# SafetyNet Tracking Systems

Further information regarding SafetyNet<sup>™</sup> can be found on their website:

#### www.SafetyNetTracking.com

or by calling their customer service line (877) 434-6384





#### Florida's First Choice for Autism Support

The Center for Autism & Related Disabilities (CARD) provides support and assistance with the goal of optimizing the potential of people with autism spectrum disorder and related disabilities.

## card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu



CENTER FOR AUTISM & RELATED DISABILITIES AT USF College of Behavioral & Community Sciences University of South Florida 13301 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., MHC 2113A Tampa, FL 33612

In Florida: 1-800-333-4530 or 813-974-2532





Project

A Collaborative Pilot Project to Locate Missing Persons Diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Hillsborough County

#### Protecting Your Loved Ones

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and SafetyNet<sup>™</sup> Tracking Systems have been working together for several years to build a quality program that helps locate missing children and adults with various disabilities who run away or wander.

This year, the Florida Legislature passed Section 937.041, Florida Statutes, to provide funding to the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at the University of South Florida to purchase special personal devices, worn on the wrist, that can aid in search-andrescue efforts and will be distributed by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.





## Who is Eligible?

These devices will be provided at no cost to a person who meets all of the following criteria:

- ☑ Resides in Hillsborough County
- ☑ Has wandered away or is at risk of wandering
- ☑ Has a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder or a related disability
- $\square$  Does not drive a motor vehicle
- ☑ Does not take public transportation without supervision
- ☑ Is under constant supervision and monitoring of a responsible adult, who can prevent wandering and can contact 911 in the event the individual is missing

If you know of someone who meets these criteria, please have their legal guardian contact CARD-USF at **813-974-2532** to get registered.

CARD-USF will request a release of information to obtain proof of diagnosis and allow us to contact the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office to provide the family's name, address and phone number so they may set up an appointment to deliver the SafetyNet<sup>™</sup> equipment and review how to use it. It will also allow CARD-USF to communicate with the School District of Hillsborough County (if applicable) and SafetyNet<sup>™</sup> about the individual's participation in the program to promote his or her safety in all settings.