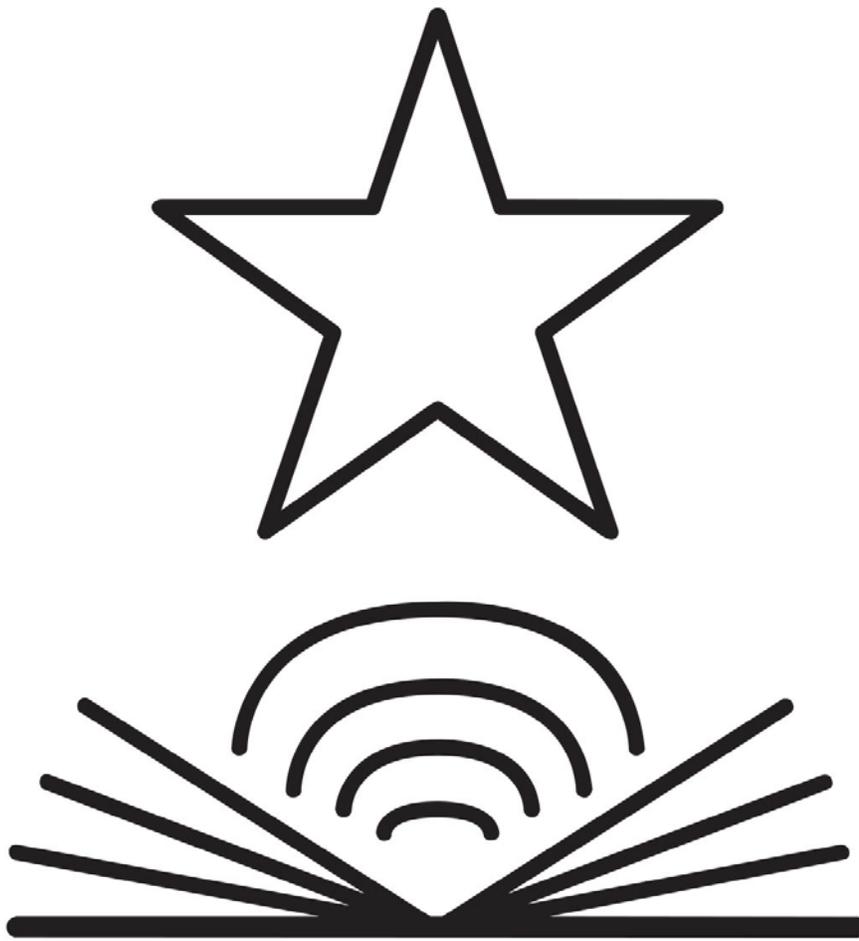


GUIDE TO RESOURCES ON LEARNING DIFFERENCES

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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 If you discover outdated or inaccurate data in this guide, call or write the Talking Book Program and we will do our best to provide the updated information you need.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.

Tours

Individuals or groups may request a tour of TBP offices in the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building, 1201 Brazos, by calling the Public Awareness Coordinator in advance.

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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)

4601 Presidents Drive, Suite 300

Lanham, MD 20706

301-306-7070

301-306-7090 FAX

www.chadd.org

Council for Learning Disabilities (CLD)

11184 Antioch Rd, Box 405

Overland Park, KS 66210

913-491-1011, 913-491-1012 FAX

www.cldinternational.org

Division for Learning Disabilities

Council for Exceptional Children

<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)

4156 Library Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15234-1349

412-341-1515

412-344-0224 FAX

www.ldaamerica.org

National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD)

32 Lighthouse Street, Second Floor

New York, NY 10013

www.nclcd.org/

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

Center for Parent Information Resources (new organization)
c/o Statewide Parent Advocacy Network
35 Halsey St., Fourth Floor
Newark, NJ 07102
www.parentcenterhub.org

** See Statewide PTI Projects under "State/Local Organizations"

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)
2900 Crystal Dr, Ste 1000
Arlington, VA 22202-3557
888-232-7733
www.cec.sped.org

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)
100 W. Cerritos Ave
Anaheim, CA 92805
714-533-8275
www.taskca.org

Education-Centered National Organizations:

American Library Association (ALA)
50 E. Huron St
Chicago, IL 60611
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)
University of Massachusetts, Boston
107 Commerce Center Dr., Ste 204
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)
1313 L. St, NW, Ste 500
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)
P.O. Box 51360
Eugene, OR 97405-0906
3411-A Willamette Street
Eugene, OR 97405-5122
541-686-5060 phone 541-686-5063 FAX
www.directionservice.org/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
www.ncjfcj.org/our-work/domestic-violence

Parent-Centered National Organizations:

Families and Advocates Partnerships for Education (FAPE)

PACER Center

8161 Normandale Boulevard

Minneapolis, MN 55437-1044

952-838-9000

pacer@pacer.org

www.fape.org

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
14070 Proton Rd, Ste 100
Dallas, TX 75244
972-233-9107 X 226
972-490-4219 FAX
office@altaread.org
www.altaread.org

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

Children's Disabilities Information Coalition (new organization)
1101 E. Schuster Ave
El Paso, TX 79902
(915) 217-2747
www.cdicelpaso.org/

Dallas Dyslexia Information Group
Meetings are held the second Monday of the month
For more information, visit: www.dallasida.org/ddig/

International Dyslexia Association Texas Chapters
Austin
512-452-7658
www.austinida.org

Dallas
972-233-9107 ext 222
www.dallasida.org/

Houston
832-282-7154
www.houstonida.org

Learning Disabilities Association of Texas (LDAT)
PO Box 831392
Richardson, TX 75083
contact@ldatx.org
www.ldatx.org/

Statewide PTI Projects (Parent Training Information Centers)

www.partnerstx.org

1) PATH Project

Serving: Regions 5 (Beaumont), 6 (Huntsville), 7 (Kilgore), 8 (Mt. Pleasant), 9 (Wichita Falls), 10 (Richardson), 11 (Fort Worth), 12 (Waco), and 13 (Austin)
1090 Longfellow Drive
Beaumont, TX 77706
409-898-4684 or Toll-free: 800-866-4726, 409-898-4869 Fax
partnersresource@sbcglobal.net

2) TEAM Project

Serving: Regions 1 (Edinburg), 2 (Corpus Christi), 3 (Victoria), 4 (Houston), and 20 (San Antonio)
4501 Cartwright Road, Suite 605
Missouri City, Texas 77459
281.969.5944 or 1-877-832-8945, Fax 832.987.1475
prnteam@sbcglobal.net

3) PEN Project

Serving: Regions 14 (Abilene), 15 (San Angelo), 16 (Amarillo), 17 (Lubbock), 18 (Midland), and 19 (El Paso)
1001 Main Street, Suite 701
Lubbock, TX 79401
806-762-1434 Office or Toll free: 877-762-1435, 806-762-1628 Fax
penproject@sbcglobal.net

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.state.tx.us
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

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: 214-526-7457, www.hillierschool.org
Oak Hill Academy: 214-353-8804, www.oakhillacademy.org
Preston Hollow: 214-368-3886, www.phps.org
Shelton School: 972-774-1772, www.shelton.org
Vanguard School: 972-404-1616, www.vanguardprepschool.com
Winston School: 214-691-6950, www.winston-school.org

Fort Worth

Child Study Center School: 817-336-8611, www.cscfw.org
Hill School: 817-923-9482, www.hillschool.org
Key School: 817-446-3738, <http://keyschoolfortworth.org/>
Learning Center of North Texas: 817-336-0808, www.tlcnt.org/
Starpoint Schools at TCU: 817-257-7141, www.starpoint.tcu.edu
Wedgwood Academy: 817-924-9095, <http://wedgwoodacademy.org>

Houston

Briarwood School: 281-493-1070, <http://www.briarwoodschoool.org/>
Monarch School: 713-479-0800, www.monarchschoool.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

Foundation School: 210-402-0253, <https://responsiveed.com/foundationschool/>
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

800-624-7092

<https://secure.factstuition.com/facts/myfacts>

Smart Tuition Management Services: payment plans

866-395-2986

www.smarttuition.com

Educate: www.wellsfargo.com/student/

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

Specific Programs:

Anne & Matt Harbison Scholarship

P. Buckley Moss Society

540-932-1728

www.mossociety.org/page.php?id=30

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
<http://www.nclld.org/scholarships-and-awards/>
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/student-loans-for-parents/private-school-loan/
Loan programs for approved K-12 private schools
Wells Fargo Student Loan for Parents
800-378-5526,
www.wellsfargo.com/student/parent-student-loans

Loan programs for K-12 schools

Discover
800-788-3368 (1-800-STUDENT)
www.studentloan.com

Loan programs

Children's Scholarship Fund
8 W. 38th Street, 9th floor
New York, NY 10018
212-515-7100
www.scholarshipfund.org/
Provides partial tuition assistance for low-income families to send their children to private schools

Some General sources:

Center for Education Reform: www.edreform.com:
Information on Scholarships:
www.collegeboard.org/
EStudentLoan.com
Finaid.org
Privateschool.about.com

Web sites:

Education Resources Information Center (ERIC): www.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

For reading skills:

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

For listening skills:

- Cassette players
- Personal Listening Systems

Computer programs:

- Word processing
- Proofreading
- Spell checking
- Word prediction
- Speech recognition

For organization skills:

- Planners
- Palm pilots
- 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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