



Head Start/Early Head Start is a comprehensive program that promotes the total development of the child. We seek to provide each child with the materials that nurture growth and development. The Head Start Program begins at the experience and development level of each individual child. Activities are designed so that all children can be challenged and achieve success at their own level. We strive to provide a learning environment that will encourage physical, mental, emotional and social experiences.

Pinellas County Head Start

2210 Tall Pines Drive, Suite 200
Largo, FL 33771
(727) 547-5900

www.pinellascountyheadstart.org



Pinellas County Schools is an award-winning, progressive school district on Florida's West Coast. We provide education for a changing world to approximately 152,000 Pre-K to 12 students, including adult education. The mission of Pinellas County Schools is to educate students by creating systems that align all resources to assure that each student achieves at her or his highest level.

Pinellas County Schools

301 Fourth St. SW
Largo, FL 33770
(727) 588-6000

www.pcsb.org

Additional Helpful Numbers:

APD

Medicaid Waiver Services
(727) 217-7016
www.apd.state.fl.us

ACCESS Florida

Automated Community Connection to
Economic Self-Sufficiency
(866) 762-2237
www.myflorida.com/accessflorida

Central Directory

Info for Disabilities & Special Needs
(800) 654-4440
www.centraldirectory.org

Children's Medical Services

(727) 893-2775
www.cms-kids.com

Florida KidCare

(800) 821-5437
www.floridakidcare.org

Florida Medicaid

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

Pinellas County Health Department

WIC and Nutrition Division
(727) 824-6914
www.pinellashealth.com

Social Security

(800) 772-1213
www.socialsecurity.gov



Pinellas County Early Childhood Resource Guide

A product of the Gulfcoast FDLRS
Childfind FIT in collaboration with
our local community.





Coordinated Child Care of Pinellas assists Pinellas County families with finding child care. They help low and middle class income families to pay for child care. Their office also provides quality improvement resources for child care providers and provides other types of family support and education services.

Coordinated Child Care of Pinellas

6500 102nd Avenue N.
Pinellas Park, FL 33782
(727) 547-4507

www.childcarepinellas.org

Voluntary Pre-K Program (VPK)
(727) 547-5782
Special Services
(727) 547-4280



Directions for Mental Health, Inc. helps Pinellas County children with services ranging from prevention of emotional and behavioral problems to early professional intervention to school based and outreach programs. Child psychiatric treatment is offered to families and children with more severe problems. These services can prevent children from living a life of involvement with the criminal justice system, substance abuse and school failure.

Directions for Mental Health, Inc.

1437 South Belcher Road
Clearwater, FL 33764
(727) 524-4464

www.directionsmh.org

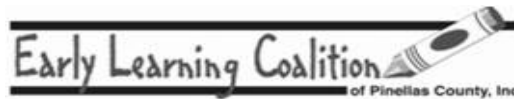


Early Steps is a family-centered early intervention system that serves infants and toddlers who are birth to 36 months old, regardless of their family's income; and have significant delays or an established condition that may result in a delay. To be enrolled in Early Steps, children must first be found 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
(727) 767-4403

www.allkids.org/earlysteps



Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas 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

5735 Rio Vista Drive
Clearwater, FL 33760
(727) 548-1439

www.elcpinellas.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

2929 County Road 193
Clearwater, FL 33759
(727) 793-2723

www.paec.org/fdlrsweb/



Lighthouse of Pinellas has provided services to meet the needs of blind and visually impaired for almost 50 years. The Children's Dept. provides services to children from birth to 6 years. Services include vision services, summer camps, family support activities, technology training, orientation and mobility, speech and physical therapy.

Lighthouse of Pinellas

6925 112th Circle North, Suite 103
Largo, FL 33773
(727) 544-4433

www.lighthouseofpinellas.org