

# Texas Resource Guide For Individuals With Disabilities And Their Families Affected By Disasters

## INFORMATION OR ADVOCACY

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

Contact for around-the-clock statewide information on locating state and local health and human services. Information can be searched for finding medical care, food, housing, child care, crisis counseling, and other needs.

2-1-1 or 877.541.7905  
[www.211texas.org](http://www.211texas.org)

### Autism Society of Texas

The Autism Society of Texas changes lives by connecting families and individuals to community resources and support throughout Texas. Offerings include support meetings; on-line networking opportunities; Sensory Friendly films; and fun family activities.

512-479-4199  
<http://www.texasautismsociety.org/>

### Center on Disability and Development: Project REDD

Information on research, evaluation, and training on the effects of disaster on individuals with disabilities. Distributes copies of the "Texas Resource Guide for Individuals with Disabilities and Their Families Affected by Disasters," the "Disaster Acronym Guide," "Mobile Tips for First Responders", and the REDDy Directory.

979.845.4612  
<http://redd.tamu.edu>  
<http://disabilitytips.tamu.edu>  
<http://disabilityresources.tamu.edu>

### Disability Rights Texas

Advocates for the legal rights of Texans with disabilities—both adults and children. Provides case management for some cases.

800.252.9108  
[www.disabilityrightstx.org](http://www.disabilityrightstx.org)

### Epilepsy Foundation Texas

The Epilepsy Foundation Texas' goals include ensuring access to specialized medical care for those most in need, providing experiences to enrich the lives of individuals and families living with epilepsy, and delivering easy access to reliable information, resources and support services. Locations in Amarillo, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Houston, & Lubbock.

888.548.9716  
[www.eftx.org](http://www.eftx.org)

### ILRU (Independent Living Research Utilization) at TIRR Memorial Hermann

Provides research, education, and consultation in the areas of independent living, home and community-based services, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Provide assistance in and information on disaster preparedness for people with disabilities.

713.520.0232 (V/TTY)  
[www.ilru.org](http://www.ilru.org)  
[www.ilru.org/projects/disability911](http://www.ilru.org/projects/disability911)

### Texas Center for Disability Studies

Assists people with disabilities in navigating the support systems in Texas.

512.232.0740  
<http://tcds.edb.utexas.edu>

### Texas Parent to Parent

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  
[www.txp2p.org](http://www.txp2p.org)

### Texas School for the Deaf and Educational Resource Center on Deafness

Texas School for the Deaf is established as a state agency to provide a continuum of direct educational services to students, ages 0-22 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.

Texas School for the Deaf:  
512.462.5353 (V/TTY)  
ERCOD: 512.462.5329;  
512.982.1646 (Videophone)  
[www.tsd.state.tx.us](http://www.tsd.state.tx.us)

## INFORMATION OR ADVOCACY

### United Spinal Association & United Spinal Association of Houston

Provides support for individuals with spinal cord injuries and disorders (SCI/D), including multiple sclerosis, spina bifida, ALS and post-polio. United Spinal Association of Houston serves the community through comprehensive education and resource delivery, compassionate community outreach, purposeful community re-integration, and dedicated people-centered advocacy.

718-803-3782  
www.unitedspinal.org  
Houston: 713-364-4724  
www.unitedspinalhouston.org

## HEALTH, DME, AND MEDICAL SERVICES

### Dallas Hearing Foundation

Provide medical and surgical treatment, hearing technology, speech and hearing rehabilitation, and educational support for those who have a financial need.

972.424.7711  
dallashearingfoundation.org

### National Association for the Mentally Ill

Local support systems for people with mental illness.

NAMI Texas: 512-693-2000  
www.namitexas.org  
NAMI's National Information Helpline:  
800-950-NAMI (6264)  
www.nami.org

### National Federation of the Blind of Texas

The National Federation of the Blind of Texas provides services to the blind and visually impaired community.

281.968.7733  
www.nfbtx.org

### SAMHSA National Helpline

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. Crisis counseling for individuals who are experiencing emotional distress due to a disaster.

National Helpline:  
800.662.4357  
(English and Español)  
800.487.4889 (TDD)  
Disaster Distress Helpline:  
800.985.5990  
(English and Español)  
800.846.8517 (TTY)  
www.samhsa.gov

## STATE AGENCIES

### Health & Human Services Commission

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

### Texas Department of State Health Services

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

### Texas Workforce Commission

Texas Workforce Commission is the state agency charged with overseeing and providing workforce development services to employers and job seekers of Texas. Additional programs include: Vocational Rehabilitation, Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center, Independent Living Service for Older Individuals who are blind.

www.twc.state.tx.us  
800.628.5115  
Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center 512.377.0300

## EDUCATION SERVICES

### Texas Education Agency Hotline

Contact this number for the parent special education information line.

800.252.9668  
tea.texas.gov/Home