

# **GUIDE TO RESOURCES ON LEARNING DIFFERENCES**

**Talking Book Program**  
Disability Information and Referral Center



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## Introduction

Since 1931, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) has been providing free library service to Texans unable to read standard print due to blindness or other visual impairments. As part of a regional network coordinated by the Library of Congress, the Talking Book Program (TBP) later began serving persons with physical impairments and reading disabilities of an organic nature. Today, the Talking Book Program continues to serve a growing population of Texans with disabilities by providing a wide range of books and magazines in large print, Braille, and recorded formats.

Talking Book Program serves individuals of all ages, from young children to older adults. Service to schools and other institutions such as nursing homes is also provided.

Classrooms throughout Texas having at least one eligible disabled student enrolled may participate in the TSLAC reading program. Reader Consultants assist teachers with book selections and send reading materials and equipment to

the classrooms, postage-free.

Great care has been taken to provide useful and accurate information in this guide, but we recognize that continual changes occur. If you discover outdated or inaccurate data in this guide, call or write the Talking Book Program and we will do our best to provide the updated information you need. Your comments and suggestions for improving this guide for future editions are welcomed. The guide is not copyrighted. ***Please feel free to make as many copies of the guide as you need, or contact the Talking Book Program for additional copies.***

We hope this resource guide will be a meaningful aid to parents and teachers as they work with students with visual, reading, and physical disabilities. If you would like more information on registering a classroom or enrolling a child individually for service, please contact the Talking Book Program.

To obtain additional information regarding this resource guide, please contact the Disability Reference Coordinator.

## Other services of interest to teachers and parents

The Talking Book Program (TBP) is a lending library of books and magazines in alternative formats for Texans with certain disabilities. TBP loans books in Braille and large print, but 82% of the collection is on cassette tape. Books and playback equipment are mailed free of charge to anyone who qualifies.

The Talking Book Program serves Texans of all ages who are unable to read standard print because they are visually impaired, physically unable to hold a book or turn pages, or reading disabled.

In addition to circulating books and magazines in special formats, the Talking Book Program provides a number of services to aid educators, students, and families:

### **Reference Service**

The Disability Information and Referral Center staff answers questions such as where to obtain a white cane, how to contact advocacy and support groups, and what adaptive technology is available.

### **Texas Reading Club**

TBP participates in the Texas State Library's Reading Program by providing books in alternative formats for young readers who cannot read standard print due to one of the disabilities described above.

### **Tours**

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

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# Guide to Resources on Learning Differences

## Basic Information:

Before you contact any organization, make sure you know the following information:

- 1) Child's Name
- 2) Gender
- 3) Age
- 4) Current grade in school
- 5) Current type of school attending: public, private, or home schooling
- 6) Diagnosis (if there is one)
- 7) Your purpose for contacting each organization; Be specific

As you are contacting organizations, do the following:

- 1) Maintain a file of personal and professional observations of the child.
- 2) Keep a log of contacts. Include this information:
  - a) the organization contacted
  - b) time/date
  - c) the specific person you communicated with
  - d) either write a brief summary of the conversation or save the correspondence received.
- 3) Read books and articles on the topic.
- 4) Attend conferences when possible.
- 5) Subscribe to newsletters.
- 6) Network in person and online.

**NOTE:** The field of Learning Disabilities is very broad and constantly changing. The key is to find what methods and resources work best for your child/student.

## Specialists in the Field:

- **Attorney:** legal assistance
- **Advocate:** representation in legal issues
- **Audiologist:** diagnoses hearing loss
- **Child psychiatrist:** behavioral and emotional assessment and treatment; can prescribe medication
- **Clinical psychologist:** non-medical diagnosis and therapeutic treatment of behavioral and emotional problems
- **Developmental behavioral pediatrician:** diagnosis and treatment of developmental disorders; can prescribe medication

- **Educational psychologist:** prepares and conducts psychological and educational assessments
- **Educational therapist:** assesses educational needs and implements programs
- **Neurologist:** diagnosis and treatment of brain and nervous system problems; can prescribe medication
- **Neuropsychologist:** conducts psychological tests and assesses brain functioning
- **Occupational therapist:** provides assessment and treatment in the areas of muscle strength, motor or sensory coordination
- **Pediatrician:** primary care of children; can prescribe medication
- **Social worker:** counseling
- **Speech and language therapist:** assessment and treatment of communication disorders
- **Tutor:** provides academic assistance and support in one or more subject areas

- **Basic Terminology:**

- **Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)** - A severe difficulty in focusing and maintaining attention. Often leads to learning and behavior problems at home, school, and work. Also called Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).
- **Brain Injury** - The physical damage to brain tissue or structure that occurs before, during, or after birth that is verified by EEG, MRI, CAT, or a similar examination, rather than by observation of performance. When caused by an accident, the damage may be called Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).
- **Developmental Aphasia** - A severe language disorder that is presumed to be due to brain injury rather than because of a developmental delay in the normal acquisition of language.
- **Dyscalculia** - A severe difficulty in understanding and using symbols or functions needed for success in mathematics.
- **Dysgraphia** - A severe difficulty in producing handwriting that is legible and written at an age-appropriate speed.
- **Dyslexia** - A severe difficulty in understanding or using one or more areas of language, including listening, speaking, reading, writing, and spelling.
- **Dysnomia** - A marked difficulty in remembering names or recalling words needed for oral or written language.
- **Dyspraxia** - A severe difficulty in performing drawing, writing, buttoning, and other tasks requiring fine motor skill, or in sequencing the necessary movements.



## **Main National Organizations:**

Children and Adults with ADD (CHADD)  
8181 Professional Place, Ste 150  
Landover, MD 20785  
800-233-4050 or 301-306-7070  
301-306-7090 FAX  
[www.chadd.org](http://www.chadd.org)

Council for Learning Disabilities (CLD)  
P.O. Box 4014  
Leesburg, VA 20177  
571-258-1010 phone 571-258-1011 FAX  
[www.cldinternational.org](http://www.cldinternational.org)

Division for Learning Disabilities  
Council for Exceptional Children  
1110 North Glebe Rd, Ste 300  
Arlington, VA 22201-5704  
888-CEC-SPED or 703-620-3660  
703-264-9494 FAX  
[www.teachingld.org](http://www.teachingld.org)

International Dyslexia Association (IDA)  
8600 LaSalle Road, Chester Building, Ste 382  
Baltimore, MD 21286-2044 USA  
800-ABCD123 or 410-296-0232  
410-321-5069 FAX  
[www.interdys.org](http://www.interdys.org)

Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA)  
4156 Library Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15234-1349  
412-341-1515  
412-344-0224 FAX  
[info@ldaamerica.org](mailto:info@ldaamerica.org) email  
[www.ldaamerica.org](http://www.ldaamerica.org)

National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD)  
381 Park Avenue South Ste 1401  
New York, NY 10016  
888-575-7373 or 212-545-7510  
212.545.9665 FAX  
[www.ld.org](http://www.ld.org)

## **Disability-Centered National Organizations:**

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)  
10801 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852  
800-498-2071 For Professionals/Students  
800-638-8255 For Public  
[www.asha.org](http://www.asha.org)

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)  
1110 North Glebe Road, Ste 300  
Arlington, VA 22201-5704  
703-620-3660 local or 888-CEC-SPED toll free  
703-264-9494 FAX  
[www.cec.sped.org](http://www.cec.sped.org)

TASK (Team of Advocates for Special Kids)  
18685 Santa Ynez  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708  
714-962-6332

National Information Center for Children and Youth With Disabilities  
(NICHCY)  
P.O. Box 1492  
Washington, DC 20013-1492  
800-695-0285  
202-884-8441 FAX  
[nichcy@aed.org](mailto:nichcy@aed.org) email  
[www.nichcy.org](http://www.nichcy.org)

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic (RFB&D)  
20 Roszel Road  
Princeton, NJ 08540  
866-RFBD-585 or 866-732-3585  
[www.rfbd.org](http://www.rfbd.org)

## **Education-Centered National Organizations:**

American Library Association (ALA)  
50 E. Huron St  
Chicago, IL 60611  
800-545-2433  
[library@ala.org](mailto:library@ala.org) email  
[www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org)

Association of Educational  
Therapists  
1804 W. Burbank Blvd  
Burbank, CA 91506  
800-286-4267  
818-843-7423 FAX  
[aet@aetonline.org](mailto:aet@aetonline.org) email  
[www.aetonline.org](http://www.aetonline.org)

Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD)  
University of Massachusetts, Boston  
P.O. Box 540666  
Waltham, MA 02454 USA  
781-788-0003  
781-788-0033 FAX  
[ahead@ahead.org](mailto:ahead@ahead.org)  
[www.ahead.org](http://www.ahead.org)

HEATH  
[The George Washington University](http://www.heath.gwu.edu)  
2121 K Street, N.W., Suite 220  
Washington, D.C. 20037  
202 - 973 - 0904 or 1-800-544-3284  
202 - 973 – 0908 FAX  
[askheath@gwu.edu](mailto:askheath@gwu.edu)  
[www.heath.gwu.edu](http://www.heath.gwu.edu)

Inclusion  
Dr. Sandra Alper, Department Head:  
Department of Special Education,  
University of Northern Iowa,  
Cedar Falls, IA 50614  
319-273-6061  
[sandra.alper@uni.edu](mailto:sandra.alper@uni.edu) email  
[www.uni.edu/coe/inclusion](http://www.uni.edu/coe/inclusion)

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)  
1509 16<sup>th</sup> St, NW  
Washington, DC 20036  
202-232-8777 or 800-424-2460  
[naecy@naeyc.org](mailto:naecy@naeyc.org) email  
[www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org)

## Law-Centered National Organizations:

American Bar Association (ABA)  
Child Advocacy and Protection Center  
740 15th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20005  
202-662-1000  
[www.abanet.org/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/home.html)

Consortium for Appropriate Dispute Resolution (CADRE)  
P.O. Box 51360  
Eugene, OR 97405-0906  
3411-A Willamette Street  
Eugene, OR 97405-5122  
541-686-5060 phone 541-686-5063 FAX  
[www.directionservice.org/cadre](http://www.directionservice.org/cadre)

Disability Rights Education and  
Defense Fund (DREDF)  
2212 Sixth Street  
Berkeley, CA 94710  
510-644-2555  
510.841.8645 FAX  
[dredf@dredf.org](mailto:dredf@dredf.org) email  
[www.dredf.org](http://www.dredf.org)

EdLaw Inc  
(Includes a list of attorneys who  
represent  
parents of children with disabilities)  
S. James Rosenfeld, dba EDLAW  
1310 Minor Ave., #207  
Seattle, WA 98101  
425-871-5266  
[www.edlaw.net](http://www.edlaw.net)

National Council of Juvenile and  
Family Court Judges  
P.O. Box 8978  
Reno, NV 89507  
775-784-6012  
[www.ncjfcj.org/dept/fvd](http://www.ncjfcj.org/dept/fvd)

## Parent-Centered National Organizations:

Families and Advocates Partnerships for Education (FAPE)  
PACER Center  
8161 Normandale Boulevard  
Minneapolis, MN 55437-1044  
952-838-9000  
952-838-0199 FAX  
[fape@fape.org](mailto:fape@fape.org) email  
[www.fape.org](http://www.fape.org)

National Parent Teacher  
Association  
541 N Fairbanks Court  
Ste 1300  
Chicago, IL 60611  
800-307-4782  
312-670-6783 FAX  
[www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)

National Parent to Parent Support  
and Information System  
Kathleen Judd, Project Director  
PO Box 907  
Blue Ridge, GA 30513  
800-651-1151 or 706-632-8822  
706-632-8830 FAX  
[judd103w@wonder.em.cdc.gov](mailto:judd103w@wonder.em.cdc.gov) email

PACER (Parent Advocacy Coalition  
for Educational Rights)  
8161 Normandale Blvd.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55437  
952-838-9000  
952-838-0199 FAX  
[pacer@pacer.org](mailto:pacer@pacer.org)  
[www.pacer.org](http://www.pacer.org)

Parents of GT/LD Children  
2420 Eccleston Street  
Silver Spring, MD 20902  
301-986-1422

**NOTE:** Use these national organizations both for acquiring general resources on Learning Disabilities and for locating local resources.

Local contacts can also be found in the following section:

**State/Local Organizations:**

Academic Language Therapy Association  
13140 Coit Road, Ste 320, LB 120  
Dallas, TX 75240-5737  
972-233-9107 X201 or toll free 1-866-283-7133  
972-490-4219 FAX  
[helpline@altaread.org](mailto:helpline@altaread.org) email  
[www.altaread.org](http://www.altaread.org)

Children and Adults with ADD (CHADD): [www.chadd.org](http://www.chadd.org)  
Austin: 512-867-6635  
Brazos Valley (College Station) Satellite: 979-690-6816  
Dallas Metro: 972-406-1833 Dallas  
Kaufman Branch Of Dallas: 972-524-3378  
McAllen Satellite: 956-682-9089  
San Antonio: 210-326-6789  
Greater Houston: 281-265-7445  
Texarkana: 903-277-7803

Council for Learning Disabilities (CLD) Regional Chapter  
[www.cldinternational.org/](http://www.cldinternational.org/)  
President Robin Lock  
Texas Tech. University  
Lubbock, TX 79424

International Dyslexia Association Texas Chapters  
<http://www.interdys.org/jsp/branch/texas.jsp>

Austin	Dallas
Sharon McMichael	Suzanne Mills Eades, Ph.d.
A.A.B.I.D.A	LB120
P.O. Box 92604	13140 Coit Rd, #320
Austin, TX 78709-2604	Dallas, TX 75240
512-452-7658	972-233-9107 ext 222
<a href="http://www.austinida.org">www.austinida.org</a>	972-490-4219 FAX

Houston  
Cathy Lorino  
P.O. Box 540504  
Houston, TX 77254-0504  
832-282-7154  
[president@houstonida.org](mailto:president@houstonida.org) email  
<http://www.houstonida.org>

Learning Disabilities Association of Texas (LDAT)  
1011 W 31st St  
Austin, TX 78705  
800-604-7500  
[contact@LDAT.org](mailto:contact@LDAT.org) email  
[www.LDAT.org](http://www.LDAT.org)

LDAT has local offices in the following cities. Please contact the Austin office for information:

Coppell  
Dallas (Park Cities)  
Greenville (Sabine Valley)  
Richardson  
Sugar Land (Ft. Bend)

Statewide PTI Projects (Parent Training Information Centers)  
<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/special.ed/explansaf/ptic.html>

1) PATH Project

Serving: Regions 5 (Beaumont), 6 (Huntsville), 7 (Kilgore), 8 (Mt. Pleasant), 9 (Wichita Falls), 10 (Richardson), 11 (Fort Worth), 12 (Waco), and 13 (Austin)

Alice Robertson, Project Director  
1090 Longfellow Drive  
Beaumont, TX 77760  
409-898-4684 or Toll-free: 800-866-4726  
409-898-4869 Fax  
[partnersresource@sbcglobal.net](mailto:partnersresource@sbcglobal.net)

2) TEAM Project

Serving: Regions 1 (Edinburg), 2 (Corpus Christi), 3 (Victoria), 4 (Houston), and 20 (San Antonio)

Debbie Schultz, Project Director  
3311 Richmond, Ste. 336  
Houston, TX 77098  
713-524-2147 Office or Toll free: 877-832-8945  
713-942-7135 Fax  
[partnersteam@sbcglobal.net](mailto:partnersteam@sbcglobal.net)

### 3) West Texas PEN Project

Serving: Regions 14 (Abilene), 15 (San Angelo), 16 (Amarillo), 17 (Lubbock), 18 (Midland), and 19 (El Paso)

Jon Howell, Project Director

1001 Main Street, Suite 804

Lubbock, TX 79401

806-762-1434 Office or Toll free: 877-762-1435

806-762-1628 Fax

[wtxpen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wtxpen@sbcglobal.net)

### Scottish Rite Learning Center of Austin

1622 E. Riverside

Austin, TX 78741.

512-472-1231 phone

512-326-1877

[psekel@austin.rr.com](mailto:psekel@austin.rr.com) email

[www.scottishritelearningcenter.org](http://www.scottishritelearningcenter.org)

Scottish Rite has other facilities in Texas.

### Texas Department of State Health Services

Audiovisual Library

1100 W. 49<sup>th</sup> St.

Austin, TX 78756-3199

512-458-7260

[avlibrary@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:avlibrary@dshs.state.tx.us)

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/avlib/default.shtm>

### Texas Education Agency (TEA)

Special Education Section

1701 N Congress Ave

Austin, TX 78701

512-463-9734

Parent Information Line: 1-800-252-9668

[www.tea.state.tx.us/special.ed](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/special.ed)

### Texas Rehabilitation Commission (TRC)

Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)

4800 N. Lamar Blvd., 3<sup>rd</sup> FL

Austin, TX 78756

800-252-5204 or 800-628-5115

[www.dars.state.tx.us/drs/index.shtml](http://www.dars.state.tx.us/drs/index.shtml)

TRC has many offices throughout the state.



Other State/Local Resources For Information:

211/First Call for Help  
Schools/Colleges/Universities  
Public Libraries  
Doctors  
Neighborhood Literacy Programs

**Texas Private Schools:**

Arlington

Gateway School: 817-226-6222

Austin

Austin Harvard Elementary School: 512-459-9191

Odyssey School: 512-472-2262

Rawson-Saunders School: 512-476-8382

VIP Educational Services: 512-345-9274

Carrollton

Newfound School: 214-390-1749

St. Anthony's: 972-245-4147

Dallas

Dallas Academy: 214-324-1481, [www.dallas-academy.com](http://www.dallas-academy.com)

Fairhill School: 972-233-1026

Hillier School: 214-559-5363

Keystone Academy: 972-250-4455

Oakhill Academy: 214-368-0664

Preston Hollow: 214-368-3886

Shelton School: 972-774-1772, [www.shelton.org](http://www.shelton.org)

Vanguard School: 972-404-1616

Winston School: 214-691-6950, [www.winston-school.org](http://www.winston-school.org)

Fort Worth

Child Study Center School: 817-390-2831

Hill School: 817-923-9482, [www.hillschool.org](http://www.hillschool.org)

Key School: 817-446-3738, [www.thekeyschool.com](http://www.thekeyschool.com)

Learning Center of North Texas: 817-336-0808,

[www.thelearningcenterofnt.org](http://www.thelearningcenterofnt.org)

Starpoint Schools at TCU: 817-257-7141

Wedgwood Academy: 817-263-2976

Houston

Briarwood School: 281-493-1070

Monarch School: 713-479-0800, [www.monarchschool.org](http://www.monarchschool.org)

Kemah

Tullis Farm School & Puppet Place: 281-334-6615,

[www.tullisfarmschool.org](http://www.tullisfarmschool.org)

Longview

Crisman Preparatory School: 903-758-9741

Mesquite

Meadowview School: 972-289-1831

Plano

Great Lakes Academy: 972-517-7498

Star Bright Academy: 972-517-6730

Richardson

Highland Academy: 972-238-7567

San Antonio

Winston School: 210-342-5345

**Funding Information for Private Schools:**

Types of Funding:

Scholarships: criteria based, usually by type of disability, field of study, or state of residence

Financial aid: need based

Loans: usually must be repaid with interest

Payment plans: monthly installments used for repayment

Specific resources:

Academic Management Services: payment plans and loans

220 Lasley Ave., Wilkes-Barre, PA, 18706, 800-635-0120

[www.tuitionpay.com](http://www.tuitionpay.com)

FACTS Tuition Management: payment plans

P.O. Box 67037, Lincoln, NE 68506, 800-624-7092

[www.factstuition.com](http://www.factstuition.com)

Smart Tuition Management Services: payment plans

95 Wall Street, Ste 2300, NY, NY, 10005, 800-762-7808,

[www.smarttuition.com](http://www.smarttuition.com)

Education Resources Institute (TERI): loans

PO Box 312, Boston, MA 02116, 800-255-8374

[www.teri.org](http://www.teri.org)

Educate: [www.educaid.com](http://www.educaid.com): loans

Specific Programs:

Anne & Matt Harbison Scholarship

P. Buckley Moss Society

540-943-5678

[society@mossociety.org](mailto:society@mossociety.org) email

[www.mossociety.org](http://www.mossociety.org)

For a graduating senior with a learning disability who plans to attend college. Nominations must be made through a representative of the Moss Society. At this time there are no Moss Society chapters in Texas.

Anne Ford Scholarship  
National Center for Learning Disabilities, Inc.  
381 Park Avenue South, Suite 1401  
New York, NY 10016-8806  
212-545-9665 FAX

For a graduating senior with LD with plans to attend college

Learning Through Listening Award  
Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic  
20 Roszel Road  
Princeton, NJ 08540  
609-453-0606  
<http://www.rfbd.org/>

SLM Financial's K-12 Family Education LoanSM  
Sallie Mae Alternative Education Loans  
888-2-SALLIE (725543), [www.slmeducationloans.com/](http://www.slmeducationloans.com/)  
Loan programs for approved K-12 private schools

PrepGate K-12 Education Loan  
888-353-GATE (4283), [www.prepgate.com](http://www.prepgate.com)  
Loan programs for approved K-12 private schools

Wells Fargo Education Connection  
800-658-3567,  
[www.wellsfargo.com/student/loans/undergrad/education.jhtml](http://www.wellsfargo.com/student/loans/undergrad/education.jhtml)  
Loan programs for K-12 schools

CitiAssist K-12 Loan  
1-800-967-2400  
[studentloan.citibank.com/slcsite/fr\\_k12.htm](http://studentloan.citibank.com/slcsite/fr_k12.htm)  
Loan programs for K-12 schools

Children's Scholarship Fund  
8 W. 38th Street, 9th floor  
New York, NY 10018  
212-515-7100

[www.scholarshipfund.org](http://www.scholarshipfund.org)

Provides partial tuition assistance for low-income families to send their children to private schools.

**Some General sources:**

Center for Education Reform:

[www.edreform.com](http://www.edreform.com):

Information on Scholarships

[Collegeboard.com](http://Collegeboard.com)

[EStudentLoan.com](http://EStudentLoan.com)

[Finaid.org](http://Finaid.org)

[Privateschool.about.com](http://Privateschool.about.com)

School counselors

Special education teachers

**Websites:**

Education Resources Information Center (ERIC): [www.eric.ed.gov](http://www.eric.ed.gov)

Internet Special Education Resources (ISER):

[www.iser.com/index.shtml](http://www.iser.com/index.shtml)

Literacy and Learning Disabilities Special Collections:

[ldlink.coe.utk.edu](http://ldlink.coe.utk.edu)

Public Libraries Learning Disabilities Initiative: [www.ala.org/roads](http://www.ala.org/roads)

Schwab: [www.schwablearning.org](http://www.schwablearning.org)

## Assistive Technology Resources:

For writing skills:

- Highlighting pen/tape
- Pencil grips
- Slant boards
- Carbonless paper
- Raised line paper
- Brainstorming
- Outlining
- Portable keyboards

Computer programs:

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

For reading skills:

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

For listening skills:

- Cassette players
- Personal Listening Systems

For organization skills:

- Planners
- Palm pilots
- Databases

For math skills:

- Calculators
- Computer software

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