald Saavedra - Orlando Internal Medicine Center

1315 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 3A, Orlando, FL 32806 * Ph: 407-423-4680

Kerry Thek - Gastroenterology Consultants

300 Clyde Morris Blvd, Suite A, Ormond Beach, FL 32174 * Ph: 386-677-0531 Pediatric Specialist.

Mental Health

ACT Corporation

1220 Willis Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 * Ph: 386-947-3600

Children's mental health and substance abuse.

Bridges * Terry Tomaka – Family Liaison Program

1694 Cedar Street, Rockledge, FL 32955 * Ph: 321-690-3464

Website: <http://www.mybridges.org/>

C.A.R.E. Network (Children's Assessment & Resource Evaluation)

1300 S. Duncan Drive, Building C, Tavares, FL 32778 * Ph: 352-742-6520

Mental health care for children. Serving at risk children with emotional, behavioral or substance abuse problems.

Center for Grieving Children

900 N. Maitland Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-599-0909

Website: <http://www.newhopeforkids.org/>

Center for Adult Psychiatry

721 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32804 *Ph: 407-245-8501

Accepts Medicaid.

Circles of Care - Outpatient Areas

Multiple locations throughout Brevard County * Ph: 321-890-1550

Website: <http://www.circlesofcare.org/current1/home-page.html>

Community Counseling Center, Inc.

P. O. Box 161585, Altamonte Springs, FL 32716-1585 * Ph: 407-291-8009

Website: <http://www.ccccf.org/>

Delivered at home or in natural setting, sliding scale, individual, group, behavioral and emotional counseling.

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75 Fox Ridge Court, Suite C, Debary, FL 32713 * Ph: 386-668-6989

Website: <http://deltonacounseling.com/>

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378 Center Pointe Circle, Suite 1280, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701 *Ph: 407-862-5959

Devereux Florida – *Community Counseling Centers and Behavioral Consultation*

Administrative Office: 5850 T.G. Lee Boulevard, Suite 400, Orlando, FL 32822 * Toll Free: 1-800-338-3738

Website: http://www.devereux.org/site/PageServer?pagename=fl_index

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640 Bryn Mawr St, Orlando, FL 32804 * Ph: 407-649-8687
Play Therapy.

Thomas Guest

108 W. Citrus Street, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 * Ph: 407-682-6330
Offers individual and family counseling.

Halifax Behavioral Services

841 Jimmy Ann Drive, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 * Ph: 386-425-3900

Website: www.halifaxhealth.org

Harmony Mental Health and Behavioral Services *Serving Orange, Lake, Seminole and Osceola Counties*

927 S Goldwyn Avenue, Suite 128 Orlando, FL 32805 Email: info@harmonymhbs.com

Ph: 407-235-8151 for Mental Health Services, contact Schellie Fanfan-Sissoko, LMHC, MS, EdS

Ph: 321-297-7505 for Behavior Analysis Services, contact Robin Williams, MS, BCBA

Accepts Medicaid. Provides clinical & in-home services. Currently a 1-month waitlist.

Horizons Children's Loss Program

595 Montgomery Rd., Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 * Ph: 407-379-0490

Website: <http://www.hospiceofthecomforter.org/grief-children>

Children's multi-arts program facilitated through school counselors under the direction of Hospice of the Comforter.

The House Next Door

804 N Woodland Blvd, Deland, FL 32720 * Ph: 386-734-7571

Website: <http://www.thehnd.org/>

Inner Balance Counseling

Carly Olson, LMHC

1212 Mt. Vernon Street, Orlando, FL 32803

*Ph: 321-234-7554 *Email: info@ibcorlando.com

Ashlea John *Summit Mental Health Services*

200 E Highland Avenue, Suite 3, Clermont, FL 34711 Ph: 352-638-6639

Website: www.summitmentalhealthservices.com

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920 Beville Road, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 * Ph: 386-316-9624

LifeStream Behavioral Center

P. O. Box 491000, Leesburg, FL 34749 * Ph: 352-315-7500

Website: www.LSBC.net

Short-term facility for individuals with mental health problems. Autism is not a primary diagnosis that this facility treats.

Lighthouse Central Florida

215 East New Hampshire Street, Orlando, FL 32804 * Ph: 407-898-2483

Website: <http://www.lighthousecentralflorida.org/>

Lutheran Counseling Services of Central Florida

1505 Orchid Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789 * Ph: 407-644-4692

Website: <http://www.lcsfl.com/>

Individual, marital, family counseling for a wide variety of mental health problems including anxiety disorders, depression, marital and relationship problems, and life adjustment problems.

Kimberly May, M.S.W., LCSW

120 E New York Avenue, Deland, FL 32720 * Ph: 386-736-9113

Mental Health Association of Central Florida

1525 East Robinson Street, Orlando, FL 32801 * Ph: 407-898-0110

Website: <http://mhacf.org/>

Mental Health Services/Memorial Hospital West-Volusia,

701 W. Plymouth Ave, Deland, FL 32720 * Ph: 386-943-4670 * Hotline: 386-738-5433

Memorial Hospital-West Volusia offers a 10-bed, voluntary, inpatient Mental Health Unit that is dedicated to providing individualized treatment for people ages 18 and older who experience serious psychiatric and chemical dependency problems. A 24-hour Mental Health Crisis Hotline is provided.

Metro Orlando ASD Family Support Group

For family members of children 17 with Aspergers Syndrome. Meetings are held monthly at UCF CARD office.

Information: 407-823-6011 * Email: ucfcard@mail.ucf.edu

Metro-Orlando Parents of Adults and Soon to be Adults Support Group

For family members of children ages 16 and up with ASD. Meetings are held monthly. Information: 407-823-6011 *

Email: ucfcard@mail.ucf.edu

MTS Health Services, LLC

3708 S. Conway Road, Orlando, FL 32812

Isaac Manning, M.Ed *Ph: 407-883-5875 *Email: Imanning@MTShealthservices.com

Provides Targeted Case Management services, mental health counseling, Psycho-Social rehabilitation services and ABA.

Project Harmony

12649 Triangulum Court Building 402, Orlando, FL 32816

Offers relationship education and professional development workshops at no cost for individuals and couples. Must be 18 years of age to participate.

Providence Counseling Center

Diane Kimball, LMHC *Ph: 407-423-0790 *Email: dkimball@providencecounseling.org

430 North Mills Avenue, Suite 4, Orlando, FL 32803 *Website: www.providencecounseling.org

Psychological Affiliates, Inc.

2737 West Fairbanks Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789 * Ph: 407-740-6838 * Website: www.psychologicalaffiliates.com

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI)

P. O. Box 961 * Tallahassee, FL 32302 * Ph: 850-671-4445

Website: <http://www.namiflorida.org/>

New Hope for Kids

900 North Maitland Ave, Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-599-0909

Website: <http://www.newhopeforkids.org>

Support center for grieving children and for those who are a part of their lives.

Sharon Older, Ph.D

225 S. Swoope Ave, #211, Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-622-0444 * Fax: 407-699-0444

Website: <http://adapt-fl.com/>

Sherry Reeves, Psy.D. * Licensed Clinical Psychologist

870 Clark Street, Suite 1020, Oviedo, FL 32765 * Ph: 407-701-1135

Website: <http://drsherryreeves.com/>

South Seminole Hospital

*Ph: 407-262-2200 * Website: www.southseminolehospital.com

Summit Mental Health Services

214 E. Washington Street, Suite A, Minneola, FL 34715

*Ph: 407-456-8595

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Grief Counseling

Total Life Counseling

Multiple locations in Central Florida * Ph: (407) 248-0030

Website: www.totallifecounseling.com

Mary Travis * Travis Psycho-Educational Services

1950 Lee Road, Suite 119, Winter Park, FL 32789 * Ph: 407-644-1522

Website: www.travisps.com

Turning Point Counseling & Consulting, Inc.

3112 17 St, St. Cloud, FL 34769 * Ph: 407-957-2137

Licensed Mental Health Counselor. Individual, couples, and family counseling.

The Children's Home Society of Florida

1485 S. Semoran Blvd., Suite 1402, Winter Park, FL 32792 * Ph: 407-688-9650, 407-463-8563, 321-397-3000

*Website: www.chsfl.org gashleythompson@chsfl.org david.congdon@chsfl.org

UCF Community Counseling Clinic

Florida Marriage and Family Research Institute – Stronger Marriages, Stronger Families

PO Box 161250 College of Education & Human Performance, 192, Orlando, FL 32816-1250 * Ph: 407-823-2052

Website: <http://education.ucf.edu/ccc/>

The program is sponsored by the University of Central Florida and the Florida Department of Children and Families.

Services include: pre-marital counseling (six weeks), brief couples counseling (six weeks), weekend couples workshop, couples groups (six weeks). Any couple, married or unmarried, is invited to participate. There is no charge for counseling services, educational programs or materials.

Visions Targeted Case Management

386 Wilshire Boulevard, Casselberry, FL 32707 * Ph: 407-920-7206

Wraparound Seminole

117 E. Lake Mary Blvd., Sanford, FL 32773 * Ph: 321-441-2092 * Email: WraparoundSeminole@cbccfl.org

A collaboration of local child serving agencies to support children and youth with behavioral, emotional, and mental health challenges.

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Orange, Osceola, Seminole * Ph: 211 * Website: <http://www.211oc.org/>

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Website: <http://www.floridachildneurology.com/>

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7485 Sandlake Commons Blvd, Orlando, FL 32819 * Ph: 407-293-1122

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500 N. Maitland Ave, Suite 110 Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-628-5354 * Fax: 407-628-0254

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6000 Turkey Lake Road, Suite 205, Orlando, FL 32819 * Ph: 407-649-1848

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10931 Dylan Loren Circle, Orlando, FL 32825 * Ph: 407-218-4444

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5455 Murrell Road, Suite 107, Viera, FL 32955 * Ph: 321-636-1972

Website: <http://www.eyeonlearning.com/>

Center for Health, Learning & Achievement

310 Waymont Ct Unit #104, Lake Mary, FL 32746 * Ph: 407-718-4430

Website: <http://www.learningandachievement.com>

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Website: <http://www.eyephy.com/>

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421 S Keech Street, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 * Ph: 386-238-4980

809 N Stone Street, Deland, FL 32720 * Ph: 386-734-1824

Thomas Carlson * *Lake Pediatrics*

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Accepts most insurances and Medicaid.

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3274 Greenwald Way N., Kissimmee, FL 34741

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1601 Park Center Drive, Suite 6, Orlando, FL 32835

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846 Lake Howell Road, Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-767-2477
1000 W Broadway Street, Suite 100, Oviedo, FL 32765
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Website: <http://www.mountdorapediatrics.com/>

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Website: www.developmentalpediatricsflorida.com

Colin Condron * *Child Developmental & Diagnostic Center*
414 N. Mills Avenue, Suite 201, Orlando, FL 32803 * Ph: 407-841-7290

Emily Forrest * *Center for Child Development*
615 E Princeton Street, Suite 300, Orlando, FL 32803 * Ph: 407-898-6005
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Frank Lopez *Children's Developmental Center*
2225 Glenwood Drive, Suite 200, Winter Park, FL 32792 * Ph: 407-644-4844
Website: <http://childrensdevelopmentalcenter.net/index.html>

Tanya Murphy * *Children's Health Center, All Children's Hospital*
880 6th Street South, Suite 460, Box 7523, St. Petersburg, FL 33701 * Ph: 727-767-8230 * Fax: 727-767-7786
Website: <http://health.usf.edu/medicine/pediatrics/rothman/index.htm>

Steven Sahai * *Sahai Pediatrics*
750 West Granada, Ormond Beach, FL 32174 * Ph: 386-677-0780

Psychiatrists

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Board certified child, adolescent & adult psychiatrist.

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455 W. Warren Avenue, Longwood, FL 32750 *Ph: 407-262-2220

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393 CenterPointe Circle, Suite 1459, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
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Website: <http://drcorneliafranz.com/joomla/>

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980 Brevard Avenue, Rockledge, FL 32955 * Ph: 321-633-9973

Mahesh Soni

1051 Port Malabar Boulevard NE, Suite 4, Palm Bay, FL 32905 * Ph: 321-725-3464

RELATED SERVICES

Crisis Services

ACT Corporation’s Pinegrove Crisis Center

1150 Red John Drive, Daytona Beach, FL 32124 * Ph: 386-236-3310

Crisis services that are available include 24 hours a day, 7 days a week screening and assessment, emergency care for acute psychiatric emergencies, 23-hour observation, inpatient crisis stabilization, and short/long-term residential care for adults. Pinegrove is a Baker Act Receiving facility.

Crisis Services of Brevard County

P.O. Box 417, Cocoa, FL 32923-0417 *Ph: 321-631-9290

Website: <http://www.211brevard.org/>

Children’s mental health & substance abuse.

SpringBrook Behavioral Health System

One Havenwood Lane, Travelers Rest, SC 29690 * Ph: 864-834-8013 * Fax: 877-470-1267

Website: www.springbrookbehavioral.com

SpringBrook’s In-patient Autism Program is for adolescents ages 5-17 with persistent and severe behavioral issues. Assistance available 24/7.

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Website: http://www.alltherapyconnection.com/A.L.L._Therapy_Connection.html Multidisciplinary pediatric clinic also provides bilingual services.

Apple Therapy Center

2244 Boggy Creek Road, Suite F, Kissimmee, FL 34744

*Ph: 407-574-5109 *Website: www.appletherapycorp.com

Medicaid provider.

Arnold Palmer Outpatient Pediatric Therapy

925 S. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32806 *Ph: 407-237-6387

1555 Howell Branch Road, Suite B1, Winter Park, FL 327989 Ph: 407-645-2081

Provide speech therapy, occupational therapy & physical therapy.

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Beyond Therapy

4219 Flora Vista Drive, Orlando, FL 32837 *Ph: 407-857-6285 *Website: centralfltherapy.com
Accepts Medicaid. Providers in-home services. Currently a 2-month waitlist.

Bridge of Hope

1300 Kevstin Drive, Kissimmee, FL 34744 * Ph: 407-575-4636 * Website: <http://bohcf.com/>

Center for Health, Learning & Achievement

310 Waymont Ct., Unit 104, Lake Mary, FL 32746 *Ph: 407-718-4430

Central Florida Pediatric Therapy Associates

2400 S Hwy 27 Suite B201, Clermont, FL 34711
*Ph: 352-394-0212

Central Florida Therapy Solutions, Inc.

Nancy Johnston M.S., CCC-SLP
455 W. Warren Avenue, Suite 200, Longwood, FL 32750
2705 Rebecca Lane, Suite B, Orange City, FL 32763
*Ph: 407-260-0551 *Website: www.centralfloridatherapysolutions.com *Email: cfts-inc@cfl.rr.com
Provider for: Medicaid, Medicaid HMO's, Aetna, Humana, United, and other major plans.

Child and Family Consultants, Inc

1800 Penn Street, Suite 12, Melbourne, FL 32901 * Ph: 321-768-6800
Website: <http://brevardchildandfamilyconsultants.com/index.html>

Child Life Therapy L.L.C.

1486 Swanson Drive, Oviedo, FL 32765 * Ph: 407-977-4448 * Website: <http://childlifetherapy.org>

Children First

4448 Edgewater Drive, Orlando, FL 32804 * Ph: 407-513-3000
Website: <http://www.childrenfirsthomecare.com/>

Easter Seals Developmental Therapy Services

2010 Mizell Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32792 * Ph: 407-629-7881
Website: <http://www.easterseals.com/florida/our-programs/medical-rehabilitation/>
Occupational, Physical, and Speech Therapy for children birth through 18 years with developmental disabilities or delays. Out-patient services use a neurodevelopmental therapy model.

Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services

24175 S.E. Highway 450 (PO Box 49), Umatilla, FL 32784 * Ph: 800-523-1673 Website:
<http://www.floridaelks.org/>

As part of the Elks Club's charitable works, free in-home occupational and physical therapies are provided for families with financial needs. A physician's prescription for therapy is required.

Florida Hospital Celebration Health

400 Celebration Place, Celebration, FL 34747 * Ph: 407-303-4000 * Website: <http://www.celebrationhealth.com/>
Medicaid provider.

Florida Pediatric Therapy

Multiple Locations * Ph: 407-641-0808 * Website: <https://www.floridapediatrictherapy.com/>

Health First Pediatric Rehab, HOPE Center

6450 US Highway 1, Rockledge, FL 32955 * Ph: 321-434-4335 * Website: <http://www.health-first.org>

K and L Therapy Services Inc.

7209 Curry Ford Road, Suite E, Orlando, FL 32822 * Ph: 407-421-7284 * Website: www.kandltherapy.com Accepts most PPOs, Aetna, BCBS, Amerigroup, Medipass, Health East and Stay Well

KinderKonsulting

2479 Aloma Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32792 * Ph: 407-657-6692 * Website: <http://www.kinderkonsulting.com/>

Leesburg Regional Medical Center – Outpatient Rehab Services

LRMC North, 700 N. Palmetto Street, Leesburg, FL 34748 * Ph: 352-323-5610 Website: <http://www.leesburgregional.org/services-rehab.html>

LifeSkills Center

1935 State Road 436, Winter Park, FL 32792 * Ph: 407-629-9455 * Website: <http://lifeskillscenter.com/> Services include Speech, OT, PT.

Memorial Hospital – Rehab Services

305 Memorial Medical Parkway, Suite 100, Daytona Beach, FL 32117 * Ph: 386-676-6039

Website: www.floridahospitalmemorial.org/CareAndServices/RehabilitationServices.aspx

The Rehabilitation Departments at Memorial Health Systems offer inpatient and outpatient physical therapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy.

Optimum Rehab Inc.

145 Middle Street Ste 1011, Lake Mary, FL 32746 * Ph: 407-323-6955

Website: <http://www.optimumrehab.com/contact>

Pediatric Potentials, Inc.

295 Waymont Court, Lake Mary, FL 32746 * Ph: 407-322-3962 * Website: www.pediatricpotentials.com

Specializes in home and community based rehabilitation services: sensory integration therapy, comprehensive home programs, environmental modification, family education, and the development of appropriate social, emotional, behavioral, fine and gross motor skills, and daily living skills. Services are available 7 days a week.

Pediatric Skill Builders

Lee World Center - 1850 Lee Road, Suite 134, Winter Park, Florida 327893 * Ph: 407-389-4357 Website:

www.pediatricsskillbuilders.com

Play For Real Therapy Services

405 Poi Court, Merritt Island, FL 32953-3226 * Ph: 321 872 8737

R.G. Therapy Services, Inc.

630 N. Maitland Ave, Orlando, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-539-2488 Services include Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Speech Therapy, covering the Central Florida area.

Space Coast Early Intervention Center

3790 Dairy Road, Melbourne, FL 32904 * Ph: 321-729-6858 * Website: <http://www.sceic.com/>

TheraPlay @ Home

Apopka, FL * Ph: 407-790-5601 * Website: www.theraplayathome.com Services to children ages 0-21 in their natural environment (usually home or daycare).

Therapy Dynamics Inc.

455 Douglas Avenue, Suite 2155-24, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 * Ph: 407-788-7722

Provides developmental services for children age birth to 18 years in the child's location. Services provided to Orange, Seminole, and Osceola counties. Accepts insurance, Medicaid, Part C, and private pay.

The Therapy Place

9468 Colonial Drive, Orlando FL 32817 * Ph: 407-281-3803 * Website: <http://www.thetherapyplace.com/>

Services include: physical, occupational and speech therapies, socialization opportunities and an after school program. Currently charging based on a sliding scale.

UCP Child Development Centers

Multiple locations * Ph: 407-852-3300 * Website: <http://www.ucpcf.org>

Provides early intervention pre-school, inclusive childcare, physical, speech and occupational therapy and family support services at six locations throughout Central Florida.

Physical Therapists

Achieve Pediatric Therapy

1525 S Alafaya Trail, Suite 101, Orlando, FL 32828 * Ph: 407-277-5400

7758 Wallace Road, Suite I, Orlando, FL 32819 * Ph: 407-668-4923 Website:

<http://www.achievepediatrictherapy.com/> * Accepts most insurances.

A.LL Therapy Connection, Inc.

140 Tonina Cove, #100, Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-388-0246

Website: http://alltherapyconnection.com/A.LL_Therapy_Connection.html Multidisciplinary pediatric clinic, also provides bilingual services.

Arnold Palmer Outpatient Pediatric Therapy

925 S. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32806 *Ph: 407-237-6387

1555 Howell Branch Road, Suite B1, Winter Park, FL 327989 Ph: 407-645-2081

Provide speech therapy, occupational therapy & physical therapy.

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Health First Pediatric Rehab, HOPE Center

1350 South Hickory Street, Melbourne, FL 32901 * Ph: 321-434-7182

Website: <http://www.health-first.org/index.cfm>

Provides therapy including physical, speech, occupational and social work to 0 – 12 year olds. Individual or group therapy is arranged for the family's convenience.

K and L Therapy Services, Inc.

7202 Curry Ford Road, Suite E, Orlando, FL 32822 * Ph: 407-421-7284 * Website: <http://www.kandltherapy.com/>

Accepts most PPOs, Aetna, BCBS, Amerigroup, Medipass, Health East and Stay Well

LifeSkills Academy

1935 State Road 436, Winter Park, FL 32792 * Ph: 407-629-9455 * Website: <http://lifeskillscenter.com/>

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Website: <http://www.optimumrehab.com/contact>

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Website: <http://www.pediatricrehabcenter.com/>

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1850 Lee Road, Suite 134, Winter Park, Florida 32789 * Ph: 407-389-4357

Website: <http://www.pediatricskillbuilders.com/>

Rehab Services-Memorial Hospital

264 S Atlantic Avenue, Ormond Beach, FL 32176 * Ph: 386-671-5080

Website: <https://www.floridahospital.com/memorial-medical-center>

Rehabilitation Departments at Memorial Health Systems offer inpatient and outpatient physical therapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy.

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Physical Therapy and Speech Therapy, covering the Central Florida area.

The Therapy Place

9468 Colonial Drive, Orlando FL 32817 * Ph: 407-281-3803 * Website: <http://www.thetherapyplace.com/>

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UCP Child Development Centers

Multiple locations * Ph: 407-852-3300 * Website: <http://www.ucpcf.org>

Provides early intervention pre-school, inclusive childcare, physical, speech and occupational therapy and family support services at six locations throughout Central Florida.

Safety Websites

CHILD SAFETY PRODUCTS

<http://www.mypreciouskid.com/>
<http://www.tattooswithapurpose.com>
<http://www.americanmedical-id.com/>
<http://assurancelockingsystems.com/products/guardian-kid-lock/>
<http://www.SelectAutismMerchandise.com>
<http://www.AngelSense.com>
<http://www.Buddytag.com>

SERVICE DOGS

<http://autismservicedogsofamerica.com/>
<http://4pawsforability.org/>
<http://blessingsunleashed.org/>
www.dreamacresforautism.org

TRACKING SYSTEMS & MEDICAL DEVICES

Project Lifesaver: <http://www.projectlifesaver.org/>
LoJack SafetyNet: <http://www.lojack.com/People-at-Risk>
Alzheimer's Comfort Zone: <http://www.alz.org/comfortzone/>

FOR FIRST RESPONDERS & CAREGIVERS

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children: <http://www.missingkids.com/home> 1-800-THE-LOST
Autism Risk Management: <http://www.autismriskmanagement.com/>
A CHILD IS MISSING: <http://www.achildismissing.org/>
<http://www.arcsouthnorfolk.org/>
The Law Enforcement Awareness Network: <http://www.leanonus.org/>
Autism Alliance for Local Emergency Responder Training: <http://www.autismalert.org/>
Premise Alert: <http://papremisealert.com/us/>

Sexual Abuse Therapy

Carlton Palms Educational Center

28308 Churchill Smith Ln, Mount Dora, FL 32757 * Ph: 352-735-0588

Support Groups

Autism and Related Disabilities Gym Program and Support Group

P. O. Box 770306, Winter Garden, FL 34777 * Ph: 407-234-7456
Website: <http://www.autismgym.org/index.htm>
FREE structured gym program during support group.

Central Florida Brain Injury Support Group

PO Box 140792, Orlando, FL 32814-0792 * Ph: 407-228-2818 * Website: www.brainsupportgroup.org

Tracy Lewis, MS

3750 Lake Center Loop, Mount Dora, FL 32757 * Ph: 352-383-2194 * Web: <http://www.larryeshyers.com/>

NAMI Greater Orlando

237 Fernwood Blvd Suite 101, Fern Park. 32730 * Ph: 407-253-1900
Website: <http://www.namigo.org/>
POWER meetings held in Orange and Seminole counties once a month.

Nathaniel's Hope (Orlando)

2300 Jetport Drive, Orlando, FL 32809 *Ph: 407-857-8224

Nathaniel's Hope/Buddy Break (Eustis)

117 S. Center Street, Eustis, FL *Ph: 352-357-2833 *Website: www.eustisbuddybreak.com

Putting The Pieces Together (PTPT)

Held at: Faith United Methodist Church, 1411 North Dean Road, Orlando, FL, 32825

Ph: Jenorise at 407-733-4944 Email: jenorise.ptpt@yahoo.com

Ph: Donique at 407-491-6524 Email: donique.ptpt@yahoo.com

*Website: www.ptpt-orlando.net

PTPT is an informal support group for families of children and adults with special needs.

Seminole ASD Parent Support Group

For family members of children under 17 with ASD. Meetings are held monthly. Information: 407-823-6011 * Email: ucfcard@mail.ucf.edu

Seminole Parents of Adults and Soon to be Adults Support Group

For family members of children ages 16 and up with ASD. Meetings are held monthly. Information: 407-823-6011 * Email: ucfcard@mail.ucf.edu

S.O.A.K. (Supporting Our ASD Kids) Parent Support Group

Silvia Hierro *Ph: 321-634-4464 or 321-626-8742 *Website: www.soakfamilies.com

Serving Brevard County

West Orange ASD Support and Play Group

Must register at this website to attend: <http://www.meetup.com/WestOrangeASD/>

SOCIAL SKILLS

One of the main characteristics of autism is difficulty with social ability and understanding of social cues. Individuals with autism may spend time alone rather than with others, show little interest in making friends, and be less responsive to social cues such as eye contact or facial expressions. Social skills programming may include such diverse techniques as helping an individual with autism learn to recognize facial expressions and emotions, communicate in social situations or wait in the line calmly at the grocery store. It may be part of a behavior plan supervised by a behavior specialist or a psychologist.

Local Providers

Applied Behavior Center for Autism Inc.

113 W. Chapman Rd, Oviedo, FL 32765 *Ph: 407-324-7772

ASD Adult Achievers

Paula Breeden *Ph: 407-314-3529

Altamonte Springs, FL

“Empowering ASD adults with skills, strategies & solutions for higher achievement.

Best Buddies

Hannah Swope, Program Manager

105 E. Robinson Street, Suite 540, Orlando, FL 32801 * Ph: (407) 898-0787 ext. 105

Website: <http://www.bestbuddiesflorida.org/site/c.kwL3KmN2LvH/b.1287605/k.BE04/Home.htm>

Enhancing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships and integrated employment.

Center for Autism and Related Disabilities - University of Central Florida (UCF CARD)

12424 Research Parkway, Suite 365, Orlando, FL 32826 * Ph: 407-823-6011 or 800 9-AUTISM Website:

www.ucf-card.org

Center for Health, Learning & Achievement

310 Waymont Ct., Unit 104, Lake Mary, FL 32746 *Ph: 407-718-4430

Groups provide support and skills to foster positive friendships and peer relationships through interactive discussions, games and art. Areas of focus: communication skills, increased self-awareness of feelings and empathy for others, dealing with shyness, impulse control and problem solving and conflict resolution. For boys and girls ages 6 through 14. Each group is limited to 4 children.

Social Communication Coaching, LLC

Dr. Pat Craanen *Ph: 1-844-722-6224 *Website: www.socialcommunicationcoaching.com *Email: drpat@socialcommunicationcoaching.com

Interventions Unlimited

1265 S. Semoran Blvd, Winter Park, 32792 *Ph: 407-678-8889

www.interventionsunlimited.org

Offers camps & social groups

Professional Communication Services, Inc.

Timothy P. Kowalski, M.A., C.C.C

1401 Edgewater Drive, Suite A, Orlando, FL 32804 *Ph: 407-245-1026

Providing Autism Links & Support (PALS)

PO Box 781458, Orlando FL, 32878-1458 *Ph: 407-823-6020 *www.pals-ucfcard.org

Provides social & educational programs for children and adults of all ages and abilities who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder or related disability.

Pam Frank - Pathfinders Counseling

640 Bryn Mawr St, Orlando, FL 32804 * Ph: 407-649-8687

PLAY Autism Intervention – Kim Rust Counseling, LLC

*Ph: 386-232-8623 * Website: www.Rustlcsw.com

Play Services are provided at home.

Tracy Lewis

3750 Lake Center Loop, Mount Dora, FL 32757 * Ph: 352-383-2194

Relationship Development Intervention (RDI)

Ph: 713-838-1362 * Website: <http://www.rdiconnect.com/>

Social Bridges

202 Lookout Place Ste 100, Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-539-2450 * Website: <http://www.socialbridges.com/>

Speak Easy

1000 W. Broadway Street, Suite 214, Oviedo, FL *Ph: 407-542-070

STARS Club Inc

Dr. Marilyn Hays

301 Illinois Avenue, Apopka, FL 32703 *Ph: 407-889-8721

Email: starsclubinc@gmail.com * Website: <http://starsclubinc.org/>

A non profit social organization for high functioning adults with autism and Asperger Syndrome. Activities include building on recreational skills, pursuing their special leading toward employment, enjoying social outings, and involvement in volunteering efforts.

Three C's Therapy

Chrissy Meredith, MA CCC-SLP

Locations in Maitland and Windermere *Ph: (407)761-2130 or 678-849-4375

Social Thinking curriculum teaches students to learn to think and be social.

Total Life Counseling

Multiple Locations * Ph: 407-248-0030 * Website: www.totallifecounseling.com

UCF Counseling and Psychological Services

UCF Main Campus * Ph: 407-823-2811 * Website: <http://caps.sdes.ucf.edu/> Social Skills Groups for UCF students with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

ALTERNATIVE TREATMENTS

AUDITORY TRAINING

Auditory training (also called auditory integration training or AIT) is a treatment that may be helpful for some individuals with autism who are oversensitive or hypersensitive to sound. This therapy involves the individual listening to a variety of different sound frequencies, coordinated to their level of impairment. This approach has not been supported by research findings, and is considered controversial by many professionals.

Web Sites

Georgiana Institute: <http://www.georgianainstitute.org/>

Local Providers

A.LL Therapy Connection, Inc.

140 Tonina Cove, Suite 100, Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-388-0246

Website: http://alltherapyconnection.com/A.LL_Therapy_Connection.html

Multidisciplinary pediatric clinic, also provides bilingual services.

Kirti Kalidas

6651 Vineland Road, Orlando, FL 32811 * Ph: 407-355-9246 * Website: <http://drkalidas.com/>

LifeSkills Center

1935 State Road 436, Winter Park, FL 32792 * Ph: 407-629-9455 * Website: <http://lifeskillscenter.com/>

Digital auditory aerobics.

BIOMEDICAL

Local Providers

Lisa R. Ramey, D.O. Integrative Pediatrics

30 Windsormere Way, Suite 100, Oviedo, FL 32765 *Ph: 407-359-1770

CRANIOSACRAL THERAPY

Dr. William Sutherland, an American osteopath, discovered intrinsic movements of the bones of the skull around the turn of the century. He further revealed different rhythmic tidal motions in the body. These movements, which can be measured with delicate scientific instruments, are a direct expression of the health of the system. Craniosacral therapists recognize health as an active principle. Craniosacral Therapy is a subtle healing form that assists this natural bodily intelligence. Like massage and chiropractic treatments, these therapeutic techniques may be soothing to the individual. However, research has not demonstrated the effectiveness of this approach as a treatment for people with autism.

Local Providers

Claudia Silva

11047 Fairhaven Way, Orlando, FL 32825 * Ph: 407-719-0448

DAN DOCTORS

Joseph Cannizzaro * *Pediatricians Care Unit*

357 Wekiva Springs Road, Longwood, FL 32779 * Ph: 407-774-9990 * Website: <http://pediatricianscareunit.com/>

FACILITATED COMMUNICATION

Facilitated Communication is a technique by which a trained professional, a Facilitator, supports the hand, arm or shoulder of an individual with communication impairments. This method assists the person with the impairment to either point to or press the keys of a communication device. If successful, the individual who was previously unable to communicate can then do so through typing or spelling out words.

Facilitated communication is an alternative means of expression for people who cannot speak, or whose speech is highly limited (e.g. echoed, limited to one or a few word utterances), and who cannot point reliably. This approach is viewed as controversial because research studies have not supported its validity.

Web Sites

Facilitated Communication Institute

* http://soe.syr.edu/centers_institutes/institute_communication_inclusion/default.aspx/

History of Facilitated Communication (Jacobson, Mulick, Swartz)

* <http://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/>

Out-of-Area Organizations/Providers

Facilitated Communication Institute - *Syracuse University* Division
of Special Education and Rehabilitation

370 Huntington Hall, Syracuse, NY 13244 * Ph: 315-443-4752

Website: http://soe.syr.edu/centers_institutes/institute_communication_inclusion/default.aspx/fci/

MUSIC THERAPY

Music Therapy is the unique application of music to enhance personal lives by creating positive changes in human behavior. It utilizes music as a tool to encourage development in social/emotional, cognitive/learning, and perceptual-motor areas. Music is a nonverbal form of communication, it is immediate in time, and sometimes provides motivation for practicing nonmusical skills. Music therapy has not been scientifically studied with individuals with autism, and therefore it is considered controversial as a treatment for autism by many professionals. However, it is well recognized that many people with autism spectrum disorders find music pleasurable, and it is often useful as a reinforcer for these individuals.

Web Sites

American Music Therapy Association

* <http://www.musictherapy.org/>

Florida Association for Music Therapy

* <http://www.floridamusicttherapy.com/collegesandclinicaltraining.htm>

Music Therapy and Language for the Autistic Child

* <http://autism.about.com/od/autismtherapy101/a/musictherapy.htm>

Local Providers

Center for Health and Wellness

7900 Red Bug Lake Road Oviedo, FL 32765 Ph:407-359-3606

Cheryl's Magic Flute

*Email: cheryl@cherylsmagicflute.com *Ph: 407-895-1252

Offers therapeutic music services for individuals with physical, mental, and/or emotional challenges.

Jill Ann Heckert, BME/Orff Certified

8601 Lake Underhill Road, Orlando, Florida 32825 * Ph: 407-277-4351 * Website: <http://www.jubalsplace.com/>

Joyful Music Therapy

719 Lee Road, Orlando, FL 32810 *Ph: 321-430-3619 Website: joyfulmusictherapy.com

Provides music therapy interventions which support therapeutic goals.

Joy Performing Arts Academy

69 Oviedo Blvd, Oviedo, FL 32765 * Ph: 407-365-5531 * Website: <http://joyperformingarts.com>

Mindful Music

5328 Hawkstone Drive, Sanford, FL

*Ph: 954-560-9660 *Email: desiraesalas@sanford.com

Meg Seim

661 Seminola Blvd, Casselberry, FL 32707 * Ph: 407-678-6655

ART THERAPY/CLASSES

Orlando Museum of Art (OMA)

2416 N. Mills Ave., Orlando, FL 32803 *Ph: 407-896-9231

Family & youth programs and summer camps for individuals with disabilities.

Sarah Milam

286 Moore Rd., Ocoee, FL 34761

331. N. Maitland Ave., Maitland, FL 32751

*Ph: 850-843-0774 *Website: www.smarttherapy.com *Email: sarah.milam2004@gmail.com

RELATIONSHIP-BASED THERAPY

Floortime is a form of interactive therapy designed by Dr. Sydney Greenspan. It is based on the view that autism's central deficit is a lack of social connection. The approach is intensive in the number of hours of therapy per day, and the therapist follows the child around in his environment, getting into his "space" and engaging him in purposeful reciprocal interaction. Through this child-centered, play-based intensive intervention, the child is proposed to learn socialization and proper usage of toys, gain creativity skills, develop abstract thinking and problem solve. This approach is currently being studied for its effectiveness.

Relationship Development Intervention (RDI)

Ph: 713-838-1362 Website: <http://www.rdiconnect.com/>

Out of Area Organizations/Providers

The Interdisciplinary Council on Development and Learning Disorders (ICDL)

4938 Hampden Lane, Suite 800, Bethesda, MD 20814 * Ph: 301-656-2667 * Website: <http://www.icdl.com/>

SENSORY INTEGRATION

An area of difficulty that may be prevalent in individuals with autism, but less obvious than communication deficits, is the integration of sensory messages. Some individuals with autism have unusual reactions, such as being overly sensitive to touch or under-responsive to pain. Sight, hearing, touch, smell, tastes may be affected to a lesser or greater degree. Noises may sound too loud or too soft. Colors may appear too bright or painful. Problems integrating sensory information are sometimes referred to as “sensory integrative dysfunction.” There are many different treatments available depending on the particular “sense” that is affected.

Little research in peer-edited research journals has been published on sensory integration procedures and children with autism. Therefore, this approach is considered controversial by many professionals.

Local Providers

A.L.L. Therapy Connection, Inc.

140 Tonina Cove, Suite 100, Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-388-0246 Website:

http://alltherapyconnection.com/A.L.L._Therapy_Connection.html

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Website: https://www.health-first.org/hospitals_services/rehab2.cfm

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VISION THERAPY

Developmental or Behavioral Optometrists may be able to treat individuals with autism experiencing visual difficulties. There are professionals who believe that some of the unusual behaviors associated with autism may be related to visual-perceptual problems. Some individuals with autism experience vision difficulties, such as poor eye contact, difficulty attending visually, visual fixation, and hyper or hyposensitivity to light and/or color. Treatments may include the use of specialized colored or prism lenses or practicing vision exercises. Research demonstrating the

effectiveness of these treatments for people with autism spectrum disorders has not been published in peer-edited research journals, and therefore, many professionals consider this form of vision treatment controversial.

Local Providers

Florida's Vision Quest, Inc.

167 N. Industrial Drive, Orange City, FL 32763 * Ph: 386.917.1001 * Website: <http://www.flvq.org/> Free eye exams/glasses for at-risk kids

Jenna Williams McDermed * Visual Health & Learning Center

12301 Lake Underhill Road, Suite 236, Orlando FL 32828 * Ph: 407-277-5729 Website: <http://visualhealthlearning.com/>

New Vision to Independence

9501 US Hwy 441, Leesburg, FL 34788 *Ph: 352-435-5040

New Vision for Independence is a 501 (C)(3) organization serving adults and children with visual impairments in Lake and Sumter Counties and The Villages. We are committed to excellence in providing rehabilitation, community education, and support services for people with low vision or blindness and their families to promote independence, acceptance and self-confidence.

Paul G. Rousseau, M.S., O.D., F.C.O.V.D.

5455 Murrell Rd., Suite 107, Viera, FL 32955 * Ph: (321) 636-1972 * Website: <http://www.eyeonlearning.com/>

Marc Sherman, Sherman & Zorn

1495 State Road 434 West, #109, Longwood, FL 32750 * Ph: 407-332-8255 * Website: <http://drmarcsherman.com/>

VITAMINS/DIET/BIOLOGICAL

Some individuals with autism exhibit low tolerance for and/or allergies to a variety of different substances. Many families are implementing a diet that is free of gluten (found in wheat and grain products) and casein (found in milk and dairy products). Some have found this diet has helped their child in several ways, particularly in the area of bowel function. The use of large doses of particular vitamins is also an approach some parents have used with their children. While reports of children being "cured" by such approaches are most likely exaggerated, parents have reported changes in a child's behavior through dietary change and vitamins. Thus far, controlled research studies have been less convincing. However, there is little risk in using diet and vitamin interventions if they are well supervised by a medical professional.

Diet

Gluten free, casein free diet (g/f, c/f)

Website: <http://www.autismndi.com/> for the Autism Network for Dietary Intervention newsletter

Web Sites

Autism Network for Dietary Intervention: <http://www.autismndi.com/>

GFCF Diet: <http://www.gfcfdiet.com/>

Local Providers

Cornelia Franz

3160 Southgate Commons Blvd, #64, Orlando, FL 32806 * Ph: 407-857-8860

Website: <http://drcorneliafranz.com/joomla/> Hair and stool analysis, homeopathic medicine, medication management, and alternative medicine.

Heise Chiropractic Clinic, P.A. & Central Florida's First Center of Alternative Medicine
1900 Howell Branch Road, Suite 500, * Ph: 407-677-1660 * Website: <http://drheise.com/>

Whole Foods Market

1989 Aloma Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32792 * Ph: 407-673-8788
Website: <http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/?reloaded=true> Hormone-free
meats, organic vegetables.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

General Recreation

4-H Clubs of Lake County

1951 Woodlea Road, Tavares, FL 32778 * Ph: 352-343-4101 * Fax: 352-343-2767

Adults with Asperger's Syndrome Social Group

(ASPIRE)

Ph: 407-823-6020

Autism & Related Disabilities Gym Program

P. O. Box 770306, Winter Garden, FL 34777 * Ph: 407-234-7456 * Website: <http://www.autismgym.org/> Contact: Joanne Houwers

Brevard County Parks & Recreation - Administration

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way B203 * Viera, FL 32940 * Ph: 321-633-2046

Website: <http://www.brevardcounty.us/ParksRecreation/Home/>

Central Florida Dreamplex

2400 S Hwy 27 Suite B201, Clermont, FL 34711 *Ph: 352-404-4085 *Website: www.cfldreamplex.com

Exists to meet the fitness, recreational, social and employment needs of individuals and families with physical and/or developmental disabilities.

Chance 2 Dance

Kyle Kirby, CEO *Ph: 407-461-9317 *Email: Chance2DanceFL@gmail.com Website: www.chance2danceFL.org

City of Orlando Special Populations Program

Website: <http://www.cityoforlando.net/fpr/Html/ExceptionalRecreation.asp>

Florida Disabled Outdoors Association

2475 Apalachee Parkway, Suite 205, Tallahassee, FL 32301 * Ph: 850-201-2944 * Website: <http://www.fdoa.org/>

Joy Performing Arts

69 Oviedo Blvd, Oviedo, FL 32765 * Ph: 407-365-5531 * Website: www.joyperformingarts.com

Kissimmee Parks & Recreation

101 N. Church Street, Kissimmee, FL 34741 * Ph: 407.518.2501 Website:

<http://www.kissimmee.org/index.aspx?page=49>

Little Linksters, LLC

Justin Snyder – Certified Instructor

P.O. Box 6384, Deltona, FL 32728

*Ph: 386-532-9639 or 315-727-5455 *Email: Justin@LittleLinksters.com *Website: www.LittleLinksters.com

Provide golf instruction to children ages 3-8.

My Gym

3581 Lake Emma Road, Lake Mary, FL 32746 * Ph: 407-333-8069 * Website: <http://www.mygym.com/lakemary>

National Parks & Recreation

Website: <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/access.html>

Free admission to National Parks.

Neon Club

Lisa Early

610 North Lake Formosa Drive, Orlando, FL 32803 *Ph: 407-246-2283

Website: <http://www.cityoforlando.net/fpr/Html/ExceptionalRecreation.asp>

Recreational program for adults, 16 and up. Fosters self-empowerment, dances, partners and other activities monthly.

Opening Doors St. Luke's United Methodist Church

4851 S Apopka-Vineland Road, Orlando, FL 32819 * Ph: 407-876-6728

OCA

4917 Eli Street, Orlando, FL 3804 * Ph: 407-808-7837 * Website: www.gooqa.org

Providing Autism Links & Support (PALS)

PO Box 781458, Orlando FL, 32878-1458 *Ph: 407-823-6020 *www.pals-ucfcard.org

Provides social & educational programs for children and adults of all ages and abilities who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder or related disability.

Ready, Set, Dance

2220 Hemple Avenue, Gotha, FL 34734 * Ph: 407-470-7365 * Website: www.readysetchance.com

Rec Squad & Rec Zone

Multiple Locations * Ph: 407-836-6200

Website: <http://www.ocfl.net/CultureParks/YouthRecreationPrograms.aspx> After school program in Orange County Schools. Call your elementary school to find out if they have a program.

Sensory-Friendly Performances

*Ph: 407-896-7365 *Website: OrlandREP.com

The REP presents Sensory-Friendly performances, specifically modified for individuals with autism, Asperger's, or other sensory processing disorders and special needs.

Sunshine Dancers

Riverside Park 1600 Lockwood Blvd., Oviedo, FL 32765

Monthly dance programs for teens and adults who are physically and/or mentally challenged. Includes family friendly music.

SPARC (Special Population Activities & Recreation Council of Volusia, Inc.)

P. O. Box 1868, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32170 * Ph: 386-409-5409

Special People are Really Extraordinary, S.P.A.R.E.

Held at: 376 E. Broadway St., Oviedo, FL 32765

* Ph: David & Shari Pudles 407-484-3521 * Email: oviedooptimist@aol.com

* Ph: Sheryl King 407-697-1370 * Email: sheryl721@hotmail.com

Bowling and family fun at the Oviedo Bowling Center every Saturday.

Special Kids Music Club (SKMC)

105 Commerce Street, Suite 109, Lake Mary, Florida 32746 * Ph: 407-833-2729

Website: <http://www.joyfulmusicanddance.com/> Meets every Wednesday for ages 10-17 years with a cost of \$14.00 per child.

Special Needs Story Programs at Seminole County Public Libraries

Multiple locations * Website: <http://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/kidspages/StoryTime/StoryTime.aspx>

UCP Child Development Centers

Multiple locations * Ph: 407-852-3300 * Website: <http://www.ucpcf.org/>

Provides early intervention pre-school, inclusive childcare, physical, speech and occupational therapy and family support services at six locations throughout Central Florida.

Volusia County Parks and Recreation

202 N. Florida Ave, DeLand, FL 32720-4226 * Ph: 386-736-5953 * Fax: 386-943-7012

Website: <http://www.volusia.org/services/community-services/parks-recreation-and-culture/>

Walt Disney World Parks and Resorts

The new Disability Access Service (DAS) Card will allow Guests with disabilities at Walt Disney World Resort and Disneyland Resort to receive a return time for attractions based on the current wait time. Guest Relations at the front of each park will continue to assist Guests and provide assistance that is responsive to their unique circumstances.

Athletics

Brevard County Parks & Recreation Central Area Disabilities Program

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Bldg B, Viera, Florida 32940 * Ph: 321-633-2046

Website: <http://www.brevardcounty.us/ParksRecreation/Home/> Recreational activities such as bowling, field trips, dances and Special Olympic training and competition.

Complete Soccer Academy

Viollet Soccer Training Center, 645 Executive Park Court, Apopka, FL 32703 * Phone: 407-925-6812

Website: <http://www.socceracademy.com/>

Gliding Stars

PO Box 4492 * Winter Park, FL 32793-4492 * Ph: 407-965-6626 * Website: <http://www.glidingstars.org/> A not-for-profit organization providing adaptive ice skating programs and related products nationwide for people with challenges.

Oviedo Recreation and Parks Department Gymnastics

City of Oviedo's Riverside Park and Oviedo Gym, 1600 Lockwood Blvd/148 Oviedo Blvd, Oviedo, Florida

Ph: 407-760-1697 * Website: <http://www.cityofoviedo.net/index.php?q=node/1427>

SPARC

(Special Population Activities & Recreation Council of Volusia, Inc.)

P. O. Box 1868, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32170 * Ph: 386-409-5409

Special Olympics Florida

1915 Don Wickham Drive, Clermont, FL 34711 * Ph: 352-243-9536 * Toll Free: 800-322-4376

Website: <http://specialolympicsflorida.org/> go to *Athletes* → *County & Area Programs* to find your

County Coordinator) Offers year-round sports training and competition for individuals with intellectual disabilities at no charge to the athletes and their families.

Victory Martial Arts

783 N. Alafaya Trail Orlando, Florida 32828 *Ph: 407-736-0222 *Website: www.victoryma.com

Ms. Rahbari Program Director *Email: waterdordlakes@victoryma.com

Camps

Check UCF CARD's e-updates from January to June for information on summer day camps.

PALS Summer Camps: www.pals-ucfcard.org

Brevard PALS Camp 2 Can

A summer camp dedicated to building creativity, socialization and personal-growth by individuals with autism spectrum disorders (ASD).

*Ph: 407-823-6001

Easter Seals Camp Challenge

31600 Camp Challenge Road, Sorrento, FL 32776 *Ph: 352-383-4711 *Email: camp@fl.easterseals.com

Activities include: swimming, camp fire, tractor rides, arts & crafts, and camp tours. All individuals welcome. Camp is fully wheelchair accessible.

Expanding Horizons

3419 Cypress Point Circle, St Cloud, FL 34772 * Ph 407-891-7124

OCA Summer Day Camp

East Camp (ages 8-21): Maitland Presbyterian – 341 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751

West Camp (ages 8-21): First Baptist Windermere – 300 Main Street, Windermere, FL 34786

PeeWee Camp (ages 4-7): OCA Main Campus – 4917 Eli Street, Orlando, FL 32804

Individuals participate in indoor and outdoor games, art & crafts, team sports, swimming, field trips, social skills and music therapy. Cost: \$180 per week ages 8-21, \$200 per week ages 4-7/

Puzzle Box Academy

2180 Julian Ave NE Palm Bay

*Ph: 321-345-0861 *Website: www.puzzleboxacademy.com

Offers camps by developmental age (5-12). Multi-sibling discount available.

Seminole County PAL

Mailing: 100 Bush Blvd., Sanford, FL 32773

Physical: 1151 East 28th Street, Sanford, FL 32773 * Ph: 407-708-7640

Offers a spring and summer camp for children from Kindergarten to 8th grade.

Talisman Programs

64 Gap Creek Road, Zirconia, NC 28790 * Ph: 855-588-8254 * Website: <http://www.talismancamps.com/>

Camp Listings: Local & Nationwide

Camp Channel: <http://www.campchannel.com/>

Camp Sequoia, Pennsylvania: www.camp-sequoia.com

Very Special Camps: <http://www.veryspecialcamps.com/>

Companion Services

Companion services consist of supervision and socialization activities for adults who qualify for the community-based Medicaid Waiver (Medwaiver). Companions may assist with activities of daily living in the context of socialization and supervision. Companion services may be received on a long-term basis. Providers may be home health care agencies, or independent vendors registered with the health care administration. Individuals in residential settings are not eligible for companion services.

AdelCare II, Inc.

3206 Conway Rd Suite 5, Orlando, FL *Ph: 407-278-4822

Provides structured and dependable resources in Home Health Care Services.

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Provider Directory: www.apd.myflorida.com

*Ph: 407-245-0440

Osceola Sunrise Special Care

3053 Big Sky Blvd, Kissimmee, FL 34744 * Ph: 407-518-6688
Works with APD, Medwaiver

The ARC, Sunrise of Central Florida

35201 Radio Rd. Leesburg, FL 34788 Ph: (352) 787-3079 Website: <http://www.sunrisearc.org/>

Sibling Support

SibShops

Website: <http://www.siblingsupport.org/>

Rebecca Deal, Ph.D

220 N Westmonte Dr #E, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714
*Ph: 407-862-5707

Swimming Lessons

City of Altamonte Springs Special Community Services

225 Newburyport Avenue, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701 * Ph: 407-571-8812
Website: <http://www.advisoryboardfordisabled.org/>

The Gift of Swimming/Southwest Aquatics

205 Windermere Road, Winter Garden, FL 34787 * Ph: 407-905-0999 * Fax: 407-905-5268
Website: <http://www.giftofswimming.org/>

The Gift of Swimming was established as a 501(c)3 charitable organization in 2003 to address a serious gap by providing potentially lifesaving swimming training for disadvantaged and developmentally disabled children.

Amanda Mundt

Deland area ▪ Ph: 386-848-2585 ▪ Email: cherrymandy84@yahoo.com

Speaks English, Spanish and Korean. Provides swim lessons and water safety to individuals of a variety of ages and ability levels.

Nicholas Rolfes

*Email: rolfesnick@gmail.com *Ph: 513-372-2684

Willing to come to private/home pools.

Southwest Aquatics

205 Windermere Road, Winter Garden, FL 34787 * Ph: 407-905-0999
Website: <http://www.southwestaquatics.com/>

Ann Stone

1085 Crane Crest Way, Orlando, FL 32825 * Ph: 407-282-4970 * Website: <http://www.stonecrabsswimteam.com/>

Swim with Becky and Friends, LLC

317 S. Volusia Avenue., Orange City, FL 32763 *Ph: 386-490-2190 *Website: <https://swimwithbecky.com/>

Vinny Vurro

4401 East Colonial Drive Suite 107, Orlando, FL 32803 *Ph: 407-898-5060

Trained and licensed swim instructor who has developed a speech and language aquatics summer program implementing sensory integration for special need children at the YMCA.

YMCA

7900 Red Bug Lake Rd., Oviedo, FL 3276

Therapeutic Horseback Riding

The benefits of horseback riding are as numerous as the types of disabilities and conditions served. Because horseback riding gently and rhythmically moves the rider's body in a manner similar to a human gait, riders with physical disabilities often show improvement in flexibility, balance and muscle strength.

Carol Lilley

Clermont, FL *Ph: 601-813-7824

Freedom Ride, Inc

1905 Lee Road, Orlando, FL 32810 * Ph: 407-293-0411 * Website: <http://www.freedomride.com/>

Harmony Farms Inc. *Horses for the Handicapped*

5300 Stadium Parkway, Rockledge, FL 32955 * Ph: 321-631-9433 * Website: <http://www.harmonyfarmsinc.com/>

Horse Sisters & Associates, Inc.

Common Sense Ranch 2714 Cuyler Street, Mims, FL 32754 * Ph: 321-267-2929 Website:
<http://www.horsesisters.org/>

S.A.D.L.E.S.

41025 Thomas Boat Landing Road, Umatilla, FL 32784 * Ph: 352-669-1012 * Fax: 352-669-5554
Website: <http://www.sadles.net/> Therapeutic interactions through horse & rider. Personal Counseling, coaching and mediation.

Triple Diamond Ranch

32100 Root Rd Eustis, FL 32736 * Ph: 352-589-6661 * Website: <http://www.tdranch.net/TDR/Welcome.html>

Out of Area Organizations/Providers

Blind Outdoor Leisure Development * *The UCLID Center at the University of Pennsylvania*

3414 Fifth Avenue, 2nd Floor, Room 203, Pittsburg, PA 15213 * Ph: 412-692-6538 * Website: <http://www.uclid.org/>
Assists blind persons in participating in outdoor recreation. Aids in the establishment of local recreation clubs. Designs and conducts training courses.

Disabled Sports USA

Website: <http://www.disabledsportsusa.org/>
Provides group vacations for individuals with disabilities

PATH International, Inc.

PO Box 33150, Denver CO 80233 * Ph: 800-369-RIDE(7433) * Website: <http://www.pathintl.org>

Personal Ponies

Website: <http://www.personalponies.org/>

A national non-profit organization dedicated to the belief that the life of a child with disabilities can be immeasurably enriched by having a tiny pony to love and care for. Miniature Shetland Ponies are provided to families of disabled children, completely without charge, for the lifetime use of the child.

LEGAL SERVICES

Sometimes, even with state and federal laws to protect them, people with disabilities and their families need to defend their rights to receive needed services. If you feel that your child is not being treated equally, there are many steps you can take. These steps may include complaints to appropriate boards, appeals and grievance procedures. If you still are not satisfied with your child's treatment program, you may require legal assistance.

Local Providers

Bert Barclay, Esq. *Barnett & Barclay, PA*

1059 Maitland Center Commons Boulevard, # 100, Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-644-3991

Betten, Murphy & Weiss Attorneys, P.A.

Kurt C. Weiss, Esq. *Ph: 321-676-2525

2627 West Eau Gallie Blvd. Suite 105, Melbourne, FL 32935

The Collaborative Family Law Group of Central Florida

P.O. Box 787, Winter Park, Florida 32790-0787 * Website: <http://www.cfl-cfl.com/>

Provides divorce law services.

Disability Solutions

119 S. Palmetto Avenue, Suite 180, Daytona Beach, FL *Ph: 386-255-1812 ext. 301

Free Legal Clinic for persons with disabilities on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month; 20 minute consultation by appointment only.

Fair Housing Continuum, Inc.

4760 N. Hwy US1, Suite 203, Melbourne, FL 32935-7200 * Ph: 321-757-3532

Website: <http://fairhousingcontinuum.org/>

Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Service * *The Florida Bar*

651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399 * Ph: 800-561-5600 * Website: <http://www.floridabar.org/>

You may also want to get a copy of the Pro Bono Directory from The Florida Bar. The directory is a complete listing of low cost and free legal assistance.

Florida Commission on Human Relations

2009 Apalachee Parkway, Suite 100, Tallahassee, FL 32301 * Ph: 850-488-7082 * Website: <http://fchr.state.fl.us/>

Responsible for directing inquiries on discrimination in employment and housing issues

Florida Justice Institute, Inc.

100 SE 2nd Street, Suite 3750, Miami, FL 33131 * Ph: 305-358-2081

Website: <http://www.floridajusticeinstitute.org/>

Florida Legal Services, Inc.

2425 Torreya Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32303 * Ph: 850-385-7900 * Website: <http://www.floridalegal.org/>

Peggy Hoyt **Law Office of Hoyt & Bryan, LLC*

254 Plaza Drive, Oviedo, FL 32765 * Ph: 407-977-8080 * Website: <http://www.hoytbryan.com/>

Kaufman & Lynd

Jeffrey Kaufman

200 E. Robinson St. Suite #250, Orlando, FL *Ph: 407-706-3535 *Email: jkaufman@kaufmanlynd.com

Legal Aid Society (Orange County)

100 E. Robinson St., Orlando, FL 32801 *Ph: 407-841-8310

Provides quality legal services for low-income residents, the working poor, children and disadvantaged group with special legal needs in Orange County, FL.

Life Care Planning Law Firm, PLLC

Roberto Cruz, Esq. *Ph: 407-712-0348 *Website: www.LifeCarePlanning.Lawyer
5401 S. Kirkman Road, Suite 310, Orlando, FL 32819

Provides services related Power of Attorney and Guardianship Laws, Wills, Trusts and Healthcare & Advance Directives, Special Education Law, Elder and Special Needs Law.

Lindsey & Ferry, P.A.

Matthew Ferry *Ph: 407-644-4044
1150 Louisiana Ave. Suite #2, Winter Park, FL 32789

Mark S. Kamleiter, Esq. *Special Education Law and Advocacy*

2509 First Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712 * Ph: 727-323-2555 * Website: <http://www.kamleiterlaw.com/>

National Federation of the Blind * Greater Daytona Beach Chapter

19 Tropical Drive, Ormond Beach, FL 32176 * Ph: 386-265-2527 Website:

<http://www.nfbflorida.org/chapters/daytona/index.html>

An advocacy group which promotes security, advocacy, equality, and opportunity in changing what it means to be blind.

Frank Nisi

287 Lake Howell Road, Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-622-2550 Estate planning, guardianships and advocacy plans.

Office for Civil Rights *U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

200 Independence Avenue Southwest, Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201 * Ph: 800-368-1019

Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/index.html>

Voight Attorneys at Law

7680 Universal Blvd., Suite 100, Orlando, FL 32819 *Ph: 407-477-4559 *Website: myvoight.com

Attorney Elizabeth J. Wadell

1230 Oakley Seaver Drive Suite 306, Clermont FL. 34711 *Ph: 352-272-7167

Specialized in Special Needs Trust & "Elder Law"

ADVOCACY

4 Advocacy

P. O. Box 10875, Tallahassee, FL 32302 * Ph: 850-567-5252 * Website: <http://www.4gen.org/>

Advocates and Guardians for the Elderly & Disabled

1607 Cherrywood Lane, Longwood, FL 32750 * Ph: 407-682-4111 * Toll Free: 888-277-1826 Website:

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

Advocates & Guardians for the Elderly & Disabled (AGED, INC)

1607 Cherrywood Lane, Longwood, FL 32750 *Ph: 407-682-4111 *Website: trustaged.org

A non-profit trust company assisting seniors and disabled individuals qualify for government benefits, reduce medication costs, and preserve assets.

Children's Defense Fund

25 E. St. NW, Washington, DC 20001 * Ph: 800-233-1200 * Website: <http://www.childrensdefense.org/>

College Autism Network (CAN)

Dr. Bradley E. Cox

3122 Mahan Drive, Suite 801-273, Tallahassee, FL 32308

*Ph: 850-888-2260 *Email: info@collegeautismnetwork.org *Website: www.collegeautismnetwork.org

A research and advocacy project of Florida State University.

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc.

Multiple locations in Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter & Volusia counties.

* Ph: 407-841-7777 * Website: <http://clsmf.org/>

Disability Rights Florida

2473. Centerview Drive, Suite 200, Tallahassee, FL 32301 * Ph: 800-342-0823

Website: <http://www.disabilityrightsflorida.org/>

Easter Seals Florida

520 N. Semoran Blvd, Suite 280, Orlando, FL 32807 * Ph: 407-306-9766

Website: <http://www.easterseals.com/florida/>

Family Liason Project

*Website: www.familyliaisonproject.com *Ph: 321-242-6430 ext. 5005

Debbie Gelinas

*Ph: 407-766-5942 *Website: www.iepcoachingandadvocacy.com *Email: zoesmom.deb@gmail.com

Marilyn F. Hays

Ph.: 407-463-4829

Services: Acts as an educational advocate and expert witness on autism.

Johanna Jackson, M.A., Ed.S & WSC

Ph: 407-712-0222 *Email: JJackson2624@cfl.rr.com

Waiver Support Coordinator for Agency for Persons with Disabilities in Seminole, Orange, Osceola & Brevard counties.

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Pam Lindemann

PO. Box 618308, Orlando, FL 32861 * Ph: 407-342-9836 * Website: www.theiepadvocate.com

Jonathan McIntire

E-mail: jmcintire49@hotmail.com

National Care Advisors

*Ph: 800-652-7404 *Website: <http://www.nationalcareadvisors.com>

None Less, INC.

*Ph: 407-796-7400 * Website: www.noneless.org

Provides waiver support coordination, advocacy, information and referral, coordinated care, and ongoing education.

ServiceSource

2735 Whitney Road, Clearwater, FL 33760 *Ph: 727-538-7370

A nonprofit disability resource that helps to provide employment, training, habilitation, housing and other support services.

Southern Legal Counsel

1229 Northwest 12 Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32601 * Ph: 352-271-8890

Website: <http://www.southernlegal.org/>

Elisabeth Swanson

Ph: 352-629 0105 ext 2922 Covers

Lake and Sumter Counties.

Maria Velasco

*Ph:407-460-6363*Email: MariaVelasco6O@yahoo.com

Wrightslaw

Website: <http://www.wrightslaw.com/>

Information about special education law, education law, and advocacy for children with disabilities.

ESTATE PLANNING

Estate planning is a very complex process for parents who have children with a disability. Many parents feel that they are too young to begin considering estate planning, or that their child is too young for them to be concerned about estate planning at this time. Some feel that they have so few assets that planning is not appropriate for them. The truth is that parents are never too young to begin planning, and people with few assets need plans as much as those with great wealth.

If a parent dies without a will, the State will determine how the assets are distributed. Probate court will determine who will serve as guardian for minor children or adult children with disabilities.

The primary goal of planning is to ensure that the individual with a disability receives a lifetime of adequate care and support while taking advantage of eligibility for governmental benefits. A special needs trust is an estate planning option that prevents the loss of assets intended to support your child's lifestyle. It eliminates any misunderstandings as to who will care for your child, where, and how. The trust will enable your child to receive ongoing extra goods and services from your estate and still be eligible for governmental benefits.

Important aspects of an estate plan:

- Provides lifetime supervision and care
- Maintains governmental benefits
- Provides for medical care
- Provides basic life expenses
- Provides supplementary funds to help assure a comfortable life
- Provides management of funds
- Provides dignified final arrangements
- Avoids family conflicts

Websites

Estate Planning: <http://estate.findlaw.com/planning-an-estate.html>

Special People, Special Planning: <http://www.specialpeoplespecialplanning.com/>

Providers

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2627 West Eau Gallie Blvd. Suite 105, Melbourne, FL 32935

Nicki A. Biamonte, CLTC, LUTCF * *MetLife Center for Special Needs Planning*
150 Interlachen Road, Melbourne, FL 32940 * Ph: 321-610-9906 * Fax: 321-255-7970
Website: <http://www.nickibiamonte.com/>

DeGraw and Associates
831 W Morse Blvd, Winter Park, FL 32789 * Ph: 407-647-5552 Legal
and estate planning, trusts, guardianships.

Alex Hamrick, JD, LLM
1000 Legion Place, Orlando, FL 32801 * Ph: 407-581-9800

Peggy Hoyt * *Law Office of Hoyt & Bryan, LLC*
254 Plaza Drive, Oviedo, FL 32765 * Ph: 407-977-8080 * Website: <http://www.hoytbryan.com/>

Kevin Manning * *Met Life, Inc.*
302 Knights Run Avenue, Suite 100, Tampa, FL 33602 * Ph: 813-227-9805

Frank Nisi
287 Lake Howell Road, Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-622-2550 Estate
planning, guardianships and advocacy plans.

Principal Financial Group
1060 Maitland Centre Commons Blvd, Suite 180, Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-875-0558
Contact Stan Stewart or Tom Henry

Security Financial Management
2003 Lake Howell Lane, Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-644-4686 Estate
planning, educational workshops.

FINANCIAL COUNSELING

Advocates & Guardians for the Elderly & Disabled (AGED, INC)
1607 Cherrywood Lane, Longwood, FL 32750 *Ph: 407-682-4111 *Website: trustaged.org
A non-profit trust company assisting seniors and disabled individuals qualify for government benefits,
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The CredAbility/Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Central Florida and the Florida Gulf Coast
3670 Maguire Blvd., Suite 103, Orlando, FL 32803 * Ph: 1-800-251-2227 * Website www.CredAbility.org
Free confidential budget, credit, and housing counseling, debt management, and community outreach and education.

Stan P. Stewart, MBA
*Ph: 321-214-1526 *Email: sstewart@virtusfp.com *Website: virtusfinancialpartners.com

ABLE United
*Ph: 888-524-2253 *Email: customerservice@ableunited.com *Website: <http://www.ableunited.com>
Allows Floridians with disabilities to save money and build assets without negatively impacting federal benefits such
as SSI and Medicaid. The mission of ABLE United is to encourage and assist people with disabilities to save private
funds to support health, independent and quality of life. Provides an economical way to save up to \$14,000 per year

for future qualified disability expenses. Eligibility criteria include: A current Florida resident, a qualifying disability with an onset prior to age 26.

EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES

How the Special Education Process Works

1. Parents, school personnel, students or others may make a request for evaluation. If you request an evaluation to determine whether your child has a disability and needs special education, the school district must complete a full and individual evaluation. If it refuses to conduct the evaluation, it must give you appropriate notice, and let you know your rights. You must give permission in writing for an initial evaluation, and for any tests that are completed as part of a re-evaluation (every three years).
2. A team of qualified professionals and you will review the results of the evaluation, and determine if your child is eligible for special education services.
3. If your child is not eligible, you will be appropriately notified and the process stops. However, you have a right to disagree with the results of the evaluation or the eligibility decision. If you disagree with the results of an evaluation, you have a right to an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE). Someone who does not work for the school district completes the IEE. The school district must pay for the IEE or show at an impartial due process hearing that its evaluation is appropriate.
4. If you and the school district agree that your child is eligible for services, you and the school staff will plan your child's Individualized Education Program (IEP), at an IEP team meeting. You are an EQUAL member of this team.
5. The IEP will list all special services your child needs, including goals your child is expected to achieve in one year, and objectives or benchmarks to note progress. The team determines what services are in the IEP as well as the location of the services and modifications. The IEP and placement decisions may take place at one meeting or as many as are required to come to an agreement.
6. Placement for your child must be in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) appropriate to your child's needs. He/she will be placed in the regular classroom to receive services unless the IEP team determines that, even with special additional aids and services, the child cannot be successful there. You are a part of any group that decides what services your child will receive and where they will be provided.
7. If you disagree with the IEP and/or placement, you should first try to work out an agreement with your child's IEP team. If you still disagree, there are other options.
8. If you agree with the IEP and placement, your child will receive the services that are written into the IEP. You will receive reports on your child's progress each report card period. You may request another IEP meeting at any time during the school year if you feel changes need to be made to your child's IEP.
9. The IEP team must meet at least once per year to discuss progress and write any new goals or services into the IEP. As the parent you can agree or disagree. If you disagree, you should do so in writing.
10. If you disagree with any changes in the IEP, your child will continue to receive the services listed in the previous IEP until you and the school staff reach agreement. You should discuss your concerns with the other members of the IEP team. If you continue to disagree with the IEP, there are several things you can do, including asking for additional testing or an (IEE) or resolving the disagreement using due process.
11. Your child will continue to receive special education services if the team agrees that the services are needed. A re-evaluation is completed at least once every three years.

Due Process – protects the right of parents to have input into their child's educational program and to take steps to resolve disagreements. When parents and school districts disagree with one another, they may ask for an impartial hearing to resolve issues. Mediation must also be available.

Mediation – is a meeting between parents and the school district with an impartial person, called a mediator, who helps both sides come to an agreement that each finds acceptable.

Impartial Due Process – is a meeting between parents and the school district where each side presents their position, and a hearing officer makes the decision about what is the appropriate educational program, based on requirements in law.

Source: 1999 PACER Center, Inc. 4826 Chicago Avenue S, Minneapolis, MN 55417 Tel: (612) 827-2966

Brief Overview of the Individual Education Plan

The IEP is the cornerstone for the education of a child with a disability. The IEP is a written statement of a child's educational program, which identifies the services a child needs so that he or she may grow and learn during the school year. The IEP outlines the child's special education plan by defining goals for the school year, services needed to help the child meet those goals, and a method of evaluating the student's progress. As its name suggest, the Individual Educational Plan should be written to reflect the child's individual and unique needs. No single IEP would be appropriate for all children with autism.

The IEP should address all areas in which the child needs educational assistance. This can include academic goals and non-academic goals, if the services to be provided will result in educational benefit for the child. All areas of projected need such as social skills, functional skills (dressing, crossing the street to walk to the school bus safely, etc) related services (occupational therapy, speech therapy, physical therapy, etc), should be included in the IEP.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)

Protects the privacy of a student's educational records and outlines inspection and release of information.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

Protects the civil rights of persons with disabilities. It prohibits discrimination against a person with a disability by an agency receiving federal funds.

Clarification on a Law

Contact the Office of Special Education Programs, (OSEP), Education Department, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Mail Stop 2651, Washington, DC 20202 (202) 205-5507

K-12 EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Brevard County

Brevard County School District

2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940 * Ph: 321-633-1000 x500

Website: http://www.edline.net/pages/Brevard_County_Schools/ OR

<http://ese.sp.brevardschools.org/default.aspx/default.htm> (ESE)

Lake County

Early Steps/Head Start

501 N. Bay Street, Eustis, FL 32726 *Ph: 352-357-5550

690 Desoto Street, Clermont, FL 34711 *Ph: 352-394-4289

Lake County School District

201 West Burleigh Blvd, Tavares, FL 32778 * Ph: 352-253-6500 Website:

<http://www.lake.k12.fl.us/site/default.aspx?PageID=1>

Lake County Schools Transition Services - ESE

201 W. Burleigh Boulevard, Tavares, FL 32778 * Ph: 352-253-6600 Website:
<http://www.lake.k12.fl.us/Domain/21>

Action Education: Consulting, Counseling & Training for Educators & Families
Pat Porak, B.S, M.Ed. *Ph: 352-589-2570 *Email: PorakP53@gmail.com

Orange County

Preschool Diagnostic Intervention Services (PDIS)

3130 Edgewater Drive, Orlando, FL 32804 * Ph: 407-317-3503

Website: <https://www.ocps.net/cs/ese/support/ei/Pages/default.aspx> Children ages 3-5 must begin eligibility determination for special education through contact with the EIS.

Exceptional Student Education-Parent Support Team

ESE Support Services – 445 W. Amelia Street, Orlando, FL 32801-1129

Orange County Public Schools * Ph: 407-317-3200 Ext. 2614

Parent support team provides information, resources, and answering questions.

Orange County Head Start

2100 E. Michigan Street, Orlando, FL 32806 * Ph: 407-836-6590

Website: <http://orangecountyfl.net/FamiliesHealthSocialSvcs/EarlyEducationPreschool.aspx>

Orange County Interagency Transition Council

Ph: 407-897-2740

Orange County School District

445 West Amelia Street, Orlando, FL 32801 * Ph: 407-317-3200 * Website: www.ocps.net

Osceola County

Head Start - Community Coordinated Care for Children, Inc. (4C)

2220 E. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway, Unit #7, Kissimmee, FL 34744 * Ph: 321-210-6200 Website:

<http://4cflorida.org/>

Osceola County School District

817 Bill Beck Blvd, Kissimmee, FL 34744 * Ph: 407-870-4600 * Website: <http://www.osceola.k12.fl.us/>

Technical Education Center Osceola

501 Simpson Road, Kissimmee, FL 34744 * Ph: 407-344-5080

Website: <http://www.teco.osceola.k12.fl.us/SitePages/Home.aspx>

Seminole County

Head Start - Community Coordinated Care for Children, Inc. (4C)

1414 Celery Ave, Sanford, FL 32771 * Ph: 321-832-6400 * Website: <http://4cflorida.org/>

Seminole County School District

400 East Lake Mary Blvd, Sanford, FL 32773 * Ph: 407-320-0000 * Website: <http://www.scps.k12.fl.us/>

Sumter County

Sumter County School District

Updated: May, 2017

2680 West County Road 476, Bushnell, FL 33513 * Ph: 352-793-2315 * Website: <http://www.sumter.k12.fl.us/>

Volusia County

Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Deaf/Blind * *Volusia County Schools* Cynthia Sears, Pathologist * Ph: 386-734-7190, ext. 38338

Volusia County School District

200 North Clara Avenue, Deland, FL 32720 * Ph: 386-734-7190

Website: <http://myvolusiaschools.org/Pages/default.aspx>

Web Sites

Communities in Schools of Florida, Inc: <http://www.cisfl.org/>

Floridians for School Choice (Information about scholarships available for school choice.):

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

School information for public, private and charter schools nationwide: <http://www.greatschools.org/>

School test results and detailed profiles of public schools in IL, FL, TX, CA & PA: <http://www.schools-data.com/>

Religious Education Resources

CrossLife Church

45 W. Broadway St., Oviedo, FL 32765 *Ph: 407-365-3484

Diocese of Orlando – Office of Schools

50 East Robinson Street, Orlando, FL 32801 * Ph: 407-246-4800 * Website: <http://www.orlandodiocese.org/>

First United Methodist Church in Clermont

950 7th Street, Clermont, FL 34711 * Ph: 352-394-2412 * Website: <http://fumc-clermont.org/>

First Baptist Church of Orlando

Room E1-223, 3000 S. John Young Parkway, Orlando, FL 32805 * Ph: 407-425-2555

Website: http://www.firstorlando.com/Care/Special_Friends

Sunday School Class for Children with Special Needs (Autism, PDD/NOS and related disorders)

Nathaniel's Hope

Website: <http://www.nathanielshope.org/> click on Family Resources for a list of churches with Special Needs Programs

Specialty Schools

Academy for Autism

11 E. Lancaster Rd, Orlando, FL 32809 * Ph: 407-852-9922 * Website: <http://academyforautism.org/> Academy for Autism provides high quality ABA-based educational programming for children with autism and severe behavior, featuring a 1:3 ratio. Accepts McKay Scholarships

Access Charter School

6000 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32807 *Ph: 321-319-0640 *Website: www.accesscharterschool.org

A 6th-12th grade exceptional educational program (for individuals ages 12-22) designed to meet the needs of students diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and students with significant cognitive and social skill delays and their families.

Advance Learning Academy

613 Concourse Parkway Maitland, FL 32751 *Ph: 407-375-8176 Website: www.advancelearningacademy.com
Advance Learning Academy provides small classes and low student to teacher ratio.

Alpine Academy

848 Executive Drive, Oviedo, FL 32765 Ph: 407-542-8439

*Website: <http://www.interventionsunlimited.com/School.html>

Use an ABA approach to teach language and other foundational skills following the ABLLS as a curriculum guide.
Accepts McKay Scholarships.

Arbor School of Central Florida

1010 Spring Villas Point, Winter Springs, FL 32708 *Ph: 407-388-1808

Student-centered school for special needs students ages 5-22.

Avalon School

5002 Andrus Ave, Orlando, FL 32804 * Ph: 407-297-4353 * Website: <http://www.avalonprivateschool.com/> Provides academically based program for students with mild special needs. Accepts McKay Scholarships

Advoserv-Carlton Palms

28308 Churchill Smith Lane, Mt. Dora, FL 32757 * Ph: 352-735-0588

Website: <http://www.advoserv.com/florida.html>

The Caladium Learning Center

310 Cheney Hwy, Titusville, FL 32780 *Ph: 321-362-5760

The Caladium Learning Center accepts children with the primary eligibility of autism spectrum disorder for students enrolling in our elementary and middle school programs.

Bridge to Ability

32506 County Road 473, Leesburg, FL 34788

*Ph: 352-742-4420 *Email: BridgetoAbility@gmail.com

The Chase Academy

2400 S. Ridgewood Avenue, #17, South Daytona, FL 32119 * Ph: 386-690-0893 Website:

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

Accepts all applications from K-8th grade students who are at the high-functioning end of the spectrum and whose parents consider their child prepared to complete a curriculum that meets grade-level state standards. Accepts McKay Scholarships.

ATTAIN Childhood Development Center

2710 Staten Ave, Orlando, FL 32804 * Ph: 407-985-2780

Website: www.myattain.org/CDC

Provides ABA services across a variety of skill domains from ages 3-22 for children with high intensity behaviors.

Easter Seals Child Development Center/Charter School

520 N. Semoran Blvd, Suite 280, Orlando, FL 32807 * Ph: 407-306-9766

Website: <http://www.easterseals.com/florida/>

An extended day pre-school and child care program for children with and without disabilities. The program operates from 6:30am-6pm Mon-Fri. The curriculum includes active indoor and outdoor activities, creative and imaginative play, language development, and discovery centers. For the children with disabilities, the program includes an early intervention component, therapy, parenting services, accessible facilities, and adaptive equipment. Serves able-bodied children and children who are developmentally delayed or at-risk of delay, or who have been diagnosed with cerebral

palsy, spina bifida, Down syndrome, visual or hearing impairments, or speech and language disorders. The program serves children, infant through 4 years old.

Hope Charter School

1550 East Crown Point Road, Ocoee, FL 34761 * Ph: 407-656-4673 * Fax: 407-264-6960

Website: <http://www.hopecharter.org/>

Hope Charter and offers a traditional educational model featuring an inclusion model for autistic children that would allow a gradual transition from the ESE classroom to a regular education classroom. Accepts McKay Scholarships.

Journeys Academy (K-12)

906 Ellis Rd., Melbourne, FL 32935

*Ph: 321-241-4940 or 321-480-2555 *Website: www.educationaljourneys.org

Learning Leaps Behavioral Services, Inc.

2050 Classique Lane, Tavares, FL 32778 *Ph: (352) 508-5243 Email: inquiries@learning-leaps.com

Provides in-home ABA therapy and consultation.

LifeSkills Center

1935 State Road 436 - Winter Park, FL 32792 * Ph: 407-629-9455 * Website: www.lifeskillscenter.com

Provides a transitional intensive academic and therapeutic school for children with ASD and Sensory Integration difficulties, and reasonable behavioral self-control. Kindergarten thru grade 4. Accepts McKay Scholarships.

Lodestone Academy 826 Irma Ave, Orlando, FL 32803 Ph: 407-796-2908 E-mail: info@lodestoneacademy.org

<http://lodestoneacademy.org/> Lodestone Academy offers behavior analytic school services to individuals diagnosed with developmental disabilities, intellectual disabilities and/or behavioral issues. A Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) is always on-site and reviews all client programming on a daily basis and is supported by the BCBA-D (doctoral level).

Milestones Community School

10401 US Hwy 441, suite 136, Leesburg, FL 34788 * Ph: 352-638-8157

Website: <http://milestonescommunityschool.org/>

Serves grades K – 6. Specializing in individualized curriculum that utilizes the “Success for all” program from John Hopkins University. Accepts McKay Scholarships

Monarch Academy

275 N. Williamson Blvd. Daytona Beach, FL 32114 *Ph: 386-258-9664 Monarchacad@aol.com Website:

<http://monarchacademy.us/> Private school focused on the needs of children with autism spectrum disorder.

Morning Star School

930 Leigh Avenue, Orlando, FL 32804 * Ph: 407-295-3077 * Website: <http://morningstarorlando.org/> Ages

3-21 Private Catholic School for individuals with disabilities

O2bKids

1175 Oviedo Mall Blvd., Space 1005, Oviedo, FL 32765 *Ph: 407-278-4367

995 North State Road 434, Suite 601, Oak Grove Shoppes, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 *Ph: 407-335-4422

Nationally accredited preschool & VPK classes.

Pace-Brantley Hall

3221 Sand Lake Road, Longwood, FL 32779 * Ph: 407-869-8882 * Website: www.pacebrantley.org

K-12th grade. The PACE program has been specifically designed for students who have been diagnosed with learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, dyslexia and similar challenges. Accepts McKay Scholarships.

The Paragon School

4710 Adanson Street, Orlando, FL 32804 or P.O. Box 540507, Orlando FL 32854

*Ph: 407-644-1546 * Website: <http://www.paragonschool.org/>

Paragon school provides educational opportunities to students with autism, specifically high functioning autism and Asperger's syndrome. All applicants will be reviewed on a first come first serve basis and does not discriminate based on race, sex, ethnic origin religion or similar factors. Accepts McKay Scholarships.

Princeton House Charter School

1166 Lee Road, Orlando, FL 32810 * Ph: 407-523-7121

Website: <http://www.princeton-house.org/Pages/Default.aspx?id=30&groupId=14>

Behavior-based, full curriculum for children with autism and other related disorders, ages 3-22 in Orange and Seminole counties.

Puzzle Box Academy (K-6)

2180 Julian Ave. N.E., Palm Bay, FL 32905

*Ph: 321-345-0861 *Website: www.puzzleboxacademy.com

QuestKids Academy

514 East Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32803 * Ph: 407-218-4300 * Website: <http://www.questkids.org/> Delivering quality education and individualized 1:1 and group ABA therapy

UCP Child Development Centers

Multiple locations * Ph: 407-852-3300 * Website: www.ucpcf.org

Provides early intervention pre-school, inclusive childcare, physical, speech and occupational therapy and family support services at six locations throughout Central Florida.

The Village Academy

1486 Swanson Drive #100, Oviedo, FL 32765 *Ph: 407-365-7762 *Website: <http://thevillageacademy.net>

A therapeutic school committed to meeting the needs of children with Neurodevelopmental Disorders such as Autism Spectrum Disorders, Syndromes, Sensory Processing Disorders and Language Disorders through education, therapy and advocacy.

Willow Schools

Multiple locations * Ph: 407-829-8530 * Website: <http://www.willowschools.com/>

Tutors

Center for Health, Learning & Achievement

Jennifer Merkel

310 Waymont Ct. Unit #104, Lake Mary, FL 32746 * Ph: 407-718-4430

Website: <http://learningandachievement.com/>

Joseph Graham – Math Tutor

Ph: 407-451-9996

Megan Hunt

Waterford Lakes *Ph: 407-491-0994

Zoe Kersten

Lake Mary *Email: zkersten@gmail.com *Ph: 407-921-0861

Offers services in her own home.

Tim Lawrence

Ph: 407-417-1554 * E-mail: trlx2@att.net

Tutoring for individuals with autism spectrum disorders, including Asperger's Syndrome, and special needs students, including intellectually impaired, in elementary school in any subject; middle school students in the areas of English, Math, and History, high school students in English, History or Spanish.

Lynda McCartney

Winter Haven *Ph: 863-293-6172

Offers Orton Gillingham program.

Sara Pennell

East Orlando *Email: sunshinespeechlanguage@gmail.com *Ph: 407-963-6687

Willing to travel to provide services.

River Oaks Presbyterian Church

385 Washington Ave, Lake Mary, FL 32746 *Ph: 407-330-9103 *Website: <http://www.riveroakschurch.com/tutoring>

Provides reading therapy for individuals with dyslexia. Offers Orton Gillingham program.

Trisha Walshe

Lake Mary *Email: trishwalshe@yahoo.com *Ph: 856-296-5780

College Resources

Barry University

11300 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami Shores, FL 33161-6695 * Ph: 305-899-3000 * Toll-free: 1-800-756-6000 Website:

<http://www.barry.edu/>

Beacon College

105 East Main Street, Leesburg, FL 34748 * Ph: 855-220-5374 * Website: <http://www.beaconcollege.edu/> The

College embraces the student with learning disabilities by providing educational opportunities that acknowledge individual learning differences.

Center for Online Education

Joshua Fisher *Ph: 202-367-9384 *Email: JoshuaF@onlinecolleges.net

PO Box 52755, Houston, Texas 77052

Online educators and experts committed to providing informed, research-based guides for students pursuing college degrees online.

College Living Experience

Multiple Locations * Ph: 800-486-5058 * Website: <http://experiencecle.com/>

Daytona State College, Student Disability Services

1200 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach, Florida 32114 * Ph: 386-506-3000 Website:

<http://www.dbcc.cc.fl.us/>

Eastern Florida State College - Office for Students with Disabilities

1519 Clearlake Road, Cocoa, FL 32922 * Ph: 321-632-1111 * Website: <http://www.easternflorida.edu/>

3865 North Wickham Road, Melbourne, FL 32935

250 Community College Parkway, Palm Bay, FL 32909

1311 North U.S. 1, Titusville, FL 32796

Inclusive Education Services – University of Central Florida (UCF)

*Ph: 407-823-2371 *Email: ies@ucf.edu *Website: <http://ies.sdes.ucf.edu>

Lake Sumter State College

Leesburg: 9501 US Hwy 441, Leesburg, FL 34711 *Ph: 352-365-3574

South Lake: 1250 N Hancock Road, Clermont, FL 34711 *Ph: 352-243-5722

Sumter 1405 County Road 526A, Sumterville, FL 33585 *Ph: 352-568-0001

LandMark College

1 River Road South Putney, Vermont 05346 * Ph: 802-387-6718 * Website: <http://www.landmark.edu/>
Landmark College provides ambitious and motivated students with learning disabilities or ADHD with the skills needed for academic success. Our programs are designed exclusively to meet the needs of these students and are tailored to meet the specific needs and goals of each individual student.

Orange County Public School - Career & Technical Education

Multiple locations * Ph: 407-317-3200 * Website: <http://www.ocpstechcenters.net/Pages/default.aspx>

Seminole State College - Disability Support Services

100 Weldon Blvd, Sanford, FL 32773 * Ph: 407-708-4722 * Website: <http://www.seminolestate.edu/>

Stetson Counseling Center

421 N. Woodland Blvd, # 8365, Deland, FL 32723 * Ph: 386-822-8900

Website: <http://stetson.edu/administration/counseling-center/>

Requires diagnosis documentation. Call for appointment and have documentation sent to above address. Dr. Hammock will interview and make accommodations. Office Hours: 8-12 and 1:00-4:00 M-F.

University of Central Florida – Student Accessibility Services

Ferrell Commons, Room 185, Orlando, FL 32816 * Ph: 407-823-2371 * Website: <http://sds.sdes.ucf.edu/>

Valencia Community College - Office for Students with Disabilities

Multiple locations * Ph: 407-299-5000 * Website: <http://valenciacollege.edu/>

TRANSITION

Transition: (a) is change, (b) happens to everyone, and (c) happens throughout life

Transition from being a student to becoming an adult in the community must be made in order for each person to fully meet their personal goals. We can experience successful transitions by careful planning.

First and most important is the student. A support team is very essential. A support team consists of parents, teachers and other members to serve as supports to ease the transition process. All must work and collaborate as a TEAM to obtain the maximum success of the student. This planning process also ensures that the student receives assistance in obtaining benefits at a post-secondary level in areas relating to education, employment, social, daily living needs, and medical needs.

A coordinated set of activities, providing experiences within the community and school, is planned to meet the individual needs and interests of each student. These activities are documented on the student's IEP no later than the age of **fourteen**. This ensures a continuation of instruction to assist in the development of daily living skills and practical vocational skills.

Diploma options should first be discussed during the annual review for 8th graders and reviewed each year until the student graduates. Exceptional students are eligible for special education services through the age of twenty-two or prior to graduation. Planning begins at fourteen to develop a course of study that will provide the training the student needs and extend throughout the time he/she will be enrolled as a high school student.

It is important that the transition plan be developed to flow from year to year, and designed to help the student achieve their desired post-school outcome, the student's vision of where he/she will live, work and spend leisure time after graduation.

Post-School Activities Include but are not limited to:

1. **Post-secondary Education** – vocational/technical center community college or four year college or university
2. **Continuing/Adult Education** – adult and community education, developmental training independent lifelong learning activities
3. **Job Training** – industry operated training program
4. **Employment** – competitive or supported employment
5. **Adult Services** – vocational rehabilitation, medical, psychological or financial services
6. **Independent Living** – maintaining as independent a lifestyle as possible and managing activities of daily living
7. **Community Participation** – civic clubs, volunteer work, recreation and leisure interests, religious groups

Local Providers

Building Blocks Learning Center

548 S Highway 27, Suite B & C, Minneola, FL 34715 * Ph: 352-536-9264

Website: <http://www.buildingblocksministries.com/>

The learning center serves adults with developmental disabilities who would like to focus on job training and supported employment as well as life skills training. Building Blocks provides Community Training, Exploring Work, Health and Wellness, and Life Skills Training Programs to adult individuals with developmental disabilities.

Center for Independent Living in Central Florida, Inc.

720 N. Denning Drive, Winter Park, FL 32789 * Ph: 407-623-1070 * TDD: 407-623-1185

Website: <https://www.cilorlando.org/>

Services include: information & referral, support, advocacy, sign language classes, job search assistance, daily living skills training, personal assistant registry and more.

Central Florida Teen Challenge

3706 S. Sanford Ave, Sanford, FL 32773 * Ph: 407-330-9600

Website: <http://www.teenchallenge.cc/plaintext/home/home.aspx> Teen challenge reaches out to people with life controlling problems. For males age 18 and up.

CIP Brevard

4020 Hammock Drive, Melbourne, FL 32935 *Ph: 321-259-1900

Assist young adults with learning differences to succeed in college, employment, and independent living.

Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

4070 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-7016 * Voice/TDD: 850-245-3399 or 800-451-4327 Website:

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

Florida High School/High Tech

Multiple locations in Central Florida * Ph: 850-224-4493 *Website: <http://www.abletrust.org/youth-programs/florida-high-school-high-tech>

Goodwill Industries of Central Florida, Inc.

Multiple Locations * Ph: 407-857-0659 * Website: <http://www.goodwillcfl.org/>

Inspire of Central Florida

1095 Belle Avenue, Casselberry, FL 32708 *Ph: 407-699-4419 *Email: info@inspirecfl.org

Provides employment opportunities and life skills training for adults with developmental disabilities in Central Florida.

Jewish Federation of Greater Orlando – Recognizing Abilities & Inclusion of Special Employees (RAISE)

*Website: <https://www.orlandojewishfed.org/raise> *Ph: 407-645-5933 ext. 236

Provides paid, supported employment at partnering agencies and transition to employment in the community.

QuestWorks, Inc.

Corporate Office: 500 E Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32803 * Ph: 407-218-4300

Provides vocational training centers, residential centers, job placement, to individuals with disabilities.

Sea-Land Work Incentives Planning & Assistance

1845 Cogswell Street, Rockledge, FL 32955 * Ph: 321-632-8610 * Website: www.bacbrevard.com

Grant project of Brevard Achievement Center, provides work incentive planning and assistance to Social Security beneficiaries who want to work.

Seminole Work Opportunity Program (SWOP)

1095 Belle Ave, Casselberry, FL 32708 * Ph: 407-699-4419 * Website: <http://www.pixiewebpages.com/swop.html>

Job opportunities, contract work, vocational and educational training.

TWO-6 Comprehensive Vocational Services

1027 Sligh Boulevard, Orlando, FL 32806

*Ph: 407-894-5051 *Website: www.two6resources.org

Offers vocational evaluations, pre-placement training, employment services, supported employment services & on-the-job training.

ADULTS AND EMPLOYMENT

Please keep in mind, if your child is under 21 years of age, you will want to make sure that vocational training and social skills related to employment are part of his/her education. Parents may wonder where to begin their search for information on employment opportunities. There are several ways to approach decisions concerning employment. There are several different types of adult employment situations, which are detailed below.

Web Sites

Disability Rights Florida * <http://www.disabilityrightsflorida.org/>

Florida Commission on Community Service * <http://www.volunteerflorida.org/>

Florida Department of Education * <http://www.fldoe.org/>

Community Colleges & Workforce Education * <http://www.fldoe.org/fcs/>

State of Florida, Agency for Workforce Innovation * <http://www.floridajobs.org/>

ADULT DAY TRAINING

Adult Day Training programs support the individual in daily routines of the community. These may include work-like settings, but are generally not income-generating venues. Adult Day Training environments typically consist of adults with severe disabilities who do not have the skills necessary for competitive or supported employment placements. Training in self-help, social and adaptive skills is emphasized. General work skills are targeted, but are not tailored to specific employment options. Often, prevocational activity centers teach vocational skills to persons not yet ready to enter the work force. Skills learned at an activity center are necessary to perform tasks within sheltered workshops.

Local Providers

Alliance for Independence, Inc.

1038 Sunshine Drive E., Lakeland, FL 33801-6338 *Ph: 863-665-3846

An Adult Day Training Center that provides independent living skills and vocational training to adults with intellectual & developmental disabilities.

ARC

Multiple locations * Ph: 866-702-1651 * Website: <http://www.arcflorida.org/>

Attain, Inc.

2710 Staten Ave, Orlando, FL 32804 * Ph: 407-965-3018 * Website: <http://myattain.org/>

Brevard Achievement Center

1845 Cogswell Street, Rockledge, FL 32955 * Ph: 321-632-8610 * Website: <http://www.bacbrevard.com/>

Building Blocks Learning Center

548 S. US Hwy 27, Suite C, Minneola, FL 34715 * Ph: 352-536-9264 * Website: www.buildingblocksministries.com

Center for the Visually Impaired

1187 Dunn Ave * Daytona Beach, FL, 32114 * Ph: 386-253-8879 * Website: <http://www.cvicentralflorida.org/>

CVI holds classes and training throughout Volusia County. There are no charges for services and transportation is available from VOTRAN special services for those who need a ride. Services CVI provides: Techniques for Daily Living- money handling, meal planning, clothing. Orientation and Mobility- training in use of white cane. Communication Skills: Braille, large print, raised letters, audios. Low Vision Services- help w/magnifiers, lighting, sun shields. Hearing and Vision Impaired Classes- TDL classes, special audio equipment. People Adjusting to Limited Sight- self-help group that meets monthly, it provides the visually impaired and their family with social, educational, and also peer support.

East Coast Contract Industries, Inc.

3550 S. Washington Avenue, Suite 6, Titusville, FL 32780 * Ph: 321-268-4388

Goodwill Industries of Central Florida, Inc.

7531 S. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, FL 32809 * Ph: 407-857-0659 * Website: <http://www.goodwillcfl.org/>

LDS Employment Resource Services

10502 Satellite Blvd., Orlando, FL 32837 * Ph: 407826-9375 * Website: www.ldsjobs.org

Provides workshops and coaching to find a job that fits your skills and talents.

OCA: A Special Place for Special Needs

Main campus: 4917 Eli Street, Orlando, FL 32804 *Ph: 407-808-7837

West campus: 436 Oakdale Street, Windermere, FL 34786 *Ph: 407-717-7431

*Website: www.goooca.org

Quest, Inc

P.O. Box 531125, Orlando, FL *Ph: 407-218-4300 *Email: contact@questinc.com *Website: questinc.org

Offers vocational supports including an adult day training center.

Work Force-One Stop Career Center

Lake/Sumter County: 1415 South 14th St., Suite 100, Leesburg FL 34748 * Ph: 407-531-1200 & 352-360-6280

Orange County: 1563 Florida Mall Ave, Orlando, FL 32809 * Ph: 407-531-1232

Osceola County: 1392 East Vine Street, Kissimmee, FL 34744 * Ph: 407-705-1555

*Website: www.workforcecentralflorida.com

Help with job training, recruitment, referrals, unemployment filing, interview skills seminar, high school education with childcare provided, and relocation for victims of domestic violence.

SHELTERED EMPLOYMENT

Sheltered employment or sheltered workshops are settings comprised solely of workers with disabilities. The sheltered site is supervised by a person from the agency who received the work contract or is operating the sheltered site. Sheltered workshops provide employment opportunities with training in specific job skills in a structured environment.

Sheltered employment may include prevocational activity centers and work stations. The goal of a workstation is to remove the middleman and have clients hired to work independently within the business.

Each of these forms of sheltered employment has drawbacks, such as low wages, agencies' dependence on external funding and lack of proper training for participants to improve all skills necessary for opportunities outside the sheltered site. However, many participants benefit from the chance to socialize with other employees of the sheltered site. Also, the highly structured environment may be especially helpful to some individuals with autism.

In rare cases, adult day training may be provided off-site, in a business created for or by the individual clients. These situations are considered "entrepreneurial" ADT.

Local Providers

Able Center Orlando

Angela Meissner - 1530 South Primrose Drive, Orlando, FL 32806

*Ph: 407-988-3510 *Email: AbleCareLLC@yahoo.com

ARC For People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Multiple locations * Ph: 866-702-1651 * Website: <http://www.arcflorida.org/>

Brevard Achievement Center

1845 Cogswell Street, Rockledge, FL 32955 * Ph: 321-632-8610 * Website: <http://www.bacbrevard.com/>

Center for the Visually Impaired

1187 Dunn Ave, Daytona Beach, FL, 32114 * Ph: 386-253-8879 * Website: <http://www.cvicentralflorida.org/> CVI holds classes and training throughout Volusia County. There are no charges for services and transportation is available from VOTRAN special services for those who need a ride. Services CVI provides: Techniques for Daily Living- money handling, meal planning, clothing. Orientation and Mobility- training in use of white cane. Communication Skills: Braille, large print, raised letters, audios. Low Vision Services- help w/magnifiers, lighting, sun shields. Hearing and Vision Impaired Classes- TDL classes, special audio equipment. People Adjusting to Limited Sight- self-help group that meets monthly, it provides the visually impaired and their family with social, educational, and also peer support.

Department of Children and Families

Multiple locations * Ph: 866-762-2237 * Website: <http://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida/> Supports and services assist the client to be as independent as possible.

East Coast Contract Industries, Inc.

3550 S. Washington Avenue, Suite 6, Titusville, FL 32780 * Ph: 321-268-4388

Easter Seals

520 N. Semoran Blvd, Suite 280, Orlando, FL 32807 * Ph: 407-306-9766

Website: <http://www.easterseals.com/florida/>

Adult day program and training program.

Enrichment Industries

400 Hamilton Avenue, Deland, FL 32724 * Ph: 386-469-1500

Rehabilitative work environment specializing in vocational assessment and training. Paid work activities include assembly, packaging, lawn maintenance, custodial cleaning, etc.

Inspire of Central Florida

1095 Belle Avenue, Casselberry, FL 32708 *Ph: 407-699-4419 *Email: info@inspirecfl.org

Provides employment opportunities and life skills training for adults with developmental disabilities in Central Florida.

Osceola Opportunity Center

310 N. Clyde Avenue, Kissimmee, FL 34741 * Ph: 407-847-6016 * Website: <http://www.osceolaarc.org/>

Seminole Work Opportunity Program (SWOP)

1095 Belle Ave, Casselberry, FL 32708 * Ph: 407-699-4419 * Website: <http://pixiewebpages.com/swop.html> Adult day training programs, supported employment services, and adult basic education through Seminole Community College.

QuestWorks, Inc.

P. O. Box 531125, Orlando, FL 32853 * Ph: 407-218-4300 * Website: <http://questinc.org/businesssolutions.html>

Provide vocational training and evaluation, job placement, and residential services to individuals with disabilities

Primrose Center

2733 S. Ferncreek Ave, Orlando, FL 32806 * Ph: 407-898-7201 * Website: www.primrosecenter.org

Provides education, training and job placement for adults with developmental disabilities.

ENCLAVES

An enclave is another option for group training. An enclave consists of a group of individuals with disabilities, usually six or more, that go to a specific work site. Potential work sites might be Wal-Mart, county recycling processing centers, factories, or offices. The individuals may all work together in an area at the site with support staff, or they may work individually in different areas. Transportation is usually provided by the provider agency. A more independent version of the enclave is the mobile work crew. In some cases, lawn maintenance and janitorial crews are considered in this category.

Local Providers

Brevard Achievement Center

1845 Cogswell Street, Rockledge, FL 32955 * Ph: 321-632-8610 * Website: <http://www.bacbrevard.com/>

Easter Seals

520 N. Semoran Blvd, Suite 280, Orlando, FL 32807 * Ph: 407-306-9766

Website: <http://www.easterseals.com/florida/>

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT

When a person with a disability needs training, assistance, or support to secure and maintain employment, this is called supported employment. Typically, individuals in supported employment may work less than a full 8-hour day, often for reduced wages. They may not have to meet the same performance standards as other employees who are working for competitive wages.

One of the most common forms of support is given is provided by a person called a “job coach”. A job coach’s primary role is to offer direct assistance in completing assigned tasks at the client’s place of employment. The job coach may decrease assistance as his/her client’s skill and familiarity with the work environment increase.

In some cases a job coach may fade out of the workplace entirely and only provide assistance when a new challenge arises. Some job coaches provide assistance in other ways such as training for co-workers, transportation assistance, or acting as a liaison between the employer and family members or other agencies involved in helping the individual with autism. Enclaves and entrepreneurial work experiences may also fall under supported employment.

Local Providers

ARC of Volusia – Supported Employment

100 Jimmy Huger Circle, Daytona Beach, FL 32117 * Ph: 386-274-4735 * Website: <http://arcvolusia.org/>

Provides on-site monitoring at individual’s job- assists them to meet expectations of employers, provides support and assistance to help the employee improve job skills. In-house, vocational and educational program, entrepreneurial program.

Brevard Achievement Center

1845 Cogswell Street, Rockledge, FL 32955 * Ph: 321-632-8610 * Website: <http://www.bacbrevard.com/>

Career Source

Brevard: 297 Barnes Boulevard, Rockledge, FL 32955 *Ph: 321-504-7600 *Website: <http://careersourcebrevard.com/>

Central Florida: 1415 South 14th Street, Suite 10, Leesburg, Florida 34478 *Ph: 352-360-6280 *Website:

<http://careersourcecentralflorida.com/about>

Career Source is a non-profit corporation that helps businesses attract the highly skilled workforce they need to stay competitive in today’s global economy

Center for Independent Living in Central Florida, Inc.

720 N. Denning Drive, Winter Park, FL 32789 * Ph: 407-623-1070 * Website: <https://www.cilorlando.org/> Services include: information & referral, support, advocacy, sign language classes, job search assistance, daily living skills training, personal assistant registry and more.

Conklin Center for the Blind

405 White St, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 * Ph: 386-258-3441 * Website: <http://www.conklincenter.org/>

EmployU

Melissa Sherry *Ph: 407-598-0202 ext. 104

120 S. Woodland, Suite 218, Deland, FL 32721

A Florida non-profit job placement company matching individuals who are primarily referred by the State of Florida Department of Education Vocational Rehabilitation Office to the appropriate work environment.

Goodwill Industries of Central Florida, Inc.

7531 S. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, FL 32809 * Ph: 407-857-0659 * Website: <http://www.goodwillcfl.org/>

The Mustard Seed of Central Florida (Furniture & Clothing Bank)

12 Mustard Seed Lane Orlando, Fl. 32810 Office: 407-875-2040 x117 Cell: 352-871-3297 Fax: 407-875-3413

Email: vicki@mustardseedfla.org

Website: www.Mustardseedfla.org

“If you have faith, even as small as a grain of mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, move from here to there. And it will move and nothing will be impossible to you.” Matthew 17:20

Space Coast Center for Independent Living (SCCIL)

571 Havery Ct. Suite W, Rockledge, FL 32955 *Ph: 321-633-6011

TWO-6 Comprehensive Vocational Services

1027 Sligh Boulevard, Orlando, FL 32806

*Ph: 407-894-5051 *Website: www.two6resources.org

Offers vocational evaluations, pre-placement training, employment services, supported employment services & on-the-job training.

COMPETITIVE EMPLOYMENT

If a person is employed but does not need support such mentioned above, the situation might be described as “competitive employment”. Competitive employment refers to a situation where a worker earns a salary comparable to his non-disabled co-workers.

Local Providers

Abilities of Florida

1339 Beville Road, South Daytona, FL 32119 * Ph: 386-760-9188

For ages 16 and older with a referral from Vocational Rehabilitation. Vocational Assessments / Placement Services

Brevard Achievement Center

1845 Cogswell Street, Rockledge, FL 32955 * Ph: 321-632-8610 * Website: <http://www.bacbrevard.com/>

Center for Independent Living in Central Florida, Inc.

720 N. Denning Drive, Winter Park, FL 32789 * Ph: 407-623-1070 * Website: <https://www.cilorlando.org/>

Services include: information & referral, support, advocacy, sign language classes, job search assistance, daily living skills training, personal assistant registry and more.

Conklin Center for the Blind

405 White St, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 * Ph: 386-258-3441 * Website: <http://www.conklincenter.org/>

Enrichment Industries

200 Fentress Blvd, Suite C & D, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 * Ph: 800-539-4228

Website: <http://www.enrichmentindustries.com/>

Rehabilitative work environment specializing in vocational assessment and training. Paid work activities include assembly, packaging, lawn maintenance, custodial cleaning, etc.

Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

4070 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, FL 32399 * Ph: 850-245-3399 or 800-451-4327

Website: <http://www.rehabworks.org/>

Goodwill Industries of Central Florida, Inc.

Multiple Locations * Ph: 407-857-0659 * Website: <http://www.goodwillcfl.org/>

Jewish Federation of Greater Orlando – Recognizing Abilities & Inclusion of Special Employees (RAISE)

*Website: <https://www.orlandojewishfed.org/raise> *Ph: 407-645-5933 ext. 236

Provides paid, supported employment at partnering agencies and transition to employment in the community.

Primrose Center

2733 S. Ferncreek Ave, Orlando, FL 32806 * Ph: 407-898-7201

Provides education, training and job placement for adults with developmental disabilities

Project Conexion

2804 Belco Drive, Orlando, FL 32808 * Ph: 407-841-7654 * Email: Conexion@rescare.com

Seminole Work Opportunity Program (SWOP)

1095 Belle Ave, Casselberry, FL 32708 * Ph: 407-699-4419 * Website: <http://pixiewebpages.com/swop.html> Adult day training programs, supported employment services, and adult basic education through Seminole Community College.

Transform Your Life Coaching-Accelerate Your Ideal Career

Paula Breeden

283 Cranes Roost Blvd, Suite 180, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701 * Ph: 407-314-3529

* Website: www.transformyourlifecoaching.net * Email: paula@transformyourlifecoaching.net

Offers the *Launch Pad* program, a step-by-step coaching program to launch adults with ASD into greater independence. Offers the *Improving Executive Functions One Step at a Time* program, a five-step process designed to improve executive functions required to carry out daily responsibilities. Offers the *Accelerate Your Ideal Career* program, a five-step program designed to help you clarify your ideal career and speed up the process of achieving your career goals. Each program has a fee of \$288.00.

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

In the past, parents had the choice of keeping their children at home or placing them in large segregated institutions. In recent years, these options have been supplemented by an ever-increasing movement towards community integration of adults with disabilities with a continuum of options to meet different needs. There remains a great need for growth in this area of services in Central Florida.

Independent Living

Independent living as a residential option is just that. An individual lives on his or her own and requires little to no support services from outside agencies. Some individuals may need help with complex problem solving issues rather than day-to-day living skills. Some may need assistance with money management or handling government bureaucracies. Independent living is best suited for the individual that has developed somewhat more appropriate social and daily living skills.

Often, the path to independent living includes the development of what is sometimes referred to as a “group plan”, “living plan” or “future plan” with your son or daughter. The method of identifying this process may vary, but each includes some core components:

1. Preferences of the Individual with Autism
2. Community Support System
3. The Plan Addresses Basic Needs

Some individuals will be able to purchase their own home. A group called National **Home of Your Own Alliance** may be able to help. It is a federally assisted program with representatives in various parts of the U.S. For more information call **Ph: 800-220-8770**.

Supervised Group Living

Many people are familiar with the idea of a group home. A group home is a facility, which usually serves fewer than 12 individuals with disabilities. The homes are usually located in residential neighborhoods and the physical structure is that of an average family home. Trained professionals who assist residents based on the person’s level of need staff the homes. This can include teaching personal care skills, housekeeping and meal preparation. Most of the residents have some type of job, which takes them away from the home during the day. The group home may not be specific to autism. Most homes include residents with different types of disabilities.

A supervised apartment may be the choice for individuals who prefer to live with fewer people, but still require some supervision and assistance. A staff person does not usually provide daily supervision, but may come one or two times a week. The individuals are responsible for going to work, preparing meals, personal care and housekeeping needs. A supervised apartment setting might be appropriate for an individual who is preparing to transition to independent living.

Adult Foster Care/Skill Development Homes

In this option, the individual lives in a home with a family and other people with or without disabilities. Unlike foster care for younger children, adult foster care is meant to be as permanent as possible. The families that open their homes to adults with disabilities receive government money, but are not necessarily trained or expected to teach

individuals on independent living skills or behavior modification. This type of living arrangement is probably best suited for adults who do not require extensive supervision and assistance.

A **skill development home** is similar to an adult foster care home. The adult individual lives with a family in their home. The family receives compensation from the agency responsible for the individual's care. The family is trained to work with person's specific disability. The members of the family are expected to teach self-care skills, housekeeping and assist with the development of recreation or leisure activities.

There are funds available to help families keep their own adult children at home if they choose. Some of these programs are Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Food Stamps, heating allowances, and Home Based Services (HCBS). Contact the Social Security Administration office for specific application criteria for the above listed programs (Under *Federal Agencies*).

Institutions

Usually the word "institutions" brings to mind a large, unfriendly, sterile environment where residents are treated without individuality and with a lack of care and understanding. However, broad generalizations like this are often untrue. Institutions can be state-operated or privately run facilities, and the quality of care can range from good to below average. It is important that institutions, as well as any other facility, be thoroughly investigated before being selected it as a residential option.

Parents need to weigh out the pros and cons of such a setting. Some things to consider are:

1. The specific needs which only the institution can provide? For example a more structured environment, or higher staff ratios to assist the individual.
2. Is there a high degree of self-injurious behavior that cannot be managed in less restrictive settings?
3. Where does the individual feel "safer"?
4. Is the institution's program flexible enough to attend to the needs of the individual?

Today many people are vehemently opposed to institutions and believe these facilities should be closed. Other parents fight just as strongly to maintain these facilities as options for care. There are no clear-cut answers in choosing an institutional setting. Remember that the quality of all settings is largely dependent on the people who staff them and their ability to tailor the setting to the individual.

Web Sites

Autism Society- Residential Options: <http://www.autism-society.org/>

Florida Council for Community Mental Health: <http://www.fccmh.org/>

ResCare: <http://www.rescare.com/>

Local Providers

ARC/Volusia

100 Jimmy Huger Circle, Daytona Beach, FL 32120 * Ph: 386-274-4735 * Website: <http://arcvolusia.org/> Assists individuals to procure their own apartment or home within the community. A Supported Living Coach helps them set up housekeeping and continues to work with them as they make daily decisions.

The Arc, Sunrise of Central Florida.

35201 Radio Rd. Leesburg, FL 34788 Ph: (352) 787-3079 Website: <http://www.sunrisearc.org/>

The ARC Sunrise of Central Florida currently serves over 100 clients at the Adult Day facility and has opened 6 group homes in Lake County. Their primary goal is to provide the necessary supports for facilitating transition and empowering clients with the necessary tools in becoming active members within the community.

Attain, Inc.

2710 Staten Ave, Orlando, FL 32804 * Ph: 407-965-3018 * Website: <http://myattain.org/>

Brevard Achievement Center

1845 Cogswell Street, Rockledge, FL 32955 * Ph: 321-632-8610 * Website: <http://www.bacbrevard.com/>

Bishop Grady Villas

401 Bishop Grady Court, St. Cloud, FL 34769 *Ph: 407-892-6078

Center for Independent Living in Central Florida, Inc.

720 N. Denning Drive, Winter Park, FL 32789 * Ph: 407-623-1070 * TDD: 407-623-1185

Website: <https://www.cilorlando.org/>

Services include: information & referral, support, advocacy, sign language classes, job search assistance, daily living skills training, personal assistant registry and more.

Central Florida Communities, Inc.

Multiple locations * Website: <http://cfccommunities.com/index.php>

Operates group homes for children and adults with severe behavioral involvement and adults with sensory impairments.

Devereux Florida

5850 T.G. Lee Boulevard, Suite 400, Orlando, FL 32822 * Ph: 800-338-3738 * Website: <http://www.devereux.org/>

Devereux Florida provides intensive & community residential treatment services for the developmentally & emotionally disabled, and individuals with learning disabilities &/or who are behaviorally challenged. Services include: Intensive Residential, Community Residential, Community Counseling, Foster Care, Developmental Disabilities, Therapeutic Day School, Community Outreach, Abuse & Neglect Prevention Programs, Child Welfare Services. Go to website to find a location in your area.

Dove Villas-Residential Facility

PO Box 9658, 1150 Jimmy Ann Drive, Daytona Beach, FL 32117 * Ph: 386-2741155

Condominium style home, owned by the residents. Staff provides supervision 24 hours per day. Each resident is encouraged to become involved in the community and live as independently as possible.

Duvall Home

3395 Grand Ave. Deland, FL 32722 * Ph: 386-734-2874 * Website: <http://duvallhome.org/>

Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center

520 N. Semoran Blvd, Suite 280, Orlando, FL 32807 * Ph: 407-306-9766

Website: <http://www.easterseals.com/florida/>

Florida Department of Children & Families Community Care for Disabled Adults

400 W. Robinson St, Suite 1129, Orlando, FL 32801 * Ph: 407- 317-7000 * Website: <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/>

Gentiva Health Services

Multiple Locations * Ph: 1-888-GENTIVA * Website: <http://www.gentiva.com/>

Home health care agency that provides numerous services such as I.V. therapy, physical therapy, sitter services, home health aides, companions and live-in help. Home health aides provide custodial, personal care, grocery shopping, meal preparation, transportation, and light housekeeping.

The Hacienda

225 Wayman Street, Longwood, FL 32750 *Ph: 407-461-0724
Provides low income apartments for individuals with disabilities.

Noah's Ark

500 Inspiration Drive, Lakeland, FL 33805 *Ph: 863-687-0804 *Website: NoahsArkFlorida.org
Provides meaningful options for housing and lifestyle for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

Oldsmobile Hall Good Samaritan Center

325 S. Segrave Street, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 * Ph: 386-253-6791 Assisted Living, Adult respite.

Ormond in the Pines Retirement

101 Clyde Morris Blvd. Ormond Beach, FL 32174 * Ph: 386-6767463
Independent Living is a lifestyle designed for individuals and couples who desire to live independently yet relieved from household chores. Services include nutritious meals daily, weekly housekeeping, weekly flat linen service, all apartments have two emergency call systems, scheduled transportation for banking, shopping, physician appointments, and planned activities, all utilities, cable T.V., storage space, and free use of conveniently placed washers and dryers.

Parents Planning Programs

356 Las Olas Dr, Melbourne Beach, FL 32951 * Ph: 321-724-8899 * Website: <http://www.pppflorida.org/>

Pasadena Villa Residential Treatment Centers

216 Pasadena Pl., Orlando, FL 32803 *Ph: 407-246-0887

Primrose Center

2733 S. Ferncreek Ave, Orlando, FL 32806
*Ph: 407-898-7201
Offers group homes and supported living program.

Promise of Brevard

Betsy Farmer *Ph: 321-722-7400
PO Box 120028 West Melbourne, FL 32912

Quest Village

P.O. Box 531125 Orlando, FL 32853 *Ph: 407-218-4300
Supports individuals with disabilities by offering choices and opportunities to live, learn, work, and play.

QuestWorks

P. O. Box 531125, Orlando, FL 32853 * Ph: 407-218-4300 * Website: <http://www.questinc.org/>
Provides vocational training and evaluation, job placement, and residential services to individuals with disabilities, including group homes, transitional housing and supported living.

Sender Retreat

1270 Orange Camp Road, DeLand, FL 32720
*Ph: 386-734-4442 *Website: <http://senderretreat.com/>
Offers both young adults and elderly persons with various impairments an alternative for institutionalization or isolation through a day care program that provides health and rehabilitation services as well as socialization opportunities.

Space Coast Center for Independent Living

571 Haverty Court, Suite W, Rockledge, FL 32955 * Ph: 321-633-6011 * Website: <http://www.sccil.net/>

SpringBrook Behavioral Health System

One Havenwood Lane, Traveler's Rest, SC 29690 * Ph: 864-834-8013 * Fax: 877-470-1267

Website: www.springbrookbehavioral.com

SpringBrook's In-patient Autism Program is for adolescents ages 5-17 with persistent and severe behavioral issues. Assistance available 24/7.

Sunrise ARC

35201 Radio Road, Leesburg, FL 34788 * Ph: 352-787-3079 * Website: <http://www.sunrisearc.org/> Operates group homes in Lake County.

Teen Challenge International

3706 S. Sanford Ave, Sanford, FL 32773 * Ph: 407-330-9600

Website: <http://centralflorida.teenchallenge.cc/plaintext/home/home.aspx>

Provides a transitional program for troubled teens and young adults. Services at this location open to males only, over the age of 18.

RESPITE CARE / CHILD CARE

Agencies/Referral

Accolade Healthcare Services, LLC

Kevin Lima *Ph: 407-495-4924

750 South OBT, Suite 264, Orlando, FL 32805

Offers APD Waiver services, respite care and targeted case management.

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Administrative Office: 4030 Esplanade Way, Suite 380, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0950

Website: <http://apd.myflorida.com/>

District 7 (Brevard, Orange, Osceola, Seminole): 400 W Robinson Street, Suite S430, Orlando, FL 32801

Ph: 407-245-0440

District 13 (Lake, Sumter): 1601 W Gulf Atlantic Highway, Wildwood, FL 34785 * Ph: 352-330-2749

District 12 (Volusia): 210 N Palmetto Avenue, Suite 312, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 * Ph: 386-947-4026

BETA House

4680 Lake Underhill Road, Orlando, FL 32807 * Ph: 407-277-1942 * Website: <http://www.betacenter.org/>

Bridge of Hope

3740 All American Blvd, Orlando, FL 32810 * Ph: 407-575-4636

Child Care Association of Brevard County, Inc.

3550 S Washington Ave, Titusville, FL 32780 * Ph: 321-385-4333

Children's Home Society of Florida (CHS)

1485 S. Semoran Boulevard, Suite 1402, Winter Park, FL 32792 * Ph: 321-397-3000 Website: <http://www.chsfl.org/>

Non-profit Child Welfare Agency committed to family stabilization and working toward strengthening families and the best possible permanent plan for each child. An array of service programs allows for crisis intervention as well as long-term therapeutic support.

Early Learning Coalition of Flagler Volusia

Multiple Locations * Ph: 386-323-2400 * Website: <https://www.elcfv.org/>

Early Learning Coalition of Seminole

280 Hunt Park Cove, Suite 1020 Longwood, FL 32750 *Ph: 407-960-2460

*Website: www.SeminoleEarlyLearning.org

Helps income eligible, working families pay for child care.

Easter Seals Florida – Respite

Camp Challenge * 31600 Camp Challenge Road, Sorrento, FL 32776 * Ph: 352-383-4711 Website:
<http://www.easterseals.com/florida/>

Florida Department of Children and Families

Childcare Provider Search Website: <http://dcfsanswrite.state.fl.us/childcare/provider/>

Gedeon’s Caring Touch

1310 Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL *Ph: 407-970-1424

Guardian Care Management & Benefits Services, Inc.

106 Commerce Street, Suite 107, Lake Mary, FL 32746 * Ph: 407-786-6033 Website:
<http://www.orlandoguardian.com/>

Healthy Life Transitions

Donna Rubinger *Ph: 407-701-7084
Provides respite and coaching to parents.

Lending a Hand Miracle Foundation

Elaine Connell
1170 Tree Swallow Dr. #219, Winter Springs, FL 32708 *Ph: 407-878-5997

Maxim Healthcare Services

North: 2699 Lee Road Suite 260, Winter Park, FL 32789 *Ph: 407-647-6555
South: 1707 Orlando Central Parkway Suite 250, Orlando, FL 32809
*Ph: 407-240-6268
Provide in-home respite.

Nathaniel’s Hope – Buddy Break

2300 Jetport Drive, Orlando, FL 32809 * Ph: 407-857-8224 * Website: <http://www.nathanielshope.org/>
Buddy Break is a monthly program held at Calvary Assembly Church in Winter Park for children birth ages: 2 to 16 years old, and their siblings: 4 years old to 5th grade. There is no cost for this respite but there is a required orientation at Calvary for the caregivers to meet you and your children. To make an orientation reservation, contact Kari at Calvary at 407-644-1199 x285. Other locations are available on their website.

National Respite Locator Service

Ph: 800-773-5433 * Website: <http://archrespice.org/>

OCA: A Special Place for Special Needs

Main campus: 4917 Eli Street, Orlando, FL 32804 *Ph: 407-808-7837
West campus: 436 Oakdale Street, Windermere, FL 34786 *Ph: 407-717-7431
*Website: www.goooca.org
OCA now offers respite care.

Osceola Sunrise Special Care Corp

3053 Big Sky Blvd, Kissimmee, FL 34744 * Ph: 407-518-6688
Works with APD, Medwaiver

Donna Rubinger

Ph: 407-701-7084 or 407-661-1911
Respite to parents of children (mostly ages 15 through adult) for autism or any mental illness. Hourly, daily or weekly basis. Sliding Scale based on income, situation and needs. Will transport from employment or day program. Also available to monitor someone who lives on their own, providing guidance in shopping, medication management, and household needs; or available to stay with someone who needs more intense supervision while a parent gets a break from the daily routine of care giving.

True Help Services, Inc.

524 Simpson Road, Kissimmee, FL 34744 * Ph: 407-348-2383 * Website: <https://www.truehelpservices.com/>

Childcare Resources

Child Care Association of Brevard County, Inc.

3550 S Washington Ave, Titusville, FL 32780 * Ph: (321) 385-4333

Child Life Child Care Center

1486 Swanson Drive, Oviedo, FL 32765 * Ph: 407-977-4448

Community Coordinated Care for Children, Inc. (4C)

Multiple Locations * Ph: 800-347-7602 * Website: <http://4cflorida.org/>

Daydreams Child Development Center

204 S. Central Avenue, Apopka, FL 32703 * Ph: 407-814-0444 * Website: <http://www.daydreamscdc.net/>

Early Learning Coalition of Flagler Volusia

Multiple Locations * Ph: 386-323-2400 * Website: <https://www.elcfv.org/>

Easter Seals Child Development Center/Charter School

1219 Dunn Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 * Ph: 386-255-4568 * Website: <http://www.easterseals.com/fl-vf/>

An extended day pre-school and child care program for children with and without disabilities. The program operates from 6:30am-6pm Mon-Fri. The curriculum includes active indoor and outdoor activities, creative and imaginative play, language development, and discovery centers. For the children with disabilities, the program includes an early intervention component, therapy, parenting services, accessible facilities, and adaptive equipment. Serves able-bodied children and children who are developmentally delayed or at-risk of delay, or who have been diagnosed with cerebral palsy, spina bifida, Down syndrome, visual or hearing impairments, or speech and language disorders. The program serves children, infant through 4 years old.

Florida Child Abuse Registry

Ph: 1-800-962-2873 * Website: <http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/abuse-hotline>

Florida Department of Children and Families

Multiple Locations * Ph: 407-317-7000 * Website: <http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/child-care>

Flutter-byes Early Learning Center

1540 New Jersey Road, Lakeland, FL * Ph: 863-680-1290

Features 24 hour childcare for parents who work evening and night shifts

Kristy Hatfield

Oviedo, FL (Lockwood Area) * Ph: 407-366-6123

Heritage Pre-School & Nursery

6000 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32808 * Ph: 407-293-6000 Website:

<http://tbc6000.com/phone/heritage-prep-school>

Willie Mae Jones

902 Kensington Drive, Orlando, FL 32808 * Ph: 407-295-3499 *Six months to School Age*

Kids Nite Out

1375 Buena Vista Drive, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830 * Ph: 407-828-0920 * Website: <http://www.kidsniteout.com/>

Little Red Train Pre-School

647 Indiana Street, Orlando, FL 32805 Ph: 407-841-9543

Nedelka Martinez

Ph: 352-434-9713 * E-mail: nedelkamartinez@yahoo.com

OCA: A Special Place for Special Needs

Main campus: 4917 Eli Street, Orlando, FL 32804 *Ph: 407-808-7837

West campus: 436 Oakdale Street, Windermere, FL 34786 *Ph: 407-717-7431

*Website: www.gooqa.org

UCP Child Development Centers

Multiple Locations * Ph: 407-852-3300 * Website: <http://www.ucpcf.org/>

Provides early intervention pre-school, inclusive childcare, physical, speech and occupational therapy and family support services at six locations throughout Central Florida.

Winter Park Day Nursery, Inc.

741 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789 * Ph: 407-647-0505

Website: <http://www.winterparkdaynursery.org/>

Non-profit day care in business since 1939 accepts children ages 2-5 years, including those with neurological and cognitive disabilities. Program includes self-help skills, music therapy, and nursery school program. Free parenting skills classes. Fee based on ability to pay (wait list). Hours: M-F, 7:00am – 6:00pm

INSURANCE

Many times insurance companies deny coverage for an individual with autism because they mistakenly believe that autism is a mental illness. Case law in California has verified that autism is not a mental illness or condition and that this is an unacceptable reason for denying coverage. You may wish to obtain a copy of the decision of the Federal Court in California, affirmed by the United States Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, Kunin v. Benefit Trust Life Ins. Co., 696 F. Supp. 1342 (C.C. Cal. 1988), aff'd, 910 F.2d 534 (9th Cir.) In this case, the Court ruled that autism was not a mental illness and thus could not be a basis for limiting benefits.

- Obtain a written copy of the entire health plan (not just the benefits overview) from your employer or directly from your carrier. Read the package carefully including all information regarding exclusions or limitations on the policy. Keep the copy for your records.
- Obtain a written response from your insurance carrier stating the basis for either complete denial of coverage, or curtailed benefits.
- You have the option of appealing your insurer's decision. Obtain written guidelines outlining your company's policy regarding the appeal process.
- Should you require legal assistance, you may wish to contact an attorney familiar with the insurance regulations and coverage in Florida.
- If you have specific questions as to Florida's Health Insurance Laws and Regulations, contact the state Insurance Commissioner's office.

Florida Department of Financial Services
200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399 Ph:
877-693-5236
Website: <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/>

- Some services for which you are seeking insurance reimbursement may be provided by your local educational agency if they are an educational necessity.
- Healthcare Grants Available

The United Healthcare Children's Foundation (UHCCF) has announced that new grants are available to help children who need critical healthcare treatment, services, or equipment not covered or not fully covered by their parents' health benefit plans.

The foundation provides grants to families to help pay for child healthcare services such as speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy sessions, prescriptions, and medical equipment such as wheel chairs, orthotics, and eyeglasses.

Parents and legal guardians may apply for grants of up to \$5,000 each for medical services and equipment by completing an online application. For an application and more information go to:
www.uhccf.org/apply_applicant.html.

Local Providers

Affordable Care Act (ACA) – Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)
www.healthcare.gov

Autism Society of America
4340 East-West Hwy, Suite 350, Bethesda, MD 20814 * Ph: 301-657-0881 * Toll Free: 800-3AUTISM
Website: <http://www.autism-society.org/>

Florida Kid Care Insurance Program
P. O. Box 980, Tallahassee, FL 32302 * Ph: 1-888-540-KIDS(5437) * Website: <https://www.healthykids.org/>

National Association of Insurance Commissioners

444 N. Capitol Street NW, Suite 701, Washington, DC 20001 * Ph: 202-471-3990 * Website: <http://naic.org/>

TRANSPORTATION

Access Lynx

Administrative Office: 455 North Garland Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801 * Ph: 407-841-2279

Website: <http://www.golynx.com/> Door to door transportation. Must complete application for eligibility determination.

Adaptive Mobility Services, Inc.

1000 Delaney Avenue, Orlando, FL 32806 * Ph: 407-426-8020 * Website: <http://www.adaptivemobility.com/> Driving training, assistance and evaluation.

Space Coast Area Transit

Ph: 321-633-1878 * Website: <http://www.ridescat.com/>

Tulip Travel, Inc.

911 Old Liverpool Road, Liverpool, New York 13088 * Ph: 315-461-4852 * Website: <http://tulip-travel.com/GO/home/>
Tulip Travel, Inc. is a vacation and travel tour company providing travel opportunities for people with developmental disabilities and mobility impairments.

VOTRAN – Volusia County’s Public Transit System

950 Big Tree Road, South Daytona, FL 32119 * Ph: 386-761-7700 * Website: <http://www.votran.org/>

EMERGENCY RESOURCES

2-1-1 - Community Resource Directory

Ph: 211 * Website: <http://www.211.org/> Nationwide resources. Enter your zip code for the 2-1-1 service for your area.

AL-ANON/ALATEEN

Headquarters: 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617 * Ph: 757-563-1600

Website: <http://al-anon.alateen.org/>

Helps families and friends of alcoholics recover from the effects of living with the problem drinking of a relative or friend. Similarly, Alateen is a recovery program for young people. Alateen groups are sponsored by Al-Anon members.

Children's Home Society of Florida (CHS)

Corporate Headquarters: 1485 S. Semoran Boulevard, Suite 1448, Winter Park, FL 32792 * Ph: 321-397-3000 Website: <http://www.chsfl.org/>

Private, non-profit agency providing social services for children and families such as adoption, foster care, and child abuse/neglect prevention and intervention, pregnancy counseling, pre-adoptive foster care, special needs adoptions, parenting education, runaway shelter and many other services.

Charity & Love, Inc.

4701 South Semoran Blvd., Orlando, FL 32822

Provides assistance applying for food stamps, Medicaid, cash, emergency rental assistance, unemployment compensation, employment coaching, housing services, and resource information for food.

Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida, Inc.

639 W. Central Boulevard, Orlando, FL 32801 * Ph: 407-426-1250

Website: <http://www.centralfloridahomeless.org/>

Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless of Brevard County, Inc.

P. O. Box 2201, Cocoa, FL 32923 * Ph: 321-631-2549

Crosswinds Youth Services, Inc.

1407 Dixon Boulevard, Cocoa FL 32922 * Ph: 321-452-0800 * Website: <http://www.crosswindsyouthservices.org/>

Runaway and Youth Crisis Shelter: Provides immediate, safe shelter and related services for youth 24 hours per day. The shelter serves runaway and homeless youth; youth at risk of running away or becoming homeless; youth in crisis or involved in serious family conflict; and youth awaiting foster or permanent homes

Florida Domestic Violence Helpline

Ph: 800-500-1119

Harvest Time International

225 rth Kennel Road, Sanford, FL 32771 * Ph: 407-328-9900 * Fax: 407-328-0527

*Website: www.harvest-time.org * Email: clientservices@harvesttime.org

Offers a long term self-sufficiency program for families and individuals with low income or financial hardship.

H.O.P.E Preventing Homelessness Through Housing, Outreach, Prevention and Education

149 E Broadway, Oviedo, FL 32765 * Ph: 407-366-3422 * Website: www.hopehelps.org

Jewish Family Services of Greater Orlando

2100 Lee Road, Winter Park, FL 32789 * Ph: 407-644-7593 * Fax: 407-628-0773 * Website:

www.jfsorlando.org

Emergency Financial and Veteran's assistance.

LifeLine of Central Florida

3660 Maguire Boulevard # 320, Orlando, FL 32803 * Ph: 407-425-5201

Lifeline of Central Florida is a 24 hour, seven day a week crisis hotline that offers callers emotional support and referrals to appropriate community resources. Currently serving Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Sumter counties.

MedicAlert Foundation International

2323 Colorado Avenue, Turlock, CA 95382 * Ph: 888-633-4298 * Website: <http://www.medicalert.org/>

This company manufactures bracelets to alert professionals to allergies, medical conditions and medications, as well as diagnoses. Connects to a database where 24 hr staffing provide crucial emergency information to rescue and medical professionals. Prices range from \$35 to \$75 for the bracelet, and \$15 per year for database participation.

Parents Anonymous of Florida

1442 State Road 436, Suite 1000, Casselberry, FL 32707 * Ph: 407-679-2030

The Sharing Center

The Sharing Center- 600 North Hwy 17-92, Suite 158, Longwood, FL 32750

The Sanford Christian Sharing Center- 515 East 25th Street, Sanford, FL 32772 * Ph: 407-290-9155 ext. 118 * Fax: 407-332-0535 * Website: www.thesharingcenter.org

Provides food, clothing, shelter/rent-mortgage, and prescription assistance.

Shepherd's Hope

Website: www.shepherdshope.org

Faith-based organization of volunteers that exists to provide access to health care for the uninsured.

Variety of locations in Orange County & a location in Seminole County.

Local Lending Libraries

Center for Autism and Related Disabilities * University of Central Florida (UCF CARD)

12424 Research Parkway, Suite 365 * Orlando, FL 32816-2202* Ph: 407-823-6011 or 800 9-AUTISM (FL only)

Website: www.ucf-card.org

Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS)

The Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System is a network of 19 Associate and 4 Specialized Centers in Florida that provide support services to educators, parents, and other professionals who work with exceptional students.

Main Website: <http://www.paec.org/fdlrsweb/>

Brevard/Volusia: 2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Viera, FL 32940-6699 Ph: 321-633-1000, ext. 540 Website:

www.fdlrs.brevard.k12.fl.us/east/index.htm

Lake / Orange / Osceola / Seminole / Sumter: 3909 S. Summerlin Avenue Orlando, FL 32809 Ph: 407-317-3660 or 800-262-1596 (FL only) Website: www.fdlrs.ocps.net/

Clifford E Graese Community Health Library

1414 Kuhl Ave, MP#28 Orlando, FL 32806 Ph: 321-841-4636 Website:

<http://www.orlandohealth.com/orlandohealth/HealthResources/CliffordEGraeseCommunityHealthLibrary.aspx?pid=4583>

MISCELLANEOUS

Hair Care

A.LL Therapy Connection, Inc.

140 Tonina Cove, Suite 100 Maitland, FL 32751 Ph: 407-388-0246 Fax: 407-332-8899
Website: www.alltherapyconnection.com Haircut exposure for those with sensitivity.

Big League Hair Cuts

3564 South Avalon Park East Blvd., #3 Orlando, FL 32825 Ph: 407-249-5255

Country Hair Affair

10163 University Boulevard, Orlando, FL 32817 Ph: 407-679-5345

Great Clips for Hair

1425 Tuskawilla Road Winter Springs, FL 32708 Ph: 407-695-4333 2610
E. Colonial Drive Orlando, FL 32803 Ph: 407-896-5662

Hair Cuttery

465 N Alafaya Trail Orlando, FL 32828 Ph: 407-382-9432
Specialized ASD haircutters (Kelly C. Jenkins, & Alisha)
Website: haircuttery.com

Nu Attitudes Orlando

6634 Old Winter Garden Road Orlando, FL 32835 Ph: 407-292-4740

Riverview Barber Shop and Hair Salon

1122 Riverside Drive Daytona Beach, FL 32117 Ph: 386-258-8989

Bereavement Resources

Baldwin-Fairchild Cemeteries and Funeral Homes

Website: http://www.baldwinfairchild.com/about/learning_center/articles_grief.html

ABBREVIATIONS

ABA - Applied Behavior Analysis	IQ - Intelligence Quotient
ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990	LD - Learning Disability
ADD - Attention Deficit Disorder	LLD - Language-based Learning Disability
ADHD - Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	LRE - Least Restrictive Environment
AIT - Auditory Integration Training	MDT - Multidisciplinary Team (teacher, SLP, OT, psych and Parent) Used in reference to the group of individuals who are a part of development and implementation of an IEP.
AS - Asperger's Syndrome	MH, MR - Mentally Handicapped; Mentally Retarded (IQ less than 70)
ASD - Autism Spectrum Disorder	MRI - Magnetic Resonance Imaging
BD - Behavioral Disorder	MSDD - Multi-system developmental disorder
CARS - Childhood Autism Rating Scale	NDA - Not Diagnosed with Anything
CAPD - Central Auditory Processing Disorder	NOS - Not Otherwise Specified (Sometimes appears with DX by psychologists.)
CD - Conduct Disorder	OCD - Obsessive/Compulsive Disorder
CHAT - Checklist for Autism in Toddlers	ODD - Oppositional Defiant Disorder
CSE - Committee for Special Education	OT - Occupational Therapy or Therapist
DD - Developmental Disabilities	P&A - Protection & Advocacy Part B - Part of IDEA that governs and funds education of ages 3-22, i.e. school system Part C - Formerly Part H, part of IDEA that governs and funds birth to 3, early intervention
DSM, DSM3R, DSM4 - American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual versions—used for diagnosis	PDD - Pervasive Developmental Disorder
DTT - Discrete Trial Training	PDD/NOS - Pervasive Developmental Disorder/Not Otherwise Specified
DX - Diagnosis, Diagnosed	PET - Positron Emission Tomography (brain scan)
ECT - ElectroConvulsive Therapy (electroshock)	PL94-142 - Public Law 94-142. Education for Handicapped Children Act, Revised in 1990 to become IDEA.
ED - Emotionally Disturbed	PT - Physical Therapy or Therapist
ECG, EG - Electro Cardiogram (a heart test)	PTSD - Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
EEG - Electroencephalogram (a brainwave test)	SEBD - Severe Emotional and Behavior Disorder (an educational category)
EH - Emotionally Handicapped	SIB - Self-injurious behavior
EI - Early Intervention	SLP - Speech Language Pathologist
EMH - Educable Mentally Handicapped	SpEd - Special Education
ESE - Exceptional Student Education	SSI - Supplemental Security Income
FAPE - Free and Appropriate Public Education	SSDI - Social Security Disability Income
FC - Facilitated Communication	TMH - Trainably Mentally Handicapped
FERPA - Family Education Rights and Privacy Act	TS - Tourette Syndrome
FraX - Fragile X Syndrome	VE - Varying Exceptionalities
FSP - Family Support Plan	Voc-Ed - Vocational Education
g/f c/f - Gluten Free Casein Free	
HFA - High Functioning Autism	
I&R - Information and Referral	
IBS - Irritable Bowel Syndrome	
IDEA - Individuals with Disabilities Act	
IEP - Individualized Education Plan	
IHP - Individualized Habilitation Program	
InLv - Independent Living (support group)	
IPP - Individual Program Plan	

ORGANIZATION ABBREVIATIONS

AMA - American Medical Association

ANI - Autism Network International

ANI-L - The listserv (mailing list) for Autism Network International

ARI - Autism Research Institute

ASA - Autism Society of America

CAP - Client Assistance Program administered by the Office of Special Education & Rehabilitative Services.
Provides info and assistance to individuals seeking services under the Rehabilitation Act

CHADD - Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder

ERIC - Educational Resources Information Center, a computer database of educational information

IRCA - Indiana Resource Center for Autism

JADD - Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders

NICHCY - National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities

NIH - National Institute of Health

NIMH - National Institute of Mental Health

SSA - Social Security Administration

TEACCH - Treatment and Education of Autistic and Related Communication Disorders

DEFINITION

Aphasia - The loss of the ability to understand or speak oral language.

Apraxia - A disorder that affects voluntary movement.

Applied Behavior Analysis - A method of teaching designed to analyze and change behavior in a precisely measurable and accountable manner.

Asperger's Syndrome - A form of pervasive developmental disorder with high intellect and other specific characteristics.

Assessment - Process to determine a child's strengths & weaknesses. Includes testing and observations performed by a team of professionals and parents. Usually used to determine special education needs. Term is used interchangeable with *evaluation*.

Auditory - Relating to the ability to hear.

Aversive - Punishing stimulus.

Behavior Modification - using principles of behavior to change a behavior.

Cause & Effect - The concept that actions create reactions.

Cognition - The ability to think and understand the environment.

Continuum - Used to describe a full range.

Cue - Input that prompts a person to perform a behavior or activity.

Echolalia - The repetition or parroting of words or phrases.

Engagement - The ability to remain focused and interactive with, or responsive to, a person or object.

Expressive Language - The ability to use gestures, spoken language, and written symbols to communicate.

Extinction - A procedure in which reinforcement of a previously reinforced behavior is withheld.

Fine Motor - Relating to the use of the small muscles of the body, such as those in the hands, feet, fingers, and toes.

Gross Motor - Relating to the use of the large muscles of the body.

Hyper - Having too much of something such as hyperactivity which refers to extremely energetic activity.

Hypo - Having too little of something such as hypo activity which refers to not being very active.

IEP - Individualized Education Program. The written plan that describes what services the local education agency has promised to provide your child.

Inclusion - placement of a child with a disability with his non-disabled peers; mainstreaming.

Input - Information that a person receives through any of the senses (vision, hearing, touch, feeling, smell).

Mainstreaming - placement of a child in a classroom with non-disabled peers.

Motor - Relating to the ability to move oneself.

Motor Planning - The ability to think through and carry out a physical task.

Perseveration - Repetitive movement or speech that is thought to be created by the person's own inner preoccupations.

Prompt - Input that encourages a child to perform a movement or activity.

Receptive language - The ability to understand gestures, spoken language & written symbols to communicate.

Respite Care - Skilled adult or childcare and supervision that can be provided in your home or the home of a care provider. Respite care may be available for several hours per week and sometimes for overnight stays.

Self Help - The ability to take care of one's self, through such skills as eating, dressing, bathing, and cleaning.

Self-Stimulatory behavior - see Stereotypy.

Sensory ability - The ability to process sensations such as touch, sound, light, smell, and movement.

Social ability - The ability to function in groups & to interact with people.

Stereotypy (stereotypic behavior) - Purposeless movements such as hand flapping which are repetitive and odd.

Stimulus - A physical object or environmental event that may have an effect upon the behavior of a person. Some stimuli are internal (earache pain), while others are external.

Tactile - Relating to touch.

Therapist - A trained professional who works to guide an individual in overcoming the effects of developmental problems.

Vestibular - Pertaining to the sensory system located in the inner ear that allows the body to maintain balance and participate in movement such as swinging and roughhousing.

Visual motor - The skill required to carry out a task such as putting a puzzle piece into a puzzle or a key into a keyhole.