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State Resource Guide

Florida

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State Agencies and Organizations

United States Senators

Please see <http://www.mda.org/get-involved/advocacy/resources/government>

Official State Web Site

<http://www.myflorida.com>

State Department of Education: Special Education

Florida Department of Education, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services

Bureau Chief

Phone: (850) 245-0475

Website: <http://www.fldoe.org/ese>

Address: 325 West Gaines Street
614 Turlington Building
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400

State Coordinator for No Child Left Behind (NCLB)

Florida Department of Education, No Child Left Behind

Phone: (850) 245-0657

Email: nclb@fldoe.org

Website: http://www.fldoe.org/NCLB/default_test.asp

Address: 325 West Gaines Street
614 Turlington Building
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400

Programs for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities: Infant/Toddler

Early Steps System (administered by Children's Medical Services)

Phone: (850) 245-4200

Fax: (850) 488-3813

Website: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/alternatesites/cms-kids/EarlyStepsHome.htm>

Address: 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin A06
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1707

Programs for Children with Disabilities: Early Childhood

Florida Department of Education, Early Learning/ Pre-kindergarten Program

Executive Director

Phone: (850) 245-0445

Fax: (850) 245-5105

Website: <http://www.fldoe.org/earlyLearning>

Address: 325 West Gaines Street, Room 1524
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Phone: (850) 245-3399 (Voice/TDD)

Toll free: (800) 451-4327 (Voice/TDD)

Website: <http://www.rehabworks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Main.Main>

Address: 2002 Old Saint Augustine Road, Building A
Tallahassee, FL 32301-4862

Rehabilitation Services Administration

Florida State Liaison

Phone: (202) 245-6123

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/rsa/index.html>

Address: 400 Maryland Ave, S.W.
Washington, DC 20202-2800

Job Accommodation Network (U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy)

Phone: (800) 526-7234 (V) or (877) 781-9403 (TTY)

Website: <http://www.jan.wvu.edu/>

Coordinator for Transition Services

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, School to Work Transition

Phone: (850) 245-3399 (Voice/TDD)

Toll free: (800) 451-4327 (Voice/TDD)

Website: <http://www.rehabworks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=SubMain.STWT>

Address: 2002 Old Saint Augustine Road, Building A
Tallahassee, FL 32301-4862

State Mental Health Representative

Florida Department of Children and Families, Mental Health Services

Website: <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/mentalhealth>

Please visit the above website for the specific contact information of each county.

National Alliance on Mental Illness

Phone: (850) 671-4445

Toll free: (877) 626-4352

Fax: (850) 671-5272

Email: namifl@namifl.org

Website: www.namifl.org

Address: 1615 Village Square Blvd, Suite 6
Tallahassee, FL 32309

Programs for People with Developmental Disabilities

State of Florida Agency for Persons With Disabilities

Phone: (850) 488-4257
Toll free: (866) APD-CARES [(866) 273-2273]
Email: APD_Director@apd.state.fl.us
Website: <http://www.apd.myflorida.com>
Address: 4030 Esplanade Way Suite 380
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0950

Councils on Developmental Disabilities

Florida Developmental Disabilities Council

Phone: (850) 488-4180
Toll free: (800) 580-7801
TDD: (850) 488-0956
TDD toll free: (888) 488-8633
Fax: (850) 922-6702
Email: fddc@fddc.org
Website: <http://fddc.org>
Address: 124 Marriott Drive, Suite 203
Tallahassee, FL 32301-2981

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities Inc.

Phone: (850) 488-9071
Toll free: (800) 342-0823
Fax: (850) 488-8640
TDD: (800) 346-4127
Website: <http://www.advocacycenter.org>

Please see the above website for the office location nearest you.

Client Assistance Program

Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities Inc.

Phone: (850) 488-9071
Toll free: (800) 342-0823
Fax: (850) 488-8640
TDD: (800) 346-4127
Website: <http://www.advocacycenter.org/programs/cap/>

Please see the above website for the office location nearest you.

Programs for Children with Special Health Care Needs

Florida Department of Health, Children's Medical Services

Phone: (850) 245-4209
Fax: (850) 921-8409
Website: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Cms/index.html>
Address: 2585 Merchants Row Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income uninsured children)

Florida KidCare

Phone: (888) 540-5437

TTY: (877) 316-8748

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

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or with Speech Impairments

TTY: (800) 548-2546

Phone: (800) 548-2547

For national relay services, please visit <http://www.deafzone.com/relay/>.

Regional ADA Technical Assistance Center

National Network of ADA Centers

Phone: (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

Southeast ADA Center (Project of the Burton Blatt Institute – Syracuse University)

Phone: (404) 541-9001 (V/TTY)

Fax: (404) 541-9002

Email: seadbtaacproject@law.syr.edu

Website: www.seadbtaac.org

Address: 1419 Mayson Street
Atlanta, GA 30324

University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

Mailman Center for Child Development, University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine

Patient Referral Number: (305) 243-6631

Fax: (305) 243-5978

TDD: (305) 243-5937

Website: <http://peds2.med.miami.edu/mailman/>

Address: P.O. Box 016820 (D820)
Miami, FL 33101

Florida Center for Inclusive Communities, University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute at University of South Florida

Phone: (813) 974-3126

Toll free: (866) 818-4797

Fax: (813) 974-6115

Email: tclarke@fmhi.usf.edu

Website: <http://flfcic.fmhi.usf.edu>

Address: 13301 Bruce B. Downs Blvd. MHC 2113A
Tampa, FL 33612

Technology-Related Assistance

Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology

Phone: (850) 487-3278

Toll free: (888) 788-9216

Fax: (850) 487-2805

Email: faast@faast.org

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

Address: FFAST, Inc.
325 John Knox Road, Building 400, Suite 402
Tallahassee, FL 32303

State Mediation System

Florida Department of Education, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services

Phone: (850) 245-0475

Website: <http://www.fldoe.org/ese/resolution.asp>

Address: 325 West Gaines Street
614 Turlington Building
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400

Special Format Library

The Bureau of Braille and Talking Book Library Services

Phone: (386) 239-6000

Toll free: (800) 226-6075

Florida Telephone Relay System (TTY): 711

Fax: (386) 239-6069

Website: <http://dbs.myflorida.com/library>

Address: Florida Division of Blind Services
Bureau of Braille and Talking Book Library Services
421 Platt Street
Daytona Beach, FL 32114-2804

State Department on Aging

State of Florida, Department of Elder Affairs

Phone: (850) 414-2000

Fax: (850) 414-2004

Email: information@elderaffairs.org

Website: <http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us>

Address: 4040 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, FL 32399-7000

State Medicare and Medicaid

Agency for Health Care Administration

Website: <http://www.fdhc.state.fl.us/Medicaid/index.shtml>

Medicare

Phone: (800) MEDICARE

Website: www.medicare.gov

Address: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21244-1850

Social Security Administration

Phone: (800) 772-1213

TDD service: (800) 325-0778

Website: <http://www.ssa.gov>

Visit the website above for the location and phone number of the office in your city.

Veterans Affairs

Florida Department of Veterans Affairs

Phone: (850) 487-1533

Alternate Phone: (727) 518-3202

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

Address: 4040 Esplanade Way, Suite 152
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0950

Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Central Florida Parent Center, Inc.

Phone: (727) 789-2400

Toll free: (888) 61-AWARE [(888) 612-9273]

Fax: (727) 789-2454

Email: cfpc@cflparents.org

Website: <http://www.cflparents.org/aboutus2.htm>

Address: 1021 Delaware Ave.

Palm Harbor, FL 34683

Other Disability-Related Resources

Easter Seals Florida

Phone: (407) 629-7881

TTY: (407) 629-7881

Fax: (407) 629-8422

Website: http://fl.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=FLDR_homepage

Address: 2010 Mizelle Avenue

Winter Park, FL 32792

Community Information and Referral

Florida Alliance for Information and Referral Services

Phone: 211

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

Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

Phone: (713) 520-0232 (Voice/TTY)

Fax: (713) 520-5785

Email: ilru@ilru.org

Website: <http://www.ilru.org/index.html>

Address: 2323 S. Shepherd, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

See the above website for a list of independent living centers in Florida.