



The Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind is a non-profit agency that provides training at no cost to clients. The Lighthouse provides persons who are visually impaired the skills needed to achieve their maximum independence.

**Lighthouse of Hernando**  
6492 California St.  
Brooksville, FL 34609  
(352) 754-1132  
[www.lighthouse-pasco.org](http://www.lighthouse-pasco.org)

## P.E.E.P

The **Preschool Early Education Program (P.E.E.P)** is Hernando County's behavioral health care service for preschool children and their families. Our vision is that one day, ALL children residing in Hernando County, will be emotionally healthy, equipped to learn and nurtured to develop their full potential.

**P.E.E.P Program**  
Childhood Development Services, Inc.  
(352) 754-5068 ext. 211

### Additional Helpful Numbers:

**APD**  
Medicaid Waiver Services  
(727) 217-7016  
[www.apd.state.fl.us](http://www.apd.state.fl.us)

**ACCESS Florida**  
Automated Community Connection to  
Economic Self-Sufficiency  
(866) 762-2237  
[www.myflorida.com/accessflorida](http://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida)

**Children's Medical Services**  
(727) 893-2775  
[www.cms-kids.com](http://www.cms-kids.com)

**Florida KidCare**  
(800) 821-5437  
[www.floridakidcare.org](http://www.floridakidcare.org)

**Florida Medicaid**  
Area 5 Medicaid Resource Unit  
(727) 552-1191 ext. 276  
<http://ahca.myflorida.com>

**Pasco County Health Department**  
WIC and Nutrition Division  
(727) 869-3900, Ext. 127  
[www.doh.state.fl.us/chdpasco/default.html](http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdpasco/default.html)

**Social Security**  
(800) 772-1213  
[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)



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Childfind FIT in collaboration with  
our local community.





agency for persons with disabilities  
State of Florida

**Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)** is specifically tasked with serving the needs of Floridians with developmental disabilities. The APD 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.

**Agency for Persons with Disabilities**  
1313 North Tampa Street, #515  
Tampa, FL 3362-3328  
(813) 233-4300  
[www.apd.myflorida.com](http://www.apd.myflorida.com)



**Early Steps** is a family-centered early intervention system that serves infants and toddlers who are birth to 36 months old, regardless of their family's income; and have significant delays or an established condition that may result in a delay. To be enrolled in Early Steps, children must first be found eligible through a screening process. For eligible children, there is no charge for treatment under the Early Steps program.

**West Central Early Steps**  
500 7th Avenue South  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701  
(800) 374-4334  
[www.allkids.org/earlysteps](http://www.allkids.org/earlysteps)



**Early Learning Coalition of Pasco Hernando** facilitates an efficient, comprehensive, high quality system of school readiness services, to include early care and education and school-age programs that enhances the emotional, social, cognitive and physical development of all children through collaboration with the community, early care providers and families.

**Early Learning Coalition of Pasco/Hernando**  
15506 County Line Road Suite 103  
Spring Hill, FL 34610  
(727) 233-8291  
[www.phelc.org](http://www.phelc.org)



The **Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS)** provides diagnostic and instructional support services to district exceptional student education programs and families of students with exceptionalities statewide, including transition from the Early Steps Program (Part C) to services in the school system (Part B).

**FDLRS Gulfcoast**  
900 Emerson Road  
Brooksville, FL 34601  
(352) 797-7222 ext. 214  
[www.paec.org/fdlrsweb/](http://www.paec.org/fdlrsweb/)



**Hernando County Head Start/Early Head Start** are comprehensive child development programs which serve children from birth to age 5. They are child-focused programs, and have the overall goal of increasing social competence of young children in low-income families. Hernando County Pre-K Head Start is a Voluntary Pre-K program provider (VPK).

**Hernando County Head Start**  
East Pasco (352) 524-2730  
Central Pasco (813) 794-2730  
West Pasco (727) 774-2730  
[www.prek.pasco.k12.fl.us/Pages/prek\\_app.html](http://www.prek.pasco.k12.fl.us/Pages/prek_app.html)



The mission of the **Hernando County School District** is to provide quality education in a safe environment for the youth of our community. We recognize that this will foster their growth physically, socially, and academically. We provide the opportunity for life long learning for all our citizens so that all may compete and flourish in a modern, global economy.

**Hernando County Schools**  
900 Emerson Road  
Brooksville, FL 34601  
(352) 797-7000  
[www.hernandoschools.org](http://www.hernandoschools.org)