

Parent Education Workshops for Families of Students with Disabilities

The Exceptional Student Learning Support Division in collaboration with FDLRS Parent services offers a variety of parent workshops and information for parents of students with disabilities:

- Behavior
- Learning
- Transition
- Evaluation
- Services
- Academics



For more information: [754-321-3400](tel:754-321-3400) FDLRS Parent Services
<http://www.bcps-eseandsupportservices.com/downloads/ParentCalendar.pdf>

Workshops are held in the morning, evenings and weekends.
Target audience for workshops – parents of children ages birth to 22 years



WEBSITE LAUNCH!

<http://bcps-eseandsupportservices.com/>

Parent Resources, Contact Information and More!

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ESE Advisory Council Meeting

ESE Advisory Council offers many resources, assistance and information regarding ESE education. Parents are encouraged to attend monthly meetings.

ESE Advisory Council welcomes parent participation.

"Meet the Advisory Board" from 6:00 - 6:30 PM for evening meetings

"Meet the Advisory Board" from 9:00 - 9:30 AM for morning meeting

August 30, 2017	6:30-9pm	Piper High School
September 20, 2017	9:30-11:30am	Baudhuin Preschool*
October 18, 2017	6:30-9pm	Piper High School
November 15, 2017	6:30-9pm	Piper High School
December 20, 2017	6:30-9pm	Piper High School
January 17, 2018	6:30-9pm	Piper High School
February 21, 2018	6:30-9pm	Piper High School
March 21, 2018	6:30-9pm	Piper High School**
April 18, 2018	6:30-9pm	Piper High School
May 16, 2018	6:30-9pm	Piper High School

Locations: Piper High School (Media Center)
8000 NW 44th Street, Sunrise, FL 33351

* Baudhuin Preschool
7600 SW 36th Street, Davie, FL 33328

** ESE Advisory Resource Fair 7pm-8:30pm



Financial Assistance for Parent of Student with Disabilities Conferences/Workshops

Pending the availability of grant funds, financial support may be provided for families of students with disabilities to attend local, regional, state, or national conferences and workshops that will foster and promote collaborative educational partnerships. Parent requests for assistance are limited up to \$1,000 per family within a school year. Request an application by contacting FDLRS Parent Services at 754-321-3466 or Lorraine.fritz@browardschools.com. Submit a completed application 30 days prior to the conference/workshop.

Eligibility: High consideration will be given to those parents who have not previously accessed funds. Priority will also be given to those parents who are actively involved in one or more of the following activities: ESE Advisory Council, School Advisory Council, School Improvement Team, PTA/PTO, Local/State parent Support Group Organizations, and School Volunteers.

Childcare: Childcare expenses may be reimbursed at a flat rate of \$50 per day (or \$8 per hour for a maximum of 6 hours; an original receipt must accompany the reimbursement request).

**Parents may apply for financial assistance from
July 1, 2017 – March 1, 2018**

Respite Services (In-home support for parents)

Parents may use respite services to attend a parent workshop, conference, support group, and/or any activity that provides needed alone time or time with other family members. Families of students with disabilities who receive respite services have the opportunity to get a much-needed break to relax, refresh and renew themselves. Respite services can be received in your home for up to 120 hours a year. Broward Children's Center also provides extended staff services at their facility. For more information contact: Broward 211 (24 Hours Crisis Helpline), Dial 211 or (954) 537-0211.

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MEETING CALENDAR 2017/18

ESE Advisory Council general meetings (see table below) are held in 'The Nook' media center at Piper High School, 8000 NW44th St, Sunrise, 33351, from 6.30pm-9pm *except where indicated*. They are preceded from 6-6.30pm by the opportunity to meet board members & district personnel to discuss personal concerns.

Wed August 30th , 6.30pm-9pm, Piper High	Wed January 17th , 6.30-9pm, Piper High
Wed September 20th , 9.30am-12pm, Baudhuin Preschool, 7600 SW 36th St, Davie, 33328 (Meet & greet 9am-9.30am)	Wed February 21st , 6.30pm-9pm, Piper High
Wed October 18th , 6.30pm-9pm, Piper High	Wed March 21st , 6.30pm-7pm, Piper High This is a shortened meeting to be followed by the ESE Advisory 3rd Annual Resource Fair 7pm-8.30pm
Wed November 15th , 6.30pm-9pm, Piper High	Wed April 18th , 6.30pm-9pm, Piper High
Wed December 20th , 6.30pm-9pm, Piper High	Wed May 16th , 6.30pm-9pm, Piper High

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS are held in the principal's conference room, Piper High School 7pm-8.30pm on: Aug 22nd, Sept 12th, Oct 10th, Nov 7th, Dec 12th, Jan 9th, Feb 13th, March 13th, April 10th, May 8th,



AUTISM COMMITTEE (ACE)

General meetings 9.30-11.30am:

at Baudhuin Preschool,
7600 SW36th St, Davie, 33328
Sept 13th, Oct 12th, Nov 9th, Dec 13th, Jan 10th, Feb 7th, March 14th, April 12th, May 9th

Exec board meetings 10-11am:

West Regional Library,
8601 W.Broward Blvd,
Plantation, 33324
Sept 7th, Oct 5th, Nov 3rd, Dec 7th, Jan 4th, Feb 1st, March 1st, April 5th, May 3rd



DOWN SYNDROME (DS) COMMITTEE

General meetings 10am-12pm:

(Note: Sept 20th meeting has been merged with ESE Advisory general meeting at Baudhuin Preschool.)

Community room,
Davie Police Dept, 1230 S.Nob Hill Rd, Davie, 33324

Oct 25th, Nov 15th, Dec 13th, Jan 24th, Feb 21st, March 21st, April 18th, May 23rd

Exec board meetings 10am-12pm:

Sept 6th, Oct 11th, Nov 8th, Dec 6th, Jan 10th, Feb 7th, March 7th, April 4th, May 9th



Parents of children with Specific Learning Disabilities may link to the district's Dyslexia Task Force at: <http://earlychildhood.pds-hrd.wikispaces.net/Dyslexia+Task+Force+Resources>



Chair: Kelly Busch
Email: ese.chair@gmail.com
Tel: 305 282 5267

WHAT IS THE ESE ADVISORY COUNCIL?

- It is a group of parent volunteers established under Broward County Public Schools policy to provide recommendations to the School Board and the Superintendent on systemic issues relating to exceptional student education.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

- Promotes meaningful inclusion while working to ensure that all children benefit from the best educational practices.
- Advocates for a stronger system of supports for students, teachers and support staff.
- Advocates for legislation—and tracks new/existing federal, state, and county legislation and local policies—addressing special education issues and programs.
- Holds monthly meetings during the school year to share information about district schools and programs, advocacy, support, procedural guidelines, Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), 504 plans, Transition IEPs, college, vocational and career readiness, school board initiatives, educational enrichment, resources and data.



Join us on Facebook at "Broward ESE Advisory"



Find us online at www.browardeseadvisorycouncil.com



Follow us on Twitter @BrowardESEad







Come to our meetings; everyone is welcome to attend and participate. (See other side for calendar)









SUB-COMMITTEES:

- **AUTISM (ACE)** Chair: Kelly Busch
Email: esechair@gmail.com Web: www.acebroward.org Facebook: AutismCommittee (Note: one 'e')
- **DOWN SYNDROME (DS)** Chair: Dr Adrine McKenzie
Email: dsccommitteeboard@gmail.com Facebook: DSCommittee




2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 	3
4	5	6 Active Parenting Now in Spanish (2) 6:30-8:30pm Coconut Palm EI	7 Autism Committee (ACE) 9:30am Baudhuin Preschool Growth Mindset Webinar 4:00-5:00pm Online http://browardschools.adobeconnect.com/parentwebinar/ Active Parenting Teens (3) 6:30-8:30pm Indian Ridge Middle	8	9	10 Fun Family Activity: Take a family walk through the neighborhood. 
11	12 NO SCHOOL President's Day 	13 Active Parenting Now in Spanish (3) 6:30-8:30pm Coconut Palm EI	14 	15	16	17
18	19	20 Active Parenting Now in Spanish (4) 6:30-8:30pm Coconut Palm EI	21 Down Syndrome Committee Meeting 10:00am-12:00pm Davie Police Dept. Community Room	22	23	24
25	26 Preschool ESE Advisory Meeting 6:30pm Wingate Oaks Center	27 Active Parenting Now in Spanish (5) 6:30-8:30pm Coconut Palm EI	28			




March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Procedural Safeguards	2	3 Family Fun Activity: Create a family newsletter together. 
4	5	6 Active Parenting Now in Spanish (6) 6:30-8:30pm Coconut Palm EI	7 Family Fun With Math 6:00-7:00pm Thurgood Marshall EI	8	9	10
11 Family Fun Activity: Hold a family meeting to plan for a family outing or vacation. 	12	13 Matriculation to Kindergarten 6:30-8:00pm Challenger Elementary	14 Autism Committee (ACE) 9:30am Baudhuin Preschool	15	16	17 
18	19	20	21 Down Syndrome Committee Meeting 10:00am-12:00pm Davie Police Dept. Community Room	22	23 Teacher Planning No School!	24
25	26 NO SCHOOL Spring Break 	27 NO SCHOOL Spring Break 	28 NO SCHOOL Spring Break 	29 NO SCHOOL Spring Break 	30 NO SCHOOL Spring Break 	31






April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 HAPPY EASTER 	2	3 Active Parenting First Five Years (1) 6:00-8:00pm Pines Lakes EI	4 Creative Relaxation 6:00-7:30pm Mirror Lake EI	5 True Parenting 6:00-7:00pm Pinewood EI	6	7
8	9	10 Active Parenting First Five Years (2) 6:00-8:00pm Pines Lakes EI <hr/> Matriculation to Kindergarten 6:30-8pm Forest Hills EI	11	12 Autism Committee (ACE) 9:30am Baudhuin Preschool	13	14 Family Fun Activity: Start a "thankful" journal and have each person write in it. 
15	16	17 Active Parenting First Five Years (3) 6:00-8:00pm Pines Lakes EI	18 Down Syndrome Committee Meeting 10:00am-12:00pm Davie Police Dept. Community Room	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Family Fun Activity: Have a family picnic at the beach. 	30					

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8	9 Autism Committee (ACE) 9:30am Baudhuin Preschool	10	11	12 Family Fun Activity: Camp out in your living room. 
13 	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Family Fun Activity: Take a family bike ride through a nature trail. 	21	22	23 Down Syndrome Committee Meeting 10:00am-12:00pm Davie Police Dept. Community Room	24	25	26
27	28 NO SCHOOL 	29	30	31		

June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Family Fun Activity: Family book night. Read with your children. 	11	12	13	14	15  Family Café Orlando	16  Family Café Orlando
17  Family Café Orlando <hr/> 	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



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Special Ed
Connection

Florida Department of Education is proud to provide access to **Special Ed Connection**® to parents of students with disabilities.

Special Ed Connection® is a web-based resource that parents can use to gain an understanding of what special education is and how it works, as their child enters, progresses through and exits the world of special education requirements. From legal rights to practical application and from student referrals to IEPs, **Special Ed Connection**® explains specific procedures and provides real-world application strategies so parents can learn the complexities surrounding special education supports and services.

Here are highlights of just a few of the many components that will be made available for your use:

Smart Starts – The best starting point to gain an interpretation and a better understanding of almost 450 special education topics. You'll find that **SmartStarts** provide practical guidance, based on federal regulations and case law. From assistive technology to chronic health conditions to measuring progress, each **SmartStart** will help you understand the law and how it applies to your individual child's situation.

Special Ed Online Dictionary – Provides straightforward definitions of more than 1,400 widely used terms, enabling enhanced dialogue about special education issues. Straight-to-the-point explanations are provided so you'll understand the meaning of terms such as *prior written notice*, *least restrictive environment*, *transition services*, *functional behavioral assessment*, and *behavioral intervention plan*—giving you the ability to be more actively involved in meeting your child's educational needs.

News and Updates – Stay current on the latest news and developments in the special education community—including news about legislation, best practice strategies from special education experts, updates from experts regarding new techniques being used in the special education community and more!

Special Ed Round-Ups – Provide you with an easy way to quickly locate practical guidance and gain access to valuable resources on a host of important special education issues from autism to bullying to postsecondary transition and more.

**To find out more about gaining access to this exciting resource —
contact your FLDRS office right away!**

For more information, contact Carol Beitler, FDLRS Program Specialist-Parent Services at 754-321-3400 or carol.beitler@browardschools.com

Weekend with the Experts



The 19th Annual Family Cafe will be held at the Hyatt Regency Orlando once again, on June 16-18, 2017.

Online registration will open on Tuesday, February 14, 2017

The Annual Family Cafe typically includes 180+ individual breakout sessions, addressing a wide range of disability-related topics, from information on specific disabilities, to financial management, youth issues, special education and assistive technology. (For a sampling of the sessions we have offered in the past, you can view programs from previous years in our Publications section.)

Last year's Annual Family Cafe attracted 10,632 attendees, and we fully expect to have another large crowd of Floridians with disabilities and their family members on hand in June, 2017.

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Workshop Descriptions

ACTIVE PARENTING PRE-K (PARENTING CHILDREN AGES 1 TO 4) **(SPANISH)**

PRESENTERS: LISA HESS, RISEL NOGUERA

Learn all about developmental stages of preschool aged children, Distinguish three styles of parenting: “too hard”, “too soft”, and “just right”, and learn the importance of building a parent/child bond, while emphasizing play. Session I: Understand the importance of parent self-care and begin developing a self-care plan. Learn about child development in the preschool years. Session II: Preventing Problems/Define discipline, Understand the importance of choices with young children to prevent misbehavior, learn the ACT model for redirecting misbehavior, using rules consistently, and the importance of routines and expressing affection. Session III: Encouraging positive behavior/understand choices and consequences as a discipline method, handling tantrums, build awareness of how to encourage children, and practice methods of encouragement.

ACTIVE PARENTING NOW! (FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 5-12)

PRESENTERS: VICTOR MORA (SPANISH), SHANNON MILLER

This six session Active Parenting series will provide parents with guidance and support to transform the challenges of raising their children into opportunities for growth. Participants will learn: Styles of parenting; Positive skills for clear, honest communication; Respectful basic and advanced discipline techniques to teach your child to make better choices resulting in appropriate behavior; Using the Think-Feel-Do Cycle and BANK method to intervene and build self-esteem; Concrete strategies to prevent risky behavior and help your child to resist peer pressure; Problem solving methods including using family meetings and the Feelings Limits Alternatives, Consequences (FLAC) method; four (4) goals of your child's behavior; decreasing power struggles; and handling anger. Learn how to become an encouraging parent ... and much more, including important issues such as alcohol and other drugs. Join us at the next session and see the difference ... as you make positive and realistic changes in your family's daily routine to gain greater happiness in your home! **Optional:** An online Active Parenting class is also available and allows you “24/7” access for six weeks to all online activities (cost: \$ 49.95). Contact FDLRS parent Services for a financial assistance application, if needed. Join us in cyberspace to receive excellent advice and parenting techniques, access to online resources and videos, and the ability to discuss parenting with other adults around the country. More info available at: <http://www.activeparenting.com/BrowardESE>

ACTIVE PARENTING OF TEENS (FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 12-18)

PRESENTER: EMILY GONZALEZ-ABREU

This six session series will provide parents with guidance and support to transform the challenges of raising a teenager into opportunities for growth. Participants will learn: styles of parenting; positive skills for clear, honest communication; respectful basic and advanced discipline techniques to teach your child to make better choices resulting in appropriate behavior; using the Think-Feel-Do Cycle to intervene and build self-esteem; concrete strategies to prevent risky behavior and help your child resist peer pressure; problem solving methods including using family meetings and the FLAC method; five goals of teen behavior; decreasing power struggles; handling anger; how to become an encouraging parent ... and much more, including important issues such as teens online, bullying, alcohol and other drugs, and depression. Join us at the next session and see the difference ... as you make positive and realistic changes in your family's daily routine to gain greater happiness in your home!

Workshop Descriptions Cont'd.

CREATIVE RELAXATION

PRESENTER: GIGI MCINTIRE

Purpose of the class: Parents and children are invited to have fun; to stretch, strengthen and improve balance; to develop body-awareness and self-control; to improve social interaction; to learn techniques for relaxation. Please bring a yoga mat or a towel.

FAMILY FUN WITH MATH

PRESENTER: NAOMI CHURCH

Families can increase math proficiency in their children by playing fun games at home. In just over an hour you'll learn some strategies, activities and games that you can play to increase student success in Mathematics.

GROWTH MINDSET FOR PARENTS WEBINAR

PRESENTER: NAOMI CHURCH

This training will focus on how parents can build a Growth Mindset in their children and even develop one themselves. When students believe they can get smarter, they understand that effort makes them stronger. Come learn how simple changes in the way you praise your child can make them into more successful students.

TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN

PRESENTER: LORI BENVENISTY

For parents of children entering Kindergarten 2017-18. Workshop addresses the following: What to do to prepare; What are the program options; How do families plan for this process; How and Why is diagnostic data used? Learn about this and more with our experts!

TRUE PARENTING SEMINAR: TRUE COLORS CONCEPTS IN PERSONALITY/TEMPERAMENT STYLES

PRESENTER: CAROL BEITLER

This hands-on, interactive workshop begins with an introduction to True Colors concepts in personality and temperament styles. You can apply these concepts to the difficult job of parenting. Learn how you can parent each child in ways they will naturally respond, according their personality type, and learn new methods to build and promote respect and self-confidence in your children.

Online Resources

FDLRS Parent Services provides information and links to a variety of resources and organizations. To access the Parent Resources list, go to:
<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/studentsupport/ease/html/parentservices/relatedps.htm>

A PARENT'S INTRODUCTION TO EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION IN FLORIDA (2012)

<http://www.fldoe.org/ease/pdf/ESEParent.pdf>

ACTIVE PARENTING ONLINE VIDEO LIBRARY: ENHANCE YOUR PARENTING SKILLS FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME

Here's how to start your free tour of the Active Parenting Now Online Video Library (OLV). You will have **free access to the OVL!** Go to

<http://vimeopro.com/activeparenting/broward-county> and Enter the password **BCS121114**. (Passwords are case sensitive.). **Select** the specific video you would like to watch by clicking on it. There may be multiple pages of videos available so be sure to explore all the options. It's that simple! We hope you enjoy this program and learn some effective parenting skills that will last a lifetime. If you have any problem accessing the Active Parenting videos, please call 1-800-825-0060 - Leigh Hammond X 138 or Cathy Daughtridge X 115 at Active Parenting.

AUTISM COMMITTEE OF ESE (ACE) ADVISORY COUNCIL

ACE is a sub-committee of Exceptional Student Education Advisory Council of Broward County that operates under School Board Policy 1.22. ACE is a parent-driven group that meets regularly with school administrators to support autism programming in Broward County Public Schools. By working collaboratively at the school and district level, we pledge to promote reasonable student-teacher ratios and proven teaching techniques so that each child on the autism spectrum may demonstrate continual progress in an effort to reach his or her potential.

Website: <http://www.acebroward.org>

BRIGHT EXPECTATIONS

Bright Expectations is the Department of Health's website to provide resources and information on developmental disabilities for pregnant women, health care providers, parents and families. This website is a portal to provide information on evaluation and intervention services, support programs for families, resources for health care providers, and serve as a clearinghouse of information on developmental disabilities as directed in [Section 383.141, Florida Statutes](#). The [Information Clearinghouse on Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council](#) advises the Department of Health on the resources included in the Bright Expectations website.

BUILDING INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS

Building Inclusive Schools is an on-demand, eLearning module that provides an overview of effective inclusive practices for students with disabilities. The module is comprised of five separate learning sessions that can be viewed at any time that is convenient for you! Simply click <http://floridainclusionnetwork.com/uploads/fin/inclusiveschools/player.html> For more information, please contact our local FIN facilitator at: barbara.krakower@browardschools.com.

DISABILITY HISTORY AND AWARENESS WEEKS

During the first two weeks of October schools promote awareness of disability history and contributions of individuals with disabilities. Schools are provided with resources to support instructional activities in recognition of this celebration. Information and resources are available, including a bibliography of disability-related children's books, on the website at <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/studentsupport/ease/html/disability.html> and FDLRS Media Center (contact Gladys Martinez at 754-321-3428 or gladysmartinez@browardschools.com).

Online Resources Cont'd.

ENCOURAGING THE INVOLVEMENT OF PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES: ONLINE TRAINING MODULES FOR PARENTS

This four-part series was created through a partnership between the Florida Department of Education's Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, the State Personnel Development Grant at Florida Gulf Coast University and parents at the Central Florida Parent Center. Each module takes about 15 minutes to complete. To access the modules, go to: <http://www.cflparents.org/fgcu/parentinvolvement.ht>

Module 1: Why Parent Involvement?

Module 2: High-Quality Parent Involvement

Module 3: Evidence-Based Best Practices

Module 4: What Parents Have to Say on the Subject

FACILITATED INDIVIDUAL EDUCATIONAL PLAN (FIEP) VIGNETTES FOR PARENTS

The Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services (BEESS) is proud to provide a series of short vignettes to help parents understand the benefits of using the FIEP process to enhance collaboration with IEP teams when communication is not working well. Currently these vignettes are closed captioned in English. Closed captioning in Spanish will be added soon. To view the vignettes, go to https://youtu.be/C-bFi_zUuuA.

FAMILY CAFE

The Family Cafe provides information, networking opportunities, and an annual conference for individuals with disabilities and their families. For information on useful web sites, go to: <http://www.familycafe.net/>

FAMILY DEVELOPMENT GUIDE

The guide provides information on child development, parenting, tools/tips/supports for parents and caregivers and national/state/local resources for family support at <http://www.ounce.org/cappacket.asp> (This guide is also available in Spanish and Creole).

FAMILY NETWORK ON DISABILITIES (FND) ONLINE TUTORIALS

Take a web-based workshop (24 hours per day/7 days per week) on your own computer from the comfort of your own home. Just like attending a Family Network on Disabilities (FND) workshop ... only from the comfort of your own home! Go to the FND of Florida website (www.fndfl.org/Tutorials.asp). Viewing each workshop takes about 30 minutes ... but go at your own pace! There are 29 tutorials including a variety of topics: Exceptional Student Education (IDEA/Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), Conflict Resolution, IEP, FSA Accommodations, Collaborative Communication, Related Services, Juvenile Justice and IDEA, Evaluation, Positive Behavior Supports, 504 Plans, Rights and Responsibilities, Self-Determination); Transition from School to Community (Transition, Olmstead disability civil rights term/person's right to choose where they live, From IEP to IPE/Individualized Plan for Employment, Rehabilitation Act, Assistive Technology, Why the Arts/Career in the Arts/Career interests); Trusts and Special Needs Planning (Tools for Independence, Involve the Whole Family), and Parent Involvement (Bullying, Helping with Homework, Impact on Family and Community, Father's Involvement, A Compact for Reading, Understanding Your Child's Learning Styles, Effective Parent Conferences, Family Literacy). The Family Network on Disabilities (FND) of Broward County may be reached at (754) 321-1705 (fndbroward@hotmail.com).

FLORIDA PARENTAL INFORMATION AND RESOURCE CENTER (PIRC)

The Florida PIRC at the University of South Florida provides information to increase parents' knowledge, skills, and confidence in becoming engaged in their children's education. Tip Sheets provide information about a variety of topics related to the important role parents play in their children's academic achievement (Information is also available in Creole and Spanish). <http://www.floridapartnership.usf.edu/resources/tips.htm>

Online Resources Cont'd.

LEARN THE SIGNS. ACT EARLY

It's time to change how we view a child's growth. Her first tooth! And she's babbling! It's natural to measure your child's height and weight. But you should measure other ways your child is growing, too. From birth to five (5) years, there are milestones your child should reach in terms of how she plays, learns, speaks, and acts. A delay in any of these areas could be a sign of a developmental problem, even autism. The good news is, the earlier it's recognized the more you can do to help your child reach his or her full potential. Talk with a doctor, nurse or teacher about your child's total development. For more information call 1-800-CDC-INFO or go to www.cdc.gov/actearly. In Broward County, call Child Find at 754-321-2204 for FREE screenings for children birth to age 5.

LITTLE KIDS, BIG QUESTIONS: A PARENTING PODCAST SERIES FROM ZERO TO THREE

ZERO TO THREE's podcast series on Early Childhood Development, Little Kids, Big Questions, addresses some of the most common (and challenging) issues facing parents of babies and toddlers, such as: helping a baby learn to sleep through the night; dealing with a picky eater; and learning to set limits on children's behavior. These questions—and more—are covered in this series of 12 podcasts. Each podcast features an interview with an expert that focuses on how to apply the research of early childhood development to your daily interactions with your baby or toddler. <http://www.zerotothree.org/about-us/funded-projects/parenting-resources/podcast/>

PARENT INVOLVEMENT: EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION IN FLORIDA

Learn more about being an involved parent by gaining knowledge of the process, this includes a glossary of terms and development milestones so you can be an informed parent. <http://forparents.florida-ese.org/>

TEMPER TANTRUMS: GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS

The National Association for School Psychologists provides a variety of resources for families to help children achieve in school, at home and in life. <http://www.nasponline.org/families/index.aspx> For information on temper tantrums, go to: http://www.nasponline.org/resources/behavior/tantrums_ho.aspx

TUMBLEBOOKS

TumbleBooks Library is an online collection of animated, talking picture books which teach young children the joys of reading in a format they will love. Free access via <http://www.tumblebooks.com/>

- Username: bcs
- Password: reads
- Select Submit button

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About the Presenters

Carol Beitler

Carol has worked for Broward County Schools since 1992. She moved here from the Chicago Area, where she had been a special education teacher. Since working for Broward schools, she has been an ESE Teacher, ESE Specialist, then worked for the ESE Area Office as an Autism Specialist, Reading Specialist, and Assistive Technology Specialist. Carol is bilingual and has a Bachelor's degree in Special Education, and a Master's degree in Education Leadership.

Lori Benvenisty

Lori Benvenisty, MEd, joined the ESE Pre-K Support Services Department as a Program Specialist in September of 2014. She received her Masters in Special Education from Long Island University in New York and began her career at the Genesis School in Plainview, Long Island. Lori relocated to South Florida in 2004 and began her tenure with the School Board of Broward County as an Autism Coach at Meadowbrook Elementary School. She was also a Program Specialist for behavior. Lori is certified in Elementary Education Kindergarten through 6th grade and she obtained her Autism endorsement through Florida State University.

Naomi Church

Naomi is an HRD Curriculum/Program Specialist for the Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System (FDLRS). Naomi has served Broward Schools for 14 years as an ESE Support Facilitator, Rtl Coordinator, Instructional Coach and teacher. Naomi is passionate about professional development and building capacity in teachers and families to increase student success. Visit her math website at <http://mrschurch.net>.

Emily Gonzalez-Abreu

Emily has over 20 years of experience in Dade and Broward county, treating emotional and behavioral problems in children/adolescents and their parents. She has been an Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Family Counselor in Broward County for the past 10 years. Ms. Gonzalez-Abreu holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Psychology from Florida International University and a Masters in Family Therapy from Nova Southeastern University. She is a Registered Marriage & Family Therapist Intern in the State of Florida. Ms. Gonzalez-Abreu has been conducting parent training workshops in the Active Parenting Modality for the past three years at Millennium Middle School. Having an adolescent daughter with Spina Bifida, she is well aware of the challenges of children with special needs. Ms. Gonzalez-Abreu is a local and national advocate for Spina Bifida and has been featured in numerous articles in local and national newspapers (Miami Herald, Sun-Sentinel, and Spina Bifida Association of America). Ms. Gonzalez-Abreu is a Certified Active Parenting Leader.

Lisa Hess

Lisa is a PreK Staff Specialist. She has a Bachelor's of Science/Special Education K-12 from Lock Haven University, Pennsylvania and a Master's of Education from University of Miami in Early Childhood Special Education. Also, she has a National Board Certified Teacher/Endorsement in PreK Disabilities & ESOL, Certification – Age three (3) to Grade three (3).

Gigi McIntire

Gigi graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with a Bachelor's degree in preschool/primary education in 1979. She later earned a Masters' degree in gifted education and a guidance and counseling certification from Nova Southeastern University. In addition to over 30 years of experience in education, she holds a national board certification in guidance and counseling. Mrs. McIntire has been a Certified Active Parenting Leader since 2003 and has taught several parenting classes at Mirror Lake Elementary.

Victor Mora

Victor is a school social worker in the south area part of the county. He has worked for the school board for the last 10 years. Mr. Mora provides crisis intervention, group therapy, family counseling and individual therapy to students in need of services. He addresses academic concerns and behavioral issues that affect the student's performance. Mr. Mora has a Master's degree in Social Work from Florida International University and has been licensed since 2002. Mr. Mora is a Certified Active Parenting Leader.

Shannon Miller

Shannon is a certified school psychologist. She currently works as part of Broward County Public Schools Preschool Diagnostics Evaluation Team. Shannon previously worked as a clinician for the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) in Jacksonville, FL in addition to working as part of a multi-disciplinary team of evaluators for a UF Developmental

Pediatric clinic. She holds certifications in the areas of School Psychology (grades Prekindergarten – 12), Elementary Education (grades 1-6), Exceptional Student Education (grades K-12), and Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum (6-8). Her teaching background includes 8 years of middle school experience, with 3 of those years spent as the ESE Department Chair. She has participated in the Active Parenting and HOT DOCS Programs.

Felicia Starke

Felicia Starke is one of the District's Due Process Coordinators since June of 2009. Prior to taking her current position, Mrs. Starke was the District's School-Parent Liaison, assisting families and schools in resolving local conflicts at the school level regarding their student with a disability. As a primary function of Mrs. Starke's daily responsibilities, she provides support and training in building capacity at the school level to comply with IDEA and the Notice of Procedural Safeguards. She provides supervision to the Compliance Program Specialists and ESE Specialist Field Coaches who ensure that schools are complying with federal, state and local statutes, rules, policies and procedures.



Broward County Public Schools

Ashe Jr., Arthur Robert Ashe Middle School
1701 N.W. 23rd Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale 33311



From Interstate 95, exit at Oakland Park Blvd. Head west to 21st Avenue and make a left. Heading south, 21st avenue will become 23rd avenue. Keep straight and the school will be on your right hand side just south of 19th street. Precede to the northern most entrance and park in the north parking lot in a **NON-RESERVED parking spot** or the grassy area.

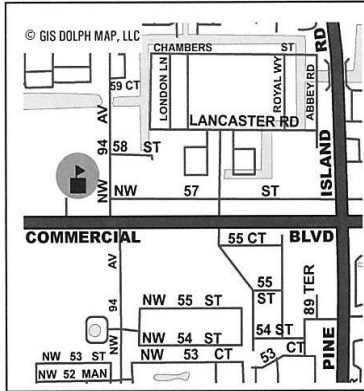
Phone: 754-322-2800

Fax: 754-322-2880



Broward County Public Schools

Challenger Elementary
5703 N.W. 94th Avenue
Tamarac 33321



Take I-595 to Pine Island Road. Go north on Pine Island Road to Commercial Boulevard. Make a left, heading west, on Commercial and continue west to N.W. 94th Avenue. At N.W. 94th Avenue, make a right and the school is on the left-hand side of the road.

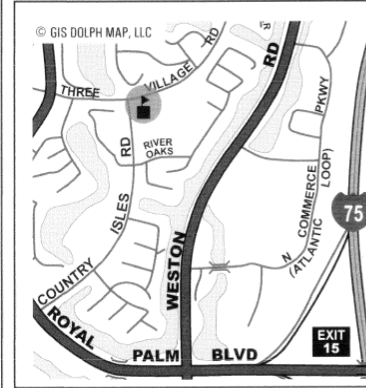
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Broward County Public Schools

Country Isles Elementary
2300 Country Isles Road
Weston 33326

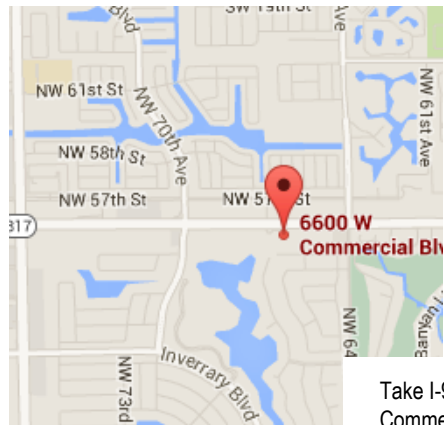


Take I-595 West to I-75 South to the first exit, Royal Palm Boulevard. Exit west on Royal Palm Boulevard and continue past Weston Road to the first stoplight. Turn right, heading north, on Country Isles Road and travel approximately one mile to the school on the right hand side of the road.

Phone: 754-323-5250

Fax: 754-323-5290

Children Services Council
6600 W. Commercial Blvd
Lauderhill, FL

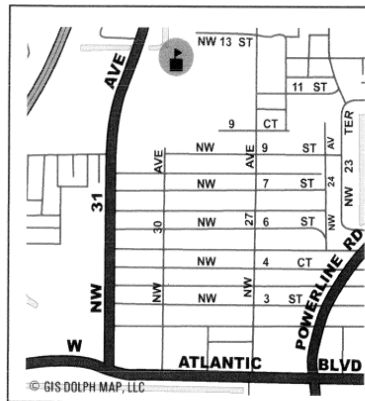


Take I-95 to Commercial Blvd. West to 6600 W. Commercial Blvd



Broward County Public Schools

Cross Creek School
1010 N.W. 31st Avenue
Pompano Beach 33069



Take I-95 to Atlantic Boulevard West. Go to N.W. 31st Avenue and make a right, heading north. The entrance to the school will be approximately 1/2 mile down on the right-hand side. Upon entering the campus, bear left.

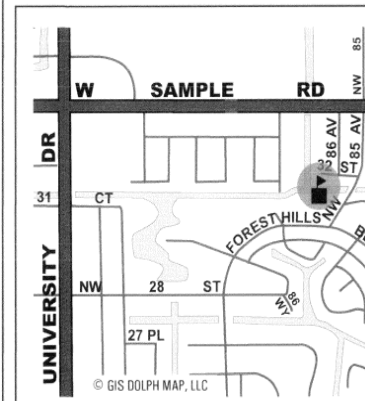
Phone: 754-321-6450

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Broward County Public Schools

Forest Hills Elementary
3100 N.W. 85th Avenue
Coral Springs 33065




Take I-95 or Turnpike to Sample Road West. Take Sample Road to N.W. 85th Avenue. Turn left, heading south, on N.W. 85th Avenue and the school is on the right.

From the Sawgrass Expressway, take University Drive and exit south to Sample Road. Turn east on Sample Road to N.W. 85th Avenue. Turn right, heading south, and the school is on the right.

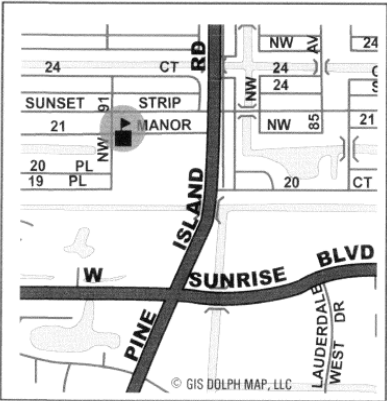
Phone: 754-322-6400

Fax: 754-322-6440




**Broward County
Public Schools**

Horizon Elementary
2101 Pine Island Road
Sunrise 33322



Take I-95 to Sunrise Boulevard west. Travel on Sunrise Boulevard to Pine Island Road. Make a right, heading north, on Pine Island Road, to Sunset Strip. Take a left, heading west, on Sunset Strip, and make your first left. At the four-way stop (21st Manor), make a left and the school is on the right-hand side (corner of 21st Manor and Pine Island Road).

Phone: 754-322-6450 Fax: 754-322-6490




**Broward County
Public Schools**

Indian Ridge Middle School
1355 Nob Hill Road
Davie 33324



Take I-595 West to Nob Hill Road. Make a left, heading south, under the highway. Pass one traffic light and you will see the school on the right-hand side of the road.

Phone: 754-323-3300 Fax: 754-323-3385




**Broward County
Public Schools**

Mirror Lake Elementary
1200 N.W. 72nd Avenue
Plantation 33313



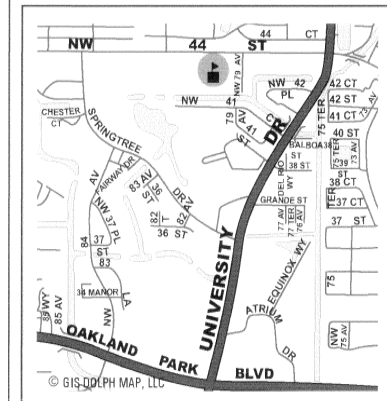
Take I-95 to Sunrise Boulevard West. Go west, past State Road 7 (Route 441) to N.W. 11th Place. Make a left onto N.W. 11th Place. Go to the first stop sign (N.W. 72nd Avenue) and make a right. The school is on the right-hand side of the road.

Phone: 754-322-7100 Fax: 754-322-7140



**Broward County
Public Schools**

Piper High School
8000 N.W. 44th Street
Sunrise 33351




Take I-95 to Oakland Park Boulevard West to University Drive. Make a right, heading north, on University Drive, to N.W. 44th Street. Go left, heading west, on N.W. 44th Street and the school is 1/4 mile down on the left.

Take I-595 to University Drive. Go north on University Drive and continue traveling north several

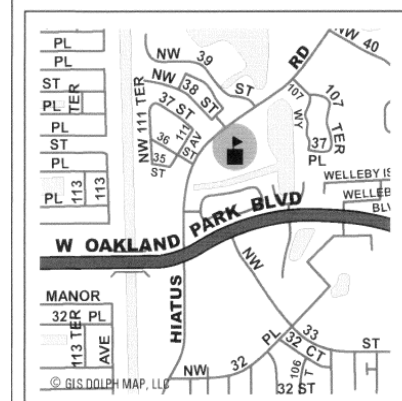
miles on University Drive past Oakland Park Boulevard, to N.W. 44th Street. Go to N.W. 44th Street and make a left, heading west. The school is 1/4 mile down on the left.

Phone: 754-322-1700 Fax: 754-322-1830




**Broward County
Public Schools**

Sandpiper Elementary
3700 Hiatus Road
Sunrise 33351



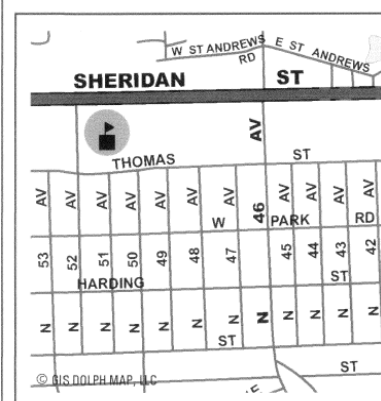
Take I-95 to Oakland Park Boulevard West. Continue on Oakland Park to Hiatus Road, the next main intersection after Nob Hill Road. Turn right, heading north, on Hiatus Road and the school will be two blocks down on the right-hand side.

Phone: 754-322-8450 Fax: 754-322-8490




**Broward County
Public Schools**

Sheridan Hills Elementary
5001 Thomas Street
Hollywood 33021

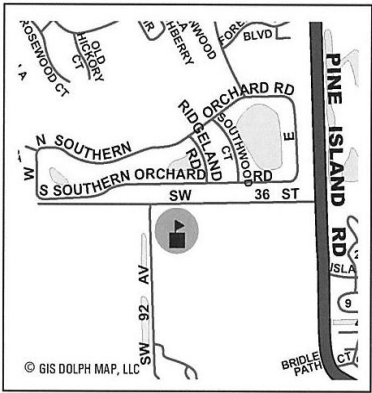


Take I-95 to Sheridan Street West. Travel to N. 46th Avenue and make a left, heading south. Go to Thomas Street and make a right, heading west, and continue to the school on the right-hand side of the road.

Phone: 754-323-7300 Fax: 754-323-7340




Silver Ridge Elementary
9100 S.W. 36th Street
Davie 33328



Take I-595 to Pine Island Road. Go south on Pine Island Road to S.W. 36th Street. Turn right, heading west, on S.W. 36th Street to the school on the left.

Phone: 754-323-7500 Fax: 754-323-7540




Whispering Pines Center
3609 S.W. 89th Avenue
Miramar 33025

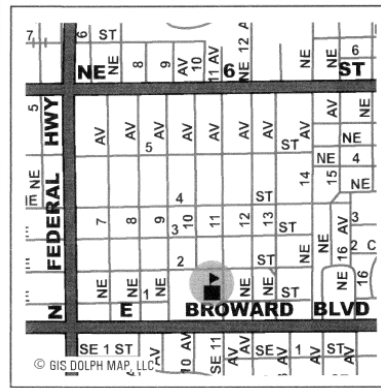


Take I-95 to Hallandale Beach Boulevard West (turns into Miramar Parkway), past University Drive. Continue to Douglas Road (S.W. 89th Avenue). Make a left onto Douglas Road, heading south. The entrance to the school is on the left-hand side of Douglas Road (past the end of Miramar High School) directly across from the Baptist Church.

Phone: 754-321-7650 Fax: 754-321-7690



Young, Virginia Shuman Elementary
101 N.E. 11th Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale 33301




From I-95, take Broward Boulevard east, across Federal Highway (US 1). Pass one traffic light east of US 1 and the school is on the left. Access to the school's parking lot is on N.E. 10th Avenue and the main entrance to the school is on N.E. 11th Avenue.

From US 1 (traveling from south to north), make a right onto

Broward Boulevard and follow directions above. From US 1 (traveling north to south), make a left onto Broward Boulevard and follow directions above.

Phone: 754-322-9050 Fax: 754-322-9090



Plantation High School
6901 N.W. 16th Street
Plantation 33313

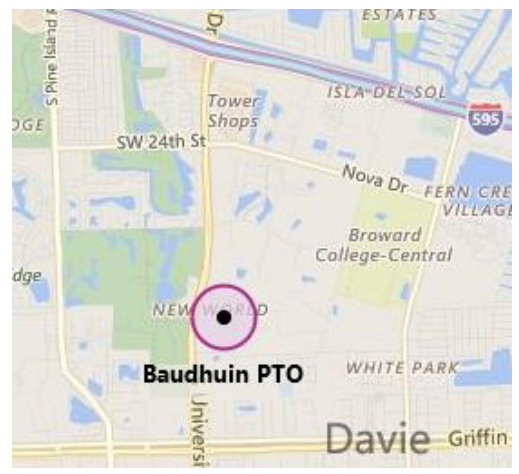


Take I-95 to Sunrise Boulevard West. Travel past State Road 7 (Route 441) and the Turnpike. Make a left, heading south, at N.W. 16th Street and the school is on the right-hand side of the road.

Phone: 754-322-1850 Fax: 754-322-1980

Baudhuin Preschool
7600 SW 36th Street
Davie 33328
954-262-7100

Take I-595 exit University Dr. South turn left onto 36th Street



Baudhuin PTO

Exceptional Student Education & Support Services Quick Reference Directory

(754) 321-3400 – Main Line

(754) 321-7200 – Child Find

(754) 321-3410 – Local Parent Resolution Office

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Jennifer Bigos

Evelyne Ng, Secretary

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Terry Spurlock, Supervisor

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Tara Rodger, Manager

ESE Curriculum & Instruction

Andrea Ciotti, Supervisor

Gary Grigull, Supervisor

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Beth Williams, Supervisor

Vacant, Supervisor

ESE Preschool

Alex Lopes, Coordinator

FDLRS/FIN

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Local Parent Resolution Office

Felicia Starke, Coordinator

Sarah Samuels, Coordinator

Child Find Services

Kimberly DiLuzio 0-2 yrs

Devon Klapholz 3-5 yrs

Psychological Services

Emily Goldstein, Coordinator

Rhonda Said, Coordinator

SEDNET/Family Counseling

Charlene Grecsek, Coordinator

Speech/Language/ Physically Impaired

Debra Harrington, Supervisor

Transition Services

Vacant

Medicaid/504

Deneen Gorassini, Coordinator

ESE Preschool & Child Find Services

Wingate Oaks Center

1211 NW 33 Terrace

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

Exceptional Student Learning Support

Arthur Ashe Jr. Campus

1701 NW 23 Avenue

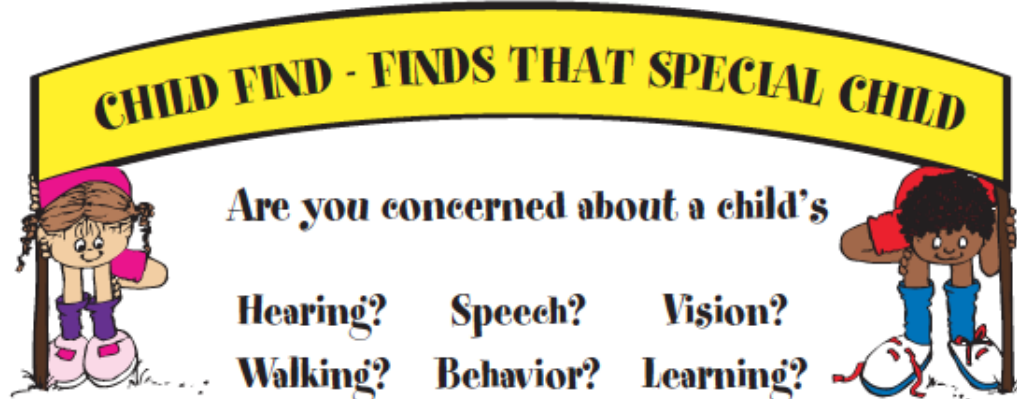
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

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