



FDLRS Gulfcoast

Serving Pasco, Pinellas and Hernando Counties

Abilities of Florida

Rehabilitation and employment services for people with disabilities.

2735 Whitney Rd.
Clearwater

Call (727)538-7370

website: www.ourpeoplework.org

Adaptive Toy Lending Library

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

Palm Harbor Library

Call (727)784-3332

Advocare Trust Koffee Klatch

Supporting families of individuals with disabilities

Meets last Monday of Jan., Apr., Jul., Oct. at 10am

Trinity Presbyterian Church

2001 Rainbow Drive, Clearwater

Call Sue Schramek (727) 791-3972

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

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

Call (727)217-7016 in Pinellas/Pasco counties

website: apd.myflorida.com

ASSIST

Parent meetings coordinated by Pinellas County Schools autism team.

Meets 12/11, 2/12, 4/9 from 9-11am at San Jose Elem.

Meets 1/8, 3/12, 5/14 from 9-11am at New Heights Elem.

Call (727)588-6030 for more info.

Brain Injury Association of Florida

Support for families

Call (800) 992-3442

website: www.biaf.org

CASCIL (Caring & Sharing for

Support Services

Achieve Tampa Bay

Affiliated with United Cerebral Palsy

Guides and assists families and individuals with any disability to achieve their full potential. Respite services.

Call (800)666-0713

website: www.achievetampabay.org

Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities, Inc.

Information and referrals, self-advocacy support, technical assistance, etc.

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

website: www.advocacycenter.org

A.F.I.R.E.

Support for developmentally delayed teens and adults

Meets quarterly

Call Nancy Simmons (727) 536-4991

email: nsimm84278@aol.com

website: www.afire-Pinellas.org

American Asperger's Association

Support for autism and asperger's syndrome.

Pinellas Park Library

7770 52nd St., Pinellas Park

Call Kim (727)586-0577

email: fapprez@msn.com

website: www.americanaspergersassociation.net

Aware 4 Autism Support Group

Meets 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Holiday Recreation Complex

2830 Gulf Trace Blvd., Holiday

Call Monica (727)945-0947

website: www.aware4autism.org

CARD (The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities)

Support and training for autism, dual sensory impairments, and related disabilities.

(800)333-4530

website: card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu

CHADD North Pinellas/West Pasco

Independent Living

Assists people with disabilities in achieving and maintaining an independent lifestyle.

Call (727)577-0065

website: www.cascil.org

CHADD South Pinellas

Serves children & adults with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

Meets 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30

W. St.Petersburg Library

750 66th St. N., St.Petersburg

Call Teresa Skinner (727)409-4696

email: south-pinellas@chadd.net

Coordinated Child Care of Pinellas

Assists Pinellas parents/guardians in finding and/or paying for child care.

Call (727)547-5700

website: www.childcarepinellas.org

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Assists individuals with disabilities to pursue meaningful careers.

Call (727)518-3456 Largo

(727)217-7930 St. Petersburg

website: www.rehabworks.org

Epilepsy Services of West Central Florida

Counseling, education, support services.

Call (813)870-3414

website: www.epilepsyservices.com

Family Center on Deafness

Call (727) 549-6664 Voice/TTY/VP-100

website: familycenterondeafness.org

Family Fun Group for Families of Children with Hearing Loss

Meets bi-monthly at Citrus Park Mall in the food court area.

Call Christina at (813)948-4780

Florida Inclusion Network

Supports educators, families, and community members in the inclusion of all students.

Call (727)588-6523

website: floridainclusionnetwork.com

Florida Kinship Care

Connects and supports relative caregivers of children

For more information, call (727)550-4250

website: family-resources.org

Friends & Families Support Center

Adult day program, respite, in-home support,

Serves children & adults with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

Meets 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30

Palm Harbor Library

2330 Nebraska Ave., Palm Harbor

Call Beverly Pizzano (727)786-2981

email: north-pinellas-west-pasco@chadd.net

Children's Medical Services

A collection of programs for children with special health care needs and their families.

Call (800)336-1612

website: www.cms-kids.com

Depression and Bipolar Alliance

Weekly support groups

Call (813) 878-2906

email: info@dbsatampabay.org

website: www.dbsatampabay.org

Down Syndrome Support

Group of Pinellas

Meets at: Quaker Meeting House

130 19th Av. SE, St.Petersburg

Call (727)867-1212

email: lmhubner@hotmail.com

Family Care Council

Advocate, educate, and empower individuals with developmental disabilities.

Meets 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

UPARC Cafeteria

1501 N. Belcher Rd., Clearwater

website: www.fccflorida.org

email: destoriesb@msn.com

Family Network on Disabilities

Support, education, information, resources and advocacy groups statewide

Call Marilyn (727) 523-1130

website: www.fndfl.org

Florida Kidcare

State health insurance program for uninsured under age 19.

Call (888)540-5437 Voice

(877)316-8748 TTY

website: florida.kidcare.org

Florida Telecommunications

Relay, Inc. (FTRI)

Provides special phones for hard of hearing, deaf, deaf/blind, and speech impaired Floridians.

Call (800)222-3448 Voice/(888)447-5620 TTY

Gifted Assoc. of Pinellas (G.A.P.)

Focused on the unique needs of gifted children.

supportive employment

Call Sean MacVicar (727)216-6264

website: <http://yourffsc.blogspot.com>

Gulf Coast Chapter of the Autism Society

Family picnic 3/4 times a year

Call Filomena Macdonald (727) 786-4292

Hydrocephalus Association

A group of families brought together by hydrocephalus.

Call Paula Keyser (727)637-5585

email: tampabayflhydroassoc.org

website: www.gothhydro.org

Juvenile Diabetes Foundation

Meets at All Children's Hospital

Call Anna Warren (727) 767-7745

Lions Club

Provides eye exams and glasses to those who are visually impaired and cannot afford the service.

Call (727)584-0960 Lions Vision Care of Upper Pinellas

Call (727)893-7152 St. Pete Lions Club Eye Clinic

McKay Scholarship

Scholarships for students with disabilities to attend private schools.

Call Deborah Leonard (727)771-2136 Pinellas County

website: www.floridaschoolchoice.org

Muscular Dystrophy Association

Parent/Caregiver Support Group

71 Roosevelt Blvd., Clearwater

Call Paula Orandash (800) 393-8552

email: tampaservices@mdausa.org

National Alliance for the Mentally III

For those with family members with severe mental illnesses

Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month

Directions for Mental Health

1437 S. Belcher Rd., Clearwater

Call Richard Durstein (727) 791-3434

website: www.nami.org

Pinellas County Schools

Public school education for ages 3 to 22.

Call (727)588-6000 Administration Building

website: www.pcsb.org

Pinellas Families for Children's Mental Wellness

website: www.giftedassociationpinellas.org

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Call Jaqueline Shields (727) 322-8146

Head Start/Early Start

Educational and other services for families and children from birth to school-age.

Call (727)547-5979

website: www.pinellascountyheadstart.org

International Dyslexia Association

Information about Dyslexia for individuals with Dyslexia, their parents and educators.

website: www.interdys.org

Lighthouse of Pinellas

Comprehensive vision rehabilitation program for all ages.

Call (727)544-4433

website: lighthouseofpinellas.org

Little People of America

For people of short stature and their families

website: www.geocities.com/mini_gators/

Mended Little Hearts of St. Pete/Tampa

Support program for parents of children with heart defects and heart disease.

Meets 1st Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

All Children's Hospital, St. Petersburg

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

St. Joseph Children's Hospital, Tampa

Call (813)862-3226

website: www.mlhofstpete.org

Oppositional Defiant Disorder

Support group meets quarterly at 7pm

Clearwater East Library

2251 Drew St. - Room B

(727) 736-0002

PARC (Pinellas Association for Retarded Citizens)

Early intervention, therapy, residential, and employment services for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Call (727)345-9111

website: www.parc-fl.org

Project Insight

Blind / Visually impaired support group.

Provides support, education, and resources for emotional, social, behavioral, and mental health challenges

Call (727) 345-3239

website: PFCMW@tampabay.rr.com

Sensory Processing Disorders

Parent Connections

Meets 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 7 p.m.

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US 19, Clearwater

Call Carolyn King (727) 461-3434 or (727) 742-9696

website: www.share_tampabay@yahoo.com

STAND

Advocacy education and referral

website: www.standadvocates.org

Suncoast Pediatric Asthma Coalition

Meets monthly on the 3rd Tues. at 5:30pm

All Children's Hospital

Education and Conference Center

Call (727)767-4188 for more info.

UPARC (Upper Pinellas Association for Retarded Citizens)

Day programs, residential, employment services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Call (727)799-3330

website: www.uparc.com

The Upside Downers

For parents of special needs children

Meets 3rd Thursday of the month @ 6:30 p.m.

Healing the Generations

2480 East Bay Dr., Largo

Call (727) 447-8762

email: theupsidedowners@aol.com

Meets 2nd Saturday of the month.

Call (727) 797-8184

SINC (Sensory Integration: Networking for our Children)

Meets 3rd Tuesday of the month

Call Heather Stevens (727) 543-2859

website: http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/Pinellas_SPD_support

Spina Bifida Assoc. of Tampa Bay

Local support group.

Call Diane Gore at (813)933-4827

Suncoast Epilepsy Assoc. Support

Meets at various locations in St. Petersburg, Dunedin, and New Port Richey

Call (727) 546-2856

Tourette's Syndrome Support

Meets 3rd Tues. at 6:30 p.m.

All Children's Hospital

St. Petersburg

Call Donna Sakuta (727) 418-0240

email: tsafleducation@yahoo.com

website: www.tsa-fl.org

Up with Downs

For families of children with Down Syndrome

Call Shirley Lawyer (727) 462-2274

email: upwithdownsofpinellas@yahoo.com

website: www.downsyndromenetworkofpinellas.com

Williams Syndrome

Call Debbie Johnson (727) 360-1099

FDLRS Parent Services provides the following services to families of children with special needs:

- ◆ A library of videos, books, audio cassettes, and educational materials on topics related to disabilities, special education child development, parenting skills, advocacy, transition, legal issues and parent/professional partnerships.
- ◆ A telephone support resource line that provides families with information about community resources.
- ◆ Trainings

Contact FDLRS Parent Services at (727) 793-2723 x2043 for more information

