



**D**isabled children and adults have a need for special programs, yet there are not enough schools and centers to meet their needs. It is extremely important for disabled immigrants and their families to get information about their educational, employment and legal rights.



## How can I find out about my disabled rights?

Immigrants who have disabilities and need information about their rights and how to get accustomed to the new environment can call Protection and Advocacy Inc. at 1-800-776-5746 or the Bay Area (Oakland) office at (510) 839-0811 or visit their website [www.pai-ca.org](http://www.pai-ca.org).

## How can community organizations help people with disabilities?

Some organizations serving the disabled have staff who speak different languages and can help the disabled immigrant obtain information and services.

## If I am disabled and need help with skills or to find a job, where do I go?

Some organizations can provide job training and/or assistance in finding a job. The help may depend upon the type of disability that you have. These organizations include:

- Alliance Vocational Services

- California State Department of Rehabilitation
- Catholic Charities Focus on Work
- Vision Impaired-Sensory Access Foundation
- Deaf Counseling Advocacy and Referral Agency
- Gavilan College
- DeAnza Community College Special Education Division.

## What if my child needs special education services?

Your school should provide many services for your child to succeed in school. **But it is very important that you actively seek the support and services your child needs.** Also, depending upon the age of the children and the type of disability they have, there are special education programs such as Achieve Intake, Children's Health Council, Community Association for Rehabilitation, Greater Opportunities for the Developmentally Disabled, and Parents Helping Parents special education advocacy program (408-727-5775) among others.

---

## Parents of children with special needs have many rights and should advocate for their child's well-being.

---

## If I am disabled and have no money, can I receive financial help from the government?

There are some government programs that provide cash assistance to people who are disabled and are low-income. These programs depend upon your immigration status and whether you have worked in the United States. If you have a green card, using cash aid as your only source of income will not affect your immigration status, unless you decide to leave the country for more than 180 days. See the Cash Aid Section on pg. 62 for more



information on cash aid programs and pg. 5 to learn more about how using benefits may affect your immigration status.

## Is there free medical help for children and adults with disabilities?

If you are low-income and have limited resources, you may be eligible for Medi-Cal, a state medical insurance program. See the Individual & Family Health Care Section on pg. 9 for more information.

## Is there housing assistance for people with disabilities?

Green Pastures and Tri-Aegis Residential Services provide residential homes for children and/or adults with developmental disabilities. In some circumstances, there are federally subsidized housing projects that help disabled persons by providing apartments with reduced rents. A federally subsidized housing list may be available through the Housing Authority of Santa Clara County. In addition, the Housing Authority has a Section 8 housing list. See the Housing Section on pg. 53 for more information.

## Are their cash aid programs for people with disabilities?

Some of these programs include

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI),
- Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI),
- Social Security Disability Insurance,
- State Disability Insurance,
- Workers Compensation,
- Cal Works.

See the Cash Aid section on pg. 62 and the Wages & Workers Rights section on pg. 123 for more information.

## Where do I call if my child is out of control?

Depending upon the type of disability, counseling services are provided by Crisis Line for the Handicapped, Children's Health Council, Greater Opportunities for the Developmentally Disabled as well as other agencies. See the Stress/ Mental Health Section on pg. 19 or call 24 hour ACCESS Crisis: (800) 704-0900 for assistance.



### Achieve Intake

3860 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303-4716  
Tel: (650) 494-1243

Language(s): American Sign Language, Cantonese, Tagalog, Finnish, French, Polish, Russian and Spanish.

Services: Mental health treatment and special education for children and youth with emotional and developmental handicaps. Ages 2 1/2 to 22.

### Alliance Vocational Services (AVS)

Palo Alto: 206 California Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306

Tel: (650) 617-8340

San Jose: 150 South Autumn, San Jose, CA 95110

Tel: (408) 938-8500

Language(s): Spanish, Vietnamese, Tagalog and Punjabi

Services: Assists individuals with severe mental illness who wish to re-enter the job market to identify their skills and abilities and develop job-seeking skills including resume writing, job applications and interviewing. Clients have assistance in finding employment. On-going one-on-one counseling, job coaching and practical guidance help to maintain employment. Available to Santa Clara County residents, age 18 and over, with an Axis 1 psychiatric diagnosis. Self-referral or referral by a mental-health professional. No fee. Funding through the California Department of Rehabilitation and Santa Clara County Mental Health.



# Care for People with Disabilities

---

## California State Department of Rehabilitation

7872 Eagle Berry St., Gilroy, CA 95020

Tel: (408) 848-1345

Language(s): English, Spanish, Chinese, Mandarin, Hindi, Ilocano, Japanese, Persian, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Visaye.

## Mountain View:

2570 West El Camino Real Suite 202, Mountain View, CA 94040

Tel: (650) 949-2750

Language(s): Spanish

## San Jose:

100 Paseo de San Antonio, Room 324, San Jose, CA 95113

Tel: (408) 277-1355

Language(s): Spanish and American Sign

Services: Diagnostic and testing services, job training and placement for vocationally disabled persons with physical, mental and emotional impairments. Supportive services. Apply by phone for appointment. Fee: none.

## Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County (Handicapped Program)

2625 Zanker Rd., San Jose, CA 95134

Tel: (408) 468-0100

Services: Offers an opportunity for adults with disabilities to get out of their homes for once a month socialization and other events.

## Children's Health Council

650 Clark Way, Palo Alto, CA 94304

Tel: (650) 326-5530

Language(s): Spanish and American Sign.

Services: Multiple programs and clinics, some of which provide group and individualized therapy programs, assessments and diagnostic treatment services including specialty clinics. Interdisciplinary team assessments by specialists in psychology, speech and language pathology, learning disabilities, OT, social work, special education and child development.

## Community Association for Rehabilitation

525 East Charleston Road, Palo Alto, CA 94306

Tel: (650) 494-0550

Website: [www.C-A-R.org](http://www.C-A-R.org).

Language(s): American Sign Language, Spanish and English.

Services: For children and adults that are developmentally disabled. Other locations include Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Watsonville and Campbell.

## Community Solutions, Family & Children Mental Health

16264 Church St, Ste 103, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Tel: (408) 779-2113

Language(s): Spanish and English

Services: Counseling, case management and support services.

## Crisis Line for the Handicapped

P.O. Box 24791, 2444 Moorpark Ave., Suite # 304

San Jose, CA 95154

Tel: (408)

Language(s): Spanish and English.

Services: Counseling and support for the physically disabled and their families.

## Deaf Counseling Advocacy and Referral Agency of Santa Clara County (DCARA)

540 Bird Avenue, San Jose, CA 95125

Tel: (408) 260-1993

TDD/TTY (408) 298-5443

Language(s): American Sign and Spanish

Services: Advocacy, peer counseling and job placement for those who have acquired severe hearing loss in adulthood or are pre-lingually deaf.



# Care for People with Disabilities

---

## **DeAnza Community College Special Education Division**

21050 McClellan Rd., Cupertino, CA 95014

Tel: (408)

TDD: (408) 864-8755

Services: Classes in career planning, vocational assessment, job development, job search and high tech training with adaptive equipment for persons with disabilities.

## **Focus for Work Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County**

2625 Zanker Road, Suite 101, San Jose, CA 95134

Tel: (408) 325-5285

Language(s): Spanish, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Urdu (Pakistan), and Punjabi (Indian), Chinese, Russian, German and English.

Services: Offers assistance with job preparedness, interviewing skills, resume writing, job development, job search and job placement. On-site job coaching (for 90 days) for mentally disadvantaged adults who are residents of Santa Clara County.

## **Gavilan College**

5055 Santa Teresa Blvd., Gilroy, CA 95020

Tel: (408) 848-4807

Website: [www.gavilan.cc.ca.us](http://www.gavilan.cc.ca.us)

Language: Spanish

Services: ESL, Low beginning to high level extended opportunity program and service, Disability Program, Financial aid, citizenship and childcare.

## **Green Pastures**

730 Cornelia Court, Mountain View, CA 94040

Tel: (650) 965-2333

Language(s): American Sign, Spanish and Tagalog, Hindi and English

Services: Residential home for children with developmental disabilities.

## **Greater Opportunities for the Developmentally Disabled**

3550 Stevens Creek Blvd., Suite #230 San Jose, CA 95117

Tel: (408) 248-0498

Language(s): Tagalog, Spanish and Vietnamese.

Services: Education and family services in individual's private residence.

## **Goodwill of Santa Clara County Institute for Career Development**

1080 North Seventh Street, San Jose, CA 95112

Tel: (408) 998-5787 Fax: (408) 283-9093

Website: [www.goodwillsanjose.com](http://www.goodwillsanjose.com)

Language(s): American Sign

Services: Clerical, accounting, word processing, electronic assembly, computer processing.

## **Hope Rehabilitation Services**

4351 Lafayette St., Santa Clara, CA 95054

Tel: (408) 748-2850

Other Offices: in San Jose, Gilroy, and Sunnyvale  
(continued...)

Language(s): Spanish and Vietnamese

Services: Job counseling and job placement for persons with mental and developmental disabilities.

## **Tri-Aegis Residential Services**

1 West Campbell Ave. Suite D38, Campbell, CA 95008

Tel: (408) 364-0127

Services: Residential home for the developmentally disabled. Multiple locations: Camden, Santa Clara, San Jose and Saratoga.



**Sensory Access Foundation**

1142 West Evelyn Avenue  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086.  
Phone: 408/245-7330.

Services: Serving the vision impaired with evaluation and training access technology as well as job placement and retention. Work site modifications. Equipment loans. Fee for some programs.

**Silicon Valley Independent Living Center**

2306 Zanker Rd., San Jose, CA 95131  
Tel: (408) 894-9041  
TDD/TTY: (408) 894-9012

Language(s): Spanish and Asian Indian dialects.

Services: For persons with disabilities 16 and over including advocacy, referral and information, personal care, housing help, counseling, independent living skills, legal, leisure and vocational services plus residential supplemental living centers.

