



ESE Parent Resource List

Able United Trust Fund

Contact: 888-524-ABLE (2253)
Email: customerservice@ableunited.com
www.ableunited.com

(A financial resource that allows families to save financial assets while receiving SSI/disability benefits)

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Contact: Mollie Brown-Ferrier 863-413-3377
Email: mollie.brown-ferrier@apdcares.org
www.apd.myflorida.com

(Provides support services for Floridians with disabilities via Medicaid Waivers)

Alternative Behavioral Concepts

Contact: Keith Jordan 863-206-7000
Email: keithj.abcinc@gmail.com

(Provides behavior analysis, behavior supports, and respite care)

Autism Speaks

Contact: Central Florida/Orlando 407-478-6330
Autism Response Team 888-288-4762
Email: familyservices@autismspeaks.org
www.autismspeaks.org

(Provides tools and resource on autism spectrum disorder to individuals and families)

Behavior Analysis Consultants of Mid Florida

248 N Kentucky Ave, Lakeland, FL 33801
Contact: 863-614-0048
www.bacmf.com

(Provides behavior analysis and behavior supports)

B Street Community Center

Contact: 863-679-8091
www.bstreetcommunitycenter.org

(Offers support services [health, education, finances] to families in the community)

Bright Feats Directory

Contact: Rori Becker 407-620-9355
www.brightfeats.com

(Medical, educational, special needs directory)

Care to Dance

305 W Main Street, Bartow, FL 33830
Contact: 863-533-8912
www.suttonlawfirm.net

(Adaptive dance)

Career Source Polk

Davenport, Lakeland, and Winter Haven

Contact: 863-508-1100

www.careersourcepolk.com

(An equal opportunity employer/
program)

Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD)

Resource Office: 800-333-4530

Card-usf@usf.edu

(Provides therapy programs for the
treatment of autism & Related
disorders)

Center for Independent Living

www.cilorlando.org

(Provides resources & accessibility
options for people with disabilities)

Central Florida Health Care

305 W. Central Ave, Lake Wales, FL 33853

Contact: 866-234-8534

www.cfhconline.org

(A non-profit health organization
that provides access to numerous
medical services)

Challenger League of Lake Wales

Contact: 863-632-3396

www.jimmaggard.lwll@gmail.com

(Adaptive baseball)

Children's Medical Services

Contact: Lakeland 863-413-3580

www.floridahealth.gov/alternatesites/CMS-kids

(Health programs for eligible
children with special needs)

Circle of Friends

105 E Stuart Ave, Lake Wales, FL 33853

Contact: 863-679-2507

www.circleoffriendsministry.org

(Supporting, empowering, &
bringing inclusion to adults with
disabilities)

Citrus Connection

Contact: 863-534-5500

www.ridecitrus.com

(Polk County public transportation)

Disability Rights of Florida

Contact: 800-342-0823

www.disabilityrightsflorida.org

(Provides advocacy services,
community placement, & help
gaining access to publicly funded
benefits)

Early Learning Coalition of Polk County

Contact: Melinda Tew 863-577-2450

www.elcpolk.org

(Provides child care resources to
families to help children enter
school healthy & ready to learn)

Exceptional Student Education Advisory Council

Contact: Lisa Miller 863-698-6240

Lisa.miller@polk-fl.net

(Provides educational resources for for exceptional student learning)

Family Care Council

Contact: Manyvone Champavannarath 863-413-3387

Manyvone.champavannarath@apdcares.org

(Advocates, educates, & empowers individuals with disabilities & their families)

Families First of Florida

Contact: 813-290-8560

www.familiesfirstfl.com

(Provides emotional & mental health support services)

Family Network on Disability

Contact: Nikki Torres or Jessica Moody 727-523-1130

(Family support information sharing network)

Florida Alliance for Assistive Services & Technology (FAAST) (Provides support services

Contact: 813-844-7591

Email: faastcen@tgh.org

access to assistive technology)

Florida Developmental Disabilities Council

Contact: 800-580-7801

www.fdcc.org

(Provides information, support services & programs to improve the quality of life for individuals with disabilities)

Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Contact: 863-680-5534

www.rehabworks.org

(Helps individuals who have mental/ physical disability get or keep a job)

Florida Health and Transition Services (FL HATS)

Contact: Janet Hess 813-259-8604

Email: jhess@health.usf.edu

www.floridahats.org

(Provides supports for youth to transition into adult life)

Florida Rural Legal Aid Society

Contact: 800-277-7680

www.frls.org

(Provides legal services to families)

Goodwill's Life Skills Development

3033 Drane Field Road, Lakeland, FL 33811

Contact: 863-701-1351

www.goodwill-suncoast.org

(Provides services to enable persons with disabilities to participate in work activities to transition to community employment)

Guardianship Attorney

Contact: Jim Joiner 863-299-1284

www.jjoiner@joinerpa.com

(Provide legal advice for guardianship)

Interagency Council for Adult Transition Services (ICATS) (Provide transition services)

Contact: Kathy Sangster 863-680-5534

Email: Kathy.sangster@vr.fldoe.org

Lake Wales Care Center

Contact: 863-676-6678

www.lakewalescarecenter.com

(Faith based community organization that helps provide basic needs)

Learning Resource Center of Polk County Inc.

Contact: Cathie Wright 863-688-9477

www.lrcpolk.com

(Provide personalized supplemental education programs)

National Autism Network

www.nationalautismnetwork.com

(Provides comprehensive resources to the autism community)

Noah's Ark

Contact: Jack Kosik 863-687-0804

<http://noahsarkflorida.org/>

(Community of independence living for individuals with disabilities)

Out of the Box Troupe Performance

Contact: Maureen0421@gmail.com

(Free performing arts program)

Partner in Care Pediatric Program

A Good Shepherd Hospice Program

Contact: 800-544-3280

www.floridahospice.org/find-a-shopice/chapters-health-system-with-the-following-affiliates-good-shepherd-hospice-hph-hospice-and-lifepath-hospice/

(Provides support services and respite care)

Peace River Center

Contact: Luis Rivas 863-512-1280

Email: LRivas@peacrivercenter.org

(Mental health counseling & treatment)

Project 10 Transitional Education Services

Contact: project10@stpete.usf.edu

(Provides assistance with career development, & independent living For individuals with disabilities)

Serving Children and Reaching Families (SCARF)

Contact: Billie Jo Owens 321-236-1540

www.scarffl.com

(Mental Health counseling & treatment)

Social Security Administration

Contact: Shelly Henry 863-934-0261

www.specialolympicsflorida.org/polk

(Financial & medical support)

Special Olympics Florida-Polk County

Contact: Shelly Henry 863-934-0261
www.specialolympicsflorida.org/polk

(Provides sport training & competition for individuals with disabilities)

Spirit Gymnastics

21 Spirit Lake Road, Winter Haven, FL 33880
Contact: 863-875-4839
www.gymdancecheer.com

(Recreational gymnastics for all abilities)

The Autism Notebook Magazine

Contact: 954-559-5872
www.autismnotebook.com

(Provides articles & informational resources to families)

Top Soccer

www.lakewalesoccer.com

(Adaptive soccer)

United Way of Central Florida

Dial: 2-1-1 or 863-648-1515, 800-811-8929
www.uwcf.org

(Support services)

Vocational Rehabilitation

500 E Lake Howard Drive 3rd floor, Winter Haven, FL 33881
Contact: 863-291-5280
www.rehabworks.org

(Provides vocational training & placement services for persons with disabilities)

Lake Wales Charter Schools Parent Involvement Council

Contact: Dr. Barbara Jones 863-679-6560
www.lwcharterschools.com