

Community Resources for Individuals with Special Needs

General Community Resources

Provider Name	Assistance Provided	Contact Information
ADA Watch	Defends and promotes the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)	http://www.accessiblesociety.org/topics/ada/adawatchgroup.htm
Builders Care Information	Provides emergency constructions services at no cost to needy and deserving elderly and disabled homeowners.	239-938-0056 http://leebuilderscare.com/
Care Giver	Caregiver support groups by county	www.caregiver.com/regionalresources/states/FL/support/index.htm
Center for Assistive Technology and Environmental Access	Assistive and universally designed technologies	800-726-9119 www.catea.org
Center for Independent Living	Advocacy, peer support and mentoring	239-260-4575 855-260-4575 www.cilgulfcoastflorida.org
CenterWatch	Provides educational materials on clinical research	866-219-3440 www.centerwatch.com
Clinical Trials	Provides information about federally and privately supported clinical research	www.clinicaltrials.gov
Collier County Health Services	Resources for clinical and nutrition services, emergency preparedness, wellness, programs and assistance	239-252-8200 Naples http://collier.floridahealth.gov/
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)	Protects and advances the civil rights of people with limited abilities	800-348-4232 www.dredf.org
Disability Rights Florida	Provides protection and advocacy services in the state of Florida	800-342-0823 850-488-9071 http://www.disabilityrightsflorida.org/
(Division of) Blind Services, Department of Education	Assists individuals who are blind or have visual impairments and their families with services to reach education and independent living goals.	239-278-7130 Ft. Myers http://dbs.myflorida.com/
Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology (FAAST)	Advocacy and awareness activities that increase access to and acquisition of assistive services and technology	305-243-5706 Miami 813-844-7591 Tampa https://www.faast.org/

Florida Developmental Disabilities Council	Information for people with limited abilities, families, advocates and professionals	800-580-7801 850-488-4180 www.fddc.org
Florida Housing Coalition	Resource list related to housing	850-878-4219 www.flhousing.org
Florida Independent Living Council (FILC)	Promote independent living opportunities for persons with limited abilities	877-822-1993 850-488-5624 (voice/TTY) http://www.floridasilc.org/independent-living/
Florida Instructional Material Center for the Visually Impaired (FIMCVI)	Assist schools in obtaining specialized materials for students with visual impairments	813-837-7826 www.fimcvi.org
Free Pain Clinic Florida	Free pain clinic	941-677-0277 Ft. Myers http://www.swflresourcelink.com/provider/free-sw-florida-pain-clinic
General Community Resources Provider Name Assistance Provided Contact Information Florida Disabled Outdoors Association	Education about the therapeutic value of recreation	850-201-2944 www.fdoa.org
Get a Grip Grab Bars	Grab Bars	800-491-9025 239-482-2145 Ft. Myers http://getagripfl.com/
Good Wheels	Cost-effective and quality transportation services for disadvantaged persons	239-768-2900 Lee & Hendry http://goodwheels.org/
Goodwill Industries	Provides assistance to disabled and disadvantaged with opportunities to achieve independence after life changing events.	239-995-5868 Ft. Myers http://goodwillswfl.org/
Hope Healthcare	Specialized needs related to life changing illness. Home health, private duty, nursing, palliative care, care for elderly, and kids care	855-454-3104 239-482-4673 Ft. Myers https://www.hopehospice.org/
Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA)	Enhancing the quality of life for all individuals with learning disabilities	412-341-1515 www.lidaamerica.us
Lee Community Healthcare	Health clinics	239-343-4910 Ft. Myers 239-652-4111 N. Ft. Myers 239-424-2757 Cape Coral http://wecareforlee.org/
Lee Community Human and VA Services	Supportive programs and services	239-533-2111 Ft. Myers https://www.leegov.com/dhs/about

Lee County Government	County website provides information about local public resources	239-533-2111 Ft. Myers www.lee-county.com
Lee Health Infusion Therapy	Lee Health Home Health provides patients with a wide range of parenteral/enteral therapies.	239-225-7700 Fort Myers http://www.leehealth.org/homehealth/hhspecservices.asp
Lee Health Asthma Management Program	Lee Health program provides diagnostic testing and the skills you need to self-manage your asthma.	239-424-1499 Fort Myers http://www.leehealth.org/allergy-immunology/asthma-management.asp
Lee Health Balance Clinic	Lee Health program performs comprehensive evaluations and develop unique treatment programs to meet individualized needs addressing common balance and vestibular disorders.	239-424-1499 Fort Myers http://www.leehealth.org/rehabilitation/balance-therapy.asp
Lee Health Behavioral Health Center	Lee Health program providing psychiatric services and behavioral health resources	239-343-9180 Fort Myers http://www.leehealth.org/behavioral-health/index.asp
Lee Health Cancer Navigation	Lee Health program to help the cancer patient “navigate” the health care system. The navigator team consists of breast, gastrointestinal/prostate, and lung/brain cancer navigators.	1-877-680-0008 Fort Myers http://www.leehealth.org/cancercare/navigators.asp
Lee Health Cancer Rehabilitation	Lee Health program offers patients coordinated cancer rehabilitation.	239-424-1499 Fort Myers http://www.leehealth.org/rehabilitation/cancer-rehabilitation.asp
Lee Health Cardiac Rehabilitation	Lee Health program including exercise, risk factor education, lifestyle modification classes and support.	239-343-5720 Fort Myers 239-424-2396 Cape Coral http://www.leehealth.org/surgery/cardiothoracic-surgery/cardiocrehab.asp
Lee Health COPD Management	Lee Health program providing information, support and advanced treatment options.	239-343-0762 Fort Myers http://www.leehealth.org/pulmonology/index.asp
Lee Health Diabetes Care	Lee Health program with education tools and programs.	239-424-3120 Fort Myers http://www.leehealth.org/diabetes/outpatient.asp

Lee Health Driving Rehabilitation	Lee Health program that provides training for individuals who need to improve their driving skills and/or require the use of adaptive equipment to drive	239-343-4960 Fort Myers http://www.leehealth.org/rehabilitation/driver-evaluation.asp
Lee Health Home Health Service	Lee Health program that provides home treatments and services.	239-225-7700 Fort Myers http://www.leehealth.org/homehealth/index.asp
Lee Health House Calls Program	Lee Health program providing medical care to limited mobility patients	239-343-9219 Fort Myers http://www.leehealth.org/house-calls/index.asp
Lee Health Memory Care and Support Group	Lee Health program providing patients and caregivers appropriate community resources and assists in aligning services specific to each patient's situation	239-343-9220 Fort Myers http://www.leehealth.org/memory-care/index.asp
Lee Health Outpatient Rehabilitation Service	Lee Health program provides outpatient rehabilitation services including physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy for all ages.	239-424-1499 Fort Myers http://www.leehealth.org/rehabilitation/rehab-locations.asp
Lee Health Pulmonary Rehabilitation	Lee Health program provides outpatient services for children and adults with both short-term and chronic respiratory problems.	239-343-0762 Fort Myers http://www.leehealth.org/pulmonology/index.asp
Lee Health Q-Life Palliative Care	Lee Health program provides service and support for patients with advanced illness.	239-343-9560 Fort Myers http://www.leehealth.org/qlife/index.asp
Lee Health Senior Care Choice	Lee Health program provides advocacy services.	239-225-7718 Fort Myers http://www.leehealth.org/homehealth/hhchoices.asp
Lee Health Skilled Nursing Unit	Lee Health program provides rehabilitation after a hospital stay, long term care and short term care.	239-343-9180 Fort Myers http://www.leehealth.org/skilled-nursing/index.asp
Lee Health Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine	Lee Health program provides wound care and hyperbaric medicine on hard to heal wounds.	239-343-0454 Fort Myers http://www.leehealth.org/wound-care-hyperbaric-medicine/index.asp

Lee Tran (Lee County Transit)	Public bus system within Lee County	239-533-8726 Ft. Myers http://www.leegov.com/leetran
Lee County Health Department	Resources for clinical and nutrition services, emergency preparedness, wellness, programs and assistance	239-332-9501 Fort Myers http://lee.floridahealth.gov/
Lighthouse for the Blind SWFL	Comprehensive rehabilitation programs for persons who are blind or visually impaired	239-997-7797 N. Ft. Myers www.lighthouseswfl.org
Medical Respite Unit Primary Care Clinic	Provides medical respite beds for those who are homeless or uninsured.	239-334-3745 Fort Myers http://www.swflresourceink.com/provider/salvation-armymedical-respite-unit-and-primary-care-clinic
New Horizon Fund	Offers loans for the purchase of assistive technology (up to \$30,000), and home-based business loans (up to \$20,000)	850-487-3278 844-353-2278 https://www.faast.org/
Park Royal Intensive Outpatient Program	For individuals who are stepping down from an inpatient or partial hospitalization program level of care for mental illness.	239-204-2131 Fort Myers https://www.parkroyalhospital.com/programs/outpatient/
SalusCare Services	Provides behavioral healthcare services.	239-275-3222 Fort Myers http://www.saluscareflorida.org/
Salvation Army	Provides programs and services such as shelter, food, utilities, clothing, etc.	239-278-1551 Fort Myers http://www.salvationarmyflorida.org/fortmyers/
Samaritan Health and Wellness Center	Provides tools and resources for behavioral health for the uninsured or under-insured	239-257-3094 Cape Coral https://www.capesamaritan.com/
The Able Trust	Provides Floridians with limited abilities fair employment opportunities	850-224-4493 www.abletrust.org
United Spinal Association	Provides resources and information regarding spinal cord injury or disease.	718-803-0414 https://unitedspinal.org/
United Way Lee County	Resource assistance	239-433-3900 Ft. Myers https://www.unitedwaylee.org/
Vocational Rehabilitation	Enable individuals with limited abilities to obtain and keep employment	800-451-4327 www.rehabworks.org

VSA Florida	Helping persons with limited abilities learn through, participate in, and enjoy the arts	813-975-6962 www.vsafll.org
We Care Outreach	Provides housing needs, case management, counseling, clothing, food and legal assistance.	239-693-7911 Ft. Myers http://wecarefortmyers.org/

Government Offices

Provider Name	Assistance Provided	Contact Information
Directory of Elected Officials	Provides housing resources, benefits, grants.	844-872-4681 http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml
Florida Commission on Human Relations	Helps with complaints regarding mediation, housing, employment	800-342-8170 http://fchr.state.fl.us
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Provides resources and programs for the elder population	800-963-5337 http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/index.php
Florida Division of Workers Compensation	Tools and resources to assist injured workers	800-342-1741 or 850-413-1609 https://myfloridacfo.com/Division/wc/
Florida LTC Ombudsman Program	Advocate for those living in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and adult family care homes.	888-831-0404 http://ombudsman.myflorida.com/index.php
Florida Medicaid Office	Provides access to health care for low-income families and individuals.	888-419-3456 http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/index.shtml
Florida State Website	Information for residents of Florida	866-693-6748 http://myflorida.com/
Social Security Administration	Provides resources on retirement, disability, survivor benefits, supplemental income	800-772-1213 239-931-0066 Ft. Myers www.socialsecurity.gov
State Library of Florida	Florida resources	850-245-6600 http://dos.myflorida.com/library-archives/
SunPass Prepaid Toll Program	Assists persons with limited abilities pay for tolls	888-865-5352 https://www.sunpass.com/index

Service Animals

Provider Name	Assistance Provided	Contact Information
Canine Companions for Independence South Florida Chapter	Provides assistance dogs free of charge	800-572-2275 http://www.cci.org/locations/southeast/south-florida-chapter/
Classic Service Dog Network	Types of dogs trained: Service, Hearing, Seizure Alert/ Response, Therapy	904-775-1559 407-474-2875 jcarter@cfl.rr.com
Florida Canines	Assisting People Types of dogs trained: Service, Therapy	855-885-6262 http://www.canines4hope.com/therapy-dogs-port-st-lucie-therapy-dog-training-jupiter-florida.htm
New Horizon Service Dogs	Types of dogs trained: Service, Mobility Assistance	386-456-0408 newhorizons@cfl.rr.com https://www.newhorizonsservicedogs.org/
4 Paws for Ability	Types of dogs trained for children: Mobility Assistance dogs	937-374-0385 https://4pawsforability.org/mobility-assistance-dog/

Sports and Recreation

Provider Name	Assistance Provided	Contact Information
Lee County Parks and Recreation	Parks and Recreation Department.	Fort Myers 239-533-7275 www.leeparks.org
Florida Disabled Outdoors Association	Provides activities for overall wellness along with many resources.	850-201-2944 https://www.fdoa.org/
Billy's Rentals	Provides all-terrain and beach wheelchairs on Sanibel.	http://www.billysrentals.com/
Special Equestrians	Serving children and adults with disabilities with therapeutic horseback riding classes	239-226-1221 Fort Myers http://www.specialequestrians.net/

Veterans Benefits

Provider Name	Assistance Provided	Contact Information
Paralyzed Veterans of America	Provides assistance to paralyzed veterans	www.pva.org http://pvacf.org/ (Central Florida Chapter)

Veterans Affairs	Provides resources and assistance to paralyzed veterans	844-698-2311 www.va.gov
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Additional Resources for Persons with ALS

Provider Name	Assistance Provided	Contact Information
ALS Association Florida Chapter	Helps people living with ALS and searches for a cure	888-257-1717 813-637-9000 http://webfl.alsa.org/site/PageServer?pagename=FL_homepage
Lee Health ALS Clinic	Provide comprehensive care close to home for patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis—or Lou Gehrig's disease	239-343-0776 Ft. Myers http://www.leehealth.org/outpatient-services/treatments-services.asp
University of Miami ALS Clinical and Research Program	Clinical trials related to ALS	305-243-7424 https://www.miami-als.org/research/

Additional Resources for Persons with Amputation

Provider Name	Assistance Provided	Contact Information
Amputee Coalition	Various resources for limb loss including emergency preparedness	888-267-5669
Hanger Clinic	Limb loss clinic offering support and resources	239-772-4510 Cape Coral 239-437-0800 Ft. Myers http://www.hanger.com/Pages/default.aspx

Additional Resources for Persons with Brain Injury

Provider Name	Assistance Provided	Contact Information
Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program	Provides the opportunity to obtain the necessary services enabling them to return to their community	800-342-0778 www.floridahealth.gov/provider-and-partner-resources/brain-and-spinal-cord-injury-program/index.html
Brain Injury Association of Florida (BIAF)	Informs, educates, supports, and advocates on behalf of traumatic brain injury (TBI) survivors, their families and caregivers	800-992-3442 www.biaf.org

Medicaid Waiver	Re-integrate individuals into their communities	800-245-4045 http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/hcbs/waivers/tbi.shtml
Lee Health Trauma Support Group	Trauma support group	239-343-3474 Ft. Myers Shannon Bradley www.leehealth.org

Additional Resources for Persons with Multiple Sclerosis

Provider Name	Assistance Provided	Contact Information
Multiple Sclerosis Association of America	Enrich the quality of life for everyone affected by Multiple Sclerosis	800-532-7667 https://mymsaa.org/

Additional Resources for Persons with Muscular Dystrophy

Provider Name	Assistance Provided	Contact Information
Muscular Dystrophy Association	Provides support to those affected	Ft. Myers 239-439-6900 www.mda.org

Additional Resources for Persons with Parkinson's Disease

Provider Name	Assistance Provided	Contact Information
Lee Health Parkinson's Disease Functional Screening	Provides functional screening clinic for people diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease.	800-473-4636 Ft. Myers 239-418-2023
Americans Parkinson's Disease Foundation South Florida	Provides information and referral, education and support programs, health and wellness activities, and events to facilitate a better quality of life for the Parkinson's community.	904-953-6096 Jacksonville https://www.apdaparkinson.org/community/south-florida/

Additional Resources for Persons with Post-Polio Syndrome

Provider Name	Assistance Provided	Contact Information
Post-Polio Health International	Enhance the lives and independence of polio survivors	314-534-0475 www.post-polio.org

Additional Resources for Persons with Stroke

Provider Name	Assistance Provided	Contact Information
America Stroke Association	Build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular disease & stroke	239-495-4900 Estero 888-478-7653 http://www.strokeassociation.org/STROKEORG/
CDC's Cardiovascular Health	Provide public health leadership to improve cardiovascular health for all	800-232-4636 TTY 888-232-6348 http://www.cdc.gov/DHDSP/
Florida Department of Health	Promoting health and preventing chronic disease	http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/stroke/index.html

Additional Resources for Persons with Spinal Cord Injury

Provider Name	Assistance Provided	Contact Information
Christopher Reeve Foundation	Committed to finding a cure and improving the quality of life for people with SCI	800-225-0292 www.christopherreeve.org
Lee County Trauma Support Group	Trauma support group	239-343-3474 Ft. Myers Shannon Bradley www.leehealth.org
Florida Dept of Health Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program	Provides eligible residents the opportunity to obtain the necessary services enabling them to return to their community	800-342-0778 866-875-5660 850-245-4045 http://www.floridahealth.gov/provider-and-partner-resources/brain-and-spinal-cord-injury-program/index.html
Florida Spinal Cord Injury Resource Center (FSIRC)	SCI resource information for persons who have survived and SCI	866-313-2940 www.fscirc.com
South Florida Spinal Cord Injury Model System	Offers a range of inpatient and outpatient services to help patients from the time of the injury up to years later.	800-545-2292 305-585-1320 http://scimiami.med.miami.edu/

Additional Resources for Teens and Pediatrics

Provider Name	Assistance Provided	Contact Information
Adolescent Health Transition Project	Information and materials designed to assist in the transition from pediatric to adult health care for adolescents with special health care needs.	206-685-1350 http://depts.washington.edu/healthtr/

Easter Seals Florida, Gulf Coast Region	Provides workshops for parents, education plans, home modification assistance and more	239-403-0366 Naples http://www.easterseals.com/florida/
Family Network on Disabilities	Advocacy & Disability resources including multi-lingual	800-825-5736 http://fndusa.org/
Florida Department of Education Division of Vocational Rehab	Helps students with disabilities train for a job, continue their education, or find a job after high school.	(239) 278-7150 Ft. Myers Laura Dean, Supervisor http://rehabworks.org/stw.shtml
Golisano Children's Hospital Rehabilitation Services	Children's rehabilitation	239-343-6690 Fort Myers https://www.leehealth.org/rehabilitation/children-rehabilitation.asp
Parent Center Hub	Information and resources for Parent Centers serving families of children with disabilities including information on sexual education for students.	973-642-8100 http://www.parentcenterhub.org/