

# Community Resource Guide

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## 2-1-1 Texas: Finding Help in Texas

Website: [www.211texas.org](http://www.211texas.org)

No matter where you live in Texas, you can dial 2-1-1 (or log onto the website) and find information about resources in your local community. 2-1-1 Texas is a free, confidential information and referral line answered by nationally certified specialists 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The trained experts have access to the most comprehensive database of community organizations, government agencies and non-profits that exist in Texas.

### ABC Behavioral Health L.L.C.

214-275-8500 FAX 214-388-3800

4600 Sammuel Blvd.

Dallas 75228

Mental Health Services to individuals ages 14 to adult with Severe Mental Illness. Psychiatric Outpatient Services including medication management, counseling, supported housing and employment.

### Achievement Center of Texas

972-414-7700 FAX 972-272-8343

2950 Shiloh Road

Garland 75044

[www.achievementcenteroftexas.com](http://www.achievementcenteroftexas.com)

A licensed day care center for individuals of all ages with disabilities

### Access of CCCCD-Spring Creek

972-881-5898

2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy.

Room #G-200

Plano 75074

Provides tutoring and support to students with disabilities.

Open Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm and by appointments on weekends.

## **ADA Hotline**

800-949-4232 FAX 713-520-5785  
2323 S. Shepherd #1000  
Houston, TX  
E-mail: [dlrp@ilru.org](mailto:dlrp@ilru.org)

Hotline for questions regarding the Americans with Disability Act Programs including the Disability Law Resource Project, Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center.

## **Adapt Mobile Crisis Unit**

866-260-8000

24 hour mobile mental health crisis unit. On site assessments – will facilitate hospitalization or counseling as needed.

## **ADD/LD Support Group of Collin County**

972-396-1216

601 Greenville Ave.

First United Methodist Church of Allen

Contact: [sscaroline@aol.com](mailto:sscaroline@aol.com)

Support for parents of children who learn differently. Community speakers, videos, and information sharing.

## **Advocacy, Inc., North Texas Regional Office**

1420 West Mockingbird, Ste. 450

**214-630-0916**

Dallas, TX 75247

**800-880-2884**

State Web Site: [www.advocacyinc.org](http://www.advocacyinc.org)

Nonprofit corporation funded by the U.S. Congress to protect and advocate for legal rights of people with disabilities in Texas. Provides legal services to people with developmental disabilities, mental illness, and those receiving (or wanting to receive) services from the Texas Rehabilitation Commission (TRC) at no charge. Funded by the U.S. Congress.

## **AFIL – Assoc. for Independent Living**

**214-351-0798**

2826 Storey Lane

Dallas, TX 75220

Website: [www.afil.org](http://www.afil.org)

Structured apartment living for young adults with developmental disability. Residents learn basic skills for independent living, along with personal & social growth. Residents must be employed and are required to pay rent & personal expenses.

## **Allen, Frisco, Plano Autism Parents Support Group**

[www.afpautismgroup.org](http://www.afpautismgroup.org)

Provides support, understanding, resources and encouragement for families of children with a diagnosis on the Autism Spectrum

Contact: Archana Dhurka

## **American Foundation for the Blind, Southwest**

469-522-1803

FAX 214-352-3214

11030 Ables Lane

Dallas 75229

Provides information and referral to blind and visually impaired persons and their families. Distributes information on publications and products for people with vision problems. Provides public education about blindness and visual impairment.

## **Angel League Athletics Association of Texas**

**972-548-7898**

1404 Pearson Avenue

McKinney, TX 75069

Website: [www.angelleague.com](http://www.angelleague.com)

Committed to providing athletic programs and recreational services that meet the needs of children with mental and physical disabilities nation wide. Cost is \$40 per child per season, scholarships available. Funded by local scholarships and donations.

## **ARC of Dallas**

214-634-9810 FAX 214-634-9815

[www.arcdallas.org](http://www.arcdallas.org)

Social & leadership activities; education and family services provided for persons with disabilities. Respite Service – Sliding fee scale based on family's ability to pay. Camps, Advocacy and Intervention, Information & Referral. Call to get on mailing list.

## **A.R.T.S. for People**

214-841-9200

11300 N. Central Expressway Suite 316

Dallas

[www.artsforpeople.org](http://www.artsforpeople.org)

Artistic, Recreational & Therapeutic Services. A unique blend of interactive group art, dance, music, expressive & recreational therapies to contribute to the physical healing and help restore the emotional, mental and social well-being of an individual in health care, community, educational & therapeutic settings. 1-6 hour sessions, many of which are for special needs individuals.

## **Artreach-Dallas, Inc.**

214-219-2006

3626 N. Hall St. #410

Dallas, TX 75219

Website: [www.artreachdallas.org](http://www.artreachdallas.org)

Provides tickets to special events/performances in the DFW area for low-income children & adults, individuals with disabilities, and senior citizens. Services open only to member agencies. Funded by corporate/foundation grants and private donations.

## **Assistance Center of Collin County**

972-422-1850 FAX 972-422-1855

900 E. 18<sup>th</sup> St.

Plano 75074

[www.assistancecenter.org](http://www.assistancecenter.org)

A social service agency that provides information regarding community services for residents of Collin County. Contact agency for emergency food, clothing, and financial assistance.

## **Association for Special Kids, Inc. (ASK)**

**800-832-0467**

[www.specialkids.com](http://www.specialkids.com)

ASK is a financial planning organization dedicated to helping parents of children with disabilities to protect their children's future. Counselors work individually with parents and with a network of qualified attorneys and accountants to set parent's plan into action. There is no fee for these services, most of the counselors are also parents of children with disabilities. – This is a national number.

## **Autism Society of America – Dallas Chapter**

972-557-3257

P.O. Box 800635

Dallas, TX 75380

Contact: Barbara Morgan

The Society is comprised of parents and professionals concerned about the welfare of people with autism and other developmental disorders. They provide advocacy services as well as: a Young Parent Group, an Autism newsletter, Program Meetings, Workshops, and Information and Referral services. Groups meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 11:30 a.m. at the Arc of Dallas, 2114 Anson Rd. in Dallas. Educators, parents, and medical professionals are encouraged to attend.

## **Autism Society of Collin County (ASCC)**

214-925-2722

4909 W. Park Blvd. #103

Plano 75093

Website: [www.autism-assc.org](http://www.autism-assc.org)

Support group for parents and families of children with a diagnosis of Autism.

## **Autism Treatment Center, Inc. – Dallas Office**

972-644-2076 FAX 972-644-5650

10503 Metric Drive

Dallas, TX 75243

Private, nonprofit corporation offering supported employment opportunities, educational programming and community based group homes for individuals who are autistic and deaf/blind or multi-handicapped (diagnostics and assessments available). ATC serves all ages with residential placements beginning at age three. Fees are based on a scale of individual needs. Licensed HCS and ICFMR providers. Funding includes state agencies, Medicaid, school district and business contracts and TRC.

## **Avenues Counseling Center**

972-562-9647 FAX 972-562-2383

201 W. Louisiana St.

McKinney, TX 75069

Website: [hwich@avenuescounseling.org](mailto:hwich@avenuescounseling.org)

Outpatient counseling services for adolescents, children, and their families. Fees based on ability to pay. They accept Northstar.

## **Behavioral and Psychiatric Services**

214-638-8888 FAX 214-638-8922

1340 River Bend Dr.

Dallas, TX 75247

Program Director: Tony Ritter

Provides services to people of all ages who have mental retardation and mental illness or severe behavioral challenges so they may be successful living and working in the community. There are four areas of service: Evaluation, Crisis, Behavior, and Outpatient Psychiatric Services. BPS is accessed through a referral from the Service Coordination Unit at (214)333-7000. Program Director: Tony Ritter

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## **Behavior Exchange, The**

972-312-8733

900 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St.

Plano, TX 75074

Based out of a historic home in downtown Plano, The Behavior Exchange serves children with special needs, particularly autism. They specialize in early intervention utilizing Applied Behavior Analysis, precision teaching and positive behavior support.

## **Boys and Girls Club of Collin County-Douglas Branch**

972-424-6301

1111 Ave H.

Plano 75074

Provides activities for youth, promotes youth to become responsible adults through education, leadership, character, health and career development while building self esteem and self reliance.

## **Callier Center for Communication Disorders**

214-905-3000

University of Texas at Dallas

FAX 214-905-3022

1966 Inwood Rd.

TDD 214-905-3118

Dallas, TX 75235

Website: [www.callier.utdallas.edu](http://www.callier.utdallas.edu)

Director: Ross J. Roeser, Ph.D.

The Callier Center serves individuals with communication disorders. Services include: audiological services, hearing aid evaluation, speech therapy, identification of communication disorders, and additional social services. In addition, they offer accredited Deaf and Parent Education programs. Fees are determined by a sliding scale.

## **Camp Discovery/American Cancer Society**

800-227-2345

For children 6-18 years who have or have had cancer, a one week summer camp at no charge.

## **Camp John Marc**

[www.campjohnmarc.org](http://www.campjohnmarc.org)

214-360-0056

Ages 6-15 with special health needs, open 365 days/year. A permanent, year round camping facility southwest of Dallas. It benefits children with conditions such as spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, sickle cell anemia, hemophilia, childhood cancer, juvenile arthritis, kidney disease and asthma. Camps are illness specific

## **Camp Sign/Texas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

512-407-3250

TTY 512-407-3251

Ages 8-17 who are deaf and/or hard of hearing, sliding scale fee. Outdoor training program for children with activities that include swimming, water sports, basketball, crafts, and leadership training.

## **Camp Summit**

972-484-8900

[www.campsummittx.org](http://www.campsummittx.org)

Ages 6 and older, no stipulation on the degree of disability, camping scholarships available. Offers weekly sessions according to age and disability during the summer. It also offers weekend sessions in the spring and fall.

## **Career Design and Development Services – (CDDS)**

101 N. Zang/201 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St.

214-948-9950

Dallas, TX 75208  
Program Director: John Luna

2030 Century Center, #16  
Irving, TX 75062

**972-785-2233**  
**FAX 972-554-7715**

3914 Shiloh Rd., #214  
Garland, TX 75041

**972-926-9350**  
**FAX 972-926-9930**

CDDS provides community inclusion opportunities for adult consumers with mental retardation to choose careers and community lifestyles. This may include training in the community (malls, transportation, libraries, grocery stores, etc.), vocational training at the service center (work adjustment, etc.) and providing employment opportunities (job development, job matching, job coaching, etc.). The goal is the individualized process of matching the desires of the consumer with opportunities provided by the community. Staff is available for early morning or after-hour consultations. There is also a counterpart to this program for adults with a history of chronic mental illness. Referrals are made through Service Coordination at (214) 333-7000.

## **Center for Computer Assistance to the Disabled, Inc. (C-CAD)**

1950 Stemmons Freeway, #2019  
Dallas, TX 75207

**214-800-2223**  
**FAX 214-800-2224**

Website: [www.c-cad.org](http://www.c-cad.org)

Director: R.B. Grisham email: [rb@mail.c-cad.org](mailto:rb@mail.c-cad.org)

C-Cad is a non-profit organization offering assistive technology services to individuals with disabilities. Services include: evaluation and training, as well information and referral.

## **Center for Brain Health at the University of Texas at Dallas**

1966 Inwood Road  
Dallas, TX 75235

**214-905-3007**  
**FAX 214-905-3026**

Website: [www.brainhealth.utdallas.edu](http://www.brainhealth.utdallas.edu)

Committed to helping individuals function at their optimal level and to educate families through assessments, individual intervention, group treatment, caregiver training, professional training and directed care. Funded through foundation/corporate grants and donations. Program fees are based on a sliding scale.

## **Chamber of Commerce for Individuals with Disabilities (CCID)**

**214-533-3773**

P.O. Box 22208  
Dallas, TX 75222

Website: [www.disabilitychamber.org](http://www.disabilitychamber.org)

Director: D.H. Howell

The Chamber is a national consumer volunteer organization that uses business principles to improve the economic status of individuals with disabilities.

## **Chase's Place**

972-243-2676

972-490-9058

320 Custer Road

Richardson, TX 75080

Website: [www.chasesplace.org](http://www.chasesplace.org)

Chase's Place is a private school serving kids with a variety of special needs including autism, mental retardation and traumatic brain injury. They have a 1:2 staff to student ration in classes. Their program includes Speech, Music, Physical and Occupational Therapy services. Chase's Place accepts students ages 5-14.

## **Child and Family Guidance Centers**

214-351-3490 FAX 214-352-0871

8915 Harry Hines

Dallas, TX 75235

Website: [www.childrenandfamilies.org](http://www.childrenandfamilies.org)

Provides services to prevent and alleviate emotional and behavioral problems in the lives of individuals, children and families in locations throughout North Texas. Fees based on a sliding scale. CFGE is a United Way agency and funded through government/foundation/corporate grants and local agency contracts. Collin County Office: 4031 W. Plano Parkway #211, Plano, TX 75093 **972-612-5989**

## **Child Protective Services of Texas**

972-562-5832

Toll Free 877-787-8999

[www.tdps.state.tx.us](http://www.tdps.state.tx.us)

Investigates allegations of neglect, abuse, assault & sexual molestation of children

## **Children's Medical Center of Plano ISD**

972-801-9689

1407 14<sup>th</sup> St.

Plano 75074

All services are free of charge to Medicaid, uninsured & qualifying patients. Volunteer doctors, nurses & staff – Call for available times.

## **Citizens Development Center (CDC)**

214-637-2911 FAX 214-637-2929

8800 Ambassador Row

Dallas 75247-4621

[info@cdcdallas.org](mailto:info@cdcdallas.org) [www.cdcdallas.org](http://www.cdcdallas.org)

Vocational Rehabilitation and Day Habilitation. Services are individualized based on participant need. Programs include: vocational training and day habilitation services, instruction and counseling in the attainment and maintenance of marketable work skills; supported job placement and follow along services.

## **CITY House**

972-423-7057 FAX 972-424-4934

902 E. 16<sup>th</sup> St.

Plano 75074

## **CITY House – Transitional Living Program**

972-424-3204

Provides case management and housing for homeless teens and young adults ages 16-24 including pregnant and parenting women. Can include long term shelter.

## **City of Plano Therapeutic Recreation**

972-941-7272

[addyp@plano.gov](mailto:addyp@plano.gov)

Therapeutic Recreation is the use of recreational services to improve or maintain physical, cognitive, emotional and social functioning and to promote health, independent leisure lifestyles. Plano Parks and Recreation Department provides year-round therapeutic programming that includes games, swimming, music, arts & crafts and more.

## **Collin County Adult Literacy Council and Plano Book Festival**

972-633-9603

P.O. 941802

Plano, TX 75094

Website: [www.ccalc.org](http://www.ccalc.org)

Trains volunteers to work on a one-to-one basis or small groups with adults needing to learn and/or improve reading and writing skills. Provides literacy classes, information and referral and materials. Call for classes and provider locations. Fees very based on services provided.

## **Collin County Community College**

972-881-5790

2800 E. Spring Parkway

Plano 75074

[www.cccc.edu](http://www.cccc.edu)

Associate degree or certificate programs. Class assistance/accommodations provided to students with physical & learning disabilities. Contact the ACCESS office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

## **Collin County Health Care – Plano WIC Clinic**

972-633-3350

900 E. Park #165

Plano 75074

Website: [www.co.collin.tx.us/healthcare\\_services.wic](http://www.co.collin.tx.us/healthcare_services.wic)

The WIC Program is a special supplemental food program that provides nutrition education and food benefits for qualifying children and infants, as well as pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women. We also offer breastfeeding support. Collin County residency required.

## **The Collin County Health Department Prescription Program**

972-424-1460

## **Community Access**

972-263-03282 FAX 972-263-0518

321 South Beltline Road, Suite 138

Grand Prairie, TX 75051

Website: [www.communityaccessinc.com](http://www.communityaccessinc.com)

Private HCS provider serving people with developmental disabilities in order to empower and assist individuals in creating a more independent life. **Offers Group Homes throughout the metroplex.** Licensed HCS and ICFMR programs. Funded through local service contracts, private pay and Medicaid.

## **Community-Based Alternatives (CBA)**

Call your local Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) office and ask for the Office of Community Care for the Aged and Disabled (CCAD)

Available statewide for people with disabilities over the age of 21. There is a waiting list.

## **Community Homes for Adults, Inc.**

**214-373-8600**

634 Preston Royal Shopping Center, Suite 214  
Dallas

Residences serve adults with mild to moderate mental retardation.

Funding: DADS, Texas Dept. of Aging & Disability Services

## **Community Living Assistance & Support Services (CLASS)**

**877-438-5658**

Provides home & community based services to people with a variety of conditions such as cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, spina bifida, epilepsy, head injuries or any of 200 other diagnosis for related conditions. Mental retardation is not a qualifying condition. Participants must be eligible or be receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Medicaid.

## **Community Options**

**972-503-3901 FAX 972-503-3898**

8604 Greenville Ave.  
Dallas, TX 75001

Nonprofit providing services to individuals with disabilities, including foster care and companion services, supported home living, and 24 hour residential options. Licensed HCS and Texas Home Waiver provider. Funded through Medicaid, HUD monies and donations.

## **CONTACT Crisis Line**

**972-233-0866**

Website: [www.contactdallas.org](http://www.contactdallas.org) and  
[www.teencontact.org](http://www.teencontact.org)

Crisis Lines (24 Hours)

**Adult Help Line: 972-233-2233**

**Teen Help Line: 972-233-TEEN (8336)**

FREE 24-hour, immediate, confidential, one-on-one telephone crisis prevention and intervention, information and referral, emergency aid and community education. Limited emergency transportation and shelter are available.

## **Crossroads Family Services**

**972-578-2802**

Website: [www.cfsplano.org](http://www.cfsplano.org)

2600 Ave. K #140  
Plano, TX 75074

Crossroads Family Services is dedicated to strengthening the Collin County Community by providing quality services for education, intervention, and counseling victim's assistance.

## **Crystal Charity Ball Collaborative Program**

**for Pediatric Brain Injuries**

**214-905-3007**

A free program that follows children's progress after an injury and provides help as needed in the areas of learning, memory and language skills.

## **Cystic Fibrosis Care & Teaching Center at Children's Medical Center**

**214-456-2361      FAX 214-456-2563**

Diagnosis, evaluation, education & treatment of children & young adults with cystic fibrosis or other lung damaging diseases. Team includes physicians, nurses, dietician, respiratory therapist, social workers and psychologist.

## **Counseling**

For information about local counseling services, contact your campus/ Special Education Counselor or Licensed Specialist in School Psychology.

## **Dallas Area Northstar Authority**

**214-366-9407      FAX 214-366-9417**

1201 Richardson Drive #270

Richardson, TX 75080

Website: [www.dansatx.org](http://www.dansatx.org)

DANSA is the Local Behavioral Mental Health Authority for Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro and Rockwall counties.

## **Dallas Aspergers Network Information Support Help (DANISH)**

**972-690-6700**

Website: [www.aspergerinfo.org](http://www.aspergerinfo.org)

DANISH is a support group for families affected by Asperger Syndrome (AS). Meetings are held at AAA Mental Health, 13339 N. Central Expressway, Suite 100, Dallas, TX 75243

## **Dallas Brain Injury Association (DBIA)**

**214-426-4444      FAX 214-426-4458**

4301 Bryan St. #120-B

Dallas, TX 75204

Contact: Marilyn Croner

Provides services to individuals with brain injuries, their families and professionals throughout the Metroplex. Offers the following services: information and referral services, prevention programs, public and professional education, advocacy, research, access to rehabilitation programs and facilities, and legislation that impacts the needs of individuals with brain injuries. DBIA has support groups and recreational activities in Dallas and surrounding areas.

## **Dallas Hearing Foundation**

**972-566-7600 ext. 2**

7777 Forest Lane A-103

Dallas, TX 75230

Website: [www.dallascochlear.com/foundation](http://www.dallascochlear.com/foundation)

President: Dr. Robert Peters

A non-profit foundation dedicated to giving the gifts of hearing and speaking to hearing-impaired children and adults. Its mission is to provide medical and surgical treatment, speech rehabilitation, educational services, and hearing technologies to those who are in need of financial assistance. The goal is to expand their opportunities in life through improving their hearing and verbal communication skills.

## **Dallas Lighthouse For the Blind**

**214-821-2375**

**FAX 214-824-4612**

**TDD 800-735-2989**

4245 Office Parkway

Dallas 75024

[www.dallaslighthouse.org](http://www.dallaslighthouse.org)

Vocational Rehabilitation; orientation & mobility instruction, personal/social adjustment training, employment readiness training, adult & basic educ. & GED preparation.

## **Dallas MetroCare Services (DMCS)**

**214-743-1200**

Mental Retardation Services  
1380 River Bend Dr.  
Dallas, TX 75247

Website: [www.dallasmetrocare.com](http://www.dallasmetrocare.com)

Chief Executive Officer: James Baker, M.D.

Director of Mental Retardation Services: David Aston **214-743-1200**

Dallas MetroCare Services provides community mental retardation and mental health programs. Most programs dealing with mental retardation are described below. Unless otherwise noted, programs operate from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## **Dallas Office of Disability**

**214-670-5208 FAX 214-670-1836**

1500 Marilla St., Room L1/A North  
Dallas, TX 75201

Website: [www.dallascityhall.com](http://www.dallascityhall.com)

Contact: Troy Coleman

Liaison for individuals with disabilities and related agencies; Equal access ensured in all city functions including activities, facilities, public information and employment.

## **Dallas Ramp Project, The**

Richardson, TX

Website: [www.dallasramps.org](http://www.dallasramps.org)

Started in 1985, The Dallas Ramp Project builds access ramps for Dallas residents and its surrounding areas. The Dallas Ramp project is 100 percent volunteer staffed and works with the City of Dallas, social-services organizations and hospitals to identify clients who need a ramp. Access their website for more information.

## **Dallas Wheelchair Tennis Club**

[www.dwtc.org/](http://www.dwtc.org/)

## **DART (Dallas Area Rapid Transit System)**

**214-979-1111**

[www.dart.org](http://www.dart.org)

1404 Pacific Ave.

Dallas

Provides door to door transportation services to qualifying individuals with disabilities. Individuals with economic or special needs may schedule transportation at a reduced cost through DART on Call.

## **DART on Call**

**East Side 972-880-5723**

**Information 214-979-1111**

[www.dart.org](http://www.dart.org)

All individuals with economic or special needs may schedule transportation at a reduced cost. Serves individuals in areas without bus services.

## **Deaf Action Center**

**24 HR/TDD 214-521-0407**

**FAX 214-521-3568**

3115 Crestview Drive  
Dallas 75235

[www.deafactioncentertexas.org](http://www.deafactioncentertexas.org)

Services people who are deaf and hard of hearing with a comprehensive range of services. People of all ages participate at different levels in a variety of programs that combine commitment, caring, competence and communication in a special blend, fostering success in personal, social and professional growth. Our mission is the elimination of barriers to persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.

## **Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)**

John H. Winters Human Services Complex

**512-438-3011**      **FAX 512-438-4747**

701 W. 51<sup>st</sup>. Street  
Austin, Texas 78751

Website: [www.dads.state.tx.us](http://www.dads.state.tx.us)

## **Consumer Rights**

(800) 252-8154

Created during the reorganization of state health and human service agencies. It is now responsible for programs for people with mental retardation and related conditions that were formerly offered by Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. DADS is also responsible for programs for senior citizens.

## **Dental – Adrienne Mays D.D.S.**

**972-231-9499**

2000 North Plano Rd. #106  
Richardson, TX 75082

A dentist identified by PISD families as special needs friendly.

## **Dental – Grace E. Smart, DDS, MS**

Garland Pediatric Dentistry

**972-530-3898**

2426 Belt Line Road  
Garland, TX 75044

A dentist identified by PISD families as special needs friendly.

## **Dental – Grin Central Station**

**972-608-4746**

6225 Chapel Hill Drive  
Plano, TX 75093

A dentist identified by PISD families as special needs friendly.

## **Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services**

**214-365-2800**

520 Central Pkwy - #323  
(Formerly known as Texas Rehabilitative Commission)  
Plano 75074

[www.dars.state.tx.us](http://www.dars.state.tx.us)

Must be at least 17 years old, not attending high school; assists those with speech/language and/or learning disabilities, character disorders, and drug/alcohol addiction, /Services include medical, psychological & vocational evaluation; vocational counseling; training and education.

## **Department of Health & Human Services Commission**

**972-337-6100**

**817-264-4500**

[www.dhs.state.tx.us](http://www.dhs.state.tx.us)

## **Department of Human Services**

**972-562-5832**

901 N. McDonald #800

McKinney 75069

[www.hhsc.state.tx.state](http://www.hhsc.state.tx.state)

MEDICAID office processes applications & qualified residents.

## **Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas**

**214-267-1374**

P.O. Box 821174

Dallas 75382

[www.downsyndromedallas.com](http://www.downsyndromedallas.com)

Provides resources & support for persons with Down Syndrome and their families.

## **Easter Seals of Greater Dallas**

**972-394-8900**

**800-580-4718**

4443 N. Josey Lane

Carrollton 75010

[www.easterseals.com](http://www.easterseals.com)

## **Educare – North Texas Office**

**972-929-5000**

8925 Sterling Drive, Ste. 250

Irving, TX 75063

Website: [www.rescare.com](http://www.rescare.com)

Private corporation that provides services for people with developmental disabilities. Specializes in community based residential programs, In-Home and Family supports services, foster care and supervised semi-independent living arrangements. EduCare currently has operations in the Dallas/Fort Worth area as well as other areas of the state. Licensed HCS, CLASS, Texas Home Waiver, Day Habilitation and ICFMR provider. Funded through Medicaid.

## **Eligibility Determination (Intellectual Disability Intake)**

**214-333-7000**

1353 N. Westmoreland, Bldg. B

Dallas, TX 75211

Program Manager: Doretta Cavaness

This unit serves as the central intake point for individuals with an **Intellectual Disability** and/or autism services at Dallas MetroCare Services. This unit provides Information and Referral and Assessment for Eligibility Determination and Admission. They assist in obtaining appropriate services both within and outside Dallas MetroCare Services. They perform admissions functions that include: determining eligibility for services, deciding if new assessments are indicated and making recommendations to assist the individuals and families in planning for their futures based on their wants and preferences (waiting list for some services).

## **Epilepsy Foundation**

**214-420-2737      888-548-9716**  
**5080 Spectrum Drive Suite 1150E**  
2906 Swiss Avenue  
Addison, TX 75001  
[www.eftx.org](http://www.eftx.org)

A non-profit organization that strives to improve the lives of children & adults with epilepsy. Services include education, recreation, support and advocacy.

## **Equest Therapeutic Horsemanship**

**972-412-1099**  
3800 Troy Road  
Wylie, TX 75098  
Website: [www.equest.org](http://www.equest.org)

A therapeutic horseback-riding program for children and adults with developmental, physical or emotional disabilities in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex with sessions in fall, spring, and summer. Funded through donations and service fees. Scholarships available.

## **Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries of Texas, Inc.**

**972-386-4834      FAX 972-386-9509**  
10810 Sanden Road  
Dallas, TX 75238  
Website: [www.epmi.org](http://www.epmi.org)

Nonprofit organization serving people with developmental disabilities. Programs include HCS and ICFMR residential programs and vocational programs. Evergreen is affiliated with Presbyterian Church USA.

## **Fair Housing Office (Dallas, City of)**

**214-670-5677      FAX 214-670-0665**  
1500 Marilla, Room 1B North  
Dallas, TX 75201

The Fair Housing Office is dedicated to the enforcement of applicable local and federal laws and regulations and outreach and education so that individuals have equal opportunity for housing accommodations and related services without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, familial status or sexual orientation and equal opportunity for employment and public accommodations without regard to their sexual orientation. If you suspect discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, familial status or sexual orientation call 214-670-3247.

## **Families for Early Autism Treatment (FEAT)**

**972-245-8722**  
Website: [www.featnt.org](http://www.featnt.org)

Provides information and support for families with children with autism, professional education, referrals, and publishes a bi-monthly newsletter.

## **Family Health Services Information & Referral Line**

**800-422-2956**

## **Family Support Services**

**214-333-7000      FAX 214-333-7073**  
1353 N. Westmoreland, Bldg. F  
Dallas, TX 75211  
Program Director: A.G. Black

This program offers contracted services to adults and children with mental retardation who are living in the family home or in their own home. The service is 'family driven' and provides future planning concepts including service coordination, behavior management training and/or intervention, respite therapy assessment and assistance with health care monitoring and management. Referrals are made at (21Program Director: A.G. Black

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## **Financial Planning: Thomas P. Kroehle, Jr.**

**972-964-3444**

3939 Beltline Road, Suite 310

Addison 75001

[ti@txlifeplanning.com](mailto:ti@txlifeplanning.com)

Specializes in financial planning for persons with disabilities. Conducts seminars on estate & trust fund arrangements.

## **Fowler Christian Apartments**

**214-821-4061**

Housing for Seniors and Physically challenged Adults, sliding scale.

## **Friday's Kids**

**940-382-5478**

First United Methodist Church

201 S. Locust St.

Denton, TX 76201

Provides Friday evening respite care from 6pm – 10pm for children with special needs and their siblings.

## **Friday Nite Friends in Plano**

**972-618-0583 Ext. 247**

Children up to age 18, children who are medically fragile/chronically ill and their siblings. Free to family. A weekend church-based respite service.

## **G.E.D. Testing (PISD)**

**469-752-8100**

Larry Guinn Special Programs Center

2221 Legacy Drive

Plano 75203

[www.pisd.edu](http://www.pisd.edu)

Pre-testing & classes to prepare for G.E.D. available for \$60.00. State Photo I.D. required. If under age 18, parent signature also required.

## **Global Health Network, The**

**972-943-0588**

3604 Hendrick Drive

Plano, TX 75074

Website: <http://tgghn.org>

The Global Health Network is a world wide web community dedicated to providing disease-specific support groups. The GHN currently offers more than 1000 disease-specific support groups and other groups for people who share a common language or culture.

## **Going My Way**

972-644-5437

[www.kidstransportation.com](http://www.kidstransportation.com)

Children's transportation to and from school, dance classes, music practice, swimming, tennis, golf lessons, sport practices and games, doctor appointments, work, day care.

## **Gymnastics for kids with special needs**

[www.playoptions.com](http://www.playoptions.com)

214-207-6161

Gymnastics program for kids with special needs. Staff consists of speech therapists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and special education teachers. Several locations in the DFW area. In partnership with ASI Gymnastics

## **Health Care Services of Collin Co.**

972-424-1460

210 N. McDonald #B

McKinney, TX 75069

[www.collincountytx.gov](http://www.collincountytx.gov)

Well child care for children under age 5 on Medicaid; immunization clinic; prenatal clinic; indigent, chronically ill & disabled care; and pharmaceutical assistance are some of the services provided

## **Texas Department of Mental Health & Mental Retardation (MHMR)**

512-206-5755

Available statewide for people of any age with mental retardation. There is a waiting list.

## **Horizons School**

800-822-6242

[www.horizonsschool.org](http://www.horizonsschool.org)

2018 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue South

Birmingham, AL 35205

A non-degree transition program with customized curriculum for students ages 19-26 with specific learning disabilities and other mild learning problems. Accredited through the National Commission for the Accreditation of Special Education Services.

## **Human Resources & Child Welfare**

972-633-6600 FAX 972-516-5754

2205 Los Rios Blvd.

Plano 75074

[www.cacplano.org](http://www.cacplano.org)

Administers & provides qualifying information for the food stamp program.

## **Immigration & Legal Services**

214-634-7182

FAX 214-634-2531

5415 Maple Ave. #400

Dallas 75235

[www.catholiccharitiesdallas.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdallas.org)

Assistance for persons seeking legal immigration status, political asylum & U.S. citizenship

## **International Dyslexia Assoc. Dallas Branch**

972-223-9107

14070 Proton Road, Suite #100

Dallas, 75244  
[www.dbida.org](http://www.dbida.org)

## **Irving Bible Church**

**972-831-8777**

2435 Kinwest Pkwy  
Irving, TX 75063

Provides respite services the fourth Saturday of each month from 6pm – 9pm for children of all ages.

## **Job Corps**

**800-733-5627**

[www.jobcorps.gov](http://www.jobcorps.gov)

Work program for individuals 16-25 years old. Provides structured lifestyle and environment. Room and Board, Vocational Training, GED classes and tutoring, Social Skills training, Career planning/guidance, Career transition and placement assistance, Training for LIFE!

## **Journey of Hope Grief Support Center**

**972-964-1600**

3900 W. 15<sup>th</sup> St. Suite 306  
Plano 75075

Provides support groups for children ages 3-18 who have lost a sibling or parent or other close loved one. Groups also available for parents or guardians.

## **Juliette Fowler Homes**

**214-827-0813**      **FAX 214-827-7021**

1234 Abrams Rd.

[www.fowlerhomes.org](http://www.fowlerhomes.org)

## **Jump Town**

<http://thejumptown.com>

**972-867-JUMP (5687)**

3-45 W. 15th Street, Plano

Second Tuesday of Every Month from 5:30 -7:30 pm for Open Jump for Special Needs Children and their siblings.

## **Kids' Night Out**

**972-867-0460**

Resurrection Lutheran Church

Plano, TX 75075

Provides respite care on the second Friday of each month from 6:30-9:30pm

## **L.A.M.B.S.**

**(214) 731-1748, ext. 410**

Valley View Christian Church

17601 Marsh Lane

Dallas, TX 75287

Provides respite services on the fourth Friday of each month from 6:30-10:00 pm

## **Learning Disabilities Association of Texas**

**800-604-7500**

A non-profit parent/professional organization to promote the education & general welfare of people with learning disabilities.

[www.ldat.org](http://www.ldat.org)

## **Legal Aid of North West Texas**

**817-649-4740      817-6495758**

2212 Arlington Downs Rd., #102

Arlington, TX 76011

Website: [www.lsnr.org/](http://www.lsnr.org/)

Community education and free legal assistance offered for low-income residents of Dallas, Collin, Ellis, Fannin, Grayson, Hunt, Kaufman and Rockwall counties. Priority problem areas: housing, family, consumer issues, civil rights, education, health care, public benefits and employment. Provides volunteers/students with opportunities to assist in civil legal service delivery to the poor.

## **LifePath Systems (MHMR)**

**972-727-9133 FAX    972-727-9953**

104 Cedar

Allen, 75013

[www.lifepathsystems.org](http://www.lifepathsystems.org)

Services for people with mental/developmental disabilities, which may include (but are not limited to) in-home support/education, employment training, respite care, supported living assistance, equipment & adapted environmental needs. Assists families and adults with disabilities with application for Medicaid waiver programs such as the Community Living Assistance and Support Services.

## **LifePath Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services**

**972-422-5939**

**FAX    972-424-2382**

The Alma Center, 3920 Alma, Plano, TX

McKinney Counseling & Support Center

1416 N. Church St., McKinney, TX

24 hour mobile crisis unit      **1-866-260-8000**

## **Marbridge – Abilities Centered Training**

**512-282-1144**

Marbridge offers individualized residential care, education and training to adults with various cognitive challenges – Austin (possible location in Dallas)

## **Medical Transportation**

**877-633-8747**

[www.tdh.state.tx.us/mtp](http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/mtp)

Available statewide, must be Medicaid eligible, any age, for non-emergency care. Clients should call the MTP office in their area 48 hours in advance to schedule requests. Clients under age 21 may receive up-front funds to cover transportation to appointments that require an overnight stay. MTP requires five working days notice for transportation request beyond the client's resident county or adjacent county.

## **Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP)**

**877 438-5658**

For medically involved children younger than 21 years of age. Child must meet the medical criteria for admission into a nursing home. There is a waiting list.

## **Mental Health Association of Texas**

**512-454-3706**

[www.mhatexas.org](http://www.mhatexas.org)

A non-profit organization that works to promote mental health, prevent mental illness and improve the care and treatment of persons with mental illness.

## **Metroplex Adaptive Water Sports**

[www.youcanski.org/pages/6/](http://www.youcanski.org/pages/6/)

We are a non-profit, volunteer driven organization dedicated to providing opportunities for persons with all types of disabilities to experience water sports. The emphasis is on water skiing, utilizing specialized "sit skis" to provide a safe, enjoyable skiing experience, regardless of the level of disability.

## **Mosaic**

**972-866-9989**

2245 Midway Rd. #300

Carrollton, TX 75006

[www.mosaicinfo.org](http://www.mosaicinfo.org)

Referral through Dallas County MHMR. Offers residential, vocational, supported employment, supervised apartment, and services throughout the Dallas area. Serves persons with developmental disabilities, including, but not limited to MR. Home/Community based services also available.

Funding: Medicaid, Medicaid Waiver, and TRC.

## **Multiple Sclerosis Foundation**

**888-673-6287**

[www.msfacts.org](http://www.msfacts.org)

Nationwide, provides information, support and assistance for persons with MS.

## **National Attention Deficit Disorder Assoc.**

**484-945-2101**

[www.add.org](http://www.add.org)

ADDA's mission is to help people with ADD lead happier, more successful lives through education, research, and public advocacy.

## **NAMI of Collin County**

**214 908-6264**

Website: [www.namicco.org](http://www.namicco.org)

Provides support and education to families and friends of people with a serious mental illness. The organization is affiliated with The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) and the Texas Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI Texas).

## **National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)**

**800-999-6673**

[www.rarediseases.org](http://www.rarediseases.org)

Nationwide clearinghouse for information about rare disorders. Provides literature that explains the disorders and offers networking to families with children with similar disorders.

## **National Respite Locator Service**

**800-677-1116**

Operates 8:30am – 5:00pm EST, Monday through Friday.

Service for parents and professionals caring for children with disabilities, terminal illness, or at-risk child of child abuse or neglect.

<http://archrespite.org>

## **NIGHT Owls**

**214-523-2284**

Highland Park United Methodist Church  
3300 Mockingbird Lane  
Dallas, TX 75205

Provides free respite services on the first and third Friday of each month for children with disabilities and their siblings.

[www.hpumc.org](http://www.hpumc.org)

## **North Texas Autism Education Center (NTAEC)**

**469-682-0350 (voicemail only)**

(mailing address) 2300 McDermott, Suite 200-178  
Plano, TX 75025

Website: [www.ntaec.org](http://www.ntaec.org)

NTAEC is a nonprofit organization founded by parents and professionals. NTAEC hosts parent and professional workshops on applying the science of ABA to teach children with autism and similar developmental disabilities.

## **North Central Texas Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health**

**972-462-9265**

506 Greenwich Lane  
Coppell 75019

Contact: Amy Sosa

Advocacy, support, education, training, information & resources.

## **North Central Texas Workforce**

**(Center of Collin County)**

**469-229-0099**

**FAX 469-229-0888**

8200 S. Jupiter Road, Suite 100  
Plano 75074

[www.dfwjobs.com](http://www.dfwjobs.com) or [www.texasworkforce.org](http://www.texasworkforce.org)

Job training/referrals & mentoring services for "at-risk" students and adults. Resource area with computers, fax, printer, copier, and phones. Job Seeking Skills seminars.

## **Tourette's Syndrome Association of Texas**

**214-207-5019**

Provides education, support and information about resources for families of students with a diagnosis of Tourette's Syndrome.

[www.tourettetexas.org](http://www.tourettetexas.org)

## **O.L.A. (Organization for Latin Americans)**

1100 W. 15<sup>th</sup> St. #539

Plano 75093

Social Services which include English classes, clothes closet & job referrals/training for the Hispanic community.

## **Our Children's Circle**

**214-544-1125 or 972-540-6068**

Website: <http://occ.deltos.com>

A support group of parents, educators and community leaders that provide resources for parents of children with autism spectrum disorders. Meets during the months of August through May. General meetings held at Earl H. Slaughter Elementary, 2706 Wolford Avenue, McKinney.

## **Paratransit**

**214-515-7272**

For persons who cannot independently use a DART bus or rail because of a physical, cognitive or visual disability. Call to schedule an eligibility assessment or for more information.

## **Parents of Children with Autism Support Group- Mesquite**

**214-632-6320**

Contact: Lisa Anthony

[www.parentsofchildrenwithautism.org](http://www.parentsofchildrenwithautism.org)

Monthly support group for parents of autistic children. Monthly meetings on last Saturday of each month. Childcare with reservation.

## **Partners Resource Network, Path Project**

[www.partnerstx.org](http://www.partnerstx.org)

Provides information to families about special education issues.

## **Parents & Advocates for Adult Slow Learners (PASL)**

**214-762-6348**

Social Program - Richardson YMCA

Fun Bunch & Y Connection

[www.pasldfw.com](http://www.pasldfw.com)

## **Partnership for Prescription Assistance**

**1-888-477-2669**

45 different participating pharmaceutical companies. A free service for eligible persons who have no prescription coverage and meet eligibility requirements.

[www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org)

## **P.L.A.N.E.S. (Padres Latinos Ayudando a Ninos Especiales)**

Latin Parents Assisting Special Children

**972-581-4149**

E-mail: [n\\_enatinytwo@hotmail.com](mailto:n_enatinytwo@hotmail.com)

Offers support and education for Spanish speaking families who have children with disabilities and interested professionals through monthly meetings, guest speakers and special events. Meetings are held from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at Bachman Recreation Center (214) 670-6266 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month.

## **Planned Living Assistance Network North Texas, Inc.**

**972-690-7526**

13151 Emily Road, Suite 240

Dallas, 75240

[www.planofntx.org](http://www.planofntx.org)

Case Management, Therapy, and Respite services for clients diagnosed with Mental Illness. Assistance to families in planning for long-term future care of their mentally ill loved one. An educational & social skills program for plan members.

## **Plano Area Support Group for the Hard of Hearing and Late Deafened**

**972-941-7335**

Every Third Wednesday 1:00pm

Maruice Barnett Wellness Center  
401 W. 16<sup>th</sup> St., Plano

## **Plano Brain Injury Support Group**

**972-519-0008**

Meets on the first and third Tuesday at 7:00 @ Health South 2800 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Plano, TX 75075

## **Plano Family YMCA**

(214) 705-9459  
3300 McDermott,  
Plano 75025

## **Plano Clothes Closet**

972-424-7844

1st Presbyterian Church  
1500 Jupiter Rd.

Plano  
Clothing and household items, sheets, towels, blankets, dishes & toys to low income families and Hope's Door Clients

## **Plano Parks & Recreation**

**972-941-7250**

Provides recreation center programs for all ages.

[www.planoparks.org](http://www.planoparks.org)

## **Plano Special Olympics**

**972-596-2487**

Provides friendly competition for individuals with disabilities. Provides after school and summer activities for all ages in a safe environment as well as fitness programs.

[www.planoso.org](http://www.planoso.org)

## **Practical Parent Education**

**469-752-8100**

1517 Ave. H. (Cox Building)  
Plano 75075

[www.pisd.edu](http://www.pisd.edu)

Education and support for parents whose children may be "at risk". Courses are in English and Spanish.

## **Primary Home Care Program**

**512-438-3217**

[www.dhs.state.tx.us](http://www.dhs.state.tx.us)

Medicaid Eligible – Any age

Individual must need assistance in performing routine daily activities. Provides non-technical, medically related in home personal care services prescribed by physician. Assistance with bathing, dressing, feeding, toileting.

## **REACH of Dallas Resource Center On Independent Living**

**214-630-4796**

**FAX 214-630-6390**

**TTY 214-630-5995**

8625 King George #210  
Dallas 75235-2275

Executive Director: Charlotte Stewart

E-mail/website: [reachdallas@reachils.org](mailto:reachdallas@reachils.org) [www.reachils.org](http://www.reachils.org)

Assists individuals with disabilities with information and referral, independent living skills training, employment, deaf/blind outreach, volunteers, peer counseling, advocacy assistance and technical assistance with Americans with Disabilities Act compliance.

## **REACH of Plano Resource Center on Independent Living**

720 East Park Blvd, Suite 104

Plano, 75074

Voice/TTY: 972 98-1111

## **Ready Start**

469 385-4900

1701 N. Collins Blvd.

Suite 100

Richardson, TX 75080

Website: [www.readystart.org](http://www.readystart.org)

State organization providing programs for children ages birth to five years with disabilities or delays. Home and community services are designed to help children reach their full potential. All services are based on a sliding fee scale. Please call for local offices. ECI programs are funded by the state and offered through local agencies.

## **Region 10 Education Service Center**

**972-348-1674**

A variety of educational consultants who provide information and training for school districts and parents.

## **Richard (Rick) O'Connor Jr.**

Blankenship, Wiland & O'Connor, P.C.

811 Preston Road Suite 950

Dallas, TX 75225

214-691-3400 FAX 214-691-3480

Trust funds/financial advice

## **Richardson Development Center for Children (RDC for Children)**

P.O. Box 835066

**972-490-9055**

Richardson, TX 75083-5066

Website: [www.rdcforchildren.org](http://www.rdcforchildren.org)

Nonprofit agency that provides developmental therapy, early childhood intervention, guidance and family support for young children with developmental delays. Emphasis is on teaching parents techniques to help their children meet developmental challenges. Sliding fee scale is available. RDC is a United Way affiliate and is also funded through federal and state grants, corporate/foundation grants and donations.

## **SEEK (Summer Events for Exceptional Kampers) at Suncreek United Methodist Church**

**972-390-1695**

1517 W. McDermott Road

Allen, TX 75013

Website: [www.suncreekumc.org](http://www.suncreekumc.org)

An inter-denominational summer church camp sponsored by the United Methodist Church for children, youth and adults with mental retardation, physical impairment or mild emotional disturbance. Purpose of camp is to give campers a complete summer camp experience while living in a Christian community and to provide respite for their families. Both facilities are accessible

## **Selective Service**

**888-655-1825**

All males at age 18 must legally register for selective service

## **Sequoia, Inc.**

**214-634-3431**

2438 Butler, Suite 104

Dallas

Provides community-based residential and supported home living programs to children and adults with developmental disabilities. Residential Group Homes, Supported Group Living Services, (SHL) & Home and Community Based Services (HCS). Funding: sliding scale fees, private donations, government grants, and Dallas Metrocare.

## **Shriners Hospital Referral Line**

**800-237-5055**

For children under the age of 18 who need orthopedic or burn care.

## **S.I. Challenge**

**214-692-1244 FAX 214-692-1288**

6500 Greenville Ave.

Dallas, TX 75206

Website: [www.si-challenge.org](http://www.si-challenge.org)

A nonprofit agency formed to increase awareness of Sensory Integration Dysfunction. Offers support groups, educational meetings and summer camp programs for children. Funded solely by donations.

## **Southern Methodist University School of Law Legal Clinics**

214-768-2562

FAX 214-768-1611

P.O. Box 750116 (3315 Daniels)

Dallas, TX 75267

Website: [www.law.smu.edu/clinics](http://www.law.smu.edu/clinics)

The SMU School of Law offers four legal clinics that provide counsel to people who are financially unable to employ an attorney on a fee basis. Not all of the clinics operate all year and they only take certain cases/problems. Call regarding eligibility and hours of operation. The clinics are:

- Civil Clinic: covers civil matters
- Criminal Justice Clinic: handles criminal matters, excluding felonies
- Tax Clinic: does not help with filing returns, but does assist with tax programs
- W.W. Caruth, Jr. Child Advocacy Law Clinic: helps only children; court appointed cases only

## **Social Security Office**

972-562-1055

2414 W. University #115

McKinney 75071

[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

Administers & provides assistance to qualified residents.

## **Southwest Center for Higher Independence (SCHI)**

(210) 696-2410

(800) 284-0410

TCC (210) 699-3311

(Methodist Mission Home)

6487 Whitby Rd.

San Antonio, TX 78240

Website: [www.mmhome.org](http://www.mmhome.org)

A program for young adults with disabilities who won't be going to college, the SCHI offers vocational and life skills training through a unique blend of services including (but not limited to): job readiness and community job placement, follow-up job coaching and job retention services, and much more!

## **Special Care and Career Services**

972-991-6777

4350 Sigma, Ste. 100

Farmers Branch, TX 75244

Website: [www.specialcarecareer.org](http://www.specialcarecareer.org)

Private agency that helps children and adults with developmental disabilities achieve independence through early childhood intervention, children's transitions and supported employment programs. SCCS is a United Way affiliate and is also funded through Medicaid, corporate/foundation grants, DARS contracts, local provider contracts, city grants and donations. SCCS serves Collin, Dallas and Denton counties.

## **Special & Gifted Education (SAGE) Plano ISD PTA Committee**

972-384-2775

e-mail: [sage@planopta.org](mailto:sage@planopta.org) Webpage: [www.planopta.org/sage.htm](http://www.planopta.org/sage.htm)

The committee provides communication, education and support to families of students with diverse needs.

## **Special Olympics – Local Office**

**214-943-9981**

400 S. Zang, Ste. #926

Dallas, TX 75208

Website: [www.sotx.org](http://www.sotx.org)

Nonprofit volunteer based agency providing sports training and competition programs for individuals with developmental disabilities (including but not limited to) bowling, track and field, basketball, aquatics, soccer, softball, cycling, and triathlons. Funded through corporate/foundation grant, local organization sponsors and donations.

## **SpiritHorse**

940-497-2946

1960 Post Oak Drive, Corinth, TX 76210

[www.spirithorsetherapy.com](http://www.spirithorsetherapy.com)

Provides free, weekly therapeutic riding lessons for people of all ages with disabilities. Lessons are provided Tuesday through Sunday, 7:30 A till 8:30 P. We teach riding, but our principal goal is therapy. We currently have 15 therapy ponies and horses in our program. Their average age is 20 years and they have an average of 15 years excellent training and experience. They are selected very carefully for their gentleness, level of training and love of their work.

## **Sports Extravaganza**

972-348-1634

Region 10 Education Service Center [www.2ednet10.net/](http://www.2ednet10.net/)

Randy Foederer 972-348-1570 or Christy Householter

Students with visual impairments have few opportunities to compete in sports; consequently, they have a greater tendency to be inactive and to develop motor delays. If you have or know a student with visual impairment give them this unique opportunity to compete in sports, develop a network of friends, and increase self esteem and independence.

## **Southwest Wheelchair Athletic Association**

Wheelchair basketball, track, soccer, etc. Provides information about opportunities for individuals with disabilities to participate in sports.

[www.swaasports.org](http://www.swaasports.org)

## **Spina Bifida Association of North Texas**

972-238-8755

[www.spinabifidant.org](http://www.spinabifidant.org)

Contact: JoAnn Evans

Support, information and encouragement to N. Texas individuals and families affected by Spina Bifida

## **TEXANS CAN! Academy Charter School**

**972-243-2178**

2720 Hollandale Lane  
Farmers Branch 75234

[www.texanscan.org](http://www.texanscan.org)

Charter School – nonresidential, public school of choice for high school students, grades 9-12, who wish to earn a high school diploma in a non-traditional setting. Program offers computer-assisted instruction, life coping skills and counseling. Open voluntary, year round enrollment with students attending one of two half day sessions. Usually involves 6 months to 3 years of individualized, intensive, accelerated education. A nonresidential, education program for qualified high school students up to age 21 who wish to earn a high school diploma.

## **Texas Adaptive Aquatics**

<http://www.taasports.org>

A non-profit sports training program for the physically and mentally challenged. The leader in teaching techniques for disabled skiers.

## **Texas Elks Camp**

**830-875-2425**

A camp providing services for Texas children with special needs in a therapeutic reaction setting.

1963 FM 1586

Gonzales, TX 786209

[www.texaselkscamp.org](http://www.texaselkscamp.org)

## **Texas Lions Camp**

**830-896-8500**

Free camp for children ages 7-16 with physical disabilities or diabetes.

4100 San Antonio Hwy.

Kerrville, TX 78028

[www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com)

## **TEXCARE Partnership: Medicaid & Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)**

800-647-6558

[www.texcarepartnership.com](http://www.texcarepartnership.com)

Apply over the phone or download application. Health insurance program for children from birth to age 18. Includes regular check-ups, shots, eye exams, glasses, prescriptions, dental care, mental health, x-rays, lab tests, hospital care, including pre-existing conditions.

## **Texas Higher Education**

Websites: [www.txtechcolleges.com](http://www.txtechcolleges.com)  
[www.uwhelp.Texas.edu](http://www.uwhelp.Texas.edu)  
[www.colleges.Texas.edu](http://www.colleges.Texas.edu)

Excellent resources for researching institutes of higher education specific to the state of Texas.

## **Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children**

**214-559-7525**

Child Dev. Division

2222 Welborn St.

Dallas 75219

Evaluation & Treatment for Learning Disabilities

[www.tsrhc.org](http://www.tsrhc.org)

## **Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children**

**800-421-1121**

Provides free medical care for orthopedic problems, for some neuromuscular disorders, such as muscular dystrophy, palsies, and spinal muscular atrophy, learning disorders and dyslexia.

## **Texas Workforce**

Website: [www.twc.state.tx.us/svcs/youthinit/youth](http://www.twc.state.tx.us/svcs/youthinit/youth)

This is a great website offering youth information and services for kids, teens, and young adults. It provides multiple links that offer a wide range of resources, tools and guides to assist youth in all populations with developing their full potential.

## **THERAPY 2000**

offers a full range of Pediatric services - Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech/Language Therapy in the home or school setting. THERAPY 2000 specializes in delivery of the very best services possible with emphasis on therapeutic care for pediatric and young adult patients - those who meet Medicaid guidelines.

<http://www.therapy-2000.com/services/index.html>

## **TOPSOCCER** The Outreach Program for Soccer

**(972) 596-2487**

Mickey Niemoatka [iniemo@attbi.com](mailto:iniemo@attbi.com)

The program is designed to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any boy or girl, ages 4-19, who has a mental or physical disability.

## **Transitional Living Residences (TLR)**

214-743-1234

1380 River Bend

Dallas, TX 75247

Program Director: Scott Campbell

DMCS offers residential services, from small group homes to programs for individuals residing in their own apartments with staff supervision, and individuals living in their natural homes, or support family providers (foster homes). Numerous funding sources include Medicaid, Home and Community-Based Services, Intermediate Care Facilities for Mental Retardation (ICF-MR) and private pay. Referrals are made through Service Coordination at (214) 333-7000.

## **Transition Service Center (TSC)**

972-644-5122

1400 W. Arapaho

Richardson, TX 75080

Provides services to adults with developmental disabilities such as individualized plans in employment assistance, continuing education, independent living skills, mobility development and physical therapy. Fees vary.

## **United Cerebral Palsy**

**214-351-2500**

**TDD 800-999-1898**

**FAX 214-351-2610**

8802 Harry Hines Blvd.

Dallas 75235

[www.ucpdallas.org](http://www.ucpdallas.org)

First diagnosis cannot be MR; promotes independent growth, self-determination & community inclusion for persons with cerebral palsy & other disabilities. CLASS program (Community Living Assistance & Support Services) and adult employment training and support.

## **Volunteers of America**

**817-529-7300**

1424 Hemphill

Ft. Worth 76014

[www.voatx.org](http://www.voatx.org)

Provides home and community based services to persons with disabilities.

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