

ACCESS MIAMI



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Welcome to the second edition of **Access Miami**, created to provide accessibility information for persons with disabilities.

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I hope this information is useful, and I welcome all suggestions and/or comments.

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Access Hotline

305-358-HELP (4357)
Part of Switchboard of Miami

Family Counseling Services

305-271-9800

Fire, Medical and Police Emergency

911

Legal Services of Greater Miami

305-576-0080

**Miami-Dade County Office of
Emergency Management**

305-468-5400

TTD: 305-468-5402

For 24-hour updates when disasters occur, call:

305-468-5900

TTD: 305-468-5402

Poison Information Center

1-800-222-1222

Social Security

1-800-772-1213

State of FL Abuse Hotline

1-800-FL-ABUSE



danceAble

A yearly dance project by Tigertail and Florida Dance Association for the able-bodied and physically challenged. danceAble seeks to change how we view what is possible in dance, questions what is a “normal” body and who has access. For more information, contact Tigertail at 305-324-4337.

Karen Peterson & Dancers

305-298-5879

www.karenpetersondancers.com

8702 SW 129th Terr., Miami 33157

Mixed-ability dance troupe.

Tigertail Productions

305-324-4337

www.tigertail.org

842 NW 9th Ct., Miami 33136

Innovative arts organization that develops bold and provocative work in the performing, literary and visual arts. Provides grants to artists – Artist Access.

Very Special Arts of Florida

1-813-975-6962 (voice & TTY)

1-888-844-ARTS (voice & TTY)

1-813-975-6596

www.vsafl.org

State office: 3580 E. Fletcher Ave., Ste. 234,

Tampa 33613

State affiliate of Very Special Arts, an international nonprofit organization that creates educational opportunities through the arts for people with disabilities.

**Barry University - Division of Student Services - Disability Services**

305-899-3488

305-899-3488 TTY

disabilityservices@mail.barry.edu

11300 NE 2nd Ave., Miami Shores 33161

Provides information, advocacy and academic accommodations to those students with documented physical, psychological, visual, speech, hearing and/or learning disabilities.

Florida International University Disability Resource Center

University Park campus: 305-348-3532

Bay View-North campus: 305-919-5345

Provides disability support services on both campuses.

Miami-Dade College, Wolfson Campus - Access Program

305-232-3371

300 NE 2nd Ave., Miami 33130

Support services, note-takers, interpreters for the deaf.

**Miami-Dade County Public Library**

305-474-7251

101 West Flagler, Miami 33130

Provides books by mail to elderly, homebound and persons with physical disabilities. Caption decoders, TTY, captioned videos and interpreters for events are offered for the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

St. Thomas University

305-628-6564

Academic Enhancement Center - Momalia Bldg.

16400 NW 32 Ave., Miami 33054

Provides services for students with disabilities.

University of Miami - Office of Disability Services

305-284-2374

305-284-3401 TTY

Whitten University Center, Suite N-201,

1306 Stanford Dr., Coral Gables

Coordinates auxiliary aids and services for students with disabilities.

**Abilities Inc. of Florida**

305-669-6981

6602 SW 57th Ave., Miami 33143

Provides vocational evaluation, assessment, job placement, clerical training, on-site computer training and employment services to people with disabilities.

The Able Trust - Florida Governor's Alliance for the Employment of Citizens with Disabilities

1-888-838-ABLE

info@abletrust.org

www.abletrust.org

Tallahassee

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

1-800-514-0301 (voice)

1-800-514-0383 (TDD)

www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm

Assists in the workplace.

Career Training for the Disabled - MEED Program

Miami-Dade College

305-237-3397

300 NE 2nd Ave., 1st. Bldg., Miami 33130

Three short-term college level micro-computer programs for eligible, unemployed persons with disabilities.

Rehabilitation Services

305-271-0012

Offers services to persons with disabilities. ADA compliance, vocational rehabilitation, counseling, training, employment, orientation, mobility and support.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Main District Office: 305-628-7033

Unit 800, 4770 Biscayne Blvd., Ste 1260, Miami 33137

There are 12 units in different areas of Miami-Dade County.

Call the main number to be referred to the unit in your zip code.

**Bayshore Medical Center**

305-821-1202

7835 NW 148th St., Miami 33016

Medical equipment for hospitals, Dr's offices and patients.

Buddy's Sunset Mobility Center

305-234-0071

1-800-240-9246

www.buddyssunsetmobility.com

8415 SW 129th Terr., Miami 33156

Provides sales, services and installation of wheelchair lifts and ramps, lift chairs, hand controls and much more.

Doctor's Medical Rental

305-666-9911

7456 SW 48th St., Miami 33155

Provides medical equipment, wheelchairs, canes and walkers. Rentals and repairs. Other store locations.

Mobility Express

1-888-788-7433

www.mobilityexpress.com

411 W. Hallandale Beach Blvd., Hallandale 33009

Provides sales, service, rentals and trades. Provides scooters, powerchairs, wheelchairs, lift chairs and conversion vans. Twenty locations in Florida.

Ocean Conversions & Mobility, Inc.

1-800-464-8458

www.oceanconversions.com

750 E. Sample Rd., Bldg.1/#5, Pompano Beach 33064

Provides full range of medical equipment and supplies. Offers a broad range of adaptive mobility aids such as hand controls, electronic driving systems, transfer seat bases, lifts and ramps.

Randle Medical Sales & Rentals Inc.

305-643-5222

www.randlemedical.com

1889 NW 7th St., Miami 33125

Provides a complete line of wheelchairs and accessories. Rentals, sales, service, export. 24-hour delivery.

RMT Fitness/Aquatics of RehaMed International

305-255-1400

info@grouprrmt.com

www.randlemedical.com

14008 SW 140th St., Miami 33125

Provides a complete line of portable and semi-fixed lifts to transfer to and from pools, spas and boats. Also provides accessible fitness equipment.

Access-Ability Inc.

1-954-942-1882

www.access-ability.com

610 E. Sample Rd., Pompano Beach 33064

Home modifications and specialty equipment.

Visit the showroom.

Access Builders

305-666-6604

4614 SW 74 Ave., Miami 33155

Contact- Edward Cancio, P.E.

State-licensed engineers, general contractors and plumbers, specializing in residential and commercial renovations for the disabled in Miami-Dade and Broward counties. Expertise in making bathrooms, ramps, lifts and other areas accessible to owners and patrons.

Coastal Doors Inc.

1-954-572-5195

5872 SW 54th Circle, Coral Springs 33067

Constructs automatic swing doors, slide doors and operators for doors.

Jzar Enterprises, Inc.

1-561-436-0077

Constructs ramps and provides railings for bathrooms.

Will travel to Miami.

Moreo Construction

1-954-432-4999

1-800-527-4999

1820 SW 100th Ave., Miramar 33025

**Albion Hotel**

305-913-1000

www.Albion@RubellHotels.com

1650 James Ave., Miami Beach 33139

Has three fully accessible rooms, additionally has a special check-in for disabled guests who may require it. Ramp is located on the south side of the building and is approximately 100 ft. from the curb to the lobby.

Astor Hotel

305-531-8081

www.HotelAstor.com

956 Washington Ave., Miami Beach 33139

Has two handicapped rooms with a wheelchair accessible ramp located in the front of the building.

Biscayne Bay Marriott

305-374-3900

1633 North Bayshore Dr., Miami

19 wheelchair accessible rooms, some with roll-in showers.

Hyatt Regency

305-358-1234

400 SE 2nd Ave., Miami

19 fully accessible rooms with roll-in showers.

Lowe's Hotel

305-604-1601

www.Lowes.com

1601 Collins Ave., Miami Beach 33139

Full service convention facility. 35 wheelchair accessible rooms with bathtubs, nine with roll-in showers and an additional 19 rooms for hearing impaired. Ramp in front of building.

Park Central Hotel

305-538-1611

info@theparkcentral.com

640 Ocean Dr., Miami Beach 33139

Has two handicapped rooms. The wheelchair ramp is located on the south side of the building.

**Ritz-Carlton Key Biscayne**

305-365-4500

455 Grand Bay Dr., Key Biscayne

11 wheelchair accessible rooms, some with roll-in showers.

Unique feature: a fully accessible pool with no stairs or ladders. There is an incline so one can roll or walk down into the luxurious pool.

**Canine Companions for Independence,
SE Regional Office**

1-800-572-2275

www.caninecompanions.org

P.O. Box 680388, Orlando 32868

Exceptional dogs for exceptional people, providing trained services, skilled companions.

Center for Independent Living of South Florida

305-751-8025

www.soflail.org

6660 Biscayne Blvd., Miami 33138

Provides a myriad of programs and services such as job placement, pre-vocational skills, minor home repairs/ramp project, computer literacy, peer support, loan closet of adaptive equipment, free furniture, home furnishings when available, benefits counseling, housing and transportation assistance, ADA compliance and much more.

**Florida Alliance for Assistive Services & Technology
(FAAST)**

1-850-481-3278

1-888-788-9216

www.faast.org

Provides information and referral on assistive technology, product demonstration, product research, education and advocacy. Also home barrier modification programs and recycled product matching programs; assist in the recycling/selling/donating of assistive devices and equipment.

Florida Independent Living Council, Inc. (FILC)

1-877-822-1993

1-800-854-7551

cilsf@gateway.net

A state-wide council established by Florida statute. It is federally mandated, governor appointed, consumer controlled and a cross-disability entity. FILC promotes independent living opportunities for persons with disabilities throughout the state. Provides information and referral, individual and systems advocacy, peer support and independent living training.

Housing & Assistive Technology, Inc.

305-756-8880

1-866-956-8880 toll free

www.hatfl.com

6660 Biscayne Blvd. Ste 216, Miami 33138

Improving the quality of life and independence for older persons and persons with disabilities through assistive technology and accessible housing design solutions.

Miami-Dade Disability Services & Independent Living (DSAIL)

305-547-5445

305-324-5281 TTY

1335 NW 14th St., Miami 33125

Direct services: adaptive aids, counseling, crisis intervention, personal assistance, skills training, group therapy, employment placement assistance, assistance in obtaining accessible housing, assistance in obtaining accessible transportation, assistance in obtaining benefits, equipment, interpreters.

Community services: training for Braille, basic American Sign Language classes, parenting classes, transferring documents to accessible formats, disabled parking enforcement program, ADA technical assistance, accessibility surveys and information, sensitivity/awareness training and other services.

Spinal Cord Living-Assistance Development Inc. (SCLAD)

305-887-8838

www.sclad.org

240 E. First Ave., Ste. 122, Hialeah 33010

Facilitates independent living, economic self-sufficiency, full community integration for persons with disabilities by providing and coordinating support services, employment, vocational opportunities and the development of barrier-free housing.

**Access to Medications****Rx Assist**www.rxassist.org

RxAssist, sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, includes a listing of the pharmaceutical manufacturers that offer pharmaceutical patient assistance programs.

Disability Insurance

Social Security Administration at:

www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/rulings/di-toc.html

If you have worked, you may qualify for long-term disability insurance offered through your employer or through an individual insurance plan.

Employment / Workplace

1-800-514-0301 (voice)

1-800-514-0383 (TDD)

www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) assists in the workplace.

Government Organizations**CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION**www.cdc.gov**CLEANINGHOUSE & DISABILITY INFORMATION**

1-877-232-4968

1-850-922-4103 voice/TTY

HEALTHFINDERwww.healthfinder.gov**NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ON DISABILITIES**www.nod.orgwww.disabilityinfo.org

**Health**

AMERICAN PAIN FOUNDATION
www.painfoundation.org

CASE MANAGEMENT RESOURCE GUIDE
www.cmrg.com

Patient guide to healthcare resources. Includes home care, rehabilitation, long-term care, assisted living facilities, medical product manufacturers and air medical transport.

COMBINED HEALTH INFORMATION DATABASE
www.chid.aerie.com

Produced by the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Public Health Service, this database provides a host of educational materials not indexed elsewhere.

MAGAZINES
www.newmobility.com
www.abilitymagazine.com
www.activelivingmagazine.com

PHYSICIAN'S DESK REFERENCE
www.pdr.net

The PDR has provided package insert information on drugs for years. This same information is now available online at a site that includes much more. Drug interactions, prices and even herbal medications are covered.

SEXUALITY
www.sexualhealth.com
www.mobilewomen.org

An online magazine created by women in wheelchairs who had difficulty finding answers to their health, fashion and other questions.

U.S. NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE
www.nlm.nih.gov/contacts/contact.html

This is the world's largest medical library and the creator of Medline, an on-line medical library search service.

**Job Accommodation Network (JAN)**

1-800-526-7234 (voice & TTY)
www.janweb.icdi.wvu.edu

Self-Help Devices

ABILITY HUB: ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS
www.abilityhub.com
www.abledata.com
www.abilitiesexpo.com

Sports & Recreation

DISABLED SPORTS USA
www.dsusa.org

NATIONAL CENTER ON PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND DISABILITY
www.ncpad.org

NATIONAL SPORTS CENTER FOR THE DISABLED
www.nscd.org

WILDERNESS INQUIRY
www.wildernessinquiry.org
 1-800-728-0719

Travel

www.accesstours.org
www.love2cruise.com
 1-800-801-9002

**Allied Home Health Services**

305-443-3500

1515 NW 167 St., Miami 33169

Provides nursing assistants, aides, RN's.

Comfort Keeperswww.comfortkeepers.com

Provides non-medical care for the elderly or anyone who needs help in the home. Includes services such as cooking, dressing, driving, etc.

Comprehensive Medical Services

305-477-4701

1-800-462-2812

7220 NW 36th St., Suite 407, Miami 33166

Provides nursing assistants, aides, RN's.

Griswald Special Care

305-662-4488

305-852-0699

7800 Red Rd., Suite 222, Miami 33143

Provides CNA's, home health aides.

United Home Care Services

305-477-0440

5255 NW 87 Ave., Suite 402, Miami 33178

Information and referral regarding homemakers, personal care, respite, chores, meals.

**Access Now, Inc.**

305 705-0059

info@adaaccessnow.orgwww.adaaccessnow.org

19333 West Country Club Dr. #1522, Aventura 33180

Advocacy organization founded in 1998. Works for effectiveness and fairness for the disabled in the business community with regard to compliance with ADA.

The Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities

1-954-967-1493

1-800-342-0823

www.advocacycenter.org

Nonprofit organization provides protection and advocacy services in the state of Florida.

Florida Paralegic Association

305-278-0755

Advocacy group, not a support group. Members are active in seeking reasonable accommodations and wheelchair access in theaters, entertainment facilities, beaches and public housing.

Miami-Dade Office of ADA Coordination

305-375-3566

305-375-4805 TTY

www.miamidade.gov

111 NW 1st St., 12th Floor, Miami 33128

Provides information and referral on ADA and disability issues. Provides technical assistance, training and compliance on ADA issues. Does not provide direct services.

Miami Project to Cure Paralysis

305-243-6001

1-800-STAND-UP

1095 NW 14th Terr., Miami 33136

Miami Project is a center of excellence at the University of Miami School of Medicine and is the world's largest, most comprehensive research center dedicated to finding more effective treatments and, ultimately, a cure for paralysis that results from spinal cord injury. There are clinical research programs where individuals with spinal cord injuries can serve as volunteer research subjects. Does not provide medical care or treatment.

Stem Cell Researchwww.sabrinacohenfoundation.org

Created to raise awareness and money to advance stem cell research and therapeutic solutions

www.freethestemcells.com

A progressive apparel line dedicated to raise money for stem cell research.

**Deaf Services Bureau, Inc.**

305-560-2866 Voice/TTY

305-560-2779 TTY Msg.

deafsvc@bellsouth.net

1250 NW 7 St., #207, Miami 33125

Provides services and access for the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities of Dade and Monroe counties; provides information and referral, advocacy, education, interpreting services, equipment distribution program, case management as well as promotion of social activities throughout the counties.

Florida Relay Services

Allows customers who use Text Telephones (TTY) to communicate with others.

1-800-955-1339 (TTY ASCII callers)

1-800-955-8771 (TTY Baudot callers)

1-800-955-8770 (Voice callers)

1-800-676-3777 (Customer Service)

Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc.

1-800-222-3448

Contributes specialized devices, free-of-charge, to eligible citizens.

Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Contact Virginia Jacko: 305-856-2288, ext. 234
info@miamilighthouse.org

601 SW 8th Ave., Miami 33130

Provides independent living skills, computer training and recreational activities. Offers early intervention program from birth to age 6, children's programs and transition programs for older teens.

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

305-666-0552

6704 SW 80th St., Miami 33143

Places text books on audio playback and CD(elementary through graduate school). One time registration fee, yearly renewal membership fee.

WLRN Radio Reading Service

Contact Mario Lozada: 305-995-2218

www.wlrn.org

Service of WLRN and Miami-Dade Public Schools. Provides reading of newspapers and magazines for the visually or physically impaired over closed circuit radio. Call to apply for special radio.

**Beaches**

Beach wheelchairs at Crandon Park: 305-361-7385 and Haulover: 305-944-3040. Quicker service if call ahead to reserve as it's first come, first serve. Cabanas at Crandon Park: 305-361-521. Rentals are \$20 per day - several are handicapped accessible.

Boardwalk on Miami Beach

The boardwalk extends from 21st to 46th St., with access to the beach at each street in between. The sand is firm enough to allow wheelchair access at 17th, 10th and 5th Streets.

Hollywood Beach

Has a wooden boardwalk ramp that leads almost to the water's edge (at Garfield St. and Surf Road).

Everglades National Park

305-242-7700 For TDD: 305-242-7740

www.nps.gov/ever/visit/access.htm

The following trails are wheelchair accessible with paved or wooden boardwalks: Anhinga, Gumbo-Limbo, Pinelands, Pahayokey Overlook, Mahogany Hammock, West Lake and Bobcat Hammock. The website has an excellent section devoted to accessibility services.

Fastrack Charters - Special Needs Charters

305-223-3488

401 Biscayne Blvd. at Bayside, Miami

This custom-built power catamaran is designed to provide unrestricted access to the vessel for disabled individuals and groups. Its unique air-lift protrudes four feet out over the water from the rear; the industrial strength dive platform is able to lower disabled passengers not only to the water, but actually into the water. Passengers can be immersed in shallow depths for everything from lounging in the water to snorkeling, ocean kayaking and even jet skiing.

GOAL, "Get Out and Live"

305-895-6377

www.goalinc.org

14040 NE 11th Ave., North Miami 33161

Social and recreational group for homebound young adults; transportation is provided.

**Golden Access Passport**

Free pass available to all permanent U.S. residents who are eligible to receive federal benefits based on disability. (You don't have to be actually receiving them.) Entitles bearer and immediate family or accompanying passengers to free admission to all U.S. national parks, monuments, forests and historic sites as well as half-price camping. Time period: lifetime. Apply at entrance to the park.

Hang-Gliding

305-285-8978

Takes disabled individuals up with instructor; person is asked to attend with a companion.

Kiwanis Horses & Handicapped*

305-271-2210

Circle T Ranch

6305 SW 122 Ave., Miami 33031

Offers one-hour recreational and therapeutic riding for anyone over age four. You must complete an application, provide a physician's approval and be evaluated by staff. A physical therapist works with the riding instructor to establish goals, and volunteers work closely with riders. October-May, Saturdays, 8:30 am - 1 pm.

Miami-Dade Parks Leisure Access Services

Administrative office: 305-755-7848

Leisure Access Center: 305-665-5319

www.co.miami-dade.fl.us/parks/laprogramsp.htm

3401 SW 72nd Ave., Miami

South Parks Leisure Access Coordinator: 305-234-4948

North Parks Leisure Access Coordinator: 305-945-3425.

There are many programs and services in various parks; call above numbers for inclusive brochure.

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**Miami Heat Wheels Adult Basketball***

305-234-4948

Wheelchair basketball taught by a basketball professional; ages 18 and older; free. Contact Gisel Prado.

Nature Trails

Matheson Hammock, AD Barnes Park, Crandon, Greynolds

Shake-A-Leg

305-858-5550

2600 South Bayshore Dr., Miami 33133

Provides programs and services in an integrated environment that will improve the quality of life, independence and employability of people with disabilities. Brand new watersports center and marine academy hosts outstanding year-round community sailing programs. Named "Outstanding Non-Profit Sports Program" by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce.

Activities include sailing, kayaking, coastal cleanings, camp outs, summer outings, moonlight sails, regattas and much more for kids and adults with disabilities and their families.

Swimming Pools

AD Barnes - 3401 SW 72 Ave., 305-665-1626. Has pool lift.

Tamiami - 11202 SW 24 St., 305-223-7077. Has pool lift.

South Dade - 28151 SW 164 Ave., 305-248-1386. Has pool lift.

Taoist Thai Chi Society

305-598-3959

10300 SW 72 St., Suite 235 (ground floor), Miami

Provides health recovery classes for people with all types of disabilities. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm.

Wheelchair Tennis*

Contact Lisa McCahill: 305-234-4948

For all ages and skill levels; 9-11 am Saturdays;

Big Five Tennis Club, 9299 SW 7th Terrace, West Miami.

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Accessible Traveler's Database

www.projectaction.org/paweb/#how

The database displays a list of accessible transportation providers and their service characteristics available in that city. You can search for accessible transportation in another city by first selecting a state, and then selecting a city.

Greyhound 1-800-231-2222/TDD 1-800-345-3109
Amtrak 1-800-USA-RAIL/TDD 1-800-523-6590

Crown Taxi

305-445-5555

Four accessible taxis.

Disabled Parking

Web address with application to download; questions & answers: www.hsmv.state.fl.us/dmv/faqdpp.html

Disabled parking permits are issued through local tax collector offices: www.hsmv.state.fl.us/offices/dade.html

With a disabled permit, fees are waived at airports for vehicles with specialized equipment and is free at parking meters for up to four hours at municipal parking lots.

Disabled Toll Permits

Web address with application to download; questions and answers: www.dot.state.fl.us/ctd/tollpermit

To qualify, a person must have severe and permanent upper limb mobility or dexterity impairments that prevents him/her from tossing coins into the baskets. Must have a valid driver's license and drive a specially equipped vehicle.

Fresh Air Accessible Transportation

888-367-2597

Wheelchair lift vans & sedans. Insurance accepted.

Call 24 hours in advance.

Handi-Van

305-751-1236

55 NW 119th St.

Medicaid and private service. Vans, sedans & 15-passenger van provided. Call 24 hours in advance - seven days a week.

Metro Taxi

305-888-8888

Vans available.



Miami-Dade County Transit Authority Disability Facts

www.co.miami-dade.fl.us/transit/welcome/ada.htm

Miami-Dade Metrobus - Wheelchair lifts and new low-floor buses available on over 50 metrobus routes. If any barrier prevents you from approaching the bus stop in a wheelchair or interferes with boarding, report the problem at: 305-654-6586.

For more information on transit accessibility, see the "Rider's Handbook for Senior Citizens and People with Disabilities" or call Transit Information at 305-770-3131. TTY users call: 305-654-6530.

Metrobus reduced fare permits - People with disabilities can ride the bus at the 60-cents reduced fare. Show the operator a valid bus reduced-fare permit with a Medicare (not Medicaid) card. People with disabilities without a Medicare card can apply for a free bus reduced-fare permit at the Transit Information Center in the Government Center Metrorail station in downtown Miami, second level, Monday-Friday, 7 am-6 pm. Anyone with a permanent disability must show a letter from doctor as proof of medical condition. Metrorail and Metromover also have reduced fares.

Private Bus/Tour Companies with Accessible Vehicles

AMERICAN BUS LINES, INC.

305-688-7700

3595 NW 110 St., Miami 33167

Two accessible buses.

Special Transportation Services

305-630-5300

www.co.miami-dade.fl.us/transit

Offers door-to-door car service anywhere in the county for people with a permanent disability who can't use public transportation. Visitors certified in another ADA jurisdiction may also be eligible for STS. This service operates seven days a week, including most holidays, from 4:30 am - 2:30 am. Eligibility requirements.

Super Shuttle

305-871-2000

www.supershuttle.com

National service with wheelchair accessible vans.



Accessible Home Design: Architectural Solutions for the Wheelchair User

by Thomas Davies Jr. and Kim Beasley
puaarchitecture.org

AARP

www.aarp.org

Includes home design information. Click on “Family, Home & Legal” on main page and then “Home Design.”

Easy Living with Universal Design

Published by Prince William County, VA, and can be downloaded for free at www.co-prince-william.va.us by clicking on “Residents” and then “Senior Citizens.”

The Accessible Home: Updating Your Home for Changing Physical Needs

by Bryan Trandem

The Do-Able Renewable Home

Published by AARP.

Free download is available at www.universaldesign.com or www.adaptiveenvironments.org



American Airlines Arena*

786-777-1250

601 Biscayne Blvd., Miami

Wheelchair seating and elevators on all levels. Use drop-off area on the east extension of NE 8 street or the on-site garage on Heat Blvd.

Carnival Center for the Performing Arts

www.carnivalcenter.org

1300 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, FL 33132

Every tier has accessible seating and visually impaired seats. There are also headsets for the hearing impaired and description head sets for the visually impaired.

For accessible seating, contact the box office at 305-949-6722 or 1-866-949-6722.

Coconut Grove Playhouse*

305-442-4000

3500 Main Highway, Coconut Grove

Wheelchair seating at the ends of rows 1, 6 and 7.

Gusman Center*

305-374-2444

174 East Flagler St., Miami

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