



TEXAS GUIDE TO SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY DISASTERS

ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT GROUPS

ADAPT	Assists with institutionalization issues, including community-based attendant services and accessible housing.	512.442.0252 www.adapt.org
Advocacy, Inc. (AI)	Advocates for the legal rights of Texans with disabilities—both adults and children. Provides case management for some cases.	800.252.9108 www.advocacyinc.org
The ARC of Texas	Referrals and local opportunities for intellectual disabilities and other developmental disabilities.	800.252.9729 www.thearcoftexas.org
Center on Disability and Development: Project REDD	Information on research, evaluation, and training on the effects of disaster on individuals with disabilities. Distributes copies of the “Texas Guide to Supports and Services for Individuals with Disabilities and Their Families Affected by Disasters” and the “Disaster Acronym Guide.”	979.845.4612 redd.tamu.edu disabilityresources.tamu.edu
Independent Living Research Utilization at Memorial Hermann TIRR (ILRU)	Provides research, education, and consultation in the areas of independent living, the Americans with Disabilities Act, home- and community-based services, and health issues for people with disabilities.	713.520.0232 www.ilru.org www.disability911.com
Mental Health America of Texas (MHAT)	Information, brochures, and education on mental health issues for case workers and survivors. Also has brochures on emotional disabilities that may occur due to disaster and connects people to assistance in their area.	512.454.3706 www.mhatexas.org
National Association for the Mentally Ill (NAMI TX)	Local support systems for people with mental illness.	800.633.3760 www.namitexas.org
Texas Center for Disability Studies	Assists people with disabilities in navigating the support systems in Texas.	512.232.0740 tcds.edb.utexas.edu
Texas Parent to Parent (TxP2P)	Information and resources, a one-on-one match with a trained Parent Volunteer, and guidance in the disability arena.	866.896.6001 www.txp2p.org

HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES

SAMHSA National Helpline	A toll-free referral service for locating drug and alcohol abuse treatment programs that is operated by SAMHSA’s Center for Substance Abuse Treatment.	800.662.HELP (4357) (English and Español) 800.487.4889 (TDD)
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COMMUNICATION

Deaf Link	Deaf Link’s Accessible Hazard Alert System (AHAS) gives persons who are deaf, blind, hard of hearing or deaf/blind the ability to receive emergency information/alerts in the modality that best accommodates their communication needs.	210.590.7446 www.deaffink.com
Texas Commission for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing	Contact for issues with communication barriers and to improve equal access for people who are deaf or hard of hearing of all ages.	800.628.5115 or TTY 866.581.9328 www.dars.state.tx.us/dbhs



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STATE AGENCIES

Department of Aging & Disability Services (DADS)	Provides a comprehensive array of aging and disability services, supports, and opportunities that are easily accessed in local communities.	512.438.3011 www.dads.state.tx.us
Department of Assistive & Rehabilitative Services (DARS)	<p>Division for Rehabilitation Services helps Texans with disabilities to obtain employment of choice and to live independently in their communities.</p> <p>Office for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services helps eliminate communication barriers and provides vocational support and telecommunication devices.</p> <p>Division for Blind Services helps Texans who are blind or visually impaired to obtain employment of choice and to live independently in their communities.</p> <p>Division for Disability Determination Services makes disability determinations for Texans with disabilities who apply for or receive SSA disability benefits.</p>	800.628.5115 or 866.581.9328 (TTY) www.dars.state.tx.us
Department of State Health Services (DSHS)	Contact for coordinating disaster behavioral health preparedness, response, and recovery efforts for Texas during and after a state or federally declared emergency. Provides guidance, technical assistance, and collaboration with decision makers at all levels of government.	888.963.7111 or 800.735.2989 (TTD) www.dshs.state.tx.us
Health & Human Services Commission (HHSC)	Contact for Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program, food stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and long-term care.	512.424.6500 www.hhsc.state.tx.us
Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities (TCDD)	Contact for grants given to organizations that help people with developmental disabilities.	800.262.0334 www.txddc.state.tx.us
2-1-1 The Texas Information and Referral Network	Contact for around-the-clock statewide information, mainly on health and human services. Includes access to medical care; requests for food; requests for prescription assistance; and other topics such as housing, child care and crisis counseling.	2-1-1 or 877.541.7905 www.211texas.org

EARLY INTERVENTION AND CHILDHOOD SERVICES

Texas Early Childhood Intervention (ECI)	Contact for free, statewide programs for families with children birth to age 3 who have disabilities and developmental delays.	800.628.5115 or 866.581.9328 (TTY)
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EDUCATION SERVICES

Texas Education Agency Special Education Hotline	Contact this hotline for special education issues in public schools in Texas.	800.252.9668
Texas School for the Blind & Visually Impaired (TSBVI)	Contact for information on the special public school serving students who have a visual impairment and as a statewide resource to parents of these children and professionals who serve them.	800.872.5273 www.tsbvi.edu
Texas School for the Deaf (TSD)	Contact for educating students who are deaf and hard of hearing. They also serve as a resource center on deafness.	512.462.5353 www.tsd.state.tx.us