

Community Resource Directory

**Educational, Behavioral, and Medical Services for
Children and Families with Special Needs**



UNIVERSITY OF
FLORIDA

The Community Resource Directory was developed to assist families and professionals to locate appropriate resources and services for children. It will be distributed to a variety of service providers who come in contact with families and to pertinent websites. It can also be found at the following website:

www.coe.ufl.cfsc/cfsc.html

The Consortium for Family School Community Collaboration

The Consortium is a collaborative effort of the University of Florida's College of Education and the families, schools, and community of Alachua County. Its mission is to promote the success of struggling elementary school teachers through the development and coordination of resources from schools, families, and the community.

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The America Reads Challenge

The *America Reads Challenge*, initiated in 1996 by President Bill Clinton, and America Counts (1999), unite parents, teachers, college students, care givers, volunteers, business people, and children with one goal; to ensure that every American child can read well and independently by the end of the 3rd grade. The network of *America Reads-Counts* programs allows for the use of federal work-study funds to support reading tutoring by college and university students. This network also includes volunteers from Americorps, Vista, and numerous other agencies and projects. The aim is to provide an “army” of volunteers to provide one-on-one attention to help students who are struggling in reading and math. *Gainesville Reads* is the University of Florida’s response to the America Reads Challenge.

The primary goal of *Gainesville Reads* at the University of Florida is to increase reading achievement among the children of Gainesville and surrounding areas. The focus of these efforts is tutoring of children at public and private elementary, middle and high schools, community recreation centers, and faith-based organizations. A secondary goal of the America Reads Challenge project at UF is to develop and foster strong partnerships between the university and other community members.

Gainesville Reads is supported by:
The Jessie Ball duPont Religious, Charitable, and Educational Fund

The Jessie Ball duPont Fund is a national foundation having a special, though not exclusive, interest in issues affecting the South. The Fund accomplishes its mission by working creatively with the approximately 350 individual institutions whose eligibility was determined exclusively by Mrs. duPont's prior personal philanthropic decisions. These institutions- diverse and rich with resources- provide the Fund steady access to an impressive array of contemporary ideas, visions, and talents. The Fund uses its resources

to enable the Fund, in concert with these institutions and their partners, to address broad-based issues of the larger society that have regional, national, and even international relevance; and

to assist these institutions in developing the internal capacity to meet the present and future needs of their specialized constituencies and local communities.

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Barnes and Noble Booksellers
Blockbuster Video
Domino's Pizza
Skate Station
Oak Hall Private School
Putt-Putt Golf
Target Stores
University Athletic Association
WUFT-First Books

AMF Alley Katz Bowling
Burger King
Chic-Fil-A
Pizza Hut
Books, Inc.
Penguin's Parlor Ice Cream
Spec's Music
O2B Kids
Video Gallery Superstore

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REFERRAL SOURCES

Assessment, Tutoring, and Curriculum Resources

Multidisciplinary Assessment

Behavioral Health Associates

Sheila Bilak, LCSW
Myron Bilak, Ph.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologist
310 NW 76th Dr. Suite A 32607
Phone: 352 331-8010
E-mail: gatoruke@aol.com

The Bilaks work with children, adults, and families. Specializations include learning problems, life-adjustment problems, and ADHD. Other services include psychological assessment and assistance with individualized education plans. They accept insurance and fees are on a sliding scale.

Center for Autism and Related Disorders CARD

Dr. Greg Valcante, Director
Shands Health Science Center
Phone: 352 846-2761
E-mail: card@mbi.ufl.edu
Website: <http://www.card.ufl.edu/>

CARD seeks to provide support and assistance with the goal of optimizing the potential of people with autism, dual sensory impairments and related disabilities. They offer support and training for individuals, families, and professionals and peers throughout Florida and serve both children and adults of all levels of intellectual functioning. CARD was founded on the belief that all people have the right to be treated with dignity

The Center for Gifted and Creative Youth

Deborah Harris, Ph.D.
2631 NW 41st Street
Foxbridge 3, Suite E-4
Gainesville, FL 32606
Phone: 352 376-3531

A group of psychologists, counselors, and educators who share a concern for gifted young people. Offer assessments, consultation, learning disability and behavior disorder interventions, and individual, family, or group counseling. Counseling addresses issues including underachievement, perfectionism, self-image, divorce, parenting, and family dynamic.

Clinical Psychology Associates of North Central Florida, PA

Dr. Ernie Bordini and Debra Uretsky, Ph.D

Gainesville Office:

2631 NW 41st St. Bldg. D-1

Gainesville, FL 32606

Phone: 353 336-2888

FAX: 352 371-1730

Palm Medical Plaza

3002 SE 1st AV. Bldg. 300

Ocala, FL 34471

Phone: 352 629-1100

FAX: 352 629-1808

Specializations include clinical, forensic, and neuropsychological assessments for adults, adolescents and children. Learning problems, life-adjustment problems, and ADHD counseling services are also provided.

Developmental Behavioral Neurological Unit DBNU

This unit offers comprehensive evaluation of children, adolescents and adults for learning disabilities such as ADHD, dyslexia, reading and math disorders, seizures, and memory problems due to closed head injuries. The evaluations take three days to complete and you must call to get on the waiting list. The cost is approximately \$2,500-\$3,000, but many insurance plans cover this service. The unit also provides follow-up support and works closely with the Morris Center.

Phone: 352 392-2055

FAX: 352 392-2538

Milestones in the Making, Inc.

Lisa Schiavoni

7109 NW 11th Place Suite B 32605

Gainesville, FL

Phone: 352 332-3292

E-mail: milestones@gator.net

This private practice offers diagnostic testing and consultation and specializes in working with children who may be gifted, learning disabled, ADHD, autistic, etc. The goals of the program are early intervention, assessment and evaluation, and tutoring and coaching.

Morris Center

Dr. Ann Alexander

2035 SW 75th St Gainesville, FL 32607

Phone: 352 332-2629

The Center provides diagnostic testing and academic instruction in phonological awareness, reading and writing. The Morris Center works with children as well as adults. The group offers an intensive summer program for high school students and adults.

Multidisciplinary Diagnostic and Training Program

University of Florida MDTP

1108 NW 7th Ave. A.Q. Jones School
Gainesville, FL 32601 FAX 846-1049S

Email: mcheatham@coe.edu

Phone: 352 392-5874

Dr. Luis Marti-Calzamilia, Director,
Dr. John J. Ross, Director Emeritus,
Martha Cheatum, Program Manager,
Laurie Waldo, Lead Classroom Teacher

MDTP is a FREE program which evaluates children with academic difficulties from kindergarten through 5th grade. They offer a comprehensive evaluation covering psychology, education, speech language, and medical causes. The program has two diagnostic and prescriptive classrooms in which students interact with the teacher for a period of 6 weeks. MDTP offers help for those with ADHD. Summer and tutorial programs are also available.

Center-Based Schools, Tutoring and After-school Programs

Alachua County After-School Programs

Offers academic and cultural enrichment activities, a recreational component, field trips and a nutritional snack. Currently available in every Alachua County elementary school.
Phone: 352 955-7766

Alachua Regional Marine Institute

Department of Juvenile Justice
100 SE 134th Avenue, Micanopy
Phone: 352 466-0534

Big Brothers/Big Sisters

PO Box 14532
Phone: 352 375-2525

Boys and Girls Club

2700 NW 51st Street
Phone: 352 372-5342

Change of Mind Learning Systems

Lucinda and Ernie Terry
3620 NW 43rd Street Suite C
Gainesville, FL 32606
Website: <http://www.changeofmind.com>

Children's Home Society

1409 NW 26th Place
Phone: 352 330-0882

City of Gainesville Department of Recreation and Parks

Sheryl Ryan, Recreation Supervisor
Phone: 352334-5067

E-mail: Ryansm@ci.gainesville.fl.us

Provide after school recreation, academic, and enrichment programs for children elementary through high school at City of Gainesville Recreation centers.

FUNctional Mathematics Tutoring Program

Bill Steffens
PK Younge Developmental Research School
Phone: 352 392-1554 ext. 245

Florida Coop Extension Services of Alachua County

2800 NE 39th Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32609

Brenda Williams

Phone: 352 955-2402

E-mail: bcwilliams@mail.ifas.ufl.edu

Website: <http://alachua.ifas.ufl.edu>

Offer family and consumer services, and supply information regarding food safety and nutrition, parenting and child development, local agriculture and horticulture, and local environmental issues. Leads the **4-H Club** for young consumers and environmental activists.

Gainesville Express Learning Center

Janet M. Witte
611 NW 60th Street, Suite D
Gainesville, FL 32607
Phone: 352 331-3481 or 352 214-5839

E-mail: jjwitte5@AOL.com

Provides individualized multi-sensory instruction that addresses the causes and the symptoms of learning difficulties for elementary through high school students.

Huntington Learning Center

Barbara Gornto
1207 NW 76th Blvd.
Gainesville, FL
Phone: 352 331-6566

Loften Center

3000 E University Avenue
Gainesville, FL
Phone: 352 955-6839

PACE Center for Girls

1010 SE 4th Avenue
Phone: 352 374-8799

Sylvan Learning Center

4961 NW 8th Ave Suite A 32605
Phone: 352 371-6891
Website: www.sylvangnu.com

Sylvan is a private, for-profit center that provides tutoring for all levels of school children in all subjects. A comprehensive evaluation is made of the child's learning progress and an appropriate course of action is suggested.

University of Florida America Reads Challenge Program Gainesville Reads

Jennifer Tragash, Project Coordinator
Phone: 352 352-392-0728, ext. 253
Website: www.coe.ufl.edu/GainesvilleReads/Default.htm

This program offers college work-study students who provide one-on-one reading tutoring to elementary aged children. The tutors will use materials that you provide or they will bring materials. The program is **FREE**, but may not be administered in a private home. Tutors may meet with students at a school, library, church, or other agency.

Curriculum Materials

Assistive Technology Educational Network of Florida ATEN

434 N. Tampa Ave.
Orlando, FL 32805-1220
Phone: 800 328-3678 407317-3504
FAX : 407 849-3518

This organization provides **FREE** information, awareness, and training in technology use for students, family members, teachers and other professionals. It is funded by the Florida Department of Education.

Fast Forward ACG

Carolyn Neiderkahr
Phone: 352 372-0047

Great Leaps Reading Program

Ken Campbell
PO Box 357580,
Gainesville, FL 32635
Phone: 352-271-9720

Great Leaps uses sound instructional methods coupled with powerful motivators to remediate a wide variety of reading problems. It features one-on-one instruction that takes about 10 minutes per day.

Milhopper Montessori School

Elaine Manion specializes in Phonographix reading program

National Writing Institute Publications and Services

7946 Wright Road,
Niles, MI 49120
Phone: 800 688-5375
FAX 616 68404080

This organization publishes Gentle Steps To Writing Skill Level I and Gentle Steps to Writing Skill Level II. They also have a Correcting and Evaluation Service for parents and a Help Line.

Power Writing

Three Steps to Powerful Writing

Betty Hamilton and Associates
1816 Smith Road, Temerance, MI 48182
Phone: 800 992-7693

Email: betty@powerwriting.net

Website: www.powerwriting.net

Power Writing is designed to assist children, especially those with special needs, learn effective writing skills.

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

6704 SW 80th Street,
Miami, FL 33143
Phone: 305 666-0552

Website: www.rsbd.org

This organization records textbook materials for **FREE**, or loan, on request, for anyone who is print-disabled including those who have dyslexia, and learning disabilities.

Talking Books

Division of Blind Services
420 Platt Street
Daytona Beach, FL 32114-2804
Phone: 800-226-6075

Provides leisure books for the blind and for those with learning disabilities.

Counseling Services

Alachua Family Psychiatry

Elias Sarkis, M.D. and Kathy Noffsinger, ARNP

529 NW 60th St. Suite B

Gainesville, FL 32607

Phone: 352 332-5115

FAX: 332-9607

Speicalizing in diagnosis and treatment of children and adults with learning disabilities.

Center for Couples and Family Development

1031 NW 6th Street Suite C-2,

Gainesville, Fl 32601

Phone: 352 376-1346

This is a clinic associated with the University of Florida. Counseling is offered to individuals, couples and families and payment is made on a sliding scale. No one is denied services. Help is offered in English and Spanish.

Child, Youth and Family Guidance Clinic

Phone: 352 392-0731 ext. 232

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Corner Drugstore

1300 NW 6th St. 32601

FAX 352 334-3818

Out Patient: 352 334-3879

Family Action 352 334-3849

Interface 352 334-3833

Safeplace 352 334-3834

Youthtalk 352 334-3838

Family Action 352 334-3850

Prevention 352 334-3800

24 Hour 1-800-854-5377

The Corner Drugstore has been helping children, youth and families in Alachua County for 28 years. They provide counseling for children 8-17 who are unmanageable at home, who have run away, or who are just going through a difficult time. They serve as a resource for families who would like to work with their children on the issues of substance use, misuse and abuse.

Crisis Center

214 SE 24th Street

Gainesville, FL 32641

Phone: 352 264-6785

Crisis Hot-line: 264-6789

Website: www.co.alachua.fl.us (*under community support services: the crisis center*)

This is a 24-hour-a-day full spectrum crisis intervention center. They are in a position to respond to individuals in emotional distress in a variety of ways including by phone, intervention, counseling, or outreach. They can come to a home or business to help someone by speaking with them face to face.

Gainesville Family Institute

1031 NW 6th Street, Suite C-2

Gainesville, FL

Phone: 352 376-5543 or 352 376-1346

Dr. Herb Steier and Dr. Andres Nazario, and Associates

Counseling for individuals, families, and couples is offered on a sliding scale and insurance is accepted. Help is available in English and Spanish.

Meridian Behavioral Health Care 24 Hour Crisis Line

Phone: 800 330-5615

Meridian has offices that cover 11 counties. They offer counseling for children and adults, and can help with substance abuse. They accept insurance and fees are on a sliding scale.

Alachua County 352-374-5600

Bradford County 904-964-4827

Gilchrist County 352-463-3145

Columbia County 904-758-0555

Levy County 352-486-5310

Dixie County 352-498-1396

Project Gift

Child Study Lab

UF Department of Clinical & Health Psychology

Phone: 352-265-0680, ext. 46878

A research study funded by the National Institute of Mental Health to follow-up children after treatment to learn how best to prevent behavior problems from returning. Children with behavior problems and their parents participate at no charge in Parent-Child Interaction Therapy.

The Samaritan Counseling Center

Phone: 352 371-2797

Individual and Family Therapy

SLIDING SCALE

The University of Florida Counseling Center

Phone: 352 392-1575

The University of Florida Child, Youth and Family Guidance Clinic

Phone: 392-0731, ext. 232

NO FEE

Early Intervention and Pre-K Programs

A New Start

Sylvia Ferguson, Director
1621 NE Waldo Rd
Gainesville, FL 32609
Phone: 955-5028

Daycare for employees of Tachachalee. Serves normally developing infants and children to age 4, as well as children with disabilities and special needs.

Alachua County Childcare Center

4138 NW 13th Street
Gainesville, FL
Phone: 352 378-8231

Offer pre-Kindergarten, preschool, and after-school programs for ages four weeks to 12 years. Provide breakfast, lunch, snacks, field trips and other activities.

Fernside Family Services

Alachua County Head Start/Pre-Kindergarten Program

Early Headstart

3600 NE 15th Street
Gainesville, FL
Phone: 352 955-6875

Website: <http://www.sbac.edu/~famsvcs/>

Serves children at 21 elementary schools and selected day-care centers. Children must be age 3 by September 1. Provides activities and experience to increase language, perceptual, motor, and social skills. Applications are available at the Head Start Office, Family Service Center.

Baby Gator Childcare

Phone: 352 392-0022

Serves normally developing, as well as special needs, infants, toddlers and preschoolers of University students.

Child Care Resources, Inc.

Doris Martin
1731 NW 6th Street
Phone: 352 334-1561, ext. 136
Phone: 352 334-1576

Free service that assists parents in their search for childcare, regardless of income. A lending is available for parents and also childcare providers.

CHILDFIND FDLRS/NEFEC Alachua and Putnam counties

K. Baker and J. Gore
Phone: 1-800-227-6036

CHILDFIND FDLRS/SPRING Alachua, Marion, and Levy co.

Sharon DeLong and Martha Cromwell
3881 NW 155th St.
Reddick, FL 32686
Phone: 1-800-533-0326

Website: www.firn.edu/webfiles/others/fd/rs-sac/

Working in conjunction with Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource System Screening, CHILDFIND offers **FREE** screening and evaluation for hearing, vision, speech, behavior, and development for children birth-21 years.

Developmental Evaluation and Intervention/Early Intervention Program DEI/EIP

1701 NW 16th Ave. Bldg A
Gainesville, FL 32608
Phone: 352 334-1480 or 800-334-1447 outside Alachua County
FAX: 352 334-1359

Provide diagnostic and intervention services for children birth to three.

Child Studies Lab

University of Florida Clinical Psychology
Dr. Sheila Eyberg
Phone: 352 395-0111 ext. 7917
Experimental program for children ages 3-6 with oppositional and/or defiant behavior

Early Intervention Center

Dina Vious, Director
3303 NW 83rd Street
Phone: 334-4060, ext. 208
Serves special needs and normally developing children and infants to age 4. Provides parent support, early intervention, and necessary therapies in a stimulating play setting.

Little School At Santa Fe Community College

3000 NW 83rd Street
Phone: 352 395-5597
Phone: 352 395-5599
Offers developmentally appropriate activities for children ages 14 months to 5 years. Activities include free-choice and teacher-directed, language arts, music, dance and art. Provides breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack.

Enrichment Programs

Fun Languages Gainesville

Kaydie Vistelle

Phone: 352 372-6885

Offers year-round classes in French and also Spanish to learn the language through games, songs, and more, for ages 3-11.

International Student Exchange

Phone: 800-473-0696

Website: www.asse.com

A non-profit organization devoted to furthering understanding among world cultures, needs host families in which to place foreign exchange students.

Gainesville Association for the Creative Arts

Polly Dykslag

Phone: 352 376-2267,

Thea Porembski

Phone: 352 473-2953

This class is for all children ages 4 to 18 years of age who have disabilities, either physical, mental, behavioral, or emotional. It is preferred that a parent or guardian chaperone also attend. A variety of creative arts will be provided by skilled teachers, including music, art and creative movement. The goal of the program is to encourage participants to develop self-expression while having fun.

Family and Social Services

Department of Children and Family Services

1000 NE 16th Avenue

Phone: 352 355-5084

Phone: 352 955-5170

Children's Home Society

Family Visitation Center

1409 NW 36th Place

Phone: 352 334-0880

Corner Drug Store, Inc.

1300 NW 6th Street

Phone: 352 334-3800

Corner Drug Store Programs

Interface 334-3833

Safeplace 334-3834

Youthtalk 334-3838

Family Action 334-3850

Prevention 334-3800

24 Hour 1-800-854-5377

Family Visitation Center

1409 NW 36th Place

Phone: 352 334-0880

Hospice of North Central Florida

4200 NW 97th Boulevard

Phone: 352 378-2121

Peaceful Paths

1029 NW 23rd Avenue

Phone: 352 377-5690

National and Local Resources and Support Groups for Parents of Children with Special Needs

Apples in a Seed

283 Young Street, SW,
Washington, DC 20336

Offers a resource guide for gifted children and those with ADHD.

Asperger Syndrome Organization of Jacksonville

7412 Stonehurst Rd.South
Jacksonville, FL 32277

Association for Retarded Citizens

106 North Bronough Street M 1-7
Tallahassee, FL 32301
Phone: 904 681-1931

Association for Retarded Citizens-Alachua County Chapter

Administrative Offices: 352 334-4060
Early Intervention: 352 334-4060
Community Resource Center: 352 377-5659
Supported Living Services: 352 334-4062 and 378- 1076

Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue Suite 650
Bethesda, MD 20814-3015
Phone: 800 328-8476
FAX : 800 329-0899
Website: <http://www.autism-society.org/>

Cerebral Palsy of Jacksonville

Holly Haden
3311 Beach Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32207
Phone: 904-396-1462

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder CHADD

Phone: 800 233-4050
499 Northwest 70th Avenue, Suite 101
Plantation, FL 33317
Alachua County CHADD: 375-5641
Email: national@chadd.org
Website: <http://www.chadd.org>

This is a national non-profit organization for people with ADHD.

Council for Exceptional Children CEC

1110 North Glebe Road, Suite 300,
Arlington, VA 22201-5704

Voice phone: 703-620-3660 local or 1-888-CEC-SPED toll free

TTY: 703-264-9446

FAX: 703-264-9494

Website: <http://www.cec.sped.org/>

The Council for Exceptional Children CEC is the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities, and/or the gifted. CEC advocates for appropriate governmental policies, sets professional standards, provides continual professional development, advocates for newly and historically underserved individuals with exceptionalities, and helps professionals obtain conditions and resources necessary for effective professional practice.

Division of Blind Services

Peggy Bouie

417 SW 8th St

Gainesville, FL 32601

Phone: 352 955-2075

Website: <http://fcn.state.fl.us/dbs/>

DBS offers guidance and counseling to parents of visually impaired students, advocacy, case management, educational planning, and special camps such as one for parents and pre-school aged visually impaired children called *Camp Achievement*. They also work with *Florida Lions Summer Recreation Camp* for visually impaired school age children.

Easter Seal Society

1219 Dunn Avenue

P.O. Box 9117

Daytona Beach, FL 32120

Phone: 904 255-4568 Voice/TDD

FAX 904 258-7677

Easter Seals is a non-profit, outpatient rehabilitation company. They offer diagnostic and remedial services including physical therapy, occupational therapy, cognitive rehabilitation, and audiology and speech-language therapy. In addition to dispensing hearing aids, the Easter Seals also provide pre-school programs, parent training, and summer camp opportunities. Easter Seals accepts insurance, Medicare, and Medicaid, and they also offer a sliding pay option for those who qualify.

Epilepsy Services Of North Central Florida

1010 NW 8th Avenue, Suite B

Gainesville, FL

Phone: 352 392-6449

FAX: 352 392-5792

Email: jlyons@college.med.ufl.edu

Website: <http://www.floridaepilepsy.org/northcentral.htm>

The goal of this service is to improve the quality of life for all people affected by seizure disorders. They pledge to extend and provide the highest quality service to persons living with epilepsy in North Central Florida. They will provide education and support to their clients and their families, to organizations, employers, schools, and individuals who wish to enhance and expand their personal and professional knowledge of epilepsy.

Families for Inclusion

Sandy Levy

Phone: 333-9884

Provides support and networking for families of special needs children in Alachua County

Florida Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities

210 Belaire Court

Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: 813 637-8957

Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource System FDLRS

3881 NW 155 Street,

Reddick, FL 32686

Phone: 800 533-0326

This is a state-wide organization offering FREE screening of children birth to 21 years of age. They work primarily with young children, birth- 5 years, but if you have a student who may be handicapped or learning disabled they will come to your home to do an initial screening and help you find assistance. If you are concerned about your child's development or possible learning disability give them a call. A Media Center with materials to help parents and material for children is also available FREE of charge for parents or schools working with disabled children.

Florida Outreach Project for the Deaf and Blind

Melinda Morrison or Lauri Triulzi

Phone: 352 846-2757

Located in the Human Development Building attached to Shands This program is designed to assess the needs of families with a deaf and blind child and then offer help in meeting those needs. They offer technical assistance for families, support trainings such as sign language, transition help, and planning for the child's future. This service is **FREE**.

Florida School for the Deaf and Blind

PO Box 1209

St. Augustine, FL 32084

Phone: 904 827-2200

This is a **FREE** public school with a strong reputation.

Hearts and Minds

Emily Humphreys-Beher

10007 NW 57th Place

Gainesville, FL 32653

Phone: 374-9873

E-mail: Kindig1980@aol.com

Gainesville, Florida Chapter of Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health. A parent support and advocacy group for children with mental and behavioral health issues.

International Dyslexia Association

Chester Building, Suite 382, 8600 LaSalle Road

Baltimore, MD 21286-2044

Phone: 800 222-3123 or 410-296-0232

FAX: 410-321-5069

Website: www.interdys.org

IDA provides information and assistance regarding dyslexia and learning disabilities.

Learning Disabilities Association of America LDA

4156 Library Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15234-1349

Phone: 412 341-1515

FAX 412 344-0224

Website: <http://www.best.com/~ldanat/>

LDA formerly ACLD, the Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities was formed in 1964 by a group of concerned parents on behalf of children with learning disabilities. LDA is the only national organization devoted to defining and finding solutions for the broad spectrum of learning disabilities.

Nathan Organization

5383 Alpine Road SE

Olalla, WA 98359

Phone: 253 857-4257

E-mail: nathanews@aol.com

This Christian Organization is dedicated to encouraging families with special-needs children. They produce a newsletter and offer a lending library.

National Academy for Child Development NACD

NACD 2380 Washington BLVD., Suite 270,
PO Box 1639

Ogden, UT 84402

Phone: 801 621-8606

NACD is an international organization that exists to gather, evaluate and disseminate information and procedures relative to human development. The academy provides consultation and resources for working with a variety of child needs including, brain injuries, cerebral palsy, Williams Syndrome, mental retardation, learning disabilities, ADD, ADHD, auditory processing problems, hyperactivity, dyslexia, etc.

Parent Education Network of Florida PEN

2215 East Henry Avenue

Tampa, FL 33610

Ring of Special-Needs Children

<http://www.webring.org/cgi-bin/webring>

The Family Network on Disabilities of North Central Florida

Melinda Morrison

11410 Sage Blvd.

Alachua, FL 32615

Phone: 352-380-3225

This organization is for Alachua and surrounding counties and is a great source of encouragement and help. They are a clearinghouse for other service organizations and can help direct you to the resource to meet the needs of your family and your special needs children.

Tourette Syndrome Association

42-40 Bell Blvd., Suite 205

Bayside, NY 11361-2861

Phone: 800 237-0717

FAX : 718-279-9596

Email: tourette@ix.netcom.com

Website: <http://tsa.mgh.harvard.edu/>

A national organization, TEA offers information and referral, maintains a data-base of medical professionals who are knowledgeable about Tourette's syndrome and disseminates information. The Florida Chapter of TEA can be reached at 407 783-3248 or 207 667-5462

Williams Syndrome Association

248 541-3630

1312 N. Campbell, Suite 33

P.O. Box 297

Clawson, MI 48017-0297

FAX: 248 541-3631

This helpful organization is made up of people with William's syndrome and similar characteristics, and their families, as well as interested medical professionals and educators. It is nation-wide and has affiliations with international groups. Information and assistance regarding medical, social, and educational issues involving William's Syndrome is available.

Speech and Language Diagnostic and Tutorial Resources

University of Florida Dyslexia Clinic

Phone: 352-392-2041

Henriette Legrande

University of Florida Speech and Hearing Center-Department of Communicative Disorders

Dr. Linda Lombardino or Mrs. Henriette Le Grand

435 Dauer Hall, University of Florida, 4th Floor

Phone: 352 392-2041 or 352 392-2041, ext. 236 or ext. 285

This clinic is designed to diagnose and provide therapy for any kind of language or hearing problem including stuttering, articulation difficulties, hearing aids, and reading disabilities such as dyslexia. In addition, the clinic provides educational programs for families, service groups and professional organizations interested in learning more about communication disorders.

Shands Dept. of Communicative Disorders

Phone: 352 395-0174

Speech/Language Evaluations and Therapy

Private Speech Language Therapists, Practitioners, Schools, Centers

Einstein Montessori Charter School

Zach Osbrach, Director specializing in Lindamood Resources

Phone: 352 335-4321

Morris Center

Tim Conway specializing in Lindamood Resources

Phone: 352 332-2629

Gainesville, Speech and Language Center

Melissa Gerhardt

Phone: 375-4293

Barbara Kirby

Phone: 352 336-4664

Tara Gallagher

Phone: 352 337-1468

Peggy Stone

Phone: 352 374-8219

Specializes in combining speech-language therapy with intensive reading tutoring.

Teen and Young Adult Resources

Adult Education, Santa Fe Community College

Julie Falt,

Phone: 352 395-5967 ext. 5779

Alachua/Bradford One-Stop Career Centers

1000 NE 16th Avenue

Gainesville, FL 32601

Phone: 352 955-3135

4800 SW 13th Street

Gainesville, FL 32608

Phone: 352 955-2245

Bradford Union Area Vocational Technical Center

609 N. Orange Street

Starke, FL 32091

Phone: 904 964-8092

The centers provide comprehensive, coordinated workforce development, and there are no service fees for job seekers or employers. The centers offer career counseling and access to job openings. Job seekers can learn the skills for a particular job and career.

Alachua Halfway House

Serves teen girls.

3430 NE 39th Avenue

Phone: 352 955-2161

Center for Independent Living: Florida High School/ High Tech

720 NW 26rd Avenue

Gainesville, FL 32609

Phone: 352 378-7474

FAX: 378-5582

Rutha Burkett-Hunt Tina

Youth Coordinator

Email: Tina@cilncf.org

Promotes science, math, engineering, and technology careers for students with disabilities.

**Center for Independent Living:
Independent Living Skills**

720 NW 23rd Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32609
Phone: 352 378-7474
TDD 375-8448
FAX: 378-5582
Jessica Johnson
Program Manager
Email: Jessica@cilnf.org

Offers individualized one-on-one training for persons with disabilities. Promotes personal care skills and Federally funded, so services are at no cost to the consumer. Services available to persons who live within the 16 county service area. The program hopes to increase self-reliance, self-confidence, and quality of life.

College Reach-Out Program CROP

R-203 Santa Fe Community College
3000 NW 83 Street
Gainesville, FL 32606
Tom Mason
Phone: 352 395-5934
FAX 352 381-7019
Email: tom.mason@santafe.cc.fl.us

CROP offers tutoring, field trips, mentoring, and overall academic enrichment to students grades 6-12 throughout the year in an after school program and a summer program.

Dignity Project

Robert Zaccheo, Director
Llewelyn Bredwood
Phone: 352 371-6741

Young men ages 14-25 repair cars and give the vehicles away to needy families in the Gainesville community. Boys ages 14-18 participate in the "Auto Club" after school and young men ages 18-25 repair cars full time while studying for the GRE in the evenings.

Florida Institute for Workforce Innovation

Cindy Geary
Phone: 352 284-9251
Offer career counseling and workforce guidance.
cgeary@fiwi.org

Gainesville Job Corps

Hanan Bilal

Phone: 352 377-2555 ext. 308

E-mail: hananbilal@hotmail.com

Offer career counseling, job listings, and workforce guidance for young adults in high school through age 25.

Loften High School

Jan Slean

Phone: 352 955-6839 ext. 50

Offer classes to help improve reading and prepare for the GED or Pre-GED.

Reichert House

Jeff McAdams

371-2347

E-mail: jmcad76070@aol.com

A youth diversion program serving boys ages 14-18 sponsored by the Gainesville Police Department. Provides vocational training, academic tutoring, and community service opportunities.

Youth Employment Services YES

Chris Brown

Phone: 352 955-2245 ext. 148

E-mail: chris.brown@santafe.cc.fl.us

The Santa Fe Community College YES! program recruits and prepares youth ages 14 through 21 to obtain meaningful employment, then refers students for employment opportunities.

Other Resources

United Way Info and Referral

6031 NW 1st Street
Gainesville, FL
352 332-4636

University of Florida College of Education

University of Florida School of Teaching and Learning

Phone: 352-392-0751

University of Florida Dept. of Special Education

Phone: 352 392-0701

University of Florida Dept. of Educational Psychology

Phone: 352 392-0723

University of Florida Dept. of Counselor Education

Phone: 352-392-0731

Shands Teaching Hospital

Clinical Psychology

Phone: 352 392-2944

Pediatric Clinic

Phone: 352 392-3671 or 392-3672, 392-3673

Pediatric Neurology Clinic

Phone: 352392-6442

Children's Medical Services CMS

Phone: 352 334-1465

Developmental evaluation and Intervention Program DEI Birth-age 3

Phone: 352 334-1480

Food, Housing and Clothing

Alachua County Housing Authority

240 SW 1st Street

Phone: 352 372-2549

Bread of the Mighty Food Bank

761 NW 5th Street

Phone: 352 336-0839

Gainesville Community Ministries

508 SW 2nd Avenue

Phone: 352 376-6504

Gainesville Harvest

6821 SW Archer Road

Phone: 352 378-3663

Gainesville Housing Authority

1900 SE 4th Street

Phone: 352 334-4100, ext. 311

Hospice Attic

2131 SW 13th Street

Phone: 352 378-4663

InterFaith Hospitality Network

Donna Lawson, Director

1001 NE 16th Av

Phone: 352 378-2030

ISKON Food for Life

214 NW 14th Street

Phone: 352 336-4183

St. Francis House

413 S. Main Street

Phone: 352 378-907