

## Organizations and Resource Centers

**Navigate Life Texas**, <http://www.navigatelifetexas.org/en>

Navigate Life Texas is a website especially for families and parents of children with disabilities or special health-care needs and is designed to offer support, inspiration, resources, and links to services available.

**211 Texas**, <https://www.211texas.org/211/>

A program of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, 2-1-1 is an easy to remember telephone number that connects callers to information about critical health and human services available in each community. Dial 211 from your phone or search for help on the 211 website.

**HEATH Resource Center**, <http://www.heath.gwu.edu/>

HEATH Resource Center, managed by The George Washington University Graduate School of Education and Human Development, is a web-based clearinghouse that serves as an information exchange of educational resources, support services and opportunities. The HEATH Resource Center gathers, develops and disseminates information in the form of resource papers, fact sheets, website directories, newsletters, and resource materials.

**Institute of Education Sciences (IES)**, <http://ies.ed.gov/>

IES is the research arm of the U.S. Department of Education. The work of the Institute is carried out through our four Centers: the National Center for Education Research, the National Center for Education Statistics, the National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance, and the National Center for Special Education Research.

**National Center on Secondary Education and Transition (NCSET)**, <http://www.ncset.org/>

**Coordinates national resources, offers technical assistance, and disseminates information related to secondary education and transition for youth with disabilities** in order to create opportunities for youth to achieve successful futures. Includes information and resources on secondary education, transition services, post-secondary education, employment, service agencies, and other areas, national and state organizations that support youth with disabilities, state and local program networks for improvement of secondary education and transition services.

**National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY),**

<http://www.nichcy.org/Pages/Home.aspx>

This center provides information to the nation on disabilities in children and youth; programs and services for infants, children, and youth with disabilities; IDEA, the nation's special education law; No Child Left Behind, the nation's general education law; and research-based information on effective practices for children with disabilities.

**National Dropout Prevention Center (NDPC),** <http://www.dropoutprevention.org/>

Serves as a research center and resource network for practitioners, researchers, and policymakers to reshape school and community environments to meet the needs of youth in at-risk situations so these students receive the quality education and services necessary to succeed academically and graduate from high school.

**National Dropout Prevention Center for Students with Disabilities (NDPC-SD),**

<http://www.ndpc-sd.org/>

NDPC-SD provides evidence-based technical assistance to help states build and implement sustainable programs and best practices that will yield positive results in dropout prevention, reentry, and school completion for students with disabilities.

**National Rehabilitation Information Center (NARIC),** <http://www.naric.com>

NARIC provides disability and rehabilitation oriented information in a variety of formats designed to be user-friendly. The website includes online publications, searchable databases, as well as reference and referral data.

**National Technical Assistance Center of Transition (NTACT)**

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

National technical assistance center for Indicator 13 and summary of performance. Includes resources related to transition legal requirements, evidence-based practices, and lesson plans. **NTACT helps states build capacity to support and improve transition planning, services, and outcomes for youth with disabilities and disseminate information and provide technical assistance** on scientifically-based research practices with an emphasis on building and sustaining state-level infrastructures of support and district-level demonstrations of effective transition methods for youth with disabilities.

**Join the NTACT Listserv** – The National Technical Assistance Center on Transition (NTACT) has requested that more Texans join its listserv. The NTACT Listserv sends out once weekly notices of upcoming events, new resources and webinars. If you want to be a

part of this listserv, visit [www.transitionta.org](http://www.transitionta.org) or contact Florence Parkhill at [fgparkhi@uncc.edu](mailto:fgparkhi@uncc.edu).

**Partners Resource Network**, <http://www.partnerstx.org/>

Partners Resource Network (PRN) is a non-profit agency that **operates the Texas statewide network of Parent Training and Information Centers** (PTI's funded by the US Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). The PTI Projects are: PATH, PEN, and TEAM. The Texas PTIs provide training, education, information, referral, emotional support, and individual assistance in obtaining appropriate services.

**Perkins Collaborative Resource Network (PCRN)**

[http://cte.ed.gov/nationalinitiatives/gandctools.cfm?&pass\\_dis=1](http://cte.ed.gov/nationalinitiatives/gandctools.cfm?&pass_dis=1)

The PCRN is a resource and information forum of the USDE Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE), Division of Academic and Technical Education (DATE). The website provides **information on current CTE legislation, grants, and accountability data**, as well as resources for developing and implementing rigorous, state-of-the-art career and technical education programs.

**Southeast Regional Resource Center**

[http://www.rrcprogram.org/content/blogsection/8/54/\\_](http://www.rrcprogram.org/content/blogsection/8/54/_)

The Southeast Regional Resource Center is one of six Regional Resource Centers funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs. The RRCs assist states in carrying out activities that **support programs for special education and related services for infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities and their families**. SERRC serves the following areas: *Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Texas, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands*.

**Special Education Resources on the Internet**, <http://seriweb.com/>

Special Education Resources on the Internet (SERI) is a collection of Internet accessible information resources of interest to those involved in the fields related to Special Education.

**SPEDTex**, <http://www.spedtex.org/>

The Texas Special Education Information Center (SPEDTex) **delivers accurate and timely answers to questions about special education** to stakeholders across the state of Texas. Our purpose is to optimize information and respond with technical assistance in a

succinct and useful format that is user friendly, culturally responsive, and accessible to all individuals.

1-855-SPEDEX (1-855-773-3839)

**What Works Clearinghouse**, <http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/>

As an initiative of the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences (IES), the What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) was created in 2002 to be a central and trusted source of scientific evidence for what works in education.

**Barbara Jordan Endeavors**, <http://www.barbarajordanambassadors.org/index.html>

Barbara Jordan Endeavors Corporation is an all volunteer organization that provides scholarships and services for students with emotional, mental, and physical disabilities. It encourages, empowers and equips them to become self-sufficient, discover their maximum potential and achieve their academic goals.

**Texas Parent to Parent**, [www.txp2p.org](http://www.txp2p.org)

Texas Parent to Parent provides support and information for families of children with disabilities, chronic illness and other health care needs.

**The ARC**, <http://www.thearcoftexas.org/>

Founded in 1950 by a group of parents of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities, The ARC provides services, resources and information for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Texas Association of Vocational Adjustment Coordinators (TAVAC)**, [www.tavac.org](http://www.tavac.org)

TAVAC is a professional organization for VACs, transition specialists, job coaches, vocational counselors, and other professionals working directly with students receiving students with disabilities to prepare them for post-school outcomes involving employment, post-secondary education, adult services, independent living, and community participation.

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## **Texas State Agencies & State Funded Institutions**

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/>

Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) <https://www.tcfp.texas.gov/>

Commission on State Emergency Communications  
[https://www.csec.texas.gov/s/?language=en\\_US](https://www.csec.texas.gov/s/?language=en_US)

The Texas General Land Office, <http://www.glo.texas.gov/index.html>

Health and Human Services System, <https://hhs.texas.gov/>

Lower Colorado River Authority, <https://www.lcra.org/Pages/default.aspx>

Office of the Texas Governor, <https://gov.texas.gov/>

Public Utility Commission of Texas, <http://www.puc.texas.gov/>

Railroad Commission of Texas, <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/>

State Office of Risk Management, <https://www.sorm.state.tx.us/>

Texas A&M Agrilife, <https://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/>

Texas A&M Agrilife Research, <https://agriliferesearch.tamu.edu/>

Texas A&M Agriculture & Life Sciences, <https://aglifesciences.tamu.edu/>

Texas Department of Public Safety, <http://www.dps.texas.gov/index.htm>

Texas Department of Public Safety, <http://www.dps.texas.gov/index.htm>

Texas A&M Forest Service, <http://texasforests.tamu.edu/>

Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, <http://tvmdl.tamu.edu/>

Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists, <http://tbpge.state.tx.us/>

Texas Department of Agriculture, <http://texasagriculture.gov/Home.aspx>

Texas School for the Deaf, <https://www.tsd.state.tx.us/>

Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board, <https://www.tsswcb.texas.gov/>

Texas Veterans Commission, <https://www.tvc.texas.gov/>

Texas Water Development Board, <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/index.asp>

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