

Texas State Agencies Providing Services for People with Disabilities

The following is a list of agencies that provide services to adults, and in some cases children, with disabilities. Each agency has criteria that will determine whether or not a person is eligible for their services. This is different from services for which a person is entitled under IDEA. It is worth making a call if you think you may qualify for some of the services.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission administers a range of services and programs such as Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Food Stamps, Family Services, Disaster Assistance, Immigration and Refugee Affairs, Special Nutrition, Lone Star Technology, Family Pathfinders. Families in Bexar County can dial 2-1-1 for information on any of these services. The HHSC of Texas also administers services and programs through four major state agencies:

State Agency:	Local Authority:	Local Phone:
<p>Department of Aging And Disability Services (DADS) http://www.dads.state.tx.us</p> <p><i>DADS oversees the Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) which provides homes and community-based services as an alternative to placement in an Intermediate Care Facility.</i></p> <p><u>CLASS waiting lists are VERY LONG. Eligibility is determined when an individual's number comes up, not at signing the waiting list time. Call 1-877-438-5658 to get on this important waiting list.</u></p>	<p>Bexar and Surrounding Counties: Alamo Local Authority (ALA) 8700 Tesoro San Antonio, TX 78217 Main Phone: 210-832-5020 Website: http://www.aacog.com/index.aspx?nid=66</p>	<p>(210)832-5020</p>
<p><i>The local MHMR facilities offer an array of mental health and mental retardation services to children, adolescents and adults. Services are for individuals with a diagnosis of mental retardation, pervasive developmental disorder (including autism and asperger's or a related condition such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy or any other condition that results in impairment in intellectual and adaptive behavior functioning similar to a person with mental retardation (and has manifested before age 22). An individual may qualify for service coordination, which is a service that provides assistance in accessing medical,</i></p>		

social, educational and other appropriate services and supports. Vocational training and employment assistance is also offered.

*The local MHMR facilities also assist clients in accessing Medicaid Waiver programs, such as Home and Community-based Services (HCS) and Texas Home Living (TxHmL). WAITING LISTS FOR HCS can be YEARS long. It is recommended that an individual get his/her name on the list as early as possible. **Contact local MHMR for more information.***

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<p>Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DARS Rehabilitation Services <p><i>1. Vocational Rehabilitation</i> <i>*Transition Planning</i> <i>*Supported Employment</i></p> <p><i>2. Independent Living Services and Centers (ILC)</i></p> <p><i>3. Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services Program</i></p> <p><i>4. DRS Rehabilitation Technology Resource Center</i></p>	<p><i>DARS, administers programs for people with disabilities, and children who have developmental delays, so they can live independent and productive lives.</i></p> <p><i>helps people with disabilities prepare for, find and keep jobs</i></p> <p><i>concentrate on self-sufficiency and quality of life, even if work potential is limited</i></p> <p><i>help persons with spinal cord and brain injuries receive intensive therapies to increase independence</i></p> <p><i>helps keep track of new equipment and engineering services</i></p>	<p>DARS, Rehab. Svcs. San Antonio Northeast Field Office 10303 Nacogdoches San Antonio, TX 78217 (210) 590-5740 http://www.dars.state.tx.us/drs/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DARS Rehabilitation Services, Office for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (DHHS) 	<p><i>works in partnership with people who are deaf or hard of hearing to improve equal access</i></p>	<p>DARS, DHHS 4900 N Lamar Blvd Austin, TX (512) 407-3250 http://www.dars.state.tx.us/dhhs/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DARS Blind Services (DBS) 	<p><i>offers services to blind and visually impaired individuals to help them regain independence or find a job</i></p>	<p>DARS, DBS San Antonio Field Headquarters 4204 Woodcock Dr Suite 274 San Antonio, TX 78228 http://www.dars.state.tx.us/dbs/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DARS Early Childhood Intervention Services (ECI) 	<p><i>supports children with developmental delays from birth to 3, with developmental services</i></p>	<p>DARS, ECI Brighton Center Brighton School ECI Program 14207 Higgins San Antonio, TX 78217 Referrals: (210) 826-4492 www.brightonsa.org</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DARS Division for Disability Determination Services (DDS) 	<p><i>funded through the Social Security Administration (SSA), makes disability determinations for Texans with severe disabilities who apply for Social Security Disability Insurance and/or Supplemental Security Income.</i></p>	<p>Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center ECI 2203 Babcock Road San Antonio, TX 78229</p>

		Referral Number - (210) 614-3911 Fax Number - (210) 616-0443 www.easterseals-sa.org
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Department of State Health Services (DSHS)	Bexar County: Center for Healthcare Services Main Office: 3031 IH-10 West San Antonio, TX 78201 Crisis Phone: 800-316-9241 210-223-7233 Main Phone: 210-731-1300 Website: http://www.chcsbc.org	(210)223-4061
<p><i>The Department of State Health Services (through local MHMR facilities) administers programs and services for individuals with mental health needs. This array of services includes, but is not limited to, psychiatric services, client and family mental health education, 24 hour crisis services and vocational training and employment assistance.</i></p>		

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Department of Family and Protective Services https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/	<p><i>DFPS is charged with protecting children, adults who are elderly or have disabilities living at home or in state facilities, and licensing group day-care homes, day-care centers, and registered family homes.</i></p> <p><i>The agency is also charged with managing community-based programs that prevent delinquency, abuse, neglect and exploitation of Texas children, elderly and disabled adults</i></p>	Texas Abuse/Neglect Hotline 1-800-252-5400