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# *Making* CONNECTIONS

Brazos Valley Disability Conference and Resource Fair



Center on Disability  
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EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Welcome

to the Brazos Valley Disability Conference  
and Resource Fair!



**AGENDA**

8:00–8:30 am	Check-in, coffee, Meet Resources
8:30–9:15	Keynote Justin Romack
9:15–9:45	Meet resources
9:45–10:15	Breakout sessions 1 (choose one to attend) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supplemental Security Income- Sandy Smith</li> <li>• “Building Blocks: Strategies for Supporting Special Needs Across the Lifespan” Speaker: Brynn Biggs</li> <li>• “Ability Amplified: Essential Skills for Successful Long-term Employment” Speaker: Beth Sherry</li> </ul>
10:15–10:45	Meet your Disability Resources
10:45–11:15	Breakout Session 2 (choose one to attend) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supplemental Security Income- Sandy Smith</li> <li>• Financial planning- John Galloway</li> <li>• Individualized Education Plan-Family understanding &amp; involvement especially to assist with cultural understanding- Tahereh Boroughani</li> </ul>
11:15–11:45	Meet your Disability Resources
11:45 am–12:15 pm	Panel
12:30	End of Conference and Resource Fair
1:00–2:30 pm	BCS Outlaws Beep Baseball demonstration (located in fields next to Central Church) contact Hillary Oswald (hillaryoswald@christchurchcs.org) for more information

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



JUSTIN ROMACK

### **“Oh, the Places You’ll Go: Fostering Strength, Confidence and Creativity with Disabled Youth and Young Adults”**

Society seems convinced living life with a disability is tragic, unfulfilling and burdensome, which can often influence opportunities and expectations for youth and young adults looking to explore the world and how they will contribute to it. In this talk, Justin Romack will share how he’s worked to reclaim the narrative on disability and use his blindness as a catalyst for the value he brings to his family, workplace and community involvement, and the ways he coaches, consults and advises disabled youth and young adults to understand their disability and the many strengths they possess.

Justin Romack is an Assistant Director with the Department of Disability Resources at Texas A&M University, where he works with faculty, staff and students to promote equitable access to the Aggie experience for disabled students. After losing his eyesight as a college student in 2008, Justin’s skills as a communicator and educator were enhanced through resilience, creativity and courage as he found new ways to explore

the world without his vision. Justin has two decades of experience working with assistive technology, technical accessibility and disability education, where he works with students, teachers, businesses and anyone else who will listen about how to ensure what we do, construct and create is accessible to everyone. Justin has a bachelor’s degree in Communications from Stephen F. Austin State University and is currently a graduate student in the Higher Education Administration program at Texas A&M University. He has served on the board of directors for the Assistive Technology in Higher Education Network and the regional affiliate of the Association on Higher Education and Disability, and earned the distinction as a Certified Professional in Accessibility Core Competencies from the International Association of Accessibility Professionals.

## BREAKOUT SESSION SPEAKERS



BETH SHERRY

### **Ability Amplified: Essential Skills for Successful Long-term Employment**

Beth Sherry is the Project SEARCH instructor for College Station ISD, which is a program that prepares young people with significant disabilities for success in competitive integrated employment. In the Project SEARCH program, participants complete internships at Baylor Scott & White Hospital where Beth works closely with hospital staff, mentors, and supervisors to ensure that students are learning the skills needed to gain and maintain employment.



BRYNN BIGGS

### **Building Blocks: Strategies for Supporting Special Needs Across the Lifespan**

In this session, participants will receive resources to support their child with special needs throughout various life stages, spanning from infancy to adulthood. The content encompasses practical checklists, effective best practices, and instructional methods tailored to foster skills in choice and decision-making, goal setting, self-awareness, and self-determination.

Brynn Biggs serves as the Project Manager for the Texas Education Agency’s (TEA) Student-Centered Transitions Network, based at Sam Houston State University’s Garrett Center. Holding an undergraduate degree in Special Education and a master’s degree in educational psychology.

With over twelve years of experience in Texas public schools, Brynn has held diverse roles, including secondary special education teacher, transition coordinator, and 18+ Programs Instructional Coach. Her expertise extends to facilitating professional development at district, state, and national levels, covering various transition-related topics.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Brynn is a self-advocate and a devoted mother to a daughter with multiple disabilities. Her multifaceted background uniquely positions her as both an expert in education and a passionate advocate for individuals with special needs.



**BREAKOUT SESSION SPEAKERS (CONTINUED)****JOHN GALLOWAY****The Essentials of Special Needs Planning**

John Galloway, LUTCF a native Texan with over 28 yrs. experience in the financial services industry is committed to providing for his clients a planning experience that is comprehensive and focused on their goals. Helping clients prioritize their goals, showing them the steps, they need to take, and regularly reviewing their progress towards achieving them, is how he passionately strives to impact his client's ability to embrace the dignified retirement they dream of.

A 1980 graduate of Texas A&M University, John is an Investment Advisor Representative with Voya Financial Advisors. He holds the Series 6, 7, 63 and 66 securities registrations as well as the Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow (LUTCF ®) Designation. He also holds Life, Health and Disability insurance licenses including Long Term Care as required by the State of Texas. John has 3 adult children and a grandson. When not immersed in his greatest joy; spending time with family, his hobbies include travel, photography and college sports.

**SANDY HARDY-SMITH****Social Security Basics****Understand How Work and Earning Money is a GREAT Idea!**

- Examine the different eligibility standards between title 2 and supplemental security income (SSI);
- Explain the process and impact on SSA benefits when a student turns 18;
- Contrast the differences between Medicare and Medicaid;
- Guide the process to utilize SSA work incentives and maximize benefits; and
- Alleviate fears of loss of benefits by clarifying myths and explaining misinformation.

Sandy Hardy-Smith is the Chief Operations Officer for Benefits and Employment Services with Imagine Enterprises. With over 45 years working in the field of disability. She has 30+ years in community-based employment services and 25 years training on Social Security benefits.

Sandy directs Imagine Enterprises' Work Incentive Planning & Assistance (WIPA) in 53 counties in Texas; a Statewide Employment Network (EN) initiative; partnership with the Texas Workforce Commission-Vocational Rehabilitation (TWC-VR) statewide referrals for benefits counseling, employment and self employment services, and Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS); Self-Determination Initiative with the University of Kansas, and in partnership with TWC-VR and UNTWISE under the Beacons of Excellence. A federal grant to promote employment opportunities and benefits counseling to participants in the Amarillo and DFW area that earn or at risk of earning less than minimum wage. Sandy provides training and technical assistance on the local, state, and national level, to improve the ability of Social Security beneficiaries to go to work, earn a living, and maintain or obtain needed health insurance.

**TAHEREH BOROUGHANI****"Enhancing IEPs: Integrating Parents' Roles in Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Education"**

Tahereh Boroughani has dedicated over two decades to teaching at various educational levels, encompassing both school and university settings. She established and successfully ran an English academy in Tehran, before deciding to pursue a Ph.D. student in Bilingual/ESL Education at Texas A&M University in the Department of Educational Psychology.

Ms. Boroughani's scholarly pursuits are centered around teaching methodologies for language acquisition, with a specific focus on the pedagogical approaches for students with special needs. Furthermore, in the realm of Individualized Education Programs (IEP), her research critically examines the cultural and linguistic responsiveness of these programs, advocating for a framework that is both inclusive and reflective of the diverse student population needs. Her academic and professional trajectory is driven by the desire to foster inclusive and responsive educational environments that meet students' developmental needs; thereby, enhancing the learning experience for a diverse student body.

# ORGANIZATIONS/AGENCIES

## 2-1-1 Texas / United Way

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.

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## Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is a unique education agency with a statewide network of professional educators, trained volunteers, and county offices. For over 100 years, the agency has improved lives across Texas by delivering innovative science-based solutions and education at the intersection of health, agriculture and environment in communities across the state. Today, we continue the legacy of service, bringing together traditional outreach and modernized tools to reach Texans right where they are.

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## Texas A&M AgriLife Extension's Family and Community Health (FCH) unit

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension's Family and Community Health (FCH) unit helps Texans better their lives through science-based educational programs designed to improve the overall health and wellness of individuals, families, and communities. The Success...powered by YOU program within FCH offers young adults\* (ages 18 through 24) free life skills classes. They learn how to build healthy relationships, exercise sound financial practices and apply solid parenting skills.

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## Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities

The Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities (TCDD) helps people with developmental disabilities (DD) achieve their potential for independence, productivity, and integration into their communities through the development of a comprehensive system of services and supports. We are committed to creating change so people with disabilities are fully included in their own communities and exercise control over their own lives.

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## Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities - AgriLife Regional Coordinators

TCDD and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service have developed a regional coordinator initiative so people with disabilities and others around the state have access to regional information and events. Regional Coordinators provide education on disability-related topics such as employment, health, aging, and gardening; trainings for self-advocates and their families; technical assistance on accessible programming guidelines; and sharing resources for individuals with developmental disabilities and families.

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<p><b>Brazos Valley Council of Governments</b></p> <p>The BVCOG serves over 315,000 citizens and covers an area of 5,109 square miles. This area, known and referred to as the Brazos Valley Region consists of seven counties, which are Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson and Washington. It is our mission to benefit the citizens of the Brazos Valley Region by serving as the vehicle for their local governments to cooperatively identify needs, develop responses, implement solutions, eliminate duplication and promote the efficient and accountable use of public resources, and to improve quality of life.</p>	<p>Barbara of Clemmons bclemmons@bvcog.org 979-595-2800 www.bvcog.org/ 3991 East 29th, Bryan, Texas 77802 Email: info@bvcog.org jan.morris@bvcog.org</p>
<p><b>City of Bryan Community Development Services Department</b></p> <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 art@bryantx.gov 1803 Greenfield Plaza Bryan, TX 77802 Phone: 979-209-5175 Fax: 979-209-5184 www.bryantx.gov/community-development/</p>
<p><b>DSHS CSHCN Systems Development Group</b></p> <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 TitleV@dshs.texas.gov 860-869-4723 dshs.texas.gov/mch/CSHCN.aspx</p>
<p><b>HHS Blind Children's Program</b></p> <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 partners 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, <a href="https://hhs.texas.gov/blind-childrens-program">hhs.texas.gov/blind-childrens-program</a>.</p>	<p>Ebony Bradley 5455 Blair Rd. Dallas, TX 75231 blindchildrensprogram@hhsc.state.tx.us 214-239-6339 <a href="https://hhs.texas.gov/blind-childrens-program">hhs.texas.gov/blind-childrens-program</a></p>
<p><b>MHMR Authority of Brazos Valley</b></p> <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 P.O. BOX 4588 • Bryan, TX 77805 979-822-6467  1504 South Texas Avenue, Bryan, TX 77805 alang@mhmrabv.org 979-821-9449 www.mhmrabv.org/ facebook.com/MHMRABV/</p>
<p><b>Navigate Life Texas</b></p> <p>Resources &amp; Support For families raising children with disabilities.</p> <p>Education and Schools Learn about everything, from what exactly special education is to your child's legal rights in preschool through high school.</p> <p>Insurance &amp; Financial Help There are programs that might help you pay for the things your child needs to get through the day.</p> <p>Family Support You and your family aren't alone—there are other parents who have lived through similar experiences.</p> <p>Transition to Adulthood You can help your child learn to take responsibility for themselves in so many ways. We're here to help you and your child through the transition process.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.navigatelifetexas.org/en">www.navigatelifetexas.org/en</a></p>

<p><b>Talking Book Program - Texas State Library an Archives Commission</b></p> <p>The Talking Book Program (TBP) provides free digital audio, braille, and large print books and magazines, and equipment for loan to Texans, of any age, who are unable to read standard print due to a qualifying visual, physical, or reading disability. For more information visit <a href="http://www.TexasTalkingBooks.org">www.TexasTalkingBooks.org</a>.</p>	<p>Jaclyn Owusu 1201 Brazos Street, Austin, TX 78701 <a href="mailto:jowusu@tsl.texas.gov">jowusu@tsl.texas.gov</a></p> <p><a href="mailto:tbp.info@tsl.texas.gov">tbp.info@tsl.texas.gov</a> 1-800-252-9605 512-463-5452 <a href="http://TexasTalkingBooks.org">TexasTalkingBooks.org</a> <a href="https://facebook.com/tslac">facebook.com/tslac</a> <a href="https://instagram.com/tslac/">instagram.com/tslac/</a> <a href="https://twitter.com/tslac">twitter.com/tslac</a></p>
<p><b>Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)</b></p> <p>DSHS -Specialized Health and Social Services works with children from birth to 21 years of age that have special health care needs. Programs include Children with Special Health Care Needs, Case Management and resource assistance.</p>	<p>Kimberly Langley 2408 S. 37th St. Temple, TX 76504 <a href="mailto:kimberly.langley@dshs.texas.gov">kimberly.langley@dshs.texas.gov</a> 254-760-1176</p> <p><a href="http://www.dshs.texas.gov">www.dshs.texas.gov</a></p>
<p><b>Texas Workforce Solutions - Vocational Rehabilitation Services</b></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 MS.Ed 4021 East 29th, Suite 1114 Bryan, TX 77802 <a href="mailto:trevette.bookman@twc.texas.gov">trevette.bookman@twc.texas.gov</a></p> <p><a href="mailto:lisa.givens@twc.texas.gov">lisa.givens@twc.texas.gov</a>. 979-595-2880</p> <p><a href="http://www.twc.state.tx.us/programs/vocational-rehabilitation-program-overview">www.twc.state.tx.us/programs/vocational-rehabilitation-program-overview</a></p>



# AGING/PREPARING FOR ADULthood/WORK

## Aquatic Greens Farm

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.

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## The BEE Community

Through the handcrafting of products in a variety of enterprises, the bee community exists to provide meaningful work and a place of belonging for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. bee artisans craft high quality products like soaps, candles, dog treats, stationery and jewelry. we want everyone- regardless of ability and capacity- to experience the dignity and purpose that comes from employment. we believe everyone that has a pulse has a purpose and a divine design to work and contribute.

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## Consolidated Planning Group

Consolidated Planning Group is a holistic, independent financial planning firm that provides advice, analysis, education, and financial planning services for families with special needs loved ones.

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## Galloway Kucera Financial

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 [www.gallowaykucerafinancial.com/](http://www.gallowaykucerafinancial.com/)

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## The Student HireAbility Navigator

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.

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## Junction Five-O-Five

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.

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<p><b>Kemper Life</b></p> <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>Zak Jones 3608 E 29th street. Ste. 201 Bryan Tx 77803 zjones@kemper.com 979-324-3597</p>
<p><b>Texas ABLE Program</b></p> <p>The 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.</p>	<p>Vanessa Goodson Vanessa.goodson@cpa.texas.gov Learn more and enroll online at TexasABLE.org 844-4TX-ABLE (844-489-2253) CustomerService@TexasABLE.org</p>
<p><b>United Access</b></p> <p>United Access provides wheelchair accessible vehicles and equipment for people with disabilities.</p>	<p>United Access 2214 North Earl Rudder Freeway Bryan, TX 77808 jdunker02@yahoo.com 281-487-1969 www.braunability.com/unitedaccess/us/en/adaptive-driving-access.html facebook.com/United-Access-348808627216/</p>
<p><b>Workability</b></p> <p>Workability™ connects neurodiverse and disabled talent with inclusive employers worldwide. It is a specialty job board that connects neurodiverse and disabled job seekers with inclusive employers nationwide. Job seekers can create a profile, upload a resume, search and apply for job opportunities, all at no cost. We hope you'll soon create a profile at workability.one/seeker/signup. Jobs Across the Spectrum.</p>	<p>Sheila Jordan 1017 NE Marion Place Bend, OR 97701 541-638-8528 jobsacrossthespectrum@gmail.com www.workability.one</p>
<p><b>Workforce Solutions</b></p> <p>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 ensures 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.</p>	<p>Donna Weese 3991 E. 29th Street Bryan, TX 77802 donna.weese@bvcog.org 979-595-2801 Ext. 2019 bvjobs.org/</p>
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# COMMUNITY SUPPORTS/INCLUSION

## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## Avocation Therapy

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.

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## BCS Outlaws Beep Baseball Team

We are a local beep baseball team for teens and adults who are blind or visually impaired. Beep baseball is an adaptive form of baseball for athletes who are blind/visually impaired. Our organization provides an opportunity for people who are visually impaired to be a part of a community with other people who are navigating life with a vision impairment. It also helps with their physical and overall health, by giving players an outlet and reason to get in shape, and compete at a high level with a team.

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## Beloved & Beyond

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 in the Summer.

Join us at our new home in Rosebud, Texas!

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<p><b>The Benn Law Group</b></p> <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 750 William D. Fitch Pkwy, Suite 220 College Station, TX 77845 melissa@mytexaslawyer.net thomas@mytexaslawyer.net 979-393-0345 www.mytexaslawyer.net/ facebook.com/bennlawgroup/</p>
<p><b>Brazos Valley Booster Club, Inc.</b></p> <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 facebook.com/BVBoosterClubInc/ Brazos Valley Booster Club, Inc.</p>
<p><b>Brazos Valley Center for Independent Living</b></p> <p>BVCIL is a consumer-based, consumer-controlled, cross-disability, cross-cultural, non-residential, private nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose mission is to promote the full inclusion and participation of individuals with disabilities in all aspects of community life.</p>	<p>Craig Davis cdavis@bvcil.org 1869 Briarcrest Drive Bryan, TX 77802 daveschmitz76@gmail.com cdavis@bvcil.org Craig Davis info@bvcil.org 979-776-5505 bvcil.org facebook.com/bvcil/</p>
<p><b>Camp Blessing Texas</b></p> <p>Camp Blessing makes an iconic experience—summer camp—available to campers whose challenges prevent their participation elsewhere. We are a residential Christian summer camp offering love, acceptance and fun to children and adults with special needs. We believe that our campers, regardless of ability level, should have all of the fun summer camp has to offer.</p>	<p>Zoe Wilson 7227 Camp Blessing Ln Brenham, TX 77833 zoe@campblessing.org 281-259-5789 CBTX 9402 Palestine Rd, Brenham, TX 77833 info@campblessing.org 281-259-5789 campblessing.org/ facebook.com/campblessingtexas/ Camp_blessing_texas</p>
<p><b>The Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&amp;M University</b></p> <p>The work of the Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&amp;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 <a href="http://cdd.tamu.edu">cdd.tamu.edu</a> for more information.</p>	<p>Meagan Orsag 4225 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843 meagansumbera@tamu.edu 979-845-4612 cdd.tamu.edu facebook.com/TAMUCDD</p>
<p><b>Central Special Needs Ministry</b></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>Charity Corbitt Central Baptist Church 1991 FM 158 College Station, TX 77845 ccorbitt@centralbcs.org specialneeds@centralbcs.org 979-776-9977 www.centralbcs.org/special-needs</p>

<p><b>Directory of Community Resources in Texas</b></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>Marcia Montague, PhD mmontague@tamu.edu 979-845-4612 Center on Disability and Development 4225 TAMU College Station, TX 77843-4225 dcr.tamu.edu/ disabilityresources@tamu.edu</p>
<p><b>Down Home Ranch, Inc.</b></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>Our mission is to empower the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through social, educational, residential and vocational opportunities.</p>	<p>Cortney Dozier Mallory Zimmerman 20250 FM 619 Elgin, TX 78621 512-856-0128 (x132) info@downhomeranch.org camp@downhomeranch.org www.downhomeranch.org facebook.com/downhomeranch.org instagram.com/down_home_ranch/ twitter.com/down_home_ranch</p>
<p><b>Hands at Home Therapy</b></p> <p>Hands at Home Therapy serves as a matchmaker between the special needs kiddos and our vetted volunteers who want to help them. Through our membership, moms and dads get a much-needed break while our students implement the programs that the child's therapist or teacher want practiced at home. We are a private organization; membership is not based on financial need. We know how school, government programs, and health insurance may not provide therapy at the frequency needed to effect real change. We serve to support those resources and families by filling that gap.</p>	<p>3409 Shire DR College Station, Texas, 77845 501-804-5566 facebook.com/handsathomether/?view_public_for=523519094741606 agordonstokes@gmail.com</p>
<p><b>Out Loud Dance</b></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 10219 Ella Lee Lane Houston, TX 77042 courtneykalaher@yahoo.com info@outloudance.org 979-492-2550 Outloudance.org facebook.com/outloudance/</p>
<p><b>Pride Assist Baseball</b></p> <p>Pride Assist is a private baseball league for people with special needs (ages +5). We are a Christian league encouraging our players to learn the value of working hard and giving the glory to God.</p>	<p>Jennifer Heaton Travis Park - 2200 Bomber Dr. Bryan, Tx 77801 Jenniferheaton4@yahoo.com 979-229-5089 facebook.com/profile.php?id=100075478526066</p>
<p><b>PSUN- Providing Smiles and Under- standing Needs</b></p> <p>The Texas A&amp;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>psuntamu.weebly.com facebook.com/psuntamu/ Director of Community Outreach Sharada Rao psun.director@gmail.com Director of Collegiate Outreach Maggie Schwab psun.codirector@gmail.com</p>
<p><b>Road Rascals Special Olympics Cycling Team</b></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, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.</p>	<p>Sondra White 204 Emberglow Circle College Station, Texas 77840 sondrakwhite@gmail.com 979-574-3111 facebook.com/groups/roadrascals/</p>
<p><b>Shahid Center for Ability and Development</b></p> <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 &amp; 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>



<p><b>Shelly Kruger's Dance Studio</b></p> <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 809 University Dr. E. Ste. 103-B College Station, TX 77845 979-694-1812 shellikrugersds.wixsite.com/dance facebook.com/Shelli-Krugers-Dance-Stu- dio-426849930690/ shellik@suddenlink.net</p>
<p><b>S.H.A.R.E. (Special Horses and Riders Excelling)</b></p> <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 77845-8204 info@sharetx.org lombard650@gmail.com 979-229-6637 979-690-2364 sharetx.org facebook.com/SpecialHorsesandRidersExcelling/</p>
<p><b>Special Olympics Texas</b></p> <p>Special Olympics Texas is a nonprofit who serves athletes with disabilities who compete in athletic events throughout the year in the east region of Texas and they qualify for state world competitions. There are also a variety of programs that are offered including our school programs. Although we provide services to those with ID we have unified teams of those with ID and others who team up together.</p>	<p>Mary Buford 2501 Central Parkway Suite C-1A Houston, TX 77092 mbuford@sotx.org 832-627-0896</p> <p>facebook.com/specialolympicstx instagram.com/specialolympicstx twitter.com/SOTexas 832-617-0930</p> <p>Kristen Basel Program Director 254-716-1593 kbasel@sotx.org</p> <p>R. Stewart rstewart@sotx.org 936-756-6906</p> <p>facebook.com/SOTX6/ instagram.com/specialolympicstx_east twitter.com?SpecialOlympicsTexas (SOTexas) www.sotx.org/</p>
<p><b>Texas Direct Care Careers</b></p> <p>The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is helping connect job seekers with employers who provide home and community-based services.</p>	<p>www.directcarecareers.com/state/texas</p>
<p><b>Young Life Capernaum</b></p> <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>Betty Johnston Mia Van Curen miavancuren@gmail.com harperhig@tamu.edu</p> <p>brazosvalley.younglife.org/ facebook.com/YoungLife twitter.com/YoungLife tam.younglife@gmail.com 979-693-2012 Young Life Brazos Valley 1103 Anderson, Ste., #101 College Station, TX 77840</p>

## EARLY LIFE

### 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).

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### Ascend Behavior Partners

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.

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### Behavioral Innovations

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.

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### BVCAP Head Start and Early Head Start

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.

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Bryan, Tx 77802  
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### Easter Seals of Greater Houston - Early Childhood Intervention

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.

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[twitter.com/eastersealshou?lang=en](https://twitter.com/eastersealshou?lang=en)  
[www.hhs.texas.gov/services/disability/early-childhood-intervention-services](http://www.hhs.texas.gov/services/disability/early-childhood-intervention-services)

<p><b>Empower Behavioral Health</b></p> <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>Brazos Valley ABA Clinic 3841 Sagebriar Drive Bryan, TX 77802 979-216-5529 979-216-5671</p> <p>Chris Giannetti 979-325-3220</p> <p><a href="http://www.empowerbh.com">www.empowerbh.com</a> <a href="http://www.empowerbh.com/location/brazos-valley-tx/">www.empowerbh.com/location/brazos-valley-tx/</a> <a href="mailto:info@empowerbh.com">info@empowerbh.com</a> <a href="mailto:Chris@empowerbh.com">Chris@empowerbh.com</a> <a href="https://www.instagram.com/empowerbh/">instagram.com/empowerbh/</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Empowerbh/">facebook.com/Empowerbh/</a></p>
<p><b>Go Baby Go Program (Brazos Valley Rehabilitative Center)</b></p> <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 <a href="mailto:info@brazostherapy.org">info@brazostherapy.org</a> <a href="http://brazostherapy.org/go-baby-go/">brazostherapy.org/go-baby-go/</a></p>

# EDUCATION

## Aggie ACHIEVE

Aggie ACHIEVE at Texas A&M University is a comprehensive transition program (CTP) for young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) who have exited high school. Aggie ACHIEVE provides an inclusive and immersive college education and equips students for employment in the community. Aggie ACHIEVE aligns coursework, internship opportunities, and extracurricular activities with each student's academic interests and employment goals. Aggie ACHIEVE is designed to enroll students for up to four years.

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## Aggie Homework Helpline

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. This program currently partners with the Heart of Texas GEAR UP, providing tutoring during the school day for Class of 2026 Bryan ISD and Hearne ISD students.

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## Anointed Abilities

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!!!

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## Blinn College- Office of Disability and Counseling

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.

Contact Samantha Johnson, Danna Kelm, or any member of the staff  
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Contact Information for the RELIS Campus Office:  
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## Brazos Valley Regional Day School Program for the Deaf

The Brazos Valley Regional Day School Program for the Deaf (BVRDSPD) provides a free and appropriate public education to Deaf and hard of hearing students from birth through age 21. A Shared Service Arrangement exists between 31 member independent school districts spread over an eight county service area. Bryan ISD serves as the fiscal agent.

Students are served within their home districts or on one of the BVRDSPD site campuses in Bryan ISD. Home school districts provide transportation for deaf and hard of hearing students attending site campuses in Bryan.

The Brazos Valley Regional Day School offers a variety of services.

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<p><b>Bryan ISD</b></p> <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>Dala Henry dala.henry@bryanisd.org 801 S. Ennis Bryan, TX 77802 979-219-2383 facebook.com/BryanISD</p> <p>Tonnette Smith Vickie Smith Transition Coordinators Bryan Independent School District 1201 Ridgedale St. Bryan, TX 77803 tonnette.smith@bryanisd.org vickie.smith@bryanisd.org 979-209-2758 979-209-7940 www.bryanisd.org/</p>
<p><b>Center for Living Well with ADHD</b></p> <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 www.centerforlivingwellwithadhd.org facebook.com/centerforlivingwellwithadhd/</p>
<p><b>Coach to Communicate (C2C) at Texas A&amp;M University</b></p> <p>The Coach To Communicate project provides a webinar and 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 autism.tamu.edu/</p>	<p>4225 TAMU, College Station, TX 77845 TamuAuParent@tamu.edu 956-212-8498 autism.tamu.edu/ facebook.com/TAMUOnlineABA/</p> <p>Sanikan Wattanawongwan swattanawongwan@tamu.edu</p>
<p><b>College Station ISD</b></p> <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>Ami Cecil 1812 Welsh College Station, TX 77840 acecil@csisd.org 979-764-5500 EXT: 6055 www.csisd.org/departments/special_services sites.google.com/csisd.org/csisdtransition/home</p>
<p><b>The Eleanor &amp; Charles Garrett Center on Transition and Disability Studies</b></p> <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 disabilities. The website is designed to be a gateway of information for educators, students with disabilities, parents, siblings, and community partners including agencies.</p>	<p>Box 2119, Huntsville, TX 77341-2119 brynnbiggs@shsu.edu Brynn Biggs 936-294-3911 www.shsu.edu/centers/garrettcenter/ facebook.com/SHSUGarrettCenter/</p>



<p><b>Gateway Academy Houston</b></p> <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 thegatewayacademy.org facebook.com/ gatewayacademyhouston/ Michele Joseph Mjoseph@gatewayacademyhouston.org 713-659-7900</p>
<p><b>Renner Academy</b></p> <p>As the only specialized school for children with dyslexia in the Brazos Valley, Renner Academy takes great pride in maximizing the potential of children with dyslexia and other language-based learning differences. With small class sizes, caring and knowledgeable teachers and staff, and an environment that allows students to feel safe and supported, Renner Academy empowers students to reach their fullest potential as learners, thinkers, and leaders.</p>	<p>Jodi Renner jodi@renneracademy.org 6134 Imperial Loop Dr College Station, TX 77845 979-810-8100 facebook.com/renneracademy/ instagram.com/renner_academy/</p>
<p><b>Heart of Texas GEAR UP</b></p> <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, Office 603 College Station, TX 77843 979-458-0828 mmontague@tamu.edu facebook.com/heartoftexas.gearup/ 979-862-1104 gearup@tamu.edu</p> <p>Linda Castillo, PH.D. Director Phone: 979-845-0891 Email: lcastillo@tamu.edu</p> <p>Melissa Tolentino melissatolentino@tamu.edu 956.624.2615 Social media: @heartoftxGEARUP</p>
<p><b>HOPS (Horticulture Options in Plant Sciences)</b></p> <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>Dr. Cheryl Grenwelge chgrenwelge@ag.tamu.edu Dr. Jade Wu Jade.wu@ag.tamu.edu cdd.tamu.edu/education/hops-program/ Office location Harrington Tower 637 Suite Texas A&amp;M University</p>
<p><b>Partners Resource Network Inc.</b></p> <p>Partner Resource Network is a non-profit agency that operates the Texas statewide network of Training and Information Centers. We serve parents of children and youth with disabilities from ages 0-26. We are funded by the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs. Regional Coordinators are knowledgeable in local policies, services, and resources as well as state and national level guidelines.</p>	<p>Sabrina Thompson 2825 Wilcrest Drive, Houston, TX 77042 region6prn@gmail.com 936-348-0013 prntexas.org/ prntexas.org/texas-ptis/path-project/ facebook.com/PRNTexas/</p>
<p><b>PATHS Program</b></p> <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 paths.tamu.edu facebook.com/pathsprogram/</p>

<p><b>Region 6 Educational Service Center</b></p> <p>Region 6 Educational Service Center transition specialist provides technical assistance, resources, and training to local education agencies (districts) regarding transition services for students with disabilities.</p>	<p>Suzanne Jones Huntsville, TX sjones@esc6.net 936-435-8246 3332 Montgomery Rd, Huntsville, TX 77340 www.esc6.net/</p>
<p><b>RELLIS Campus (Texas A&amp;M System)</b></p> <p>The Texas A&amp;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&amp;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 3100 TX-47, Bryan, TX 77807 dwalker@rellis.tamus.edu 979-317-3405 rellis.tamus.edu/ facebook.com/RELLISEdu/ instagram.com/relliscampus/ twitter.com/rellisedu</p>
<p><b>Robertson County Special Services Coop</b></p> <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.</p> <p>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>
<p><b>SUCCESS Powered by YOU</b></p> <p>Free classes for young adults (18-24 years) that teach the skills they need for life-long 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 instagram.com/successpoweredbyyou/ facebook.com/families.tamu.edu</p>
<p><b>Texas A&amp;M Disability Resources</b></p> <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&amp;M University.</p> <p>Disability Resources offers accommodations coordination, evaluation referral, disability-related information, assistive technology services, sign language interpreting and transcription services for academically related purposes. Although Disability Resources does not offer disability evaluation and/or testing, tutoring, personal expenses, attendants or scholarships, Disability Resources will provide resources and referral information</p>	<p>Disability Resources 1224 TAMU, College Station, TX 77845-1224 disability@tamu.edu 979-845-1637 disability.tamu.edu</p>
<p><b>Texas A&amp;M University Educational Psychology- Preparing Researchers Educators and Parents (PREP)</b></p> <p>Texas A&amp;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 cehd.catalog.instructure.com/programs/prep</p>

**Texas AgrAbility Project**

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.

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**Texas Education Agency: Secondary Transition Guidance**

Transition services are a coordinated set of activities designed to help the child move from school to post-school activities. Visit the Texas Education Agency (TEA) Secondary Transition Guidance Website for more information.

tea.texas.gov/academics/special-student-populations/  
special-education/programs-and-services/state-guidance/  
secondary-transition-guidance  
spedsupport.tea.texas.gov/topics/transition  
Statewide Contact information: spedsupport.tea.texas.gov/  
statewide-contacts?field\_contact\_for\_topics\_target\_id\_1=196  
sjones@esc6.net  
936-435-8246  
Suzanne Jones

**The Work and College Opportunity (WACO) program at Texas A&M**

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.

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# FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS

## The Arc of Bryan-College Station

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.

The Arc of Bryan-College Station  
P.O. Box 12009, College Station, TX 77842  
979-224-0268  
thearcbcs@gmail.com  
facebook.com/ArcBCS/  
thearc.org/chapter/the-arc-of-bryan-college-station/

## BCS Families with Food Allergies

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.

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facbcs.wordpress.com  
Facebook: facebook.com/groups/BCSFFA

## The Blind Psychologist

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

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## Big Brothers Big Sisters of Brazos Valley

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.

Terry Dougherty  
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tdougherty@bigmentor.org  
979-224-3660  
www.bbbsbrazos.com

## Down Syndrome Association of Brazos Valley

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. 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.

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facebook.com/DownSyndromeAssociationBrazosValley/

## Families of Autistic Children Engaged Together for Support (FACETS)

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.

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## Family to Family Network

Empowering families to be better advocates for their family member with a disability. Providing FREE information, referrals, training and support. At your speed, online learning system for IEP process and SSI applications. Annual Conference & Resource Fair in January.

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facebook.com/familytofamilynetwork/  
twitter.com/FamilytoFamily

<p><b>NAMI Brazos Valley</b></p> <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>Jody Schulz Interim Executive Director 3705 S College Ave Bryan, TX 77801 executivedirector@namibv.org 979-774-4713 namibv.org</p>
<p><b>Purposeful Life Family Training Series</b></p> <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. &amp; 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 facebook.com/purposefullifebcs cdd.tamu.edu/service-outreach/purposeful-life/</p>
<p><b>Raising Awareness of Developmental Language Disorder</b></p> <p>Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) 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>In 2017, the first DLD awareness campaign was introduced with the theme DLD 1-2-3 highlighting (1) DLD is a problem with speaking and/or listening, (2) it is hidden but common, and (3) support can help to improve the quality of life of affected children and their families.</p>	<p>Beth Netherland, Parent Ambassador 4045 Crestmont Dr., College Station TX 77845 beth-m-tessandori@tamu.edu 979-458-3678 radld.org/ YouTube:www.youtube.com/user/RALLIcampaign facebook.com/radld.page/ twitter.com/radldcam</p>
<p><b>Scleroderma Foundation - Texas Bluebonnet Chapter</b></p> <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 txchapter@scleroderma.org 281-706-6232 www.scleroderma.org facebook.com/sclerotxchapter instagram.com/scleroderma_txchapter twitter.com/sclerotxchapter</p>
<p><b>Texas Parent to Parent</b></p> <p>Texas Parent to Parent provides support, information and education to families of children with disabilities, chronic illness or special health care needs.</p>	<p>1805 W. Rutherford Ln., Suite 201 Austin, TX 78758 info@txp2p.org 512-458-8600 www.txp2p.org Rosalba Calleros rosalba.calleros@txp2p.org 866-896-6001 facebook.com/txp2p.org</p>
<p><b>Brazos Valley Special Needs Facebook Group</b></p> <p>Facebook group for families, people with disabilities, providers and friends to share resources and upcoming events.</p>	<p>facebook.com/groups/777073310376918 Brazos County, Texas</p>
<p><b>Voices For Children Inc. CASA of the Brazos Valley</b></p> <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>Amy Faulkner 115 North Main St Bryan, TX 77803 vfc@vfcbrasos.org 979-822-9700 vfcbrasos.org/ facebook.com/vfcbrasos/ instagram.com/vfcbrasos/ twitter.com/vfcbrasos</p>



# HEALTH RESOURCES

## Alzheimer's Association Houston & Southeast Texas Chapter

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.

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www.alz.org/texas/helping\_you/areas\_we\_serve/brazos\_valley  
facebook.com/alztex/  
instagram.com/alztex  
twitter.com/alztex

## BlueCross and BlueShield of Texas

We are one of 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.

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Facebook Latino: @bluecrossblueshieldoftexaslatino  
@bluecrossblueshieldoftexas

## Brazos Healthy Communities (BHC) at Project Unity

BHC is a program for pregnant moms in their second pregnancy and beyond. BHC is committed to improve outcomes around patient care and reduce health disparities. By utilizing a tool called Pathways, a Community Health Worker (CHWs) is able to identify and track individually modifiable risk factors, working towards eliminating those risks one by one.

Allison Ross-Carroll  
Project Unity at:  
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## Brazos Valley Aging and Disability Resource Center

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.

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## Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center (BVRC)

Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center - comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation center providing physical, occupational, speech therapies, as well as social services. Financial assistance available to qualifying individuals.

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## Health For All

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.

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<p><b>Maximus/Texas Health Steps, Star/StarPlus/StarKids</b></p> <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>
<p><b>Sexual Assault Resource Center</b></p> <p>The Sexual Assault Resource Center supports survivors of sexual violence through advocacy, crisis intervention, and counseling and works to end sexual violence in the Brazos Valley. SARC provides free and confidential services to survivors of sexual assault over the age of 13. SARC services include a 24-Hour crisis hotline, 24-Hour medical accompaniment by a trained victim's advocate, individual counseling and support groups for survivors of sexual assault and their families, community education and outreach, and accompaniments to court or law enforcement investigations.</p>	<p>Caroline Adams cadams@sarcbv.org kduncan@sarcbv.org 979-731-1000 PO Box 3082 Bryan, TX 77805 979-731-1000 www.sarcbv.org/ facebook.com/sarcbv instagram.com/sarcbv/</p>
<p><b>Sorenson Community Interpreting Services</b></p> <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: DHHAccess6b@hhsc.state.tx.us Brian Determan V/VP: 512.640.7459 Fax: 512.420.0102 bdeterman@sorenson.com</p>
<p><b>St. Joseph Outpatient Therapy</b></p> <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 pediatric gym is located in our College Station clinic; however, we offer several locations for adults throughout the Brazos Valley to allow better convenience for our patients.</p>	<p>Amy Southard, OTR 3526 Longmire Drive Suite 102 College Station, TX 77845 amy.southard@commonspirit.org 979-485-2956 www.chistjoseph.org/services/rehabilitation/physical-therapy</p>
<p><b>St. Joseph Health - Therapy &amp; Wellness</b></p> <p>We know that choosing where to receive care after a life-changing illness or injury is an important decision for you and your loved ones. At CHI St. Joseph Health Rehabilitation Hospital an affiliate of Encompass Health, we are committed to helping you get back to what matters most. Located in Bryan, we are a leading provider of inpatient rehabilitation for stroke, brain injury, hip fracture and other complex neurological and orthopedic conditions.</p>	<p>Lindsey Armstrong 1600 Joseph Drive Bryan, TX 77802 979-704-6501</p>
<p><b>St Joseph Health - WellFIT Program</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Our hours of Operation Include: Monday thru Friday: 7am-7pm, Saturday: 8am - 12pm.</p> <p>MUST be 18 years or older to participate, but PLEASE call for Personal Training clients younger than 18.</p>	<p>Lindsey Armstrong 1600 Joseph Drive Bryan, TX 77802 lindsey.armstrong@commonspirit.org 979-704-6501 stjoseph.stlukeshealth.org/</p>

<p><b>Summit Pediatrics</b></p> <p>Our mission is to provide comprehensive and compassionate care by fostering an understanding and safe environment for children and their families during some of the most challenging and rewarding times of their lives. Our goal is to create trusting and lasting relationships by meeting patients wherever they may be in their journey. We believe in partnering with parents and caregivers to provide the highest level of care for their children. Board-certified pediatrician Dr. Elizabeth Sledge and her compassionate team strive to create a safe space where families can openly discuss their concerns, ask questions, and receive personalized guidance.</p>	<p>esledge@paulallergy.com 3251 Harvey Road College Station, TX 77845 979-776-0700 facebook.com/summitpediatricstx</p>
<p><b>Superior HealthPlan</b></p> <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 Corpus Christi Regional Office Office Address 711 N. Carancahua, Suite 600 Corpus Christi, TX 78401 Nueces Contact Marcella Gutierrez 361-563-9330 Marcella.Gutierrez@SuperiorHealthPlan.com Houston Contact Guadalupe Yanez 512-925-8229 Guadalupe.Yanez@SuperiorHealthPlan.com www.superiorhealthplan.com/</p>
<p><b>TAMU College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences Courtney Grimshaw Fowler Equine Therapeutic Program "Courtney Cares" (TAMU Courtney Grimshaw Equine-Assisted Therapeutic Program)</b></p> <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&amp;M Corp of Cadets Parsons Mounted Cavalry serving children, adults and veterans at Texas A&amp;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>Nancy Krenek  3748 F&amp;B Rd. College Station, TX 77840 info@courtneycares.org  979-344-4673  donelle@courtneycares.org  936-245-4489 www.courtneycares.org/  info@courtneycares.org</p>
<p><b>Texas A&amp;M Counseling and Assessment Clinic</b></p> <p>The Texas A&amp;M Counseling and Assessment Clinic (CAC) is a psychological service training clinic associated with the Department of Educational Psychology at Texas A&amp;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 cac.tamu.edu  318 Milner Building College Station, TX 77843-4225 Current clients: 979-845-8021</p>
<p><b>Therapy 2000</b></p> <p>In-home Therapy Services.</p>	<p>Jen Wilcox Jwilcox@greenappletherapy.com 806-290-6362  1725 Purple Martin Cv College Station, TX 77845</p>
<p><b>The Prenatal Clinic</b></p> <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 www.bcsprenatal.org</p>

## United Healthcare Community Plan

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.

[www.uhccommunityplan.com](http://www.uhccommunityplan.com)

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STAR+PLUS

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STAR Kids

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# Are you concerned about your child's development?

Sign up for a free autism screening at the 2024 Brazos Valley Disability Conference and Resource Fair "Making Connections"!

The autism screening can identify if there are concerns about your child's development. We will ask you questions about your child's development and behavior. Your child does not need to be present.

You will receive the results of the autism screening and recommendations for next steps. This is NOT a diagnostic evaluation.

## Important Information

Eligibility	Child is between 16 months and 8 years of age
When?	Saturday, February 10, 2024 8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Where?	Central Church, 1991 FM 158, College Station, TX

## Sign Up

Sign up for an appointment at the link below or by scanning the QR code:

<https://bit.ly/3GSzNOU>

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