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Adaptive Equipment	Advanced Vehicle Modifications (AVM) Mobility	AVM	(352) 622-4467	AMV specializes in the modification, service, and maintenance of wheelchair vehicles.	avmmobility.com/
Adaptive Equipment	Mobility Express	ME	(800) 918-7433	Mobility Express sells and services wheelchair accessible vans.	mobilityexpress.com/
Advocacy	American Association of People with Disabilities	AAPD	(202) 521-4316	As a national disability-led and cross-disability rights organization, we work to increase the political and economic power of people with disabilities.	aapd.com
Advocacy	Easter Seals Florida	ES	(407) 629-7881	Easterseals is leading the way to 100% equity, inclusion, and access for people with disabilities, families and communities by enriching education, enhancing health, expanding employment, and elevating community.	easterseals.com
Advocacy	Family Café	FC	(888) 309-2233	The Family Café exists 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.	familycafe.net
Advocacy	Family Care Councils of Florida	FCC	(800) 470-8101	The mission of the Family Care Councils (FCCs) of Florida is to educate and empower individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, partnering with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, to bring quality services to individuals with dignity and choice.	fccflorida.org
Advocacy	Florida Developmental Disabilities Council	FDDC	(800) 580-7801	We affect policy and services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families and their supports through education, advocacy and partnerships.	fddc.org
Advocacy	Florida Self-Advocacy Central	FSAC	Contact Us	Florida Self-Advocacy Central is a bridge connecting self-advocates with vital communication, education, and events intended to encourage and support their self-advocacy efforts, their families, and all persons with disabilities across the state of Florida.	fsacenteral.org
Advocacy	Florida Self-Advocates Network'D	FLSAND	Contact Us	Florida Self-Advocates Network'D is a statewide association of self-advocates led by self-advocates that exists to support advocacy efforts at the local, grassroots level and to provide a united voice for statewide issues and topics that are important to self-advocates and all persons with disabilities in Florida.	flsand.org
Advocacy	Florida's DD Waitlist Campaign	DDWAITlist	(813) 974-2011	The Florida DD Waitlist Campaign aims to raise awareness of this issue to Florida legislators and the general public by using social media to advocate for increased funding to serve the individuals on the waiting list.	ddwaitlist.cbcs.usf.edu
Advocacy	Respectability	Respectability	(202) 517-6272	RespectAbility is a diverse, disability-led nonprofit that works to create systemic change in how society views and values people with disabilities, and that advances policies and practices that empower people with disabilities to have a better future. Our mission is to fight stigmas and advance opportunities so people with disabilities can fully participate in all aspects of community.	respectability.org
Advocacy	Southeast American Disability Act Center	SEADA	(800) 949-4232	We provide information, guidance and training on the Americans with Disabilities Act.	adasoutheast.org
Advocacy	Special Needs Guidance Group	SNGG	Contact Us	The Special Needs Guidance Group is a team of professionals with years of experience in the special needs community. Our roles are both professional and personal. While we specialize in the Florida Medicaid Waiver, we also offer advice and guidance about many other resources for your child.	snggroup.org
Advocacy	The Arc of Florida	ARC	(850) 921-0460	Working with local, state, and national partners, The Arc of Florida advocates for local chapters, public policies, and high quality supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to be fully included in all aspects of their community.	arcflorida.org

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Advocacy	United Way of Lake and Sumter Counties	UWLS	(352) 787-7530	United Way of Lake and Sumter Counties seeks to create long-lasting change and sustainability in our communities by addressing our greatest needs in the areas of HEALTH, ECONOMIC MOBILITY, AND EDUCATION – providing opportunities to improve the quality of life.	www.uwls.org
Autism Support	Center for Autism & Related Disabilities	CARD	(813) 974-2532	The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities provides support and assistance with the goal of optimizing the potential of people with autism and related disabilities.	card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu
Autism Support	UF Center for Autism and Related Disabilities	UF CARD	(352) 265-2230	The University of Florida Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (UF CARD) provides support and assistance with the goal of optimizing the potential of people with autism and related disabilities.	card.ufl.edu
Autism Support	University of Central Florida Center For Autism and Related Disabilities	CARD	(407) 823-6001	Our primary service is to provide individualized, direct consultative assistance to individuals with autism and related disabilities in Central Florida and their families. Other services include technical assistance and consultation, professional training programs, and public education activities.	ucf-card.org
Disability News	Disability Scoop	DS	Contact Us	Disability Scoop is the premier source for developmental disability news.	disabilityscoop.com
Down Syndrome Support	Down Syndrome Association of Central Florida	DSACF	(407) 478-5621	We change what's possible for people with Down syndrome through programs that propel children and adults with Down syndrome toward their full potential, resources to support families at every stage of their life, and advocacy to promote inclusion and protect the rights of people with Down syndrome.	www.dsacf.org
Employment	Association of People Supporting Employment	APSE	(3012) 790-0960	The only national membership organization to focus exclusively on inclusive employment and career advancement opportunities for individuals with disabilities.	apse.org
Employment	Vocational Rehabilitation	VR	(352) 630-6203	Our mission is to help people with disabilities find and maintain employment and enhance their independence.	rehabworks.org
Employment	employU	eU	(407) 598-0202	employU's mission is to create inclusive workforces for people with disabilities and other underserved populations through education, empowerment, and advocacy. It's more than a job search, it's a support system that is committed to delivering tailored experiences and assisting clients in navigating a complex process. We are a one stop shop for career development and employment solutions that is dedicated to providing the tools and resources necessary to cultivate an inclusive workforce.	employu.org
Federal Agency	Americans with Disability Act	ADA	(800) 514-0301	The ADA is a law that protects people with disabilities from discrimination.	ada.gov
Federal Agency	Social Security Administration	SSA	(800) 772-1213	We administer retirement, disability, survivor, and family benefits, and enroll individuals in Medicare. We also provide Social Security Numbers, which are unique identifiers needed to work, handle financial transactions, and determine eligibility for certain government services.	www.ssa.gov
Federal Agency	U.S. Department of Labor Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs	OFCCP	(904) 351-0551	We protect workers, promote diversity and enforce the law. OFCCP holds those who do business with the federal government (contractors and subcontractors) responsible for complying with the legal requirement to take affirmative action and not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin, disability, or status as a protected veteran. In addition, contractors and subcontractors are prohibited from discharging or otherwise discriminating against applicants or employees who inquire about, discuss or disclose their compensation or that of others, subject to certain limitations.	dol.gov/agencies/ofccp
Federal Agency	USA.gov	USAC	(844) 872-4681	USA.gov helps you locate and understand government benefits, programs, and information.	usa.gov

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Financial	ABLE United National Resource Center	AU	(888) 524-2253	The Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act authorizes states to create tax-free savings accounts for individuals with disabilities.	ableunited.com
Financial	National Disability Institute	NDI	(202) 296-2040	We are the first national nonprofit committed exclusively to financial education & empowerment for people with disabilities.	nationaldisabilityinstitute.org
Healthcare	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	CMS	(800) 633-4227	CMS serves the public as a trusted partner and steward, dedicated to advancing health equity, expanding coverage, and improving health outcomes.	cms.gov
Healthcare	Chapter	Chapter	(855) 900-2427	We're optimizing Medicare through greater choice and clarity, while minimizing cost and complexity. Because the other side of 65 should be your best chapter yet.	askchapter.org
Healthcare	Florida Family Leaders Network	FFLN	(352) 273-8508	The Florida Family Leader's Network is a family-professional partnership comprised of family, youth, and professionals all of whom are committed to serving children and youth with special healthcare needs.	floridaleaders.org
Healthcare	Florida SHINE Program	SHINE	(800) 963-5337	The SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) Program provides health insurance information and free, unbiased, and confidential counseling assistance to Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers.	www.floridashine.org/
Healthcare	FreeD.O.M. Clinic USA	FreeD.O.M.	(352) 421-5510	FreeD.O.M. Clinic USA is a mobile clinic that provides free dental care, optical care, and medical care for uninsured and under-insured Marion County residents.	freedomclinicusa.org
Healthcare	Transition Life Consultants Services	TLC	(352) 322-0576	TLC Services is an innovative, unique organization utilizing the professional knowledge and skills of 20+ retired, volunteer social workers, mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, drug/alcohol counselors and psychologists to provide groups, education, training and one-on-one counseling services to underserved and/or indigent seniors.	tlc-services.org
Healthcare	Tri-County Senior Outreach Services	TCSOS	(352) 551-1260	We are healthcare advocates. Our unique services enrich the lives of seniors and their caregiver families by aiding in navigation of easy access to high-quality, affordable services and finding the correct providers in the Marion, Lake and Sumter County region. We help individuals age in place, in their own communities with Planning, Advocacy and Care Coordination, In-Home Services, Meals on Wheels, Transportation, Wellness Centers and Personal Health Education.	www.tcsos.org
Healthcare	Waiver Provider	WP	(727) 841-8943	WaiverProvider.Com is more than a directory of Florida medicaid waiver providers. We also bring you the latest news and information to help People that are Developmentally Disabled & Senior Citizens as well.	waiverprovider.com
Healthcare	Florida Voices for Health	FVH	Contact Us	We are a coalition of community organizations, businesses, and individuals working to create a health care system that works for every Floridian.	healthyfla.org/aboutus
Independant Living	Center for Independent Living	CIL	(352) 368-3788	The mission of the Center for Independent Living of North Central Florida is to empower people with disabilities to achieve their goals for independence.	cilncf.org
Independant Living	Magnify	Magnify	(407) 892-6078	We provide residential, employment, youth transition, life skills development, and advocacy services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout Central Florida.	www.magnifyfl.org
Independant Living	Master Caregivers	MC	(352) 366-8931	At Master Care-Givers, our mission is to help every child and adult with disabilities discover the athlete within themselves. We aim to achieve this by encouraging physical activity, providing essential care, and fostering greater independence in their daily lives.	master-caregivers.com

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Independent Living	Transitions Life Center Ocala	TLC	(352) 877-8728	Transitions Life Center is a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to provide a safe, caring and enriching community for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. At Transitions Life Center, individuals with intellectual disabilities strengthen independence, build friendships, expand their world and grow in faith.	tlcocala.org
Legal	Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates	COPPA	Contact Us	COPAA's mission is to protect and enforce the legal and civil rights of students with disabilities and their families. Our primary goal is to empower marginalized community members to secure high quality educational services and to promote excellence in advocacy.	copaa.org
Legal	Disability Rights Florida	DRF	(800) 342-0823	We protect the civil rights of people with disabilities in Florida.	disabilityrightsflorida.org
Legal	Disability Rights Today	DRT	(404) 541-9001	Disability Rights Today is your source for in-depth discussion on important court cases that shape the Americans with Disabilities Act.	disabilityrightstoday.org
Legal	GrayRobinson Attorneys	Lobbyists	Contact Us	GrayRobinson is a multidimensional team of professionals providing integrated legal, lobbying, and regulatory services to leading and emerging businesses, state and local governments, industry stakeholders, and entrepreneurs nationwide. We are agile, adaptable, and fully embedded to deliver results at the local, state, and federal levels.	gray-robinson.com
Legal	Special Assistance Network	SAN	(407) 294-6270	The Special Assistance Network is a nationwide nonprofit organization that assists families with third-party administration of their Special Needs Trusts.	specialassistancenetwork.org
Legal	Special Needs Alliance	SNA	Contact Us	The Special Needs Alliance is a national organization comprised of attorneys committed to the practice of disability and public benefits law. Individuals with disabilities, their families and their advisors rely on the SNA to connect them with nearby attorneys who focus their practices in the disability law arena.	specialneedsalliance.org
Legislation	New Disabled South	NDS	Contact Us	The Plain Language Policy Dashboard is a project of New Disabled South. The dashboard breaks down complex legislation into plain language, making it easier to understand and making it more accessible. The goal of this dashboard is to have plain language versions of bills in states across the Southern United States.	newdisabledsouth.org
Safety	Florida Special Needs Registry	FSNR	(850) 245-4444	The Florida Department of Health, in coordination with its county health departments and each local emergency management agency in the state, developed a registry for persons with special needs to register with their local emergency management agency to receive assistance during a disaster. The statewide registry provides first responders with valuable information to prepare for disasters or other emergencies.	snr.flhealthresponse.com
Safety	The Villages Public Safety Department	TVPSD	(352) 205-8280	Among the many services provided The Villages Public Safety Department will change the batteries in your home smoke detectors free of charge. They do not make appointments and you must have new batteries on hand before you request this service.	districtgov.org/departments/Public-Safety
Socialization	Building Blocks Ministries	BBM	(352) 536-9264	Building Blocks Ministries is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that builds lives by encouraging others to dream, empowering them to believe in themselves and engaging them in the community to achieve their dreams.	buildingblocksministries.com
Socialization	Gigi's Playhouse	GPH	(847) 885-6149	We change lives through the consistent delivery of free educational, therapeutic-based, and career development programs for individuals with Down syndrome, their families, and the community, through a replicable playhouse model.	gigisplayhouse.org

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Socialization	Nurturing Spirit Association	NSA	(352) 989-1207	Our focus is on improving the quality of life of adults with developmental disabilities. We seek to develop strong relationships with the community, through collaboration. Whether it's participating in group exercises, taking a dance class, or recreational activities. We strive to help adults with developmental disabilities stay active and acquire life skills such as cooking, riding a bus, using a computer, and forming peer relationships. Through community outings individuals can gain enrichment experiences in arts, music, and special experiences.	nurturingspiritcare.com
State Agency	Agency for Persons with Disability	APD	(352) 330-2726	APD supports individuals with unique abilities and their families in living, learning and working within their communities by creating multiple pathways to possibilities.	apd.myflorida.com
State Agency	Elder Options	EO	(800) 262-2243	Elder Options is the state-designated area agency on aging (AAA), Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC), and Helpline. We are charged with administering state and federal grant-funded programs and providing direct services to benefit elders, people with disabilities, and their informal caregivers in a 16-county Planning and Service Area (PSA) in North Central Florida.	agingresources.org
State Agency	Florida Department of Children & Families	DCF	(850) 487-1111	Working in partnership with local communities to protect the vulnerable, promote strong and economically self-sufficient families, and advance personal and family recovery and resiliency.	myflfamilies.com
State Agency	Florida Department of Environmental Protection	FDEP	(850) 245-2118	The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is the state's lead agency for environmental management and stewardship, protecting our air, water and land.	floridadep.gov
State Agency	Florida Department of Health	FDH	(850) 245-4444	The Florida Department of Health provides health related information to Florida residents.	floridahealth.gov
State Agency	Florida Department of Revenue	FL DR 501	850-488-6800	Florida Department of Revenue tax (disabled homeowner homestead exemption) and child support administration.	floridarevenue.com
State Agency	Florida Division of Blind Services	FBDS	(850) 245-0300	We are here to help blind and visually impaired Floridians achieve their goals and live productive and independent lives. Our services cover all ages from babies to senior citizens. We also offer Employer Services, the Braille and Talking Books Library, and the Business Enterprise Program.	dbs.fldoe.org
State Agency	Florida League of Cities	FLC	(800) 342-8112	The League's mission is to serve the needs of Florida's cities and promote local self-government. We support local voices making local choices to protect and enhance Florida's communities.	floridaleagueofcities.com
Technology	Florida Alliance for Assistive Services & Technology	FAAST	(844) 353-2278	FAAST is a program designed to provide assistive technology to Floridians with disabilities and their loved ones. This program offers a range of activities, including device loans, demonstrations, reutilization, and training, to ensure Floridians have access to the latest in assistive technology.	faast.org
Technology	KEVADVOTECH	KEVADVOTECH	Contact Us	KEVADVOTECH is a welcoming forum for the Special Needs community and their extended support team to come together to openly share and discuss the daily challenges we face. Through a variety of special interest topics and shared personal stories, we will shine a spotlight on technology as we explore and examine current solutions or dream for solutions that have not yet been invented to help solve our most complex challenges.	kevadvotech.com
Technology	Universal Service Administration Co	USAC	(800) 234-9473	The Universal Service Fund helps communities and people across the U.S. stay connected to the information, resources, and care they need with accessible, affordable, and reliable high-speed internet connectivity.	usac.org

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Transportation	Lake County Transit	LCT	(352) 323-5733	The Lake County Office of Transit Services provides safe, efficient, cost-effective mobility solutions that enhance the quality of life by connecting Lake County residents and visitors to a variety of health, educational, employment and social opportunities within the County and throughout the region. LakeXpress is a public fixed route system and Lake County Connection provides shared ride, door-to-door, pre-scheduled paratransit services for eligible individuals whose disability or transportation disadvantaged status prevents use of the fixed route system.	lakecountyfl.gov/transit
Transportation	Marion County Transit	MCT	(352) 620-3071	We provide public transportation that offers riders a high-quality safe, reliable, and efficient para-transit experience.	mariontransit.org
Transportation	Sumter County Transit	SCT	(352) 568-6683	Sumter County Transit's mission is to ensure all citizens of Sumter County professional, efficient and cost-effective transportation services. Sumter County Transit will provide safe, clean, comfortable, and economical transportation and be alert to citizen needs and to prepare for those needs in a timely manner. Disadvantaged Program, door to door or route deviation services, must apply for them by completing a short eligibility application.	sumtercountyfl.gov/95/Transit