



**Southeast Texas Cooperative
 for Special Services**

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Resources for Parents of Students with Autism

Parents are encouraged to access the following websites:

- The *Autism Speaks* website (www.autismspeaks.org) offers an abundance of information. The Autism Speaks website also contains “Resources for Non-English Speaking Families.”



- The *Autism Society* (<http://www.autism-society.org>) also has wonderful information and resources for families of children with autism spectrum disorders. This website does have an “En Espanol” section for Spanish-speaking families.



- Locally, the Houston chapter (www.feathouston.org) of the *Families for Effective Autism Treatment (FEAT)* provides training on effective treatment strategies for individuals with autism spectrum disorders and other valuable information.

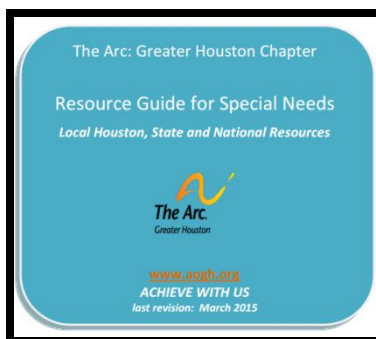


- The *Statewide Leadership for Autism Training* website (<http://www.txautism.net/library/online-courses>) offers **numerous free online courses for parents** and teachers. Some of these courses are also in Spanish.



- *The Arc: Greater Houston Chapter Resource Guide for Special Needs Local Houston*

(www.aogh.org) provides an abundance of information about resources in the Houston area for children with intellectual and other related developmental disabilities.



- The *Southeast Texas Co-Op for Special Services* also has free available resources for parents and teachers that can be checked out by calling Deana Simeon at 936-336-8701.

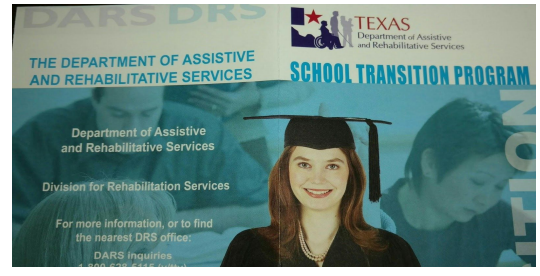


The SE Texas Co-Op also sponsors monthly parent training/support groups. This information will be mailed to parents and can found at the SE Texas Co-Op website (<http://coo.libertyisd.net/>).



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 P.O. Box 3067
 Conroe Tx 77305
 (936) 521-6100
 24 Hr. Crisis Line: 1-800-659-6994 /
www.tricountyservices.org



MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES QUESTIONS

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 936.521.6300

Walker County
 936.291.5800

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Guardianship and Transfer of Rights



What this means is that at age 18, a student is considered an adult and all rights are transferred to that student. When a student reaches the age of majority (18), they are regarded as being able to make their own choices. This would include making choices about their education. Since an IEP is like a contract, it can be enforced in a court. Therefore, an 18 year old student would be responsible for signing and agreeing to the IEP. Parents and students with disabilities must look at all options before deciding if the student is responsible enough for the task.

<http://www.texasprojectfirst.org/Guardianship.html>

THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS

**PROTECTING THE
 INCAPACITATED:
 A GUIDE
 TO GUARDIANSHIP
 IN TEXAS
 FROM APPLICATION
 TO OATH**



STATE BAR of TEXAS

Texas Law Center
 1414 Colorado Street
 Austin, Texas 78701

Main phone: 512.427.1463
 Toll free: 800.204.2222

www.texsbar.com

From the Texas Project First Website:

Transition happens many times in your child's life. It happens any time your student moves from one stage of life to the next. When it comes to the IEP, however, "transition" addresses a specific life stage and puts a plan in place for how the student will make that move. Transition in the IEP helps the student move from public school to post-graduation and adult life. What will the student do after high school? Will the student work? Will the student attend college, vocational school, or some other post-secondary training? What supports will the student need? Who will provide the supports?

The following resources provide additional information about transition.



<http://www.transitionintexas.org>



<http://www.transitionintexas.org/Page/143>



Texas Project First

<http://texasprojectfirst.org/LinksTransition.html>



Secondary Transition Guidance

<http://tea.texas.gov/index2.aspx?id=21474968>
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INFORMATION ABOUT Texas Medicaid Waiver (information below taken from <http://medicaidwaiver.org/state/texas.html>)

What state department handles the Medicaid waiver program for persons with disabilities in Texas? The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services handles the waivers for persons with disabilities.

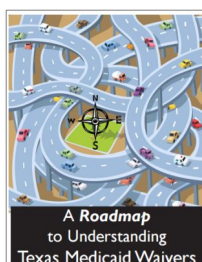
What programs assist people who have developmental disabilities in Texas?

- 1.) The Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) program, call 1-877-438-5658
- 2.) The Home and Community-based Services (HCS)

What is the best number to call to get started?

Call the Medicaid Hotline at 1-800-252-8263 OR, your local DAD's office - <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services>

Is there a website? <http://www.dads.state.tx.us>



Additional Resources:

A Roadmap to Understanding Texas Medicaid Waivers can be found at

<http://www.villagelac.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/05/Roadmap-to-Understanding-Texas-Medicaid-Waivers.pdf>

"Which Waiver Does What?" can be found at www.thearcoftexas.org