

Resource Guide



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Adult Services

Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities (CHAC)

4405 Desoto Road
Sarasota, FL 34235
(941) 355-8808

Purpose: Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities, Inc. empowers the lives of children, teens and adults with disabilities one person at a time. Programs include the Selby School, transition, community employment and living/occupational training.

The Duvall Home

3395 Grand Avenue
Glenwood, FL 32722
(386) 734-2874

Purpose: Provides residential care and adult day training.

Easter Seals Southwest Florida

350 Braden Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34243
(941) 355-7637

Purpose: To provides exceptional services for persons with disabilities and their families across a lifetime by empowering individuals to live their lives to the fullest extent.

Hearing Loss Association of America

PO Box 48643
Sarasota, FL 34230
(941) 320-8825

Purpose: To open the world of communication to people with hearing loss through education, advocacy and support.

Lighthouse of Manasota

7318 N. Tamiami Trail
Sarasota, FL 34243
(941) 359-1404

Purpose: Provides developmental/transition vision rehabilitation training for eligible infants and toddlers ages zero to 5 and high school students ages 14 to 22.

Loveland Center, Inc.

157 South Havana Road
Venice, FL 34292
(941) 493-0016

Purpose: Adult day training (ADT), Supportive Employment, Supportive Living, and Group Home.

Suncoast Autism Social Group for Young Adults

Location: Venice Public Library in Conference Room
300 S. Nokomis Ave S.
Venice, FL 34285
Email: SuncoastAutism@outlook.com
Meets: The first Monday of the Month (Exception on holidays)
Time: 5 pm. To 7:30 p.m.

Purpose: The Suncoast Autism Social Group for Young Adults is a support group of the Autism Society of Florida for independently functioning young adults with autism and Asperger's Syndrome who have completed school and are over the age of 18.

Suncoast Center for Independent Living

3281 17th Street
Sarasota, FL 34235
(941) 351-9545

Purpose: Computer loan, medical equipment loans, advocacy, independent living skills training, and home modifications for people with disabilities.

Positive Behavior Supports Corporation

1-855-832-6727

Purpose: PBS Corp serves children and adults with behavioral challenges. Typically, we support individuals who require assistance in

- Developing or enhancing language skills to more effectively communicate their needs and functional skills (e.g., daily living, self-regulation) that will lead to greater independence
- Diminishing problem behaviors such as noncompliance, aggression, self-injury, elopement, and property destruction that limit their ability to develop skills and participate fully in integrated settings

UCP of Sarasota-Manatee

2203 30th Avenue West
Bradenton, FL 34205
(941) 201-1466

Purpose: Provides adult day training, supported employment, and residential services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Vocational Rehabilitation Manatee

600 8th Avenue West Suite 201
Palmetto, FL 34221
(941) 721-2850

Purpose: Program that works with eligible people who have physical or cognitive disabilities to prepare for, gain, or retain employment. VR is committed to helping people with disabilities find meaningful careers.

Vocational Rehabilitation Sarasota

3660 North Washington Boulevard, Rm. 216
Sarasota, FL 34234
(941) 359-5670

Purpose: program that works with eligible people who have physical or cognitive disabilities to prepare for, gain, or retain employment. VR is committed to helping people with disabilities find meaningful careers.

Advocacy Services

Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities

2728 Centerview Drive, Suite 102
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(800) 342-0823

Purpose: Provides legal advice and representation; negotiation and mediation support; meaningful and fair dispute resolution support; investigations into complaints of abuse, neglect and rights violations in facilities and public programs.

Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD-USF)

13301 Bruce B. Downs Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33612
(800) 333-4530

Purpose: A community-based project that provides free information, consultation, training, and resources to schools and families with disabilities.

Central Florida Parent Center (CFPC)

1021 Delaware Ave.
Palm Harbor, FL 34683
(888) 61-AWARE
(888) 612-9273
Local: (727) 789-2400
Fax: (727) 789-2454

Purpose: CFPC is the Parent Training & Information Center (PTI) for 30 counties in central and northeast Florida. We are funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). We serve families of all ages (birth to 26) and all disabilities completely free of charge, and we are staffed by parents and other family-members of children and adults with disabilities. We provide one-on-one individual assistance and training as well as free webinars on a variety of topics related to special education. We also have several Spanish speaking staff and a Spanish website.

Families and Advocates Partnerships for Education (FAPE)

Purpose: This project is a partnership that aims to improve the educational outcome of children with disabilities. It links families, advocates, and self-advocates to information about the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Family Cafe

519 North Gadesden Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(888) 309-2233 or (850) 224-4670

Purpose: Provides individuals with disabilities and their families with an opportunity for collaboration, advocacy, friendship and empowerment by serving as a facilitator of communication, a space for dialogue and a source of information.

Family Network on Disabilities of Manasota, Inc.

P.O. Box 110025
Bradenton, FL 34211
(941) 928-0682

Purpose: Education, information, advocacy, respite, disability education and awareness, pediatric developmental screenings project. This organization offers support and education to families of

Florida Developmental Disabilities Council

124 Marriott Drive, Suite 203
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(800) 580-7801
TDD Toll Free: (888) 488-8633

Purpose: To advocate and promote meaningful participation in all aspects of life for Floridians with developmental disabilities.

The Prader-Willi Syndrome Association

8588 Potter Park Drive, /Suite 500
Sarasota, FL 34238
(941) 312-0400

Purpose: Information, advocacy, education and awareness, and to fund research on the life-threatening cause of genetic obesity in children.

Suncoast Center for Independent Living

3281 17th Street
Sarasota, FL 34235
(941) 351-9545

Purpose: Computer loan, medical equipment loans, advocacy, independent living skills training, and home modifications for people with disabilities.

The Florida Youth Council (The FYC)

(888) 309-2233

Purpose: The FYC is all about getting youth and emerging leaders involved in self-advocacy, peer mentoring and other activities that will improve the quality of life for youth with disabilities throughout the state.

Value Options, Inc.

8906 Brittany Way
Tampa, FL 33619
(941) 545-8098

Purpose: Mental health peer recovery model providing education, outreach, and advocacy through Florida Health Partners. Pre-paid Medical carve-out for mental health.

Whole Child Manatee

(941) 749-3059
Call for Advisor Locations

Purpose: The Whole Child Manatee uses strategic planning, web-based technology, performance measurement and broad-based community engagement to build communities where everyone works together to make sure children thrive. Whole Child families can visit the website to complete their profile and connect to resources and information in Manatee County.

Wrightslaw

Parents, educators, advocates and attorneys come to Wrightslaw for accurate, reliable information about special education law, education law, and advocacy for children with disabilities.

Education Services

ABA Academy

5014 25th Street East
Bradenton, FL 34203
(941) 896-7431

Purpose: The ABA Academy, Inc. is a non-profit organization promoting quality education for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders and other disabilities in Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

Beyond The Spectrum

7333 International Place
Sarasota, FL 34240
(941) 907-3443

Purpose: Beyond the Spectrum is a non-profit organization offering ABA Therapy, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, a Practical Preschool program and an elementary school for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

The Broach School

2615 26th Street West
Bradenton, FL 34205
(941) 751-2525
Toll Free: (866) 344-KID1 (5431)

Purpose: The Broach School is a Nonprofit Special Education School

Center for Autism Resources and Education (CARE)

6215 Lorraine Rd.
Bradenton, FL 34202
(941) 758-4529

Purpose: To provide families in our community who are facing autism or a related disability with resources, support, and education. Services offered include: Mommy & Me, Out and About, SibShops for Sibling Support, Workshops and Trainings, Autism Lending Library, and Pre-Vocational Training Lab.

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4405 Desoto Road
Sarasota, FL 34235
(941) 355-8808

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Council for Exceptional Children (CEC): Sunset Chapter #296

1960 Landings Blvd.
Sarasota, FL 34231
(941) 927-9000

Purpose: The largest international professional organization dedicated to improving the educational success of individuals with disabilities and/or gifts and talents. Locally, support is provided for teachers and ESE students.

Early Learning Coalition of Manatee

600 8th Avenue West, #100
Palmetto, FL 34221
(941) 757-2900

Purpose: The Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County provides and coordinates the services of school readiness programs, in an efficient manner, in order to help all children develop the skills needed to achieve future educational success, to support the role of parents as their child's first and most important teacher, and to continue to improve the quality of services available in the community.

Early Learning Coalition of Sarasota County: Child Care Connection

2886C Ringling Blvd.
Sarasota, FL 34238
(941) 556-1600

Purpose: Provides high-quality early educational programs by providing education and assistance to families in Sarasota County.

The Florida Center for Early Childhood

4620 17th Street
Sarasota, FL 34232
(941) 371-8820

Purpose: Provides prevention and early intervention services to young children and their families at risk for academic, social, and economic failure.

Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System (FLDRS) - Sarasota

1960 Landings Boulevard
Sarasota, FL 34231
(941) 927-9000

Purpose: Provides support in the areas of Child Find, Parent Services, Human Resource Development (HRD), and Technology.

Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System (FLDRS) - Manatee

School Board of Manatee County
1400 1st Avenue East
Palmetto, FL 34221
(941) 721-2300

Purpose: Provides support in the areas of Child Find, Parent Services, Human Resource Development (HRD), and Technology.

Florida Inclusion Network (FIN)

University of South Florida, St. Petersburg
140 7th Avenue South, SVB 108
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
(727) 873-4205

Purpose: Provide learning opportunities, consultation, information and support to educators, families and community members resulting in the inclusion of all students.

Florida Mentor

2055 Wood Street, Suite 118
Sarasota, FL 34237
(941) 955- 2593 ext. 15

Purpose: Provides children, young people, adults and their families innovative, quality services and supports that lead to growth and independence, regardless of the physical, intellectual or behavioral challenges they face.

Goodwill Industries Manasota, Inc.

7501 15th Street East
Sarasota, FL 34243
(941) 747-8930

Purpose: Provides employment opportunities to people with disabilities and barriers. JobsPlus helps individuals with disabilities learn traditional workplace behaviors and skills while earning a paycheck through a variety of job opportunities at Goodwill.

The Lily School for Child Development

365 Braden Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34243
(941) 355-5040

Purpose: The Lily School offers children who are both typically developing and differently abled an equal opportunity to learn in a creative atmosphere by providing high quality education and care that children need in their early developmental years; ages birth to five.

Local Assistive Technology Team (LATS)

7285 Proctor Road
Sarasota, FL 34241
(941) 361-6428

Purpose: Assistive technology evaluations for Sarasota County Students with Individual Education Plans, Teacher/Parent training, maintain regional assistive technology demonstration lab at Oak Park School.

New Horizon Fund

(888) 788-9216

Purpose: The New Horizon Fund is the loan program of the Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology (FAAST). This service is funded through the Rehabilitation Services Administration and the Florida Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. The program offers Floridians with disabilities credit opportunities while purchasing equipment and items that will improve their overall quality of life.

Pinnacle Academy

6215 Lorraine Road
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202
(941) 755-1400

Purpose: Pinnacle Academy provides a private education for children with autism and related disabilities.

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Project 10 Transition Education Network

USF-St. Petersburg Campus
140 7th Avenue South-SVP108
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
(727) 873-4653

Purpose: Project 10 assists Florida school districts in building capacity to achieve the secondary transition indicators to students with disabilities to improve their academic success and post-school outcomes.

The Reading Station

7313 International Place, Suite 90
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34240
(941) 361-1173

Purpose: Provides one-to-one reading instruction for children.

Sarasota Coastal Academy at Lakewood Ranch

5581 Broadcast Court
Sarasota, FL 34240
(941) 312-6743

Purpose: a private, non-profit school for children with disabilities such as cerebral palsy, autism, Down syndrome and more.

School District of Manatee County

Wylene Herring-Cayasso – Director of Exceptional Student Director
Drop Out Prevention Student Services
2501 63rd Avenue East
Bradenton, FL 34203
cayassow@manateeschools.net
(941) 751-6550 ext. 2280

School District of Sarasota County

Pupil Support Services – ESE Department

Sonia Figaredo-Alberts – Exceptional Student Director
1960 Landings Boulevard
Sarasota, FL 34231
(941) 927-9000

Sea of Strengths Academy

7313 International Place, Suite 90
Sarasota, FL 34240
(941) 538-6822

Purpose: a private school for students with learning disabilities, speech-language disabilities, ADHD, or those students struggling in reading and math.

SEDNET

2501 63rd Ave. East
Bradenton, FL 34203
(941) 751-6550 ext. 2221

Purpose: SEDNET is The Multiagency Network for students with Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities. It creates and facilitates a network of key stakeholders committed to assisting in the provision of a quality system of care for students with or at-risk of emotional and/or behavioral challenges.

Woodland Early Childhood Center

The Brad Dunn Preparatory School
9607 State Road 70 E.
Bradenton, FL 34202
(941) 753-8858
contact: Jennifer Passmore
email: jennifer@gowoodland.com

Purpose: WECC has joined with Brad Dunn Foundation to create a private elementary Christian school for children with disabilities.

Post-Secondary Education Resources

Manatee Technical Institute (MTI)

5603 34th Street West
Bradenton, FL 34210
(941) 751-7900

Purpose: Offering career preparation programs, continuing education, personal enrichment, and adult education.

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140 7th Avenue South-SVP108
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
(727) 873-4653

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Sarasota County Technical Institute (SCTI)

4748 Beneva Road
Sarasota, FL 34233
(941) 924-1365

Purpose: Career Technical Education classes for high school diploma or GED, and vocational classes.

Think College

Doors to colleges are opening for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities in many different ways all over the country. This website is designed to share what is currently going on, provide resources and strategies, let you know about training events, and give you ways to talk to others. The information is for transition aged students as well as adults attending or planning for college.

Employment/Vocational Services

AmeriCorps

Seeks to encourage volunteerism by “full and proactive inclusion of individuals with disabilities” (typically 18 to 25 years old) in their communities. “In exchange for a year of full-service, members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award of \$5,350 that can be used to pay for college or graduate school, or pay back student loans. In addition, some members also receive a living allowance and health care.”

Artistas Café

500 N. Willow Ave
Tampa, FL 33606

Purpose: Artistas Café provides employment for high functioning adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Proceeds from the Café support Art for Autism, our (501)(c)(3) organization that provides training and transition programs, art programs and resources to improve the lives of those touched by autism.

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157 South Havana Road
Venice, FL 34292
(941) 493-0016

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5603 34th Street West
Bradenton, FL 34210
(941) 751-7900

Purpose: Offering career preparation programs, continuing education, personal enrichment, and adult education.

Sarasota County Technical Institute (SCTI) Adults with Disabilities

4748 Beneva Road
Sarasota, FL 34233
(941) 924-1365

Purpose: SCTI offers an excellent program that provides quality instructional opportunities for individuals who seek assistance in the acquisition and maintenance of basic life skills (for young adults 22 years of age or older). Teachers guide the students so they may attain their highest level of independent functioning skills.

Suncoast Center for Independent Living

3281 17th Street
Sarasota, FL 34235
(941) 351-9545

Purpose: Computer loan, medical equipment loans, advocacy, independent living skills training, and home modifications for people with disabilities.

United Cerebral Palsy of Sarasota Manatee Inc.

2203 30th Avenue West
Bradenton, FL 34205
(941) 201-1466

Purpose: Residential habilitation, Adult day training, supported living, supported employment, companion services, and respite care.

Vocational Rehabilitation Manatee

600 8th Avenue West Suite 201
Palmetto, FL 34221
(941) 721-2850

Purpose: Program that works with eligible people who have physical or cognitive disabilities to prepare for, gain, or retain employment. VR is committed to helping people with disabilities find meaningful careers.

Vocational Rehabilitation Sarasota

3660 North Washington Boulevard, Rm. 216
Sarasota, FL 34234
(941) 359-5670

Purpose: program that works with eligible people who have physical or cognitive disabilities to prepare for, gain, or retain employment. VR is committed to helping people with disabilities find meaningful careers.

Government Agencies/Financial Assistance

Adonis Autism Assistance Foundation, Inc. (AAFI)

PO Box 61005
Fort Myers, FL 33906
(239) 410-7356

Purpose: Established to help families pay for autism related expenses (therapy, school, and/or medical expenses) and increase awareness for children and adults on the autism spectrum.

Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)

1201 102nd Ave. N.
St. Petersburg, FL 33716
(727) 217-7016
TOLL FREE: (800) 615-8720

Purpose: Medical waiver, supported employment, respite, and consumable medical supplies.

Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD-USF)

13301 Bruce B. Downs Blvd.
Tampa, FL 3312
(800) 333-4530

Purpose: A community-based project that provides free information, consultation, training, and resources to schools and families with disabilities.

Florida Autism License Plate

Purpose: Florida motorists have the opportunity to help generate funds for autism related services throughout Florida by purchasing a plate!

Manatee County Housing Authority

5631 11th Street East
Bradenton, FL 34203
(941) 756-3974

Purpose: To provide safe, decent, and sanitary rental housing or rental assistance conditions for low-income families, the elderly and people with disabilities. To manage resources efficiently and promote personal, economic, and social upward mobility in order to provide families the opportunity to make the transition from subsidized to non-subsidized housing, or, in the case of elderly or disabled residents, help improve living conditions and enable residents to age-in-place.

Sarasota County Area Transit

5303 Pinkney Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34233
(941) 861-1234

Purpose: Provides public transportation services.

Social Security Administration –Bradenton Office

5540 SR 64 East
Suite 100
Bradenton, FL 34208
(800) 772-1213

Social Security Administration –Sarasota Office

2001 Siesta Drive, Suite 301
Sarasota, FL 34239
(800) 772-1213

Purpose: Provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to workers and their families. SSI benefits are payable to people age 65 or older, or blind, or people with disabilities who have little or no income and resources.

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Palmetto, FL 34221
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Healthcare Services

All Children's Specialty Care of Sarasota

5881 Rand Boulevard
Sarasota, FL 34238
(941) 927-8805

Purpose: Outpatient facility providing medical and therapeutic services – pediatric medical services, pediatric diagnostic services, pediatric surgical services, pediatric development and rehabilitation services and patient/family support services.

Allison O'Brien, DMD

6975 Professional Pkwy E
Sarasota, FL 34240
(941) 373-3904

Purpose: Comprehensive general practice dental care of Lakewood Ranch, including laser dentistry, full-mouth rehabilitation, turbomandibular (TMD/TMJ), implant dentistry and working with special needs patients.

Children's Medical Services

6055 Rand Boulevard
Sarasota, FL 34238
(941) 361-6250

Purpose: Offers health services and other programs for children with special needs.

Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.

1565 State Street
Sarasota, FL 34236
(941) 861-4169

Purpose: Mental health and substance abuse prevention, intervention, group and individual therapy services.

Children's Dentistry of Manatee County

5714 21st Avenue West
Bradenton, FL 34209
(941) 792-6272

Purpose: A comprehensive pediatric dentistry including orthodontic care and various forms of sedation dentistry.

Dentistry for Children and Adolescents

Dr. Maribel Santos-Cordero
7315 Merchant Court
Sarasota, FL 34240
(941) 907-7762

Purpose: Dr. Maribel Santos-Cordero is a board certified pediatric dentist dedicated to the oral health of children, adolescents and children with special healthcare needs.

Florida Clinical Research Center, LLC

Attn: Jamie M Smith
8043 Cooper Creek Blvd., #107
University Parkway, FL 34201
(941) 747-7900

Purpose: Specializes in conducting high-quality pharmaceutical research and psychopharmacology for mental illnesses and other medical disorders.

Florida KidCare

1-888-540-5437

Purpose: Health insurance for children, from birth through age 18, who do not have insurance. Eligibility for Florida KidCare is based on income and family size.

Grafton Integrated Health Network

1608 53rd Ave. W.
Bradenton, FL 34207
Bob Schnorf, Practice Manager
(941) 254-4917

Purpose: Grafton’s Community Behavioral Resource Center will provide free access to a wealth of behavioral resources including current research, literature and educational materials. Members of the community will be able to loan books and DVDs that aim to teach evidence-based behavioral management techniques to parents and other providers. Skilled clinicians will conduct regular training and workshops for teachers, caregivers and families experiencing behavioral challenges as the result of Autism Spectrum Disorders and other developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injury and emotional-behavioral disorders as well as those parents experiencing challenging behavior from their otherwise healthy and typically developing children.

Hearing Loss Association of America

PO Box 48643
Sarasota, FL 34230
(941) 320-8825

Purpose: To open the world of communication to people with hearing loss through education, advocacy and support.

Rehab After Work/Life Counseling Services

2050 Proctor Road
Sarasota, FL 34231
(941) 921-3018
TOLL FREE: (800) 689-3689

Purpose: Provides mental health counseling and substance abuse treatment for children, adolescents and adults.

Manatee Glens

391 6th Avenue West
Bradenton, FL 34205
(941) 782-4150 (Outpatient)
(941) 782-4617 (Inpatient)

Purpose: A private behavioral health hospital and they specialize in adult and childhood mental health and addiction disorders.

Narcotics Anonymous

1255 N. Gulfstream Ave., # 604
Sarasota, FL 34236
(941) 928-8862

Purpose: Provides drug addiction recovery services.

Special Day Foundation

P.O. Box 1271
Sarasota, FL 34230-1271
(941) 225-3103 or info@specialdayfoundation.org

Purpose: Special Day Foundation provides opportunities for children and adults with developmental disabilities to experience the physical, therapeutic and social value of nature-based recreational activities. The programs include boating and fishing opportunities for individuals.

Suncoast Behavioral Health Center

4480 51st Street West
Sarasota, FL 34210
(941) 251-5000 (24-hour admissions line)

Purpose: Providing the highest quality mental health treatment services in a safe, therapeutic environment with compassion and respect for all patients and families: Child and Adolescent Inpatient Stabilization and Adult and Mature Adult Inpatient Stabilization. Suncoast Behavioral Health Center is a Baker Act receiving facility for children, adolescents and adults.

The Tridas Center for Child Development

4144 North Armenia Avenue, Suite 375
Tampa, FL 33607
(813) 876-8316

Value Options, Inc.

8906 Brittany Way
Tampa, FL 33619
(941) 545-8098

Purpose: Mental health peer recovery model providing education, outreach, and advocacy through Florida Health Partners. Pre-paid Medical carve-out for mental health.

Recreation & Leisure Programs

Adaptive Golf Foundation Of America (AGFA)

1878 University Parkway
Sarasota, FL 34243
(941) 953-8555

Purpose: Golf instruction and club maker for children and adults with disabilities.

BUDS Tennis

Lakewood Ranch High School
5500 Lakewood Ranch Blvd.
Bradenton, FL 34211
Contact: Allison Davis (941) 907-0499

Purpose: BUDS Tennis is a clinic for individuals with Down syndrome ages 7-17. Through the medium of tennis, we aim to not only improve coordination, social, and listening skills, but also encourage the students to celebrate every little achievement.

Care 2 Tri

309 39th Street NE
Bradenton, FL 34208
(941) 799-1680 or (941) 587-6526

Purpose: Provides recreational services to disabled individuals through participation in races and triathlons.

Foundation For Dreams, Inc./Dream Oaks Camp

16110 Dream Oaks Place
Bradenton, FL 34212
(941) 746-5659

Purpose: Provides therapeutic camping programs throughout the year to children ages 7-17 with varying special needs. These are day camps, weekend camps and residential camps. Youth have the opportunity to engage in arts & crafts, horseback riding, boating, music and dancing, swimming, nature programs, sports, and many more.

Girl Scouts of America, Gulfcoast Florida

4780 Cattlemen Road
Sarasota, FL 34233
(941) 921-5358

Purpose: Scouting opportunities for each girl of all abilities to discover and connect with their peers and community.

In-Stride

P.O. Box 365
1629 Ranch Road
Nokomis, FL 34274

Purpose: "Partnering with our horses, we challenge individuals with special needs to reach their fullest potential."

International Foundation for Adaptive Sports

1878 University Parkway
Sarasota, FL 34243

Purpose: Our mission is to provide the quality of life for individuals with physical and/or cognitive disabilities by providing specialized golf and life skills programs to enhance their physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being.

Miracle League of Manasota

8466 N Lockwood Ridge Road #312
Sarasota, FL 34243

Purpose: Provides the opportunity for every person to play baseball regardless of their abilities.

Pediatric Aquatic Therapy of the Suncoast

5002 Lena Road #103
Bradenton, FL 34211
(941) 773-4154
pediatricaquatictherapy@gmail.com

Purpose: Provides aquatic opportunities for children with disabilities. Adapted, sensory supported swim instruction as well as aquatic therapy is offered in a heated, salt-chlorinated pool. All private sessions are with an Occupational Therapist who is also Aquatic Therapy certified.

Sammy's Run at Oak Park School

7285 Proctor Road
Sarasota, FL 34241
(941) 361-6428

Purpose: Provides information and support for Oak Park School and the Phelan-McDermid Syndrome

Sarasota Manatee Association for Riding Therapy (SMART)

4800 CR 675
Bradenton, FL 34211
(941) 746-1493

Purpose: SMART is dedicated to enhancing the physical, emotional, and cognitive growth of individuals with special needs through a quality educational and recreational therapeutic horseback riding and carriage driving program.

Sensory Solutions, LLC

5045 Fruitville Road, Suite 145
Sarasota, FL 34232
(941) 400-4222

Purpose: Sensory camps, handwriting clinic, camp for children with autism, occupational, physical, and speech therapy needs.

Special Day Foundation

P.O. Box 1271
Sarasota, FL 34230-1271
(941) 225-3103 or info@specialdayfoundation.org

Purpose: Special Day Foundation is committed to providing children and adults with developmental disabilities the opportunity to receive quality dental healthcare in conjunction with the University of Florida College of Dentistry and Mount Sinai Medical Center.

Strider Sports International

1820 Samco Road
Rapid City, MD 57702
(605) 342-0266

Purpose: We manufacture bikes for 18 months to 5 years old and for 6 years old to 10 year olds. These bikes are being used at special needs facilities.

Special Olympics of Manatee County

3657 Cortez Road W #120
Bradenton, FL 34210
(941) 751-0049

Purpose: Year-round sports training and competition programs for persons with intellectual disabilities, ages 8 and older.

Special Olympics of Sarasota County

P.O. Box 2112
Venice, FL 34284
(941) 412-0402

Purpose: Year-round sports training and competition program for persons with intellectual disabilities, ages eight and older.

Special Touch Ministry - Sonshine Chapter

2374 Sonoma Drive West
Nokomis, FL 34275
(941) 228-7880

Purpose: Provides a Fun Day for people with developmental and/or physical disabilities at Nokomis Community Center on the second Saturday of each month.

T-REC Coalition of Sarasota County

Twin Lakes Park
6700 Clark Road
Sarasota, FL 34241
(941) 486-2781

Purpose: Recreational opportunities for teens and adults with disabilities.

TOPSoccer

Braden River Soccer Club
11523 Palmbrush Trail #212
Bradenton, FL 34202
(941) 358-0497

Purpose: US Youth Soccer TOPSoccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer) is a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with disabilities, organized by youth soccer association volunteers. The program is designed to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any boy or girl, ages 4-19, who has a mental or physical disability.

Venice Challenger Baseball

Chuck Reiter Field
250 Fort Street
Venice, FL 34285
(941) 412-8762

Purpose: An opportunity for individuals with disabilities to be a meaningful part of a baseball team. Parents, friends and siblings can become involved in the game as well.

Resources

All About Sarasota Kids

Purpose: Online compilation of resources for children in the Sarasota area. The goal is for all children to be happy and find something they enjoy.

Brave Kids

1113 S. Marsh Wind Way
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082
(800) 568-1008

Purpose: Comprehensive online compilation of resources for children with disabilities. You can search by resource type, condition type, and zip code.

Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD-USF)

13301 Bruce B. Downs Blvd.
Tampa, FL 3312
(800) 333-4530

Purpose: A community-based project that provides free information, consultation, training, and resources to schools and families with disabilities.

Center for Autism Resources and Education (CARE)

6215 Lorraine Rd.
Bradenton, FL 34202
(941) 758-4529

Purpose: To provide families in our community who are facing autism or a related disability with resources, support, and education. Services offered include: Mommy & Me, Out and About, SibShops for Sibling Support, Workshops and Trainings, Autism Lending Library, and Pre-Vocational Training Lab.

Center for Guardian Advocacy

309 N. Parsons Avenue
Brandon, FL 33510
(888) 528-3877

Purpose: Center for Guardian Advocacy matches parents with volunteer attorneys willing to assist with preparation of all the paperwork needed for the legal process and follows up with an educational program (required by statute) for those appointed as guardian advocate. The fee for service is based on the family's ability to pay.

Central Florida Parent Center (CFPC)

1021 Delaware Ave.
Palm Harbor, FL 34683
(888) 61-AWARE
(888) 612-9273
Local: (727) 789-2400
Fax: (727) 789-2454

Purpose: CFPC is the Parent Training & Information Center (PTI) for 30 counties in central and northeast Florida. We are funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). We serve families of all ages (birth to 26) and all disabilities completely free of charge, and we are staffed by parents and other family-members of children and adults with disabilities. We provide one-on-one individual assistance and training as well as free webinars on a variety of topics related to special education. We also have several Spanish speaking staff and a Spanish website.

Child Protection Center

720 South Orange Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34236
(941) 365-1277

Purpose: Child abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment.

Christopher A. Likens, P.A.

1800 2nd Street, #971
Sarasota, FL 34236
(941) 365-7838

Purpose: Elder law, guardianship, special needs planning, wills, and trusts.

Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH)

1750 17th Street, Bldg F
Sarasota, FL 34234
(941) 366-0260

Purpose: To provide services and programs which promote empowerment, equal access, and education and independence to the deaf and hard of hearing of Manatee and Sarasota Counties.

Developmental Disabilities Strike Team

2200 Ringling
Sarasota, FL 34237
(941) 861-2558

Purpose: Provides access to information regarding response and recovery resources after disaster events to individuals and their families.

Division of Blind Services

5117 26th Street West, Suite A
Bradenton, FL 34207
(941) 751-7670

Purpose: Providing supports and transition programs for babies, children, and youth who are bilaterally visually impaired to become independent and productive contributors in society.

FACE Autism

5333 Rio Vista Street
Sarasota, FL 34232
(813) 240-3044

Purpose: Face Autism, Inc. provides screenings, sensory friendly events and funding for therapy services, so that all treatments and educational resources are made available to every qualifying family with a child diagnosed with autism.

Florida County Emergency Management Division – SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRY

Purpose: Registration identifies those persons in need of assistance and sheltering during an emergency evacuation because of physical, mental or sensory disabilities.

Forever Friends Special Needs Ministry Inc.

2374 Sonoma Drive
Nokomis, FL 34275
(941) 228-7880

Purpose: Provides non-denominational faith based services designed for people (children through adults) with physical and/or developmental disabilities. Our activities are designed to allow those attending to make new friends, be inspired, lifted up, encouraged, and feel a renewed sense of self-esteem.

Grafton Integrated Health Network

1608 53rd Ave. W.
Bradenton, FL 34207
Bob Schnorf, Practice Manager
(941) 254-4917

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Gulf Central Early Steps

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Toll free: (866) 510-5594

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Hand of Angels, Inc.

1224 SW Scott Drive
Arcadia, FL 34266
(888) 743-6185

Purpose: To provide helpful information and resources to enhance the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities and the community as a whole.

Jeffrey A. Rapkin, Esq.

PO Box 510727
Punta Gorda, FL 33951-0727
(941) 916-4096

Purpose: Attorney in Charlotte County representing parents who are seeking to establish Guardianships over their adult Disabled Children. Representations costs a flat fee of \$500 all consultations are free of charge.

Joseph W. Lasota, III

Merrill Lynch
Financial Advisor
1819 Main Street, 12th Floor
Sarasota, FL 34236
941-364-5654
1-800-937-0837

Purpose: Estate Planning for Families with Special Needs Children

JoshProvides Epilepsy Assistance Foundation

(800) 706-2740

info@joshprovides.org

Purpose: JoshProvides Epilepsy Assistance Foundation (“Foundation” or “JoshProvides”) organized its first EPILEPSY SUPPORT GROUP for the greater Sarasota/Manatee County, Florida area for the benefit of those living with epilepsy and their families. Contact them to learn about Seizure Detection Devices and How to Apply for Assistance.

Law Office of Emma Hemness

309 North Parsons Avenue

Bradenton, FL 33510

(813) 661 LAWS - Ask to speak to Marcy

Purpose: Guardianships start at \$750.00. Elder law and Special needs planning

Legal Aid of Manasota, Inc.

1900 Main Street, Suite 302

Sarasota, FL 34243

(941) 366-0038

Purpose: Provides special education legal advocacy services (related to special education and school).

Manning & Nurse

3030 N. Rocky Point Drive West, Suite 700

Tampa, FL 33607

(813) 658-5000

Purpose: Personal Financial Advisors to Families with Special Needs

Manasota BUDS, Bringing Up Down Syndrome

8374 Market Street #113

Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

(941) 907-0499

Purpose: Manasota BUDS (Bringing Up Down Syndrome) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides programs, services, and support to individuals with Down syndrome and their families in Sarasota and Manatee Counties, Florida.

National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY)

Purpose: Offers a wealth of information on disabilities.

Parenting Special Needs Magazine

Purpose: Provides a FREE online bimonthly publication on parenting special needs children.

Plan 4 What If

9040 Town Center Parkway

Lakewood Ranch, FL 34201

(941) 374-1380

Purpose: Provides products and services that help special needs families protect their family from the “what if’s” in life.

Prader-Willi Syndrome Associate (USA)

8588 Potter Park Drive, Suite 500
Sarasota, FL 34238
(941) 312-0400

Purpose: Connects families and professionals to facilitate education, information, and support for families living with Prader-Willi Syndrome.

Progressive Mobility

3264 Congress Street
North Port, FL 34288
(941) 661-0142 or (888) 662-4589

Purpose: Complex rehab products, wheeled mobility, non-RX pain relief, manual and power wheelchairs, pediatric and bariatric medical equipment.

Project Lifesaver Sarasota Police Department

2050 Ringling Boulevard
Sarasota, FL 34237
(941) 954-7056

Purpose: Project Lifesaver provides rapid response to find children and adults diagnosed with diseases or disorders that might make them prone to wander away from their home and caregivers.

Project Lifesaver Manatee County Search & Rescue (MCSAR)

(941) 254-6490

Purpose: MSCAR is proud to introduce Project Lifesaver to Manatee County. This program is specifically designed for those individuals that have cognitive disorders such as Autism, Down Syndrome or Alzheimer's that bolt or hide when they are scared, stressed, or fixated on an idea or object as well as individuals that just tend to wander with no real goal in mind. Citizens enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small personal transmitter around the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized tracking signal. If an enrolled client goes missing, the caregiver notifies 911 and MCSAR is deployed to the individual's area with specialized tracking equipment. This is a proven international program with very positive results. Most who are lost are found within a few miles from home, and search times have been reduced from hours and days to minutes. Recovery times for PLI clients average 30 minutes — 95% less time than standard operations. If you are interested in enrolling a loved one into the program or just want more information please contact MCSAR at [941-254-6490](tel:941-254-6490) or you can inquire by email at ProjectLifesaver@ManateeCountySAR.org

SED Network

1960 Landings Boulevard
Sarasota, FL 34231
(941) 361-6397

Purpose: Information and referral sources for students with severe emotional/behavioral disabilities.

Suncoast Behavioral Health Center

4480 51st Street West
Sarasota, FL 34210
(941) 251-5000 (24-hour admissions line)

Purpose: Providing the highest quality mental health treatment services in a safe, therapeutic environment with compassion and respect for all patients and families: Child and Adolescent Inpatient Stabilization and Adult and Mature Adult Inpatient Stabilization. Suncoast Behavioral Health Center is a Baker Act receiving facility for children, adolescents and adults.

Suncoast Center for Independent Living

3281 17th Street
Sarasota, FL 34235
(941) 351-9545

Purpose: Computer loan, medical equipment loans, advocacy, independent living skills training, and home modifications for people with disabilities.

The Family Café

1332 North Duval Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(888) 309-2233

Purpose: A statewide conference for the disability community.

The Florida Youth Council (The FYC)

(888) 309-2233

Purpose: The FYC is all about getting youth and emerging leaders involved in self-advocacy, peer mentoring and other activities that will improve the quality of life for youth with disabilities throughout the state.

The Reading Station

7313 International Place, Suite 90
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34240
(941) 361-1173

Purpose: Provides one-to-one reading instruction for children.

Tidwell Hospice

1751 Mound Street
Sarasota, FL 34236
(941) 894-5104

Purpose: Provides hospice care, grief support, caregiver respite/companion services and volunteer opportunities.

United Cerebral Palsy Sarasota Manatee, Inc.

2203 30th Avenue West
Bradenton, FL 34205
(941) 201-1466

Purpose: Residential habilitation, Adult day training, supported living, supported employment, companion services, and respite care.

United Way 211 of Manasota, Inc.

1445 2nd Street
Sarasota, FL 34236
(941) 308-4357

Purpose: Information and referral, helping resources for residents of Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

Wiesner Law Offices

328 N Rhodes Ave
Sarasota, FL 34237
(941) 365-4479

Purpose: Elder & Social Security law, Trusts & Estate Planning law, Special Needs Trusts

Whole Child Manatee

(941) 749-3059
Call for Advisor Locations

Purpose: The Whole Child Manatee uses strategic planning, web-based technology, performance measurement and broad-based community engagement to build communities where everyone works together to make sure children thrive. Whole Child families can visit the website to complete their profile and connect to resources and information in Manatee County.

Wrightslaw

Parents, educators, advocates and attorneys come to Wrightslaw for accurate, reliable information about special education law, education law, and advocacy for children with disabilities.

Respite Services

Deliver the Dream

3223 NW 10th Terrace, Suite 602
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
1-888-OUR-DREAM (1-888-687-3732) or (954) 564-3512
Rebecca Hahessy, Program Director: (561) 504-9382
Rebecca.hassey@deliverthedream.org

Purpose: Deliver the Dream provides monthly three-day retreats at no cost for families who have a child or parent experiencing a serious illness or crisis.

Easter Seals Southwest Florida

350 Braden Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34243
(941) 355-7637

Purpose: To provides exceptional services for persons with disabilities and their families across a lifetime by empowering individuals to live their lives to the fullest extent.

Foundation For Dreams, Inc./Dream Oaks Camp

16110 Dream Oaks Place
Bradenton, FL 34212
(941) 746-5659

Purpose: Provides therapeutic camping programs throughout the year to children ages 7-17 with varying special needs. These are day camps, weekend camps and residential camps. Youth have the opportunity to engage in arts & crafts, horseback riding, boating, music and dancing, swimming, nature programs, sports, and many more.

Sarasota Manatee Respite Services

Family Network on Disabilities of Manasota, Inc.
P.O. Box 110025
Bradenton, FL 34211
(941) 928-0682

Purpose: Allows parents and caregivers of children with disabilities and special needs to take a break, rest, or engage in other relaxing alternatives to their everyday situation, thus reducing the physical, emotional, and psychological stress they may experiencing.

United Cerebral Palsy of Sarasota Manatee Inc.

2203 30th Avenue West
Bradenton, FL 34205
(941) 201-1466

Purpose: Residential habilitation, Adult day training, supported living, supported employment, companion services, and respite care.

Venice Buddy Break

111 Firenze Avenue
Venice, FL 34285
(941) 488-2258

Purpose: Free respite program, child-directed activities for children with special needs, one Saturday per month, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Therapy Services

ABA Network

5014 25th Street East
Bradenton, FL 34203
(941) 896-7431

Purpose: The ABA Network LLC specializes in providing ethically sound behavior analysis services to individuals in order to maximize areas of life that are socially significant including communication, social, academic, and managing problem behavior. Our focus is the design, implementation, and evaluation of individualized behavioral therapy services to children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, and/or behavioral issues using teaching methods based on the principals of Applied Behavior Analysis.

Advanced ABA

6215 Lorraine Road
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202
(941) 758-4707

Purpose: Advanced ABA offers Comprehensive Assessments, Functional Behavior Assessments, Family Support Planning, Autism Treatment, Individual Treatment, Group Therapy and Social Skills Training, Professional Consultation and Professional Development. This program specializes in the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders, Feeding/Toileting, Aspergers Syndrome, Communication Delays, Anxiety, Social Skills Development, Sibling Rivalry, Inclusion Planning/Support, Vocational Training/Planning, and many other areas.

All Children's Specialty Care of Sarasota

5881 Rand Boulevard
Sarasota, FL 34238
(941) 927-8805

Purpose: Outpatient facility providing medical and therapeutic services – pediatric medical services, pediatric diagnostic services, pediatric surgical services, pediatric development and rehabilitation services and patient/family support services.

Behavioral Evolution, Inc.

PO Box 56546
St. Petersburg, FL 33702
(727) 954-5401

Purpose: Behavioral Evolution, Inc. is a behavioral firm located throughout the state of Florida. Our primary focus is to provide the best behavioral services to families caring for individuals with developmental needs along with consultation to local organizations in need of systemic improvement.

Beyond The Spectrum

7037 Professional Parkway
Sarasota, FL 34240
(941) 907-3443

Purpose: Beyond the Spectrum is a non-profit organization offering ABA Therapy, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, a Practical Preschool program and an elementary school for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Children's Therapy Solutions, Inc.

3823 East State Road 64
Bradenton, FL 34208
(941) 745-5111

Purpose: This organization offers Mental Health services, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Speech Language Therapy to children from birth – 21 years of age. Mental Health Services are also available for the adult population. In addition to providing professional evaluations and treatments for these therapies they provide Case Management, Vocational/Career Counseling and Mental Health Counseling for families. Summer camps are also available.

Children's Therapy Works

63 Sarasota Center Boulevard #101
Sarasota, Florida 34240
(941) 379-3725

Purpose: Children's Therapy Works offers a family-oriented and loving environment, where parents and therapists form a partnership in order to best meet the needs of their child. We specialize in Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Therapy for children birth to 18 years old.

Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.

Check website for other locations
1565 State Street
Sarasota, FL 34236
(941) 861-4169

Purpose: Provides an integrated system of care in mental health, substance abuse, prevention and intervention, and criminal justice services for our most vulnerable citizens. We provide services for people where it's needed; in schools, in homes, in groups, in hospitals, and in jails.

Easter Seals Southwest Florida

350 Braden Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34243
(941) 355-7637

Purpose: To provides exceptional services for persons with disabilities and their families across a lifetime by empowering individuals to live their lives to the fullest extent.

Floortime Therapy

(941) 400-4568

Purpose: Certified Floortime Therapist Susie Tromley provides in-home Floortime Therapy for children ages birth through 5 years of age along with the family. Susie was trained and certified for Floortime Therapy by Dr. Rick Solomon, creator of the P.L.A.Y. project (Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters) based on the D.I.R. Model by Dr. Stanley Greenspan.

Grafton Integrated Health Network

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Bradenton, FL 34207
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The Kidspot

410 10th Avenue West
Palmetto, FL 34221
(941) 722-3582

Purpose: Speech, Physical, and Occupational Therapies are provided to children in our outpatient clinics, area preschools/daycares, and in the public school system. We also provide parent education, case management, and in the natural environment services.

In-Stride Equine Assisted Therapy, Inc.

1621 Ranch Road
P.O. Box 365
Nokomis, FL 34274
(941) 412-9333

Purpose: Equine Assisted therapy for children and adults with disabilities.

Pediatric Therapy Solutions

5899 Whitfield Avenue #203
Sarasota, FL 34243
(941) 360-0200

Purpose: Pediatric Therapy Solutions, Inc. is a pediatric therapy company offering occupational, physical, and speech-language therapy services to meet the needs of your child in a loving and comforting environment. Parent involvement is the number one key to success in this arena.

Positive Behavior Supports Corporation

1-855-832-6727

Purpose: PBS Corp serves children and adults with behavioral challenges. Typically, we support individuals who require assistance in

- Developing or enhancing language skills to more effectively communicate their needs and functional skills (e.g., daily living, self-regulation) that will lead to greater independence
- Diminishing problem behaviors such as noncompliance, aggression, self-injury, elopement, and property destruction that limit their ability to develop skills and participate fully in integrated settings

Rehab After Work/Life Counseling Services

2050 Proctor Road
Sarasota, FL 34231
(941) 921-3018
TOLL FREE: (800) 689-3689

Purpose: Provides mental health counseling and substance abuse treatment for children, adolescents and adults.

Sarasota Manatee Association for Riding Therapy (SMART)

4800 CR 675
Bradenton, FL 34211
(941) 746-1493

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Sarasota Y – Youth & Family Services

1084 South Briggs Ave
Sarasota, FL 34237
(941) 952-1644

Purpose: Provides counseling to youth and families, anger management, parenting classes, youth shelter, alternative school, tutoring, counseling, homeless literacy, foster care, preschool, Operation Graduation.

SEDNET

2501 63rd Ave. East
Bradenton, FL 34203
(941) 751-6550 ext. 2221

Purpose: SEDNET is The Multiagency Network for students with Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities. It creates and facilitates a network of key stakeholders committed to assisting in the provision of a quality system of care for students with or at-risk of emotional and/or behavioral challenges.

Sensory Solutions, LLC

5045 Fruitville Road, Suite 145
Sarasota, FL 34232
(941) 400-4222

Purpose: Sensory camps, handwriting clinic, camp for children with autism, occupational, physical, and speech therapy needs.

Sertoma Kids Speech

Located at the YMCA
1075 S Euclid Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34237
(941) 404-4676

Purpose: Provides speech/language therapy for children in the Sarasota area with communication challenges.

Suncoast Behavioral Health Center

4480 51st Street West
Sarasota, FL 34210
(941) 251-5000 (24-hour admissions line)

Purpose: Providing the highest quality mental health treatment services in a safe, therapeutic environment with compassion and respect for all patients and families: Child and Adolescent Inpatient Stabilization and Adult and Mature Adult Inpatient Stabilization. Suncoast Behavioral Health Center is a Baker Act receiving facility for children, adolescents and adults.

The Florida Center for Early Childhood

4620 17th Street
Sarasota, FL 34232
(941) 371-8820

Purpose: Provides prevention and early intervention services to young children and their families at risk for academic, social, and economic failure.

Therapeutic Potentials

6977 Professional Parkway East
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34240
(941) 758-3140

Purpose: Therapeutic Potentials, Inc. is a pediatric speech-language and occupational therapy center offering a wide range of diagnostic and therapeutic services.

Turning Point Camp

help@turningpointcamp.com

Purpose: Turning Point Camp takes place twice per year (spring/fall). These week-long family camps are designed to help families connect and help challenging children redirect their paths. This program is designed for children ages 3-13. The focus of camp is to renew, recharge, and empower each parent and child with effective techniques to increase love and laughter in their homes. Skill building interventions are taught and practiced to build trust, honesty, self-control and conscience development for each child.

Transition Services

Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD-USF)

13301 Bruce B. Downs Blvd.
Tampa, FL 3312
(800) 333-4530

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(941) 751-7670

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Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged

(800) 410-5700 or (800) 983-2435

Purpose: “Those who cannot obtain their own transportation due to a disability, age, or income, and for those who qualify, are provided the necessary transportation to medical, life-sustaining treatment, employment, and educational locations.”

The Learning Academy at USF

13301 Bruce B Downs Blvd, MHC 2113A

Tampa, FL 33612

(813) 974-2996

Purpose: The Learning Academy at the University of South Florida is a 30-week program designed to provide a structured employment-focused curriculum for individuals diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder, between the ages of 18-25 after they have graduated from high school.

Lighthouse of Manasota

7318 N. Tamiami Trail

Sarasota, FL 34243

(941) 359-1404

Purpose: Provides developmental/transition vision rehabilitation training for eligible infants and toddlers ages zero to 5 and high school students ages 14 to 22.

Project 10 Transition Education Network

USF-St. Petersburg Campus

140 7th Avenue South-SVP108

St. Petersburg, FL 33701

(727) 873-4653

Purpose: Project 10 assists Florida school districts in building capacity to achieve the secondary transition indicators to students with disabilities to improve their academic success and post-school outcomes.

Rehab After Work/Life Counseling Services

2050 Proctor Road

Sarasota, FL 34231

(941) 921-3018

TOLL FREE: (800) 689-3689

Purpose: Provides mental health counseling and substance abuse treatment for children, adolescents and adults.

Sarasota County Transition Team

1970 Landings Blvd.

Sarasota, FL 34231

(941) 927-9000 ext. 34312

Purpose: Provides non-paid experiences, job coaching, employability skills training.

Suncoast Center for Independent Living

3281 17th Street
Sarasota, FL 34235
(941) 351-9545

Purpose: Computer loan, medical equipment loans, advocacy, independent living skills training, and home modifications for people with disabilities.

Transition Programs of Sarasota County Schools

1970 Landings Boulevard
Sarasota, FL 34231
(941) 408-9084

Purpose: Provides job coaching, transition planning, and career advice.

UCP of Sarasota-Manatee

2203 30th Avenue West
Bradenton, FL 34205
(941) 201-1466

Purpose: Provides adult day training, supported employment, and residential services for individuals with developmental disabilities.