

Bethany UMC
Special Needs Ministry Community Resources
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The organizations' websites listed below are resources that may be of assistance to families with special needs members. They are arranged by general topics of assistance, but many of these organizations offer resources across several of the topics. None of these organizations are directly affiliated with Bethany UMC, and they are listed here only as potential resources. The policies, positions, and practices of these organizations are their own, not necessarily those of Bethany UMC. Many of these websites cross reference others that are also on this list. The list includes organizations that may be either national, statewide and local in scope. The organizations were suggested by members of the Bethany UMC Special Needs Ministry, and questions and suggested additions can be addressed to this ministry.

Newly added websites since the last publication of this list are preceded by an asterisk.

Advocacy, Support and Referral

- The Arc of Texas <https://www.thearcoftexas.org/>
- The Arc of the Capital Area <http://arcofthecapitalarea.org/>
- The Arc of the Capital Area Parent and Caregiver Support brochure http://arcofthecapitalarea.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Parent_Caregiver_Support-Flier.pdf
- Texas Parent to Parent <http://txp2p.org/>
- Texas Parent to Parent, Austin Area resources <https://www.txp2p.org/Media/resource-lists/AustinVicinity.pdf>
- Texas Advocates http://arctx.convio.net/site/PageServer?pagename=TXA_homepage
- Disability Rights Texas <https://www.disabilityrightstx.org/>
- Epilepsy Foundation of Central and South Texas <http://www.efcst.org/>
- National Alliance on Mental Illness, Austin Chapter <http://www.namiaustin.org/>
- Navigate Life, Texas <https://www.navigatelifetexas.org/en>
- Navigate Life, ADHD resource <https://www.navigatelifetexas.org/en/landing/adhd-in-children?qclid=CJ-O957JoM4CFREoaQodNBcl6Q>
- Navigate Life, Special Ed 101 <https://www.navigatelifetexas.org/en/education-schools/special-education-101>
- Austin Resource Center for Independent Living <http://www.arcil.com/>
- Learning Disabilities Association of America, Texas Chapter <https://ldaamerica.org/lda-chapters/texas/>
- The National Resource on ADHD <http://www.chadd.org/About-CHADD/National-Resource-Center.aspx>
- Texas Assistive Technology Network <http://www.texasat.net/>
- Any Baby Can <https://anybabycan.org/>
- Learning Ally (Audiobooks, etc.) <https://www.learningally.org/>
- Autism Society of (formerly Central) Texas <http://www.austinautismsociety.org/>
- Easter Seals Central Texas <http://www.easterseals.com/centraltx/>
- Coalition of Texans with Disabilities <http://www.txdisabilities.org/>
- Downs Syndrome Association of Central Texas <http://www.dsact.org/#better-together>
- Partners Resource Network, Parent Training and Information, <http://prntexas.org/texas-ptis/path-project/>

State Agencies

- Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) General Disability Services
<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/disability>
- Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) State Supported Living Centers only
<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/disability/intellectual-or-developmental-disabilities-idd-long-term-care/state-supported-living-centers-sslcs> (new web site location)
- Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) Services for IDD
<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/disability/intellectual-or-developmental-disabilities-idd-long-term-care>
- Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) Services for Autism
<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/disability/autism>
- Texas Medicaid Waivers Fact Sheet <http://medicaidwaiver.org/state/texas.html>
- Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Mental Health
<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/Mental-Health/>
- Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Mental Health for Children
<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/mhsa/mh-child-adolescent-services/>
- Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), Vocational Rehabilitation Services
<http://www.twc.state.tx.us/jobseekers/vocational-rehabilitation-services>
- Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) Early Childhood Intervention Services
<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/disability/early-childhood-intervention-services>
- Texas Education Agency, Special Education
<http://tea.texas.gov/index2.aspx?id=2147491399>

Local Authorities for State Programs for Behavioral Health, IDD, others

- Austin Travis County Integral Care <http://www.integralcare.org/>
- Bluebonnet Trails Community Services (Williamson and other central Texas counties) <http://bbtrails.org/services/>
- Hill Country MHDD Centers (Hays and other counties) <http://www.hillcountry.org/>

Services for Specific Disabilities

- Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired <http://www.tsbvi.edu/>
- Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) Services for Persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing <https://hhs.texas.gov/services/disability/deaf-hard-hearing>
- Austin/Travis County Deaf Services <https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/deaf-services> (new web location for Travis County agency)
- Texas School for the Deaf <http://www.tsd.state.tx.us/>
- Plan of Central Texas: PLANCTX offers an array of customized services designed to enhance the lives of individuals and families facing **mental health** challenges.
<http://planctx.org/>
- *Meridell Achievement Center is a **Residential Treatment Center (RTC)**. We specialize in psychiatry and neuropsychiatry for children and adolescents (11-17).
<http://www.meridell.com/>
- *Rock Springs inpatient and outpatient mental health and addiction treatment for adults.
<https://www.rockspringshealth.com/>

Spiritual Nurture

- Bethany United Methodist Church Special Needs Ministry <http://bethany-umc.org/ministries/special-needs> , All God's People Sunday School Class <http://bethany-umc.org/ministries/adult/sunday-school/1100-classes> , Prayer Ministry <http://bethany-umc.org/care-prayer/prayer-ministry>
- Grace Without Margins <http://gracewithoutmargins.com/>;
<https://www.amazon.com/Grace-Without-Margins-Deana-Boggess/dp/1631250213>
- Joni and Friends <http://www.joniandfriends.org/>
- The Irresistible Church <http://irresistiblechurch.org/>
- *Special Needs Smart Pages*
<https://www.cokesbury.com/product/9780830747191/special-needs-smart-pages/>
- *Same Lake, Different Boat: Coming Alongside People Touched by Disability*
https://www.amazon.com/Same-Lake-Different-Boat-Disability/dp/1596380519/ref=cm_cr_dp_asin_lnk
- Disabilities Ministry Committee of the United Methodist Church, Faith Development and Confirmation Curriculum for Teens and Adults with IDD
<https://www.umdisabilityministries.org/curriculum/>
- United Methodist Committee on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministries
<https://www.umdeaf.org/>
- United Methodist Mental Health Ministries: <http://mentalhealthministries.net/>
- The Tim Tebow Foundation: <https://www.timtebowfoundation.org/>

General, Recreation, Education

- Texas Lions Camp <http://www.lionscamp.com/>
- Special Olympics, Texas <http://www.sotx.org/programs/?=nav>
- Easter Seals 2017 Camp Guide for Special Needs (Updated only to 2017.)
<http://www.easterseals.com/centraltx/our-programs/camping-recreation/>
- Austin Parks and Recreation, Special Needs <http://www.austintexas.gov/McBeth>
- Camp Summit for persons with Disabilities <http://campsummittx.org/>
- Music Therapy Services of Austin <http://musictherapyservices.net/>
- Ride on Center for Kids <http://rockride.org/>
- Joshua's Stage <https://joshuasstage.org/>
- Morgan's Wonderland <https://www.morganswonderland.com/> (Link is unstable. Copy and paste into browser.)
- UT Informal Classes for Adults with IDD <https://informal.utexas.edu/news/register-courses-adults-intellectual-and-developmental-disabilities>
- Austin Community College, STEPS is an up to two year program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities interested in gaining skills to enter the workforce or continue to develop their education. <http://austincc.wixsite.com/accsteps>
- Play for All Park – City of Round Rock
<http://www.roundrocktexas.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/parks-trails/play-park/>
- 2dance2dream-dance and performance for individuals with special needs
https://www.2dance2dream.org/about_us
- Tilt Performance Group, providing adults with special needs and unique abilities the opportunity to participate in the creation and performance of professional theater. (new URL) <https://www.tiltperformance.org/>

- *One World Rec Center, after-school program for students with disabilities and special needs adapted activities, homework help, and social skills building play. <http://www.recreationcentercedarpark.com/>
- *Adaptive Sports in Austin, web site referencing locations where adaptive sports and recreation are offered. <http://activecities.com/austin/adaptive-sports/>

Multi-service Private Agencies

- *Mary Lee Foundation is a private, non-profit 501 (c)(3) service provider, specializing in residential treatment and vocational services for persons with disabilities. <https://www.maryleefoundation.org/>
- *Marbridge is a non-profit residential community that offers transitional and lifetime care to adults with a wide range of cognitive abilities and — through compassion and faith — provides them opportunities to learn, experience, and achieve a whole new life. <https://www.marbridge.org/who-we-are/>

Transportation and Travel

- Cap Metro Access <http://www.capmetro.org/metroaccess/>
- Adventures with Autism, Down Syndrome, and Epilepsy (domestic and international travel assistance for families.) <http://awadae.org/>

Day Programs

- Sammy's House for Special Children <http://sammyshouse.org/>
- Brookwood in Georgetown for Adults <http://www.brookwoodingeorgetown.org/>
- Open Door Preschools <http://www.opendoorpreschool.org/>

Financial Planning

- ABLE (Achieving Better Life Experience) National Resource Center <http://ablenrc.org/>
- Texas ABLE <http://texasable.org/>
- National Disability Institute, Real Economic Impact <http://www.realeconomicimpact.org/>
- The Arc of Texas Master Pooled Trust <https://www.thearcoftexas.org/trust/>