Community Resource Guide for Families and Individuals with Disabilities

**Family Support Services**

North Los Angeles County Regional Center

www.nlacrc.org

Main office:
15400 Sherman Way, #170
Van Nuys, CA 91406
(818) 778-1900

Santa Clarita office:
28470 Avenue Stanford, #100
Santa Clarita, CA 91355
(661) 775-8450

* Contact your Regional Center Representative for more details.

The North Los Angeles County Regional Center serves the health districts of East Valley, San Fernando, and West Valley within the City of Los Angeles. Regional centers are nonprofit, private corporations that contract with the Department of Developmental Services to provide or coordinate services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities. They have offices throughout California to provide a local resource to help find and access the many services available to individuals and their families.

United Cerebral Palsy of Los Angeles, Ventura & Santa Barbara Counties

www.ucpla.org

UCPLA Corporate Office
6430 Independence Ave.
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 782-2211

Contact for Adult Day Programs: Stephani Anderson-Stott

UCPLA provide programs and services for children and adults with developmental disabilities. UCPLA offers Adult Day Programs (Vocational Training & Volunteer Internships, Self-Care Training, Self-Advocacy & Socialization), Adult Group Homes, Community Living Services, RESPITALITY, and Affordable Housing for Adults with Developmental Disabilities.

The Santa Clarita Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) provides services and coordination for families and students with disabilities ages 0-22 throughout the Santa Clarita Valley. The 5 school districts of Santa Clarita Valley; Castaic Union School District, Newhall School District, Saugus Union School District, Sulphur Springs Union School District, and William S. Hart Union High School District work in collaboration to provide special education and related services for eligible students.

California Department of Developmental Services

www.dds.ca.gov

The California Department of Developmental Services is the agency through which the State of California provides services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities. Refer to website for information about laws, regional centers, general provider information and more.
Adult Day Programs

Santa Clarita Adult Day Health Center
23911 Calgrove Blvd.
Santa Clarita, CA  91321
(661) 253-0700
Contact: Chris Hatch
www.picf.org

The Santa Clarita Adult Day Health Center is a site-based day program providing a variety of health, therapeutic, and social services for adults 18 and over with physical or developmental disabilities or elderly. The therapeutic environment is designed to promote socialization and stimulation to maximize potential for independence, dignity and quality of life.

Los Angeles Residential Community
www.larcfoundation.org
LARC Ranch strives to accomplish one overriding goal: To help developmentally disabled people thrive. LARC provides homes, recreation, social activities, physical fitness, day training, workplace training and more to developmentally disabled adults.

Residential Program
29890 North Bouquet Canyon Rd
Saugus, CA  91390
(661) 296-8636
Contact: Kathy Sturkey, Executive Director or Denise Bennett, ARF Administrator

Residents enjoy living in 4-bedroom homes with all the amenities of modern dwellings, plus round-the-clock supervision by highly skilled residential care professionals. Residents enjoy recreational activities and community outings. Daily living skills training builds confidence and self-sufficiency.

Adult Developmental Center
29890 North Bouquet Canyon Rd
Saugus, CA  91390
(661) 296-8636
Contact: Kathy Sturkey, Executive Director

A day enrichment program with the goal to tap into the participants' individual skill levels to enhance and maintain intellectual, physical, emotional, and social well being. Activities develop physical fitness, language and communication, socialization, and motor skills.

Day Training Activity Center – LARC Industries
26639 Valley Center Dr. #105
Santa Clarita, CA  91351
(661) 254-1946
Contact: Chris Sianz, Program Director

LARC Industries is a work-oriented program with focus on preparing program participants to enter the workforce and to thrive in a workplace. Participants receive training on appropriate workplace behavior, computer training, arts and crafts, and community socialization. Participants can also choose to complete contract work.

People’s Care
Bliss Valencia
28720 The Old Road
Valencia, CA  91355
(661) 766-4941
Contact: Kofi Jones (Program Manager)
www.peoplescare.com

People’s Care provides Site-Based Behavior Management Day Programs and Community-Based Behavior Management Day Programs for individuals who have severe behavioral challenges that impede their ability to function successfully within a home or community environment. Our behavior analysts are expertly trained professionals who have innovative ways of targeting behavior patterns to help individuals reduce challenging behaviors and develop their own self-management skills.
Tierra del Sol

Main Office
9919 Sunland Blvd.
Sunland, CA  91040
www.tierradelsol.org
(818) 352-1419

Contacts: Transitional Services Program Director – Sophia Bernal
Employment - Shawna Lubs
EXCEL Work Training – Melissa Aguilar

Tierra del Sol helps more than 675 people each day across Los Angeles County overcome cognitive, physical, emotional or behavioral challenges resulting from developmental disabilities. Tierra has grown into a recognized leader in developing innovative, accredited services that enable adults with developmental disabilities to realize their greatest human potential. We offer a wide variety of educational opportunities for individuals to discover and share their talents and abilities with the community and their family. Vocational Training, Volunteerism Training, EXCEL Work Training, Living Independently, Supported Education – NEXUS, Personal Interest Classes (Art, Ceramics, Computers, Gardening...)

Jay Nolan Community Services

Main Office
15501 San Fernando Mission Blvd, Suite 200
Mission Hills, CA  91346
(818) 361-6400

Antelope Vally Office
1529 E. Palmdale Blvd., Suite 201
Palmdale, CA  93550
(661) 233-0900

Contact: Jeffrey L. Strully (Executive Director); Cindy Strully (Director of Family Services)

Enhanced Support Services focuses on helping people with autism and other disabilities - and their families and support networks - to create and implement a carefully customized set of services and tools that can lead to more productive, valued lives in the community. Enhanced Support Services are customized to each individual and his/her specific circumstances. Services include: Training, Habilitation, Counseling, Mentoring, Activities of Daily Living, Budgeting, Companionship

Family Support Services Jay Nolan Community Services, we believe in keeping children with autism and other developmental disabilities with their own family whenever possible. The support services that are available to families are geared toward providing the assistance that a family may need, or desire in order to ensure that the family remains together. Services include: Community Facilitator, Inclusive Summer Camp for Children, Alternative Family Program

Supported Employment At Jay Nolan, employment is the highest priority for all people! We believe that everyone should have a job that they love and find fulfilling with earned income and valued social roles. Our Personalized Day Support services are meant to be a compliment to employment, not a substitute. So, if an individual works 20 hours a week, Personalized Day Support would provide services around the hours of employment and then assist the person to find volunteer work, attend school, and considering opening up their own business. We do this by providing coaching, assistance, mentoring, financial planning and benefits management, and accessing public and private resources.

Supported Living
People with developmental disabilities have the right to access assistance and supports, and have the ability to contribute to their respective communities. We stand by this belief by offering specific, personalized supported living service to people with all types of disabilities, so that everyone may live in their own homes and be active community members. Support is specific for each individual’s needs, interests, and desires. Support is provided in whatever intensity, duration and frequency required.
Diverse Journeys
(310) 643-7403
Contact: Laura Broderick & Amanda Gerhart
www.diverjourneys.org
Diverse Journeys provides Supported Living Services in Santa Clarita Valley, San Fernando Valley and West Los Angeles.

- Plan and achieve individual goals and dreams through MAPS and PATH.
- Locate, secure and maintain affordable housing.
- Hire, train and manage support staff and roommates.
- Manage your own home and develop support routines.
- Locate and access generic support services.
- Get connected with community activities through integrated support.
- Make all necessary adaptations to promote optimum mobility and accessibility.
- Budget, maintain bank accounts and pay monthly bills.
- Explore and create new opportunities for the development of lasting friendships and relationships.
- Enroll in community college classes.
- Receive positive behavioral supports and instructional strategies towards achieving lifetime preferences.
- Have access to 24 hour services.
- Gain access to new and meaningful life experiences.

Partners for Potential
Valley Main Office
6255 Van Nuys Blvd.
Van Nuys, CA 91401
(818) 997-0819
Contact: Pearline Burnside (Regional Director)
www.partnersforpotential.org
Provides training, education, and general assistance to multicultural adults with developmental disabilities. Partners for Potential is a Community-Based Day Programs with the goal to improve independence, access to community resources and preparedness for work and adult life; offer training for jobs, computer skills, communication, handling money, transportation, and more.
* * Site-based Day Program opening soon in Santa Clarita. For more information call (661) 253-4545, or contact Main office

Pleasantview Industries, Inc.
27921 Urbandale Ave
Saugus, CA 91350
(661) 296-6700
Contact: Beth Combs (Case Manager)
www.pleasantview1.org
Pleaseantview Industries, Inc. is an organization dedicated to providing training and support to assist consumers with developmental disabilities in successfully reaching their individually chosen goals. The program enables the individual to accomplish productive, paid work under supervision. Participants are assessed as to their current abilities, strengths, skills, and work habits. Production work is subcontracted from local businesses.

Angel Wings, LLC
28415 Industry Drive, Suite 515
Valencia, CA 91355
(661) 295-7235
www.angelwingsagency.com
angelwingsagency@yahoo.com
Contact: Emily Owens (Executive Director)
Angel Wings is a community based individualized day service that provides: volunteer opportunities, gym attendance, transportation skills, assistance at classes/courses, recreational opportunities.
Bridges to Ability Foundation
28304 Constellation Rd.
Valencia, CA  91355
(661) 702-8555
info@bridgestoability.org
Bridges to Ability Foundation improves the lives of teens and adults with disabilities through quality vocational, educational, social, and recreational programs. We provide a “bridge” to the continuity in much needed activities and services, to keep our clients stimulated, active and social, and to help give some respite to families.

New Horizons
15725 Parthenia St.
North Hills, CA  91343
(818) 894-9301
www.newhorizons-sfv.org
Contact: Wera Savage (Supported Employment Coordinator)
For a tour, Please contact: jpenella@newhorizons-sfv.org
New Horizons empowers individuals with developmental disabilities to fulfill their dreams. Through partnerships, community education, and advocacy, we create a brighter future in which our clients are accepted by, participate in, and add value to the community.
New Horizons offers a Day Training Activity Center (DTAC) program which focuses on the reinforcement and development of skills and experiences designed to fulfill each client’s potential. The program provides training in functional living skills, opportunities to explore creative self expression, and community visits to participate in recreational, educational, cultural, and volunteer activities.
New Horizons’ Community Living and Residential Services enable adults with developmental disabilities to be valued, independent, and integrated members of their community. Our continuum of community living and residential choices allows adults to live as independently and productively as possible throughout their lives, while receiving the support they need to develop and maintain healthy and safe living environments.
Through our Supported Employment Program, we place clients in paid jobs at local businesses in the community, with ongoing training and support provided at the work site by our job coaches.

Explore Freedom Services, Inc (EFS)
7100 Hayvenhurst Ave, Suite 322
Van Nuys, CA  91406
Office: (818) 782-0647
Contact: Rosemarie Navarro (Program Director)
www.explorefreedomsservices.org
EFS supports adult individuals with developmental disabilities who are transitioning into their own homes. Individuals supported by EFS receive training and support in the following areas: Housing, Daily living skills, Financial management, Vocational opportunities, Home maintenance skills, Community navigation, Family circle of support, Community participation, Health and safety, Positive behavioral supports

Housing/ Residential Living
9430 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Ste 103
Chatsworth, CA  91311
(818) 773-9570
Contact: Juan Godinez, Residential Program Coordinator
www.pathpoint.org
Community Independent Living Program to help clients acquire sufficient independent living skills to function successfully in an independent apartment environment including menu planning, shopping, cooking, cleaning; develop community safety; developing self-advocacy and social skills. The goal of Path Point CILP is for participants to meet their own independent living needs and cope with the demands of everyday life.
**Independent Living Center**  
*Training House and Job Placement*  
14151 Haynes Street, Van Nuys, CA 91401  
(voice) 818.908.1199; (TTY) 818.908.9574  
Contact Email: ilcsctrnhs@ilcsc.org  
www.ilcsc.org

The Independent Living Center of Southern California, Inc. (ILCSC) is a non-profit, consumer-based, non-residential agency providing a wide range of services to a growing population of people with disabilities. ILCSC is dedicated to empowering persons with disabilities to exercise independence – professionally, personally, and creatively – while striving to educate the community on their needs.

**Avenues Supported Living Services**  
28415 Industry Dr., Suite 502  
Valencia, CA 91355  
661-702-9788  
avesls@pacbell.net  
www.avenuesssls.org

**Supported Living Services** generally assist people with some, or all of them following:

- locating housing  
- going to dinner with a friend  
- personal assistance in and around the home with meals, laundry, chores, bills, roommates, etc.  
- getting connected with community activities  
- shopping & budgeting  
- other community access needs

**Individualized Day Services** provide up to five days per week of career planning and community support which can include:

- enrolling in classes at college or adult school  
- enrolling in recreational or hobby classes through local Parks & Rec., YMCA, etc.  
- receiving exposure and gaining access to new and preferred community activities  
- providing structured support during times when the individual is NOT working

The level or degree of assistance for any of these areas will be determined by the person and their team of support. Natural supports and generic community resources will be pursued to decrease dependence on paid supports, although the effectiveness and availability of these resources to intermittent weekly or monthly visits by staff.

**Blazing New Trails, Inc.**  
38650 Yucca Tree Street  
Palmdale, CA 93551  
(661) 313-1817  
Contact: Andre & Tiffany Vargas

Blazing New Trails is a supported living agency run out of a house in Palmdale by a married couple. They support people in the Antelope and Santa Clarita Valley. They are willing to take on individuals with more specialized needs and/or extreme behaviors.
Golden Oak Adult School
www.goldenoakadultschool.com
23201 Dalbey Dr.
Valencia, CA 91355
(661) 253-0583
Contact: Ron Rudzinski, Principal
kjanney@hartdistrict.org

Golden Oak Adult School has been serving the community of Santa Clarita and surrounding areas for over 60 years! Our mission statement reads: "The mission of Golden Oak Adult School is to provide a nurturing environment that helps students achieve their potential while developing both a strong sense of community and appreciation of lifelong learning." Our school and staff work to offer personal service to our students as we strive to fulfill this mission. Classes available for education, career preparation, and personal growth.

College of the Canyons
26455 Rockwell Canyon Road
Santa Clarita, CA 91355
(661) 259-7800

Disabled Students Programs and Services
(661) 362-3341
Contacts: Program Specialist – Carol Bean, carol.bean@canyons.edu
DSP&S Assistant – Janice Eledge, Janice.eledge@canyons.edu

Santa Clarita Seasons
www.santa-clarita.com/seasons
661-250-3710
Recreation classes and programs, activities and events provided through the City of Santa Clarita.

Conservatorship
Free clinics for information on the process of conservatorship. For more information see: www.bettzedek.org

Main Office
3250 Wilshire Blvd., 13th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90010
Phone: (323) 939-0506

Free Legal Assistance on Conservatorship provided by Bet Tzedek:
LA Central Courthouse
111 N. Hill Street, Room 426
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays
9:00am-12:00pm

Antelope Valley Courthouse
42011 4th St. West, Rm 3700
Fridays, 10:00am-12:00pm

Pasadena Courthouse
300 E. Walnut Street, Room 300
Fridays, 9:00-12:00

Health/Medical Services

Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital – Behavioral Health Unit (Acute Inpatient Program)
www.henrymayo.com
A 23-bed, acute psychiatric facility. The Behavioral Health Unit provides quality mental health treatment in an in-patient setting, for persons suffering from severe mental illness, who cannot be treated at a lower level of care. Individualized psychiatric treatment includes medication management, individual, and group therapy.
Transportation

Santa Clarita Valley Transit
Transit Maintenance Facility
28250 Constellation Rd.
Santa Clarita, CA 91355
Customer Service Information (661) 294-1BUS (1287)
www.santaclaritatransit.com

The LACTOA Disabled TAP Identification Card Program makes it easier for qualified patrons with disabilities to demonstrate eligibility for reduced fares on all Los Angeles County transit operators.

Dial-A-Ride & Access Services
Registration or Reservations: (661) 294-9327
http://www.santaclaritatransit.com/services/dial-a-ride-asi/

Dial-A-Ride paratransit service provides curb-to-curb paratransit service for qualified elderly or special needs customers, as well as the general public. Dial-A-Riders may schedule a trip for any purpose within the Santa Clarita Valley. Trips are not prioritized, which means riders can visit a friend or relative, go to a movie, visit the doctor, or go shopping.
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) states that any citizen unable to ride fixed route services, due to physical or cognitive limitations, must have made available to them comparable paratransit services. Access Services Incorporated (ASI) provides this service.
Within the Santa Clarita Valley, the City of Santa Clarita Transit provides both Dial-A-Ride and ASI services. Other providers offer ASI service outside the Santa Clarita Valley. ASI certified riders may travel to the Antelope Valley, San Fernando Valley and the Los Angeles Basin via transfer trips.

Other Services/ Resources

C.L.E.A.R. – Community and Law Enforcement Aware Response
www.CLEARscv.org
(661) 297-4205
Contact: Emily Iland or eijn@socal.rr.com

The mission of C.L.E.A.R. is to reduce criminal involvement of youth with disabilities through a network of educational programs to promote awareness and skills. C.L.E.A.R. provides educational materials and opportunities for individuals with disabilities, their families, teachers and administrators, law enforcement and first responders, and members of the judicial system.
The C.L.E.A.R. Special Needs Registry allows families to provide a photograph and critical information about a special needs family member of any age to help Sheriff’s respond effectively in an emergency or criminal situation. The registry is also helpful to reunite persons who are lost and cannot identify themselves.

Santa Clarita Autism Asperger Network
www.santaclaritaautism.org
P.O. Box 55542
Santa Clarita, CA 91385
scaaninc@gmail.com

SCANN is the source for support, information, networking and social events for families who have a loved on with autism in the Santa Clarita Valley. The organization holds monthly support/newtworking meeting, social events, and community service opportunities.
Ability Tools, formerly the AT Network, is California’s Assistive Technology Act Program. We provide a variety of services for Californians with disabilities of all ages.

Services include:
- AT Exchange marketplace
- Device Lending Libraries
- Financial loan program for AT
- Information & Referral
- Reuse program in affiliation with organizational partners

In addition, they provide in-person and webinar trainings, technical assistance to organizations on AT issues and coordinate the California Assistive Technology Reuse Coalition.

Department of Rehabilitation
Santa Clarita Branch
23838 Valencia Blvd, Suite 303
Santa Clarita, CA  91355
(661) 799-1020

The Department of Rehabilitation works with a variety of programs that offer services to individuals with disabilities. DOR services are tailored to each person to help them reach their employment goal. Individuals with disabilities and rehabilitation counselors work together to determine which services will provide the best support to prepare for, find, or retain a job.