



Support Services

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FDLRS Gulfcoast serves Hernando, Pasco, Pinellas counties. For more updates, go to www.fdlrgulfcoast.org or call (727)793-2723.

2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares

Phone crisis intervention & info/referral to local health/human services
Call 211 or go to website: www.211tampabay.org

A.F.I.R.E.

Support services for adults with developmental disabilities.

Pinellas: (727) 638-4916

email: afire4dd@gmail.com

website: www.afirepinellas.org

Pasco: (727)849-8982

website: www.afirepasco.com

ARC Nature Coast

Comprehensive services to support independence-residential, skill training, employment, transportation.

Call (352)544-2322, ext. 111

website: www.thearc-naturecoast.org

Arts4All Florida (formerly VSA Florida)

Goal to create a world in which the arts are universally accessible.

Art/music classes, award/recognition programs, many other events

Call Patricia Fosnaught (813)610-4096

email: pr.fosnaught@verizon.net

website: <https://arts4allflorida.org>

Center for Independent Living of North Central FL

Assists people of all ages with disabilities in achieving and maintaining an independent lifestyle. Serving Hernando county.

Call (352)378-7474/Video (352)240-3079

website: www.cilncl.org

Center for Parent Information & Resources

Information & products created for those serving families of children with disabilities.

Call (973) 642-8100

website: www.parentcenterhub.org

Clothes to Kids

Provides new and quality used clothing to low-income/in-crisis, school-age children in Pinellas County, free of charge.

Call (727)441-5050

Clearwater Store at 1059 N. Hercules Ave.

St. Petersburg Store at 2168 34th St. South

website: www.clothestokids.org

Deaf Literacy Center

Provides basic literacy instruction, life skills training, info to deaf individuals and families. Meets at various public libraries throughout Pinellas County.

Call Rosa Rodriguez (727)724-1525 x4120 Voice,
(727)474-1914 Video

email: rrodriguez@pplc.us

website: www.pplc.us/dlc

Disability Achievement Center

Assists people of all ages with disabilities in achieving and maintaining an independent lifestyle. Serving Pasco/Pinellas counties.

Call (727)539-7550

website: www.myDACIL.org

Adaptive Toy Lending Library

Collections include adapted toys, capability switches, activity center, and other special devices for children with disabilities.

Call Palm Harbor Library at (727)784-3332

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Supports persons with developmental disabilities in living, learning, and working in all aspects of community life.

Hernando: (407)245-0440

Pasco, Pinellas: (800)615-8720

website: <https://apd.myflorida.com>

ARC Tampa Bay

Day programs, residential, employment services for persons with intellectual/developmental challenges

Call (727)799-3330

website: www.thearctb.org

Brain Injury Association of Florida

Information, support, advocacy for families

Call (800) 992-3442

website: www.biaf.org

CARD (The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities)

Provides information and consultation to individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders and related disabilities.

Hernando: (800)9-AUTISM

website: www.card.ufl.edu

Pasco, Pinellas: (800)333-4530

website: www.card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu

CHADD

Resources, training, support for children/adults with ADHD

Call (866)200-8098

website: www.chadd.org

Children's Medical Services

Provides health care for children up to age 21 with special needs

Call (866)799-5321

website: www.wellcare.com/en/Florida/Members/Medicaid-Plans/CMS

CPALMS

An online toolbox of information, resources, and interactive tools to help implement the Florida teaching standards.

website: www.cpalms.org

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance of Tampa Bay

Weekly support groups throughout the Tampa Bay area

Call (727)410-1569

email: info@dbsatampabay.org

website: www.dbsatampabay.org

Directions for Living

Consultation, training, prevention services-including behavioral and mental health services-for adults and children.

Call (727)524-4464

website: www.directionsforliving.org

Disability Rights Florida

Information, referrals, self-advocacy support, technical help, and more.

Call (800)342-0823 Voice/(800)346-4127 TDD

website: www.disabilityrightsflorida.org

Early Learning Coalition

Early childhood developmental screening, child care resource & referral, administer VPK

Pasco/Hernando (866)797-9444

email: coalition@phelc.org

website: www.phelc.org

Pinellas (855)224-3527

website: www.elcpinellas.net

Early Steps Program-West Central Florida

Early intervention for children age 0-36 mo. with significant delays
Serving those who live in Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Pinellas counties.

Call (727)767-4403

email: achearlysteps@jhmi.edu

website: www.hopkinsallchildrens.org/services/west-central-early-steps

Epilepsy Services Foundation

Counseling, education, support services for seizure disorders.

Call (813)374-8907

website: www.epilepsysf.org

Family Care Council

Advocate, educate & empower individuals w/developmental disabilities

Hernando (Area 13): Meets 2nd Monday of every month at 10am

at APD, 1601 W. Gulf Atlantic Hwy, Wildwood

Call Karen Huscher (800)470-8101

Pasco, Pinellas (Suncoast West): Meets 4th Fri. every other month at 10am

at Disability Achievement Center, 12552 Belcher Rd., Largo

Call Paula James (800)470-8101

website: www.fcflorida.org

Florida Association for the Gifted (FLAG)

Supports educationally appropriate programs for gifted students
through exchanging information, research, and more.

website: www.flagifted.org

Florida Department of Education-ESE

Administers programs for students with disabilities and who are gifted.

Call (850)245-0475

website: www.fldoe.org/academics/exceptional-student-edu/

Florida Division of Blind Services

Education, supports, early intervention, transition to work

Call (800)757-7190 Hillsborough, Pinellas

Call (863)499-2385 Hernando, Pasco

website: <http://dbs.myflorida.com/>

Florida Gifted Network

A group of parents, educators, and community members providing
resources, networking, and advocacy.

website: www.floridagiftednetwork.org

Florida Kidcare

State health/dental insurance program for children birth to age 18.

Call (888)540-5437 Voice, (800)955-8771 TTY

website: www.floridakidcare.org

Florida Telecommunications

Relay, Inc. (FTRI)

Administers specialized telecommunications equipment distribution
program for citizens of Florida who are deaf, hard of hearing,
deaf/blind, and speech disabled.

Call (800)222-3448 Voice, (888)447-5620 TTY, (850)270-2641 Video

website: www.FTRI.org

Head Start/Early Head Start

Free program for infants to age 5. Low income requirements.

Hernando: (888)227-0010

website: www.midfloridaheadstart.com

Pasco: (813)794-2730

website: www.pasco.k12.fl.us/ecp

Pinellas: (727)547-5979

website: www.lsfnet.org

Early Steps Playtimes

Playgroup for children ages 1 to 6 with special needs.

Meets several times monthly at various locations in
Hernando, Pasco, and Pinellas counties.

Check the calendar of events on the Early Steps
FaceBook page.

To reserve a space, call Paula Burns (727)767-6705
or email paula.burns@jhmi.edu

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

For those that may need assistance regarding the school system

Hernando: (352)797-7070, ext. 230

website: www.hernandoschools.org/Page/3635

Pasco: (813)794-2928

website: www.pasco.k12.fl.us/esol/ia

Pinellas: (727)588-6068

website: www.pcsb.org/esol

FAAST (Florida's Assistive Technology Program)

Helps those with disabilities access to assistive services and technology

Call (844)353-2278 Voice/(877)506-2723 TTY

email: info@faastinc.org

website: www.faast.org

Family Center on Deafness

Programs/referrals for those who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Call (727)501-2323/Voice or (727)235-6285/Video

website: www.fcdpinellas.org

Family Network on Disabilities

Support, education, information, and advocacy statewide

Call (727) 523-1130

website: www.fndusa.org

Florida Center for Inclusive Communities

Training, technical assistance, research, and activities focused on
supporting individuals with developmental disabilities.

Call (866)818-4797

website: www.flfcic.fmhi.usf.edu

FL Developmental Disabilities Council

Promotes meaningful participation in all aspects of life for Floridians with
developmental disabilities. Resources and publications for all ages.

Call (800)580-7801 or (888)488-8633 TDD

website: www.fddc.org

Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services

Provides free in-home PT/OT to children who do not have easy access
to services and meet eligibility requirements.

Call (800)523-1673

website: www.floridaelks.org

Florida Health Dept.

Serving your needs from controlling infectious diseases to safe
drinking water to disaster preparedness and more

Hernando: (352)540-6800

website: www.hernando.floridahealth.gov

Pasco: (727)619-0300

website: www.pasco.floridahealth.gov

Pinellas: (727)824-6900

website: www.pinellas.floridahealth.gov

F.R.I.E.N.D.S.

Events, resources, networking meetings for those impacted
by down syndrome.

Call (813)245-2782

website: www.friendsdownsyndrometampa.com

Hernando County Community Alliance

Works with community-based organizations and agencies to
ensure nurturing of the family environment.

website: www.hccalliance.org

Hernando County Schools

Public school education for ESE (including gifted) ages 3 to 21
Call (352)797-7022 ESE Dept.
website: www.hernandoschools.org

HUGS of Florida, Inc.

Families brought together by hydrocephalus and related conditions.
Call Paula Burns (727)851-6705
email: info@hugsflorida.org
website: <https://gohydro.org/>

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

On-line support and penpals, many resources
Call (727)344-2873
website: www.jdrf.org/tampabay/

Kinship Care

Provides support to relative caregivers by helping families connect to necessary services. Support groups and family fun activities.
Call (888)920-8761
website: www.childrenshomenetwork.org/kinship
Pasco support groups (813)860-9373
Pinellas support groups (727)785-2762, ext. 238

Lions Club

Provides eye exams and glasses to those who are visually impaired and cannot afford the service.
Call (727)893-7152 Lions Sight Center, St. Petersburg

McKay Scholarship

Scholarships for students with disabilities to attend participating private schools
private or public schools
Hernando: (352)797-7000, x448
Pasco: (727)774-2686
Pinellas: (727)588-5090
website: www.floridaschoolchoice.org

National Alliance for the Mentally III

Education and support group meetings for persons with mental illness and their family and friends
Hernando: (352)684-0004
website: www.flnamihernando.org
Pasco: (727)992-9653
website: www.namipasco.org
Pinellas: (727)826-0807
website: www.nami-pinellas.org

PARC

Early intervention, therapy, residential, respite, and employment services for children and adults with developmental disabilities
Call (727)345-9111
website: www.parc-fl.org

PEACE 4 Tarpon

Working to create a peaceful and thriving Tarpon Springs through becoming a trauma informed community.
email: robinsaenger@hotmail.com
website: www.peace4tarpon.org

Pinellas County Schools-Homework Helpline

Free homework help for students grades 1 through 12.
Available Mon-Thurs from 5 to 8pm.
Call (727)547-7223
website: www.pcsb.org/Page/317

Pinellas Support Team

Provides services to families in Pinellas County with children in PreK through high school who are experiencing difficulties at school due to behavioral or emotional issues.
Call (727)785-2762, ext. 224
email: ageler@childrenshomenetwork.org
website: www.childrenshomenetwork.org/pinellas-support-team

Hospice

Hospice/palliative care, counseling, and caregiver support.
Hernando-HPH Hospice (866)940-0962
website: www.chaptershealth.org
Pasco-Gulfside Hospice (800)561-4883
website: www.gulfside.org
Pinellas Suncoast Hospice (727)467-7423
website: www.suncoasthospice.org

International Dyslexia Association

Information about dyslexia for individuals, parents, educators
email: info.fi@dyslexiaida.org
website: www.dyslexiaida.org

Kids and Canines

Provides trained assistance dogs to people with disabilities. Works with at-risk middle schoolers to care for/train dogs.
Call (813)558-5406
website: www.kidsandcanines.org

Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Serving individuals from birth through adult
Hernando: (352)754-1132
Pasco: (727)815-0303
website (for Pasco and Hernando): www.lvib.org
Pinellas: (727) 544-4433
website: www.lhpf.org

Little People of America (Orlando/Tampa)

Support and information for people with dwarfism and their families.
Call National # (888)LPA-2001
email: lpacentralflorida13@gmail.com
website: www.lpacentralflorida.org

Mended Little Hearts of St. Petersburg, Florida

Support program for parents of children with heart defects & disease
Call (727)492-3390
website: www.facebook.com

National Association for Gifted Children

Information and advocacy for families and K-12 educators.
Call (202)785-4268
website: www.nagc.org

Operation PAR

Addiction and mental health services-prevention, treatment, research for children, adults, and their families.
Call (888)727-6398 (help available 24/7)
website: www.operationpar.org

Pasco County Schools

Public school education for ESE ages 3 to 21
Call (727)774-2165 ESE Dept.
Call (727)774-2547 Gifted Dept.
website: www.pasco.k12.fl.us

Pinellas County Schools

Public school education for ESE ages 3 to 21
Call (727)588-6032 ESE Dept.
Call (727)588-6088 Gifted Dept.
website: www.pcsb.org

Pinellas Interagency Networking Council for Students

Quarterly meetings held with those interested in assisting Pinellas County transitioning youth with disabilities.
website: www.pincs.org

Project 10

Resources related to the transition of students with disabilities to postsecondary education/employment.
website: www.project10.info

Public Transportation

Discounted/accessible buses, plus disability assisted transportation

The Bus-Hernando County Transit (352)754-4444

website: www.hernandocounty.us/thebus

Pasco County Public Transportation-PCPT (727)834-3322

website: www.pascocounty.net/243/Public-TransportationPCPT

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority-PSTA (727)540-1900

website: www.psta.net

Service Source

Vocational evaluation and training, benefits planning, housing program, and opportunities for self-employment for individuals with disabilities.

Call (727)538-7370

website: www.servicessource.org

Special Ed Connection

A web-based resource that addresses legal/student rights, IEPs, and much more. Sign up by contacting your local FDLRS.

Hernando/Pasco: (727)774-2618

Pinellas: (727)793-2723, x2043

Special Olympics Florida

Year round sports training and competition for ages 8 and older with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Some areas have a Young Athletes program for children ages 2 to 7 years.

Hernando: (352)556-4884

Pasco: (727)492-8413 or (813)299-4433

Pinellas: (407)913-9728

website: www.specialolympicsflorida.org

Suncoast Center Inc.

Emotional wellness, trauma services, child advocacy for individuals and families throughout Pinellas County.

Call (727)388-1220

website: www.suncoastcenter.org

Tourette's Syndrome Support

Tampa Bay Area-Adults:

Contact Samantha Lubben at (727)226-0787

or sam0519@gmail.com

Tampa Bay Area:

Contact Colleen Beaudoin at (813)833-8330

or support.pasco@tsa-fl.org

website: www.tsa-fl.org

Williams Syndrome Association-Sunshine Region

Call (754)234-3409

email: apena@williams-syndrome.org

website: www.williams-syndrome.org

Ready for Life Beyond Foster Care

Serves youth in Pinellas County ages 15 - 25 years old that are in foster care or have already transitioned out and are on their own.

2300 Tall Pines Dr., Suite 100, Largo

Call (727)954-3989

email: info@readyforlifepinellas.org

website: www.readyforlifepinellas.org

SEDNET

Assisting students with/at risk of emotional/behavioral challenges.

Hernando: Amy DeFilippis (352)797-7022, x245

email: defilippis_a@hcsb.k12.fl.us

Pasco, Pinellas: Katerina Roussos (727)669-1220, x2024

email: roussosk@pcsb.org

website: www.sednetfl.info

Special Needs Shelter

For those that may need assistance evacuating, electricity for life supporting medical equipment, oxygen therapy, etc. Register every year.

Hernando: (352)754-4083

website: www.hernandocounty.us/departments/emergency-management

Pasco: (727)847-8137, ext. 8582

website: www.pascocountyfl.net/3735/special-needs

Pinellas: (727)464-3800

website: www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/specialneeds.htm

Spina Bifida Association of Central FL

Working to educate, advocate, network

Call (407)248-9210

website: www.sbcentralflorida.org

Suncoast Epilepsy Association

Support groups meet at various locations in Pinellas/Pasco Counties.

Call (813)694-4200

website: www.suncoastepilepsy.org

United Cerebral Palsy of Tampa Bay

Assists families and individuals with any disability to achieve their full potential. Therapies, doula program, supported employment, respite.

Call (813)239-1179

website: www.ucptampa.org

Vocational Rehabilitation

Assists students with disabilities to prepare for obtaining and maintaining employment after leaving high school.

Call (352)610-5212 Brooksville Office

Call (352)834-6021 Dade City Office

Call (727)518-3454 Largo Office

Call (727)484-1430 New Port Richey Office

Call (352)200-3057 Spring Hill Office

Call (727)217-7930 or (727)552-1589 St. Petersburg Offices

website: www.rehabworks.org



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