

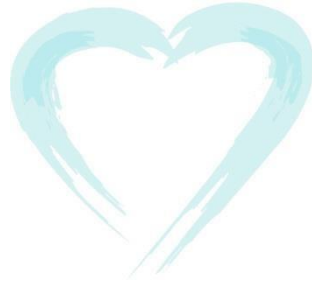
# Resource Guide



**FND Manasota**

**941-928-0682 | [www.FNDManasota.org](http://www.FNDManasota.org)**

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## Adult Services

### **Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities (CHAC)**

4405 Desoto Road  
Sarasota, FL 34235  
(941) 355-8808  
[www.communityhaven.org/](http://www.communityhaven.org/)

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 37222  
(386) 734-2874  
[www.duvallhomes.org](http://www.duvallhomes.org)

Purpose: Provides residential care and adult day training.

### **Easter Seals Southwest Florida**

350 Braden Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34243  
(941) 355-7637  
[www.easterseals-swfl.org](http://www.easterseals-swfl.org)

Purpose: Provides residential care and adult day training.

### **Hearing Loss Association of America**

PO Box 48643  
Sarasota, FL 34230  
(941) 320-8825  
[www.hlas.org](http://www.hlas.org)

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  
[www.lighthouseofmanasota.org](http://www.lighthouseofmanasota.org)

Purpose: Provides developmental/transition vision rehabilitation training for eligible infants and toddlers ages birth to five and high school students ages 14 to 21. Lighthouse of Manasota also provides advocacy services for children with visual disabilities.

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**Suncoast Autism Social Group for Young Adults**

Venice Public Library in Conference Room  
300 S Nokomis Ave  
Venice, FL 34285  
[Suncoastautism@outlook.com](mailto:Suncoastautism@outlook.com)  
Meets: The first Monday of the month from 5-7:30 pm

Purpose: 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 17<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sarasota, FL 34235  
(941) 351-9545  
<https://site.scil4u.org>

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

**Positive Behavior Supports Corporation**

(855) 832-6727  
[www.teampbs.com](http://www.teampbs.com)

Purpose: PBS Corp serves children and adults with behavioral challenges. They support individuals who require assistance in developing or enhancing language skills to more effectively communicate their needs and functional skills that will lead to greater independence and 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.

**Vocational Rehabilitation Manatee & Sarasota**

600 8<sup>th</sup> Ave West, Suite 201  
Palmetto, FL 34221  
(941) 721-8250  
  
3660 North Washington Blvd, Rm 216  
Sarasota, FL 34234  
(941) 359-5670  
[www.rehabworks.org](http://www.rehabworks.org)

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.

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## Advocacy Services

### **Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities**

2671 Executive Center Circle W., Suite 100  
Tallahassee, FL 32301  
(800) 342-0823  
[www.flspedlaw.com/advocacy\\_cntr.html](http://www.flspedlaw.com/advocacy_cntr.html)

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

### **Beacon Health**

8606 Brittany Way  
Tampa, FL 33619  
(888) 204-5581  
[www.beaconhealthoptions.com](http://www.beaconhealthoptions.com)

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

### **Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD-USF)**

13301 Bruce B. Downs Blvd.  
Tampa, FL 33612  
(800) 333-4530  
[www.card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu](http://www.card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu)

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) 612-9273  
Local: (727) 789-2400  
Fax: (727) 789-2454  
[www.centralfloridaparentcenter.org](http://www.centralfloridaparentcenter.org)

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.

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**Community Liaison for Achieving Student Success (CLASS)**

Program Coordinator- Sharon Troupe  
(941) 927-9000 x31113

Purpose: CLASS is an advocacy program designed to assist Sarasota County families attempting to negotiate, mediate, or reconcile their child's school-related problems. It is a free service to all parents/guardians/students.

**Disability Rights Florida**

2473 Care Drive, Suite 200  
Tallahassee, FL 32308  
(800) 342-0823  
[www.disabilityrightsflorida.org](http://www.disabilityrightsflorida.org)

Purpose: To provide services to individuals in Florida with disabilities, including: information and referrals, self-advocacy support, technical assistance, investigations into complaints of abuse, neglect and rights violations, dispute resolution support, negotiation and mediation support, and advocacy support. They also educate policy makers about the needs of people with disabilities and advocate on their behalf.

**Families and Advocates Partnerships for Education (FAPE)**

(952) 838-9000  
[www.fape.org](http://www.fape.org)

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 Café**

519 North Gadesden Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32301  
(888) 309-2233  
(950) 224-4670  
<https://familycafe.net>

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.

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**Family Network on Disabilities of Manasota, Inc.**

PO Box 110025  
Bradenton, FL 34211  
(941) 928-0682  
[www.fndmanasota.org](http://www.fndmanasota.org)

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

**Florida Developmental Disabilities Council**

124 Marriott Drive, Suite 203  
Tallahassee, FL 32301  
(800) 580-7801  
[www.fddc.org](http://www.fddc.org)

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

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**The Prader-Willi Syndrome Association**

8588 Potter Park Drive, Suite 500  
Sarasota, FL 34238  
(941) 312-0400  
[www.pwsausa.org](http://www.pwsausa.org)

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

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**Suncoast Center for Independent Living**

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Sarasota, FL 34235  
(941) 351-9545  
<https://site.scil4u.org>

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  
[www.floridayouthcouncil.org](http://www.floridayouthcouncil.org)

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 IEP Advocate**

(407) 342-9836  
[www.theiepadvocate.com](http://www.theiepadvocate.com)

Purpose: The IEP advocate provides multiple advocacy services. They can attend IEP meetings, help with the McKay Scholarship process, provide parent coaching, and attend manifestation meetings. They also have free parent workshops about IEP's and special education parenting.

**Whole Child Manatee**

(941) 749-3059  
[www.wholechildmanatee.org](http://www.wholechildmanatee.org)

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 profiles and connect to resources and information in Manatee County.

**Wrights Law**

[www.wrightslaw.org](http://www.wrightslaw.org)

Purpose: Parents, educators, advocates, and attorneys come to Wright's Law for accurate, reliable information about special education law, education law, and advocacy for children with disabilities.



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## Education Services

### **ABA Academy**

7555 Claxstrass Dr.

Sarasota, FL 34240

(941) 341-9992

[www.abaacademysarasota.org](http://www.abaacademysarasota.org)

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

### **Ave Maria Preparatory School**

6289 Verna Rd

Myakka City, FL 34251

(941) 322-1601

[www.amuprep.org](http://www.amuprep.org)

Purpose: Serve students ages 6-22 with learning-challenges(including autism, ADD, PDD, and dyslexia) and their families while maintaining a safe and caring atmosphere where students and staff are valued for their gifts and dignity.

### **Beyond the Spectrum**

7333 International Place

Sarasota, FL 34240

(941) 907-3443

[www.beyondthespectrum.org](http://www.beyondthespectrum.org)

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 26<sup>th</sup> Street West

Bradenton, FL 34205

(941) 751-2525

Toll Free: (866) 344-5431

<https://ces-schools.net/broach-schools/>

Purpose: The Broach School is a non-profit special education school that is designed to accommodate low-income families.

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**Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities (CHAC)**

4405 Desoto Rd.

Sarasota, FL 34235

(941) 355-8808

[www.communityhaven.org](http://www.communityhaven.org)

Purpose: Programs include Selby preschool, transition, community employment and living/occupational training. Programs are designed to empower individuals with disabilities to be independent.

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

1960 Landings Blvd.

Sarasota, FL 34231

(941) 927-9000

<http://cecsunset.weebly.com/>

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 County**

600 8<sup>th</sup> Ave West, #100

Palmetto, FL 34221

(941) 757-2900

[www.elc-manatee.org](http://www.elc-manatee.org)

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

[www.earlylearningcoalitionsarasota.org](http://www.earlylearningcoalitionsarasota.org)

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

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**The Florida Center for Early Childhood**

4620 17<sup>th</sup> St.

Sarasota, FL 34232

(941) 371-8820

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

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 (FDLRS)- Sarasota**

1960 Landings Boulevard

Sarasota, FL 34231

(941) 927-9000

<http://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/departments/FDLRS/>

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

**Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System (FDLRS)- Manatee**

School Board of Manatee County

1400 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East

Palmetto, FL 34221

(941) 721-2300

<http://www.fdlrs.org>

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

**Florida Inclusion Network (FIN)**

1960 Landings Blvd

Sarasota, FL 34231

(941) 927-2593 x15

<http://www.floridainclusionnetwork.com/>

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) 255-2721

[www.fl-mentor.com](http://www.fl-mentor.com)

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.

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**The GAP School**

5581 Broadcast Ct.  
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34240  
(941) 522-9090  
[www.thegapschool.education](http://www.thegapschool.education)

Purpose: The GAP School is built upon a singular foundation of individualized education and social skills development. They support a curriculum without bias in a bully-free environment.

**Goodwill Industries Manasota, Inc.**

2705 51<sup>st</sup> Ave East  
Bradenton, FL 34203  
(941) 355-2721  
[www.experiencegoodwill.org](http://www.experiencegoodwill.org)

Purpose: Provides employee 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  
<http://easterseals-swfl.org/services/the-lily-school-for-child-development/>

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.

**Pinnacle Academy**

6215 Lorraine Road  
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202  
(941) 755-1400  
[www.thepinnacleacademy.com](http://www.thepinnacleacademy.com)

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

**Project 10 Transition Education Network**

USF-St. Petersburg Campus  
140 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South- SVP108  
St Petersburg, FL 33701  
(727) 873-4653  
[www.project10.info](http://www.project10.info)

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.

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**The Reading Station**

7313 International Place, Suite 90  
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34240  
(941) 361-1173  
[www.thereadingstation.com](http://www.thereadingstation.com)

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

**School District of Manatee County**

Wylene Herring-Cayasso- Director of Exceptional Student Education  
2501 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East  
Bradenton, FL 34203  
[Cayassow@manateeschool.net](mailto:Cayassow@manateeschool.net)  
(941) 751-6550 x2280  
[www.manateeschools.net](http://www.manateeschools.net)

**School District of Sarasota County**

Tammy Cassels, Supervisor of Exceptional Student Education  
1960 Landings Blvd  
Sarasota, FL 34231  
[Tammy.cassels@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:Tammy.cassels@sarasotacountyschools.net)  
(941) 927-9000 x34226  
[www.sarasotacountyschools.net](http://www.sarasotacountyschools.net)

**Sea of Strengths Academy**

7313 International Place, Suite 90  
Sarasota, FL 34240  
[www.sosaschool.com](http://www.sosaschool.com)

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

**SEDNET**

2501 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave. East  
Bradenton, FL 34203  
(941) 741-6550 x 2221  
[http://www.manateeschools.net/pages/SDMC/Departments/Teaching\\_Learning/ESE/SEDNET](http://www.manateeschools.net/pages/SDMC/Departments/Teaching_Learning/ESE/SEDNET)

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.

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**Starfish Academy**

4620 17<sup>th</sup> Street

Sarasota, FL 34235

(941) 371-8820 x1900

<http://www.thefloridacenter.org/starfish-academy/>

Purpose: A nationally accredited inclusion preschool program serving children 6 weeks to five years old, including VPK. Classrooms are designed to meet the needs of both typically developing children and children needing additional supports.

**St. Mary Academy**

4830 Fruitville Rd.

Sarasota, FL 34232

(941) 366-4010

[www.stmarysarasota.org](http://www.stmarysarasota.org)

Purpose: A close-knit, positive learning environment dedicated to assisting children with special needs and giving them the opportunity to succeed.

**Woodland Early Childhood Center**

The Brad Dunn Preparatory School

9607 East State Road 70

Bradenton, FL 34202

(941) 753-8858

Contact: Jennifer Passmore

E-mail: [Jennifer@GoWoodland.com](mailto:Jennifer@GoWoodland.com)

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

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## Post Secondary Education Resources

### **Manatee Technical Institute (MTI)**

5603 34<sup>th</sup> Street West  
Bradenton, FL 34210  
(941) 751-7900  
<http://manateetech.edu/>

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

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St Petersburg, FL 33701  
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[www.project10.info](http://www.project10.info)

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.

### **Suncoast Technical**

4748 Beneva Rd  
Sarasota, FL 34233  
(941) 924-1365  
[www.suncoast.edu](http://www.suncoast.edu)

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

### **Think College**

[www.thinkcollege.net](http://www.thinkcollege.net)

Doors to colleges are opening for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities in many different ways 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.

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## Employment/Vocational Services

### **AmeriCorps**

<https://www.volunteerflorida.org/ Americorps-programs/>

Purpose: 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 \$5350 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 healthcare.

### **The Arc Tampa Bay**

1501 N. Belcher Rd, Suite 249  
Clearwater, FL 33765  
(727) 799-3330  
[www.thearctb.org](http://www.thearctb.org)

The Arc Tampa Bay offers a variety of adult training programs and supported employment opportunities. They focus on helping individuals acquire and sustain paid employment in a community environment through a variety of partnerships with local businesses.

### **Artistas Café**

4400 North Dale Mabry Hwy  
Tampa, FL 33641  
(813) 251-2787  
<https://www.artistascafe.com/>

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.

### **Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities (CHAC)**

4405 Desoto Rd.  
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350 Braden Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34243  
(941) 355-7637  
[www.easterseals-swfl.org](http://www.easterseals-swfl.org)

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

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<http://manateetech.edu/>

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[www.suncoast.edu](http://www.suncoast.edu)

Purpose: Career Technical Education classes for high school diploma or GED, and vocational classes. Suncoast Technical 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 17<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sarasota, FL 34235  
(941) 351-9545  
<https://site.scil4u.org>

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

**United Cerebral Palsy of Southwest Florida**

6915 15<sup>th</sup> Street East  
Sarasota, FL 34243  
(941) 251-4956  
[www.ucpswfl.org](http://www.ucpswfl.org)

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

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### **USA Jobs**

<https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/unique-hiring-paths/individuals-with-disabilities/>

Purpose: Individuals with disabilities have access to jobs for which they are qualified, and may also qualify for a special hiring authority. Applicants can find information and search for jobs on website.

### **Vocational Rehabilitation Manatee**

600 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West Suite 201

Palmetto, FL 34221

(941) 721-2850

[www.rehabworks.org](http://www.rehabworks.org)

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 Blvd, Room 216

Sarasota, FL 34234

(941) 359-5670

[www.rehabworks.org](http://www.rehabworks.org)

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.

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## Government Agencies/Financial Assistance

### **Adonis Autism Assistance Foundation, Inc. (AAFI)**

PO Box 61005

Fort Myers, FL 33906

(239) 410-7356

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

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 102<sup>nd</sup> Ave North

St. Petersburg, FL 33716

(727) 217-7016

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

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 33612

(800) 333-4530

[www.card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu](http://www.card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu)

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

### **Florida Autism License Plate**

<http://www.autismlicenseplate.com/>

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

### **Manatee Community Action Partnership**

302 Manatee Ave East

Bradenton, FL 34208

(941) 827-2887

[www.manateecaa.org](http://www.manateecaa.org)

Purpose: Provides a variety of programs to families, including Behavior Interventive Plan, CATCH-Speech screening, evaluation, and therapy, Head Start, and Healthy Families Manatee.

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**Manatee County Area Transit**

2411 Tallevast Rd.  
Sarasota, FL 34243  
(941) 749-7116  
[www.ridemcat.org](http://www.ridemcat.org)

Purpose: Provides reliable and cost-efficient public transportation in Manatee County. MCAT also operates the Handy Bus which serves the transportation disadvantaged and disabled residents in Manatee County.

**Manatee County Housing Authority**

5631 11<sup>th</sup> St East  
Bradenton, FL 34203  
(941) 756-3974  
[www.manateehousing.com](http://www.manateehousing.com)

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 Ave.  
Sarasota, FL 34233  
(941) 861-1234  
<https://www.scgov.net/scat>

Purpose: Provides public transportation services.

**Sarasota County Housing Authority**

269 S. Osprey Ave., Suite 100  
Sarasota, FL 34236  
(941) 361-6210  
[www.sarasotahousing.org](http://www.sarasotahousing.org)

Purpose: To provide quality, affordable housing that enhances the lives of residents and promotes their independence.

**Social Security Administration**- Bradenton Office

5540 SR 64 East, Suite 100  
Bradenton, FL 34208  
(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, blind, or people with disabilities that have little or no income and resources.

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**Social Security Administration**- Sarasota Office

2001 Siesta Drive, Suite 301

Sarasota, FL 34221

(941) 772-1213

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

**Suncoast East Family Care Council**

1313 North Tampa St, Suite 515

Tampa, FL 33602

(800) 470-8101

[www.fccflorida.org](http://www.fccflorida.org)

Purpose: The mission of the Family Care Council is to advocate, educate, and empower individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, partnering with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD), to bring quality services to individuals for dignity and choice.

**Vocational Rehabilitation Manatee**

600 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West Suite 201

Palmetto, FL 34221

(941) 721-2850

[www.rehabworks.org](http://www.rehabworks.org)

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 Blvd, Room 216

Sarasota, FL 34234

(941) 359-5670

[www.rehabworks.org](http://www.rehabworks.org)

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.

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## Healthcare Services

### **All Children's Specialty Care of Sarasota**

5881 Rand Blvd

Sarasota, FL 34238

(941) 927-8805

<https://www.hopkinsallchildrens.org/locations/outpatient-care/sarasota>

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) 210-5657

[www.sarasotafldentist.com](http://www.sarasotafldentist.com)

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

### **All About Kids Pediatric Dentistry**

1882 59<sup>th</sup> St West

Bradenton, FL 34209

(941) 792-9392

[www.bradentonkidsdentist.com](http://www.bradentonkidsdentist.com)

Purpose: All About Kids is a pediatric dental practice specializing in infants, children, teens, and person's with special needs. They are committed to making your child's visit a pleasant and comfortable one.

### **Beacon Health Options**

8906 Brittany Way

Tampa, FL 33619

(941) 545-8098

[www.beaconhealthoptions.com](http://www.beaconhealthoptions.com)

Purpose: Mental health peer recovery model providing education, outreach, and advocacy through Florida health partners, pre-paid medical carve-out for mental health.

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**Centerstone**

391 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. West  
Bradenton, FL 34205  
(941) 782-4150 (Outpatient)  
(941) 782-4617 (Inpatient)  
[www.centerstone.org](http://www.centerstone.org)

Purpose: A private behavioral health hospital specializing in adult and pediatric mental health and addiction disorders.

**Children's Medical Services**

6055 Rand Boulevard  
Sarasota, FL 34238  
(941) 361-6250  
[www.cms-kids.com](http://www.cms-kids.com)

Purpose: Offers health services, comprehensive medical insurance, and other programs for children with special needs.

**Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.**

1451 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sarasota, FL 34236  
(941) 552-1950  
[www.coastalbh.org](http://www.coastalbh.org)

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

**Children's Dentistry of Manatee County**

5714 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue West  
Bradenton, FL 34209  
(941) 792-6272  
[www.manateekidsdentist.com](http://www.manateekidsdentist.com)

Purpose: A comprehensive pediatric dentistry, including orthodontic care and various forms of sedation dentistry. Dr. Morgan is experienced working with children with a variety of disabilities.

**Dentistry for Children and Adolescents**

7315 Merchant Court  
Sarasota, FL 34240  
(941) 907-7762  
[www.sarasotachildrendentistry.com](http://www.sarasotachildrendentistry.com)

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.

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**Epilepsy Services of SW Florida**

4910 14<sup>th</sup> St West, Suite 302  
Bradenton, FL 34207  
(941) 752-6226  
<http://www.epilepsy-services.org/>

Purpose: To provide medical attention to uninsured individuals over the age of 18, case management, referrals to community services, and education programs to the community.

**Enroll SWFL Navigators (Health Planning Council of SWF)**

(866) 547-2793  
<http://www.hpcswf.com/enroll-southwest-florida/>

Enroll SWFL Navigators provide free, unbiased, and confidential assistance with enrolling with the federal and state health insurance programs.

**Florida KidCare**

1-888-540-5437  
PO Box 31105  
Tampa, FL 33631  
[www.healthykids.org](http://www.healthykids.org)

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.

**Hearing Loss Association of America**

PO Box 48643  
Sarasota, FL 34230  
(941) 320-8825  
[www.hlas.org](http://www.hlas.org)

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

**Dr. Helene Hubbard**

408 Manatee Ave East  
Bradenton, FL 34208  
(941) 922-5366

Purpose: Dr. Hubbard is a developmental-behavioral pediatrician who practices in Bradenton, Florida. She monitors the care of children with special needs.



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**Meridian Research**

8043 Cooper Creek Blvd., #107  
University Parkway, FL 34201  
(941) 747-7900  
[www.meridienresearch.net](http://www.meridienresearch.net)

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

**Lifetime Smiles**

2727 Tamiami Trl South  
Sarasota, FL 34239  
(941) 955-8588  
[www.lifetime-smiles.com](http://www.lifetime-smiles.com)

Purpose: Lifetime Smiles is dedicated to serving patients with special needs. The staff of Lifetime Smiles is trained to care for patients who may have difficulty receiving dental treatment in a traditional environment. They are listed with the APD as a registered dentist for the Developmental Disability waiver.

**Meadows Family Dentistry**

9912 SR 64 East  
Bradenton, FL 34212  
(941) 799-6690  
[www.meadowsfamilydentistryfl.com](http://www.meadowsfamilydentistryfl.com)

Purpose: Family dentist that provides dental care to the entire family, including special needs patients.

**Narcotics Anonymous**

1255 N. Gulfstream Ave., #604  
Sarasota, FL 34236  
(941) 988-8862  
[www.suncoastna.org](http://www.suncoastna.org)

Purpose: Provides drug addiction recovery services.

**Rehab After Work/Life Counseling Services**

2050 Proctor Rd.  
Sarasota, FL 34231  
(941) 921-3018  
<http://www.alltreatment.com/fl/sarasota/rehab-after-work>

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

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**SmileWorks**

3103 Fruitville Rd.  
Sarasota, FL 34237  
(941) 953-2111  
[www.smileworkskids.com](http://www.smileworkskids.com)

Purpose: Pediatric dentistry office dedicated to improving and maintaining the oral health of infants, children, and adolescents, including those with special needs, ages 1 to 18.

**Special Day Foundation**

PO Box 1271  
Sarasota, FL 34230  
(941) 225-3103  
[www.specialdayfoundation.org](http://www.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. They also work with the University of Florida College of Dentistry to provide dental services to special needs children and adults.

**Suncoast Behavioral Health Center**

4480 51<sup>st</sup> St. West  
Sarasota, FL 34210  
(941) 251-5000  
[www.suncoastbhc.com](http://www.suncoastbhc.com)

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  
<http://tridascenter.com/>

Purpose: A developmental pediatric practice with over 30 years of experience. They offer comprehensive, developmental and behavioral services to infants, children, and young adults in the Tampa Bay area. They specialize in diagnosis and management of developmental and behavioral disorders, and help your child achieve their best potential.

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## Recreation & Leisure Programs

### **Adaptive Golf Foundation Of America (AGFA)**

1878 University Parkway  
Sarasota, FL 34243  
(941) 228-8298

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

### **Boy Scouts of America: Southwest Florida Council**

1801 Boy Scout Dr.  
Fort Myers, FL 33907  
(239) 936-8072  
[www.swflcouncilbsa.org](http://www.swflcouncilbsa.org)

Purpose: Youth with physical disabilities, developmental or cognitive challenges are welcome in the Boy Scouts of America. Accommodations exist to facilitate their advancement in Boy Scouts. Boys Scouts of America's objectives for scouts are developing characters, citizenship, and physical fitness.

### **BUDS Tennis**

Lakewood Ranch High School  
8374 Market Street Box 113  
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202  
(941) 907-0499  
[www.budstennis.org](http://www.budstennis.org)

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

### **Camp Able**

1101 N. Collier  
Marco Island, FL 34145  
(239) 394-7242  
<http://www.campable.org>

Purpose: Camp Able is specifically designed for persons with special needs. They focus on the abilities of each camper, rather than disabilities. Campers ages 12 and up participate in traditional camp activities while forming new friendships and making lasting memories.

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**Care 2 Tri**

309 39<sup>th</sup> St. NE  
Bradenton, FL 34208  
(941) 799-1680  
[www.care2tri.org](http://www.care2tri.org)

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

**Dynasty Dance Clubs**

2272 Main Street  
Sarasota, FL 34237  
(941) 955-8558  
[www.dynastydanceclubs.com](http://www.dynastydanceclubs.com)

Purpose: Dynasty Dance Clubs offers group classes and private lessons for special needs kids. Ballroom dancing promotes manners, good posture, social skills, and a sense of pride. On a purely physical level, dancing helps with coordination and muscle tone. Most importantly, kids will have fun!

**Face Autism**

5333 Rio Vista St.  
Sarasota, FL 34232  
(813) 240-3044  
[www.face-autism.org](http://www.face-autism.org)

Purpose: Face Autism, Inc. provides screenings, sensory-friendly events, sensory-friendly classes, support groups, 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. They host sensory-friendly Holiday events for children with autism and their families, including Octoberfest, an Easter Egg Hunt, and Sensory Santa.

**Forever Friends Special Needs Ministry, Inc.**

4430 South Lockwood Ridge Rd.  
Sarasota, FL 34232  
[www.foreverfriendsinc.org](http://www.foreverfriendsinc.org)

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

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**Foundation for Dreams, Inc./Dream Oaks Camp**

16110 Dream Oaks Place  
Bradenton, FL 34212  
(941) 746-5659  
[www.foundationfordreams.org](http://www.foundationfordreams.org)

Purpose: Provides therapeutic camping programs throughout the year to children ages 7 to 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, and many more!

**Girl Scouts of America, Gulfcoast Florida**

4780 Cattlemen Rd.  
Sarasota, FL 34233  
(941) 921-5358  
[www.gsgcf.org](http://www.gsgcf.org)

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

**Gulf Coast Music Therapy**

7333 International Place  
Sarasota, FL 34240  
(941) 527-8477  
[www.gulfcoastmusictherapy.com](http://www.gulfcoastmusictherapy.com)

Purpose: Gulf Coast Music Therapy uses music and all its facets to teach, implement and reinforce individual client goals. They serve clients with autism, developmental disabilities, learning disabilities, and more.

**Happy Hearts Ministry**

2374 Sonoma Dr. West  
Nokomis, FL 34275  
(941) 228-7880  
<http://www.gcbcf.com/events/event/5/happy-hearts-ministry/2016-10-08>

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

**In-Stride**

PO Box 365  
1629 Ranch Rd.  
Nokomis, FL 34274  
(941) 412-9333  
[www.instridetherapy.org](http://www.instridetherapy.org)

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

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**Miracle League of Manasota**

8466 N. Lockwood Ridge Rd #312  
Sarasota, FL 34243  
(941) 225-2966  
[www.miracleleaguemanasota.org](http://www.miracleleaguemanasota.org)

Purpose: Provide the opportunity for every person to play baseball regardless of their abilities. There are two seasons, an adult and a youth league (ages 5 to 21). Miracle League is a fun, safe place for children to play baseball.

**Pediatric Aquatic Therapy of the Suncoast**

5002 Lena Rd. #103  
Bradenton, FL 34211  
(941) 773-4154  
[www.pediatricaquatictherapy.com](http://www.pediatricaquatictherapy.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.

**Reflex Arts & Dance**

6260 N. Lockwood Ridge Rd.  
Sarasota, FL 34243  
(941) 355-3600  
[www.reflexartsdance.com](http://www.reflexartsdance.com)

Purpose: Reflex has worked with students with down syndrome, MS, autism, and other disabilities. Students reap great benefits from dance in the areas of health, coordination, and personal satisfaction. Reflex believes dance is for everyone! They have a class for teens and adults with special needs.

**Sarasota Manatee Association for Riding Therapy (SMART)**

4040 CR 675  
Bradenton, FL 34211  
(941) 322-2000  
[www.smartriders.org](http://www.smartriders.org)

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.

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**Sensory Solutions, LLC**

22 Sarasota Center Blvd

Sarasota, FL 34240

(941) 377-9361

[www.sensorysolutionsllc.com](http://www.sensorysolutionsllc.com)

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

**Special Day Foundation**

PO Box 1271

Sarasota, FL 34230

(941) 225-3103

[www.specialdayfoundation.org](http://www.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. They also work with the University of Florida College of Dentistry to provide dental services to special needs children and adults.

**Strider Sports International**

1820 Samco Rd.

Rapid City, MD 57702

(605) 342-0266

[www.striderbikes.com](http://www.striderbikes.com)

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

**Special Olympics of Manatee County**

3657 Cortez Rd West #120

Bradenton, FL 34210

(941) 751-0049

[www.specialolympicsflorida.org](http://www.specialolympicsflorida.org)

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

**Special Olympics of Sarasota County**

PO Box 2112

Venice, FL 34284

(941) 412-0402

[www.specialolympicsflorida.org](http://www.specialolympicsflorida.org)

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

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**T-Rec Coalition of Sarasota County**

Twin Lakes Park  
6700 Clark Rd.  
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  
<https://bradenriversoccer.org/topsoccer/>

Purpose: 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 to 19, who has a mental or physical disability.

**Trailways Camp**

8771 College Parkway, Bldg 2, Suite 201  
Ft Myers, FL 33919  
<https://www.goodwillswfl.org/trailwayscamp/>

Purpose: To serve the needs of adults with disabilities, develop social connections and recreational skills, build relationships, and create life experiences through a camp experience.

**Venice Challenger Baseball**

Chuck Reiter Field  
250 Fort St.  
Venice, FL 34285  
(941) 412-8762  
[www.venicechallengerbaseball.org](http://www.venicechallengerbaseball.org)

Purpose: To provide 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.



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## Resources

### **All About Sarasota Kids**

[www.allaboutsarasotakids.org](http://www.allaboutsarasotakids.org)

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.

### **Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD-USF)**

13301 Bruce B. Downs Blvd.

Tampa, FL 33612

(800) 333-4530

[www.card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu](http://www.card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu)

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) 612-9273

Local: (727) 789-2400

Fax: (727) 789-2454

[www.centralfloridaparentcenter.org](http://www.centralfloridaparentcenter.org)

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.

### **Center for Parent Information and Resources**

[www.parentcenterhub.org](http://www.parentcenterhub.org)

Purpose: Offers a wealth of information on disabilities.

### **Child Protection Center**

720 South Orange Avenue

Sarasota, FL 34236

(941) 365-1277

[www.cpcsarasota.org](http://www.cpcsarasota.org)

Purpose: Child abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment.

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**Children with Apraxia of Speech Association of North America (CASANA)**

[www.apraxiakids.com](http://www.apraxiakids.com)

Purpose: To provide resources for children with apraxia, including speech therapy grants, iPads to use as communication devices, and webinars.

**Christopher A. Likens, P.A.**

1800 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, #971

Sarasota, FL 34236

(941) 365-7838

[www.sarasotaelderlawattorney.com](http://www.sarasotaelderlawattorney.com)

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

**Division of Blind Services**

5117 26<sup>th</sup> St West, Suite A

Bradenton, FL 34207

(813) 240-3044

<http://dbs.myflorida.com>

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 St.

Sarasota, FL 34232

(813) 240-3044

[www.face-autism.org](http://www.face-autism.org)

Purpose: Face Autism, Inc. provides screenings, sensory-friendly events, sensory-friendly classes, support groups, 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. They host sensory-friendly Holiday events for children with autism and their families, including Octoberfest, an Easter Egg Hunt, and Sensory Santa.

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(941) 960- 1676

[www.butlerelderlaw.com](http://www.butlerelderlaw.com)

Purpose: Elder Law, estate planning, probate & trust administration, guardianship, Medicaid planning, and veteran benefits.

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**Florida County Emergency Management Division- Special Needs Registry**

2555 Shumard Oak Blvd  
Tallahassee, FL 32399  
(850) 413-9969  
[www.floridadisaster.org](http://www.floridadisaster.org)

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

**Gulf Central Early Steps**

4630 17<sup>th</sup> St  
Sarasota, FL 34239  
(941) 487-5400  
[www.hpcswf.com/early-steps-program/gulf-central/](http://www.hpcswf.com/early-steps-program/gulf-central/)

Purpose: Early Steps is a statewide system of early intervention services focused on parent education. Early Steps connects families with professionals who teach them how to improve the development of their children through everyday activities. Evaluations to determine eligibility are provided at no cost to families, regardless of income.

**Jeffrey A. Rapkin, Esq.**

PO Box 510727  
Punta Gorda, FL 33951  
(941) 916-4096  
[www.rapkinlegal.com](http://www.rapkinlegal.com)

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 and all consultations are free of charge.

**Joseph W. Lasota, III**

Transparent Wealth Management  
Financial Advisory  
5959 Cattlemen Ln  
Sarasota, FL 34232  
(941) 778-1916

Purpose: Estate Planning for families with special needs children.

**JoshProvides Epilepsy Assistance Foundation**

(800) 706-2740  
[www.joshprovides.org](http://www.joshprovides.org)

Purpose: Provide an Epilepsy Support Group for the greater Sarasota/Manatee County area for the benefit of those living with epilepsy and their families. Contact them to learn more about seizure detection devices and how to apply for assistance.

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**Law Office of Emma Hemness**

309 North Parsons Ave.  
Bradenton, FL 33510  
(813) 661-5297, Ask to speak with Marcy  
[www.hemneslaw.com](http://www.hemneslaw.com)

Purpose: Elder law attorneys that specialize in guardianships, special needs trusts, Social Security Disability qualification, and Medicaid qualification.

**Legal Aid of Manasota**

1900 Main St., Suite 302  
Sarasota, FL 34243  
(941) 366-0038  
[www.legalaidofmanasota.org](http://www.legalaidofmanasota.org)

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

**Manning & Nurse**

303 N. Rocky Point Dr. West, Suite 700  
Tampa, FL 33607  
(813) 658-5000  
[www.snadvice.com](http://www.snadvice.com)

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  
[www.manasotabuds.org](http://www.manasotabuds.org)

Purpose: Manasota BUDS 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.

**Parenting Special Needs Magazine**

[www.parentingspecialneeds.org](http://www.parentingspecialneeds.org)

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

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**Prader-Willi Syndrome Association**

8588 Potter Park Dr. Suite 500

Sarasota, FL 34238

(941) 312-0400

[www.pwsausa.org/](http://www.pwsausa.org/)

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

**Project Lifesaver Sarasota Police Department**

2050 Ringling Blvd

Sarasota, FL 34237

(941) 954-7056

[www.sarasotapd.org/project-lifesaver/](http://www.sarasotapd.org/project-lifesaver/)

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

**Project Lifesaver Manatee County Search & Rescue (MCSAR)**

(941) 254-6490 x104

<http://www.manateecountysar.org/pls>

Purpose: MSCAR is proud to introduce Project Lifesafer 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

**SEDNET**

2501 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave. East

Bradenton, FL 34203

(941) 741-6550 x 2221

[http://www.manateeschools.net/pages/SDMC/Departments/Teaching\\_Learning/ESE/SEDNET](http://www.manateeschools.net/pages/SDMC/Departments/Teaching_Learning/ESE/SEDNET)

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.

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### **Sharing the Weight**

[www.sharingtheweight.org](http://www.sharingtheweight.org)

Purpose: A non-profit organization that makes and distributes weighted blankets for special needs children at no cost. Blankets are weighted 3, 5, 7, or 10 pounds. After requesting a blanket, applicants are placed on a waiting list.

### **Suncoast Behavioral Health Center**

4480 51<sup>st</sup> St. West

Sarasota, FL 34210

(941) 251-5000

[www.suncoastbhc.com](http://www.suncoastbhc.com)

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 17<sup>th</sup> Street

Sarasota, FL 34235

(941) 351-9545

<https://site.scil4u.org>

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

### **The Family Café**

1332 North Duval St.

Tallahassee, FL 32303

(888) 309-2233

[www.familycafe.net](http://www.familycafe.net)

Purpose: A statewide conference for the disability community.

### **The Florida Youth Council (The FYC)**

(888) 309-2233

[www.floridayouthcouncil.org](http://www.floridayouthcouncil.org)

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.

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**The Reading Station**

7313 International Place, Suite 90  
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34240  
(941) 361-1173  
[www.thereadingstation.com](http://www.thereadingstation.com)

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

**Tidewell Hospice**

1751 Mound St.  
Sarasota, FL 34236  
(941) 894-5104  
[www.tidewellhospice.org](http://www.tidewellhospice.org)

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

**United Way 211 of Manasota, Inc.**

1445 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Sarasota, FL 34236  
(941) 308-4357  
[www.uw211manasota.net](http://www.uw211manasota.net)

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

**Wiesner Law Offices**

328 N. Rhodes Ave  
Sarasota, FL 34237  
(941) 365-9900  
[www.sarasotaprobatelaw.com](http://www.sarasotaprobatelaw.com)

Purpose: Elder & Social Security Law, trusts & estate planning, and special needs trusts.

**Whole Child Manatee**

(941) 749-3059  
[www.wholechildmanatee.com](http://www.wholechildmanatee.com)

Purpose: Whole Child Manatee uses strategic planning, web-based technology, and broad-based community engagement to build communities where everyone works to make children thrive. Families complete their profile and connect to resources and information in Manatee County.

**Wrights Law**

[www.wrightslaw.org](http://www.wrightslaw.org)

Purpose: Parents, educators, advocates, and attorneys come to Wright's Law for accurate, reliable information about special education law, education law, and advocacy for children with disabilities.

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## Respite Services

### **Deliver the Dream**

3223 NW 10<sup>th</sup> Ter., Suite 602  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309  
(888) 687-3732  
[www.deliverthedream.org](http://www.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  
[www.easterseals-swfl.org](http://www.easterseals-swfl.org)

Purpose: Provides exceptional services for persons with disabilities and their families across a lifetime, 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  
[www.foundationfordreams.org](http://www.foundationfordreams.org)

Purpose: Provides therapeutic camping programs throughout the year to children ages 7 to 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, and many more!

### **Nathaniel's Hope**

(407) 857-8224  
[www.nathanielshope.org](http://www.nathanielshope.org)

Purpose: Nathaniel's Hope offers a program called Buddy Break that provides free respite care. Kids with special needs make new friends and enjoy all kinds of activities, while caregivers get a break! This program is provided through partnerships with local churches.



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**Sarasota Manatee Respite Services**

Family Network on Disabilities of Manasota, Inc.

PO Box 110025

Bradenton, FL 34211

(941) 928-0682

[www.fndmanasota.org](http://www.fndmanasota.org)

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 be experiencing.

**Venice Buddy Break**

111 Firenze Ave.

Venice, FL 34285

(941) 488-2258

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

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## Therapy Services

### **Advanced ABA**

6215 Lorraine Rd.  
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.

### **Autism Early Intervention Clinics**

8950 Dr. ML King Street N Suite 170  
St Petersburg, FL 33702  
(727) 576-7600  
<http://autismclinics.moonfruit.com>

Purpose: Providing an individualized therapeutic program for every child based on a very thorough assessment of language and learning skills. They are experts in toilet training and feeding therapy.

### **Behavioral Evolution, Inc.**

PO Box 56546  
St. Petersburg, FL 33702  
(727) 954-5401  
[www.behavioralevolution.com](http://www.behavioralevolution.com)

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**

7333 International Place  
Sarasota, FL 34240  
(941) 907-3443  
[www.beyondthespectrum.org](http://www.beyondthespectrum.org)

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.

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**Blake Pediatric Therapy**

2020 59<sup>th</sup> Street West

Bradenton, FL 3209

(941) 798-6557

[www.blakehospital.com](http://www.blakehospital.com)

Purpose: Pediatric therapy provided to children and families in a multidisciplinary approach. Occupational, physical, and speech therapists perform evaluations, feeding/oral motor assessments, and developmental assessments. Treatment approaches include sensory integration techniques, neurodevelopmental treatments, speech-language therapy, oral-motor exercise programs, therapeutic listening, splinting, and serial casting. Physician prescription required.

**Center for Growth & Development**

3277 D Fruitville Rd, Suite #1

Sarasota, FL 34237

(941) 953-9559

[www.sarasotacenterforgrowth.com](http://www.sarasotacenterforgrowth.com)

Purpose: The Center for Growth and Development is a private pediatric speech and occupational therapy center. They incorporate a play-based, child-centered approach to treatment that provides children with the “just right challenge” to enhance motivation while improving foundational skills.

**Children’s Therapy Solutions, Inc.**

3823 East State Road 64

Bradenton, FL 34208

(941) 745-5111

[www.childrenstherapysol.com](http://www.childrenstherapysol.com)

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 Blvd #101

Sarasota, FL 34240

(941) 379-3725

[www.ctwsrq.com](http://www.ctwsrq.com)

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.

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**Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.**

1451 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sarasota, FL 34236  
(941) 552-1950  
[www.coastalbh.org](http://www.coastalbh.org)

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

**Easter Seals Southwest Florida**

350 Braden Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34243  
(941) 355-7637  
[www.easterseals-swfl.org](http://www.easterseals-swfl.org)

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

**Engage Behavioral Health**

Brittany C. Wierzba, PhD, BCBA-D  
Clinical Director- Sarasota  
(813) 374-2070 x266  
[www.ebhealthgroup.com](http://www.ebhealthgroup.com)

Engage Behavioral Health is a private ABA company that focuses on providing individualized behavior services to families of children with autism and other developmental disabilities. Through assessments, observations, and family input, we tailor a treatment plan that targets increasing adaptive (e.g., communication, daily living, social, self-management) behaviors and decreasing maladaptive (e.g., self-injurious, aggressive, tantrum) behaviors. We also provide support for caregivers in order to ensure behavior change occurs across settings and people.

**Gulf Central Early Steps**

4630 17<sup>th</sup> St  
Sarasota, FL 34239  
(941) 487-5400  
[www.hpcswf.com/early-steps-program/gulf-central/](http://www.hpcswf.com/early-steps-program/gulf-central/)

Purpose: Early Steps is a statewide system of early intervention services focused on parent education. Early Steps connects families with professionals who teach them how to improve the development of their children through everyday activities. Evaluations to determine eligibility are provided at no cost to families, regardless of income.

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**In-Stride**

PO Box 365  
1629 Ranch Rd.  
Nokomis, FL 34274  
(941) 412-9333  
[www.instridetherapy.org](http://www.instridetherapy.org)

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

**John's Hopkins All Children's Hospital Outpatient Clinic**

5881 Rand Blvd  
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.

**The Kidspot**

410 10<sup>th</sup> Ave West  
Palmetto, FL 34221  
(941) 722-3581  
[www.thekidspot.org](http://www.thekidspot.org)

Purpose: Speech, physical, and occupation 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.

**Pediatric Therapy Solutions**

5899 Whitfield Ave. #203  
Sarasota, FL 34243  
(941) 360-0200  
[www.pediatrictherapysolution.com](http://www.pediatrictherapysolution.com)

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.

**Play on Words**

(813) 720-7529  
[www.playonwordsinc.com](http://www.playonwordsinc.com)

Purpose: To provide customized ABA programs to meet the specific needs of each child. They teach language, imitation, self-help skills, play and social skills, help with academics, and community outings.

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**Positive Behavior Supports Corporation**

(855) 832-6727

[www.teampbs.com](http://www.teampbs.com)

Purpose: PBS Corp serves children and adults with behavioral challenges. They support individuals who require assistance developing or enhancing language skills to more effectively communicate their needs and functional skills that will lead to independence and diminishing problem behaviors that limit their ability to develop skills and participate in integrated settings.

**Positive Parenting Partnership (P3)**

3108 West Aseele St.

Tampa, FL 33609

(813) 673-4646 x5101

[www.cfctb.org/services/positive-parenting-partnership](http://www.cfctb.org/services/positive-parenting-partnership)

Purpose: P3 is open to every family in Manatee County who would like to establish a better relationship with their child or strengthen their marriage/family. P3 helps address problematic behavior, helps children become independent, and helps make positive changes in your family.

**Rehab After Work/Life Counseling Services**

2050 Proctor Rd.

Sarasota, FL 34231

(941) 921-3018

<http://www.alltreatment.com/fl/sarasota/rehab-after-work>

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

**Sarasota Manatee Association for Riding Therapy (SMART)**

4040 CR 675

Bradenton, FL 34211

(941) 322-2000

[www.smartriders.org](http://www.smartriders.org)

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.

**Sarasota YMCA- Youth and Family Services**

1084 South Briggs Ave

Sarasota, FL 34237

(941) 952-1644

[www.sarasotaymca.org](http://www.sarasotaymca.org)

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

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**SEDNET**

2501 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave. East

Bradenton, FL 34203

(941) 741-6550 x 2221

[http://www.manateeschools.net/pages/SDMC/Departments/Teaching\\_Learning/ESE/SEDNET](http://www.manateeschools.net/pages/SDMC/Departments/Teaching_Learning/ESE/SEDNET)

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**

22 Sarasota Center Blvd

Sarasota, FL 34240

(941) 377-9361

[www.sensorysolutionsllc.com](http://www.sensorysolutionsllc.com)

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 Ave.

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 51<sup>st</sup> St. West

Sarasota, FL 34210

(941) 251-5000

[www.suncoastbhc.com](http://www.suncoastbhc.com)

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 Therapy**

411 Commercial Court, Suite F

Venice, FL 34292

(941) 485-1199

[www.suncoasthrapy.com](http://www.suncoasthrapy.com)

Purpose: Provides speech, occupational, and physical therapy in South Sarasota County. They also have social skills summer camps for youth ages 9 to 17 years old.

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**The Florida Center for Early Childhood**

4620 17<sup>th</sup> St.

Sarasota, FL 34232

(941) 371-8820

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

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

**Therapeutic Potentials (TPI-Kids)**

6977 Professional Parkway East

Lakewood Ranch, FL 34240

(941) 758-3140

[www.tpi-kids.com](http://www.tpi-kids.com)

Purpose: TPI Kids is a pediatric speech-language, occupational, and behavioral therapy center offering a wide range of diagnostic and therapeutic services. They are PROMPT and Beckman Oral motor trained, and utilize multiple approaches to therapy, including AAC devices, PECs, and verbal behavior therapy.

**Turning Point Camp**

[www.turningpointcamp.com](http://www.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 to 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.

**Venice Sertoma**

800 Gulf Coast Blvd

Venice, FL 34292

(941) 882-0170

[www.venicesertoma.com/speech-clinic](http://www.venicesertoma.com/speech-clinic)

Purpose: Sertoma Speech Clinic of Venice is a not-for-profit center established to provide exceptional care to children who are challenged with communication impairment. Services are offered at a minimal cost to clients based on a sliding scale.



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## Transition Services

### **Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD-USF)**

13301 Bruce B. Downs Blvd.  
Tampa, FL 33612  
(800) 333-4530  
[www.card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu](http://www.card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu)

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

### **Division of Blind Services**

5117 26<sup>th</sup> St West, Suite A  
Bradenton, FL 34207  
(813) 240-3044  
<http://dbs.myflorida.com>

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

### **Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged**

(800) 410-5700 or (800) 983-2435  
[www.fdot.gov/ctd](http://www.fdot.gov/ctd)

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 of USF**

13301 Bruce B. Downs Blvd, MHC 2113A  
Tampa, FL 33612  
(813) 974-2996  
[www.learningacademy.fmhi.usf.edu](http://www.learningacademy.fmhi.usf.edu)

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 Autism Spectrum Disorder, between the ages of 18 to 25 after they have graduated from high school.

### **Lighthouse of Manasota**

7318 N. Tamiami Trail  
Sarasota, FL 34243  
[www.lighthouseofmanasota.org](http://www.lighthouseofmanasota.org)

Purpose: Provides developmental/transition vision rehabilitation training for eligible infants and toddlers ages birth to five and high school students ages 14 to 21. Lighthouse of Manasota also provides advocacy services for children with visual disabilities.

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**Project 10 Transition Education Network**

USF-St. Petersburg Campus  
140 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South- SVP108  
St Petersburg, FL 33701  
(727) 873-4653  
[www.project10.info](http://www.project10.info)

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 Rd.  
Sarasota, FL 34231  
(941) 921-3018  
<http://www.alltreatment.com/fl/sarasota/rehab-after-work>

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) 408-9084  
<http://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/departments/fdlrs/default.aspx?id=15712>

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

**Suncoast Center for Independent Living**

3281 17<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sarasota, FL 34235  
(941) 351-9545  
<https://site.scil4u.org>

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