

More Advocacy

Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)

Program focus: Working with people who have physical or mental disabilities to prepare them to gain or retain employment. VR is committed to helping people with disabilities find meaningful careers.

Services: Medical and psychological assessment, vocational evaluation and planning, career counseling and guidance, training and education after high school, job-site assessment, job coaching, on-the-job training, job placement, supported employment, assistive technology and devices, and time-limited medical and/or psychological services.

Phone Number(s)/Website Address:

(800) 451-4327 (Toll-free)

Website: www.rehabworks.org

Key Word Search: Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

To locate a VR office near you enter 'Florida DVR Directory' into the Key Word Search.

Florida Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged (FCTD)

Program focus: Accessible transportation for disadvantaged individuals.

Services Include: Toll-free helpline for transportation disadvantaged related issues and a web-based list of transportation disadvantaged providers by county.

Phone Number(s)/Website Address:

(800) 983-2435 (Toll-free)

Website: www.dot.state.fl.us/ctd/customer-service/customer-service-page.htm

Keyword Search: Florida Community Transportation Coordinator

Contact Information by County



More Services

Disability Rights Florida Advocacy. Equality. Dignity.

(800) 342-0823 (Toll-free)

Website: www.disabilityrightsflorida.org

Keyword Search: Disability Rights Florida

Disability Determinations Area Offices

(800) 499-6590 (Toll-free)

Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/dd/dddooffices.html

Keyword Search: Florida DDD

Florida County Health Departments

(850) 245-4444, Press '0' for Operator (Not Toll-free)

Website: www.FloridasHealth.com

Keyword Search: Florida County Health Departments

Florida Disaster: Disability Information

(850) 413-9969 (Not Toll-free)

Website: www.floridadisaster.org

Keyword Search: Florida Disasters.org

For assistance in your area visit: www.floridadisaster.org/fl_county_em.asp

FloridaHealthfinder.gov-Connecting Florida with Healthcare Information

(888) 419-3456 (Toll-free)

Website: www.floridahealthfinder.gov/medical-help-resources/medical-resources.aspx

Keyword Search: Medical Help Resources-FloridaHealthFinder

Florida Medicaid

(866) 762-2237 (Toll-free)

Website: www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/access/medicaid.shtml

Keywords: DCF Home Medicaid

Paralyzed Veterans of America – Florida

(800) 795-3594 (Toll-free)

Website: www.centralfloridapva.org

Keyword Search: Central Florida PVA

Social Security Administration

Area Offices

(800) 772-1213 (Toll-free)

Website: www.ssa.gov/atlanta/southeast/fl/florida.htm

Keywords: Florida Social Security Area Office

The Able Trust : Because people want to work

(888) 838-2253 (Toll-free, Florida only)

Website: www.abletrust.org/links/agency_listings_map.shtml

Keyword Search: Florida Able Trust: Disability Links & Resources in Your Area

More Independence

United States Department of Veterans' Affairs (USDVA)

(800) 827-1000 (Toll-free)

Website: www.sci.va.gov (Spinal Cord Injuries)

Key Word Search: SCI VA Gov

Website: www.polytrauma.va.gov/index.asp (Brain/Other Traumatic Injuries)

Key Word Search: VA Polytrauma System

Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs (FDVA)

(850) 487-1533 (Not Toll-free)

Website: www.FloridaVets.org

Website: www.FloridaVetsFirst.com

Website: www.FloridaVeteransFoundation.org

Key Word Search: Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs

To locate a VA facility in your area enter 'Find a VA facility near you' into the Key Word Search.

If you still can't find what you need or for more resources call:

The Clearinghouse on Disability Information

(877) ADA-4-You (Toll-free, Florida only)

(877) 232-4968 (Toll-free, Florida only)

(850) 922-4103 (Voice/TTD)

Website: www.fldisabilityinfo.com

Key Word Search: Contact Governor's Commission Clearing House for Disability Information

For additional information contact:

The Florida Department of Health
Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program
4025 Esplanade Way, 3rd Floor
Tallahassee, Florida 32399
Phone: (850) 245-4045
(866) 875-5660 (Toll-free)
Fax: (850) 921-0499

This brochure can be viewed online with interactive web-links at <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/demo/BrainSC>

This information has been compiled by the Florida Department of Health, Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program (BSCIP) in concert with its community partners as a public resource about organizations providing services to Florida citizens with disabilities. BSCIP does not investigate or endorse any agencies listed above and does not seek to exclude any agency not currently listed.

Active Duty Military/Veterans In Florida With a Brain or Spinal Cord Injury



Photo by Technical Sgt. Thomas Kielbasa, Florida National Guard

There is Help!

Community Partnerships

The U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs, Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, and the Florida Department of Health's Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program, along with many Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program community partners, provide access to comprehensive, high quality health care to eligible active duty military/veterans with brain or spinal cord injuries. The purpose of this brochure is to ensure that all active duty military/veterans with brain and spinal cord injuries have knowledge of and access to all available local, state and federal services. You are encouraged to contact the many community partners listed in this brochure to see how they can help you.

Brain & Spinal Cord Injury Program (BSCIP)

Program focus: A coordinated system of care to help survivors of traumatic brain and spinal cord injury to successfully return to or remain in their community post-injury.

Services include: Case management, and based on availability of funds, acute care, inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation, transitional living, assistive technology, home and vehicle modification, and long-term community-based supports under contract with specific not-for-profit agencies and referral to other resources.

Phone Number(s)/Website Address:
(866) 875-5660 (Toll-free)

Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/demo/BrainSC/Index.html

Keyword Search: BSCIP Homepage or BSCIP

State Verified Trauma Centers

Program focus: Trauma and specialty surgical services, rehabilitation and psycho-social support services.

Services include: Trauma, neurosurgical, hand, oral/maxillofacial, orthopedic, plastic, and other specialty surgical services; medical rehabilitation (including a preventive ulcer program; rehabilitation nursing, and physical, speech, occupational and other therapies) and psycho-social support systems (including mental health services and emotional support).

Phone Number(s)/Website Address:
(800) 226-1911 (Toll-free)

Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/demo/Trauma/center.htm

Keyword Search: Florida Trauma Centers

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BSCIP State Designated Rehabilitation Centers

Program focus: Inpatient/outpatient rehabilitation and transitional living.

Services include: Medical and behavioral management, cognitive retraining, family counseling/therapy, speech/language therapy, psychological services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, rehabilitation nursing, therapeutic recreation, functional daily living skills training, community reintegration skills, social skills training and sexual functioning education.

Phone Number(s)/Website Address:
(866) 875-5660 (Toll-free)

Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/demo/BrainSC/Facilities/Facilitieshome.htm

Keyword Search: BSCIP Designated Facilities.

Brain Injury Association of Florida (BIAF)

Program Focus: Information, referral, education, training, advocacy, and community support for brain injury survivors and their families.

Services Include: TBI Resource and Support Center (TBIRSC). Individualized services are delivered by BIAF Resource Facilitation Coordinators (RFC) in eight offices throughout Florida. RFC's actively link individuals with traumatic brain injury, their families and professional to local services.

Phone Number(s)/Website Address:
(800) 992-3442 (Toll-free)

Website: www.byourside.org

Keyword Search: BIAF TBI Resource and Support Center



More Hope

Florida Spinal Cord Injury Resource Center (FSCIRC)

Program Focus: Information and referral, community support and advocacy for spinal cord injury survivors and their families.

Services include: Statewide information and resource center, spinal cord injury support groups, peer mentoring, education and training, awareness and prevention programs, advocacy, statewide activities/events guide and newsletters.

Phone Number(s)/Website Address:
(866) 313-2940 (Toll-free)

Website: www.fscirc.com

Keyword Search: BSCIP FSCIRC

Florida Disabled Outdoors Association (FDOA)

Program focus: Enriching lives through accessible inclusive recreation and active leisure for all.

Services include: Accessible inclusive recreation opportunities (such as Sports Ability), statewide resource referral network on accessible community-based recreation opportunities, outreach to community organizations and agencies, education and training on the needs and benefits of active leisure, and community reintegration through therapeutic recreation.

Phone Number(s)/Website Address:
(850) 201-2944 (Not Toll-free)

Website: www.fdoa.org

Keyword Search: FDOA

More Support

Florida Alliance for Assistive Services & Technology (FAAST)

Program focus: Access to assistive technology.

Services include: Device demonstrations, lending, equipment recycling, training and education, public awareness, financial loans, and information and referral.

Phone Number(s)/Website Address:
(888) 788-9216 (Toll-free)

Website: www.faastrg.org

Keyword Search: FAAST

Centers for Independent Living (CILs)

Program focus: Preparing people with disabilities to live independently in their community.

Services include: Information and referral, training, advocacy, youth transition from school to work to independence, accessibility services such as home modifications, community education on accessibility, nursing home transition/diversion, pre-employment/employment services, crime victim's advocacy, exercise and recreational activities, support groups, loan closets of durable medical equipment and interpreting services.

Phone Number(s)/Website Address:
(866) 575-6004 (Toll-free)

Website: www.floridacils.org

Keyword Search: Florida FACIL

To locate a CIL in your area enter 'Map of Florida's Centers for Independent Living' into the Keyword Search.

'Help, Hope, Support, Advocacy, Services and Independence For Survivors of Brain or Spinal Cord Injury Through a Coordinated System of Care'



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