

# TEXAS GUIDE TO SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY DISASTERS

## ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT GROUP

<b>ADAPT</b>	Assists with institutionalization issues, including community-based attendant services and accessible housing.	512.442.0252 <a href="http://www.adaptoftexas.org">www.adaptoftexas.org</a>
<b>The ARC of Texas</b>	Referrals and local opportunities for intellectual disabilities and other developmental disabilities.	800.252.9729 <a href="http://www.thearcoftexas.org">www.thearcoftexas.org</a>
<b>Center on Disability and Development: Project REDD</b>	Information on research, evaluation, and training on the effects of disaster on individuals with disabilities. Produces the “Mobile TIPs for First Responders,” which includes the searchable database “Directory of Community Resources,” as well as the “Texas Guide to Supports and Services.”	979.845.4612 <a href="http://redd.tamu.edu">http://redd.tamu.edu</a> <a href="http://disabilitytips.tamu.edu">http://disabilitytips.tamu.edu</a> <a href="http://disabilityresources.tamu.edu">http://disabilityresources.tamu.edu</a>
<b>Disability Rights Texas</b>	Advocates for the legal rights of Texans with disabilities—both adults and children. Provides case management for some cases.	800.252.9108 <a href="http://www.disabilityrightstx.org">www.disabilityrightstx.org</a>
<b>ILRU (Independent Living Research Utilization) at TIRR Memorial Hermann</b>	Assists people with disabilities or special needs in accessing available disaster recovery resources; provides research, education, and consultation in the areas of independent living, the Americans with Disabilities Act, home- and community-based services and health issues for people with disabilities.	713.520.0232 <a href="http://www.ilru.org">www.ilru.org</a> <a href="http://www.disability911.com">www.disability911.com</a>
<b>National Association for the Mentally Ill (NAMI TX)</b>	Local support systems for people with mental illness.	Helpline 800.273.8255; national helpline 800.950.NAMI, Texas 512.693.2000 <a href="http://www.namitexas.org">www.namitexas.org</a>
<b>Portlight Inclusive Disaster Strategies</b>	Portlight Strategies, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization, founded in 1997 to facilitate a variety of projects involving people with disabilities, including post-disaster relief work.	800.626.4959 <a href="http://www.portlight.org">www.portlight.org</a>
<b>Texas Center for Disability Studies</b>	Assists people with disabilities in navigating the support systems in Texas.	512.232.0740 <a href="http://tcds.edb.utexas.edu">http://tcds.edb.utexas.edu</a>
<b>Texas Parent to Parent (TxP2P)</b>	Information and resources, a one-on-one match with a trained Parent Volunteer, and guidance about disability related topics and having a child with chronic illness and/or other special health care needs.	866.896.6001 <a href="http://www.txp2p.org">www.txp2p.org</a>

## HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES

<b>SAMHSA National Helpline</b>	A toll-free referral service for locating drug and alcohol abuse treatment programs and mental health programs operated by SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment.	800.662.HELP (4357) (English and Español) 800.487.4889 (TTY) 877-SAMHSA-7 (877.726.4727) <a href="http://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline">www.samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline</a>
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## STATE AGENCIES

<b>Department of Aging &amp; Disability Services (DADS)</b>	Provides a comprehensive array of aging and disability services, supports, and opportunities that are easily accessed in local communities.	512.438.3011 1.855.937.2372 <a href="https://hhs.texas.gov/hhs-services">https://hhs.texas.gov/hhs-services</a>
<b>Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)</b>	<p><b>Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)</b> is the state agency charged with overseeing and providing workforce development services to employers and job seekers of Texas.</p> <p><i>Programs:</i>  <b>Vocational Rehabilitation.</b> Helps people with disabilities prepare for, find or maintain employment, or prepare for educational opportunities, as well as helping employers recruit, retain and accommodate employees with disabilities.</p> <p><b>Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center.</b> Provides an innovative, residential vocational rehabilitation training facility to serves adults who are legally blind by training them in skills to prepare for, find or retain employment.</p> <p><b>Independent Living Service for Older Individuals</b> who are blind. Helps people 55 and older with significant visual impairments live independently in the home and community.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.twc.state.tx.us">www.twc.state.tx.us</a></p> <p>TWC Vocational Rehabilitation 800. 628.5115</p> <p>Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center 512.377.0300</p> <p>TWC Independent Living Inquiries 800.628.5115</p>
<b>Department of State Health Services (DSHS)</b>	Contact for coordinating disaster behavioral health preparedness, response, and recovery efforts for Texas during and after a state or federally declared emergency. Provides guidance, technical assistance, and collaboration with decision makers at all levels of government.	888.963.7111 or 800.735.2989 (TTD) <a href="http://www.dshs.state.tx.us">www.dshs.state.tx.us</a>
<b>Health &amp; Human Services Commission (HHSC)</b>	Contact for Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program, food stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and long-term care.	512.424.6500 <a href="http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us">www.hhsc.state.tx.us</a>
<b>2-1-1 The Texas Information and Referral Network</b>	Contact for around-the-clock statewide information, mainly on health and human services. Includes access to medical care; requests for food; requests for prescription assistance; and other topics such as housing, child care and crisis counseling.	2-1-1 or 877.541.7905 <a href="http://www.211texas.org">www.211texas.org</a>

## EDUCATION SERVICES

<b>Texas Education Agency Hotline</b>	Contact this hotline for special education issues in public schools in Texas.	800.252.9668 512.424.6597 (TTY) <a href="http://www.tea.state.tx.us">www.tea.state.tx.us</a>
<b>Texas School for the Blind &amp; Visually Impaired (TSBVI)</b>	Contact for information on the special public school serving students who have a visual impairment and as a statewide resource to parents of these children and professionals who serve them.	800.872.5273 <a href="http://www.tsbvi.edu">www.tsbvi.edu</a>
<b>Texas School for the Deaf (TSD)</b>	Texas School for the Deaf is established as a state agency to provide a continuum of direct educational services to students, ages 0-21 who are deaf or hard of hearing and who may have multiple disabilities. TSD serves as a statewide educational resource center on deafness, providing a variety of educational services to families, students, programs and professionals working with persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.	512.462.5353 (v/tty) <a href="http://www.tsd.state.tx.us">www.tsd.state.tx.us</a>