# 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 guide 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.ucf-card.org](http://www.ucf-card.org).

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.

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 encouraged to ask their CARD ASD Specialist for relevant information that may apply.

WHAT IS 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.

### ACCESSING SERVICES AND RESOURCES

**If your child is under the age of 3:**

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.

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/Children’s Medical Services**


- **Early Steps in Central Florida:**
  - **Brevard:** CATCH of Brevard, 2565 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940 Ph: 321-634-3688
    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.
  - **Orange/Osceola/Seminole:** Orlando Central Florida Early Steps Howard Phillips Developmental Center 601 W. Michigan Street, Orlando, FL 32805 Ph: 407-317-7430
  - **Lake, Sumter and Volusia Counties:** 1673 Mason Avenue # 100, Daytona Beach FL 32117. Ph: (386)873-0365

**Autism Navigator**

Autism Navigator is a collection of web-based tools and courses for parents and professionals to understand how to support children with ASD. It provides video examples of typical and atypical development as well as strategies to teach important skills that are difficult for children with ASD.

[https://autismnavigator.com/family-resources/](https://autismnavigator.com/family-resources/)

**If your child is over the age of 3:**

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 the [Florida Diagnostic Learning Resources System](https://www.fdlrs.edu) (FDLRS: pronounced “FIDDLERS”; see [Florida Department of Education](http://www.fldoe.org)) to get on their mailing list and to learn more about their lending library.

Gaining access to federal and state support 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). Emails provide a permanent record of interactions. Send yourself a copy of correspondence to obtain a date stamp that can be verified later. 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.

**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**


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**Medicaid**

Website:  [http://mymedicaid-florida.com/](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

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**Medicare**

Website:  [www.medicare.gov](http://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:

Suggested Reading
Navigating Medicare and Medicaid:

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/
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.

Goodwill Industries International, Inc.
15810 Indianola Drive  Rockville, MD 20855 * Ph: 800-741-0186 * Website: http://www.goodwill.org/

Home Builders Institute (HBI)
2133 All Children’s Way, Orlando FL 32818 *Website: www.HBI.org

Head Start Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children & Families 61 Forsyth Street, Suite 4M6, 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 FamilyWize 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

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Greater Orlando
Providing free education and support to families and individuals affected by mental illness.

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.

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/
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/](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.

Contact information:

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

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](http://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/](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/](http://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/](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/](http://www.card.ufl.edu/)
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 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: 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: Stephanie Ellis Program director 1673 Mason Avenue # 100, Daytona Beach FL 32117. *Ph: (386)873-0365
Brevard County: Althea Puzio – Program Director

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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

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

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.fdcd.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/](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](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](http://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](http://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.

Joseph La Belle, Assistant Director  Ph*: 305-209-0047  *Email: Joe@fndfl.org

**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

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**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

**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](http://www.fldoe.org/CC)

**Central Florida Area Vocational-Technical Centers:** [www.rehabworks.org](http://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](http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/ess)

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**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.

**Adult Learning Center Osceola**
Provides educational services for students of all ages and stages of life
- Corporate Services Institute, 2320 New Beginnings Rd, Kissimmee, FL 34744 * Ph: 407-518-8140
- Web: [http://alco.osceolaschools.net](http://alco.osceolaschools.net)

**APD (Brevard & Osceola – Area 7)**
- Cocoa Office: 321-409-6518
- Main Office: 407-245-0440
**ARC of Florida**
2898 Mahan Drive, Suite 1, Tallahassee, FL 32308 * Ph: 800.226.1155 * Website: [www.arcflorida.org](http://www.arcflorida.org)
Lake: 35201 Radio Road, Leesburg, FL 34788 * Ph: 352-787-3079 * Website: [www.sunrisearc.org](http://www.sunrisearc.org)
Volusia: 100 Jimmy Huger Circle, Daytona Beach, FL 32117 * Ph: 386-274-4735 * Website: [http://arcvolusia.org/](http://arcvolusia.org/)

**Autism Society of Greater Orlando (ASGO)**
4743 Hearthside Drive, Orlando, FL 32837 * Ph: 407-855-0235 * Website: [http://www.asgo.org/](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/](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/](http://www.biaf.org/)

**Brevard Achievement Center**
Sarah Jones (S.S. Expert)
CWIC/Discovery Specialist
Office: 321-632-8610 ext. 217
sjones@bacbrevard.com

**Caribbean Community Connection of Orlando, Inc.**
1020 N. Pine Hills Road, Orlando, FL 32808 *Ph: 407-739-7616 or 407-473-1442 *Website: [http://www.caribecc.org/](http://www.caribecc.org/)

**Catholic Charities of Central Florida**
1771 N Semoran Blvd., Orlando, Florida 32807
Call the non-profit charity at (407) 658-1818 or 407-658-0999
Numerous social services are offered in partnership with other churches. They offer Family Assistance, help for paying rent or basic utilities and other aid. All services are by appointment only. * Website: [http://www.cflcc.org/](http://www.cflcc.org/)

**Center for Independent Living in Central Florida, Inc.**
Website: [https://www.cilorlando.org/](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.
New at CIL Orlando: Youth program in Employment Services Department helping youth ages 16-24 with diagnosed disabilities find employment
Contact person for this program: Denise Auffant, Youth Navigator *Ph: 407-623-1070 ext.5542

**Center Academy**
*North Orlando (Maitland): 341 North Orlando Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751 *Ph: 407-772-8727
*South Orlando (Waterford Lakes): 1331 South Alafaya Trail, Orlando, FL 32828 *Ph: 407-270-4444
[www.centeracademy.com](http://www.centeracademy.com)

**Central Florida Dream Center**
540 Pecan Avenue, Sanford, FL 32771 *Ph: 407-302-0880 *Website: [www.cfdreamcenter.org](http://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 Community Action Team (CAT) – Circles of Care, Inc**
4450 W Eau Gallie Blvd Suite 200 Melbourne, FL 32935
Children’s Home Society of Florida (CHS)
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](http://www.christianhelp.org) & [www.ecf.org](http://www.ecf.org)
Christian HELP is a referral service that assists the unemployed to find jobs and provides for them.

Christian Services of Orange County and Central Florida
Housing programs are available, including for rent or mortgage assistance. They may also coordinate shelters and meals. Some low income families may be provided a loan to pay any back rent expenses due.

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](http://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.cbcfl.org](http://www.cbcfl.org)
CBC of Central Florida is an agency that develops community-based services and support for children in the welfare system. [info@embracelamilies.org](mailto:info@embracelamilies.org)

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](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/](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 Liaison Project (Educational Advocates)
Jim Gerhouser/Terry Tomaka/Emily DeWoody
321-242-6430 X-5005
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 Advocacy Center
1-800-342-0823
www.advocacycenter.com

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 Center for Inclusive Communities, University of South Florida
13301 Bruce B. Downs Blvd. MHC 2113A, Tampa, FL 33612 *Ph: 813-974-4612
Brenda Clark, CBA, WICC, BTAC, FBIRN
Project Director and Employment Services Coordinator *Email: bclark7@usf.edu

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.fdlrs.org/

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.

Heart of Florida United Way
1940 Traylor Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32804 *Ph: (407) 835-0900
Grants or loans from EEG can help those with an eviction notice or the currently homeless. Emergency rental assistance and case management is available. The goal is to help people gain housing stability.

Jewish Family Services
2100 Lee Rd., Winter Park, FL 32789 *Ph: (407) 644-7593
They may be able to provide no interest loans and financing for housing needs, including rent or deposits. Clients will be enrolled into self-sufficiency as well.

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

**The Learning Academy Employment Services at USF**

Offers customized employment supports for individuals on the autism spectrum and related disabilities. Department of Child & Family Studies, College of Behavioral & Community Sciences, University of South Florida

13301 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., MHC 2113A Tampa, FL 33612 *Ph: 813-974-2996

**Lighthouse of Central Florida**


Website: [http://www.lighthousecentralflorida.org/](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.

**Dan Marino ChildNett**

Website: [http://www.childnett.tv/](http://www.childnett.tv/)

**New Horizon Loan Program**

Assistive technology & business loans for individuals with disabilities.

333 W. Pensacola Street, Building 100, Suite 140, Tallahassee, FL 32304 *Ph: 850-487-3278 (office)

888-788-9216 (toll-free) * Website: [https://faast.org/services/nhlp/](https://faast.org/services/nhlp/)

**Opioid Crisis Intervention**

*Osceola County - St. Cloud*: Transition House *Ph: 407-892-4202 or 407-892-5700

*Osceola County - Kissimmee*: RASE Project *Ph: 407-518-1094

*West Orange County*: LiveStream Behavioral Center *Ph: 866-355-9394 or 352-315-7800

*Brevard, Orange, Seminole Counties*: ASPIRE Health Partners *Ph: 407-245-0014 or 407-145-0012 Ext. 221

**Orlando Housing Authority**

390 N. Bumby Avenue, Orlando, Florida, 32826 *Ph: (407) 895-3300

May also have information on government subsidized housing, HUD vouchers, and homebuying programs.

**Orange County Miracle of Love**

741 West Colonial Drive in Orlando *Ph: (407) 843-1760.

The run the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS, or H.O.P.W.A.. There may be grants for low income people with HIV or AIDs. Funds can help with rent/mortgage/utilities or other housing assistance.

**Recovery International**

Email: [info@LowSelfHelpSystems.org](mailto:info@LowSelfHelpSystems.org) *Website: [www.LowSelfHelpSystems.org](http://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

Union Park Neighborhood Center for Families
9839 East Colonial Dr. Orlando FL 32817
Phone: 407-207-1684   Fax: 407-482-4486
Provides families with services such as FOCUS, health screenings, employment specialists and ESOL classes.

Vocational Rehabilitation (V.R.)
North Brevard: 321-383-2775
Central Brevard: 321-690-3280
South Brevard: 321-984-4869

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 (not used to diagnose ASD, but may identify other potential causes for the child’s profile):
   • 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, hypo-melanosis 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.
   • Complete vision exam by a pediatric developmental optometrist at an early age, for if glasses are required, they are more easily tolerated when started when the child is young.
   • 24-hour urinalysis, including a metabolic screen that checks for levels of uric acid and calcium.

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• Blood work-up... for phenylalanine, uric acid, lactic acid, pyruvic acid, and a herpes titer

5. Interaction with and observation of your child.

OTHER TESTS that may be suggested (note that none of these tests are required to diagnose autism):

- **Hair analysis and blood test** to screen for the presence of heavy metals (such as lead and mercury) and mineral imbalances.
- **Cytoscan evaluation** to measure mineral deficiencies or imbalances on the cellular level.
- **Lactose-tolerance test** to test for an individual’s ability to handle milk sugar (lactose).
- **Infectious assessment** to determine if Candida albicans or other fungi or bacteria are interfering with the health of the individual through infection.
- **PET (SPELT) unlikely to be recommended for children, and not approved for use with children even for research purposes due to the use of radioactive isotopes**
- **Urinalysis** for evidence of the mauve factor indicating pyroluria, glucose, ketones, and other abnormalities.
- **Amino acid assay** to search for metabolic errors in amino acid patterns that are disturbing the mental and physical health of the patient.
- **Membrane lipid analysis** and essential fatty acid profile to search for error in fatty acid metabolism that also may be disturbing the mental and physical health of the patient.
- **Blood Analysis** whole-blood vitamin panel (protazol or erythrocyte) broad-spectrum chemistry screen.
- **Immune competency testing** immune testing for T and B cells, immunoglobulins, complements, immune complexes, null cells, PGF2A, and T helper/suppressor ratios, which offer information regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the patient’s immune system.
- **Glucose-tolerance test and insulin levels** blood-sugar/insulin evaluation

**Local Diagnostic Evaluation Providers**

**Brevard County:**

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

**Vijay Bhujang, Psychiatrist/Neurologist**
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, Pediatric Neurologists**
8045 Spyglass Hill Road, Melbourne, FL 32901  * Ph: 321-610-7105  
Accepts Medicaid.

**Kim Deffebach, Clinical Psychologist**
*Ph: 321-728-9109

**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

**Parwati C. Maddali, Psychiatrist/Neurologist**
Rockledge Psychiatric  
845 Executive Lane #100, Rockledge, FL 32955  *Ph: 321-631-4222
Stephen Nassar, Clinical Psychologist
3684 N Wickham Rd., #B, Melbourne, FL 32935  *Ph: 321-751-3636
Specializes in working with adults.

Henry Owens, Clinical Psychologist
321-757-6321
1370 Bedford Dr., Suite 102, Melbourne, FL 32940

Tamara Pawich, Psychologist, Board Certified Behavior Analyst
Cocoa Beach Child Psychology
1980 N Atlantic Ave, Suite 522, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931
www.cocoabeachpsychology.com
321-408-9302

Kelly Rain, Clinical Psychologist
1507 Riverview Drive, Melbourne, FL 32901 *Ph: 321-984-0708

Joel Shuy, Clinical Psychologist
197 Bougainvillia Dr., Suite A, Rockledge FL 32955  *Ph:321-636-6884

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

Debra Sloane, Clinical Psychologist
122 4th Avenue, suite 200, Indialantic, FL 32903  *Ph: (321) 384-5821 *Ph: 321-961-1825
Email: drdebrasloane@gmail.com
Specializes working with older teens & adults.

Nancy M. Wenk, Clinical Psychologist
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
Children under 3

Mount Dora Pediatrics (Florida Hospital Medical Group)
1502 N. Donnelly Street Suite 103, Mt. Dora, FL 32757  *Ph: 352-383-0624

Orange County:

Allison Brazendale, Clinical Psychologist, Board Certified Behavior Analyst
8701 Maitland Summit Blvd. Orlando, FL 32810
Ph: 407-574-4629  Email: abrazendale@breakthroughbehavior.com

Stacy Carmichael, Psychologist
MindWorks Psychological Services
310 South Dillard St. Suite 305, Winter Garden, Fl 34787
7450 Dr. Phillips Blvd, Suite 312, Orlando, FL 32819  *Ph: 407.415.1450
Email: info@MindWorksPsych.com  https://drstacycarmichael.org/
Child and adult psychological evaluation

Center for Health, Learning & Achievement
Early Steps
*The Howard Phillips Developmental Center for Infants and Children*
92 West Michigan Street, Orlando, FL 32805
* Ph: 407-371-7430
Website: [http://www.orlandohealth.com/arnoldpalmerhospital/Index.aspx](http://www.orlandohealth.com/arnoldpalmerhospital/Index.aspx)
children under the age of 3 who are experiencing delays and differences in development.

**Family Psychology of Orlando**
5025 S Orange Ave. Suite 201, Orlando FL 32792
Phone: 407-901-3168

**Emily Forrest, Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrician**
*Center for Child Development*
615 E Princeton Street, Suite 300, Orlando, FL 32803 * Ph: 407-898-6005
Website: [http://www.centerforchilddevelopment.com/](http://www.centerforchilddevelopment.com/)

**Cornelia Franz, Pediatrician**
*The Franz Center*
3160 Southgate Commerce Blvd., #64 Orlando, FL 32806 * Ph: 407-857-8860
Website: [http://drcorneliafranz.com](http://drcorneliafranz.com)
Hair and stool analysis, homeopathic medicine, medication management, and alternative medicine.

**Leslie Gavin, Clinical Psychologist**
Email lgavin@drlesliegavin.com
Website: [http://www.drlesliegavin.com/](http://www.drlesliegavin.com/)
Adult evaluations

**Robert Goldstein, Clinical Psychologist**
2180 Park Avenue N. Suite 324, Winter Park, FL 32789 *Ph: 407-647-8825
Child & adolescent psychologist

**Patrick W. Gorman, Clinical Psychologist**
136 Benmore Drive, Winter Park, FL 32792 * Ph: 407-644-7792

**Krista Marchman, Clinical Psychologist**
*Educational Consulting Associates*
761 Maitland Ave, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701 * Ph: 407-740-0208
Email: kmm@drkmarchman.com Website: [www.drKmarchman.com](http://www.drKmarchman.com)

**Nemours Behavioral Pediatrics Team**
*Nemours Children’s Clinic*
Lisa Spector, Behavioral Pediatrician
Lisa Gavin, Clinical Psychologist
13535 Nemours Pkwy, Orlando, FL 32827 *Ph: (407) 567-4000
1717 South Orange Avenue, Suite 100, Orlando, FL 32806 * Ph: 407-650-7455
Accepts Staywell/CMS, Sunshine, Aetna, BCBS

Dr. Jasna Kojic, Neurologist
Child Neurology Center
6000 Turkey Lake Rd Suite 205 Orlando, FL 32819
Phone: 407-649-1848

Dano Leli, Clinical Neuropsychologist
Maitland Psychology
Website: www.MaitlandPsychology.com

Frank Lopez, Developmental Pediatrician
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
Speaks Spanish, Takes only Medicaid, Medipass or Cash.

Maitland Psychology
500 N. Maitland Ave, Suite 110 Maitland, FL 32751 *Ph: 407-628-5354
Website: www.MaitlandPsychology.com

Kristjan Olafsson, Neuropsychologist
Orlando Neuropsychology and Counseling Center
5401 S Kirkman Rd Suite 730, Orlando, FL 32819 *Phone: 407-495-2198

Jacquelyn Olander, Clinical Neuropsychologist
Psychological Affiliates
2737 W Fairbanks Ave, Winter Park, 32789-3314, FL
Phone: 407-740-6838

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.

Seminole County:

Neurocognitive Consultants
Robert Cohen, Clinical Neuropsychologist (adults)
Dr. Robyn Cohen, Clinical Neuropsychologist (children and teens)
2180 W. State Rd. 434, Suite 1106, Longwood, FL 32779, *Ph: (407)-920-8321
Website: https://www.neurocognitiveconsultants.com

Sandra Cely, Developmental Pediatrician
Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics of Central Florida
100 East Sybelia Avenue, Suite 150, Maitland, FL 32751 *Ph: (407) 765-5437
Website: www.developmentalpediatricsflorida.com
Speaks Spanish, diagnostic and psychological evaluation and assessment, medication assessment, medication management, developmental monitoring.

Prashant Desai, Child Neurologist

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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 Alliance Therapy  
Hina Efzil, owner  
407-929-3810  
www.therapyabaalliance.com

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. Accepts AETNA

ABA Healthcare  
7594 W Sand Lake Rd Orlando, FL 32819  
*Ph: 800-875-1871 ext. 1 *Website: https://aba.health/  
Provides in-home ABA therapy and accepts all commercial insurances and Medicaid

Achieve Pediatric Therapy  
11602 Lake Underhill Road, Suite 129 Orlando, FL 32825  
Phone: 407-277-5400 Website: https://achievepediatrictherapy.com  
Accepts Medicaid and private insurance
Advance Behavior and Learning
Stacy Taylor, BCBA
140 Advance Point, Maitland, FL 32751 *Ph: 321-316-4860
Email: info@advancebehavior.com
ABA services in natural environments (home, schools and community locations) developmentally appropriate practices. Website: [www.Advancebehavior.com](http://www.Advancebehavior.com)

Amazing Gains Behavior Therapy Services, LLC
Angie Smith, BCaBA
*Ph: 636-368-1117 *Website: [https://amazinggainsbts.com/](https://amazinggainsbts.com/)
Currently serves Osceola, Orange, and Lake County. Accepts Gardiner, private pay, and Medicaid Title 19.

AppleTree Connection
Tara Zeller, BCBA
Ph: 407-380-7007 *Website: [https://www.theappletreeconnection.com/](https://www.theappletreeconnection.com/)
ABA, Behavioral Consultation, Behavioral Assessments, and in school services. Accepts Medicaid only

Autism Worldwide
Alicia Lasaga
email: alicialasaga@autismworldwide.us.com
phone:561-809-5074
In-home ABA in Orlando. Accepts Medicaid, BCBS, Aetna, Cigna, and United Healthcare.

AK Behavioral Services
5575 S. Semoran Blvd. Suite #24, Orlando, FL 32822 Phone: 321-400-5254
Email: info@aponteandklein.com

Behavior Analysis Support Services, Inc. (BASS)
745 Orienta Avenue, Suite 1011, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701, *Ph: 877-823-4283; ext. 16
Website: [www.behavioralsupports.com](http://www.behavioralsupports.com)
Email: info@behavioralsupports.com

Behavior Blossoms
250 S Ronald Reagan Blvd Suite 106, Longwood, FL 32750
https://behaviorblossoms.com/
(407) 342-4220

Behavior Foundations
Breane Whiting, BCBA
Behaviorfoundations@gmail.com
954-599-9779
$90/hour in home therapy, self-pay only

Brighter Journeys
Tina Yunis, BCBA
7600 Dr Phillips Blvd #72, Orlando, FL 32819, *Ph: 407-603-5602
Website: [www.brighterjourneys.com](http://www.brighterjourneys.com)

Butterfly Effects, LLC
Jessica Cloutier, MS, BCBA
500 Fair Way Drive, Suite 102, Deerfield Beach FL 33441 *Ph:954-603-7885 *Website: [www.butterflyeffects.com](http://www.butterflyeffects.com) Accepts AETNA

Direct Behavioral Strategies
Robin Quinn, BCBA
931 S. Semoran Blvd. Suite 208, Winter Park, FL 32792, Ph: 407-543-8356
6961 University Blvd, Winter Park, FL 32792
Website: https://www.directaba.com  Email: robin@directaba.com
Accepts Medicaid, CMS (Title 19 and Title 21), Aetna, Florida Blue (Blue Cross Blue Shield), Tricare, Cigna, Gardiner/PLSA

**JKP Analysts**
Josh Pritchard, BCBA-D
*Ph: 407-796-2908  *Email: josh@jkpanalysts.com  *Website: www.JKPanalysts.com

**Nemours Children’s Clinic**
Division of Behavioral Health 407-650-7455
Website: http://www.nemours.org/locations/florida.html

**Positive Behavior and Developmental Specialists**
Winter Garden, Ocoee, Dr. Philips, Orlando, Clermont, Metrowest, Oakland, Gotha, Lake Buena Vista, and Apopka. *Phone: 407-223-1298 or 321-209-2933
Email: aba@pbdscares.com  *Website: http://www.pbdscares.com/

**Positive Behavioral Solutions**
Multiple locations: Seminole, Orange and Brevard
901 Douglas Ave Ste 100B, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714
Phone: 321-972-4265  Website: pbsfl.org
Provides psycho-social rehabilitation, mental health counseling

**Positive Behavioral Supports**
Holly Downs, BCBA, Regional Coordinator
*Ph: 1-855-832-6727
https://www.teampbs.com/

**Brevard County:**

Amego Behavior Services
65 E. NASA Blvd., Suite 101, Melbourne FL 32901
Phone: 321-541-1970
www.amegoinc.org

Tiki Fiol, BCBA
*Teaching Interventions Keeping Individuality*
Phone: 321-961-7831
E-Mail: info@behaviorcounts.com
https://www.behaviorcounts.com/

Behavior Education Center
550 Solutions Way, Rockledge Fl 32955
Phone: 321-639-9800
www.behavioreducationcenter.org
*Medicaid Approved Provider

**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

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Karen Wagner, BCBA  
550 St. John Street, Cocoa, FL 32922 * Ph: 321-639-9800  
Website: [www.behaviorservicesofbrevard.com](http://www.behaviorservicesofbrevard.com)  
Medicaid approved provider, must be referred by APD or Children’s Home Society

**Coastal ABA**  
772-774-8224  
In home ABA

**Choices Behavioral Health**  
Phone: 321-305-5576  
[info@choicesbehavioralhealth.com](mailto:info@choicesbehavioralhealth.com)  
2062 Courtenay Pkwy, Merritt Island, FL

**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](http://www.devereux.org/site/PageServer?pagename=fl_index)

**Everyday ABA, LLC**  
1051 Eber Blvd. Suite 108, Melbourne, FL  
(321) 536-3532  
*Website: [www.everydayaba.com](http://www.everydayaba.com), Email: info@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/](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](http://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.

**Positive Behavior Supports (PBS)**  
Dawn Starr  
Administrative Assistant – Central North Region  
Positive Behavior Support Corp.  
Phone: 855-832-6727  
Fax: 772-675-9100  
Email: dstarr@teampbs.com  
Website: www.teampbs.com

**The Scott Center**  
150 W. University Blvd., Melbourne, FL 32901  
*Ph: 321-674-8106  
*Website: [www.thescottcenter.org](http://www.thescottcenter.org)  
*Email: thescottcenter@fit.edu

**Lake County:**
ABA Solutions
Kristin Dorsch, MA, BCBA – Clinical Director
Tatianna Treffehn, 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: ABA Services@allkids.org
Locations in St. Pete, East Lake, Lakewood Ranch, Pasco, Tampa & Sarasota

Better Life Behavioral Services of Central Florida
Leesburg Location: 1650 W. Main St. Unit 1, Leesburg, FL 34748
*Ph: (352) 314-3760  *Website: http://www.betterlifeofcentralfl.com
Sumter Location: 2210 CR 528, Sumterville FL 33585.
*Ph: 352.314.3766 *Website: www.betterlifeofcentralfl.com

Forbes Behavioral Services, LLC
411 N. Donnelly St. Suite 307 Mount Dora, FL 32757
*Ph: 352-720-5194 *Email: n.forbes.bcba@fbsaba.com
*Website: http://forbesbehavioralservices.com

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.

Novo Behavioral Services
851 North Donnelly Street, Suite #10
Mount Dora, FL 32757
844-668-6222
https://www.novobehavioralservices.com/
May offer in-home services in Winter Garden

South Lake Autism and Behavior Services
*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: 407-267-1808 *Website: www.abilitiesunlimitedtherapy.com

ABA Alliance Therapy
545 Delaney Park Bldg. 5, Orlando, FL 32801
*Ph: 407-929-3810 *Website: http://therapyabaalliance.com/

ABA Healthcare
7594 W Sand Lake Rd Orlando, FL 32819
ABAH provides in-home aba therapy and accepts all commercial insurances and Medicaid.

**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**  
Lisseth Russa, Targeted Case Management Program Director  
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.  
**Accepts AETNA and all Medicaid except CL FL Health, and Buena Vista**

**Advance Behavioral & Learning**  
Stacy Taylor *Ph: 407-375-8176 *Website: [www.advancebehavior.com](http://www.advancebehavior.com)  
PO Box 623777 Oviedo, FL 32762-3777  
**Accepts AETNA**

**Alternative Outcomes**  
AD Daisley  
1531 Plantation Pointe Dr., Orlando, FL 32824  
*Ph: 407-704-1144 *Email: [info@alternativeoutcomes.net](mailto: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](mailto:info@aponteandklein.com)  
ABA provider. Accepts Medicaid.

**Maria Aponte and Annielis Ortiz**  
4917 Eli St. Orlando FL  
Phone: 407-808-7837

**Applied Behavior Center**  
1450 Daniels Road, Winter Garden, FL  
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.

**Attain, Inc.**  
2710 Staten Avenue, Orlando, FL 32804 *Ph: 407-965-3018  
Website: [http://myattain.org/](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/](http://www.bacffl.com/)

**Behavioral Strategies Corp.**  
Accepts most insurances.

**Big Bear Behavioral Health**  
Ph: 407.540.9552 *  
Website: [www.BigBearCounseling.org](http://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: cfhbhc@boystown.org  
2813 S. Hiawassee 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**  
8701 Maitland Summit Blvd. Orlando, FL 32810  
Ph: 407-574-4629  
They also offer Camp InterACTION! (an interactive social skills camp), social skills groups, parent training and support groups, oral/motor therapy and feeding therapy.

**Tracy Bremmer and Jenny Puzino**  
3708 Conway Rd Orlando FL  
Phone: 407-389-9966

**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  
Camen Waterford Lakes - 407-964-1152  
Accepts Medicaid, CMS, and CIGNA

**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

**Metamorphosis Therapy, LLC**  
301 S. Tubb St. Suite A1  
Oakland, FL 34760  
Phone: (407) 395-9976Fax: (407) 992-9368  
http://www.mymetamorphismistherapy.com/
Patrice D. Hay, LLC
1634 Ferris Ave, Orlando, FL 32803
*Ph: (407) 575-4310 *Email: patrice20@comcast.net
In-home ABA services

June Hoefling, MS, BCBA
413 Oak Hill Dr. Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
Phone: 321-303-4926

Johanna McDonald, LLC.
*Ph: 407-575-4236 *Email: Johanna@jomcd-therapy.com
1634 Ferris Ave., Orlando, FL 32803
ABA provider. Accepts Medicaid.

Lianne M. Hurtado, M.S., BCBA
Nona ABA, LLC *Email: liannahurtado@gmail.com *Ph: 407-227-9238
Focusing on in-home therapy and parent training. in-network with Cigna, BCBS, Magellan, and working on UHC.

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:
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.gooca.org
The following are accepted: AvMed, BlueCross BlueShield, Medicaid, UnitedHealthcare, Aetna, Cigna, Gardiner Scholarship.

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 Lendermann, 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.
Accepts AETNA

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).

Accepts AETNA

Cynthia Ramos
6441 Chickasaw Tr. Orlando FL
Phone: 407-917-7060

Amanda Rigau
4417 E. Colonial Dr. Orlando FL
Phone: 407-757-0785

Uschi Schueller
2479 Aloma Ave. Orlando, FL
Phone: 4007-657-6692

S Kelly Counseling
Susan E. Kelly, Ed.D.
*Phone: 321-205-6971 *Email: info@skellycounseling.com *Website: www.skellycounseling.com
202 Lookout Place Suite 100 Maitland, FL 32751
Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern

University Behavioral Center (Crossroads)
Windy McCarty Vanbemmel, 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.

The Therapy Place
9468 Colonial Dr, 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.

Tara Zeller, BCBA
2605 Corbyton Court, Orlando, FL 32828 * Ph: 407-227-8718
In-home ABA Consultation; specializing in preschoolers; Orange County
Accepts Medicaid only

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/
Expanding Horizons  
3419 Cypress Point Circle, St. Cloud, FL 34772 * Ph: 407-891-7124  
Accepts Medicaid, offers clinical services. Currently a 5-month waitlist.

Seminole County:

ABA Therapy 4Kids  
1544 Seminola Blvd., Unit #116, Casselberry, FL 32707  
*Ph: 305-205-2523 or 407-636-9804 *Website: www.abatherapy4kids.net *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.

Behavioral Support Services, Inc.  
201 Douglas Ave, Suite 208, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714  
Phone: 407-830-6412  
http://www.bssorlando.com/index.html  
Intensive therapeutic on-site services include: teaching problem solving skills, developing behavior strategies and teaching normalization activities for children and adults with disabilities.

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

Florida Autism Center  
1708 Lexington Green Lane, Sanford, FL 32771 * Ph: 407-413-9550  
Website:  www.floridaautismcenter.info

Foundations in Behavior  
Lorne Balmer, BCBA  
255 Primera Blvd, Suite 160B Lake Mary, FL 32746  
706 Turnbull Avenue, Suite 104, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701  
*Phone: 407-440-0500 *Website: http://www.inbehavior.com/  
Email: support@inbehavior.com

Griffin Behavioral Solutions  
Crystal Best, MA BCBA  
3415 W. Lake Mary Blvd. #4045 Lake Mary, FL 32795  
*Phone: 407-995-6106 *Email: cbest@griffinaba.com *Website: www.griffinaba.com  
In-home and in-school ABA intervention services.

IMPOWER  
111 W. Magnolia Avenue, Longwood, FL 32750 (Provides outpatient services, Psychiatric Clinic, Foster Care)  
*Ph: 407-215-0095  
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, Inc.
Jing Zhou *Ph: 407-678-8889 *Fax: 407-678-8885 *Email: jing@interventionsunlimited.com
Website: http://www.interventionsunlimited.com/
848 Executive Drive, Oviedo, FL 32765
Services include: in-home and center-based behavioral assessment and intervention, school consultation, parent training and staff training.
ABA provider. Accepts Medicaid.

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:

ADAPT Behavioral Services
533 Nova Rd #204 Ormond Beach, FL 32174
Phone: 386-898-5003 Website: http://adapt-fl.com
ABA; limited scheduling; state plan Medicaid

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.

Behavior Analysis Support Services, Inc. (BASS)
ABA - Port Orange – Misty McCauley
Phone: 877-823-4283 Website: www.behavioralsupports.com Email: info@behavioralsupports.com

Behavioral Independence
Ph: 386-968-2012 *Website: http://www.behavioralindependence.com/
Accepts Medicaid.

Butterfly Effect
Phone: 1-888-880-9270
Website: www.butterflyeffects.com
ABA

C-Serv Telehealth
28334 Churchill-Smith Ln Mount Dora, FL 32757
Phone: 352-383-2580 Website: www.cservtelehealth.com
Private Pay; ABA through videoconferencing

Empowered Quality Parent Training (EQPT)
37 Spring Meadows Dr. Ormond Beach FL 32174
Phone: 386-214-4868
ABA Therapy

Florida Autism Center
1128 Beville Road, Suite A, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 * Ph: 386-267-3161
Website: www.floridaautismcenter.info

Florida Elks
Phone: 800-523-1673 Website: http://www.floridaelks.org

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OT and ABA in home for low income families, traveling therapists – free for 6 months.

**Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc.**
2486 Cecil Webb Place, Live Oak, FL 32064 * Ph: 386-842-5501
Website: [https://www.youthranches.org/](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.

**Halifax Behavioral Services**
841 Jimmy Ann Drive, Daytona Beach, FL 32117 * Ph: 386-425-3900
Website: [http://www.halifaxhealth.org/behavioral-services](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.

**Interventions Unlimited**
856 Executive Dr Oviedo FL 32765
Phone: 407-678-8889   Fax: 407-678-8885
Website: [http://www.interventionsunlimited.com/](http://www.interventionsunlimited.com/)
Email: info@interventionsunlimited.com
ABA; limited Medicaid

**Positive Behavior Supports Corp.**
4575 S.E. Dixie Hwy Stuart FL 34997
Phone: 1-855-832-6727
Website: [www.teampbs.com](http://www.teampbs.com)
ABA; limited scheduling or waitlist; doesn’t take United Healthcare

**Strategies, Inc.**
1176 Pelican Bay Drive, Daytona Beach, FL 32119
ABA; United, Florida Blue, Value, Tricare, Limited Medicaid
Services in-home

**Therapeutic Foundations**
1181 Dal Maso Dr. Daytona Beach, FL 32117
Phone: 386-254-8788
ABA open to Autism 21 Waiver; State Plan Medicaid

**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

**Dietrich Browne**
**Riverside Counseling Services, LLC**
1301 W Eau Gallie Blvd., Suite 105, Melbourne FL 32935
Phone: 321-421-6992
Social communication – the Language of Interaction
Asperger’s, high-functioning ASD, and social communication disability
Pre-teens, teens, adults
Social understanding, skills, parent consultation

**Child and Family Consultants, Inc.**
1800 Penn Street, Suite 12, Melbourne, FL 32901 * Ph: 321-768-6800
Website: [http://brevardchildandfamilyconsultants.com/index.html](http://brevardchildandfamilyconsultants.com/index.html)
Hanen Trained SLPs

**Cornerstone Therapies (SLP-OT-PT)**
1333 Gateway Dr., Suite 1014 Melbourne, FL 32901
Phone: 321-432-2572  URL: cornerstonetherapy1.com

**Diana G. Masker & Associates Pediatric Speech Language Therapy**
3040 N Wickham Rd. Suite 4, Melbourne, FL 32935  *Ph: 321-751-1443

**Pediatric Speech Language Therapy**
3040 Wickham Rd, Suite 4 Melbourne FL 32935
Phone: 321-751-1443  Fax: 321-751-1448

**Space Coast Early Intervention at the HOPE Center**
3790 Dairy Road, Melbourne, FL 32904 * Ph: 321-729-6858
Website: [http://www.sceic.com/](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

**The Scott Center**
150 W. University Blvd., Melbourne, FL 32901
*Ph: 321-674-8106  *Website: [www.thescottcenter.org](http://www.thescottcenter.org)  *Email: thescottcenter@fit.edu
The Scott Center offers Speech and Language Therapy

**Lake County:**

**Breakthrough Behavior**
8701 Maitland Summit Blvd. Orlando, FL 32810
Ph: 407-574-4629
Camp InterACTION! (an interactive social skills camp), social skills groups, parent training and support groups, oral/motor therapy and feeding therapy.

**Central Florida Pediatric Therapy Associates**
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.L.L. Therapy Connection, Inc.
140 Tonina Cove, Suite 100, Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-388-0246
Website: http://www.alltherapyconnection.com/A.L.L_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

Beyond Therapy
14055 Towne Loop Blvd, Suite 300, Orlando, FL 32837 * Ph: 407-857-6285
Website: http://centralfltherapy.com/
Accepts Medicaid, Part C, Insurance
Breakthrough Behavior
8701 Maitland Summit Blvd. Orlando, FL 32810
Ph: 407-574-4629
oral/motor therapy and feeding therapy.

Cedar Tree Communication Therapy
9100 Conroy Windermere Rd Office 223, Windermere, FL 34786 * Ph: 407-450-5584
Website: https://cedartreeslp.com/
Communication therapy, social skills, pragmatics, Hanen More Than Words and Talkability
Email: amy@cedartreeslp.com

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://franzslp.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

Marieta Jackman
140 N Orlando Ave Suite 130, Winter Park, FL 32789 * Ph: 407-622-7177

Nemours
13535 Nemours Parkway
Orlando, FL 32827
Phone: (407) 650-7715
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

Little Tesla
Center and home-based Speech, behavioral, PT and OT services
6000 Turkey Lake Rd, Orlando, Florida 32819, United States
Phone: 321-732-3723   Email: littletesla73@gmail.com
https://littleteslapediatrics.com/about-us

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://lifeskillscenter.com/

Sonia Malave
Ph: (407) 697-7482 * E-mail: sonjaemalave@gmail.com

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1330 Winter Garden Vineland Road
WinterGarden, FL 34787
(407) 614-7330
http://www.mymetamorphosistherapy.com/
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Booking in March 2017 for new patients.
Office Hours are M-F 10am-5pm.
Please bring insurance card and photo ID.

More Than Speech, LLC
861 W Morse Blvd Suite 1 Winter Park, FL 32789
Alyssa A. Prinzi, M.A., CCC/SLP
Phone: 407-637-2277   Website: www.morethanspeechfl.com
Specialist/Trained provider for Autism Spectrum Disorders

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.
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

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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.ucpcfl.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.

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8701 Maitland Summit Blvd. Orlando, FL 32810
Ph: 407-574-4629
Camp InterACTION! (an interactive social skills camp), social skills groups, parent training and support groups, oral/motor therapy and feeding therapy."

**Florida Hospital Celebration Health**
400 Celebration Place, Celebration, FL 34747 * Ph: 407-764-4000
Website: [www.clinicationhealth.com](http://www.clinicationhealth.com)
Accepts Medicaid.

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Ph: 407-271-4911
Website: [http://www.speechorlando.com/](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
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
Website: [http://www.abcfl.com/](http://www.abcfl.com/)

**Breakthrough Behavior**
8701 Maitland Summit Blvd. Orlando, FL 32810
Ph: 407-574-4629
Camp InterACTION! (an interactive social skills camp), social skills groups, parent training and support groups, oral/motor therapy and feeding therapy."

**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.centralfloridatherysolutions.com](http://www.centralfloridatherysolutions.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/](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](http://www.optimumrehab.com/contact)

**PRN Speech Pathologist Support**
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.

**Spelman Reading and Language Center**
202 Lookout Place, Suite 100, Maitland FL 32751 *Ph: 407-792-9552 *Email: milaura@spelmanreading.com
Serving the Greater Orlando, FL Area

**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.ucpcfl.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.rr.com
Provider for: Medicaid, Medicaid HMO’s, Aetna, Humana, United, and other major plans.

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

Memorial Hospital – Rehab Services – Ormond Beach
264 S Atlantic Ave. Ormond Beach, FL 32176
Phone: 386-671-5080 Website: https://www.floridahospital.com/memorial-medical-center
Inpatient and outpatient PT, SLP and OT

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

Speech Works Pediatric Therapy, LLC
900 N. Swallowtail Dr., Suite 107 Port Orange, FL 32129
Phone: 386-446-9935 Website: http://www.speechworkspediatrictherapy.com/Speech_Works.php
Birth to 14 years; Offers SLP, OT, PT
Takes Medicaid

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/

Reading Specialists

Milaura Spelman, MS/CCC-SLP
*PH: 407-792-9552 * Email: Milaura.Spelman@ucf.edu

Sara Pennell- travels to homes
*Ph: 407-963-6687 * Email: languageliteracyhelp@gmail.com

Zoe Kersten- Lake Mary (in her home only)
*Ph: 407-921-0861 * Email: zkersten@gmail.com

Jennifer Merkel- Lake Mary
*Ph: 407-718-4430  *Email: www.learningandachievement.com

Megan Hunt- Waterford
*Ph: 407-491-0994

Scott Paul- Clermont
*Ph: 401-461-8396

**Neuropsychologists**

Dr. Michael Westerveld @ Medical Psychology Associates
*Ph: 407-303-7991

Dr. Leslie Gavin-Devitt, Ph.D @ Orlando Nemours Clinic (not MD, but psych)
*Ph: 407-650-7455

Dr. Robyn Cohen, Ph.D @ NeuroCognitive Consultants
*Ph: 407-920-8321

Neuropsychology & Behavioral Health Associates
*Ph: 407-740-0007  *Website: www.nbhconline.com

**Educational Psychologists & School Psychologists**

Charlene Messenger, Ph.D (Downtown)
*Ph: 407-895-0540  *Website: www.brighterpathways.com

Dr. Wanda Eppes, Psy.D, School Pysch (WP)
*Ph: 407-677-4001   *Website: www.doctorwandaeppes.com

**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*
100 East Sybelia Avenue, Suite 150, Maitland, FL 32751
*Ph: (407) 765-5437  *Website: www.developmentalpediatricsflorida.com
Diagnostic and psychological evaluation and assessment, medication assessment, medication management, developmental monitoring.
**Joseph Cimino**  
8045 Spyglass 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  

**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](http://franzcenter.com)

**Halifax Behavioral**  
841 Jimmy Ann Drive, Daytona, FL 32117 * Ph: 386-425-3900  
Website:  [http://www.halifaxhealth.org/behavioral-services](http://www.halifaxhealth.org/behavioral-services)

**Healing the Children**  
Pediatric medical and surgical care for children in uninsured families  
*Website:  [https://www.htcflorida.org/](https://www.htcflorida.org/)  *Ph: 407-877-9311

**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](http://childrensdevelopmentalcenter.net/index.html)

**Orange County Health Department**  
Provides immunizations and low cost health services * Ph: 407-858-1400  
*Website:  [http://orange.floridahealth.gov/](http://orange.floridahealth.gov/)

**Partnership for Prescription Assistance**  
Help low-income, uninsured Florida residents get free or discounted brand-name medicine

**Seminole County Health Department**  
Provides immunizations and low cost health services * Ph: 407-665-3000  
*Website:  [http://seminole.floridahealth.gov/](http://seminole.floridahealth.gov/)

**Sunshine Service**  
Provides telephone reassurance on a regular basis to elderly, disabled and homebound individuals.  
*Ph: 321-632-6688 *Website:  [http://www.211brevard.org/](http://www.211brevard.org/)

**Bhaskar Raju**  
2345 Sand Lake Road, Suite 200, Orlando, FL 32809 * Ph: 407-851-5121  
Website:  [http://www.orlandopa.com/](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
Accepts Medicaid.

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
Accepts Medicaid.

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-v/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

Advanced Dental Care
Website: http://adcfl4-px.rtrk.com/

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

Cosmetic & Family Dentistry
6900 Turkey Lake Rd., Orlando, FL, 32819
Phone: 407-409-7698

Michael Badger
Dellagio Dentist https://dellagiodentist.com/
8060 Via Dellagio Way, Suite 202, Orlando, FL 32819 * Ph: 407-351-4104
Offers sedation dentistry to patients with special needs.

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/

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.

Cosmetic & Family Dentistry
6900 Turkey Lake Rd, Orlando, FL 32819 *Ph: (407) 409-7698
*Website: http://www.lovableteeth.com/
Offers sedation dentistry to patients with special needs.

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
Several locations. Website: www.cffhc.org

Community Health Centers
13275 W Colonial Dr. Winter Garden, FL 34787
*Multiple locations
Phone: 407-905-8827
Website: https://www.chcfl.org/locations/winter-garden/

**Dr. Taylor**
Phone: 407-208-0288
(only accepts Dentaquest Medicaid)

**Dr. Duffy at the Center for Dental Anesthesia**
Website: centerfordentalanesthesia.com/special-needs-dentistry/

**Dr. Donald- Longwood Dental**
3650 Winter Garden Vineland Rd., Winter Garden, FL
Phone: 407-347-5956
Website: https://www.littlegatorspediatricdentist.com/

**Dental Clinic Osceola County**
Dental clinic for Medicaid children, seniors, HIV adults ad emergency adult care.
*Ph: 407-343-2160

**Dental Hygiene Clinic (Brevard Community College)**
BCC’s Cocoa Campus Dental Hygiene Clinic is open to the community on an appointment basis. Services are provided by dental hygiene students under the supervision of faculty. *Ph: 321-632-1111 x64101

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

**Dentist Bopp & Traver**
1111 N. Parkway Frontage, Lakeland, FL 33803 * Ph: 863-644-2408

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

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

**Afsoon Elmore DDS**
668 N Orlando Ave #1008, Maitland, FL 32751
* Ph: 407-260-0669
Offers sedation dentistry to patients with special needs.

**Great Debary pediatric Dentist – Dr. Tim Glomb**
Website: www.debarychildrensdentist.com

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

**Family Dental Orlando**
http://www.familydentalorlando.com/
407-749-0113
Florida Dental Team
1000 Woodcock Rd Suite 120
Orlando Fl 32803
Phone: 407-792-1968

Florida Dental Associates
809 E Oak St, Ste 101, Kissimmee, Florida 34744 *Ph: (407) 870-5004
Dentist & Dental Office. Offers sedation dentistry to patients with special needs.

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
http://floridaspecialneedsdentistry.com/index.html
Offers sedation dentistry to patients with special needs.
You must call to discuss needs and payment before considering. They only accept difficult cases. They are a Medicaid waiver provider.

Linette Hernandez DDS
6161 Winegard Rd, Orlando FL 32809 * Ph: 407-749-0113
Offers sedation dentistry to patients with special needs.

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6161 Winegard Rd Orlando FL 32809
Phone: 407-749-0113

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

Lach Orthodontics Specialists
*Ph: 407-359-1960
Website: www.Lach-OrthoEvents.com

Drs Lawrence and Kyle Duffy, DMD
Center for Dental Anesthesia
2122 E Robinson St, Orlando, FL 32803. * Ph: (407) 894-4921
http://www.centerfordentalanesthesia.com/special-needs-dentistry/
Offers sedation dentistry to patients with special needs.

Leff, Weiss, & Waldee, DDS
817 S. University Drive, Suite 103, Plantation, FL 33324 * Ph: 954-424-6500

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Website: http://www.sleepdentists.com/
Offers sedation dentistry to patients with special needs.

Main Street Children’s Dentistry and Orthodontics of Winter Park
501 N Orlando Ave Suite 233 Winter Park, FL 32789
Phone: 407-792-0637   Fax: 407-622-1010

Michael J. MacKay, DMD, PA
481 North Harbor City Blvd. Melbourne, FL 32935
Phone: 321-254-7474

Maria Mendez
1650 Sand Lake Road, Suite 116, Orlando, FL 32809 * Ph: 407-855-6305
Website: http://allaboutsmilesortho.com/

Dr. Nabi, DMD
515 FL-436 #1010, Casselberry, FL 32707 *407-831-4077
Offers sedation dentistry to patients with special needs.

Larry W Nissen, DDS
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
280 N Skyes Creek Pkwy. Suite C, Merritt Island FL 32953
Phone: 321-452-5500

Orange County Dental Research Clinic
301 W. Amelia St. Orlando FL
407-425-3381

Osceola County Christian Ministry Center
Free Dental clinic for uninsured, all age groups. *Ph: 407-944-9968

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

Resource Manuals for Low Cost/Free Dentistry:
Low cost dental facilities: http://www.floridadental.org

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

Shand’s Hospital in Gainesville
Pediatric Dentistry
352-273-6700

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

Shriners International Headquarters
2900 Rocky Point Dr. Tampa, FL 33607
Phone: 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

Dr. Jason Sotto
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.

Shand's Hospital
1395 Center Drive D1-17 Gainesville, FL 32610 *Ph: (352) 273-6700
Pediatric Dentistry. Offers sedation dentistry to patients with special needs.

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
Offers sedation dentistry to patients with special needs.

Ronald Je Trevisani
511 Wekiva Commons Circle, Apopka 32712 Ph: 407-886-2050

Threshold Dental
6101 Lake Ellenor Drive Orlando, FL 32822
5730 Lake Underhill Road, Orlando, FL 32807
*Ph: 407-322-8645
Provides dental care for individuals with special needs.

True Health
407-322-8645
http://mytruehealth.org/about/

University of Florida Dental Clinic
Dental clinic, for low income, uninsured, and under-insured. *Ph: 352-392-9813

Winter Garden Health
1210 E Plant Street Winter Garden, FL 32878
Ph: 407-877-4310

Ear/ Nose/ Throat Specialists

Brevard Ear, Nose and Throat Center
1099 Florida Avenue Rockledge, FL 32955 Ph: 321-632-6900
Website: http://www.brevarddentcenter.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.fh wat.org/CareAndServices/CommunityClinic.aspx](http://www.fh wat.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/](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](http://thehealingvine.info/index.htm)

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

**Gastrointestinal (Pediatric)**

**Sanjay Khubchandani**  

**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  
Division of Behavioral Health 407-650-7455  
Website: [http://www.nemours.org/locations/florida.html](http://www.nemours.org/locations/florida.html)

**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/](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/](http://www.newhopeforkids.org/)

**Center for Adult Psychiatry**
721 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32804 * Ph: 407-245-8501
Accepts Medicaid.

**Central Florida Behavioral Hospital**
407-370-0111

**Circles of Care - Outpatient Areas**
Multiple locations throughout Brevard County * Ph: 321-890-1550
Website: [http://www.circlesofcare.org/current1/home-page.html](http://www.circlesofcare.org/current1/home-page.html)

**Coastal Mental Health Center**
667 Deltona Blvd #101, Deltona FL 32725
Phone: 386-574-7417

**Community Counseling Center, Inc.**
P. O. Box 161585, Altamonte Springs, FL 32716-1585 * Ph: 407-291-8009
Website: [http://www.ccccf.org/](http://www.ccccf.org/)
Delivered at home or in natural setting, sliding scale, individual, group, behavioral and emotional counseling.

**Deltona Counseling Associates**
75 Fox Ridge Court, Suite C, Debary, FL 32713 * Ph: 386-668-6989
Website: [http://deltonacounseling.com/](http://deltonacounseling.com/)

**DeLuca & DeLuca Medical and Mental Health**
Dr. Joseph DeLuca M.D., Ph.D., P.A.
378 Center Pointe Circle, Suite 1280, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701 * Ph: 407-862-5959

**Developmental Behavior Pediatrics of Central Florida**
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**The Children’s Home Society of Florida**  
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407-281-7000

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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  
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Website:  http://www.learningandachievement.com

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Diane Braswell: dbraswell@advancedtherapyinc.com

**A.LL Therapy Connection, Inc.**
140 Tonina Cove, #100, Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-388-0246
Website: [http://www.alltherapyconnection.com/A.LL_Therapy_Connection.html](http://www.alltherapyconnection.com/A.LL_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](http://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 32798 Ph: 407-645-2081
Provide speech therapy, occupational therapy & physical therapy.

**Aquatic Health & Rehab**
595 N Courtenay Pkwy Merritt Island FL 32953
Phone: 321-799-8450  Fax: 321-799-8452
URL: aquatichealthandrehab.com

**Beachside Therapy Services, LLC**
Website: [www.occupationaltherapyvolusia.net](http://www.occupationaltherapyvolusia.net)
Email: alisongoodrichotr@gmail.com
Provides home-based OT
Takes: Early steps, Medicaid, United, BCBS, Florida, Aetna, Tricare, PedlCare, Private Pay

**Tammy Bishop**
Ph: 407-542-4681 * Website: [https://sites.google.com/site/ot4yourkid/](https://sites.google.com/site/ot4yourkid/)

**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/](http://bohcf.com/)

**Can Do Therapy**
100 Marcia Dr
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714
Phone: 407-865-5646
Email: manager@candotherapies.com
Website: [http://candotherapies.com/index.html](http://candotherapies.com/index.html)

**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
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 Academy
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 32789 * Ph: 407-389-4357
Website: www.pediatricskillbuilders.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.ucpcfl.org
Provides early intervention pre-school, inclusive childcare, physical, speech and occupational therapy and family support services at six locations throughout Central Florida.

Ability Plus Therapy
4450 W. Eau Gallie Blvd, Suite 180 Melbourne FL. 32901
Phone: 321-255-6627 Fax: 321-253-9777
Email: abilitytherapy@aol.com URL: www.abilityplustherapy.com
Laura Joslin - specializes in sensory integration and intensive pediatric physical therapy using a pressurized suit.

Achieve Pediatric Therapy
1525 S Alafaya Trail, Suite 101, Orlando, FL 32828 * Ph: 407-277-5400

Physical Therapists
A.L.L Therapy Connection, Inc.
140 Tonina Cove, #100, Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-388-0246
Website: http://alltherapyconnection.com/A.L.L_Therapy_Connection.html
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Terry Shepherd, PT, M.S.H.A., President tshepherd@aquatichealthandrehab.com
Bonnie Stover Phone: 321-626-1814 Email: bonniestover@yahoo.com

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*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.

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http://www.celebrationhealth.com/

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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.
LifeSkills Academy

Little Tesla
Center and home-based Speech, behavioral, PT and OT services
6000 Turkey Lake Rd, Orlando, Florida 32819, United States
Phone: 321-732-3723 Email: littletesla73@gmail.com
https://littleteslapediatrics.com/about-us

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.

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

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Website: http://www.pediatricrehabcenter.com/
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Pediatric Skill Builders
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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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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
https://www.newhorizonsservicedogs.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.arsouthnorfolk.org/
The Law Enforcement Awareness Network: http://www.leanonus.org/
Autism Alliance for Local Emergency Responder Training:

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.

Autism Gym
Jim Beech Recreation Center
1820 A.D. Mimms Rd.
Ocoee, FL 34761
Website: http://www.autismgym.org/
*Meets Tuesday evenings from 6:15pm-7:15pm.

Autism Society of Greater Orlando (ASGO)
Website: http://www.asgo.org/
*By becoming a member, you can access support groups, social groups and other resources. There is a $25 membership fee. You can join ASGO by going to the website listed above.

Aspire Health Partners FOCUS Program  
*Multiple Locations  
Sarah Suarez, MA – FOCUS Counselor  
Phone: 407-207-1684  Fax: 407-482-4486  Email: suarez@aspirehp.org  
FOCUS is an empowerment counseling program which works with children, adolescents and their families. FOCUS counselors are Master’s level counselors trained to facilitate in: crisis intervention, parent/family education, information and referral, family counseling, group counseling and individual counseling.

Central Florida Brain Injury Support Group  
PO Box 140792, Orlando, FL 32814-0792  * Ph: 407-228-2818  * Website: www.brainsupportgroup.org

First Assembly Deland (West Volusia)  
551 S. Kepler Ave. DeLand, FL 32724  
Lori Firebaugh: 888-770-2206 ext. 1  
Martha Aleman: 888-770-2206 ext. 2  
Website: www.autismfamily.weebly.com  Email: loriandsan@netzero.net  
Meets on the 4th Friday of every month

Tracy Lewis, MS  
3750 Lake Center Loop, Mount Dora, FL 32757  * Ph: 352-383-2194  * Web: http://www.larryeshyers.com/

Just for Dads Support Group  
Palm Lake Elementary School  
8000 Pin Oak Dr  
Orlando, FL 32819  
Support group that caters to the needs of Fathers dealing with all aspects of having a child on the Autism spectrum. The group will allow Fathers an opportunity to share their personal experiences, thoughts, and ideas related to issues that may be of present concern to them. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide childcare at this event. All families bringing children will be asked to reschedule to a future support group date. To enroll for this group please click on the Eventbrite link on the UCF CARD calendar.

NAMI Greater Orlando  
* Ph: 407-253-1900  
237 Fernwood Blvd Suite 101, Fern Park. 32730 - 2nd Monday of every month  
Asbury United Methodist Church 220 West Horatio Ave. Maitland, FL – Every Tuesday  
St. Luke’s United Methodist Church 4851 S. Apopka-Vineland Rd. Orlando, FL – 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month  
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
Ormond Beach Support Group  
Phone: 386-383-7600  
Email: teamjoseph3@gmail.com

Parents of Adults and Soon to be Adults Support Group  
Support group that caters to the needs of Parents dealing with all aspects of having a child who is an adult or soon to be an adult on the Autism spectrum. The group will allow parents an opportunity to share their personal experiences, thoughts, and ideas related to issues that may be of present concern to them. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide childcare at this event. All families bringing children (or their adult children that are on the autism spectrum) will be asked to reschedule to a future support group date. *See CARD calendar for upcoming meeting date. *We also have a Parents of Adults facebook group, which you can request to join here:  
https://www.facebook.com/groups/UCFCARDPOA/

Positive Behavioral Solutions  
Multiple locations: Seminole, Orange and Brevard  
Phone: 321-972-4265  Website: pbsfl.org  
Provides free support groups on social skills, stress management, women empowerment, positive parenting and grief.

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

SNAP – Special Needs Ability Program  
Jamie Grover

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

Social Communication Parent Meeting – Dietrich Browne  
First Tuesday night of the month from 7:30 to 9:00 PM  
Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, Room 132  
3050 N. Highway A1A, Indialantic, FL 32903  
URL: www.hnj.org

The Scott Center  
150 W. University Blvd., Melbourne, FL 32901  
*Ph: 321-674-8106  *Website: www.thescottcenter.org  *Email: thescottcenter@fit.edu  
The Scott Center houses the Family Learning Program

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  
Adapt Behavioral Services 225 S. Swoope Ave. Maitland, FL 32751  
Phone: 407-622-0444  
Website: http://adapt-fl.com/  
Provides in home counseling and ABA services.

**ASD Adult Achievement Center**  
Paula Breeden  
Ph: 407-463-3857  
Website: www.asdachievement.org  
283 Cranes Roost Blvd, Suite 111, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701  
“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.

**Boost: A program of Lift Disability Network**  
1851 S. Clyde Morris Blvd., Daytona Beach, FL 32119  
*Ph: 407-228-8343  
Website: http://www.liftdisability.net/boost  
Boost is a monthly event for individuals and families impacted by disability. You can expect food, crazy activities and times of inspiration. Everything gets kicked off with a free meal, and at the end of the night we all go home with our life elevated.

**Breakthrough Behavior**  
Maegen Pierce, BCBA  
Ph: 407-574-4629 *Website: http://www.breakthroughbehavior.com  
8701 Maitland Summit Blvd  
Orlando, FL 32810  
Classes and camps available year round.

**Building Pathways**  
PO Box 3365 Windermere, FL 34786  
407-654-9711  
Social skills programs for adults and children ages 11 and up  
Facility is in Winter Garden

**Cedar Tree Communication Therapy**  
9100 Conroy Windermere Rd Office 223, Windermere, FL 34786 * Ph: 407-450-5584  
Website: https://cedartreeslp.com/  
Communication therapy, social skills, pragmatics, Hanen More Than Words and Talkability  
Email: amy@cedartreeslp.com

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

Pam Frank – Pathfinders Counseling
640 Bryn Mawr St, Orlando FL 32801
Phone: 407-649-8687

Jenni Franz, MA, CCC-SLP – Franz Speech Language Pathology
Winter Park, FL
Phone: 407-810-2261 Foax: 407-264-8734
Website: http://franzslp.com

Ben Hutchings, LMHC - Open Doors Counseling Center
3586 Aloma Ave, Suite 11
Winter Park, FL 32792
Phone: 407-900-3218

The Scott Center
150 W. University Blvd., Melbourne, FL 32901
*Ph: 321-674-8106 *Website: www.thescottcenter.org *Email: thescottcenter@fit.edu
We offer Social Skills for children ages 5-14

Timothy P. Kowalski
1290 Palmetto Ave. Winter Park, FL 32789
Phone: 407-629-7724

Adam Miller, MA, LMHC - Serenity Counseling
1384 Lake Baldwin Lane Unit B
Orlando, FL 32814
Phone: 407-278-1184
Website: http://www.serenitycounsel.com/

Orlando Counseling Solutions – Social Groups
101 N. Orlando Ave. Suite 4
Maitland, FL. 32751
Phone: 407-810-2261 or 407-921-0993
Website: http://www.orlandocounselingsolutions.com/Social_Groups.html

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
Websites: [www.pals-ucfcard.org](http://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 and who are registered with the UCF Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (UCF CARD).

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**Pamela L. Muller**
2479 Aloma Avenue, Winter Park FL 32792
PH: 407-506-2792

**Dr. Andrew Pittington – Pittington Counseling Services**
142 W Lakeview Ave Suite 2010
Lake Mary, FL 32746
Phone: (407) 330-5060 Email: apittington@pittingtoncounseling.com
Website: [http://pittingtoncounseling.com/contact-us/](http://pittingtoncounseling.com/contact-us/)

**PLAY Autism Intervention – Kim Rust Counseling, LLC**
*Ph: 386-232-8623 * Website: www.Rustlesw.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)**

**Patrick W. Gorman**
136 Benmore Drive Winter Park, FL 32792
Ph: 407-644-7792
Website: www.kidsdocs.com

**Shoshana Vigorito - Intuitive Therapy**
986 Douglas Ave Suite 102
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714
Phone: 407-848-1167

**Social Bridges**
202 Lookout Place Ste 100, Maitland, FL 32751
9580 Curry Ford Road Orlando FL., 32825

**Speak Easy**
1000 W. Broadway Street, Suite 214, Oviedo, FL *Ph: 407-542-070

**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](http://www.totallifecounseling.com)

**UCF CARD/PALS – Children’s Friendship Training**
A research based social skills program based out of UCLA for elementary and middle school aged students that have average cognitive abilities and language skills. This program meets weekly and requires a 12 week
commitment of both the parent and child. If you are interested in participating in CFT, contact the CARD office at (407) 823-6011.
More info: http://www.semel.ucla.edu/socialskills/programs/friendship

**UCF CARD/PALS – PEERS**
A research based social skills program out of UCLA for middle and high school students that have average cognitive abilities and language skills. This program meets weekly and requires a 14 week commitment or both the parent and child. If you are interested in participating, contact the CARD office to be added to the interest list (407) 823-6011.
More info: http://www.semel.ucla.edu/peers

**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
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Website:  http://alltherapyconnection.com/A.L.L_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
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
**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/](http://soe.syr.edu/centers_institutes/institute_communication_inclusion/default.aspx/)

History of Facilitated Communication (Jacobson, Mulick, Swartz)

**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/](http://soe.syr.edu/centers_institutes/institute_communication_inclusion/default.aspx/fci/)

**MUSIC THERAPY / MUSIC**

Music Therapy is the clinical and evidence-based use of music interventions to accomplish individualized goals within a therapeutic relationship by a credentialed professional who has completed an approved music therapy program.

Music Therapy a profession in which music is used within a therapeutic relationship to address physical, emotional, cognitive, and social needs of individuals. After assessing the strengths and needs of each client, the qualified music therapist provides the indicated treatment including creating, singing, moving to, and/or listening to music. Through musical involvement in the therapeutic context, clients' abilities are strengthened and transferred to other areas of their lives. Music therapy also provides avenues for communication that can be helpful to those who find it difficult to express themselves in words. A Board Certified Music Therapist, must have a degree in Music Therapy, have completed a 1200 clinical hour internship at an approved sight and sit for the Music Therapy Board Certification exam.

Based on the standards set by the National Professional Development Center on ASD (NPDC), National Clearinghouse on Autism Evidence and Practice, and the National Center for Technical Assistance standards
for evidence-based practices published in 2009 and 2015, Music Therapy does not meet the standards to be considered an evidence-based practice for treating individuals with autism, and therefore it is considered controversial by many professionals. Research is continuing, and in the 2015 review of evidence based practices, music therapy was considered an emerging practice, with some evidence of effectiveness with some children with autism spectrum disorders, but not yet enough qualified studies to be considered evidence-based.

Web Sites

American Music Therapy Association
* http://www.musictherapy.org/

Music Therapy and Language for the Autistic Child
* http://autism.about.com/od/autismtherapy101/a/musictherapy.htm

Certified Music Therapy Providers

Joyful Music Therapy
719 Lee Road, Orlando, FL 32810  *Ph: 321-430-3619  Website: joyfullmusictherapy.com
Provides music therapy interventions which support therapeutic goals.

Music and Dance Resources

Center for Health and Wellness
7900 Red Bug Lake Road  Oviedo, FL 32765  Ph:407-359-3606

Chance 2 Dance
264 State Road 436 Casselberry, FL 32707  *407.588.9589 *Email: Chance2DanceFL@gmail.com  Website: www.chance2danceFL.org

Cheryl's Magic Flute
*Email: cheryl@cherylsmagicflute.com  *Ph: 407-895-1252
Offers music services for individuals with physical, mental, and/or emotional challenges.

The Dance Collective
14049 W Colonial Dr. Winter Garden, FL 34787
*Phone: 407-490-4094  Website: www.tdcollective.com

Jill Ann Heckert, BME/Orff Certified
8601 Lake Underhill Road, Orlando, Florida 32825  *Ph: 407-277-4351 * Website: http://www.jubalsplace.com/

Joy Performing Arts Academy
69 Oviedo Blvd, Oviedo, FL 32765  *Ph: 407-365-5531 * Website: http://joyperformingarts.com

Joyful Music and Dance Studios
105 Commerce St Suite 109  
Lake Mary, FL 32746
Phone: 407-833-2729
website: http://www.joyfulmusicanddance.com/

Mindful Music
Desirae Salas, M.Ed.
5328 Hawkstone Drive, Sanford, FL
*Ph: 954-560-9660  *Email: desiraeasalas@mindfulmusicsanford.com
Accepts Gardiner Scholarship, and offer home and center-based Piano, Voice, Guitar, Ukulele, Cello, and Flute lessons in Sanford, Oviedo, and Orlando.
**Mike Grier (Piano)**  
Phone: 352-396-7800  
*Private lessons in your home.*

**Meg Seim**  
661 Seminola Blvd, Casselberry, FL 32707 * Ph: 407-678-6655

**The Sunshine Dance Club at Riverside Park**  
1600 Lockwood Boulevard, Oviedo, FL 32765  
*Website: [https://owsoc.wordpress.com/projects/sunshine-dances/](https://owsoc.wordpress.com/projects/sunshine-dances/)*  
Monthly dance programs for teens and adults who are physically and/or mentally challenged. Includes family friendly music.

**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](http://www.cityoforlando.net/fpr/Html/ExceptionalRecreation.asp)  
Recreational program for adults, 16 and up. Fosters self-empowerment, dances, partners and other activities monthly.

**North Area (Titusville)**  
The North Area Persons with Disabilities Program offers a variety of social activities to mentally and physically challenged individuals. **To receive a monthly calendar or for more information, call 321-264-5058 or 321-264-5105.** Email: northarea@brevardparks.com  
Schedule includes bowling, dances, games, crafts & activities, Special Olympics events, special field trips and other events. See main website above and click on North Area for times and locations.

**Ready, Set, Dance**  
2220 Hempel Avenue, Gotha, FL 34734 * Ph: 407-470-7365 * Website: [www.readysetdance.com](http://www.readysetdance.com)

**South Area (Melbourne)**  
The South Area provides a variety of social activities for children and adults with intellectual and/or physical disabilities. Activities offer opportunities to socialize, practice new skills, participate in field trips, learn life skills, establish new friendships and serve the community. Various activities throughout the year range from weekly Friday dances, to monthly field trips, to movie nights, and Special Olympics practices. **Each month, a calendar of events is distributed to participants** through either their day program or at Friday night dances.  
Phone: 321-255-4436  
Email: southare@brevardparks.com

**The Dance Collective**  
14049 W Colonial Dr. Winter Garden, FL 34787  
Hannah and JJ Tiemeyer  
Phone: 407-490-4094 * Website: [www.tdcollective.com](http://www.tdcollective.com)

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**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.
RELATIONSHIP-BASED THERAPY

Boost: A program of Lift Disability Network
1851 S. Clyde Morris Blvd., Daytona Beach, FL 32119 *Ph: 407-228-8343
Website: http://www.liftdisability.net/boost
Boost is a monthly event for individuals and families impacted by disability. You can expect food, crazy activities and times of inspiration. Everything gets kicked off with a free meal, and at the end of the night we all go home with our life elevated.

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.LL Therapy Connection, Inc.
140 Tonina Cove, Suite 100, Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-388-0246
Website: http://altherapyconnection.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.
**Health First Pediatric Rehabilitation**  
611 Sheridan Road, Melbourne, FL 32901 * Ph: 321-434-5231  
Website: https://www.health-first.org/hospitals_services/rehab2.cfm

**LifeSkills Center**  

**Optimum Kids Pediatric Rehabilitation**  
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:  
http://www.pediatricrehabcenter.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.

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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.

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**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.**  

**Marc Sherman,**  
*Sherman & Zorn  
1495 State Road 434 West, #109, Longwood, FL 32750 * Ph: 407-332-8255 * Website: http://drmarcscherman.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/](http://www.autismndi.com/) for the Autism Network for Dietary Intervention newsletter

**Web Sites**

**Autism Network for Dietary Intervention:** [http://www.autismndi.com/](http://www.autismndi.com/)

**GFCF Diet:** [http://www.gfcfdiet.com/](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/](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**

**Whole Foods Market**
1989 Aloma Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32792 * Ph: 407-673-8788
RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

General Recreation

4-H Clubs of Lake County
1951 Woodlea Road, Tavares, FL 32778 * Ph: 352-343-4101 * Fax: 352-343-2767

ACEing Autism
USTA National Campus, 1000 USTA Boulevard, Orlando, FL 32827
*Website: http://aceingautism.org/locations/orlando-fl/ *Email: rita.gladstone@usta.com or Martha.tomory@usta.com

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

Beachside Toy Store, Inc
936 Pinetree Drive Indian Harbor Beach FL 32937
Phone: 321-777-6681   Fax: 321-777-7976
Email: beachsidetoys@aol.com  Contact: Stephanie Nicholson

Boost: A program of Lift Disability Network
1851 S. Clyde Morris Blvd., Daytona Beach, FL 32119  *Ph: 407-228-8343
Website: http://www.liftdisability.net/boost
Boost is a monthly event for individuals and families impacted by disability. You can expect food, crazy activities and times of inspiration. Everything gets kicked off with a free meal, and at the end of the night we all go home with our life elevated.

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 Area (Merrit Island)
Therapeutic Recreation and Inclusion Services: programs in Central Brevard reflect the use of Therapeutic Recreation for children and adults at all ability levels. Weekdays include school visits with students in Exceptional Education class and Adult Daycare centers providing services to develop and use their leisure in ways that enhance their health, independence and well-being. Evening activities are more social and create opportunities for transition into our community of inclusion. Some activities require an admission and/or transportation fee.
Monthly calendar is available by calling 455-1380.
Email: mibeaches@brevardparks.com

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
City of Orlando Special Populations Program
Website: http://www.cityoforlando.net/fpr/Html/ExceptionalRecreation.asp

Codeteachers
13790 Bridgewater Crossings Blvd #1080, Windermere, FL, 34786 *Ph: (321) 662-7254 *Website: info@codeteachers.com
offers coding, steam, design, Minecraft Modding, Raspberry Pi, Robotics and leadership classes to kids 5 and up.

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.

North Area (Titusville)
The North Area Persons with Disabilities Program offers a variety of social activities to mentally and physically challenged individuals. Regular activities provide socialization and offer opportunities for new friendships. To receive a monthly calendar or for more information, call 321-264-5058 or 321-264-5105.
Email: northarea@brevardparks.com
Schedule includes bowling, dances, games, crafts & activities, Special Olympics events, special field trips and other events. See main website above and click on North Area for times and locations.

Opening Doors St. Luke’s United Methodist Church
4851 S Apopka-Vineland Road, Orlando, FL 32819 * Ph: 407-876-6728

OCA
On the Edge Rock Climbing Gym  
200 West Drive Melbourne FL 32904  
Phone: 321-724-8775  Fax: 321-733-2962

One By One Designs  
132 Canal St, Studio #8 New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168  
Phone: 386-258-8989  Website: www.onebyonedesigns.com

Providing Autism Links & Support (PALS)  
PO Box 781458, Orlando FL, 32878-1458  *Ph: 407-823-6020  *www.pals-ucfcard.org

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.

The SNAP Center  
851 East State Road 434 Longwood, FL 32750  
*Website: https://www.autismspeaks.org/provider/snap-center

Special needs after school program offering after-school childcare for school aged children (kindergarten through 17 years old) with disabilities.

South Area (Melbourne)  
The South Area provides a variety of social activities for children and adults with intellectual and/or physical disabilities. Activities offer opportunities to socialize, practice new skills, participate in field trips, learn life skills, establish new friendships and serve the community. Various activities throughout the year range from weekly Friday dances, to monthly field trips, to movie nights, and Special Olympics practices.

Each month, a calendar of events is distributed to participants through either their day program or at Friday night dances.

Phone: 321-255-4436  
Email: southare@brevardparks.com

Space Coast Field of Dreams  
PO Box 120878 West Melbourne FL 32912  
Phome: 321-200-0725  
Email: info@spacecoastfieldofdreams.org  
URL: www.spacecoastfieldofdreams.org

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/](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](http://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/kidspages/StoryTime/StoryTime.aspx)

**SunsationAll Kidz Gym**
2154 Central Florida Parkway b2 Orlando, FL 32837
Phone: 407-203-0303
Website: [https://sunsationallkidz.com/](https://sunsationallkidz.com/)

**The Sunshine Dance Club at Riverside Park**
1600 Lockwood Boulevard, Oviedo, FL 32765
*Website: [https://owsoc.wordpress.com/projects/sunshine-dances/](https://owsoc.wordpress.com/projects/sunshine-dances/)
Monthly dance programs for teens and adults who are physically and/or mentally challenged. Includes family friendly music.

**UCP Child Development Centers**
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/](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**

**ACEing Autism**
Non-profit organization providing the most effective sports related intervention for children with autism.
1000 A Boulevard, Orlando, FL 32827 *Ph: 310.401.0544 *Email: info@aceingautism.org
*Website: [www.aceingautism.org](http://www.aceingautism.org)

**Autism Gym and Related Disabilities Program**
Jim Beech Recreation Center , 1820 A D Mims Rd., Ocoee, FL 34761 *Ph 407-234-7456
E-mail: [autismgym@aol.com](mailto:autismgym@aol.com)
This is a parent-facilitated support and play group of over 300 families.
[http://www.autismgym.org](http://www.autismgym.org)

**Brevard County Parks & Recreation Central Area Disabilities Program**
Website: [http://www.brevardcounty.us/ParksRecreation/Home/](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/](http://www.socceracademy.com/)
The Dance Collective
14049 W Colonial Dr. Winter Garden, FL 34787
Hannah and JJ Tiemeyer
Phone: 407-490-4094 Website: www.tdcollective.com
Limitless Class: incorporates therapeutic movement to support sensory needs, physical limitations and skills that are proven to support academic gains. The class is for ages 3-7 and 8-adult. There is direct support from a caregiver during the class.

Gliding Stars
PO Box 4492 * Winter Park, FL 32793-4492 * Ph: 407-965-6626 * Website: http://www.glicingstars.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

SPARC
(Special Population Activities & Recreation Council of Volusia, Inc.)
P. O. Box 1868, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32170 * Ph: 386-409-5409
Website: http://www.sparcofvolusia.org/

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.
Volusia – P.O. Box 290507 Port Orange, FL 32129

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  

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**Camp Listings: Local & Nationwide**

**Camp Channel:** [http://www.campchannel.com/](http://www.campchannel.com/)

**Camp Sequoia, Pennsylvania:** [www.camp-sequoia.com](http://www.camp-sequoia.com)

**Very Special Camps:** [http://www.veryspecialcamps.com/](http://www.veryspecialcamps.com/)

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**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](http://www.apd.myflorida.com)  
*Ph: 407-245-0440

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

**OCA: A Special Place for Special Needs**  
Main Campus: 4917 Eli St., Orlando, FL 32804  
Main Campus Phone: 407-808-7837  
West Campus: 436 Oakdale St., Windermere, FL 34786  
West Campus Phone: 407-717-7431  
Website: [http://gooca.org/](http://gooca.org/)

**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/](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.

Pool Safety Resource – Geoff Dawson
107 Meadow Creek Cove
Longwood, FL 32750
Phone: 407-834-9182
Website:  http://thepoolsafetyresource.com/

Quest Swims
Phone: 407-218-4340  Website:  www.questinc.org
Provides one-one-one training between your child and a certified instructor

Little Aquatics Swim School – Janice
Website:  http://www.littleaquatics.com/
*They come meet you in your own pool or in a community pool.

Southwest Aquatics
205 Windermere Road, Winter Garden, FL 34787 * Ph: 407-905-0999
Website:  http://www.southwestaquatics.com/

Joy McGinty
205 Windermere Road, Winter Garden, FL 34787 * Ph: 407-905-0999
Website:  http://www.southwestaquatics.com/
Teaches survival swimming

Ann Stone
1085 Crane Crest Way, Orlando, FL 32825 * Ph: 407-282-4970 * Website:  http://www.stonecrabswimteam.com/

Sunny Days Swim School - Shunda Wilkinson
1200 Foxfire Dr
Apopka, FL  32712
Phone:  407-694-6168
Website:  http://sunnydaysswimschool.com/

**RDV Sportsplex**
8701 Maitland Summit Blvd
Orlando, FL 32810
Aquatics Manager: Ruth Ann
Phone: 407-916-2506
The RDV offers both private and group lessons. The aquatics manager, Ruth Ann, will speak individually to parents of children with ASD to determine what program and which instructor will be the best fit for your child.

**Swim with Becky and Friends, LLC**
317 S. Volusia Avenue., Orange City, FL 32763  *Ph: 386-490-2190  *Website: https://swimwithbecky.com/

**Swimming with Staci**
*Ph: 407-533-0670  *Website: https://www.swimmingwithstaci.com/  *Email: staci@swimmingwithstaci.com
5-day private one-on-one instruction with proven techniques. Staci has 17+ plus years of experience in aquatics and is special needs certified. Sessions are 20-25 minutes and she travels to you!

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

**YMCA – Edgewater Area**
Ginni Hiers
Phone: 386-738-9622   Email: ghiersvfymca.org

**YMCA – Oviedo**
7900 Red Bug Lake Rd., Oviedo, FL 3276

**YMCA – Volusia/Flagler**
761 E. International Speedway Blvd. DeLand, FL 32824
Phone: 386-736-6000
Website: www.vfymca.org   Facebook: www.facebook.com/vfymca

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**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

**Center for Horsemanship and Personal Success (CHAPS)**
4952 South Sanford Ave. Sanford, FL 32773
Phone: 407-304-0305   Email: info@chapscenter.com
Nonprofit that is dedicated to educating, empowering and enriching our community through therapeutic riding programs.

**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.
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

**Barbara Coenson**  
Coenson Law Firm  
Phone: 407-322-8000  
Email: barbara@coensonlaw.com Website: www.coensonlaw.com

**Betten, Murphy & Weiss Attorneys, P.A.**  
2627 West Eau Gallie Blvd. Suite 105, Melbourne, FL 32935

**Carmen Love**  
Phone: 407-834-4010  
Website: www.cmlovedisability.com/

**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
Jennifer Englert  
Orlando Law  
Phone: 407-512-4394

Nisi Law Firm  
2003 Longwood Lake Mary Rd #1001  
Longwood, FL 32750  
Phone: 407-622-2550

Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association, Inc.  
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 groups with special legal needs in Orange County, FL.  
Coravious L. Cowart, ESQ. GAL program developmental disabilities attorney, development and grant administration  
*Email: ccowart@legalaidocba.org  
Abigail Adkins, Case Coordinator, Guardian ad litem program *Email: aadkins@legalaidocba.org

Cruz Law, PLLC  
5401 S. Kirkman Road, Suite 310, Orlando, FL 32819  

Hoyt & Bryan, LLC  
254 Plaza Dr. Oviedo, FL 32765  
Phone: 407-977-8080 Fax : 407-977-8078  
Website: www.hoytbryan.com Email: info@hoytbryan.com  
Family Wealth & Legal Counsellors

Katie Kelly  
128 S. Orange Ave  
Daytona Beach, FL 32114  
Phone: 386-255-6573  
Email: katiek@clsmf.org  
Website: https://www.clsmf.org/

Legacy Law Associates, P.L.  
Edward Dimayuga  
313 Palmetto Ave. Daytona Beach, FL  
Phone: 386-252-2531

Lindsey & Ferry, P.A.  
Matthew Ferry *Ph: 407-644-4044  
1150 Louisiana Ave. Suite #2, Winter Park, FL 32789

Special Education Law and Advocacy  
2602 W. Cypress St.  
Tampa, FL 33609  
Phone: 813-348-6314  
Email: info@flspedlaw.com  
Website: https://flspedlaw.com/

National Federation of the Blind * Greater Daytona Beach Chapter

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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

Richard Schwartz  
101 S. Palmetto Ave. #1 Daytona Beach, FL 32117  
Phone: 386-253-6811  
Guardianship

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”

Domestic Abuse Council, Inc. - Guardianship  
Only related to domestic violence, attorneys do civil issues related to domestic violence, but she was unaware of them assisting families with guardianship.  
Contact: (386) 255-2102

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc. - Guardianship  
They do both minors and adults  
Contact: 800-405-1417

Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association, Inc. - Guardianship  
Does guardianship for minors (must speak to someone to see if you qualify)  
They only do guardianship for minors; they do advocacy for adults and assist but do not do the guardianship.  
Contact: 407-841-8310

Seminole County Bar Association - Guardianship  
101 West Palmetto Avenue, Longwood, FL 32750  
Contact: 407-834-1660

ADVOCACY

4 Advocacy  
P. O. Box 10875, Tallahassee, FL 32302 * Ph: 850-567-5252 * Website: http://www.4gen.org/

Advocacy Center  
Phone: 1-800-342-0823  
Provides protection and advocacy for individual rights

Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities  
Phone: 407-249-6507
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/

Cruz Law, PLLC
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.

Rob Cunningham, Ph.D
High School Transition Specialist *Ph: 407-342-9836 x231 *Email: robcunningham@theIpadvocate.com
*Website: www.theiepadvocate.com

Disability Rights Florida
2473. Centerview Drive, Suite 200, Tallahassee, FL 32301 * Ph: 800-342-0823
Website: http://www.disabilityrightsflorida.org/

DisAbility Solutions (Carman Clark)
119 South Palmetto Ave, Suite 180, Daytona Beach FL
Phone: 386-255-1812 URL: http://www.dsil.org/about.html
Advocacy group

Scott Dixon
Lawyer: helps with SOAK/Morgan’s project
Phone: 321-728-4939

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.familyliasonproject.com *Ph: 321-242-6430 ext. 5005

Debbie Gelinas
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800-816-5235
https://specialneedsabilityprogram.org/

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Waiver Support Coordinator for Agency for Persons with Disabilities in Seminole, Orange, Osceola & Brevard counties.

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McClelland, Jones, Lyons, Lacey & Williams
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URL: www.mjlandl.com

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Civil rights advocate for children, specialized in children with special needs. Works in Brevard, Osceola, Seminole, Orange, and Volusia.
*Ph: 321.432.2440 *Fax: 321.989.0272 *Email: Tammy.Mullon@outlook.com

My Child Wins
557 Noremac Ave Deltona, FL 32738
Jamison Jessup – executive director; senior IEP advocate
Email: jamisonjessup@mychildwins.com
URL: mychildwins.com
Phone: 386-628-0295

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.

Orange County Human Services
*Osceola regional location ph: 407-931-4343
Offers government benefits and solutions. This may include section 8 housing vouchers, emergency, one time crisis aid for rent, and more. Central Florida Salvation Army Centers offer shelter, transitional housing, and limited amounts of financial aid. They can also help single parents, the disabled, and victims of domestic violence. Some emergency, one time help for rent or energy bills may be offered.

Rose Marie Archibald  
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Ormond Beach, FL 32174  
Phone: 954-295-7819  
Email: archibaldrm@yahoo.com

Seminole County Legal Aid  
101 West Palmetto Ave. Longwood, FL 32750  
Charity Steinbach – Paralegal for Attorney Silvia McLain  
Phone: 407-834-1660  
Website: www.scbalas.com  
Helps families obtain guardianship of their adult child who has disabilities. Services are free to any Seminole County resident.

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.

Erik Shuman, Esq. (Gray/Robinson)  
1795 W. Nasa Blvd (PO Box 1870) Melbourne FL 329002-1870  
Phone: 321-727-8100

Southern Legal Counsel  
1229 Northwest 12 Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32601  
*Ph: 352-271-8890  
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Special Education Law and Advocacy firm  
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Tampa, FL 33609  
Phone: 813-348-6314  
Email: info@flspedlaw.com  
Website: https://flspedlaw.com/

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Elisabeth Swanson  
Ph: 352-629 0105 ext 2922  
Covers Lake and Sumter Counties.

Turning 18.org  
Free resource that offers guidance to parents of teens with developmental disabilities nearing adulthood.  
*Website https://www.turning18.org/

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Website: www.DevotedtoJustice.com  
Email: MBarber@DevotedToJustice.com

**Wrightslaw**  
Website: [http://www.wrightslaw.com/](http://www.wrightslaw.com/)  
Information about special education law, education law, and advocacy for children with disabilities.
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


Special People, Special Planning:  http://www.specialpeoplespecialplanning.com/

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DeGraw and Associates
831 W Morse Blvd, Winter Park, FL 32789  Ph: 407-647-5552
Legal and estate planning, trusts, guardianships.

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2003 Lake Howell Lane, Maitland, FL 32751 * Ph: 407-644-4686
Estate planning, educational workshops.
Advocates & Guardians for the Elderly & Disabled (AGED, INC)
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A non-profit trust company assisting seniors and disabled individuals qualify for government benefits, reduce medication costs, and preserve assets.

The CredAbility/Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Central Florida and the Florida Gulf Coast
Free confidential budget, credit, and housing counseling, debt management, and community outreach and education.

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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.

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Orange County Human Services *Ph: 407-836-6500  *Orange County and Orlando ph: 407-423-8581
*Seminole County ph: 407-322-2642 *Osceola regional location ph: 407-931-4343
Offers government benefits and solutions. This may include section 8 housing vouchers, emergency, one time crisis aid for rent, and more. Central Florida Salvation Army Centers offer shelter, transitional housing, and limited amounts of financial aid. They can also help single parents, the disabled, and victims of domestic violence. Some emergency, one time help for rent or energy bills may be offered.

True Link Financial Prepaid Visa Card
For Financial control. *Website: https://www.truelinkfinancial.com/card/true-link-card-for-professionals#newsbar-link
**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/](http://www.edline.net/pages/Brevard_County_Schools/) OR [http://ese.sp.brevardschools.org/default.aspx/default.htm](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


**Lake County Schools Transition Services - ESE**

201 W. Burleigh Boulevard, Tavares, FL 32778 * Ph: 352-253-6600

Website: [http://www.lake.k12.fl.us/Domin/21](http://www.lake.k12.fl.us/Domin/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/efi/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
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/

Going to College with Autism and Asperger’s:  https://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/college-resource-center/students-with-autism/

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](http://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](http://www.interventionsunlimited.com/School.html)  
Use an ABA approach to teach language and other foundational skills following the ABBLS 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**  
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](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.

**CAMES Academy for the Performing Arts**  
613 Concourse Parkway S, Maitland, FL 32751  *Ph: 407-964-1232  
Website: [https://camenschool.com/](https://camenschool.com/)  
Classes for K-5 Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) approach to education. After-care program.

**Blue Jay Academy PreK-12**  
Locations in South Daytona and DeLand  
Phone: 386-868-1979  Email: bluejayacademy@gmail.com  
Website: [www.bluejayacademy.com](http://www.bluejayacademy.com)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/bluejayacademy](http://www.facebook.com/bluejayacademy)

**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/](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](http://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/](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.

**Eastern Florida Autism Center (Great Leaps Academy)**  
Richele Zvorsky BCBA  
URL: [www.efac15.com](http://www.efac15.com)  
Email: rzvorsky@efac15.com  
Phone: 321-610-3849  
Fax: 321-428-4112  
1320 Culver Dr. NE Palm Bay, FL  
ABA in school environment

**The First Hope**  
As a subsidiary of The First Academy, the program is based on both Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) goals and educational inclusion opportunities. With a 2:1 student to teacher ratio, the objective is to fully integrate each student into general classes as able.  
[https://thefirstacademy.org/academics/first-hope/](https://thefirstacademy.org/academics/first-hope/)

**Florida’s Children’s Academy at Santiago and Friends**  
8617 E Colonial Dr Suite 1100, Orlando, FL 32817  
Accepts children ages 5-12; Bilingual instruction; ABA model; Accepts McKay and Gardiner.’  
Phone: 407-499-4761  
[http://santiagoandfriends.com](http://santiagoandfriends.com)

**Halifax Academy**  
275 Williamson Blvd. Daytona Beach, FL 32114  
Phone: 386-252-9557  
Website: [http://www.halifaxacademy.net/](http://www.halifaxacademy.net/)  
4th – 8th and High School

**Helpers in Heels/Marcus’s Hope**  
Located in Longwood  
Phone: 407-951-7037  
Email: [helpersinheels@icloud.com](mailto:helpersinheels@icloud.com)  
Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/MarcussHopeADT/](https://www.facebook.com/MarcussHopeADT/)  
Private school type setting focusing on job training, life, fine and gross motor skills

**Hope Charter School**  
1550 East Crown Point Road, Ocoee, FL 34761 * Ph: 407-656-4673 * Fax: 407-264-6960  
Website: [http://www.hopecharter.org/](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](http://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

**Lodestone Academy** 826 Irma Ave, Orlando, FL 32803 Ph: 407-796-2908  E-mail: info@lodestoneacademy.org
[http://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/](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/](http://monarchacademy.us/)
Private school focused on the needs of children with autism spectrum disorder.

**Morning Star School**
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.

**Parkhurst Academy**
4052 W. Eu Gallie Blvd. Melbourne, FL 32934
Phone: 321-259-1590

**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](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 – Palm Bay Location
125 East Nasa Blvd. Melbourne, FL 32901 – Melbourne Location
5830 US-1 #102 Rockledge, FL 32955 – Rockledge Location
*Ph: 321-345-0861  *Website: [www.puzzleboxacademy.com](http://www.puzzleboxacademy.com)
Provides education for children diagnosed with developmental disabilities. Incorporates the Morningside Model of Generative Instruction.

**QuestKids Academy**
514 East Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32803 * Ph: 407-218-4300 * Website: [http://www.questkids.org/](http://www.questkids.org/)
Delivering quality education and individualized 1:1 and group ABA therapy

**The Sonder Academy**
475 S. John Rodes Blvd Melbourne, FL 32904
Phone: 321-241-1170
Monique Todd - President

**UCP Child Development Centers**
Multiple locations * Ph: 407-852-3300 * Website: [www.ucpfl.org](http://www.ucpfl.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](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/](http://www.willowschools.com/)

**Tutors**

**A+ Markem Educational and Enrichment Services**
Ph: 877.937.9797
http://amarkem.com/

**Center for Health, Learning & Achievement**
Jennifer Merkel
310 Waymont Ct. Unit #104, Lake Mary, FL 32746 * Ph: 407-718-4430
Website: [http://learningandachievement.com/](http://learningandachievement.com/)

**Christine Duff**
Phone: 321-356-6964
Email: duffchristine@gmail.com

**Engage the Brain**
1778 North Park Ave Maitland, Florida 32751 * Ph: 407-636-9281
*Website: [http://www.engagethebrain.org/](http://www.engagethebrain.org/)

**Good Thinking Tutors**
254 East Crystal Lake Street, Orlando, FL 32806 * Ph: 407-489-5638
Highly qualified Orange County Public School teachers, certified in both Exceptional Education and Regular Education. Goal is to give students in grades K-8 the confidence to learn and the skills to succeed in all subject areas.

**Joseph Graham – Math Tutor**
Ph: 407-451-9996

**Kumon**
Maquire Crossing Shopping Center
2751 Old Winter Garden Road
Ocoee, FL 34761
Ph: 407-656-9062
saulduga@ikumont.com

Megan Huntt
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.

Learning Rx
225 Fifth Avenue Indialantic, FL 32903
5425 Village Dr Rockledge FL 32955
Phone: 321-727-3996 or 321-631-3996
Fax: 321-727-3922
URL: learningrx.com/Melbourne

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.

Tara Perry
typerry@gmail.com
917-913-0167
Home based tutoring services. Exceptional understanding of ASD. Prefers upper elementary to high school students. Specializes in math.

Sharon Jeannides
Orange County *Ph: 815-347-5946
Willing to travel to provide services or provide from home (Eastwood)

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

UCP Transitional Learning Academy
3305 S. Orange Ave, Orlando, FL 32806 Phone: 407-852-3300
Charter school that offers both FSA and FSAA tracks in a small group setting. 6-12 grade diploma tracks and deferred graduation programming up to age 22. Medical SLP, OT, and PT services are also available on site.

**Z Aces Tutoring**  
Connie Conway  
Phone: 386-532-5475

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**College Resources**

**Access Plus - Nova Southeastern University**  
*Ph: 954-262-7168 *Website: [http://www.nova.edu/accessplus/](http://www.nova.edu/accessplus/)  
Access Plus is NSU's supported college program for undergraduate students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. This program provides services to academically capable students to support academic achievement, independent living skills, and campus life engagement opportunities. Students in this program must meet the NSU's admission requirements as determined by the program of application.

**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/](http://www.barry.edu/)

**Beacon College**  
105 East Main Street, Leesburg, FL 34748 * Ph: 855-220-5374 * Website: [http://www.beaconcollege.edu/](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/](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/](http://www.dbcc.cc.fl.us/)  
Rose Stuart – Student Disability Services Advisors – 386-506-3657

**Eastern Florida State College - Office for Students with Disabilities**  
1519 Clearlake Road, Cocoa, FL 32922 * Ph: 321-632-1111 * Website: [http://www.easternflorida.edu/](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](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](http://www.landmark.edu/)

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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.ocpstechecenters.net/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.ocpstechecenters.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/](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/](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/](http://sds.sdes.ucf.edu/)

**Valencia Community College - Office for Students with Disabilities**  
Multiple locations * Ph: 407-299-5000 * Website: [http://valenciacollege.edu/](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.
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.
New at CIL Orlando: Youth program in Employment Services Department helping youth ages 16-24 with diagnosed disabilities find employment
Contact person for this program: Denise Auffant, Youth Navigator *Ph: 407-623-1070 ext.5542

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.

David Kreiger (Driving Instructor)
Phone: 1800-738-9967

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 *Website: http://www.inspireofcentralflorida.org/*Email: info@inspirecfl.org
Provides employment opportunities and life skills training for adults with developmental disabilities in Central Florida.

IMPOWER
111 W. Magnolia Avenue, Longwood, FL 32750 (Provides outpatient services, Psychiatric Clinic, Foster Care) *Ph: 407-215-0095
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.

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.

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
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/


  * Launch Pad: * https://asdachievement.org/launchpad

  * Task Masters: * https://asdachievement.org/taskmasters

**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/

ASD Adult Achievement Center, Inc.
222 S. Westmonte Drive, Suite 230
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714
Ph (407) 960-1840
FEIN #81-3612198
Website: www.asdachievement.org
For social skills visit: https://asdachievement.org/peers
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

Center for the Visually Impaired
Website: http://www.cvicentralflorida.org/
*Daytona Beach: 1187 Dunn Ave * Daytona Beach, FL, 32114 * Ph: 386-253-8879
*Deltona: Justin Square, 840 Deltona Blvd, Deltona FL, 32755 *Ph: 8060-7389-8879
*Brevard County: 571 Haverty Court, Rockledge, FL 32955 *Ph: 321-631-9791
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.gooca.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 *Website: http://www.inspireofcentralflorida.org/*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/](http://www.osceolaarc.org/)

**QuestWorks, Inc.**  
P. O. Box 531125, Orlando, FL 32853 * Ph: 407-218-4300 * Website: [http://questinc.org/businesssolutions.html](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](http://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**  

**Easter Seals**  
520 N. Semoran Blvd, Suite 280, Orlando, FL 32807 * Ph: 407-306-9766  
Website: [http://www.easterseals.com/florida/](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**

**The Able Trust**  
Phone: 850-224-4493  
[www.abletrust.org](http://www.abletrust.org)  
Putnam, Marion, Lake; Provide Floridians with disabilities opportunities for successful employment; youth programs provide career development and transition to many students with disabilities.
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
Volusia: 329 Bill France Blvd. Daytona Beach 32114
Phone: 386-323-7077 Fax: 386-323-2095

Center for Independent Living in Central Florida, Inc.
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.
New at CIL Orlando: Youth program in Employment Services Department helping youth ages 16-24 with diagnosed disabilities find employment
Contact person for this program: Denise Auffant, Youth Navigator *Ph: 407-623-1070 ext.5542

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.

Enrichment Program
200 Fentress Blvd., Suite C, Daytona Beach, FL 32119
URL: http://www.smabehavioral.org/ Email: business@smabehavioral.org
Phone: 386-236-3226
Assessment, Job Development, On the Job Training, Short and Long Term Support

Goodwill Industries of Central Florida, Inc.
7531 S. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, FL 32809 * Ph: 407-857-0659 * Website: http://www.goodwillecfl.org/
141 W. International Speedway Blvd, Daytona Beach, FL 32119 Ph: 386-258-8585

The Mustard Seed of Central Florida (Furniture & Clothing Bank)
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

Progressive Abilities Support Services, Inc (PASS)
212 Shangri-La Circle, Edgewater, FL 32132
Email: progressiveabilities@gmail.com
**COMPETITIVE EMPLOYMENT**

If a person is employed but does not need support such as 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**  

**Center for Independent Living in Central Florida, Inc.**  
Website: [https://www.cilorlando.org/](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.  
New at CIL Orlando: Youth program in Employment Services Department helping youth ages 16-24 with diagnosed disabilities find employment  
Contact person for this program: Denise Auffant, Youth Navigator *Ph: 407-623-1070 ext.5542

**Center for the Visually Impaired**  
1187 Dunn Ave. Daytona Beach, FL 32114  
URL: [http://www.cvicentralflorida.org/](http://www.cvicentralflorida.org/)  
Phone: 386-253-8879  
Classes and trainings throughout Volusia. No charges for services; transportation available; serves adults with developmental disabilities – job training, supported employment, life skills training

**Conklin Center for the Blind**  
405 White St, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 * Ph: 386-258-3441 * Website: [http://www.conklincenter.org/](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/](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/](http://www.rehabworks.org/)

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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 *Website:  
http://www.counselofcentralflorida.org/*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.

Primrose Center
2733 S. Ferncreek Ave, Orlando, FL 32806 * Ph: 407-898-7201
Provides education, training and job placement for adults with developmental disabilities

Vocational Rehabilitation
www.rehabworks.com
Ormond Beach
780 W. Grenada Blvd. Suite 110, Ormond Beach, FL 32174
Phone: 386-615-6111  Fax: 386-615-6112
Orange City
775 Harley Strickland Blvd. Suite 102, Orange City, FL 32763
Phone: 386-456-5320  Fax: 386-456-5325
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

Florida Council for Community Mental Health: http://www.fccmh.org/
ResCare: http://www.rescare.com/
Caring.com: https://www.caring.com/senior-living/assisted-living/florida

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, DeLand
1738 Patterson Ave. Building K DeLand, FL 32724
Phone: 386-943-9793  Website: www.arcvolusia.org/
Assists individuals to procure their own apartment or home.

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.**
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.
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Contact person for this program: Denise Auffant, Youth Navigator *Ph: 407-623-1070 ext.5542

**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/

**Enrichment Industries**
400 Hamilton Ave Deland, FL 32724
Phone: 386-469-1500
Rehabilitative work environment specializing in vocational assessment & training. Paid work activities include assembly, lawn maintenance, custodial cleaning, etc.

**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.

Right Choice Adult Care & Activity Center
590 Rinehart Rd., Suite 6, Lake Mary, FL 32746
*Ph: 407-574-4751 *Website: https://rightchoiceadultdaycare.com/
Our welcoming adult day care and activity center is offered to members of the Lake Mary, FL community and surrounding areas. We offer an enjoyable day filed with lots of activities and entertainment in a comfortable and spacious setting ensuring all individuals’ therapeutic needs are catered to at all times. We welcome young adults (18 and older) with disabilities, not just for seniors.

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
SpringBrook Behavioral Health System  
One Havenwood Lane, Traveler’s Rest, SC 29690 * Ph: 864-834-8013 * Fax: 877-470-1267  
Website: [www.springbrookbehavioral.com](http://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/](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](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.

WORC, Inc.  
Kelly Ferguson, CEO  
1100 Jimmy Ann Dr, Daytona Beach, FL  
Phone: 386-274-6474  
Email: kferguson@worcinc.org  
Website: [www.worcinc.org](http://www.worcinc.org)
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

Applied Behavior Center
Multiple Locations
* Ph: 407-324-7772
Website: http://www.appliedbehaviorcenter.com/
Applied Behavior Center, ABC, formerly ABC School House, is a 501©3, non-profit organization dedicated to
improvement in the quality of life for children diagnosed with autism or related disabilities.

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

Brightstar Home
321-549-0292
About $27 an hour

Calvary Baptist Church
2980 N Wickham Rd. Melbourne, FL 32935

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.elcfl.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
Florida Department of Children and Families
Childcare Provider Search Website: http://dcfanswrite.state.fl.us/childcare/provider/
Florida Respite Care
1-866-357-3543
www.floridarespite.com

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.

Henderson Haven
2554 Moody Road Orange Park, FL 32073
Phone: 904-264-2522
Website: http://hendersonhaven.org/
Respite care, homemaker/companion services

Keystone Behavioral Pediatrics

A Helping Hand
259 Bill France Blvd Suite 200, Daytona Beach, FL 32114
Phone: 386-868-1992

Lending a Hand Miracle Foundation
Elaine Connell
1170 Tree Swallow Dr. #219, Winter Springs, FL 32708 *Ph: 407-878-5997

LifeShare Florida
37 North Orange Ave, Suite 604, Orlando, FL 32801
* Ph: 407-843-3043
Website: http://www.lifeshareinc.org/

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://archrespite.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.gooca.org

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.

Earl Tait, MD
13574 Village Park Drive Orlando, FL 32837
Ph: 407-856-8830

SCEIC
3790 Dairy Rd Melbourne FL 32904
Phone: 321-729-6858  URL: www.sceic.com

rue Help Services, Inc.
524 Simpson Road, Kissimme, FL  34744 * Ph: 407-348-2383 * Website: https://www.truehelpservices.com/

Childcare Resources

Bays Child Care
1239 N. Pine Hills Rd.
Orlando, FL 32808
Phone: 407-822-8805

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

Christian Child Care Center
211 Wekiva Springs Lane Longwood, FL 32779
Phone: 407-862-8445 Website: http://christianchildcenter.org/

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

Rev 5/20
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

Happy Faces Prep School
3612 McNeil Rd
Apopka, FL 32703
Phone: 407-298-4397 Website: http://happyfacesprepschool.com/

Ladybird Academy of Rock Springs
1151 Rock Springs Rd.
Apopka, FL 32712
Phone: 407-814-3911 Website: http://www.ladybirdacademy.com/locations/rock-springs

Maitland Presbyterian School
341 N Orlando Ave
Maitland, FL 32751
Phone: 407-644-3455 Website: https://maitlandpres.org/preschool/

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 R Kids
301 W Welch Rd.
Apopka, FL 32712 Website: http://www.krkapopka.com/

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
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.gooca.org

Sanlando Christian School  
1849 West State Road 434  
Longwood, FL 32750  
Phone: 407-339-1172 Website: http://www.sanlandochristianschool.org/

UCP Child Development Centers  
Multiple Locations * Ph: 407-852-3300 * Website: http://www.ucpcfl.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
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.

Mobility Works
7444 Narcoossee Road, Unit 406, Orlando, FL 32822 * Ph: 1-877-275-4907 * Website: https://www.mobilityworks.com/
Wheelchair accessible van provider.

Progressive Healthworks Inc.
Driver Rehabilitation Program/ Adaptive Driver Training Program
Davis Sapper, OTR/L, CLT, CDRS
301 Camino Gardens Blvd. #102, Boca Raton, FL 33432 * Ph: 954-336-1717 * Email: mobilitytraining@aol.com

Space Coast Area Transit

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.
*Pine Hills: 5372 Silver Star Rd, Orlando, Fl 32808 *Ph: 407-552-4473
*Southwest: 2132 Bruton Blvd, Orlando, LF 32805 *Ph: 407-792-4110
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 Coalition for the Homeless
Ms. Rosa Reich (rosa.reich@brevardcounty.us)
Brevard County Housing & Human Services Dept. 2725 Judge Fran Jemieson Way, Bldg B, Suite 106, Viera FL 32940 Phone: 321-633-2076

Florida Department of Children and Families
www.def.state.fl.us/homelessness

FL DOE – Homeless Education Program
Phone: 850-245-0668

Florida Domestic Violence Helpline
Ph: 800-500-1119

Harvest Time International
Homeless Assistance Corporation/STAR Center
350 North Street Daytona Beach, FL
Phone: 386-252-9400

H.O.P.E Preventing Homelessness Through Housing, Outreach, Prevention and Education
149 E Broadway, Oviedo, FL 32765 * Ph: 407-366-3422 * Website: www.hophelps.org

Mobile Crisis Services
Phone: DIAL 211 or 407-839-HELP
Chat at www.HFUW.org
Mobile Crisis Services are free and available to anyone ages 0-24 located in Orange, Osceola or Seminole County at the time of Crisis. Available 24/7 including weekends and holidays.

Volusia/Flagler County Coalition for the Homeless, Inc.
101 N Woodland Blvd Deland, FL 32721
Phone: 386-279-0029

Volusia County Human Services
Daytona Beach: 386-254-4675
DeLand: 386-736-5956
New Smyrna Beach: 386-423-3309
Orange City: 386-775-5204

Volusia District Homeless Education Liaison Dept. of ESE/Student Services
Halifax Area: 386-255-6475
Southeast Area: 386-427-5223
Westside Area: 386-734-7190

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.

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.

Opioid Crisis Intervention
Osceola County - St. Cloud: Transition House *Ph: 407-892-4202 or 407-892-5700
Osceola County – Kissimmee: RASE Project *Ph: 407-518-1094
West Orange County: LiveStream Behavioral Center *Ph: 866-355-9394 or 352-315-7800
Brevard, Orange, Seminole Counties: ASPIRE Health Partners *Ph: 407-245-0014 or 407-145-0012 Ext. 221

Osceola Children’s Home and Shelter
Shelter placement for children, respite care for teens and families
*Website: http://www.givekidssafeshelter.org/

Parents Anonymous of Florida
1442 State Road 436, Suite 1000, Casselberry, FL 32707 * Ph: 407-679-2030
Medical/ Health Resources

Central Florida Family Health Center
Provides health-care services to indigent in Sanford, Seminole, East Orange, Lake and Brevard Counties
*Ph: 407-322-8645

Christian Ministry Center Clinic
Free clinic for the uninsured. All ages. *Ph: 407-944-9968

CSI Pediatric Services, LLC
Orlando PPEC
7054 W Colonial Dr. Orlando, FL 32818
Phone: 407-867-3847  Fax: 407-822-5715
Kissimmee PPEC
3030 Dyer Rd. Kissimmee, FL 34741
Phone: 407-279-1670  Fax: 407-279-1670
Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Program (PPEC) is designed for children with special medical needs that cannot be met by a regular school or daycare. PPEC centers provide nursing intervention and medical supervision for full-days or hourly services. Call to see if your child qualifies.

Hill-Burton Program
Call to find participating facilities. Free medical care at selected hospitals, nursing homes, clinics and other facilities for those with income up to twice the poverty level.
*Website: https://www.hrsa.gov/get-health-care/affordable/hill-burton/index.html  *Ph: 1-800-638-0742

Health Care for the Homeless
Primary, dental, eye, pediatric care, case-management, medical services, mental health, and substance abuse counseling. TB shelter, temporary recovery and wellness care center.
*Website: http://www.hcch.org/main.htm  *Ph: 407-428-5751 x235

Easterseals Disability Resource Navigator Program
Dennese McCalla
Phone: 813-988-7633x11600  Email: dmccalla@fl.easterseals.com
This program assists Orange County Families identify and receive disability services for their children.
Sandra Borruso – Bilingual Case Manager
Phone: 407-272-7492  Email: sborruso@fl.easterseals.com

Epilepsy Association of Central Florida
Medical and prescription services for epileptic patients. *Ph: 407-422-1416
*Website: http://www.epilepsyassociation.com/

Mobile Medical Express of Osceola County
Offers free health care for the uninsured and underinsured in Osceola Count. Travels to various sites on a biweekly basis. Services Buena Ventura Lakes, Kissimmee, Holopaw, St. Cloud.
*Ph: 407-846-8532

Orange County Health Department

Osceola County Council of the Aging
Free Clinic for the uninsured, rx assistance, provides health screening, counseling and health education.
*Ph: 407-846-8532
PSA Healthcare
760 North Drive Suite D, Melbourne, FL 32934
321-729-6858

Rhonda Cruz
FL Incontinence Territory Manager
180 Medical
180 Medical is a specialized DME of Incontinence (Diapers, Pull-ups, Bed Pads, Gloves, Wipes and more), Ostomy & Urological (catheter) supplies as well as nutritional supplies, for ages 4+. Accepts FL Medicaid, iBudget, CDC+, FL waivers, and commercial plans.
Cell: (407) 754-5138
Toll Free Phone: (877) 688-2729
EFax: (888) 718-0633
RhondaCruz@180Medical.com

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 & Seminole County:
Apopka High School Family Service Center *Ph: 407-905-5585
Colonial HS Shepherd’s Hope Dr. Diebel, Jr. Memorial Health Center *Ph: 407-482-6300 x1003
Evans HS Shepherd’s Hope Health Center *Ph: 407-552-3480
Grand Shepherd’s Hope Health Center *Ph: 407-836-7158
Hungerford Shepherd’s Hope Health Center *Ph: 407-622-8204
Walker Middle School Shepherd’s Hope Health Center *Ph: 407-850-5100
Westside Technical School Shepherd’s Hope Health Center *Ph: 407-905-2006

Food Pantries/Clothing/Furniture

American Red Cross
*Ph: . 407-894-4141.
Can help with disasters. This will be for people impacted by fires, floods, hurricanes and more. They also partner with other groups and charities, such as the Salvation Army. Shelters, food, and basic needs can be met.

Brothers Keeper – St Charles Church
4353 Edgewater Drive, Orlando FL 32804 *Ph: 407-849-0735

Catholic Charities Family Emergency Assistance Program – Brevard
Information and referral to community resources as well as limited funds for food and emergency help with basic needs for families experiencing a financial crisis. Rent assistance is not available. *Ph: 321-636-6144

Catholic Charities of Central FL
1771 N. Semoran Blvd, Orlando, FL 32807 *Ph: 407-658-1818

Christian Service Center

Christian Sharing Center
600 N Hwy 17-92, Longwood. Food, utilities, rent assistance, rx depending on situation and funding, thrift store. *Ph: 407-260-9155

Community Service Center of South Orange County

Daily Bread, Inc.
815 East Fee Avenue, Melbourne FL. Provides hot meals daily, showers, haircuts. Laundry and mail services for those in need. *Website: www.dailybreadinc.org *Ph: 321-723-2227

**Destiny Community Assistance Center**
150 W. Michigan Ave., Orlando FL. Food bank, discounted groceries, for low income families, small enrollment fee. *Ph: 407-849-0079

**Family Service Center**
800 W Grand Street, Orlando FL. Food Pantry *Ph: 407-317-7698

**Feed My Sheep, Mims United Methodist Church**
Food and toiletry items for those in need. Brevard County residents. 3302 Green Street, Mims FL *Ph: 321-267-6220

**True Vision in Christ Church of the Living God**
1004 Mercy Drive, Orlando FL 32808 *Ph: 407-445-0056

**Rescue Outreach Mission Shelter**
1701 W. 13th St., Sanford FL *Ph: 407-321-8224
Emergency Food.

**Salvation Army**
Food, possible financial assistance. 700 W. 24th St, Sanford FL *Ph: 407-322-2642
416 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando FL *Ph: 407-423-8581
495 S. Semoran Blvd, Winter Park, FL *Ph: 407-671-4419

**Seventh Day Adventist**
1112 W. Oakridge Road, Orlando, FL 32809 *Ph: 407-396-1318

**Faith United Church**
4305 Lennox Avenue, Orlando, FL 32811 *Ph: 407-346-9498

**Grace Community Church**
1031 E. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32817 *Ph: 407-277-9404

**Islamic Center of Orlando**
11543 Ruby Lake Road, Orlando, FL 32826 *Ph: 407-238-2700

**Osceola Community Action**
700 Generation Point, Kissimmee, FL 34741 *Ph: 407-846-8532

**Operation Provision International**
1226 N. Rock Springs Rd. Unit A, Apopka, FL 32712 *Ph: 407-376-6789

**Victory Through Grace Ministries**
2156 Dinneen Ave, Orlando, FL 32805 *Ph: 321-246-1340

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**
1515 Semoran Blvd., Orlando, FL 32807 *Ph: 407-277-3954

**First Baptist Church/ Pine Castle**
1001 Hoffner Ave. Pine Castle FL 32809 *Ph: 407-855-4741

**Riverside Baptist Church**
7719 Forest City Rd, Orlando FL 32810 *Ph: 407-295-3850

**Community Baptist Church**
601 Campanella Avenue, Orlando FL 32811 *Ph: 407-443-6573
Loaves and Fishes  
206 E. 8th Street, Apopka FL 32703 *Ph: 407-886-6005

Iglesia Cristiana Renuevo  
290 Completion Dr. Kissimmee, FL 34743 *Ph: 407-870-0083

Church of the Good Shepard Food Bank  
331 Lake Ave, Maitland FL 32751 *Ph: 407-644-5350

Joy Metropolitan Community Church  
2351 S. Ferncreek Ave, Orlando FL 32806 *Ph: 407-894-1081

Iglesia Bautista El Camino  
5815 Cornelia Avenue, Orlando FL 32807 *Ph: 407-407-679-4948

St. Vincent De Paul/St John Vianney  
6200 S. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando FL 32809 *Ph: 407-826-4898

Agape temple of Faith, Inc.  
995 W. Kennedy Blvd, Suite B-26 *Ph: 407-667-0777

First United Church of Christ  
4605 Curry Ford Drive, Orlando FL 32812 *Ph: 407-277-4945

Deeper Life Assembly  
2352 A.D. Mims Road, Ocoee, FL 34761 *Ph: 407-299-1950

The Pantry at St. Francis  
834 S Orange Blossom Trail, Apopka FL 32703 *Ph: 407-886-4602

Solid Rock Church of God  
1904 Michigan Ave, Kissimmee, FL 34744 *Ph: 407-8474-3500

Jewish Family Services of Greater Orlando  

**Emergency Rental Assistance and Housing**

Metro-Orlando Urban League  
*Ph: 407-841-7654 numerous housing and tenant counseling services are offered. This may include referrals for emergency rental assistance or eviction prevention programs. Mortgage help and foreclosure prevention is offered too.

Orange County Human Services  
*Osceola regional location ph: 407-931-4343  
Offers government benefits and solutions. This may include section 8 housing vouchers, emergency, one time crisis aid for rent, and more. Central Florida Salvation Army Centers offer shelter, transitional housing, and limited amounts of financial aid. They can also help single parents, the disabled, and victims of domestic violence. Some emergency, one time help for rent or energy bills may be offered.

Heart of Florida United Way  
1940 Traylor Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32804  *Ph: (407) 835-0900  
Grants or loans from EEG can help those with an eviction notice or the currently homeless. Emergency rental assistance and case management is available. The goal is to help people gain housing stability.

**Local Lending Libraries**
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.floridapace.org/fdlrsweb/
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

Immigration

Catholic Immigration and Refuge Service
Provides help with paperwork for work authorization, extension of visas, residency and citizenship. 

Legal Aid Society of Orange County
For help with immigration problems
*Website: http://www.legalaidocba.org/ *Ph: 407-841-8310
MISCELLANEOUS

Hair Care

A.L.L 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

Frances Rico at Serenity Spa
551 N Park Ave
Apopka, FL 32712
Phone: 407-703-5961
Website:  http://serenityspasalonapopka.com/

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

Powell’s Barber Shop
2133 Sarno Road, Melbourne FL 32935 Ph: 309-236-5296

Riverview Barber Shop and Hair Salon
1122 Riverside Drive  Daytona Beach, FL 32117  Ph: 386-258-8989

Sal’s Barber Shop
7025 N. Wickham Rd., 102, Melbourne, FL 32940  Ph: 321-417-8395

Snip-Its
2221 Towne Center Ave Suite 129 Viera, FL 32940
Phone: 321-417-8395

Bereavement Resources

Baldwin-Fairchild Cemeteries and Funeral Homes
Website:  http://www.baldwinfairchild.com/about/learning_center/articles_grief.html
ABBREVIATIONS

ABA - Applied Behavior Analysis
ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
ADD - Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD - Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
AIT - Auditory Integration Training
AS - Asperger's Syndrome
ASD - Autism Spectrum Disorder
BD - Behavioral Disorder
CARS - Childhood Autism Rating Scale
CAPD - Central Auditory Processing Disorder
CD - Conduct Disorder
CHAT - Checklist for Autism in Toddlers
CSE - Committee for Special Education
DD - Developmental Disabilities
DSM, DSM3R, DSM4 - American Psychiatric Association’s Diagnostic and Statistical Manual versions—used for diagnosis
DTT - Discrete Trial Training
DX - Diagnosis, Diagnosed
ECT - ElectroConvulsive Therapy (electroshock)
ED - Emotionally Disturbed
ECG, EG - Electro Cardiogram (a heart test)
EEG - Electroencephalogram (a brainwave test)
EH - Emotionally Handicapped
EI - Early Intervention
EMH - Educable Mentally Handicapped
ESE - Exceptional Student Education
FAPE - Free and Appropriate Public Education
FC - Facilitated Communication
FERPA - Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
FraX - Fragile X Syndrome
FSP - Family Support Plan
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
IQ - Intelligence Quotient
LD - Learning Disability
LLD - Language-based Learning Disability
LRE - Least Restrictive Environment
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.
MH, MR - Mentally Handicapped; Mentally Retarded (IQ less than 70)
MRI - Magnetic Resonance Imaging
MSDD - Multi-system developmental disorder
NDA - Not Diagnosed with Anything
NOS - Not Otherwise Specified (Sometimes appears with DX by psychologists.)
OCD - Obsessive/Compulsive Disorder
ODD - Oppositional Defiant Disorder
OT - Occupational Therapy or Therapist
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
PDD - Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PDD/NOS - Pervasive Developmental Disorder/Not Otherwise Specified
PET - Positron Emission Tomography (brain scan)
PL94-142 - Public Law 94-142. Education for Handicapped Children Act, Revised in 1990 to become IDEA.
PT - Physical Therapy or Therapist
PTSD - Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
SEBD - Severe Emotional and Behavior Disorder (an educational category)
SIB - Self-injurious behavior
SLP - Speech Language Pathologist
SpEd - Special Education
SSI - Supplemental Security Income
SSDI - Social Security Disability Income
TMH - Trainably Mentally Handicapped
TS - Tourette Syndrome
VE - Varying Exceptionalities
Voc-Ed - Vocational Education
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 Disorder
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.
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.

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People who are deaf-blind CAN:

- Work
- Go to school
- Play
- Have friends
- Communicate
- 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](http://www.deafblind.ufl.edu))

**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](http://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](http://www.abc.org)

American Foundation for the Blind: [www.afb.org](http://www.afb.org)

Community Services for the Blind and Partially Sighted: [http://www.csbps.com/](http://www.csbps.com/)

Florida School for the Deaf and Blind: [http://www.fsb.k12.fl.us/](http://www.fsb.k12.fl.us/)


Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired: [http://www.tsbvi.edu/](http://www.tsbvi.edu/)


**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/](http://www.aadb.org/)

Bionic Ear Association
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.

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 ASD 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](http://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: [www.autism.com](http://www.autism.com)
- Autism Internet Modules: [www.autisminternetmodules.org](http://www.autisminternetmodules.org)
- Autism Society of America: [www.autism-society.org](http://www.autism-society.org)
- Autism Speaks: [www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org)
- Autism Today: [www.autismtoday.com](http://www.autismtoday.com)
- Center for Autism: [www.centerforautism.com](http://www.centerforautism.com)
- The Scott Center: [www.AutismAdvisor.org](http://www.AutismAdvisor.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 m sm 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.

**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](http://medicaidwaiver.org/state/florida.html)

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