



Navigating Community Resources for Children & Youth with Disabilities

What is The Advocacy Network on Disabilities?

MISSION

"The Advocacy Network on Disabilities champions the rights of individuals with intellectual, developmental, and other disabilities by promoting inclusion, providing services, and advancing systems change."

Our Services

FAMILY SUPPORT: Experienced, family-friendly staff help people with disabilities and their families identify and access services, learn parenting skills and receive counseling.

ALL CHILDREN TOGETHER (ACT): An initiative of The Children's Trust, project staff work with the organizations it funds to increase their capacity to provide quality, inclusive programs.

SYSTEMS ADVOCACY: Seeking change that can help many people at once, staff works to change policies, rules or laws that determine how services are provided.

At the end of this workshop you will be able to....

- **Identify two resources for children 0-3 years old**
- **Identify two resources for children 3-5 years old**
- **Identify two scholarships available for students with disabilities**

INFANTS AND TODDLERS:

Birth to 36 months



Early DISCOVERY

PRE-SCHOOLERS:

36 months - 5 years old

FDLRS



Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System



Operated by JCS 211

Evaluation and Services Kindergarten- 21 years old



Important Details Parents Should Know...



School Choices



How Can Your Program Help Children with Disabilities (or Suspected)?



Useful Documents

- ✓ “Getting to Know Me”
- ✓ Authorization for Exchange of Information
- ✓ Individual Educational Plan (IEP)
- ✓ Evaluation recommendations & strategies
- ✓ Parent-Teacher Conference documentation

What a difference knowledge makes...



RESOURCES



AGENCY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

INDIVIDUALS ON WAIT LIST BY PRIORITY GROUP

Category	Description	Total	Percent
Category 1	Crisis		
Category 2	Children in Welfare System		0.0%
Category 3	Intensive Needs	940	4.3%
Category 4	Caregiver Over Age 70	237	1.1%
Category 5	Transition from School	156	0.7%
Category 6	Age 21 and Over	10,123	46.7%
Category 7	Age Under 21	10,163	46.9%
	Priority Not Yet Assessed	40	0.2%
Total		21,661	100%

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