



Pinellas
Interagency
Networking
Council for
Students

Transition Services Resource Guide

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Introduction

Pinellas Interagency Networking Council for Students (PINCS) was created to support and enhance coordination of services and supports for students with disabilities, and to assist students and their parents in accessing these services. A quarterly forum meets to exchange ideas, services and information while advocating for these students. PINCS serves as a catalyst for community resource development while pairing a student's needs and interests with appropriate agencies. This guide provides detailed information regarding community-based services available to students and their families in Pinellas County.

Some community-based services are funded through state and federal sources, such as the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR), the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) and the Social Security Administration (SSA). Because of this, it may be necessary to complete an application with the state or federal agency first, in order to receive the community-based service. For additional information, please contact your Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor or Medicaid Waiver Support Coordinator.

Pinellas County is fortunate to have a wide array of transition services available to students and their families, prior to completing their Pre-K-12th grade education as well as upon entry into the adult world of service provision. Each agency operates under its own specific set of guidelines and eligibility requirements. Therefore, a referral may not always guarantee that a person will be determined eligible for services. Additionally, once a person becomes eligible for services, some may have a waiting list for services. It is therefore recommended that applications and/or referrals be completed well in advance of the student's graduation or exit from high school.

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Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)	7	X	X		X		X	X		X	X			X	X	X		X	X	X
All Children's Hospital-John Hopkins Medicine	7	X								X				X		X	X	X	X	X
Boley Centers	8		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X			X		X			
Career Source (Formerly WorkNet Pinellas Disabilities Specialists)	8	X		X	X				X					X		X	X			
Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD)	9			X	X														X	
Creative Clay	9	X	X	X	X		X	X	X					X	X				X	
Crisis Center of Tampa Bay/Call 211	10	X																		X
Department of Juvenile Justice Intervention	10	X						X		X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X
Directions For Living	10															X	X	X	X	X
Disability Achievement Center	11				X									X						
Division of Blind Services (DBS)	11		X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X
Downs Syndrome (Raising Downs Syndrome)	11												X	X				X	X	
FAAST-Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology	12													X						

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Family Center on Deafness	12		X		X							X			X	X	X		X	
Family Network on Disabilities (FND)	12	X			X								X		X		X		X	
Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) Gulfcoast	13	X															X		X	
Goodwill Industries- Suncoast, Inc.	13		X	X	X	X	X	X									X			
Learning Academy @ USF	13		X	X	X		X		X										X	
Lighthouse of Pinellas, Inc.	14	X	X	X	X							X		X		X	X	X	X	X
Operation PAR and Substance Abuse	14									X						X	X	X	X	X
Pinellas County Schools Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Department	15	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X
Pinellas Technical College	16			X					X				X				X			
Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)	15										X	X								
Placement Works	16		X	X	X		X					X				X	X			
Project 10 Transition Education Network	17	X																		
Providing Advocacy and Recognizing Capabilities (PARC)	15			X	X		X	X							X					
Ready for Life/Beyond Foster Care	17		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	

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SEDNET	18	X																		
Service Source (formerly Abilities)/HS/HT	19		X	X	X	X			X		X	X			X	X	X		X	
Service Source (formerly Abilities) WIPA	19															X	X			
Social Security Administration (SSA)	20												X							
Spanish Parent Hotline	21																		X	
Special Olympics	21														X					
St. Petersburg College (SPC)	18	X			X		X		X				X	X	X		X			
Sunrise Community Inc.	21		X	X	X			X		X	X			X				X	X	X
The Arc Tampa Bay (formerly UPARC)	22		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X	X	X		X	X	X
Very Special Artists (VSA)	22		X											X	X					
Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)	23		X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X		X		X	X	X		X
Williams-Syndrome Association	23								X				X	X	X				X	X
Z-Video Related Services (ZVRS)	23	X																		

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<p>Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)</p> <p>1313 N Tampa Street, Suite 515 Tampa FL 33602 813-233-4300 Pinellas: 800-615-8720 www.apd.myflorida.com</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 8:00 am-5:00 pm</p>	<p>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 provides critical services and supports for customers with developmental disabilities so they can reach their full potential. The agency serves people with spina bifida, autism, cerebral palsy, Prader-Willi syndrome, and intellectual disabilities and Down Syndrome.. There is no charge or co-payment for services provided through the agency.</p> <p>Eligibility: A person must live in Florida, be at least three years old, and have a developmental disability that occurred before the age of 18. Children who are at risk of being diagnosed with a developmental disability may also be served. APD may provide a free assessment to determine if someone is eligible for services.</p> <p>Intake Process: An individual who has or might have a developmental disability or their authorized representative may apply for services by downloading an application from www.apd.myflorida.com or by contacting the Agency for Persons with Disabilities office.. The supports and services for persons with developmental disabilities are provided through APD's 6 regional offices around the state.</p>
<p>All Children's Hospital-Johns Hopkins Medicine</p> <p>800 6th Street South St. Petersburg, FL 33701</p> <p><u>Autism Center</u> Ph: 727-767-2886 Ph: 727-767-AUTM Fax: 727-767-4765 www.hopkinsallchildresn.org/services/autism-center</p> <p><u>Pediatric Developmental Medicine</u> Ph: 727-767-8035 Fax:727-767-4765 www.hopkinsallchildrens.org/services/pediatric-developmental-medicane</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:00 pm</p> <p>Program Fees: CMS, private insurance, private pay.</p> <p>Language: English (interpreters available upon request)</p>	<p><u>Autism Center</u> The Autism Center at All Children's Hospital provides complete assessment, diagnosis and treatment services for autism spectrum disorder from infancy to 10 years of age.</p> <p><u>Pediatric Developmental Medicine</u> The Pediatric Developmental Medicine Department at All Children's Hospital provides assessment and management services for children with neuro-developmental and related learning disorders from birth to 15 years of age. Care is provided for concerns such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Learning disabilities •Attention problems, hyperactivity •Motor delay •Developmental Delay •Autism spectrum disorders •Genetic syndromes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Developmental follow up related to Cardiac and/or ECMO, transplant or follow up of other chronic conditions <p>Intake Process: Call for an appointment</p>

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<p>Arts4All Florida</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 9:00am-4:00pm</p> <p>Program Fees: vary by program but most are free</p> <p>Language: English, Spanish</p>	<p>Arts4All Florida provides professional development relate to building inclusive educational opportunities where every student experience significant learning thought the arts. Professional development is offered for teachers through statewide, regional, or local workshops as well as free webinars offered throughout the year. Arts4All supports career and transition planning by offering students and professionals information and opportunities involving potential careers in the arts. Arts4All's Artist-in-residence program provides ESE classroom activities in the visual and performing arts, and Community Arts Classes are offered in various locations as well as on-line. Visit the website at arts4allforida.org for more information on programs and schedules.</p>
<p>Boley Centers, Inc.</p> <p>455 31st Street N. St. Petersburg, FLL 33713 Ph: 727-821-4819 Fax: 727-822-6240 Admissions: 727-499-2352 TTY users: 727-490-0002 www.boleycenters.org</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 8:30 am-4:30 pm</p> <p>Program Fees: Based on income, Medicare and Medicaid accepted.</p> <p>Language: English</p>	<p>Boley Centers, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit organization serving individuals with mental disabilities, the homeless and youth in Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Manatee Counties. For a complete list of programs and services, please refer to the agency web site.</p> <p>Eligibility: Evaluations required for clients with disabilities.</p> <p>Intake Process: Call for an appointment.</p>
<p>CareerSource Pinellas Youth Services</p> <p>Ticket to Work Program-Employment Network</p> <p>Clearwater Location: 2312 Gulf to Bay Blvd. Clearwater, Florida 33765</p> <p>Tarpon Springs Location: St. Pete College Campus 38500 US Hwy 19 N Tarpon Springs, FL 34683</p> <p>St. Petersburg Location: 3420 8th Avenue South St. Petersburg, Fl 33711</p> <p>Ph: 727-524-4344 https://careersourcespinellas.com/youth/</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 8:00 am-5:00 pm</p>	<p>Develop linkages with employers and employer organizations to promote the hiring of individuals with disabilities and to facilitate job placement;</p> <p>Assist individuals with disabilities, to access and “navigate” the complex provisions under various programs that impact their ability to gain, return to, or retain employment;</p> <p>Serve as a resource to staff within the Career Center; Facilitate universal access to the One-Stop system for individuals with disabilities; Facilitate the transition of in or out-of-school youth; Conduct outreach on SSA employment support programs and One-Stop partner-funded programs to community agencies and organizations that serve individuals with disabilities.</p> <p>Other Services: CareerSource Pinellas also provides many other employment services to the universal customer to include: Job Listing, Job Search Workshops, Networking, Job Fairs, Onsite Recruitment for Employers, Unemployment Information, etc</p> <p>Eligibility: Disabled workers entering or returning to the workforce. Ticket to Work, Workforce Investment Act (WIA) eligibility is needed for vocational or post secondary training.</p> <p>Intake Process: Call for appointment</p>

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<p>Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD)</p> <p>University of South Florida MHC 2113A 13301 Bruce B. Downs Blvd. Tampa, FL 33612 Toll Free: 800-333-4530 Ph: 813-974-2532 Fax: 813-905-9812 www.card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00 pm</p> <p>Program Fees: None</p> <p>Language: English and Spanish</p>	<p>The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities is a community-based project that provides information and consultation to individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and related disabilities. CARD-USF offers instruction and coaching to families and professionals through a training and assistance model.</p> <p>Eligibility: Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder and/or related disability (dual sensory impairment) Intake Process: Call for an appointment</p>
<p>Creative Clay</p> <p>1846 1st Avenue S. St. Petersburg, FL 33712</p> <p>Ph: 727-825-0515 Fax: 727-825-0525 www.creativeclay.org</p>	<p>Program Fees: Varies</p>	<p>Since 1995, Creative Clay has been providing local artists who have developmental, physical and/or emotional disabilities with an opportunity to pursue their passion for art making. We now offer seven unique and socially integrated programs to serve populations who have been traditionally marginalized in society.</p> <p><u>Community Arts Program:</u> Studio instruction, vocational training, and community experiences for adults who have disabilities. All classes taught by local professional art instructors from the Tampa Bay Community.</p> <p><u>Transition:</u> Vocational and instructional arts training for 18–22 year-olds in collaboration with the Pinellas County School system.</p> <p><u>Artlink Corp:</u> Vocational training program placing artists in arts-related employment.</p> <p><u>Creative Care:</u> Multidisciplinary arts program serving patients, families and caregivers in healthcare communities in Pinellas County.</p> <p><u>Summer Arts Camp:</u> Unique <i>Art Around the World</i> mixed abilities camp for ages 6–12.</p> <p><u>Summer Studio:</u> Inclusive art classes for ages 13-22.</p> <p><u>Open Studio:</u> Scholarship studio program for adults with disabilities.</p> <p><u>Good Folk Gallery and Artworks Store:</u> Vocational training is available at this unique shop featuring products designed by our member artists. Artists' art is displayed all year round, with special bi-monthly exhibits.</p> <p>Intake Process: Telephone for instructions</p>

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<p>Crisis Center of Tampa Bay</p> <p>One Crisis Center Plaza Tampa, Florida 33613-1238 Ph: 813-964-1964 211-Crisis Hotline https://www.crisiscenter.com</p>	<p>Hours: 24 hours a day, 365 days a year</p> <p>Fees: None</p> <p>Language: English</p>	<p>We can help you deal with the devastating trauma of sexual assault or abuse, domestic violence, financial distress, substance abuse, medical emergency, suicidal thoughts, emotional or situational problems.</p> <p>Eligibility: Anyone with a crisis Intake Process: Call crisis hotline @ 211</p>
<p>Department of Juvenile Justice Circuit #6 Probation and Community Intervention</p> <p>955- 26th Street South St. Petersburg, FL 33712 Ph: 727-893-2077 www.djj.state.fl.us/services/probat ion-community-intervention</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 8:00 am-5:00 pm</p>	<p>Depending on a youth assessment, services may include various prevention, intervention and residential programs available through the Department of Juvenile Justice.</p> <p>Eligibility: Youth under the age of 18 years old, who have been charged with a law violation in Pinellas County.</p>
<p>Directions For Living</p> <p>1437 South Belcher Rd Clearwater, FL 33764 Ph: 727-524-4464 Fax: 727-524-4474 http://www.directionsforliving.org</p>	<p>Hours: Vary by service line and location. Please consult the website for more information.</p> <p>Program Fees: Vary by service line. Please call for more information.</p> <p>Language: English, Spanish, ASL, all other interpreters available upon request.</p>	<p>Directions for Living is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit serving over 12,000 individuals, children, and families each year throughout the Tampa Bay region by providing behavioral health, child safety and family preservation, and prevention, wellness, and recovery services. Specializing in trauma-informed counseling and psychiatry, early childhood consultation for parents and caregivers, case management, homeless outreach, and helping families at risk of entering or already a part of the child welfare system, Directions for Living is a proud partner and advocate in keeping families together and children happy, healthy, and safe.</p> <p>Intake Process: Referrals or Call for Appointment</p>

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<p>Disability Achievement Center</p> <p>12552 Belcher Rd. South Largo, FL 33773 Ph: 727-539-7550 Fax 727-539-7588 Toll free: 866-539-7550 www.disabilityachievementcenter.org</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 9:00 am-5:00 pm Program Fees: None Languages: English and American Sign Language</p>	<p>Disability Achievement Center is a non-profit agency serving people with all disabilities of all age groups and their families in Pinellas & Pasco Counties. Core services are: information and referral, advocacy including self-advocacy, peer mentoring, independent living skills training and transition to the community from nursing homes. Employment services include assistance with finding, obtaining, and keeping work in partnership with Vocational Rehabilitation as well as accepting Ticket to Work assignment from Social Security. Youth Services Program offers socialization and self-esteem building opportunities at elementary and high school levels and support with the development and implementation of transition plans at the high school level. Medical Equipment Recycling Program provides equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, etc. as available. Disability Achievement Center also provides guidance to accessible, affordable housing and transportation. Eligibility: Anyone with a Disability. Intake Process: Via phone followed by a referral</p>
<p>Division of Blind Services</p> <p>District Office 415 S. Armenia Avenue Tampa, FL 33609 Main Number: 813-871-7190 Toll Free: 800-757-7190 Fax: 813-871-7161 Serves: Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties http://dbs.myflorida.com/index.php</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 8:00 am-5:00 pm Program Fees: None</p>	<p>Provides early-intervention education to children from birth to five years old who are blind or visually impaired, and to their parents, families. Services offered from kindergarten through high school include: compensatory skills; orientation and mobility (travel skills); social interaction skills, independent living and personal management; recreation and leisure; career and vocational education; assistive technology; and visual efficiency skills. Students exiting 8th grade or who are 14 yrs. of age may be eligible for our School to Work Transition Program (VR funded).</p> <p>Eligibility: 1) Child must have the presence of a bilateral visual impairment which, with best correction for that individual, constitutes or results in a substantial impediment to the child's ability to learn, function independently, or to become employed; and 2) a reasonable expectation that services may benefit the child and family in terms of education, independence, and transition.</p> <p>It is preferred the child have a Social Security Number, legal status in the United States, and Florida residency at least six months of the year.</p> <p>Intake Process: Call district office for information</p>
<p>Raising Down Syndrome Foundation</p> <p>http://www.raisingDS.com</p> <p>email: info@raisingDS.com</p>	<p>Empower families. Enable opportunities. Educate communities.</p>	<p>A Pinellas, FL based non-profit organization that provides outreach and support to local Down Syndrome families</p>

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<p>FAAST-Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology Tampa General Rehabilitation Center 6 Tampa General Circle, Room 214 Tampa, Florida 33606 Ph: 813-844-7591 Fax: 813-844-4128 http://www.faast.org/</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 8:30 am-5:00 pm Program Fees: None Languages: English</p>	<p>Hands on assistive technology demonstrations and trainings Financing for assistive technology purchases Assistive device lending programs Community outreach to rural and underserved groups Advocacy and education Eligibility: Anyone with a disability or caregiver or professional that serves them Intake Process: Call to schedule appointment</p>
<p>Family Center on Deafness 12445 62nd St # 303 Largo, FL 33773 Ph: (727) 501-2323 Video Phone: 727-235-6285 info@fcdpinellas.org www.fcdpinellas.org</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 9:00 am-5:00 pm Fees: Varies Languages: English, American Sign Language</p>	<p>Family Center on Deafness provides a varied support system through which families with deaf and hard of hearing members (D/HH) can build upon their assets in addressing personal goals. Resources for information and training are provided in a forum of mutual support and encouragement. Participants are provided opportunities to maximize their potential through access to appropriate programs and services. Younger parents can learn from interaction with those who have older children, or who are deaf/hard of hearing, themselves. Families initially seeking support may later become mentors for new participants. Teens mature from their interaction with deaf adults, while gradually becoming role models for younger children in the program. FCD is a place where anyone from a family with D/HH members can feel comfortable interacting with people who understand and appreciate their dreams and successes. This fosters the development of self-esteem, cultural identity and an "I can!" attitude with regard to personal and family destiny. Eligibility: Families must have deafness in the family who are in the Pinellas County School System. We serve from birth to transition from high school to college. Intake Process: Call 727-549-6664 for an appointment.</p>
<p>Family Network on Disabilities (FND) 26750 US Highway 19 N, Suite 410 Clearwater, FL 33761 Toll Free: 800- 825-5736 Ph: 727- 523-1130 Fax: 727- 523-8687 www.FNDUSA.org</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 8:30 am-4:30 pm Program Fees: None Language: English, Spanish and Creole</p>	<p>Family Network on Disabilities is a statewide network of families and individuals who may be at-risk, have disabilities, or have special needs and their families, professionals, and concerned citizens. They seek to provide all individuals who may be at-risk, have disabilities, or have special needs and their families in Florida with the information and resources necessary to make fully informed choices from a full continuum of services and delivery options. FND connects family with resources and training, provides mentoring services and assistance with opportunities for advocacy. Eligibility: Parents, guardians and advocates of children from birth to 26, diagnosed with or suspected of disabilities. Intake Process: Call for an appointment or visit website.</p>

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<p>Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) and Florida Inclusion Network (FIN)</p> <p>2929 County Road 193 Clearwater, Florida 33759 Ph: 727-793-2723 Fax : 727 793-2730 www.fdlrsgulfcoast.org www.floridainclusionnetwork.org</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm</p> <p>Program Fees: None</p> <p>Languages: English, Spanish</p>	<p>FDLRS is a network of state and federally funded centers throughout Florida. Support services are provided to exceptional student educators, children, parents, and community agencies. FDLRS Gulf Coast assists any stakeholder interested in the educational needs of exceptional children in Hernando, Pasco, and Pinellas counties.</p> <p>FIN collaborates with all districts and schools to provide customized services and supports to ensure that all students with disabilities have the same educational, social, and future opportunities as their peers.</p> <p>Primary services offered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Child Find</u> - Early childhood screening and service planning • <u>Human Resource Development (HRD)</u> - Professional development and support for teachers • <u>Parent Services</u> – Training and support to promote partnerships between families and schools • <u>Technology</u> - Instructional, assistive and communication technology support and training <p>Eligibility: Child Find Program – Ages 3-5 yrs. old; Assistive Technology- According to the student’s needs, ages 3-22 yrs. old</p> <p>Intake Process: Via telephone</p>
<p>Goodwill Industries-Suncoast, Inc.</p> <p>10596 Gandy Blvd. St. Petersburg, FL 33702 Ph: 888-279-1988 Employment Services: 727-281-3948 Fax: 727-577-2749 TTY: 813-974-2840 www.goodwill-suncoast.org</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm</p> <p>Program Fees: Depends on program</p> <p>Languages: English</p>	<p>Goodwill Industries-Suncoast, Inc. helps people achieve their full potential through the dignity and power of work. Their mission is accomplished through employment services, independence preparedness services and affordable housing. The agency offers a variety of employment and training services, promotes self-sufficiency, and contributes to community conservation through recycling.</p> <p>Eligibility: 16 years or older with a disability</p> <p>Intake Process: Call or visit the website</p>

<p>Learning Academy at USF Learning Academy Employment Services</p> <p>13301 Bruce B. Downs Blvd. MHC2113A Tampa, Florida 33606 Ph: 813-974-2996 Employment Services: 813-974-2840 Fax: 813-974-6115 http://card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu/LearnAcademy.asp</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 8:30 am-5:00 pm</p> <p>Program Fees: Private or Vocational Rehabilitation Funding</p> <p>Languages: English</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two semester career preparation program for young adults diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) • Mentorship on USF campus by USF students • Customized internships in field of preference • Action Plan delineating next steps for employment or college bound students • Parent workshops to support their sons and daughters • As a vendor for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, our employment services offer supported employment, employment and on the job training • Customized matching of career goals with job opportunities for long term retention <p>Eligibility: Age 18+ graduate from high school (all diplomas accepted) with diagnosis on the autism spectrum Intake Process: Call to schedule an appointment</p>
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<p>Lighthouse of Pinellas, Inc.</p> <p>6925 112th Circle North Suite 103 Largo, FL 33773 Ph: 727-544-4433 ext. 258 Fax: 727-544-5511 www.lhpfl.org</p>	<p>Hours: M-F, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm</p> <p>Transition Program Hours: Wednesdays, 2:00 - 6:00 pm</p> <p>Program Fees: None</p> <p>Languages: English</p>	<p>The Lighthouse of Pinellas is a private, not-for-profit agency providing comprehensive rehabilitation training for blind or visually impaired individuals in Pinellas County since 1956. Our mission is to advance the independence and quality of life for individuals in Pinellas County who are blind or visually impaired. The Lighthouse of Pinellas Transition Program is for youth ages 14 until graduation from high school who are blind or visually impaired. The overall goal of the Transition Program is to enhance the students' abilities to be successful in competitive employment and/or academic settings and to prepare them for living independently. The participants learn a variety of skills geared towards future vocational and independent living success such as: job readiness skills, independent travel skills, independent living skills, recreation and leisure skills, assistive technology skills, visual efficiency skills, and self-determination skills. Additionally the students are provided with opportunities for social interaction with their peers. Teachers of the Visually Impaired and Orientation and Mobility Specialists provide training through hands on activities at our agency in Largo, Florida. There are weekend field trips in the community designed to facilitate use of low vision devices, independent travel techniques and incorporate instruction and career exploration. The students also have an opportunity to attend a summer program highlighting independent living skills, college preparatory skills, job readiness skills, and participate in a paid work experience. The Transition Program is funded in part through the State of Florida Department of Education/Division of Blind Services. There is no charge to the student to participate in the Year Round and Summer Transition Program. Eligibility: Ages 14-22 and attending either middle or high school; Students must have a bilateral visual impairment and require vocational rehabilitation services to prepare them for an employment outcome; Student will need to be opened with</p>

		the State of Florida, Division of Blind Services, Vocational Rehabilitation Program. Intake Process: Contact case manager for an appointment
<p>Operation PAR, Inc</p> <p>13800 66th Street N Largo, Florida 33771 Ph: 727-545-7564 Help Number: 888-727-6398 Email: info@operpar.org www.operationpar.org</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 8:30 am-5:30 pm Evening and weekend hours as needed</p> <p>Program Fees: Sliding fee scale, insurance, co-payments</p> <p>Languages: English, Spanish</p>	<p>Juvenile and family treatment services are provided at the Academy for Behavioral Change. Services are provided for substance abuse and mental health, including co-occurring populations. Operation PAR uses evidence-based therapy, such as Seeking Safety Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach (A-CRA) and Assertive Continuing Care (ACC). Motivation Enhancement Therapy (MET) Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), and the Family Support Network (FSN). The level of care that a youth is referred to is based on the clinical findings of the nationally validated standardized assessment instrument, the Global Appraisal of Individual Needs (GAIN). Intervention, Intensive Outpatient, Outpatient and residential treatment is available.</p> <p>Eligibility: Level of care is based on clinical need</p> <p>Intake Process: Call 1-888-PAR-NEXT for an assessment</p>
<p>Providing Advocacy and Recognizing Capabilities (PARC)</p> <p>3190-Tyrone Blvd. North St. Petersburg, Florida 33710 Ph: 727-345-9111 Fax: 727-347-6943 www.parc-fl.org</p>	<p>Hours: Day Program 7:30 am-3:30 pm Residential Program – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week</p> <p>Program Fees: Varies depending on service</p> <p>Languages: English, Spanish</p>	<p>Employment Services (Job Placement, On the Job Training, Job Coaching); Residential Facilities (Children, youth and adults); PARC Center Industries (assembly, packaging shipping production); Adult Day Training Programs (Fine Arts Studio & Gallery, Drama, Jewelry making, Recreation Gymnasium, Senior Center (congregate dining site); Horticulture Program, Day Spa, Lighthouse Bank, Library, Adult Technology Achievement Center, Supported Living within the community, Behavior Services, Thrift Store & Vintage Boutique, Children’s Program (Preschool, Pre-K, Day Care, Homebound, Respite, Family Focus Behavior Program, Technology Center & Multi-Sensory Room)</p> <p>Eligibility: Children and adults with developmental disabilities</p> <p>Intake Process: Call for an appointment</p>
<p>Pinellas County Schools Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Department</p> <p>301 4th Street SW Largo, Florida 33770 Ph: 727-588-6032 www.pcsb.org</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm</p> <p>Program Fees: None</p> <p>Languages: English, Interpreter as needed</p>	<p>Pinellas County Schools provides coordinated transition services identified in Transition Individual Education Plans (TIEP) that will reasonably enable students to achieve post-secondary goals established by the TIEP team. Each high school has a number of professionals to assist students with learning skills needed to successfully transition to post-school outcomes. Services for eligible students are identified in the TIEP.</p> <p>Eligibility: Students with a disability</p> <p>Intake Process: Telephone the office for instructions</p>

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<p>Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)</p> <p>3201 Scherer Dr. St Petersburg, FL 33716 Ph: 727-540-1800 www.psta.net</p>	<p>Hours: Services offered 7 days a week. Telephone information available Monday – Saturday</p> <p>Program Fees: local bus fare is \$2.00; Reduced bus fare for persons with disabilities is \$1.00. DART (door-to-door) fare is \$4.00. Transportation Disadvantaged \$8.25 Monthly passes for members of household below 150% of poverty with no other transportation (Prices subject to change).</p> <p>Languages: English and Spanish</p>	<p>PSTA is the public transit provider in Pinellas County, Florida, providing more than 13.1 million passenger trips in 2010. 205 buses serve 5,159 bus stops on 37 routes in Pinellas County including two express routes that travel to Tampa Monday - Friday. There are also 3 Connector routes in North Pinellas which can come to your address, including one route which ends at HART’s NW Transfer Center Monday- - Saturday. All buses are ADA accessible. Travel training is available for persons with disabilities and others to learn how to safely ride the bus. PSTA also provides demand response transportation (DART) services for people who, because of their disability, are unable to independently use the regular, accessible PSTA buses. DART is a shared ride, door-to-door service which operates during the same hours and to the same locations as local buses.</p> <p>Eligibility: Reduced fare for those with documented disability. DART for those who lack the functional ability to access the accessible bus system.</p> <p>Intake Process: Complete application available online or you may call to request one.</p>
<p>Pinellas Technical College 2 campuses</p> <p>St. Petersburg: 901 34th Street S St. Petersburg, FL 33711 Ph: 727-893-2500, ext. 2520</p> <p>Clearwater: 6100 154th Avenue N Clearwater, FL 33760</p> <p>Ph: 727-538-7167, ext. 2006 http://www.myptc.edu</p>	<p>Guidance, Bookstore, Records departments: Monday-Thursday 7:00am-6:30pm; Friday 7:00am-noon</p> <p>Financial aid: Monday-Thursday 7:00am-3:00pm; Friday 7:00am-noon</p> <p>Program Fees: State tuition</p> <p>Application Fee- \$15; additional fees per program Language: English</p>	<p>Pinellas Technical College offers students first-rate career and technical education at our two campuses – Clearwater and St. Petersburg. The college strongly emphasizes postsecondary education with over 40 exciting career areas and programs. Pinellas Technical College also offers continuing education courses and commercial training services through our Industry Services Department.</p> <p>Students with documented disabilities are eligible for classroom accommodations. These accommodations are individualized and determined by documentation. Students must initiate contact with the program counselor on their campus and provide qualifying documentation.</p> <p>Eligibility: Students with documented disability</p> <p>Intake Process: Present documentation to campus Student Services department</p>

<p>PlacementWorks, Inc.</p> <p>460 15th Ave N. St. Petersburg, Florida 33704 Ph: 727-798-4564 www.placementworks.org Christy@placementworks.com</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 8:00 am-5:00 pm; weekends as needed</p> <p>Program Fees: None</p> <p>Languages: English</p>	<p>Partnered with the Department of Education’s Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; Agency for Persons with Disabilities and Social Security Administration’s Ticket to Work Program, PlacementWorks serves individuals with disabilities that present an impediment to employment with obtaining and maintaining employment.</p> <p>Placement Works provides services that include, but are not limited to, job placement, job coaching, job seeking skills, job carving and negotiating job accommodations.</p> <p>Eligibility: Referral via Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; Agency for Persons with Disabilities</p> <p>Intake Process: Upon receipt of referral</p>
<p>Project 10 Transition Education Network</p> <p>University of South Florida St. Petersburg 140-7th Avenue South, SVB112 St. Petersburg, Florida 33701 Ph: (727) 873-4661 Fax: (727) 873-4660 project10@stpete.usf.edu http://www.project10.info/</p>	<p>Hours: M- F 8:00 am-5:00 pm</p> <p>Program Fees: Grant through FLDOE-BEESS</p> <p>Languages: Multi-lingual</p>	<p>The mission of Project 10: Transition Education Network, (referred to as "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. Project 10 serves as the primary conduit between the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE), specifically the Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services (BEES), and relevant school district personnel in addressing law and policy, effective practices, and research-based interventions in the area of transition services for youth with disabilities.</p> <p>Project 10 is currently focusing on four major initiatives: Capacity Building, Interagency Collaboration, Transition Legislation and Policy, and Student Development and Outcomes. The project also supports transition initiatives developed through BEESS and the BEESS Transition Steering Committee.</p> <p>Eligibility: Project 10 provides technical assistance, training, professional development, and resources to school districts.</p> <p>Intake Process: Works through School District Exceptional Student Education Department</p>
<p>Ready for Life/Beyond Foster Care</p> <p>300 31st Street North Suite 565 St. Petersburg, Florida 33713 Ph: 727-631-1778 Fax: 727-954-3988 info@readyforlife.org www.readyforlifepinellas.org</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 9:00 am- 5:00 pm but available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, if needed</p> <p>Program Fees: None</p> <p>Language: English</p>	<p>Ready for life is a non-profit, non-religious organization that helps current and former foster youth “age out” of foster care in Pinellas County by providing a link between the youth and the many resources available to assist them.</p> <p>Eligibility: Youth ages 16-24 years old who are currently in foster care or those who have “aged out” of foster care in Pinellas County.</p> <p>Intake Process: Call or e-mail to contacts listed for instructions</p>

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<p>St. Petersburg College Campuses and Centers</p> <p>Clearwater Campus: Ph: 727-791-2710</p> <p>St. Petersburg/Gibbs and Allstate Center Ph: 727-341-4316</p> <p>EpiCenter and SPC Downtown Ph: 727-341-7913</p> <p>Midtown/Allstate Center Ph: 727-398-8284</p> <p>Health Education Center: Ph: 727-341-3721</p> <p>Seminole Campus: Ph: 727-394-6289</p> <p>Tarpon Springs: Ph: 727-712-5789</p> <p>http://www.spcollege.edu/dr</p>	<p>Hours: M-Th 8:30 am- 7:00 pm Friday 8:30 am – 12:00 pm (not all services offered every evening- check campus schedules)</p> <p>Program Fees: State tuition</p> <p>Application Fees- No fee for services offered through Disability Resources</p> <p>Language: English</p>	<p>St. Petersburg College is an open enrollment state college that offers AA, AS, BAS and BS degrees as well as certificates and Applied Technology Diplomas. Also offers non-degree, non-credit classes. Students with documented disabilities who are otherwise qualified for college are eligible for classroom accommodations. These accommodations are individualized and determined by documentation. Students are required to initiate contact with Disability Resources on their campuses, provide qualifying documentation, and present accommodation letters to their instructors.</p> <p>More information about Disability Resources is available on the department website: www.spcollege.edu/central/ossed/index.htm</p> <p>Eligibility: SPC students with documented disability</p> <p>Intake Process: Present documentation to campus Disability Resources Managers</p>
<p>SEDNET/ Pinellas Pinellas County School Board</p> <p>301 4th Street SW Largo, Florida 33770 Ph: 727-660-1220 ext. 2024</p> <p>http://www.sednetfl.info</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 8:00 am-3:30 pm</p> <p>Program Fees: N/A</p> <p>Languages: English</p>	<p>The Multi-Agency Network for Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities (SEDNET) creates and facilitates a network of key stakeholders committed to assisting in the provision of a quality system of care for students with or at-risk of emotional and/ or behavioral challenges</p> <p>Interagency Collaboration to increase mental health services</p> <p>Problem Solving Response to Intervention with emphasis on social emotional and mental health interventions.</p> <p>Support of transition services PreK-12 for students with or at risk of Emotional/Behavioral Disability (EBD). Partners with community agencies to provide cross agency training for families, educators and community partners</p> <p>Eligibility: students with or at-risk of emotional and/ or behavioral challenges</p> <p>Intake Process: N/A</p>

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<p>ServiceSource (Formerly Abilities, Inc. of Florida)</p> <p>2735 Whitney Rd. Clearwater, FL 33760 Ph: 727-600-8920 Fax: 727-538-7387 www.servicesource.org</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm</p> <p>Program Fees: None</p> <p>Language: English and Spanish</p>	<p>ServiceSource Florida Regional Office is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, offering rehabilitation and employment services to people with disabilities.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vocational evaluation (funder: VR) 2. Pre- employment (funder: VR) 3. Placement (funder: VR) 4. High School/High Tech (HS/HT) (funder: VR and Able Trust) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploration of careers of science, technology, engineering, math • Opportunities for service learning and post-secondary education <p>Eligibility: All programs are based on Funder Criteria Intake Process: Call for an appointment</p>
<p>ServiceSource (Formerly Abilities, Inc. of Florida)</p> <p>Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA)</p> <p>2735 Whitney Rd. Clearwater, FL 33760 Ph: 727-600-8923 Fax: 727-538-7387 www.servicesource.org</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm</p> <p>Program Fees: None</p> <p>Language: English and Spanish</p>	<p>SSA Benefits and Planning Assistance</p> <p>The Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) project works with SSA beneficiaries with disabilities on job placement, benefits planning, and career development. By working with a Community Work Incentive Coordinator (CWIC), SSA beneficiaries will be better equipped to make informed choices about work. The CWIC can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide work incentives planning and assistance; • help beneficiaries and their families determine eligibility for Federal or State work incentives programs; • refer beneficiaries with disabilities to appropriate Employment Networks or State VR agencies based on individual needs and impairment types; • provide general information about potential employer-based or federally subsidized health benefits coverage available to beneficiaries once they enter the workforce; and • inform beneficiaries with disabilities of further protection and advocacy services available to them. <p>WIPAs are authorized to serve all SSA beneficiaries with disabilities (ages 14 to retirement) , including transition-to-work aged youth, providing benefits planning and assistance services on request and as resources permit.</p> <p>Eligibility: Social Security beneficiaries with disabilities. Intake Process: Call for an appointment</p>

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<p>Social Security Administration</p> <p>http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pgm/ssi.htm</p>	<p>Hours: Our website, available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, is a valuable resource for information about all of Social Security's programs.</p> <p>In addition to using our website, you can call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213. We treat all calls confidentially. We can answer specific questions from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.</p> <p>If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you may call our TTY number, 1-800-325-0778.</p>	<p>The Social Security Administration (SSA) pays monthly cash benefits through two programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI): to qualify for SSDI benefits, you must have worked for a certain amount of time and paid Social Security taxes during that period. • Supplemental Security Income (SSI): SSI is for people who are in financial need and may have never worked and paid Social Security taxes. Children who are disabled can receive SSI. <p>Disability payments cannot begin until you have been disabled for at least five full months. Payments usually start with your sixth month of being disabled. After you receive disability benefits for 24 months, you will be eligible for Medicare.</p> <p>Eligibility: Visit our website or call the toll free number</p> <p>Intake Process: If you are applying for SSI, you can complete a large part of your application by visiting our website at www.socialsecurity.gov. You also can call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 to ask for an appointment with a Social Security representative.</p> <p>Parents or guardians usually can apply for children who are disabled and under age 18. In some cases, other third parties can apply for children. You should bring certain items when you apply. Even if you do not have all of the things listed below, apply anyway. The people in the Social Security office can help you get whatever is needed. Please bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your Social Security card or a record of your Social Security number; • Your birth certificate or other proof of your age; • Information about the home where you live, such as your mortgage or your lease and landlord's name; • Payroll slips, bank books, insurance policies, burial fund records and other information about your income and the things you own; • The names, addresses and telephone numbers of doctors, hospitals and clinics that you have been to, if you are applying for SSI because you are disabled or blind; • Proof of U.S. citizenship or eligible noncitizen status; • Your checkbook or other papers that show your bank, credit union or savings and loan account number.

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<p>Spanish Parent Helpline 727-623-4414</p>	<p>Hours: 7:00 am-3:00 pm Fees: None</p>	<p>Spanish-speaking parents may speak directly with a member of the ESOL team to find out information about the school district.</p>
<p>Special Olympics 727-669-1220 ext. 2008 https://specialolympicsflorida.org/pinellas/</p>	<p>Hours: 8:00 am-3:30 pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and competition to children and adults 8 years of age and older with intellectual and developmental disabilities. • We currently serve over 980 athletes throughout Pinellas County. • We offer 13 different sports • Our athletes are also invited to participate in Athlete Leadership Programs and Healthy Athletes initiatives. <p>Eligibility: http://specialolympicsflorida.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/AthleteEligibility.pdf</p>
<p>Sunrise Community, Inc. <u>Adult Day Training</u> 1401-5th Avenue North St. Petersburg, Fla. 33710 Ph: 727- 896-7117 Fax: 727- 896-1158 <u>Residential Facility</u> 1101-102nd Avenue North St. Petersburg, Florida 33716 Ph: 727- 576-0492 Fax: 727- 576-0970 www.sunrisegroup.org</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 8:30 am-3:30 pm</p> <p>Program Fees: Varies based on the needs and services of the individual. Medicaid waiver and private pay.</p> <p>Languages: English and Spanish</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skilled Nursing • Respite Care • Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (ICF/DD) - Residential • Adult Day Training Services provides participants ages 22 & up with the opportunity to enhance or maintain skills learned in school and life experience. <p>We provide: Computer Training; Community Participation Socialization; Therapeutic Positioning Adaptive Equipment; Mealtime Assistance Full Service Personal Care; Nursing Services</p> <p>Eligibility: Individuals with disabilities ages 22 and up, severe or profound intellectual and/or physical disabilities Intake Process: Must complete an application; interview with individual and/or parent/guardian.</p>

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<p>The Arc Tampa Bay (formerly UPARC)</p> <p>1501 North Belcher Rd. Suite 249 Clearwater, FL 33765 Ph: 727-799-3330 Fax: 727-799-4632 www.thearctb.org</p>	<p>Hours: Day Programs M-F 8:00-4:00 pm, Residential supports provided 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.</p> <p>Program Fees: Vary by the service and the needs of the individual. Rates are established in conjunction with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, private pay is available</p> <p>Languages: English</p>	<p>It is the mission of The Arc Tampa Bay to support and empower people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. The Arc Tampa Bay provides an array of services that provide the opportunity for personal growth and development. The Arc Tampa Bay operates three different day trainings geared to all levels of abilities and interests. The Arc Tampa Bay provides residential supports via group homes, supported living services and a semi-independent apartment complex with a capacity for 25 persons. Employment services are available to those seeking jobs in the community. Transportation and case management services are available to all participants. The Arc also provides Vocational Rehabilitation Transitional Youth services with Career Camps held during school breaks for students ages 14-21 years of age.</p> <p>Eligibility: The primary target populations are individuals with developmental disabilities. The majority of services are geared towards adults, although residential services are available for children ages 9-18. Employment services are available to all persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Intake Process: Contact the main number for an appointment to determine service needs, collect past information and clarify what funding opportunities are available to support service delivery.</p>
<p>VSA Florida (Very Special Arts)</p> <p>Physical Address: 4201 USF Willow Drive FAO 179 Tampa, Florida 33620</p> <p>Mailing Address: 4202 E. Fowler Avenue EDU 105 Tampa, Florida 33620</p> <p>Ph: 813-974-0721 Fax: 813-905-9878 www.vsafl.org</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 7:00 am -1:00 am Saturday-Sunday 10:00 am-10:00 pm</p>	<p>VSA focuses on professional development related to building inclusive learning opportunities where every student experiences significant learning in and through the arts. Professional development is offered for teachers through statewide, regional, or local workshops. The project also supports career and transition planning by introducing students and professionals to information about potential careers in the arts. VSA Florida art residency program provides not only positive student outcomes, but demonstrates inclusion strategies, adaptations and modifications to curriculums in the art classroom to both teachers and support staff.</p> <p>Eligibility: Students in PCS</p> <p>Intake Process: Call for an appointment</p>

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<p>Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)</p> <p>Department of Education Division of Vocational Rehabilitation 701 94th Avenue North Suite 107 St. Petersburg, Florida 33702 Ph: 727-217-7930 Fax: 727-217-7956 www.rehabworks.org</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 8:00 am-5:00 pm</p> <p>Program Fees: None</p> <p>Languages: English, American Sign Language, Interpreters provided</p>	<p>Services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocational Rehabilitation Services • Counseling and Guidance • Job Placement • Training Assistance • Supported Employment • Physical Restoration • Mental Restoration • Vocational Evaluation • On the Job Training • Transportation Assistance <p>Eligibility: Documented disability that significantly impedes employment (getting or keeping work)</p> <p>Intake Process: Call for an appointment</p>
<p>Williams Syndrome Association</p> <p>Ph: 727-424-0101</p> <p>Toll Free: 800-806-1871</p> <p>www.williams-syndrome.org</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 9:00 am-5:00 pm</p> <p>Program Fees: None</p> <p>Languages: English</p>	<p>Williams Syndrome Association strives to enrich the lives of individuals and families affected by Williams Syndrome and similar conditions through support, research, and education.</p> <p>Eligibility: Teachers, parents, students, volunteers or anyone interested in Williams Syndrome</p>
<p>ZVRS-Z Video Relay Services</p> <p>CSDVRS, LLC 600 Cleveland Street Suite 1000 Clearwater, FL 33755 Fax: 727-443-1537 Voice : 727-254-5600 www.zinfo@zvrs.com</p>	<p>Hours: M-F 7:00 am -1:00 am Saturday-Sunday 10:00 am-10:00 pm</p> <p>Program Fees: Varies</p> <p>Languages: English, Spanish and American Sign Language</p>	<p>Video relay service (VRS) allows deaf and hard of hearing individuals to have telephone conversations with hearing people. Using a videophone with real-time video connection, an interpreter relays the conversation between the two parties. Use your own voice to speak to the other caller when placing VRS calls.</p> <p>Talk directly into the Z videophone using our single-line VCO technology ... no need for a second phone. Answer your calls directly with the press of a button, no waiting for a second line to connect. Certified interpreters with specialized skills in handling VCO calls.</p> <p>Eligibility: Deaf and Hard of Hearing</p> <p>Intake Process: Via telephone</p>