

Advocacy Organizations



ACLU of Texas

ACLU of Texas defends the civil rights and civil liberties of all people in Texas, by working through the legislature, the courts and in the streets.

713-942-8146

aclutx.org

ADAPT of Texas

ADAPT of Texas is a grass-roots community that organizes disability rights activists to engage in nonviolent direct action, including civil disobedience, to assure the civil and human rights of people with disabilities to live in freedom.

1100 I-35, Austin, TX, 78702

(512) 442-0252

adaptoftexas.org

The Arc of Texas

The Arc of Texas creates opportunities for all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to actively participate in their communities and make the choices that affect their lives in a positive manner.

8001 Centre Park Dr #100, Austin, TX 78754

(512) 454-6694

thearcoftexas.org

Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP)

The Center for Public Policy Priorities is a nonpartisan, nonprofit policy institute committed to improving public policies to make a better Texas.

7020 Easy Wind Dr. Ste 200, Austin, TX 78752

(512) 320-0222

forabettertexas.org

Children's Defense Fund Texas (CDF)

The Children's Defense Fund is a non-profit child advocacy organization championing policies and programs that lift children out of poverty; protect them from abuse and neglect; and ensure their access to health care, quality education and a moral and spiritual foundation.

Austin-Regional Office

1910 E. MLK Jr. Blvd. Austin, TX, 78702

(512) 236-1699

Houston- State Office

5410 Bellaire Blvd., Suite 203, Bellaire, TX 77401

(713) 664-4080

Rio Grande Valley- Regional Office

(956) 687-KIDS (5437)

Coalition of Texans with Disabilities (CTD)

CTD is a 501(c)3 working to ensure that persons with disabilities may work, live, learn, play and participate fully in the community of their choice. We focus on the areas of governmental advocacy, public awareness activities, and professional disability consulting to fulfill our mission. CTD is the largest and oldest member driven cross-disability organization in the state.

1716 San Antonio St., Austin, TX, 78701

(512) 478-3366

txdisabilities.org

Coalition for Special Education Equity in Austin ISD

CSEE is a group of parents, educators, and community partners working to improve the educational experience for children with disabilities.

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

Cover Texas Now!

Cover Texas Now is a coalition of consumer and Faith-based organizations that desire to see the state of Texas implement a sustainable health care system and provide quality affordable health care coverage to all its citizens.
citizens.covertexasnow.org

Disability Rights Texas

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

2222 W Braker Ln Austin, TX 78758

(512) 454-4816

disabilityrightstx.org

Advocacy Organizations



Easterseals Coalition Serving Texas

Easterseals Coalition Serving Texas (ECST) is a nonpartisan advocacy coalition working to promote progressive disability rights policies in Texas. follow us on social media at @ESTXAdvocates
8505 Cross Park Dr, Ste 120, Austin, TX 78754
(512) 615-6800

Epilepsy Foundation Texas

The Epilepsy Foundation leads the fight to stop seizures, find a cure and overcome challenges created by epilepsy.

Amarillo Area Office

806-352-5426

Dallas/Fort Worth Area Office

8390 Lyndon B Johnson Freeway, Suite 1000, Dallas, TX
(214) 420-2737 Toll-Free: 888-548-9716

Houston Area Office

2401 Fountain View Drive #900 Houston, Texas, 75251
(713) 789-6295 Toll-Free: 888-548-9716

Lubbock Area Office

3610 22nd Street Lubbock, Texas 79410 (816) 785-1171
Toll-Free: 888-548-9716
eftx.org

Hogg Foundation for Mental Health

The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health advances mental wellness for the people of Texas as an impactful grantmaker and catalyst for change.

3001 Lake Austin Boulevard Austin, Texas 78703
(512) 471-5041 Toll-free: 1-888-404-4336
hogg.utexas.edu

NAMI Texas

NAMI Texas is a grassroots network providing services, education, support and advocacy for people with mental illness and their loved ones.

2800 IH 35 S #140 Austin, TX 78704
(512) 693-2000
namitexas.org

Protect Texas Fragile Kids (PTFK)

PTFK is a non-profit organization which advocates for the rights of medically fragile children and their families to access appropriate care.

<https://www.txfragilekids.org/>

Texans Care for Children

Texans Care for Children is a nonprofit advocacy organization focused on five areas of state policy: child protective services; juvenile justice; mental wellness; health and fitness; and early childhood education and opportunities.

1106 Clayton Ln #111, Austin, TX 78723

(512) 473-2274

texanscareforchildren.org

Texans for Special Education Reform (TxSER)

TxSER is an advocacy group of parents, educators, and allies who promote policies, practices, and laws that advance and improve special education for students' across the state.

texans4spedreform.org

Texas Advocates

Texas Advocates is recognized as the leader of self advocacy in Texas. Texas Advocates will fight to stop unfair treatment and advocate for more and better services for people with intellectual disabilities to be included in their communities.

8001 Centre Park Drive, Austin, TX 78754

1-800-252-9729, ext 12

txadvocates.org

Texas State Independent Living Council (SILC)

Texas SILC is a non-profit that works to ensure that all Texans with disabilities have access to quality Independent Living services.

<https://www.txsilc.org/>

Advocacy Organizations



Texas Appleseed

Texas Appleseed's mission is to promote social and economic justice for all Texans by leveraging the skills and resources of volunteer lawyers and other professionals to identify practical solutions to difficult systemic problems.

texasappleseed.net

512-473-2800

Texas Association of Community Health Centers (TACHC)

The Texas Association of Community Health Centers is a private, non-profit membership association that represents safety-net health care providers in the state of Texas.

TACHC serves as the federally designated primary care association for the state of Texas.

5900 Southwest Parkway Building 3 Austin, TX 78735

(512) 329-5959

tachc.org

Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities

(TCDD) The Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities helps people with developmental disabilities achieve their potential for independence, productivity and integration into their communities by working to develop a comprehensive system of service and supports in Texas

.6201 E. Oltorf, Suite 600 Austin, TX, 78741

(512) 437-5432 Toll Free: (800) 262-0334

tcdd.texas.gov

Texas Impact

Texas Impact is a statewide religious grassroots network whose members include individuals, congregations, and governing bodies of the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths. Texas Impact exists to advance state public policies that are consistent with universally held social principles of the Abrahamic traditions.

200 East 30th St Austin, TX 78705

(512) 472-3903

texasimpact.org

Texas Organizing Project

Texas Organizing Project works to improve the lives of low-income and working class Texas families through community organizing, and civic and electoral engagement.

Houston

2404 Caroline St. Houston, TX 77004 (832) 582.0061

Dallas

400 S. Zang Blvd. Dallas TX 75208 (214) 586.0867

San Antonio

700 South Zarzamora, Suite 212 San Antonio, TX 78207

(210) 900-2901

organizetexas.org

Texas Parent to Parent (TxP2P)

Texas Parent to Parent is committed to improving the lives of Texas children who have disabilities, chronic illness, and/or special health care needs. TxP2P empowers families to be strong advocates through parent-to-parent support, resource referral, and education. In addition, TxP2P educates professionals about the unique needs of our children with the goal of improving care and opportunities for our children. Lastly, TxP2P is dedicated to championing the efforts of a diverse set of parent support groups and advocacy on behalf of our children's well-being.

1805 Rutherford Ln #201

(512) 458-8600

txp2p.org

TexProtects

TexProtects mission is to reduce and prevent child abuse by educating and organizing its members to communicate with government officials, public and private funders, and the public-at-large about the need for increased investments in research-based best practices of child abuse prevention programs, CPS reforms, and treatment programs for victims of abuse.

<https://www.texprotects.org/>

The Autism Society of Texas

The Autism Society of Texas changes lives by connecting families and individuals to community resources and support throughout Texas. The Autism Society of Texas is also active in the Texas legislature and advocates on behalf of Texans living with autism. We continue to work with legislators and staff to identify key policy areas that impact children and adults with autism.

<https://www.texasautismsociety.org/>

Resource Organizations



Navigate Life Texas

The Navigate Life Texas (NLT) website, a project supported by the Texas Health and Human Services (HHS), was created to inform and empower parents of children with disabilities or special health care needs. Healthcare, education, insurance, medical diagnoses, transition to adulthood and how to connect with other parents are among the many topics found on NLT. <https://www.navigatelifetexas.org/en/about>

Partners Resource Network

Partners Resource Network is a non-profit agency that operates the Texas statewide network of Parent Training and Information Centers [PTI's are funded by the US Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)]. The PTI Projects are: PATH, PEN, and TEAM. They help parents to:

- Understand their child's disability;
- Understand their rights and responsibilities under IDEA;
- Obtain and evaluate resources and services;
- Participate as team members with professionals in planning services for their children.

They offer:

- Individual assistance over the phone and in-person.
- Workshops for parents and professionals.
- Online and printed resources.

<https://prntexas.org/about-prn/>

PATH Project

The PATH Project is one of three federally funded Parent Training and Information Centers (PTI) serving Texas parents of children and youth with disabilities ages 0-26. We serve families living in ESC regions 5-13. 1090 Longfellow Drive Beaumont, Texas 77706
Phone 409.898.4684 Toll Free 1.800.866.4726
Fax 409.898.4869
pathproject@sbcglobal.net
<https://prntexas.org/texas-ptis/path-project/>

PEN Project

The PEN Project is one of three federally funded Parent Training and Information Centers (PTI) serving Texas parents of children and youth with disabilities ages 0-26. We serve families living in ESC regions 14-19. 3 Butterfield Trail, Suite 128A El Paso, TX 79906
Phone 915.259.8717 Toll Free 1.833.847.2686
penprntx@gmail.com
<https://prntexas.org/texas-ptis/pen-project/>

TEAM Project

The TEAM Project is one of three federally funded Parent Training and Information Centers (PTI) serving Texas parents of children and youth with disabilities ages 0-26. We serve families living in ESC regions 1-4 and 20. 2825 Wilcrest Drive, Suite 205, Houston, TX 77042
Phone 281.969.5944 Toll Free 1.877.832.8945
Fax 832.987.1475
prnteamproject@gmail.com
<https://prntexas.org/texas-ptis/team-project-2/>

SPEDEX

The Special Education Information Center (SPEDTex) works collaboratively with stakeholders to provide resources and facilitate collaboration that supports the development and delivery of services to children with disabilities in our State. 1-855-773-3839
inquire@spedtex.org
<https://www.spedtex.org/>

Texas Project First

A project of the Family to Family Network committed to providing accurate and consistent information to parents and families of students with disabilities. <https://www.texasprojectfirst.org/>

VELA Families

VELA Families is a non-profit organization that empowers families of children with disabilities through training, case management, and other supportive programming. <https://velafamilies.org/>