

The Special Needs Resource Manual



Pearland

— Gulf Coast of Texas —



ALVIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Section 1

District schools

Alvin isd: The Department of Special Education provides a continuum of instructional and related services that includes Academic Supports, Behavioral Supports, Related Services, and Speech Therapy.

Website: www.alvinisd.net/site/default.aspx?PageID=1

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Alvinisd>

Telephone: 281-388-1130

Pearland isd: The Pearland Independent School District is dedicated to providing a free, appropriate public education to all children with disabilities, ages 3-21 who live in Pearland ISD.

Website: www.pearlandisd.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pearlandisd>

Telephone: 281-485-3203

College special education

Alvin Community College Strive Vocational Training Program: Alvin Community College is committed to providing accessibility to its educational programs, activities and facilities for individuals with disabilities.

WEBSITE: <http://www.alvincollege.edu/CEWD/Vocational-Training>

Email: info@alvincollege.edu

Telephone: 281-756-3500

Career trek-lone star college cyfair: The CAREER TREK program is designed to meet the needs of motivated adults with disabilities who wish to further their education beyond a high school level. All CAREER TREK coursework is tailored to meet the needs of adults with disabilities in an effort to provide successful opportunities learning and practicing skills that can be utilized for employment. CAREER TREK participants should have a strong desire to become an independent adult and must possess sufficient emotional stability and maturity to participate successfully in the program.

Website: www.lonestar.edu/tomball.htm

Email: Shannon.martin@lonestar.edu

Telephone: 281-290-3460

Lone star college tomball: OLS® at LSC-Tomball is an associate degree program for adults with cognitive disabilities. The degree is a 60 credit, four-year associate degree. This program gives adults with disabilities the opportunity to acquire an accredited college degree that leads to post-graduation employment rates well above the national average.

Website: <http://www.lonestar.edu/ols>

Telephone: 281-655-3607

San jacinto college disability services: The Office of Disability Services assists students with disabilities to receive accommodations. Accommodations may include, but are not limited to, extended testing time, books in alternative format, resource referrals, specialized technology and software, and the coordination of interpreting services.

Website: <http://www.sanjac.edu/student-services/educational-planning/educational-planning-and-advising/disability-assistance>

Email: disability.services@sjcd.edu

Telephone: 281-998-6150

Texas a&M paths certificate program: The PATHS Certificate Program works in collaboration with the Institute on Person-Centered Practices and Brazos Valley Center for Independent Living. The Institute is a partnership between the Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M University and the Center on Disability Studies at the University of Texas at Austin.

Website: <http://paths.tamu.edu/program-content>

Telephone: 979-458-0169

Vast academy-houston community college: VAST Academy provides post-secondary transition programs and comprehensive support services which lead to meaningful credentials, employment and independence for differently-abled individuals. Opportunities include vocational certificates, pre-college and freshman success "bridge" courses, career

readiness credentials, internships and employment assistance offered through an inclusive, relevant and affordable avenue.

Website: <http://vast.bccs.edu>

Telephone: 713-718-6833

Training opportunity

Spectacular kids aka therapy: Spectacular Kids provides training and workshops for daycare and home daycare employees, school districts, parent support groups, and early childhood intervention programs. Training will be tailored to fit the needs of your group, and can cover a variety of topics,

website- <http://speckidsaba.com/?clid=CMiRiIDVwskCFYkdgQodXcMCPg>

email: info@speckidsaba.com

telephone: 281-713-8980

Family to family network: Family to Family strives to provide programs that help families of children with disabilities by providing information, training, referral, and support. By providing IEP parent support in Houston, education and training events on the special education process,

Website: <http://www.familytofamilynetwork.org>

Telephone: 713-466-6304

Feat-houston: FEAT-Houston is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Our mission is to improve the quality of life of those affected by developmental disabilities by increasing resources and providing information about Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). We sponsor workshops and meetings that provide training on effective treatment strategies for individuals with autism spectrum disorders.

Website: <http://www.feathouston.org>

Email: feathouston@gmail.com

Telephone: 281-361-3328

Arc of greater Houston: The Arc is a non-profit organization formed nationally in 1950 to advocate for the inclusion of people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities in all aspects of society and is established at the national, state, and local levels.

Website: <http://www.aogf.org>

Email: info@thearc.org or mailks@aogf.org

Telephone: 713-957-1600

University of Houston clear lake cadd: UHCL Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities is composed of faculty and students in the *Behavior Analysis, School Psychology,* and Early Childhood Education graduate programs.

Our goals:

To support research on autism and developmental disabilities

To train current and future professionals

To provide services to children and their families through partnerships with community organizations

Website: <https://apps.uhcl.edu/ors/cadd>

Email: autismcenter@uhcl.edu

Telephone: 281-283-3452

Nancy Kling, M.A. – Behavior specialist who offers behavior consultations; parent workshops on behavior issues, autism spectrum disorders, ADHD, and more; and the Nurtured Heart Approach parenting class.

www.BehaviorPlus.com

Info@BehaviorPlus.com

<https://www.facebook.com/Behavior-Plus-206325446056498/>

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Website: www.BehaviorPlus.com

Email: Info@BehaviorPlus.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Behavior-Plus-206325446056498/>

Psychological testing

Carole and Ronald samaritan counseling center: At The Carole and Ronald Krist Samaritan Counseling Center, we provide psychological testing for both children and adults through a program called *MindWorks Testing*. Our staff of psychologists and counselors administers standard, ethical tests for a variety of purposes. We can also tailor a series of tests to an individual for a full-psychological assessment.

Website: <http://www.samaritanhouston.org/services/specialized-testing.php>

Email: info@samaritanhouston.org

Telephone: 281-480-7554

Kelley M. Williams, PsyD, LP Licensed: Clinical Psychologist with a specialization in early childhood concerns, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and the special needs family, offering psychological testing, counseling, parent training, and behavioral support services for children ages 2-22 at Krist Samaritan Center.

Website: www.samaritanhouston.org

Email: kwilliams@samaritanhouston.org

Telephone: 281-956-2713

premier educational assessment services (peas): Educational and Psychoeducational evaluations can be enormously helpful to your child. However, it is important to choose the right person for the job...someone who will be able to really appreciate your child's strengths while also giving you the clarity and the practical recommendations you are looking for to help your child succeed academically and socially.

Website: www.peasedu.org

Telephone: 713-521-7327

DePelchin: DePelchin offers psychological testing when there is need to evaluate a child's intellectual, academic, emotional or behavioral functioning. Testing enables our psychologists to more accurately identify underlying issues, so they can develop a treatment plan that best addresses a child's needs.

Website: www.depelchin.org/psychological-testing/

Email: info@depelchin.org

Telephone: 713-730-2335

Providential counseling & consulting services, fllc: Mrs. Whittaker has provided therapy and psychological testing in a variety of settings including Harris County Department of Education, Houston Independent School District, Bellaire Behavior Hospital, Jonah's Place, Madge Busch Transitional Living Facility, and Gulf Coast Community Services Association-Head Start. She is also an adjunct professor at the University of Phoenix.

Website: www.providentialcounseling.com

Email: info@providentialcounseling.com

Telephone: 832-767-0760

Employment opportunity

Imagine enterprises: Imagine Enterprises envisions a world where all people are respected, valued and provided opportunity in the workplace and the community. With proven expertise in individualized services, the board and staff of Imagine Enterprises are committed to people with disabilities and their families to achieve self-determination, employment and control over their resources with effective Social Security benefits planning, financial management services and employment consultation. Imagine staffs provide direct support, individualized planning, training, and access to resources to get the job done.

Website: www.imagineenterprises.org

Email: cherylharris18@comcast.net

Telephone: 832-563-0661 or 1-800-572-7159

The arc gulf coast: The Arc of the Gulf Coast supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in their quest for self-determination, ensuring that they have meaningful lives in the communities where they live, learn, work, play and worship - responding to their needs, one person at a time.

Website: www.arcgulfcoast.org

Email: thutchinson@arcgulfcoast.org

Telephone: 281-388-1161

The gulf coast center: Today's Center is one of 39 community centers in the State. It continues to offer substance abuse recovery services under the auspices of the Department of State Health Services. Among the Center's many services and programs are day activity programs, coordination of services and employment assistance for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and mental illness. There are several programs for individuals diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities and mental health issues (dual diagnosis), a transitional and permanent housing program for homeless individuals with mental illness, and HIV outreach services in Galveston and Brazoria Counties.

Website: <http://www.gulfcoastcenter.org/intellectual>

Telephone: 281-388-1006 or 1-800-643-0967 and ask for idd intake

Forgotten angels: Clients at Forgotten Angels have opportunities to engage with the community at-large through jobs at local businesses in supported environments. At social enterprises like the Forgotten Angels Resale Shop, the Sweet Angels Cafe and Bakery, the Green Angels Horticulture program and the Clean Angels Work Crew.

Website: <http://www.forgottenangels.org>

Telephone: 832-243-5925

All the little things count: the mission of All the Little Things Count/Country to implement and promote services of the highest quality to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities being served in Home and Community Services (HCS) and Texas Home Living (TxHml) programs. We will also assist those who are enrolled in these programs to access appropriate community supports and resources in order to achieve their desired potential in both vocational and personal pursuits while living with dignity as contributing members of society.

All the Little Things Country is a non-profit [501(c)(3)] organization. All The Little Things Count LLC is a for profit corporation.

An individual plan of care (IPC) is developed for each person enrolled in the program. This plan of care is based upon his/her special needs. Day habilitation, vocational training and supported employment are important aspects of our services for adults. We also provide extended school services for minor children.

Website: <http://allthelittlethingscount.org>

Telephone: 281-581-2060

Section 2

Applied behavior analysis

Challenges to triumph: We provide behavioral support services for children as well as adults diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities in a variety of settings including homes, clinics, schools, daycares, and day habilitation centers. Genevieve has extensive experience working with families, teachers, therapists, direct care staff, and other professionals to ensure quality care of our clients.

website-www.challengestotriumphs.com

facebook-<https://www.facebook.com/ChallengesToTriumphs/>

email-gentressbeba@gmail.com

phone-713-515-1004

behavior plus, inc: We believe unwanted behaviors can best be affected by working, not only with the individual, but also with their families, educators, and employers. Education promotes awareness which leads to better understanding and support for these individuals, helping them become more integrated into their families, more successful in their peer relationships, and more productive in their jobs.

www.BehaviorPlus.com

Info@BehaviorPlus.com

<https://www.facebook.com/Behavior-Plus-206325446056498/>

behavior tlc: behavior tlc focuses on increasing functional skills while decreasing unwanted behaviors in a variety of settings.

Website: www.behaviortlc.com

Email: info@behaviortlc.com

Telephone: 281-461-6888

Trumpet behavior health: At Trumpet Behavioral Health, we strive to go above and beyond for our consumers. Our organization stands behind the belief that each person is best served in an environment of open, honest communication. Treating others with respect and dignity is a requirement and we hold ourselves accountable for doing what's best in every facet of our services.

Website: www.tbh.com/locations/houston-aba-therapy-for-autism

Email: Houston@tbh.com

Telephone: 281-258-4447

University of Houston clear lake cadd: UHCL Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities is composed of faculty and students in

the *Behavior Analysis, School Psychology, and Early Childhood Education* graduate programs.

Our goals:

To support research on autism and developmental disabilities

To train current and future professionals

To provide services to children and their families through partnerships with community organizations

Website: <https://apps.uhcl.edu/ori/cadd>

Email: autismcenter@uhcl.edu

Telephone: 281-283-3452

Reason for hope: The Reason for HOPE is a Christian Pediatric Therapy Center! We proudly provide Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, and Occupational Therapy to children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders, Communication Disorders and/ or Behavior Disorders.

Website: <http://www.thereasonforhope.com>

Telephone: 832-632-2177

Including kids: INCLUDING KIDS, INC. provides research based behavioral intervention and instruction for children and young adults with autism and other related delays, endeavoring to cultivate their learning and social skills to facilitate their inclusion in the community and inspire them to become productive citizens.

website: <http://includingkids.org>

email: info@includingkids.org

telephone: 281-852-0501

spectacular kids aba therapy & consulting: Spectacular Kids provides services to children between the ages of 1-10 years. We do not require a diagnosis to provide services. We emphasize parent/caregiver training as a part of each child's treatment program.

Website: - <http://speckidsaba.com/?clid=CMiRiIDVwskCFYkdgQodXcMCPg>

Email: info@speckidsaba.com

Telephone: 281-713-8980

Behavior support

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Website: www.BehaviorPlus.com

Email: Info@BehaviorPlus.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Behavior-Plus-206325446056498/>

Speech therapy

Carr speech therapy services: Our Company's mission is to provide quality, dependable and professional speech therapy services while fostering functional communication. We strive to make a positive difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities and their families by providing family support and utilizing research based therapy techniques.

Website: <http://www.carrspeechtherapy.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/carr-speech-therapy-llc-1179028382628131/>

Telephone: 832-767-0736

Can we talk: Cheyra Simms, MEd., CCC-SLP

Cheyra is a Speech & Language Pathologist who holds a Master's Degree in Speech-Language Disorders. She is nationally certified to practice as a speech language pathologist. Cheyra has been working in the field of speech therapy for over 10 years in the Houston area. She has experience working with the Houston Independent School District and many Skilled

Nursing Facilities. She has also worked for several years with major home health agencies and now she has branched out independently to service the children of Houston.

Website: <http://www.canwetalkspeechtherapy.com>

Telephone: 281-722-5325

Occupational therapy

Riverkids: We are a Pediatric Home Health Agency in the Pearland and Greater Houston areas, and we LOVE kids!!! Our mission is to (1) provide the highest quality pediatric home health therapy services for children in need, and (2) foster an environment that empowers patients, parents and caregivers into higher levels of hope, independence and success. Our services include physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy. RiverKids is able to provide therapy services to children ranging from birth to 20 years of age. We look forward to the opportunity to serve and help your child achieve optimum levels of health!

Website: www.RiverKidsTexas.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/riverkidshouston

Telephone: 281-997-8509

The children's therapy center, inc (tctci): Providing the children and families of this community with the highest quality pediatric therapy services in order to help each child reach their ultimate potential to function in all aspects of daily life.

Website: <http://wp.tctci.com/>

Telephone: 281-480-5648

psychologists

Premier psychological services: Our Licensed Psychologists have been helping individuals and families for years find real-life results to their problems. We specialize in ADHD evaluations, but have greatly expanded our services to include comprehensive psychological and educational testing. We also continue to provide family and individual therapy services which include goal-oriented behavior modification for children and adolescents. Each session also provides practical parenting instruction for those children with ADHD, PDD and other behavioral disturbances.

Website: <http://www.premierpsychservices.com/>

Telephone: 713-521-7575

Samaritan counseling center: Dedicated to delivering high-quality care, the Carole and Ronald Krist Samaritan Counseling Center is a nationally recognized non-profit organization offering counseling services to individuals and families in the greater Houston area. As one of the largest mental health providers, we are here to provide you with wellness in mind, body and spirit, regardless of age, ethnicity, faith or economic background.

Website: <http://www.samaritanhouston.org/>

Email: info@samaritanhouston.org

Telephone: 281-480-7554

Clear lake children's center: We offer evaluations for autism, developmental delays, emotional/behavioral issues (anxiety, depression, ADHD), cognitive delays, and learning disabilities, as well as psychotherapy, parent training and support, and special needs tutoring for children and adolescents.

Website: www.clearlakechildrenscenter.com

Email: info@clearlakechildrenscenter.com

Telephone: 281-407-5658

Providential counseling & consulting services, pllc: Everyone goes through challenging situations. How we handle those stressful situations can have a lasting impact on our lives. Providential Counseling is here to help you navigate through those difficult times. at Providential Counseling & Consulting, we work with individuals, children, and families to strengthen, stabilize, and rebuild positive relationships within the home, school, and community.

Website: www.providentialcounseling.com

Email: info@providentialcounseling.com

Telephone: 832-767-0760

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Website: www.samaritanhouston.org

Email: kwilliams@samaritanhouston.org

Telephone: 281-956-2713

Psychiatry/medication

DePelchin: DePelchin understands the importance of accurately diagnosing and treating mental health issues in children. As part of our multi-disciplinary treatment approach, we offer a full range of psychiatric services, including psychiatric consultation and ongoing medication management for a range of concerns. When appropriate, a DePelchin psychiatrist will prescribe medication as part of a comprehensive treatment plan.

Website: <http://www.depelchin.org/psychiatry-medication-management/>

Email: info@depelchin.org

Telephone: 713-730-2335

Alice v. mao, md: associate medical director pediatric psychopharmacology clinic diplomate American board of psychiatry and neurology.

Website: www.depelchin.org

Email: amao@depelchin.org

Telephone: 713-802-6398

Pharmcare pharmacy: Full-line retail pharmacy including the provision of over-the-counter (OTC) medications and prescription compounding. In addition, meet the needs of any care setting such as assisted living facilities, group homes, or individual residencies with our long-term prescription service.

Website: www.pharmcarepharmacy.com

Telephone: 281-996-7500

Section 3

doctors

Celeste f. garbarino, md: specialty pediatric medicine.

Website: www.texaschildrens.org/locate/doctors/garbarino-celeste/

Telephone: 281-412-5852

Michael p. binder, md: specialty pediatric, general, primary care provider

Website: www.utmbhealth.com/phys/page.asp?pageid=phys000377

Telephone: 281-482-3963

Dr. Robert quillin: Dr. Robert Quillin is the founder of The Children's Clinic of Clear Lake. He is one of the practicing senior pediatricians and is affectionately known as "the baby whisperer" by his wife and close friends

Website: www.clinic4kids.com/dr-robert-quillin.html

Telephone: 281-338-5437

Stephanie pocsik, md: specialty pediatric

Website: www.clearlakepediatrics.co

Telephone: 281-332-3503

Angelina Jarella, md, faap: My brother was in an accident when I was young and he had to go to ICU. I was only 10 but I wanted to help him, and that's when I decided to become a pediatrician. I was the first person in my family to go to college. I volunteered to help special-needs kids

Website: www.abt4kids.com

Telephone: 281-332-0500

Amy renee christen-huhn, md: specialty pediatric medicine

Website: www.texaschildrens.org/locate/doctors/christen-huhn,-amy

Telephone: 713-941-1177

Nassau bay pediatrics, pa: specialty pediatrics

Website: www.nbpedi.com

Telephone: 281-212-2400

Monica proud, md: specialty neurology.

Website: www.texaschildrens.org/locate/doctors/proud,-monica

Telephone: 832-822-1750

Mered farnes, md: specialty neurology

Website: www.texaschildrens.org/locate/doctors/farnes,-mered

Telephone: 832-822-5046

Holly n. Dudley-barrell, md: specialty neurology

Website: www.texaschildrens.org/locate/doctors/dudley-barrell,-holly

Telephone: 832-822-1750

Kathy hwu, md: specialty endocrine

Website: www.texaschildrens.org/locate/doctors/hwu,-kathy

Telephone: 832-822-3670

Jennifer e. dietrich, md, msc: specialty adolescent gynecology

Website: www.texaschildrens.org/locate/doctors/dietrich-jennifer

Telephone: 832-822-3640

Shadow creek ranch dental specialists:

Website www.scrdental.com

Email: info@scrdenal.com

Telephone: 281-741-5247

Section 4

Federal programs

Social security: Social Security provides benefits for young people who are disabled through the Social Security and Supplemental Security (SSI) programs. Children and young adults may receive Social Security payments if their parent is receiving Social Security disability or retirement benefits or is deceased and accumulated work credits during his/her lifetime. Young adults with disabilities who have earned work credits could qualify for their own disability benefits (SSDI) from Social Security.

Children with disabilities could also qualify for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) if they have limited income and resources. Until age 18, parental income and resources are considered in determining whether a child qualifies for SSI.

Website: <http://www.socialsecurity.gov>

Telephone: 1-800-722-1213

Centers for medicare & Medicaid services: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, CMS, is part of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). CMS is the program administrator for Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the Health Insurance Marketplace.

Website: <http://www.cms.gov>

Telephone: 1-800-medicare

u.s. department of education: ED's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access.

ED was created in 1980 by combining offices from several federal agencies. ED's 4,400 employees and \$68 billion budget are dedicated to:

- Establishing policies on federal financial aid for education, and distributing as well as monitoring those funds.
- Collecting data on America's schools and disseminating research.
- Focusing national attention on key educational issues.
- Prohibiting discrimination and ensuring equal access to education.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov>

Telephone: 1-800-872-5327

State programs

(texas) department of aging and disability services: The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) was created to administer long-term services and supports for people who are aging as well as for people with intellectual and physical disabilities. DADS also licenses and regulates providers of these services, and administers the state's Guardianship program. DADS began formal operations on Sept. 1, 2004.

Website: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us>

Telephone: 1-855-937-2372

(texas) department of assistive and rehabilitative services: The Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, or DARS, administers programs that ensure Texas is a state where people with disabilities, and children who have developmental delays, enjoy the same opportunities as other Texans to live independent and productive lives.

DARS has four divisions, each with its own programs:

[Rehabilitation Services](#)

[Blind Services](#)

[Early Childhood Intervention Services](#)

[Disability Determination Services](#)

DARS administers: programs that help Texans with disabilities find jobs through vocational rehabilitation, ensure that Texans with disabilities live independently in their communities, and assist families in helping their children under age 3 with disabilities and delays in development to reach their full potential.

Website: <http://www.dars.state.tx.us>

Email: dars.inquiries@dars.state.tx.us

Telephone: 1-800-628-5115

(Texas) department of assistive and rehabilitative services (community living assistance and support services (class):

Note: This service may not be available right away. Your name may be placed on an interest list. You will be contacted when services are available.

The Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) program provides home and community-based services to people with related conditions as a cost-effective alternative to an intermediate care facility for individuals with an intellectual disability or related conditions (ICF/IID). A related condition is a disability, other than an intellectual disability, that originated before age 22 that affects the ability to function in daily life.

Website: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/fags-fact/class.html>

Telephone: 1-877-438-5658

Texas health insurance premium payment (hipp): HIPP is the Texas Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) program. HIPP helps families pay for Employer-Sponsored Insurance. It is a program for families with at least one person who gets Medicaid.

Website: <http://www.gethipptexas.com/what-is-hipp.html>

Telephone: 1-800-440-0493

Texas department of assistive and rehabilitative services (medically dependent children program (mdcp): The program provides services to support families caring for children and young adults who are medically dependent and to encourage

de-institutionalization of children in nursing facilities. Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services employees provide case management services.

Website: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/mdcp/index.cfm>

Telephone: 1-877-438-5658

Disability rights texas: Disability Rights Texas is the federally designated legal protection and advocacy agency (PVA) for people with disabilities in Texas. Our mission is to help people with disabilities understand and exercise their rights under the law, ensuring their full and equal participation in society.

Our attorneys and advocates fulfill our mission in the following ways:

- Provide direct legal assistance to people with disabilities whose rights are threatened or violated
- Protect the rights of individuals and groups of people with disabilities through the courts and justice system
- Educate and inform policy makers about issues that impact the rights and services for people with disabilities
- Inform people with disabilities and family members about their rights
- Make referrals to programs and services

Website: <http://www.disabilityrightstx.org>

Telephone: 1-800-252-9108

Local programs

The arc gulf coast: The Arc of the Gulf Coast supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in their quest for self-determination, ensuring that they have meaningful lives in the communities where they live, learn, work, play and worship - responding to their needs, one person at a time.

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Email: thutchinson@arcgulfcoast.org

Telephone: 281-388-1161

Imagine enterprises: Imagine Enterprises envisions a world where all people are respected, valued and provided opportunity in the workplace and the community. With proven expertise in individualized services, the board and staff of Imagine Enterprises are committed to people with disabilities and their families to achieve self-determination, employment and control over their resources with effective Social Security benefits planning, financial management services and employment consultation. Imagine staffs provide direct support, individualized planning, training, and access to resources to get the job done.

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Telephone: 713-466-6304

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Email: feathouston@gmail.com

Telephone: 281-361-3328

Begins with you case management, inc: Begins With You Case Management, Inc is a Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) Case Management Agency (CMA) program which services are provided to all individuals receiving services in the Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) program. Individuals must select a CMA with a valid provider agreement that has its base of operation physically located in specified in the contract and is the catchment area in which the individual lives.

Email: info@beginswithyouyoucm.com

Telephone: 832-275-2505

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Website: <http://www.hope-village.com>

Email: infor@hope-village.com

Telephone: 281-482-7926

Section 5

Community support

Man-ll-Man: a support group for fathers with special needs kids. The Man-ll-Man support group mission is to help fathers of special need kids process those challenges by having an environment where they can meet and openly discuss issues that are unique to other fathers but are mutual issues within our group.

Website: <http://blueskyesoverautism.com/man-ii-man-support-group.html>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/manllman/60477200296716/?ref=ts>

Email: maniman@att.net

Telephone: 281-687-4694

Blue skies over autism: Blue Skyes over Autism (BSoA) is a 501c3 charitable organization that sponsors respite, support, and educational events for families living with Autism. The BSoA Board coordinates fundraising efforts from which the proceeds allow for periodic events to be held for the purposes of bringing Autism families together.

Website: <http://blueskyesoverautism.com/index.html>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/blue-skyes-over-autism-215907208434577/>

Email: alan.fowler@blueskyesoverautism.com

Telephone: 713-823-2930

Beyond family: We help families with special needs children by offering respite services. These services are provided by hosting once a month respite events for four hours with a meal and activities included.

Website: <http://www.beyondfamily.org>

Email: randy.stang@beyondfamily.org

Telephone: 713-444-2770

h.u.g.s.: We create opportunities and provide Hope, Understanding, Guidance and Social acceptance, hence H.U.G.S. for children with an ASD throughout schools and communities within our footprint. We implement an anti-bullying program that mitigate bullying through education and empathy.

Website: <http://www.bugsforautism.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bugs-for-autism-inc-601603963293880/>

Email: bugsforautisminc@gmail.com

Telephone: 281-668-8910

Amc theaters: AMC is proud to partner with the Autism Society to bring you unique movie showings where you can feel free to be you! We turn the lights up, and turn the sound down, so you can get up, dance, walk, shout or sing!

We are now expanding our Sensory Friendly Film program to four showings per month. At first colony, gulf point, and willowbrook amc theaters.

- The second and fourth Tuesday and Saturday.
- Family-friendly movies will continue to show Saturdays, starting at 10am local time
- We've added Tuesday showings at 7pm local time that may appeal to others on the autism spectrum.

Website: <https://www.amctheaters.com/programs/sensory-friendly-films>

Pearland parks & recreation: We're proud to offer an Adaptive Recreation program that provides social and recreational services to youth and adults with physical or mental disabilities. Our goal is to offer a positive and supportive learning environment where individuals can explore new skills, develop friendships and have opportunities to gain a sense of independence.

Website: <http://www.pearlandtx.gov>

Telephone: 281-412-8931

Pearland isd Special Olympics: Our goal here is to provide a fun, family oriented, and competitive atmosphere for our athletes. The students in our program are athletes and they are treated as such. We love winning medals but the most important aspect is to bring out their best.

Email: maurers@pearlandisd.org

Telephone: 832-611-2389

Special Olympics: Alvin ISD Panthers: In Alvin ISD, we offer three sports for Special Olympics: bowling, basketball, and track. All sports compete in Area Competition. We send qualifying high school students to State competition in bowling.

Contacts are Heads of Delegation: Sarah Ihnen slhnen@alvinisd.net

Phone: 281-285-5318

Stephanie Espey sespey@alvinisd.net

Phone: 281-245-3214

Creative explorations: creative explorations is a fun, unique, exploratory, and therapeutic visual arts program for children in grades Pre K-12th. Children with autism and other special needs are mainstreamed into the program no matter what their challenges may be. Children will explore the joy of painting, drawing, sculpture, collage making, mural composition, and transforming recycled materials into decorative and meaningful art. Classes are offered in either a large or small group settings along with an exciting theme for each lesson. Children that are home-schooled benefit tremendously from this program because it allows them to expand their socialization skills and experience hands-on techniques in a smaller and personal setting.

Website: <http://www.artexplorations.org>

Telephone: 832-884-5209

Social motion skills:

- We focus SOLELY on social skills assessments, training and mastery of mainstream activities – for children, adolescents and adults with social & learning deficits including ADD/ADHD and autism spectrum disorders.
- We are serious about social behavior modification. We offer the quantity and quality of practice sessions necessary to effectuate real change
- We are your relentless persistence partners. Without a commitment to persistent practice, social skills will not be internalized
- Our personal understanding, vision, expertise and experience make us unique. There is no other program like us in Houston or its surrounding areas.

Website: www.socialmotionskills.org

Email: info@socialmotionskills.org

Telephone: 713-461-7200

Houston autism resources & support-hars: Houston Autism Resources & Support are caregivers, concerned individuals, and professionals engaged in the lives of children and adults diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). The mission of our group is to connect, educate, and support our members.

Website: <http://www.meetup.com/houstonautismresourcesandsupport/>

Email: harsgroup2015@gmail.com

church

Lakewood church-champions club: Champions Club is a specially designed developmental area for kids, youth, and adults with special needs. Our goal was to develop a program that would meet the developmental needs of our participants in four important ways, SPIRITUALLY, INTELLECTUALLY, MENTALLY, and PHYSICALLY. Our focus was on spiritual growth through God's Word, developing the intellect of each participant through the five senses, educationally through various learning tools, as well as engaging them physically during active gross motor fun.

Website: <http://www.championsclub.org>

Email: norma@lakewood.cc or Araceli@lakewood.cc

Telephone: 713-491-5235 or 713-491-1442

legal aid

Law office of karri axtell:

Law Office of Karri Axtell: School Law Attorney & Special Education Advocate.

IEP & 504 plan reviews, ARD meeting preparation & attendance, TEA & OCR Complaints, disability discrimination, bullying, behavioral issues, representation at mediation and administrative hearings, presentations on student & parent legal rights.

Contact: www.AxtellTexasLaw.com Phone: 281-241-1175.

Mailing Address: 11601 Shadow Creek Pkwy #111-229 Pearland, TX 77584

Law office of susan h. soto: The Law Office of Susan H. Soto is a small, personalized law firm that helps clients with a variety of legal problems.

Capitalizing on attorney Susan Soto's 17 years of experience in the field of public education, the firm helps students and their parents navigate the education system and supports teachers and other school district employees in employment issues.

Email: susanotojd@gmail.com

Telephone: 832-831-9936

advocates

Davis advocates: Samantha davis uses her knowledge and experience to help parents prepare for and attend school meetings armed with information and options regarding their child's education. She makes sure that parents are allowed to participate as a member of the team including voicing their concerns regarding their child's education.

Website: <http://www.davis-advocates.com>

Email: samanthadavis@davis-advocates.com

Telephone: 936-524-4713

Disability rights texas: Disability Rights Texas is the federally designated legal protection and advocacy agency (P&A) for people with disabilities in Texas. Our mission is to help people with disabilities understand and exercise their rights under the law, ensuring their full and equal participation in society.

Our attorneys and advocates fulfill our mission in the following ways:

- Provide direct legal assistance to people with disabilities whose rights are threatened or violated
- Protect the rights of individuals and groups of people with disabilities through the courts and justice system
- Educate and inform policy makers about issues that impact the rights and services for people with disabilities
- Inform people with disabilities and family members about their rights
- Make referrals to programs and services

Website: <http://www.disabilityrightstx.org>

Telephone: 1-800-252-9108

Financial advice

Elite retirement & financial solutions: help families establish insurance products and financial security using products such as: Life insurance, long term care insurance, annuities, mutual funds and managed accounts.

Website: <http://www.janetgarner.metlife.com>

Email: jlgarner@metlife.com

Telephone: 281-204-1221

Day habilitation/independent living

Noah's house: Noah's House is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with the mission to provide a life that is as normal as possible for single adults with intellectual disabilities. Our vision is a world where high-functioning intellectually disabled individuals are able to live and work in the community affordably, safely, with friends, and with self-respect. Noah's House meets the needs of adults whose incomes are too low, but whose IQs are too high (65 to 70), to be eligible for governmental assistance. Unable to live completely on their own, the residents at Noah's House receive care and supervision 24 hours a day, seven days per week.

Website: <http://www.noahshousetx.org>

Email: noahshouse@att.net

Telephone: 713-434-5599

Golden rule: Golden Rule Services, Inc. is a private, non-profit agency that provides services to individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. These services include:

Residential Assistance

- Supported Home Living, Host Home and Supervised Living
- Nursing
- Day Habilitation
- Professional Services of Speech, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Dental Services, and Dietary
- Adaptive Aids and Minor Home Modifications available based on need

Website: <http://www.goldenruleservices.org>

Email: danny.armond@goldenruleservices.org

Telephone: 281-997-2295

Imagine enterprises: Imagine Enterprises envisions a world where all people are respected, valued and provided opportunity in the workplace and the community. With proven expertise in individualized services, the board and staff of Imagine Enterprises are committed to people with disabilities and their families to achieve self-determination, employment and control over their resources with effective Social Security benefits planning, financial management services and employment consultation. Imagine staffs provide direct support, individualized planning, training, and access to resources to get the job done.

Website: www.imagineenterprises.org

Email: cherylharris18@comcast.net

Telephone: 832-563-0661 or 1-800-572-7159

The arc gulf coast: The Arc of the Gulf Coast supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in their quest for self-determination, ensuring that they have meaningful lives in the communities where they live, learn, work, play and worship - responding to their needs, one person at a time.

Website: www.arcgulfoast.org

Email: thutchinson@arcgulfoast.org

Telephone: 281-388-1161

The gulf coast center: Today's Center is one of 39 community centers in the State. It continues to offer substance abuse recovery services under the auspices of the Department of State Health Services. Among the Center's many services and programs are day activity programs, coordination of services and employment assistance for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and mental illness. There are several programs for individuals diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities and mental health issues (dual diagnosis), a transitional and permanent housing program for homeless individuals with mental illness, and HIV outreach services in Galveston and Brazoria Counties.

Website: <http://www.gulfoastcenter.org/intellectual>

Telephone: 281-388-1006 or 1-800-643-0967 and ask for idd intake

Brazoria county center for independent living: HCIL, BCCIL, and FBCIL promote the full inclusion, equal opportunity and participation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of community life. We believe that people with disabilities have the right to make choices affecting their lives, a right to take risks, a right to fail, and a right to succeed.

Website: <http://www.bcil.cc>

Email: bcil@ncrosoft.com

Telephone: 713-974-2703

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Email: info@hope-village.com

Telephone: 281-482-7926

Forgotten angels: transforms the lives of individuals of people living with developmental, intellectual and physical disabilities with specially designed homes and facilities as well as enrichment, educational and vocational opportunities. we believe in community living. Our clients live real lives in family environments. All of our group homes are nestled in neighborhoods throughout the Pearland community and the Houston area

Clients at Forgotten Angels have opportunities to engage with the community at-large through jobs at local businesses in supported environments. At social enterprises like the Forgotten Angels Resale Shop, the Sweet Angels Cafe and Bakery, the Green Angels Horticulture program and the Clean Angels Work Crew.

Website: <http://www.forgottenangels.org>

Telephone: 832-243-5925

All the little things count: the mission of All the Little Things Count/Country to implement and promote services of the highest quality to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities being served in Home and Community Services (HCS) and Texas Home Living (TextHml) programs. We will also assist those who are enrolled in these programs to access appropriate community supports and resources in order to achieve their desired potential in both vocational and personal pursuits while living with dignity as contributing members of society.

All the Little Things Country is a non-profit [501(c)(3)] organization. All The Little Things Count LLC is a for profit corporation.

An individual plan of care (IPC) is developed for each person enrolled in the program. This plan of care is based upon his/her special needs. Day habilitation, vocational training and supported employment are important aspects of our services for adults. We also provide extended school services for minor children.

Website: <http://allthelittlethingscount.org>

Telephone: 281-581-2060

