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SECTION 1: PARENT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

PARENTING ON THE SPECTRUM

Community education for families supporting a child with Autism Spectrum Disorder

September 22nd **Autism 101** In this session, we will discuss characteristics of individuals on the autism spectrum and simple supports to use at home and in the community.	**January 19th** **Sleep Better** Learn strategies for your toolbox for preparing your child for a good night's sleep.
October 20th **Routines/Visuals** Come learn why routines are so important for your child and how establishing them makes them and you more successful in your day. We will discuss strategies for teaching routines and provide some take-home supports that may be needed.	**February 16th** **Picky Eaters** Join us for a discussion of strategies to help support your journey of adding new foods to your child's diet.
November 17th **Simple Behavioral Strategies** Learn simple behavioral strategies you can implement at home to support transitions.	**April 20th** **Puberty is on the Horizon** Puberty is not delayed for individuals with autism. Come learn some practical ways to prepare your child for the upcoming season.

Classes will be held from 6:30-7:30 pm at
Bowen Elementary School
3870 Copperfield Dr., Bryan, TX 77802

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Stephanie Garner at (979)-209-2731
or stephanie.garner@bryanisd.org

Childcare will be provided for children ages 3 and up. Please RSVP by the Friday prior to the training.
Register here ➡ **for childcare and Spanish interpretation.**

PURPOSEFUL LIFE

Free Workshop Series for Young Self-Advocates and Those Who Support Individuals with Disabilities

This family training meets the first Thursday of most months during the school year at Central Church,1991 FM 158 Road, College Station, TX 77845. We have training for parents, adolescents, a sibling support group and child care for 11 and under.

Please visit https://cdd.tamu.edu/service-outreach/purposeful-life/ to register and see this month's topic.

Sponsored by**:** Bryan ISD, Brazos Valley Center for Independent Living, Center on Disability and Development TAMU, College Station ISD, Grimes County Special Education Co-op and FACETS.

SECTION 2: AGENCIES
TEXAS MEDICAID WAIVERS

Get on the Waiting Lists!!!
We urge everyone with children with developmental disabilities to contact these agencies to get on their waiting list. Even if you feel you are not in financial need, your child may have a different situation in 7-10 years when their name will come up.

CLASS (Community Living Assistance and Support Services)

- For individuals whose primary disability is intellectual disability or related conditions (ICS/IID) -a related condition is a disability, other than an intellectual disability, that originated before age 22 that affects their ability to function in daily life.
- All you do is call and ask to be put on their **interest list**-have your student's social security number handy.
- Call **1-877-438-5658**

HCS (Home and Community-Based Services Program)
is administered through your county MHMR.

- For individuals whose primary disability is intellectual and developmental disability, autism, or pervasive developmental disorders.
- No documentation is needed until your name comes up and then it's based on the child's income, not the parents.
- The child qualifies for Medicaid by disability and then qualifies for the waiver plan as part of that program.
- The program looks first to private insurance for coverage, then to Medicaid and last to the waiver.
- In BRAZOS County: call MHMR of Brazos Valley at **979-822-6467** and ask for an intake appointment. The waiting list is typically long……. possibly more than 10 years.

What are "waivers"?

- Waivers let states use Medicaid funds for long-term home and community-based services for people with disabilities or special health-care needs and the elderly in order to help them live in the community.
- They are named "waivers" because certain Medicaid requirements are waived (meaning they don't apply). For example, family income. All but 1 waiver is based on just the child's income and certain licensing requirements for service providers. Your child's income means any money that they personally have in assets, earn, or are paid – not your whole family's income.
- Besides getting these additional services, people who receive waiver long-term services and supports also get full Medicaid health-care benefits.
- Texas has 7 waivers, and each one has its own interest list. Consider adding your child to all the interest lists based on their identified diagnosis and current needs. You don't know what future needs your child might have, so you might want to place them on as many of the lists as possible.
- When there is room for your child on one of the waiver programs, they will come off of the interest list. This is when DSHS, HHSC, or DADS (as applicable) will review diagnostic and other information to decide if your child meets the waiver requirements. Depending on the waiver, you might be asked for information about their medical, psychological, and developmental history, as well as financial and income eligibility.

What lists are appropriate for my child?

1. **<u>Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS)</u>:** gives home and community-based supports to people with related conditions. The CLASS program includes: behavioral support, adaptive aids, medical supplies, respite care, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, minor home

modifications, nursing, specialized therapies, pre-vocational training, supported employment, transition assistance, and others.

Requirements for CLASS

- No age limit to receive services.
- Must have a diagnosis of a related condition under federal and state law.
- Must be eligible for Medicaid in the community.
- Must live in your own or your family's home.
- Income and assets may not be more than these limits: a monthly income of up to 300% of the monthly income limit for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and no more than $2,000 in assets. This refers to your child's income, not the family income. Learn more about how to figure out this amount.
- Cannot be enrolled in another waiver program. Your child can remain on other waiver interest lists while enrolled in the CLASS waiver program.

2. **Home and Community-based Services (HCS):** gives services and supports to people with an intellectual disability (ID) or a related condition who live with their families, in their own homes, or in small group homes with no more than 4 beds.
    - The HCS program provides services and supports to people with an intellectual disability (ID) or a related condition who live with their families, in their own homes, or in small group homes with no more than 4 beds.
    - A related condition is a disability, other than an ID or mental illness, that begins before age 22 and will not likely end. This condition must also cause major functional limitations, similar to an individual with an ID. Autism and other developmental disabilities such as cerebral palsy, seizure disorders, and spina bifida are examples of related conditions.
    - The HCS program includes: residential services, adaptive aids, day habilitation (help with development of basic life skills), minor home modifications, nursing, respite, professional therapies, supported employment, and other services.

    Requirements to receive HCS:

    - No age limit to receive services.
    - Must be able to get Medicaid services before enrolling in the program.
    - Must have an ID under state law or a diagnosis of a related condition with an IQ of 75 or below.
    - Income and assets may not be more than specified limits: a monthly income of up to 300% of the monthly income limit for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and no more than $2,000 in assets. This refers to your child's income, not the family income.
    - Cannot be enrolled in another waiver program. Your child can remain on other waiver interest lists while enrolled in the HCS waiver program.
3. **Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP):** gives services to families caring for children and young adults as an alternative to receiving services in a nursing facility.
4. **STAR+PLUS Home and Community-based Services (HCBS):** a managed care model so that people who qualify for nursing facility care can get acute care and long-term services and supports (LTSS) in order to live in the community.
5. **Texas Home Living (TxHmL):** gives services to people with an intellectual disability (ID) or a related condition who live in their own home or their family's home.
6. **Youth Empowerment Services (YES):** gives home and community-based services to children who otherwise would need psychiatric inpatient care or whose parents would turn to state custody for care.
7. **Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD):** gives services for people who are deaf-blind or have a related condition that leads to deaf-blindness, and who have another disability.
8. **How to Add Your Child to Interest Lists**
   You do not have to prove your child is eligible before adding them to the waiver interest lists. Your child will go through this process and review once they move to the top of the list. Only then is the eligibility

information reviewed and used to decide if your child can enroll.

Call 1-855-937-2372 for information about long-term services. A trained professional will guide you to the right option, including the waivers, if appropriate.

Call Department of Aging and Disability for the CLASS waiver at **1-877-438-5658**

Call your Local Mental Health Authority about the HCS Waiver and Youth Empowerment Services (YES) waiver program. Go to the DSHS website to find the Local Mental Health Authority in your area.

Bryan/College Station
MHMR Authority of Brazos Valley
1504 S. Texas Ave.
Bryan, TX 77802

Main Phone: 979-822-6467
Website: http://www.mhmrabv.org
Crisis Phone: 1-888-522-8262

Four Top Tips for Waiver Lists

- Don't Delay, Add Your Child Right Away: Consider adding your child to as many waiver interest lists as possible when your child is first diagnosed with a disability or special health-care needs. You should also think about adding your child to the lists even if they aren't diagnosed but you have reason to believe that your child will have a long-term disability or special health-care needs.
- Learn More: If you are interested in HCS, call 1-855-937-2372 to speak to a trained professional.
- Update Your Information Every Year: At least 1 time a year, call to update your contact information so they know how to reach you. Most parents remember by calling around their child's birthday.
- You can check your child's place in the waiting list at yourtexasbenefits.com.

2-1-1 Texas / United Way	2-1-1 is a hotline (calling code), available in over 90 languages, available 24-hours a day, 7-days a week with current information regarding disaster response, crisis information, and also the (continually updated) state-wide database of information and resources for health and community services. 2-1-1 I&R Specialists are trained to assist callers with a variety of complex needs, including eligibility requirements and program qualifications. We simplify the process so callers can more easily navigate the resources available to them. 2-1-1 Texas provides free resources to the community who are in need of rent, utility, mental health, child care, and more.	1716 Briarcrest Suite 155 Bryan, TX 77802 979-696-4483 211@uwbv.org http://www.211texas.org/
DSHS CSHCN Systems Development Group	The Children with Special Health Care Needs Systems Development Group works to strengthen community-based services to improve systems of care for children and youth with special health care needs. Staff work closely with other state and national programs, agencies and community organizations to make progress on the three areas of focus: medical home, transition, and community inclusion.	CSHCN Systems Development Group 1100 W 49th Street Austin, TX 78756 512-776-7373 CSHCNSDG@dshs.texas.gov https://dshs.texas.gov/mch/CSHCN.aspx
HHS Blind Children's Program	The Blind Children's Vocational Discovery and Development Program serves children in Texas, who are blind or visually impaired, under the age of 22. We partner with families to empower their children to be independent and reach their full potential. Each year, hundreds of Texas families turn to Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) for information and support for their children who are blind or visually impaired. A blind children's specialist from the Blind Children's Vocational Discovery and Development Program (BCVDDP) works with each child and family to create a service plan tailored to the child's needs and circumstances. It's a flexible document that will develop along with the child. This can be found by selecting this link, hhs.texas.gov/blind-childrens-program.	877-787-8999 blindchildrensprogram@hhsc.state.tx.us https://hhs.texas.gov/blind-childrens-program

Lone Star Legal Aid	Lone Star Legal Aid provides free legal services. All clients must meet financial and legal status eligibility requirements. Our general income limits change annually and can be found by accessing the **US Federal Poverty Guidelines**. Even if you earn more than 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, we may still be able to help you if you qualify under one of our special projects.	1714 E 29th St. Bryan, TX 77802 (979) 775-5050 https://www.lonestarlegal.org/office/bryan-office/
MHMR Authority of Brazos Valley	MHMRABV exists to assist individuals with IDD, other related conditions, and or Behavioral Health conditions to receive services and resources that promote independence, safety, and personal outcomes for the individual. MHMR provides behavioral health, community supports, TxHmL/HCS waiver, PASRR/CLOIP, respite care funds and employment assistance services.	Irene Jernigan 1504 South Texas Avenue, Bryan, TX 77805 979-821-9449 ijernigan@mhmrabv.org http://www.mhmrabv.org/
Social Security Income	With the diagnosis of autism or a cognitive disability, your child may be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). You may contact the Social Security Administration to find out if your child is eligible.	1-800-772-1213
Talking Book Program - Texas State Library and Archives Commission	The Talking Book Program (TBP) provides free digital audio, Braille and large print books and magazines for loan to Texans, of any age, who cannot read standard print due to a qualifying visuals, physical or reading disability.	Talking Book Program 1201 Brazos Street Austin TX 78701 1-800-252-9605 tbp.services@tsl.texas.gov TexasTalkingBooks.org
Texas Department of State Health Services	Provide case management for any special needs children with or without insurance. Help families, over the income, to receive Medicaid for their child. Ensure families with children on Medicaid know what services are available to them. Case management includes linking to community resources, particularly less known community resources and programs and authorize personal care services for special needs children on STAR or traditional Medicaid.	Texas Department of State Health Services 3000 E Villa Maria Rd Bryan, TX 77803 979-776-7489 https://www.dshs.texas.gov
Texas Workforce Solutions - **Vocational Rehabilitation**	We provide a variety of support and services to individuals who have disabilities which will assist them in obtaining and maintaining employment.	Trevette Bookman MS. Ed Transition VR Counselor II Office Address: 4021 East 29th Street, Suite 1114 Bryan, TX 77802 Mailing Address: PO Drawer 4128, Bryan, TX 77805 Phone: 979-595-2880 trevette.bookman@twc.texas.gov http://www.twc.state.tx.us/programs/vocational-rehabilitation-program-overview

SECTION 3: AGING / PREPARING FOR ADULTHOOD / WORK

The BEE Community	Through the handcrafting of products in a variety of enterprises, The BEE Community exists to provide meaningful work and a place of belonging for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.	3819 Old College Rd. Bryan, TX 77801 979-202-1904 info@thebeecommunity.com www.thebeecommunity.com
Consolidated Planning Group	Do you have a loved one with Special Needs? Consolidated Planning Group is a full-service financial planning firm that specializes in holistic financial planning for Families with Special Needs. Our firm delivers real strategies to the most complex situations. We are proud to specialize in addressing the ongoing care and planning concerns for families with loved ones who have Special Needs. Call today for a free conversation.	Allison Schaberg, Owner Consolidated Planning Group 19901 Southwest Fwy. Sugar Land, Texas 77478 281-690-1177 aschaberg@cpgcares.net

Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center	The Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center (CCRC) is an innovative, residential vocational rehabilitation training facility that serves adults who are legally blind by helping them learn alternative techniques to prepare for, find or retain employment, attend a college, university or trade school, and live independently in the community.	https://www.twc.texas.gov/programs/vocational-rehabilitation/criss-cole 512-377-0300
GrowON at AGFarm	Our mission is to work with adults with disabilities and to provide fresh, organically grown produce while using environmentally friendly, sustainable growing practices, and sharing what we have learned with others.	Sharon Wells 2861 FM 974 Bryan, Texas 77808 979-436-1987 AquaticGreensFarm@gmail.com https://www.growonatagfarm.com
Junction Five-O-Five	Junction Five-O-Five is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for adults with disabilities by providing them with the opportunity to enter the workforce. Supported Employment Specialists perform assessments to ensure a good job match is made, and provide one-on-one training and support at the job site. On-site assistance is reduced as the employee becomes proficient in completing the job independently. On-going support is provided to help the individual maintain employment. Earn and Learn summer program for teens.	Jennifer Patridge 4410 College Main Bryan, TX 77802 979-846-3670 ext. 107 info@junction505.org http://www.junction505.org
Texas ABLE Program	The Texas ABLE Program: the state's new savings program for Texans with disabilities. Come learn about the Texas Achieving A Better Life Experience (Texas ABLE®) program and how Texans with disabilities and their families can save for disability -related expenses in a tax-advantaged ABLE account without losing eligibility for certain public benefits, such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid. Texas ABLE is based on federal and state legislation and is maintained by the state through the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Funds in an ABLE account can be used to pay for qualified disability expenses that relate to the beneficiary's blindness or disability and are used to maintain or improve his or her health, independence or quality of life.	844-489-2253 texasable.org customerservice@texasable.org
United Access	Adaptive Driving provides wheelchair accessible vehicles and equipment for people with disabilities.	2214 North Earl Rudder Freeway Bryan, TX 77808 979-307-7676 shari.smith@adaptivedriving.com www.adaptivedriving.com

SECTION 4: COMMUNITY SUPPORTS / INCLUSION

ACEing Autism	Connecting Kids Through Tennis-We offer weekly tennis clinics for kids & teens with autism.Trained volunteers are paired up with athletes to support their individual needs!	www.aceingautism.com collegestation@aceingautism.org
Adaptive Aquatics (City of College Station)	Adaptive Aquatics is individualized swimming instruction for those with special needs. Class duration will vary from 25 to 45 minutes per lesson based on the swimmer's needs and abilities. Cost is based on the length of class and household residency status. An adult must remain in the facility and may be asked to assist the participant in the water.	**jscott@cstx.gov** 979.764.3540
Aggie Bombers	Aggie Bombers is a Special Olympics Adult Delegation for Bryan/College Station. Anyone 18+ can participate with their team.	Bill Foxworth wbfoxworth@gmail.com
Aggies on the Spectrum	A student organization at Texas A&M University that provides social opportunities, support, and educational resources for autistic adults at TAMU as well as the Bryan/College Station Community. Autism Allies are welcome to join.	aggiesonthespectrum@gmail.com http://aggiesonthespectrumtamu.weebly.com/
Anointed Abilities	Anointed Abilities is a youth social program that meets at North Bryan Community Center, 705 N. Houston Ave, Tuesday and Wednesday from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. for ages 8-16. We serve hot meals, offer tutoring services, teach social skills and have lots of recreational fun!!!	11200 S. Highway 30 College Station, Texas, 77845 979-739-8647 anointedabilitiesysc@gmail.com

Beloved & Beyond	Beloved & Beyond is a ministry towards children and young adults who have special needs and disabilities. It exists to spread the hope and love of Jesus Christ with people who have differing abilities through camps, socialization and on the job training while growing the community to embrace the same. Primarily we offer an overnight summer camp where every camper has a one to one buddy and experiences unconditional love, acceptance and fun. We also have our amazing Beyond Team where young adults with disabilities are invited to use their gifts and abilities to contribute toward serving and camp programming.	Beloved & Beyond 557 County Road 331 Rosebud, TX 76570 979-353-2838 Location of camp sites in Texas varies-see website for details! www.belovedandbeyond.org
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Brazos Valley	Big Brothers Big Sisters provides mentoring services to children in Bryan/College Station. We are here to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one mentoring relationships that change lives for the better, forever.	Terry Dougherty 315 Tauber St., College Station, TX 77845 979-224-3660 tdougherty@bigmentor.org www.bbbsbrazos.org
Brazos Valley Center for Independent Living	BVCIL is a cross-disability, consumer-directed, community-based not-for- profit organization that provides: national, state, and Brazos Valley community & governmental resources; peer counseling: independent living skills instruction; advocacy (both individual and systems), transition services (includes youth, nursing home diversion, and nursing home relocation to community) and other support services (i.e., accessible transportation, communication access, accessible housing guidance, support to 18+ programs in Special Services. We support advocacy and vocational/employment projects in collaboration with community partner organizations such as TAMU Center on Disability & Development and TAMU AgriLife; Employment Service Program with TWC Vocational Rehab Services) for persons with disabilities.	1869 Briarcrest Drive Bryan, TX 77802 979-776-5505 info@bvcil.org http://bvcil.org
Camp Blessing Texas	Camp Blessing is a ministry towards children and young adults who have special needs and disabilities. Primarily we offer an overnight summer camp where every camper has a one to one buddy and experiences unconditional love, acceptance and fun. We are expanding opportunities now that we have our own camp facility near Brenham. New for this year - family camp, spring break camp, respite weekend. Campers and volunteers apply online.	Camp Blessing Texas 7227 Camp Blessing Lane Brenham, TX 77833 281-259-5789 info@campblessing.org https://campblessing.org/
Camp Life	LIFE stands for Leadership, Independence and Friends through Experiences, and it's what embodies the spirit of Camp LIFE, a unique camping adventure for children with disabilities. Camp LIFE provides recreation for special needs children and their siblings while offering a weekend of respite for their parents. Children with disabilities between the ages of 6 and 21 and their siblings are eligible to attend Camp LIFE. Camp costs range from $275-$375 per session/per child. Partial scholarships are available. Camp dates: October 20-22, 2023, Feb. 9-11, 2024 and Family day camp is April 7th.	Aimee Day 979-862-2913 aday@tamu.edu http://camplife.tamu.edu
The Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M University	The work of the Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M University is focused on promoting inclusive schools and communities, improving education and quality of life outcomes, and creating better lives for people with disabilities and their families through education, research, and service. Would you like to learn more about our work? You can view links to our current projects through the education, research, and service tabs at the top of the page or through the content categories in the column to the right. As a federally designated University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, we are part of a national network of similar centers across the country. Please visit us at cdd.tamu.edu for more information.	Center on Disability 4225 TAMU College Station, TX 77843 979-845-4612 http://cdd.tamu.edu
Central Special Needs Ministry	We desire to give individuals with special needs the opportunity to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and friend and to help everyone discover their unique set of gifts and talents which God has given us so that we may steward them well, serving others. As a ministry we strive to meet the needs of every person, of any age who has difficulty functioning to their potential in the typical church setting. We meet these needs by offering support through inclusion across ages and abilities, unique service and equipping opportunities, continuous training for those serving in the Special Needs Ministry, sensory- specific designed classrooms and curriculum, and an environment that lets you know that your abilities do not define your potential relationship with Christ or the impact your life can have for His Kingdom.	Charity Corbitt Central Baptist Church 1991 FM 158 College Station, TX 77845 979-776-9977 specialneeds@centralbcs.org http://www.centralbcs.org/special-needs

Challenger Bowling	The City of College Station believes everyone should experience the compelling benefits of recreational sports, regardless of physical or developmental challenges. Challenger Sports provides that opportunity. The programs are designed to build confidence and self-esteem for those with special needs in a fun, positive environment. Participants learn skills and challenge themselves in a program tailored specifically to their needs. They are paired with volunteers from Project Sunshine, whose goal is "to build friendships while bringing smiles to children's faces." Participants sometimes stay in the program for many years, developing lasting friendships with fellow participants, staff and Project Sunshine volunteers. No class on July 3.	https://rectrac.cstx.gov/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/iteminfo.html?Module=AR&FMID=6561902
Down Home Ranch, Inc.	We have a residential program (HCS, ICF and Private Pay), summer camp, and day program. We also provide respite services. All of our services are for people with IDD 18 years and over.	20250 FM 619 Elgin, TX 78621 512-856-0128 (x132) info@downhomeranch.org www.downhomeranch.org
Fun for All Playground	The Fun for All Playground at Central Park in College Station, Texas is a destination playground for persons of all abilities. This fully accessible playground provides active, free/inventive play for all ages.	1000 Krenek Tap Rd College Station, TX 77840
PRIDE ASSIST Baseball	PRIDE ASSIST is part of the PRIDE select baseball organization. This is a special needs team but is inclusive of family members. Ages 4 +.	Brannon Easterling PO Box 11528 College Station, TX 77842 (979) 229-7631 www.bvpride.com
PSUN-Providing Smiles and Understanding Needs	The Texas A&M Chapter of Project Sunshine is a non-denominational, non-profit organization that provides free programs and events to children and their families in the community with long term illnesses, disabilities, and special needs. This chapter of Project Sunshine is the largest in the nation and our mission is to build friendships while bringing smiles to the children's faces.	psun.director@gmail.com http://psuntamu.weebly.com/
Road Rascals Special Olympics Cycling Team	The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.	Sondra White 970-315-2557 sondrakwhite@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/groups/roadrascals/
Shelly Kruger's Dance Studio	Our mission is to provide students of all ages and abilities the skills and opportunity to enjoy dance. Our instructors offer educational and challenging lessons, while maintaining a fun and enjoyable atmosphere! We encourage anyone to join us in dancing our way to memorable lifetime accomplishments!	Shelli Kruger 809 University Dr E, Ste. 103-B College Station, TX 77840 (979) 694-1812 shellik@suddenlink.net https://shellikrugersds.wixsite.com/dance
S.H.A.R.E. (Special Horses and Riders Excelling)	Mission: To improve the quality of life for individuals with special needs by providing year round recreational activities for them and their families. Currently offering horseback riding and swimming. No upper or lower age limit.	Patricia Lombard 4996 Schehin Road College Station, TX 77845 979-690-2364 info@sharetx.org http://sharetx.org

Special Olympics Texas	It is our vision to become the premier provider of Special Olympics training and competition in the world. We approach each endeavor with a single intent - to improve the quality of life for our athletes. The challenges of the future are embraced with enthusiasm and commitment, ensuring that the changing face and needs of our athletes are met. The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.	2501 Central Parkway Ste. C Houston, TX 77092 (832) 617-0930 kbasel@sotx.org BISD Contact: Karen Hoelker karen.hoelker@bryanisd.org 979-209-2779
Whistlestop Acres	We are a company that focuses on cultivating community, sustainability and personal growth through various activities at our ranch, such as animal assisted psychotherapy counseling sessions, community events, and sustainable learning and experiences.	Robin Robinson 979-220-5334 www.whistlestopacres.co/
Young Life Capernaum	Young Life Capernaum gives young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities the chance to experience fun and adventure, to develop fulfilling friendships and to challenge their limits while building self-esteem through club, camp and other exciting activities. We meet every Thursday for club at Central Church where we play games, sing songs, eat snacks, and hear about Jesus Christ.	Betty Johnston 979-693-2012 tamuyounglife@gmail.com https://brazosvalley.younglife.org/

SECTION 5: EARLY LIFE

BVCAP Head Start and Early Head Start	A birth to five Early Childhood Education program that provides both home-based and center-based services to children and families.	4001 East 29th St. Suite 175 Bryan, TX 77802 979-595-2800 https://www.capbv.org/programs/head-startearly-head-start/ Early Head Start 3400 S. Texas Ave. Suite 7 Bryan, Tx 77802 (979) 846-5782
Early Childhood Intervention	Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) is a statewide program within the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for infants and toddlers under the age of three with developmental delays or disabilities; medically diagnosed conditions that have a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay; or auditory or visual impairments as defined by the Texas Education Agency. ECI provides comprehensive services such as case management, specialized skills training, physical, occupational and speech therapy,counseling, nutrition, translation and transition services.	Rebekah McManus 3211 South Texas Ave, Ste. A Bryan, TX 77802 Office: 713-838-9050 ext 385 Cell: 281-840-1474 rmcmanus@eastersealshouston.org http://www.eastersealshouston.org
Go Baby Go Program (BVRC)	Go Baby Go is a national, community-based research, design and outreach program that provides modified ride on cars to children birth to 5 who experience limited mobility. Our commitment at Go Baby Go Brazos Valley is to make an adapted car available to any family in our community who needs one, irrespective of their ability to pay.	Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center 1318 Memorial Drive, Bryan, TX 77802 979-776-2872 info@brazostherapy.org

SECTION 6: EDUCATION

Aggieland Autism Center, LLC	Our greatest desire is to see children and families apply ABA therapy (research-driven interventions) to their daily lives. Children transitioning out of our program will be spontaneous, independent and self-initiating individuals effectively engaging in the community. Come experience the thrill of attending an entire birthday party for the first time (no screaming/coping skill) or having your child say “I love you” for the first time (using language) or answer WH questions (Who, What, When, Where, Why, How) or respond to others without hitting or kicking (decrease in isolation and increase in socialization).	3792 High Lonesome College Station, Tx 77845 979-412-1423 https://aggielandautismcenter.com/ info@aggielandautism.com

Ascend Behavior Partners	In Bryan-College Station, TX, we offer diagnostic evaluations for autism as well clinical consultations to help you find the answers you need. Our licensed experts help you identify the best path of care for your child and family. We also offer family support services by providing training, education, and support along your journey. Also, we offer in-home ABA treatment led by experts in their field that are highly trained to work compassionately with your child and family.	1716 Briarcrest Dr #300, Bryan, TX 77802 979-429-3785 https://www.ascendbehavior.com info@ascendbehavior.com
Behavioral Innovations	Behavioral Innovations provides center-based ABA therapy for children with autism. Our services are specifically designed for children under 10 years of age who are facing social, developmental or communication challenges associated with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Our goal is to create a positive and meaningful impact on your child's growth through compassionate and personalized ABA therapy.	555 William D. Fitch Pkwy College Station, TX 77845 (855) 782-7822 info@bi-aba.com https://promo.behavioral-innovations.com/college-station/
Blinn College-Office of Disability and Counseling	The mission of the Blinn College District Office of Disability Services is to ensure students with disabilities have equal access in their educational pursuits. We provide students an opportunity to obtain their academic goals by fostering inclusion and support. The Office of Disability Services provides a variety of accommodations and services for individuals with disabilities, and we encourage students to overcome challenges and attain personal and academic success. Counseling Services provides short-term counseling to currently enrolled students within the limits of its resources. Counseling can help improve self-awareness, relationships, decision-making, and your overall well-being.	2423 Blinn Boulevard, Bldg. D #160 Bryan, TX 77802 979-209-7251 bryan.ods@blinn.edu http://www.blinn.edu/Disability
Brazos Valley Regional Day School Program for the Deaf	The Brazos Valley Regional Day School Program for the Deaf is a Shared Service Arrangement for 31 school districts to have access to services for Deaf and hard of hearing students that meet the eligibility.	Melinda Gandrud, interim supervisor 979-209-2777 melinda.gandrud@bryanisd.org
Bryan ISD	Bryan ISD provides special education services to children with disabilities to meet their unique needs. These educational programs are provided in a variety of settings, including general education, in-class support, content mastery, special education classrooms, the student's home, or a hospital setting. Students must be identified as eligible for special education through a referral and evaluation process. The district also provides related services when required to access or support their special education program including, but not limited to: transportation, occupational and physical therapy, individual or group counseling, and a work-study program.	Tonette Smith Transition Coordinator Bryan ISD 1201 Ridgedale St. Bryan, TX 77803 979-209-2758 tonnette.smith@bryanisd.org Dala Henry 979-209-2742 Secondary Coordinator dala.henry@bryanisd.org
The Center for Living Well with ADHD	Coaching helps individuals with ADHD or Executive Function issues to: - Understand and navigate their ADHD; - Learn how to leverage their strengths and gifts; - Build on weaker life and executive function skills; - Address ADHD-related challenges; - Create meaningful goals and take the actions to accomplish them. Our Center provides coaching support, cornerstone workshops and services to help individuals in all ages, stages, and areas of their life. It is important that you understand how to use the ways you are Wired to Win. We believe in taking a holistic approach to help clients define their goals, identify the actions to achieve them, and provide step by step support to get where you want to be. For more information, schedule a complimentary phone call with Katherine Jahnke. Schedule here: https://centerforlivingwellwithadhd.as.me/ComplimentaryCallwithCoachKat	Katherine Jahnke 16546 Woodlake Drive College Station, TX 77845 979-583-2152 kat@adhdcoach.life http://www.centerforlivingwellwithadhd.org/
Coach to Communicate (C2C) at Texas A&M University	The Coach To Communicate project provides a webinar and face-to-face/online individual parent coaching sessions at no cost for parents, caregivers, teachers, and service providers of children up to age 22 with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Participants will be instructed in how to improve the communication skills of their own children. For more information or to participate, please complete the online application form at https://autism.tamu.edu/	TamuAuParent@tamu.edu https://autism.tamu.edu/

Empower Behavioral Health	Empower Behavioral Health (EBH) was created with the mission of empowering families by providing the most effective Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services, to ensure that learners with autism and other developmental disabilities reach their maximum potential. Our compassionate and knowledgeable team of professionals, in combination with the intensive nature of our individualized program, will provide an unparalleled level of service.	3841 Sagebriar Dr, Bryan, TX 77802 979-325-3220 info@empowerbh.com http://www.empowerbh.com
Happy Camper Learning Services & Renner Academy	Happy Camper Learning Services offers an array of services specifically designed for children with dyslexia, dysgraphia, executive functioning deficits (attention, memory, planning, etc.), and other learning differences. Happy Camper Learning Services and Renner Academy aspire to spark changes in the way children with dyslexia and other learning differences are regarded and educated in our country, by beginning in our local community. We take a comprehensive approach to guiding diverse learners to capitalize on their strengths and overcome their weaknesses to reach their fullest potential as 21st Century learners, thinkers, and leaders.	6134 Imperial Loop Dr College Station, TX 77845 979-810-8100 https://www.renneracademy.org https://happycamperlearning.com info@renneracademy.org Kristen@happycamperlearning.com
Heart of Texas GEAR UP	The Heart of Texas GEAR UP program is a grant project funded through the U.S. Department of Education. The Heart of Texas GEAR UP is partnered with Bryan and Hearne ISDs to serve students in the class of 2026. The goal of this project is to support and empower the Class of 2026 to fulfill their potential in order to achieve post high school success.	Alison Deavours Bryan ISD GEAR UP Project Coordinator (979) 209-2787 alison.deavours@bryanisd.org https://gearup.tamu.edu/
HOPS (Horticulture Options in Plant Sciences)	The HOPS Project is a two semester (approximately 32 weeks) training program whose purpose is to provide instruction and support individuals with and without disabilities to gain the necessary skills and experiences in work readiness in order to successfully transition into competitive integrated employment in the horticulture industry. Students have the option to become certified on the state/national level. Students who complete the program earn industry recognized credentials in one of three categories 1) floral design, 2) greenhouse/nursery, 3) landscape management. The program focuses primarily on four of the five core Pre-ETS areas.	https://cdd.tamu.edu/education/hops-program/
LEAP (Leadership Employability and Advocacy Project)	The Leadership, Employability, and Advocacy Project (LEAP) will select thirty (30) youth ages 14-22 (AT EACH EVENT) from qualified applicants across the state of Texas. This exciting educational ten-day training program includes a tour of the State Capitol, a meeting with state-level officials, and one day of mock legislative sessions. To be selected, participants must meet the following criteria: 1. Be between the ages of 14-22 at the time of the event 2. Entering 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade during the 2022 – 2023 school year (students in post-secondary programs such as 18+ are strongly encouraged to apply)	https://cdd.tamu.edu/education/project-leap/
Parent-Directed Special Education Services (PDSES)	PDSES gives a $1,500 one-time online grant to parents of eligible students served by special education who are enrolled in a Texas public school. Families can use this money to purchase educational goods and services for their student	https://pdses.tea.texas.gov/
PATHS Program	The Postsecondary Access and Training in Human Services (PATHS) Program is a postsecondary training program for people with and without disabilities. PATHS offers three certifications. Students can train to become Direct Support Professionals in the healthcare, childcare, and paraprofessional fields.	Leticia LaSota 979-845-4461 llasota@tamu.edu http://paths.tamu.edu
Texas A&M Disability Resources	Disability Resources staff members interact and collaborate with faculty, staff, and students to achieve an equitable learning environment for students with disabilities at Texas A&M University.	Disability Services 979-845-1637 disability@tamu.edu http://disability.tamu.edu

Texas AgrAbility Project	The Texas AgrAbility Project has the mission of serving individuals, their families, and employees with disabilities and chronic health conditions in production agriculture. We do this by providing recommendations for assistive technology, farm and ranch assessments, task modifications, agriculture business assessments, self-employment in agriculture services, case management, and one-on-one consultations. We strive to connect individuals with disabilities in agriculture to peer networks through our peer group, agriculture and disability resources, and referral to direct support services. We also offer education and training through in-person workshops, webinars, and online courses.	http://txagrability.tamu.edu
Texas Transition: Student-Centered Transitions Network	The Student-Centered Transitions Network (SCTN) is creating new pathways to a successful adult life for students with disabilities. The SCTN is led by the Eleanor and Charles Garrett Center on Transition and Disability Studies at Sam Houston State University in collaboration with the Texas Education Agency. The SCTN provides teachers, families, and students with various resources needed to facilitate the transition from early childhood to adulthood.	https://www.texastransition.org/
The Work and College Opportunity (WACO) program at Texas A&M	A 6 week residential summer program for young adults aged 18-22 with disabilities. The training program provides students an opportunity to independently live and learn on our university campus while also working, socially and recreationally integrating into the Bryan/College Station community.	https://cdd.tamu.edu/education/waco-project/

SECTION 7: FAMILY SUPPORT

The Arc of Bryan-College Station	We are a non-profit that provides social activities for individuals with IDD. We are a local chapter of The Arc of Texas which is the State Chapter of The Arc of the United States.	The Arc of Bryan-College Station P.O. Box 12009, College Station, TX 77842 thearcbcs@gmail.com https://thearc.org
Down Syndrome Association of Brazos Valley	DSABV is a community of individuals and couples with Down syndrome, self-advocates, families, friends and professionals. They host and sponsor regular social activities, year-round educational programs, conferences, workshops and community events. We are a resource for anyone seeking to learn about Down syndrome, as well as a way to celebrate the extraordinary lives of people touched by Down syndrome. We are an organization made up of parents, local business professionals and members with disabilities. We strive for education and socials above and beyond what school can provide.	3030 University Dr E, College Station, TX 77845 979-220-9852 dsabv@dsabv.org http://dsabv.org
FACETS	We are a parent run support group and our goal is to offer social opportunities, support and educational resources for families of autistic individuals, as well as for the Bryan/College Station community. We welcome families of children with other diagnoses to join. Many kids in our group have multiple diagnoses including SPD, OCD and ADD/ADHD.	Aimee Day Bryan, TX 77801 979-217-6916 facetsbcs@gmail.com www.facetsbcs.org
Family to Family Network	Creating success for children with disabilities by empowering their families with information, training, referrals, and support as they navigate the complex education, health care & social service systems.	16225 Park Ten Place #500 Houston, TX 77084 713-466-6304 info@familytofamilynetwork.org f2fn.org
NAMI Brazos Valley	The National Alliance on Mental Illness Brazos Valley (NAMI BV) is part of the largest grassroots organization in the United States offering support and education to those living with mental illness and those that love people with mental illness. We offer Family Support Group each Tuesday evening at 6:30pm to 8:00pm at our office for family members and friends of those with mental health concerns. We offer Peer Support Groups each Thursday evening from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at our office. Please check out our website for more information.	NAMI-Brazos Valley 3705 S. College Ave. Bryan, Texas 77801 (979) 774-4713 www.namibv.org

Navigate Texas	Navigate Texas is a site for families raising children with disabilities. They provide resources including where to find financial assistance and family support.	https://www.navigatelifetexas.org/
Partners Resource Network Inc.	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. We 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. We offer individual assistance over the phone and in-person to families who have questions about their child's needs. Workshops for parents and professionals take place on an ongoing basis throughout Texas. Resources such as printed publications and online materials are available on a variety of relevant topics.	2825 Wilcrest Drive, Ste 205 Houston, TX 77042-3396 936-348-0013 region6prn@gmail.com http://prntexas.org/
Raising Awareness of Developmental Language Disorder	The aim of RADLD is to spread awareness of Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) and offer resources for families and professionals. Developmental Language Disorder is the new term to replace Specific Language Impairment (SLI). Developmental Language Disorder is diagnosed when children fail to acquire their own language for no obvious reason. This results in children who have difficulty understanding what people say to them, and struggle to articulate their ideas and feelings. Recent research has shown that, on average, 2 children in every class of 30 will experience DLD severe enough to hinder academic progress.	Beth Netherland, Parent Ambassador 4045 Crestmont Dr., College Station TX 77845 979-458-3678 beth-m-tessandori@tamu.edu https://radld.org/ https://dldandme.org/
Rare Diseases Caregiver Respite Program	The first-of-its-kind assistance program is designed for caregivers of a child or adult diagnosed with a rare disorder. The Respite Program provides financial assistance to enable the caregiver a break to attend a conference, event or simply have an afternoon or evening away from caregiving. Financial assistance will be granted up to $500 annually for those who qualify (the award amount is subject to change based on funding availability). Awards are granted on a first come, first served basis to eligible individuals. There is no fee to apply. A Registered Nurse (RN), Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Home Health Aide (HHA) or Non-professional caregiver may be covered.	203-616-4328 CaregiverRespite@rarediseases.org
Special Education Information Center (SPEDTex)	SPEDTex provides information and resources that can help you understand your child's disability, your rights, and responsibilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 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 spedtex.org/families
Special Needs Groups - Brazos Valley	Facebook group for families, people with disabilities, providers and friends to share resources and upcoming events.	https://www.facebook.com/groups/777073310376918
Texas Hands and Voices	Texas Hands & Voices is a parent-led nonprofit organization providing resources, peer support and advocacy in an unbiased manner to families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Our outreach activities, parent/professional/community collaboration and advocacy efforts are focused on enabling Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing children to reach their highest potential. We envision a world where children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing have every opportunity to achieve their full potential.	Texas Hands & Voices 3616 Far West Blvd. Suite 117-152 Austin, Texas 78731 936-463-TXHV (8948) 800-921-8948 fax office@txhv.org https://txhv.org/
Texas Parent to Parent	Texas Parent to Parent provides support, information and education to families of children with disabilities, chronic illness or special health care needs. Our Pathways to Adulthood Program provides support and information to families of youth and young adults on transition issues. 99% of our staff are parents of children with disabilities so when you call us, you're talking with another parent.	1805 W. Rutherford Ln., Suite 201 Austin, TX 78754 512-458-8600 info@TxP2P.org https://www.txp2p.org

Texas School for the Deaf Statewide Outreach Center	The resources and expertise of the Texas School for the Deaf are to be shared with students who are deaf and hard of hearing, their families, and professionals anywhere across the state. SOC is the TSD department that provides this outreach. We also work collaboratively with a variety of agencies, family-focused groups, and schools across Texas to provide a network of support, information, and resources for those who need it. Some services are provided on the TSD campus while others are offered in your local areas or even in your home or classroom via video conferencing or online resources. SOC programs, information about Deaf Education in Texas, and other related services statewide can be found at www.txdeafed.org– a collection of resources compiled with support from partners.	Statewide Outreach Center 1102 South Congress, Austin, TX 78704 512-462-5329 (phone) 512-982-1646 (videophone) 512-462-5661 FAX soc@tsd.state.tx.us https://www.tsd.state.tx.us/apps/pages/soc

SECTION 8: HEALTH RESOURCES

Aging and Disability Resource Center	The Brazos Valley Aging and Disability Resource Center (BVADRC) works with the aging and disability community by providing information about services and supports to help individuals and families make informed choices about their health and wellness. We are available to educate individuals of any age who have a disability, or those who are aging, their family members and caregivers to empower them to make knowledgeable decisions, streamline access to a wide variety of services and supports, and serve as a highly visible and trusted resource in the community. The resource room is complete with brochures, informational handouts, as well as five computers equipped with different types of assistive technology.	3991 East 29th Street Bryan, TX 77802 979-595-2800 ext. 2026 info@bvcog.org http://www.bvcog.org/programs/aging-disability-resource-center-adrc/
BlueCross and BlueShield of Texas	We are one of the Medicaid Managed Care organizations that offer services to children and young adults with special health care needs ages 20 and under. We can share the resources the company has to offer.	Melody Adams 512-349-4861 Melody_T_Adams@bcbstx.com https://www.bcbstx.com/
Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center	Local outpatient rehabilitation nonprofit providing physical, occupational and speech therapy services to patients in the Brazos Valley. Counseling and case management program available at no cost to patients served in the clinic.	1318 Memorial Drive, Bryan, TX 77802 979-776-2872 https://brazostherapy.org/
CHI St Joseph Health - WellFIT Program	St. Joseph Health WellFIT Program is an all-inclusive community fitness program offering several different options for “Full Body Health”. Our goal is to promote health and wellness in the community by offering monitored exercise facilities including an indoor pool, wellness gym, and group fitness classes. Visit our website or drop by for more information. We are located at The Rehabilitation Center 1600 Joseph Drive in Bryan. Monday thru Friday: 7am-7pm, Saturday: 8am - 12pm. MUST be 18 years or older to participate.	Lindsey Armstrong 1600 Joseph Drive, Bryan, TX 77802 (979)821-7558 wellness@st-joseph.org https://www.chistjoseph.org/classes-and-events/wellness-services
CHI St. Joseph Outpatient Therapy	Our outpatient therapy programs offer physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy for both children and adults. We have specialized and compassionate therapists to provide therapy for a diverse range of disabling conditions whether an acute injury or a life long condition. We offer pediatric specialists that assist children reach their developmental milestones and improve success in school/home/community environments. Our NEW pediatric gym is located in our College Station clinic; however, we offer several locations throughout the Brazos Valley to allow better convenience for our patients.	Amy Southard 3526 Longmire Drive, Suite 102 College Station, TX 77845 979-485-2956 (ph) 979-703-1921 (fax) asouthard@st-joseph.org https://stjoseph-locations.stlukeshealth.org/location/therapy-college-station

Courtney Cares Equine Therapeutic Program	"Courtney Cares" Equine Therapeutic Program provides Equine Assisted Services in partnership with Texas A&M Corp of Cadets Parsons Mounted Cavalry, serving children, adults and veterans at Texas A&M. This program is offered in the spring and fall, providing an experiential learning laboratory for the students of BIMS 380 class as well as volunteers from the community, providing support for individuals with disabilities.	Donelle Beal--Program Director 936-245-4489 donelle@courtneycares.org http://www.courtneycares.org/ Courtneycares.org
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Access Specialist Program	The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Access Specialists are here to serve all deaf and hard of hearing individuals with readily available resources and services. The Access Specialist program is funded by Texas Health and Human Services with the Office for Deaf and Hard of Hearing. This service is free of charge to any persons or businesses.	Sorenson Communications Jordan Zindler 832-431-3844 VP 832-360-7038 Text DHHAccess6b@hhs.texas.gov
Health For All	Health For All's mission is to provide and expand access to free, high quality and comprehensive, primary and preventive health care for low income, medically uninsured individuals in the Brazos Valley. Our patients are between the ages of 18 and 64 because this is the age range that is not automatically eligible for existing government programs. 80% of our patients earn less than $1,500/month. Over 50% of our patients are female and most are single parents. We serve patients from over 20 counties, but 95% live in the Brazos Valley. Last year we provided 4,682 exams.	3030 E 29th St., Suite 111 Bryan, TX 77802 979-774-4176 info@hlth4all.org http://www.hlth4all.org/
Maximus/Texas Health Steps, Star/StarPlus/Star Kids	We educate and assist Medicaid families in learning more about managed care, locating a primary care physician, selecting a health plan as well as educating them about Texas Health Steps benefits and services. I represent Maximus/Texas Health Steps, Texas STAR, STAR+PLUS, STAR Kids programs serving Medicaid children and families. We educate clients on how to use their Texas Health Steps Medicaid benefits, assist on choosing a medical or dental health plan and a Primary Care Physician and do plan changes if necessary.	Pearline O'Connor PO Box 149219 Austin, TX 78714-9219 pearlineoconnor@maximus.com
McHur Care	McHur Care provides comprehensive behavioral health services for children, including diagnostic evaluations, skills training and development, medication management, and individual and group therapy. We focus on supporting children's emotional growth, resilience and ability to navigate challenges, fostering a healthier and brighter future. Our services are designed to involve parents or guardians ensuring a collaborative approach that benefits the entire family.	McHur Care 3608 E 29th St. Suite 108 Bryan, TX 979-307-9053 https://mchur.care
Superior HealthPlan	Medicaid benefits for women and children and adults with disabilities under the STAR, CHIP, and STAR PLUS Medicaid programs. Superior HealthPlan provides extra services for vision and health and wellness including extra money for glasses and over the counter items and other extras.	Diego Silva 512-777-8556 diego.silva@superiorhealthplan.com www.superiorhealthplan.com superiorhealthplan
Texas A&M Counseling and Assessment Clinic	The Texas A&M Counseling and Assessment Clinic (CAC) is a psychological service training clinic associated with the Department of Educational Psychology at Texas A&M. All providers at the CAC are trained to provide a variety of psychological services while under the supervision of a Licensed Psychologist. We offer both therapy and assessment services for adults, adolescents, and children in English. Fees are established based on an affordable sliding-scale based on family income and size.	https://cac.tamu.edu/ 979-845-8021
United Healthcare Community Plan	United Healthcare Community Plan provides health care coverage for individuals on Star Kids and Star Plus Medicaid programs. Individuals on these plans are provided a local Service Coordinator. They also provide a local Transition Specialist and a School Liaison.	http://www.uhccommunityplan.com

SECTION 9: DAY HABILITATION

Brothers Helping Hands	Our mission is to ensure that each individual is treated with respect and have their individual needs met while in our services.We want to encourage them to grow and learn skills that will help them become productive and independent people. We currently work with any adult 16+ who has been diagnosed with a developmental disability. Our program is tailored to each individual's needs. This program is private pay. Daily rate: $25/day, Lunch Service: additional $5/day, Transportation Service: additional $3/day	1716 Briarcrest Dr. Suite 150, Bryan, TX 77802 979-260-1697 info.brothershh@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/p/Brothers-Helping-Hands-61565889033776/
Daybreak Community Services	Day activities designed to assist individuals in acquiring, maintaining and improving self-help, socialization and adaptive skills necessary to reside successfully in the community. This program takes HCS Waiver funds only.	4455 Carter Creek Pkwy Bryan, TX 77802 (979) 695-7062 cg-idd.com
Kenmar Home and Community Based Services for Individuals with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities	Kenmar Residential HCS Services, Inc. provides premium home and community- based services to individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. We have been providing compassionate care for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities since 2003. We have well-trained service providers that are equipped with the skills and experience to serve our individuals with integrity and respect. This program accepts HCS Waiver funds only.	4500 Carter Creek Pkwy Bryan, TX 77802 (281) 381-7605 http://www.kenmarhcs.com/
Sevita Day and Vocational Programs	In our day programs, adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities can make friends and build life skills that help them live full, joyful lives. We know support looks different for everyone. That's why our team creates a unique person-centered plan for each person in our day programs. We get to know each person and their goals. With our team's support, individuals choose activities that match their interests and help them build the skills they need to thrive. This program accepts HCS Waiver funds only..	D&S Community Services Bryan - Residential, In-home Services & ISS 1700 Barak LN Bryan, TX 77802 979-775-1596 https://sevitahealth.com/our-services/communities/adult-services/day-vocational-programs/

SECTION 10: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Texas Driving With Disability	Texans now have the option to disclose "Communication Impediment" directly on the front of their Driver License or State ID or when registering their vehicle through the DMV. This will alert the trained officer of an individual who may be slower to respond or one who is deaf or hard of hearing.	https://gov.texas.gov/organization/disabilities/texas-driving-with-disability
STEAR (State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry)	The STEAR program is a free registry that provide local emergency planners and emergency responders with additional information on the needs in their community. Texas communities use the registry information in different ways. Registering yourself in the STEAR registry DOES NOT guarantee that you will receive a specific service during an emergency. Available services will vary by community.	stear.texas.gov

SECTION 11: ONLINE RESOURCES

Autism Circuit	*www.autismcircuit.net*
Autism Internet Modules	*www.autisminternetmodules.org* -free online training
Autism Speaks	*www.autismspeaks.org*

Autism Society of America	*www.autism-society.org*
Biomedical resource	*https://treatautism.ca/treatment-for-autism/*
Bryan ISD Special Education Resource Links	*https://www.bryanisd.org/o/bisd/page/resource-links*
Community Resource Guide	*https://cdd.tamu.edu/service-outreach/brazos-valley-disability-conference/*
Evidence Based Strategies for Autism	*https://www.livebinders.com/b/2574221*
Partners Resource Network	*http://www.partnerstx.org*
The Family Village	*https://www.thevillagefamily.org/*
Texas Project FIRST	*https://texasprojectfirst.org/en/autism/*
TSLAT	*https://register.tealearn.com/browse/tea/network/tslat*
Wright's Law	*http://wrightslaw.com*