

## **Agencies**

### **Department of Assistive Rehabilitative Services (DARS)**

DARS is composed of four divisions focused on people with disabilities and children with developmental delays. The department includes the Division for Rehabilitation Services (DRS), the Division for Blind Services (DBS), the Division for Disability Determination Services (DDS) and the Division for Early Childhood Intervention (ECI). DARS mission is to work in partnership with Texans with disabilities and families with children who have developmental delays to improve the quality of their lives and to enable their full participation in society.

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

972-254-9503

### **Metro Care**

Metrocare is north Texas' leading nonprofit dedicated to helping people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and severe emotional problems live healthier lives. Metrocare provides a comprehensive array of individually-tailored services to help the people we serve toward meaningful and satisfying lives.

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

214-743-1200

### **North Lake College**

North Lake College is a two-year college that is recognized for quality education and its innovative and productive partnerships with businesses, the community and other educational institutions. The college serves a student population of approximately 10,000 credit students per semester.

[www.northlakecollege.edu](http://www.northlakecollege.edu)

972-273-3165

### **Citizens Development Center**

Citizens Development Center is a nonprofit agency that exists to empower men and women with disabilities to achieve their highest level of employability and ultimately their highest level of independence. CDC's mission is to empower men and women with disabilities to achieve their highest level of employability

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

214-637-2911

### **Advocacy Incorporated**

Advocacy Incorporated goals is to represent people with disabilities to secure their human, legal and service rights in accordance with AI's federal mandate; assist people with disabilities in advocating for their human, legal and service rights; establish and expand rights and services for people with disabilities; and inform all individuals of the rights of people with disabilities and to inform and refer individuals to programs and services. AI's mission is to advocate for, protect and advance the legal, human and service rights of people with disabilities.

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

(214) 630-0916 (Voice/TDD)

### **REACH of Dallas**

REACH Inc is a nonprofit organization with the goal of advocating for and empowering people with disabilities to take charge of their lives and participate actively in community life. REACH stands for Rehabilitation, Education, and Advocacy for Citizens with Handicaps.

[reachdallas@reacils.org](mailto:reachdallas@reacils.org)

214-630-4796

### **UCP of Metropolitan Dallas**

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) is one of the nation's leading organizations serving and advocating for more than 54 million Americans with disabilities. Many UCP consumers are people with disabilities other than cerebral palsy. Here in north Texas UCP offers services to individuals, families and communities, such as early childhood development and education, community living assistance and support services (CLASS), home and community support (HCS), consumer direct services (CDS), group homes, adult Impact program, and removing limits through technology with our assistive technology programs. Additionally, UCP of North Texas provides OT, PT, and speech therapy along with a vast array of adaptive equipment available through our equipment loan program. UCP's mission is simple... Advance the independence, productive, and full citizenship of persons with cerebral palsy and other disabilities.

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

(214)351-2500

### **AFiL: Association for Independent Living**

AFIL is a non-sectarian, non-profit living environment, dedicated to educating mentally challenged young adults to be independent and live on their own. It provides a family living or 'training house' environment, enabling young adults to learn and practice basic living skills required for self-sufficiency. AFiL's mission is to maximize the

independence of mentally challenged individuals by providing daily living skills training and supported living.

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

214-351-0798

### **The ARC of Dallas**

The Arc of Dallas is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for people with intellectual and related developmental disabilities by providing an array of services including seminars, classes, resources, camps, leadership institutions, One-on-One Instruction, Collaboration and Training to individuals with disabilities, their families/caregivers and professionals.

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

214-634-9810

### **Helping Restore Ability**

HRA is a charitable nonprofit corporation that employs, trains and monitors personal attendant care providers for people of all ages with any type of disabilities. Through its program services HRA *Educates, Advocates, Enriches and Enables* the lives of individuals who otherwise may be confined to nursing homes. Our goal is to *help restore ability* to disabled individuals by assisting them to remain self sufficient so they may continue to live in their homes, go to school and/or work, and most importantly to maintain their independence and dignity.

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

817-469-1977

### **DART Para Transit**

DART Paratransit Service is a curb-to-curb public transportation service for people with disabilities who are unable to use DART buses or trains. Paratransit is a shared-ride service operated with modern, accessible vehicles. Riders who are unable to access vans by using steps can use wheelchair lifts. Boarding chairs are available upon request. DART also offers free travel training to persons with disabilities who are capable of riding accessible bus and rail services.

<http://www.dart.org/riding/paratransit.asp>

214-828-6736

### **Scottish Rite**

Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children is a world leader in the treatment of pediatric orthopedic conditions. We strive to improve the care of children worldwide through

innovative research and teaching programs, training physicians from around the world. TSRHC treats Texas children with orthopedic conditions, such as scoliosis, clubfoot, hand disorders, hip disorders and limb length differences, as well as certain related neurological disorders and learning disorders, such as dyslexia.

Through the generous support of friends in the community, all services are provided without charge to patient families. Admission is open to Texas children from birth to 18 years of age. TSRHC, the only Scottish Rite hospital in the world, is not affiliated with the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

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

(214) 559-5000

### **Easter Seals**

Easter Seals North Texas provides exceptional services for children and adults with disabilities and other special needs by creating opportunities that advance the independence of individuals with disabilities and other special needs.

<http://www.easterseals.com/site/PageServer>

312-726-6200

### **Irving Cares**

Irving Cares, in partnership with the Irving community, is dedicated to providing residents with temporary assistance and training to promote self-sufficiency

We offer the following programs: Food Pantry , Financial Assistance, Patient Transportation, Employment Services Program, Medical Prescriptions & More

<http://www.irvingcares.org/program.htm>

(972) 721-9181

### **Catholic Charities of Dallas**

Catholic Charities of Dallas serves more than 57,000 people every year throughout the nine counties of the Diocese of Dallas. We provide services to families and individuals regardless of their faith. Services are provided to the community through four service divisions:

- Professional Counseling and Children's Services
- Elderly and Family Assistance Services
- Immigration and Legal Services
- Refugee and Empowerment Services

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

214.520.6590

**City of Irving - Housing**

**Architectural Barrier Removal Program**

The architectural barrier removal program is a grant designed to assist senior citizens and/or disabled persons with repairs that increase mobility and livability inside homes. Repairs include ramp and handrail installations and bathroom modifications.

<http://www.ci.irving.tx.us/housing-human-services/housing-assistance-programs.html>

(972) 721-2600