

Child Find (FDLRS)

Children ages birth to three, who are in need of Early Steps services, are referred for Part C Services. These services are for infants and toddlers who have disabilities or developmental delays, and their families.

Child Find also provides free screenings for children ages 3-5 who may have special needs. The screenings are coordinated with the area preschool assessment teams.

If you are concerned about the development of a child under the age of five, you may call 754-321-7200

Broward Child Find

http://bcps-esls.com/html/psychological_services_Pre-K_Assessment-Child_Find.php

FDLRS-South provides Child Find services by searching for potentially exceptional students, ages 0-21, **who are not currently enrolled in public school**, with emphasis on children 3-5 years of age. Child Find activities include:

Pre-School Screenings:

FDLRS-South also provides Pre-School screenings, free of charge, in cooperation with Child-care centers, health departments and other community agencies, to locate potentially handicapped children, ages 3-5 years. Screenings may include vision, hearing, development, speech/language and behavior.

Facilitates Diagnostic Evaluations: FDLRS-South assists families in preparing referral packets, routes the packets to the Pre-Kindergarten Diagnostic Team closest to the families' home, and tracks children through the Children's Registry and Information System (CHRIS). Diagnostic evaluations, which are free of charge, may include: psycho-educational, psycho-social, speech/language, and audiological.

If you know of a child who is not enrolled in public school and who may need special education services, please call the Child Find office at **FDLRS-South, 305-274-3501**

FLORIDA DIAGNOSTIC AND LEARNING RESOURCES SYSTEM (FDLRS)

Screening, evaluation, case management and referral of children with special needs, from birth through age 21. Administered by the public schools.

Miami-Dade County 305-274-3501

Broward County 754-321-2135

Palm Beach County 561-434-7337

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

Educational Assessments

Child Provider Specialists

Mike Rizzo, Ph.D., ABSNP

- For a student that is purely learning disabled (LD diagnosis - last report within 3 years) in need of maintaining their accommodations, we can offer a **re-evaluation** with a with Psychology Intern or a Post-Doctoral Resident and licensed psychologist supervising for **\$800**.
- For a student that has emotional/attentional issues and/or previous LD diagnosis (LD and/or ADHD, emotional diagnosis- last report within 3 years), we can offer an

abbreviated re-evaluation with an Intern or Resident and licensed psychologist supervising . These evaluations will be more involved. In these cases the fee will be **\$1200**.

- Finally, for those students who have **current evaluation in excess of 3 years old, or initial referrals**, we can provide comprehensive school neuropsychological evaluations for **\$1600** with Psychology Intern or a Post-Doctoral Resident and licensed psychologist supervising.
- We can provide **initial evaluations** solely with licensed psychologist for **\$1900**.

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CENTER FOR PRECIOUS MINDS

www.centerforpreciousminds.org

Provides evaluations and strategies for students struggling with school, using techniques pioneered by Dr. Mel Levine, author of A Mind at a Time.

7000 W. Camino Real, Boca Raton 561-368-8686

EASTER SEAL CENTERS

www.easter-seals.org

Evaluation and a variety of therapies, including speech, physical and occupational.

Miami-Dade County 305-325-0470

Broward County 954-792-8772

Palm Beach County 561-471-1688

MAILMAN CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT

www.pediatrics.med.miami.edu/mailman

Screening and evaluation of learning disabilities, developmental issues and more. Parent support groups.

UM/Jackson Memorial Hospital, 1611 NW 12th Ave., Miami 305-243-6631

<http://pediatrics.med.miami.edu/mailman-center/um-autism-programs>

UNICORN CHILDREN'S CLINIC

www.nova.edu

Diagnosis, treatment and support for communication and learning disorders at Nova Southeastern University's Mailman Segal Institute for Early Childhood Studies. 7600 SW 36th St., Davie 954-262-7129

The Nova Southeastern University [Unicorn Children's Foundation Clinic](#) provides comprehensive psycho-developmental evaluations for children ages birth through five years who are exhibiting developmental delays or are suspected of having an autism spectrum disorder.

AUTISM SPECTRUM ASSESSMENT CLINIC

[Autism Spectrum Assessment Clinic \(ASAC\)](#) is a University of Miami clinic that provides screenings, evaluations, therapy, Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT), and social skill groups.

<http://www.psy.miami.edu/umasac/evaluations/>

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Psycho-educational Evaluations

Low-cost evaluations for families with children ages 5-16 to help with diagnostic status and educational planning. The evaluation includes diagnostic clinical interview with the parent, rating scales, IQ testing, academic achievement testing and more. Parents receive a detailed report and diagnostic feedback, as well as recommendations for further testing or intervention. For more information, call [305-348-0477](tel:305-348-0477).

Additional Resources:

Bright Expectations - Bright Expectations is Florida's site dedicated to helping our residents with unique abilities find support, resources, and inspiration.

Website: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/people-with-disabilities/bright-expectations/index.html>

The ARC of Florida, Inc. - resources for parents of children with disabilities.

Website: www.arcfloida.org

Phone: (800) 226-1155

Bureau of Exceptional Education & Student Services (BEESS) - administers programs for students with disabilities and for gifted students

Website: www.fldoe.org/ese

Phone: (850) 245-0475

Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc. - advocates and promotes meaningful participation in all aspects of life for Floridians with developmental disabilities

Website: www.fddc.org

Phone: (800) 580-7801

Disability Rights Florida - protection and advocacy system for the State of Florida, with a mission to advance the quality of life, dignity, equality, self-determination, and freedom of choice of persons with disabilities

Website: www.disabilityrightsflorida.org

Phone: (800) 342-0823

TDD: (800) 346-4127

The Family Café, Inc. - brings together individuals with disabilities and their families with state agencies, non-profit organizations and other service providers for networking opportunities

EVALUATION AND RE-EVALUATION RESOURCES
SPECIAL EDUCATION

Website: <http://www.familycafe.net>

Phone: (888) 309-CAFÉ x2233

Florida Association for Infant Mental Health - focused on prevention, identification and treatment of emotional and behavioral disorders in children birth to age 5

Website: <http://faimh.org/>

Florida Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (FLASHA)- serves the needs of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists in the State of Florida

Website: www.flasha.org

Phone: (800) 243-3574

Florida Child Care Resource and Referral - Provides access to affordable, quality early learning services for the state's children and families

Website: <http://www.floridaearlylearning.com>

Phone: 1-866-FLREADY (357-3239)

Florida Head Start - provides comprehensive education, health, nutrition, and parent involvement services to children from low-income families

Website: <http://www.floridaheadstart.org/>

Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers (FICCIT) - authorized by Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to advise and assist public and private agencies in implementing a statewide system of early intervention services

Website: <http://www.floridaicc.com>

Florida Occupational Therapy Association (FOTA) - supports, develops and represents the occupational therapy profession for the advancement of the practice and to better serve the consumer

Website: www.flota.org

Florida Physical Therapy Association - serves the needs of physical therapists, physical therapist assistants and physical therapy students in the State of Florida

Website: www.fpta.org

Phone: (850) 222-1243

Help Me Grow Florida - designed to address the need for early identification of developmental and/or behavioral concerns, and then to link children and their families to community-based developmental and behavioral services and supports

Website: <http://www.fddc.org/node/2292>

Phone: (800) 580-7801

TDD: (888) 488-8633

March of Dimes/Florida Chapter - programs and services in communities across Florida, we promote healthy pregnancies and babies

Website: www.marchofdimes.org/florida/