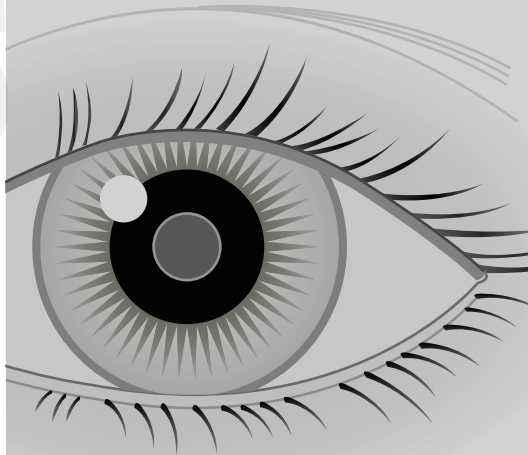


Texas Department
of Assistive and
Rehabilitative Services

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AREA SERVICES
to PEOPLE
WHO ARE BLIND
and
VISUALLY IMPAIRED



Division for Blind Services



Dallas/Fort Worth Consortium for Eye Services



TOLL-FREE INQUIRIES NUMBER:

1-800-628-5115 TTY: 1-866-581-9328

DARS.INQUIRIES@DARS.STATE.TX.US

DARS.STATE.TX.US

AARP Sights and Sounds

Deaf and blind support group

214-521-0407

www.deafactioncentertexas.org

Alexander Vision Resource Center and Eye Clinic

Free eye exams and glasses for children, information and referral, support group

682-885-4499

Cathie.Read@cookchildrens.org

www.cookchildrens.org

Alliance of and for Visually Impaired Texans (AVIT)

A network of organizations bringing a unified voice to policymakers and state/community boards

512-630-2848

www.alliancevitexans.org

American Council of the Blind (ACB)

Consumer organization

Dallas chapter: 972-333-8921 beckybird@tx.rr.com

Fort Worth chapter: 817-237-4498 www.acb-fw.org

ACB of Texas: 866-929-2228 www.acbtexas.org

National: 800-424-8666 www.acb.org

Council of Citizens with Low Vision International

An affiliate of the American Council of the Blind

www.cclvi.org

American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)

A national nonprofit that expands possibilities for people with vision loss, AFB Center on Vision Loss-Dallas offers solutions for independence, information and demonstrations of home adaptations, high and low tech devices, and connection to appropriate resources to support programming for children and adults.

214-352-7222

dallas@afb.net

www.afb.org/cvl

Blind Ambitions Groups

Adult support groups, computer and job readiness training, diabetes education, job placement

888-760-9252

info@blindambitionsgroups.org

www.blindambitionsgroups.org

CAN Cataract Clinic

Charitable clinic offering free cataract services for income eligible with no insurance.

817-632-603

lmccoy@canetwork.org

www.canetwork.org

Cedar Springs Eye Clinic

Comprehensive eye care treatment for glaucoma, diabetic eye conditions, dry eye, injury/infection. Glasses prescriptions. Discounted services for un-insured patients. Medicare and Medicaid accepted.

2525 Lucas Dr., Dallas, Texas 75219

214-528-7354

Community Eye Clinic

Comprehensive eye care treatment for glaucoma, diabetic eye conditions, dry eye, injury/infection, glasses prescriptions.

Discounted services for un-insured patients. Medicare and Medicaid accepted.

655 Taylor St. (second story of First Christian Church),

Fort Worth, Texas 76102

817-289-6800

communityeyeclinicFW@gmail.com

Computers for the Blind

Computers with speech and descriptive video lending

214-340-6328

info@computersfortheblind.net

www.ComputersfortheBlind.net

Dallas Area Rapid Transit

Rail, bus, paratransit, HOV lanes and rideshare services
Customer information center: 214-979-1111
Paratransit services: 214-515-7272
custinfo@dart.org
www.dart.org

Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind

Employment, technology training, recreation.
214-821-2375
info@dallaslighthouse.org
www.dallaslighthouse.org

Dallas Services - Low Vision Clinic

Vision rehabilitation services for all ages, low-vision devices and low-cost glasses. Preschool for children with special needs; advocacy/awareness program; testing and evaluation clinic.
214-828-9900
www.dallasservices.org

Deaf and Blind Multi-handicapped Association of Texas

Consumer organization
432-264-6780
pwelch@texasonline.net
www.dbmat-tx.org/

Department of Ophthalmology UT Southwestern Medical Center

Devoted to investigating the causes, treatment, and prevention of blindness.
214-645-2020
www.utswmedicine.org/eyes

Descriptive Video Service

Narrated visual descriptions of TV and video programs, theaters with descriptive video service
800-333-1203
access@wgbh.org
<http://main.wgbh.org/wgbh/pages/mag/>

DARS Division for Blind Services

Vocational and independent living services for people of all ages and their families

Dallas office: 214-378-2600, toll-free 800-687-7017

TTY: 214-890-7708

Fort Worth office: 817-759-3500, toll-free 800-687-7023

www.dars.state.tx.us/dbs/

DARS Division for Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Services

Toll-free inquiries number: 800-628-5115

TTY: 866-581-9328

dars.inquiries@dars.state.tx.us

www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/

Education Service Centers

Supplemental services to local education programs to age 21

Region 10 ESC - Dallas

972-348-1634

christy.householter@region10.org

www.region10.org/ssvi/index.html

Region 11 ESC - Fort Worth

817-740-7567

ouriegas@esc11.net

www.esc11.net

Farmers Branch Seniors Support Group

Group meets every Tuesday, 10 a.m. to noon

214-731-8805, 972-919-8740

fbinfo@farmersbranch.info

Fort Worth Transit and MITS

817-215-8600

tweb@the-t.com

www.the-t.com

Hadley School for the Blind

Tuition-free distance education

800-323-4238

info@hadley-school.org

www.hadley.edu

Helen Keller National Center for Youth & Adults Who Are Deaf/Blind

Information and referral, advocacy, consultation and training
972-490-9677
www.hknc.org

Information and Referral Network

2-1-1 Texas, a program of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, is committed to helping Texas citizens connect with the services they need

Dial 211

Information on services available in your area: www.211texas.org

Information on state benefits: www.yourtexasbenefits.com

Job Accommodations Network

Accommodation information
1-800-526-7234
www.jan.wvu.edu

Learning Ally

Records college and high school textbooks and lends them to students
Austin: 512-323-9390
National: 800-221-4792
custserv@learningAlly.org
www.learningAlly.org

Lighthouse for the Blind of Fort Worth

Employment, orientation and mobility, rehabilitation services
817-332-3341
rehab@lighthousefw.org
www.lighthousefw.org

Lions Sight and Tissue Foundation

Free eye exams and glasses for low-income children and adults, as well as recycling of eye glasses, transplant services.
972-276-1250

National Federation of the Blind

Consumer organization
Dallas chapter: 214-339-3697, dallas@nfb-texas.org
Arlington chapter: 817-453-3082, parvani530@hotmail.com
Fort Worth chapter: 210-683-3729, fortworth@nfb-texas.org

National Federation of the Blind *(continued)*

www.nfb.org

NFB of Texas

512-323-5444

www.nfb-texas.org

Newsline

Automated talking newspaper by telephone

888-882-1629

512-323-5444

newsline@nfb-texas.org

Parkland Hospital Eye Clinic

Eye medical treatment and low-vision services for low-income residents of Dallas County.

214-590-5601

www.pmh.org

Prevent Blindness Texas

Vision screenings for adults and children, eye health and safety programs, free eye exams and glasses for those in need, and support groups.

www.preventblindnesstexas.org

Dallas: 214-528-5521

ltoner@preventblindnesstexas.org

Fort Worth: 817-332-8125

ltoner@preventblindnesstexas.org

www.preventblindnesstexas.org

Reading and Radio Resource

24/7/365 radio programming

recorded books

audio description

214-871-7668 or 800-871-7668

reading@readingresource.org

www.readingresource.org

REACH Resource Centers on Independent Living

Information, referral, and an array of other services for people with disabilities

www.reachcils.org

REACH Resource Centers on Independent Living

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Dallas: 214-630-4796
TTY: 214-630-5995
reachdallas@reachcils.org

Denton: 940-383-1062
reachden@reachcils.org

Fort Worth: 817-870-9082
TTY: 817-870-9086
reachftw@reachcils.org

Plano: 972-398-1111
reachplano@reachcils.org

Retina Foundation of the Southwest

Research, testing and evaluation of infants and children with developmental and neurological problems; genetic counseling.

214-363-3911
rfs@retinafoundation.org
www.retinafoundation.org

Social Security Administration

800-772-1213
www.ssa.gov

Telephone Directory Assistance Exemptions

Contact the local phone company

Texas Association of Blind Students

877-887-5902
www.nfb-texas.org/tabs.html

Texas Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments

800-872-5273
www.spedex.com/napvi/chapters.html#5

Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Residential school in Austin, outreach, information and referral
800-872-5273
www.tsbvi.edu

Texas State Library

Lending library of books in Braille, large print, and cassette tape
800-252-9605
tbp.services@tsl.state.tx.us
www.texastalkingbooks.org

Texas Workforce Centers

Employment services
877-872-5627
www.workintexas.com
www.twc.state.tx.us

Veterans Affairs Medical Center/Vision Impairment Services

Rehabilitation training, assistance and benefits for veterans.
214-857-2018
AshleyE.England@va.gov
www.va.gov/blindrehab/

Low Vision Veterans Support Group - Dallas

(214) 857-1918
bruce.davis@va.gov

Blinded Veterans Association

800-669-7079
bva@bva.org
www.bva.org

Visual Aid Volunteers, Inc.

Producers of Braille materials.
972-272-1615
info@vavtx.org
www.vavtx.org

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accessible format at:
www.dars.state.tx.us/publications/text/10960.htm

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