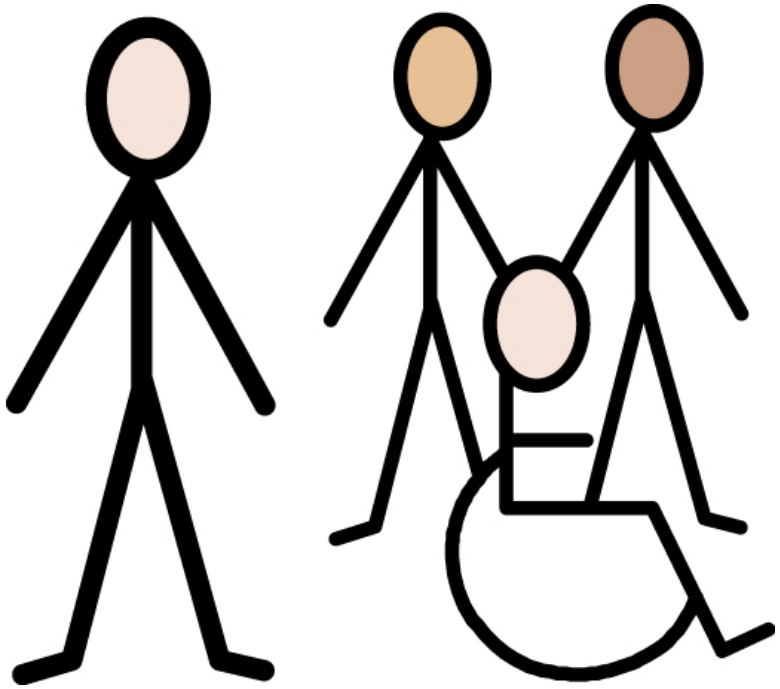
Resources Every Family Should Know About



2014 Texas Transition Conference

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Community Now!
Independence from Waiting.
Freedom from Institutions.
http://www.communitynowfreedom.org/

What is your dream?

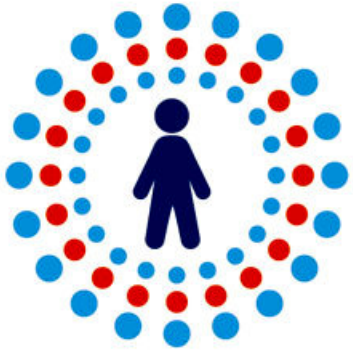
- What do you want for your child now and in the future?
- **What do they want for themselves?**
- How do YOU define your role in helping your child reach ***their*** goals?
- Who can help you to help your child reach their goals?

Person-Centered Planning

- a discovery process that leads to finding the balance between what is important ***to*** a person and ***for*** a person

- uses a variety of tools and strategies

- encourages people to listen with all senses



… disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals to —

(A) live independently;

(B) enjoy self-determination;

(C) make choices;

(D) contribute to society;

(E) pursue meaningful careers; and

(F) enjoy full inclusion and integration in the economic, political, social, cultural, and educational mainstream of American society

Disability Is Natural http://www.disabilityisnatural.com/

Person Centered-Planning Resources

Families Planning Together: Starting to Work on an Essential Life Style Plan
http://learningcommunity.us/documents/FPTGuide.11-03.pdf

Creating a Good Life in Community: A Guide on Person Directed Planning
http://www.individualizedfunding.ca/A%20Guide%20on%20Person-Directed%20Planning.pdf

Dreamworks Planning Tool
http://www.arcnetc.org/uploads/Dreamwork_My_Child.pdf

Person-Centered Planning Tool Kit
http://www.arcnetc.org/uploads/PersonCenteredPlanningToolkit.pdf

It is better to look ahead and prepare than to look back and regret." – Jackie Joyner-Kersee

Resources: Where To Look?

- Charitable Organizations
- Faith Based Initiatives
- Federal/State Programs
- Internet
- National Organizations
- Natural Supports
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Parent Information/Support Groups
- Public Education
- Special Interest Groups

Long-Term Care Supports & Services

Long-term care supports and services (LTSS) provide daily health care and living needs to qualified individuals (of all ages) who have a disability or long-term illness in the community or in an institutional setting.

LTSS include, but are not limited to…

- Adaptive Aids
- ADL
- Behavioral Supports
- Dental
- Financial Management
- Habilitation
- Personal Care
- Minor Home Modifications
- Nursing
- Residential Assistance
- Respite
- Specialized Therapies
- Supported Employment
- And *more*…

"**Independence** is not measured by the number of tasks we can do without assistance, but by the **quality of life** we can lead **WITH** assistance."

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

Generally speaking…

- Some LTSS programs **do not** consider family income.
- LTSS program eligibility is determined when services are offered.
- The "interest list" for Medicaid Waiver programs is lengthy!
  - Keep contact information current!
  - Yearly contact **required**!
  - Over 100,000 people waiting
  - 12,000 people to be offered CFCO FY 2014-2015

Interest list reduction summary:
http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/interestlist/index.html

- LTSS programs include but are **NOT** limited to Medicaid Waiver programs, HCS group homes and ICF-IID facilities.
- Each LTSS program has different eligibility requirements, rules, funding amounts and service options.
- LTSS program options vary by county.
- Service rates vary per LTSS program.
- Institution-based care costs are considerably higher than community-based care.

Change is inevitable

- SB7 - Medicaid LTSS Reform Bill signed into law June 14, 2013
  - changes how Texas manages and pays for medical and LTSS services for people with IDD in CLASS, DBMD, HCS, TxHmL
  - Also effects medical and LTSS in MDCP
- SB7 information
  - DADS SB7 Frequently Asked Questions

http://www.communitynowfreedom.org/uploads/SB_7_FAQs_07.15.13_.docx

  - Arc Texas

http://www.thearcoftexas.org/site/PageServer?pagename=SenateBill7Information

Medicaid Managed Care Initiatives

HHSC Website

- General information about expansions of Medicaid Managed Care in Texas
- Informational meetings
- Advisory Committees
- Q&A Documents

http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/medicaid/MMC.shtml

DADS Community-Based LTSS Programs

Medicaid Waiver programs are the most commonly known LTSS.

Medicaid Waiver programs administered through the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)

- Community Based Alternatives (CBA)
- Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS)
- Deaf-Blind/Multiple Disability (DBMD)
- Home and Community Based Services (HCS)
- Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP)
- Texas Home Living (TxHmL)

Waiver Program comparison chart
http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/waiver_comparisons/LTSS-Waivers.pdf

Other Community-Based LTSS programs include, but are not limited to…

- Community Attendant Services (CAS) - Provides non-skilled personal care services to people who need help with personal care tasks

- IDD Community Services (Local Authority Services) - Services and supports, such as day habilitation, community support and respite provided to assist persons to live in the community

- In-Home and Family Support Program (IHFS) - Grants to persons age four and older who have physical disabilities, to purchase disability-related services, minor home modifications and equipment that are not available under any other program.

- Primary Home Care (PHC) - Provides non-skilled, personal care services for people with Medicaid whose chronic health problems impair their ability to perform activities of daily living

Consumer Directed Services (CDS)

- Gives you a choice about how your services are managed:
  - Agency option (Agency Managed)
  - Service Responsibility option (Co-Managed)
  - Consumer Directed Services employer (Self-Managed)
- Services that can be self-directed vary by program

http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/cds/index.html

Institution-Based LTSS

Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with an Intellectual Disability or Related Condition (ICF-IDD) – An ICF-IID is state operated facility that provides 24 hour residential and habilitation services to qualified Individuals.

There are two types of ICF-IID in Texas.

- Community-based home (small – up to 8 people, medium 9 to 13 people, and large - 14+ people)
- State Supported Living Centers (SSLCs) – large institution for apx. 70 – 550 residents

* Texas maintaines 13 SSLCs
* SSLC resident population as of October 2013: 3524

Texas SSLCs have and continue to be monitored as part of a settlement agreement with the Department of Justice, Office of Civil Rights for "serious deficiencies at multiple facilities, a long history of abuse, neglect, and exploitation and failure to serve Facility residents in the most integrated setting appropriate to their individual needs".

Details of the DOJ Complaint, the settlement agreement, and all monitoring team reports are available on the CN! website.
http://www.communitynowfreedom.org/DOJ_-_Monitoring_Reports.php

Nursing Facility (NF) – residential facilities that provide services for individuals whose medical condition regularly requires the skills of licensed nurses.

LTSS: A closer look…

- Comparison charts were created to describe the similarities and differences among DADS LTSS waiver and entitlement programs
  - LTSS Entitlement Programs
    http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/waiver_comparisons/LTSS-Entitlement.pdf
  - DADS Waiver Programs
    http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/waiver_comparisons/
- LTSS program details and contact information are available through the DADS website
  http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/listofservices.html

NOTE: The Olmstead decision requires states to eliminate unnecessary segregation of persons with disabilities and to ensure that persons with disabilities receive services in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs. For more information about the Olmstead decision, visit http://www.ada.gov/olmstead/index.htm.

STAR+PLUS

STAR+PLUS Waiver Program - STAR+PLUS is a Medicaid managed care program is administered through the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)

- provides health-care and long-term services and supports through a medical plan

https://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/starplus/overview.shtml

YES Waiver

Youth Empowerment Services Waiver - The YES Waiver program is administered through the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

- for individuals who have a Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED)
- available in three counties (Bexar, Tarrant, Travis)

http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhsa/yes/

Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC)

- Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) - provide information about and help with state and federal benefits. They can also help you learn about local programs and services.

- Not available in every county.

Aging & Disability Resource Center
An Initiative of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

For more information or to find out if there is an ADRC in your area visit http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/adrc/index.html

Assistive Technology

Assistive technology devices and assistive technology services are defined in the Assistive Technology Act of 1998 (ATA)

- Assistive Technology Device: Any item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially off-the-shelf, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.

- Assistive Technology Service: Any service that directly assists an individual with a disability in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology service.

Intended Benefits

Any technology that enables someone to do something they otherwise couldn't facilitates access and the opportunity to achieve a task previously determined unreachable. It provides new ways to…

- communicate
- receive instruction
- learn
- demonstrate understanding
- work
- play
- control the environment
- accomplish day to day activities
- move about and *more*…

Unintended Benefits

- increased independence, self-confidence and self-esteem
- participation in everyday life

- Assessing Students' Needs for Assistive Technology (ASNAT) Resource Manual 5th Edition.
  http://www.wati.org/content/supports/free/pdf/ASNAT5thEditionJun09.pdf

- Family Center on Technology and Disability (FCTD) – a national center supported by the Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs.

  - The Family Guide to Assistive Technology
  - Fact Sheets
  - Online Conference Series
  - Monthly Newsletter

  http://www.fctd.info/

- Texas Technology Access Program (TTAP) – leads the state's efforts to carry out the federal Assistive Technology Act of 2004 through demonstrations, device loans, and informational resources.
  http://techaccess.edb.utexas.edu/

Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)

- Specialized Tele-Communications Assistance Program (STAP) – a voucher program that provides financial assistance for the purchase of specialized assistive equipment or services for individuals whose disability interferes with their ability to access the telephone network. http://www.dars.state.tx.us/dhhs/stap.shtml

- International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC) - http://www.isaac-online.org/english/home

Charitable Organizations

Ambucs™ - dedicated to creating mobility and independence for individuals who have a disability.
http://www.ambucs.org/

First Hand – provides funding for individual children with health related needs when insurance and other financial resources have been exhausted.
https://applications.cerner.com/firsthand/

Prosperity Place – provides financial assistance to children in need of therapy.
http://www.prosperityplace.org/

Ragan' s Hope - provides financial, emotional and spiritual support to parents of children with catastrophic illnesses or injuries.
http://raganshope.org/

Texas Elk's Grants for Special Kids – provides prosthetic devices not otherwise covered by insurance.
txelks@gvec.net or 1- 830 – 875 2425

The Parker Lee Project, Inc. – provides equipment and supplies for applicants who qualify.
http://www.theparkerleeproject.org/about-us.html

The Humanitarian Foundation Dental Care for Children with Special Needs Program – provides dental care for children (under 18) who have a disability who otherwise may go without.
http://www.hfgrotto.org/programs/the-dental-program/

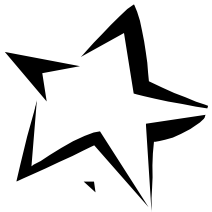
United Health Care Children's Foundation – provides financial assistance to help families gain access to medically related services not covered, or not fully covered by the available commercial health insurance plan, and that may have the potential to significantly enhance children's clinical conditions.
http://www.uhccf.org/

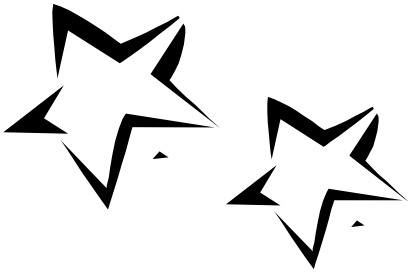
Variety® The Children's Charity of Texas – offers funding directly to families who have children with special needs in 3 different identified giving categories.
http://www.varietytexas.org/

Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program

CSHCN is administered through the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and helps

- children – under age 21 - with special health-care needs who meet eligibility criteria
- people of any age with cystic fibrosis

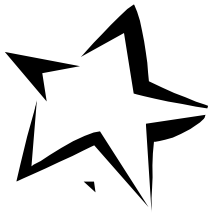




For more information
http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/cshcn/

Disability Rights Texas (DRTx)

Federally designated legal protection and advocacy agency (P&A) for people with disabilities in Texas.



- 6 regional offices across the state
- service priorities are re-established every 4 years and reviewed annually by the Board of Directors

Disability Rights TEXAS

http://www.disabilityrightstx.org/

Employment Resources

Customized employment is a flexible process designed to personalize the employment relationship between a job candidate and an employer in a way that meets the needs of both. It is based on an individualized match between the strengths, conditions, and interests of a job candidate and the identified business needs of an employer. Customized Employment utilizes an individualized approach to employment planning and job development — one person at a time . . . one employer at a time.

http://www.dol.gov/odep/categories/workforce/CustomizedEmployment/what/index.htm

Association for People Supporting EmploymentFirst (APSE) - the *only* national organization with an *exclusive focus* on integrated employment and career advancement opportunities for individuals with disabilities.
http://www.apse.org/

Job Accommodation Network (JAN) – provides guidance on workplace Accommodations and disability employment Issues.
http://askjan.org/

The DARS Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program helps people who have physical or mental disabilities prepare for, find or keep employment.

http://www.dars.state.tx.us/drs/vr.shtml

National Collaboration on Workforce and Disability for Youth – a source for information about employment and youth with disabilities.
http://www.ncwd-youth.info/

SSI Work Incentive Programs – make it possible for people with disabilities receiving Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) to work and still receive monthly payments and Medicare or Medicaid.
http://www.ssa.gov/disabilityresearch/wi/generalinfo.htm#ssiwi

U.S. Department of Labor Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) – provides national leadership and information on disability employment policy.
http://www.dol.gov/odep/

Guardianship and Alternatives to Guardianship

National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center (NSTTAC) – webcast "In Support of Supported Decision Making" and other information on Age of Majority issues.
http://www.nsttac.org/content/age-majority-resources

A Texas Guide to Adult Guardianship – a resource guide created by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)
http://www.dads.state.tx.us/news_info/publications/brochures/pub395-guardianship.pdf

Guardianship for Texans with Disabilities 13th Edition – a resource guide created by Disability Rights Texas
http://www.disabilityrightstx.org/files/Guardianship_for_Texans_with_Disabilities.pdf

National Guardianship Association, Inc. – advancing nationally recognized standards of excellence in guardianship.
http://www.guardianship.org/index.htm

Texas Guardianship Association (TGA) – provides information about guardianship and alternatives to guardianship in Texas.
http://texasguardianship.org/about/

The University of Montana Rural Institute – Consent to Authorize Advocacy sample forms, including a form authorizing parent participation in an adult child's ARD/IEP meeting.
http://ruralinstitute.umt.edu/transition/Handouts/Consent%20to%20Authorize%20Advocacy.pdf

Housing Options/Resources

What are the options?

- Adult Foster/Companion Care
- Cooperative Housing
- Family Home
- Home & Community-Based Services (HCS) Group Home
- Home, Apartment, Condominium, Duplex, and Townhome Rental or Ownership
- Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability - (ICF-IID)
  - — State Operated - Small, Medium or Large
  - — State Supported Living Center (SSLC)
- Residential/Vocational Community

Affordable Housing Resources – A list of affordable housing resources created by DADS
http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/pi/housing.html

Critical Housing Accessibility Modification Program (CHAMP) – a home modification program for persons with disabilities.
http://centraltx.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=TXCA_CHSChamp

Home of Your Own (HOYO) - helps low-income persons with disabilities, as well as families with an immediate family member with a disability, to become homeowners.
http://centraltx.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=TXCA_CHShoyo

Project Access Program - administered by TDHCA to assist low-income persons with disabilities in transitioning from institutions into the community by providing access to affordable housing.
http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/section-8/project-access/

Non-educational Community-based Support Services

- Funds may be used only for eligible students with disabilities who, without the provision of non-educational community-based support services, would remain or would have to be placed in residential facilities for education reasons

- Parents must request services through an application process at their Local Education Agency (LEA)

http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=2147497817

Postsecondary Education

- Achieving in Higher Education with Autism/Developmental Disabilities (AHEADD) – coaching, mentoring & personal advocacy for college students who have: Asperger's Syndrome, ADD, High-Functioning Autism, Learning Disabilities, and Non-Verbal Learning Disability. http://www.aheadd.org/

- College Autism Spectrum - provides support for students on the autism spectrum and the schools and colleges they attend. http://www.collegeautismspectrum.com/

- HEATH Resource Center Clearinghouse – provides information for students with disabilities on educational disability support services, policies, procedures, adaptations, accessing college or university campuses, career-technical schools, and other postsecondary training entities. http://www.heath.gwu.edu/

- Think College - this website provides resources for students, families, and professionals supporting youth with intellectual disabilities explor postsecondary education options. http://www.thinkcollege.net/

Respite Resources

Texas Respite Coordination Center provides resources for caregivers that include a statewide database of respite providers, educational materials and resources.

take time TEXAS

http://www.dads.state.tx.us/taketimetexas/index.html

Self-Advocacy and Self-Determination

Self-advocacy, in its simplest form is when a person advocates on their own behalf.

Self-determination describes a person's right to the same opportunities and a person's control over aspects of his life that are important to him – two different concepts that are both of equal value.

Video: Credo for Support by Norm Kunc
http://www.broadreachtraining.com/videos/credo.htm

Are you listening?

Common quotes by individuals who live life with a disability label.

- "Invest in Community"
- "NO Pity"
- "Nothing about us without us!"

Weighing the benefits: There is DIGNITY in Risk

http://www.arcnetc.org/uploads/Weighing_the_Benefits__There_IS_Dignity_in_Risk__1_.pdf

Harvard Law School on Disability: Promoting the Human Rights of People With Disabilities
http://www.hpod.org/

ADAPT – a national grass-roots organization that organizes disability rights activists to engage in nonviolent direct action to assure the civil rights of people with disabilities to live in freedom.
http://www.adapt.org/

Autistic Self-Advocacy Network (ASAN) – a non-profit organization ran by and for autistic people.
http://autisticadvocacy.org/about-asan/

I'm Determined – a website for parents, youth and professionals on self-determination.
http://www.imdetermined.org/

Kids As Self-Advocates (KASA) – a national grassroots project created by youth with disabilities for youth.
http://fvkasa.org/index.php

National Youth Leadership Network (NYLN) - a youth-led disability rights nonprofit organization.
http://www.nyln.org/

Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) – a non-profit organization by and for self-advocates
http://www.sabeusa.org/

"The Riot" – a national E-newsletter written by and for self-advocates.
http://www.theriotrocks.org/

Special Education Resources

Education Service Centers (ESC) - provides leadership, training, and technical assistance to school districts, parents and community members in their region, including assistance in the area of special education for students who have a disability.

- divided by region - 20 regions
- provide for the joint training of parents, and special education, related services and general education personnel
  - Find your ESC http://www.tea.state.tx.us/regional_services/esc/
  - Special Education Contact by Region http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=2147497535

Partners Resource Network – a non-profit agency that operates the Texas network of Parent Training and Information Centers (PTI)

My child has I.E.P. and I am not afraid to use it!

* I.E.P. – Informed and Empowered Parent

PATH Project
ESC Region 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

PEN Project
ESC Region 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19

TEAM
ESC Region 1, 2, 3, 4, 20

Funded by the US Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OESP)

http://www.partnerstx.org/

Special Education Advisory Committee, PTSA or Special Education PTSA – not operating in all school districts or schools

Special Education Rules and Regulations (Side-by-Side) - a resource of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, State Board of Education Rules, Commissioner's Rules, and Texas State Laws.
http://framework.esc18.net/Documents/Side-by-Side%20MAR%202012.pdf

Texas Project First - created by parents, for parents... this website - a project of the Texas Education Agency provides information to parents and families of students with disabilities.
http://texasprojectfirst.org/

Texas State Board of Education Educator Certification official record of educator certificates
https://secure.sbec.state.tx.us/SBECONLINE/virtcert.asp

The Arc of Texas

- Annual Inclusion Works! Conference
  http://www.thearcoftexas.org/site/PageServer?pagename=events_inclusion_conference

- IDEA, the Manual for Parents and Students about Special Education Services in Texas co-authored by DRTx (English and Spanish)
  http://www.thearcoftexas.org/site/PageServer?pagename=ARC_Idea

The Legal Framework for the Child-Centered Special Education Process – summarizes state and federal requirements for special education by topic.
http://framework.esc18.net/display/Webforms/LandingPage.aspx

Texas Organization of Parent, Attorney's and Advocates (TOPAA)

- a discussion group focusing on the education of children with special needs.

http://www.topaa.org/

Wrightslaw – information provided about education law, special education law, and advocacy for children with disabilities via

- website
- newsletter
- publications
- workshops

http://www.wrightslaw.com/

Statewide Non-Profit Organizations

- ADAPT of Texas – the Texas chapter of National ADAPT, a grassroots disability rights group. http://www.adaptoftexas.org/

- Coalition of Texans with Disabilities (CTD) – a member-driven advocacy organization in Texas. http://www.txdisabilities.org/

- NAMI Texas – an affiliated chapter of the National Association on Mental Illness, a grassroots mental health education, advocacy, and support organization. http://www.namitexas.org/

- Community Now! - a statewide organization passionately committed to creating inclusive communities for all Texans marginalized because of disability. http://communitynowfreedom.org/

- Texas Appleseed – the state chapter of the Appleseed organization, a network of 17 public interest justice centers in the US and Mexico. http://www.texasappleseed.net/

- Texas Parent-to-Parent – a statewide non-profit developed for parents by parents. http://www.txp2p.org/

- The Arc of Texas – an affiliated chapter of Arc US, a membership driven organization serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. http://www.thearcoftexas.org/

Texas Council on Developmental Disabilities

TCDD is one of 56 state councils on DD in the US that receive federal funds through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and are funded by the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

DD councils work to ensure that people with developmental disabilities have opportunities to:

- live in the community of their choice
- be independent
- have jobs
- have other services and supports needed for full participation in community life

http://www.tcdd.texas.gov/

Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)

DARS services include, but are not limited to

- Autism Program
- Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services
- Division for Blind Services
- DRS Rehabilitation Technology and Resource Center
- Early Childhood Intervention Services (ECI)
- Independent Living Services and Centers
- Office for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
- Specialized Tele-Communications Assistance Program (STAP)
- Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program

http://www.dars.state.tx.us/

Texas Department of State Health Services - Mental Health Services

DSHS Children's Mental Health serves children ages 3 through 17 with a diagnosis of mental illness (excluding a single diagnosis of substance abuse, intellectual disability, autism or PDD) who exhibit serious emotional, behavioral or mental disorders and who:

- Have a serious functional impairment; or
- Are at risk of disruption of a preferred living or child care environment due to psychiatric symptoms; or
- Are enrolled in a school system's special education program because of serious emotional disturbance

Children's Mental Healthservices include, but are not limited to…

- Screenings
- Assessment
- Crisis Hotline
- Crisis Intervention Services
- Respite Services
- Safety Monitoring
- Crisis Transportation
- Children's Crisis Residential Services
- Crisis Stabilization Unit

http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhsa/mh-child-adolescent-services/

Texas Health Steps

The Texas Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program for children birth – 20 who receive Medicaid

Medical Dental Case Management

http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thsteps/about.shtm

Comprehensive Care Program (CCP) - an expanded program of Texas Health Steps covers services that are not usually allowed or more limited under Medicaid for the adult population.

http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thsteps/services_ccp.shtm

Texas Statewide Resources on Autism

Texas Autism Advocacy – a Yahoo group for people wanting to share information or get information about interventions for autism and related disabilities in Texas.

http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/Texas-Autism-Advocacy/

Texas Autism Conference – a statewide conference coordinated by ESC-Region 2 for parents, school personnel and other professionals working with individuals within the Autism spectrum.

http://autism.esc2.net/

Texas Autism Research and Resource Center – (TARRC) – a project of DADS, TARRC's primary purpose is to coordinate resources for individuals with an ASD and their families

http://www.dads.state.tx.us/tarrc/about/index.html

Texas Council on Autism and PDD – the Council makes recommendations to the agencies providing services to persons with autism and other PDD, and advises the legislature about legislation needed to develop and maintain quality intervention and treatment services.

http://www.dads.state.tx.us/autism/

Transition Planning

Guideposts for Success – provides information for youth and families on the transition process.

http://www.ncwd-youth.info/guideposts

Life After IEPs – transition resources for youth and families.

http://lifeafterieps.com/about/

National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability (NCWD Youth) – provides guides, manuals and other materials on transition.

http://www.ncwd-youth.info/topic

National Center on Secondary Education and Transition (NCSET) – technical assistance and information on secondary education and transition for youth with disabilities.

http://www.ncwd-youth.info/topic

National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center – a national technical assistance and information center on Indicator 13 and summary of performance.

http://www.nsttac.org/

Transition in Texas – a website for students, parents, educators and agencies on transition.

http://www.transitionintexas.org/Page/1

UCEDD in Texas

University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service work to accomplish a shared vision that foresees a nation in which all Americans, including Americans with disabilities, participate fully in their communities.

Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M University

- Bridge to Career in Human Services Certificate Program
- PATHS Certificate Program
- Texas Advanced Leadership and Advocacy Conference (TALAC)
- Texas Transition Conference

http://cdd.tamu.edu/

Texas Center for Disability Studies at the University of Texas at Austin

- Community Training and Service
- Faith Based Experience
- Resource Center on Supportive Housing
- Military Family Supports
- Self-Advocacy

http://tcds.edb.utexas.edu/

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