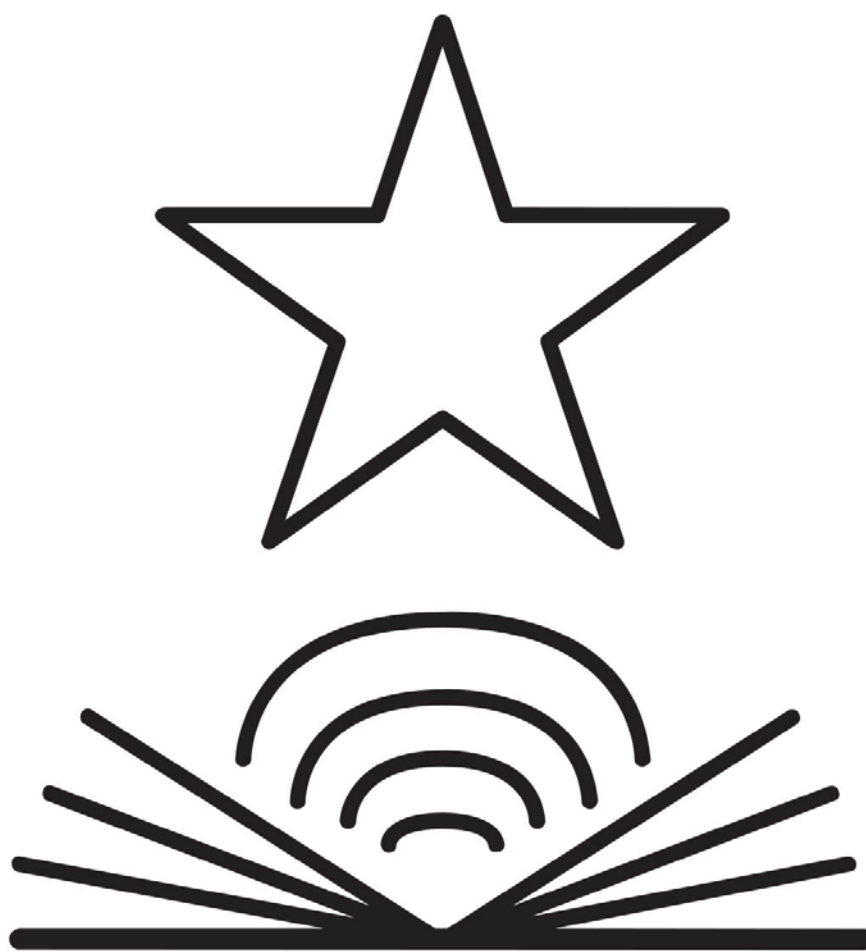


GUIDE TO RESOURCES ON LEARNING DIFFERENCES

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Introduction

Since 1931, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) has been providing free library service to Texans unable to read standard print due to blindness or other visual impairments. As part of a regional network coordinated by the Library of Congress, the Talking Book Program (TBP) later began serving persons with physical impairments and reading disabilities of an organic nature. Today, the Talking Book Program continues to serve a growing population of Texans with disabilities by providing a wide range of books and magazines in large print, Braille, and recorded formats. Talking Book Program serves individuals of all ages, from young children to older adults. Service to schools and other institutions such as nursing homes is also provided. Classrooms throughout Texas having at least one eligible disabled student enrolled may participate in the TSLAC reading program. Reader Consultants assist teachers with book selections and send reading materials and equipment to the classrooms, postage-free.

Great care has been taken to provide useful and accurate information in this guide, but we recognize that continual changes occur. If you discover outdated or inaccurate data in this guide, call or write the Talking Book Program and we will do our best to provide the updated information you need. Your comments and suggestions for improving this guide for future editions are welcomed. The guide is not copyrighted. *Please feel free to make as many copies of the guide as you need, or contact the Talking Book Program for additional copies.* We hope this resource guide will be a meaningful aid to parents and teachers as they work with students with visual, reading, and physical disabilities. If you would like more information on registering a classroom or enrolling a child individually for service, please contact the Talking Book Program. To obtain additional information regarding this resource guide, please contact the Disability Reference Coordinator.

Other services of interest to teachers and parents

The Talking Book Program (TBP) is a lending library of books and magazines in alternative formats for Texans with certain disabilities. TBP loans books in Braille and large print, but 82% of the collection is on cartridge. Books and playback equipment are mailed free of charge to anyone who qualifies.

The Talking Book Program serves Texans of all ages who are unable to read standard print because they are visually impaired, physically unable to hold a book or turn pages, or reading disabled.

In addition to circulating books and magazines in special formats, the Talking Book Program provides a number of services to aid educators, students, and families:

Reference Service

The Disability Information and Referral Center staff answers questions such as where to obtain a white cane, how to contact advocacy and support groups, and what adaptive technology is available.

Texas Reading Club

TBP participates in the Texas State Library's Reading Program by providing books in alternative formats for young readers who cannot read standard print due to one of the disabilities described above.

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Guide to Resources on Learning Differences

Basic Information

Before you contact any organization, make sure you know the following information:

- 1) Child's Name
- 2) Gender
- 3) Age
- 4) Current grade in school
- 5) Current type of school attending: public, private, or home schooling
- 6) Diagnosis (if there is one)
- 7) Your purpose for contacting each organization; Be specific

As you are contacting organizations, do the following:

- 1) Maintain a file of personal and professional observations of the child.
- 2) Keep a log of contacts. Include this information:
 - a) the organization contacted
 - b) time/date
 - c) the specific person you communicated with
 - d) write a brief summary of the conversation or save the correspondence received.
- 3) Read books and articles on the topic.
- 4) Attend conferences when possible.
- 5) Subscribe to newsletters.
- 6) Network in person and online.

NOTE: The field of Learning Disabilities is very broad and constantly changing. The key is to find what methods and resources work best for your child/student.

Specialists in the Field:

- **Attorney:** legal assistance
- **Advocate:** representation in legal issues
- **Audiologist:** diagnoses hearing loss
- **Child psychiatrist:** behavioral and emotional assessment and treatment; can prescribe medication
- **Clinical psychologist:** non-medical diagnosis and therapeutic treatment of behavioral and emotional problems
- **Developmental behavioral pediatrician:** diagnosis and treatment of developmental disorders; can prescribe medication
- **Educational psychologist:** prepares and conducts psychological and educational assessments
- **Educational therapist:** assesses educational needs and implements programs

- **Neurologist:** diagnosis and treatment of brain and nervous system problems; can prescribe medication
- **Neuropsychologist:** conducts psychological tests and assesses brain functioning
- **Occupational therapist:** provides assessment and treatment in the areas of muscle strength, motor or sensory coordination
- **Pediatrician:** primary care of children; can prescribe medication
- **Social worker:** counseling
- **Speech and language therapist:** assessment and treatment of communication disorders
- **Tutor:** provides academic assistance and support in one or more subject areas

Basic Terminology:

- **Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)** - A severe difficulty in focusing and maintaining attention. Often leads to learning and behavior problems at home, school, and work. Also called Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).
- **Brain Injury** - The physical damage to brain tissue or structure that occurs before, during, or after birth that is verified by EEG, MRI, CAT, or a similar examination, rather than by observation of performance. When caused by an accident, the damage may be called Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).
- **Developmental Aphasia** - A severe language disorder that is presumed to be due to brain injury rather than because of a developmental delay in the normal acquisition of language.
- **Dyscalculia** - A severe difficulty in understanding and using symbols or functions needed for success in mathematics.
- **Dysgraphia** - A severe difficulty in producing handwriting that is legible and written at an age-appropriate speed.
- **Dyslexia** - A severe difficulty in understanding or using one or more areas of language, including listening, speaking, reading, writing, and spelling.
- **Dysnomia** - A marked difficulty in remembering names or recalling words needed for oral or written language.
- **Dyspraxia** - A severe difficulty in performing drawing, writing, buttoning, and other tasks requiring fine motor skill, or in sequencing the necessary movements.

Main National Organizations

Children and Adults with ADD (CHADD)
 4221 Forbes Blvd, Suite 270
 Lanham, MD 20706
 301-306-7070 / 301-306-7090 FAX
<https://chadd.org>

Council for Learning Disabilities (CLD)
11184 Antioch Rd, Box 405
Overland Park, KS 66210
913-491-1011, 913-491-1011 FAX
<https://council-for-learning-disabilities.org/>

Dyslexia Foundation
1 Clinton Place
New Bedford, MA 02740
617-838-4421
<http://dyslexiafoundation.org/>

Division for Learning Disabilities
Council for Exceptional Children
Teaching LD
<http://teachingld.org>

International Dyslexia Association (IDA)
40 York Rd, 4th Fl.
Baltimore, MD 21204
410-296-0232 / 410-321-5069 FAX
<http://dyslexiaida.org/>

Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA)
4068 Mount Royal Boulevard, Suite 224B
Allison Park, PA 15101
412-341-1515
<https://ldaamerica.org/>

National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD)
1220 L Street, NW Ste. 100 Box #168
Washington, DC 20005
www.ncl.org/
301-966-2234

Disability-Centered National Organizations

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)
2200 Research Boulevard
Rockville, MD 20850
800-498-2071 or Members
800-638-8255 for Non-Members
www.asha.org

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)
3100 Clarendon Blvd, Suite 600
Arlington, VA, 22201-5332
888-232-7733

<https://exceptionalchildren.org/>

NOTE: This is a professional organization for teachers.

Learning Ally (formerly Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic)
20 Roszel Road
Princeton, NJ 08540
800-221-4792
www.learningally.org

TASK (Team of Advocates for Special Kids)

www.taskca.org

Education-Centered National Organizations

American Library Association (ALA)
225 N Michigan Ave, Suite 1300
Chicago, Illinois 60601
800-545-2433
ala@ala.org
www.ala.org

Association of Educational Therapists
7044 S. 13th St
Oak Creek, WI 53154
414-908-4949 x 450
customercare@AETonline.org
www.aetonline.org

Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD)
8015 West Kenton Circle, Suite 230
Huntersville, NC 28078
704-947-7779 / 704-948-7779 FAX
www.ahead.org

HEATH
2134 G. St., NW
Washington, D.C. 20052
askheath@gwu.edu
www.heath.gwu.edu

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
1401 H Street NW Suite 600
Washington, DC 20005
202-232-8777 or 800-424-2460
www.naeyc.org

Law-Centered National Organizations

American Bar Association (ABA)
Center on Children and the Law
1050 Connecticut Ave NW, Ste 400
Washington, DC 20036
800-285-2221
www.americanbar.org/groups/child_law.html

National Center on Dispute Resolution in Special Education (CADRE)
1144 Gateway Loop, Suite 200
Springfield, Oregon 97477
541-686-5060 phone (541) 343-6938 FAX
www.directionservice.net/cadre

Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)
3075 Adeline St, Ste 210
Berkeley, CA 94703
510-644-2555
510-841-8645 FAX
info@dredf.org
www.dredf.org

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
P.O. Box 8970
Reno, NV 89507
775-507-4777
<https://www.ncjfcj.org/national-center-for-juvenile-justice/>

Parent-Centered National Organizations

National Parent Teacher Association
1250 N. Pitt St
Alexandria, VA 22314
800-307-4782
703-836-0942 FAX
www.pta.org

National Parent to Parent Support and Information System
Kathleen Judd, Project Director
PO Box 907
Blue Ridge, GA 30513
800-651-1151
706-632-8830 FAX
judd103w@wonder.em.cdc.gov
www.iser.com/NPPSIS-GA.html

PACER (Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights)
8161 Normandale Blvd.
Bloomington, Minnesota 55437
800-537-2237
952-838-0199 FAX
www.pacer.org

NOTE: Use these national organizations both for acquiring general resources on Learning Disabilities and for locating local resources.

Local contacts can also be found in the following section:

State/Local Organizations

Academic Language Therapy Association Texas Chapters
<https://alta-texas.weebly.com/>

Children and Adults with ADD (CHADD): www.chadd.org
A search on this site will provide information on local support groups, parent to parent certified teachers, and ADHD professional services
North Texas CHADD chapter: www.ntxchadd.com/index.html

Children's Disabilities Information Coalition (new organization)
1200 Golden Key Circle, Suite 310
El Paso, TX 79925
(915) 217-2747
www.cdicelpaso.org/

Dallas Dyslexia Information Group
<http://dal.dyslexiaida.org/>
972-233-9107 x 222

International Dyslexia Association Texas Chapters

Dallas

972-233-9107 ext 222

<https://dal.dyslexiaida.org/>

Houston

713-364-5177

www.houstonida.org

Learning Disabilities Association of Texas (LDAT)

contactldatx@gmail.com

www.ldatx.org/

Statewide PTI Projects (Parent Training Information Centers)

<http://prntexas.org/>

<https://prntexas.org/about-prn/find-your-pti/>

Find Your PTI (Parent Training and Information Center)

1) PATH Project

Serves ESC Regions 2 - 6

2825 Wilcrest Drive, Suite 205

Houston, TX 77042-3396

409-898-4684 or Toll-free: 800-866-4726

832.987.1475 Fax

pathproject@sbcglobal.net

2) TEAM Project

Serves ESC Regions 1, 13, and 20

2825 Wilcrest Drive, Suite 205

Houston, TX 77042-3396

281-969-5944

Fax 832-987-1475

prnteamproject@gmail.com

3) PEN Project

Serves ESC Regions 9, 12, and 14-19

3 Butterfield Trail, Suite 128A

El Paso, TX 79906

915-259-8717 / 833-847-2686

penprntx@gmail.com

4) PACT Project

Serves ESC Regions 7, 8, 10 and 11

1331 Airport Fwy, Ste 303

Eules, TX 76040
469-712-8409 / 1-855-974-1368
prnpactproject@gmail.com

Texas Department of State Health Services
Audiovisual Library
1100 W. 49th St.
Austin, TX 78756-3199
888-963-7111 ext. 7260 or 512-776-7260
avlibrary@dshs.texas.gov
www.dshs.texas.gov/avlib/

Texas Education Agency (TEA)
Special Education Section
1701 N Congress Ave
Austin, TX 78701
512-463-9734
<http://tea.texas.gov/>

Other State/Local Resources for Information:

211/First Call for Help
Schools/Colleges/Universities
Public Libraries
Doctors
Neighborhood Literacy Programs

Book Resources

Bookshare
www.bookshare.org

Learning Ally
800-221-4792
www.learningally.org

Sight into Sound (for custom recording)
713-622-2767
info@sightintosound.org
www.sightintosound.org

American Printing House for the Blind Accessible Textbooks
<https://www.aph.org/educational-resources/accessible-textbooks/>

Texas Private Schools

Austin

Odyssey School: 512-472-2262, www.odysseyschool.com

Rawson-Saunders School: 512-476-8382, www.rawsonsaunders.org

Carrollton

St. Anthony's: 214-443-1205, <http://thestanthonyschool.com>

Dallas

Dallas Academy: 214-324-1481, www.dallas-academy.com

Fairhill School: 972-233-1026, <http://fairhill.org>

Hillier School: 214-525-6600, www.hillierschool.org

Oak Hill Academy: 214-353-8804, <https://oakhillacademy.org/>

Preston Hollow: 214-368-3886, www.phps.org

Shelton School: 972-774-1772, www.shelton.org

Vanguard School: 972-404-1616, <https://vanguardprepschool.com/>

Winston School: 214-691-6950, www.winston-school.org

Fort Worth

Child Study Center School: 682-303-9200, <https://cookchildrens.org/child-study-center/Pages/default.aspx>

Hill School: 817-923-9482, www.hillschool.org

Key School: 817-446-3738, <https://kclid.org/>

Learning Center of North Texas: 817-336-0808, www.tlcnt.org/

Starpoint Schools at TCU: 817-257-7141, <https://starpoint.tcu.edu/>

Wedgwood Academy: 817-924-9095, <http://wedgwoodacademy.org>

Houston

Briarwood School: 281-493-1070, <http://www.briarwoodschool.org/>

Monarch School: 713-479-0800, www.monarchschool.org

Kemah

Tullis Farm School & Puppet Place: 281-334-6615, www.kemah.net/TFS.html

Longview

Crisman Preparatory School: 903-758-9741, www.crismanschool.org/

Plano

Great Lakes Academy: 972-517-7498 x103, <http://www.greatlakesacademy.com/>

San Antonio

Winston School: 210-615-6544, www.winston-sa.org

Funding Information for Private Schools

Types of Funding:

- Scholarships: criteria based, usually by type of disability, field of study, or state of residence
- Financial aid: need based
- Loans: usually must be repaid with interest

- Payment plans: monthly installments used for repayment

Specific resources:

FACTS Tuition Management: payment plans

<https://factsmgt.com/>

Blackbaud

800-468-8996

<https://www.blackbaud.com/solutions/financial-management/tuition-management>

First Mark Services

888-538-7378

<https://secure.firstmarkservices.com/Account/Login>

Tuition Pay/Sallie May Corporation: <https://www.salliemae.com/>

Specific Programs:

Anne & Matt Harbison Scholarship

P. Buckley Moss Society

800-430-1320

<http://www.mossfoundation.org/>

For a graduating senior with a learning disability who plans to attend college.

Nominations must be made through a representative of the Moss Society. At this time there are no Moss Society chapters in Texas.

Anne & Allegra Ford Scholarships

National Center for Learning Disabilities, Inc

www.nclld.org/what-we-do/scholarships/allegra-ford-thomas-scholarship/

www.nclld.org/what-we-do/scholarships/anne-ford-scholarship/

For graduating seniors with LD who plan to attend college

National Achievement Awards

Learning Ally

20 Roszel Road

Princeton, NJ 08540

www.learningally.org/NAA.aspx

SLM Financial's K-12 Family Education 877-279-7172

www.salliemae.com/student-loans/private-school-loan/

Loan programs:

Loan programs for K-12 schools

Discover

800-788-3368 (1-800-STUDENT)

www.discover.com/student-loans/

Children's Scholarship Fund

8 W. 38th Street, 9th floor

New York, NY 10018

212-515-7100

<https://scholarshipfund.org>

Provides partial tuition assistance for low-income families to send their children to private schools

General Sources

Center for Education Reform: www.edreform.com :

Information on Scholarships:

www.collegeboard.org/

www.EStudentLoan.com

www.Finaid.org

www.thoughtco.com/private-school-4132514

Web sites

Education Resources Information Center (ERIC): <https://eric.ed.gov>

Great Schools: www.greatschools.org

Guide to College-Level Tests:

www.onlineschools.org/college-test-guide/

Internet Special Education Resources (ISER):

www.iser.com/index.shtml

LD Resources: www.ldresources.com/

Assistive Technology Resources

For writing skills:

Highlighting pen/tape

Pencil grips

Slant boards

Carbonless paper

Raised line paper

Brainstorming

Outlining

Portable keyboards

Computer programs:

Word processing
Proofreading
Spell checking

Word prediction
Speech recognition

For reading skills:

Computer Screen Readers
Audiobooks
Optical Character Recognition
(OCR Reading Machines)

For listening skills:

Digital audiobook players
Personal Listening Systems

For organization skills:

Planners
Databases

For math skills:

Calculators
Computer software

NOTE: Please contact the Disability Information and Referral Center (DIRC), a service provided by the Talking Book Program (TBP), for more information on assistive technology resources and on learning disabilities. TBP is a free lending library that provides recreational reading materials in alternative formats for qualified individuals in Texas who cannot read standard print or physically hold a book.

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Talking Book Program (TBP)



**TALKING BOOK PROGRAM
TEXAS STATE LIBRARY
AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION
PO BOX 12927
AUSTIN TX 78711-2927**

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& PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED**

1-800-252-9605

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