

2023 Bryan-College Station SUCCESS CONFERENCE

Destination: **A Good Life!**

Let's Travel This Road... Together.

Help plan a roadmap for your child's life.



***Resource Guide
for Accessing Disability and
Community Resources***

Community Inclusion 



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Center on Disability
and Development

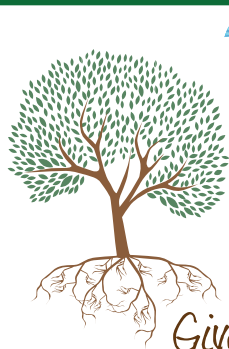
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CENTRAL CHURCH MAP



You're Invited!

Free Workshop Series for Young Self-Advocates, and those who support individuals with disabilities



A Purposeful Life

Give them Roots and Wings

We'd love to have you join us for our next Purposeful Life Family Training!

When: **First Thursday of every month**
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Register online at the CDD website:
<http://cdd.tamu.edu/service-outreach/purposeful-life-family-training-series>

The Center on Disability and Development, Down Syndrome Association of Brazos Valley (DSABV), Families of Autistic Children Engaged Together for Support (FACETS), Brazos Valley Center for Independent Living (BVCIL), College Station ISD and Bryan ISD are hosting a free workshop series for parents and family members of children with disabilities.

Purposeful Life Family Training series will meet the first Thursday of the month. Come join us to learn about our local supports and about an opportunity on how to meet them in person.

Missed a previous session this year?

Click the links on the website to download any handouts and watch the video.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Ben and Wendy Erdman, Speakers

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Don't Worry,
Be Happy!



AGENDA

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Coffee and Meet your Community & Disability Resources
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Keynote Speakers: Ben and Wendy Erdman
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Breakout Sessions (GROUP 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The IEP/504 Process • Preparing for Work: Programs for Students K-12 • Early Life Planning
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Coffee and Meet your Community & Disability Resources
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Breakout sessions (GROUP 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing for Work: Programs for Graduates • "Adulting" – Financial Planning • Health Resources
12:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Meet your Community & Disability Resources

BREAKOUT SPEAKERS

Group 1: Programs for Students Still in School (ISD supports)



Preparing for Work K-12

Nikki Graff

BRIDGES Instructor

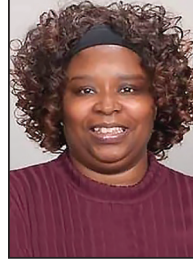
BRIDGES: A post-secondary program for young adults (18-22 yrs) with disabilities who are continuing their education to work on independent living and vocational skills.



Elizabeth Sherry

CSISD Project SEARCH Instructor

Project SEARCH is a post-secondary program through College Station ISD. Our interns have completed their high school credits, but are continuing their education to develop employment and hireability skills. Our goal for all interns by the end of the school year is competitive, integrated, meaningful employment in our community!



The Content of the IEP and Section 504

Sabrina Thompson

Coordinator, Region 6
Partners Resource Network
Region6prn@gmail.com

This workshop is designed to provide parents and professionals with practical working knowledge of the contents of an IEP and 504. Parents will learn how reasonable and measurable goals for a child with a disability are written. They will also learn under Section 504 how schools are obligated to prevent discrimination based on disability.



Person-Centered Healthcare Transition Planning

Aimee Ortiz-Day

Program Coordinator II
Center on Disability and Development
Texas A&M University

What is healthcare transition? Are you aware of the skills and knowledge your child needs to learn to navigate the healthcare system, and advocate for their health needs, when they turn 18? This session will explain the process of healthcare transition and steps you can take, even at a young age, to teach advocacy skills and prepare them for this part of adulthood.

Group 2:



Early Life

Rebekah Nobles

Certified Early Intervention Specialist for the Early Childhood Intervention Program

She will discuss red flags in child development for children ages birth through 3 years old. This will entail what typical development looks like, when to be concerned, and how to reach out for help!j Shenwill also cover the process for referral, assessment, and treatment through their program.



Essentials of special needs planning

Matt Stagner

An entire family can be impacted when a loved one has special needs or disabilities. Knowing where to start can be the hardest part. We'll help guide the way so you can focus on what matters most. Our educational workshop for individuals and families helps them learn how to get started and feel ready for their financial future. This discussion covers four key areas: family assets and planning, government benefits, employer benefits and legal planning.



Postsecondary Education Programs

PATHS – Leticia LaSota

The Postsecondary Access and Training in Human Services (PATHS) is a 2-year certificate program that works in collaboration with the Institute on Person-Centered Practices and Brazos Valley

Center for Independent Living. This two-year certificate program prepares graduates for employment in a career serving people with disabilities or working with children.



ACHIEVE – Heather Dulas

Aggie Academic Courses in Higher Inclusive Education and Vocational Experiences (ACHIEVE) is also affiliated with the Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M University. A comprehensive transition program for young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who have exited high school. ACHIEVE provides an inclusive and immersive 4-year college education and equips students for employment in the community.

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2-1-1 Texas / United Way	<p>2-1-1 is a hotline (calling code), available in over 90 languages, available 24-hours a day, 7-days a week with current information regarding disaster response, crisis information, and also the (continually updated) state-wide database of information and resources for health and community services. 2-1-1 I&R Specialists' are trained to assist callers with a variety of complex needs, including eligibility requirements and program qualifications. We simplify the process so callers can more easily navigate the resources available to them. 2-1-1 Texas provides free resources to the community who are in need of rent, utility, mental health, child care, and many more other assistance's.</p>	<p>Mickal Lewis 1716 Briarcrest Suite 155, Bryan, TX 77802 211@uwbv.org mlewis@uwbv.org 211 ; 979-696-4483 http://www.211texas.org/ https://www.facebook.com/211Texasbv/ https://www.instagram.com/211texasbv/ https://twitter.com/211TexasBV</p>
City of Bryan Community Development Services Department	<p>We offer a first time home buyers down payment assistance and for current home owners we offer a minor repair program to help repair health and safety issues in the home. Major rehab program if minor repair is not sufficient. Limited grant funding is available.</p>	<p>Art Roach 1803 Greenfield Plaza Bryan, TX 77802 Phone: (979) 209-5175 Fax: (979) 209-5184 https://www.bryantx.gov/community-development/</p>
DSHS CSHCN Systems Development Group	<p>The Children with Special Health Care Needs Systems Development Group (Systems Development) works to strengthen community-based services to improve systems of care for children and youth with special health care needs. Staff work closely with other state and national programs, agencies and community organizations to make progress on the three areas of focus: medical home, transition, and community inclusion.</p>	<p>Cassandra Johnson 1100 W 49th Street Austin, TX 78756 cassandra.johnson@dshs.texas.gov 860-869-4723 https://dshs.texas.gov/mch/CSHCN.aspx</p>
HHS Blind Children's Program	<p>The Blind Children's Vocational Discovery and Development Program serves children in Texas, who are blind or visually impaired, under the age of 22. We partner with families to empower their children to be independent and reach their full potential. Each year, hundreds of Texas families turn to Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) for information and support for their children who are blind or visually impaired. A blind children's specialist from the Blind Children's Vocational Discovery and Development Program (BCVDDP) works with each child and family to create a service plan tailored to the child's needs and circumstances. It's a flexible document that will develop along with the child. This can be found by selecting this link, hhs.texas.gov/blind-childrens-program.</p>	<p>Ebony Bradley 5455 Blair Rd. Dallas, TX 75231 blindchildrensprogram@hhsc.state.tx.us 214-239-6339 https://hhs.texas.gov/blind-childrens-program</p>
MHMR Authority of Brazos Valley	<p>MHMRABV exists to assist individuals with IDD, other related conditions, and or Behavioral Health conditions to receive services and resources that promote independence, safety, and personal outcomes for the individual. MHMR provides behavioral health, community supports, TxHmL/HCS waiver, PASRR/ CLOIP, and employment assistance services.</p>	<p>Anita Lang 1504 South Texas Avenue, Bryan, TX 77805 alang@mhmrabv.org 979-821-9449 http://www.mhmrabv.org/ https://www.facebook.com/MHMRABV/</p>
Talking Book Program - Texas State Library and Archives Commission	<p>The Talking Book Program (TBP) provides free digital audio, Braille and large print books and magazines for loan to Texans, of any age, who cannot read standard print due to a qualifying visual, physical or reading disability.</p>	<p>Jaclyn Owusu 1201 Brazos Street, Austin, TX 78701 jowusu@tsl.texas.gov 512-463-5452 TexasTalkingBooks.org https://www.facebook.com/tslac https://www.instagram.com/tslac/ https://twitter.com/tslac</p>
Texas Department of State Health Services	<p>Provide case management for any special needs children with or without insurance. Help / families, over the income, to receive Medicaid for their child. Ensure families with children on Medicaid know what services are available to them. Case management includes linking to community resources, particularly less known community resources and programs, provide school / advocacy and authorize personal care services for special needs children on STAR or traditional Medicaid.</p>	<p>Carol Davis-Rios, LCSW 3000 E Villa Maria Rd, Bryan, TX 77803 Carol.Davis-Rios@dshs.state.tx.us 979-776-7489 https://www.dshs.texas.gov</p>

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<p>Texas Workforce Solutions - Vocational Rehabilitation</p>	<p>We provide a variety of support and services to individuals who have disabilities which will assist them in obtaining and maintaining employment.</p>	<p>Trevette Bookman 4021 East 29th, Suite 1114 Bryan, TX 77802 trevette.bookman@twc.state.tx.us 979-595-2880 http://www.twc.state.tx.us/programs/vocational-rehabilitation-program-overview</p>
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<p>Aquatic Greens Farm</p>	<p>Our mission is to work with adults with disabilities and to provide fresh, organically grown produce while using environmentally friendly, sustainable growing practices, and sharing what we have learned with others.</p>	<p>Sharon Wells 2861 FM 974 Bryan, Texas 77808 AquaticGreensFarm@gmail.com Phone: 979-436-1987 (Sharon Wells) https://www.aquaticgreensfarm.com/</p>
<p>The BEE Community</p>	<p>We are a non-profit that exist to provide meaningful work for adults with special needs in an encouraging environment. The mission of The BEE Community is to provide meaningful work for adults with disabilities in a God-centered environment. We offer a hope-filled sustainable solution where our Artisans, adults with special needs, create beautiful handmade products in a supportive work environment.</p>	<p>Olivia Munnerlyn Grace Bible Church 3829 Old College Rd., Bryan, TX 77801 info@thebeecommunity.com olivia@thebeecommunity.com 979-422-5954 www.thebeecommunity.com @thebeecommunitybcs</p>
<p>Consolidated Planning Group</p>	<p>Do you have a loved one with Special Needs? Consolidated Planning Group is a full-service financial planning firm that specializes in holistic financial planning for Families with Special Needs. Our firm delivers real strategies to the most complex situations. We are proud to specialize in addressing the ongoing care and planning concerns for families with loved ones who have Special Needs. Call today for a free conversation! 281-690-1177</p>	<p>Meredith Haynes 19901 Southwest Fwy. Sugar Land, Texas 77478 mhaynes@cpgcares.net 346-901-5033 https://www.facebook.com/consolidatedplanning</p>
<p>Galloway Kucera Financial</p>	<p>We could all use a little bit of help planning for the future — but when you or your loved one has a disability or special needs, knowing where to start can be one of the biggest challenges. We can help you through Voya Cares which offers resources to help with special needs financial planning including ABLE accounts. Our website is https://www.gallowaykucerafinancial.com/</p>	<p>John Galloway 2423 Earl Rudder Freeway S Suite 100, College Station, Texas 77845 jgalloway@voyafa.com 979-383-2505 https://www.gallowaykucerafinancial.com/</p>
<p>HireAbility Navigator</p>	<p>The Student HireAbility Navigator program establishes a mechanism by which pre-employment transition services (Pre-ETS) are provided to students with disabilities. The Student HireAbility Navigator program is a statewide strategy to improve and increase services to students with disabilities. To build on these existing pre-employment transition services and initiatives, and most effectively and efficiently serve students with disabilities, TWC will expand systemic capacity within the Texas Workforce Solutions system by establishing partnerships and developing innovative and evidence-based approaches to service delivery. The Student HireAbility Navigator program is designed to support this capacity building priority. The Student HireAbility Navigator program is based on TWC's prior successful Texas Disability Navigator initiative. It will foster the development of innovative and effective approaches to service delivery and ensure strong coordination between TWC VR and independent school districts (ISDs), as well as with the other WIOA core programs.</p>	<p>Barbara Clemmons 3991 E. 29th Street PO Drawer 4128 Bryan, TX 77805 Bryan, TX 77802 email: bclemmons@bvcog.org 979-595-2801 ext. 2061 www.bvjobs.org</p>
<p>Junction Five-O-Five</p>	<p>Junction Five-O-Five is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for adults with disabilities by providing them with the opportunity to enter the workforce. Supported Employment Specialists perform assessments to ensure a good job match is made, and provide one-on-one training and support at the job site. On-site assistance is reduced as the employee becomes proficient in completing the job independently. On-going support is provided to help the individual maintain employment. Earn and Learn summer program for teens.</p>	<p>Jennifer Ozmetin 4410 College Main Bryan, TX 77802 iris@junction505.org 979-846-3670 ext. 107 http://www.junction505.org</p>

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Kemper Life	For generations Kemper life has provided affordable personalized insurance protection for all, including families and individuals with disabilities. Our home service business model provides you with an agent that meets with you individually to offer insurance products that will protect you in times of need. Our belief is that your not just a policy number you are a member of the Kemper family.	Zak Jones 3608 E 29th street. Ste. 201 Bryan Tx 77803 zjones@kemper.com 9793243597
Texas ABLE Program	he Texas ABLE Program: the state's new savings program for Texans with disabilities. Come learn about the Texas Achieving A Better Life Experience (Texas ABLE®) program and how Texans with disabilities and their families can save for disability -related expenses in a tax-advantaged ABLE account without losing eligibility for certain public benefits, such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid. Texas ABLE is based on federal and state legislation and is maintained by the state through the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Funds in an ABLE account can be used to pay for qualified disability expenses that relate to the beneficiary's blindness or disability and are used to maintain or improve his or her health, independence or quality of life.	Vanessa Goodson Vanessa.goodson@cpa.texas.gov Learn more and enroll online at TexasABLE.org 844-4TX-ABLE (844-489-2253) CustomerService@TexasABLE.org
United Access	United Access provides wheelchair accessible vehicles and equipment for people with disabilities.	United Access 2214 North Earl Rudder Freeway Bryan, TX 77808 jdunker02@yahoo.com (281) 487-1969 https://www.braunability.com/unitedaccess/us/en/adaptive-driving-access.html https://www.facebook.com/United-Access-348808627216/
Workforce Solutions	Workforce Solutions is a market-driven workforce delivery system that prepares Brazos Valley job seekers to meet current and emerging needs of area businesses; and insures that every Brazos Valley citizen who needs a job will have one; and every business who needs an employee will find one with the necessary skills and work readiness. We are a "gateway" to employment.	Donna Weese 3991 E. 29th Street Bryan, TX 77802 email: donna.weese@bvcog.org 979-595-2801 Ext. 2019 http://bvjobs.org/

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ADVANCE Houston	ADVANCE is a catalyst for young adults with learning, social and critical thinking differences as they transition from adolescence to lives of significance and personal accountability. We endeavor to create a program that allows young adults to engage in employment that fulfills and expands their lives, rather than merely accommodating their differences. We provide immersive, real life experiences where Advance students practice skills that lead to personal, social, and economic independence.	Scott Adams 3303 Louisiana Street, Suite 210 Houston, TX 77006 sadams@advancehouston.org 832-830-8482 http://advancehouston.org/ https://www.facebook.com/AdvanceHouston/@advancehouston
Aggie Adaptive Sports	Our purpose is to facilitate adaptive sports as a healthy form of recreation to students, veterans, and community members in an effort to promote the physical and mental benefits that adaptive sports possess. We strive to bring veterans and students, disabled and able-bodied, together in a safe arena that will promote a sense of community between individuals in a variety of circumstances with differing levels of ability.	Tracey Forman Texas A&M University aasofficers@gmail.com 512-760-6483 https://maroonlink.tamu.edu/organization/aggieadaptivesports
Aggies on the Spectrum	A student organization at Texas A&M University that provides social opportunities, support, and educational resources for autistic adults at TAMU as well as the Bryan/College Station Community. Autism Allies are welcome to join..	aggiesonthespectrum@gmail.com http://aggiesonthespectrumtamu.weebly.com/ https://www.facebook.com/aggiesonthespectrum/
Aggieland Autism Center, LLC	Our greatest desire is to see children and families apply ABA therapy (research-driven interventions) to their daily lives. Children transitioning out of our program will be spontaneous, independent and self-initiating individuals effectively engaging in the community. Come experience the thrill of attending an entire birthday party for the first time (no screaming/coping skill) or having your child say "I love you" for the first time (using language) or answer WH questions (Who, What, When, Where, Why, How) or respond to others without hitting or kicking (decrease in isolation and increase in socialization).	Aggieland Autism Center, LLC Behavioral Therapy – Texas Style 3792 High Lonesome College Station, Tx 77845 979-412-1423 https://aggielandautismcenter.com/info@aggielandautism.com

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Avocation Therapy	<p>Avocation Therapy provides recreational therapy to support individuals with disabilities in their five domains of physical, emotional, cognitive, social, & spiritual health as they meaningfully access & contribute to their greater community. Recreational therapy uses recreation and leisure activities as the modality to help individuals with disabilities work on their goals such as addressing social awareness, community access, physical fitness, leisure pursuits, and independence. Each program is tailored to the individual, providing meaningful involvement from the participant.</p>	<p>P.O. Box 372 Bryan, TX 77806 info@avocationtherapy.com 979-987-1189 https://www.facebook.com/avocationtherapy https://www.instagram.com/avocationtherapy/</p>
Beautiful Abilities	<p>HCS, Texas Home Living, Day Program, Therapeutic Ranch Program, Adult Summer Camps and Respite Weekends. Ranch located in Edge, TX. Private pay and Contract accepted.,</p>	<p>Philip J. Haas III 4500 Carter Creek Parkway Suite 107, Bryan, TX phil.beautifulabilities@gmail.com 979-704-6183 https://www.facebook.com/BeautifulAbilities/</p>
Beloved & Beyond	<p>Beloved & Beyond is a ministry towards children and young adults who have special needs and disabilities. It exists to spread the hope and love of Jesus Christ with people who have differing abilities through camps, socialization and on the job training while growing the community to embrace the same. Primarily we offer an overnight summer camp where every camper has a one to one buddy and experiences unconditional love, acceptance and fun. We also have our amazing Beyond Team where young adults with disabilities are invited to use their gifts and abilities to contribute toward serving and camp programming.</p>	<p>Glen Elder 607 Alma Brenham, Texas 77833 Location of camp sites in Texas varies- see website for details! glen@belovedandbeyond.org 979-353-2838 www.belovedandbeyond.org</p>
The Benn Law Group	<p>Law firm focusing on the legal needs of those with special needs, including guardianships, estate planning, and special needs trusts.</p>	<p>Melissa Benn 3091 University Drive East, #110 Bryan, TX 77802 melissa@mytexaslawyer.net 979-393-0345 http://www.mytexaslawyer.net/ https://www.facebook.com/bennlawgroup/</p>
Brazos Valley Booster Club, Inc.	<p>We are a local non-profit organization that supports athletes who compete in Special Olympic competitions by providing uniforms, transportation, entry fees etc.</p>	<p>Sue Calhoun P.O. Box 4556, Bryan, TX 77805 calh4@aol.com https://www.facebook.com/BVBoosterClubInc/ Brazos Valley Booster Club, Inc.</p>
Brazos Valley Center for Independent Living	<p>BVCIL is a cross-disability, consumer-directed, community-based not-for-profit organization that provides: national, state, and Brazos Valley community & governmental resources; peer counseling; independent living skills instruction; advocacy (both individual and systems), transition services (includes youth, nursing home diversion, and nursing home relocation to community) and other support services (i.e., accessible transportation, communication access, accessible housing guidance, support to 18+ programs in Special Services. We support advocacy and vocational/employment projects in collaboration with community partner organizations such as TAMU Center on Disability & Development and TAMU AgriLife; Employment Service Program with TWC Vocational Rehab Services) for persons with disabilities..</p>	<p>Pat Morse 1869 Briarcrest Drive Bryan, TX 77802 pmorse@bv cil.org 979-776-5505 http://bv cil.org https://www.facebook.com/bv cil/</p>
Camp Blessing Texas	<p>Camp Blessing is ministry towards children and young adults who have special needs and disabilities. Primarily we offer an overnight summer camp where every camper has a one to one buddy and experience unconditional love, acceptance and fun. We are expanding opportunities now that we have our own camp facility near Brenham. New for this year - family camp, spring break camp, respite weekend. Campers and volunteers apply online.</p>	<p>CBTX 9402 Palestine Rd, Brenham, TX 77833 info@campblessing.org 281-259-5789 https://campblessing.org/ https://www.facebook.com/campblessingtexas/camp_blessing_texas</p>

Camp LIFE

camplife.tamu.edu

Camp LIFE creates an inclusive, barrier-free setting in which children with disabilities (ages 5 and up) and their siblings (ages 5-12) can participate in the activities of their choice. This weekend camp is held twice each year at Camp for All, centrally located in Texas.



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<p>The Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M University</p>	<p>The work of the Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M University is focused on promoting inclusive schools and communities, improving education and quality of life outcomes, and creating better lives for people with disabilities and their families through education, research, and service. Would you like to learn more about our work? You can view links to our current projects through the education, research, and service tabs at the top of the page or through the content categories in the column to the right. As a federally designated University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, we are part of a national network of similar centers across the country. Please visit us at cdd.tamu.edu for more information.</p>	<p>Meagan Orsag 4225 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843 meagansumbera@tamu.edu 979-845-4612 http://cdd.tamu.edu https://www.facebook.com/TAMUCDD</p>
<p>Central Special Needs Ministry</p>	<p>We desire to give individuals with special needs the opportunity to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and friend and to help everyone discover their unique set of gifts and talents which God has given us so that we may steward them well, serving others. As a ministry we strive to meet the needs of every person, of any age who has difficulty functioning to their potential in the typical church setting. We meet these needs by offering support through inclusion across ages and abilities, unique service and equipping opportunities, continuous training for those serving in the Special Needs Ministry, sensory-specific designed classrooms and curriculum, and an environment that lets you know that your abilities do not define your potential relationship with Christ or the impact your life can have for His Kingdom.</p>	<p>Kelsie Vier Central Baptist Church 1991 FM 158 College Station, TX 77845 kvier@centralbcs.org 979-776-9977 http://www.centralbcs.org/special-needs</p>
<p>Crusaders Baseball</p>	<p>Crusaders Baseball is a private baseball league here in the Brazos Valley for people ages 5 and up with special needs. The group is a Christian ministry that sees the full potential in all players. Jenn and Jonny Heaton are proud parents of a son with special needs and they wanted to give Jack and others the opportunity to excel in sports like any other athlete. Volunteers are always needed, please contact us for more information.</p>	<p>Jennifer Heaton Jenniferheaton4@yahoo.com (979) 229-5089 https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100075478526066</p>
<p>Directory of Community Resources in Texas</p>	<p>Find disability resources and community services throughout Texas! Customize your search by zip code, county, region, keyword, or category. You can also submit resources that aren't currently listed in the Directory.</p>	<p>https://dcr.tamu.edu/disabilityresources@tamu.edu</p>
<p>Down Home Ranch, Inc.</p>	<p>We have a residential program (HCS, ICF and Private Pay), summer camp, and day program. We also provide respite services. All of our services are for people with IDD 18 years and over.</p>	<p>Erin Flores 20250 FM 619 Elgin, TX 78621 512-856-0128 (x132) erin.flores@downhomeranch.org www.downhomeranch.org https://www.facebook.com/downhomeranch.org/ https://www.instagram.com/down_home_ranch/ https://twitter.com/down_home_ranch</p>
<p>Galloway Kucera Financial</p>	<p>Our firm focuses on helping individuals develop sound retirement strategies. If you are retired, are approaching retirement, or think you want to retire one day down the road you can benefit from our services. Our personalized, hands-on service focuses on educating clients about financial concepts and products. Education helps take the mystery out of investing, insurance, estate conservation, and preserving wealth to provide confidence to you and your family. We understand the many challenges of retirement today and know the biggest concern for many is outliving their money. We focus on money management, as well as other issues that are critical to your financial well being.</p>	<p>John Galloway & Tom Kucera 2423 Earl Rudder Freeway S., Suite 100 College Station, TX 77845 jgalloway@voyafa.com and tom.kucera@voyafa.com 979-383-2505 https://www.gallowaykucerafinancial.com/</p>
<p>Out Loud Dance</p>	<p>Out Loud Dance was formed with the desire to provide a place where students with and without disabilities could create, collaborate and share in the joy of movement. We currently have classes in the Houston area for students ages 5-18 as well as patient and energetic volunteers to assist in movement activities.</p>	<p>Courtney Kalaher 10039 Locke Lane, Houston, TX 77042 courtneykalaher@yahoo.com 979-492-2550 https://www.facebook.com/outloudance/</p>
<p>Project Sunshine at Texas A&M</p>	<p>The Texas A&M Chapter of Project Sunshine is a non-denominational, non-profit organization that provides free programs and events to children and their families in the community with long term illnesses, disabilities, and special needs. This chapter of Project Sunshine is the largest in the nation and our mission is build friendships while bringing smiles to the children's faces.</p>	<p>Jamie Love psun.director@gmail.com http://psuntamu.weebly.com https://www.facebook.com/psuntamu/</p>

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS / INCLUSION

Road Rascals Special Olympics Cycling Team	<p>The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.</p>	<p>Sondra White 204 Emberglow Circle College Station, Texas 77840 sondrakwhite@gmail.com 979-574-3111 https://www.facebook.com/groups/roadrascals/</p>
Shahid Center for Ability and Development	<p>The Shahid Center for Ability and Development was founded by siblings Eric and Kami Shahid. The company was formed to provide education, resources, and hope to individuals with developmental & physical disABILITIES. The company also provides resources to supporters, advocates and family members of those diagnosed as disABLED. Through workshops, developmental coaching, and specialized programs, The Shahid Center for Ability and Development can help anyone address challenges surrounding limitations, independence and quality of life for the disABLED.</p>	<p>Eric and Kami Shahid 2700 Post Oak Boulevard 21st Floor Houston, TX 77056 info@goabilities.com 855-554-5755 Facebook.com/goabilities</p>
Shelly Kruger's Dance Studio	<p>Our mission is to provide students of all ages and abilities the skills and opportunity to enjoy dance. At SKD we believe in serving the students. When I started this business 22 years ago, my main goal was to serve the dancers. Today, our main focus remains the same. The development of each student, their dance education, and the enrichment that comes from dance is the philosophy of this dance studio. Our instructors offer educational and challenging lessons, while maintaining a fun and enjoyable atmosphere! We encourage anyone to join us in dancing our way to memorable lifetime accomplishments!</p>	<p>Shelli Kruger #103-B, 809 University Dr E, College Station, TX 77840 (979) 694-1812 https://shellikrugersds.wixsite.com/dance https://www.facebook.com/Shelli-Krugers-Dance-Studio-426849930690/ shellik@suddenlink.net</p>
S.H.A.R.E. (Special Horses and Riders Excelling)	<p>Mission: To improve the quality of life for individuals with special needs by providing year round recreational activities for them and their families. Currently offering horseback riding and swimming. No upper or lower age limit.</p>	<p>Patricia Lombard 4996 Schehin Road College Station, TX 77845 info@sharetx.org 979-690-2364 http://sharetx.org https://www.facebook.com/SpecialHorsesandRidersExcelling/</p>
Special Olympics Texas	<p>It is our vision to become the premier provider of Special Olympics training and competition in the world. We approach each endeavor with a single intent - to improve the quality of life for our athletes. The challenges of the future are embraced with enthusiasm and commitment, ensuring that the changing face and needs of our athletes are met.</p> <p>The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, and other Special Olympics athletes.</p>	<p>R. Stewart 2501 Central ParkwaySte. C Houston, TX 77092 rstewart@sotx.org (936) 756-6906 https://www.facebook.com/SOTX6/ https://instagram.com/specialolympicstx_east https://twitter.com?SpecialOlympicsTexas (SOTexas)</p>
Texas Faith and Disability Network (TxFDN)	<p>The development of Texas Faith and Disability Network (TxFDN) started in 2015 by dedicated volunteers with expertise and experience in faith networks and disability fields in Texas. Our focus is to connect statewide initiatives in promoting inclusive faith support created through four grant projects funded by the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities. Our guiding mission is to link congregations, organizations, and individuals who wish to start or strengthen the inclusion and contributions of people with disabilities and their families in the faith communities of their choice</p>	<p>Website: https://txfdn.org Email: texasfdn@gmail.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Texas-Disability-and-Faith-Network-105392118469827</p>
Young Life Capernaum	<p>Young Life Capernaum gives young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities the chance to experience fun and adventure, to develop fulfilling friendships and to challenge their limits while building self-esteem through club, camp and other exciting activities. We meet every Thursday for club at Central Church where we play games, sing songs, eat snacks, and hear about Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>Mia Van Curen miavancuren@gmail.com https://brazosvalley.younglife.org/ https://www.facebook.com/YoungLife https://twitter.com/YoungLife</p>

EARLY LIFE

Aggieland Autism Center, LLC	<p>Our greatest desire is to see children and families apply ABA therapy (research-driven interventions) to their daily lives. Children transitioning out of our program will be spontaneous, independent and self-initiating individuals effectively engaging in the community. Come experience the thrill of attending an entire birthday party for the first time (no screaming/coping skill) or having your child say "I love you" for the first time (using language) or answer WH questions (Who, What, When, Where, Why, How) or respond to others without hitting or kicking (decrease in isolation and increase in socialization).</p>	<p>Behavioral Therapy – Texas Style 3792 High Lonesome College Station, Tx 77845 979-412-1423 https://aggielandautismcenter.com/ info@aggielandautism.com https://www.facebook.com/aggielandautismcenter/</p>
Ascend Behavior Partners	<p>In Bryan-College Station, TX, we offer diagnostic evaluations for autism as well clinical consultations to help you find the answers you need. Our licensed experts help you identify the best path of care for your child and family. We also offer family support services by providing training, education, and support along your journey. Also, we offer in-home ABA treatment led by experts in their field that are highly trained to work compassionately with your child and family</p>	<p>979-429-3785 1716 Briarcrest Dr #300, Bryan, TX 77802 https://www.ascendbehavior.com info@ascendbehavior.com</p>
Behavioral Innovations	<p>Behavioral Innovations provides center-based ABA therapy for children with autism. Our services are specifically designed for children under 10 years of age who are facing social, developmental or communication challenges associated with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Our goal is to create a positive and meaningful impact on your child's growth through compassionate and personalized ABA therapy.</p>	<p>(855) 782-7822 555 William D. Fitch Pkwy College Station, TX 77845 info@bi-aba.com https://promo.behavioral-innovations.com/college-station/ https://www.facebook.com/BehavioralInnovations/</p>
BVCAP Head Start and Early Head Start	<p>A birth to five Early Childhood Education program that provides both home-based and center-based services to children and families. Head Start is a Federal program for preschool children from low-income families. Children who attend Head Start participate in a variety of educational activities. They also receive medical and dental care, have meals and snacks, and enjoy playing indoors and outdoors in a safe setting.</p>	<p>Sandra Perez 4001 East 29th St. Suite 175 Bryan, TX 77802 830-279-2874 / 979-595-2800 scperez@capbv.org https://www.capbv.org/programs/head-startearly-head-start/ Early Head Start 3400 S. Texas Ave. Suite 7 Bryan, Tx 77802 (979) 846-5782</p>
Early Childhood Intervention	<p>Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) is a statewide program within the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for infants and toddlers under the age of three with developmental delays or disabilities; medically diagnosed conditions that have a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay; or auditory or visual impairments as defined by the Texas Education Agency. ECI provides comprehensive services such as case management, specialized skills training, physical, occupational and speech therapy, counseling, nutrition, translation and transition services.</p>	<p>Rebekah Nobles rnobles@eastersealshouston.org 3211 South Texas Avenue, Ste. A Bryan, TX 77802 713-838-9050 ext 385 http://www.eastersealshouston.org https://www.facebook.com/ECIBrazosValley/ https://www.facebook.com/EasterSealsGreaterHouston/ https://www.instagram.com/eastersealshouston/?hl=en https://twitter.com/eastersealshou?lang=en https://www.hhs.texas.gov/services/disability/early-childhood-intervention-services</p>
Empower Behavioral Health	<p>Empower Behavioral Health (EBH) was created with the mission of empowering families by providing the most effective Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services, to ensure that learners with autism and other developmental disabilities reach their maximum potential. Our compassionate and knowledgeable team of professionals, in combination with the intensive nature of our individualized program, will provide an unparalleled level of service.</p>	<p>Chris Giannetti 3841 Sagebriar Dr, Bryan, TX 77802 Ryan@empowerbh.com 979-325-3220 http://www.empowerbh.com https://www.instagram.com/empowerbh/ https://www.facebook.com/Empowerbh/</p>

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Aggie Homework Helpline	<p>The Aggie Homework Helpline (AHH) is an initiative to help provide quality, free online tutoring to PK-12 learners and families. The mission of the AHH is to connect Texas families and school district partners with Aggie tutors and education interns who are committed to improving learning outcomes for PK-12 students. On-Demand Tutoring appointments through the AHH can be scheduled between 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. CST Monday-Friday and 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. CST on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You do not have to be affiliated with Texas A&M to participate.</p>	<p>Marcia Montague, PhD 4225 TAMU College Station, TX 77843 mmontague@tamu.edu 979-458-0828</p>
Anointed Abilities	<p>Anointed Abilities is a youth social program that meets at North Bryan Community Center, 705 N. Houston Ave, Tuesday and Wednesday from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. for ages 8-16. We serve hot meals, offer tutoring services, teach social skills and have lots of recreational fun!!!</p>	<p>Amber Evans- Owner (979) 739-8647 11200 S. Highway 30 College Station, TX 77845 Facebook: Anointed Abilities</p>
Blinn College-Office of Disability and Counseling	<p>The mission of the Blinn College District Office of Disability Services is to ensure students with disabilities have equal access in their educational pursuits. We provide students an opportunity to obtain their academic goals by fostering inclusion and support. The Office of Disability Services provides a variety of accommodations and services for individuals with disabilities, and we encourage students to overcome challenges and attain personal and academic success. Counseling Services provides short-term counseling to currently enrolled students within the limits of its resources. Counseling can help improve self-awareness, relationships, decision-making, and your overall well-being.</p>	<p>Contact Samantha Johnson, Danna Kelm, or any member of the staff 2423 Blinn Boulevard, Bldg. D #160 Bryan, TX 77802 bryan.ods@blinn.edu / 979-209-7251 http://www.blinn.edu/Disability https://www.facebook.com/bryanodsandcounseling/ https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/623264941381888/blinn-college-counseling-and-disability-services/ Contact Information for the RELLIS Campus Office: Schwartz Building, Suite 230 979-209-8947 / rellis.ods@blinn.edu</p>
Brazos Valley Regional Day School Program for the Deaf	<p>The Brazos Valley Regional Day School Program for the Deaf is a Shared Service Arrangement for 31 school districts to have access to services for Deaf and hard of hearing students that meet the eligibility.</p>	<p>Andrea Alford 1201 Ridgedale St., Bryan, TX 77803 andrea.alford@bryanisd.org 979-209-2745</p>
Bryan ISD	<p>Bryan ISD provides special education services to children with disabilities to meet their unique needs. These educational programs are provided in a variety of settings, including general education, in-class support, content mastery, special education classrooms, the student's home, or a hospital setting. Students must be identified as eligible for special education through a referral and evaluation process. The district also provides related services when required to access or support their special education program including, but not limited to: transportation, occupational and physical therapy, individual or group counseling, and a work-study program.</p>	<p>Tonnette Smith Transition Coordinator Bryan Independent School District 1201 Ridgedale St. Bryan, TX 77803 tonnette.smith@bryanisd.org 979-209-2758</p>
The Center for Living Well with ADHD	<p>Coaching helps individuals with ADHD or Executive Function issues to: - Understand and navigate their ADHD; - Learn how to leverage their strengths and gifts; - Build on weaker life and executive function skills; - Address ADHD-related challenges; - Create meaningful goals and take the actions to accomplish them. Our Center provides coaching support, cornerstone workshops and services to help individuals in all ages, stages, and areas of their life. It is important that you understand how to use the ways you are Wired to Win. We believe in taking a holistic approach to help clients define their goals, identify the actions to achieve them, and provide step by step support to get where you want to be. For more information, schedule a complimentary phone call with Katherine Jahnke.</p>	<p>Katherine Jahnke 16546 Woodlake Drive College Station, TX 77845 kat@adhdcoach.life 979-583-2152 http://www.centerforlivingwellwithadhd.org/ www.facebook.com/centerforlivingwellwithadhd/ @KatherineJahnke</p>
Coach to Communicate (C2C) at Texas A&M University	<p>The Coach To Communicate project provides a webinar and face-to-face/online individual parent coaching sessions at no cost for parents, caregivers, teachers, and service providers of children up to age 22 with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Participants will be instructed in how to improve the communication skills of their own children. For more information or to participate, please complete the online application form at https://autism.tamu.edu/</p>	<p>Birdie Ganz 4225 TAMU, College Station, TX 77845 TamuAuParent@tamu.edu jayganz@tamu.edu 956-212-8498 https://autism.tamu.edu/ https://www.facebook.com/TAMUOnlineABA/tamupreproject</p>

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College Station ISD	<p>In order to meet the unique needs of students with disabilities, College Station ISD provides a continuum of instructional services throughout the district. College Station ISD is committed to providing special education services alongside students who do not have disabilities to the maximum extent appropriate. In addition to inclusive and pull-out services at each campus, a variety of specialized programming options are also available upon ARD determination. These programs include Adaptive Behavior, CASL (Communication, Academics, Social Learning), Applied, LIFE Skills (Learning in Functional Environments), and 18+ programming to prepare students for life after high school.</p>	<p>Melissa Wilkinson 1812 Welsh College Station, TX 77840 mwilkinson@csisd.org 979-764-5500 https://www.csisd.org/departments/special_services</p>
The Eleanor & Charles Garrett Center on Transition and Disability Studies	<p>The Garrett Center is a practitioner-oriented center with a mission to meet the information, training, and technical assistance needs of educators who provide education and services for students with disability. The website is designed to be a gateway of information for educators students with disabilities, parents, siblings, and community partners including agencies.</p>	<p>Dr. Vickie J Mitchell, College of Education Box 2119, Huntsville, TX 77341-2119 vmitchell@shsu.edu 936-294-3911 https://www.shsu.edu/centers/garrettcenter/ https://www.facebook.com/SHSUGarrettCenter/</p>
Gateway Academy Houston	<p>Gateway Academy serves 6th-12th-grade students with academic and social challenges through innovative approaches to learning, physical fitness, and social awareness. Our graduates face a changing world with self-advocacy, opening a path to personal significance in college, career, and community. Our 6th-12th-grade students typically have learning and social difficulties including: ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Anxiety, Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Social Communication Disorder Gateway provides a highly structured, personalized program taking into account individual learning styles. We allow students to gain both self-advocacy and social awareness skills necessary for future success in college, career, and community.</p>	<p>Bonnie Jones, Director of Admissions 3721 Dacoma Street, Houston, TX 77092 info@gatewayacademyhouston.org 713-659-7900 http://thegatewayacademy.org https://www.facebook.com/gatewayacademyhouston/</p> <p>Michele Joseph Mjoseph@gatewayacademyhouston.org 713-659-7900</p>
Happy Camper Learning Services & Renner Academy	<p>Happy Camper Learning Services offers an array of services specifically designed for children with dyslexia, dysgraphia, executive functioning deficits (attention, memory, planning, etc.), and other learning differences. Happy Camper Learning Services and Renner Academy aspire to spark changes in the way children with dyslexia and other learning differences are regarded and educated in our country, by beginning in our local community. We take a comprehensive approach to guiding diverse learners to capitalize on their strengths and overcome their weaknesses to reach their fullest potential as 21st Century learners, thinkers, and leaders.</p>	<p>Kristen Pitts 6134 Imperial Loop Dr College Station, TX 77845 info@renneracademy.org Kristen@happycamperlearning.com 979-810-8100 Facebook.com/renneracademy Facebook.com/happycamperlearning</p>
Heart of Texas GEAR UP	<p>The Heart of Texas GEAR UP program is a grant project funded through the U.S. Department of Education. The Heart of Texas Gear Up is partnered with Bryan and Hearne ISDs to serve students in the class of 2026. The goal of this project is to support and empower the Class of 2026 to fulfill their potential in order to achieve post high school success.</p>	<p>Marcia Montague, PhD 4225 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843 mmontague@tamu.edu 979.458.0828</p> <p>Melissa Tolentino melissatolentino@tamu.edu 956.624.2615 Social media: @heartoftxGEARUP</p>
Hopewell Classical Day School	<p>Hopewell is a community-based 501(c)(3) located in Bryan. Services provided: Hopewell provides a Pre-K program for students ages 3-5. They also provide social skills and part-time and full-time school classes for students kindergarten through 12th grade, Summer Enrichment Camps (ages 3-12th grade), and vocational training and internships.</p>	<p>Sela Heard 1205 Broadmoor Dr. Bryan, TX 77802 Sela@hopewellday.org 979-888-0068 http://hopewellschool.org/ HopeWell Classical Day School</p>
HOPS (Horticulture Options in Plant Sciences)	<p>The HOPS Project is a two semester (approximately 32 weeks) training program whose purpose is to provide instruction and support individuals with disabilities to gain the necessary skills and experiences in work readiness in order to successfully transition into competitive integrated employment in the horticulture industry. Students have the option to become certified on the state/national level. The program focuses primarily on four of the five core Pre-ETS areas</p>	<p>chgrenwelge@ag.tamu.edu https://cdd.tamu.edu/education/hops-program/</p>

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Partners Resource Network Inc.	<p>Partners Resource Network is a non-profit agency that operates the Texas statewide network of Parent Training and Information Centers [PTI's are funded by the US Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)]. The PTI Projects are: PATH, PEN, and TEAM. We help parents to: Understand their child's disability; Understand their rights and responsibilities under IDEA; Obtain and evaluate resources and services; Participate as team members with professionals in planning services for their children. We offer: Individual assistance over the phone and in-person to families who have questions about their child's needs. Workshops for parents and professionals take place on an ongoing basis throughout Texas. Resources such as printed publications and online materials are available on a variety of relevant topics.</p>	<p>Sabrina Thompson 2825 Wilcrest Drive, Ste 205 Houston, TX 7704203396 region6prn@gmail.com 936-348-0013 http://prntexas.org/ https://www.facebook.com/PRNTexas/</p>
PATHS Program	<p>The Postsecondary Access and Training in Human Services (PATHS) Program is a two year postsecondary training program for people with and without disabilities. PATHS offers three certifications. Students can train to become Direct Support Professionals in the healthcare, childcare, and paraprofessional fields.</p>	<p>Leticia LaSota Program Director 612 Harrington Tower, 4225 TAMU College Station, TX 77843 llasota@tamu.edu 979-845-4461 http://paths.tamu.edu https://www.facebook.com/pathsprogram/</p>
Texas A&M - RELLIS Campus	<p>The Texas A&M - RELLIS Campus is the newest model of higher education in Texas, bringing ten regional universities and Blinn College to one location in Bryan, Texas. Texas A&M - Rellis Campus makes transferring easy with a variety of programs, low tuition rates and a strong partnership with Blinn College to fulfill course requirements.</p>	<p>DaNeetra Walker 3477 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843 dwalker@rellis.tamus.edu 979-317-3405 https://rellis.tamus.edu/ https://www.facebook.com/RELLISEdu/ https://www.instagram.com/relliscampus/ https://twitter.com/rellisedu</p>
Robertson County Special Services Coop	<p>Robertson County Special Services Co-op exists to provide service and support to our member districts in order to meet the needs of students with disabilities in the least restrictive environment. Our member districts include Bremond ISD, Calvert ISD, Franklin ISD, Hearne ISD, and Mumford ISD. While some children may have difficulty learning in the classroom, we believe all children can learn. Once a child is found eligible for special education services, we design and implement personalized plans based on the unique needs of each child through the ARD process. Some of the related services provided include occupational therapy, speech therapy, physical therapy, counseling and transition services.</p>	<p>Rosemary Wilganowski Transition Coordinator Robertson County Special Services 704 Wheelock St. Hearne, TX 77859 rosemary@rcssc.org 979-279-3507</p>
SUCCESS Powered by YOU	<p>Free classes for young adults (18-24 years) that teach the skills they need for lifelong success in relationships, finances, and parenting. Success... powered by YOU uses evidence-based, nationally recognized curriculum. Classes are in English and Spanish with virtual and in-person options.</p>	<p>English: Chasitdy Love, 979-321-534 chasitdy.love@ag.tamu.edu Spanish: Naomi Prado, 979-321-5248 noemi.prado@ag.tamu.edu Maria Esquivel, 979-402-5260 maria.esquivel@ag.tamu.edu success@tamu.edu www.spy.ag/home</p>
Texas A&M Disability Resources	<p>Disability Resources staff members interact and collaborate with faculty, staff, and students to achieve an equitable learning environment for students with disabilities at Texas A&M University.</p>	<p>Disability Resources 1224 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-1224 disability@tamu.edu 979-845-1637 http://disability.tamu.edu</p>

Horticultural Options in Plant Sciences (HOPS)



The HOPS Program is a two semester training program whose purpose is to provide instruction and support to individuals with disabilities to gain the skills and experiences in work readiness in order to successfully transition into employment in the horticulture industry. Students take various horticulture courses in the fall semester.

Contact **Ms. Shelbi Davenport** at shelbi.davenport@ag.tamu.edu or **Dr. Xuan (Jade) Wu** at jade.wu@ag.tamu.edu.

cdd.tamu.edu/education/hops-program

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<p>Texas A&M University Educational Psychology- Online ABA Practicum</p>	<p>Texas A&M University Educational Psychology: Preparing Researchers Educators and Parents (PREP): Tools for Autism . PREP Modules are interactive courses designed to teach how to implement evidence based practices with individuals with autism. This course sequence is intended for educators, speech pathologists, behavior specialists, other direct service providers, and family members seeking to improve outcomes of individuals with autism and developmental disabilities, as well as those with challenging behavior. At the end of the course sequence, individuals will be able to identify evidence based strategies to incorporate during activities to support learning. Individuals will also learn how to track and monitor progress while implementing strategies. Participants will learn strategies focused in the following areas: measurement, assessment, skill acquisition, behavior reduction, documentation and reporting, professional conduct and scope of practice and ethics.</p>	<p>Julie Thompson 4225 TAMU College Station, TX 77843 jlthompson@tamu.edu http://cehd.catalog.instructure.com/programs/prep</p>
<p>Texas AgrAbility Project</p>	<p>The Texas AgrAbility Project has the mission of serving individuals, their families, and employees with disabilities and chronic health conditions in production agriculture. We do this by: Assistance: Provide Farm/Ranch Assessments, Home Assessments, Agriculture Business Assessments, Agriculture Business Planning, Case Management, Individualized Consultation. Connections to networks, resources, industry professionals, referrals through education, mentorships, and resources. We also offer agriculture business workshops for veterans and beginning farmers and ranchers throughout the state of Texas each year.</p>	<p>Makenzie Thomas 1470 William D Fitch Pkwy 2251 TAMU College Station, TX 77843 makenzie.thomas@ag.tamu.edu 979-862-1913 http://txagrability.tamu.edu http://txagrability.tamu.edu/ https://www.facebook.com/TxAgrAbility/ https://www.instagram.com/txagrability/ https://twitter.com/txagrability</p>
<p>Texas Transition: Student: Centered Transitions Network</p>	<p>The Student-Centered Transitions Network (SCTN) is creating new pathways to a successful adult life for students with disabilities. The SCTN is led by the Eleanor and Charles Garrett Center on Transition and Disability Studies at Sam Houston State University in collaboration with the Texas Education Agency. The SCTN provides teachers, families, and students with various resources needed to facilitate the transition from early childhood to adulthood.</p>	<p>Brynn Biggs brynnbiggs@shsu.edu texastransitions.org</p>
<p>The Work and College Opportunity (WACO) program at Texas A&M</p>	<p>A 6-week residential summer program for young adults aged 18-22 with disabilities. The training program provides students an opportunity to independently live and learn on our university campus while also working, socially and recreationally integrating into the Bryan/College Station community.</p>	<p>jade.wu@ag.tamu.edu shelbi.davenport@ag.tamu.edu https://cdd.tamu.edu/education/waco-project/</p>

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS

<p>The Arc of Bryan-College Station</p>	<p>We are a non-profit that provides social activities for individuals with IDD. We are a local chapter of The Arc of Texas which is the State Chapter of The Arc of the United States.</p>	<p>The Arc of Bryan-College Station P.O. Box 12009, College Station, TX 77842 thearcbs@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/ArcBCS/</p>
<p>BCS Families with Food Allergies</p>	<p>The goal of this group is to provide a nurturing, supportive environment for families dealing with and challenged by food allergies. We aim to include educational resources, community outreach initiatives, special events for our families and to raise awareness about food allergies</p>	<p>Michelle Johnson College Station, TX 77845 bcfsfa@gmail.com facbcsgroup@gmail.com https://facbcs.wordpress.com</p>
<p>Big Brothers Big Sisters of Brazos Valley</p>	<p>Big Brothers Big Sisters provides mentoring services to children in Bryan/ College Station. We are here to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one mentoring relationships that change lives for the better, forever.</p>	<p>Terry Dougherty 315 Tauber St., College Station, TX 77845 tdougherty@bigmentor.org 979-224-3660 www.bbbsbrazos.com</p>
<p>The Blind Psychologist</p>	<p>Dr. Lauren Barron is a Licensed Psychologist and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist specializing in the disability community. She is blind herself and provides individual, couple, family, and group therapy services for people and families adjusting to disability. We serve clients in person in the Houston area and virtually across the nation through Telehealth.</p>	<p>Dr. Lauren Barron 24044 Cinco Village Center Blvd Ste 100 Katy, 77494 936.228.9832 Theblindpsychologist@gmail.com</p>

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS

Down Syndrome Association of Brazos Valley	<p>We are a resource for anyone seeking to learn about Down syndrome, as well as a way to celebrate the extraordinary lives of people touched by Down syndrome.</p> <p>We are an organization made up of parents, local business professionals and members with disabilities. We strive for education and socials above and beyond what school can provide.</p>	<p>Darla Dykes P.O. Box 11194 College Station, TX 77842 dsabv@dsabv.org http://dsabv.org https://www.facebook.com/DownSyndromeAssociationBrazosValley/</p>
FACETS	<p>We are a parent run support group and our goal is to offer social opportunities, support and educational resources for families of autistic individuals, as well as for the Bryan/College Station community. We welcome families of children with other diagnosis to join. Many kids in our group have multiple diagnosis including SPD, OCD and ADD/ADHD.</p>	<p>Aimee Ortiz-Day Bryan, TX 77801 facetsbcs@gmail.com www.facetsbcs.org https://www.facebook.com/facetsbcs/</p>
Family to Family Network	<p>Creating success for children with disabilities by empowering their families with information, training, referrals, and support as they navigate the complex education, health care & social service systems.</p>	<p>Mary Jane Williams 713-466-6304 https://www.facebook.com/familytofamilynetwork/ https://twitter.com/FamilytoFamily</p>
NAMI BRAZOS VALLEY	<p>The National Alliance on Mental Illness Brazos Valley (NAMI BV) is part of the largest grassroots organization in the United States offering support and education to those living with mental illness and those that love people with mental illness. We offer support groups each Tuesday evening at 6:30 at our office for peers, family members and teens. These are parallel groups meeting at the same time and place, but in different rooms. We also offer educational programs that can help you better understand mental illness and how to support and respond to someone who has mental health issues. We are looking forward to being able to offer more education on-line this coming year. Please check out our website for more information.</p>	<p>3705 S College Ave Bryan, TX 77801 executivedirector@namibv.org 979.774.4713 https://namibv.org</p>
Purposeful Life Family Training Series	<p>A Purposeful Life: Family Training Series is a community outreach project focused on increasing the capacity of self-advocates and family members to live a purposeful life. The topics covered vary every month and are non-disability specific. These events are provided free of charge for family members and youth self-advocates ages 11 and up. A sibling support group is available for children ages 7 and up. The online events are held the first Thursday of the month throughout the school year (Sept-Dec. & Feb.-May.) Spanish translation is available if you make the request one week before event date.</p>	<p>Aimee Ortiz-Day (hablo español) 979-862-2913 aday@tamu.edu https://www.facebook.com/purposefullifebcs https://cdd.tamu.edu/service-outreach/purposeful-life/</p>
Raising Awareness of Developmental Language Disorder	<p>The aim of RADLD is to spread awareness of Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) and offer resources for families and professionals. Developmental Language Disorder is the new term to replace Specific Language Impairment (SLI). Developmental Language Disorder is diagnosed when children fail to acquire their own language for no obvious reason. This results in children who have difficulty understanding what people say to them, and struggle to articulate their ideas and feelings. Recent research has shown that, on average, 2 children in every class of 30 will experience DLD severe enough to hinder academic progress.</p>	<p>Beth Netherland, Parent Ambassador 4045 Crestmont Dr. College Station TX 77845 beth-m-tessandori@tamu.edu 979-458-3678 Website: https://radld.org/ YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/user/RALLIcampaign https://www.facebook.com/radld.page/ https://twitter.com/radldcam</p>
Scleroderma Foundation - Texas Bluebonnet Chapter	<p>The Scleroderma Foundation-Texas Bluebonnet Chapter has a three-fold mission of support, education, and research. SUPPORT: To help patients and their families cope with scleroderma through mutual support programs, peer counseling, physician referrals, and educational information. EDUCATION: To promote public awareness and education through patient and health professional seminars, literature, and publicity campaigns. RESEARCH: To stimulate and support research to improve treatments and, ultimately, find the cause and cure of scleroderma and related diseases. Phone: (281) 880-4992 Fax: (281) 880-4996 TXchapter@scleroderma.org</p>	<p>Jacob Davila 110 Cypress Station Dr., Suite 117 Houston, TX 77090 281-706-6232 www.scleroderma.org www.facebook.com/sclerotxchapter https://instagram.com/scleroderma_txchapter https://twitter.com/sclerotxchapter</p>
Special Needs Groups - Brazos Valley	<p>Facebook group for families, people with disabilities, providers and friends to share resources and upcoming events.</p>	<p>https://www.facebook.com/groups/777073310376918</p>

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS

Texas Parent to Parent	<p>Texas Parent to Parent provides support, information and education to families of children with disabilities, chronic illness or special health care needs. Our Pathways to Adulthood Program provides support and information to families of youth and young adults on transition issues. 95% of our staff are parents of children with disabilities so when you call us, you're talking with another parent.</p>	<p>1805 W. Rutherford Ln., Suite 201 Austin, TX 78754 https://www.txp2p.org</p>
Voices For Children Inc. CASA del Valle de Brazos	<p>Voices for Children has continued to serve abused and neglected children in Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon and Madison counties of Texas for over 16 years, providing trained community volunteers for every child who was assigned to the program through the court.</p>	<p>115 North Main St Bryan, TX 77803 979-822-9700 http://vfcbrasos.org/ https://www.facebook.com/vfcbrasos/ https://www.instagram.com/vfcbrasos/ https://twitter.com/vfcbrasos</p>

HEALTH RESOURCES

Aging and Disability Resource Center	<p>The Brazos Valley Aging and Disability Resource Center (BVADRC) works with the aging and disability community by providing information about services and supports to help individuals and families make informed choices about their health and wellness. We are available to educate individuals of any age who have a disability, or those who are aging, their family members and caregivers to empower them to make knowledgeable decisions, streamline access to a wide variety of services and supports, and serve as a highly visible and trusted resource in the community. The resource room is complete with brochures and informational handouts as well as five computers equipped with different types of assistive technology. The resource room is available for you to use for your computer needs.</p>	<p>Hank Roraback 3991 East 29th Street Bryan, TX 77802 hank.roaback@bvcog.org 979-595-2800 ext. 2026 http://www.bvcog.org/programs/aging-disability-resource-center-adrc/ https://www.facebook.com/bvcog/</p>
Alzheimer's Association Houston & Southeast Texas Chapter	<p>The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. We can provide support group info, info on senior housing options, info on elder law attorneys, etc. Our Helpline is staffed 24/7 800-272-3900.</p>	<p>Crystal Capps, Brazos Valley & East Texas Regional Manager Email: ccapps@alz.org Phone: 800.272.3900 https://www.alz.org/texas/helping_you/areas_we_serve/brazos_valley https://www.facebook.com/alztex/ https://www.instagram.com/alztex https://twitter.com/alztex</p>
BlueCross and BlueShield of Texas	<p>We are on do the Medicaid Managed Care organizations that offer services to children and young adults with special health care needs 20 and under. We will be sharing resources the company has to offer.</p>	<p>Melody Adams 9442 Capital of TX N. Plaza II, Ste. 500 Austin, TX 78759 Melody_T_Adams@bcbstx.com 512-349-4861 https://www.bcbstx.com/ https://www.facebook.com/bluecrossblueshieldoftexas/ Twitter: @bcbstx Facebook Latino: @bluecrossblueshieldoftexaslatino @bluecrossblueshieldoftexas</p>
Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center	<p>Local outpatient rehabilitation nonprofit providing physical, occupational and speech therapy services to patients in the Brazos Valley. Counseling and case management program available at no cost to patients served in the clinic.</p>	<p>Alina Fifer 1318 Memorial Drive, Bryan, TX 77802 afifer@brazostherapy.org 979-776-2872 https://brazostherapy.org/ https://www.facebook.com/brazostherapy/ https://www.instagram.com/brazostherapy/ @brazostherapy</p>
Go Baby Go Program (BVRC)	<p>Go Baby Go is a national, community-based research, design and outreach program that provides modified ride on cars to children birth to 5 who experience limited mobility. Our commitment at Go Baby Go Brazos Valley is to make an adapted car available to any family in our community who needs one, irrespective of their ability to pay.</p>	<p>Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center 1318 Memorial Drive, Bryan, TX 77802 979-776-2872 info@brazostherapy.org</p>

HEALTH RESOURCES

Health For All	<p>Health For All's mission is to provide and expand access to free, high quality and comprehensive, primary and preventive health care for low income, medically uninsured individuals in the Brazos Valley. Our patients are between the ages of 18 and 64 because this is the age range that is not automatically eligible for existing government programs. 80% of our patients earn less than \$1,500/month. Over 50% of our patients are female and most are single parents. We serve patients from over 20 counties, but 95% live in the Brazos Valley. Last year we provided 4,682 exams.</p>	<p>Amanda Schrader 3030 E 29th St., Suite 111 Bryan, TX 77802 assistant.hlth4all@gmail.com 979-774-4176 Ext. 117 http://www.hlth4all.org/ https://www.facebook.com/Hlth4All/ https://twitter.com/hlth_4_all</p>
Kemper LifeKemp	<p>For generations Kemper Life has provided affordable, personalized insurance protection for all including families and individuals with disabilities. Our home service business model provides you with an agent that meets with you individually to offer insurance products that will protect you in times of need. Our belief is that you are not just a policy number, you are a member of the Kemper Life family.</p>	<p>Zac Jones 3608 East 29th Street Suite 201 Bryan, TX 77802 zjones@kemper.com 979-324-3597</p>
Maximus/Texas Health Steps, Star/StarPlus/StarKids	<p>We educate and assist Medicaid families in learning more about managed care, locating a primary care physician, selecting a health plan as well as educating them about Texas Health Steps benefits and services. I represent Maximus/Texas Health Steps, Texas STAR, STAR+PLUS, STAR Kids programs serving Medicaid children and families. We educate clients on how to use their Texas Health Steps Medicaid benefits, assist on choosing a medical or dental health plan and a Primary Care Physician and do plan changes if necessary.</p>	<p>Pearline OConnor PO Box 149219 Austin, TX 78714-9219 pearlineoconnor@maximus.com deborahmoreno@maximus.com 936-727-4591</p>
The Prenatal Clinic	<p>The Prenatal Clinic provides medical care and health education to low-income pregnant women in the 7 county Brazos Valley.</p>	<p>Lynn Clary Yeager 3370 S. Texas Ave., Ste. G Bryan, TX 77802 bcsprenatal@gmail.com 979-595-1783 http://www.bcsprenatal.org</p>
St Joseph Health - WellFIT Program	<p>CHI St. Joseph Health WellFIT Program is an all-inclusive community fitness program offering several different options for "Full Body Health". Our goal is to promote health and wellness in the community by offering monitored exercise facilities including an indoor pool, wellness gym, and group fitness classes. Visit our websites below or drop by either location for more information. For your convenience, we have two locations: The Rehabilitation Center 1600 Joseph Drive in Bryan. Monday thru Friday: 7am-7pm, Saturday: 8am - 12pm. MUST be 18 years or older to participate. 3989 North Shore Drive in Bryan. Monday thru Thursday: 7am - 7pm, Friday: 7am - 5pm, Saturday: 8am - 12pm. MUST be 55 years or older to participate. Website: maturewell.chistjosephhealth.org/services/health-and-wellness-services/pool-gym-and-fitness-classes/</p>	<p>Lindsey Armstrong 3898 North Shore Drive Bryan, TX 77807 979-731-6131 979-704-6501 lindsey.armstrong@commonspirit.org wellness@st-joseph.org</p>
St. Joseph Outpatient Therapy	<p>Our outpatient therapy programs offer physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy for both children and adults. We have specialized and compassionate therapists to provide therapy for a diverse range of disabling conditions whether an acute injury or a life long condition. We offer pediatric specialists that assist children reach their developmental milestones and improve success in school/home/community environments. Our NEW pediatric gym is located in our College Station clinic; however, we offer several locations throughout the Brazos Valley to allow better convenience for our patients.</p>	<p>Amy Southard 3526 Longmire Drive Suite 102 College Station, TX 77845 amy.southard@commonspirit.org 979-485-2956 https://www.chistjoseph.org/services/rehabilitation/physical-therapy</p>



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Sexual Assault Resource Center	<p>The Sexual Assault Resource Center provides free and confidential services to survivors of sexual assault and their support systems. SARC services include a 24-Hour crisis hotline, 24-Hour accompaniment by a trained victim's advocate to medical facilities, counseling and support groups for survivors of sexual assault and their families, community education and outreach, and accompaniment to court or law enforcement.</p>	<p>Lindsey LeBlanc lleblanc@sarcbv.org PO Box 3082, Bryan, TX 77805 reachingout@sarcbv.org 979-731-1000 http://www.sarcbv.org/ https://www.facebook.com/sarcbv https://twitter.com/sarcbv?lang=en</p>
Sorenson Community Interpreting Services	<p>The Hearing Loss and Deafness Resource Specialists are here to serve all deaf and hard of hearing individuals with readily available resources and services. The Resource Specialist program is funded by Texas Health and Human Services with the Office for Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Free of charge for this service to any persons or businesses.</p>	<p>Matthew Dickens V/VP: 832.431.3844 Text: 512.554.5470 Email: DHHAcess6b@hhsc.state.tx.us Brian Determan V/VP: 512.640.7459 Fax: 512.420.0102 Email: DHHAcess7a@hhsc.state.tx.us Email: bdeterman@sorenson.com</p>
Superior HealthPlan	<p>Medicaid benefits for women and children and adults with disabilities under the STAR, CHIP, and STAR PLUS Medicaid programs. Superior HealthPlan provides extra services for vision and health and wellness including extra money for glasses and over the counter items and other extras.</p>	<p>Guadalupe Yanez 5900 E. Ben White Blvd. Austin, TX 78741 guadalupe.yanez@superiorhealthplan.com 512-925-8229 www.superiorhealthplan.com superiorhealthplan</p>
TAMU College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences Courtney Grimshaw Fowler Equine Therapeutic Program "Courtney Cares"	<p>TAMU College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences Courtney Grimshaw Fowler Equine Therapeutic Program "Courtney Cares" provides Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies in partnership with Texas A&M Corp of Cadets Parsons Mounted Cavalry serving children, adults and veterans at Texas A&M. This program is offered in the spring and fall, providing an experiential learning laboratory for the students of BIMS 289 as well as volunteers from the community. Provide support for individuals with disabilities.</p>	<p>Donelle Beal PO Box 3266 College Station, TX 77841 donelle@courtneycares.org 936-245-4489 http://www.courtneycares.org/ Courtneycares.org</p>
Texas A&M Counseling and Assessment Clinic	<p>The Texas A&M Counseling and Assessment Clinic (CAC) is a psychological service training clinic associated with the Department of Educational Psychology at Texas A&M. All providers at the CAC are trained to provide a variety of psychological services while under the supervision of a Licensed Psychologist. We offer both therapy and assessment services for adults, adolescents, and children in English. Fees are established based on an affordable sliding-scale based on family income and size.</p>	<p>3370 S. Texas Ave Bryan, TX 77802 979-595-1770 http://cac.tamu.edu</p>
United Healthcare Community Plan	<p>UnitedHealthcare Community Plan provides health care coverage for individuals on Star Kids and Star Plus Medicaid programs. Individuals on these plans are provided a local Service Coordinator. They also provide a local Transition Specialist and a School Liaison.</p>	<p>http://www.uhccommunityplan.com</p>





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The Postsecondary Access and Training in Human Services (PATHS) Program is a two-year certificate training program that prepares individuals for employment as a **Direct Support Professional - General (DSP-G)** to support the elderly and other people with disabilities to live in their homes, with their families, or in other community settings, **Direct Support Professional - Paraprofessional (DSP-P)** to support teachers and students in the classroom or as **Child Care Professionals (CCP)**. Students are required to successfully complete the Summer I semester prior to entering the PATHS Program. After completing six semesters at the PATHS Program, participants earn a certificate that combines classroom instruction with practical career building experiences.