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- Manasota B.U.D.S – Bringing Up Down Syndrome
- The Salvation Army, Manatee County
- Sarasota/Manatee Respite Services
- Suncoast Center for Independent Living

The Manatee County Transition Interagency Committee (MCTIC) was created to support and enhance coordination of services and supports for student with disabilities, and to assist students and their parents in accessing these services. MCTIC serves as an agent for community resource development while pairing a student’s needs and interests with appropriate agencies. This guide provides detailed information regarding services available to students and families in Manatee County and was made possible by a Project 10 Connect grant from the Project 10 Transition Education Network.

If you have any additional information, questions, or changes, please contact:
Sara Gaines at 941.708.8770 ext.2186 or gainess@manateeschools.net
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<td>Hours: M-F 8:00-5:00</td>
<td>APD works in partnership with local communities and private providers to assist people who have developmental disabilities and their families. They also provide assistance in identifying the needs of people with developmental disabilities for supports in living, learning and working in their community.</td>
<td>Phone: 727.217.7016</td>
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<td>Address: 1201 102nd Ave. N. St. Petersburg, FL 33716</td>
<td>Eligibility: Must have a primary diagnosis of Mental Retardation, Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, Prader -Willi, Autism or Down Syndrome and functional limitations in major life activities.</td>
<td>Website: <a href="http://www.apdcares.org">www.apdcares.org</a></td>
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<td>Division of Blind Services (DBS)</td>
<td>Hours: M-F 8:00-5:00</td>
<td>The goal is to provide services promoting optimal academic achievement, independent living skills, and development of career goals. Services may include: • Vocational Evaluation &amp; career counseling • Assessment and training in the use of software • Use of low vision devices • Equipment needed for training or employment • Training to safely explore new environments and utilize public transportation • Training in self-care skills such as cooking, cleaning, measuring, and clothing identification • Employment readiness and job search training • Summer programs encompassing social and work experience</td>
<td>Phone: 941.751.7670</td>
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<td>Address: 5117 26th Street W Bradenton FL, 34207</td>
<td>Eligibility: Bilateral vision impairment that impedes independence in education, employment, and activities of daily living.</td>
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| Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) | Hours: M-F 8:00-3:30 | Address: 215 Manatee Ave W Bradenton, FL 34205 | The Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System provides diagnostic, instructional, and technology support services to district exceptional education programs and families of students with disabilities. FDLRS Suncoast assists any stakeholders interested in the educational needs of children in Charlotte, Sarasota, and Manatee counties. Eligibility: Child Find Program – Ages 3-5 years old. Assistive Technology – According to the student’s needs, ages 3-22 years old. Intake Process: Via telephone | Phone: 941.708.8770  
Website: www.fdlrs.org |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) | Hours: M-F 8:00-5:00 | Address: 600 8th Ave West, Suite 201 Palmetto, FL 34221 | To provide services to eligible individuals with physical and/or mental impairments that will enable an individual to achieve an employment goal and/or enhance their independence. The Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation provides the services that are required for eligible customers to achieve an employment goal, with priority placed on serving customers with the most significant disabilities. Eligibility: Must have a documented disability, require VR services to become employed, and will benefit in terms of an employment outcome with VR services. For Transition students, the IPE must be completed prior to their graduation from high school. Generally, VR begins working with the students late in their Junior year, or early Senior years of high school. Intake Process: Referral made through parents, teachers, guidance counselors, ESE specialists, or individual via phone or fax. | Phone: 941.721.2850  
Website: www.rehabworks.org |
| **Project 10 Transition Education Network**  
**University of South Florida**  
**St. Petersburg** | **Hours:**  
M- F  
8:00-5:00 | **The mission of Project 10: Transition Education Network, (referred to as "Project 10") is to assist Florida school districts and relevant stakeholders in building capacity to provide secondary transition services to students with disabilities in order to improve their academic success and post-school outcomes. Project 10 serves as the primary conduit between the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE), specifically the Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services (BEESS), and relevant school district personnel in addressing law and policy, effective practices, and research-based interventions in the area of transition services for youth with disabilities. Project 10 is currently focusing on four major initiatives: Capacity Building, Interagency Collaboration, Transition Legislation and Policy, and Student Development and Outcomes. The project also supports transition initiatives developed through BEESS and the BEESS Transition Steering Committee.**  
**Languages:** Multi-lingual  
**Eligibility:** Project 10 provides technical assistance, training, professional development, and resources to school districts.  
**Intake Process:** Works through School District Exceptional Student Education Department | **Phone:**  
727. 873.4661  
**E-Mail:**  
project10@stpete.usf.edu  
**Website:**  
http://www.project10.info |
| **SEDNET – Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities** | **Hours:**  
M-F  
8:00 - 4:30 | **The Multi-Agency Network for Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities (SEDNET) creates and facilitates a network of key stakeholders committed to assisting in the provision of a quality system of care for students with or at-risk of emotional and/ or behavioral challenges Interagency Collaboration to increase mental health services Problem Solving Response to Intervention with emphasis on social emotional and mental health interventions. Support of transition services PreK-12 for students with or at risk of Emotional/Behavioral Disability (EBD). Partners with community agencies to provide cross agency training for families, educators and community partners**  
**Eligibility:** Students with or at-risk of emotional and/ or behavioral challenges | **Phone:**  
941.751.6550  
**Website:**  
www.sednetfl.info |
| **Supplemental Security Income (SSI)** | **Hours:** M-F 8:30-3:30  
**Address:** 5540 SR 64 E Suite 100 Bradenton, FL 34208 | The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program pays benefits to disabled adults and children who have limited income and resources.  
**Eligibility:**  
Child: Must have a disabling condition that affects his/her ability to function.  
Adult: Based on an adult’s inability to work. An adult is considered disabled under Social Security rules if: You cannot do work that you did before; you cannot adjust to other work because of your medical condition(s); and Your disability has lasted or is expected to last for at least one year or to result in death.  
**Intake Process:** Complete an Application for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) AND a Child Disability Report. | **Phone:** 877.803.6316  
**Website:** www.ssa.gov/reach.htm |
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| **United Cerebral Palsy of Southwest Florida, Inc.** | **Hours:** M-F 8:00-3:00  
**Program Fees:** Vary based on need | **Eligibility:** UCP serves adults with Developmental Disabilities and Traumatic Brain Injury. Services provided are Adult Day Training, Supported Employment, Residential, and Behavior Services. Services are provided through the Medicaid Waiver Program and there are grant funds available to those who qualify.  
**Intake Process:** Contact the Office to schedule a tour | **Phone:** 941.201.1466  
**Email:** dwalker@sunrisegroup.org |
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| **Goodwill Manasota** | **Hours and Address:** Hours vary by location. Check the website for details. | Job Services and Employer  
Eligibility:  
- Be unemployed or underemployed  
- Have no substance abuse problems  
- Be currently job ready  
- Be able to meet your own basic personal needs of feeding, dressing and hygiene  
Intake Process: Call for more information  
Application for employment is available on the website or in stores | **Phone:**  
1.888.230.8820  
**Website:**  
www.experiencegoodwill.org |
| **Suncoast Workforce** | **Hours:** M-F  
8:00-5:00  
**Address:**  
**Bradenton Center:**  
3526 9th Street West  
Bradenton, FL 34205  
**Sarasota Center:**  
3660 N. Washington Blvd.  
Sarasota FL 34234  
**Program Fees:** none | Suncoast Workforce is a non-profit corporation that helps businesses attract the highly skilled workforce they need to stay competitive in today’s global economy.  
Intake Process: Apply through employflorida.com | **Phone:**  
Bradenton Center:  
941.714.7449  
Sarasota Center:  
941.358.4200  
**Websites:**  
www.suncoastworkforce.org  
www.employflorida.com |
| **VIP Academy, Easter Seals of Southwest Florida** | **Hours:**  
M-F  
7:30-2:00 | Combining workforce training with education, this stimulating and interactive program known as the Vocational Introduction and Preparation (VIP) Academy, is available to Manatee County students between 14 – 22 years of age. Taking a pre-vocational approach to academics, the VIP Academy helps students transition to adulthood and prepare for the workforce through small, intimate, real-world learning environments and opportunities to be a productive member of their community. | **Phone:**  
941.355.7637  
Ext. 424 |
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| Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities (CHAC) | **Hours:** M-F 8:00-5:00  
**Address:** 4405 DeSoto Rd. Sarasota, Fl. 34235  
**Program Fees:** Funding is available through: Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) and Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)  
Private Pay is available | Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities, Inc., serves Manatee and Sarasota Counties empowering the lives of children, teens, and adults with disabilities one person at a time. Community Haven creates solutions and changes the lives of children, teens, and adults with disabilities by providing a variety of specialized services and programs including:  
- Employment Services  
- Transition Services  
- Community Living  
- Haven Industries Vocational and Social Training  
**Eligibility:** Varies by program  
**Intake Process:** Call or see website for more information | **Phone:** 941.355.8808  
**Website:** communityhaven.com |
| Easter Seals of Southwest Florida | **Hours:** M-F 8:00-4:30  
**Address:** 350 Braden Ave Sarasota FL  
**Program Fees:** Vary by program | Easter Seals provides exceptional services for persons with disabilities and their families across a lifetime by empowering individuals to live their lives to the fullest. Programs include:  
- The Lily School for Child Development  
- Children’s Therapy Center  
- Children’s Respite Care  
- Vocational Introduction and Preparation Academy  
- Adult Day Training  
- Art Initiative Program  
**Eligibility:** Vary with program  
**Intake Process:** Call for application | **Phone:** 941.355.7637  
**Website:** easterseals-swfl.org |
| The Learning Academy at USF | **Hours**:  
Two semesters August through May  
**Address**:  
The Learning Academy  
13301 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., MHC 2113A  
Tampa, FL 33612  
**Program Fees**:  
$6,700 | The Learning Academy at the University of South Florida is a customized transition program that assists in preparing young adults diagnosed with **Autism Spectrum Disorder** for employment. The Learning Academy provides services, supports and experiential opportunities that develop and enhance each student's independence in meeting personal career goals. Our students engage in self-discovery and career exploration through real-life experiences such as internships and peer mentoring which allows generalization of learned skills  
**Eligibility**: Individuals with an autism spectrum disability who have finished high school  
**Intake Process**: Complete an application which can be obtained online. Applications are accepted year round  
**Phone**: 813. 974.2996  
**Website**: learningacademy.fmhi.usf.edu |
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| Manatee Technical Institute | **Hours**:  
M-F  
9:00-3:00  
**Address**:  
6305 State Road 70 E.  
Bradenton, Florida, 34203  
**Program Fees**: Based on course/class | Manatee Technical Institute provides job training, continuing education, online career courses, personal enrichment classes, and GED preparation and testing. To qualify for the Career Preparation programs, students must take the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE). Some courses have an age requirement. Applications are available online.  
**Eligibility**: Varies based on course/class. Please see individual class descriptions for more information  
**Intake Process**: All students working towards Career Preparation programs must take the Test of Adult Basic Education. Additional requirements may be necessary for medical coursework.  
**Phone**: 941.751.7900  
**Website**: www.manateetechnicalinstitute.org |
| State College of Florida (SCF) Disability Resource Center (DRC) | **Hours:**
M-F
8:00 - 4:00  |
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| **Address:**
5840 26th St. W.
Korcheck Bldg. #1
Room 219
Bradenton, Fl. 34206 | DRC provides a wide variety of access services, including access devices (CCTV, Talking Calculators, Franklyn spellers, assistive listen devices etc.) and access technology (computers access software, enlargers, synthesizers, voice recognition and optical character recognition software, etc.) as well as auxiliary Staff (interpreters, readers, scribes, note takers etc.)
DRC also provides a full array of academic support services. In addition to information (college, legal, and disability), advocacy and coordination of services, DRC offers individualized personal, academic and vocational guidance and advisement to assist disabled individuals to maximize their potential and pursue meaningful occupations based on their unique interests, needs, and abilities. DRC employs a case management approach when working with students.
Personal services (transportation, feeding, medication or hygiene services) are not provided at the postsecondary level

**Eligibility:** Must have a Documented Disability (IEP and 504 Plans are acceptable)

**Intake Process:** Student Provides copy of disability documentation, contact sheet and confidentiality waiver. Preferred for student to have an intake interview to review potential accommodations, access technology and success strategies. | **Phone:**
941.752.5295  |
| **Email:**
DRC@scf.edu  |
| **Website:**
www.SCF.edu/DisabilityResourceCenter |
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<td><strong>USF Sarasota-Manatee, Students with Disabilities Services Office</strong></td>
<td>8350 N. Tamiami Trail C107 Sarasota, FL 34243</td>
<td>941.359.4714</td>
<td><a href="http://www.usfsm.edu/students/disability/">http://www.usfsm.edu/students/disability/</a></td>
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<td><strong>Eligibility:</strong> In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, The Americans with Disabilities Act, and The ADA Amendments Act, reasonable classroom accommodations for otherwise qualified students who have documented disabilities are provided to students who self-identify to the disability services office.</td>
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<td><strong>Intake Process:</strong> The student must complete an application and schedule an appointment with the Disability Coordinator. Students should provide documentation of disability (i.e. IEP, Psychological or Medical report). In cases where documentation is not available, please consult with the Disability Coordinator. Visit our website for guidelines, forms, and further information.</td>
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| Department of Children and Families | **Address:** 2004 43rd Avenue W. Bradenton 34205 | The DCF’s Bradenton Service Center is a child care licensing office. It also helps administer the ACCESS Florida Program, which is responsible for public assistance eligibility determination and ongoing case management of  
  - food assistance  
  - temporary cash assistance  
  - Medicaid  
**Eligibility:** Needs assessment  
**Intake Process:** Families in need can apply for any of these programs online or in person at the center | **Phone:** 941.751.8468  
**Website:** [www.myflfamilies.com](http://www.myflfamilies.com) |
| Healthy Families Manatee | **Hours:** M-F 8:00-5:00  
**Address:** 302 Manatee Ave E Bradenton, FL 34208 | Healthy Families Manatee is a voluntary, home visiting program for expectant and new parents. Healthy Families Manatee’s services include:  
  - Supporting effective parent-child interactions  
  - Providing child development, nutrition, and safety education  
  - Providing emotional support and encouragement to parents  
  - Linking families with community services.  
The intensity of our services is based on each family’s needs. Home visits will initially be conducted weekly and then gradually move to quarterly home visits as a family’s needs change.  
**Eligibility:** Participants must be prenatal or baby must be under three months of age at time of enrollment into the program.  
**Intake Process:** Via telephone | **Phone:** 941.827.0188  
Ext. 7755  
**Website:** [www.manateecaa.org](http://www.manateecaa.org) |
| Manatee Children’s Services | **Hours:**  
M - F  
8:00-5:00  
**Address:**  
453 Cortez Road West  
Bradenton, Florida  
34207 | **This organization has grown to 12 different programs and continues to provide the entire Suncoast Region with essential services to improve the quality of life for children in need. These programs include:**  
**Residential Programs:**  
- Emergency Shelter and Group Homes  
**Trauma Focused Clinical Services**  
- Crisis Intervention, Sexual Abuse Treatment, Victims Of Crime Act  
**Prevention Services**  
- Grandparents as Parents, Sexual Violence Prevention, Parenting Program, Kids Involved Directly With Safety  
**Child Advocacy Center**  
- Child Protection Team, Services to Children Abused by Non-Caregivers  
**Street Outreach Program**  
- SOP Program Overview | **Phone:**  
941.345.1200  
**Website:**  
www.manateechildrensservices.com |
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| Manatee County Health Department | **Hours:**  
Vary by site  
**Addresses:**  
**Manatee County Health Department**  
212 6th Ave  
Bradenton, Florida  
34208  
**Tillman Full Service**  
2715 16th Ave  
East  
Palmetto, FL 34221  
**Pine Village**  
1107 56th Terr  
E.  
Bradenton, FL  
**Program Fees:** Some services are always free; others require payment by ability. | **Services available to anyone**  
- Birth control (contraceptives)  
- Family Planning  
- Childhood Immunizations (vaccinations)  
- Immunization for foreign travel  
- Sexually transmitted disease (STD) testing, treatment, and counseling.  
**Eligibility:** Financial screening for some services. Ability to pay is determined by the Eligibility office.  
**Intake Process:** Walk-in or appointment | **Phone Numbers:**  
Manatee County Health Department  
941.748.0747  
Tillman Full Service  
941.721.2241  
Pine Village  
941.727. 6518 |
**Manatee Glens**

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<td>376 6th Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida 34205</td>
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<td><strong>Access Center hours:</strong></td>
<td>24 hours a day/7 days a week for psychiatric emergency services</td>
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<td><strong>Address:</strong></td>
<td>2020 26th Avenue East, Bradenton, Florida 34208</td>
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Manatee Glens is a private behavioral health hospital and outpatient practice. We specialize in adult and childhood mental health and addiction services.

We believe recovery and wellness are possible for everyone.

**Eligibility:** Call our Call Center for screening

**Intake Process:** Trained staff will refer and schedule for the appropriate level of care.

**Phone Numbers:**
- **Outpatient:** 941.782.4150
- **Access Center:** 941.782.4617

**Website:**
www.manateeglens.org

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**Planned Parenthood**

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Planned Parenthood offers several services in the areas of healthcare, education, advocacy, and global partnership. Some of the services available include:

- Abortion Referral
- Birth Control
- HIV Testing
- LGBT Services
- Men's Health Care
- Morning-After Pill (Emergency Contraception)
- Pregnancy Testing & Services
- STD Testing, Treatment & Vaccines
- Women's Health Care

**Eligibility:** None

**Intake Process:** Walk-in or appointment

**Phone:** 941.567.3800
| Woman, Infants, and Children (WIC): Manatee | **Hours:** Vary by site – please call for more information | **WIC is a special nutrition program for Women, Infants and Children. WIC provides**  
- Nutrition Education  
- Breastfeeding Support  
- Food Vouchers  
- Referrals for Health Care  
**Eligibility:** Income based eligibility  
**Intake Process:** Call for application information | **Phone Numbers:**  
Manatee County Health Department  
941.748.0747  
Tillman Full Service  
941.721.2241  
Pine Village  
941.727.6518 |
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| **Addresses:**  
Manatee County Health Department  
212 6th Ave E.  
Bradenton, Florida  
34208  
Tillman Full Service  
2715 16th Ave. East, Palmetto, FL 34221  
Pine Village  
1107 56th Terr. E.  
Bradenton, FL | | | |
| YMCA Safe Children's Coalition | **Hours:**  
M-F  
8:00-4:00 | **Lead agency in community-based foster care for all children in Manatee, Sarasota, and DeSoto counties. Services for dependent children, who have been abused, neglected or abandoned. Child protection services provided include case management, foster care, independent living and adoptions.**  
**Eligibility:** Vary with program  
**Intake Process:** Application | **Phone:**  
941.721.7670  
**Website:**  
www.safechildrencoalition.org |
| **Address:**  
5729 Manatee Ave W.  
Bradenton FL 34209  
**Program Fees:**  
None | | | |
<p>| SEDNET – Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities | <strong>See information in Agency Category</strong> | | |</p>
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<td>6007 111th Street East Bradenton FL 34202</td>
<td>- Road Testing</td>
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<td>819 301 Blvd. W. Bradenton FL 34205</td>
<td>- Parking Permits</td>
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<td><strong>Program Fees:</strong> Vary with License – original License is $54.25</td>
<td><strong>Eligibility:</strong> Must meet requirement of the State of Florida to gain an Operator License.</td>
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<td>Habitat for Humanity</td>
<td><strong>Hours:</strong> M-F 8:00-4:00</td>
<td>Manatee County Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, ecumenical, Christian, volunteer-based organization dedicated to building simple low-cost homes by forming working partnerships with low-income families in desperate need of decent housing. Manatee Habitat Homebuyer Program provides secure, affordable housing to families who have met the criteria and been accepted into the Habitat programs, which have been precariously sheltered in substandard, deteriorating overcrowded or unsafe rental units. <strong>Eligibility:</strong> Manatee County resident, overcrowded or poorly maintained housing, income guidelines, sweat equity hours</td>
<td>Phone: 941.748.9100</td>
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<td><strong>Address:</strong> 4105 Cortez Rd. W. Bradenton, FL 34210</td>
<td><strong>Intake Process:</strong> Application process</td>
<td>Website: <a href="http://www.manateehabitat.org">www.manateehabitat.org</a></td>
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<td><strong>Program Fees:</strong> No fee to apply</td>
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<td>Handy Bus</td>
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<td><strong>The Handy Bus</strong> provides origins to destination service for those individuals who, because of a disability or other reason are transportation disadvantaged (dependent on others for transportation) and therefore are unable to access the fixed route system. <strong>Eligibility:</strong> First come, first serve. Must be registered with MCAT and have destinations within Manatee County</td>
<td><strong>Intake Process:</strong> Registration through MCAT. Call 941.747.1739, Monday – Friday, 2:00-4:00</td>
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<td>MCAT</td>
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<td>Longboat Key Trolley</td>
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<td><strong>MCAT</strong> is the major public transportation provider in Manatee County. MCAT will continue to improve the quality of life for County residents and visitors by providing, in a cost-efficient manner, a readily-accessible, intermodal means of mobility for those who want to use its services, and by providing alternative means of transportation to minimize impacts of traffic congestion on major roads in the county.</td>
<td><strong>Phone:</strong> 941.748.4501</td>
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<td><strong>Phone:</strong></td>
<td>941.749.7116</td>
<td><strong>Email:</strong> <a href="mailto:mcat@mymanatee.org">mcat@mymanatee.org</a></td>
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| The Salvation Army, Manatee County | **Hours:** M-F 8:30am – 4:30pm  
Address: 1204 14th St. West Bradenton, FL 34205  
Program Fees: Based on program | The Salvation Army, Manatee County offers food, shelter, life skills and supportive assistance to struggling members of our community who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.  
- Offers members of our community struggling with food insecurity the opportunity to shop at Sally’s Pantry to supplement their regular grocery routine  
- Offers a hot and nutritious meal to any member of our community experiencing hunger, every night of the week, 365 days per year.  
**Eligibility:** Manatee County residents with valid ID.  
**Intake Process:** In person | **Phone:** 941.748.5110  
**Website:** www.salvationarmybradenton.org |
<p>| Manatee Children’s Service | <strong>See information in Healthcare/Childcare Category</strong> |</p>
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<th>Provider Name</th>
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| ALSO Out Youth                                   | **Hours:** M, Th, F, Sat 1:00-5:00  
**Support Group** Th 4:00-5:00  
**Address:** 1470 Blvd of the Arts  
Sarasota, FL 34236  
**Program Fees:** None | ALSO Youth strives to end all forms of violence, harassment and discrimination based on real or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity. Our mission is to enhance self-esteem, promote healthy dialogue, and increase awareness of sexual minority issues.  
The drop in center provides a safe place where youth can engage in social activities, educational programs and peer support group in a safe, welcoming environment. We have computers, a pool table, a lending library and access to TV, video and games. | Phone:  
941.951.2576 |
| The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at USF | **Hours:** M-F 9:00-5:00  
**Address:** 13301 Bruce B. Downs Blvd  
MHC 2113A  
Tampa, FL 33612 | The Center for Autism & Related Disabilities at the University of South Florida is a community-based project that provides information and consultation to individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders and related disabilities. CARD-USF offers instruction and coaching to families and professionals through a training and assistance model.  
We serve Florida families and professionals within the following counties: Charlotte, Collier, Desoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, & Sarasota.  
**Eligibility:** Individuals with an autism spectrum disability  
**Intake Process:** Via telephone | Phone:  
813.974.2532  
800.333.4530  
Email:  
card-usf@fmhi.usf.edu |
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<th>Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing</th>
<th>Address:</th>
<th>The Center is the only communication, referral and social service agency that serve as a focal point for in excess of 107,000 deaf, late deafened, deaf/blind, speech impaired, and hard of hearing individuals living in Manatee and Sarasota Counties.</th>
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<td>1750 17th St. Bldg. F Sarasota, FL 34234</td>
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<td>Program Fees: None</td>
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<td><strong>Phone:</strong> 941.366.0260</td>
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<th>Family Network on Disabilities of Manatee/Sarasota, Inc. (FND Manasota, Inc.)</th>
<th>Hours:</th>
<th>It is the mission of FND Manasota to provide specialized caregiver support, training, education, information, and advocacy to families and the communities of Manatee and Sarasota County through a variety of events, programs, and specialized services. It is FND Manasota’s goal to serve families in such a way that they can transition “from Heartache to Hope, One Family at a Time”. In congruence with the organization’s mission, FND Manasota offers families of children with developmental, physical, sensory, medical, and mental health disorders and disabilities a variety of services, support, and specialized programs. Our programs and accomplishments include:</th>
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<td>M-F 9:00-5:00</td>
<td>• Respite Services</td>
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<td>Program Fees: Varies by program</td>
<td>• Disability Awareness and Sensitivity Training</td>
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<td>Mailing Address: P.O. Box 110025 Bradenton, FL 34211</td>
<td>• Advocacy Services</td>
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<td>• Pediatric Support</td>
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<td>• Education and Training Workshops</td>
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<td><strong>Phone:</strong> 941.928.0682</td>
<td><strong>Eligibility:</strong> Families having a child ages birth – 18 years old with a diagnosed disability or special need.</td>
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<td><strong>Website:</strong> <a href="http://www.fndmanasota.org">www.fndmanasota.org</a></td>
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| Legal Aid of Manasota | Program Fees: Free with eligibility | Poverty law pro bono program provides free legal assistance to eligible clients through volunteer lawyer participation.  
- Domestic Violence  
- Family Law  
- Foreclosure  
- Guardianship  
- Landlord/Tenant  
- Senior Wills  
- Other Legal Services  
- Special Education  

Legal Aid of Manasota also works with community groups and social service agencies to provide up-to-date information about legal issues affecting low income residents. Each month we hold free community education classes.  

**Eligibility:** Eligibility varies with each program. See website or call for more details. |

| Lighthouse of Manasota | Hours: M-F 8:00-4:30  
**Address:** 7318 N. Tamiami Tr. Sarasota FL 34243 | The Lighthouse of Manasota provides training in adaptive skills that promote self-sufficiency and independence in the lives of individuals who have vision loss. Specialized training includes activities of daily living, orientation and mobility, assistive technology, and Braille. The Lighthouse serves Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte, DeSoto, and Highlands Counties.  

**Eligibility:** Bilateral functional vision impairment  

**Intake Process:** Call to apply for services |

|  | Phone: 941.366.0038  
Website: www.legalaidofmanasota.org |  |

|  | Phone: 941.359.1404  
**Email:** rehab.lighthouse@verizon.net |  |
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<th><strong>Manasota B.U.D.S. Bringing Up Down Syndrome</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Hours:</strong> Monthly Meeting held 1st Thursday of the month (except Dec.) 7:00 p.m. Living Lord Lutheran Church 11107 Palmbrush Trail Lakewood Ranch, FL</td>
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<td><strong>Address:</strong> Manasota B.U.D.S. 8374 Market St. Box #113 Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202</td>
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<td><strong>Program Fees:</strong> None</td>
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<th><strong>Manasota B.U.D.S.</strong> is an all-volunteer organization. Our Mission is to provide families with a neutral and supportive forum for sharing and networking, and to promote understanding and acceptance of Down syndrome.</th>
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<td>• New &amp; Expectant Parent Information Kits</td>
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<td>• Scholarships for hippotherapy, summer camps, to attend conferences/workshops, Hope Haven Down Syndrome clinic</td>
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<td>• Buddy Walk every October (Down Syndrome Awareness Event)</td>
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<td>• Annual Year-in-Review catered dinner</td>
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And More!

**Eligibility:** Individuals with Down syndrome and their families.

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<td><strong>Hours:</strong> Sally’s Pantry: Mon &amp; Wed 9:00-Noon; Thurs. 4:00-6:00pm</td>
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<td><strong>Hot Meal Service:</strong> Daily 5:00-5:30pm</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Address:</strong> 1204 14th St. West Bradenton, FL 34205</td>
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<th><strong>The Salvation Army, Manatee County</strong> offers members of our community struggling with food insecurity:</th>
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**Eligibility:** Manatee County residents with valid ID.

**Intake Process:** In person

| **Phone:** 941.748.5110  |
| **Website:**  www.salvationarmybradenton.org  |

<p>| <strong>Phone:</strong> 941.907.0499  |
| <strong>Email:</strong> <a href="mailto:info@manasotabuds.org">info@manasotabuds.org</a>  |
| <strong>Website:</strong>  <a href="http://www.manasotabuds.org">www.manasotabuds.org</a>  |</p>
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<td>Sarasota/Manatee Respite Services</td>
<td>vary by family</td>
<td>Sliding scale fee</td>
<td>Providing respite care service to families with special needs and disabilities. Serves ages birth to 18 years of age. Services are once a month for 6 hours per visit unless an alternative funding source is available to be utilized.</td>
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<td>Phone: 941.704.9223</td>
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<td>Suncoast Center for Independent Living</td>
<td>M-F 8:00-5:00</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>A non-residential, non-profit organization providing services to people with disabilities within Sarasota and Manatee Counties. Our goal is to empower people with disabilities to take charge of their lives and guide them through their own destinies.</td>
<td>In person or via phone</td>
<td>Phone: 941.351.9545; Email: <a href="mailto:Info@scil4u.org">Info@scil4u.org</a>; Website: <a href="http://www.scil4u.org">www.scil4u.org</a></td>
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<td>Department of Children and Families (DCF)</td>
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<td>Division of Blind Services (DBS)</td>
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