



Inventory of National and State Training in Self-Advocacy, Leadership, Self-Determination, and Community Organizing

Purpose of the report: To be used as a resource for members of Florida Self-Advocates Network'D and other self-advocates in Florida. Links and descriptions of the trainings listed here will be posted on the Florida Self-Advocacy Central website, FSACentral.org. Programs have been verified by FL SAND provider staff.

Additions and updates to the inventory are ongoing. Please send suggestions/feedback to contactflsand@gmail.com.

National Training The following is a list of national conferences, training, and internship programs that were deemed most relevant and accessible to self-advocates.

Arc: Activate Here Videos

Developed by The ARC's National Council of Self-advocates, these videos are engaging, straightforward and easy to understand. Because Activate Here was developed by and for self-advocates, these trainings will easily speak to those with disabilities in a way that only experience can. In addition, another nice feature of the videos is the care taken in describing content for those with visual impairment. It is evident that much thought was put into the accessibility of the information to all!

Location and Length: Online, 6 videos spanning roughly 30 minutes, can be watched and re-watched in any order at any time.

Training Availability: Anytime.

Who Should Take Training: Those who are fairly new to self-advocacy and want an idea of what self-advocacy is, an overview of the types of issues for which advocacy is important, and the basics of how to advocate and speak with legislators May be particularly helpful for those with intellectual disability.

Videos: <https://vimeo.com/113539854>

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Facebook: [facebook.com/thearcus/](https://www.facebook.com/thearcus/) / Twitter: twitter.com/thearcus
YouTube: [youtube.com/user/thearcoftheus](https://www.youtube.com/user/thearcoftheus)
Web: thearc.org

Freedom Self-Advocacy Curriculum

In a partnership between the Mental Health Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse, Mental Health America, and the National Disability Rights Network, this resource uses the "train the trainer" model that is popular in many disability advocacy circles. Thus, while not specifically geared to address any developmental or other disabilities that may be present, these materials could easily be modified to reflect larger disability concerns. Broken up into three sections: Attitudes, Knowledge, and Skills, this course covers everything from a basic definition of self-advocacy to how to navigate advance directives and proving necessity of accommodations/services in the face of insurance denials.

Location and Length: Free download through the Mental Health Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse, 100+ pages broken up into 3 workshops and related materials.

Training Availability: Anytime

Who Should Take Training: Those struggling with mental health issues who are looking to sharpen their self-advocacy skills. Additionally, those looking to teach self-advocacy skills in regard to mental health would find this guide useful as well.

Training Materials: <http://www.mhselfhelp.org/training-old/>

211 Chestnut Street, Suite 1100
Philadelphia, PA 19107
Phone: (800) 553-4539 or (267) 507-3810
E-mail: info@mhselfhelp.org
Web: <http://mhselfhelp.squarespace.com>

ME Scale-University of Oklahoma

The ME Scale training was designed through the College of Education at the University of Oklahoma in order to assist teachers and special education professionals with helping their students transition out of school and into adulthood by giving them the tools to self-advocate

effectively. The program is broken up into 10 units ranging from the basic definition of self-advocacy and why it's important to disability history and important figures. Additionally, a bulk of the program deals with helping students navigate educational processes such as IEPs and to plan for post-secondary life, whether it includes continuing education or obtaining employment. Additionally, there is a great list of print resources for both parents and students.

Training Location and Length: 10 free downloadable lessons and materials, self or group-paced, with length of activities highly variable between participants but designed to fit with a class period.

Training Availability: Anytime

Who Should Take Training: Primarily high school or transition-aged young adults with developmental disabilities, though certain pieces may be adaptable to others.

Training Materials: <http://www.ou.edu/education/centers-and-partnerships/zarrow/tranition-education-materials/me-lessons-for-teaching-self-awareness-and-self-advocacy.html>

Zarrow Center for Learning Enrichment
338 Cate Center Drive, Room 190
Norman, OK 73019-2171

E-mail: zarrowcenter@ou.edu

Phone: (405) 325-8951

Web: <http://www.ou.edu/education/centers-and-partnerships/zarrow.html>

Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE)

Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered is a national self-advocacy organization made up of individuals with developmental disabilities from across the United States. SABE regularly advocates on a national level for the rights of persons with disabilities, with the right to self-determination and equality being at the heart of every one of their efforts. The webinar section of their website includes valuable information for SAs and the public alike in areas such as parenting with a disability and the processes that will take place should a social service agency get involved, medical rights, and the problem with subminimum wages and sheltered workshops.

Training Location and Length: Online/Variable

Availability: Anytime

Who Should Take Training: Self-advocates with differing levels of ability and experience. Also, a few of the presentations are geared toward helping those with a disabled loved one to better understand self-determination.

Webinars: <http://www.sabeusa.org/s-a-resources/sabe-webinars/>

Self Advocates Becoming Empowered

P.O. Box 12239

Florence, SC 29504

Web: www.sabeusa.org

Email: SABEnation@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/36140889219/>

Self-Advocacy Online

Developed in a partnership between The Arc and University of Minnesota, Self-Advocacy Online aims to make advocacy something that all can participate in, by providing information and resources in a clear manner. The site contains a directory, personal stories of SAs, a Q and A section about the benefits of self-advocacy and related subjects, as well as a selection of advocacy-related videos and presentations. The latter can be found in the “Learn About Self-Advocacy” section of the website, and covers a range of topics from health to self-determination.

Training Location and Length: Online/variable.

Training Availability: Anytime.

Who Should Take Training: This particular training would be best suited to those experiencing intellectual disability.

Web: <http://www.selfadvocacyonline.org>

University of Minnesota Research and Training Center on Community Living

204 Pattee Hall

150 Pillsbury Drive S.E.

Minneapolis, MN 55455

Phone: (612) 624-6328

Fax: (612) 625-6619

E-mail: rtc@umn.edu

TASH Webinars

Founded in 1975, TASH advocates for human rights and inclusion for people with significant disabilities and support needs – those most vulnerable to segregation, abuse, neglect and institutionalization. TASH works to advance inclusive communities through advocacy, research, professional development, policy, and information and resources for parents, families and self-advocates.

The TASH expert network includes the leading researchers, educators, advocates and practitioners in the disability field. Throughout the year, these experts deliver webinars on the latest evidence-based research and practice on a number of emerging topics within the realms of education, employment, community living, human rights and diversity and cultural competency. Each TASH webinar features research and analysis, compelling personal stories and real world examples that participants can use to relate to your work or life. The webinar is available live over the web via webinar software.

Training Location and Length: Online

Training Availability: Live and archived/anytime

Who Should Take Training: Self-advocates, providers, and other allies and stakeholders.

Web: <https://tash.org/online-training/>

1875 Eye Street NW, Suite 582

Washington, D.C. 20006

202-429-2080 / info@tash.org

Website: www.tash.org

Toastmasters International

The Toastmasters organization is comprised of local clubs across the country where members meet to learn and practice public speaking skills. Joining local clubs provides opportunities for community inclusion and training in presentation skills. Local club leaders may be available to provide training to self-advocate groups. Check here for club locations: <http://www.toastmasters.org/>

National Conferences

The Arc: Annual Conference (Fall) / Disability Policy Seminar (Spring)

The national office of The Arc hosts several events each year designed to bring together advocates, families, chapters, members and professionals in the intellectual and developmental disability community to share ideas, inspiration and resources. Foremost of these is the annual National Convention, held in cities throughout the U.S. each fall which attracts nearly 1000 people for educational sessions, business meetings and social events. The Arc also hosts the Disability Policy Seminar each year on Capitol Hill for advocates and activists to learn about policy issues and meet with their representatives in Congress.

Arc Conference webpage: <http://www.thearc.org/what-we-do/events>

Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE)

The next SABE conference will be in Summer 2018. SABE often integrates training at its regional meetings.

SABE Annual Conference page: www.sabeconference.org

TASH Annual Conference (November/December)

Founded in 1975, TASH advocates for human rights and inclusion for people with significant disabilities and support needs – those most vulnerable to segregation, abuse, neglect and institutionalization. TASH works to advance inclusive communities through advocacy, research, professional development, policy, and information and resources for parents, families and self-advocates.

The TASH Conference brings together a diverse community of stakeholders who gain information, learn about resources, and connect with others across the country to strengthen the disability field. This year's conference theme, "Still We Rise for Equity, Opportunity, and Inclusion," shows the resilience of individuals with disabilities and their families across the lifespan. Conference attendees will celebrate their passion for disability rights, civil rights, and human rights while exploring inclusive communities, schools, and workplaces that support people with disabilities, including those with complex support needs.

Conference information: <https://2017tashconference.sched.com/info>

TASH website: www.TASH.org

National Internship Programs

American Association for People with Disabilities (AAPD) Public Policy Summer Internship

Started in 2002, and specifically designed for college and beginning career-age self-advocates, the AAPD summer internship aims to connect qualified individuals with a disability with diversity-seeking employers, while also offering mentorship and greater advocacy experience at a national level. Participants should be advised that engagement is an important part of the process, and they will be expected to participate in both AAPD events and others around the D.C. area. Additionally, the program is expected to be a full time commitment.

Location and Length: 10 weeks (plus a week for training) summer internship at various Governmental and Non-Governmental agencies around the D.C. area. A small stipend, all transportation to and from Washington, as well as fully accessible housing will be provided.

Training Availability/Start Date: Yearly with application process beginning in fall. Internships will begin with a one-week training at the beginning of summer. Check website or call for specific dates.

Who Should Apply: Degree or non-degree seeking undergraduates, recent grads, and graduate level-students (with a particular emphasis on law) living with a disability.

Website: <http://www.aapd.com/summer-internship-program/>

2013 H STREET, NW, 5TH FLOOR
Washington, DC 20006
E-mail: internships@aapd.com
Phone: 202-521-4316

American Association for People with Disabilities & Rooted in Rights, Storytellers Digital Media Fellowship

Aimed primarily at those looking to pursue media as a profession, this partnership between AAPD and Rooted in Rights provides participants with a combination of advocacy training and advanced training and mentorship in production and storytelling as well. In addition to a mentor from Rooted in Rights, participants will be able to collaborate with professionals, one another and the AAPD staff on various tasks, both fellowship related and otherwise. The flexibility of this project makes it ideal for anyone from students to professionals.

Location and Length: This program is 6 months in length and can be completed remotely. Participants will be given all the digital media tools necessary to complete two short disability advocacy centered video projects, and will be paid a \$300 stipend after the completion of each.

Training Availability/ Start Date: Yearly with applications being accepted through the Spring. Fellows will be notified of acceptance shortly thereafter and begin training in June.

Who Should Apply: Anyone who identifies as having a disability and has an interest in pursuing digital media on a professional level and/or using media as a means for advocacy. No production experience necessary.

2013 H Street NW, 5TH Floor
Washington, DC 20006
E-mail: internships@aapd.com
Phone: 202-521-4316

Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation Internship

The Joseph P. Kennedy public policy internship began in 1980, as a way to continue the Kennedys' work with and for those with disability, particularly with an emphasis on intellectual disability. Applicants are expected to have significant levels of disability experience in either advocating for a range of services, developing services, leading or developing trainings, or enhancing the lives of those with disabilities in some other tangible way. Additionally, participants are expected to stay involved in both Kennedy Foundation initiatives and national policy-making efforts after the completion of the program.

Training Location and Length: Washington, D.C. This internship is a year-long, full-time endeavor in which participants will actively be working in congressional offices or other federal agencies to help craft disability policy, while simultaneously having access to high-level training, including a Bioethics course at Georgetown University. A stipend and some relocation expenses will be provided, but participants should be prepared to cover a share of the cost for this experience.

Training Availability/Start Date: Applications open the fall of each year and close in December, with participants beginning their internships as soon as possible, but on a timeframe that works for each candidate, as well as all involved.

Who Should Apply: Self-Advocates, family members, and professionals who possess a significant amount of state or national advocacy experience. Two internships are available, with one absolutely reserved for a self-advocate, and priority given to those with intellectual disability.

The Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation
1133 19th Street NW, 12th Floor
Washington, DC 20036-3604
Web: <http://www.jpkf.org>

Phone: 202-393-1250

TASH

TASH has an unpaid internship program for students wishing to work at its Washington office. While it is available to students with disabilities, it is not specifically for self-advocates.

Internship information: <https://tash.org/internship-program/>

Statewide Training The following is a list of state conferences, training, and internship programs that were deemed most relevant and accessible to self-advocates.

The ABLE Trust -- Florida Youth Leadership Forum (YLF)

The Able Trust hosts the Florida Youth Leadership Forum in July in Tallahassee. The YLF is designed to bring together young people with disabilities who have leadership potential to help prepare them for the future. At this four-day event students cultivate leadership, citizenship, and social skills. At least 50 current high school sophomores and juniors who have disabilities are selected as delegates (at least 15 are students with developmental disabilities). Check this site for details and registration information: <http://www.abletrust.org/youth-programs/florida-youth-leadership-forum>

Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities is the state agency specifically tasked with serving the needs of Floridians with developmental disabilities. APD works in partnership with local communities and private providers. APD supports the self-advocacy movement in Florida and provides resources for self-advocates. APD is committed to self-advocacy and offers training to providers via a Learning Management System.

Centers for Independent Living (descriptions of training at all CILs in the state are listed at the end of this section).

Disability Rights Florida

Disability Rights Florida was founded in 1977 as the statewide designated protection and advocacy system for individuals with disabilities in the State of Florida. DRF's website includes a variety of podcasts, videos, and audio recordings that would be of interest to self-advocates, including **"Advocacy 101 Webinar: Challenging an Agency's Denial or Reduction of Your Medicaid Services."**

DRF webinars can be found here:

http://www.disabilityrightsflorida.org/resources/webinars_and_trainings

Employment First Explore Work Curriculum

An online or self-advocate-led training program for individuals with disabilities interested in learning more about and preparing for employment. Individuals can take the training directly online and groups can request webinar and in-person sessions from Employment First trained facilitators. Topics covered include

- Why people work
- How people decide what type of job they want
- How to work with state agencies to find a job
- How to advocate for yourself

Training website: <http://www.employmentfirstfl.org/explore-work-curriculum>

Florida's Employment First website: <http://www.employmentfirstfl.org/>

The Family Café – Florida Youth Council Summit

The FYC is all about getting youth and emerging leaders, ages 15-30, involved in self-advocacy, peer mentoring and other activities that will improve the quality life for youth and emerging leaders with disabilities in Florida. The program empowers youth and emerging leaders to decide what issues are important to their generation, to express those issues in their state and local communities, and to develop strategies to solve them. The FYC offers a summer summit experience that provides leadership and self-advocacy education. Check <http://www.floridayouthcouncil.org/> for details and registration information.

Family Care Council Regional Trainings and Meetings

The Family Care Councils in each Agency for Persons with Disabilities region develop a plan for the delivery of family support services within the local areas and monitor the implementation and effectiveness of services and supports provided under the plan. Check the Family Care Council state website and regional FCC social media pages for information about regional training events. <http://www.fccflorida.org/>

Florida Center for Inclusive Communities (FCIC) at the University of South Florida

The FCIC was established in October 2005. Through leadership in research and evaluation, theory, policy, capacity building, and practice, the FCIC is committed to developing a range of supports and services for persons with disabilities in the areas of [Community Supports](#), [Early Childhood](#), [Education](#), [Employment](#), [Health](#), and Interdisciplinary Training. The FCIC has a video

training library that includes self-advocacy topics. FCIC training can be found here:

<http://flfcic.fmhi.usf.edu/resources/training/employment.html>

Florida Department of Financial Services My Money Program

“My Money” provides lessons for individuals with developmental disabilities and important resources for family members and caregivers. The My Money Program allows individuals to learn and practice financial skills at their own pace, using interactive games, activities and educational videos. Lessons focus on money basics, banks and credit unions, accounts, budgeting, government benefit programs and ways to find and keep employment. Parents, guardians and support providers of individuals with developmental disabilities can also access important information on teaching financial skills, government programs and information on the different ways to save and invest money. The My Money Program not only makes financial education accessible, it also provides comprehensive information and resources to empower every Floridian with the knowledge to work towards financial independence.

Website: <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/mymoney/about.html>

Florida Developmental Disabilities Council (FDDC)

The FDDC engages in advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities that contribute to a coordinated, consumer- and family-centered system of community services and individualized supports that enable individuals with developmental disabilities to exercise self-determination, be independent, be productive, and be integrated and included in all facets of community life. The FDDC funds the following training programs:

Partners in Policy Making (PIP)

This is a 6-month entry-level advocacy training program for individuals with developmental disabilities and family members. The program is designed to provide information, training, and skill building so that participants may better advocate for change. The intended goal is to achieve a partnership between people needing and using services and those in a position to make policy and law. Classes begin in the summer and meet one weekend a month.

PIP website: <http://www.fddc.org/about/partners-in-policymaking>

Route to Self-Determination

The purpose is to conduct outreach activities and trainings to promote self-determination for unserved and underserved Floridians with Developmental Disabilities in 3 areas of the state.

Those targeted include individuals in rural areas, minorities and/or Spanish-speaking individuals, and those for whom English is a second language. For more information, visit <http://www.fddc.org/about/building-self-determination-and-advocacy>

Project SALT (see Mailman Center below)

Mailman Center for Child Development at the University of Miami

The Mailman Center for Child Development addresses concerns of individuals with developmental disabilities and children with special health care needs through research, clinical service, training, and advocacy. The Mailman Center has several leadership training opportunities available for self-advocates and people with disabilities, all of which are part of its [Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities \(LEND\)](#) training program, including Project SALT.

Project SALT (Self-Advocates Leadership Training)

SALT is a multi-year training program that provides self-advocates with knowledge and information to become active in leadership and to serve as mentors to individuals with developmental disabilities not yet involved in leadership. The self-advocates will become a coalition of leaders training others and serving as a voice for self-advocate-led mentorship. Participants will learn more about self-determination, disability issues, and public policy education.

Project SALT information: <http://pediatrics.med.miami.edu/mailman-center/professional-development/self-advocate-leadership-program>

Special Olympics Florida

Special Olympics Florida provides year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for people with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness; demonstrate courage; experience joy; and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community. Special Olympics Florida offers its athletes leadership opportunities via positions in the organization and training. Training information can be found here:

<http://specialolympicsflorida.org/what-we-do/athlete-leadership/>

Centers for Independent Living

CIL directory: <http://www.ilru.org/projects/cil-net/cil-center-and-association-directory-results/FL>

Currently, there are 15 different Centers for Independent Living statewide. While the range of services provided by each CIL varies greatly, each aims to assist persons with disabilities in achieving and maintaining maximum independence. Collectively, the centers focus their services in four core areas (Advocacy, Independent Living Skills, Information and Referral, and Peer Support), with additional supports also available. Not all CILs offer self-advocacy training but may arrange it if there's a need in the community. Descriptions of programs at each CIL follow.

CIL Disability Resource Center -- Counties Served: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton

3600 North Pace Blvd.

Pensacola, Florida 32505

Phone: 850-595-5566

Web: <http://www.cil-drc.org>

Email via contact form on website

Who Should Utilize Center: Self-Advocates and others experiencing disability to varying degrees.

Programs:

- Individual and group sessions designed to empower those with disabilities and help them engage in self-advocacy.
- Training on the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (available online and can be accessed anytime).
- Training in life skills such as budgeting, resume writing, and other employment related skills.
- Peer Mentor Program which matches participants with self-advocates who can offer experience, resources, and support.
- Alternative formats of any materials available for the visually impaired (Braille, large print, audio).
- Assistive Technology assistance via short-term equipment loans, assessments, and alternative finance options.

Disability Resource Center – Counties served: Holmes, Washington, Jackson, Bay, Calhoun, Liberty, Gulf, and Franklin

300 West 5th Street

Panama City, Florida 32401

850) 769-6890- phone
(850) 387-1800 -video phone
(850) 769-6891 -fax
E-mail: outreach@drcpc.org
Web: drcpc.org

Programs:

- Independent Living Skills training
- Self-Advocacy training
- Peer support from others with disabilities.
- Community trainings which bring to light various issues of importance to the deaf community.
- Interpreting services
- Employment assistance

Ability 1st -- Counties Served: Gadsden, Leon, Jefferson, Madison, Wakulla, and Taylor

1823 Buford Court
Tallahassee, Florida 32308
Phone: (850) 575-9621
Web: <http://www.ability1st.info>
E-mail via web contact form

Programs:

- Housing Assistance for those with disabilities or family members.
- Medical equipment loan program/donation of certain personal items.
- Volunteer program in which ramps are constructed for wheelchair users in need.
- Counseling for caregivers
- Crisis counselling for those with disabilities who have been victims of crime.
- Wellness/Health Education

CIL of North Central Florida - Hamilton, Columbia, Suwanee, Lafayette, Dixie, Gilchrist, Union, Bradford, Levy, Alachua, Putnam, Marion, Citrus, Hernanado, Sumter, and Lake

Gainesville office:
222 SW 36th Terrace
Gainesville, FL 32607
Voice (352) 378-7474
TTY (352) 372-3443

Ocala office:
3445 NE 24th Street
Ocala, FL 34470

Voice (352) 368-3788
TTY (352) 368-2969
Web: <http://cilncf.org>

Programs:

- Durable Medical Equipment Closet
- Employment counseling
- High School High Tech, a program designed to provide disabled high school students with technology-related training and experience.
- Paratransit Screenings
- Travel training designed to teach those with disabilities basic safety skills.
- Community training on ADA standards
- Construction of wheelchair ramps for those in need

Independent Living Resource Center of Northeast Florida - Counties Served: Baker, Nassau, Duval, Clay, and St. Johns

2709 Art Museum Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32207
Voice/TTY: 904.399.8484
Web: <http://www.theilrc.or>

Programs:

- Durable Medical Equipment loans
- Interpreting services for businesses (some accompanying cost)
- Sign Language Courses-Beginning through interpreter level (Some cost for materials)
- Adaptive Yoga
- Benefits planning for SSI/SSDI recipients seeking employment
- Career focused mentoring for those, both with and without disabilities who are at risk of entering or already in the Juvenile Justice system.
- Sensitivity Training
- Youth Advisory Council
- Employment training
- "Lunch Break," which provides packed lunches for those with disabilities through their first 2 weeks of employment.

disABILITY Solutions for Independent Living - Counties served: Flagler and Volusia

119 South Palmetto Ave., Suite 180,

Daytona Beach, FL 32114

Phone: 386-255-1812

Email: info@dsil.org

Web: <http://www.dsil.org/index.html>

Who should utilize center: Self-Advocates and others experiencing disability to varying degrees, local businesses looking to improve their accessibility/employ those of all ability.

Programs

- A support group for wheelchair users
- CookABLE Classes
- Service Animal Training
- RAMP Program-Which builds access ramps for wheelchair users in need.
- Accessibility Surveys
- Advocacy/Legal Services
- Assistive Technology
- Case Management
- Communication Services
- Equipment Services
- IEP services and Advocacy
- Independent Living Skills Training
- Individual, Self and Systems Advocacy
- Mobility Training
- Peer Counseling Services
- Presentations and Seminars

Disability Achievement Center – Counties served: Pasco and Pinellas

12552 Belcher Rd. S.

Largo FL 33773

Phone (727) 539-7550 • Toll Free (866) 539-7550

Fax (727) 539-7588 • Toll Free Fax (866) 533-7558

Web: <http://www.disabilityachievementcenter.org>

Programs

- Cross-Disability Peer Mentoring

- Independent Living and Self-Advocacy Training
- Medical Equipment Closet
- Assistance in finding and Retaining Employment
- Minor Home Modifications
- Referral Services

CIL of Central Florida – Counties served: Seminole, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Hardee, DeSoto, and Highlands

Winter Park Office

720 N Denning Dr.
Winter Park, FL 32789

Lakeland Office

5125 S. Lakeland Dr., Suite 4
Lakeland, FL 33814
Orlando: TEL: 407-623-1070
Lakeland: TEL: 863-413-2722
Web: <https://www.cilorlando.org>

Programs:

- Home Modifications
- STEP AHEAD –Employment training and transition services for those 14-25
- Aspire to Hire-Adult employment training and assistance
- DeafVoice-Variou services aimed at assisting the deaf community

Space Coast CIL – Counties served: Brevard and Indian River

571 Haverty Court
Suite W
Rockledge, FL 32955
Telephone: 321-633-6011
Web: <https://www.sccil.net>

Programs:

- Information & Referral
- Continuing Education Training
- Advocacy & Legal Assistance
- Individual & Group Peer Support

- Transition-Both school based and into the community from more institutional settings
- Door to Door Transportation Services
- Medical Equipment Loans
- FL Telecommunications Relay Services for the deaf/hard of hearing
- Various Referral Services

Self-Reliance - Hillsborough

8901 N. Armenia Ave.

Tampa, FL 33604

Telephone: 813 375 3965

TTY: 813 375 3972

Videophone: call direct at 813-402-0330

Web: <http://self-reliance.org>

Programs:

- Durable Medical Equipment Funding Assistance
- Power Chair Repairs (Variable)
- Accessible Computer Lab
- Youth Transition
- S.T.E.P. (Self-Reliance Training & Education Program) Training and education programs are provided to consumers and the community at large. Subject matter includes, voting rights, changes in Medicare benefits, housing rights, disaster planning, money management and other subject areas as needs are expressed or defined.
- Disability/self-advocacy
- Independent Living Training
- Peer Mentoring
- Referral Services

Suncoast CIL – Counties served: Manatee and Sarasota

3281 17th Street

Sarasota, FL 34235

(941) 351-9545

Email: Info@scil4u.org

Website: www.scil4u.org

Programs:

- Advocacy training in a variety of areas
- Peer Mentoring
- Long or short term computer loans
- Provision of ramps to wheelchair users in need
- Life and Advocacy skills program for those 14-24
- Medical equipment loans

Coalition for Independent Living Options – Counties served: Okeechobee, St. Lucie, Martin, and Palm Beach

Palm Beach County

6800 Forest Hill Boulevard
West Palm Beach, FL 33413

Palm Beach: Phone: **(561) 966-4288**

St. Lucie/Okeechobee Counties

P.O. Box 767

Palm City, FL 34991

Martin County (Main)

Phone: (772) 485-2488

St. Lucie: Phone: **(772) 878-3500**

Web: <http://www.cilo.org>

Programs:

- Educational, employment and housing advocacy assistance
- Employment readiness, independent living, reading, computer, and sign language classes
- Various forms of assistance for those who are deaf/hard of hearing
- Peer support groups
- Legal and emotional support for persons with disabilities who have been victims of crime
- After school and summer care for those with disabilities aged 12-26
- Assistance in applying for benefits
- A month's worth of meal deliveries for those 65+ with disabilities
- Voter Registration
- Sensitivity training
- Equipment Loans
- Taxi rides for low income individuals

CIL of Broward – Counties served: Charlotte, Glades, Lee, Hendry, Collier and Broward

4800 N. State Road 7, Suite 102

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33319

Phone: 954-722-6400

Web: <http://www.cilbroward.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=home.main>

Programs:

- Self -advocacy and independent living skills training
- Support groups across the disability spectrum
- Home modifications and assessments
- Assistance with transitioning from nursing homes to community settings
- Ticket to Work
- High School High Tech
- Assistive technology/durable equipment loans
- FL Telecommunications Relay services for the deaf/hard of hearing

CIL of the Keys - Monroe

103400 Overseas Hwy Ste 243A

Key Largo, FL 33037

Phone: 305-453-3491

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pg/Center-for-Independent-Living-of-the-Keys-131369777893/about/?ref=page_internal

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/CILoftheKeys>

Programs:

- Equipment Loans
- Job Placement
- Various Life Skills Classes
- Health and Wellness Training

CIL of South Florida - Dade

4770 Biscayne Blvd, Suite 150

Miami, FL 33137

Phone: (305) 751-8025

Web: <https://www.cilsf.org>

Programs:

- Systems Advocacy aimed at improving the lives of those with disabilities on a direct policy level
- Peer Support
- Independent Living Skills Training
- Employment services/on the job training through the Miami-Dade school system
- Various means of assistance in transferring from institutions to community settings
- Youth advocacy/empowerment for those aged 14-26
- Various specialized services for the deaf/hard of hearing
- Sign Language Interpreters
- Assistive technology loans, donations and referrals

State Conferences

The Family Café – Annually in June

The Family Café exists to provide individuals with disabilities and their families with an opportunity for collaboration, advocacy, friendship and empowerment by serving as a facilitator of communication, a space for dialogue and a source of information. Family Café has a conference each June that provides scores of information and training for persons with disabilities and family members. Conference sessions include a dedicated self-advocacy track.

www.familycafe.net

Florida Self-Advocates Network'D (FL SAND) – January/February

FL SAND is a network of local self-advocacy groups which meet each winter for training, support, and networking at its annual conference. Self-advocates and family members do not have to be members of FL SAND groups to attend the conference.

www.flsand.org