

Resource Directory

General Information

Any Baby Can Child and Family Resource Center

Information, support services, respite care, crisis intervention for families of children with chronic illness or disabilities, infants through age 12

(512) 454-3743

<http://www.abcaus.org>

ADA Americans With Disabilities Act

Information Line: 1-800-514-0301 TDD 1-800-514-0383

<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm>

Advocacy Incorporated

Non-profit advocacy service for people with disabilities.

[Voice/TDD] (512) 454-4816 [Voice/TDD] 1-800-252-9108 FAX: (512) 323-0902

<http://www.advocacyinc.org>

The Arc of Texas

Non-profit providing conferences, consultation and training, information and referral, Master Pooled Trust

(512) 454-6694 1-800-252-9729 FAX: (512) 454-4956

<http://www.thearcoftexas.org>

Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation

Linkages to other services and wait lists, respite, in-home and family support, case management

(512) 472-4357

Children with Special Healthcare Needs

Department of Health – provides case management and supports family-centered, community based strategies for improving quality of life for children with special health care needs.

(800) 252-8023

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/cshcn/default.shtm>

MDCP (Medically Dependent Children's Program)

Department of Human Services – provides a variety of services. Waiting list.

(877) 438-5658

Capital Area Food Bank

(512) 282-2111

<http://www.austinfoodbank.org/>

CHIP – Children's Medicaid

Insurance provider for children

1-800-647-6558

<http://www.chipmedicaid.org/>

The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities

An advocate service for persons with disabilities

(512) 478-3366; 1-800-998-3363; FAX: (512) 478-3370

<http://www.cotwd.org>

Council For Exceptional Children (CEC)

The largest international professional organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities, and/or the gifted.

(888) 232-7733; FAX: (703) 264-9494

<http://www.cec.sped.org>

Connections Resource Center

Seminars, workshops, and help with care and education of children
 (512) 478-5725; FAX: (512) 474-2626
<http://www.connectionscenter.org>

Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas

(512)324-0000
<http://www.dellchildrens.net/index.asp>

Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)

4800 N. Lamar Blvd, 3rd Floor Austin, Texas 78756
<http://www.dars.state.tx.us/>

- Rehabilitation Services: 1-800-628-5115
- Services for people who are blind: 1-800-252-5204
- Services for people who are deaf and hard of hearing: (512) 407-3250 or TTY (512) 407-3251
- Early Childhood Intervention Services: 1-800-250-2246 or TTY (512) 424-6770

Disability Resources

Lists resources according to disability and state.
<http://www.disabilityresources.org/TEXAS.html>

Family Eldercare

Supports disabled individuals as well as elderly persons in Travis and Williamson Counties by providing counseling, referral services, guardianship of persons, and guardianship of estates.
 (512) 450-0844
<http://www.familyeldercare.org/>

Family & Protective Services (Texas Department of Family and Protective Services)

Handles cases of child abuse and neglect
 (512) 834-3195
<http://www.tdprs.state.tx.us>

Family Support Cooperative

Weekly meetings held at Rosedale School and other sites providing support and information to families of children with disabilities from mild to severe. A collaboration of AISD, ATCMHMR, and The Arc of the Capital Area.
 414-2049, 476-7044 See AISD website for current schedule:
<http://www.austinisd.org/academics/specialeduc/cooperative.phtml>

Federal Citizen Information Center

Providing facts, resources, and information regarding Federal programs
 1-888-878-3256; FAX: 719-948-9724
<http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov>

First Call For Help

#211 is the best number to call when trying to locate resources

Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities

Information on disabilities including committee members and law, publications, ADA, key laws, goals and recommendations, 2004 disability Perspectives, disability history, disability policy, parking, and statistics.
 (512) 463-5739; TDD: (512) 463-5746; FAX: (512) 463-5745
<http://www.governor.state.tx.us/disabilities>

Guardianship Information

<http://www.advocacyinc.org/cs5.cfm>

IDEA 2004 Information

<http://www.wrightslaw.com/idea/index.htm>

NICHCY (National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities)

1-800-695-0285

<http://www.nichey.org>

PATH Project

Parent Training Information Centers providing training, education, and information

1-800-866-4726

<http://www.partnerstx.org/>

P.A.S.S. (Plan for Achieving Self Support)

Way to work and preserve SSI/Medicaid supports; Social Security Administration for planning self support

<http://www.ssa.gov/work/>

Star Link

Helps people to access Medicaid services and solve Medicaid problems

1-866-566-8989 TTY 1-866-222-4306

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Benefits based on means - what you have or own—and disability. If you do not own much or have much income, you may be able to qualify. This program covers adults and children who are eligible

Toll Free: 1-800-772-1213 TTY: 1-800-325-0778

<http://www.ssa.gov>

Technology and Inclusion

Resource center for assistive technology and adaptive aids.

1715 FM 1626 West Suite 106, Austin 78715

(512) 280-7235

<http://www.taicenter.com>

Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities

6201 East Oltorf, Suite 600

(512) 437-5432 1-800-262-0334

TDD: (512) 437-5431 FAX: (512) 467-5434

<http://www.txddc.state.tx.us>

Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS)

Programs and publications of resources on Medicaid, nutrition, and other information for families with children who have disabilities

(512) 458-7111; TDD: (512) 458-7708; 1-888-963-7111

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/>

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (THHSC)

Provides financial, health and human services. Information on Medicaid, CHIP, Family and Child Services

1-800-252-8263 Medicaid Hotline (512) 438-3011

<http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/>

Texas Education Agency, Division of Special Education

(512) 463-9414

Also available at this website:

A Guide to the Admission, Review and Dismissal Process, a clearly written, helpful guide to the basics of special education law and a list of national and state agencies and organizations.

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/special.ed/>

Thoughtful House

Medical care, education and research for children with developmental disorders.

(512) 732-8400

<http://www.thoughtfulhouse.org>

United Way of the Capital Area

Austin (512) 472-6267; Round Rock (512) 255-7699 FAX: (512) 482-8309

First call for Help: (512) 324-1899

Volunteer Center: (512) 323-1898

<http://www.unitedwaycapitalarea.org>

Autism and Asperger Syndrome**MAAP Services for Autism & Asperger Syndrome**

219-662-1311

<http://www.asperger.org>

Autism Resources

<http://www.autism-resources.com>

Autism Society of America

(301) 657-0881; 1-800-3AUTISM

<http://www.autism-society.org/>

Autism Society of Greater Austin

(512) 479-4199

Blind and Visually Impaired**American Council of the Blind**

(202) 467-5081; (800) 424-8666; FAX (703) 465-5085

<http://www.acb.org>

Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic, Inc.

(512) 323-9390 ; (877) 246-7321

http://www.rfbd.org/Units/Texas_Unit.htm

DARS Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Austin North Office : (512) 459-8575; 1-800-628-5115

<http://www.dars.state.tx.us/dbs>

NFB- (National Federation of the Blind)

<http://www.nfb.org/nfb/default.asp>

Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

(512) 454-8631

TDD (512) 206-9451; FAX (512) 206-9450

<http://www.tsbvi.edu>

Deaf; Hard-of- Hearing; Deaf Blind

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)

The professional, scientific and credentialing association for audiologists, speech-language pathologists and speech, language, and hearing scientists.

1-800-638-8255 TTY: (301) 897-5700, ext. 4157

<http://www.asha.org/>

Captioned Media Program of the National Association of the Deaf

Deaf and hard of hearing persons, teachers, parents and others may borrow captioned materials free of charge.

1-800-237-6213 Voice; 1-800-237-6819 TTY; 1-800-538-5636 FAX

<http://www.cfv.org>

DB-LINK (The National Information Clearinghouse On Children Who Are Deaf-Blind)

1-800-438-9376; (TTY) 1-800-854-7013

<http://www.tr.wou.edu/dblink/>

DBMD (Deaf Blind/Multiple Disability Program)

Support and programs for the deaf, blind and multiple disabled administered through the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)

(512)-438-3011

<http://www.dads.state.tx.us/handbooks/dbmd/appendix/iii/index.htm>

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults

(516) 944-8900

(TTY) (516) 944-8637; FAX: (516) 944-7302

<http://www.hknc.org>

National Association of the Deaf

Promotes, protects and preserves the rights and quality of deaf and hard of hearing individuals

(301) 587-1788 Voice; (301) 587-1789 TTY; FAX (301) 587-1791

<http://www.nad.org/>

South West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf

Big Spring, TX: (432) 264-3700

<http://www.howardcollege.edu/swcid>

DARS Services for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing

Offers support to deaf and hard of hearing persons on communication, tuition waivers, hearing aids and interpreters

(512) 407-3250; TTY: (512) 407-3251; FAX: (512) 451-9316

<http://www.dars.state.tx.us/dhhs/index.shtml>

Texas Association of the Deaf

<http://www.deaftexas.org/>

Texas School for the Deaf

Austin: (512) 462-5353 TTY/VOICE

<http://www.tsd.state.tx.us/>

Crisis Intervention; Support to Youth and Families; Mental Illness

Austin Child Guidance Center

Psychiatric and psychological services, counseling for physically and sexually abused children, individual, group and family therapy, parent education classes, information and referrals.

810 W. 45th St

(512) 451-2242

<http://www.austinchildguidance.org>

Austin Travis County Metal Health Mental Retardation Center

Crisis line, intake for evaluation, appointments

Switchboard :(512) 447-4141; Hotline to Help and Single Point of Entry (SPOE) (512) 472-4357

<http://www.atcmhmr.com>

Bluebonnet Trails Community Mental Health Mental Retardation Center

Provides services to children and adults living in Williamson County, with serious mental illness, children with emotional disorders, autism or pervasive developmental disorders and persons with mental retardation and infants and toddlers with developmental delays.

Round Rock: (512) 255-1720 (switchboard)

Intake: Mollie McDermott (512) 244-8363

<http://www.bluebonnetmhm.com>

Children's Partnership

Unites resources so children with complex needs can live successfully with their families in the community.

Travis Co. (512) 854-4596

<http://www.childrenpartnership.com>

Community Resource Coordination Group (C.R.C.G.) Children Support Coalition (CSC)

Interagency coordination for children with complex needs.

Austin: (512) 854-5647

<http://www.childrensupportcoalition.org>

Lifeworks

Transitions youth and families from crisis to safety and success; works with homeless and runaways; educational support for teenage mothers and fathers.

(512) 735-2400

<http://www.lifeworksweb.org/>

NAMI-Texas (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Texas)

Information and referrals, support groups for those affected by mental illness

611 S. Congress Ave, Suite 430

(800) 633-3760 or (512) 693-2000

<http://www.namitexas.org>

SafePlace

Emergency shelters and 24 hour hotline for those suffering from rape, sexual abuse and domestic violence.

(512) 267-SAFE; TTY (512) 927-9616

<http://www.austin-safeplace.org/site/PageServer>

STARRY

Division of the Texas Baptist Children's Home, counseling and therapy service for families

Round Rock : (512) 388-8290; 1-800-440-9789

<http://www.starryonline.org>

Early Childhood Intervention Services

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Works with families with children birth to three years of age who have developmental delays (based on zip code)

(512) 454-3743

<http://www.abcaus.org>

DARS Early Childhood Intervention Services

1-800-250-2246 TTY (512) 424-6770

<http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/index.shtml>

Easter Seals Central Texas

Services provided for children ages 0-3 with disabilities or developmental delays

Admin.: (512) 615-6800 Outpatient Rehab.: (512) 478-2581 Supported Employment: (512) 615-6900

Early Childhood Intervention (512) 615-6900

http://centraltx.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=TXCA_homepage

Infant Parent Program of Austin/Travis Co. MHMR

Works with families in Travis Co., with children birth to three years of age who have developmental delays (based on zip code)

(512) 472-3142

<http://atcmhmr.com/service/CMH/eciinfantParent.htm>

Employment

DARS Rehabilitation Services

State agency mandated to provide vocational rehabilitation to Texans with disabilities

Austin Regional Office; 1-800-687-2676

Round Rock Office: 388-0888

<http://www.dars.state.tx.us/drs/index.shtml>

Goodwill Industries of Central Texas

Austin: (512) 637-7100; Fax: (512) 472-6521

Cedar Park: 249-5300

Round Rock: 388-0554

<http://www.austingoodwill.org>

Texas Child Labor Laws

A copy of the labor laws for children in Texas

<http://www.twc.state.tx.us/ui/lablaw/cllsum.html>

Texas Workforce Commission

(512)863-4826 Fax: 819-0027

<http://www.twc.state.tx.us/>

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA)

(888) 300-6710 ; (412) 341-1515

<http://www.ldanatl.org>

Learning Disabilities Association of Texas (LDAT)

(512) 458-8234

<http://www.ldat.org>

LD Online

<http://www.ldonline.org>

National Center for Learning Disabilities

(212) 545-7510 ; (888) 575-7373

<http://www.nclld.org>

Post-High School Education/Life-long Learning

AHEAD (Association on Higher Education and Disability) in Texas

Professional association committed to full participation of persons with disabilities in postsecondary education

<http://www.ahead.org/>

Austin Community College

Office of Students with Disabilities

Each campus has a disability office.

<http://www.austincc.edu/support/osd/>

HEATH Resource Center

National Clearinghouse on Postsecondary Education for Individuals with Disabilities

The George Washington University HEATH Resource Center

(202) 973-0904; 1-800-544-3284

<http://www.heath.gwu.edu/>

Literacy Council of Williamson County

Tutoring classes for the purposes of learning English

Round Rock: (512) 244-8445; FAX: (512) 244-8341

<http://www.main.org/lcowc/literacy.htm>

Mental Health and Mental Retardation

Austin Travis County Metal Health Mental Retardation Center

Austin: (512) 447-4141; Single Point of Entry(SPOE) (512) 472-4357

<http://www.atcmhmr.com/service/BH/index.html>

Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)

The state department which oversees mental retardation services at local MHMR agencies and also handles applications and administration of the C.L.A.S.S. Medicaid Waiver Program.

512-438-3011

<http://www.dads.state.tx.us/>

Down Syndrome Association of Central Texas

Austin: (512) 323-0808

<http://www.dsacnc.org>**Austin Texas Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health**

Austin: (512) 407-8844; FAX: (512) 407-8266

<http://www.txffcmh.org/>**Fragile X Foundation**

1-800-688-8765

<http://www.fragilex.org>**NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) Austin**

(512) 693-2000; (800)633-3760

<http://www.namitexas.org>**National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information**<http://ncadi.samhsa.gov/>**Planned Living Assistance Network of Central Texas**

Non-profit that provides caring assistance to families courageously living with mental illness and other serious disabilities

1339 Lamar Square Dr, Suite 203-A, Austin, 78704

(512) 851-0901

<http://www.planctx.org>**Texas Mental Health Consumers**

Austin: (512) 451-3191; FAX: (512) 451-8302; 1-800-860-6057

<http://www.tmhc.org>**Orthopedic****Texas Scottish Rite Hospital - Dallas**

Pediatric center for the treatment of orthopedic conditions and certain neurological disorders, such as dyslexia

(800) 421-1121

<http://www.tsrhc.org>**St. David's Rehabilitation Center**

(512)476-7111

<http://www.stdavidsrehab.com/>**Recreation, Leisure and Arts & Volunteering****Austin Parks and Recreation Department**

Information 974-2000; Hancock Center 453-7765

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/>

Boy Scouts

Capitol Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

Phone: (512)-926-6363 or 1-800-444-1910

Fax: (512)-927-2310

<http://www.bsacac.org/>

Camp C.A.M.P. (Children's Association for Maximum Potential)

Summer camp and respite weekends

(210) 292-3566

<http://www.campcamp.org>

Challenge Air – (214) 351-3353, 8008 Cedar Springs Road, N106, LB24, Dallas, TX 75235

Non-profit organization based in Dallas, provides disabled and seriously ill children the opportunity to soar above their limitations by offering them the freedom of flight with a disabled pilot at planned events around the country.

(214) 351-3353

8008 Cedar Springs Road, N106, LB24, Dallas, TX 75235

<http://www.challengeair.com>

Clay Madsen Recreation Center

Round Rock: (512) 218-3220

<http://www.roundrocktexas.gov/home/index.asp?page=210>

Down Home Ranch

A camp for boys and girls in Elgin

(888) 926-2253

<http://www.downhomeranch.org/>

Girl Scouts

Lone Star Girl Scout Council

(512)453-7391

<http://www.girlscouts-lonestar.org/>

Hill Country Stars-Adult Special Olympics

Nicki Huschka

(512)947-2083

Imagine Arts

Serves artists with disabilities as they are professionally accessing the arts.

(512) 448-1840

<http://www.imagineart.net>

Magic Camp

Summer camps and year-round programs that teach children magic, juggling and puppets. Very open to children with special needs.

(512) 288-1596

<http://www.magiccamp.org>

McBeth Recreation Center,

After school, weekends, summer camps

(512) 974-9011

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/mcbeth.htm>

The Center for Music Therapy, Inc.,
4106 Marathon Blvd., Suite C Austin
472-5016
<http://www.centerformusictherapy.com>

Orpheus Music Academy

Musical instrument instruction, with a philosophy of inclusion. All ages, all levels.
(512)231-8999
<http://www.orpheusacademy.com>

St. David's Wheelchair Fitness Program

(For mobility impaired, , but clients do not have to use wheelchair)
Combines recreation and therapy
(512)451-2284 or (512)451-3637
<http://www.stdavidsrehab.com/>

Swimming classes

Barbara Denny Swim School
4301 E. Crystal Falls Pkwy. Leander, TX 78641
(512) 259-4545
<http://www.merchantcircle.com/business/Barbara.Denny.Swim.School.512-259-4545>

Therapeutic Horseback Riding

- **A.W.A.R.E.**, all volunteer therapeutic riding in San Marcos
Sherry Ross, 512-754-6773
- **R.O.C.K.**, Hippotherapy and therapeutic riding in Georgetown
Joan Schroeder, 512-930-7625.
<http://www.rockride.org>
- **Spirit Reins**, Hippotherapy in Liberty Hill
(512)515-0845
<http://www.spiritreins.org/>

YMCA – Austin

(512)322-9622
<http://www.austinyymca.org/>

YMCA – Round Rock

(512)246-9622
<http://www.ymcagwc.org/>

Transportation

Capitol Metro of Austin

(512) 389-7400 Special Transit(STS) 389-7480
Specific Route Information: (512) 474-1200; 1-800-474-1201
<http://www.capmetro.org/>

CARTS (Capitol Area Rural Transportation System)

Providing transportation for the disabled in the Williamson County area.
1-800-456-7433
(512) 478-7433
<http://ridecarts.com/>

Information Regarding Other Disabilities

Austin Area Branch of The International Dyslexia Association

Help Line (512) 452-765

Brain Injury Association of Texas, Inc.

(512) 326-1212 1-800-392-0040; FAX: (512) 326-8088

www.biatx.org

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (C.H.A.D.D)

(301) 306-7070 FAX: 301-306-7090 (800) 233-4050

www.chadd.org

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (C.H.A.D.D)--Austin

Chapter meetings are held from 7pm-8:30pm on the 1ST Tuesday of the month at Rosedale School. Support groups are held for parents of children with ADHD and for adults with ADHD.

(512) 292-1518

<http://www.austinchadd.org>

Epilepsy Foundation of Central and South Texas

(210) 653-5353 or (888) 606-5353

www.epilepsyfoundation.org/efcst/

Genetic Alliance

Alliance of genetic support groups; provides information on genetic diseases; list of support groups

(202) 966-5557 FAX: (202) 966-8553

www.geneticalliance.org/

Multiple Sclerosis Association of America

1-800-532-7667 (856) 488-4500

www.msaa.com/

National Spinal Cord Injury Association

(800) 962-9629 FAX (301) 588-9414

<http://www.spinalcord.org/>

Spina Bifida Association of Texas

San Antonio: (210) 653-1800

www.sbatx.org/

Stuttering Foundation of America

Provides helpful information on stuttering for parents, teachers and children

1-800-992-9392

www.stutterhelp.org

Tourette Syndrome Association of Texas

www.tsa-usa.org/

Tourette Syndrome Association of Austin

<http://www.tourettetexas.org/Austin.htm>

Internet Resources for Families of Children with Disabilities

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

<http://www.aacap.org/>

Family Village

<http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/>

email - familyvillage@waisman.wisc.edu

Our-Kids

<http://www.our-kids.org/okmain.html>

Disability Resources

Directory of community resources in Texas

<http://disabilityresources.tamu.edu>