

## Section 10:

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**AGENCY NAME:** ABILITYFIRST (formerly the Crippled Children's Society)

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Established in 1926 as the Crippled Children's Society, the recently renamed AbilityFirst provides programs and services to help children and adults with physical and developmental disabilities realize their full potential throughout their lives.

**SERVICES:** After School Enrichment, Transition, Extended Day Programs, Socialization, Adapted Recreation, and Music and Dance Therapy.

Also provides Vocational Training Centers, Supported Employment, Day Camp, Resident Summer Camp, Therapeutic Aquatics, Accessible Housing, Social Service Counseling, Parent Groups, Orthopedic Equipment Loans, and Information and Referrals.

**AGE GROUP SERVED:** Children (5 to 22 years old) and Adults (18 years old and up)

**PHONE & FAX NUMBER(S):** Phone: (626) 396-1010  
Fax: (626) 396-1021

**WEBSITE:** [www.abilityfirst.org](http://www.abilityfirst.org)

**FEE FOR SERVICES:** Call for more information

**HOURS OF OPERATION:** Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**CONTACT PERSON(S):** N/A

**LANGUAGES SPOKEN:** English, Spanish, and Chinese

**AGENCY NAME:** C.L.E.A.R. (Community and Law Enforcement Aware Response)

**MISSION STATEMENT:** C.L.E.A.R. is a collaborative of SCV organizations and individuals working together to reduce criminal involvement of people with disabilities and improve outcomes in interactions with law enforcement officials.

**SERVICES:** The SCV Special Needs Registry at the SCV Sheriff's Station enables SCV residents to provide essential personal and medical information to the Sheriff's department prior to an emergency. C.L.E.A.R. also offers training for parents, teachers, at-risk young adults and adults, and law enforcement officers.

**AGE GROUP SERVED:** All ages, with emphasis on young adults and adults.

**PHONE & FAX NUMBER(S):** Phone: (661) 297-4033

**WEBSITE:** [www.CLEARscv.org](http://www.CLEARscv.org)

**FEE FOR SERVICES:** N/A

**HOURS OF OPERATION:** No regular hours

**CONTACT PERSON(S):** Emily Iland

**LANGUAGES SPOKEN:** English and Spanish

**AGENCY NAME:**

**DYNAMIC INTERVENTIONS**

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

Dynamic Interventions, Inc. is designed to provide high-quality assessment, counseling, consultation, and training services. Dynamic Interventions is the first incorporation of Licensed Educational Psychologists in the history of California. The owners of Dynamic Interventions have over 40 combined years of experience working in the public school system as school psychologists, and will use that knowledge to better serve children and families in the community.

**SERVICES:**

Assessment, individual and group counseling, consultation, parent and professional trainings.

**AGE GROUP SERVED:**

Pre-school through college

**PHONE & FAX NUMBER(S):**

Office: (661) 257-1254

Fax: (661) 294-9003

**WEBSITE:**

[www.dynamicinterventions.net](http://www.dynamicinterventions.net)

**FEE FOR SERVICES:**

Initial consultation is free. Group counseling is \$350 for 10 sessions. Individual counseling and consultation is \$125 per session. Assessment and training fees are based on scope of work.

**HOURS OF OPERATION:**

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

**CONTACT PERSON(S):**

Christopher C. Jones, CAGS

Mary E. McGrath, MA

**LANGUAGES SPOKEN:**

English

**AGENCY NAME:** FAMILY FOCUS RESOURCE & EMPOWERMENT CENTER

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Family Focus Resource & Empowerment Center is one of 46 Family Resource Centers (FRCs) in California that serve families who have children with disabilities or who have special educational or developmental needs. Our service areas include the Santa Clarita Valley, San Fernando Valley and Antelope Valley.

We are funded by the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the California Department of Education (CDE). Our partner agencies are the North Los Angeles County Regional Center (NLACRC) and the Santa Clarita Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (SCV SELPA). FFREC is a non-profit organization and part of the Michael D. Eisner College of Education at the California State University, Northridge.

**SERVICES:** Trainings, workshops, consultations, resources and referrals for parents who have children who have special needs or who receive early intervention/special education services. Topics include special education, Regional Center services and related topics. "Special Families" support group. Webinars and DVD trainings. Lending Library. Annual Summer Activities Fair. Free monthly email newsletter about events and workshops in Southern California.

**AGE GROUP SERVED:** Birth-22 years old

**PHONE & FAX NUMBER(S):** Phone: (661) 294-9715  
Fax: (661) 294-9680  
E-mail: family.focus.scv@csun.edu

**WEBSITE:** [www.csunfamilyfocus.com](http://www.csunfamilyfocus.com)

**FEE FOR SERVICES:** Free

**HOURS OF OPERATION:** Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., or by appointment

**CONTACT PERSON(S):** Victoria Berrey and Kim Foster

**LANGUAGES SPOKEN:** English - Spanish translation available by request

**AGENCY NAME:** GENTLE BARN, THE

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Teaching people kindness and compassion to animals, each other, and our planet.

**SERVICES:** Working with inner city, at-risk, and special needs youth.

**AGE GROUP SERVED:** All

**PHONE & FAX NUMBER(S):** Phone: (661) 252-2440  
Fax: (661) 251-2440

**WEBSITE:** [www.gentlebarn.org](http://www.gentlebarn.org)

**FEE FOR SERVICES:** Monday - Saturday, Groups - \$200-\$400  
Sundays, Open times - \$5 Per Person

**HOURS OF OPERATION:** Monday - Saturday: by appointment  
Sundays, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
(Call for info and to confirm we are open.)

**CONTACT PERSON(S):** Front Registration Desk  
Owners: Jay and Ellie

**LANGUAGES SPOKEN:** English, some Spanish, and Hebrew

**AGENCY NAME:**

**HEADS UP, INC. (2 pages)**

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

To improve the quality of life of children and youth who are physically, mentally, or emotionally impaired.

To provide Therapy On Horseback for disabled children, removing them from a clinical environment to a motivating, stimulating environment with horses to escalate their goals toward better balance, walking, coordination, improved circulation, strengthening of limbs and muscles, and communication.

To provide Equine Facilitated Therapy programs to children of abuse, and children and youth at risk of developing inappropriate life style choices of anti-social behavior, drugs, and crime which, in turn, creates emotional disturbances.

**SERVICES:**

Disabled children and adults therapy on horseback, disabled children and adults therapeutic horse cart driving program, William S. Hart Union High School District Special Education Workshops for Grades 7-10, youth at-risk programs for the Probation Department, and Valencia Courts Community Service Division, College of the Canyons Service Learning Students Program, Girl Scouts Workshop for Horse Fan Badge.

**Benefits for Special Needs Children and Adults**

Improved attention span, builds self-esteem, builds self-confidence, physical exercise, sensory input, socialization, coordination, balance, following directions, aides non-compliance, improves attitude, improves quality of life while having fun.

**AGE GROUP SERVED:**

Children and youth

**PHONE & FAX NUMBER(S):**

Heads Up Ranch: (661) 297-RIDE  
Nancy Pitchford, Executive Director: (661) 312-6184

**WEBSITE:**

[www.headsuptherapy.org](http://www.headsuptherapy.org)

**HEADS UP, INC. (cont'd)**

**FEE FOR SERVICES:** Fee vary according to services  
Some scholarships available. Reasonable fees. Working toward a future with no fees necessary.

**HOURS OF OPERATION:** Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays  
(For special needs therapy).

**CONTACT PERSON(S):** Nancy Pitchford

**LANGUAGES SPOKEN:** English

**AGENCY NAME:**

**INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER**

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

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 providing the services which will offer persons with disabilities the opportunity to seek an individual course towards independence, while educating the community.

**SERVICES:**

Serving the Santa Clarita area, we provide independent living skills training, emergency services, information on housing resources, information on community resources, advocacy, personal assistant resources, assistive technology, job placement/coaching services, Client Assistance Program (CAP) services, and social group.

**AGE GROUP SERVED:**

All ages

**PHONE & FAX NUMBER(S):**

Phone: (818) 988-9525

Fax: (818) 988-9585

**WEBSITE:**

[www.ilcsc.org](http://www.ilcsc.org)

**FEE FOR SERVICES:**

Transportation and interpreter service fees

**HOURS OF OPERATION:**

Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**CONTACT PERSON(S):**

N/A

**LANGUAGES SPOKEN:**

English and Spanish

**AGENCY NAME:** SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SPECIAL OLYMPICS

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The mission of the Special Olympics is to provide sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with mental retardation, providing them with opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and share their gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

**SERVICES:** To provide year-round sports training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

**AGE GROUP SERVED:** 8 years old and older

**PHONE & FAX NUMBER(S):** Phone: (661) 253-2121  
Fax: (661) 253-2922

**WEBSITE:** [www.sosc.org](http://www.sosc.org)

**FEE FOR SERVICES:** Free

**HOURS OF OPERATION:** Call office for information

**CONTACT PERSON(S):** Laura Mayo, Interim Regional Director

**LANGUAGES SPOKEN:** English, and limited Spanish

**AGENCY NAME:** SCAAN (Santa Clarita Autism Aspergers Network)

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Santa Clarita Autism Asperger Network (SCAAN) is an all volunteer network of active parents, and other family members and professionals who have a loved one with an autism spectrum disorder and /or work with individuals with autism spectrum disorders.

**SERVICES:** Support groups for family members affected by autism or AS; monthly newsletter; website and message board; special events, such as holiday party; play dates; referrals to community resources; partial scholarships for conferences.

**AGE GROUP SERVED:** All

**PHONE & FAX NUMBER(S):** Phone: (661) 297-8381

**WEBSITE:** [www.scaan.org](http://www.scaan.org)

**FEE FOR SERVICES:** Free membership; fee for some events; donations accepted

**HOURS OF OPERATION:** Membership line

**CONTACT PERSON(S):** [info@scaan.org](mailto:info@scaan.org) or 661-297-8381

**LANGUAGES SPOKEN:** English and Spanish available upon request

**SPECIAL NEEDS - ON-LINE RESOURCES**

Name	Website
Brave Kids (includes resource directory search)	<a href="http://www.bravekids.org">www.bravekids.org</a>
Down Syndrome Association of Los Angeles	<a href="http://www.dsala.org">www.dsala.org</a>
Junior Blind of America	<a href="http://www.juniorblind.org">www.juniorblind.org</a>
"211" of L.A. County	<a href="http://www.infoline-la.org">www.infoline-la.org</a> or call (800) 339-6993
Special Needs Community Calendar: a free directory of special needs, services, and events in the Los Angeles - Santa Clarita area.	<a href="http://www.scvs.intranets.com">www.scvs.intranets.com</a> or <a href="http://www.chadd.org">www.chadd.org</a>
National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities, formerly NICHCY (the National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities).	<a href="http://www.nichcy.org">www.nichcy.org</a>
Comprehensive Federal website of disability-related government resources.	<a href="http://www.disabilityinfo.gov">www.disabilityinfo.gov</a>
Children With Disabilities online guide, an initiative by the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.	<a href="http://www.childrenwithdisabilities.org">www.childrenwithdisabilities.org</a> <a href="http://www.ncjrs.org">www.ncjrs.org</a>
California Developmental Disabilities NETLINK	<a href="http://www.npi.ucla.edu">www.npi.ucla.edu</a>
Special Needs Services	<a href="http://www.scyouthandfamily.com/specialneeds.asp">www.scyouthandfamily.com/specialneeds.asp</a>

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**Ability First (formerly the Crippled Children's Society)**

[www.abilityfirst.org](http://www.abilityfirst.org)

**C.H.A.D.D. – Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder**

[www.chadd.org](http://www.chadd.org)

**C.L.E.A.R. – Community and Law Enforcement Aware Response**

[www.CLEARscv.org](http://www.CLEARscv.org)

**Down Syndrome Association of Los Angeles**

[www.dsala.org](http://www.dsala.org)

**Families Caring for Families**

(661) 949-1746

**Family Focus Resource and Empowerment Center**

[www.csunfamilyfocus.com](http://www.csunfamilyfocus.com)

**Foundation for the Junior Blind – Infant Family**

[www.juniorblind.org](http://www.juniorblind.org)

**Independent Living Center**

[www.ilcsc.org](http://www.ilcsc.org)

**International Dyslexia Association**

[www.interdys.org](http://www.interdys.org)

**John Tracy Clinic**

[www.johntracyclinic.org](http://www.johntracyclinic.org)

**Neuro-Vision Rehabilitation Institute & Sensory Learning Program**

[www.FVCOptometry.com](http://www.FVCOptometry.com)

**Pediatric Therapy of Santa Clarita**

(661) 254-1842

**Parents of John Tracy Clinic**

[www.johntracyclinic.org](http://www.johntracyclinic.org)

**SPECIAL NEEDS SERVICES (cont'd)**

**The Help Group – Project Safe**

[www.thehelpgroup.org](http://www.thehelpgroup.org)

**The North Los Angeles County Regional Center**

[www.nlacrc.org](http://www.nlacrc.org)

**Santa Clarita Valley SELPA Early Start Program**

[ckozlowski@saugus.k12.ca.us](mailto:ckozlowski@saugus.k12.ca.us)

**Special Education Local Plan Area**

[www.saugus.k12.ca.us/selpa](http://www.saugus.k12.ca.us/selpa)

**The Special Needs Community Calendar**

[www.scvs.webexone.com](http://www.scvs.webexone.com)

**Santa Clarita Autism Asperger Network (SCAAN)**

[www.scaan.org](http://www.scaan.org)

**Santa Clarita Valley Special Olympics**

[www.sosc.org](http://www.sosc.org)