

# Louisiana Disability Resources

Affordable Care Act (ACA)

To get coverage under the ACA, go to <u>https://www.healthcare.gov/</u> to find out more about the Health Insurance Marketplace and the options available in your state.

# Aging Resources

Aging and Disability Resource Centers/ No Wrong Door https://www.usaging.org/adrcs https://acl.gov/programs/connecting-people-services/aging-and-disability-resourcecenters-programno-wrong-door https://eldercare.acl.gov/Public/Index.aspx

Call Eldercare Locator Toll-free 1-800-677-1116 to find the ADRC in your area.

The No Wrong Door (NWD) System initiative is a collaborative effort of the ACL, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and the Veterans Health Administration (VHA). The NWD System initiative builds upon the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) program and CMS' Balancing Incentive Program No Wrong Door requirements that support state efforts to streamline access to long-term services and support (LTSS) options for older adults and individuals with disabilities. NWD Systems simplify access to LTSS and are a key component of LTSS systems reform.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center Program (ADRC) is a collaborative effort of the U.S. Administration for Community Living (<u>https://acl.gov/</u>) (including AoA (<u>https://acl.gov/</u>) as of April 2012) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) (<u>https://www.cms.gov/</u>). ADRCs serve as single points of entry into the long-term supports and services system for older adults and people with disabilities. Sometimes referred to as a "one-stop shops" or "no wrong door" systems, ADRCs address many of the frustrations consumers and their families experience when trying to find needed information, services, and supports. Through integration or coordination of existing aging

and disability service systems, ADRC programs raise visibility about the full range of options that are available, provide objective information, advice, counseling and assistance, empower people to make informed decisions about their long term supports, and help people more easily access public and private long term supports and services programs. Click on your state to find state and local ADRCs.

The core functions of an ADRC are 1) information, referral and awareness, 2) options counseling, advice and assistance, 3) streamlined eligibility determination for public programs, 4) person-centered transitions, 5) quality assurance and continuous improvement. ADRCs perform these functions by integrating, coordinating, and strengthening different pieces of the existing long term supports and services systems, including Area Agencies on Aging, Centers for Independent Living, state and local Medicaid offices, and other community-based organizations.

# Louisiana Office of Aging and Adult Services

https://ldh.la.gov/subhome/12 Louisiana Department of Health Physical Address: 628 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street Baton Rouge, LA 70802 Mailing Address: PO Box 629 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-0629 Phone: 866-758-5035, 888-342-6207 (Medicaid Customer Service) Email: <u>OAAS.Inquiries@la.gov</u>

# **Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs**

https://goea.la.gov/ 602 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 435 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Baton Rouge, LA 70802 Phone: 225-342-7100

# National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA)

https://ncea.acl.gov/home#gsc.tab=0 C/O University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine Department of Family Medicine and Geriatrics 1000 South Fremont Avenue, Unit 22, Building A-6 Alhambra, CA 91803 Phone: 855-500-3537 (ELDR) Email: ncea-info@acl.hhs.gov

Funded by the Administration for Community Living, the NCEA disseminates elder abuse information to professionals and the public and provides technical assistance and training to states and to community-based organizations.

# **Assistive Technology**

# Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network (LATAN)

#### http://www.latan.org

AT Lab & Demonstration Center 10988 N Harrell's Ferry Rd, Ste 5 Baton Rouge, LA 70816 Phone: 800-270-6185, 225-925-9500

# Southwest ADA Center (Covers Louisiana)

http://www.southwestada.org/ TIRR Memorial Hermann - ILRU 1333 Moursund Houston, TX 77030 Phone: 800-949-4232 (Toll-free), 713-797-7171 Email: <u>swdbtac@ilru.org</u>

# **Community Health Centers**

# Louisiana Primary Care Association

www.lpca.net 503 Colonial Drive Baton Rouge, LA 70806 Phone: 225-927-7662

Community Health Centers are non-profit organizations providing health care to those with insurance and without. All sites offer primary care and many offer specialty care as well. There is no residency requirement; individuals can receive services at any facility of their choosing, with over 1,200 health centers in 8,000 rural and urban communities across the nation. Sliding-scale fees based on family size, income, and insurance status ensure that anyone who uses a Community Health Center can receive quality care regulated by federal standards. Please call the state association listed above to find a Community Health Center in your local area.

# Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA): Find a Health Center

# http://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/

HRSA Health Centers care for you, even if you have no health insurance – you pay what you can afford based on your income. Health centers provide services that include checkups when you are well, treatment when you are sick, complete care when you are pregnant, and immunizations and checkups for your children. Some health centers also provide mental health, substance abuse, oral health, and/or vision services. Contact the health center organization directly to confirm the availability of specific services and to make an appointment.

# **Crime Victim Assistance**

#### **Crime Victims Reparations**

https://lcle.la.gov/

Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice Mailing Address: PO Box 3133 Baton Rouge, LA 70821 Phone: 225-342-1749, 888-684-2846 (Toll-free), 225-342-1500

# **Domestic Violence Help**

National Domestic Violence Hotline https://www.thehotline.org/

Phone: 800-799-7233

Louisiana Domestic Violence Crisis And Support Resources

# Statewide Hotline: 888-411-1333

# The Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

http://www.lcadv.org/ PO Box 77308 Baton Rouge, LA 70879 Phone: 225-752-1296, 888-411-1333 (Statewide Hotline)

# Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice

https://lcle.la.gov/

Physical Address: 602 North Fifth Street Baton Rouge, LA 70802 Mailing Address: PO Box 3133 Baton Rouge, LA 70821 Phone: 225-342-1500

# **Easterseals Offices**

#### Easterseals Louisiana

https://www.easterseals.com/louisiana/ 935 Gravier St, Suite 720 New Orleans, LA 70112 Phone: 504-523-7325 Email: info@laeasterseals.com

Easterseals Louisiana strives to offer the best services and programs available to assist children and adults with disabilities to achieve independence in their lives and communities. Supports provided by Easterseals Louisiana include behavioral health services, support coordination, EarlySteps: System Point of Entry (SPOE), camping and recreation, and transitional housing.

For information on local offices, please go to <u>https://www.easterseals.com/louisiana/connect-locally/easterseals-louisiana.html</u>

#### **Government Offices**

#### Louisiana State Website

https://www.louisiana.gov/

#### Louisiana Workforce Commission: Vocational Rehabilitation Program

http://www.laworks.net/WorkforceDev/LRS/LRS\_Rehabilitation.asp

Louisiana Rehabilitation Services State Office Mailing Address: 1001 N 23<sup>rd</sup> St PO Box 91297 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9297 Phone: 225-219-2225, 800-737-2958

# Louisiana Bureau of Health Services Financing (Medicaid)

http://www.medicaidoffice.net https://ldh.la.gov/subhome/1 Louisiana Department of Health Physical Address: 628 N 4th Street Baton Rouge, LA 70802 Mailing Address: PO Box 629 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-0629 Phone: 888-342-6207 (Customer Service) Email: MyMedicaid@la.gov

#### The Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program (LaCHIP)

https://ldh.la.gov/page/lachip

Louisiana Department of Health Physical Address: 628 N 4th Street Baton Rouge, LA 70802 Mailing Address: PO Box 91278 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9278 Phone: 877-252-2447 (Toll-free), 800-220-5404 (TTY)

#### Louisiana Department of Insurance

http://www.ldi.state.la.us/ Physical Address: 1702 N Third St Baton Rouge, LA 70802 Mailing Address: PO Box 94214 Baton Rouge, LA 70804 Phone: 225-342-5900, 800-259-5300, 800-259-5301

# Workers' Compensation

http://www.laworks.net/WorkersComp/OWC\_MainMenu.asp

Louisiana Workforce Commission Physical Address: 1001 North 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Baton Rouge, LA 70802 Mailing Address: PO Box 94040 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9040 Phone: 225-342-3111, 225-342-7555 Email: <u>owca@lwc.la.gov</u>

# Louisiana Commission on Human Rights

https://gov.louisiana.gov/page/lchr Office of the Governor Physical Address: 1001 N 23<sup>rd</sup> St, Suite 268 Baton Rouge, LA 70802 Mailing Address: PO Box 94094 Baton Rouge, LA 70804 Phone: 225-342-6969 The role of the Louisiana Commission on Human Rights is to enforce specific laws pertaining to discriminatory practices in the state of Louisiana.

# **Governor's Office of Disability Affairs**

http://gov.louisiana.gov/page/disability-affairs Office of the Governor Mailing Address: PO Box 94004 Baton Rouge, LA 70804 Phone: 225-219-7553, 844-860-1413 (Toll-free) Email: disability.affairs@la.gov

Find your **elected officials** to contact them on legislation that is important to you. Each member of Congress maintains at least one office in his or her home state or district. Most have multiple offices throughout the state or district. These offices are designed for direct contact with constituents (that's you!). This is your opportunity to advocate and make your voice heard in Congress without traveling to Washington, DC. Congressional offices are also a great resource for handling problems with federal agencies. You have a constitutionally guaranteed right to petition your government, and home offices provide you an opportunity to use that right.

https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative http://whoismyrepresentative.com/

#### Louisiana Ombudsman Program

www.louisiana.gov

https://goea.la.gov/services/louisiana-ombudsman-program/

Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs

PO Box 61

Baton Rouge, LA 70821-0061

Phone: 225-342-9723, 866-632-0922 (Toll-free)

Email: <u>StateOmbudsman@la.gov</u>

The mission of the state long-term care ombudsman is to protect the health, safety, welfare and rights of the elderly in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and other facilities.

# Housing

# U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): Louisiana Office

https://www.hud.gov/states/louisiana New Orleans Field Office Hale Boggs Federal Building 500 Poydras Street, 9th Floor New Orleans, LA 70130 Phone: 504-671-3000, 800-877-8339 (TTY) Email: LA\_Webmanager@hud.gov

# U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

www.hud.gov 451 7th Street, SW

Washington, DC 20410

Phone: 202-708-1112, 202-708-1455 (TTY)

HUD is the government office which offers information on public housing, buying a home, renting, discrimination, FEMA related housing, and more. HUD also provides a list of housing counselors as well as information on ways to avoid foreclosure. To find your local HUD office, please click on the "State Info" tab across the top bar, then click on your state, then click on "contact my local office". If you want info on public housing, click here: <a href="https://www.hud.gov/program\_offices/public\_indian\_housing/pha/contacts">https://www.hud.gov/program\_offices/public\_indian\_housing/pha/contacts</a> and choose your state from the drop down box.

# 211

www.211.org

211 can help people find emergency shelters for individuals and families in crisis. Learn about programs that offer rental assistance, subsidized housing, and housing vouchers that can help families, the elderly and disabled individuals pay for housing.

# **Independent Living**

#### ILRU: State Independent Living Councils (SILCs) Louisiana Statewide Independent Living Council

http://www.ilru.org/projects/silc-net/silc-directory 1201 North Third Street, Suite G-219 Baton Rouge, LA 70804

# Phone: 225-219-7553, 800-579-5611 (Toll-free), 225-219-7550 (TTY)

# Independent Living Research Utilization's Directory of Independent Living Centers <a href="http://www.ilru.org">http://www.ilru.org</a>

# National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)

http://www.ncil.org/ PO Box 31260 Washington, DC 20030 Phone: 202-207-0334, 844-778-7961 Email: ncil@ncil.org

The National Council on Independent Living is the longest-running national crossdisability, grassroots organization run by and for people with disabilities. Founded in 1982, NCIL represents thousands of organizations and individuals including: individuals with disabilities, Centers for Independent Living (CILs), Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs), and other organizations that advocate for the human and civil rights of people with disabilities throughout the United States.

# Library Services

# State Library of Louisiana: Talking Books and Braille Library

https://library.la.gov/ 701 N 4th St Baton Rouge, LA 70802 Phone: 225-342-4702, 800-543-0035 (Toll-free) Email: tbbl@library.la.gov

# Peer Support Programs

# Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation's Peer & Family Support Program (PFSP)

https://www.christopherreeve.org/todays-care/get-support/get-a-peer-mentor/

636 Morris Turnpike, Suite 3A Short Hills, NJ 07078 Phone: 800-539-7309 Email: Peer@Reeve.org

The Peer & Family Support Program (PFSP) is the Reeve Foundation's national peer-topeer mentoring program. The goal of PFSP is to provide critical emotional support, as well as, local and national information and resources to people living with paralysis, and their families and caregivers. When possible, the program matches people with paralysis with certified peer mentors who are of similar age, location, gender, and level of injury or type of paralyzing condition. The Reeve Foundation's Quality of Life Grants program gives out grants to peer support groups (amongst other groups) that are associated with a non-profit organization. If you represent a non-profit organization looking for a Quality of Life grant, please see: <u>https://www.christopherreeve.org/todays-care/getsupport/grants-for-non-profits/</u> for more info on qualifying and applying.

# **Protection and Advocacy**

# **Disability Rights Louisiana**

www.disabilityrightsla.org 8325 Oak Street New Orleans, LA 70118 Phone: 800-960-7705 Email: info@disabilityrightsla.org

#### **Sports and Recreation**

#### Ainsley's Angels of America

www.ainsleysangels.org PO Box 6287 Virginia Beach, VA 23456 Email: info@ainsleyangels.org

Ainsley's Angels of America is a non-profit organization that matches runners with people with disabilities who want to compete in races. The "Angel Team" is comprised of at least two Ainsley's Angels. The rider is the core of the team and pulls the runner across the finish line with smiles, cheers and immeasurable inspirational spirit. With the health and well-being of the Rider as of the foremost priority, the 'Angel Team' works together to SAFELY accomplish the mission, while staying together and having fun.

# Games Uniting Mind and Body (GUMBO), Inc.

https://sites.google.com/site/louisianagumboinc/home

Phone: 318-452-7771, 800-259-7200 x17

Email: Carey33452@aol.com

Games Uniting Mind and Body (GUMBO) is an interscholastic track and field competition designed for children ages 5 to 18 years of age who have physical or visual disabilities. Five main events are held each year. The regional competitions are held each spring in Shreveport, New Orleans, Alexandria. and Lafayette. The GUMBO INVITATIONAL (state competition) is held each fall in Alexandria. A Boccia State Tournament is also held each year.

#### The Miracle League of Greater New Orleans

https://www.chnola.org/community/

Children's Hospital New Orleans 200 Henry Clay Ave New Orleans, LA 70118 Phone: 504-899-9511

The Miracle League provides eight-week baseball season programs that run from September to November in the fall and March to May in the spring for any person, regardless of their disability, to have the opportunity to play league sports and experience being a part of a team.

# **United Way Offices**

#### **United Way Worldwide**

https://www.unitedway.org/ National Headquarters Mailing Address: 701 North Fairfax Street Alexandria, VA 22314 Phone: 703-836-7112 Enter postal code for a United Way office in your area United Way focuses on education, financial stability and health to impact the lives of millions. United Way raises awareness surrounding key issues, provides financial and one-on-one assistance to those who need it most, and promotes social and policy change that helps strengthen people and their communities.

#### **Veterans Benefits**

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Louisiana Facility Locations https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/state.asp?STATE=LA&dnum=ALL

# ALS

The ALS Association http://www.alsa.org/ 1300 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 600 Arlington, VA 22209 Phone: 800-782-4747 Email: alsinfo@als.org

# The ALS Association: Louisiana Chapter

https://www.als.org/support/states/louisiana Phone: 225-343-9880 Email: infoLA@als.org

#### **Brain Injury**

#### **Brain Injury Association of America**

www.biausa.org Physical Address: 3057 Nutley Street, #805 Fairfax, VA 22031-1931 Mailing Address: PO Box 7416 Merrifield, VA 22116-7416 Phone: 703-761-0750 Email: info@biausa.org Brain Injury Association of America's mission is to advance brain injury prevention, research, treatment and education and to improve the quality of life for all individuals impacted by brain injury

#### Brain Injury Association of Louisiana

http://www.biala.org 3433 Highway 190, Suite 270 Mandeville, LA 70471 Phone: 504-982-0685, 800-444-6443 (Toll-free) Email: <u>info@biala.org</u> Focuses on creating a better future for Louisiana citizens with brain injury and/or spinal cord injury through education, community support groups, obtaining services, and advocacy.

# Friedreich's Ataxia

# National Ataxia Foundation (NAF)

https://www.ataxia.org/ Physical Address: 600 Hwy 169 S, Ste 1725 Minneapolis, MN 55426 Mailing Address: PO Box 27986 Golden Valley, MN 55427 Phone: 763-553-0020 Email: naf@ataxia.org

# Guillain-Barré Syndrome/CIDP

# **Guillain-Barré Syndrome/CIDP Foundation International**

http://gbs-cidp.org/ Mailing Address: 375 East Elm St, Suite 101 Conshohocken, PA 19428 Phone: 866-224-3301 (Toll-free), 610-667-0131 Call for information in your area

# **Multiple Sclerosis**

# National Multiple Sclerosis Society

www.nationalmssociety.org Phone: 800-344-4867

#### National Multiple Sclerosis Society: Alabama-Louisiana-Mississippi Chapter

https://www.nationalmssociety.org/resources/get-connected/in-your-area/alc Physical Address: 2200 Woodcrest Place, Suite 230 Birmingham, AL 35209 Mailing Address: PO Box 88540 Carol Stream, IL 60188 Phone: 800-344-4867

#### **Multiple Sclerosis Association of America**

http://www.mymsaa.org/ National Headquarters 375 Kings Highway North, Suite B Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 Phone: 800-532-7667 Email: msaa@mymsaa.org

#### **MSAA South-Central Regional Office**

https://mymsaa.org/publications/improving-lives/offices/ Phone: 800-532-7667, ext. 137 Email: southcentral@mymsaa.org

#### Muscular Dystrophy

#### **Muscular Dystrophy Association**

https://www.mda.org/ National Headquarters 1016 W Jackson Blvd, #1073 Chicago, IL 60607 Phone: 800-572-1717 Email: <u>ResourceCenter@mdausa.org</u> Enter your zip code in the "Find MDA in your Community" section of the website to find the clinics that treat MD in your area.

#### **Post-Polio Syndrome**

#### Post-Polio Health International (PHI)

www.post-polio.org 50 Crestwood Executive Center, Suite 440 Saint Louis, MO 63126 Phone: 314-534-0475 Email: info@post-polio.org https://post-polio.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/PDIR-2024.pdf Directory lists support groups by state.

#### Spina Bifida

# Spina Bifida Association http://www.spinabifidaassociation.org 1600 Wilson Blvd Suite 800

Arlington, VA 22209

Phone: 800-621-3141 Email: <u>sbaa@sbaa.org</u> Please contact them for info in your area. For information on clinics, please go to <u>https://www.spinabifidaassociation.org/clinics/</u>

#### Spina Bifida of Louisiana

https://www.sblouisiana.org/ Mailing Address: PO Box 1346 Kenner, La. 70063 Phone: 504-737-5181 Email: sbla@sblouisiana.org

#### **Spinal Cord Injury**

#### Louisiana Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund Program

https://ldh.la.gov/page/traumatic-head-spinal-cord-injury-trust-fund-program Mailing Address: PO Box 2031, Bin #14 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-2031 Phone: 888-891-9441, 225-219-2410

Stroke

# **American Stroke Association**

https://www.stroke.org/

National Center 7272 Greenville Avenue Dallas, TX 75231 Phone: 888-478-7653 Please call them for the stroke support group in your area

#### Syringomyelia/Chiari Malformation

#### American Syringomyelia and Chiari Alliance Project

<u>www.asap.org</u> PO Box 1586 Longview, TX 75606-1586 Phone: 903-236-7079, 800-272-7282 Email: <u>info@ASAP.org</u>

#### **Transverse Myelitis**

#### **Siegel Rare Neuroimmune Association**

http://wearesrna.org Physical Address: 1787 Sutter Parkway Powell, OH 43065-8806 Mailing Address: PO Box 826962 Philadelphia, PA 19182-6962 Phone: 855-380-3330 (EST) Please contact them for info in your area.

# **General Disability Resources**

#### Louisiana Yellow Pages for Kids with Disabilities

http://www.yellowpagesforkids.com/help/la.htm

#### Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council

http://www.laddc.org/ Physical Address: 5615 Corporate Blvd, Suite 500B Baton Rouge, LA 70808 Mailing Address: PO Box 14148 Baton Rouge, LA 70898 Phone: 225-342-6804, 800-450-8108 (Toll-free)

#### Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge

#### http://www.fhfgbr.org/

Region 2: Serving East and West Baton Rouge, East and West Feliciana, Iberville, Pointe Coupee, and Ascension 2356 Drusilla Lane Baton Rouge, LA 70809 Phone: 225-216-7474, 866-216-7474 (Toll-free) Email: info@fhfgbr.org

#### **Bayou Land Families Helping Families**

www.blfhf.org Region 3: Serving Assumption, Lafourche, St Charles, St James, St John, St Mary, Terrebonne 286 Highway 3185 Thibodaux, LA 70301 Phone: 985-447-4461, 800-331-5570 Email: bayoulandfhf@gmail.com

#### **Families Helping Families of Acadiana**

www.fhfacadiana.org Region 4: Serving Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St Landry, St Martin, and Vermillion 100 Benman Road Lafayette, LA 70506 Phone: 337-984-3458, 855-984-3458 (Toll-free) Email: info@fhfacadiana.org

# Families Helping Families of Southwest Louisiana

https://fhfswla.org/ Region 5: Serving Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jeff Davis 324 West Hale Street Lake Charles, LA 70601 Phone: 337-436-2570, 800-894-6558 (Toll-free) Email: info@fhfswla.org

# **Families Helping Families Region 7**

www.fhfregion7.com Region 7: Serving Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, Desoto, Red River, Natchitoches, Sabine, and Webster 215 Bobbie St, Ste 100 Bossier City, LA 71112 Phone: 318-226-4541, 877-226-4541 (Toll-free) Email: info@fhfregion7.com

# Families Helping Families of Northeast Louisiana, Inc.

www.fhfnela.org Region 8: Serving Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll 5200 Northeast Road Monroe, LA 71203 Phone: 318-361-0487, 888-300-1320 (Toll-free) Email: info@fhfnela.org

# **Northshore Families Helping Families**

www.fhfnorthshore.org Region 9: Serving Livingston, St Helena, St Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington 108 Highland Park Plaza Covington, LA 70433 Phone: 985-875-0511, 800-383-8700 (Toll-free) Email: info@fhfnorthshore.org

# **Families Helping Families of Greater New Orleans**

www.fhfofgno.org Region 10: Serving Jefferson Parish 700 Hickory Avenue Harahan, LA 70123 Phone: 504-888-9111, 800-766-7736 (Toll-free)

# APTA Louisiana: Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association

https://aptala.org/ 8550 United Plaza Blvd Suite 1001 Baton Rouge, LA 70809 Phone: 225-922-4614

#### Email: office@lpta.org

# Louisiana Occupational Therapy Association (LOTA)

https://www.lota.org/ PO Box 14806 Baton Rouge, LA 70898 Phone: 225-291-2806 Email: Linda@rivermgt.com

## **ThinkFirst National Injury Prevention Foundation**

www.thinkfirst.org Phone: 630-961-1400 Email: thinkfirst@thinkfirst.org

ThinkFirst offers evidence-based injury prevention programs for students of all ages through their network of healthcare-based chapters. Health educators and people who have experienced brain or spinal cord injuries help students understand the importance of making safe choices related to vehicles, sports, violence and falls. To find chapter information in your area, please go to their website and click on the "Chapter Site" tab.

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