

Best Outcomes™ Resource Guide

(Formerly the Special Needs Community Resource Guide)

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ATTORNEY/LEGAL AID

FLORIDA DISABILITY RIGHTS

(800) 342-0823

www.disabilityrightsflorida.org

CJ HENRY LAW FIRM (Disability Attorney)

(352) 304-5300

www.cjhenrylaw.com

THE PITTMAN LAW OFFICE

(352) 399-6944 THE VILLAGES

Special needs trust/estate planning attorney

<http://thepittmanlawoffice.com/>

BABYSITTING-SPECIAL NEEDS

JESSICA BISHOP

(352) 470-3095

Jessica has more than 14 years experience with all ages as well as multiples and special needs. She has her 45hrs child care certificate from DCF. She has experience working with children with asthma, food allergies/gluten free diets. Jessica is also one of our autism moms.

TARANEH SMITH

Home Educator Evaluator

(352) 214-8033

Certified in Elem Education, ESE K-12, Reading and ESOL endorsed. Offers babysitting services for children with autism and tutoring. Presently studying ABA and has a Masters in Special Education.

JORDON SOSSONG

(352) 512-1881 MARION COUNTY

Jordan has a brother with autism (combined with other complex medical issues) and has had experience working in a summer camp for children on the spectrum. Rates are negotiable according to the number of children, amount of hours, etc. Jordan's sister often accompanies him, especially for families with babies or younger girls that may need potty help.

CHIROPRACTIC/MASSAGE

ANGIENIUS MASSAGE

(352) 470-5941 OCALA

<http://www.angieniusmassageocala.com>

Specializing in medical, pediatric massage, and sensory integration for children and adults of all abilities.

DOWNTOWN CHIROPRACTIC (offers massage too)

(352) 732-2745 MARION COUNTY

Dr. Julie Stubbard (only) accepts insurance listed below.

Medicaid, Pedicare and private insurance accepted.

Two locations-SW Ocala and Downtown Ocala.

<http://www.downtownchiropractic.us/>

PITTS CHIROPRACTIC

(352) 732-0200 OCALA

Accepts Medicaid. www.pittschiro.com

STANFIELD CHIROPRACTIC

(352) 873-7563 OCALA

www.stanfieldchiropractic.com

DENTISTS/ORTHODONTISTS

PETCHE ORTHODONTICS

(352) 732-6006 OCALA

www.ocalaortho.com/

DR. RON ROZANSKI

(352) 732-6676 OCALA

www.ocalapediatricdentist.com/

THE DENTAL TEAM OF OCALA

(352) 512-0733

<http://dentalteamofocala.com/>

Accepts Pedicare and some private insurance.

(Look under HOSPITALS for UF SHANDS Dental and Orthodontics)

DIAPERS/PULL UPS/NUTRITIONAL DRINKS

WOODBURY HEALTH PRODUCTS

800-808-4321

Provides delivery of diapers, pull ups, bed pads and nutritional drinks and thickeners. Accept Medicaid and Pedicare (call about other insurance accepted). Serves all Florida counties. woodburyproducts.com

DOCTORS (INCLUDING PEDIATRICIANS)

HEART OF FLORIDA HEALTH CENTER

(352) 732-6599 OCALA

Formerly the Health Department. (Sees adults and children)

<http://heartoffloridahealthcenter.org/>

DOCTORS (INCLUDING PEDIATRICIANS)

KIDS HEALTH ALLIANCE
(352) 237-5400 OCALA
<http://www.ocalapediatrician.com/>

OCALA PEDIATRICS
(352) 732-8955 Does not accept Medicaid
<http://www.ocalaflpediatrics.com/>

PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATES OF OCALA
(352) 369-8700
Accepts Healthy Kids & Private Ins. (Doesn't accept Medicaid)
<http://www.pediatricassociatesocala.com/>

PEPPERTREE PRIMARY CARE
(352) 350-5012
SE OCALA (Sees adults and children) Accepts Pedicare
<http://peppertreeprimarycare.com/>

PREMIER PEDIATRICS
Specializes in ADHD & Autism.
352) 512-0466 (National Forest office)
352) 522-1862 (Dunnellon Office)
352) 512-0466 (Main Office)
<http://www.premiermedicalocala.com/>

SUNSHINE PEDIATRICS
<http://www.sunshinepedsofocala.com/>
(352) 840-5437

DOCTORS-FUNCTIONAL MEDICINE

(A Functional Medicine doctor uses traditional medicine plus vitamins, herbs & supplements)

ABSOLUTE HEALTH
<http://www.absolutehealthocala.com/>
(352) 854-5530 SW OCALA Private insurance only.
Hyperbaric chamber, nutrigenomics testing and more.
Sees adults and children.

PEPPERTREE PRIMARY CARE
(352) 350-5012 SE OCALA
<http://peppertreeprimarycare.com/>
Sees adults and children. Accepts Pedicare.

WORTHINGTON PEDIATRICS
(352) 371-3604 GAINESVILLE (Private insurance only)
<http://www.worthingtonpedsofocala.com/>

EDUCATIONAL/DEVELOPMENTAL RESOURCES

AGENCY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
(850) 488-4257 or (866)273-2273 (toll free) STATEWIDE
Provides services to persons Floridians with autism, cerebral palsy, Spina bifida, intellectual disabilities, Down syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, children age 3-5 who are at a high risk of a developmental disability.
<http://apd.myflorida.com>

ARC-MARION COUNTY EARLY INTERVENTION CENTER AND OTHER PROGRAMS (for adults and children)
(352) 387-2210
Offers programs for intellectual & developmental disabilities, early intervention, seniors programs, and adult trainings.
www.mcarc.com

CENTER FOR AUTISM AND RELATED DISABILITIES @ UF
(352) 273-0581 GAINESVILLE
(800) 754-5891 FOR ALL LOCATIONS
CARD provides support and assistance with the goal of optimizing the potential of people with autism and related disabilities. Locations at universities all over the state of Florida.
<https://card.ufl.edu>

CDS-CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
(352) 629-0055 or (800) 635-KIDS OCALA
www.discovercnds.org

CENTRAL FLORIDA PARENT CENTER
(888) 612-9273 (Closing October 2015)
One-on-one assistance, parent trainings for special needs issues and special needs information.
www.centralfloridaparentcenter.org

DIVISION OF BLIND SERVICES
(352) 955-2075 (800) 443-0908
Offers tools, support and the opportunities to succeed for the blind and visually impaired.
www.dbs.myflorida.com

EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF MARION COUNTY
(352) 369-2315
Offers early learning resources and information for daycare/extended care/VPK/parental or caregiver support.
<http://www.elc-marion.org/en/ELCMC-services>

EARLY STEPS
(352) 273-8555 or (800) 334-1447
Call/email/ask the WIC office if you suspect your child may be developmentally delayed or disabled. Birth to 3 years
http://www.floridahealth.gov/alternatesites/cmskids/families/early_steps/early_steps.html

FAMILY NETWORK ON DISABILITIES
(727) 523-1130 / (800) 825-5736
Organizes events, delivers free workshops, provides one on one assistance to families who have children with special needs.
<http://fndusa.org/>

FLORIDA CENTER FOR THE BLIND
(352) 873-4700
<http://www.flblind.org/>

FLORIDA DISABILITY RIGHTS
(800) 342-0823
www.disabilityrightsflorida.org

EDUCATIONAL/DEVELOPMENTAL RESOURCES

FDLRS-FLORIDA DIAGNOSTIC AND LEARNING RESOURCE SYSTEM

(352) 671-6051 or (800) 533-0326

Provides support services to district ESE programs and families of students with disabilities.

www.marion.k12.fl.us/district/fdlrs/index.cfm

New parent involvement website:

www.forparents.florida-ese.org

MARION COUNTY EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

Guidance & testing (352) 671-6848

Home school (352) 671-6859

FDLRS-(352) 671-6051 or (800) 533-0326

Amy Piperato-ASD Specialist (352) 671-6832

www.marion.k12.fl.us/dept/asi/ess

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EYE CARE

CLARK EYE CARE CENTER

(352) 732-0046

Accepts Healthy Kids and private insurance.

www.eyecareocala.com

LANGE EYECARE

(352) 237-3768 OCALA

<http://www.langeeyecare.com/locations/>

OPTICAL OUTLETS

(352) 291-5098

eyeglassesandexams.com

RITZ EYECARE (352) 237-6200 OCALA

Accepts United Healthcare 20/20 plan only (Medicaid)

ritzeyecare.net

UF HEALTH CENTER EYE - HAMPTON OAKS (SHANDS)

(352) 265-9470

<https://ufhealth.org/uf-health-eye-center-hampton-oaks>

FACEBOOK SUPPORT GROUP FORUMS

BEST OUTCOMES™ AUTISM FORUM

This is a private Facebook group solely for the individuals and families that Outreach autism Services Network™ (formerly Ocala Autism Support Network) serves in Marion and all surrounding counties.

Look under SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCES AND AGENCIES for Outreach autism Services Network for additional information.

CASS-CITRUS AUTISM SUPPORT SERVICES

Serving individuals and families in Citrus County online and offers monthly support meetings.

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/citrusautismservices>

MOMS OF SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS CONNECT

Online support for families in Pasco County.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/323174547752336/>

PARENTS HELPING PARENTS OF FLORIDA

Online support group for all special needs. Also offers monthly support meetings (held in Ocala) and more.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/190032624393057/>

Look under SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCES AND AGENCIES for Parents Helping Parents for additional information.

SPECIAL NEEDS PARENTS OF MARION COUNTY

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/specialneedsOcala>

WE SPEAK FOR THEM

A place of support and friendship in this journey of special place of support and friendship in this journey of special needs. Meetings in Central FL.

<https://www.facebook.com/Wespeakforthem.SupportGroup>

GLUTEN FREE/DAIRY FREE/ALLERGEN FREE OPTIONS

Restaurants (regionally) with gluten free or allergen free options are Chipotle, Burger King, Mojo Grill, Bonefish Grill, Pollo Tropical, Chili's and Moe's.

ALDI

All stores have "Live G Free" line of gluten free products.

AMAZON.COM

Best allergen free selection at the best prices. Try Subscribe and Save for regular deliveries of allergen free items.

B-HEALTHY FOOD AND SUPPLEMENTS

(352) 854-4577 SW OCALA

EARTH ORIGINS

(352) 351-5224 OCALA

Health food store with locations all over the state of FL.

PUBLIX

All locations have a Greenwise frozen & gluten free section.

TARGET

All stores sell Canyon Bakehouse (gluten free) bread that is as close to wheat bread as any other bread available.

VITALIZE NUTRITION

(352) 509-6839 SW OCALA

WALMART

484/SR200 store in Ocala has the best selection. Ask your store to bring in a gluten free section-they generally will if you ask!

GLUTEN FREE/DAIRY FREE/ALLERGEN FREE OPTIONS

WINN-DIXIE

All locations have a gluten free section as well as online. The newest stores usually have the best selection.

HAIR STYLISTS

(Please contact us at inquiries@oasn.info if you know a stylist or barber that works well with special needs individuals)

FREE STYLE HAIR DESIGN

(352) 620-8886

Has experience with children with Autism and Sensory Processing Disorder.

HAIR CUTTERY

Sara Rose

(352) 694-1222

PAM'S PLACE

Family Haircuts, All ages. Kid's chairs and toys available.

(352) 361-3090

HOSPITALS AND SPECIALISTS (INCLUDING UF SHANDS LISTINGS)

(If you know of a specialist that works well with adults with special needs, please contact us at inquiries@oasn.info. Thank you!)

ALL CHILDRENS HOSPITAL/JOHN HOPKINS MEDICINE
727-898-7451 PINELLAS COUNTY

<http://allkids.org>

BAYCARE–THE HARBOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE
INSTITUTE

(352) 540-9335 HERNANDO COUNTY

Physical and mental outpatient care.

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

CHILD NEUROLOGY SPECIALIST

Dr. Foradada

(813) 874-2000 HERNANDO COUNTY

EPILEPSY CENTER FOR KIDS

(407) 303-8127 ORLANDO

FLORIDA CENTER FOR PEDIATRIC ORTHOPAEDICS

Dr. Raymund Woo

(407) 303-5687 ORLANDO

Part of Orthopedics of Florida/Florida Hospital Medical group

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

FLORIDA HOSPITAL

(407) 303-5600 ORLANDO

MUNROE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

(352) 351-7200 OCALA

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

NDA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS

(352) 735-9500 MOUNT DORA

Residential treatment center serving individuals with autism, hearing impaired, etc. with behavior problems.

<http://nda.com/>

NEMOURS

(407) 567-4000 ORLANDO AREA

<http://www.nemours.org/locations/nch.html>

OCALA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

(352) 401-1000 OCALA

www.ocalahealthsystem.com

PEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY AND EPILEPSY CENTER OF
CENTRAL FLORIDA

Dr. Ronald Davis

(407) 293-1122 ORANGE COUNTY

<http://pediatricneurologypa.com/>

ST JOSEPH'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF TAMPA

(813) 554-8500 HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

baycare.com/sjch

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA/SHANDS-GAINESVILLE

(800) 749-7424 (All Shands Specialists)

ufhealth.org/uf-health-shands-hospital

UF SHANDS CARDIOLOGY, ENDOCRINOLOGY,
GASTROINTESTINAL, GENETICS, METABOLISM,
FEEDING CLINIC

(352)265-KIDS OR (352) 273-9350

CENTER FOR AUTISM AND RELATED DISABILITIES
(CARD) AT UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

(352) 273-0581

GAINESVILLE 1-800-754-5891 FOR ALL LOCATIONS

CARD provides support and assistance with the goal of optimizing the potential of people with autism and related disabilities. Locations at universities all over the state of Florida.

<https://card.ufl.edu>

UF SHANDS PEDIATRIC ASTHMA CENTER AT UF

(352) 273-5625 OR (352) 265-PEDS

<https://ufhealth.org/pediatric-asthma-center-university-florida>

UF/ EAR, NOSE AND THROAT SPECIALISTS - HAMPTON
OAKS (SHANDS)

appts (352) 265-0920 office (352) 265-9465

<https://ufhealth.org/ear-nose-and-throat-ent-and-allergyspecialities-hampton-oaks> appt

UF HEALTH CENTER EYE - HAMPTON OAKS (SHANDS)

(352) 265-9470

<https://ufhealth.org/uf-health-eye-center-hampton-oaks>

UF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

(352) 273-7643/1-800-633-3953 ext 3

<https://ufhealth.org/pediatric-dental-center>

HOSPITALS AND SPECIALISTS (INCLUDING UF SHANDS LISTINGS)

UF COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY/DEPT OF ORTHODONTICS
(352) 273-5651

West Entrance of Shands Hospital: Dental Tower
<http://dental.ufl.edu/departments/orthodontics/contact-information/>

UF DEPT OF PEDIATRICS GAINESVILLE
(352) 273-9001
<http://pediatrics.med.ufl.edu/>

UF CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY
352-265-HELP (4357)
Ask for a referral from your pediatrician to be evaluated for an autism or mental health diagnosis.
<https://ufhealth.org/specialty/child-and-adolescent-psychiatry>

UF CHILD AND ADOLESCENT NEURODEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES Dr. Siddiqi
Appts (352) 334-0228 Office (352) 334-0206
Specializes in ADHD, autism, and precocious puberty.

UF SHANDS PEDIATRIC SPECIALTIES CLINIC-
NEUROLOGY Dr. Andrade (Has multiple offices)
(352) 273-8920
<https://ufhealth.org/specialty/pediatric-neurology>

UF SHANDS DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH, LANGUAGE,
AND HEARING SERVICES
Audiology (352) 273-5555
Speech/Language pathology (352) 273-5871

WEST MARION COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
(352) 291-3000 OCALA
www.ocalahealthsystem.com

THE VINES HOSPITAL (MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITAL)
(866) 671-3130 OCALA
<http://www.thevineshospital.com/>

MASSAGE (SEE CHIROPRACTIC/MASSAGE) MEDICAL DAY FACILITIES

CRADLING HANDS PEDIATRIC CARE CORP (CHPCC)
(352) 620-0700 OCALA
Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care for children who are medically or technologically dependent on others. Must require skilled nursing care. Authorized physician prescribed. Chronic care day facility. Physical and Speech therapy. Ages 0-20. Home bound program offered by Marion County Public Schools.

PEDIATRIC HEALTH CHOICE
(352) 873-7247 OCALA
Medical day facility for special needs kids. Speech, Physical, & Occupational therapy, and feeding program. 100% Medicaid funded. Services must be prescribed by physician, whether acute, chronic, or intermittent in nature. Birth to 21 years.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

BARNES HEALTHCARE SERVICES
(352) 333-2525 or (800) 825-1733 GAINESVILLE
Pharmacy offering nutrition and respiratory services/ventilation and disease management/medical supplies.
<http://www.barneshc.com/>

DIANNE GAINES, PT CMS seating clinic w/wheelchairs, etc.
(352) 334-1407 GAINESVILLE

OXYLIFE RESPIRATORY SERVICES
(352) 873-2971
Accepts the new HMO Medicaid.

MEDICAL INSURANCE INFORMATION

CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES NETWORK (CMS)
(850) 245-4200 CALL FOR INITIAL INTAKE
Toll Free (888) 326-7485 OR (352) 369-2100 OCALA
Children's Medical Services (CMS) serves under-insured children in Florida with ongoing behavioral or physical conditions. They will guide you through the services your child needs. You must sign up with CMS first before being assigned to this plan through your medical provider (generally Medicaid or Healthy Kids-call for more information). Please call if your child has food allergies, environmental allergies, asthma, autism, Cerebral Palsy, Spina bifida, intellectual disabilities, Down syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, children age 3-5 who are at a high risk of a developmental disability, etc.)

FLORIDA KIDCARE
(888) 540-5437
Provides affordable healthcare for all children. Children with special needs will get assigned to Pedicare insurance (see Pedicare listing) after enrollment with CMS (see CMS listing).
<http://www.floridakidcare.org>

MEDICAID
(866) 762-2237
Apply online or at the health department for free medical insurance, food stamps (EBT) & cash assistance for the entire family through the Department of Children and Families (DCF). Kids with special needs will be assigned to Pedicare.
<http://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida>

PEDICARE
866) 376-2456 OR 352-627-9100
Children with special needs will be assigned to Pedicare through Florida Kidcare or Medicaid when signed up with CMS (Please see Florida Kidcare and Medicaid for more info)
<http://pedicare.peds.ufl.edu>

PEDIATRICIANS (SEE DOCTORS)

PHOTOGRAPHERS

DAWN'S DIGITAL IMAGING

(352) 454-0911

Affordable photographer that can assist you in with all events and works with all special needs families and/or individuals. Gives a percentage of her sales to OaSN!<https://www.facebook.com/Dawns.Digital.Imaging>

JENNIFER CAUSEY

251-721-3602

Jennifer has experience working with special needs children and is very patient and affordable.
<http://www.jennifercauseyphoto.com>

PSYCHIATRISTS, PSYCHOLOGISTS AND COUNSELORS

CAMELOT COMMUNITY CARE

(352) 671-7884

Behavioral services and intervention.
www.camelotcommunitycare.org/

JOANNE CORNELL-OHLMAN PhD, PA

(352) 237-3440

Clinical Child Psychology-call about social skills classes. Specializes in teens.
drjoanneocala.com

KIMBERLY'S COTTAGE

(352) 873-4739

Counseling for abused children.
<http://kimberlycenter.org/>

DR. PUSKUR

Child Psychiatrist specializing in ADHD and autism.
(352) 369-3100 Accepts Medicare (title 21 only)
<http://www.sushilpuskurmd.com>

THE CENTERS

(352) 351-6900 Multiple locations.

Offers therapy, in-patient and med clinic. All ages.
<http://www.thecenters.us>

URBAN COUNSELING

(352) 390-6656

All mental health concerns (including autism). Private insurance and sliding scale available for those without insurance.
<http://www.urbancounselingocala.com/>

RECREATION/RECREATIONAL THERAPIES

AQUABILITY

Adaptive Aquatic Program (for all special needs, all ages)
(352) 401-3916

BRYAN'S ALL- STARS (see Transitions Life Center)

(352) 476-2704

Challenge Basketball League for disabled individuals.

CITY OF OCALA:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

www.ocalafl.org/recpark/events.aspx

SPECIAL EVENTS

www.ocalafl.org/recpark/flippdf/specialevents/index.html#p=1

DIRECTORY OF LOCATIONS OF PARKS

www.ocalafl.org/RecPark/RP3.aspx?id=3380

DISCOVERY CENTER OF OCALA

(352) 401-3900

www.mydiscoverycenter.org

FRANK'S RUGRATS

(352)-239-3088

bryanlemily@yahoo.com

Challenge T-ball League for the disabled.

MARION COUNTY THERAPEUTIC RIDING ASSOCIATION

(352) 732-7300

Horse riding/therapies/activities for the disabled.
<http://mariontherapeuticridingassociation.org/>

MARLIN SWIM @ CF COLLEGE

(352) 873-5811 Speak to Miss Sue or Miss Kristina
http://www.ocalaaquatics.com/swim_america.asp

NOAH'S ENDEAVOR

(352)-275-9639 GAINESVILLE

Adapted & Inclusive Recreation has been involving young people of all abilities (with or without disabilities) in adapted and inclusive activities for 10 years.
www.noahsendeavor.org/

SPECIAL NEEDS PERSONAL TRAINING

Rob La Salle

(352) 598-9495

STIRRUPS AND STRIDES

(352) 591-1042

www.stirrupsnstrides.com

SURFERS FOR AUTISM

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

TALISMAN CAMP

(828) 697-6313

Provides exceptional ADHD, autism and Asperger's camp opportunities for young people, ages 6 to 22, with autism spectrum disorders, ADHD and other learning differences.

TRANSITIONS LIFE CENTER

(352) 476-2704

Educational, developmental and social activities for young adults with special needs.
<http://www.tlcocala.org/>

RECREATION/RECREATIONAL THERAPIES

WE WHO CARE

(352) 629-1903

Offering recreational opportunities (bowling league, etc.) for special needs adults.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WeWhoCare/>

SCHOLARSHIPS

JOHN MCKAY SCHOLARSHIP

Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice

1-800-447-1636

Scholarships for students with disabilities/special needs to attend a private school or out of designated boundary school.

<http://www.mckayscholarship.com>

STEP UP FOR STUDENTS

(877) 735-7837

Income based scholarships for students K-12th. Also offers the PLSA/special needs scholarships (PLSA listing).

www.stepupforstudents.org

SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP-PERSONAL LEARNING SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT (PLSA)

(877) 735-7837

Age 3 to 12th grade (or age 21)

Apply online to create a customized education plan for students with unique abilities. See website for criteria.

<https://stepupforstudents.org/special-needs-scholarship/plsa>

SCHOOLS

Disclaimer: The schools listed (with the exception of Hillcrest) are schools that have been submitted by parents who have children with autism, auditory processing disorder and/or sensory processing disorder. If you are a parent/guardian a child with special need(s) and have a good experience with a school, please email inquiries@oasn.info to have the school added to Best Outcomes™ Guide. Being accepted as a new student into one of the below listed schools is the sole discretion of each school and their staff. Please speak with each school directly for more information. Most schools listed accept scholarships. Please inquire with each school for most up to date information.

CORNERSTONE SCHOOL

(352) 351-8840 Private school.

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

CROSSROADS ACADEMY

(352) 694-4466

Private school for students in 3rd -12th grade children with dyslexia, hyperlexia, auditory processing disorders, and dysgraphia.

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

HILLCREST SCHOOL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

(352) 671-6800 OCALA

Public school providing programs for the intellectual, physical, emotional and social development of children in grades 6th-12th grade.

KINDEROO CHILDREN'S ACADEMY

(352) 275-5343 OCALA

Daycare, VPK, and Preschool for ages 12 months – 5 years.

<https://www.facebook.com/KinderooChildrensAcademy>

MONTESSORI PREPARATORY ACADEMY

(352) 351-3140 SE OCALA

<http://www.montessoriacademies.com/Montessori%20Preparatory,%20Ocala.html>

OCALA MONTESSORI HOUSE OF OCALA

352) 237-3281 SW OCALA

<http://www.montessorihouseofocala.com>

NEW HORIZON ACADEMY FOR EXCEPTIONAL

STUDENTS (352) 694-7201 NE OCALA (Autism School)

RIMES EARLY LEARNING CENTER

(352) 787-5757 LAKE COUNTY

ESE/Pre-Kindergarten

lake.k12.fl.us/rel

TEMPLE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

(352) 897-0822 SUMMERFIELD

<http://thevictoryiswon.com/academy/>

SERVICES FOR THOSE IN NEED

(FOOD, CLOTHING, SHELTER, ETC)

AMERICAN RED CROSS

(352) 622-3457

<http://www.redcross.org/fl/orlando>

ARNETTE HOUSE

(352) 622-6135

Emergency youth shelter

<http://arnettehouse.org/>

BROTHERS KEEPER

352) 629-1292 (Soup kitchen) OR (352) 622-3846

<http://www.blessedtrinity.org/brothers-keeper>

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

(352) 460-0700 or (888) 658-2828

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

CENTRAL FLORIDA COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

(352) 732-3008

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

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

(352) 351-4663

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

SALVATION ARMY

(352) 629-2004

Financial need, emergency housing, etc.

<http://www.salvationarmyflorida.org/ocala/>

SERVICES FOR THOSE IN NEED
(FOOD, CLOTHING, SHELTER, ETC)

LITTLE DUCKLING CONSIGNMENT

(352) 537-8324

Place to shop for good quality, low priced toys, kid gear, and clothes. Parents can also sell their items and make money.

Sale is twice per year- spring and fall.

<http://www.littleducklingsale.com>

UNITED WAY

352) 732-9696 or 211 from your "landline" phone.

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

SPECIALISTS (PLEASE SEE
HOSPITALS)

SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCES AND
AGENCIES

ALL KIDZ INC

(352) 328-0179

Resources and opportunities for physically challenged children.

www.Allkidzinc.org

CAUSE (Community for Autism to Understand, Support & Educate) Offering online support & a monthly support meetings for parents in Hernando County.

<https://www.facebook.com/causeautismgroup/info>

CENTER FOR AUTISM AND RELATED DISABILITIES @ UF

(352) 273-0581 GAINESVILLE

(800) 754-5891 FOR ALL LOCATIONS

CARD provides support and assistance with the goal of optimizing the potential of people with autism and related disabilities. Locations at universities all over the state of Florida.

<https://card.ufl.edu>

DIVISION OF BLIND SERVICES (800) 443-0908

<http://dbs.myflorida.com>

DREAM ACRES FOR AUTISM

(407) 463-0858

Matching people in need with animals in need by training qualified rescue dogs to be service dogs to children and young adults on the autism spectrum. Call for more information.

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

FLORIDA CENTER FOR THE BLIND

(352) 873-4700 OCALA

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

FLORIDA MENTOR

(352) 624-2137 OCALA

www.fl-mentor.com/

KIDS CENTRAL

(352) 873-6332 OCALA

Provides a kinship care program for relative caregivers and their families.

www.kidscentralinc.org/

KIDGENIUS

Provides funding for alternative therapies and assistive technologies not covered by insurance.

<http://kidgeniusinc.org>

LET'S GO

Affiliate non-profit organization helping families with special needs children. Also offers many fun events in Gainesville.

www.letsgo4kids.org

MARCH OF DIMES

(352) 629-5555 OCALA

www.marchofdimes.org/

MET LIFE-SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST PLANNER

Tracy Martin Pick

(352) 629-9555 SERVING OCALA, ORLANDO, ETC.

NAMI (NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS)

(352) 368-2405 OCALA

Support groups, educational programs and advocacy for those afflicted with mental illness.

<http://www.namiocala.org>

OUTREACH AUTISM SERVICES NETWORK

(Formerly Ocala Autism Support Network) www.oasn.info

(352) 462-0168 MARION AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES

Non-profit agency offering free autism services to individuals with autism, their families and caregivers. Services offered include education seminars, respite care, camps, art classes, social skills classes, referrals, support meetings, events, etc.

PARENTS HELPING PARENTS OF FLORIDA

(352) 476-2704

Resources for parents of children of all ages with disabilities. Please see website for information about affiliate non-profit organizations.

<http://phpf-fountain.org/index.html>

THE PITTMAN LAW OFFICE

(352) 753-4430 THE VILLAGES

Special needs trust/estate planning attorney.

<http://thepittmanlawoffice.com/>

TRANSITIONS LIFE CENTER OCALA

(352) 476-2704

Provides young adults a community center (future) that will have structured continuing education in life skills, social skills and recreational activities. Call for activities currently offered.

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

THERAPIES (ABA/BEHAVIORAL)

Please note: Currently Medicaid and private insurance companies recognize behavioral therapy as medical treatment for the diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (i.e., PDD-NOS, Asperger's and Autistic Disorder) only. Individuals must be between the ages of 2 and 21 years of age, or maintain an active IEP and diagnosed by a medical doctor. If an individual does not have a diagnosis of ASD or falls outside these guidelines then he or she is not eligible for these services through insurance companies.

ALL ABOUT BEHAVIOR (Behavior Management Services)
(352) 368-2655 Serving Marion and Alachua
<http://www.allaboutbehavior.com>

APPLIED BEHAVIOR CENTER FOR AUTISM (ABA Therapy)
(407) 324-7772
Ocala, Central Florida: Winter Garden, Deland, & Oviedo
<http://www.appliedbehaviorcenter.com> for applications

BEHAVIORAL ANALYSIS SUPPORT SERVICES (ABA)
(877) 823-4283 Ocala, Tampa and Gainesville
<http://www.behavioralsupports.com>

BETTER LIFE BEHAVIORAL SERVICES OF CENTRAL FL
ABA Therapy
Cheryl L. Ecott, PHD., BCBA-D
(352) 630-4133
www.betterlifeofcentralfl.com

BUTTERFLY EFFECTS (ABA Therapy, Social skills)
(888) 880-9270 GAINESVILLE
Accepts all insurance carriers except Medicaid and BCBS
<http://www.butterflyeffects.com>

LISA RUBIN HORTON, MS, LMFT, BCBA
(305) 951-9021 MARION COUNTY
Applied Behavioral Analyst providing ABA in the home for Marion and surrounding counties.
Call for insurance accepted.

MTS HEALTH SERVICES, LLS
ABA, Counseling, & Mental Health
(407) 389-9966 OFFERS SERVICES IN OCALA
<http://www.mtshealthservices.com/>

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS CORP (PBS)
Behavior Analysis Services
Tracy Smith-Kong, M.S., BCBA
(855) 832-6727 (TOLL FREE)
<http://www.teampbs.com>

*Funding sources accepted include: Medwaiver: Medicaid (State-Wide), and Medwaiver (areas 2, 7, 9, 10, 12, 15, and 23), United Healthcare, Aetna, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Cigna, Tri-Care, Humana, CMS, and more. We also have private pay options for individuals who do not meet criteria for insurance or other funding sources.

STRATEGIES, INC. BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS & THERAPEUTIC SERVICES (ABA)
Cheryl Riser
(386) 767-3752
Accepts all Medicaid, no Healthy Kids
www.strategiesinaba.com

THERAPIES (SPEECH, OCCUPATIONAL, PHYSICAL)

FUNDAMENTAL THERAPY SOLUTIONS
Dr. Reesa Donnelly
(352) 505-6363 GAINESVILLE
<http://www.funtherapysolutions.com/>

GERIL THERAPY (physical therapy)
(352) 236-1811 OR (866) 747-6235 (toll free)
<http://www.geriltherapy.com/>

GIFTS SPEECH, LANGUAGE READING SPECIALISTS
(352) 694-4438 OCALA
www.giftstherapy.net

KIDSPOT THERAPY
(352)351-8300 OCALA
Sensory based occupational therapy.

MRMC SPEECH AND HEARING
(352) 732-4900 OCALA

PROFESSIONAL SPEECH & HEARING
(352) 269-44773 OCALA
<http://www.timetohear.com/>

PROTHERAPY
(352) 401-7916 OCALA
Speech therapy including Down's syndrome, pervasive development disorder and autism.
<http://www.protherapyslp.com/>

THERAKIDS
(352) 368-7728 OCALA
Speech therapy (including feeding issues) and communication device training for children.
<http://www.therakidsinc.com>

TRANSPORTATION

LEOPARD TRANSPORTATION
(352) 812-1670 OCALA
Please call for the most up to date information.

MARION TRANSIT SERVICES
(352) 620-3071 OCALA
Please call for the most up to date information.
marionseniorservices.org/main/page_transit_services.html

WEBSITES

autism games:
<http://sites.google.com/site/autismgames/home/games-pages>

www.autismspeaks.org/family-services

Citrus County resources and information for special needs individuals and families.
<http://ccparentssharingpositiveideas.wikispaces.com/>

www.disabilityrightsflorida.org/contact/how_we_can_help

WEBSITES

<http://floridaautism.org>

Medical waiver wait list-

www.apd.myflorida.com/customers/waitlist/

<http://www.mightybloke.com>

Mighty Bloke Gaming Network is a gaming website that specializes in exclusive coverage while taking a firm stance in providing services for special needs and emphasizing community.

ssa.gov/disabilityssi/ssi.html SSI disability pays benefits to qualified children with disabilities & limited income.

www.specialneeds.com

www.spinalcord.org

www.yellowpagesforkids.com

www.wrightslaw.com (Special needs law site)

www.autism-daddy.blogspot.com/2011/12/yes-you-can-get-handicap-parking-permit.html

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