**Beyond the Spectrum Community Resource Guide**

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Beyond the Spectrum Educational Center & Therapeutic Clinic

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**Education Support Services**

**Council for Exceptional Children (CEC): Sunset Chapter #296**

3842 Ferguson Street

Sarasota, FL 34233

(941)-927-9000

<http://cecsunset.weebly.com/>

**Purpose:** The largest international professional organization dedicated to improving the educational success of individuals with disabilities. Locally, support is provided for teachers and ESE students.

**Early Learning Coalition of Manatee**

600 8th Avenue W., Suite 100

Palmetto, FL 34221

(941)-757-2900

<https://www.elc-manatee.org/>

**Purpose:** Provides and coordinates the services of school readiness programs to help children develop the necessary skills for future educational success while improving the quality of available community services.

**Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System (FLDRS) – Sarasota**

1960 Landings Boulevard

Sarasota, FL 34231

(941)-927-9000

**Purpose:** Provides support with Child Find, Parent Services, Human Resource Development and Technology.

<https://www.fdlrs.org/>

**Florida Inclusion Network (FIN)**

University of South Florida, St. Petersburg

140 7th Ave. South, SVB 108

St. Petersburg, FL 33701

(727)-873-4205

<https://www.floridainclusionnetwork.com/>

**Purpose:** Provide learning opportunities, consultation, information and support to educators, families and community members resulting in the inclusion of all students.

**Florida Mentor**

2055 Wood St., Suite 118

Sarasota, FL 34237

(941)-955-2593 ext. 15

<https://fl-mentor.com/>

**Purpose:** Provides children, young people, adults, and their families with innovative, quality services and support that leads to growth and independence.

**New Horizon Fund – Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology**

(888)-788-9216

<https://faast.org/>

**Purpose:** The loan program of FAAST, funded through the Rehabilitation Services Administration and the Florida Department of Education- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. The program offers credit opportunities to Floridians with disabilities while purchasing equipment and tools that improve their quality of life.

**School District of Manatee County**

Wylene Herring-Cayasso - Director of Exceptional Student Education

2501 63rd Avenue East

Bradenton, FL 34203

[Cayassow@manateeschools.net](mailto:Cayassow@manateeschools.net)

(941)-751-6550 ext. 2280

**School District of Sarasota County**

Sonia Figaredo-Alberts – Executive Director of Pupil Support Services

1960 Landings Blvd.

Sarasota, FL 34231

(941)-927-9000

**Advocacy Services**

**Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities (main office)**

2728 Centerview Drive, Suite 102

Tallahassee, FL 32301

(850) 488-9071

**Purpose:** Provides legal advice and representation, negotiation and mediation support, dispute resolution support, investigations into complaints of abuse, and neglect and rights violations in facilities or public programs.

**Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD-USF)**

13301 Bruce B. Downs Blvd. MHC 2113A

Tampa, FL 33612-3899

(813) 974-2532

<http://card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu/>

**Purpose:** a community-based project that provides information and consultation to individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders and related disabilities.

**Family Café**

820 E Park Ave. Suite F-100

Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Phone: (850) 224-4670

<https://familycafe.net/>

**Purpose:** To provide individuals with disabilities and their families with an opportunity for collaboration, advocacy, friendship, and empowerment by serving as a facilitator of communication, a space for dialogue, and a source of information.

**Family Network on Disabilities of Manasota, Inc.**

P.O Box 20205

Bradenton, FL 34204

(941) 702-5991

<https://www.fndmanasota.org/>

**Purpose:** A non-profit organization that assists families of children with disabilities and special needs to become strong families through education, advocacy, and support.

**Florida Developmental Disabilities Council**

124 Marriott Drive, Suite 203  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301-2981

Phone: (850) 488-4180 or (800) 580-7801

<https://www.fddc.org/>

**Purpose:** The granting agent for research-based, innovative, sustainable solutions that address the critical needs and priorities of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.  The FDDC continues to impact the delivery of services in areas such as education, employment, transportation, and long term supports.

**Suncoast Center for Independent Living**

3281 17th Street

Sarasota, FL 34235

(941) 351-9545

<https://www.scil4u.org/>

**Purpose:** A nonprofit organization providing services to people with disabilities within Sarasota and Manatee counties. Our goal is to empower people with disabilities to take charge of their lives and guide them through their own destinies.

**The Florida Youth Council**

820 East Park Avenue

Suite F-100

Tallahassee, FL 32301

(850)-224-4670

<https://floridayouthcouncil.org/>

**Purpose:** To getting youth and emerging leaders involved in self-advocacy, peer mentoring and other activities that will improve the quality of life for youth and emerging leaders with disabilities in Florida.

**Women’s Resource Center**

**Sarasota:** 340 S. Tuttle Ave   
Sarasota, FL 34237  
(941) 366-1700

**Manatee:** 1926 Manatee Ave W  
Bradenton, FL 34205  
(941) 747-6797

**Venice:** 530 US-41 Bypass South #5A  
Venice, FL 34285  
(941) 485-9724

**Purpose:** The Women’s Resource Center is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit agency that has provided women (and men) with life skills training, career planning, and educational scholarships in Manatee & Sarasota Counties.

**Women’s Resource Center (Spanish Services)**

<https://www.mywrc.org/spanishprograms/>

**Healthcare Services**

**Epilepsy Florida**

1-(877)-553-7453

Info@epilepsyfl.org

**Purpose:** Epilepsy Florida is dedicated to supporting the more than 400,000 impacted by epilepsy by confronting the spectrum of challenges created by seizures.

<https://www.epilepsyfl.com/>

**John Hopkins All Children’s Specialty Care of Sarasota**

5881 Rand Blvd.

Sarasota, FL 34238

(941)-927-8805

**Purpose:** Provides pediatric medical and therapeutic services such as diagnostics, surgeries, rehabilitation and patient/family support.

**Allison O’Brien, DMD**

8936 77th Terrace E, Suite 103

Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

(941)-373-3904

<https://lakewoodranchdentalhealth.com/>

**Purpose:** Comprehensive general practice of dental care including laser dentistry, full-mouth rehabilitation, TMD/TMJ, implants, and working with special needs patients.

**Children’s Dentistry of Manatee County**

5714 21st Ave W

Bradenton, FL 34209

(941)-792-6272

<https://www.manateekidsdentist.com/>

**Purpose:** Comprehensive pediatric dentistry including orthodontic care and various forms of sedation dentistry.

**Dentistry for Children and Adolescents- Dr. Maribel Santos-Cordero**

7315 Merchant Ct.

Sarasota, FL 34240

(941) 907-7762

<https://www.sarasotachildrendentistry.com/>

**Purpose**: Dentistry specializing in oral health care for children, adolescents, and children with special needs.

**Dorothy Theogene, DDS, FAAPD – Advanced Dental Care for Kids**

11649 State Road 70 East, Suite 109

Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

(941)-209-1213

<https://www.advanceddentalcareforkids.com/>

**Purpose:** Pediatric dentistry accepting Sunshine Health insurance.

**Florida KidCare**

1-888-540-5437

Purpose: Affordable healthcare insurance for children from birth through age 18. Eligibility for KidCare is based on income and family size.

**Manatee Glens**

391 6th Ave. W

Bradenton, FL 34205

(941)-782-4150 (Outpatient), (941)-782-4617 (Inpatient)

Purpose: A private behavioral health hospital specializing in adult and childhood mental health and addiction disorders.

**Government Agencies**

**Sarasota County Area Transit**

5303 Pinkney Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34233

(941)-861-1234

<https://www.scgov.net/government/departments/scat-bus-service/accessibility-scat-plus>

**Purpose:** Provides public transportation services.

**Social Security Administration**

**Bradenton Office -** 5540 Sr 64 East Suite 100

Bradenton, Florida 34208

1-800-772-1213

**Sarasota Office -** 2001 Siesta Dr Suite 301

Sarasota, Florida 34239

1-800-772-1213

**Purpose:** Provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to workers and their families. SSI benefits are payable to people ages 65 or older, or people with disabilities who have little to no income/resources.

**Financial Services**

**Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) – Suncoast Region Office**

1313 North Tampa Street, Suite 515

Tampa, FL 33602

1-800-615-8720

<https://apd.myflorida.com/>

**Purpose:** Medical waiver, supported employment, respite, and consumable medical supplies.

**FES-UA (Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities)**

<https://www.stepupforstudents.org/for-parents/special-needs/how-the-scholarship-works/>

**Purpose:** State funding for therapeutic/educational services.

**Recreation Programs**

**Adaptive Golf Foundation of America (AGFA)**

1878 University Parkway

Sarasota, Florida 34234

(941)-359-8555

**Manasota BUDS**

8374 Market Street, Box 113

Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202, USA

(941)-907-0499

**Miracle League of Manasota**

6050 Longwood Run Blvd

Sarasota, Florida 34243

(941) 544-4653

<https://www.miracleleaguemanasota.org/>

**Soul to Soul Yoga LLC**

7365 Merchant Court #3, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34240

Sarasota, FL 34240

(941)-702-2035

<https://soultosoulyogasrq.com/>

**Special Day Foundation**

11523 Palmbrush Trl  
Ste 198  
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

(941)-225-3103

[info@specialdayfoundation.org](mailto:info@specialdayfoundation.org)

<https://specialdayfoundation.com/>

**Purpose:** Special Day Foundation Provides opportunities for children and adults with developmental disabilities to experience the physical, therapeutic, and social value of nature-based recreational activities and specialized dental care.

**Special Olympics of Manatee County**

3657 Cortez Rd. W., Suite 120

Bradenton, FL, 34210

(941)-751-0049

**Special Olympics of Sarasota County**

910 Gulf Coast Blvd

Venice, FL 34285

(941)-412-0402

**TOPSoccer by FCS**

6700 Clark Road

Sarasota, Florida 34276

Administrative Director: Mary Mixon – (941)-925-7679 ext. 2

<https://www.fcsarasota.com/programs/topsoccer>

**Therapy Services**

**The ABA Clinic at Beyond the Spectrum**

7357 International Pl., Suite 101

Sarasota, FL 34240

(941)-907-3500

**Purpose:** Applied behavioral analysis therapy for students affected by autism or related diagnoses.

**Behavioral Evolution, Inc.**

1859 Mississippi Ave NE

Saint Petersburg, FL 33703

(727)-954-5401

<https://www.behavioralevolution.com/>

**Purpose:** Provides behavioral services to families caring for individuals with developmental needs along with consultation to local organizations in need of systemic improvement.

**Building Beyond Basics – Kristen Bohan, OT**

7333 International Place

Sarasota, FL 34240

(941)-545-3744

**Purpose:** Occupational therapy for children on the autism spectrum or with related diagnoses.

**Gulf Coast Music Therapy**

7333 International Place

Sarasota, FL 34240

(941) 527-8477

**Purpose:** GCMT provides music therapy services with the purpose of enriching lives through the power of music in Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

**Gulf Central Early Steps**

1700 S Tamiami Trl.

Sarasota, FL 34239-3509

(941)-487-5400

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

**Purpose:** The Early Steps program assures that early intervention services and supports are available to families with children birth to 36 months who have disabilities, delays, or at-risk conditions.

**InStride Therapy**

1629 Ranch Rd

P.O. Boc 365

Nokomis, Florida 34275

(941)-412-9333

**Purpose:** InStride and Easterseals SWFL utilize a sixty-two-acre therapy facility in Nokomis, FL to deliver: Physical Therapy (PT), Occupational Therapy (OT), and Speech Therapy. Additionally, InStride also offers Therapeutic Riding and Equine Assisted Learning Programs.

**The KidSpot**

410 10th Avenue West

Palmetto, FL 34221

(941)-722-3582

<https://thekidspot.org/>

**Purpose:** A private, comprehensive, family centered, multidisciplinary agency providing early intervention services to children.

**Dr. Kerri Duncan, BCBA – Autism Specialist**

(417)-860-7640

[Hart4autism2017@gmail.com](mailto:Hart4autism2017@gmail.com)

Purpose: Certified ADOS-2 Examiner, ABA consulting, training, and assessments.

**Pediatric Therapy Solutions**

5899 Whitfield Ave. #202 & #203

(941)-360-0200

Sarasota, FL 34243

**Purpose:** PTS incorporates many evidence-backed therapeutic solutions to treat their patients through highly skilled and licensed Occupational Therapists, Speech Therapists, and ABA Therapists.

**Sarasota Manatee Association for Riding Therapy (SMART)**

4640 CR 675 E

Bradenton, FL 34211-9600

(941) 322-2000

**Purpose:** To enrich the lives of people with special needs through therapeutic horse-related programs.

**The Sarasota Y- Youth & Family Services**

1106 South Briggs Avenue

Sarasota, FL 34237

(941)-955-5596

**Purpose:** The Sarasota Y's Youth Shelter provides temporary housing and safe care for youth ages 10 to 18 who have run away, are experiencing family conflict or have been locked out of their homes. They offer respite services for parents who are having a difficult time with their child, and they have a Masters Level Residential Counselor and a Case Manager who provide individual, group and family counseling.

**SEDNET – The Multiagency Network for Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities**

Physical: 529 First Street South

Mail: 140 Seventh Avenue South, SVB 108

St. Petersburg, FL 33701

(727) 314-3906

http://www.sednetfl.info/

**Purpose:** SEDNET focuses on developing interagency collaboration and sustaining partnerships among professionals and families in the education, mental health, substance abuse, child welfare, and juvenile justice systems serving children and youth with and at-risk of E/BD.

**Sensory Solutions, LLC**

22 Sarasota Center Blvd.

Sarasota, FL 34240

(941)-377-9361

sensorysolutionsllc.com

**Purpose:** Sensory camps, handwriting clinic, services students in need of occupational, physical, and speech therapy.

**Sertoma Kids Speech**

2750 Stickney Point Rd., Suite 210

Sarasota, FL 34231

(941)-228-1062

<https://sertomakids.org/>

**Purpose:** Sertoma Kids Speech Therapy has served the community for nearly 60 years by providing outpatient speech and language programs available for children suffering from a wide variety of communication disorders.

**The Florida Center for Early Childhood**

4620 17th St.

Sarasota, FL 34235

(941)-371-8820 ex.1000

<https://www.thefloridacenter.org/>

**Purpose:** The Florida Center provides developmental therapies, mental health counseling, and the Starfish Academy preschool in Sarasota and North Port. The organization also offers Healthy Families, a home-visiting program that guides parents who need assistance.

**Therapeutic Potentials LWR**

6977 Professional Parkway East

Lakewood Ranch, FL 34240

(941)-758-3140

<https://tpitherapy.com/>

**Purpose:** Therapy company offering services providing for both Adults and Pediatrics in the areas of Speech-Language Therapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Applied Behavioral Therapy, Reading and Cognitive Therapy, and Feeding-Swallowing Therapy.

**Dr. Valerie Roth, PsyD at Children's Psychological Services, LLC**  
9040 Town Center Parkway  
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202  
[(941) 840-5125](tel:+1-941-840-5125)

Purpose: Licensed school psychologist specializing in positive therapy practices for adolescents and children

**Transition Services**

**Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged**

605 Suwannee Street, MS-49

Tallahassee, Florida 32399

(850)-410-5700

<https://ctd.fdot.gov/>

**Purpose:** To insure the availability of efficient, cost-effective, and quality transportation services for transportation disadvantaged persons.

**Lighthouse of Manasota**

7318 N Tamiami Trail

Sarasota, FL 34243

(941)-359-1404

<https://lighthouseeducationcenter.org/>

**Purpose:** A nationally accredited, not-for-profit organization providing rehabilitation training at no cost to the blind and visually impaired residing in a five-county region that includes Sarasota, Manatee, DeSoto, Charlotte, and Highlands.

**Suncoast Center for Independent Living**

3281 17th Street

Sarasota, FL 34235

(941)- 351-9545

<https://www.scil4u.org/>

**Purpose:** A nonprofit organization providing services to people with disabilities within Sarasota and Manatee counties.

**Additional Resources/Contacts**

**Brittney Allen – Outreach Specialist – JFCS (Jewish Family & Community Services)**

ballen@jfcs-cares.org

<https://jfcs-cares.org/>

Purpose: JFCS of the Suncoast is one of the area’s leading mental health and human services agency. Services are delivered on a non-denominational basis, inspired by the Jewish tradition of helping all people.

**Kim Bailey – CEO – F.E.L.T. (Feeding Empty Little Tummies)**

941-705-2320

kimberlydinsdale@aol.com

<https://feltinc.org/>

**Purpose:** The social do-good movement to help end child hunger throughout Manatee County.

**Lendy Chapman – Blue Butterfly Counselor – Blue Butterfly Family Grief Center LWR**

lchapman@tidewell.org

<https://tidewellhospice.org/home/programs/grief-support/blue-butterfly/>

**Purpose:** The Blue Butterfly Family Grief Center is a Tidewell Hospice program that helps grieving children and teens, ages 5-18, through peer-support groups and activities. The free sessions bring children together with others who are experiencing the loneliness, sadness, anger, and guilt that accompany grief. Blue Butterfly groups are facilitated by grief specialists and trained volunteers who are provided the knowledge and skills to support children and families in grief.

**Kathi Coiro – RN – Florida Department of Health Title V Program Children’s Medical Services**

Kathi.coiro@flhealth.gov

<http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/childrens-health/cms-specialty-programs/title-v/index.html>

**Purpose:** The Title V Program supports statewide public health efforts to protect, promote and improve the health of children and young adults with chronic and serious physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional conditions through a comprehensive system of care.

**Beth Patterson – Mental Health Counselor - Caring Community Counseling**

bethp@caringcounseling.org

**Purpose:** Patterson is a health care organization in Saint Petersburg specializing in Community/Behavioral Health.

**Lisa Richardson – LMHC, MAAT – Spirited Away Art Therapy Venice**

lisa@SAATherapy.com

<https://spiritedawayarttherapy.com/>

941-882-0590

**Purpose:** A program committed to promoting healing, spiritual growth, and the wellness for the benefit of an individual through various expressive forms of therapy.

**Michelle Slawinski – Florida Epidemic Intelligence Service Opioid Fellow – FL Department of Health Sarasota & Manatee**

[Michelle.slawinski@flhealth.gov](mailto:Michelle.slawinski@flhealth.gov)

<http://manatee.floridahealth.gov/>

**Purpose:** The Florida Department of Health works to protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.

**Pilar von Lazar – RTC – Palm Shores Behavioral Health Center**

Pilar.vonlazar@uhsinc.com

<https://palmshoresbhc.com/>

**Purpose:** Palm Shores Behavioral Health Center is a fully licensed specialty Residential Treatment Center designed to re-establish healthy behaviors while successfully transitioning residents back into the family, home, school, and community.