

## Post 22 - Employment / Leisure/ Life/ Education

### Palm Beach County Links & Resources

**Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD or medwaiver)** (Autism, Spina Bifida, Prader-Willi, Cerebral Palsy, Intellectual Disability, Down Syndrome and Phelan-McDermid Syndrome) supports eligible persons with significant disabilities to assist with funding and coordination of life supports.

<http://apd.myflorida.com/about/faqs.htm>

### General Information & Resources

**Florida State ESE Parent Information Transition Website**

<http://forparents.florida-ese.org/collegeCareers/introduction.aspx>

**Florida statewide designated protection and advocacy system for individuals with disabilities.** [http://www.disabilityrightsflorida.org/our\\_work/services](http://www.disabilityrightsflorida.org/our_work/services)

**Florida Developmental Disabilities Council** provides guides and information on topics ranging from inclusive early education to supported living and employment programs which are available in a variety of formats and media. <http://www.fddc.org/publications>

**CILO** provides ongoing information and advocacy to adults with disabilities and provides persons with assistance in finding needed resources. <http://www.cilo.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=home.main&>

**Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Service** in partnership with the Levine Jewish Residential & Family Service offers educational seminars and life planning supports.

<https://www.alpertjfs.org/for-persons-with-disabilities/>

**FAU- CARD** offers training, information and support groups for families, schools, & businesses to support people with autism and related disabilities.

<http://www.coe.fau.edu/centersandprograms/card/resources.php>

**Florida Center for Inclusive Communities (FCIC)** hosts monthly employment webinars.

<http://flfcic.fmhi.usf.edu/program-areas/employment.html>

### Transportation

<http://discover.pbcgov.org/palmtran/Pages/Connection.aspx>

### Social Security

<https://www.ssa.gov/planners/disability/dapply.html#&sb=1>

## Employment Resources

**Vocational Rehabilitation** assists eligible persons in overcoming obstacles to gaining and maintaining employment. This may include supported employment, job coaching or support with post secondary education/training.

<http://www.rehabworks.org/supported.shtml>

[http://www.rehabworks.org/stw\\_FAQs.shtml](http://www.rehabworks.org/stw_FAQs.shtml)

**Division of Blind Services** offers specialized job coaching and transition support programs for persons eligible for DBS services. <http://dbs.myflorida.com/>

<http://www.lighthousepalmbeaches.org/AboutLighthouse>

**Career Source Palm Beach County** provides specialized support in its career centers that will help people with disabilities to research and apply for jobs. Additional supports include Ticket To Work and the Hospitality Program of the Palm Beaches, in partnership with the Els for Autism Foundation, which teaches persons with disabilities skills needed to receive a nationally recognized and professional certification from the American Hotel and Lodging Association.

<http://www.careersourcepbc.com/ABOUTUS/JOBSEEKERS/JobSeekerswithDisabilities.aspx>

## Vocational Day & Residential Programs

**JARC** offers vocational training (environmental services, mail fulfillment, culinary, & computer assisted learning) as well as residential group homes and independent living apartments with community case management, daily programs and independent living training. Boca Raton, FL <http://jarcfl.org/>

**Palm Beach Habilitation** provides employment, vocational training, case management, residential and retirement services for people with disabilities. Any age past HS graduation.

Lake Worth, FL <http://www.pbhab.com/ourservices/>

**UCP of Palm Beach & Mid-Coast Counties** provides residential programs and respite care services as well as adult day programs for individuals with severe behavioral issues who are taught prevocational and communication skills. West Palm Beach, FL

<http://www.unitedcommunityoptionssfl.org/broward-palm-beach-mid-coast-counties>

**Seagull Services** provides a residential program with life skills training, community based training, and transportation services, advocacy services and vocational training, as well as a youth summer camp and charter school. West Palm Beach, FL <http://seagull.org/>

**Gulfstream Goodwill** offers day programs including supported employment/ vocational, personal growth and health/ wellness skills as well as residential supports for homeless adults with disabilities. West Palm Beach, FL <http://www.gulfstreamgoodwill.com/day-training-services>

**Arc of Palm Beach County** provides employment and career transition, respite services, art, day & evening recreation programs, and residential group homes services. Riviera Beach, FL <https://www.arcpbc.org/programs-and-services>

**Levine Jewish Residential & Family Service** offers educational programs, supports and information on life planning, vocational and residential options for adults with disabilities including supported employment, group homes & apartments. West Palm Beach, FL <http://www.ljrfs.com/>

## Vocational Day Programs

**Boca Habilitation Center** which offers vocational training, supported and sheltered employment programs (manufacturing: electronics, fulfillment, plant nursery, developmental training). Clients can be APD / VR funded or self pay. Clients who work are paid by piece. Clients must be independent with administration of medications and personal hygiene. Any age past HS graduation. Boca Raton, FL <http://www.habcenter.com/>

## Recreation Programs

**TwinPalms Center for the Disabled** offers a recreational, life skills day program for adults with developmental disabilities. Boca Raton, FL <http://www.twinpalmscenter.com/>

**NAMI/ PBC** provides adult support groups and programs for individuals/ their families who have mental illness/ behavioral health or trauma/ grief issues with individualized plans to meet life/ social goals. Various locations-Palm Beach County <http://namipbc.org>

**Therapeutic Recreation** (Palm Beach County Parks) offers adaptive recreation programs to promotes leisure/ play skill development as well as resources/ referral services and community awareness, includes Special Olympics, recreation and aquatic center. Lake Worth, FL <http://discover.pbcgov.org/parks/Pages/Therapeutic-Recreation.aspx>

**VSA** offers opportunities to learn through, participate in, and enjoy the arts. <http://discover.pbcgov.org/parks/vsaflorida/Pages/default.aspx>

**Florida Disabled Outdoor Association (FDOA)** Recreation Resource Database [http://carne.pnmi.com/fdoa\\_org\\_v2/Database/RRD/index.cfm?page=publicView.cfm](http://carne.pnmi.com/fdoa_org_v2/Database/RRD/index.cfm?page=publicView.cfm)

## Adult Residential Resources

**FDDC Housing Guide** <http://www.fddc.org/sites/default/files/file/Housing%20Guide.pdf>

**Residential Options of Florida (ROOF)** offers online planning resources for housing options for individuals with disabilities-especially affordable and inclusionary housing. Naples, FL

[http://flroof.org/?utm\\_source=ROOF%20Residential%20Options%20of%20Florida%20Newsletter-January%202016&utm\\_campaign=ROOF%20ENews%201&utm\\_medium=email](http://flroof.org/?utm_source=ROOF%20Residential%20Options%20of%20Florida%20Newsletter-January%202016&utm_campaign=ROOF%20ENews%201&utm_medium=email)

## Post Secondary Education & Training Resources

**Florida Postsecondary Institutions** with specialized programs support from the Florida Consortium on Inclusive Higher Education. <http://fcihe.com>

**FAU- Academy for Community Inclusion** is a higher education transition program for individuals with developmental disabilities offering students have the opportunity to develop their academic, vocational and social skills at the post secondary level. Ages 18 +, Jupiter, FL

<http://www.coe.fau.edu/academicdepartments/ese/aci/application.php>

<http://www.thinkcollege.net/>

## General Life Issues

**Healthcare & Transition Information** FloridaHATS is a program of Florida Department of Health, Children's Medical Services <http://www.floridahats.org/>

**Guardianship and Financial Future Planning** Some families prefer to have student remain living at home or with a designated sibling who will take over responsibility/ guardianship in the future. Some families also set up a *Special Needs Trust* for the student's future needs. <http://www.fddc.org/sites/default/files/file/publications/PlanningAheadFinal.pdf>

**Technology** Smart phones can be adapted if needed using launcher apps that simplify and enlarge choices (many are free for Android and can be found for Apple) and many phones have built in choice for "Easy Mode" or "Simple" features (Samsung Galaxy in particular).

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