

Highland Park ISD

Agency Connections

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Ability Connection Texas*

Residential, Educational, Vocational, Health Services

8802 Harry Hines Blvd

Dallas, TX 75235

214-247-4543

www.abilityconnectiontexas.org/

Rachel Hopkins, Director of HCS/TXHmL

rhopkins@abilityconnectiontexas.org

Description of Services: We offer HCS, TxHML, and Class services. We also have two different programs designed for clients transitioning out of High School.

Achieve*

Vocational Services

8800 Ambassador Row

Dallas, TX 75247

214-637-2911

<http://achievedfw.org/>

Diane Jones, Associate Executive Director

djones@achievedfw.org

Description of Services: Supportive Employment, Job Placement, Vocational Adjustment Training (VAT), Job Coaching, and Soft Skills Training.

Achievement Center of Texas (ACT)*

Educational & Vocational Services

2950 N Shiloh Rd.

Garland, TX 75044

972-414-7700

Hours: 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

achievementcenteroftexas.org/

Marilynne R. Serie, Executive Director

mserie@act77.org

Description of Services: We are a training center for children and adults with disabilities. We offer day care, day habilitation, arts exploration, and educational assistance. We also offer dance classes twice a week for an extra fee.

Ahora y Siempre, Inc.*

Residential & Educational Services

1412 Main St. Suite 205

Dallas, TX 75202

www.MyAyS.net**Francisco Gonzalez**

HCS/TxHML Program Director

214-741-6359 **office**fgonzalez@myays.net

We are dedicated to advancing the interests of individuals diagnosed with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. We believe that in order to achieve this, we must go beyond what has traditionally been done. Ahora y Siempre Inc. is dedicated to educating the general population about Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and related conditions. We are dedicated to safeguarding the individual rights of each person we serve so as to help them live a happy life. The term “Ahora y Siempre” translates to “now and always.” We make a commitment to all individuals that we will be here “now and always.”

Association for Independent Living (AFIL)* Residential, Educational, Vocational

2826 Storey Lane

Dallas, TX 75220

214-351-0798

afildfw.org/

Sarah Causey, Interim Executive Director

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“The mission of the Association for Independent Living (AFIL) is to strengthen the independence of young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through life skills education, vocational guidance, community integration and spiritual growth in a supportive living environment.”

The Arc of Dallas*

Educational & Vocational Services

12700 Hillcrest, Suite 200

Dallas, TX 75230

214-634-9810

<http://arcnorthtexas.org/>

info@arcnorthtexas.org

Amanda Zrile/Emma Watson

Description of Services: We offer education based day-hab services to client's regardless of their abilities. Our clients enjoy regular outings to museums as well as social outings to bowling and other fun activities.

Autism Treatment Center Inc. – Dallas Office* Residential, Educational, Adult Services

10503 Metric Dr

Dallas, TX 75243

972-644-2076

www.atcoftexas.org/dallas.html

Carolyn R. Garver, PhD. Director of Dallas Program

cgarver@atcoftexas.org

The mission of the Autism Treatment Center is to assist people with autism and related disorders throughout their lives as they learn, play, work and live in the community. ATC is a private, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) corporation providing its services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Services include residential, educational, therapeutic, adult programs, clinic based ABA services and research. ATC has Therapy Clinic that provide Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Speech Therapy

Bachman Therapeutic Recreation Center* Recreational & Vocational Services

2750 Bachman Drive

Dallas, TX 75220

214-670-6266

Jodi Commers

jodi.commers@dallascityhall.com

www.dallasparks.org

Description of services: after school programs, seasonal camps, sports leagues, fitness center, Zumba fitness, swimming (indoor pool), special events, self-defense and dance and cheer.

Bank of Texas*

1500 N. Central Expressway

Richardson, TX 75080

903-813-5107

mhill@bankoftexas.org

www.bankoftexas.com

Jennifer Bryson

jbryson@bankoftexas.com

713-260-5624

Description of Services: Corporate trustee for special needs trusts – collect assets, file for and negotiate insurance claims, review, audit, and pay expenses in accordance with the trust instrument, develop and tailor the investment portfolio to the client’s financial goals and monitor performance, structure distributions to meet the client’s needs; regularly communicate with the client and/or client’s family to make sure client’s needs are being met.

Best Buddies*

1341 West Mockingbird Lane Suite 103E

Dallas, TX

214-242-9908

Caitlin Mullis, SMU

caitlinmullis@bestbuddies.org

Emily Ford

emilyford@bestbuddies.org

214-882-7756

Description of Services: Best Buddies Jobs is a national model of supported employment focusing on white-collar and other non-traditional employment opportunities for qualified people with cognitive disabilities.

Beyond the Bit Therapies*

Recreational Services

1780 Estates Parkway

Allen, TX 75002

972-342-0560

<http://www.beyondthebittherapies.com/>lanea@beyondthebittherapies.com

Beyond The Bit Therapies is a speech and language pathology practice that is dedicated to assessing and providing remediation for individuals with complex language and communication needs. Our therapists incorporate the use of animals to assist in the development of speech and language skills as well as self-regulation, empathy, theory of mind and self-esteem of our clients. They also offer Therapeutic riding and Hippotherapy as well.

Breckenridge Village of Tyler*

Residential, Educational, Vocational

Services

15062 County Road 1145

Tyler, TX 75704

903-596-8100

www.breckenridgevillage.com/bvt@breckenridgevillage.com

Breckenridge Village of Tyler is a caring residential community for adults with mild to moderate intellectual disabilities. BVT programs and activities are designed to help residents develop the skills they need to achieve their God-given potential.

Bridges – Marriott Foundation*

Vocational Services

1201 Main Street 1515

Dallas, TX 75202

<http://www.bridgestowork.org/locations/dallas-fort-worth/>

Rob Mollard, Director

214-658-9820

Robert.mollard@marriott.com

The Dallas office of Bridges from School to Work matches youth with disabilities between the age of 17 and 22 with entry level job positions in local Dallas area businesses that are seeking workforce diversification solutions.

Brookwood Community*

Residential, Educational, Vocational Services

1752 FM 1489

Brookshire, Texas 77432

281-375-2100

www.brookwoodcommunity.org/

Carol Whitmore

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Located in Brookshire, Texas, 40 miles west of downtown Houston, The Brookwood Community is a non-profit (501(c)3) residential facility and vocational program for adults with disabilities. We see every individual as a unique creation of a wise and loving God, deserving not only of our abiding patience and respect, but of boundless awe. We cherish diversity in all forms and eschew narrow-minded notions of normalcy.

Callier Center for Communication Disorders – Dallas Campus* Educational, Health

1966 Inwood Rd

Dallas, TX 75235

214-905-3000

<http://www.utdallas.edu/calliercenter/>

Office hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm

calliercenter@utdallas.org

Speech and language disorders, Hearing deficiencies and cochlear implantation, Autism. Mission: To transform the lives of those with communication disorders by providing outstanding, leading-edge clinical services, conducting meaningful and innovative basic and applied research into new treatments and technologies, and training the next generation of caring clinical providers.

Camp Summit*

Recreational Services

17210 Campbell Rd, Ste 180-W

Dallas, TX 75252

972-484-8900

www.campsummittx.orgcamp@campsummittx.org

The mission of Camp Summit is to provide barrier-free outdoor experiences that promote personal growth and foster independence for children and adults with disabilities. Year round camps in Argyle, TX are is designed for children, teenagers, and adults with disabilities. Week and weekend sessions.

Challenge Air*

Recreational Services

8001 Lemmon Ave Suite 280

Dallas, TX 75209

214-351-3353

www.challengeair.com/

Juliet Siddons

events@challengeair.com

Challenge Air builds self-esteem and confidence of children and youth with specials needs, through the experience of flight. Since 1993, Challenge Air has enriched the lives of children and youth with special needs through its unique aviation programs. Challenge Air's mission reflects the life-changing impact the flight experience has on children, families, donors, sponsors and communities as a whole. Free event for all families. November 12, 2016 next flight in Dallas.

Children's Medical Center of Dallas*

Health Services

1935 Medical District Dr.

Dallas, TX 75235

214-456-7000

www.childrens.com/

Center of Autism & Developmental Disabilities

<https://www.childrens.com/specialties-services/specialty-centers-and-programs/autism-and-developmental-disabilities>

Services: Diagnostic Evaluation, Neurology, Intensive Outpatient Program, Psychiatry, Autism Resources.

The Clubhouse for Special Needs

Educational and Recreational Services

1308 Harwood Rd.

Bedford, TX 76021

817-285-0885

<http://www.theclubhouse.org/index.html>

director@theclubhouse.org

There are day-cares for the elementary kids and there are adult day hubs for the older people but there wasn't anything for 13-22 year old kids in all of Northeast Tarrant County. The "Forgotten Age Group." As a TV host said, "we bridge the gap."

Thus, seeing a need for a place for teens and young adults, she started ***THE CLUBHOUSE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS, Inc.*** in Bedford, Texas. In less than one year: the concept, incorporated - 501c3, and opened the doors in 2006! They provide after-school program, day program, and summer program.

CHAI (Community Homes for Adults, Inc.)* Vocational, Residential, Educational

13101 Preston Road Suite 312

Dallas, TX 75240

214-373-8600

chaidallas.org/

Andrea Mayes, Director of Programs and Services

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CHAI provides residential services, life skills training, vocational services, family support and day habilitation services. They help adults with intellectual disability lead meaningful lives. CHAI provides group home, Life Skills Training, Supported Employment, Club CHAI, and CHAI Connects programs.

Community for Permanent Supported Housing (CPSH)* Residential Services

www.txcpsh.org

214-632-8115

Robin LeGrande

admin@txcpsh.org

CPSH creates awareness about the need for housing in north Texas. CPSH Leaders travel around north Texas to discuss housing with families, educators, businesses, Houses of Faith and government offices. We require funds to plan and hold these events.

Connecting Point of Park Cities (CPPC)* Vocational, Recreational Services

4516 Lovers Lane, 212

Dallas, TX 75225

Susan Williams, Executive Director

info@mycppc.org

972-773-9937

www.mycppc.org/

Our mission is to provide an impactful all-inclusive day program for adults with disabilities. CPPC offers a wide range of educational, vocational, social and recreational services. We encourage community volunteerism and an opportunity to foster friendships. No summer camp, but we do accept summer enrollment.

Cornerstone Ranch*

Residential & Vocational Services

3933 CR 317

McKinney, TX 75069

469-424-1887

www.cornerstone-ranch.com/

Mary Klentzman

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Cornerstone Ranch is refreshingly different from other group homes for adults with mental and physical disabilities. Built on Christian values, our family-centric environment creates a safe place where independence thrives, character grows, and confidence is nurtured. We are a home where adults with special needs can indeed experience abundant life. Residents do not spend their day in front of the television. Instead, they serve, exercise, worship, and work as productive and useful members of the community.

The Coventry Reserve*

Recreational & Educational Services

2004 Parker Road

St. Paul, TX 75098

972-636-8498

<http://www.coventryreserve.org/>info@coventryreserve.org

The Coventry Reserve is a distinctive day program for adults with special needs that offers life enrichment opportunities, creative activities and therapeutic programs.

Through our program, participants enjoy a full, active and productive day. They are engaged in discovering and learning intellectually, mentally, physically, socially, emotionally and spiritually in a positive and encouraging environment.

D & S Services*

Residential, Health Recreational Services

1140 W. Pioneer Pkwy., Suite 1140E

Arlington, TX 76013

682-323-4127

<http://www.dscommunity.com/locations/texas/service-areas/arlington/>

Patricia Loftus

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Katina McCurry

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D&S Community Services is a provider of the Home and Community Based Services (HCS) program in Arlington, Texas. We have 5 HCS Group with plans to grow. Most of our homes can be modified to meet individual needs – including wheelchair accessibility. Services provided in the Arlington, Texas area include Supported Home Living services (SHL), Host Homes, Texas Home Living (TxHmL), respite care, community activities, transportation, day habilitation programs and more.

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)*

Recreational Services

1401 Pacific Ave

Dallas, TX 75202

214-979-1111 – customer information

214-928-6300 – DART police

214-515-7272 – Paratransit Services

www.dart.org/<http://www.dart.org/riding/paratransit.asp>

Dallas public transportation. Paratransit services are for people with disabilities who are unable to use DART bus or transit. They provide door to door services. Individuals have to apply for services.

Dallas Center, Inc.*

Vocational

Services

8550 Cadenza Lane

Dallas, TX 75228

214-328-4309

www.dallascenter.org/

Gayle Stinson

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Dallas Center is committed to providing services to individuals in the least restrictive environment in order for them to realize their full potential and participate in the mainstream of life to the highest degree possible.

Dallas, City of Fair Housing Office

Residential

Services

1500 Marilla, Room 1B North

Dallas, TX 75201

214-670-3247

Beverly Davis, Assistant Director

<http://dallascityhall.com/departments/fairhousing/pages/default.aspx>

To promote and preserve housing choice without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, familial status or sexual orientation; and to promote and preserve equal employment and public accommodations without regard to sexual orientation.

Dallas Hearing Foundation*

Health

Services

7777 Forest Lane, CA94 PMB 143

Dallas, TX 75230

972-424-7711

dallashearingfoundation.org/

Jennifer Clark

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The Dallas Hearing Foundation (DHF) is a non-profit foundation exclusively dedicated to giving the gifts of hearing and speech to children and adults with hearing loss. The foundation's mission is to provide medical and surgical treatment, hearing technologies, speech and hearing rehabilitation, and educational support to those who are in financial need.

DANISH, Inc. (Dallas Asperger Network for Information, Support, and Help)*

Educational

AAA Mental Health

6716 Roman Court

Plano, TX 75023

214-334-3252

www.aspergerinfo.orgaaamentalhealth@aol.com

Nancy Mandell, Founder

Merinance4@aol.com

DANISH is an organization serving those with high functioning autism, Asperger's, and related developmental disorders. We also serve families and friends of those individuals mentioned above as well as anyone interested in learning more about these disorders.

Daymark Living*

Residential, Vocational, Education Services

100 Crescent Ct. Suite 155

Dallas, TX 75201

www.daymarkliving.com

Molly Taylor

972-525-2727

molly@daymarkliving.com

Description of Services: Daymark Living is a purpose-built community that gives adults with IDD the chance to reach their fullest potential. Daymark Living provides the opportunity to enjoy an exceptional quality of life together with their peers.

DFPS – Department of Family and Protective Services

Health Services

701 W 51st Street

Austin, TX 78751

512-438-4800 – state office

1-800-210-2278 – Texas Youth Hotline

<http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/>

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) works with communities to protect children, the elderly, and people with disabilities from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. It also works to protect the health and safety of children in daycare, as well as foster care and other types of 24-hour care. We do this through investigations, services and referrals, regulation, and prevention programs. DFPS has four major programs that do this important work.

**DPS – Department of Public Safety
Services**

Health

11411 E Northwest Highway Ste. 111

Dallas, TX 75218

214-553-0033

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/><http://www.dmv.org/tx-texas/>

DMV.ORG. has tracked down all the information you need for the Texas Department of Public Safety and Department of Transportation, so everything you can use is right here in one place.

disABILITY ADVISE

7217 Sage Meadow Way

Plano, TX 75024

972-740-9804

<http://disabilityadvise.com>

Clay Boatright

clay@disabilityadvise.com

Description of Services: Provide insightful coaching to people with disabilities, family members, nonprofit organizations, and companies on how to maneuver the wide array of issues affecting people with disabilities, including managing state agencies, identifying service providers, engaging with doctors and schools, etc. Also help commercial client's better serve the disability community.

Disability Resources, Inc.*

Residential, Educational, Recreational

Services

3602 N. Clack St.

Abilene, TX 79601

325-677-6815

<https://driabilene.org/>

info@driabilene.org

Located in Abilene, Texas, Disability Resources, Incorporated (DRI), began in 1987 with the wish of a young man who wanted a place to live, work and play with his friends. In fact, our logo is an artist's rendering of what he drew in the dirt with a stick when he illustrated with his heart what his words could not say.

From that wish to today, the mission of DRI has been to provide exceptional care and contented lives to intellectually challenged adults in a Christian environment. Our organization has grown to a 170 acre main campus, including seven group homes and a thriving vocational center. In addition, we recently completed a 17,000 square foot multi-purpose activity center that will further expand our ability to provide vocational as well as recreational programs for our "Folks" here

Disability Rights in Texas*

Vocational Services

1420 W Mockingbird Lane, Suite 450

Dallas, TX 75247

214-630-0916

www.disabilityrightstx.org/

Mission to advocate for, protect and advance the legal, human and service rights of people with disabilities. The website offers links to information about the rights and services for individuals with a disability.

Down Home Ranch*

Vocational & Residential Services

20250 FM 619

Elgin, TX 78621

512-856-0128

downhomeranch.org

camps@downhomeranch.org

Down Home Ranch is a working farm and ranch, where about 40 adults and children—including 32 with Down syndrome and other disabilities—live year round, caring for 330 rolling, and forested acres of the Post Oak Savannah in Central Texas.

Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas*

Recreational & Educational

Services

1702 N. Collins Blvd., Suite 170

Richardson, TX 75080

214-267-1374

<http://downsyndromedallas.org/>

Samantha Escherich, Director of Programming

Samantha@downsyndromedallas.org

Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas mission is to provide accurate and current information, resources, and support for people with Down syndrome, their families and the community

E&E Developmental Services of North Texas, LLC*

Residential, Vocational,

Health

3630 Ainsworth Drive

Dallas, TX 75229

469-215-9477

<http://www.eandeservices.co/>

E&E Developmental Services of North Texas provides services and supports to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families through the Home and Community-based Services (HCS) and Texas Home Living (TxHmL) Medicaid Waiver Programs. E&E's mission to promote independence and community-integration of the people it serves is achieved by way of individualized and person- directed programs.

Easter Seals North Texas*

Vocational, Educational, Health Services

1424 Hemphill Street

Fort Worth, TX 76104

817-759-7972

<http://www.easterseals.com/northtexas/>

Linda Baker, WIPA Director

lbaker@ntx.easterseals.com

Description of Services: Provide a variety of services to individuals with disabilities. Autism treatment, pediatric, OT, PT, speech, hearing, etc. CLASS, Employment services, Work Incentives Planning Assistance (WIPA). We help explain how social security benefits are affected by working.

Emma's House*

Vocational, Educational, Recreational Services

920 Bluebonnet Dr.

Irving, TX 75060

<https://www.emmashouse.net/>

Debbie Elizondo, Executive Director

debbie@emmashouse.net

972-839-1502

Emma's House is a nonprofit care center for teen and young adult individuals with special needs. Our mission is: The mission of Emma's House is to provide after school and non-school services for teens and young adults with disabilities. We specialize in

providing community based recreational and educational instruction. We provide functional, vocational and life skills to promote independence and self-sufficiency.

Epilepsy Foundation of Greater North Texas*

Vocational & Educational

Services

8802 Harry Hines Blvd.

Dallas, TX 75235

888.548.9716

214.351.2610 (Fax)

www.eftx.org/

info@efty.org

Serves 67 N. Texas Counties, advocating for the needs and rights of people with epilepsy. Offers public and professional education, advocacy, employment services, summer camp, support groups and personal and family support.

Equest Therapeutic Horsemanship*

Recreational Services

P.O. Box 192747

Dallas, TX 75219

972.412.1099

Riding Center Facility

3800 Troy Road

Wylie, TX 75098

www.equest.org

Christine Volkmer, Director of Development

cvolkmer@equest.org

Texas Horse Park

811 Pemberton Hill Road

Dallas, TX 75217

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. Equest provides high school students seeking volunteer service hours to learn more about helping people with disabilities through equine assisted therapy. Equest can bring our mini ambassadors to visit schools and teach about our work.

Evergreen Life Services*

Residential, Educational, Vocational

Services

10810 Sanden Drive

Dallas, TX 75238

972-386-4834

www.evergreenls.org

Kim Fincanon

kfincanon@evergreenls.org

Evergreen offers a wide range of community-based services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, designed to not only meet basic needs, but also teach life skills and help each individual reach his or her own personal potential. Evergreen adapts its services and supports to fit the unique needs of each individual and the amount and range of services depends on the needs of each person. The individuals we serve either live in our community homes or in their own homes or apartments, are encouraged and supported in their vocational endeavors and are enabled to make their own life choices each day. All of Evergreen's efforts are designed to help people with developmental disabilities become a contributing, participating "part of society" rather than living "apart from society."

Goodwill Industries*

Educational Services

3020 N. Westmoreland

Dallas, TX 75212

214.638.2800

214.638.7926 (Fax)

www.goodwilldallas.orgsmoten@goodwilldallas.org

Offers rehabilitation/educational services in a vocational workshop for adults with disabilities. WAT (Work Adjustment Training) program for students just out of high school.

H.E.R.O.E.S.***Recreational & Educational Services**

101 S. Coit Rd.

Suite 36-348

Richardson, TX 75080

www.heroesdfw.org

info@heroedsdfw.org

Josh Schilling

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HEROES offers a variety of services including a summer day program for students with disabilities with a focus on vocation, recreation and leisure; Sibshops (sibling support groups); Continuing Education classes; and respite weekends. HEROES serves ages 3 and up.

Hope Village***Residential & Vocational Services**

15403 Hope Village Road

Friendswood, TX 77546

281-482-7926

hope-village.com/

info@hope-village.com

Full-time residential services are available to all individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who meet the admission criteria. Semi-private and private rooms are available and include assistance with the activities of daily living, medication administration, nutritious meals and 24-hour per day supervision and care in one of five homes on the Hope Village campus.

Independent Living Experience*

Community-Based Residential &

Vocational

1101 W 34th Street, Suite 604

Austin, TX 78705

855-664-9333

info@independentlivingexperience.com<https://independentlivingexperience.com/>

Available in Austin, Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, Fort Worth, Lubbock, and San Marcos, TX, as well as five other states across the US.

Independent Living - We believe everyone deserves the opportunity to live as independently as they are able.

Meaningful Employment - We believe each person deserves the opportunity to discover their true potential through meaningful employment.

Social Skills - We believe everyone deserves to have a personally fulfilling social network, and the opportunity to be an active member and participant in their community.

Please note: Independent living services are provided on a private pay basis, however, as a DARS provider, some employment and social skills services are covered with counselor approval.

LaunchAbility*

Vocational Services

801 E. Plano Pkwy, Suite 125

Plano, TX 75074

972-991-6777

www.launchability.org/

Kathrine Turner, Program Director

Katherine.turner@launchability.org

For over 50 years we have been changing the opportunity landscape for people with disabilities and their families. We have never looked at the remarkable people we serve as being less than. Some may have been born with challenges; others may have acquired them through armed service, injury or illness. Through no fault of their own, they may not be able to easily or quickly do some daily functions as well as others, but everyone can shine at something. Our job is to find that hidden ability in a client and align it with an employer to create a symbiotic work relationship. Our services range from career development/coaching, resume/interview preparation, job identification and on-the-job coaching for clients as well as disability etiquette training and consulting for employers. One could say that our mission is to facilitate the connection between employee and employer. Or, that we offer strategic talent management for a complex workforce. Another way to put it is: We Convert disAbilities into Opportunities.

Life Path Systems*

Residential & Health Services

1515 Heritage Drive

McKinney, TX 75069

Mental Health Services – 972-562-0190

Mental Retardation Services – 972.727.9133

www.lifepathsystems.org

Mental Retardation, Mental Health

LifePath Systems provides help for today and hope for tomorrow for individuals in Collin County. Our mission is to build stronger communities by providing professional treatment and support to individuals with Mental Illness, Substance Abuse, Intellectual and Developmental Delays.

Life Planning for Families of Special Needs, Inc. *

Educational

Services

3939 Belt Line Road, Suite 310

Addison, TX 75001

972-964-3444

www.forfamiliesofspecialneeds.com

TJ Kroehle

tj@incomebydesign.net

Life planning is a journey built on trust and integrity and is essential to families with special needs.

Individualized care plans are created based on the hopes, dreams and desires of the family for their special needs loved one.

Family communications are vital to invite the commitment of all involved to continue, support and monitor the Life Plan.

Establishing a feasible life plan for your child with special needs pairs your hopes, dreams and desires with available family and government resources.

Marbridge Foundation*

Residential Services

2310 Bliss Spillar Road

Manchaca, TX 78652

512-282-1144

www.marbridge.org/

Barbara Bush

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Marbridge is a non-profit residential community that offers transitional and lifetime care to adults with a wide range of cognitive abilities and—through compassion and faith—provides them opportunities to learn, experience and achieve a whole new life.

Masterpiece Village*

Residential & Vocational Services

18350 FM 150

Driftwood, TX 78619-9222

512-962-6442

<https://masterpiecevillage.wordpress.com/>

Cynthia B. Teas, RN

cyndy@masterpiecevillage.org

512-671-0865

Masterpiece Village is a post-transitional residential program for young adults. We place an emphasis on developing independent living skills, social interactions, and learning to live in the community.

Metrocare Services*

Residential & Health Services

1380 Riverbend Park Suite 300/600

Dallas, TX 75247

214-948-9950

214-948-2474 fax

www.metrocareservices.org/<http://www.dallasauthority-idd.org/>IDDReferrals@metrocareservices.org

Wendell Owens

Wendell.owens@metrocareservices.org

214-989-2434

Local Intellectual Developmental Disability Authority

Dallas Metrocare Services is north Texas' leading nonprofit agency dedicated to helping people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and severe emotional problems live healthier lives. Metrocare provides a comprehensive array of individually-tailored services to help the people we serve toward meaningful and satisfying lives. **Contact ASAP if not connected.**

Mosaic*

Residential Services, Vocational Services

2245 Midway Road Suite 300

Carrollton, TX 75006

972-866-9989

<http://www.mosaicinfo.org/><http://www.mosaicinfo.org/location/mosaic-dallas>

Jo Beth Collier, Executive Director

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Kimberly Kane, Associate Director

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Mosaic is the recognized leader in making a positive difference in people's lives. We are passionate about services and partnerships that create meaningful lives in caring communities. Inspired by faith, we give voice to issues that affect people's lives. Provides single sex residential group homes, supported apartment living, supervised home living, vocational training, and host home.

My Possibilities*

Vocational Services

1631 Dorchester Drive

Plano, TX 75075

469-241-9100

<http://www.mypossibilities.org>frontdesk@mptx.org

My Possibilities is considered a leader in the local community and throughout North Texas providing vocational training, socialization opportunities and independent living skills development for adults with disabilities. As the need continues to grow in our community, we are currently seeking new ways to expand our facilities and outreach in the North Texas area in hopes to continue to be the best option for families of this much under-served population.

NAMI – National Alliance for the Mentally Illness*

Educational Services

2812 Swiss Ave

Dallas, TX 75204

214-341-7133

www.namidallas.orgnamidallas@namidallas.org

Office hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm

NAMI Dallas is a grassroots family and consumer self-help, support, education, and advocacy organization dedicated to improving the lives of people with severe mental illnesses and the lives of their families and other caregivers. Such illnesses are now known as serious and persistent neurobiological brain disorders.

North Texas Rehabilitation Center*

Health

Services

1005 Midwestern Parkway

Wichita Falls, TX 76302

www.ntrehab.org/

To improve the quality of life for children and adults in North Texas and Southern Oklahoma through medical rehabilitation, and developmental, educational, and wellness services.

North Texas SNAP*

Recreational, Educational Services

901 Clinic D #B99

Euless, TX 76039

Office Hours: Wednesday from 10am-3pm

<http://www.ntxsnap.org/>

817-545-9456

Paula Baker

paula.baker@ntxsnap.org

North Texas SNAP has expanded its small circle to serve approximately 200 intellectually disabled adults throughout North Texas. Our membership ranges in intellectual and developmental disabilities and is comprised of the intellectually disabled member, their families, business professionals and community members. SNAP programs are Ambassador Club, Expanded Living Program, Girls' Night Out, J.O.B.S Club, Men's

Club, Project Neighbor, Social, Transportation, Workforce Internship Program, and Workshops.

Plano Adapted Recreation*

Recreational Services

5901 Los Rios Blvd

Plano, TX 75074

<http://www.plano.gov/408/Adapted-Recreation>

Dianne Dillon, Adapted Recreation Supervisor

972-941-7272

Dianned@plano.gov

The Plano Parks and Recreation Therapeutic Programs offer recreational opportunities for individuals with special needs from 12 months to over 60 years of age. Programs are offered year round and provide a variety of activities such as; fitness, crafts and fine arts, education, outings and a variety of other programs that meet the needs of families with children/teens and adults with disabilities.

Positive Behavior Support Corp.*

Education Services

400 E. Royal lane, Bld. 3, Ste. 290

Irving, TX 75039

855-832-6727

<http://www.teampbs.com/>

Zainab Blell, MS. BCBA

zblell@teampbs.com

855-832-6727 ext. 3000

PBS Corp. provides in-home ABA therapy for families all over north Texas. They provide services for all ages and all diagnoses funded by insurance.

Providence Place – Center for Higher Independence*

Educational &

Vocational

6487 Whitby Road

San Antonio, Texas 78240

844-546-8697

<http://www.provplace.org/>

Graduating from high school usually means moving on to college or a job. For young adults with disabilities, that is not always an option and CHI can be a real and welcome alternative.

We're proud of the results of our program, which was established in 1974. Our graduates achieve their personal level of independence – they hold jobs, live in their own apartments, ride buses wherever they want to go.

Our Center for Higher Independence provides a campus experience where young adults with disabilities learn to take responsibility for their lives. They manage tasks of daily living in a way they never dreamed possible – shopping and cooking for themselves, cleaning their homes, managing their money – and open up bright new futures for themselves

REACH (Resource Centers on Independent Living)* Education, Vocational,
Residential

8625 King George, Suite 210

Dallas, TX 75235

214-630-4796

www.reachcils.org/

Reachdallas@reachcils.org

Pamela Moman, Youth Transition & Housing Specialist

pmomon@reachcils.org

Our mission is to provide services for people with disabilities so that they are able to lead self-directed lives and to educate the general public about disability-related topics in order to promote a barrier free community. The services that they give are information and referrals, peer counseling, independent living skills training, social and recreational activities, assistive equipment loans, employment assistance, veterans benefit counseling and housing information.

Counseling / Peer Support, Independent Living Skills Training, Advocacy Assistance, Nursing Home to Community Living Transition Assistance, Youth Transition Assistance from High School to Adult Life; social and recreational activities, assistive equipment loans, employment assistance, veterans benefit counseling and housing information.

Pamela Moman Youth Transition & Housing Specialist

Region 10

Education

Services

904 Abrams

Richardson, TX 75081

<https://www.region10.org/programs/transition/overview/>

Sandye Cox

Sandye.cox@region10.org

972-348-1754

Region 10 is the regional education service center for Highland Park ISD. Check out their interagency website: <http://www.livebinders.com/play/play?present=true&id=1345192>

Rock House*

Residential, Educational, Recreational

Services

8701 McCart Avenue

Fort Worth, Texas 76123

817-294-4515 ext. 103

<https://www.rockhousetx.org/fort-worth>

Michael Gales

Michael-gales@rockhouses.org

We learned a long time ago not to put limits on what a person might be able to achieve, because no one knows how much untapped potential a person has. We simply help people go step by step, and just keep going. We find that people learn a lot more when they are HAPPY and PROUD of themselves, so our teaching emphasizes personal satisfaction, independence, and responsibility. Our reputation for excellence was built on our unmatched desire to provide the very best for the people we serve. It is the unmatched desire and our wealth of experience that gives Rock House our "Can-Do" philosophy. Rock House programs are residential services, foster care, in-home services, work support and day habilitation, and recreation

SSA – Social Security Administration*

Financial, Educational

Services

10824 N Central Expy.

Dallas, TX 75231

1-800-772-1213

www.ssa.gov/www.socialsecurity.gov/dallas/

To advance the economic security of the nation's people through compassionate and vigilant leadership in shaping and managing America's Social Security programs. We pay retirement, disability and survivors benefits to workers and their families and administer the Supplemental Security Income program. We also issue Social Security numbers.

Special Abilities of North Texas*
Services

Recreational, Educational, Vocational

1511 FM 407/Justin Rd. Suite B
Lewisville, TX 75077
972-317-1515

<http://specialabilities.net/>

Our MISSION is to provide the highest quality care, training and support to adults with special needs, giving them opportunities to succeed in life, family and the community, while offering respite to their caregivers.

We are proudly the only licensed Adult Day Care Program in Denton County and surrounding areas serving aging persons with Alzheimer's, and one of very few licensed Day Habilitation Programs for persons with developmental disabilities that is a charitable nonprofit.

Special Olympics – Area 10 Chapter
Services

Recreational

400 South Zang, Suite 926
Dallas, TX 75208
214-943-9981

area_director.a10@sotx.org

<http://www.sotx.org/about/areas/area10/>

<http://www.sotx.org/>

HPISD Contact

Jennifer Garrison

garrisoj@hpsid.org

HPISD Special Olympics Sports – Bowling, Basketball, Athletics, Tennis, Soccer

Texas Parent to Parent*

Educational Services

3710 Cedar Street

Austin, TX 78705

866-896-6001

<http://txp2p.org/>

Linda Litzinger

linda.litzinger@txp2p.org

Texas Parent to Parent (TxP2P) is committed to improving the lives of Texas children who have disabilities, chronic illness, and/or special health care needs. TxP2P empowers families to be strong advocates through parent-to-parent support, resource referral, and education. In addition, TxP2P educates professionals about the unique needs of our children with the goal of improving care and opportunities for our children. Lastly, TxP2P is dedicated to championing the efforts of a diverse set of parent support groups and advocacy on behalf of our children's well-being.

Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children*

Health Services

2222 Welborn Street

Dallas, TX 75219

214-559-5000

www.tsrhc.org

Provide orthopedic and related neurological services to children up to 18 years of age. Open to Texas children who are referred by a physician and who will benefit from the hospital's services. Also provides evaluation and treatment of children with specific learning disabilities, principally dyslexia. Related services including dental and eye clinics as required by patient. Comprehensive social services are available.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (formerly DADS)*

Residential Services

701 W. 51 St.

Austin, TX 78751

512-438-3011

<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/disability>

SIGN UP FOR THE INTEREST LIST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (10-12 year waiting list)

Call 1-855-937-2372 for any information needed about HHSC.

More than 3.4 million Texans have a disability. HHS offers an array of services to meet their needs, whether it is providing options to a family whose child was just diagnosed with disability, helping find independent housing, working with community partners to create jobs, or finding someone to provide services to keep people out of institutions.

TWC – Texas Workforce Commission

Vocational Service

2707 Stemmons Freeway Ste 150

Dallas, TX 75207

214-920-3663

www.texasworkforce.org

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is the state government agency charged with overseeing and providing workforce development services to employers and job seekers of Texas. For employers, TWC offers recruiting, retention, training and retraining, and outplacement services as well as valuable information on labor law and labor market statistics. For job seekers, TWC offers career development information, job search resources, training programs, and, as appropriate, unemployment benefits. While targeted populations receive intensive assistance to overcome barriers to employment all Texans can benefit from the services offered by TWC and our network of workforce partners.

The Texas Workforce Commission is part of a local/state network dedicated to developing the workforce of Texas. The network is comprised of the statewide efforts of the Commission coupled with planning and service provision on a regional level by 28 local workforce boards. This network gives customers access to local workforce solutions and statewide services in a single location — Texas Workforce Centers.

Primary services of the Texas Workforce Commission and our network partners are funded by federal tax revenue and are generally free to all Texans.

DARS – Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services
Services

Vocational

6500 Greenville Ave, Suite #250

Dallas, TX 75206

<http://www.dars.state.tx.us/>

Ellery Gipson-Currie, VRC

214-378-2606

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Allison Gerron, CVE, MS

972-510-8810

The DARS is designated as the state's principal authority on the vocational rehabilitation of Texans with disabilities, except persons with visual impairments and the legally blind. The Division's main purpose is to assist people with disabilities to participate in their communities by achieving employment of choice, living as independently as possible and accessing high quality services. We provide a broad array of services through the following programs:

The [Vocational Rehabilitation \(VR\) program](#), a state-federal partnership since 1929, helps people with disabilities prepare for, find and keep jobs.

Transition Planning. DRS VR counselors provide consultative and technical assistance to public school personnel in planning the move from school to work for students with disabilities.

Supported Employment serves consumers of the Vocational Rehabilitation Program who need on-going support to maintain competitive employment.

DARS –Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Services

Vocational & Health

1.800.628.5115 (New)

www.dars.state.tx.us/dbs/links.shtml

The DARS Division for Blind Services (DBS) assists blind or visually impaired individuals and their families. Depending upon their goals and needs, DBS offers services to help regain independence or find a job.

DARS – Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Services

Vocational & Health

512.407.3250

www.dars.state.tx.us/dhhs

The **DARS, Division for Rehabilitative Services, Office for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (DHHS)** works in partnership with people who are deaf or hard of hearing to eliminate societal and communication barriers to improve equal access for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. DHHS advocates for people of all ages who are deaf or hard of hearing to enable them to express their freedoms, participate in society to their individual potential, and reduce their isolation regardless of location, socioeconomic status, or degree of disability.

University Park Counseling/ACES*
Services

Educational, Vocational, Health

6803 Hillcrest Avenue

University Park, TX 75225

469-744-3304

<http://www.universityparkcounseling.com/>

<http://www.acesaba.com/>

Carmen Miller, Community Relations

cmiller@acesaba.com

469-909-7379

ACES is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for individuals and families impacted with autism or other special needs. We provide comprehensive, professional services to maximize individuals' potential in the home, school and community, throughout their lifespan. ACES services are insurance based services, early infant intervention, home based interventions, clinic based intervention, speech therapy, occupational therapy, school services, community based instruction, social skills classes, vocational training.

YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas*

Recreational Services

1621 W. Walnut Hill Lane

Irving, TX 75038

214-880-9622

www.ymcadallas.org/https://www.ymcadallas.org/locations/moody_family_ymca/

This program is based on Christian principles for youth and adults (including boys, girls, men and women). It is designed to help with social adjustment, preparation for citizenship responsibilities and physical development. Participation is on an individual or group membership basis. General services include health and physical education, after school child care, informal education, group work, camp and recreational activities. Many programs, such as Y Guides, are centered on home, church or school. Summer day camps are offered by many branches. Most branches also have special "Prime Time" programs for older Americans. Call the branch nearest you or the above-listed number for hours and availability of programs.

29 Acres*

Residential, Vocational, Education Services

Debra Caudy

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29 acres (formerly Rocking A Ranch) is an innovative housing community and adult enrichment program that is going to be located in North Dallas in Crossroads, TX. The build for the community is expected to break ground next year. The housing community and separate enrichment programming is being designed to meet the needs of adults with autism who require more support to be successful as well as those who have fewer needs and are highly motivated to live independently. Their holistic approach to programming will be data driven and will focus on meaningful employment opportunities, age appropriate leisure activities, independent living skills, and therapeutic recreation/physical and emotional well-being. Outcomes will be measured. Contact Debra Caudy if you have any questions.