

Parent Resources for Students in the ASD Program

Mental Health Counseling

The following licensed mental health counselors (LMHC) or licensed clinical social workers (LCSW) have indicated that they are comfortable working with children or adolescents with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), in particular on self-esteem or social skills issues. Since insurance coverages vary and since there may be changes by providers from time to time, check with each individual mental health counselor or clinical social worker regarding payment for services they render and whether or not they can accept direct reimbursement from your insurer.

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Call for location and more information – (863) 644-8241

Also offers social skills groups for children and adolescents with ASD

Support Services

These agencies and organizations indicated that they provide assistance to parents of children with ASD, and that may include direct services or referral to such services. Contact each provider for more specific information on the services or supports available.

Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) – located in Tampa, Florida

Contact: Mindy Stevens – (813) 974-6108 – E-mail: mstevens3@usf.edu

Central Florida Autism Institute, Inc. – located in Lakeland, Florida

Contact: Terry Millican – (863) 816-5886 – E-mail: terry@cfaii.org

Central Florida Parent Center AWARE Project – a parent training and information center

Serve northeast and central Florida – (888) 612-9273

Website: www.CFLparents.org

FDLRS Sunrise – part of the Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System

Located in Bartow and serves Polk County and Hardee County

Contact: Laura Taft, Parent/Transition Services Specialist – (863) 647-4258

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P.A.L.S. for Playing – located at All Children’s Hospital in St. Petersburg, FL;

some services may be available at All Children’s Hospital Specialty Clinics in Lakeland. Runs social skills groups using the social thinking model and offers other specialized services. Contact: Speech Language Pathology – (727) 767-4141;

Website: <http://www.allkids.org/body.cfm?id=1795>

PEACE Lakeland – this parent support groups meets on the 2nd Tuesday of most months

from 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. at the Family Fundamentals Building, 1201 Lakeland Hills Blvd., 2nd Floor, Lakeland FL 33805. For more information, including contacts, see their website: <http://peacelakeland.com>