



 **AUTISM SOCIETY**

COACHELLA *Inland Empire*
VALLEY

RESOURCE
GUIDE

We are happy to provide these resources to individuals and families living in the Coachella Valley. The Autism Society Inland Empire maintains a full list of resources on its website at <https://ieautism.org/resources/> including resources for COVID, videos of past webinars, resources for adults and more.

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ABA COMPANIES

360behavioralhealth

73321 Fred Waring Drive Palm Desert CA 92260

<https://360behavioralhealth.com/>

1-833-227-3454

Provides behavior analysis | behavioral therapy services to kids impacted by autism and related disorders. With 20+ years of clinical experience, California Psychcare continues to serve more than 4,000 clients across California through our in home, in clinic, school based and tele-health service delivery models.

Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD) Palm Desert

73271 Fred Waring Dr Suite 102, Palm Desert, CA 92260

760-469-9650

<https://www.centerforautism.com/>

CARD® offers top-quality, evidence-based autism treatment services such as ABA, Center-based services, specialized outpatient services, training programs, remote clinical services and CARD Academy.

Coachella Valley Lighthouse

78900 Avenue 47, Suite 105, La Quinta, CA, 92253

760.625.0951

<https://cvlighthouse.com/>

Working collaboratively in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). The learning center includes multiple spaces for 1-to-1 tutoring, small group instruction and assessments.

Dream Big Children's Center

69930 CA-111, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

(760) 992-3039

<https://dreambigchildren.com/locations/ranchomirage/>

Dream Big offers In-Home & Center-Based Early Intervention and Autism Services. Our center is welcoming, play-based, and features playgroups for inclusive learning & fun.

Easy Speech Therapy Center

41555 Cook Street Suite 100, Palm Desert, CA 92211

760-837-0033

<http://easyspeech.org/>

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El Paseo Children's Center

74075 El Paseo Unit A-6, Palm Desert CA 92260

760-342-4900

<https://elpaseotesting.com/>

EPCC is a private practice based in Palm Desert, CA specializing in conducting private, independent, and school-based educational evaluations. EPCC is also a Non Public Agency (NPA) approved by the California Department of Education as a provider of special education related services on a contracted basis to provide IEEs (Independent Educational Evaluations). Psycho-Educational Assessments, School Counseling, IEE's, Social Skills, Virtual Tutoring Services, Educational Therapy, Speech & Language, ADHD Coaching, Occupational Therapy Services, BCBA Services, and Assistive Technology.

Key Essentials

www.keyessentialsbm.com

(909) 755-5220

provide intensive ABA services to families which includes utilizing evidence based practices to reduce inappropriate maladaptive behavior and increase behavior analytic knowledge for consumers and caregivers. Our ABA program is designed to address skill domains such as, but not limited to, behavior skills training (BST), receptive language, expressive language, daily living skills, community integration and social skills. Serves Inland Empire, Palm Springs, Palm Desert, Indio, and San Bernardino County. Selected cities in Los Angeles County. Selected cities in Riverside County are considered.

LeafWing Center

36891 Cook St. Ste. #6, Palm Desert, CA 92211

P: (760) 862-3700

<https://leafwingcenter.org>

LeafWing Center (formerly known as the California Institute of Behavior Analysis, Inc.) provides children with autism the chance to learn and become more independent. Our organization is recognized for aiding families and autistic children using the research based on Applied Behavior Analysis.

Maxim Healthcare

34250 Gateway Drive, Suite 100 Palm Desert, CA 92211
(760)-992-8581

<https://www.maximhealthcare.com/locations/palm-desert-ca>

Nationwide suite of services include home healthcare, companion and behavioral care, healthcare staffing and workforce solutions.

Positive Behavior Supports Corporation

309 North F Street Imperial, CA 92251
855-832-6727

www.teampbs.com

PBS Corp. is an agency committed to the principles of Positive Behavior Support (an approach based on principles of applied behavior analysis, ABA) to improve not only behavior, but also quality of life for the individuals we serve, their families, and others who support them. Our programs are designed to empower caregivers and others involved in the individuals' lives to support them within their natural routines so they can be successful and self-sufficient.

Sunny Days

1603 W Main St El Centro, CA 92243
760-679-0540

<https://www.sunnydays.com/>

Sunny Days Developmental Intervention/Special Instruction educates children and coaches families using methodologies that are specifically designed to address each child's unique learning requirements. We specialize in providing evidence-based strategies for children on the Autism Spectrum to address challenging behaviors and unique learning needs.

ADVOCATES

ABA Innovations

Imari Nicoloff, Ed.D (Educational Consultant)

P: (760) 636-3479 Email: fapeforall@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/specialeducationadvocacy/>

ABA Innovations is a full-service Educational Consultation business.

Community ACCESS Center: Palm Desert

74-390-Hwy 111., Suite A Palm Desert, CA 92201

P: 760-568-9301

<https://www.ilcac.org>

The mission of Community Access Center is to empower persons with disabilities to control their own lives, create an accessible community and advocate to achieve complete social, economic, and political integration. We provide information, supportive services and independent living skills training. We provide the following Core Services: Systems Advocacy, Individual Advocacy / Peer Counseling, Assistive Technology, Senior Low Vision Programs, IDEA Advocacy, ADA Compliance Reviews, and Disaster Planning. Walk-ins are always welcome at Community Access Center.

Know IEPs?

Owner: Dr. Sarah Pelangka, Ph D, BCBA-D, E.S.C.

(310) 597-0060

www.knowsiepes.com

Know IEPs? mission is to ensure a collaborative and trusting experience takes place between families and the district, allowing for a positive IEP experience.

Sandra Marzullo, Advocate

Phone: (909) 856-6418

Email: [SEC4Children@gmail](mailto:SEC4Children@gmail.com)

Special Education Consultant - Not physically located in the Coachella Valley but has clients and travels here. Services include Educational Record Reviews, IEP or 504 meeting attendance, review assessment results, assist in developing goals, and more.

State Council on Developmental Disabilities – San Bernardino Regional Office

<https://scdd.ca.gov/sanbernardino/>

(909) 890-1259

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) is established by state and federal law as an independent state agency to ensure that people with developmental disabilities and their families receive the services and supports they need. Consumers know best what supports and services they need to live

independently and to actively participate in their communities. Through advocacy, capacity building and systemic change, SCDD works to achieve a consumer and family-based system of individualized services, supports, and other assistance.

TODEC

<https://todec.org/resources/>

(951) 943-1955

TODEC ensures equitable access to information, immigration legal services, community education, advocacy, and civic engagement for limited and non-English speaking people including immigrants and migrant workers throughout Riverside, San Bernardino, Inyo, and Imperial counties.

ATTORNEYS

Desert Law Group – Kimberly T. Lee, Attorney-at-Law

74-916 Highway 111 Indian Wells, CA 92210

Phone: (760)-776-9977

www.leelawyers.com

Special needs trusts planning.

Disability Rights California (DRC)

<https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/>

Ontario Office: 3602 Inland Empire Blvd Suite C-110, Ontario, CA 91764

213-213-8000

DRC is a nonprofit organization founded in 1978 that defends, advances, and strengthens the rights and opportunities of people with disabilities.

Heritage Legal

777 Tahquitz Canyon Way, Suite 328, Palm Springs, CA 92262

Phone: 760-993-6734

<https://heritagelegal.com/>

Special Needs trust planning.

Law Offices of Leonard Cravens

45902 Oasis Street, Suite C, Indio, CA 92201

(760) 342-1810

www.cravenslawindio.com

Hablamos Español. Conservatorship, Guardianship, power of attorneys, wills, and criminal law.

Law Office of Jeremy J. Ofseyer

74000 Country Club Drive, Suite H-1, Palm Desert, California 92260

888-979-5639 or 760-346-3355

www.ofseyer.com/

Practice focuses on Estate Planning, Trust Administration, and Probate Court proceedings involving Trusts, Estates, and Conservatorships.

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Palm Desert Law Group, APC

74-710 Highway 111, Suite 102, Palm Desert, CA 92260
760.674.7175

<https://palmdesertlaw.com/>

Special needs trust planning. At Palm Desert Law Group, APC, we can assist you with comprehensive planning for your children with special needs. We can show you ways to obtain the assistance you need today and help ensure your child with special needs will be well cared for when you are no longer able to serve as the primary caregiver yourself.

Office of Clients Rights

www.disabilityrightsca.org/what-we-do/programs/office-of-clients-rights-advocacy-ocra

1-866-833-6712 (Southern California)

The Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA) is part of Disability Rights California. OCRA provides free legal information, advice, and representation to regional center clients. OCRA serves clients of all 21 regional centers throughout California and has been serving them since 1999. We have a Clients' Rights Advocate (CRA) serving each regional center. The CRA helps protect regional center clients' rights.

Slovak Baron Empey Murphy & Pinkney SBEMP Attorneys LLP

1800 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262
760.322.2275

74785 Hwy 111, Ste. 105, Indian Wells, CA 92210
760-322-9240

<https://sbemp.com/practice-areas/special-needs-disability-healthcare-access/>

SBEMP's Special Needs & Elder Law practice group provides representation and advocacy for individuals and families with special needs due to disability or age, providing a broad range of services, including but, not limited to Special needs trusts (SNT), Guardianships & Conservatorships Trust, guardianship, and conservatorship accountings, Access to federal and state disability based programs, Medicaid planning; Medicaid, Medicare, and private health insurance coverage and Special Education.

BASIC NEEDS

2-1-1

<https://www.211ca.org/>

2-1-1 helps find food, housing, job training & mental health support
Dial 2-1-1 by phone or visit your 211 website 24 hours/day

Coachella Valley Rescue Mission

47-47- Van Buren St. Indio, CA 92201

P: 760-347-3512 F: 760-347-8073 Email: info@cvmr.org

<https://www.cvmr.org>

Emergency services like hot meals and safe shelter. Medical care. Clothing. Vocational training. Recovery programs that transform lives. We meet the needs of Coachella Valley's homeless, hungry and hurting by providing basic needs today and help people build new lives for a brighter tomorrow.

FIND Food Bank

83775 Citrus Ave, Indio, CA 92201

(760) 775-FOOD (3663)

www.findfoodbank.org

FIND is the Feeding America Food Bank and USDA Distributor for the Desert Region. FIND distributed over 24 million lbs of food in 2020 to 150+ distribution sites, including 80+ community agency partners such as soup kitchens, food pantries, religious organizations, etc. FIND also operates 44 community mobile markets with drive-thru food distributions. FIND is the only regional food bank in the Desert Region. Contact them for the food bank info closest to you.

Galilee Center

66101 Hammond Road., Coachella, CA 92236

760-396-9100.

<https://galileecenter.org>

Food assistance, rental assistance, holiday food baskets, Thrift Store Clothing Voucher Program, emergency transfer services, Utility Bill Assistance Program.

Martha's Village

<https://marthasvillage.org/>

83791 Date Avenue Indio, CA 92201

(760) 347-4741

Martha's Village offers emergency housing for families and individuals, nutritious meals, case management, childcare, recovery services, employment and

education services, and emergency assistance. These programs are supplemented by a thrift store, medical clinic, computer lab, food pantry, resource room, and a cooling center.

SafeHouse of the Desert

72710 East Lynn Street, Thousand Palms, CA 92276

888-343-4660

<https://safehouseofthedesert.com/>

Helping Teens In Crisis In The Coachella Valley. SafeHouse of the Desert provides immediate help to youth and families experiencing crisis situations. When families come to us, they're usually at their wit's end—parents are frustrated and children don't know where to turn. Our staff is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for teens and their families who need help negotiating the often challenging road from childhood to independent adult life. Our 20-bed shelter is well equipped to handle runaway, homeless, and other youth in crisis ages 11-17. Shelter services include; individual, group, and family counseling, on-site education, substance abuse education, skills lab, and aftercare.

DIET AND FEEDING INTERVENTION

Crumbs and Smiles

Amy Nunez, M.S., CCC-SLP

79440 Corporate Centre Dr. Suite 113, La Quinta, CA 92253

806-440-0007

<https://crumbsandsmiles.com/>

Pediatric Feeding & Swallowing Therapy including Oral and/or Pharyngeal Dysphagia (also known as Swallowing Disorder), Avoidant/Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (also referred to as “extreme picky eating”), tube feeding transition, and Mealtime Feeding Difficulties. Does not bill insurance companies. However, you can be provided with a super bill/invoice to seek reimbursement from your insurance company.

Tama L. Lang de Rodriguez, RDN, CLE

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45485 Sunset Lan Unit #4, Palm Desert, CA 92260

760-791-3386

Email: rodriguezutama@gmail.com rodriguezutama@gmail.com

A Registered Dietitian (RD)/Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) is an individual uniquely trained in the science of nutrition and practice of dietetics to design and provide medical nutrition therapy (MNT) and other evidence-based applications of the Nutrition Care Process (NCP) that exemplify the profession's systematic approach to providing high quality nutrition care. Registered dietitians provide MNT for the purpose of disease prevention or management, or to treat or rehabilitate an illness, injury, or condition, with the use of specific, indicated physical and cognitive nutrition care services comprised of one or more of the following aspects of the NCP: nutrition assessment/reassessment, nutrition diagnosis, nutrition intervention (e.g., nutrition counseling, therapeutic diet ordering, and nutrition education) and nutrition monitoring and evaluation.

Desert Occupational Therapy

77564 Country Club Dr. Suite 368B, Palm Desert, CA 92211

760-772-2838

<https://www.facebook.com/DesertOccupationalTherapyForKids/>

We have five therapists trained in the SOS feeding technique and we offer feeding groups.

DENTISTS

Please note: The dentists listed below are included in this guide because they were recommended by local parents with children with autism; however, they do not necessarily specialize in working with children with autism and will see patients with special needs on a case-by-case basis. You should contact the office and discuss your child's individual needs with the dentist. Try also contacting your own family dentist.

Indio Surgery Center

Dr. Lawrence Church

46900 Monroe Street, Suite B201, Indio, CA 9220

760-396-5733

<https://www.indiosurgerycenter.com>

Provides a safe and comfortable alternative for children who cannot be treated under conventional means. Since opening in 2006, we have treated over 15,000 children under general anesthesia who were referred to us by over 250 different dentists in Riverside, San Bernardino, and Imperial Counties. Serving children up to age 12

Dr. Daddio and Dr. Kim Dental Group

Dr. Robert Daddio

74420 CA-111 #1 Palm Desert, CA 92260

(760) 394-3088

<https://robertdaddiodds.com>

A Palm Desert based family dentist practice that treats patients of all ages. We are a cosmetic dentist that offers services like checkups, teeth cleaning, crowns, veneers and more.

Dr. Luis Moya

36943 Cook Street, Suite 101 Palm Desert, CA 92211

Phone: 760-341-3009 Fax: 760-341-3070

luis moyadental@aol.com

Desert Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Gary U. Okamoto

77564 Country Club Drive Suite 190A Palm Desert, CA 92211 77

760-360-0622

www.desertpediatricdentistry.com

Serving children in Palm Desert and the surrounding cities and suburbs of La Quinta, Rancho Mirage, and Indian Wells

Dr. Perri Putrasahan

68905 Vista Chino Cathedral City, Cathedral City CA
760-325-2503

Redlands Dental Surgery Center

1180 Nevada St. Ste 100 Redlands, CA 92374
Office Phone (909) 335-0474

<https://www.redlandsdentalsurgerycenter.com>

Provides dental treatment for patients who require general anesthesia for dental care.

Dr. Robert Karl

42500 Bob Hope Drive, Suite 1, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
760-568-2797

<https://www.ranchoiragedentist.com/index.html>

He offers cosmetic dentistry, general dentistry and a broad range of full service dental care to their Coachella Valley patients to help make their smiles the best they can be. *Treats special needs patients ages 15 and older.

Dr. Mina Narula

71949 Hwy 111, Suite 200, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
760-340-2026

<https://www.centerfororthodontics.com/>

Treats patients ages 7 and up. Is knowledgeable in minimally invasive techniques. Staff is knowledgeable in working with people with developmental disabilities.

We Care Dental

71949 Highway 111 #100B, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
P: (760-565)-6055 F: (909)-469-8565

wecaredental@westernu.edu Email: info@wecaredentalcenter.org

<https://www.westernuhealth.com/wecaredental/>

Non-profit, low cost, quality dentistry. Treats special needs patients.

EPILEPSY/SEIZURES

The Defeating Epilepsy Foundation

www.defeatingepilepsy.org

Nonprofit serving the Inland Empire and Coachella Valley. Its mission is to provide the advocacy and educational resources needed to the epilepsy community and our society. They are dedicated to removing the stigma associated with epilepsy and help to create opportunities for individuals battling epilepsy. The founder Natalie Boehm has been battling epilepsy for over forty years and is focused on helping individuals and families battling epilepsy gain better educational and economic opportunities and work to help them improve their quality of life. Offers educational presentations, a scholarship program for students, a Mental Empowerment Program, and in the process of launching a seizure alert dog program.

Dr. Muhammad Salim, Pediatric Neurology

1180 N. Indian Canyon Drive, Ste. W214, Palm Springs, CA 92262 (760) 416-4545

47-647 Caleo Bay Dr, Suite 101, La Quinta, CA 92253 (760) 771-6166

58457 Twentynine Palms Hwy, Suite 200, Yucca Valley, CA 92284 (760) 228-1813

Dr. Salim's clinical interests include medical and surgical management of epilepsy, Video EEG monitoring in the setting of epilepsy monitoring unit, critical care EEG monitoring and neonatal neurology and autism.

The Epilepsy Center

(951) 281-9892

www.theepilepsycenter.org

Provides services to people living in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties dealing with epilepsy. Offers free services such as resources, support, advocacy, epilepsy educational classes, and more.

Loma Linda University Epilepsy Center

11234 Anderson St., Loma Linda, CA 92354

877-558-6248

<https://llu.org/neurology/our-services/epilepsy-center>

Leading center for epilepsy care in Southeastern California. Only medical facility in the region with the highest-level designation from the National Association of Epilepsy Centers. Education events on epilepsy so patients and caregivers can meet and learn from experts about advances in diagnosis and treatment, diet therapies, new devices and safety. Our goal is to help you or your loved one enjoy a full, productive life by helping to manage epilepsy and its symptoms.

EMPLOYMENT AND DAY SERVICES

Angel View

67625 E. Palm Canyon Dr., Suite 7A, Cathedral City, CA 92234

(760) 329-6471

<https://www.angelview.org>

Offers residential and a Therapeutic Day Program, headquartered in Desert Hot Springs. Through their mini-grant program, they provide much needed equipment like specialized car seats, orthopedic shoes, communication devices, adaptive equipment and mobility devices.

Department of Rehabilitation

Palm Desert Branch Office

73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Ste. 102 Palm Desert, CA 92260

(760) 674-0262

www.dor.ca.gov

The California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) works in partnership with consumers and other stakeholders to provide services and advocacy resulting in employment, independent living, and equality for individuals with disabilities.

Desert Arc

73255 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260

(760) 346-1611

<https://www.desertarc.org/>

Desert Arc is a nonprofit human services organization in the desert communities within the larger Coachella Valley – Morongo Basin serving people with developmental and intellectual disabilities including conditions such as Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, Epilepsy and many others. Pathways to Employment is the umbrella for our vocational, on-the-job training and supportive, job placement service programs, working directly for Desert Arc or within our fellow employer network. Programs also encompass an Adult Day Center, Behavior Management, Cafeteria Services, FYI – For Your Independence and ILS – Independent Living Skills supportive living, Sports and Recreation, Transportation programs, and many more.

Goodwill Southern California

909-885-3831

IEReferrals@goodwillsocal.org

<https://www.goodwillsocal.org/>

Provides Supported Employment Programs (SEP) services in La Quinta/Palm Desert and Cathedral City.

Job Accommodation Network

(800)526-7234

www.askjan.org

The Job Accommodation Network (JAN) is the leading source of free, expert, and confidential guidance on workplace accommodations and disability employment issues.

EVALUATIONS

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78900 Avenue 47, Suite 105, La Quinta, CA, 92253

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Inland Regional Center (IRC)

P.O. Box 6127, San Bernardino, CA 62412-6127

909-890-3000

www.inlandrc.org

A non-profit agency that has provided support to people with intellectual disabilities, autism, cerebral palsy, and epilepsy since 1972. They provide case management and service coordination. Can provide evaluations for Early Intervention services and will assess to see if children or adults qualify for services.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Able Act

In 2014, The ABLE Act was passed which amends Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1986 to create tax-free savings accounts for individuals with disabilities. By making tax-free savings accounts available to cover qualified disability-related expenses (including education, housing and transportation), this law aims to ease financial strains faced by individuals with disabilities. Additionally, the funds contributed into these accounts will not negatively impact the person's eligibility for public benefits, such as Medicaid. The funds in these accounts don't replace benefits provided through private insurances, the Medicaid program, the Supplemental Security Income program, the beneficiary's employment and other sources. *Instead*, the funds supplement these benefits.

- **The ABLE National Resource Center (ANRC)** - <http://www.ablenrc.org/>
National website allows you to compare different ABLE programs.
- **Cal ABLE** - <https://www.treasurer.ca.gov/able/index.asp>
Information on California's ABLE Program

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(760) 329-6471

<https://www.angelview.org>

Offers a mini-grant program to provide much needed equipment like specialized car seats, orthopedic shoes, communication devices, adaptive equipment and mobility devices. And we enable children with a wide range of disabilities to participate in programs like the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) VIP soccer league, UCP Skillsbuilders, art classes, swim programs, and more.

In Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

Riverside County (888) 960-4477 <http://dpss.co.riverside.ca.us/adult-services-division/in-home-supportive-services>

San Bernardino County <http://hss.sbcounty.gov/daas/IHSS/>

State of California, Health and Welfare Agency, Department of Social Services, long term care worker under the IHSS program. The In Home Support Services Program is designed to provide patients with disabilities with the supports they need in order to remain in their own home. Obtaining IHSS services can provide individuals with psychiatric disabilities the services they need to remain in the community and/or return to their own home following placement in a facility. Individuals may be eligible for up to 238 hours of services each month. IHSS pays for workers to provide services individuals cannot do themselves because of his/her disability. Income guidelines are similar to SSI and does not count against SSI for income.

Social Security

1-(800)-772-1213

www.ssa.gov/pubs/10026.html

If your child is under age 18 and has autism, and you have low income and assets, your child may be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits under the Social Security Act. If you are over age 18 and have autism, you may qualify for either Social Security disability (SSDI/SSD) benefits or SSI benefits. In California, when you get SSI, you automatically receive Medi-Cal which helps pay doctor and hospital bills. Social Security will look to see whether the child's functioning is severely limited by autism. The SSA will consider medical evidence such as psychological testing, mental status examinations, and intelligence testing, including the Wechsler series, the Test of Nonverbal Intelligence, the Leiter International Performance Scale-Revised, and the Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test-Third Edition.

At age 18, the family's income and assets no longer count for the adult with autism – only his or her assets – which usually are zero. The young adult can then apply for benefits. If your condition doesn't meet the disability listing for autistic disorders, the SSA will evaluate your residual functional capacity (RFC). The SSA will consider various skills, including your ability to sit, stand, and walk, your ability to work with others, and your ability to concentrate on tasks. Due to your autism, you may also have problems focusing on work tasks for an extended length of time. If you are unable to perform work at a competitive pace, then the SSA could consider you disabled because you are prevented from performing almost all jobs.

Variety Children's Charity of the Desert

<https://varietyofthedesert.org/our-programs/>

The Children's Charity of the Desert is dedicated to promoting the health, mobility, independence and social inclusion of special needs and disadvantaged children throughout the Coachella Valley. Provides grants for adaptive bikes.

MENTAL HEALTH

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National Alliance for Mental Illness Coachella Valley

PO Box 4015, Palm Desert, CA 92261-4015

(442) 275-7385

<http://www.namicoachellavalley.org>

The nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness.

Serving: Banning, Palm Springs, Palm Desert, Indian Wells, Desert Hot Springs, Indio, Coachella, Salton Sea

Specialized Psychology Solutions

Liyona Khoury, Ph.D. & Adam Cash, Psy.D.

139 Tamarisk Road, Suite 104, Palm Springs CA 92262

(760) 325-5630

SPS is a psychological services and treatment clinic offering several specialty programs to children, families, and adults.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY / SENSORY INTEGRATION

Desert Occupational Therapy

77564 Country Club Dr. Suite 368B, Palm Desert, CA 92211

760-772-2838

<https://www.facebook.com/DesertOccupationalTherapyForKids/>

We are a team of dedicated and passionate professionals that provide OT assessment and intervention to children with a variety of diagnoses, including: autism spectrum disorder, developmental delay, sensory processing disorder, feeding dysfunction, Down syndrome, and congenital disorders.

Easy Speech Therapy Center

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P: 760-837-0033 F: 760-837-1013

<http://easyspeech.org/>

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PHYSICAL THERAPY

Children's Physical Therapy and Wellness

44850 Las Palmas Avenue Suite F, Palm Desert, CA 92260

(760) 341-0222

<https://childrensphysicaltherapyandwellness.com/services>

A private Pediatric Physical Therapy practice based in Coachella Valley CA by Dr. Crizel Legaspi-Parto PT, DPT. She provides Physical Therapy to children of all ages. She has more than ten years of experience in different settings and dealt with array of patients from pediatric to geriatric.

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RECREATION

Autism Society Inland Empire

(951) 220-6922

www.ieautism.org

Now serving the Coachella Valley. Currently offers online programs for all ages, all disabilities including Art, Music, Bedtime Stories, Fun Fridays, Social Groups for Teens and Adults and more.

Aceing Autism - hold local clinic in Rancho Mirage in April every year

2001 S. Barrington Ave., Suite 320 Los Angeles CA 90025

(310).401.0544

<https://aceingautism.org> –

AYSO VIP (Very Important Player) Special Needs Soccer – La Quinta

David Flores, Coach 79405 HWY 111 Ste. 9 PBM 366

(760)-345-2976

www.laquintasoccer.com

American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) is a nation-wide quality youth soccer organization that promotes a fun, family environment. The VIP Program provides a quality soccer experience for children and adults whose physical or mental disabilities make it difficult to successfully participate in mainstream teams.

Baseball Buddies

<https://www.facebook.com/Baseball-Buddies-Palm-Desert-Ca-270450676391820/>

Baseball Buddies is a program for physically and emotionally challenged kids under the age of 18. Each player has a Buddy that assists him or her with playing the game. Everyone bats, everyone plays, everyone wins.

Chuckie Cheese Sensory Sundays

72513 Highway 111, Ste. B, Palm Desert, CA 92260

(760) 341-6005

www.chuckecheese.com/events/sensory-sensitive-sundays/

Chuck E. Cheese is proud to support families who have children with autism and other special needs. Our Sensory events include a trained and caring staff that work to ensure each guest has a fun-filled visit. We realize that the Chuck E. experience can be very stimulating for any child, so our mission is to create an event that allows ALL kids to be a kid. Starting in May, participating locations will open 2 hours early on the first Sunday of the month to offer a sensitive-friendly experience for the remainder of the year.

Coachella Valley Music Therapy

760-393-1029

www.coachellavalleymusictherapy.com/

Individual and group services are provided to kids, teens and adults. Populations that are served consist of Autism, developmental disabilities, behavior and emotional disorders, and many others. Group sessions are provided through the local Coachella Valley Autism Society. In home or office individualized services are provided following an assessment and treatment plan.

Desert Fitness Collective

<https://desertfitnesscollective.com/>

Sports and recreational activities that are fun, competitive, and rewarding for individuals with special needs or disabilities. Through community partnerships we are able offer a comprehensive list of unique programs and events. DFC is a fitness studio located in Palm Desert designed to meet the fitness needs of individuals of all abilities. DFC comprises advanced athletes, seniors, special needs individuals and anyone wanting to achieve optimal health.

Desert Recreational District

<https://www.myrecreationdistrict.com/adaptivetherapeutic-sports-recreation>

Through community partnerships we are able offer a comprehensive list of unique programs and events.

Desert Swim Academy

Tanya Orozco – Special Needs Swim Lessons

73751 Magnesia Falls Drive Palm Desert Ca

(760) 831-9066

www.desertswimacademy.com

Desert Swim Academy welcomes all ages and all disabilities.

Leaps Services “ A Hand in Hand Approach”

www.leapsservices.com/

Our virtual programs have created a safe place where our special needs community can make friends, learn and grow together. We developed a program that allows our community to participate in different classes throughout the week, including weekends, with some days having classes twice a day. Currently offer classes on movement, reading, music, art, cooking and karaoke.

High Hopes Dance Troupe

highhopesdance@yahoo.com

<https://www.facebook.com/highhopesdance/>

High Hopes Dance Troupe is for intellectually disabled 15-years and older want to learn to dance and to perform at events in the Coachella Valley.

Kelsey's Heroes

www.Kelseysheroes.org

<https://www.facebook.com/KelseysHeroes/>

coach@kelseysheroes.com

Kelsey's Heroes provides children with special needs the opportunity to play baseball in a safe, noncompetitive environment.

Pegasus Therapeutic Riding

35-450B Pegasus Court, Palm Desert, California, 92211

Stable: (760) 772-3057 (Messages Only)

www.pegasusridingacademy.org

Provides Equine Therapy for all special needs.

Special Olympics

www.sosc.org/inlandempire

Special Olympics Southern California is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Palms to Pines Parasports

pppmiker@palmstopinesparasports.org

www.palmstopinesparasports.org/

The purpose of Palms to Pines Parasports is to create a more-inclusive society by providing competitive and recreational opportunities focusing on people with physical disabilities, simultaneously working with athletes with other disabilities while instilling a lifelong passion for wellness, helping everybody realize their full potential. Offers adaptive classes in basketball, volleyball, soccer, bocci, table tennis, pickleball, archery, and guided meditation.

Tans Private Swim Lessons

45575 Whistler Ct, Indio, Ca 92201

(760)-609-8906

20 years elite swim instructor. Special Needs students welcome.

United Cerebral Palsy of the Inland Empire

70017 Hwy 111 Suite 5, Rancho Mirage Ca 92270

(760) 321-8184

Offers UCPIE Skill Builder's, an after-school and summer program in the Coachella Valley; The Be Fit program provides instruction on healthy choices, healthy snacks, and includes 30 minutes of adaptive physical play each program day; respite and recreational programs. For more information about the UCPIE After School programs, contact Ronica Reagins, Regional Program Manager, at [\(760\) 321-8184](tel:7603218184) ext. 111 or ronica@ucpie.org

RESPIRE

Respite is a service that provides someone to care for regional center clients who live in the family home. It gives family members a break from the responsibilities of caring for you or time to do other things.

Respite is funded by the regional center. It can be provided in the home or in an alternate approved setting. Effective January 1, 2018, there are no limits to the amount of respite you can receive, but you do need to document why more hours might be needed (loved one having extreme behaviors/medical needs, someone is ill in the household, other children in the household that need time with mom/dad, etc.)

There are two types of respite which is paid for clients of the Inland Regional Center: Agency Respite (where the agency sends someone to your home) and the Preferred Provider Program (the servicing family chooses to have respite services provided by a personally referred caregiver). Under the Preferred Provider Program, you can select a caregiver that you'd like to provide support for your loved one, and an agency would ensure they are properly trained and certified to provide care and eligible for pay.

Maxim Health Care- Palm Desert

34250 Gateway Dr Suite 100, Palm Desert, CA 92211
760.992.8581

<https://www.maximhealthcare.com>

Our nationwide suite of services includes home healthcare, companion and behavioral care, healthcare staffing, and workforce solutions.

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(760) 321-8184

<https://ucpie.org/respite/>

The UCPIE in-home Respite Care Program is a service offered to individuals with disabilities throughout the Inland Empire. UCPIE sends a qualified, pre-screened respite caregiver certified in CPR & First Aid, to homes with special needs individuals. Ongoing recertification training is also provided by UCPIE. The Respite Care service allows parents and typical caregivers an opportunity to take a much-needed rest or attend to other tasks, knowing that their loved one is well cared for by a trained respite care provider.

SPEECH THERAPY AND SOCIAL GROUPS

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El Paseo Children's Center

74075 El Paseo Unit A-6 Palm Desert CA 92260

760-342-4900

<https://elpaseotesting.com/>

EPCC is a private practice based in Palm Desert, CA specializing in conducting private, independent, and school-based educational evaluations. EPCC is also a Non Public Agency (NPA) approved by the California Department of Education as a provider of special education related services on a contracted basis to provide IEEs (Independent Educational Evaluations). Psycho-Educational Assessments, School Counseling, IEE's, Social Skills, Virtual Tutoring Services, Educational Therapy, Speech & Language, ADHD Coaching, Occupational Therapy Services, BCBA Services, and Assistive Technology.

Dana Anders, MA CCC Speech Therapy

35900 Bob Hope Dr Ste 140 Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

P: 760-902-5035 F: 760-770-3511

Speech-Language Pathologist with special training and skills in preventing, assessing, diagnosing, and treating speech languages, cognitive communication, and swallowing disorders.

Judy Morgan, MS CCC/SLP, INC

77564 Country Club Dr # 370 B Palm Desert, CA 92211

760-772-7545

<https://judy-morgan-ms.business.site/>

Fully licensed and insured Speech pathologist with over 30 years of experience specializing in helping children of all ages.

Let's Communicate Inc. – La Quinta

79440 Corporate Centre Dr., Suite 113, La Quinta, CA 92253

(760) 564-4726

<https://letscommunicateinc.com/>

Provides speech, language, and social skills evaluations and therapy. Directed by Marcey Utter M.S., CC-SLP, a licensed and trained speech language pathologist, we specialize in evaluating and treating children ages 18 months to 18 years in all areas of speech, language, and social skills. Additionally, we have extensive experience working with adults dealing with language and communication difficulties associated with autism and other continuum disorders.

Let's Talk

78-034 Calle Barcelona Suite A, La Quinta, CA 92253

(760) 600-5811

<https://www.naturallyspeakingtherapy.com/>

Naturally Speaking Therapy Corporation (NSTC) is a privately owned speech therapy company founded and operated by Shanita N. Ebere, M.S. CCC-SLP.

Milestones Speech and Language Therapy

160 North Luring Drive Suite H Palm Springs, CA 92262

760-778-6111

www.milestoneslp.com

Personal and effective speech therapy for pediatrics, adolescents, adults and geriatrics.

SenseAbilities

73733 Fred Waring Drive Suite 204 Palm Desert, CA 92260

760-668-4247

<https://senseabilitiestherapygroup.org/therapy-services/>

SenseAbilities offers the wide range of therapy services: Speech & Language Therapy available for Coachella Valley. Services are offered in person as well as virtual therapy.

SUPPORT & INFORMATION GROUPS

Autism Society Inland Empire

(951) 220-6922

www.ieautism.org

Currently offers online support groups in English only: Offers Talk to Me Tuesdays for anyone (individuals with ASD, family members and professionals) as an informal place to connect with others and get resources; Support Group for Parents of Adults held twice a month; and a Teen/Young Adult Support group held weekly.

Building Bridges for Special Needs

<https://www.facebook.com/BuildingBridgesforSpecialNeeds>

Facebook group connecting families of special needs loved ones with community services and organizations.

GANAS

www.theganas.org

info@theganas.org

Ganas is a Spanish word meaning to win. The saying, con ganas also means with much desire. Each program was carefully created con ganas to achieve individual growth and tailored for all who participate, to win. GANAS is a Non-Profit organization operating in the Coachella Valley in Southern California. Our focus is to help increase the quality of life of those in need of evidence-based interventions. GANAS currently does this by providing workshops in English and Spanish to both professionals and parents, 1:1 consults, and peer-support groups.

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<https://ucpie.org/family-empowerment-program/>

United Cerebral Palsy of the Inland Empire (UCPIE) provides group counseling services to families with children or adults with special needs. Counseling is facilitated by a licensed therapist following a curriculum developed to target topics specific to their needs. Families benefit from this supportive environment, a safe space in which they can share experiences and learn techniques that help with their day-to-day challenges.