

**1. ABC Tutoring**

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ABC Tutoring Service provides one-on-one tutoring to students ages 4 - adult in the areas of reading, math, language arts, spelling, writing, test taking and study skills. We specialize in reading instruction and remediation, and work with students with specific learning challenges.

**2. Affordable Care Act**

Contact person: Jane Coyle-Hart, Certified Marketplace Healthcare Navigator

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Learn about the Health Insurance Marketplace and your new coverage options. Get answers now.

**3. Agency for Persons with Disabilities**

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The Agency for Persons with Disabilities works in partnership with local communities to support people with developmental disabilities in living, learning, and working in their communities. APD helps more than 50,000 Floridians with developmental disabilities each year. The agency serves people with spina bifida, autism, cerebral palsy, Prader-Willi syndrome, Down syndrome, and intellectual disabilities.

**4. Angel Hands Companion Services**

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Angel Hands Companion Services is a for profit agency that provides free homecare and personal care assistance to children with disabilities.

**5. Autism Speaks: Materials only**

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Autism speaks provides resources for families affected Autism. 2014 Conference Autism Speaks will have materials only.

**6. Behavioral Analysis Consultants of Mid Florida**

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Behavior Analysis Consultants of Mid Florida, LLC are a team of Board Certified Behavior Analysts who are dedicated to best practice, empirically supported behavior analysis services and professional customer service. Between us we possess over 60 years of experience serving adults, children and their families in many different settings who possess a variety of diagnoses and exhibit a wide variety of problem behaviors. In addition, we work to increase the verbal repertoire of children with language deficits.

**7. Bright Feats Directory:**

Contact person: Rori Becker

407-620-9355 [Rori@BrightFeats.com](mailto:Rori@BrightFeats.com)

Bright Feats Directory host a website and printed directory to help families with special needs find the resources they need.

### **8. CARD (Center for Autism and Related Disabilities)**

Contact person: Mindy Stevens

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The center for Autism and Related Disabilities at USF is a community-based project that provides information and consultation to individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders and related disabilities. CARD-USF offers instruction and coaching to families and professionals through a training and assistance model. We provide direct assistance to families and technical assistance to schools

### **9. Central Florida Autism Institute and ABLE, Inc.**

Contact person: Terry Millican

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CFAll provides ABA therapy to individuals with Autism age 2 to 21 years of age. Provide parent support through advocacy, training, mentoring, and social outings to name a few.

### **10. Central Florida Parent Center**

Contact person: Alissa Perry

[alissa@centralfloridaparentcenter.org](mailto:alissa@centralfloridaparentcenter.org)

Providing parents of children with disabilities with information, training, assistance and support to understand the special education process.

### **11. Center for Independent Living**

Contact person: John Hurt

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Florida Association of Centers for Independent Living (FACIL) facilitates collaboration among member Centers for Independent Living and other stakeholders, resulting in a unified statewide voice advocating for equal rights for people with disabilities.

### **13. Division of Blind Services**

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Division of Blind Services provides help for those with dual vision problems and schooling and job services.

### **14. Early Learning Coalition of Polk**

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This organization funds quality childcare and early learning programs in Polk County, serving more than 8000 children under 5 years old. We also sponsor Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten, the state funded program that prepares all four year olds to begin school.

### **15. Exceptional Student Education Advisory Council**

Contact person: Lisa Miller

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The Advisory Council for Exceptional Student Education is made up of parents, district personnel, and community stakeholders to assist and support families of children with disabilities.

### **16. Family Care Council**

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The Family Care Council advocates, educates, and empowers individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, partnering with APD to bring quality services to individuals for dignity and choice.

**17. Family Network on Disabilities**

Contact person: Joe Hecker

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The Family Network on Disabilities is an organization striving for complete integration and equality of people with disabilities in a society without barriers.

**18. First Presbyterian Church, Mini Miracles**

Contact person: Kimberly Spurlock

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Mini Miracles is a specialized Sunday school class catering to children with special needs during the 10:30 service at First Presbyterian Church. The classroom is run by a highly trained individual.

**19. Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology (FAAST)**

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Assistive technology is any device used to increase or maintain ability in daily living. FAAST is an assistive technology demonstration center for individuals with disabilities to try out these devices. Our Mission: To improve the quality of life for all Floridians with disabilities through awareness activities that increase access to assistive services and technology.

**20. Florida Diagnostic Learning Resources Systems- Sunrise (FDLRS)**

Contact person: Dr. Poinsetta Tillman, Manager FDLRS/Sunrise

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The Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) is a network of state and federally-funded centers which provide support services to exceptional student educators, children, parents, and community agencies. This office, FDLRS Sunrise, services Polk and Hardee Counties.

**21. Florida Inclusion Network (FIN)**

Contact Person: Bonnie Dupius

863-534-0930

FIN provides learning opportunities, consultation, information and support to educators, families, and community members resulting in the inclusion of all students.

**22. Florida Mentor**

Contact Person: Kelly Valk

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Florida Mentor provides weekly in-home therapy for children and adults who are in need of therapeutic services. Amongst these services we provide individual, family and group therapy.

**23. Goodwill Industries/Suncoast**

Contact person: Angela Combee and Amber Smith

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Goodwill Industries/Suncoast Mission: Help people with developmental disabilities to achieve their full potential through dignity and the power of work.

**24. Grapefruit Press, Author, April Whitt**

863-665-8909 [april1097@verizon.net](mailto:april1097@verizon.net)

Mrs. April Whitt is the author of *Romeo Riley*, a book series that features kids with disabilities that are the main characters in the story.

**25. Learning Resource Center of Polk County, Inc.**

Contact person: Beverly Mansfield  
863-688-9477 [beverlym@lrcpolk.com](mailto:beverlym@lrcpolk.com)

Learning Resource Center of Polk County, Inc. is a non-profit United Way agency that helps students maximize their learning potential. LRC offers a wide variety of programs and services to children and adults throughout Polk County.

**26. Legal Shield**

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LegalShield provides legal services for one low monthly fee. Members gain access to quality law firms without having to worry about high hourly costs. Because our attorneys are all paid in advance, they provide the same level of service for trivial or traumatic legal situations.

**27. Merrill Lynch Wealth Management**

Contact person: Larry Foster, CSNA, PIA Program Portfolio Advisor, and Financial Advisor NMLS #906848  
863-680-5420 [larry.foster@ml.com](mailto:larry.foster@ml.com)

Mr. Foster will give information and answer questions about Special Needs Trusts.

**28. Mulberry Phosphate Museum**

Contact person: 863-425-2823 [nickicarroll@cityofmulberryfl.com](mailto:nickicarroll@cityofmulberryfl.com)

The Mulberry Phosphate Museum is offering a new program "Special Hours for Special Needs" on Mondays from 9am to 5pm. The Mulberry Phosphate Museum has 4 separate galleries which include the fossil room, where you can see ice age land and sea animals that lived right here in Polk County millions of years ago. Walk into the 1949 Seaboard train caboose and tour the many historical railroad artifacts. The history gallery tells the story of Mulberry and the phosphate industry. View all the different things that phosphate helps make. The Museum also offers an actual phosphate dig site, where you can search for your own fossils.

**29. Nemours BrightStart!**

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Nemours BrightStart!, the first program of its kind in the nation, researches, develops, and offers evidence-based tools targeting young children at risk for reading failure. Our goal is to effectively instruct children at the very beginning of their journey to ensure long-term reading success. In addition to direct services for young children in Florida and Delaware, Nemours BrightStart! Helps parents, educators, health care professionals and community leaders understand key concepts and actions needed to promote reading success for all children through a variety of specific tools, services and resources.

**30. Noah's Ark**

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Noah's Ark help individuals and their families transition from school life to real life by providing an array of social and recreational activities as well as affordable supported-living homes. They provide guidance to families on critical matters such as guardianship, social security, applying for support services, and special needs trust.

### **31. Polk County School Board- Title I Parent Centers and Parent University**

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### **32. Polk County Council PTA**

Contact person: Janet Lamoureux

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Mission: To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

### **33. Polk County Emergency Management**

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The special needs program provides shelter and or transportation for those who need assistance with physical or non-acute medical conditions and must evacuate during emergency conditions. It is specifically for people who have no other transportation or shelter options and need local government assistance.

### **34. Polk County School District Transition and Related Services Senior Managers**

Contact person: Dr. David Wood: Transition 863-534-0930 [david.wood01@polk-fl.net](mailto:david.wood01@polk-fl.net)

Terri Crace: 863-534-0930 [teri.crace@polk-fl.net](mailto:teri.crace@polk-fl.net)

The Polk County Transition Program for students with disabilities provides students and school personnel with support and programming transition services as they apply to students 14 to 22 years of age.

Ms. Crace oversees the Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Specially Designed Physical Education, Vision Impaired, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and Hospital Homebound services, and VSA Florida-Polk County.

### **35. Project 10**

Contact person: Heather Mack, Region 3 Representative East Central Florida

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"Project 10," is to assist Florida school districts and relevant stakeholders in building capacity to provide secondary transition services to students with disabilities in order to improve their academic success and post-school outcomes.

### **36. Sharon Paul, LMHC**

Contact person: Sharon Paul

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Sharon Paul is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and National Board Certified Counselor. She is a governor appointed member of the Florida Interagency coordinating Council for Infants and toddlers (FICCIT) and has a private practice providing out-patient mental health services for infants, toddlers, children, adolescents and their families. Sharon earned her Bachelor's degree in both Psychology and Art Therapy from Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois. She completed her Master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling, with emphasis in pediatrics at the University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida. She has received specialized training in infant/toddler mental health, sensory integration, ADHD, depression/anxiety, anger, trauma (PTSD) and grief/loss.

### **37. Social Security Administration**

Contact person: Rugayyah Nicholas, District Manager

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The Social Security Administration (SSA) provides financial benefits for disabled adults and children, retired individuals, and survivors of deceased parents and spouses. It also administers the social security card program for the nation.

**38. Special Olympics Florida-Polk County**

Contact person: Edward A. Thiebe, Director

Special Olympics Florida – Polk County

Office Phone 863-815-6671; Cell Phone 863-934-0261 [www.specialolympicspolk.org](http://www.specialolympicspolk.org)

Special Olympics Florida provides year round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

**39. Sunshine Community of Florida, Inc.**

Contact person: Ruth Schilling

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Sunshine Community of Florida, Inc. provides social, recreational, and creative activities for young people and adults with special needs.

**40. Sylvan Learning Center**

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Sylvan Learning Center is a leading supplemental provider. We help students and adults in reading, math, study skills, writing, and many other subjects.

**41. TiAnViCa Riding Academy, Inc.**

Contact person: Sara Meadows

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TiAnViCa is a place where the individual is put first. We offer safe, fun and affordable equine assisted activities for children and adults.

**42. The Juice Plus Company**

The Juice Plus Company inspires healthy living around the world. It is supported by clinical evidence and backed by health professionals. Juice Plus products are proven to help bridge The nutritional gap with nutrients from 25 fruits, vegetables, grains and berries.

**43. Uniquely His – Presbyterian Church in the Highlands**

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Uniquely His provides a unique atmosphere for children with disabilities to learn about God’s Love as their families worship

**44. Vocational Rehabilitation**

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Vocational Rehabilitation provides job services to job seekers with physical or mental disabilities.