

TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION

This state agency can help young adults ages 14 - 22 with services in preparing for life after high school. Your student will begin working with a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor when they enter high school.



These can include:

- Devices like hearing aids or wheelchairs
- Therapy for disabilities such as speech or occupational therapy
- Vocational assessments
- Assistive technologies
- Transportation assistance

If you have a vision-related disability, Rehabilitation Teachers can help with:

- Learning braille
- Orientation & mobility
- Home or health skills



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QUESTIONS?



If you have any questions regarding your child's rights as a Deaf, Hard-of-hearing, or Deaf-Blind student, please let us know!

Visit our website for more information.



Or contact Lyndsi Martin:
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PARENT RESOURCE GUIDE





DID YOU KNOW?

IT'S A STATE LAW!

VISUAL SMOKE ALARMS:

If requested by a tenant, a landlord MUST install a visual smoke detector that is capable of alerting a person who is Deaf, of the presence of smoke. SB 1715- the Sephra Burks' Bill.

The landlord is responsible for the purchase and installation of the visual smoke alarm, just as they are responsible for traditional, audible smoke alarms.

NON-APARTMENT RESIDENCES:

Check with your local fire department for more information about how to get visual smoke alarms for your home.

DID YOU KNOW?

INTERPRETING SERVICES ARE YOUR RIGHT!

You can request an interpreter for your child at ANY place of business!

- Doctor Appointments
- Dentist's Office
- Eye Doctor
- Concerts/Entertainment Venues
- *Religious Services/Funerals
- Job Interviews

*RARE exceptions include undue burden, religious organizations, and private clubs- not the same as private practice.

HOW DO I REQUEST AN INTERPRETER?



DID YOU KNOW?

TECHNOLOGY IS AVAILABLE!

Check with TWS, on Amazon, or diglo.com for other visual and tactile devices that could be beneficial for your child at home!

Visual doorbell

There are devices that will light up when someone rings the doorbell! This will give your child access to their environment and let them know if someone is at the door.

Video Phone

Contact ZVRS or Sorenson to apply for a video phone. A video phone allows your child to make phone calls from home to friends, family, or anywhere utilizing interpreting services. It works kind of like FaceTime or Zoom, but with interpreters to facilitate the communication! TWC can also assist with this process.

Alarm Clock

Alarm clocks that vibrate, or devices that shake the bed are great options for students who don't have access to auditory alarms!