

Texas Guide to Supports & Services for Individuals with Disabilities and their Families Affected by Disasters

Advocacy & Support Groups		
ADAPT	Contact for assistance with institutionalization issues. Assists with community-based attendant services & accessible housing.	512-442-0252 www.adapt.org
Advocacy, Inc. (AI)	Contact for advocating the legal rights of Texans, adults and children, with disabilities. Provides case management for some cases.	800-252-9108 www.advocacyinc.org
The ARC of Texas	Contact this organization to find out about local opportunities for mental retardation and other developmental disabilities.	800-252-9729 www.thearcoftexas.org
Family to Family Network (F2F)	Contact for help to families of children with disabilities. F2F provides information, training, referral and support.	713-466-6304 www.familytofamilynetwork.org
Family Support Network (FSN)	Contact for information, support and skills needed to make informed educational decisions about children, especially those decisions regarding special education.	979-845-4612 http://fsn.tamu.edu
Mental Health Association in Texas (MHAT)	Contact for information, brochures and education on mental health issues to case workers and survivors. Also has brochures @ emotional disabilities that may occur due to disaster, also connects people to assistance in their area of the state are available.	512-454-3706 www.mhatexas.org
National Association for the Mentally III (NAMI TX)	Contact for local support systems for people with mental illness.	800-633-3760 http://texas.nami.org
Partners Resource Network (PRN)	Contact for services for parents of children with disabilities. Free services designed to help families: 1) understand their child's disability; 2) understand their rights/responsibilities under IDEA; 3) obtain and evaluate resources and services; and 4) participate as team members with professionals in planning and decision making.	800-866-4726 www.partnerstx.org
Texas Center for Disability Studies	Contact for assistance for people with disabilities in navigating the support systems in Texas.	512-232-0740 http://tcds.edb.utexas.edu
Texas Talking Book Program	Contact for new players as well as reference materials. The Texas Talking Book Program also can assist callers in finding necessary services in the state with regard to disabilities and health conditions.	800-252-9605 http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/tbp/
Texas Parent to Parent (TxP2P)	Contact for information and resources, a one-on-one match with a trained Parent Volunteer, and guidance on the disability arena.	800-896-6001 www.txp2p.org
University Center on Disability at Texas A&M (UCD)	Contact for information on the Texas Guide to Supports & Services for Individuals with Disabilities and their Families Affected by Disasters	979-845-4612 http://ucd.tamu.edu
Health and Medical Services		
Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	Contact for families who earn too much money to qualify for Medicaid, yet cannot afford to buy private insurance for their children.	800-647-6558 www.hhsc.state.tx.us/chip
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)
Communication		
Program for Amplification for Children in Texas (DSHS)	Contact for diagnostic and remedial services needed by children birth- 20 with hearing loss who are Medicaid eligible. Services are for children who have a hearing loss that is permanent.	800-422-2956
Relay Texas	Contact for Voice to TDD and TDD to Voice	800-735-2988
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.	512-451-8494 http://www.dars.state.tx.us/dhhs/

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State Agencies		
Department of Aging & Disability Services (DADS)	The DADS mission is to provide a comprehensive array of aging and disability services, supports, and opportunities that are easily accessed in local communities. See detailed services below.	512-438-3011 www.dads.state.tx.us
Department of Assistive & Rehabilitative Services (DARS)	<p>Division for Rehabilitation Services, which 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 which helps eliminate communication barriers, provide vocational support and can provide tele-communication 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 Early Childhood Intervention assures that families with young children with developmental delays have the resources and supports they need to reach their goals, particularly educational goals.</p> <p>Division for Disability Determination Services makes disability determinations for Texans with disabilities who apply for or receive SSA disability benefits.</p>	512-377-0800 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 www.dshs.state.tx.us
Health & Human Services Commission (HHSC)	Contact for Medicaid, food stamps, the Children's Health Insurance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and long-term care.	512-424-6500 www.hhsc.state.tx.us
Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities (TCDD)	See website or contact for a listing of resources to assist individuals affected by hurricanes/disasters, with a focus on people with disabilities.	800-262-0334 www.txddc.state.tx.us
2-1-1 The Texas Information and Referral Network	Contact for statewide information around-the-clock 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.	211 OR 888-312-4567
Early Intervention & Childhood Services		
Texas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (TACCRRRA)	Contact to locate a network of child care resource and referral agencies serving communities throughout the state of Texas. Includes section on children with special needs.	http://www.taccrra.org
Texas Early Childhood Intervention (ECI)	Contact for free statewide programs for families with children, birth to three, with disabilities and developmental delays.	512-424-6745
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, also serves as a resource center on deafness.	(512) 462-5353 http://www.tsd.state.tx.us