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| **GUIDE TO**  **RESOURCES ON LEARNING DIFFERENCES** Talking Book Program **Disability Information and Referral Center**  Texas Talking Book Logo www.TexasTalkingBooks.org |

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| ***Guide to Resources***  ***On*** Learning ***Differences***  Talking Book Program  *Disability Information and Referral Center*  Texas State Library and Archives Commission  P.O. Box 12927  Austin, TX 78711-2927  1-800-252-9605  (512) 463-5458  www.TexasTalkingBooks.org | Contents **Basic Information**  **Main National Organizations**  **Disability-Centered National Organizations**  **Education-Centered National Organizations**  **Law-Centered National Organizations**  **Parent-Centered National Organizations**  **State/Local Organizations**  **Texas Private Schools**  **Funding Information for Private Schools**  **General Sources and Websites**  **Assistive Technology Resources** |

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 If you discover outdated or inaccurate data in this guide, call or write the Talking Book Program and we will do our best to provide the updated information you need.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 cartridge. 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.

# Talking Book Program

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**1-800-252-9605 • (512) 463-5458**

**fax 512-936-0685**

[**tbp.services@tsl.texas.gov**](mailto:tbp.services@tsl.texas.gov)

**www.TexasTalkingBooks.org**

# 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:
   1. the organization contacted
   2. time/date
   3. the specific person you communicated with
   4. 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)

4601 Presidents Drive, Suite 300

Lanham, MD 20706

301-306-7070

301-306-7090 FAX

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

Council for Learning Disabilities (CLD)

11184 Antioch Rd, Box 405

Overland Park, KS 66210

913-491-1011, 913-491-1012 FAX

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

Division for Learning Disabilities

Council for Exceptional Children

<http://teachingld.org>

International Dyslexia Association (IDA)

40 York Rd, 4th Fl.   
Baltimore, MD 21204   
410-296-0232

410-321-5069 FAX

<http://eida.org>

Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA)

4156 Library Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15234-1349

412-341-1515

412-344-0224 FAX

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

National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD)

32 Laight Street, Second Floor   
New York, NY 10013

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

**Disability-Centered National Organizations:**

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)

2200 Research Boulevard

Rockville, MD 20850

800-498-2071 or Members

800-638-8255 for Non-Members

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

Center for Parent Information Resources (new organization)

c/o Statewide Parent Advocacy Network  
35 Halsey St., Fourth Floor  
Newark, NJ 07102

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

\*\* See Statewide PTI Projects under “State/Local Organizations”

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)

2900 Crystal Dr, Ste 1000

Arlington, VA 22202-3557

888-232-7733

[www.cec.sped.org](http://www.cec.sped.org/)

Learning Ally (formerly Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic)

20 Roszel Road

Princeton, NJ 08540

800-221-4792

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

TASK (Team of Advocates for Special Kids)

100 W. Cerritos Ava

Anaheim, CA 92805

866-828-8275

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

**Education-Centered National Organizations:**

American Library Association (ALA)

50 E. Huron St

Chicago, IL 60611

800-545-2433

[ala@ala.org](mailto:ala@ala.org)

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

Association of Educational Therapists  
7044 S. 13th St

Oak Creek, WI 53154

414-908-4949 x 450

[customercare@AETonline.org](mailto:customercare@AETonline.org)

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

Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD)

University of Massachusetts, Boston

107 Commerce Center Dr., Ste 204

Huntersville, NC 28078  
704-947-7779

704-948-7779 FAX

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

HEATH

2134 G. St., NW Ste 308  
Washington, D.C. 20052  
[askheath@gwu.edu](mailto:askheath@gwu.edu)

[www.heath.gwu.edu](http://www.heath.gwu.edu)

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

1313 L. St, NW, Ste 500

Washington, DC 20005

202-232-8777 or 800-424-2460

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

**Law-Centered National Organizations:**

American Bar Association (ABA)

Center on Children and the Law

1050 Connecticut Ave NW, Ste 400

Washington, DC 20036

800-285-2221

[www.americanbar.org/groups/child\_law.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/child_law.html)

National Center on Dispute Resolution in Special Education (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)

3075 Adeline St, Ste 210

Berkeley, CA 94703

510-644-2555

510-841-8645 FAX

[info@dredf.org](mailto:info@dredf.org)

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

National Council of Juvenile and

Family Court Judges

P.O. Box 8970

Reno, NV 89507

775-784-6012

[www.ncjfcj.org/our-work/domestic-violence](http://www.ncjfcj.org/our-work/domestic-violence)

**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

[pacer@pacer.org](mailto:pacer@pacer.org)

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

National Parent Teacher Association

1250 N. Pitt St

Alexandria, VA 22314

800-307-4782703-836-0942 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  
706-632-8830 FAX

[judd103w@wonder.em.cdc.gov](mailto:judd103w@wonder.em.cdc.gov)

[www.iser.com/NPPSIS-GA.html](http://www.iser.com/NPPSIS-GA.html)

PACER (Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights)

8161 Normandale Blvd.

Bloomington, Minnesota 55437

888-248-0822   
952-838-0199 FAX

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

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

14070 Proton Rd, Ste 100, LB 9

Dallas, TX 75244

972-233-9107 X 226

972-490-4219 FAX

[office@altaread.org](mailto:brandi@dondillon.com)

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

Children and Adults with ADD (CHADD): [www.chadd.org](http://www.chadd.org)  
A search on this site will provide information on local support groups, parent to parent certified teachers, and ADHD professional services

Children’s Disabilities Information Coalition (new organization)

1101 E. Schuster Ave   
El Paso, TX 79902

(915) 217-2747  
(915) 496-0751 fax

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

Dallas Dyslexia Information Group

Contact: Connie Burkhalter: 972-530-2641

Meetings are held the second Monday of the month except for December. The Group meets at: The Winston School, 5707 Royal Lane, Dallas TX 75229, 214-691-6950

International Dyslexia Association Texas Chapters

Austin

512-452-7658

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

Dallas

972-233-9107 ext 222

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

Houston

832-282-7154

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

Learning Disabilities Association of Texas (LDAT)

PO Box 831392

Richardson, TX 75083

[contact@ldatx.org](mailto:contact@ldatx.org)

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

Statewide PTI Projects (Parent Training Information Centers)

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

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)

1090 Longfellow Drive

Beaumont, TX 77706

409-898-4684 or Toll-free: 800-866-4726

409-898-4869 Fax

[pathproject@partnerstx.org](mailto:pathproject@partnerstx.org)

2) TEAM Project

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

2400 Augusta Dr., Ste 435

Houston, TX 77057

713-524-2147 Office or Toll free: 877-832-8945

713-942-7135 Fax

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

3) PEN Project

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

1001 Main Street, Suite 701

Lubbock, TX 79401

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

806-762-1628 Fax

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

Texas Department of State Health Services

Audiovisual Library

1100 W. 49th St.

Austin, TX 78756-3199

888-963-7111 ext. 7260 or 512-776-7260

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

[www.dshs.state.tx.us/avlib/](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/avlib/)

Texas Education Agency (TEA)

Special Education Section

1701 N Congress Ave

Austin, TX 78701

512-463-9734

<http://tea.texas.gov/>

Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)

4800 N. Lamar Blvd., 3rd FL

Austin, TX 78756

800-628-5115

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

DARS 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, [www.gatewayschool.com](http://www.gatewayschool.com)

Austin

Odyssey School: 512-472-2262, [www.odysseyschool.com](http://www.odysseyschool.com)

Rawson-Saunders School: 512-476-8382,

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

Carrollton

St. Anthony's: 214-443-1205, <http://thestanthonyschool.com>

Dallas

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

Fairhill School: 972-233-1026, <http://fairhill.org>

Hillier School: 214-526-7457, [www.hillierschool.org](http://www.hillierschool.org)

Oak Hill Academy: 214-353-8804, [www.oakhillacademy.org](http://www.oakhillacademy.org)

Preston Hollow: 214-368-3886, [www.phps.org](http://www.phps.org)

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

Vanguard School: 972-404-1616, [www.vanguardprepschool.com](http://www.vanguardprepschool.com)

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

Fort Worth

Child Study Center School: 817-336-8611, [www.cscfw.org](http://www.cscfw.org)

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.tlcnt.com](http://www.tlcnt.com)

Starpoint Schools at TCU: 817-257-7141, [www.starpoint.tcu.edu](http://www.starpoint.tcu.edu)

Wedgwood Academy: 817-924-9095, <http://wedgwoodacademy.org>

Houston

Briarwood School: 281-493-1070,

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

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

Kemah

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

[www.kemah.net/TFS.html](http://www.kemah.net/TFS.html)

Longview

Crisman Preparatory School: 903-758-9741, [www.crismanschool.org/](http://www.crismanschool.org/)

Plano

Great Lakes Academy: 972-517-7498 x103,

<http://www.greatlakesacademy.com/>

San Antonio

Foundation School: 210-402-0253

Winston School: 210-615-6544, [www.winston-sa.org](http://www.winston-sa.org)

**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:**

FACTS Tuition Management: payment plans

800-624-7092

<https://secure.factstuition.com/facts/myfacts>

Smart Tuition Management Services: payment plans

866-395-2986

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

Educate: [www.wellsfargo.com/student/](http://www.wellsfargo.com/student/)

Tuition Pay/Sallie May Corporation: <https://www.salliemae.com/>

**Specific Programs:**

Anne & Matt Harbison Scholarship

P. Buckley Moss Society

540-932-1728

[society@mosssociety.org](mailto:society@mosssociety.org)

<http://www.mosssociety.org/page.php?id=30>

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 & Allegra Ford Scholarships

National Center for Learning Disabilities, Inc

<http://www.ncld.org/scholarships-and-awards/>

For graduating seniors with LD who plan to attend college

National Achievement Awards  
Learning Ally   
20 Roszel Road

Princeton, NJ 08540

<https://naa.learningally.org/about-the-awards/>

SLM Financial's K-12 Family Education (877) 279-7172

<https://www.salliemae.com/student-loans/private-school-loan/>

Loan programs for approved K-12 private schools

Wells Fargo Student Loan for Parents

800-378-5526,

[www.wellsfargo.com/student/parent-sponsor-loans/private-student](http://www.wellsfargo.com/student/parent-sponsor-loans/private-student)

Loan programs for K-12 schools

Discover

800-788-3368

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

**Loan programs**

Children's Scholarship Fund

8 W. 38th Street, 9th floor

New York, NY 10018

212-515-7100

<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://www.collegeboard.com/)

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

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

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

**Web sites:**

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

Great Schools: [www.greatschools.org](http://www.greatschools.org)

Guide to College-Level Tests:

[www.onlineschools.org/college-test-guide/](http://www.onlineschools.org/college-test-guide/)

Internet Special Education Resources (ISER):

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

LD Resources: [www.ldresources.com/](http://www.ldresources.com/)

Literacy and Learning Disabilities Special Collections:

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

**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

**NOTE:** Please contact the Disability Information and Referral Center (DIRC), a service provided by the Talking Book Program (TBP), for more information on assistive technology resources and on learning disabilities. TBP is a free lending library that provides recreational reading materials in alternative formats for qualified individuals in Texas who cannot read standard print or physically hold a book.

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Talking Book Program (TBP)

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Austin TX 78711-2927

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512-936-0685 FAX

[tbp.services@tsl.state.tx.us](mailto:tbp.services@tsl.state.tx.us)

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