



EFMP Family Support

Youth (0 – out of HS) Development, Intervention & Prevention Resources

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**No federal government endorsement intended – please research each agency independently.* This list may not be all inclusive as new programs develop frequently.*

Early Intervention: Research shows that **the first three years of life** are a crucial time of development. **Children whose special needs are identified and addressed early have a greater chance of reaching their fullest potential.** IDEA ensures that children identified with any special educational are entitled to a free and appropriate education. **Early intervention programs could allow your child receives an Individual Education Plan (IEP) BEFORE they reach school age. This is crucial!**

Youth Intervention: There are also services and assistance for school age children and event young adults with special needs and still in the school system. Intervention at **ALL stages** is needed to reach full potential!

Early Childhood Council of Hillsborough County (ECC): 813-837-7723; <https://ecctampabay.org/>
ECC offers multiple programs focused on prevention and intervention for young children. Their goal is to ensure that all children with special needs are supported. Their fundamental belief is that “Every Child Counts” and their services work towards that belief. **Their programs include:** Community Developmental Screenings (0-5 yrs old), Help me Grow Hillsborough (0 – 8 yrs old), Infant Mental Health (0 – 3 yrs old), and Inclusion Support Services (various ages). **You can begin an online developmental screening here:** <https://ecctampabay.org/community-developmental-screening-program/>.

Early Learning Coalition (ELC): <https://www.elchc.org/>

Works to ensure all our community’s youngest children grow up to achieve anything they can imagine by providing high quality early learning experiences and supporting the families and teachers who care for them. Working together with families, educators and community partners to prepare every child for kindergarten, we’re creating a brighter future for Hillsborough County and all who live and work here. **They assist with:** VPK, connecting to developmental screening services, professional development for providers and teachers, Kindergarten transition, family training, assistance finding child care in the community, and more!

Early Steps: <https://health.usf.edu/-/media/Files/Medicine/Pediatrics/Early-Steps/Condensed-Referral-Form.ashx?la=en&hash=DCE5A2C9E4D30F7FB275C01EFB6E0F34743F7948>

Early Steps is Florida's early intervention system that offers services to eligible infants and toddlers (birth to thirty-six months) with significant delays or a condition likely to result in a developmental delay. Early Intervention is provided to support families and caregivers in developing the competence and confidence to help their child learn and develop.

Center for Autism & Related Disabilities at USF (CARD-USF): 813-974-2532, Email card-usf@usf.edu, <http://card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu/Form.html>

A state-funded organization that provides free coaching, training, guidance, and assistance to increase knowledge and make life better for individuals diagnosed with autism & and related diagnosis, across their lifespan. They are not permitted to provide the following services directly, but **they can refer you** to providers for: **Diagnostic evaluations, Therapy, Crisis intervention, Case management, Legal or educational advocacy.**

Champions for Children: 813-673-4646, Email: info@cftb.org, <https://cftb.org/>

CoC is one of the only organizations in the state of Florida to focus exclusively on preventing abuse and neglect before they even begin. They envision a world without child abuse and neglect, where parents have the tools they need to provide a nurturing environment for their children to become productive members of society as adults. **They work to prevent abuse and neglect through the following:** Improving birth outcomes for pregnant women, supporting healthy social-emotional development in infants and children, building parental self-confidence, and ensuring children are developmentally on-track and ready to learn.

Interdisciplinary Center for Evaluation and Intervention (ICEI): 813-974-0968, <http://icei.fmhi.usf.edu/>, https://macdillfss.com/wp-content/uploads/EFMP_ICEI_SEP.pdf

They provide specialized services to students (Pre-K - 12th grade) who present with serious, complex behavioral, social/ emotional, and/or cognitive conditions. ICEI is funded by the State of Florida through the Florida Dpt. of Education, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services (BEES) for the purpose of providing an array of diagnostic, evaluation, consultation, and professional development services to enhance the educational success of students enrolled in Florida schools.

ICEI accepts referrals for school aged students (**Pre-K–12th grade**) who have one or more of the following:

- Serious problem behaviors that have not responded to behavior interventions or strategies
- Behaviors/characteristics that indicate a need for an autism spectrum disorder evaluation
- Complex social/emotional/cognitive/developmental issues

Success 4 Kids & Families: 813-871-7412; Email: Info@s4kf.org; <https://www.s4kf.org/>

They support individuals and families coping with **behavioral, emotional or mental health challenges**, as well as pregnant women and their families through their Healthy Start Program and a wide range of services. They begin with a comprehensive assessment to determine which service(s) will best meet the needs and then they help navigate those services. **They offer:**

- **Successful Families:** bilingual, culturally competent, community-based services for children and families.
- **Successful kids:** coordinated mental health services
- **Successful students:** truancy intervention program
- **Successful youth:** for youth in the juvenile justice system
- **Successful parents:** pre and post-natal support
- **Healthy Minds Program:** for youth and young adults who have begun experiencing unusual thoughts/behaviors.
- **Healthy Transitions:** youth 16-25 struggling with mental health issues

USF Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY): <http://floridahippy.fmhi.usf.edu/>; <http://floridahippy.fmhi.usf.edu/resources.html>; <http://floridahippy.fmhi.usf.edu/contact.html>

HIPPY is a home-based, early intervention program that helps parents create experiences for their children that lay the foundation for success in school and later life. The program is designed specifically for those parents who may not feel confident in their own abilities to teach their children. In the United States, HIPPY is a two or three year program for parents with children ages 2-5.

Military Resources:

New Parents Support Program (ages 0-3) through Family Advocacy: 813-827-9172.

A registered nurse can provide support, training and in home visits for military families. They provide training on: Baby Basics, Dad Basics, Becoming a Parent, Breastfeeding Basics and Birth with Confidence.

Bundles for Babies: 813-828-0145, <https://macdillfss.com/military-family-readiness/>

Representatives from multiple base agencies will provide information and services to assist participants in preparing for the arrival of their new baby.

Comprehensive Community Resources:

Children's Board Hillsborough County Family Guide- ENGLISH Version

<https://www.childrensboard.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/CBHC-Family-Guide-English-2021-WEB.pdf>

Guía familiar de la Junta de Niños del Condado de Hillsborough - Versión en español

<https://www.childrensboard.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/CBHC-Family-Guide-Spanish-2021-WEB.pdf>

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