

Autism Resource Directory

Central Texas Region

A resource for parents, educators and organizations seeking information about community services for children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders within the Central Texas Region.

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ADVOCATES/ PARENT ASSISTANTS

Disability Rights Texas

7800 Shoal Creek Blvd. #171-E

Austin, TX 78757-1024

(512) 454-4816 (V/TDD)

(512) 323-0902 (Fax)

<http://www.disabilityrightstx.org>

*To advocate for, protect and advance the legal, human and service rights of people with disabilities.

David Beinke

Advocate

1901 East Palm Valley Blvd

Round Rock TX 78664

Phone: (512) 784-3666

Fax: (512) 244-6014

email: specialedmarine@yahoo.com

<http://www.cirkielaw.com/id13.html>

*Serves Texas but can telephonically attend ARD's anywhere. Offers a full range of special and regular education services by a former Marine Corps Sgt. Offers non-attorney representation in ARD's, 504 meetings, mediation, due process, OCR complaints, ADA complaints, and complaints about ISD staff using internal and certification protocols.

Cirkiel & Associates, P.C.

Phone 512-244-6658

Fax (512) 244-6014

E-mail: thefirm@cirkielaw.com

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

*Cirkiel & Associates, P.C. is a unique law firm that provides both general legal services to the Central Texas community and specific legal representation to persons (and their families) with mental illness, cognitive impairments, and/or physical disability.

Council of Parent Attorneys & Advocates

www.copaa.com

*The Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates, Inc. (COPAA) is an independent, nonprofit, §501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization of attorneys, advocates and parents. Our primary mission is to secure high quality educational services for children with disabilities. COPAA is premised on the belief that the key to effective educational programs for children with disabilities is collaboration -as equals- by parents and educators.

Jimmy Kilpatrick

Special Education Advocate and Consultant

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

Email: SpecialEdAdvocate.org
P.O. Box 17392
Sugar Land, Texas 77496-17392
(832) 814-7463

Phyllis Nairn

Advocate

P. O. Box 10207
Killeen, TX 76547-0207
(254) 466-1878

pnairn001@hot.rr.com

*My name is Phyllis Nairn and I am an advocate with a little experience. I volunteer my services to help parents. I can travel to meet parents as well at no cost to them. I am a certified teacher with Elementary, Reading and English Endorsement as well as special education. I also have my mid-management certification. I have taught special education and have been a high school special education coordinator.

Partners Resource Network

1-800-866-4726

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

PATH Project
(409) 898-4684

*Partners Resource Network (PRN) is a non-profit agency that operates the statewide network of federally funded Parent Training and Information Centers (PTI's) in Texas. The programs and services of PRN are based on the concept of parents helping parents. Our mission is to empower parents of children and youth with disabilities in their roles as parents, decision makers, and advocates for their children and to promote partnerships among parents and professionals.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Arc of McLennan County

1825 Morrow
Waco, TX
(254) 756-7491

Executive Director: Tom Pearson, email: tpearson@hot.rr.com

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

*From 3:00 to 5:30 pm each school day, the Arc offers care and activities for school-aged children with autism, mental retardation, and other developmental disabilities. This program allows parents to complete their workdays.

Boulders Sport Climbing Center

325 Indian Trail
Harker Heights, TX
(254) 690-9790

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

*We have found Boulders in Harker Heights to be great. They provide after school care from 3:00-6:00 for \$25.00 a week.

First Baptist Church Waco

Preschool Development Center
500 Webster Avenue
Waco, TX
(254) 756-6933

Klaras Children's Center Early Childhood Intervention (ECI)

324 S. 4th Street, P.O. Box 890
Waco, TX 76703
(254) 297-7089 or (254) 297-7088 or
Toll free at 1-866-752-3451, ext.1504

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

*Klaras Children's Center ECI is an Early Childhood Intervention Program that serves families with children who are birth to third birthday, and who are experiencing problems with their development and/or behavior. Klaras Children's Center ECI serves families in McLennan, Hill, Bosque, Falls, Limestone, and Freestone counties in the state of Texas, U.S.A. Therapists will also go to daycare centers.

"Shooting Stars" Basketball (Waco)

Columbus Avenue Baptist Church
1115 Columbus Ave
Waco, TX 76703
(254) 754-7971

<http://www.cabcwaco.org/thecenter/>

*FREE. Open to children 5 – 18 years of age with physical, intellectual, or developmental challenges. Uniforms provided free of charge.
Contact the church for registration forms.

ATTORNEYS

Lonestar Legal Aid

900 Austin Ave. 7th floor
PO Box 527
Waco, TX 76703-0527
1-800-733-8394
<http://www.lonestarlegal.org>

CAMPS/ SPORTS/SUMMER PROGRAMS DIRECTORY

Arc Summer Day Camp

1825 Morrow

Waco, TX

(254) 756-7491

Executive Director: Tom Pearson- tpearson@hotmail.com

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

*For children ages 5 – 18 care with autism, intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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ARCIL

Austin Resource Center for Independent Living

825 E. Rundberg Lane, Suite A-1

Austin, TX 78753

1-800-414-6327

(512) 832-6349

arcil@arcil.com

www.arcil.com

*Arcil provides opportunities for people with disabilities to gain the skills that empower them to live independently. Classes are offered in independent living skills such as money management. Classes are free. Check website for schedule.

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Austin Children's Museum

201 Colorado St.

Austin, TX 78701

(512) 472-2499

www.austinkids.org

*Full day camps, ages 7-10 and half-day sessions ages 4-6 with field trips and various activities. Please call to see if your child can be accommodated. Ages 4-10

Austin Nature & Science Center

301 Nature Center Dr.

Austin, TX 78745

austintexas.gov/departments/Austin-nature-science-center

*Very active camp offering 1 and 2-week sessions for ages 3-12. Participants must be able to be safe, stay with their group and not be disruptive. 12:1 counselor to camper ratio. Activities include hiking, swimming, caving, canoeing, field trips. Children with special needs accepted on case-by-case basis. Please call ahead to discuss placing your child in camps.

Austin Parks and Recreation Department

200 S. Lamar

Austin, TX 78704

(512) 974-6700

www.austintexas.gov/parks-and-recreation

*Half day and full-day camps available. Each of the 17 recreation centers in town offers summer day camp programs. Staff or interns ready to help with children with disabilities. Please call for the recreation center near you and its programs and discuss the needs of your child. Ages: 3-18

Austin Zoo

10808 Rawhide Trail
Austin, TX 78709
(512) 288-1490

www.austinzoo.org

An education animal park. Wheelchair accessible. Please call for more information and to register. They are open to having children with mild disabilities; please ask.

First Baptist Belton

Special Needs Ministry

*The STARSS Ministry exists to reach individuals with special needs for Christ. Their passion is to educate through the teaching of scripture, offer opportunities to serve, and be an encouragement and support for families. They offer a number of programs and activities.

<http://www.fcbelton.org/starss>

Buddy Ball Basketball

*A 5-week Summer Basketball program for children K-12 grade with special needs. Each player must attend one evaluation night. Games are played on Saturdays. Call Tracy O'Banon at (254) 939-0705 for more information.
<http://www.fcbelton.org/buddy-ball-2012/>

Children's Special Needs Network (Waco, Temple, Killeen)

204 N. East Street Suite F
Belton, Texas 76513
Phone: (254) 933-7597 or (254) 933-7213
Toll Free: 1-800-600-3940
Fax: (254) 933-7313

csnn@special-children.org

<http://kevinswebdesign.com/Special>

*Services offered include, loan closet, annual conference, afternoon respite, information and referrals, newsletters, resource library, recreational and social experiences, build awareness, reimbursement, scholarships for camp, home modifications, conference and workshop fees.

Camp C.A.M.P.

P.O. Box 27086
San Antonio, TX 78227
(210) 671-5411
Download applications from website
www.campcamp.org

*This camp in the Texas Hill Country provides a wide range of overnight camping experiences for children with special needs who are not eligible for other camps due to severity of the child's condition and their siblings. Offers a wide range of recreational, rehabilitative and respite services for children with developmental disabilities and their families. There are six one-week sessions available throughout the summer. Disabilities served: physically and medically disabled, MR or seizure related disabilities, multiple disabilities, and autism and PDD. Please call for more information and applications. Respite weekends during the year are available. One session for adults over 21. Ages: 5-21.

Camp for All

6301 Rehburg Rd
Burton, TX 77835
(979) 289-5046
campsite@campforall.org
www.campforall.org

Admin. Office
10500 NW Frwy, Ste. 220
Houston, TX 77092
(713) 686-1242
houstonoffice@campforall.org

*Camp For All is a unique camping and retreat facility that works in partnership with special needs groups to enrich the lives of people with chronic illnesses and disabilities. Go to their website for a camp focused on a specific disability.

Camp Life

Amy N. Sharp, Ph.D.
sharp@tamu.edu
Director of Family Support Network
Center on Disability and Development, Texas A&M University
637E Harrington, 4225 MS TAMU
College Station, TX, 77843-4225
tel: (979) 845-4612
fsn.tamu.edu/camplife.htm

*The camp is held at Camp for All in Burton. The facility is TOP notch and all campers and counselors are housed in cabins with meals provided by the camp. The camp is fun, tiring, life changing and rewarding.

Camp Lone Star

Lutheran Outdoors Ministry of Texas
2016 Camp Lone Star Rd
LaGrange, TX 78945
(979) 247-4128
lonestar@lomt.com
www.lomt.com

*This Christian camp in La Grange has regular camp activities, including archery, canoeing, swimming, hiking and Bible studies, and campfire devotions. They are willing to accept children with mild disabilities but due to rough terrain please call to see if your child can be accommodated. Also, call for dates. Ages: 5-18

Camp Summit

(972) 484-8900

17210 Campbell Road, Suite 180-W, Dallas, TX 75252

www.campsummittx.org

*Camp Summit seeks to enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities by broadening their experiences and improving their social skills while increasing their capacity for independence and providing opportunities to have camp-loads of FUN. For children who are physically challenged, developmentally delayed, dual sensory impaired, multiple disabilities. Ages: 6-Adult.

Center for Music Therapy

2700 West Anderson Lane, Suite 119, Austin TX 78757

Austin, TX 78756

(512) 472-5016

www.centerformusictherapy.com

*Individual sessions and a variety of groups. Music and more groups (inclusive groups) on Saturday through summer and fall. Also have drumming circles for kids. Early childhood through adulthood.

Challenger Little League Baseball (Waco)

Lake Air Little League fields

New Road and Cobbs Avenue (Challenger/ Don Deatheridge field)

Waco, Texas

Michael or Teresa Bancala, (254) 857-4978

*April-May. Alternating Tuesday and Thursday evenings and every Saturday.

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FREE. Open to boys or girls ages 5-21 with physical, intellectual, or developmental challenges. Free, although players should provide their own baseball glove (if possible). T-shirts and hats are free. The Challenger Division was established in 1989 as a separate division of Little League Baseball. For general information about the Challenger program, go to <http://www.littleleague.org/divisions/challenger.asp>

Charis Hills Christian Summer Camp

Physical Address

498 Faulkner Rd.

Sunset, TX 76270

(940) 964-2145

1-888-681-2173

E-mail us: info@charishills.org

<http://charishills.org/>

*Charis Hills is a Christian Summer Camp for kids with learning and social difficulties such as ADD, AD/HD, and Asperger's disorder. Our goal is to provide a positive camp

experience for kids while sharing the good news about Jesus Christ. The camp is located in the Cross Timbers or North Texas Hill Country area, northwest of Fort Worth, near Decatur.

Clay Madsen Recreation Center

1600 Gattis School Rd
Round Rock, TX
(512) 218-3220

<http://www.roundrocktexas.gov/>

*The Summer Fun Youth Adventures Day Camp is for youth with disabilities; Sizzling Summer Teen camp is for teens and adults with disabilities. This program offers daily activities and lots of fun, each related to the weekly theme. Morning and afternoon snacks provided. Campers need to bring a sack lunch, rest mats, and swimwear. Youth Camp ratio is 1:4, Teen Camp ratio is 1:5. Campers must be able to behave and function within this ratio. Information forms must be filled out at time of registration. One-week sessions all summer. Ages: 4-12 and 13-21.

Crenshaw's Athletic Club

5000 Fairview Dr.
Austin, TX 78731
(512) 453-5551

www.crenshaws.com

*All-day camp and afternoon sports camp offered. Minimum requirements for participation would be the ability to stay with the group and not be disruptive. Thereafter, participation would depend upon the difficulty of the sports. Parents are advised to come by and watch the program to see if it is appropriate for their child. Regular gymnastics and swim lessons also offered.
Ages: 5-7; 6-10; 5-11. Also available in Northwest Austin and Westlake.

Crowe's Nest Farm

10300 Taylor Lane
Manor, TX 78653
(512) 272-4418

www.crowesnestfarm.org

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*Crowe's Nest Farm, Inc. is a private, non-profit educational organization established in 1983 and dedicated to fostering public appreciation, knowledge and wise stewardship of Texas agriculture and Texas wildlife. Summer half-day weekly sessions are offered for campers to experience the outdoors at the farm. Wheelchair accessible. Call for schedule and information and to determine if the camp is able to accommodate your child's special needs.

Grades K-5

Dougherty Art Center

1110 Barton Springs Rd.
Austin, TX 78704

Phone: (512) 974-4000

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/dougherty-arts-center>

*The Dougherty Arts School has award winning programs and provides a variety of multi-disciplinary classes, workshops and camps including painting, drawing, photography, pottery, metals, dance, jewelry, fiber, computer graphics, animation, drama and much more. Students range in age from 3 years old to senior adults. Pre-School; Youth & Preteen; Youth at Arts.

Down Home Ranch

20250 FM 619

Elgin, TX 78621

1-888-926-2253

Contact: Jerry and Judy Horton

www.downhomeranch.org

*Ranch Camp is an innovative camp for children and adults with mental retardation, must be physically and emotionally well. Crafts, nature lore, archery, target practice, fishing, hiking, boating, farm animal care and swimming are the activities. Ages: 13 and up.

Dream of Hopes Ranch, Inc.

P.O. Box 164283

Austin, TX 78716

(512) 791-0160

Contact: Laura Stock

www.dreamofhopesranch.org

*This camp is for anyone who has mild to moderate mental retardation, who is emotionally and physically well, and whose behavior is within our guidelines. Activities include bowling, swimming, field trips, and crafts. Limited to 10 campers per week. Ages: 8 & up Sessions: Monday – Friday 8am – 6pm

Easter Seals- Camp Eskimo

Easter Seals Central Texas 1611 Headway Circle - Building 2 Austin, TX 78754

Contact: Shireen Connor

(512) 615-6859

www.centraltx.easterseals.com

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http://centraltx.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=TXCA_camp_connections

*Easter Seals – Central Texas is offering a therapeutic respite day camp called Camp Eskimo for children with special needs ages 5-15 and their siblings. Activities include swimming, crafts, community outings and games adapted to meet the child's special needs. Space is limited. First come, first served. 3 sessions. Ages: 5-15 Fees: Sliding fee scale (\$30 non refundable deposit is required with registration). NEW—camp for adults in Gonzales, TX. Camping experience for adults with disabilities and their caregivers. Go to Easter Seals website for more information.

Easter Seals Camp for Adults with Disabilities

1611 Headway Circle - Building 2 Austin, TX

Contact: Shireen Connor

(512) 615-6859

www.centraltx.easterseals.com

http://centraltx.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=TXCA_camp_connections

*Our adult camp program is an overnight adventure for adults with development and/or physical disabilities. We accept adults ages 18-100+. Campers are given the chance to experience the same sort of activities one would find at a traditional camp, such as nature walks, arts & crafts, fishing, field trips, etc. As for costs, there is a \$30 non-refundable application fee. Camp tuition is based on a sliding-fee scale, so campers who would like to apply for a scholarship must fill out a separate form to do so. The majority of our campers are on scholarships due to their socioeconomic status.

Hearing-Impaired Summer Day Camp

Baylor Speech & Hearing Clinic
 First floor of Neill Morris Hall, Baylor University Campus
 Corner of 7th and M.P. Daniel
 Waco, TX
 Contact: Janice Stewart
 (254) 710-6373, Janice_stewart@baylor.edu

Heart of Texas Gymnastics (Temple)

6110 S. General Bruce Dr.
 (254) 939-0737
<http://heartoftexasgymnastics.com/>
 Provides gymnastics for children with disabilities.

Heart of Texas Kid's Bowling (Waco)

Every Saturday, 10 A.M
 AMF Bowling Lanes,
 4565 W Waco Dr. Waco
 Anita Karney, (254) 666-8846
akarney@swbell.net
 *Special-needs kids have a great time bowling for only \$6 for 2 games including shoe rental!

Jewish Community Association of Austin Summer Camps

7300 Hart Lane
 Austin, TX 78731
 (512) 735-8000
<http://shalomaustin.org/>
 *Camp Shalom is for children in grades K-10. Children participate in a variety of fun and educational activities, swimming, sports, arts and crafts, and for older kids, service projects. Camp Shalom provides the opportunity for children with special needs to participate in the camp program. Experienced counselors support campers through appropriate adaptations and individual attention. Work with staff to identify needs and supports to make camp successful.

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Fantastic Magic Camp

12316 Indian Mound Drive

Austin, Texas 78758

(513) 850-4677

www.magiccamp.com

*Camp teaches magic, juggling and puppets for children. Fee includes T-Shirt, snack, and all supplies. Program is eager to meet the needs of any child; please call and discuss your child and his/her special needs. Before and after camp care is available.

Scholarships available: attendants free.

Fitness Infinitus Martial Arts

116 Ava Drives, Suite C

Hewitt, TX 76643

254-548-9386

*Offers special needs martial arts classes for ages 13 and above. The program consists of two 30 min classes per week that focus on balance, coordination, control, and various other skills.

Marbridge Summer Camp

P. O. Box 2250

Manchaca, TX 78652

Contact: Will Hoermann

(512) 282-1144 ext. 1203

wchoermann@marbridge.org<http://www.marbridge.org/summer-camp>

*For young men and women ages 16 – 30 with a variety of developmental disabilities and cognitive challenges. Campers with developmental disabilities or cognitive challenges must be independent in their basic activities of daily living or in need of minor verbal prompting or cueing. Hiking, nature walks, greenhouse, swimming, socialization and interpersonal skill development.

McBeth Recreation Center

2401 A Columbus Dr.

Austin, TX 78746

(512) 974-9011

www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/mcbeth.htm

Located in Zilker Park. Facilities include a large multipurpose room, kitchen, craft room, game room, activity/computer room, playscape, and outdoor picnic areas. Staffs to participant ratios vary from 1:4 to 1:10 depending on type of program and special needs of participants. Pre-registration is required. Scholarships may be available. Programs for ages 7-21 and 22 and up. Full days, half days and sports camp.

Odyssey School

4407 Red River

Austin, TX 78751

(512) 472-2262

www.odysseyschool.com

*Remedial and enrichment courses, open to students in grades 4-8 with learning differences. Excellent way to maintain skills over the summer.

Sea Camp

Texas A&M University at Galveston

P.O. Box 1675

Galveston, TX 77553-1675

(409) 740-4525

<http://www.tamug.edu/seacamp/>

*A hands-on marine adventure. Founded in 1986, Sea Camp has opened up the world of marine biology to over 10,000 campers. This weeklong camp explores the wonders of the marine environment of the Galveston Island area. This camp is open to having children with special needs participate, but due to the nature of the activities, please call to discuss your child's individual needs and whether the camp can accommodate them. Ages: 10-18.

Sea World

1-800-700-7786

Adventure Camps

10500 Sea World Dr.

San Antonio, TX 78251

www.seaworld.org

*Explore the world of animals by doing up-close hands-on activities. Camps all summer: children with disabilities welcome as long as they can tolerate the ratio. If a child needs an attendant, the attendant can come for free. Sea World education office also offers special education outreach programs, gifted & talented programs, overnight sleepovers, and many more educational programs throughout the year.

South Austin Karate

10203 Old Manchaca Rd.

Austin, TX 78748

(512) 280-0611

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

*Karate to children. Please call for dates, prices and additional information. Martial Arts training plus swimming, arts and crafts, CPR, First Aid, other safety topics, games, etc. Sessions: summer camp and evening classes. Ages: 5+

Special Olympics – Austin ISD

4601 Pecan Brook Dr.

Austin, Texas, 78724

(512) 841-8334

Kcooks@austinisd.org

<https://archive.austinisd.org/academics/specialolympics/index.phtml>

*Special Olympics Texas is a year-round movement that provides sports training and

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competition opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities. Contact the AISD Special Olympics coordinator.

Special Olympics Texas

7715 Chevy Chase Drive, Suite 120

Austin, Texas 78752

(512) 835-9873

info@sotx.org

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

Sunshine Camp

2225 Andrew Zilker Rd

Austin, TX 78746

(512) 472-8107

Contact: Margaret Marucci

www.sunshinecamps.org

*The Austin Sunshine Camp offers programs benefiting over 700 Austin area at-risk children annually. Camps provide a 5-day overnight summer camp experience. Camps are not set up for kids in wheelchairs. Applications available through school counselors. Cases will be determined on an individual basis. Please call for further information. Ages: 7-11.

Troop Ability Boy Scout Troop #6008

214-766-3260

troopability@gmail.com

*This is a Boy Scout troop for specially-abled boys and youth. Learn new skills, have fun activities, and participate with our community! We partner with other troops, community organizations and resources, to empower and enable our Scouts to develop their skills and talents, and grow towards more independence!

Texas Elks Camp

Rt. 5, Box 185

Gonzales, TX 78629

(830) 875-2425

<http://texaselkscamp.org/>

*Texas Elks Camp provides camp opportunities for any child with a disability not requiring one-to-one care who is a resident of Texas. Offers swimming, fishing, horseback, team building, etc. No charge. Ages 7-15

University of Texas Autism Project (UTAP)

(512) 232-1715

AutismProject@austin.utexas.edu

<http://www.edb.utexas.edu/tap/>

*Offering four individual weeks of summer camps. Children are encouraged to attend who have been identified with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), or Asperger's, and are primarily independent functioning. Each child will be able to bring one age-appropriate

neurotypical friend or sibling complimentary. We are accepting six children with ASD and six of their friends in each camp. Camps will be facilitated by university students and certified educators.

Cost: \$175.00, includes one child with ASD and one friend, supplies, snacks, and an activity agenda including social skill promotion, cooperative play, creative design, and rhythmic challenges.

VSA Arts of Texas Art Summer Camp

3710 Cedar Street #7

Austin, TX 78705

(512) 454-9912

www.vsatx.org

*Sign up for one, two, or all three morning sessions, which can accommodate participants with a wide range of ability and disability. Weeklong morning sessions for middle and high school age students include both visual and performance-based workshops organized around theme.

YMCA Camp Flaming Arrow

190 Flaming Arrow Rd

P.O. Box 770

Hunt, TX 78024

1-800-765-9622

<http://www.ymcasatx.org/campflamingarrow>

*ACA accredited camp. Camp is not wheelchair accessible. Special needs accepted on a case-by-case basis. Primarily able to serve children with learning disabilities, but depends on the child. Resident RN on site. Please call for more information and an application. Ages: 6-16

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YMCA of Austin

www.austinyymca.org

YMCA Greater Williamson County

1812 N. Mays Street, Round Rock, 78664

(512) 246-YMCA (9622)

www.ymcagwc.org

*Day camp features a theme every week including swimming, games, sports, crafts and field trips. One-week sessions; Ages: 4-15. Located at centers all over the city.

Zero Gravity Gymnastics (Waco)

119 N. Hewitt Dr. Hewitt, TX 76643

(254) 235-7870

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

*Offering classes for special-needs children. Classes are generally 1 hour weekly. Fees \$50/month. Children already enrolled in a group class may also elect to have individual instructions for an additional \$80/month.

CHURCHES

Canyon Creek Baptist Church

4306 S 31st St
Temple, TX
(254) 773-6084

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

Columbus Avenue Baptist Church

1115 Columbus Ave
Waco, TX 76703
(254) 752-1655

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

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Crestview Church of Christ

7129 Delhi Rd
Waco, TX 76712
(254) 776-0711

office@crestview-church.org

They also offer a parent's day out program on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 9:30am-2:30pm. Ask for Emily Christian. Cost: \$100/month

First Baptist Church Belton

506 N. Main Street
Belton, TX, 76513
(254) 939-0705

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

*Buddy Ball is a recreational program for children (K-6th) with special needs. Buddy Ball allows children to participate in the game of basketball with the assistance of a buddy, if needed, and by on a winning team! Buddy Ball ensures every child is successful, has lots of fun, and learns about the love of Jesus. The STARSS Ministry exists to reach those with special needs for Christ. Their desire is to welcome families with special needs, and to be an encouragement and support. STARSS Small Group Bible Study meets each Sunday morning at 10:30 am.

STARSS Special Needs Ministry (<http://www.fcbelton.org/ministries/special-needs/>)

First Baptist Church-Waco

500 Webster Ave
Waco, TX 76706
(254) 752-3000

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

First Baptist Woodway

Special Needs Sunday School Classes

13000 Woodway Dr
Waco, TX 76712

(254) 772-9696

www.fbcwoodway.org/

Janice Stewart, Special Needs Coordinator; janccc@aol.com

(254) 717-8744

*Monthly Friday night respite for special needs children & siblings- for members of FBQ only.

Free childcare provided for special needs children and their siblings, with RSVP.

Temple Bible Church

3205 Oakview

Temple, TX 76502

(254) 778-3233

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

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COMMUNITY FACILITIES/EVENTS

Baylor Bear Plaza

(254) 710-3322

1200 S. 5th St.

Waco, TX

www.baylor.edu/bear/

*FREE. Bear Plaza on the Baylor University Campus. The bears' environment features a waterfall, pools, caves, deadfall trees and digging areas.

Breckenridge Village of Tyler, Texas

15062 CR 1145

Tyler, Texas 75704

(903) 596-8100 or 1-800-237-0234

<http://www.breckenridgevillage.com/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?&pid=349>

*BVT is a faith-based residential community offering a variety of services for adults with mild to moderate cognitive/developmental disorders. Our goal is to provide quality services that meet the unique needs of the special persons entrusted to our care. BVT programs are thoughtfully designed to help our residents achieve and maintain developmentally appropriate skills, which enable them to function successfully in family, group living, and community settings. We are dedicated to empowering each resident as he or she develops spiritually, physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially in a safe, loving, and closely supervised environment.

Cameron Park

University Parks Dr. and Martin Luther King Dr., along the Brazos River

Waco, TX

(254) 750-8080

<http://www.waco-texas.com/cms-parksandrecreation/page.aspx?id=47>

***FREE.** Encompassing 416 acres, Cameron Park is one of the state's largest municipal parks. A wide variety of hiking and riding trails, lookout points, picnic areas, and playgrounds are located throughout this great natural resource.

Cameron Park Zoo

(254) 750-8400

1701 N. Fourth Street

Waco, Texas, 76707

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

*Adults(13+) – \$9

Children 4-12 yrs. – \$6

Sr. Citizens (60+) – \$8

Children 3 years old and under – free

Family membership \$75 annually.

Opens 7 days a week; Monday – Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm, Sunday: 11 am – 5 pm. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day holidays.

The Cameron Park Zoo is an award-winning natural-habitat zoo covering approximately 55 acres with exhibits of animals, playground (with a water sprinkler fountain feature in the summer), and walking trails. The Brazos River Country exhibit features large aquatic displays as well as Indian tipis. Indoor (air-conditioned) exhibits include aquariums, night creatures, and a herpetarium (reptile house).

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Challenger Little League Baseball

Lake Air Little League fields

New Road and Cobbs Avenue (Challenger/Don Deatheridge field)

Waco, Texas

(570) 326-1921, ext.254

challenger@littleleague.org

<http://www.littleleague.org/divisions/challenger.asp>

*\$16.00 registration fee. Open to boys or girls ages 4-18, or 22 if enrolled in high school who deal with physical, intellectual, or developmental challenges. Players should provide their own baseball glove (if possible).

The College Living Experience-Austin, Texas

11801 Stonehollow Drive, Suite 100

Austin, TX 78758

1-800-486-5058

Program Director: Adam Wollmer

<http://www.cleinc.net/home.aspx>

*CLE is a comprehensive program that provides young adults with the opportunity to pursue higher education and transition into their next life stage – independent adulthood. Our staff works closely with students to provide structured tutoring to develop academic skills, group outings to facilitate the development of social skills and instruction in independent living, such as grocery shopping, cooking and paying bills. Students live in apartments near the CLE offices and receive intensive support to achieve their goals. Austin's numerous higher education offerings provide excellent opportunities for students with special needs to transition to college and independent adulthood. CLE-

Austin is located less than a quarter-mile from Austin Community College-Northridge in Texas' capital city.

Rehab ABA- Pediatric Rehabilitation and Behavior Services

3 Commercial Place
Schertz, TX 78154
210-858-9062
www.rehababa.com

*Provides occupational physical and speech therapy to children with developmental disabilities. Parents, siblings and peers are encouraged to become a part of the treatment process.

Heart of Texas "Special Ranch Rodeo" event

Every year during the Heart of Texas Fair & Rodeo (October)
Extraco Collesium
Waco, TX 76710

http://www.hotfair.com/events_detail.aspx?id=82

***FREE**. Open for children aged 3 to 16 with physical, developmental, or intellectual challenges (including autism). Each participant receives a T-shirt and trophy medallion. "Buddies" accompany children and assist with a variety of events (horseback riding, petting zoo, stagecoach ride, etc.). **Must pre-register to participate.**

Heart of Central Texas Independent Living Center

Waco Office:
Sanger Ave., Suite 268
254-754-7050

Belton Office:
222 E Central Ave.
254-933-7487
www.hoctic.org

*Serves individuals with disabilities and chronic illnesses regardless of age or income. Services include advocacy, resource center and technology, support services and training to work towards individual independence.

Homestead Heritage (Elm Mott)

Halbert Lane
Elm Mott, TX
(254) 754-9600

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

***FREE**. Homestead Heritage Traditional Crafts Village is a Christian agricultural settlement located several north Waco. Accessible walkways and ramps. Group tours available.

Annual Thanksgiving Craft and Children Fair (<http://www.homesteadcraftfair.com/>). Music, food, arts, and craft demonstrations, hayrides, barn raising, etc. Fair is free.

Marbridge

P.O. Box 2250
 Manchaca, Texas 78652
 ph: (512) 282-1144 | fax: (512) 282-3723
info@marbridge.org
<http://www.marbridge.org/>

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*Marbridge provides a unique spectrum of residential care, education, and training for adults with various cognitive challenges. Our unique Abilities Centered Training program was designed and developed by Marbridge to serve our residents. The program helps residents set their own goals, make their own choices, and achieve their full potential.

Mayborn Museum

1300 S. University Parks
 Waco, TX 76706
 (254) 710-1110
<http://www.baylor.edu/mayborn/>

*Family membership \$75 annually

Opens 7 days a week: Monday – Wednesday: 10 am to 5 pm, Thursday: 10 am to 8 pm, Friday-Saturday: 10am to 5pm, Sunday: 1- 5 pm. Closed New Years Day, Easter weekend (Good Friday – Easter Sunday), Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. 16 themed Discovery rooms with “hands-on” activities, computer games, exhibits, and live animals. Outdoors, the Bill & Vera Daniels Historic Village has buildings from the 1890's including a blacksmith shop, a one-room schoolhouse, a church, a general store, and others. There are also chickens and guinea hens to visit! A great indoor/outdoor place to go all year round. Picnic tables nearby.

Mom's night out

254-633-1358
 WWW.PAC-RELIEF.ORG
pacrelief@yahoo.com

This is a once a month event for mothers, grandmothers, and caregivers of children with special needs, regardless of their diagnosis or age. Enjoy a fun carefree evening. Make new friends while sharing laughs and valuable information. See website for dates and locations for upcoming events.

SCHI (Southwest Center for Higher Independence), San Antonio, Texas

Admissions Director- Terri Gutierrez at terri@mmhome.org
 1-800-842-5433, ext. 132.

For young adults with disabilities, college is not always the next step. SCHI is the next step for many young adults with disabilities. For more than 30 years, SCHI has assisted hundreds of adults with disabilities learn the vocational and life skills to achieve their personal best. Students may live in our dormitory or commute daily from a neighboring community. SCHI is licensed by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS license number 117108)

Special Friends Dance

Dolores Sabido- 254-644-2171

Roger Sabido – 254-644-8359.

WHEN: 6:30p.m. – 9:30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday of each month

WHERE: Sul Ross Citizen Center 15th & Waco. Dr.

COST: \$3.00 per person

This is a fun opportunity for dancing and socializing for special needs friends in our community. Please bring special needs friends and family members and join us for tons of fun. Enjoy great music, refreshments, and cool door prizes. (This is not designed for respite. Do not drop off any special needs friend or family member. We are not responsible for anyone left unattended or unsupervised)

Spray Parks

Various locations in Waco, TX

FREE. Five spray parks are located throughout Waco. The parks are free and open during daylight hours from June through September. When school is in session, all parks with the exception of the Cameron Park location are open only on the weekends.

Spray ground locations:

Cameron Park (2200 Cameron Park Dr.)

Chapel Park (9420 Chapel Rd.)

Dewey Park (925 North 9th St.)

Kendrick Park (4011 Bagby) Mountainview Park (2325 Mountainview)

World Hunger Relief Farm

356 Spring Lake Rd

Elm Mott, Texas

(254) 799-5611

info@worldhungerrelief.org

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

FREE. A working “sustainable agriculture” farm used to train mission and relief workers. Organic vegetables, meat, and cheese as well as “fair trade” items sold onsite. Annual “Farm Day” event has live music, hay rides, children’s activities, etc.

Waco Cultural Arts Fest

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

Annual event every September.

FREE! 2 days of art and entertainment, both day and night. Hundreds of artists, performances, and activities on more than four areas at University Parks Drive along the banks of the beautiful Brazos River in downtown Waco.

DENTISTS

Amanda R. Trotter D.D.S.

Pediatric Dentistry

211 Old Hewitt Road

Waco, Texas 76712

(254) 399-9000
<http://www.amandatrotterdds.com>

Castle Dental

(254) 776-4867
<http://www.castledental.com/>

Dr. Susan Frances

3200 Bellmead Dr
Bellmead, TX 76705
(254) 799-4000

Waco Kids Dental

1121 Lake Air Dr.
Waco, TX 76710
(254) 772-8330
wacokidsdental@yahoo.com
<http://www.wacokidsdental.com/>

*Accepts children of all ages. Staff is highly skilled in working with children who have special needs.

Wayne M. Parks D.D.S.

7100 Sanger
Waco, Texas 76712
(254) 776-2775
<http://www.waynemparksddsfamilydentistry.com/>

DOCTORS

Keith D. Horner, MD

Providence Family Health
342 Richland West Circle Clinic
(254) 537-0200
www.providence.net

Dr. Scott Huitink

Providence Pediatric Clinic - Medical Plaza
405 Londonderry, Suite 200
Waco, TX 76712
(254) 224-8188
clinicinfo@phn-waco.org

Heart of Texas Pediatrics

601 W Highway 6, Suite 102
Waco, TX 76702
(254) 399-8364
<http://www.wacopediatrics.com/>

Dr. Samuel Orr

Scott & White Healthcare
 Waco Pediatric Clinic at Hillcrest
 120 Hillcrest Medical Boulevard
 Building 2, Suite 200
 Waco, TX 76712
 (254) 297-0400

<http://www.sw.org/location/waco-hillcrest-pedi>

*Dr. Orr is not only knowledgeable as a professional; he is the father of an adolescent boy with Asperger's. His info can be seen at: <http://www.sw.org/Dr-Samuel-R-Orr>

Dr. Russell Roby

Roby Institute
 5000 Bee Caves Rd., Ste. 100
 Austin, Texas 78746
 1-800-842-6349
<http://www.onlineallergycenter.com/>

*He is an allergist in Austin and does not do allergy injections.

Dr. Patricia Wilcox

Providence Family Health Clinic
 6614 Sanger Avenue Waco, TX 76710
 (254) 752-2300

<http://providence.net/facilities/35/family-health-clinic-sanger.html>

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*Dr. Patricia Wilcox is a local family practice physician who is open to all kinds of treatment for autism.

Southwest Sports Medicine & Orthopaedics

7030 New Sanger Ave Suite 200
 Waco, TX 76712
 Phone: (254) 741-1400

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

*Official team physicians of the Baylor Bears. Experience with special needs children.

Optometrists/Ophthalmologists**Shutt, Bryce MD**

Ophthalmologist
 321 Richland West Circle
 Waco, TX 76712
 (254) 756-4457

Stacie Virden, OD, FAAO

Therapeutic Optometrist, Glaucoma Specialist

Waco Vision & Health
 1000 W Hwy 6, Ste. 210
 The Ridge Office Park
 Waco, TX 76712

<http://www.visionsource-wacovision.com/>

(254) 776-8119

*She is great experience with special needs kids and adults. She also does eye exams for the MHMR adults in group homes and the special needs nursing home in Bellmead.

SUPPORT GROUPS

A+ Support Group (Belton)

First Baptist Church, Belton
 506 N. Main St Belton
 TX 76513

(254) 939-0705

<http://www.fbcbelton.org/a-support-group/>

*Supporting those involved with autism spectrum disorders, chronic illness and other disabilities

Monthly Saturday morning (10 am – noon) meetings, free childcare with RSVP

Arc Teen/Young Adult Social Group (Waco)

Arc of McLennan County
 1825 Morrow Avenue, Waco TX
 (254) 756-7491

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Contact Tom Pearson, Ovida Williams for more details.

*Teens and young adults with developmental/ intellectual challenges. The group meets monthly to socialize and have fun!

Baylor Autism Resource Clinic

Baylor University
 Waco, TX

Kristen Mainor Ed.S., L.S.S.P., BCBA Coordinator

Kristen_Mainor@baylor.edu

(254)710-6222

Dr. Julie Ivey-Hatz, Director

Julie_Ivey_Hatz@baylor.edu

<http://www.baylor.edu/soe/autism/>

*The Baylor Autism Resource Clinic is a member of the Behavioral and Educational Services Division at the Baylor University Center for Developmental Disabilities (BCDD). The BCDD is located at the Hillcrest MacArthur Center, 2201 MacArthur Drive, Suite 101, Waco, TX 76708. The Center provides free resources available for checkout, social groups for children with autism at a low cost, and training/workshops for parents and professionals.

Exceptional Family Member Program at Fort Hood (Killeen)

Support group meets monthly.
 Exceptional Family Member
 Army Community Service
 Building 121, The Rivers Building, Corner of 761st Tank Battalion Ave. & T.J. Mills
 Boulevard.
 (254) 287-6070
<http://www.hoodmwr.com/acs/efmp.html>

OT/PT/SPEECH/ABA/EDUCATIONAL/OTHER

A Therapy Connection

1112 N. Floyd Rd. #9
 Richardson, TX 75080
 (972) 470-5855
<http://www.atherapyconnection.com/>

*Offers a full range of diagnostic testing and therapy for children with a variety of diagnoses and disorders. We provide speech, occupational, and physical therapy and serve children from birth through adolescence. We also train parents and caregivers so they can be fully involved in their child's program. Our practice provides initial screenings, parent consultations, comprehensive evaluations, scheduled therapy sessions, family education and support, and collaboration with schools, physicians, and other paraprofessionals.

Autism And Education Assessment Team

6801 Sanger Ave. #104
 Waco TX 76710
 254-751-9606

- *Speech Pathologist*
 - Mary Timmons, M. A, CCC/SLP
 - Stacy Valasquez, M.S, CCC/SLP
- *Diagnosticians*
 - Beverly Goldman, M. Ed.
 - Dolores Carmical, M.S.
- *Occupational Therapist*
 Julie Gallaway, M.A., ORT

Bosque Valley Children's Services

2124 North 25th Street
 (254) 235-2430
<http://BosqueValleyChildrensServices.com/>

*Provides a unified approach using research-based strategies to meet your child's needs. The clinic offers speech and language therapies, including bilingual therapy, and child and family counseling services.

Baylor Speech & Language Clinic

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Baylor University One Bear Place #97332

Waco, TX 76798

(254) 710-2567

<http://www.baylor.edu/csd/index.php?id=50589>

Deborah Rainer, Clinical Coordinator

Deborah_Rainer@baylor.edu

Camp Hope Therapeutic Riding Center

Executive Director: Larry Barnett (254) 836-4736

Volunteer Coordinator: Candace Harrison (254)744-5693

Mailing Address: 525 Austin Hines Dr. China Spring, TX 76633

Physical Address: 1007 Camp Road McGregor, TX 76657

lbarn0641@aol.com or charrison@hot.rr.com

<http://camphopetrc.org/default.aspx>

*Camp Hope Therapeutic Riding Center strives to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities through the use of equines. Our goal is to improve the overall wellness of the individual, increase their confidence, and promote independence while providing hippotherapy and therapeutic riding as appropriate. Our center serves individual clients in McLennan county Texas and surrounding counties. We provide safe and affordable hippotherapy and therapeutic riding activity with our horses. Additional types of therapy are also available through our partners, Camp Hope Therapy Team.

Care Options 4 Kids Pediatric Home Health

900 Washington Ave, Suite 602

Waco, TX 76701

254-296-9792

www.cofk.com

*Offers Speech, physical, and occupational therapy for children ages birth to 21 in home, private school or daycare settings.

Hope Therapy (Waco Clinic)

6701 Sanger Ave , Suite 103

Waco, TX 76710

Phone: (254) 399-TALK (8255)

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

*Hope Therapy offers quality physical, occupational and speech therapy services for children of all ages & abilities. Our program promotes child-initiated, play-based activities designed to carry over to the home and school environment. Our therapists work directly one-on-one with the child as well as consult with the families and caregivers.

DARS, Division for Blind Services

801 Austin Ave., Ste B-30

Waco, TX 76701

Kim Scott, LBSW
Blind Children's Specialist
<http://www.dars.state.tx.us/dbs/>
(254) 753-1552

*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. Our goal is to make the child as independent as possible. Each child/family is unique in their needs but some of what we provide includes support services, resources, parent training, counseling & activities to help the child develop social & "pre" vocational skills.

DARS Vocational Rehabilitation

801 Austin Ave. Suite 710
Waco, TX 76701
Kathy Crittenden
254-750-9603
Katherine.crittenden@dars.state.tx.us

*The Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program helps people who have physical or mental disabilities prepare for, find or keep employment. Gaining skills needed for a career, learning how to prepare for a job interview or getting the accommodations needed to stay employed are just a few of the ways this program helps people with disabilities increase productivity and independence.

Davis, Tonya N., Ph.D., BCBA-D

Baylor University School of Education
Burleson 220 Dept. of Educational Psychology
One Bear Place #97301
Waco, TX 76798
(254) 710-6166
Tonya.Davis@baylor.edu
<http://www.baylor.edu/soe/faculty/index.php?id=58109>

EPIC Health Services

2010 SW HK Dodgen Loop
Suite 201
Temple, TX 76504
254-774-9991
Jewel Jankas – Client Resource Director
Jewel.Jankas@epichealthservices.com

*Provides Physical, Occupational, Speech-Language, and Nutritional Medication therapy in home and in outpatient clinics. EPIC also provides behavioral health care for developmental disabilities, which focuses on maintaining, restoring, or achieving the child's maximum potential, while providing parents with strategies and techniques to support the child's progress.

Focus Behavioral

Contact: Lisa Fuentes

lisa@focusbehavioral.com

Phone: (254) 265-2385

*They provide ABA services to children with ASD and other disabilities. I also can set up ABA programs in the school setting.

Freedom Reigns Counseling

410 W. 3rd St.

McGregor, TX 76657

254.981.4644

freedomreinscounseling@ymail.com

*Offers parenting groups as well as social skills groups, child counseling, as well as equine assisted therapy

Heart of Texas Therapeutic Riding Center

848 E White Oak Rd

West, Texas 76691

(254) 717-7017

info@hottrc.org

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

*The Heart of Texas Therapeutic Riding Center is a North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (N.A.R.H.A) Premier Accredited Center. The purposes for which the corporation was organized are to improve the quality of life for children and adults with physical, mental, emotional, behavioral, social, and/or spiritual needs by providing activities and therapy through the interaction with horses. The organization will educate others to work with horses in the treatment of individuals with these challenges.

Melissa Marsh

254-715-8845

Applied Behavior Analysis Therapist

Parent of child with Autism

New Trails Center (Elgin)

P.O. Box 1362 Elgin, TX 78621

Iliane Lorenz: (512) 686-6202

info@horseboyworld.com

<http://www.horseboyfoundation.org>

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Our Children's House at Baylor

1-877-820-9061

<http://www.baylorhealth.com/PHYSICIANSLOCATIONS/OCH/Pages/Default.aspx>

*Our Children's House at Baylor offers child-friendly inpatient care and outpatient services through 9 clinics conveniently located throughout the DFW Metroplex. Each location offers services such as physical therapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy. Children, from birth to 18 years of age, come to us with a variety of health issues

including communication disorders, fine and gross motor delays, trauma-related disorders, feeding disorders, congenital disorders, chromosomal abnormalities and more. Every day, our goal is to help kids achieve and maintain their maximum state of well-being and independence, with minimal intervention.

When children and parents come through our doors, it's more than convenience. They become part of our family. Our focus is to improve the health and quality of life of children who have special needs, and to provide families with the support and resources they need. Together, we can open doors to new opportunities. We are located in Allen, Coppell, Dallas, Frisco, Grapevine, Irving, Plano, Rockwall and Waxahachie.

REACH Therapeutic Riding Center (McGregor)

1007 Camp Road

McGregor, TX

Contact: Larry Barnett

(254) 848-7888, cell (254) 715-2054

lbarn0641@aol.com

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

Ride On Center for Kids (Georgetown)

2050 CR 110

Georgetown, TX

(512) 508-ROCK (7625)

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

Brazo's Children's Center

6610 Interstate 35 North

Waco, TX 76705

(254) 235-7604

<http://brazoscc.com/>

Rehab ABA- Pediatric Rehabilitation and Behavior Services

3 Commercial Place

Schertz, TX 78154

210-858-9062

www.rehababa.com

*Provides occupational physical and speech therapy to children with developmental disabilities. Parents, siblings and peers are encouraged to become a part of the treatment process.

The Shape of Behavior

610 Cardinal Lane

Austin, TX 78704

866.437.2165

832.358.2655

www.shapeofbehavior.com

*Provides autism and behavioral services including ABA, parent training, diagnostic services, sibling sessions, and social skills . The Shape of Behavior provides services to clients with a wide variety of diagnoses including Autism, Aspergers, Bi Polar, OCD, ODD, ADHD and other rare disorders. There are a variety of locations throughout the state.

Spectacular Kids

3059 Woodland Hills Dr.
Kingwood, TX 77339
1800-460-7459
www.speckids.aba.com
robyn@speckidsaba.com

*ABA therapy for children on the Autism spectrum or with related disorders between the ages of 1-10, as well as parenting support, in-home training workshops, and transition to school programs.

The Therapy Group of Waco

7545 Bosque Blvd.
Waco, TX 76712
(254) 235-1850
info@therapygroupofwaco.com
<http://www.therapygroupofwaco.com/>

*Therapy Group of Waco is a speech, language and occupational therapy team that also offers tutoring and handwriting assistance for individuals as well as contract therapy services for schools and organizations.

UpGrade Educational Services

710 N 64th St
Waco, TX 76710
(254) 235-9515
<http://www.upgradewaco.com/>

*“Through our experienced educators and proven methodology, we are here to help your child tackle his or her academic challenges. Our promise to you is that we will not work with them one day longer than is needed. We want to create a foundation for your child to be able to continue thriving in the classroom independently.”

Wave Healthcare

2006 South 1st Street, Suite A.
Temple, TX 76504
254-773-9283

Provides respiratory home medical equipment, as well as hospital to home educational support and pediatric services.

PARENT RESOURCES

Baylor Autism Resource Clinic

Baylor University
1420 S. 7th Street
Waco, TX

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Heart of Texas Autism Network

www.hotautismnetwork.org

Heart of Texas Autism Network (HOTAN) is a group of local families, educators and professionals dedicated to improving the lives of people with autism. The group meets monthly with a speaker who discusses a topic relevant to autism.

Klaras Children's Center Early Childhood Intervention (ECI)

(254) 297-7089 or (254) 297-7088 or

Toll free at 1-866-752-3451,

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

*Klaras Children's Center ECI is an Early Childhood Intervention Program that serves families with children who are birth to third birthday, and who are experiencing problems with their development and/or behavior. Anyone can refer a child to Klaras Children Center. Klaras Children's Center ECI serves families in McLennan, Hill, Bosque, Falls, Limestone, and Freestone counties in the state of Texas.

Partners Resource Network

1090 Longfellow

Beaumont, TX 77706

(409)898-4684

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

*Partners Resource Network (PRN) is a non-profit agency that operates the statewide network of federally funded Parent Training and Information Centers (PTI's) in Texas. The programs and services of PRN are based on the concept of parents helping parents. Our mission is to empower parents of children and youth with disabilities in their roles as parents, decision makers, and advocates for their children and to promote partnerships among parents and professionals.

Joni and Friends International Disability Center

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

*Joni Eareckson Tada founded the ministry in 1979 to communicate the gospel and equip Christ-honoring churches worldwide to evangelize and disciple people affected by disabilities.

Region 12 Education Services

Sharron Stephenson – Education Specialist

2101 W. Loop 340

P.O. Box 23409

Waco, TX 76702

254-297-1152

www.esc12.net

Special Needs Parent Support Group (Waco)

First Baptist Church Woodway

www.fbcwoodway.org/

101 Ritchie Rd, Waco

Janice Stewart

(254) 717-8744

*Meets quarterly. Free childcare provided for special needs children and their siblings, with RSVP.

Texas Project FIRST Website

TEA Parent Information Line 1-800-252-9668

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

*The Texas Project FIRST website is designed to give parents accurate and consistent information about Special Education in Texas. Texas Project FIRST is an activity of the Texas Continuing Improvement Process (TCIP) under the auspices of the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and Region 9 Education Service Center, and is focused on helping to fulfill the goals of TEA and the Parent Training Committee.

PSYCHIATRISTS

Dr. Fran Koller

Providence DePaul Clinic

301 Londonderry Drive

Waco, Texas 76712

(254) 751-4880

<https://www.providence.net/facilities/35/depaulclinic.html>

MHMR Mental Health Services

Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
304 S 22nd St
Temple, TX 76501
(254) 298-7080
<http://www.acilearningcenters.com>

Cedar Crest Hospital

3500 S. IH-35
Belton, TX
(254) 939-2100
<http://www.cedarcresthospital.com>

CLINICIANS: Professional Counselors and Psychologists

Baylor Psychology Clinic

801 Washington Ave.
Waco, TX 76701
(254) 710-2470

<http://www.baylor.edu/psychologyneuroscience/index.php?id=76040>

*The Baylor Psychology Clinic is conveniently located in downtown Waco on the eighth floor of the building

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Dr. Jasmine Khan, Ph.D., LPC

Professional Counseling Services
2121 W. Waco Dr.
Waco, TX

*Accepting new clients (March 2015). Most major insurances accepted, including Medicaid.

Therapist specialties include EMDR certified, Couples, Children, Adolescents, Trauma, Anxiety, Grief/loss, Stress, LBGTO, Eating disorders, Sexual acting out, Substance abuse.

Dr. Mark Pantle

Midway ISD
mark.pantle@midwayisd.org

Katy Britt, Psy.D.

Waco Psychologist Associates
8401 Old McGregor Road
Waco, TX 76712
Phone: (254) 751-1550
Currently accepting patients for testing.

Dr Curtis Timmons, Ph.D., LSSP

6801 Sanger Ave. #104

Waco TX 76710

254-751-9606

*Counseling and assessment services are available for stress management, emotional issues, behavioral issues, parenting skills, ADHD, Autism, school related issues, learning difficulties, depression, anxiety, anger and adjustment difficulties.

Wesley Walker, LPC.

Phone: (254) 772-6535 CALLED

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Works well with Asperger's/Autism.

SOCIAL SERVICES/ NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**Children's Wish Foundation International, Inc.**

8615 Roswell Road

Atlanta, Georgia 30350-7526

Toll Free 1-800-323-WISH

Local (770) 393-WISH

Fax (770) 393-0683

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

*The Atlanta-based nonprofit has been fulfilling the wishes of seriously and terminally ill children around the world for 22 years. In order to qualify, a child needs to be under the age of eighteen when the completed application arrives to their office, and must be diagnosed with a life threatening illness.

Sharon Perez, LMSW

MHMR Center for Developmental Services

Intake Social Worker

3420 W. Waco Dr.

Waco, TX 76710

(252) 757-3933

Give Kids the World

210 South Bass Road

Kissimmee, FL 34746

Phone: (407) 396-114

Fax: (407) 396-1207

dream@gktw.org<http://www.gktw.org/>

*70-acre resort in Central Florida for children ages 3-18 with life-threatening illness and their families. GKTW provides a weeklong, cost-free vacation for children and their families. Children must be referred by one of the 250 wish-granting organization or foundations that partner with GKTW.

Kids Wish Network

4060 Louise Ave
 Holiday, Florida 34691
 1-888-918-9004

<http://www.kidswishnetwork.org>

*Kids Wish Network is an international charitable organization dedicated to infusing hope, creating happy memories, and improving the quality of life for children having experienced life-altering situations. Kids Wish Network assists children and their families through several key programs.

Medicaid Resources:

- *Transportation to Medical appointments*
 Texas Health Steps
 1-877-633-8747
www.HHSC.state.tx.us
- *Personal Care services*
 Texas Medicaid and Health Care Partnership
 Questions concerning client benefits- 1-888-276-0702
 Questions about personal care assessment form 1-800-252-8023
 Assists clients with activities of daily living.

Make a Wish Foundation (National)

<http://www.wish.org>

4742 N. 24th St., Suite 400
 Phoenix, AZ 85016-4862
 Phone: (602) 279-WISH (9474)
 Toll-free: (800) 722-WISH (9474)
 Fax: (602) 279-0855

*Children who have been diagnosed by their physician as having a medical condition that is life threatening, and who are between 2 ½ and 18 of age, are eligible.
 Depending on where they live (Hill County vs. Travis County, for example), families may fall into either the *North Texas* or the *Central/South Texas* regions.

Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Texas

Serves the northeastern and western part of the state of Texas

<http://ntx.wish.org/>

6655 Deseo; Irving, TX 75039
 Phone: (214) 496-9474
 Fax: (214) 496-9475

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central & South Texas

Serves the central and southern 1/3 of Texas

www.cstx.wish.org

2224 Walsh Tarlton Lane, Suite 200
 Austin, TX 78746

Phone: (512) 329-9474

Fax: (512) 328-3326

Starlight Children's Foundation

Century Plaza Towers

2049 Century Park East, Suite 4320

Los Angeles, CA 90067

Phone: (310) 479-1212

Fax: (310) 479-1235

info@starlight.org

www.starlight.org

*Starlight Children's Foundation began in 1983. Starlight offers a variety of in-patient, school and home-based programs and services. "We help seriously ill children and their families cope with their pain, fear and isolation through entertainment, education and family activities."

Starlight Texas Dallas (Regional Office)

4848 Lemmon Avenue, 100-426

Dallas, TX 75219

(817) 706-5316

www.starlight.org/texas