

**Hearing and Vision
Intervention/Rehabilitation Services at a Glance
for
Texas State Agencies**

Program	Newborns	Birth to 3	3 to 18	18 to 21	22 to 59	60+	Services
Department of State Health Services - (DSHS) - Texas Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (TEHDI) 1-800-252-8023 http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/audio/audiology.htm							Identifies deafness and hearing loss through a newborn hearing screen at birth facilities, certifies programs, provides technical assistance and training, and ensures that children get into intervention.
Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) Early Childhood Intervention 1-800-250-2246 http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/index.shtml							Serves children with developmental delays, birth to 36 months. Assistive Technology: Services & Devices; Audiology; Developmental Services; Early Identification, Screening & Assessment; Family Counseling; Family Education; Medical Services (diagnostic or evaluation services used to determine eligibility); Nursing Services; Nutrition Services; Occupational Therapy; Physical Therapy; Psychological Services; Service Coordination; Social Work Services; Speech-Language Therapy; Vision Services. Vision and Auditory Services occur in cooperation with Local Education Agencies.
Department of State Health Services (DSHS) School Vision and Hearing Screening Program 1-800-252-8023 http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/vhs/default.htm							Hearing and vision screening is mandated for day care, Kinder, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 9th grades. Results are reported to DSHS.
Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Program for Amplification for Children of Texas (PACT) 1-800-252-8023 http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/audio/audiology.htm							Has contracted audiology providers who give hearing related services and recommend and fit personal hearing aids on children and young adults who are Medicaid or CSHCN eligible. Services include: Hearing evaluation, hearing aid evaluation, ear molds, hearing aid fitting, counseling related to hearing aid use, ABR, hearing aid repair, medical exam by ear doctor.
Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) 1-800-252-8023 http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/cshcn/default.shtml							Several programs provide services to children with extraordinary medical needs, disabilities, and chronic health conditions, including hearing services and personal hearing aids (provided through PACT).
Texas Education Agency IDEA Coordination: Deaf Services http://www.tea.state.tx.us/deaf/							Deaf Services manages the operation of the agency's Regional Day School Program for the Deaf, performs all activities to maintain a statewide program for students who are deaf or hard of hearing, and provides leadership to local regional day schools for the deaf in the planning, implementation and operation of comprehensive education programs for students, ages birth through 21, who are deaf or hard of hearing.

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Regional Education Service Center (ESC) - Deaf Services: Contacts for ESC: Region 4 - 713.744.6391; Region 10 - 972.348.1594; Region 11 - 817.740.7580; Region 20 - 210.370.5418 http://www.tea.state.tx.us/deaf/directory.html							Education Service Centers (ESCs) in partnership with TEA, provide leadership, staff development, consultation and technical assistance related to the education of students, birth through 21, who are deaf or hard of hearing to local regional day school programs for the deaf (RDSPDs) and to local education agencies throughout the State.
Regional Day School Program for Deaf (RDSPD) at Local Education Agency (LEA) http://www.tea.state.tx.us/deaf/directory.html							The RDSPD is a public school program which is operated through 59 fiscal agent districts across the State. Students who have a diagnosed hearing loss are able to be served by the RDSPD and come from more than 500 Local Education Agencies. Educational services include parent-infant (birth to three) and instructional (ages 3 through 21) provided in various classroom settings. Educational services for students ages 3 through 21 are subject to the Admission, Review and Dismissal (ARD) committee recommendations.
Regional Education Service Center (ESC) Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Contact your local ESC for information							Contact the local Education Service Center for information on services.
Texas School for Deaf (TSD) 512-462-5231 http://www.tsd.state.tx.us							TSD is a public day and residential school for deaf and hard of hearing students pre-school through 12th grade. Students 0-3 are provided services jointly with Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) programs. The school, residences, and transportation are provided free to residents of Texas
Texas School for Deaf: Educational Resource Center on Deafness (ERCOD) 800-332-3873 http://www.tsd.state.tx.us/outreach/index.htm							ERCOD offers services and programs to the people who maintain a vested interest in deafness and deaf individuals throughout the State of Texas. The program exists to provide unbiased and enlightening information about hearing loss and the educational programs and resources available to deaf and hard of hearing individuals, their families, professionals and other interested citizens. They offer evaluation/assessment, referrals, consultation, inservice training, a lending library, and workshop and enrichment opportunities for families and students.
Texas School for Blind and Visually Impaired 1-800-872-5273 http://www.tsbvi.edu/							Operates as a local education agency to provide services for children who are blind and visually impaired. Has numerous outreach programs, including one for children who have deaf-blindness.

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Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) Blind and Visually Impaired Services 1-800-628-5115 http://www.dars.state.tx.us/dbs/index.shtml							Works in partnership with Texans who are blind or visually impaired to get high quality jobs, live independently, or help a child receive the training needed to be successful in school and beyond.
Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services 512-407-3250 (Voice); 512-407-3251 (TTY) http://www.dars.state.tx.us/dhhs/index.shtml							Finds services for people of all ages who are deaf or hard of hearing, provides a free telephone assistance program, and certifies hearing loss for the college tuition waiver program.
Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) - Division for Rehabilitation Services 800-628-5115 (voice) 866-581-9328 (tty) http://www.dars.state.tx.us/drs/vr.shtml							Helps people with disabilities prepare for, find and keep jobs. Work related services are individualized and may include counseling, training, medical treatment, assistive devices, job placement assistance, and other services.