

Resource Directory updated 11-07-18

This directory lists some of the available resources for Irving, Dallas, Texas, and Federal level. It is not intended to promote any agency, organization, or company but to provide information that may be helpful to families of children with disabilities.

Irving

A Learning Center Just For Me

A Learning Center is a day habilitation center in Irving. "A Learning Center Just for Me" was designed for individuals with mental and physical challenges from the age of 15 to 50. "A Learning Center Just for Me" assist these individuals in enjoying every day life activities that individuals without disabilities get to enjoy daily. They have a Home and Community Base-Services contract with Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS). A Learning Center Just For Me can be reached at 214-596-0275; they are located at 325 S. Beltline Rd Irving, TX 75060.

DART

Dallas Area Rapid Transit is a transit agency serving the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area of Texas. It operates buses, light rail, commuter rail, and high-occupancy vehicle lanes in Dallas and twelve of its suburbs. If you need to access DART by wheelchair, DART's buses are accessible. Guide dogs and other service animals are permitted on DART vehicles. See [Accessibility Information](#) for more details or call 214-979-1111.

Customer Information Center (Routes, Schedules and Trip Planning Assistance)

Phone: 214-979-1111

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday: 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Holiday Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Customer Information Center is closed on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day

Information retrieved from <https://www.dart.org/riding/dartbus.asp>

DART Para Transit

DART Paratransit Service is a curb-to-curb public transportation service for people with disabilities who are unable to use DART buses or trains. Paratransit is a shared-ride service operated with modern,

accessible vehicles. Riders who are unable to access vans by using steps can use wheelchair lifts. Boarding chairs are available upon request. DART also offers free travel training to persons with disabilities who are capable of riding accessible bus and rail services. Information retrieved from <http://www.dart.org/riding/paratransit.asp> they can be reached at 214-828-6736.

Elks Camp –Texas Elks Camp and Texas Elks Grants For Special Children

Texas Elks support nearly 350 special needs children every summer. Any child with a special need, between the ages of 7 and 15, who is a resident of the state of Texas is eligible for admission to Texas Elks Camp.

In addition, Texas Elks award over four hundred twenty-five thousand dollars in Special Grants for Special Children to deserving Texas children with various special physical needs. Our desire is to improve the current and future quality of life for children with special physical needs.

Web: <http://www.texaselkscamp.org> Email: txelks@gvec.net

Texas Elks Children's Services 1963

FM 1586 Gonzales, Texas 78629

Phone: 830-875-2425

Fax: 830-875-5455

Emma's House

The mission of Emma's House is to provide after school and non-school services for teens and young adults with disabilities. Emma's House is a non-profit organization which provides after school care for teens with special needs. Emma's House is a safe and fun place to go for teens/ young adults (ages 13 to 21) with mild to moderate special needs/disabilities. Located at 920 Bluebonnet #101 Irving, Texas 75060 Information retrieved from <http://emmashouse.net> they can be reached at (972) 839-1502 or email debbie@emmashouse.net.

Irving City of – Housing Architectural Barrier Removal Program

The architectural barrier removal program is a grant designed to assist senior citizens and/or disabled persons with repairs that increase mobility and livability inside homes. Repairs include ramp and handrail installations and bathroom modifications. Information retrieved from

<http://www.ci.irving.tx.us/housing-human-services/housing-assistance-programs.html>

Irving City of - Lively Pointe Youth Center

Lively Pointe is part of the Irving Parks and Recreation department; it is specifically designed for and only allows for teenager's ages 12-18 years to participate in events. It has pool, chess, air hockey, and foosball tables. It offers classes and training on topics of interest to teenagers. It also has a skate park for roller skates and skateboarders. The park is located at 909 N. O'Connor Road, Irving, TX 75061; the telephone number is 972-721-8090 and the Recreation Center Supervisor is Patty Danko.

Information retrieved from <http://www.cityofirving.org/livelypointe/>

Irving City of – Park and Recreation AFTER School Program

After School Program - Parents who need a well supervised, activity-oriented program for their children after school should give our programs a try. Children in kindergarten through fifth grade can have an enjoyable and exciting afternoon from 2:45 to 6 p.m. each school day. With guidance from a well-trained staff, the children will learn new games, sports, create their own special works of art, and have a chance to work on homework. Children are also treated to a snack and drink during the afternoon.

Program Costs

The cost of the after school program is \$180 per session. Each session is six weeks in length and runs consecutively with the school district's grading periods. Georgia Farrow Recreation Center and Senter Park Recreation Center also offer a weekly payment option of \$40 per week.

Information retrieved from: <http://cityofirving.org/812/After-School-Program>

Irving City of - Advisory Committee on Disabilities

Purpose

The purpose of the City of Irving Advisory Committee on Disabilities is to serve as a contact and voice of the residents to the City Council, to review and discuss matters referred to the committee by

the council and the city manager, and to provide recommendations to the council on matters pertaining to disability issues in the City of Irving.

Meetings: Generally meets bimonthly, Thursday at 6 p.m. at City Hall 825 W. Irving Blvd. Irving, TX 75060

Irving City of – Park and Recreation Adult 18+ Therapeutic Recreation Programs

About the Program

Irving Parks and Recreation serves individuals with special mental and physical needs through an Adult Therapeutic Day Program and Irving Special Olympics. These programs currently are housed at the Lively Pointe Youth Center. Interested participants and volunteers are welcome to call (972) 721-8098 or [email](mailto:) for more information. Contact <http://cityofirving.org/814/Special-Needs-Programs> For additional information and resources, please [visit the Irving Advisory Committee on Disabilities Website](http://cityofirving.org/814/Special-Needs-Programs).

Adult Therapeutic Day Program

Our goal is to provide a recreation program designed to assist Irving residents ages 18 and older with mental and/or physical disabilities. The program was created for adults who require moderate staff assistance and instruction with leisure activities and physical fitness. Daily activities teach social and recreational skills and provide learning opportunities which promote a healthy independent lifestyle. The program hopes to improve the quality of life for this special population.

Program Schedule of Operations

The Therapeutic Day Program currently operates:

- Monday through Friday
- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Program Session Options

- Four eight-week sessions which run during the Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall
- A five-week Mini Session which operates between the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays

Program Costs - Cost for each session is \$175, and includes one field trip each week.

Information retrieved from: <http://cityofirving.org/814/Therapeutic-Recreation-Programs>

Irving City of – Park and Recreation - AquaStars for Special Needs Children

In response to growing community interest and need, the Aquatics Division of the city's Parks and Recreation Department expanded its programming to provide access for children with special needs to city swim facilities. City leaders see the new AquaStars program as a way to enhance the recreational opportunities of children in the community with special needs.

The program is custom-designed to children with special needs, ages 18 and younger. AquaStars participants must be accompanied by an adult or guardian. On a monthly basis, AquaStars provides special needs children with an opportunity to sidestep crowds and experience the excitement of play in one of the city's aquatic facilities. The program is held at the West Irving Aquatic Center during summer months and the Heritage Aquatic Center the rest of the year. Best of all, participants will only pay the standard admission rate of \$1 per visit.

The City of Irving is committed to offering innovative family fun and activities that are available for all of its residents. Future plans for the AquaStars program also may include the addition of aquatics classes for children with special needs. For more information about AquaStars, call (972) 721-7311 during normal business hours. Information from: <http://cityofirving.org/2735/AquaStars-for-Special-Needs-Children>

Irving City of – Park and Recreation - 10 year and older Special Olympics Program

This program provides quality, recreational programs for ages 12 and older. Special Olympics programs vary throughout the year, based on each sports' schedule.

Program Sport Options

The City of Irving currently participates in the following sports through Special Olympics Area 10:

- Basketball - December through May
- Softball - June through August
- Volleyball - September through November

Program Schedule

- Program practices are currently held on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- Classifications and tournaments for Special Olympics Area 10 are held on Fridays and Saturdays for each sport.

Program Costs There is no fee to participate in our Special Olympics Program, however each participant does need to purchase an IPAR ID card in order to register for any of our programs.

Information retrieved from: <http://cityofirving.org/814/Therapeutic-Recreation-Programs>

Irving City of – Park and Recreation - Classes and schedule for activities and events

The City of Irving Parks and Recreation offer a variety of classes such as: art, crafts, cooking, exercise, sports, and model design etc. You can register online or in person, the information can be found at the link provided below.

Information retrieved from: <http://cityofirving.org/983/Recreation-Center-Class-Schedules>

Irving Cares

Irving Cares, in partnership with the Irving community, is dedicated to providing residents with temporary assistance and training to promote self-sufficiency. We offer the following programs: Food Pantry, Financial Assistance, Patient Transportation, Employment Services Program, Medical Prescriptions & More. Located at 440 South Nursery Road, Suite 101 (in the Human Services Building) Irving, Texas 75060. The telephone number is (972) 721-9181. Information retrieved from <http://www.irvingcares.org/>

Irving Community Clinic

The clinic offers low cost or free of cost services. Irving Community Clinic is a Baylor Scott White Irving Community Clinic. New patients should go Wednesday afternoon to apply/enroll for services – bring proof of income (check stubs, income tax return, letter from employer) and Proof of residency (driver's license, lease agreement, or utility bill)

Community Clinic is located at:

Copper Tree Medical Building

1302 Lane St Suite 100

Irving, TX 75061

Phone: 469-800-1000

Information retrieved from: <http://www.irvingcommunityclinic.com/Pages/default.aspx>

The Irving Family Advocacy Center (FAC)

The Irving Family Advocacy Center (FAC) functions in partnership with the City of Irving to provide free counseling services to the city's youth and families. The bulk of our operating budget comes from the City of Irving. Additionally, the nonprofit corporation, Irving Family Advocacy Center Inc., raises funds through fundraisers and grant programs to help us maximize our reach to Irving residents.

These services include case management services and counseling for individuals, families, couples and groups. The center brings services and agencies designed to respond to the needs of Irving families and victims of crime in our community under one roof. The phone number is 972-721-6555. Information retrieved from <http://cityofirving.org/2623/Family-Advocacy-Center>

The Miracle League of Irving, Texas (YMCA & City of Irving)

The Miracle League of Irving provides children with disabilities, regardless of their ability, the opportunity to play baseball. Each child dresses in an official uniform, makes plays in the field, and rounds the bases just like their peers. This is again a great opportunity to socialize and learn to work together and to ask for help we needed. Again as above it just is an excellent opportunity for students to meet and socialization with peers. It does take preparation before most of the student participate we discuss and make post to demonstrate the understanding of good sportsmanship and who to show disappoint in an appropriate manner. For the more information contact number is 972-986-8898 or email Doug Fox at dfox@ymcadallas.org . Information retrieved from http://www.ymcadallas.org/locations/irving_family_ymca/sports/miracle_league_irving/

North Lake College

North Lake College is a two-year college that is recognized for quality education and its innovative and productive partnerships with businesses, the community and other educational institutions.

Information retrieved from www.northlakecollege.edu they can be reached at 972-273-3165.

Parks - Special needs-accessible parks in D-FW

[12 of the best special needs-accessible parks and playgrounds in D-FW](#)

Abbott Park 4814 Abbott Ave. Dallas, TX	Alison Hardin Playground at Jo Kelly School 201 N Bailey Ave. Fort Worth, TX	Burleson Park 3000 University Blvd. University Park, TX
Casey's Clubhouse at Dove Park 1509 Hood Lane Grapevine, TX	Coffee Park 3400 Northwest Pkwy University Park, TX	Cottonwood Creek Park 4051 N. Story Road Irving, TX
Fantasy Landing at Kiest Park 3080 S. Hampton Rd. Dallas, TX	Hope Park 8000 McKinney Rd. Frisco, TX	kidMania at Celebration Park 701 Angel Parkway Allen, TX
Mary Heads Carter Park 2320 Heads Lane Carrollton, TX	Russell Eagleton Playground for All 1000 Stribling Drive Azle, TX	Katherine Rose Memorial Park 303 N Walnut Creek Dr. Mansfield, TX

Information retrieved from: <http://specialneedsblog.dallasnews.com/category/sports-and-recreation/>

Our Children's Center at Irving

We are proud that Our Children's House is now part of Children's Health. Our Children's House offers an array of coordinated, comprehensive services for children with special health care needs. The program brings together a licensed pediatric hospital together with nine outpatient clinics.

The hospital focuses on children from infancy through age 18 with developmental or birth disorders, traumatic injury or severe illness. Inpatient programs include the feeding, rehabilitation and pulmonary programs. Intensive day patient programs include the neuro-day program and feeding day program. 3337 Stovall St., Irving, 75061. The phone number is 972-790-8505.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) - Irving

For State identification ID's or Drivers License

Phone: 972-253-4171

1003 W. 6th Street Irving, TX 75060

Mon Hours: 07:30 -05:00 -- Tues Hours: 07:30 -05:00 -- Wed Hours: 07:30 -05:00

Thu Hours: 07:30 -05:00 -- Fri Hours: 08:00 -05:00

Thrive Directory

A searchable, expansive database of North Texas special needs resources and services

Information retrieved from: <http://dfwchild.com/Thrive/sndir.asp>

Dallas

Ability Connection Texas

Ability Connection Texas provides vital care and support to people with disabilities for over 58 years. Today, one in five people have a disability - which is why our services are so important. Whether advocating for the rights of people with disabilities, teaching the letters of the alphabet to a child with autism, or training an adult with a head injury to re-enter the workforce with the use of adaptive technology, ACT is the preeminent organization leading the way for people of all ages with any type of physical or intellectual disability. Information retrieved from <http://abilityconnectiontexas.org/about.php> the phone number is 800-999-1898.

Achieve – A Place to Grow (was Citizens Development Center)

Achieve is a nonprofit agency that exists to empower men and women with disabilities to achieve their highest level of employability and ultimately their highest level of independence. Achieve's mission is to empower men and women with disabilities to achieve their highest level of employability. Achieve is located at:

8800 Ambassador Row

Dallas, Texas 75247

214-637-2911

Website information retrieved from <http://achievedfw.org/>

AFiL: Association for Independent Living

AFIL is a non-sectarian, non-profit living environment, dedicated to educating mentally challenged young adults to be independent and live on their own. It provides a family living or 'training house' environment, enabling young adults to learn and practice basic living skills required for self-sufficiency. AFIL's mission is to maximize the independence of mentally challenged individuals by providing daily living skills training and supported living.

Information retrieved from www.afildallas.org

The ARC of Dallas

The Arc of Dallas is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for people with intellectual and related developmental disabilities by providing an array of services including seminars, classes, resources, camps, leadership institutions, One-on-One Instruction, Collaboration and Training to individuals with disabilities, their families/ caregivers and professionals. Information retrieved from www.arcdallas.org they can be reached at 214-634-9810.

Catholic Charities of Dallas

Catholic Charities of Dallas serves more than 57,000 people every year throughout the nine counties of the Diocese of Dallas. We provide services to families and individuals regardless of their faith. Services are provided to the community through four service divisions: Professional Counseling and Children's Services, Elderly and Family Assistance Services, Immigration and Legal Services, Refugee and Empowerment Services. Central Services Office: 9461 LBJ Freeway, Suite 128, Dallas, Texas 75243 | (phone) 214.520.6590. Information retrieved from <http://www.catholiccharitiesdallas.org/>

Counseling Services - Free

The University of North Texas at Dallas is now offering FREE confidential counseling for children, adolescents, adults, or couples who are students, staff, or even just members of the community. Counseling services to students and members of the community are free of charge. Anyone seeking counseling for depression and anxiety, marital and family counseling, and assistance with managing grief or loss are welcome at the Counseling Clinic, located on UNT Dallas at 7300 Houston School Road. Contact the UNT Dallas Counseling department for more information.

The clinic is open Mondays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Those who wish to take advantage of services at no cost should contact 972-780-3646 for an appointment.

Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind

The Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind is a nonprofit organization that has been providing opportunity and assistance to individuals affected by blindness in North Texas for the past 83 years. We believe that with knowledge, training and motivation, people affected by blindness can succeed and thrive in any workplace, live productive and meaningful lives, and be important contributors to their communities. Information retrieved from <http://www.dallaslighthouse.org/>

Contact Information

Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc

4306 Capitol Avenue

Dallas, TX 75204

Email: info@dallaslighthouse.org

Main Number: 214-821-2375

DANISH, Inc. -- Dallas Asperger Network for Information Support and Help

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.

The structure of DANISH consists primarily of two areas. One is an email support group and the other is an in-person support group that meets the fourth Thursday of every month (except in November and December).

Website information retrieved from <http://www.livebinders.com/play/play?present=true&id=1345192>

Dr. Mandell can be contacted in the following ways:

Phone: 972-690-6700

Fax: 972-690-6705

Email: aaamentalhealth@aol.com

Office Address:

2007 N. Collins Blvd. Ste 503
Richardson, TX 75080

DEAF SERVICES

Dallas Hearing Foundation

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. Today's revolutionary technologies, such as digital hearing aids, cochlear implants, and auditory-verbal therapy, make a hearing-speaking life and higher quality education available to many deaf children and adults. Our specialized team consists of an otologic surgeon, audiologists, a speech-language pathologist, an educational consultant, and a psychologist. We serve people of all colors, creeds, and nations of origin.

7777 Forest Lane

C-A94 PMB 143

Dallas, Texas 75230

Phone: 972-424-7711

Information retrieved from: <http://dallashearingfoundation.org/>

Deaf Action Center

The challenges facing the deaf and hard of hearing community and its need for advocacy are loud and clear. For more than 30 years, Deaf Action Center has empowered and equipped individuals of all ages throughout North Texas. With offices in Dallas, Fort Worth, and Wichita Falls, we provide a comprehensive range of programs that combine commitment, caring, and communication to help create personal, social, and professional growth and success.

Deaf Action Center is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, and proud to be recognized as a national and international benchmark service provider. Deaf Action Center is located at:

3115 Crestview Dr. Dallas, TX 75235 Phone: 214-521-0407

Website information retrieved from <http://www.dactexas.org/>

Callier Center for Communication Disorders

Accepts pediatric clients in Spring only

They do offer free evaluations – the evaluations are conducted by graduate students

Address: 1966 Inwood Rd, Dallas, TX 75235

Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30AM T- 5:00 PM

Phone: 214-905-3030

Website information: <https://www.utdallas.edu/calliercenter/>

Denton - Texas Woman's University - Speech, Language & Hearing clinic (no children under 5)

Our onsite speech, language and hearing clinic in Denton provides services to those in the community with speech, language, cognitive-communication, feeding or hearing difficulties. Services are offered during the day and after school. Depending on your relationship with the university, you may qualify for discounted rates.

To schedule an appointment, please call 940-898-2285.

Be sure to check out the variety of summer camps we offer to the community, as well. We have specialized sessions for children ages 3 to 16.

TWU graduate students provide these services to the community as part of their education. They are supervised by TWU faculty members who are ASHA-certified and Texas-licensed speech-language pathologists and audiologists.

Speech, Language & Hearing Clinic

MCL 601

P.O. Box 425737

Denton, TX 76204-5737

(940) 898-2285

Email: comsclinic@twu.edu

Website information: <https://twu.edu/speech-language-hearing-clinic/>

DENTON - UNT (University of North Texas) Speech and Hearing Center

UNT accepts children under the age of 5 for testing

The University of North Texas Speech and Hearing Center has been serving people with speech, language, and hearing disorders since 1967. The Center strives to provide superior professional diagnostic and treatment services in speech-language pathology and audiology while providing excellence in clinical education for students in the Department of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology at the University of North Texas. Our showcase facility boasts a hearing aid dispensary, preschool language room, numerous therapy and diagnostic rooms, areas for families to observe clinical sessions, and ample parking. The Center has a sliding fee scale. For further information or to make an appointment, call 940-565-2262.

The evaluation takes 60 minutes and cost is from \$50 – \$60 dollars. They do have a sliding scale that can be \$25 dollars. You can discuss the sliding scale at the time you can for appointment.

Address: 907 W Sycamore St,
Denton, TX 76201

Hours: Monday - Friday 8AM–5PM

Phone: (940) 565-2262 (voice)
(940) 369-7702 (fax)
TTY (940) 369-7325

Website information: <https://aslp.hps.unt.edu/clinic>

Dental Services (Free) Dallas

Free dental treatment for: Special Olympians & children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Services provided by experienced and understanding volunteer dental students & faculty; at The Texas A&M Baylor College of Dentistry student-run dental evening clinic at North Dallas Shared Ministries on 2875 Merrell Rd, Dallas, TX 75229. Appointments are made for the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. Treatment is by appointment only. To schedule an appointment please call the student director at 469-232-7209 or email at niekiadent@gmail.com and leave a message that includes your phone #, name, and a brief description of dental needs.

Emler Swim School

You'll notice the award-winning Emler difference as soon as you enter our exciting aquatic world. Our child-friendly facilities are designed to nurture kids' natural love of learning, and our creative teaching methods and friendly staff build each child's comfort and confidence. Group and private lessons available – fee varies depending on services.

Locations listed below:

Dallas Preston Forest

11909 Preston Rd., #1422

Dallas, TX 75230

972.851.SWIM (7946)

855-542-9817 fax

Southlake

280 Commerce Suite 180

Southlake, TX 76092

817.552.SWIM (7946)

855-542-9817 fax

Information retrieved from: <http://www.emlerswimschool.com/>

Jewish Family Service, Greater Dallas

The Special Needs Partnership was founded by a group of local families to advocate more strongly on behalf of their special needs children. The partnership is a grass-roots initiative that furthers awareness and inclusion through education and support for individuals and families through community programming. To learn more about the Special Needs Partnership, please contact community organizer Teri Kachur at 972.437.9950 or TKachur@JFSdallas.org . Information retrieved from <http://www.jfsdallas.org/special-needs-partnership>

Guardianship – Texas Project FIRST

Information on guardianship and alternatives

<http://www.texasprojectfirst.org/node/207>

Guardianship - Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services

A guardian is a court-appointed person or entity that makes decisions on behalf of a person with diminished capacity. Depending upon the powers granted by the court, guardianship responsibilities include:

- Arranging for placement
- Making medical decisions
- Managing estates

<http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/guardianship/>

Guardianship - TexasLawHelp.org

Guardianship for Persons with Disabilities - General Legal Information

- Supported Decision Making Forms and Information
- Alternatives to Guardianship - LHT
- Involuntary Commitment, Guardianship, and More

Legal - Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program

Neighborhood Legal Clinics

(214) 742-5768

Purpose: Conducts evening clinics and provides legal representation for low-income applicants with problems in civil law matters, guardianships, wills, etc...

Clinics are held at the Martin Luther King Center—South Dallas; Grace United Methodist Church -- East Dallas; Marillac Social Center—West Dallas; and the Garland Legal Clinic (Salvation Army).

(214) 742-5768

Metro Care

Metrocare is north Texas' leading nonprofit 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. The administrative office are located at

1380 River Bend Drive Dallas, Texas 75247

Tel: (214) 743-1200

Toll Free: (877) 283-2121

Fax: (214) 630-3469

Email: metrocare@metrocareservices.org

Website information retrieved from www.metrocareservices.org

Mosaic

Mosaic provides people with intellectual disabilities possibilities and the chance to make choices in selection of a home, roommates, employment as well as how they engage with their community. We empower people to work and live a life of their choosing. Everything we do supports people with

intellectual disabilities on their journey to a life of happiness and fulfillment. Mosaic “A life of possibilities”. Information retrieved from www.mosaicinfo.org.

nonPareil Institute – Plano

nonPareil Institute is dedicated to providing technical training, employment and housing to adult individuals who have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. We hope to one day be partially self-sustaining from the products our Crew build and market.

Information retrieved from: <http://www.npitx.org/>

REACH of Dallas

REACH Inc is a nonprofit organization with the goal of advocating for and empowering people with disabilities to take charge of their lives and participate actively in community life. REACH stands for Rehabilitation, Education, and Advocacy for Citizens with Handicaps. Information retrieved from reachdallas@reacils.org

Scottish Rite

Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children is a world leader in the treatment of pediatric orthopedic conditions. They strive to improve the care of children worldwide through innovative research and teaching programs, training physicians from around the world. TSRHC treats Texas children with orthopedic conditions, such as scoliosis, clubfoot, hand disorders, hip disorders and limb length differences, as well as certain related neurological disorders and learning disorders, such as dyslexia. Through the generous support of friends in the community, all services are provided without charge to patient families. Admission is open to Texas children from birth to 18 years of age. TSRHC, the only Scottish Rite hospital in the world, is not affiliated with the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Information retrieved from <http://www.tsrhc.org/>

Scenario Adult & Day Services – Day Habilitation

Scenario Adult Daycare & Day Habitation can help the community.

3120 W Northwest Hwy, Dallas, TX. Phone (214) 351-1212

State

Deaf/Hard Of Hearing Links - Texas Project First

Texas Project FIRST - *Families, Information, Resources, Support & Training*

For a number of Texas Education Agency resources related to Deaf Blindness go to:

Texas Education Agency Services to Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

Website information retrieved from <http://www.texasprojectfirst.org/LinksHearing.html>

Easter Seals

Easter Seals North Texas provides exceptional services for children and adults with disabilities and other special needs by creating opportunities that advance the independence of individuals with disabilities and other special needs. Information retrieved from <http://www.easterseals.com/>

Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services

The Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) was created to administer long-term services and supports for people who are aging and who have cognitive and physical disabilities. DADS also licenses and regulates providers of these services, and administers the state's guardianship program. DADS began formal operations on Sept. 1, 2004.

The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) state office headquarters is located at:

701 W. 51st St.

Austin, Texas 78751

Phone: 512-438-3011

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 149030 Austin, Texas 78714-9030

Website information retrieved from <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/>

Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services

Guardianship is a legal process used to provide protection for adults who are incapacitated, as defined by the Texas Probate Code. The Probate Code defines an incapacitated person as: "An adult individual who, because of a physical or mental condition, is substantially unable to provide food, clothing, or

shelter to himself or herself, to care for the individual's own physical health, or to manage the individual's own financial affairs."

Information retrieved from <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/guardianship/>

Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities'

The Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities' (TCDD) [2014 Higher Education Resource Guide for Students with Disabilities](#) includes information for future college students, parents, high school counselors and other educators. For students who are not college bound, information is available about other educational options and choosing a career. The guide also includes information regarding the full process of preparing for higher education. You can download the guide or order a printed copy.

Information retrieved from http://tcdd.texas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/2014-higher-ed-en_web.pdf

Texas Workforce Commission Department of Assistive Rehabilitative Services (DARS)

Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is the state agency charged with overseeing and providing workforce development services to employers and job seekers of Texas. TWC strengthens the Texas economy by providing the workforce development component of the Governor's economic development strategy. Texas boasts an incredibly skilled workforce ready to attract enterprise to the Lone Star State. By focusing on the needs of employers, TWC gives Texas the competitive edge necessary to draw business here.

Texas Workforce Solutions Vocational Rehabilitation Services serves youth and students with disabilities to help prepare for post-secondary education and employment opportunities. Services are eligibility and need based.

2520 W. Irving Blvd., Ste. 100 Irving, Texas 75061 Phone (972) 573-3539

Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00 am - 5:00 pm <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/news/departement-assistive-rehabilitative-services-program-transition>

2-1-1 Texas, FINDING HELP IN TEXAS A program of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission

Is a program of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, is committed to helping Texas citizens connect with the services they need. Whether by phone or internet, our goal is to present accurate, well-organized and easy-to-find information from over 60,000 state and local health and human services programs. Information retrieved from <https://www.211texas.org/211/>

National

Advocacy Incorporated

Advocacy Incorporated goals is to represent people with disabilities to secure their human, legal and service rights in accordance with AI's federal mandate; assist people with disabilities in advocating for their human, legal and service rights; establish and expand rights and services for people with disabilities; and inform all individuals of the rights of people with disabilities and to inform and refer individuals to programs and services. AI's mission is to advocate for, protect and advance the legal, human and service rights of people with disabilities. Information retrieved from www.advocacyinc.org

The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)

Our Mission of The American Foundation for the Blind removes barriers, creates solutions, and expands possibilities so people with vision loss can achieve their full potential.

Website information retrieved from <http://www.afb.org/>

AFB Contact Information

AFB Office Locations

AFB Headquarters

2 Penn Plaza, Suite 1102

New York, NY 10121

Tel: (212) 502-7600

Fax: (888) 545-8331

AFB Center on Vision Loss

11030 Ables Lane

Dallas, TX 75229

Tel: (214) 352-7222

Fax: (646) 478-9260

E-mail: dallas@afb.net

Autism Speaks

Autism Speaks was founded in February 2005 by Bob and Suzanne Wright, grandparents of a child with autism. Their longtime friend Bernie Marcus donated \$25 million to help financially launch the organization. Since then, Autism Speaks has grown into the nation's largest autism science and advocacy organization, dedicated to funding research into the causes, prevention, treatments and a cure for autism; increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders; and advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families. We are proud of what we've been able to accomplish and look forward to continued successes in the years ahead.

Information retrieved from <http://www.autismspeaks.org/>

College Resources for Disabled Students

Prospective college students with disabilities will find that many campuses are equipped with offices and services that address accessibility, accommodation, and assistive technology for a diverse range of needs. More information can be found at <http://www.bestcolleges.com/resources/disabled-students/>

The Dyslexia Foundation (TDF)

Is a non-profit organization, was established in 1989 to identify and assist children with dyslexia – to establish higher levels of learning through specialized programs promoting better reading.

The mission is to promote scientific breakthroughs in the early detection, prevention and remediation of dyslexia and related reading difficulties. To disseminate new findings and deploy new evidence based approaches. Prevent the suffering caused by reading failure and unlock the full potential of children and adults with dyslexia so that they may personally succeed and contribute to society.

Website information retrieved from <http://dyslexiafoundation.org/>

Federal Government Disability Programs - Social Security Online

SSI Child Disability Starter Kit (for children under age 18) information on these topics

- “What You Should Know Before You Apply for SSI Disability Benefits for Your Child”

- “Checklist - Child Disability Interview ”
- “Medical and School Worksheet – Child.”

Information retrieved from http://www.ssa.gov/disability/disability_starter_kits_child_eng.htm

Helping Restore Ability

HRA is a charitable nonprofit corporation that employs, trains and monitors personal attendant care providers for people of all ages with any type or disabilities. Through its program services HRA *Educates, Advocates, Enriches* and *Enables* the lives of individuals who otherwise may be confined to nursing homes. Our goal is to *help restore ability* to disabled individuals by assisting them to remain self sufficient so they may continue to live in their homes, go to school and/or work, and most importantly to maintain their independence and dignity. Information retrieved from www.helpingrestoreability.org

My Autism Team

MyAutismTeam is a social network and online support group for parents who have children with autism. MyAutismTeam offers an easy way to find the best team of autism providers and network of other parents who have children with autism. Share with others like you, and learn from their experience. Information retrieved from <http://www.myautismteam.com/>

The National Center for Learning Disabilities

The mission of NCLD is to improve the lives of the 1 in 5 children and adults nationwide with learning and attention issues—by empowering parents and young adults, transforming schools and advocating for equal rights and opportunities. We’re working to create a society in which every individual possesses the academic, social and emotional skills needed to succeed in school, at work and in life.

National Center for Learning Disabilities contact information below:

381 Park Avenue South, Suite 1401

New York, NY 10016

Ph: 212.545.7510

Fax: 212.545.9665

Toll-free: 888.575.7373

Website information retrieved from <http://www.nclld.org/>

The National Center on Secondary Education and Transition (NCSET)

The National Center on Secondary Education and Transition (NCSET) was established to create opportunities for youth with disabilities to achieve successful futures. NCSET provides technical assistance and disseminates information focused on four major areas of national significance for youth with disabilities and their families —

- Providing students with disabilities with improved access and success in the secondary education curriculum.
- Ensuring that students achieve positive postschool results in accessing postsecondary education, meaningful employment, independent living and participation in all aspects of community life.
- Supporting student and family participation in educational and postschool decision making and planning.
- Improving collaboration and system linkages at all levels through the development of broad-based partnerships and networks at the national, state, and local levels.

Information retrieved from <http://www.ncset.org/>

National Autism Association

The mission of the National Autism Association is to respond to the most urgent needs of the autism community, providing real help and hope so that all affected can reach their full potential.

Information retrieved from <http://nationalautismassociation.org/>

PEPNet

PEPNet provides resources and expertise that enhance educational opportunities for people who are deaf or hard of hearing--including those with co-occurring disabilities. PEPNet's national outreach is coordinated through its four regional centers. At the local level, each state's contact person is the

gateway to the shared knowledge and best practices of the four regions. PEPNet regional centers work collaboratively to provide a broad variety of best practices & resources where and when you need them to enhance educational opportunities. Information retrieved from

<http://www.pepnet.org/default.asp>

International

THE INTERNATIONAL DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION

A handbook, *[IDA Dyslexia Handbook: What Every Family Should Know](#)*. This handbook not only contains invaluable information like the characteristics of dyslexia, what it is and what it isn't, but also provides information on valid assessments, effective teaching approaches, self-advocacy ideas and a vast array of resources. Further, the handbook contains information that will be useful throughout a child's life, from elementary school through college.

Information retrieved from: <http://www.interdys.org/UnlockingDyslexia.htm>

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