

Disability Resource Directory

This directory features a variety of disability-related organizations and agencies that provide assistive technology, recreation, transportation, and other information for people with disabilities, caregivers, family members and the general public.

To add to or modify this list, email your request to the [Alliance for Citizens with Disabilities](#).

Choose from the list below to locate the information and links to the various agencies and organizations featured in the directory. Links with an asterisk (*) are organizations that are local to the Tampa Bay area or have a chapter in the state of Florida.

Abuse

All Walks of Life:

<http://www.awol-texas.org/>

To prevent violence against people with disabilities

Amputee

Amputees in Action

<http://www.amputeeinaction.org>

Seeks to be a positive catalyst in the amputee community challenging fellow amputees to Get Up and Get Active!

Amputee Coalition of America

<http://www.amputee-coalition.org>

This is the nation's leading organization on limb loss which is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for amputees and their families and improving patient care and preventing limb loss.

Amputees Together Inc.:

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

A nonprofit organization whose membership consists of upper and lower extremity amputees, their families and friends and interested healthcare professionals. Amputees Together is sponsored by Westcoast Brace & Limb.

Art

American Art Therapy Association Inc.:

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

A national association dedicated to the belief that the creative process involved in the making of art is healing and life enhancing.

Association of Mouth and Foot Painting Artists of the World:

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

This dynamic, multilingual site offers information about the association, biographical portraits of the artists, an online gallery, chat, and member forum.

Blindspots:

<http://www.vashti.net/BLIND/>

Movie reviews for people with visual impairments.

Creative Clay Inc.*:

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

To provide a safe, creative, nurturing environment and service where people can learn and express themselves through the arts.

Films Involving Disabilities:

<http://www.disabilityfilms.co.uk/>

Presents a detailed list of 2,500 feature films which involve in one way or another various disabilities. It is directed towards teachers, students and anyone who has an interest in how disability is represented in films.

National Arts and Disability Center (NADC):

<http://www.semel.ucla.edu/nadc>

National information dissemination, technical assistance and referral center specializing in the field of arts and disability. Promotes the full inclusion of children and adults with disabilities into the visual, performing, media, and literary-arts communities. The NADC is a project of the University of California, at Los Angeles (UCLA), Tarjan Center for Developmental Disabilities.

National Theatre of the Deaf (NTD):

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

Through the National Theatre of the Deaf signature style of visual language, American Sign Language, the audience enjoys a greater appreciation that no other theater company can approach.

NIAD Art Center:

<http://niadart.org/>

To provide an art program for people with developmental disabilities which promotes creative expression, independence, dignity and community integration. The Online Gallery allows you to view exhibits of NIAD artwork, buy art and learn more about the artists creating the work.

VSA Arts*:

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

An international organization that creates learning opportunities through the arts for people with disabilities. Formerly known as Very Special Arts.

VSA Arts of Florida*: Brings the arts into the lives of people with disabilities. Their mission is to create a society where people with disabilities can learn through, participate in and enjoy the arts.

VSA Arts of Florida*:

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

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Assistive Technology

AbleData:

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

AbleData provides objective information about assistive technology products and rehabilitation equipment available from domestic and international sources.

ATEN Technology Inc.:

<http://www.aten-usa.com/>

Aten has the reputation for delivering assistive technology throughout the world and so much more.

DREAMMS For Kids Inc.:

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

This is an agency that specializes in assistive technology for children with special needs.

Family Center on Technology and Disability:

<http://www.fctd.info/>

This site has valuable information on assistive technology with helpful articles about assistive technology for children with disabilities in school and social settings. This site will also assist teachers with learning strategies to better educate children who use assistive technology devices in school.

Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology (FAAST)*:

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

This resource provides assistive technology products and services that will enable persons with disabilities to participate in independent living, education, work, and recreation throughout life. They also have an adapted toy lending library.

National Center for Accessible Media (NCAM):

<http://ncam.wgbh.org/>

NCAM is a research and development facility dedicated to the issues of media and information technology for people with disabilities.

Rehabilitation Engineering & Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA):

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

RESNA is an Interdisciplinary association for the advancement of rehabilitation and assistive technology.

Trace Research and Development Center:

<http://trace.wisc.edu/>

This center provides information on disability access to communication, computers, and next generation information systems.

Web Accessibility Initiative (W3C):

<http://www.w3.org/>

W3C focuses on developments and issues as they relate to making the web accessible for people with disabilities.

Blindness & Visual Impairments

A-Z to Deafblindness

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

This has information and resources for people who are deaf blind.

American Council of the Blind

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

The nation's leading membership organization of blind and visually impaired people. The organization strives to improve the well-being of all blind and visually impaired people in social, economical, and cultural levels.

American Foundation for the Blind

<http://www.afb.org/default.aspx>

A national nonprofit organization whose mission is to ensure that the ten million Americans who are blind or visually impaired enjoy the same rights and opportunities as other citizens.

American Printing House for the Blind

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

The world's largest company devoted to researching, developing, and manufacturing products for people who are blind or visually impaired.

Blinded Veterans Association

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

An organization specifically established to promote the welfare of blinded veterans.

Blindness Resource Center

<http://www.nyise.org/blind.htm>

A great resource on anything dealing with blindness.

Blindspots

<http://www.vashti.net/BLIND/>

Movie reviews for people with visual impairments.

Florida Association of Agencies Serving the Blind (FAASB) *

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

Provides direct support services to visually impaired and blind Floridians through our local nonprofit member agencies.

Florida Blind Services *

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

Movie reviews for people with visual impairments.

Florida Center for the Blind (FCB) *

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

Teaches alternative ways to perform daily living skills with a minimum of inconvenience to the individual. Focuses on rehabilitation and assistance and is committed to a positive and progressive philosophy about blindness.

Florida Council of the Blind, Inc. *

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

A statewide organization of blind people working to make life better through public education, legislative actions, and providing a statewide information and referral service through Project Insight.

Florida Division of Blind Services *

<http://dbs.myflorida.com/about-us/contact-blind-services.php>

State agency responsible for ensuring that people of all ages in the state who are blind or visually impaired can live independently and achieve their goals.

Lions Club of Florida *

<http://lionsofflorida.org>

Lions are an international network of 1.3 million men and women in 205 countries and geographic areas working together to answer the needs that challenge communities around the world. International website is <http://lionsclub.org>.

National Association for Visual Humanities (NAVH)

<http://lighthouse.org/navh>

Nonprofit health agency dedicated to providing assistance to the partially sighted.

National Eye Institute

<http://www.nei.nih.gov/eyedata/>

A great source for statistics and data on the prevalence and causes of visual impairments and blindness in the United States.

National Federation for the Blind (NFB)

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

Nation's largest consumer and advocacy organization of blind persons. NFB is considered the leading force in the blindness field today. Also has a local chapter.

National Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)

<http://www.loc.gov/nls/>

Through a national network of cooperating libraries, NLS administers a free library program of Braille and audio materials circulated to eligible borrowers in the United States by postage-free mail.

Prevent Blindness America

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

Nation's leading volunteer eye health and safety organization dedicated to fighting blindness and saving sight through public and professional education, advocacy, certified vision screening and research. Also has a local chapter.

Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic (RFB&D)

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

Records textbooks and other materials for people who are either blind or have Dyslexia.

Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind *

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

Provides comprehensive rehabilitation programs for persons who are blind or visually impaired.

Low Vision Gateway

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

This is a great starting point to the world's resources for vision loss, vision-impairment, blindness, low vision aids and low vision rehabilitation services.

V.I. Guide: A Guide to Internet Resources About Visual Impairments, for Parents and Teachers

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

An extensive and well-organized guide to on- (and some off-) line resources by eye diseases in America, jointly sponsored by the National Eye Institute and Prevent Blindness America.

Communication

ADA National Network

<http://adata.org/>

Provides information, guidance and training on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), tailored to meet the needs of business, government and individuals at local, regional and national levels.

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

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

Ensure that all people with speech, language, and hearing disorders have access to quality services to help them communicate more effectively.

Bobby Worldwide

<http://www.mardiros.net/bobby-accessibility-tool.html>

A web-based public service that analyzes web pages for their accessibility to people with disabilities as well as their compatibility with various browsers.

Facilitated Communication Institute

http://soe.syr.edu/centers_institutes/institute_communication_inclusion/default.aspx

Offers articles, abstracts, and other information related to facilitated communication, a method of assisting people who cannot speak to communicate through typing.

Federal Communication Commission (FCC)

<http://transition.fcc.gov/cgb/dro/>

The Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau discusses concerns and needs assistance for people with hearing, visual, speech or other types of disabilities.

Florida Telecommunication Relay, Inc. (FTRI)*

<http://www.ftri.org>

A statewide nonprofit organization that administers the Specialized Telecommunications Equipment Distribution program for citizens of Florida who are Deaf, hard of Hearing, Deaf/Blind and Speech disabled. FTRI is also responsible for the education and promotion of the Florida Relay Service.

Southeast ADA Center *

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

The Southeast ADA Center (formerly known as Southeast DBTAC) is your leader in providing information, training, and guidance on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and disability access tailored to the needs of business, government, and individuals at local, state, and regional levels.

Deaf and Hearing Impairments

ASLInfo.com

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

Information and resources related to ASL, interpreting, and Deaf Culture.

Communication Access *

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

To provide communication access and services for people with hearing loss.

Deaf Education

<http://www.deafed.net/>

This provides deaf related resources for educators.

Deaf Resources Library

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

An online collection of reference material and links intended to educate and inform people about Deaf cultures in Japan and the United States; as well as deaf and hard of hearing related topics.

Dogs for the Deaf Inc.

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

Rescues dogs and professionally trains them for people with hearing impairments.

Florida Association of the Deaf, Inc. *

<http://www.fadcentral.org/index/index.html>

An organization that promotes Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and late Deafened Floridians to interact with each other and the hearing community, legislators, and other agencies serving the Deaf, hard of Hearing and late Deafened citizens.

Florida Deaf-Blind Association, Inc. (FDBA) *

<http://fldeafblind.org/>

The Florida Deaf-Blind Association is to enable Deaf-Blind people, including all people with both hearing and vision impairments, to have the right to achieve their maximum potential through increased independence, productivity, and integration into the community.

Florida Dog Guides F.T.D. Inc. *

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

Trains, hearing, service, and specialty dogs for Florida's Deaf, legally Deaf and Physically challenged residents.

Florida Telecommunications Relay Inc. *

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

Florida Relay is the communications link for people who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf/Blind, or Speech Impaired. People who use specialized telephone equipment can communicate with people who use standard telephone equipment.

Gallaudet University

<http://www.gallaudet.edu/>

A university for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Hearing Students.

Hearing Speech & Deaf Center

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

Agency serving people with hearing or speech impairments.

Hearing Aids Help.com

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

Specializes in hearing aids, loss, and treatment from in-the-canal to behind-the-ear.

Sound Advice for Hearing Aids

<http://ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/health/hea10.shtm>

Answers common questions about purchasing hearing aids, trial periods, and more. From the Federal Trade Commission.

Developmental Disabilities

Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)*

<http://apd.myflorida.com>

Works in partnership with local communities and private providers to assist people who have developmental disabilities and their families. APD also provides assistance in identifying the needs of people with developmental disabilities for supports and services.

The ARC of Florida*

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

Includes all children and adults with cognitive, intellectual, and developmental disabilities in every community.

Autism and PDD Support Network

<http://www.autism-pdd.net/>

Support information including parents' guides to diagnosis and testing, treating options, and special education as well as resources for adults with disabilities.

Brain Injury Association of America

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

An organization that betters the future for people with brain injuries by prevention, research, education and advocacy. Also available in Spanish. Local chapter is at <http://www.biaf.org/>.

Center for Autism & Related Disabilities (CARD)*

<http://card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu/>

Among the world's largest and most experienced organizations effectively treating children with autism and related disorders.

Developmental Disabilities Resource Center (DDRC)

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

Provides services including early childhood, education, vocational, support services, and residential services.

DRM Regional Resources Directory

<http://www.disabilityresources.org/FLORIDA.html>

A nonprofit organization established to promote and improve awareness, availability and accessibility on information that can help people with disabilities live, learn, love, work and play independently.

Easter Seals*

<http://www.easterseals.com/site/PageServer>

Provides services to children and adults with disabilities and other special needs, and support to their families.

Family Network on Disabilities, Inc. (FND)*

<http://fndfl.org>

A national network of individuals of all ages who may be at-risk, have disabilities, or have special needs and their families, professionals, and concerned citizens. Their mission is to ensure through collaboration that individuals have full access to family-driven support, education, information, resources, and advocacy and the serve families of children with disabilities, ages birth through 26, who have the full range of disabilities.

Florida Alliance of information and Referral services (FLAIRS)*

<http://www.flairs.org>

To strengthen the health and human service information and referral provider network in the State of Florida through advocacy, coordination and education.

Florida Center for Inclusive Communities (FCIC) *

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

Committed to developing a range of supports and services in the areas of Community Supports, Early Childhood, Transition, Education, Employment, Health, and Interdisciplinary Training.

Florida Developmental Disabilities Council (FDDC)*

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

Established to help plan individual and family-centered supports for those with disabilities in Florida. They also guide the development and administration of services for people with developmental disabilities by planning and funding research, innovations, and programs.

Florida Developmental Disabilities Resources *

<http://www.fddresources.org>

A public reporting resource for individuals with developmental disabilities living in or moving to the State of Florida. To improve the quality of supports for Florida citizens with developmental disabilities.

Florida's Voice on Developmental Disabilities (FVDD)*

<http://www.floridasvoice.org>

Florida's Voice on Developmental Disabilities is information based. They provide updated news, Events around the state. They are a great networking resource for those in need of and looking for information about Medicaid/iBudget, legislation, and help for those with autism, intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, Prader-Willi, and Spina Bifida.

MacDonald Training Center*

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

Services for individuals with developmental disabilities includes supported employment coaching, day services, health training, and transportation.

Muscular Dystrophy Association

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

A voluntary health agency which is a dedicated partnership between scientists and concerned citizens aimed at conquering neuromuscular diseases that affect more than a million Americans.

National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY)

<http://nichcy.org>

Offers a wealth of information on disabilities! Serves the nation as a central source of information on disabilities in infants, toddlers, children, and youth.

National Down Syndrome Society

<http://www.ndss.org>

The national advocate for the value, acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome.

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

<http://www.ninds.nih.gov/>

Conducts and supports research on brain and nervous system disorders such as stroke, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, Parkinson's disease, and autism.

Prader-Willi Syndrome Association

<http://pwfa.org>

To provide support through education, advocacy and research to Prader-Willi community so individuals and their families may live to their greatest potential.

Tourette Syndrome Association of Florida *

<https://www.tsa-fl.org>

A volunteer organization dedicated to helping individuals and families living with Tourette Syndrome.

Southern Movement for Independence *

<http://www.centerforself-determination.com/>

Organization run by and for people with developmental disabilities that is dedicated to promoting self-determination of individuals with developmental disabilities.

UCP of Tampa Bay *

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

Services for adults and children with disabilities including respite care, home care, supported living, therapy, and employment training.

United Cerebral Palsy

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

The leading source of information on cerebral palsy and is a pivotal advocate for the rights of persons with any disability.

Disability Rights

ADA Document Portal

<http://adata.org/ada-document-portal>

An online library of ADA documents related to the ADA including those issued by Federal agencies as well as documents on disability rights laws and issues.

Alliance for Citizens with Disabilities-Hillsborough County (ACD)*

<http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/index.aspx?NID=1988>

The Alliance is a community coalition which the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners adopted to improve the quality of life for all citizens with disabilities.

American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)

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

Largest national nonprofit cross disability member organization in the United States. Works in coalition with other disability organizations for full implementation and enforcement of disability laws.

Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law

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

Nonprofit legal advocacy organization for people with mental illness and mental retardation. This site includes current advocacy “alerts” as well as a wealth of advocacy resources relating to the Americans with Disabilities Act, child welfare, children’s mental health services, community services for older people and much more.

Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities

<http://www.c-c-d.org/>

This is a coalition of approximately 100 national disability organizations working together to advocate for national public policy that ensures the self determination, independence, empowerment, integration and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society.

Council for Disability Rights

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

On a national, state, and local levels the Council promotes public policy and legislation, public awareness through education, and provides information and referral services.

Disability Awareness in Action

<http://www.daa.org.uk/>

An international disability and human rights networks, run for and by disabled people.

Disability Rights Florida*

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

A nonprofit organization providing protection and advocacy services in the State of Florida.

Information and Technical Assistance on the Americans with Disabilities Act

<http://www.ada.gov/>

Official ADA homepage from the United States Department of Justice and there is a section on this site that deals with employment and the Equal Employment and Opportunities Commission (EEOC).

National Council on Disability (NCD)

<http://www.ncd.gov/>

An independent federal agency that makes recommendations to the President and Congress to enhance the quality of life for all Americans with disabilities and their families.

National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)

<http://ncil.org/>

Assists with independent living and the rights of people with disabilities through consumer-driven advocacy. See Self-Reliance ,Inc. below for local chapter

Parent Advocacy Coalition for Education Rights (PACER Center)

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

To expand opportunities and enhance the quality of life of children and young adults with disabilities and their families, based on the concept of parents helping parents.

Self-Reliance, Inc. Center for Independent Living*

<http://www.self-reliance.org/>

Improves the quality of life for persons with disabilities through independent living programs and services. Provides services in the Tampa Bay area and throughout Hillsborough County.

Southeast ADA Center (DBTAC)*

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

South ADA Center (formerly known as Southeast DBTAC) is your leader in providing information, training, and guidance on the Americans with Disabilities ACT (ADA) and disability access tailored to the needs of business, government, and individual and local, state, and regional levels.

Tampa Mayor's Alliance for Persons with Disabilities*

http://www.tampagov.net/dept_Mayor/Mayors_Alliance/

An advocacy organization whose goals are to improve the quality of life to persons in Tampa, FL who are disabled.

TASH

<http://tash.org/>

An international association of people with disabilities, their family members, other advocates, and professionals fighting for a society in which inclusion of all people in all aspects of society is the norm.

U.S. Department of Justice

<http://www.ada.gov/>

This is the U.S. Department of Justice Americans with Disabilities Act home page. They enforce the ADA regulations and guidelines dealing with employment, accessibility, accommodations and transportation.

United States Access Board

<http://www.access-board.gov/>

An independent federal agency devoted to accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

Wrightslaw

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

Offers information about special education law and advocacy for children with disabilities.

YES! of American United, Inc.*

<http://www.yesunited.org>

To enrich, educate and empower people with disabilities as they live, work and play.

Dwarfism

Little People of America

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

A nonprofit organization that provides support and information to people of short stature and their families.

Primordial Dwarfism.com

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

Dedicated to educating and supporting families affected by primordial dwarfism.

Education

Council for Exceptional Children(CEC)

<http://www.cec.sped.org/am/template.cfm?section=Home>

An information center on disabilities and gifted education.

Family Network on Disabilities, Inc. (FND)*

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

A statewide alliance that provides family driven support, education, information, and advocacy.

HEATH Resource Center

<http://www.heath.gwu.edu/>

A national clearinghouse on postsecondary education for individuals with disabilities. HEATH publishes resources papers, fact sheets, directories, and website information in an arena of disability issues.

National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY)

<http://nichcy.org/>

Service the nation as a central source of information on disabilities, IDEA, and is also research-based information on effective educational practices. Their special focus is children and youth (birth to age 22).

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/index.html>

Committed to improving results and outcomes for people with disabilities of all ages.

Special Education Resources on the Internet (SERI)

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

A collection of Internet accessible information resources of interest to those involved in the fields related to special education.

WrightsLaw

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

Offers information about special education law and advocacy for children with disabilities.

Employment

Able Trust*

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

Providing Floridians with disabilities fair employment opportunities through fundraising, grant programs, public awareness and education.

UCP of Tampa Bay*

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

Services for adults and children with disabilities including respite care, home care, supported living, therapy, and employment training.

Diversity World

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

Deals with employment issues for people with disabilities.

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)*

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

A statewide employment resource for businesses and people with disabilities. A place for individuals with disabilities to obtain and keep employment.

Job Accommodation Network (JAN)

<http://askjan.org/>

A service of the Office of Disability Employment Policy of the U.S. Department of Labor. JAN provides employers, employment providers, people with disabilities, their families and other interested parties information on job accommodations, self-employment and small business opportunities and related subjects.

U.S. Department of Labor Employment & Training Administration

<http://www.doleta.gov/>

Tips on jobs, training, and resumes, also jobs accommodation resources and employment initiatives.

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)

<http://www.eeoc.gov/>

Enforces all federal employment laws no matter your race, creed, gender, or disability.

Worksupport.com

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

Assisting companies and people in overcoming barriers to hiring people with disabilities.

Florida State Non-Government & Government**Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)***

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

Formerly Developmental Disabilities Program. Assists people with developmental disabilities and their families to secure supports and services.

The ARC of Florida *

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

Committed to promoting for all people with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities, the opportunity to choose and realize their goals of where and how they learn, live, work and access leisure activities.

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

<http://card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu/>

The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at the University of South Florida is a community-based project that provides information and consultation to individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and related disabilities. CARD-USF offers instruction and coaching to families and professionals through a training and assistance model.

Center for Self-Determination

<http://www.centerforself-determination.com/>

The primary clearinghouse, training and technical assistance source on Self-Determination in the United States and other countries. The Center is devoted to working within the public and private sector to move power and authority over resources directly to individuals with disabilities, families and allies.

Children's Medical Services (CMS)*

<http://www.cms-kids.com/>

Health care information and resources to assist families to understand their child's health issues and to also provide assistance.

Disability Resources, Inc. (Florida)*

<http://www.disabilityresources.org/FLORIDA.html>

Established to promote and improve awareness, availability and accessibility of information that can help people with disabilities live, learn, love, work and play independently.

Disability Rights Florida*

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

The statewide designated protection and advocacy system for individuals with disabilities in the State of Florida.

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)*

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

A statewide employment resource for businesses and people with disabilities. A place for individuals with disabilities to obtain and keep employment.

Family C.A.F.E.*

<http://www.familycafe.net/>

Collaboration, Advocacy, Friendship, and Empowerment (C.A.F.E.) is an annual Conference, sponsored by the state, to provide information, resources and support to Individuals with special needs or disabilities and their families.

Family Care Council Florida*

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

State APD Liaison Office. Provides information and outreach to developmentally disabled self-advocates and families.

Family Network on Disabilities, Inc.*

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

A statewide alliance that provides family driven support, education, information and advocacy.

Florida Agency for Health Care Administration*

<http://www.fdhc.state.fl.us/>

Information, questions, office locations, and eligibility guidelines for Medicaid and much more.

Florida Association of Support Coordinators*

<http://waiverprovider.com/>

Devoted to the enhancement of support coordination through education, training, and information networking on a statewide basis.

Florida Developmental Disabilities Council (FDDC)*

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

Established to help plan individual and family centered supports for those with disabilities in Florida. They also guide the development and administration of services for people with developmental disabilities by planning and funding research, innovations, and programs.

Florida Inclusion Network*

<http://www.floridainclusionnetwork.com/page265.aspx>

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

Florida's Voice on Developmental Disabilities*

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

A statewide independent advocacy and networking non-profit organization comprised of families and friends of persons with developmental disabilities.

Social Security Administration, Ticket to Work

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

A program through the Social Security Administration to support employment for people with disabilities under the SSI and SSDI programs.

General

American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)

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

Largest national nonprofit cross disability member organization in the United States. Works in coalition with other disability organizations for full implementation and enforcement of disability laws.

Brave Kids

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

A wonderful resource to assist your child with special needs. Help for children with chronic, life-threatening illnesses or disabilities. Also, available in Spanish.

Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities

<http://www.c-c-d.org/>

This is a coalition of approximately 100 national disability organizations working together to advocate for national public policy that ensures the self determination, independence, empowerment, integration and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society.

Cornucopia of Disability Information

<http://codi.buffalo.edu/>

Serves as a community resource for consumers and professionals by providing disability information in a wide variety of areas.

Disability.gov

<https://www.disability.gov/>

Gateway to federal government disability related information and resources.

DisabilityResources.org: A wealth of information that can be found on the Internet on disabilities.

National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)

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

An organization to help people with rare "orphan" diseases identify, treat and cure rare disorders through education, advocacy, research and service.

Parents with Disabilities Online

<http://www.disabledparents.net/>

Provides information, resources and support to parents with disabilities.

Women with Disabilities

<http://womenshealth.gov/>

Through the National Women's Health Information Center women with disabilities can find a wealth of useful information for women with disabilities, caretakers, health professionals and researchers.

Housing

Ability Awareness

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

A non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities through housing, education, employment, media and volunteer opportunities.

Barrier Free Home

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

Barrier-Free Home is a "one-stop-shop" for barrier-free homes, townhomes and condominiums. Listings of classified ads for accessible real estate. Also has realty organizations who specialize in selling accessible housing.

Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology (FAAST)*

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

Provides assistive technology products and services which will enable persons with disabilities to participate in independent living, education, work and recreation throughout life. They also have an adapted toy lending library.

Florida Housing Coalition*

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

Provides information and referrals on a variety of housing related issues including home buyer education, economic development, local housing partnership development and legal assistance.

Florida Housing Finance Corporation*

<http://apps.floridahousing.org/>

The mission of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (Florida Housing) is to help our fellow Floridians obtain safe, decent housing that might otherwise be unavailable to them.

Housing and Urban Development: People with Disabilities (HUD)

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/topics/information_for_disabled_persons

General information, federal resources, fair housing laws, and HUD resources.

Inclusion

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactive Disorder*

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

A national nonprofit organization representing individuals with ADHD, for education, advocacy and support.

Disability Resources.org

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

A wealth of information that can be found on the Internet on disabilities.

KidsHealth

<http://kidshealth.org/>

Has a wealth of information to assist parents on health issues that involve their children. Also available in Spanish.

LD Online

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

Interactive guide to learning disabilities for parents, teachers, and children. This is considered the learning website on learning disabilities for parents, teachers and professionals.

LD Resources

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

Provides information for people with learning disabilities and who work with people with learning disabilities.

Learning Disabilities and Attention Deficits Hyperactivity Disorder ADHD Owners Manual

<http://www.edutechsbs.com/adhd/>

Gives a definition, intervention strategies, and information on medication.

Learning Disabilities Association of America(LDA)

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

A nonprofit volunteer organization advocating for individuals with learning disabilities.

National Center for Learning Disabilities

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

A resource for people seeking authoritative information on learning disabilities.

National Resource Center on ADHD

<http://www.help4adhd.org/>

To understand more about ADHD as a real disorder. Discusses about ADHD and treatment as well as dealing with the systems and education issues.

NLDLine

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

To increase awareness among parents and professionals about nonverbal learning disorders.

SchwabLearning.org

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

Parents guide to helping kids with learning disabilities, including articles and free publications.

TASH

<http://tash.org/>

An international association of people with disabilities, their family members, other advocates, and professionals fighting for a society in which inclusion of all people in all aspects of society is the norm.

YES! of America United, Inc. *

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

A program where people with a disability are enriched, educated, and empowered to live independent lives within their community.

Legal Issues**All Walks of Life**

<http://www.awol-texas.org/>

To prevent violence against people with disabilities.

American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) *

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

Largest national nonprofit cross disability member organization in the United States. Works in coalition with other disability organizations for full implementation and enforcement of disability laws.

American Bar Association (ABA)

<http://www.americanbar.org/groups/disabilityrights.html>

The ABA is committed to justice and the rule of law for persons with mental, physical, and sensory disabilities and their full and equal participation in the legal profession.

Disability Claims.com

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

Provides some common sense do's and don'ts in an attempt to address the legal concerns of employees who have become or are about to become disabled.

Disability Lawyers

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

Comprehensive information on disability law.

Disability Rights Advocates (DRA)

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

Provides disability rights litigation that has successfully challenged discriminatory practices in all aspects of society.

Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund (DREDF)

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

The leading national law and policy center on disability rights.

Disability Rights Florida *

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

A nonprofit organization providing protection and advocacy services in the State of Florida.

FindLaw

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

Internet legal resources.

Job Accommodation Network (JAN)

<http://askjan.org/>

A service of the Office of Disability Employment Policy of the U.S.: Department of Labor. JAN provides employers, employment providers, people with disabilities, their families and other interested parties information on job accommodations, self-employment and small business opportunities and related subjects.

Southeast ADA Center*

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

Southeast ADA Center (formerly known as Southeast DBTAC) is your leader in providing information, training, and guidance on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and disability access tailored to the needs of business, government, and individual and local, state, and regional levels.

U.S. Department of Justice

<http://www.ada.gov/>

This is the U.S. Department of Justice Americans with Disabilities Act home page. They enforce the ADA regulations and guidelines dealing with employment, accessibility, accommodations and transportation.

Wrightslaw

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

Offers information about special education law and advocacy for children with disabilities.

Mental Health

Bazelon Center

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

Nonprofit legal advocacy organization for people with mental illness and mental retardation. This site includes current advocacy alerts as well as a wealth of advocacy resources relating to the Americans with Disabilities Act, child welfare, children's mental health services, community services for older people, and much more.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

<http://www.cms.gov/>

A federal agency that assists you in all your Medicare and Medicaid needs.

Florida Council for Community Mental Health*

<http://www.fccmh.org>

A statewide association of 70 community-based mental health and substance abuse agencies. The association's membership includes a number of agencies that specialize in substance abuse services and children's services, as well as hospital-based programs.

Florida Department of Children & Families *

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

Has links and resources on a variety of topics dealing with mental health.

Florida Federation of Families of Children with Mental Health *

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

Statewide network that provides support and information to families of children and adolescents with serious emotional, behavioral, or mental disorders.

Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI) *

<http://home.fmhi.usf.edu/>

Florida's Premier research and training center for behavioral health services research. Also known as Florida Mental Health Institute.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

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

Maintains a help line for information on mental illnesses and referrals to local groups.

National Empowerment Center

<http://www.power2u.org/>

Provides information and referrals to consumers nationwide and offers technical assistance to individuals and groups involved in consumer empowerment activities.

National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health

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

Supports families at the local, state and national level. Through our various programs and resources.

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/index.shtml>

Symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment of various mental illnesses. Included are brochures, and information sheets, reports, press releases, fact sheets, and other educational materials on mental health.

National Mental Health Association Information Center

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

A referral and information center and can help you locate chapters. These local groups have information about community services and engage in national and state level advocacy.

National Mental Health Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse

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

Promotes and helps to develop consumer-run self-help groups across the country.

World Federation for Mental Health

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

International multidisciplinary grassroot advocacy and education organization concerned with all aspects of mental health.

Recreation

American Association of Adapted Sports Programs, Inc.

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

To oversee the partnership of leaders in education and community to lay the foundation for a national network of interscholastic adapted athletic programs.

BlazeSports *

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

A comprehensive sports and fitness program for children and adults with physical disabilities. Hillsborough County, FL Parks and Recreation Department has a club.

Disabled Sports USA

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

A national nonprofit organization by disabled Vietnam veterans to serve the war injured. Offers nationwide sports rehabilitation programs to anyone with a permanent physical disability.

Florida Disabled Outdoors Association *

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

Provides information and education about the therapeutic value of recreation. Promotes participation in leisure activities, development of accessible outdoor recreational facilities and programs, and advocacy for inclusion in all sports, recreation, and leisure opportunities.

National Center on Accessibility (NCA)

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

A program of Indiana University's Department of Recreation and Park Administration in cooperation with the U.S. National Park Service Office on Accessibility. NCA is committed to the full participation in parks, recreation and tourism by people with disabilities.

National Disability Sport Alliance (NDSA)

<http://www.nationaldisabilitysportsalliance.webs.com/>

A national coordinating body for sports, recreation and fitness for individuals with various disabilities.

National Sports Center for the Disabled

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

Accommodates children and adults with almost any physical or developmental disability, including visually and hearing impaired, stroke, cancer and spina bifida children and adults so they can ski, go on hikes, sailing, and learn about mountain sports.

National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA)

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

Nonprofit organization which serves as the national governing body for wheelchair basketball in the U.S.

Sailability Online *

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

Leads the effort to provide a program to improve the quality of life through a variety of on-water activities.

Search Beyond Adventures

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

Provides escorted, assisted tours for people with disabilities.

Special Olympics

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

Provides year round sports training and athletic competition for people with intellectual disabilities in more than 150 countries.

Wheelchair & Ambulatory Sports, USA

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

Promote the opportunity to experience competitive sports, increase self-esteem and develop social and life skills as well as improve health and fitness.

World T.E.A.M. Sports

<http://worldteamsports.org/>

Increase and promote inclusive sports opportunities for all people, especially people with disabilities.

Spinal Cord injuries

Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals, Inc.

<http://academyscipro.org/Public/PhysiciansMain.aspx>

Dedicated to improving the quality of medical care delivered to persons with spinal cord impairment (SCI).

American Spinal Injury Association

<http://www.asia-spinalinjury.org/>

Promote and establish standards of excellence for all aspects of health care of individuals with spinal cord injury from onset throughout life and much more.

Christopher & Dana Reeves Foundation

http://www.christopherreeve.org/site/c.mtKZKgMWKwG/b.4451921/k.2951/Paralysis_Resource_Center_Home.htm

Dedicated to curing spinal cord injury by funding innovative research, and improving the quality of life for people living with paralysis through grants, information and advocacy.

Florida Spinal Cord Injury Resource Center *

<http://fscirc.com/>

Serves as the statewide clearinghouse of SCI resource information for persons who have survived an SCI, their families and friends, healthcare professionals, support groups, and the general public.

National Spinal Cord Injury Association

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

The nation's oldest and largest civilian organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for thousands of Americans living with the results of a spinal cord injury and disease and their families.

Spinal Cord Injury and Disease

<http://www.makoa.org/sci.htm>

A great place to get resources on SCI and so much more.

Spinal Cord Injury Information Network

<http://www.spinalcord.uab.edu/>

Basic facts and statistics on spinal cord injuries plus articles on medical and emotional aspects, organizations and more.

Spinal Cord Injury Information Pages

<http://www.sci-info-pages.com/>

A free and informative resource for those who suffer from a spinal cord injury or Other disabling injuries or diseases of the spine.

Spinal Cord Injury Resource Center

<http://www.spinalinjury.net/>

Everything from finding rehabilitation to getting a job and becoming independent again.

Tampa General Hospital Rehabilitation Center *

<http://www.tgh.org/rehabilitation.htm>

Inpatient rehabilitation hospital in Hillsborough County for patients with spinal cord injuries, brain injuries, strokes, amputations, and other neuromuscular or orthopedic disorders.

Stuttering

National Center for Stuttering

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

Provides 24-hour support service via a hotline and assistance with research, continuing education, factual information, and more for all 50 states and Canada.

National Stuttering Association

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

The largest self-help / support organization in the United States for people who stutter.

Stuttering Foundation of America

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

Provides free online resources, services, and support to those who stutter and their families.

Transportation

Air Carrier Act

<http://airconsumer.ost.dot.gov/publications/disabled.htm>

Prohibits discrimination by air carriers on the basis of disability. It includes provisions concerning physical facilities and services to be provided to passengers with disabilities. This law is enforced by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Airport Direct *

<https://airportdirectshuttleservice.com/promo/tpa?gclid=CKSutOO2xLICFZGiPAoddIEAjQ>

Provides all travelers arriving and departing through the Tampa International Airport with door-to-door direct, private transportation 365 days a year.

Disability.gov

<https://www.disability.gov/>

Gateway to federal government disability related information and resources.

Disabled Parking Permits

http://www.flhsmv.gov/dmv/disabled_pkg.html

Information with rules and application forms to obtain a disabled parking permit.

Easter Seals Project Action *

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

A federally funded training and technical assistance center cooperative agreement between Easter Seals, Inc. and the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration to improve access to public transportation for people with disabilities.

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

<http://www.fta.dot.gov/civilrights/12325.html>

To ensure nondiscriminatory transportation in support of the FTA mission to enhance the social and economic quality of life for all Americans. The FTA Office of Civil Rights is responsible for civil rights compliance and monitoring to ensure nondiscriminatory provision of transit services.

Hillsborough Area Regional Transportation Authority (HART) *

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

Provides local, fixed route, express mass transit service to those in the Tampa Bay and Hillsborough County; also provides services for people with disabilities.

MMG Transportation *

<http://www.maion.com/local/taxicabs/florida/tampa/m-m-g-transportation-inc>

Used for rides to and from medical appointments covered by Medicaid only.
This is a door to door service-pick up and drop off at the door.

Sunshine Line*

<http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/hss/sunshine>

Provides door-to-door transportation and bus passes for elderly, low-income, and disabled persons who do not have or cannot afford their own transportation.

Super Shuttle Tampa *

<http://www.supershuttle.com/Locations/TPAAirportShuttleTampaBay.aspx>

SuperShuttle will pick you up from your office, home or hotel and take you to and from the airport. The shuttle is more convenient than TPA airport parking and more economical than a taxi or limo. SuperShuttle passengers share the ride with others going in their direction in one of our comfortable blue vans. Advanced reservations and pre-payment for your Tampa airport ride take the time and hassle out of getting to and from the airport.

Tampa International Airport *

http://www.tampaairport.com/about/guest_services/disabled-travelers.asp

To help you plan your visit in advance of your trip, use this Web site to identify and locate accessible services. If you are not accompanied by, or met at the airport by, a friend or relative, it is important that you contact your airline in advance and request the assistance you may require.

Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

<http://www.tsa.gov/>

In order to assist people with disabilities or medical conditions, the TSA has developed guidelines with input from various disability related groups and organizations.

U.S. Department of Transportation/Accessibility

http://www.dot.gov/citizen_services/disability/disability.html

Lists transportation laws and regulations and useful resources and links

United States Access Board

<http://www.access-board.gov/>

An independent federal agency devoted to accessibility for individuals with disabilities.