

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



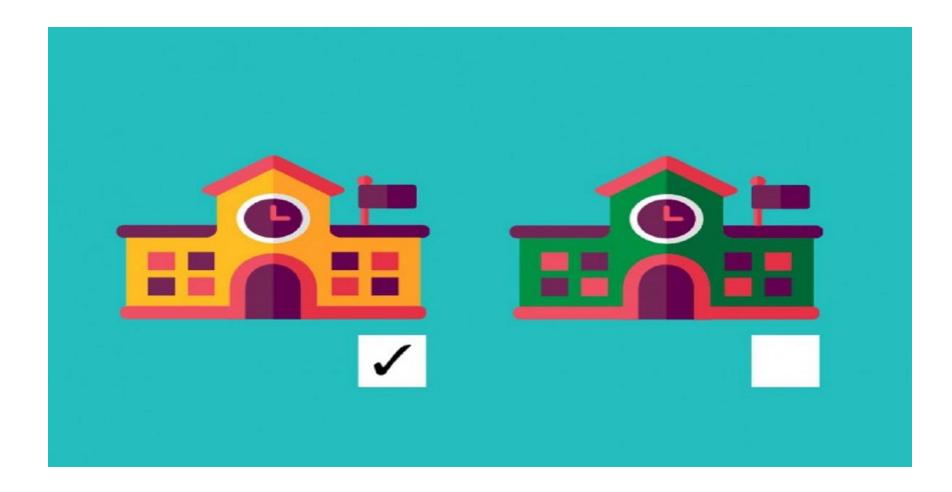


Important Details Parents Should Know...





School Choices





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





Useful Documents

√ "Getting to Know Me"

√ Authorization for Exchange of Information

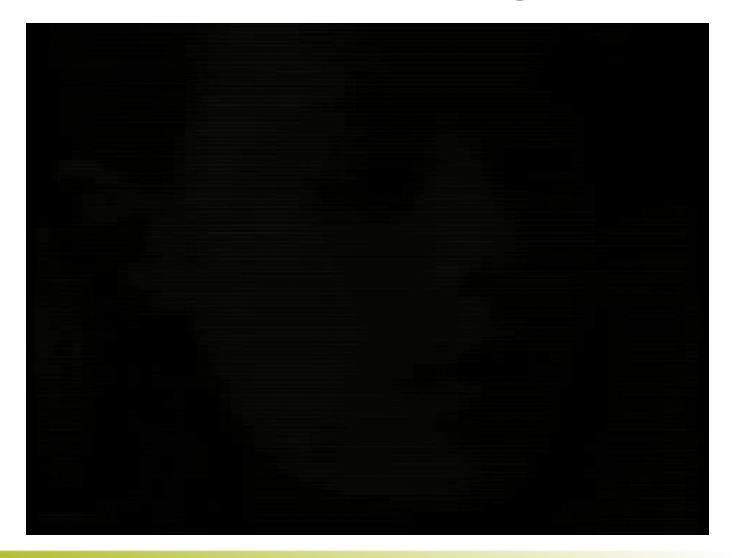
√ Individual Educational Plan (IEP)

√ 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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