

PARENT INFORMATION FOR LOCAL AUTISM RESOURCES

Very Important Waiting Lists!!

There are 5 waiting lists you should get on now for services that will make a big difference later:

CLASS (Community Living & Support Services)

877-438-5658 [Community Living & Support Services](#)

C.L.A.S.S. Clinic Specializes in children, adolescents and adults with Asperger Disorders. Evaluations and treatment offerings

MDCP (Medically Dependent Children's Program)

877-438-5658 [Medically Dependent Children's Program](#)

The program provides services to support families caring for children and young adults who are medically dependent and to encourage de-institutionalization of children in nursing facilities. Texas Health and Human Services employees provide case management services.

HCS (Home & Community Services)

713-970-7799 [Home & Community Services](#)

(students must have 75 IQ or below) These Programs provide funding, based on the income of the individual with disabilities (not the family), for therapies, assisted/supported living, home and vehicle modifications and more. Waiting lists are years long; from 6-10 years, so sign up now!

TxHml (Texas Home Living)

[Texas Home Living](#)

This program provides selected essential services and supports to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who live with their families or in their own homes.

DARS (Department of Assistive & Rehabilitation services) Autism Program

1-800-628-5115 [Click for DARS](#)

Parent Training

UHCL Autism Speaker Series-<https://www.uhcl.edu/autism-center/speaker-series/>

FREE! Updated list put on the website annually. Also go to the link to access recorded trainings from sessions that have already taken place! For more information or questions, contact CADD:

AutismCenter@uhcl.edu or 281-283-3452

La Porte ISD District Wide Parent Trainings- LPISD provides parent trainings which are offered in both English and Spanish. Trainings take place in the evenings. Childcare is provided. Parents are typically notified through mail or their child's teacher. For further inquiry email hoytm@lpisd.org

Local Therapies and Resources

University of Houston Clear Lake, Verbal Behavior Clinic-The Verbal Behavior Clinic (VBC)

<https://www.uhcl.edu/autism-center/verbal-behavior-clinic/>

The VBC provides research-supported individualized services to children, adolescents, and adults with autism spectrum disorders and other disabilities, and their families. We aim to provide high-quality caregiver training to improve the quality of life for the families and to advance communication and social skills for the individuals with disabilities. Verbal Behavior (VB) is the application of behavioral principles to language and communication skills. Behavior analysis, the science that underlies verbal behavior focuses on addressing behaviors of social significance.

University of Houston Clear Lake, Focused Skills Intervention (ABA-SkIP)

<https://www.uhcl.edu/autism-center/focused-intervention/>

Children receive individualized training designed to reduce problem behaviors and to develop age-appropriate social, self-help, school readiness, and language skills. Family members and caregivers also learn how to continue the training methods at home. Services are provided at the UHCL Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities and in the community. This project is being funded through a grant awarded by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. To be eligible, children must be between the ages of 3 and 15 years and diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. To request services, contact Jelisa Scott at scott@uhcl.edu or 281-283-3452.

University of Houston Clear Lake, Severe Behavior Disorders Research Clinic

<https://www.uhcl.edu/autism-center/severe-behavior-clinic/>

To provide high quality behavioral assessment and treatment services to individuals, regardless of age or diagnosis, who engage in problem behavior, such as aggression, property destruction, self-injurious behavior, stereotypy, etc., in the context of research and training the next generation of service providers. We are currently operating under a waiting list. To have your family's name added to our waiting list, please complete our initial questionnaire then email it to behaviorclinic@uhcl.edu or FAX it to 281-283-3510 (Attention: Dr. Fritz).

University of Houston Clear Lake, Vocational Program

<https://www.uhcl.edu/autism-center/vocational-program>

The Vocational Skills Assessment and Training Program conducts assessments of skills critical to successful employment and provides individualized training of job-related skills.

These skills include, but are not limited to:

- Staying on task while working independently
- Asking for help with tasks
- Accepting feedback
- Correcting one's work based on feedback from supervisors.

Individuals diagnosed with autism or other developmental disabilities ages 16 years and older who have difficulty obtaining or maintaining employment may receive vocational assessments and short-term intervention services through the CADD Vocational Program. These services are provided through a contract with the Texas Workforce Commission (formerly the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services). To request services, contact any local Texas Workforce Commission office or caddvoc@uhcl.edu.

Clear Lake Children's Center

281-407-5658 <http://clearlakechildrenscenter.com/>

Provides parent education workshops, in-home and parent training services, child therapy for many needs, school tutoring, autism screening and evaluation, IEEs, parent consultation, consultation to schools and daycares, and special education advocacy

Recreation and Leisure Activities

LaPorte Special Olympics Team

281-470-1579 <https://www.ci.la-porte.tx.us/417/Special-Olympics>

SPORT

281-470-1579 <https://www.ci.la-porte.tx.us/424/SPORT>

is designed to provide children, teens, and adults with mental and physical impairments the opportunity to engage in meaningful recreational activities, enhance fine and gross motor skills, and create lasting friendships in a safe and structured environment.

La Porte Summer Camps-designed for children with disabilities

<https://www.ci.la-porte.tx.us/426/Summer-Camps>

The River Performing and Visual Arts Center (only for ages 2-19)

713-520-1220 [Click The River Center](#)

TIRR Sports

713-797-5928 or 713-528-0123 <http://tirr.memorialhermann.org/patient-resources/adaptive-sports/>

Greater Houston Therapies and Resources

SSI (Supplemental Security Income) - <https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/> 800-772-1213

MHMRA (MHIDD) of Harris County- <http://www.mhmraharris.org/IDD/IDD.html> 713-970-7070

Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD (formerly MHMRA) – Central/Southwest Services include those for persons with intellectual disabilities, autism, and other developmental disorders, as well as services to persons with severe mental illness. This agency oversees the HCS Medicaid waiver program. Services for qualified individuals with autism spectrum disorders includes ABA programs, SKIP program, Coffee House, day habilitation, and employment training

The ARC of Greater Houston- <https://www.aogh.org/> 713-957-1600

Families for Effective Autism Treatment (FEAT) - Central and other Houston area locations

Information about autism, local resources, and support groups <http://feathouston.org/>

281-361-3328

The Shape of Behavior

Various locations Center-based program providing 30 hours per week of one-on-one ABA therapy to children ages 18 months and up. Six locations <http://www.shapeofbehavior.com/>

832-358-2655

Social Motion Skills– Throughout the city Social Skills training and enrichment classes for children with autism and related developmental disabilities <https://www.socialmotionskills.org/>

713-461-7200

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapists (Private) Families for Early Autism Treatment

<http://www.feathouston.org/resources/private-providers-public-services/in-home-providers/>

Maintains a list of private ABA Therapists in Houston

Houston Center for Independent Living
713-974-4621 [Houston Center for Independent Living](#)

R.I.D.E.S.
713-368-7433 <https://rides.harriscountytexas.gov/Pages/default.aspx>
Specialized Transportation for Harris County

Family to Family Network, Inc.
713-466-6304 <http://www.familytofamilynetwork.org/>

V.A.S.T.
713-718-6164 <http://www.hccs.edu/continuing-education/departments/hcc-vast-academy/>
Offers post-secondary transition programs at Houston Community College

TEAM Project Parent Training Information Center
281-969-5944 <http://prntexas.org/texas-ptis/team-project-2/>

Guardianship

Attorney- Michelle K. Goldberg- <http://lawmichelegoldberg.com/> 713-218-8800
Attorney- Leslie D. Guhl- 281-326-5275
Marissa Garcia (Spanish speaking) 713-201-9740

Respite Care

All the Little Things Count
202 San Jacinto, La Porte <http://www.allthelittlethingscount.org/> 281-581-2060

The Arc of Greater Houston Chapter
713-957-1600 www.aogh.org
On-going group respite activities in the community for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Children and adults served by differing programs. Fees for programs. Activities include: Saturday Fun Day, Adventure Club / Greater Houston Recreation, Weekend Respite, Summer day and overnight camps.

The Center
713-525-8400 <http://thecenterhouston.org/>
Day and overnight respite services for people with intellectual disabilities. Day respite is available on a partial or full day basis. Overnight respite stays cannot exceed 30 days. Fee for services.

The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD (formerly MHMRA)
713-970-7616 <http://www.mhmraharris.org/IDD/networkmanagement.htm>
All respite services require intake completion and there is typically a fairly long waiting list. However, they provide a wide range of respite services, including in-home respite if the individual qualifies. An intellectual developmental disability and or an Autism spectrum diagnosis are required. Financial assistance if qualified.

Easter Seals of Greater Houston (formerly UCP Houston)
713-838-9050 <http://www.eastersealshouston.org/Programs/respite-services.html>
They provide respite services for individuals with Cerebral Palsy and other disabilities. Financial assistance may be provided in some cases. Respite activities include ongoing programs as well as in-home respite services.

Day Habilitation Facilities

All the Little Things Count 202 San Jacinto, La Porte 281-581-2060
Deer Park of Diversity- 2106 Center St, Deer Park- 281-476-1640
Forgotten Angels- 7918 Broadway,#104 Pearland, 281-412-6435
Golden Rule- 2510 Westminster Dr, Pearland 281-997-2295
Baytown Opportunity Center-150 West Baker Rd, B 281-427-0545
Pace Opportunity Centers, Inc. -9700 Almeda Genoa #201, 713-944-9757
Hope Village-15103 Hope Village Rd, Friendswood 281-482-7925
Quality of care-1025 E, Main St # 103, League City, 281-316-0640
The Center- 3550 W. Dallas, Houston- 713-525-8400
Special Texas Homes (STAR)– 4115 Old Galveston Rd; 713-475-2228