



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

## ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT GROUPS

<b>ADAPT</b>	Assists with institutionalization issues, including community-based attendant services and accessible housing.	512.442.0252 <a href="http://www.adapt.org">www.adapt.org</a>
<b>Advocacy, Inc. (AI)</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.advocacyinc.org">www.advocacyinc.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. Distributes copies of the “Texas Guide to Supports and Services for Individuals with Disabilities and Their Families Affected by Disasters” and the “Disaster Acronym Guide.”	979.845.4612 <a href="http://redd.tamu.edu">http://redd.tamu.edu</a> <a href="http://disabilityresources.tamu.edu">http://disabilityresources.tamu.edu</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>Mental Health America of Texas (MHAT)</b>	Information, brochures, and education on mental health issues for case workers and survivors. Also has brochures on emotional disabilities that may occur due to disaster and connects people to assistance in their area.	512.454.3706 <a href="http://www.mhatexas.org">www.mhatexas.org</a>
<b>National Association for the Mentally Ill (NAMITX)</b>	Local support systems for people with mental illness.	800.633.3760 <a href="http://www.namitexas.org">www.namitexas.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 in the disability arena.	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 that is operated by SAMHSA’s Center for Substance Abuse Treatment.	800.662.HELP (4357) (English and Español) 800.487.4889 (TDD)
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## COMMUNICATION

<b>Deaf Link</b>	Deaf Link’s Accessible Hazard Alert System (AHAS) allows state, county and city agencies the ability to provide persons who are deaf, blind, hard of hearing or deaf/blind with access to emergency information/alerts in the modality that best accommodates their communication needs. AHAS also includes voiced and text alerts in Spanish.	210.590.7446 (English) 210.590.7487 (Español) <a href="http://www.deafflink.com">www.deafflink.com</a>
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## STATE AGENCIES

**Department of Aging & Disability Services (DADS)** Provides a comprehensive array of aging and disability services, supports, and opportunities that are easily accessed in local communities. 512.438.3011  
[www.dads.state.tx.us](http://www.dads.state.tx.us)

**Division for Rehabilitation Services** helps Texans with disabilities to obtain employment of choice and to live independently in their communities.

**Office for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services** helps eliminate communication barriers and provides vocational support and telecommunication devices.

**Department of Assistive & Rehabilitative Services (DARS)**

**Division for Blind Services** helps Texans who are blind or visually impaired to obtain employment of choice and to live independently in their communities.

800.628.5115 or  
866.581.9328 (TTY)  
[www.dars.state.tx.us](http://www.dars.state.tx.us)

**Division for Disability Determination Services** makes disability determinations for Texans with disabilities who apply for disability benefits through the local Social Security Office.

**Early Childhood Intervention** offers free, statewide programs for families with children birth to age 3 who have disabilities or developmental delays.

**Department of State Health Services (DSHS)**

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)  
[www.dshs.state.tx.us](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us)

**Health & Human Services Commission (HHSC)**

Contact for Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program, food stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and long-term care.

512.424.6500  
[www.hhsc.state.tx.us](http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us)

**Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities (TCDD)**

Contact for grants given to organizations that help people with developmental disabilities.

800.262.0334  
[www.txddc.state.tx.us](http://www.txddc.state.tx.us)

**2-1-1 The Texas Information and Referral Network**

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  
[www.211texas.org](http://www.211texas.org)

## EDUCATION SERVICES

**Texas Education Agency Special Education Hotline**

Contact this hotline for special education issues in public schools in Texas.

800.252.9668

**Texas School for the Blind & Visually Impaired (TSBVI)**

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  
[www.tsbvi.edu](http://www.tsbvi.edu)

**Texas School for the Deaf (TSD)**

Contact for educating students who are deaf and hard of hearing. They also serve as a resource center on deafness.

512.462.5353  
[www.tsd.state.tx.us](http://www.tsd.state.tx.us)