

By contacting your local vocational rehabilitation office, you can tap into a wealth of resources related to employment options for people with disabilities.

<https://twc.texas.gov/jobseekers/vocational-rehabilitation-services>

Agency Information

- **The Arc of Texas:** promotes, protects, and advocates for the human rights and self-determination of Texans with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
www.thearcoftexas.org
- **Bluebonnet Trails Community Services (BTCS):** our mission includes the provision of valued services to adults with serious mental illness, to children and adolescents with serious mental illness or emotional disorders, autism or pervasive developmental disorders, to persons with developmental disabilities, and to infants and toddlers with developmental delays.
<http://bbtrails.org>
- **Easterseals:** to change the way the world defines and views disabilities by making profound, positive differences in people's lives every day. www.easterseals.com/centraltx/
- **Social Security Administration (SSA):** provides disability and supplemental income benefits; obtain replacement social security cards and Medicare cards, name changes.
www.ssa.gov
- **Texas Workforce Commission (TWC):** state agency charged with overseeing and providing workforce development services to employers and job seekers of Texas. <https://twc.texas.gov>
- **A Resource Center for Independent Living (ARCIL):** ARCIL is dedicated to the empowerment of persons with disabilities to achieve maximum independence and equal community access. <http://arcilinc.org>

2-1-1 TEXAS:

Your one-stop shop to agency connection!

DIALING 2-1-1

It is a free, easy way to find out about services you can access in your area or through state programs.

If you can't connect to 2-1-1, call toll-free

1-877-541-7905

You can also visit the 2-1-1 Texas website:
www.211texas.org



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So, how do you
connect with
relevant agencies in
your state?

<https://www.parentcenterhub.org/stateagencies/>

Parent and Adult Support

Texas Parent to Parent: provides support, information, and education to families of children of all ages who have disabilities or chronic illness. www.txp2p.org

Navigate Life Texas: resources and support for families of kids with disabilities and special healthcare needs. www.navigatelifetexas.org

Partners Resource Network: a non-profit agency that helps parents to understand their child's disability; understand their rights and responsibilities under IDEA, obtain and evaluate resources and services, and participate as team members with professionals in planning services for their children. www.prntexas.org

Texas Project FIRST: a project of the Texas Education Agency committed to providing accurate and consistent information to parents and families of students with disabilities. www.texasprojectfirst.org

College Options for Individuals with Disabilities

ThinkCollege: a website designed to support young adults with intellectual disabilities interested in attending colleges and universities. www.thinkcollege.net

Austin Community College STEPS Program: provides a path for students with mild to moderate disabilities to cultivate skills for a successful future. <http://continue.austincc.edu/steps>

Texas A&M PATHS Certificate Program: a program offered at the Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M University that will prepare graduates to be Direct Support Professionals, Para-Professionals, or Child Care Professionals. <http://paths.tamu.edu/>

University of Texas E4Texas: a Personal Care Attendant program that combines classroom instruction and practical career building in addition to independent living and self-determination. <https://disabilitystudies.utexas.edu/e4texas>

Burkhart Center for Autism Education & Research: The Transition Academy is a non-residential program that emphasizes job and social skills that lead to productive, dignified employment as well as life skills that enrich the overall lifetime experience. <https://www.depts.ttu.edu/burkhartcenter/services/transition-academy.php>



Supports for Individuals with Autism

Top 10 Websites for Parents: <https://eden2.org/top-10-autism-websites-recommended-by-parents/>

nonPareil Austin: (now open) dedicated to building better futures for adults with autism. A non-profit technology company training adults on the spectrum to build digital products for the marketplace. <https://npitx.org/locations/austin>

Texas Tech University CASE: assists students with Autism and other developmental disabilities navigate college and empower them to reach their postsecondary academic goals and find competitive employment after graduation. <https://www.depts.ttu.edu/burkhartcenter/case/>

Region 13 Autism: <https://www4.esc13.net/autism/>

Hunter Hinze Adult Transition Scholarship Fund: <http://www.texasautismsociety.org/hunter-hinze-fund-accepting-applications-3/>