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with information, resources, and technology.*



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Welcome to the 11th Annual River Region Disability Expo

We are honored to celebrate another year of connection, collaboration, and community impact. What began as a simple gathering of local resources has grown into a vibrant annual tradition, one that continues to strengthen the support network for individuals with disabilities and the families, caregivers, and professionals who walk alongside them.

This event is made possible by the generosity and partnership of organizations that deeply believe in accessibility, empowerment, and inclusion. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to **Faulkner University** for opening its doors and hosting this year's Expo. Their support provides a welcoming space where our community can learn, share, and discover new opportunities.

We proudly recognize and thank our 2026 sponsors, whose dedication to individuals with disabilities strengthens and enriches our entire region:

- **Easter Seals Central Alabama**
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As you explore this Resource Guide, we hope you discover new connections, valuable information, and a renewed sense of community. Thank you for joining us and for being part of a mission that grows stronger every year.

Sincerely,

Rachel Hughes,

Executive Director

Alabama Council on Developmental Disabilities,

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The Alabama Council on Developmental Disabilities (ACDD) works to ensure equality of opportunity for all citizens by promoting independence, advocacy, productivity, and inclusion for Alabamians with developmental disabilities. Through a wide range of projects, initiatives, and resource networks, ACDD empowers individuals to make the most of their educational potential, find and thrive in paid employment, secure or modify housing, access and use transportation, and connect with organizations that coordinate healthcare and social services. We also support participation in recreational, leisure, and social activities, while fostering leadership, self-determination, and self-advocacy so individuals can shape their own futures with confidence.

AL Department of Rehab Services-Business Enterprise Program

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The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS) operates the Business Enterprise Program (BEP). A federally supported initiative under the Randolph-Sheppard Act that provides individuals who are blind or visually impaired with opportunities for meaningful self-employment by training, licensing, and supporting them to manage vending routes, snack bars, cafeterias, micro-markets, and other food service or retail operations located in federal, state, and private facilities; through comprehensive business and operations training, ongoing technical assistance, equipment and inventory support, and placement into viable business locations, the program empowers participants to build long-term financial independence and successful careers.

AL Department of Rehab Services-State of AL Independent Living

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SAIL helps Alabamians with the most significant disabilities achieve their independence. With compassionate, skilled, and trusted counselors, nurses and specialists, SAIL provides in-home education, counseling, attendance care, training, medical and vocational services to ensure independent living can be achieved at home, at school, at work and in the community.

AL ABLE Savings Plan

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Alabama ABLE Savings Plan allows individuals to save money without impacting on their benefits such as SSI or Medicaid. People can save up to \$100,000 and those funds will not be counted towards your assets. It only takes 10 minutes and \$25.00 to start your account by visiting www.alabamaable.gov.

AL Department of Mental Health-Autism Services**334-235-6040****Contact: Mashannan Starks**mashannan.starks@mh.alabama.govmh.alabama.gov/autism-services

Autism services are available for Medicaid-eligible children and youth with autism, aged birth through 20, who require more intensive support. Autism Services provides families with an Intensive Care Coordinator who works with families to find community resources when not readily available through Autism Services. Autism Services also works alongside families to teach and help the advocate of behalf of the child.

Alabama Department of Public Health**334-206-5818****Contact: Shanika Andrews**shanika.andrews@adph.state.al.us

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) is the state's lead agency responsible for safeguarding the well-being of all residents by promoting, protecting, and improving Alabama's health. Through statewide programs and community partnerships, ADPH works to prevent disease, reduce health risks, support maternal and child health, strengthen emergency preparedness, ensure environmental safety, and expand access to essential public health services.

Alabama Department of Rehab Services-Vocational Rehabilitation Services**334-293-7500****Contact: Darryl Ellis**Darryl.ellis@rehab.alabama.gov<http://rehab.alabama.gov/>

ADRS's largest division, VRS, provides individualized employment- and education-related services and training to assist youth and adults with disabilities in achieving their employment goals. VRS provides transition services in collaboration with local high schools, technical colleges, junior colleges, and universities statewide to assist students with disabilities in receiving appropriate educational opportunities. The goal of VRS is to enable individuals with disabilities to increase self-sufficiency through employment. For Alabamians with disabilities, VRS strives to enhance employment opportunities and empower individuals with disabilities to achieve their maximum potential.

Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services-Early Intervention**334-293-7170****Contact: Whitney Coleman**whitney.coleman@rehab.alabama.gov<https://www.rehab.alabama.gov/services/ei>

Early Intervention provides supports and services for infants and toddlers under the age of three who have a developmental delay or a medical diagnosis that can delay normal development, which can prevent the child from meeting developmental milestones. Early intervention supports and services focus on teaching the parents and caregivers ways to help the child learn and participate in everyday activities.

Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services: OASIS**334-293-7145****Contact: Jana Munro/ Mary Erwin**jana.munro@rehab.alabama.gov

The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services' OASIS (Older Alabamians System of Information Services) program provides specialized support to adults aged 55 and older who are experiencing vision impairments, helping them maintain independence and confidence in their

daily lives. Through personalized training, adaptive techniques, and access to helpful resources, OASIS empowers older adults to continue living safely and actively in their homes and communities.

Alabama Head Injury Foundation

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The Alabama Head Injury Foundation (AHIF) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1983 by professionals and families to increase public awareness of traumatic brain injury (TBI) and to stimulate the development of supportive services. Whether an injury is mild or severe, it permanently changes the lives of survivors and their families, often with emotional, physical, and financial impacts. While medical care and rehabilitation may lead to significant recovery, the return to life after TBI—or traumatic spinal cord injury (SCI)—can be a long and challenging journey, particularly as individuals and families adjust to a “new normal.” AHIF provides information to help clients and families understand the impact of injury, assists them in accessing available resources, and offers services and programs tailored to the unique needs of individuals with TBI and/or SCI. AHIF never charges for its services and is committed to working with survivors and families to achieve the best quality of life possible.

Alabama Institute for the Deaf & Blind

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The Alabama Institute for the Deaf & Blind (AIDB) provides a comprehensive, statewide continuum of services for individuals who are Deaf, Blind, Deaf-Blind, or have multiple sensory disabilities, supporting people from infancy through older adulthood. Through specialized education, rehabilitation, training programs, and community-based services, AIDB empowers individuals and their families with the tools, resources, and skills needed to achieve greater independence, communication access, and quality of life. With campuses, regional centers, and outreach programs across Alabama, AIDB ensures that people of all ages receive personalized support tailored to their unique needs.

Alabama Lifespan Respite

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Alabama Lifespan Respite is a statewide program that supports full-time, unpaid family caregivers of individuals with chronic illness or disability by providing respite reimbursement, caregiver education and resources, and free mental health counseling.

Alabama Parent Education Center

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The Alabama Parent Education Center (APEC) is a non-profit 501 (c) (3), organized in 2002 by Alabama parents, educators, and professionals serving families. APEC provides services and support to assist families, particularly those underserved, including minority, low-income, and

families with children with disabilities. APEC provides parents with training, information, and support to help them become meaningful participants in their children's education and lives.

Alabama State University
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Alabama State University (ASU) offers a comprehensive Master of Rehabilitation Counseling program designed to prepare students for professional roles supporting individuals with disabilities in achieving greater independence, employment, and quality of life. Through rigorous academic training, hands-on clinical experience, and a strong commitment to community engagement, the program equips future rehabilitation counselors with the skills needed to work in diverse settings such as vocational rehabilitation agencies, healthcare facilities, educational institutions, and community organizations. For more information about the program, contact Danita Stapleton at dstapleton@alasu.edu or visit the program webpage at <https://www.alasu.edu/academics/programs-majors/cohs/rehab-studies/master-rehabilitation-counseling-mrc.php>

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Allied Pediatric Therapy, LLC
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Allied Pediatric Therapy, LLC provides specialized Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy to support children with developmental and behavioral needs, helping them build essential skills for communication, learning, social interaction, and daily living. Using evidence-based practices and individualized treatment plans, the team works closely with families to create supportive, structured environments that promote meaningful progress and long-term success. Through compassionate care and collaborative partnerships, Allied Pediatric Therapy empowers children to reach their fullest potential.

Angels Among Us Special Needs Community
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Angels Among Us Special Needs Community is a supportive, inclusive organization dedicated to empowering individuals with special needs and their families. Led by Musette Hankins, the group provides a welcoming space for connection, shared experiences, and valuable resources that help families navigate their unique journeys. Through community gatherings, peer support, and compassionate outreach, Angels Among Us fosters understanding, encouragement, and a sense of belonging for all who participate.

Arc of Central Alabama
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Chapter support, guidance, and information are provided to all 30 chapters of The Arc throughout Alabama. These chapters vary widely in size and in the scope of services they offer, ranging from local awareness and advocacy events to comprehensive supports such as residential placements, day habilitation programs, behavioral therapies, autism clinics, community engagement initiatives, and employment services. Families seeking information or referrals are connected with

appropriate resources and supports. Legislative advocacy and training are also offered to empower disability advocates across the state.

AU Regional Autism Network

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Alabama's Regional Autism Network (RAN) supports individuals with diagnosed or suspected Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), as well as their families, caregivers, educators, and service providers, by offering guidance, resources, and practical assistance tailored to their needs. The network provides professional training programs, technical assistance and consultation services, individualized and direct family support in home, school, and community settings, and public education initiatives designed to increase awareness and understanding of autism across the state.

Autauga Elmore Developmental Services

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Autauga Elmore Developmental Services provides a comprehensive range of supports designed to help individuals with developmental disabilities lead meaningful, self-directed lives within their communities. Through person-centered planning, skill-building opportunities, and individualized assistance, the organization focuses on promoting independence, safety, personal growth, and community inclusion in a residential setting. Their services empower individuals to make choices, develop daily living skills, and engage more fully in the activities and relationships that matter most to them.

Autism Support of Alabama

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Autism Support of Alabama (ASA) provides comprehensive education, advocacy, and community-based programs to support individuals on the autism spectrum and the families, professionals, and communities who care for them. Through initiatives such as Autism Sensory Kits, Autism Friendly Alabama, CAMP Frog, CARE Binders, statewide conferences, community events, Connect Groups, Family Grants, post-secondary scholarships, and safety programs, ASA works to increase understanding, expand access to resources, and improve quality of life for people with autism across Alabama.

AWE/Arc

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Students participate in a year-round, activity-based program that focuses on daily living skills, foundational academics, and pre-vocational training. Each student engages in community-based activities at least once a week to promote inclusion and meaningful use of community resources. Instruction is provided by experienced, knowledgeable staff, and all services are guided by each student's individualized plan.

Bath Innovations of Alabama**334-399-9610****Contact: Robin Stephens**robin@bathinnovations.combathinnovations.com

Bath Innovations specializes in remodeling for senior citizens and individuals with disabilities. We focus on preventing falls and enabling independent living. Our services include walk-in tubs, low barriers or roll-in showers, grab bars, and tub-to-shower conversions tailored for seniors and individuals with disabilities. We work with the VA for HISA grants to install ADA-compliant walk-in showers for veterans.

Bridgeway ABA Therapy, LLC**334- 290-5095****Contact: Elizabeth Corley**ecorley@bridgewayaba.com<https://bridgewayaba.com/>

Bridgeway ABA Therapy, LLC provides comprehensive support services for children diagnosed with autism through a combination of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy, life coaching, and occupational therapy. Their multidisciplinary approach focuses on building communication, social, behavioral, and daily living skills while empowering children to grow with confidence and independence. By partnering closely with families and tailoring interventions to each child's unique strengths and needs, Bridgeway ABA Therapy helps create meaningful progress at home, in school, and within the community.

Camp ASCCA**256-825-9226****Contact: Chris Pendergrass**chris@campascca.orgwww.campascca.org

ASCCA is an acronym that stands for Alabama's Special Camp for Children and Adults. Beginning in 1976, Camp ASCCA has been a nationally recognized leader in therapeutic recreation and is known throughout the world for its superior quality services. Providing camping experiences for children and adults with disabilities, Camp ASCCA is open year-round. Within its barrier-free environment, Camp ASCCA offers 230 wooded acres on the shores of beautiful Lake Martin in Alabama.

Caravita Village**334-354-4749****Contact: Angela Mims**Leaseing@caravitaseniorliving.comwww.caravitaseniorliving.com

Caravita Village offers a welcoming, supportive environment designed to help seniors live with comfort, dignity, and connection. The community provides a blend of independence and personalized care, ensuring residents enjoy a vibrant lifestyle with the support they need.

Careavan**334-721-6975****Contact: Margaret Steingraber**margarets@careavan.carewww.careavan.care

Careavan provides safe, reliable non-emergency medical transportation for individuals who need support getting to and from appointments, treatments, and essential outings. The service is designed to accommodate both ambulatory passengers and those who require wheelchair-accessible transportation, ensuring comfort and dignity every step of the way.

Family members and caregivers are welcome to ride along, making the experience smoother and more reassuring for everyone involved. With a focus on punctuality, compassion, and professional care, Careavan helps clients maintain independence and access the services they need without stress.

Care Help Homecare, LLC

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Care Help Homecare, LLC provides compassionate, person-centered support that empowers clients to maintain independence and dignity while living safely and comfortably in their own homes. Their services include personalized assistance with daily activities, homemaker support, companionship, and respite care, all designed to create a safe, nurturing environment where individuals feel respected, valued, and able to live life on their own terms. With a commitment to high-quality care and meaningful relationships, Care Help Homecare helps clients and families navigate their daily needs with confidence and peace of mind.

Central Alabama Aging Consortium

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The Central Alabama Aging Consortium provides a wide range of programs and services that support seniors and individuals living with disabilities. Offerings include Medicaid Waiver services, caregiver respite, Medicare counseling, medication assistance programs, access to an Aging and Disability Resource Center, free legal services, and additional supportive resources. The organization proudly serves residents of Montgomery, Elmore, and Autauga counties, helping individuals and families navigate aging and disability with confidence and care.

Christian's Heart Foundation

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The organization was created to offer a supportive group where individuals can safely express their feelings and experiences. A personal journey inspired its founder—navigating her son Christian's diagnosis with heart disease without a strong support system or knowledge of available resources. As her son later developed a disability and experienced developmental delays, the need for guidance, community, and understanding became even more evident. Recognizing that many families do not have a built-in support network and often struggle to find the right resources, the organization was established to help fill that gap. Its purpose is to ensure that no one has to face these challenges alone and that every family has access to a caring community and the information they need.

Churchill Academy

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Churchill Academy provides a College Prep and Essentials program for students who learn differently. Our mission is to define success individually within the structure of a supportive, nurturing environment, focusing on the uniqueness of the learner's social, emotional, and

academic needs, resulting in students demonstrating self-advocacy and reaching their academic potential.

Cornerstone Caregiving

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Cornerstone Caregiving provides compassionate, dependable in-home caregiving services designed to support individuals who wish to remain safe, comfortable, and independent in their own homes. With a team of trained caregivers dedicated to dignity and respect, Cornerstone offers personalized assistance that meets each client's unique needs—whether they require help with daily activities, companionship, or ongoing support due to aging, illness, or disability. The organization focuses on building trusting relationships, delivering high-quality care, and giving families peace of mind knowing their loved ones are supported by professionals who truly care. Cornerstone Caregiving is committed to enhancing quality of life and helping clients maintain the comfort and familiarity of home.

CrossingPoints - The University of Alabama, Special Education

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CrossingPoints is a collaborative program at The University of Alabama dedicated to creating meaningful learning opportunities for students with significant intellectual disabilities. The program focuses on developing academic, social, vocational, and independent-living skills that empower students to reach their fullest potential. Through individualized instruction, community-based experiences, and a supportive educational environment, CrossingPoints helps students build confidence, strengthen essential life skills, and prepare for greater independence.

Dementia Friendly Alabama,

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Dementia Friendly Alabama provides statewide support, resources, and education to individuals living with dementia and related disorders, as well as to their families, caregivers, and care partners, with the goal of helping people remain engaged, understood, and supported within their communities. Serving all sixty-seven counties in Alabama, the organization works to build dementia-friendly environments by increasing public awareness, offering practical tools and guidance, and fostering partnerships that improve quality of life for those affected. Through community education, resource guides, outreach initiatives, and caregiver support efforts, Dementia Friendly Alabama strives to ensure that individuals living with dementia can experience greater safety, dignity, and connection.

Disability Advisory Group of Central Alabama

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DAGCA.org

The Disability Advisory Group of Central Alabama (DAGCA) is a volunteer-driven organization dedicated to promoting accessibility, inclusion, and equal participation for people with disabilities throughout the Central Alabama region. The group provides guidance on a wide range of

accessibility issues—such as ramps, curb cuts, parking, event access, and public-space usability—while also coordinating adaptive sports, recreational opportunities, and community events that foster engagement and awareness. Through collaboration with local governments, organizations, and residents, DAGCA works to create more welcoming, barrier-free environments for all.

Disability as an Ability Toward Success: Moms on the Move (D.A.T.S.M.O.M.)

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Disability as an Ability Toward Success: Moms on the Move, also known as D.A.T.S.M.O.M., is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization serving families of children on the autism spectrum (or with related developmental disabilities). The goal is to provide a platform to help parents shift their children's disability into an ability by equipping them with the knowledge, support, and tools needed to be effective advocates for their children. By providing free family services, activities, training, and programs, we help families progressively navigate the autism journey.

Disability Resource Network

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Disability Resource Network is dedicated to empowering individuals with disabilities by providing the tools, support, and advocacy needed to live independently and confidently within their communities. As a Center for Independent Living, the organization offers a wide range of services designed to promote autonomy, self-advocacy, and meaningful community participation.

Dream Court Inc.

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Dream Court Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering inclusion, confidence, and community through its adaptive tennis program for individuals with physical, developmental, and intellectual disabilities. By providing accessible coaching, modified equipment, and a supportive environment, Dream Court empowers athletes of all ages and abilities to build skills, develop friendships, and experience the joy of sport. The organization promotes acceptance both on and off the court, creating opportunities for participants to grow physically, socially, and emotionally.

Easterseals Central Alabama

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Services in Speech, Occupational Therapy, Autism testing, Food School, Hippotherapy, Senior and Teen/College employment services and training, employment evaluation, The Care Project for free medical equipment, as well as interpreting services.

Educational and Developmental Intervention Services - Early Intervention for Maxwell AFB Families

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Educational and Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS) provides Early Intervention support for families living on Maxwell and Gunter Air Force Bases, offering specialized services designed to help infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities reach their fullest potential. Through developmental evaluations, individualized family service plans, and coaching for parents and caregivers, EDIS empowers families with the tools and strategies they need to support their child's growth in everyday routines. In addition to serving military families on base, the program also promotes general awareness and understanding of Early Intervention—highlighting how early support can strengthen developmental outcomes, enhance family confidence, and create a strong foundation for future learning.

334-320-5935

Encompass Health

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Encompass Health is dedicated to helping patients regain independence and improve their overall quality of life through coordinated, expert rehabilitation services tailored to their unique medical and functional needs. With a comprehensive approach that includes physical, occupational, and speech-language therapy, along with medical rehabilitation and individualized care plans, Encompass Health supports patients recovering from illness, injury, surgery, or chronic conditions by providing compassionate, evidence-based care in a supportive environment. Their interdisciplinary teams work closely with patients and families to promote meaningful progress, restore confidence, and empower individuals to return to the highest level of independence possible

Family Guidance Center of AL / First 5 Alabama

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Family Guidance Center of Alabama and First 5 Alabama offer a range of supportive programs designed to strengthen families and promote healthy early childhood development. Their services include parent and family support, early childhood development programs, infant and early childhood mental health resources through First 5 Alabama, counseling and family services, and community education and outreach—all aimed at helping families build stability, access resources, and create nurturing environments where young children can thrive.

Faulkner Center for Therapy and Research

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The Faulkner Center for Therapy and Research offers a wide range of therapy services for people of all ages, helping them enhance their physical, mental, emotional, and communication skills. With a team of skilled clinicians and a commitment to evidence-based care, the center offers physical therapy to enhance mobility and strength, occupational therapy to build daily living and functional skills, speech-language therapy to address communication and swallowing needs, and mental health counseling to promote emotional well-being. Through personalized treatment plans and a

supportive environment, the Faulkner Center for Therapy and Research help clients achieve meaningful progress and a higher quality of life.

Friends of Olivia

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Friends of Olivia is a Selma-based, family-led support organization dedicated to serving children and adults with developmental and sensory disabilities, as well as their families, across Dallas County and surrounding rural communities. The group provides sensory-friendly community events, educational workshops, practical resources for navigating diagnoses and services, support opportunities for caregivers and self-advocates, and community outreach that promotes understanding, acceptance, and inclusion. Guided by the belief that no family should face these challenges alone, Friends of Olivia works to strengthen local communities by fostering connection, empowerment, and a sense of belonging for every individual.

Gifted Ministry of Hunter Hills

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Gifted Ministry of Hunter Hills provides a supportive, faith-centered community for parents and individuals with disabilities, offering a welcoming space for connection, encouragement, and spiritual growth. Led by Dean and Sharon Farris, the ministry serves as both a support group for parents and a “buddies” program within the church, ensuring that individuals with disabilities are included, valued, and supported during worship and church activities. Through compassionate relationships and intentional inclusion, Gifted Ministry of Hunter Hills helps families feel seen, supported, and connected within their church community.

Healthcare Solutions with Leslie

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Healthcare Solutions with Leslie provides personalized guidance to help individuals understand and select the Medicare coverage that best fits their needs. Leslie Knox offers support with a full range of Medicare products, including Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare Supplement (Medigap) policies, Part D prescription drug plans, and additional supplemental insurance options. Through one-on-one assistance and clear explanations, Healthcare Solutions with Leslie helps clients navigate their choices with confidence and ensures they have coverage that supports their health and financial well-being.

Home Care Assistance Montgomery

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At Home Care Assistance Montgomery, our mission is to enhance the quality of life for seniors and their families by providing exceptional in-home care. We are committed to promoting independence, dignity, and respect while offering personalized care tailored to meet the unique needs of everyone. With our compassionate and highly trained caregivers, we strive to create a safe and nurturing environment that allows seniors to age in place with grace and dignity.

Horizons School**205-322-6606****Contact: Martha K. Loukotka, MS, BCBA, LBA**mloukotka@horizonsschool.orghorizonsschool.org

The Horizons School has been in business since 1991. Our dedicated staff has enabled young adults with learning and other disabilities to acquire skills for work and living independence. Our READI Learning Program (Encompassing a wide range of subjects from budgeting, social skills, cooking/cleaning skills, and Job skills) is implemented in authentic community settings and is not limited to the classroom.

Juice Plus and Tower Garden**404-409-7797****Contact: Lynn Henry**Lynnhenry@gmail.comLHenry@juiceplus.comtowergarden.com/#Lynnhenry

Juice Plus offers quality, whole food nutrition available in a simple way: fruit, vegetables, and berries in capsules, gummies, or powder mix drink added to water. Great for overall health and nutrition. Also, we have plant-based Omega capsules, probiotics, Prebiotics, and whole food, plant-based shakes. Children between the ages of 4 and 25 can get the Fruit and Vegetable FREE with an adult order. All the products have gold standard research showing the benefits. The company is over 50 years old and is dedicated to quality products. Also available is a state-of-the-art Vertical Tower Garden. A hands-on way to easily grow your own product. Kids love it!

Lakeshore Foundation**205-313-7442****Contact: Rachel Doud**rachd@lakeshore.orgwww.lakeshore.org

Lakeshore Foundation is an internationally recognized leader in adaptive sports, fitness, and wellness, serving as an official Olympic and Paralympic Training Site while also operating as a community fitness center for individuals of all ages with physical disabilities and chronic health conditions. Through specialized programs, accessible facilities, and expert staff, Lakeshore empowers members to build strength, improve health, and participate fully in recreational and competitive activities. The organization partners with a variety of community health initiatives—including the National Center on Health, Physical Activity, and Disability—to expand access to inclusive wellness opportunities and connect people with resources that support long-term health and independence.

Learning Disabilities Association of Alabama**334-604-8437****Contact: Sekeria Bossie**sbossie@alasu.edu<https://ldaalabama.org>

The Learning Disabilities Association of Alabama (LDAA) provides vital support to individuals with learning disabilities—as well as to their parents, educators, and professionals—by offering cutting-edge information, practical strategies, and a strong statewide network of resources. Through advocacy, training, community education, and access to evidence-based tools, LDAA helps families and schools better understand learning disabilities and implement effective solutions that promote academic success and lifelong confidence. As a trusted leader in the

field, LDAA serves as Alabama’s primary source for reliable information, guidance, and connections that empower individuals with learning disabilities to reach their full potential.

M TRANSIT

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M Transit provides safe, reliable public transportation within the Montgomery city limits, offering fixed-route bus services, ADA-compliant paratransit options, and on-demand micro-transit to ensure residents can travel conveniently throughout the community. The system operates multiple bus routes across the city, provides accessible transportation for riders with disabilities through its paratransit program, and offers curb-to-curb micro-transit service for added flexibility. With a commitment to dependable service and community accessibility, M Transit helps Montgomery residents reach work, school, appointments, and essential destinations with ease.

Matia Mobility

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Matia Mobility is transforming what independence looks like for individuals with walking disabilities through the groundbreaking Tek RMD Electric Lift and Standing Mobility Platform. Engineered with modern design and user-centered functionality, the all-new Tek RMD allows users to independently and safely sit, stand, and navigate both indoor and outdoor environments—many of which were previously inaccessible. By enabling upright mobility at eye level, the Tek RMD promotes greater autonomy, improved social engagement, and enhanced quality of life.

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MEDESCO LLC provides specialized complex rehab medical equipment designed to enhance mobility, comfort, and independence for individuals with a wide range of physical and developmental needs. Their offerings include advanced standing devices for people who use wheelchairs, adaptive strollers for children with special needs, and a variety of customized bathing and toileting systems that support safety, dignity, and ease of care. By focusing on high-quality, individualized solutions, MEDESCO helps families and caregivers access the equipment necessary to improve daily living and promote greater participation at home and in the community.

Montgomery Children's Specialty Center

334-531-8517

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Montgomery Children’s Specialty Center is dedicated to providing exceptional rehabilitative care in a warm, family-friendly environment where children can heal, grow, and thrive. The center offers top-quality skilled nursing services along with specialized education, nutritious family-style meals, and engaging activities designed to support each child’s physical, emotional, and developmental needs. With a compassionate team focused on creating comfort and confidence throughout the rehabilitation journey, children and their families receive the support they need every step of the way.

Montgomery Public Schools Department of Special Education**334-663-4113****Contact: Aris Shanks and Katrina Jackson**aris.shanks@mps.k12.al.uskatrina.jackson@mps.k12.al.uswww.mps.k12.al.us

Montgomery Public Schools provides educational services to more than 3,200 students throughout the district. The system has special education teachers, paraprofessionals, speech pathologists, and related service personnel who provide instruction and related services to students who have a disability. Students are eligible for special education services from the age of 3 through 21.

NAMI Alabama**334-396-4797****Contact: Kelly Emerson**kemerson@namialabama.orgnamialabama.org

NAMI Alabama is committed to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness by providing education, advocacy, and compassionate community-based support. Through a network of trained volunteers, NAMI Alabama works across the state to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and offer free programs and resources that help people navigate mental health challenges with greater understanding and confidence.

National Federation of the Blind**334-467-0790****Contact: Jessica Kyser**Jessicakyser25@icloud.com

The National Federation of the Blind provides advocacy, support, and resources for individuals who are blind or visually impaired, as well as for their families. Through education, community engagement, and empowerment initiatives, the organization works to promote independence, expand opportunities, and ensure equal access in all areas of life.

NuMotion**205-873-6304****Contact: Gerry Rodgers**gerry.rodgers@numotion.comnumotion.com

NuMotion is a leading provider of complex rehab technology, offering a wide range of customized mobility solutions designed to meet the unique needs of individuals with disabilities. Their services include advanced power and manual wheelchairs, complex manual mobility systems, pediatric strollers, adaptive car seats, standing devices, and other specialized equipment that support independence, comfort, and daily function.

Oak Street Health**334-414-7844****Contact: Mia Rollins**termeria.rollins@oakstreethealth.comhttps://www.oakstreethealth.com/locations/montgomery-al/montgomery-doctors-office?utm_source=listings&utm_vpf=rioseo&utm_campaign=location&clinic_id=361

Oak Street Health, founded in 2012 and now part of CVS Health, is a primary care provider dedicated to helping older adults stay healthy, active, and engaged in their daily lives. Their innovative care model goes far beyond traditional primary care by offering comprehensive

preventive services, personalized wellness plans, integrated behavioral and social health support, and coordinated care designed specifically for the needs of adults on Medicare.

Prattville YMCA Field of Dreams Contact: June Dorough

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Field of Dreams Baseball, Flag Football and Cheerleading, Basketball and Cheerleading, ABLE Afterschool, Camp ABLE for 8 weeks in the summer, and many special events throughout the year.

Project Transition

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Project Transition is a behavioral health company that offers the SOS (Systems of Support) Program in Alabama. SOS provides individualized support to individuals with autism and behavioral challenges, as well as their families, to promote independence and success in the community. Services include care coordination, crisis coaching, and assistance connecting individuals and caregivers with needed services and resources.

Renewal By Andersen

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205-894-0544

Renewal by Andersen, represented by Brandy Phillips, offers nationwide window and door sweepstakes—including a \$10,000 giveaway—and provides free in-home design consultations to help homeowners explore replacement options and secure a quote that is locked in for one year. Through these consultations, a design specialist meets with homeowners to review styles, materials, and energy-efficient solutions, ensuring they receive personalized recommendations and clear pricing for their window and door needs.

RISE UP

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RISE Up, located within First United Methodist Church's Early Childhood Development Center, provides high-quality early childhood education and inclusive pediatric therapy for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years old. The program offers occupational, speech, and physical therapy delivered directly in the classroom so children with special needs can learn alongside their peers in a supportive, inclusive environment. Funded entirely through donations to the RISE Up Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the program provides therapy services at no cost to enrolled families. RISE Up is committed to nurturing each child's physical, emotional, cognitive, verbal, and social development through individualized, evidence-based care and close collaboration with families.

Rooftop Friends**859-626-2487****Contact: Amy Chitwood**rooftopfriends@christchurchanglican.netwww.christchurchanglican.net<https://www.christchurchanglican.net/rooftop-friends>

Rooftop Friends is a disability-inclusive ministry of Christ Church Anglican that provides a safe, joyful, and supportive environment for children and adults with special needs, as well as respite and encouragement for their families. Through monthly respite nights, one-on-one buddy support, adaptive activities, and Christ-centered community engagement, the ministry creates meaningful opportunities for participants to build friendships, experience belonging, and enjoy fully accessible fellowship.

SafeinHome**334-799-2155****Contact: Melissa Walters**mwalters@safeinhome.com<https://www.safeinhome.com/>

SafeinHome provides remote support services designed to help individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities live independently while maintaining privacy, dignity, and personal choice. By combining 24/7 remote support staff with assistive technology and sensor-based devices, SafeinHome offers a reliable, least-restrictive alternative to traditional in-person support. Thousands of people have chosen Remote Supports, and in 2024 the service maintained a 97.1% retention rate—reflecting strong satisfaction and trust. At a time when many support services face staffing shortages and long waitlists, SafeinHome has trained professionals ready to begin services immediately, whether at home or in the community.

Sickle Cell Foundation of Greater Montgomery, Inc.**334-286-9122****Contact: Monica R. VanDiver**sicklec3@aol.com<https://scfgm.org>

The Sickle Cell Foundation of Greater Montgomery, Inc. provides essential counseling, education, support groups, and outreach follow-up services for individuals living with Sickle Cell Disease and those with Sickle Cell Trait. Through personalized guidance, community-based support, and ongoing advocacy, the organization helps clients better understand their condition, access needed resources, and navigate the challenges associated with Sickle Cell.

St. Margaret's Services**334-288-8890****Contact: LaTonya Gamble****ext. 663**lgamble@mobarch.org

St. Margaret's Services provides compassionate support to individuals and families throughout the Archdiocese of Mobile, offering assistance that promotes stability, dignity, and improved quality of life. In addition to general outreach and case management, the organization offers specialized services for adults ages 60 and older, helping seniors access resources such as benefits assistance, supportive counseling, community referrals, and programs that enhance independence and well-being.

STAAR PROGRAM**334-440-6538**

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The STAAR Program supports individuals ages 14 to 30 as they navigate the transition from high school into adulthood, offering structured programs that build independence, confidence, and practical life skills. Through personalized guidance, career exploration, job readiness training, and community-based learning opportunities, the program helps young people identify their strengths and prepare for employment, higher education, or independent living.

The Bailey Center, LLC**334-491-0066**

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The Bailey Center, LLC provides comprehensive pediatric therapy services designed to support children in developing the skills they need to thrive at home, in school, and in their communities. The center offers specialized speech therapy to strengthen communication and language abilities, occupational therapy to enhance fine-motor skills, sensory processing, and daily living skills, and physical therapy to improve mobility, coordination, and overall physical development.

The Cradle Through Independence Center at Faulkner University**334-386-7157**

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Cradle Through Independence (CTI) provides inclusive, individualized support for children and young adults of all abilities through coordinated educational, therapeutic, and transition services. CTI meets each participant where they are and helps them grow in learning, communication, daily living, and independence across home, school, work, and community settings.

The Full Life Ahead Foundation**205-602-4664**

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The Full Life Ahead Foundation began in 2002 with a simple conversation between two mothers at a local softball field—both raising daughters with disabilities and wishing they had known earlier what they had since learned. More than two decades later, that conversation has grown into a thriving statewide resource for families across Alabama. The organization was founded on the belief that families deserve hope and practical support as they navigate the transition from school to adult life. Its intentional focus on strengthening both family and community connections serves as the foundation for successful post-graduation outcomes.

The Hank Poore Foundation**205-799-3857**

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The Hank Poore Foundation supports individuals with disabilities by providing grants that fund adaptive and recreational equipment, helping recipients access opportunities that promote independence, physical activity, and community participation. Through its grant program, the foundation assists families in obtaining specialized items—such as adaptive bikes, mobility devices, and other recreational tools—that may not be covered by insurance but significantly enhance quality of life.

Three Rivers Counseling & Consulting**334-538-7126****Contact: Brittany Asuncion**basuncion@threeriverscounselingllc.com<https://www.threeriverscounselingllc.com/>

Three Rivers Counseling & Consulting provides professional mental health counseling, therapy, and consulting services to individuals and families throughout the River Region and across the state of Alabama. The practice offers accessible, client-centered care with in-person services available in Montgomery, Prattville, Wetumpka, and Millbrook, as well as options for residents statewide.

Uniquely You Central Alabama**334-398-4530****Contact: Paul Hancock**paul.hancock@uniquelyyoumag.com<https://centralalabama.uniquelyyoumag.com/>

Uniquely You Central Alabama is the new resource guide and magazine that celebrates the disability community of Central Alabama (all ages and all disabilities) and connects their families to trusted resources and businesses.

Viva Medicare**334-318-8857****Contact: Erin Lowery**elowery@uabmc.eduvivahealth.com

Viva Medicare, part of the Viva Health family, offers comprehensive Medicare Advantage plans designed to support the health and well-being of older adults across Alabama. With a focus on accessible, high-quality care, Viva Medicare provides coordinated coverage that often includes medical, hospital, and prescription drug benefits, along with additional services that promote preventive care and overall wellness.

Williams Loving Care**334-549-4009****Contact: Nancy Williams**nancy.williamslovingcare@yahoo.comwww.williamslivingcare.biz

Williams Loving Care provides compassionate, personalized home care services for children and adults with special needs, as well as for veterans seeking dependable in-home support. As a VA-certified provider, the organization is equipped to serve veterans through approved programs while also offering tailored assistance to individuals with developmental, physical, or medical challenges.