

RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Nothing About Me Without Me

FEDERAL

<https://localhelp.healthcare.gov/>

Zip code-based directory of organizations counseling families with a member with a disability or special health care needs on choosing an insurance plan under the Affordable Care Act which preserves that member's Medicaid eligibility

<https://www.dol.gov/odep/topics/disability.htm> Portal for 22 government agencies

<http://idea.ed.gov>

IDEA [special education]

[https://medicalhomeinfo.aap.org`](https://medicalhomeinfo.aap.org)

Information on caring for children and youth with special health care needs

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www.ncd.gov

National Council on Disabilities

www.nimh.nih.gov

National Institutes of Mental Health

www.ssa.gov

Social Security Administration

www.samhsa.gov

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

www.dol.gov/odep/

U.S. Department of Labor: disability employment resources by topic

STATE AND LOCAL

<https://hhs.texas.gov/>

Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (“DADS”)

www.integralcare.org

Austin/Travis County Integral Care: mental health

www.bbtrails.org

Williamson County local authority: Bluebonnet Trails

1-855-937-2372

Aging and Disability Resource Centers: zip code-based locator of providers of long-term services

Crisis Intervention Team (Austin/Travis County) (512) 854-3450 APD; (512) 854-3445 TCSO

<http://www.twc.state.tx.us/>
or <https://hhs.texas.gov/>

Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services
("DARs")

<http://dshs.texas.gov/>

Texas Department of State Health Services ("DISHES")

mental health offices by county or zip code:

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/mhservices-search/>

child and adolescent services:

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/mhsa/mh-child-adolescent-services/>

state psychiatric hospitals in Texas:

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/mhhospitals/default.shtm>

community mental health centers in Texas:

<https://dshs.texas.gov/mhcommunity/default.shtm>

kidney health care program: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/kidney/default.shtm>

special health care needs (Title 5): <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/cshcn/>

<http://www.easterseals.com/centraltx/shared-components/document-library/integrate-housing-project.pdf>

Tanya Lavelle (2015) "How Texas Can Help Its Citizens Achieve Recovery Through Investment and Innovation in Supportive Housing". Easter Seals Central Texas.

www.gov.texas.gov/disabilities/

Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities

<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/TX> Contact your representative if a federal agency is nonresponsive

www.hacanet.org

Housing Authority of the City of Austin

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

Texas Department of Health and Human Services

<https://www.navigatelifetexas.org/en>

Health and Human Services website created with Texas Parent to Parent and others

www.hdwg.org/catalyst/

Information on health insurance for children and youth with special health care needs

www.hdwg.org/catalyst/resources

State-by-state list of health insurance consumer assistance resources

<https://hogg.utexas.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Mental-Health-Guide-2016.pdf>

Hogg Foundation for Mental Health (3RD edition 2016) "A Guide to understanding Mental Health Systems and Services in Texas"

Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES)
(512) 472-4357; (844) 398-8252

Walk-in clinic, Austin Travis County Integral Care,
1165 Airport Blvd., Austin, TX 78702

Crisisinfo@atcic.org

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www.tcsheriff.org

(512) 974-0845

Travis County Sheriff's Office

www.texashousingcounselor.org

Interactive site identifying subsidized housing and cost based on status

www.tcdd.texas.gov/

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

Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities

Travis County Mental Health Public Defender (512) 854-3030 [assists with misdemeanor charges]

Travis County Office of Parental Representation (512) 854-7305 [assists in CPS matters]

Texas Education Agency

Complaint investigation process (512) 463-9414, Fax (512) 463-9560

Division of Legal Services: due process hearings and mediation services (512) 463-0489,

Fax (512) 475-3662

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Texas Education Agency

Toll Free Parent Information Line 1-800-252-9668

PRIVATE: CENTRAL TEXAS

www.arcofthecapitalarea.org

The ARC of the Capital Area: programs for children with intellectual disabilities and behavioral health challenges and their families ranging from ACRArt and weekly respite to free guardianship representation

www.thearcoftexas.org

The ARC of Texas: master pooled special needs trust

<https://www.thearcoftexas.org/idea-manual/> "IDEA, The Manual for Parents and Students About Special Education Services in Texas" (English and Spanish)

www.austinclubhouse.org

(512) 925-5877

Austin Clubhouse: support and activities, including job placement, for people taking charge of their mental illness
info@austinclubhouse.org 610 East 45th, Austin, Texas 78751
(inside Hyde Park Christian Church)

Central Texas Autism Center

(512) 328-5599

3006 Bee Caves Rd, Suite B-200
Austin, TX 78746

www.clearhealthcosts.com

Source for finding health care prices

www.cforr.org/

(512) 758-7686

Communities for Recovery: supports long-term recovery for people with substance use and co-occurring mental health conditions. 4110 Guadalupe, Building 365, Austin, Texas 78751 (on Austin State Hospital Campus)

www.dellchildrens.net/services_and_programs/texas_child_study_center_mental_health_services/

www.disabilityrightstx.org

(800) 252-9108

Disability Rights Texas

www.gethipptexas.com

Texas Health Insurance Premium Payment Program:
pays employer-sponsored health insurance premium
if one member of the family receives Medicaid

www.InsureCentralTexas.org

Foundation Communities' year-round information resource
on insurance through the Texas marketplace ("Obamacare");
scheduled and walk-in appointments

www.lscctx.org

Lone Star Circle of Care: services for low-income people in
Austin, Round Rock, Georgetown include general and
behavioral health

www.NAMlaustin.org

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill: education, support and advocacy for people with mental illnesses, their families, churches, teachers and school administrators; classes and support groups in Central Texas

www.nerdwallet.com/health/hospitals/compare number and price of procedures

www.newlifetexas.org

(512) 469-9447

New Life Institute: non-profit, sliding scale professional counseling, 607 Rathervue Place, Austin, Texas 78705; free, walk-in mental health care clinic on Thursday afternoons at Parker Lane United Methodist Church, 2105 Parker Lane

www.panfoundation.org

Patient Access Foundation: help paying for medicine, etc.

<http://prntexas.org/>

(800) 866-4726 or (409) 898-4684

Partners Resource Network

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<http://samaritan-center.org/>

(512) 451-7337

Samaritan Center: individual and family counseling, psychiatric care, Hope for Heroes and Military Veteran Peer Network, 8956 Research Boulevard, Bldg. 2, Austin, Texas 78758; also in Round Rock, Cedar Park and San Marcos

<https://it.utexas.edu/services/tech-support>

UT Technical Assistance

Texas Affiliation of Affordable
Housing Providers
(512) 476-9901

221 E. 9th St., Suite 408
Austin, TX 78701

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

(512) 371-7353

The Texas State Independent Living Council

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American Association on Intellectual
And Developmental Disabilities
(512) 458-2669
www.aaidtx.org

Texas Council of Community HMHRs
(512) 794-9268

Service Dogs, Inc.
(512) 858-1495
www.servicedogs.org

Texas Low Income Housing
Information Service
(512) 477-8910
<https://texashousers.net/>

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Texas Neurorehab Center
(512) 444-4835 or
1-(800) 252-5151

1106 West Dittmar Drive 78745

www.txp2p.org
Toll free (866) 896-6001

Texas Parent to Parent, 1805 Rutherford Ln, Ste. 201,
Austin, TX 78754

Texas Special Olympics
(512) 835-9873 or
1-(800) 876-5646

1804 Rutherford Ln., Austin, TX 78754

AUSTIN AREA SCHOOLS

ACE Academy
(512) 206-4070

3901 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin, TX 78756

Academia Christian Academy
(512) 295-0173

1645 Main Street, Suite A, Buda, TX 78610
(KIS Education)

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Austin Learning Academy
(512) 457-9194

1311 Hackberry Street, Austin

Capitol School of Austin
(512) 467-7006

2011 West Koenig Lane, Austin

The Marbridge Foundation
(512) 282-1144

2310 Bliss Spillar Rd., Manchaca, TX 78652

Odyssey School
(512) 472-2262

4407 Red River Street, Austin

Rawson Saunders School
(512) 476-8382

2614 Exposition Boulevard, Building A, Austin

Regional Day School Program
for the Deaf in AISD Schools
(512) 414-2433

2117 West 49th Street

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Strickland Christian School
(512) 447-1447

7415 Manchaca Road, Austin

Sylvan Learning Center
(512) 960-2385

4036 S. Lamar, Ste. 150, Austin, TX 78704

www.tsbvi.edu

Texas State School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

www.tsd.state.tx.us

Texas State School for the Deaf

PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS

www.austinlakeshospital.com

Austin Lakes Hospital, St. David's; gerontological care

www.austinoakshospital.com

Austin Oaks Hospital

www.crosscreekhospital.com

(855) 738-7930

Cross Creek Hospital, 8402 Cross Creek Drive,
Austin, Texas

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www.dellchildrens.net

Dell Children's Hospital

www.dshs.texas.gov/mhhospitals/AustinSH/default.shtm

Austin State Hospital

www.georgetownbehavioral.com

Georgetown Behavioral Health Institute

www.seton.net/locations/shoal-creek/ Seton Shoal Creek

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

You can assemble personal grab-and-go bags or backpacks for home, work, school and car using the FEMA guidelines at www.ready.gov.

Anyone who might need assistance and anyone who is responsible for them should be registered with the nearest fire station and at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/stear/public.htm>

A SHORT LIST OF HELPFUL BOOKS

Barnes, Peter. 60 Days to Sanity: A College Freshman's Struggle to Overcome Mental Illness (CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform 2005, 2011)

Boesky, Lisa. When to Worry: How to Tell If Your Teen Needs Help and What to Do About It (New York: American Management Association, 2007)

Boss, Pauline. Ambiguous Loss: Learning to Live with Unresolved Grief (Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 1999)

Cecil, Darren. The Disability Handbook: Because from Time to Time, Everyone Needs a Helping Hand (DisABILITY Resources Consulting, 2002)

Cohen, Matthew D. A Guide to Special Education Advocacy: What Parents, Clinicians and Advocates Need to Know (Philadelphia: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2009)

Gottlieb, Eli. Best Boy (New York: W. W. Norton & Co., 2015)

Grandin, Temple. Thinking in Pictures: My Life with Autism (New York: Random House, 2008)

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Greene, Ross W. Lost at School: Why Our Kids With Behavioral Challenges Are Falling Through the Cracks and How We Can Help Them (New York: Scribner: A Division of Simon & Schuster, Inc., 2008)

Jackins, Barbara D., Blank, Richard S., Shulman, Ken W., Onello, Harriet H. Managing a Special Needs Trust: A Guide for Trustees (Brookline, MA: DisABILITIESBOOKS, Inc. 2012, edition)

Kingsley, James and Levitz, Mitchell. Count Us In: Growing Up with Down Syndrome (New York: Harcourt Brace and Company, 1994)

Klein, Stanley D., Ph.D. and Kemp, John D., eds. Reflections from a Different Journey: What Adults with Disabilities Wish All Parents Knew (Brookline, MA: DisABILITIES, Inc. in collaboration with Abilities!, Albertson, NY, 2nd ed. 2011)

Klein, Stanley D. Ph.D. and Schive, Kim (eds.) You Will Dream New Dreams: Inspiring Stories by Parents of Children with Disabilities (Kensington Books, 2004)

Krouk-Gordon, Dafna and Barbara D. Jackins. Moving Out: a Family Guide to Residential Planning for Adults with Disabilities (Bethesda, Maryland: Woodbine House, 2013)

Matlin, Marlee. Deaf Child Crossing (New York: Simon & Schuster, 2002)

Montalvan, Luis and Bret Witter. Until Tuesday: A Wounded Warrior and the Golden Retriever Who Saved Him (New York City: Hyperion, 2010)

Montalvan, Luis and Bret Witter. Tuesday Tucks Me In (New York City: Roaring Book Press, 2014)

Morgan, Peggy Lou. Parenting an Adult with a Disability or Special Needs: Everything You Need to Know to Protect Your Child's Future (New York: AMACOM Books, 2009)

Morgan, Peggy Lou. Parenting Your Complex Child (New York: AMACOM Books, 2006)

Mount, Beth. Person-Centered Planning: Finding Directions for Change Using Personal Futures Planning (New York: Capacity Works, 2000)

Oxford University Press. Hospice Care for Children (2008)

Pelka, Fred. What We Have Done: an Oral History of the Disability Rights Movement (Boston: University of Massachusetts Press, 2012)

Rubin, Sue. Autism is a World (DVD) Directed by Geraldine Wurburg

Shapiro, Joseph. No Pity: People with Disabilities Forging a New Civil Rights Movement (New York: Three Rivers Press, 1994)

Shore, Steven. Beyond the Wall: Personal Experiences with Autism and Asperger Syndrome 2nd ed. (Autism Asperger Publishing Company, 2003)

Shusterman, Neal. Challenger Deep (New York: HarperCollins, 2015)

Siegel, Lawrence M. The Complete IEP Guide: How to Advocate for Your Special Needs Child (Berkeley, California: Nolo, 2011) 7th ed

Silberman, Steve and Oliver Sacks. NeuroTribes: The Legacy of Autism and the Future of Neurodiversity (New York: Avery, 2015)

Simon, Lizzie. Detour: My Bipolar Road Trip in 4-D (New York: Atria Books, 2002)

Widdifield, Mary and Elin Widdifield. Behind the Wall: The True Story of Mental Illness as Told By Parents (Minneapolis: Langdon Street Press, 2015)

Wright, Hal. The Complete Guide to Creating a Special Needs Life Plan: A Comprehensive Approach Integrating Life, Resource, Financial, and Legal Planning to Ensure a Brighter Future for a Person with Disabilities (Philadelphia: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2013)