

Agency/Organization:	Center for Independent Living
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Email Address (if applicable):	info@soflacil.org
Website Address (if applicable):	http://www.soflacil.org/
Type(s) of services available:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 501(c)(3) charitable organization • community-based • non-residential • not-for-profit • managed and staffed by people with disabilities • dedicated to serving people of all ages and types of disabilities and their families • peer support, independent living skills, and individual and systems advocacy • equality, dignity, freedom of choice and full, inclusion of people with disabilities in their communities, their state and their nation • role models for persons with disabilities • assist with moving individuals with disabilities from institutional to community living settings • work training, adult vocational education • veterans with disabilities • Recycled Equipment Program • Information Technology Program
Groups/ages served (e.g., families of young children with autism, mothers with infants or toddlers with vision impairments, etc.)	All ages with all types of disabilities, including deaf and blind, and the families
Cost (e.g., free, sliding scale, accepts Medicaid/Medicare):	Applications are made to federal, state, and local government grant programs; private foundations, associations, and trusts; corporate giving programs; and individual donors.

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

Agency/Organization:	Best Buddies
Contact Person (if applicable)	Anika Allen, Celeste Sadler (Southwest Miami Sr.)
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Email Address (if applicable):	anikaallen@bestbuddies.org
Website Address (if applicable):	http://www.bestbuddies.org/
Type(s) of services available:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One to one friendships with a nondisabled peer for one year • Activities for pairs and groups • Programs for middle school, high school, college, citizens, and jobs • Supported Employment opportunities • e-Buddies online friendships available • Local, State, and National events • Peer Buddy will call their Buddy weekly • Pairs will get together twice a month • Club T-shirts to wear • Social skill development from a role model of their own age group
Groups/ages served (e.g., families of young children with autism, mothers with infants or toddlers with vision impairments, etc.)	Middle school age and up, intellectual and developmental disabilities
Cost (e.g., free, sliding scale, accepts Medicaid/Medicare):	Minimal membership fee depending on school or organization hosting club charter (\$10-\$20), everyone pays their own way for activities

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

Agency/Organization:	Jewish Community Services of South Florida
Contact Person (if applicable)	JCS Programs and Services, JCS Administration
Mailing Address:	735 N.E. 125th Street, North Miami, FL 33161
Street Address (if different):	same
Phone Number(s);	305-576-6550, 305-899-1587
Email Address (if applicable):	none
Website Address (if applicable):	http://jcsfl.org/
Type(s) of services available:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family counseling • Teach basic job skills to developmentally disabled adults • Comprehensive information and referral service • Network of services support • Educate and train individuals to help them reach their maximum vocational potential • Academic Support Services for Youth • Career Guidance & Employment Assistance • Disabled Individuals Training Program • Employment Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing • Employment Services for the Homeless • Jewish Educational Loan Fund for College-Bound (JELF) • ParnossahWorks (free job search) • Supported Employment
Groups/ages served (e.g., families of young children with autism, mothers with infants or toddlers with vision impairments, etc.)	Ages 16 and up with disabilities
Cost (e.g., free, sliding scale, accepts Medicaid/Medicare):	Services are available based on eligibility and an appropriate referral, with some offered as a fee-for-service. For referrals and admission to any of JCS' vocational programs, please call JCS Access, the information and referral service, at 305.576.6550.

<http://jcsfl.org/>

Agency/Organization:	Special Olympics Florida, Miami-Dade County
Contact Person (if applicable)	Mark E. Thompson
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Phone Number(s);	305-406-9467 phone 305-406-3733 fax
Email Address (if applicable):	specialolympics@somdc.org
Website Address (if applicable):	http://somdc.org/5/
Type(s) of services available:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year round sports training • Olympic style competitions • Unified sports combines disabled and nondisabled in team competitions • Local, State, National, and International competitions • Teamwork and friendship skills
Groups/ages served (e.g., families of young children with autism, mothers with infants or toddlers with vision impairments, etc.)	Age 8 to 99, intellectual disabilities
Cost (e.g., free, sliding scale, accepts Medicaid/Medicare):	No charge, need doctor's clearance on physical exam, sometimes provided free of charge

<http://somdc.org/5/>

Agency/Organization:	Florida's Voice on Developmental Disabilities, Inc. Miami Chapter
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Contact Person (if applicable)	None, link through email or phone call
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Phone Number(s);	954-975-5159 phone 954-972-4701 fax
Email Address (if applicable):	FVDDorg@aol.com
Website Address (if applicable):	http://www.floridasvoice.org/site/resources
Type(s) of services available:	<p>From Webpage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We share commonalities and issues, but we share them together because the larger the group the louder the voice. • We promote choice for services and programs for all families through our members assisting as friends of council on legislative issues and legal matters. • We bring families statewide together, cohesively, on common interests and promote them together. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We provide friends and families of persons with developmental disabilities with the information, skills, opportunities, and support to: 2. Make informed choices and decisions about their lives 3. Live in homes and communities in which such individuals can exercise their full rights and responsibilities as citizens 4. Pursue meaningful and productive lives 5. Contribute to families, communities, and States, and the Nation • Links to other resources and to Senators and Representatives on webpage
Groups/ages served (e.g., families of young children with autism, mothers with infants or toddlers with vision impairments, etc.)	Families and friends of persons with disabilities (Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation/Intellectual Disabilities, Prader Willi Syndrome, Spina Bifida)
Cost (e.g., free, sliding scale, accepts Medicaid/Medicare):	\$25 family membership per year, \$15 for those with financial hardships

<http://www.floridasvoice.org/site/resources>

Agency/Organization:	Teenage Parent Program (TAP), Special or Regular Diploma
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Contact Person (if applicable)	Dr. Zandra S. Rucker, Director, 305 636-7356
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Phone Number(s);	305 636-7404 phone 305 634-1911 fax
Email Address (if applicable):	none
Website Address (if applicable):	http://tap.dadeschools.net/index.htm
Type(s) of services available:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Childcare • Transportation • Low-cost or Free Healthcare Referrals • Social Services Referrals • Counseling • Specialized Curriculum • Option to attend COPE Center North or South or stay in home school • Goal is to earn high school diploma
Groups/ages served (e.g., families of young children with autism, mothers with infants or toddlers with vision impairments, etc.)	Pregnant and parenting teens enrolled in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.
Cost (e.g., free, sliding scale, accepts Medicaid/Medicare):	Free with all required forms completed

<http://tap.dadeschools.net/index.htm>

Links to Other Agencies and Information

Local:

Down Syndrome Association of Miami

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

Hope Center, Executive Director: Leigh Kapps, Ph.D.

666 SW 4th Street

Miami, FL 33130

PH: (305) 545-7572, FAX: (305) 325-0382,

financial assistance

<http://www.co.miami-dade.fl.us/caa/>

MACtown, Inc. (residential/employment services) web site under construction

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

MEED Program at Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus

Model for Enhanced Employment Development, training in advanced technology

<http://www.mdc.edu/meed/>

State:

Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged:

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/ctd/>

Job Accommodation Network (job

<http://askjan.org/>

The Able Trust of Florida (supported employment)

<http://www.abletrust.org/about/>

The Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities

[http://advocacycenter.org/about/about the advocacy center/](http://advocacycenter.org/about/about_the_advocacy_center/)

National:

Family Network on Disabilities, Inc. (birth to 26)

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

National Organization on Disability

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

Teens Against Bullying

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