

THE HHSC
Quick Resource  Guide

Services offered to the public by
health and human service agencies
in Texas.

**Encompassing programs
and services offered by:**

- ◆ Texas Health and Human Services Commission
- ◆ Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
- ◆ Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services
- ◆ Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services
- ◆ Texas Department of State Health Services
- ◆ Texas Workforce Commission
- ◆ Texas Education Agency

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*General program guidelines for use by
promotoras and other community-
based health advocates.*

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Technical Note:

The HHSC Quick Resource Guide is intended to help promotoras (community-based health workers) make appropriate referrals to health and human service agencies and partners of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission's Office of Border Affairs.

The Quick Resource Guide is not, however, designed for use in determining program eligibility. Categories listed in this book do not constitute all criteria used in the certification process, and eligibility is determined by each individual agency or organization.

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| Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) | | | | | | | |
| 2-1-1 Texas Information and Referral Network | 2-1-1 Texas serves as the number to call for information about community resources. It links individuals and families to critical health and human services provided by nonprofit organizations and government agencies in their own communities. | All ages | N/A | N/A | No | No | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Across the state, there are 25 Area Information Centers (AIC) that have been established to respond to calls from people who dial 2-1-1 and are seeking information. Each AIC also collects information and maintains a database of local resources. For more information, visit www.211.org. |
| Texas Nurse-Family Partnership (TNFP) | TNFP is a nurse home visitation program that improves the health and well-being of low income first-time parents and their children through assessment, a therapeutic relationship, education, and help in accessing resources during pregnancy and early childhood. A bachelor prepared, registered nurse visits the client regularly beginning early in pregnancy through their child's second birthday providing close to 65 visits throughout this time period. | First-time pregnant women between 16 and 28 wks gestation. | 185% of FPL at enrollment | N/A | Yes | For the period of their service. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants in the Texas Nurse-Family Partnership (TNFP) must be Medicaid eligible. There will be sites throughout much of Texas running programs beginning in Fall of 2008. For more information contact TNFP State Nurse Consultant, Melinda Hester or TNFP Project Manager Katie Ryan at Melinda.Hester@hsc.state.tx.us OR Katie.Ryan@hsc.state.tx.us |
| Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program | Teaches Texans who are eligible for food stamps to make healthier meal choices, to better understand nutrition guidelines, and to make their food budgets go farther with healthier foods. | All Ages | Targeted at those who are eligible for food stamps, but available to general public. | Targeted at those who are food stamp eligible, but available to general public. | No** | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These programs are provided by local organizations that contract with the state, including food banks and county extension offices. To find a local provider, contact 2-1-1, or visit www.211.org. **The program targets those that are eligible for food stamps; however, the program is open to the general public. |
| Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) | Provides time-limited cash assistance to needy dependent children and the parents or relatives with whom they are living. | Generally, families with deprived minor children, under the age of 18. An 18 year-old student may qualify if high school graduation will occur prior to 19 th birthday. | Based on household composition and total income. See FPL table at: http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/08poverty.shtml . | A household is not eligible for benefits if the total value of accessible resources is over \$1,000. | Yes | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants must meet age, citizenship, relationship and residency requirements. Legal immigrants, who entered the U.S. after 8/22/96, must wait five years before becoming eligible for TANF, or upon U.S. citizenship. All undocumented immigrants are ineligible for TANF. Caretakers, second parents, payees, and disqualified parents must sign a Personal Responsibility Agreement (PRA), in order to receive benefits. Residents of Travis, Williamson, and Hays Counties may contact 2-1-1 to begin the application process for TANF. TANF applications require an interview. For local office information, contact 2-1-1 or visit www.211.org. |

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| One-Time Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (OT-TANF) | Provides a one-time, \$1000 cash grant to needy children and their parent(s) or certified relative with whom they live if one of the four crisis criteria is met. The applicant may not be receiving TANF at the time of application. This assistance may be received once in a 12-month period. | Generally, families with deprived minor children, under the age of 18. An 18 year-old student may qualify if high school graduation will occur prior to 19 th birthday. | Based on household composition and total income. See FPL table at: http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/08poverty.shtml . | A household is not eligible for benefits if the total value of accessible resources is over \$1,000. | Yes | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants must meet TANF eligibility requirements. Caretakers and second parents must sign a Personal Responsibility Agreement (PRA), in order to receive the benefits. Residents of Travis, Williamson, and Hays Counties may contact 2-1-1 to begin the application process for OT-TANF. TANF applications require an interview. For local office information, contact 2-1-1 or visit www.211.org. |
| One-Time Grandparent Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (OTGP-TANF) | Provides a one-time, \$1000 cash grant to the grandparents of needy children in their care who are receiving TANF cash assistance. The grandparent must be at least 45 years old and meet the income and resource limits. | Deprived minor children, under the age of 18. An 18 year-old student may qualify if high school graduation will occur prior to 19th birthday. The grandparent must be at least 45 years old. | Based on household composition and total gross income less than or equal to 200% FPL. | A household is not eligible for benefits if the total value of accessible resources is over \$1,000. | Yes | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants must meet TANF eligibility requirements. Grandparents can either receive TANF as a caretaker or be a payee for the grandchild's TANF. Payment can only be received once by a grandparent even if they receive TANF for a different grandchild at a later date. Caretakers or payees must sign a Personal Responsibility Agreement (PRA), in order to receive benefits. Residents of Travis, Williamson, and Hays Counties may contact 2-1-1 to begin the application process for OTGP-TANF. TANF applications require an interview. For local office information, contact 2-1-1 or visit www.211.org. |
| Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) | A jointly funded state-federal program that provides medical coverage to eligible children up to age 19, who are not already insured. | Children up to age 19, who are not already insured. | Based on household composition and total gross income less than or equal to 200% of FPL.. | Households with a gross monthly income minus any child care deductions that is greater than 150% FPL must have less than \$10,000 in countable liquid assets and excess vehicle value, combined. | Yes | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To apply for CHIP or for questions regarding CHIP, call 1-800-647-6558, or visit www.chipmedicaid.org. |
| CHIP Perinatal Program | Provides prenatal care for the unborn children of low-income pregnant women who do not qualify for Medicaid. | Unborn and/or newly born children of pregnant women who are eligible.* | Up to and including 200% FPL, and do not qualify for Medicaid. | N/A | N/A** | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Coverage for unborn children starts on the first day of the month child is enrolled in program. **The unborn child is the covered person in the CHIP perinatal program and does not have a citizenship status. Call 1-800-647-6558 or 2-1-1 for CHIP perinatal questions. For more information and an application for the CHIP perinatal program, visit www.chipmedicaid.org. |

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| Nursing Facility (NF) | Institutional care to Medicaid recipients whose medical condition requires the skills of licensed nurses on a regular basis. Eligibility determination for applicants is by the HHSC Office of Eligibility Services. DADS continue to regulate facilities. | Any Age | Income within 300% of SSI (\$1,911/month for an individual or \$3,822 for a couple for 2008). | No more than \$2,000 of countable resources for an individual (\$3000 for a couple). | Yes | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires certification that the individual has a medical condition that requires daily skilled nursing care and must reside in a Medicaid-contracted long-term care facility for 30 consecutive days. For local office information, contact 2-1-1 or visit www.211.org. |

Medicaid

A jointly funded state-federal program that pays for medical care on behalf of certain groups of low-income persons.

Types of Medicaid programs are listed below:

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| Children's Medicaid (Non-TANF, Non- Disabled) | Children whose family income and resources are above the current requirements for TANF, but not above 185% FPL. | Newborns (under age 1) | Up to 185% FPL | Must not exceed \$2,000 of countable resources for the household. Allowed a \$3,000 resource limit if the household has an aged or disabled member who meets relationship requirements. | Yes* | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants must meet age, citizenship, relationship and residency requirements. Legal immigrants, who entered the U.S. after 8/22/96, must wait five years before becoming eligible for Medicaid, or upon U.S. citizenship. *Undocumented and some legal immigrant children, pregnant women and adults with dependent children, with income under respective limits for the type of program they would otherwise be eligible, may qualify to have medical emergencies covered. |
| | Children whose family have either elected to bypass TANF, or are not eligible for TANF based on income. | Expansion children (ages 1-5) | Up to 133% FPL | | Yes* | Yes | |
| | Children whose family have either elected to bypass TANF, or are not eligible for TANF based on income. | Federal mandate children (ages 6-18) | Up to 100% FPL | | Yes* | Yes | |
| Medicaid for low-income pregnant women (Non-TANF, Non-Disabled) | Provides coverage for low-income pregnant women to assist in the prenatal care and birth of a child. Coverage is received until two months after the birth of the child. | Pregnant women | Up to 185% FPL | N/A | Yes* | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of Travis, Williamson, and Hays Counties may contact 2-1-1 to begin the application process for Medicaid. Adult Medicaid requires an interview. |
| Medicaid for Children on TANF | People who are enrolled in or eligible for TANF are automatically eligible for Medicaid. | Children (ages 0-18) | For a family of three, maximum monthly income is \$188 per month. | Asset limit of \$1,000 | Yes* | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact 2-1-1 for local office information or visit www.211.org. |
| Medicaid for Adults on TANF | | All eligible adults | | | | | |
| Medicaid for Children on SSI (Disability-Related) | In Texas, all people eligible for SSI are also eligible for Medicaid. | Children (ages 0-18) | \$603 per month, as per SSI requirements. | Asset limit of \$2,000, as per SSI requirements. | Yes* | Yes | |
| Medicaid for Adults on SSI (Disability-Related) | | All eligible adults | | | | | |
| Medicaid for women with breast and cervical cancer | Provides full Medicaid coverage for the duration of breast and cervical cancer treatment for women with breast or cervical cancer who have been screened or diagnosed by the Breast and Cervical Cancer Services. | Women ages 18 to 64 diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer. | Up to 200% FPL | N/A | Yes* | Yes | |

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| Medicare Savings Program | Beneficiaries in these programs receive assistance with Medicare premium and cost sharing payments through the Medicaid program. Also, anyone who qualifies for these programs does not have to pay Medicare Part D premiums or deductibles. Please see additional information column for the types of Medicare savings programs, including QMB, SLMB, and QI. | People ages 65 or older, or people under 65 with certain disabilities. | <u>QMB</u> : Up to 100% FPL. <u>SLMB</u> : Up to 120% FPL. <u>QI</u> : Up to 135% FPL. | \$4,000 for individual, and \$6,000 for couple. | Yes | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB)</u>: Medicaid pays all Medicare Part A and B premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance. <u>Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB)</u>: Medicaid pays only Part B premiums. <u>Qualified Individuals (QI)</u>: Medicaid pays only Part B premiums, and disqualifies the individual for all other Medicaid programs. |
| Foster Care Transitional Medicaid | Determines continued medical assistance to persons transitioning from foster care to independent living. | Former foster children ages 18 through the month of the 21st birthday. | Household of one, income below 400% FPL. | Must not exceed \$10,000 of countable resources. | Yes | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be in foster care at age 18, and have no other health care coverage. |
| Women's Health Program | Provides low-income women with gynecological exams, related health screenings and birth control through Texas Medicaid. | Ages 18 to 44. Women can apply the month of their 18th birthday through the month of their 45th birthday. | Up to 185% FPL | N/A | Yes | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For more information, please call the Women's Health Program toll free at 1-866-993-9972. Contact 2-1-1 to find local women's health care providers. |
| STAR Health Program for Children in Foster Care | Provides coordinated medical and behavioral care for children in foster care no matter where they are in the state or how often they move. | All children in the Texas Foster Care System. | N/A | N/A | Yes | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children in the foster care system will automatically be enrolled in the STAR Health Program. Services to children in foster care will be provided through a contract with Superior HealthPlan Network. |
| Medicaid Buy-in Program | Allows people of any age who have a disability and are working to receive Medicaid by paying a monthly premium. The monthly premium is based on earned and unearned income. | People of any age who have a disability and are employed. | To be eligible for the Medicaid Buy-In program, a person's countable earned income must be less than \$2,128 a month for 2007, which is 250% of the FPL. All earned income is countable; however, there are exceptions. | A person's countable resources must be equal to or less than the Supplemental Security Income resource limit of \$2,000. | Yes | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can apply for the Medicaid Buy-In program the same way you apply for other Medicaid benefits. Contact 2-1-1 for local office information or visit www.211.org. |
| Family Violence Program (FVP) | Provides emergency shelter and support services to victims and their children, educates the public, and provides training and information to various public and private organizations, including law enforcement agencies. | Adult victims and their children. | N/A | N/A | No | No | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services for the FVP are through contracted organizations at the local level. Eligibility is based on self-declaration as a victim of family violence, and is provided by contracted family violence service providers. Contact 2-1-1 to find local shelters and support services. |
| Refugee Program | Provides cash and medical assistance as well as social services to refugee families and individual eligibility for refugee services. Services can include Social Services, Cash Assistance, Medical Assistance, Health Screenings, and Unaccompanied Refugee Minors. | All ages of eligible population. | Follows Medicaid/TANF thresholds but does not count federal refugee funded sources. Social services are not capped. | N/A | Must have refugee status, or certification from the Office of Refugee Resettlement. | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A program to assist families and individuals eligible for refugee services in attaining economic independence as soon as possible after their arrival in the United States. |

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| Healthy Marriage Program | Provides marriage and relationship skills education to parents for the purpose of creating safe, healthy and well-adjusted home environments for children. | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services for the Healthy Marriage Program are through contracted organizations at the local level. Contact 2-1-1 to find a local provider. |
| Alternatives to Abortion Program | Provides low-income pregnant women with pregnancy and parenting information and support, including counseling referral and pregnancy information hotline, support groups in maternity homes, referrals to community and social programs, classes on life skills, budgeting and parenting, etc., and items such as car seats, maternity clothes, infant diapers and formula. | N/A | N/A | N/A | No | N/A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HHSC contracts with Texas Pregnancy Care Network to provide services for the Alternatives to Abortion program. For more information, contact 1-888-LIFE-AID, or visit www.texaspregnancy.org. |
| HHSC Office of The Ombudsman | Serves as an impartial and confidential resource, assisting clients with Health and Human Services (HHS)-related complaints and issues when circumstances require assistance beyond the normal HHS procedures. | All ages | N/A | N/A | No | No | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HHSC Ombudsman Hotline Number is 1-877-787-8999. E-mail inquiries or complaints to: contact@hhsc.state.tx.us. Customer Service Hotline Number is 1-888-834-7406 and the Texas Works Hotline Number is 1-800-252-9330. Web site: http://www.hhs.state.tx.us/OMB |
| HHSC Civil Rights Office | Ensures that HHS programs and services do not discriminate against clients and applicants for services. Ensures that organizations which provide client services on behalf of HHS comply with laws concerning discrimination and equal access. Investigates claims of discrimination. | All ages | N/A | N/A | No | No | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clients' complaints of discrimination must be received no later than 180 days after the alleged discriminatory action. Written complaints may be sent to HHSC Civil Rights Office, 701 West 51st. Street, MC W206, Austin, Texas 78751. To Contact the Civil Rights Office, please call 1-888-388-6332. |

Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) - Community Care Program/LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES And Supports

Medicaid Entitlement Programs

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| Primary Home Care (PHC) | A non-technical, non-medical attendant care service for recipients of all ages whose chronic health problems impair their ability to perform activities of daily living. | DADS provides services to individuals aged 21 and above. HHSC provides a similar service to individuals under age 21. | Income 100% of Supplemental Security Income (\$637/month for an individual, \$956 for a couple for 2008). | No more than \$2,000 of countable resources for an individual (\$3000 for a couple). | Yes | Yes | A medical practitioner's statement that the individual's medical condition causes a functional limitation for at least one personal care task is required. Call 1-800-458-9858 to find nearest DADS office or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ |
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| Community Attendant Services (CAS) | A non-technical, non-medical attendant care service for recipients of all ages whose chronic health problems impair their daily living and whose income otherwise makes them ineligible for Primary Home Care. | All ages | Income within 300% of SSI (\$1,911/month for an individual or \$3,822 for a couple for 2008). | No more than \$2,000 in countable resources for an individual (\$3000 for a couple). | Yes | Yes | A medical practitioner's statement that the individual's medical condition causes a functional limitation for at least one personal care task is required. Call 1-800-458-9858 to find nearest office or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ |
| Day Activity and Health Services (DAHS) - Medicaid –Title XIX | Provides daytime services Monday thru Friday to individuals residing in the community to provide an alternative to placement in nursing facilities and other institutions. | Any age | Income of 100% the Supplemental Security Income (\$637 individual/\$956 couple for 2008). | No more than \$2,000 (\$3,000 for a couple). | Yes | Yes | A physician's order requiring care or supervision by a licensed nurse because the individual has a functional disability related to a medical diagnosis and needs assistance with one or more personal tasks. Call 1-800-458-9858 to find nearest DADS office or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ |
| Hospice | Provides palliative care consisting of medical, social, and support services for a period of six months to persons who are terminally ill. | Any age | Income of 100% of SSI (\$637/month for 2008) for community-based hospice, or meet the nursing facility eligibility requirements. | No more than \$2,000 in countable resources. | Yes | Yes | Requires certification by a physician that person has less than six months to live. Call 1-800-458-9858 to find nearest DADS office or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ |
| Intermediate Care Facilities for Mental Retardation (ICF/MR) | Provide residential services for individuals with mental retardation or related conditions. | Any age | Income within 300% of SSI (\$1,911/month for 2008). | No more than \$2,000 in countable resources. | Yes | Yes | Individual must be able to participate in and benefit from active treatment (training etc.) Call 1-800-458-9858 for nearest DADS office or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ |
| Medicaid Non-Entitlement Programs | | | | | | | |
| Community-Based Alternatives (CBA). Waives off eligibility for nursing facility (NF) services | An array of home and community-based services as cost-effective alternatives to nursing facility care. Available in the consumer's home, assisted living facility, or adult foster care settings. Examples of services: nursing, personal assistance, medical supplies, adaptive aids, minor home modifications, home delivered meals, therapy, respite, emergency response, etc. | 21 or older | Eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or eligible for Medicaid under one of the optional Medicaid groups covered by the CBA program. Income at or below 300% of SSI (\$1,911/month individual/\$3,822 couple for 2008). | No more than \$2,000 in countable resources. | Yes | Yes | Requires certification that the individual has a medical condition requiring skilled nursing care. Call 1-800-458-9858 for nearest DADS office or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ |
| Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS). Waives off eligibility for ICF/MR services | Home and community-based services to people with "related conditions." Services include habilitation services, adaptive aids, medical supplies, nursing, specialized therapies, respite care, emergency response, consumer-directed services, minor home modification, and transition assistance services. | An individual must have a "related condition" (disabilities, other than mental retardation, that originated before age 22 and affect the ability to function in daily life). | Eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or eligible for Medicaid under one of the optional Medicaid groups covered by the CLASS program. Income at or below 300% of SSI (\$1,911/month for 2008). | No more than \$2,000 in countable resources. | Yes | Yes | Must have a need for case management and habilitation services. Must qualify for ICF/MR Level of Care VIII. Call 1-800-458-9858 for nearest DADS office or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ |

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| Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP). Waives off eligibility for NF services | A variety of services such as respite, adjunct support, adaptive aids and minor home modifications. | Under 21 years of age. | Eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or eligible for Medicaid under one of the optional Medicaid groups covered by the MDCP program. Income at or below 300% of SSI (\$1,911/month for 2008). | No more than \$2,000 in countable resources. | Yes | Yes | Certification that the individual has a medical condition requiring skilled nursing care. Call 1-800-458-9858 for nearest DADS office or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ |
| Deaf- Blind/Multiple Disabilities Program (DBMD). Waives off eligibility for ICF/MR services | Services include, but are not limited to habilitation, assisted living, adaptive aids and minor home modifications. | Age 18 or older | Eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or eligible for Medicaid under one of the optional Medicaid groups covered by the DBMD program. Income at or below 300% of SSI (\$1,911/month for 2008). | Resources of no more than \$2,000. | Yes | Yes | A physician's order requiring care or supervision by a licensed nurse because the individual has a need for skilled or restorative nursing that can be met at the facility. Call 1-800-458-9858 for nearest DADS office or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ |
| Consolidated Waiver Program (CWP). Waives off eligibility for ICF/MR services | Includes, but are not limited to, home delivered meals, respite, transportation, adult foster care and emergency response service. | Any age | Eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or eligible for Medicaid under one of the optional Medicaid groups covered by the CWP program. Income at or below 300% of SSI (\$1,911/month for 2008). | Resources of no more than \$2,000. | Yes | Yes | Only available in Bexar County. For more information call 210-619-8008 or 1-800-458-9858 or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ |
| Home and Community- Based Services (HCS). Waives off eligibility for ICF/MR services | In-home or residential assistance, day habilitation, case management, respite care, dental treatment, adaptive aids, minor home modifications, supported employment and professional services such as social work, occupational therapy, physical therapy, audiology, speech/language pathology, dietary, psychology and nursing services. | Any age | Eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or eligible for Medicaid under one of the optional Medicaid groups covered by the HCS program. Income at or below 300% of SSI (\$1,911/month for 2008). | No more than \$2,000 in countable resources. | Yes | Yes | Individual must have a primary diagnosis of mental retardation (DMR) or a related condition and must meet the ICF/MR Level of Care (LOC) I criteria. Call 1-800-458-9858 to find your nearest Mental Retardation Authority (MRA) or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ |
| Texas Home Living Program. Waives off eligibility for ICF/MR services | Community-based services and supports for eligible individuals who live in their own homes or their families' homes. This program provides essential services and supports to supplement an individual's existing support systems in lieu of ICF/MR institutional care. Services available include community support, service coordination, day habilitation, dental treatment, adaptive aids, minor home modifications, employment assistance and supported employment, respite care, specialized therapies and nursing services. | Any age | Income 100% of Supplemental Security Income (\$637/month for 2008). | No more than \$2,000 in countable resources. | Yes | Yes | Individual must have a primary diagnosis of mental retardation (DMR) or a related condition, must meet the ICF/MR LOC I criteria; and be Medicaid eligible. Call 1-800-458-9858 to find your nearest Mental Retardation Authority (MRA) or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ |
| Programs For All- Inclusive Care of the Elderly (PACE) | Any and all health-related services needed including inpatient and outpatient medical care, especially services like dentistry and podiatry, social services, in-home care, meals and transportation. | Age 55 or older | Income within 300% of SSI (\$1,911/month for 2008). | No more than \$2,000 in countable resources. | Yes | Yes | Requires certification by a physician that the individual has a medical condition requiring daily skilled nursing care. Also requires that the person live in a PACE service area (El Paso and Amarillo). Call 1-800-458-9858 to find your nearest PACE provider or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ |

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| Community Care State And Other Funded Non-Entitlement Programs For Long Term Services and Supports | | | | | | | |
| In-Home and Family Support Program (IHFS) | Direct grant benefits are provided to eligible individuals with physical disabilities to purchase services that enable them to live in the community. The services include: attendant care, home health services, home health aide services, homemaker services and chore services; medical, surgical, therapeutic, diagnostic and other health services related to a person's disability; pre-approved transportation and room and board cost incurred by person with physical disability or his family during evaluation or treatment; purchase or lease of special equipment or architectural modifications of a home to facilitate the care, treatment therapy, or general living conditions of a person with a disability; respite care; and transportation services. | Age 4 or older | A copay is required if income exceeds 105% of the state median income level. | N/A | Yes, with exceptions. | Yes | Have a substantial functional limitation in at least one major life area that has been certified by a physician's statement or other medical record. Call 1-800-458-9858 to find your nearest DADS office or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ |
| Mental Retardation (MR) In Home Family Support (IHFS) | Grants program to purchase items that are above and beyond the scope of usual needs, necessitated by the person's mental disability and that directly support that person to live in his/her natural home. | Any age | N/A | N/A | Yes, with exceptions. | Yes | An individual or their family is eligible for assistance if the individual meets certain diagnosis, residency, financial, and needs factors. Call 1-800-458-9858 to find your nearest Mental Retardation Authority (MRA) or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ |
| MR Community Care Services | Services include training and support that promote integration of the person with a disability to live and work in their home community. Children may be involved in public school services and their families may receive respite services, behavioral support services or other therapies that enable the child to remain in the family home. | Any age | N/A | N/A | Yes, with exceptions. | Yes | All services provided for persons with mental retardation (MR) who resides in the community that is not provided through the Medicaid waiver programs. Call 1-800-458-9858 to find your nearest Mental Retardation Authority (MRA) or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ |
| MR Community Care Services Residential | 24-hour residential care. | Any age | Individuals receiving these services are charged a sliding scale fee based on their ability to pay. | N/A | Yes, with exceptions. | Yes | Individuals with MR, Autism or Pervasive Developmental Disorder who have historically been served by TDMHMR but are not eligible for Medicaid. Call 1-800-458-9858 to find your nearest Mental Retardation Authority (MRA) or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ |
| Home Delivered Meals (HDM) | Provides a nutritious meal delivered to the client's home to ensure he/she gets at least one healthy meal per day. | Age 18 or older | Income within 300% of SSI (\$1,911/month for an individual; \$3,822 for a couple for 2008). | No more than \$5,000 in countable resources for an individual (\$6,000 for a couple) . | No | Yes | Functional assessment required. Call 1-800-458-9858 to find your nearest DADS office. or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ |
| Guardianship Program | The Guardianship program is a legal method to protect an Individuals' well being when they cannot protect themselves. Guardianship through DADS is provided as a last resort. | Aging out children who meet the definition of incapacity in Probate Code 601, unless a less restrictive alternative is available, and for whom no guardian can be found; and incapacitated adults with a confirmed Adult Protective Services report. | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | For more information contact 1-800-458-9858 or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ |

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| Special Services To Persons with Disabilities | Contracts with public and private agencies to provide services to help persons with disabilities achieve habilitative or rehabilitative goals that encourage maximum independence. | Age 18 or older | Individual = \$1,911/month Couple = \$3,822/month (for 2008) | Individual = \$ 5,000 Couple = \$6,000 | Yes | Yes | Functional Assessment is required. Available only in Dallas-Fort Worth area, Tyler area, central Texas area. Call 1-800-458-9858 to find your nearest DADS office or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ |
| Emergency Response Services (ERS) | Provides a 24-hour electronic medical emergency call system for functionally impaired elderly or disabled adults who live alone or are physically isolated from the community. | Age 18 or older | Individual = \$1,191/month Couple = \$3,822/month (for 2008) | Individual = \$ 5,000 Couple = \$6,000 | No | Yes | Functional assessment is required. Also must have a telephone with a private line, be alone routinely for 8 or more hours a day, have the mental capacity to operate the equipment, be willing to sign a release that allows the responder to make force entry into the home when responding to an alarm call and has no other means of entering the home. Call 1-800-458-9858 to find your nearest DADS office or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ |
| Adult Foster Care (AFC) | Provides a 24-hour living arrangement with supervision in an adult foster home. | Age 18 or older | Individual = \$1,911/month Couple = \$3,822/month (for 2008) | Individual = \$ 5,000 Couple = \$6,000 | No | Yes | Functional assessment is required; providers of adult foster care must live in the household and share a common living area with consumers. Call 1-800-458-9858 to find your nearest DADS office or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ |
| Residential Care (RC) | Provides services to adults who require access to services on a 24-hour basis, but who do not need daily nursing intervention. | Age 18 or older, for CCAD Residential Care and age 21 or older for CBA Residential Care. | Individual = \$1,911/month Couple = \$3,822/month (for 2008) | Individual = \$ 5,000 Couple = \$6,000 | No | Yes | Functional assessment is required; have needs that do not exceed the facility's capability under its licensed capacity. Care is provided in a DADS licensed facility. Call 1-800-458-9858 to find your nearest DADS office or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ |
| Consumer Managed Personal Attendant Services (CMPAS) | Consumers who have physical disabilities who are mentally and emotionally competent and willing to supervise their attendant or have someone who can supervise the attendant for them. Personal assistance is provided as needed by personal assistants selected and supervised by the consumer. Health-related tasks are prescribed by physician. | Age 18 or older | N/A | N/A | Yes | Yes, Available in the following regions: Amarillo-Lubbock; Metroplex; Beaumont; Houston, Central Texas; San Antonio; El Paso; South Texas. | Sliding fee is used when an individual's income is greater than \$1,200 per month. Must need assistance with at least one personal care task, be mentally and emotionally capable of self-directing the care, and the disability is expected to last at least 6 months from the date of eligibility determination. Call 1-800-458-9858 to find your nearest DADS office or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ |

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| Family Care Services | Provides assistance with personal care, housekeeping, meal preparation and escort services. | Age 18 or older | Individual = \$1,911/month Couple = \$3,822/month (for 2008) | Individual = \$ 5,000 Couple = \$6,000 | No | Yes | Functional assessment is required; have an unmet need for home management and/or personal care tasks. Call 1-800-458-9858 to find your nearest DADS office or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ |
| Day Activity and Health Services (DAHS) – Non Medicaid -TITLE XX: | Provides daytime services Monday thru Friday to individuals residing in the community to provide an alternative to placement in nursing facilities and other institutions. | Age 18 or older | Income within 300% of SSI (\$1,911 individual/\$3,822 couple for 2008). | Resources of no more that \$5,000 (\$6,000 for a couple). | No | Yes | A physician's order requiring care or supervision by a licensed nurse because the individual has a functional disability related to a medical diagnosis and needs assistance with one or more personal tasks. Call 1-800-458-9858 to find your nearest DADS office. or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ |

Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) - AREA AGENCIES ON AGING (AAA)

Below is a listing of the services available through the AAAs. All services are not available in all areas.

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| Information, Referral, and Assistance | Assessing the needs of the inquirer, evaluating available resources, providing information for an informed decision by the inquirer, and linking the inquirer to needed services. | Age 60 or older, their family members, and caregivers. | N/A | N/A | No | No | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240 or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/</p> |
| Benefits Counseling/ Legal Assistance | Advice and counseling by certified staff or an attorney; documentation preparation, and advocacy or representation by an attorney, | Age 60 or older, their family members, and other caregivers. | N/A | N/A | No | No | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240 or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/</p> <p>May be able to assist Medicare enrollee or pre-enrollees under age 60 if Medicare and Medicaid funds were received.</p> |

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| Legal Awareness | The dissemination of accurate, timely, and relevant information about public entitlements; health care and long-term services; individual rights, planning and protection options; and housing and consumer issues. | Age 60 or older, their family members, and other caregivers. | N/A | N/A | No | No | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240 or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/</p> |
| Care Coordination | Assessing the needs of a client; coordinating efforts and services (such as Homemaker, Transportation, and Respite services); and follow-up to ensure the client's needs were met. | Age 60 or older, their family members, and other caregivers. | N/A | N/A | No | No | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240 or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/</p> |
| Ombudsman Program | <p>Identify, investigate, and resolve complaints made by, or on behalf of, residents of nursing facilities or assisted living facilities.</p> <p>Identify, investigate, and resolve actions/decisions (or lack of) that may adversely affect the health, safety, welfare, or rights of the residents, providers, representatives of providers of long-term care services, public agencies, or health and social service agencies.</p> | Age 60 or older, their family members, and other caregivers. | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240 or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/</p> <p>When it may benefit older persons residing in the facility, individuals under age 60 may utilize Ombudsman services.</p> |

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| Caregiver Support Services | | | | | | | |
| Caregiver Support Coordination | Assessing the needs of a caregiver and care recipient to plan, arrange, and coordinate services to meet the identified needs. | Individuals age 18 or older who provide care to individuals who are age 60 or older; or individuals under age 60 with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders with neurological and organic brain dysfunction; or a grandparent age 55 or older who is the primary caregiver for a child age 0 – 18 who resides with the grandparent; or a grandparent age 55 or older who is the primary caregiver for a child age 19 – 59 who resides with the grandparent and has severe disabilities; or individuals age 60 or older who is the caregiver for an individual or child with severe disabilities. | N/A | N/A | No | No | <p>Services are targeted to caregivers who are older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to low income older individuals.</p> <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240 or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/</p> <p>May require an assessment to determine client impairment in their ability to perform activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living.</p> |

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| Caregiver Education and Training | Counseling, support groups, and caregiving education and training to assist in making decisions and solving problems related to caregiving roles. | Individuals age 18 or older who provide care to individuals who are age 60 or older; or individuals under age 60 with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders with neurological and organic brain dysfunction; or a grandparent age 55 or older who is the primary caregiver for a child age 0 – 18 who resides with the grandparent; or a grandparent age 55 or older who is the primary caregiver for a child age 19 – 59 who resides with the grandparent and has severe disabilities; or individuals age 60 or older who is the caregiver for an individual or child with severe disabilities. | N/A | N/A | No | No | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240 or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/</p> |
| Caregiver Information Services | Accurate, timely and relevant information for informal caregivers, grandparents or relatives caring for children 18 years of age and under, and the public, through publications, large group presentations, seminars, health fairs and mass media. | Individuals age 18 or older who provide care to individuals who are age 60 or older; or individuals under age 60 with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders with neurological and organic brain dysfunction; or a grandparent age 55 or older who is the primary caregiver for a child age 0 – 18 who resides with the grandparent; or a grandparent age 55 or older who is the primary caregiver for a child age 19 – 59 who resides with the grandparent and has severe disabilities; or individuals age 60 or older who is the caregiver for an individual or child with severe disabilities. | N/A | N/A | No | No | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240</p> |

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| Caregiver Respite | Temporary relief for caregivers from their responsibilities. Services include In-home respite, institutional respite, adult day care and hospice. | Individuals age 18 or older who provide care to individuals who are age 60 or older; or individuals under age 60 with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders with neurological and organic brain dysfunction; or a grandparent age 55 or older who is the primary caregiver for a child age 0 – 18 who resides with the grandparent; or a grandparent age 55 or older who is the primary caregiver for a child age 19 – 59 who resides with the grandparent and has severe disabilities; or individuals age 60 or older who is the caregiver for an individual or child with severe disabilities. | N/A | N/A | No | No | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240</p> <p>May require an assessment to determine client impairment in their ability to perform activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living.</p> |

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| Supplemental Services for Caregivers | Supplemental services, on a limited basis, to complement the care provided by caregivers include: transportation, emergency response, home delivered meals, homemaker, personal assistance, telephone reassurance and chore maintenance. | Individuals age 18 or older who provide care to individuals who are age 60 or older; or individuals under age 60 with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders with neurological and organic brain dysfunction; or a grandparent age 55 or older who is the primary caregiver for a child age 0 – 18 who resides with the grandparent; or a grandparent age 55 or older who is the primary caregiver for a child age 19 – 59 who resides with the grandparent and has severe disabilities; or individuals age 60 or older who is the caregiver for an individual or child with severe disabilities. | N/A | N/A | No | No | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240 or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/</p> <p>May require an assessment to determine client impairment in their ability to perform activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living.</p> |
| In-Home Support Services | | | | | | | |
| Homemaker | Housekeeping, home management, meal preparation, escort tasks, and shopping assistance to individuals requiring assistance at their place of residence. | Age 60 or older | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240 or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/</p> <p>May require an assessment to determine client impairment in their ability to perform activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living.</p> |

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| Personal Assistance | Assisting a person with such activities as bathing and dressing; skin and hair care; and eating and drinking. | Age 60 or older | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240 or visit website:http://www.dads.state.tx.us/</p> <p>May require an assessment to determine client impairment in their ability to perform activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living.</p> |
| Chore Maintenance | Performing household chores such as heavy cleaning (e.g., scrubbing floors, washing walls, and washing outside windows), moving heavy furniture, and yard and walk maintenance. | Age 60 or older | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240 or visit website:http://www.dads.state.tx.us/</p> <p>May require an assessment to determine client impairment in their ability to perform activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living.</p> |
| Adult Day Services | An array of services provided in a congregate, non-residential setting to dependent older persons who need supervision but do not require institutionalization. These services may include social or recreational activities, health maintenance, transportation, meals, and other supportive services. | Age 60 or older | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240 or visit website:http://www.dads.state.tx.us/</p> <p>May require an assessment to determine client impairment in their ability to perform activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living.</p> |

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| Residential Repair | Repairs or modifications essential for the health and safety of the occupants of client occupied dwellings. | Age 60 or older | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240 or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/</p> <p>May require an assessment to determine client impairment in their ability to perform activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living.</p> |
| Health Maintenance | Medical treatment by health professionals; health education and counseling services for individuals and groups; home health services such as physical, speech or occupational therapy; and provision of medications, nutritional supplements, glasses, dentures. | Age 60 or older | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240 or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/</p> <p>May require an assessment to determine client impairment in their ability to perform activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living.</p> |
| Health Screening/ Monitoring | Assess the level of health and wellness (such as blood pressure, vision, and medication management) which may be provided in senior centers, nutrition sites, health fairs, other community settings or in an individual's home. | Age 60 or older | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240 or visit website: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/</p> |
| Mental Health Services | Analysis by a mental health professional to determine a need for mental health service(s) (diagnosis/screening) or the provision of services to support and improve the emotional well-being of an individual. Support may include education, prevention, and referral. | Age 60 or older | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240</p> <p>May require an assessment to determine client impairment in their ability to perform activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living.</p> |

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| Emergency Response | Round-the-clock Emergency Response Services (ERS) are provided through an electronic monitoring system that is used by functionally impaired adults who live alone or who are socially isolated in the community. | Age 60 or older | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240 May require an assessment.</p> |
| Transportation | Taking an older person from one location to another. This does not include any other activity. There are two types of transportation services - Demand/Response or Fixed Route. | Age 60 or older | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240</p> |
| Recreation | Activities facilitated by a provider (such as sports, performing arts, games and crafts) in which an older person participates as a spectator or performer. | Age 60 or older | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240</p> |
| Physical Fitness | Physical activities to sustain or improve physical and mental health. | Age 60 or older | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240</p> |
| Income Support | Aid in the form of money or goods. | Age 60 or older | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240 May require an assessment.</p> |

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| Housing Placement | Assisting an older person in obtaining suitable housing. | Age 60 or older | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240</p> <p>May require an assessment.</p> |
| Volunteer Placement | Assisting an older person in finding a suitable volunteer position in a non-profit community service agency. | Age 60 or older | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240</p> |
| Employment Placement | Assisting an older person in obtaining suitable employment. | Age 60 or older | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240</p> |
| Shopping | Provide assistance in the purchase of food, clothing, medical supplies, household items and/or recreational materials for an older person. | Age 60 or older | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240</p> <p>May require an assessment to determine client impairment in their ability to perform activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living.</p> |
| Telephone Reassurance | Provide regular contact and companionship by telephoning an older person. Initiate necessary actions in the event the older person cannot be reached by telephone. | Age 60 or older | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240</p> |

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| Visiting | Provide regular contact and companionship by visiting an older person at their place of residence. Initiate necessary actions if the person does not respond. | Age 60 or older | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240</p> |
| Escort | Accompany and assist an older person to obtain a service. | Age 60 or older | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240</p> <p>May require an assessment.</p> |
| Hospice | <p>An array of services provided in the home or in a residential facility to older persons suffering from a terminal illness.</p> <p>Services include medical care under the supervision of a physician; counseling for the person and the family members; and other supportive services.</p> | Age 60 or older | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240</p> <p>May require an assessment.</p> |
| Senior Center Operations | Community facilities where persons meet to pursue mutual interests, receive services, and/or take part in activities which enhance their quality of life, support their independence, and encourage their continued involvement in and with the community. | Age 60 or older | N/A | N/A | No | No | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240</p> |

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| Nutrition Services | | | | | | | |
| Congregate Meals | A meal which is served in a congregate setting. | Age 60 or older and spouse. | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240</p> <p>A disabled individual residing with an eligible older person may receive a congregate meal.</p> <p>A disabled individual residing in a housing facility occupied primarily with older persons at which congregate nutrition services are provided may receive a congregate meal.</p> |
| Home Delivered Meals | Hot, cold, frozen, dried, canned or supplemental food that is delivered to an eligible person's place of residence. | Age 60 or older | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240</p> <p>The individual must be homebound and have impairment(s) in their ability to perform activities of daily living.</p> <p>A spouse of an older person may also receive a home delivered meal.</p> <p>A disabled individual residing with an eligible older person may also receive a meal.</p> |
| Nutrition Consultation | Provision of information relating to nutrition by a licensed dietician or other qualified person. Services are to be provided to area agencies on aging or nutrition providers. | Age 60 or older | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | <p>Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement <p>AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240</p> |

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| Nutrition Counseling | Provision of individualized advice and guidance to individuals, who are at nutritional risk (because of their health or nutritional history, dietary intake, medication(s) use or chronic illness) about options and methods for improving their nutritional status, and performed by a health professional in accordance with state law and policy. | Age 60 or older | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240 |
| Nutrition Education | The provision of information to participants to promote nutritional well-being. This service may include specific nutrition education designed to assist with medication management, screening and education requirements. | Age 60 or older | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | Services are targeted to older persons with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low income • low income minority • limited English proficiency • residing in rural areas • at risk for institutional placement AAA Referral Line: 1-800-252-9240 |

Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)

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| Texas Abuse/ Neglect Hotline (Statewide Intake) | To report suspicions of abuse/ neglect of children or abuse/ neglect/exploitation of persons 65 years or older and adults with disabilities, contact the Abuse Hotline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This number is accessible from across the United States. | Children, adults with disabilities, and persons age 65 or older. | N/A | N/A | No | No | DFPS staff operate Statewide intake, a toll free, statewide telephone reporting system to assist individuals in reporting abuse and neglect. Hotline number 1-800-252-5400 or on line: www.txabusehotline.org . |
| Child Protective Services | Is responsible for investigating reports of abuse or neglect of children. CPS provides services to children and families in their own homes, contracts with other agencies to provide clients with specialized services, places children in foster care, provides services to help youth in foster care make the transition to adulthood, and places children in adoption. | Infants to age 18; children in foster care at age 18 can stay in foster care until they turn 22 under certain circumstances. | N/A | N/A | No | No | DFPS staff operate Statewide intake, a toll free, statewide telephone reporting system to assist individuals in reporting abuse and neglect. Hotline number 1-800-252-5400 or on line: www.txabusehotline.org . |
| Adult Protective Services | Is responsible for investigating abuse, neglect and exploitation of adults who are elderly or who have disabilities. APS provides or arranges for necessary services to prevent or alleviate further maltreatment. | Age 65 or older and adults ages 18 to 64 who have disabilities. | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | There are no eligibility criteria for clients to receive "services"; however, an investigation conducted by a caseworker must validate that the client is a victim of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. APS explores the financial situation of clients to determine if they have resources to pay for some or all of the needed services. DFPS staff operate Statewide intake, a toll free, statewide telephone reporting system to assist individuals in reporting abuse and neglect. Hotline number 1-800-252-5400 or on line: www.txabusehotline.org . |

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| Child Care Licensing | Is responsible for protecting the health, safety, and well being of children who attend or reside in regulated child-care facilities and homes. Mandated by Chapter 42 of the Human Resources Code, CCL develops minimum standards for regulated facilities and homes as well as policies and procedures for enforcing those minimum standards. CCL provides consultation, technical assistance, and training for child-care providers and educating the public in the selection and improvement of child care services. | Providers can care for children from 0-17 yrs. | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | Parents can call 1-800-862-5252 for information about child care or search for licensed child care on line: www.txchildcaresearch.org . The website includes information about services offered by child care providers and the results of licensing inspections. DFPS staff operate Statewide intake, a toll free, statewide telephone reporting system to assist individuals in reporting abuse and neglect. Unlicensed child care is also reported through this hotline. Hotline number 1-800-252-5400 or on line: www.txabusehotline.org . |
| Community Youth Development Program - Division of Prevention and Early Intervention | Provides contracted community-based services to prevent juvenile crime and to support positive youth development in 15 ZIP code areas of Texas known to have high incidence of juvenile crime. Examples of contracted services include: mentoring, youth employment programs, career preparation, alternative recreational activities, etc. | Youth through age 17 years. Persons over the age of 18 are not eligible for services unless they are family members of participating CYD youth. | No | Contract budget | No | Yes | Youth must reside in or attend school in one of the fifteen designated ZIP codes. ZIP codes that may include colonias include 78520 in Brownsville and 79924 in El Paso. A list of providers in each county may be found at: http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Prevention_and_Early_Intervention/Programs_Available_In_Your_County/default.asp or contact your local DFPS office for information. |
| Texas Families Together and Safe - Division of Prevention and Early Intervention | Provides contracted family support services in some counties. Designed to alleviate stress, promote parenting competencies and increase the ability of families to successfully nurture their children. | Families who have a child under age 18 years or are expecting a child. | No | Contract budget | No | Yes | Available to 8 areas (approximately 30 counties). List of providers in each county may be found at: http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Prevention_and_Early_Intervention/Programs_Available_In_Your_County/default.asp or contact your local DFPS office for information. |
| Family Strengthening Program - Division of Prevention and Early Intervention | Provides a variety of contracted services designed to increase family resiliency while preventing child abuse and neglect and have been evaluated and proven to effectively increase family protective factors. | Families who have a child under age 18 or are expecting a child. | No | Contract budget | No | Yes | Available to 9 counties. List of providers in each county may be found at: http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Prevention_and_Early_Intervention/Programs_Available_In_Your_County/default.asp or contact your local DFPS office for information. |
| Youth Resiliency Program – Division of Prevention and Early Intervention | Provides a variety of services designed to increase youth resiliency while preventing juvenile delinquency and have been evaluated and proven to effectively increase youth protective factors. | Youth through age 17 years. | No | Contract budget | No | Yes | Available to 17 counties. List of providers in each county may be found at: http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Prevention_and_Early_Intervention/Programs_Available_In_Your_County/default.asp or contact your local DFPS office for information. |
| Services to At- Risk Youth (STAR) – Division of Prevention and Early Intervention | Contracted community agencies provide family crisis intervention, short-term emergency residential care, individual and family counseling, and other support services. Universal child abuse prevention services are also provided within the community. | Youth under age 18 who are runaways or truant, living in family conflict, have allegedly been involved in or committed misdemeanor or state felony offenses, but they have not been adjudicated delinquent. | No | Contract budget | No | Yes | Available to all 254 Texas counties. List of STAR providers in each county may be found at: http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Prevention_and_Early_Intervention/Programs_Available_In_Your_County/default.asp or contact your local DFPS office for information. |

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| Community- Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP)- Division of Prevention and Early Intervention | Increases community awareness of existing prevention services, strengthens community and parental involvement in child abuse prevention efforts, and encourages families to engage in services that are already available by funding contractors to create, develop, and maintain community partnerships. CBCAP funds also support family support services for families residing in rural counties, and the Relief Nursery program in two communities. | Varies by program. | No | Contract budget | No | Yes | A list of providers in each county may be found at: http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Prevention_and_Early_Intervention/Programs_Available_In_Your_County/default.asp |
| Runaway and Youth Hotlines - Division of Prevention and Early Intervention | Provide 24-hour crisis intervention and telephone counseling, information and referrals to callers in need of food, shelter, transportation to their homes, conference calls to parents and shelters, a confidential message relay service between runaways and parents, and paging services for callers in need of immediate assistance from program staff after regular office hours. | Children and youth, however no age restriction. | No | None | No | No | Texas Youth Hotline 1-800-98-YOUTH; Runaway Hotline 1-888-580-HELP |
| Foster Care and Adoption Inquiry Line | Provides information on how to become a foster or adoptive parent through DFPS. Some 4,000 abused and neglected children in Texas are awaiting adoption and almost half of them are older than 9. The older the child, the longer they tend to wait for adoption. | Children who have been removed from their families through court proceedings and as a result, are in need of either foster or adoptive homes. | N/A | N/A | Yes | No | Inquiry line 1-800-233-3405 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday or on line: www.AdoptChildren.org |
| Office of Consumer Affairs | Acts as a neutral party in reviewing complaints regarding case-specific activities of the program areas of DFPS. If you believe one of the program areas has not acted appropriately in a situation involving you, you have a right to complain and to be treated fairly and with dignity. | Individuals who want to inquire or complain about a specific case with which they were involved. | N/A | N/A | No | No | 1-800-720-7777 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT, Monday through Friday or e-mail your inquiry/complaint by filling out the required information on the Office of Consumer Affairs Inquiry/ Complaint form available in English or Spanish. Forms and email address at available on line: http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Contact_Us/Inquiries_and_Complaints/default.asp#oca |
| Department of State Health Services (DSHS) | | | | | | | |
| Immunization | Prevent, control, reduces & eliminates vaccine-preventable diseases in children & adults, with emphasis on interventions to improve vaccine coverage of children under 36 months of age. | Children from birth through 18 years of age eligible for the Texas Vaccines for Children Program and provide a safety net for uninsured/underinsured adults. | N/A | N/A | No | No | Link is: www.immunizetexas.com Toll Free Number is 1-800-252-9152 Additional Link: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/default.shtml |

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| Texas Health Steps (THSteps) | Known federally as Early & Periodic Screening Diagnosis & Treatment Program (EPSDT), provides services for Medicaid eligible clients under 21 years of age. The services provided are: medical and dental preventive and treatment, outreach and informing, and case management. | Children under 21 years of age. | Determined by eligibility category they qualify for. | Determined by eligibility category they qualify for. | Yes | Yes | THSteps is a benefit of the Texas Medicaid Program. Any child who qualifies for Medicaid receives preventive and dental services through THSteps. Outreach and informing functions are contracted to Maximus. |
| Children With Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program | Provides comprehensive health care benefits to children with chronic physical and developmental disabilities and adults with cystic fibrosis (CF). Provides Family Support Services (FSS) and Case Management services. | Under age 21 with chronic physical or developmental condition or who are adults with cystic fibrosis. | Family income must be at or below 200% of FPL. Families who are over income may document medical bills to spend-down to meet financial eligibility. | No | No | Yes | Link is: http://dshs.state.tx.us/cshcn/default.shtm Toll Free Number is: 1-800-252-8023 |
| Insurance Premium Payment Assistance Program (IPPA) | A service provided by the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program which provides reimbursement to a family for premiums paid to provide health insurance for a CSHCN Services Program client. | The age criteria match that of the CSHCN Services Program. The CSHCN Services Program client may have any type of private health insurance coverage, except the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). | Income criteria matches that of the CSHCN Services Program. | No | No | Yes | Help line available at 1-800-440-0493 |
| Children's Health Program | Provides easily accessible, quality and community-based child health services to low-income children and adolescents | Ages 1 -21 | At or below 185% of FPL, not eligible for Medicaid or CHIP. | Yes | No | Yes | Phone Number: (512) 458-7321 Link: http://dshs.state.tx.us/mch/default.shtm |
| Kidney Health Care Services | Provides access to care for persons suffering from chronic kidney failure or end-stage renal disease (ESRD). | Texas residents of all ages with ESRD, not Medicaid eligible. | Gross Income less than \$60,000. | No | No; however, a Social Security number is required to complete application. | Yes | Toll Free Number: 1-800-222-3986 Link is: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/kidney/default.shtm |
| Hemophilia Assistance Program (HAP) | Provides blood, blood derivatives, or manufactured pharmaceutical products to eligible program recipients. | 21 years of age and older. Applicant must have a diagnosis of hemophilia by a physician licensed to practice in Texas. | At or below 200% of FPL | No | No | Yes | Toll Free Number: 1-800-222-3986 Link is: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/hemophilia/default.shtm |

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| Glenda Dawson Donate Life- Texas Registry Program | Texans can register to be an organ, tissue, or eye donor. | Any age. If under 18, must have parental permission. | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | Link is: http://www.donatelifetexas.org Applications are also available at the Department of Public Safety-Driver License Office. |
| Case Management for Children and Pregnant Women (CPW) | Provides case management to Medicaid eligible infants, children, teens, young adults, and pregnant women. Children, teens and young adults must have or be at-risk for having a health problem that keeps them from doing activities that a peer group can do, and require assistance in getting services to keep health problems from getting worse. Pregnant women must have a high-risk pregnancy and require assistance in getting needed services. | Children birth through 20 years of age and pregnant women of any age. | Must be eligible for Medicaid. | No | Yes | Yes | Toll Free Number is: 1- 877-847-8377 |
| Formula Assistance Program | Provides dietary supplements, medications, vitamins, confirmatory testing and follow-up care at no cost or reduced cost to individuals approved for program benefits who have a disorder detected through the program, and confirmed with appropriate diagnostic tests, that have been interpreted by a physician recognized by the department as a specialist in metabolic diseases. | Children 0 to 21 years of age, pregnant women, women of child-bearing age, and adults. | Income is at or below 350% of the federal poverty income guideline. Funds will only be available to those individuals who meet the income & clinical qualifications. | Yes | Yes | Yes | Dependent on available funding. Program benefits will be limited to specific populations of individuals diagnosed with an inheritable disorder included in those screened by the department. |
| Vision, Hearing and Spinal Screening Program | Provide Vision and Hearing training to individuals that have completed high school whereby they can screen children for vision and hearing problems Also, through the use of DSHS Regional Nurses and other authorized DSHS instructors, provide Spinal Screening training to non-health practitioners to certify them as spinal screeners. | Children 4 to 21 years of age. Spinal screening is required in grades 6 and 9 or 5 and 8. | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | Vision and Hearing trainings are provided by DSHS Regional Coordinators and other DSHS authorized instructors to certify individuals to screen children. Spinal training workshops conducted by DSHS Regional Nurses and other DSHS authorized instructors to certify non-health practitioners to screen children. |
| Program for Amplification for Children of Texas (PACT) | The Program for Amplification for Children of Texas (PACT) serves Texas children from birth through 20 years of age who have hearing loss that causes a problem in school. PACT provides diagnostic and remedial services needed by children with hearing loss who are Medicaid eligible. Services are for children who have a hearing loss that is permanent. Treatment for conductive hearing loss caused by middle ear problems is NOT covered by this program. Hearing aids may be replaced when the current aids are no longer appropriate or are 5 years old. | Children, Adolescents, and young adults, 0 to 20 years of age. | Medicaid eligible or currently being served by the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program. | No, if family meets eligibility requirements. | Yes | Yes | To find out whether your child is eligible for services through PACT, call 1-800-252-8023 for referral to a PACT Provider or call your local school district for referral to the Regional Day School Program for the Deaf. |
| Women, Infants and Children (WIC) | Special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children to ensure that prevention, promotion, and education are integrated by providing WIC benefits, nutrition education and counseling. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pregnant women • Women who are breastfeeding a baby under 1 year of age • Women who have had a baby in the past six months • Parents, step-parents, guardians, and foster parents of infants and children under the age of 5 can apply for their children. | At or below 185% of FPL. | No | No | Yes | Must live in Texas, pregnant and postpartum women and children up to age 5. http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/wichhd/default.shtm Toll Free: 1(800) 942-3678. |

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| Title V Maternity Services | Provides basic prenatal care. | Women of child bearing age. | At or below 185% of FPL, not eligible for Medicaid. | Yes | No | Yes | Link: http://dshs.state.tx.us/mch/default.shtm To locate prenatal care services near you call 211 or visit: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mch/fee/locator_prenatal/locator.shtm |
| ADD: Medicaid for Breast and Cervical Cancer (MBCC) | Provides full Medicaid coverage for women in need of treatment for breast or cervical cancer. | Under 65 | 200% FPL | No | Yes | Yes | A woman may be eligible for MBCC if she has a qualifying diagnosis, meets income, and citizenship requirements. The Medicaid application for MBCC is completed at a DSHS Breast and Cervical Cancer Services clinic. To find a clinic to process the MBCC application call 211 or visit: www.dshs.state.tx.us/bcccs/locator.shtm . |
| Breast and Cervical Cancer Services (BCCS) | Provides screening, diagnostic and case management services for uninsured low-income women who are most at risk for these cancers. Included as an eligibility function in OFS. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women age 40 or older are eligible for breast cancer screening services. Women under age 40 are eligible for diagnostic services only ; and, • Women age 18 or older are eligible for cervical cancer screening services. | At or below 200% of FPL, not Medicaid -eligible. | No | No | Yes | To find a BCCS clinic near you call 211 or visit the BCCS Clinic locator at: www.dshs.state.tx.us/bcccs/locator.shtm . |
| County Indigent Health Care Program | <p>Required services depend on the type of governmental entity. Counties are required to provide the following: Basic Health Care Services: Physician, annual physical exams, immunizations, medical screenings, prescription drugs, inpatient and outpatient hospital, laboratory and x-ray, skilled nursing facility, family planning and rural health clinic.</p> <p>Optional Services include: advance practice nursing, ambulatory surgical, colostomy, diabetic and durable medical supplies and equipment, dental care, emergency medical care, physician assistant, vision care, home and community health care, and federally qualified health care services.</p> <p>Hospital districts and public hospitals shall endeavor to provide the basic health care services that counties are required to provide.</p> | All Ages | A household is eligible if its monthly net income does not exceed 21% of the Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG). Counties may choose to increase the monthly income standard to a maximum of 50% FPG, and still qualify to apply for state assistance funds. | A household is eligible if the total countable household resources do not exceed: • \$3,000 when a person who is aged or disabled and who meets relationship requirements lives in the home or • \$2,000 for all other households. | No | Yes | CIHCP is administered by local county governments, public hospitals and hospitals. Services and percentage of FPL may vary by county. www.dshs.state.tx.us/cihcp/default.shtm Phone: (512) 458-7706 |

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| Primary Health Care (PHC) | Primary health care services include: Preventive health services including immunizations, health screening, and well-child check-ups, diagnosis and treatment, family planning, health education, diagnostic tests, including lab, x-ray and nuclear medicine, and emergency services. | All ages, not covered under another program. | At or below 150% FPL. | No | No | Yes | To find a PHC clinic near you call 211 or visit: www.dshs.state.tx.us/phc/locator/locator.shtm . |
| Family Planning | Preventive health services including: medical exams, laboratory tests, provision of contraceptive methods, and counseling and education. | Females of childbearing age and unsterilized men seeking family planning services. | At or below 185% FPL. | No | No | Yes | Services are also provided to men and adolescents. To find a family planning clinic near you call 211 or visit: www.dshs.state.tx.us/famplan/locator.shtm |
| Epilepsy Services | Comprehensive outpatient care, including diagnostic, treatment, and support services | Adult men and women. | <u>At or below</u> 200% FPL. | No | No | Yes | For people with epilepsy or seizure-like symptoms. To find an epilepsy provider call 211 or visit: www.dshs.state.tx.us/epilepsy/locator.shtm |
| Diabetes | The Texas Diabetes Council addresses issues affecting people with diabetes in Texas and advises the Texas Legislature on legislation that is needed to develop and maintain a statewide system of quality education services for all people with diabetes and health care professionals who care for them. | All ages | N/A | N/A | No | No | Website: http://dshs.state.tx.us/diabetes |
| HIV/STD Program | Provides access to care for those infected or affected by HIV and other STD's through local health departments and community based organizations. Also provides certain prescription drugs to persons with HIV infection lacking the financial means to pay for them. | All ages | For most services no limit. For medication assistance, below 200% of FPL. | No | No | No | Main Phone: (512) 533-3000 Toll Free Number: Medication Program Phone-1-800-255-1090 Website: www.dshs.state.tx.us/hivstd/ (Provides link to services, educational materials, statistics, and other HIV/STD-related information.) |
| Texas Cancer Registry | Collects, manages, analyzes and disseminates population-based Texas data on cancer occurrences including cancer type, extent, location and type of initial treatment. Produces data, reports and publications on overall cancer incidences in Texas and special topics. | All Ages | N/A | N/A | No | No | Data regarding many of the common requests for cancer, incidence and mortality information are available on the Texas Cancer Registry Website. Website: http://dshs.state.tx.us/tcr/ Toll Free #: 1-800-252-8059 Email: cancerdata@dshs.state.tx.us |
| Pesticide Exposure Surveillance in Texas (PEST) | The program collects information on acute occupational pesticide poisoning in Texas by following up on reports received from the Texas Poison Control Network, Texas Department of Agriculture, and other entities. Provides outreach to educate on how to avoid/minimize exposures to pesticides/disinfectants. | The program primarily serves ages 15 years and older. | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | Toll Free #: 1-800-588-1248 (report acute occupational pesticide poisoning) Website: www.dshs.state.tx.us/epitox/pest.shtm#report |

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| Texas Poison Center Network | Free information and treatment services provided to all citizens who call the toll free number. Poison specialists are pharmacists and nurses who are specially trained to provide treatment recommendations and answer questions relating to poisonings and exposures to toxic substances, including during natural disasters or terrorist events. Calls are answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week. | All Ages | No income limitations | None | No | No | Toll Free Number: 1-800-222-1222 Website: www.poisoncontrol.org Brochures and other materials are free upon request. Community educators are available to conduct presentations, attend health fairs, and work with community members to promote poison safety. |
| Refugee Health Screening Program | Contracts with local health departments to provide screening, health assessments, education, and referral services for refugees and other eligible clients. Program supports screening and referral for tuberculosis, hepatitis B, HIV, STDs, lead vision, hearing, dental, and review of immunization status and initiation of required immunizations, diagnosis and treatment of intestinal parasites, and a physical exam to identify, educate, and refer for other health problems which would impede the refugee resettlement process, or be of significant personal consequence. | All | N/A | Contract Budget | No | Yes | |
| Hansen's Disease Program | Contracts with outpatient health clinics and private physicians to serve people with Hansen's disease. Clinics are located in Dallas, San Antonio, Harlingen, and Houston. Hansen's disease, also known as leprosy, is an infection of the skin and nerves and is not highly contagious. The primary goal of this program is to prevent deformity and disability through early diagnosis and treatment. | All | N/A | Contract Budget | No | Yes | |
| Perinatal Hepatitis B | Coordinates Perinatal hepatitis B activities provided by health service regions and contracted local health departments throughout Texas. Develops strategies and policies to guide prevention and case management services. Collaborates with local and state entities to support screening, reporting and case management activities. State requires that health care professionals treating a pregnant woman must screen for hepatitis B at the patient's first exam and at delivery. | All | N/A | Contract Budget | No | Yes | |
| Tuberculosis TB Program | Provides tuberculosis prevention and control services through public health services regions and through contracts with local health departments. Develops and implements tuberculosis strategies, standards, and policies for tuberculosis health care providers in Texas. | All | N/A | Contract Budget | No | Yes | |
| Tobacco | Provides comprehensive tobacco prevention and control activities at various levels statewide. These activities include tobacco prevention education in schools and communities, cessation activities through education and a statewide telephone counseling services, and public education. | All | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | Contact the American Cancer Society Quitline for free and confidential counseling services, support and information: 1-877-937-7848 or visit www.yesquit.com . |

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| Substance Abuse Prevention | Prevention activities are provided through school and community based programs statewide to prevent use and consequences of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs among Texas youth and families. | All | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | To find prevention services, visit http://www.tcada.state.tx.us/prc/index.shtml , or call 1-888-PRC-TEX (772-8399) to find a Prevention Resource Center in your area |
| Substance Abuse Intervention | Program types include HIV Early Intervention Services (HEI), HIV Outreach Services (HIV), Pregnant Post-Partum Intervention (PPI), and Rural Border Intervention (RBI). | All | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | Clinical eligibility varies by type of intervention service. |
| Substance Abuse Treatment | Substance abuse treatment includes detoxification, pharmacotherapy, residential and outpatient treatment, and co-occurring psychiatric and substance abuse (COPSD) services. | All | A person whose income is 200% or less of the FPL receives full assistance and others on a sliding scale based on income above 200% of FPL. | N/A | No | Yes | Clinical admission eligibility: Persons must meet the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (current edition) criteria for Substance Use Disorders To find treatment services, visit http://www.tcada.state.tx.us/treatment/index.shtml |
| Substance Abuse Outreach, Screening, Assessment and Referral (OSAR) services | OSAR services identify persons with substance abuse problems, evaluate their needs and preferences, and link them with appropriate treatment and support services. These services are provided in conjunction with focused, short-term interventions to motivate and prepare individuals for treatment or self-directed change in behavior when more intensive treatment is not indicated. | All | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | |
| Adult Community Mental Health Services | This program includes community services designed to allow a person with mental illness to avoid hospitalizations, maintain community tenure, and to attain the most independent life possible. Program models offer interventions that are tailored to individual needs and choices and to foster independence. Services are provided through contracts with local mental health authorities. | Over age 17 | Non-Medicaid services are provided by community centers on a "sliding scale" basis, as determined by center staff using prescribed guidelines. | N/A | No | Yes | Services are provided to persons who meet the priority population criteria. In targeting services to the priority population, the choice of and admission to services is determined jointly by the individual seeking services and the clinicians at the local mental health authority. The priority population of mental health services consists of adults who have severe and persistent mental illnesses: schizophrenia, major depression, bipolar disorder or other severely disabling mental disorders, or be in a mental health crisis. To find mental health services in a particular area, visit http://webds.dshs.state.tx.us/mhservices/default.asp?strMHA=1 |

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| Children's Community Mental Health Services | <p>Community services designed to support children and their families to achieve the quality of life and community participation acceptable to the child and family. Emphasizes services for very young children through early identification and intervention services as well as children and adolescents who have intensive service needs, including the juvenile justice population.</p> <p>Services are provided through contracts with local mental health authorities.</p> | Ages 3-17 | Non-Medicaid services are provided by community centers on a "sliding scale" basis, as determined by center staff using prescribed guidelines. | N/A | No | Yes | <p>The priority population are children and adolescents ages 3 through 17 with a diagnosis of mental illness and exhibit serious emotional, behavioral, or mental disorders and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a serious functional impairment; or • Are at risk of disruption of a preferred living or child care environment due to psychiatric symptoms; or • Are enrolled in a school system's special education program because of a serious emotional disturbance <p>To find mental health services in a particular area, visit http://webds.dshs.state.tx.us/mhservices/default.asp?strMHA=1</p> |
| NorthSTAR | NorthSTAR is an integrated managed behavioral health care (mental health and substance abuse services) initiative. Serves Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro and Rockwall counties. | All | Medicaid eligible or indigent (less than 200% FPL). | | No | Yes | <p>Persons must meet clinical eligibility criteria for community mental health or substance abuse services.</p> <p>Call 866-260-8000 to access NorthSTAR services</p> |
| State Mental Health Hospitals | The State Mental Health Hospitals provide specialized and intensive inpatient mental health services. | All | N/A | N/A | No | No | <p>A person may be admitted to a State Mental Health Hospital only if the person has a mental illness and, as a result of the mental illness, the person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presents a substantial risk of serious harm to self or others, or • Evidences a substantial risk of mental or physical deterioration <p>Adults typically enter the state hospital system on civil commitments or criminal code (forensic) commitments.</p> |
| Waco Center for Youth | Waco Center for Youth is a psychiatric residential treatment facility that serves youth with emotional difficulties or behavioral problems | 10-17 | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | <p>A person may be admitted to Waco Center for Youth only if the person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is at least 10 but younger than 18 • Is diagnosed as emotionally or behaviorally disturbed • Has a history of behavior adjustment problems • Needs a structured treatment program in a residential facility; and • Meets either of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is in the managing conservatorship of DPFS or ○ is currently receiving services from a local mental health authority or inpatient state hospital services and has been referred for admission by the local mental health authority after endorsement by the local CRCG or referred by the state mental health hospital. |

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| Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) | | | | | | | |
| Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) | | | | | | | |
| Vocational Rehabilitation Program (VR) | Counselors either provide, purchase, or arrange services to help eligible persons with disabilities to overcome impediments to employment and enable them to prepare for, find, or keep employment. | Ages 16 or older | N/A | None, however eligible individuals with income or liquid assets that exceed an established amount are required to contribute to the cost of services. | No, but if not a U.S. citizen must be legally able to work in the U.S. | There is no residency requirement that excludes from services any individual who is presently in the State of Texas. | Services include counseling, training, medical treatment, assistive devices, job placement assistance, transition services, and other employment related services. To contact, please call 1-800-628-5115. |
| Independent Living Services | Services to eligible persons with significant disabilities to help them improve their ability to function independently in the family and the community. | Ages 16 or older | N/A | N/A | Yes | There is no residency requirement that excludes from services any individual who is presently in the State of Texas. | Services include counseling, adult basic education, home modifications services, independent living skills training, assistive technology, vehicle modifications, prosthetics, braces, wheelchairs, and telecommunications, sensory, and other technological aids. To contact, please call 1-800-628-5115. |
| Independent Living Centers | Independent Living Center staff provides services in a private nonprofit agency designed and operated by persons with disabilities. The Centers are consumer controlled, community based, and non-residential. Additionally, the Centers have the capacity to accommodate all disabilities. | All ages | N/A | N/A | No | No | The centers provide an array of independent living services including assistance in transitioning from nursing homes to community residences, peer counseling and guidance, information and referral services, advocacy/legal services, and independent living skills training. To contact, please call 1-800-628-5115. |
| Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services | Assists persons with traumatic spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries to receive intensive therapies to increase independence. | At least 16 years of age when services are completed. | N/A | N/A | Yes | Yes | There must be a reasonable expectation that services will improve the individual's ability to function within their family and/or their community. Three basic services are provided: inpatient comprehensive medical rehabilitation, outpatient services, and post-acute traumatic brain injury rehabilitation services. To contact, please call 1-800-628-5115. |

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| Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (DHHS) | | | | | | | |
| Communication Access Services | Ensures communication access services for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. The focus is on obtaining necessary life services and ensuring that services by other agencies, programs, and organizations are accessible. | All ages | N/A | N/A | No | No | Services include interpreting and CART services, and such services as last resort funding, Senior Citizens Program (age 60 and older) services, Deafness Resource Specialist services, Hearing Loss Resource Specialist services and Hard of Hearing Program services. To contact, please call 1-800-628-5115, ext. 3250 or TTY 1-866-581-9328, ext. 3251. |
| Training and Education | The program sponsors training opportunities for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, including the parents of children with hearing loss, business and providers, interpreters, and hearing aid dispensers and audiologists. | All ages | N/A | N/A | No | No | To contact, please call 1-800-628-5115, ext. 3250 or TTY 1-866-581-9328, ext. 3251. |
| Interpreter Certification | Provides testing, certification, and monitoring of sign language and oral interpreters. | Adult (18 or older) | N/A | N/A | No | No | Information and awareness regarding interpreter qualifications is also provided. To contact, please call 1-800-628-5115, ext. 3250 or TTY 1-866-581-9328, ext. 3251. |
| Specialized Telecommunicati ons Assistance Program (STAP) | Provides vouchers to qualified persons to buy specialized telecommunication equipment or services to access the telephone networks. | All ages | N/A | N/A | No | No | DHHS staff processes the application and issue vouchers. To contact, please call 1-800-628-5115, ext. 3250 or TTY 1-866-581-9328, ext. 3251. |
| Division For Blind Services (DBS) | | | | | | | |
| Vocational Rehabilitation Program (VR) | Counselors provide services for people who are blind or severely visually impaired so that they may obtain, regain, or maintain employment. | Adult (18 or older), Students (10 or older) | N/A | N/A | Yes | Yes | Specific services include counseling, training, medical treatment, reader services, assistive technology, and other employment services. Program also includes helping students age ten and older in the transition from school to work. Although monthly income or resources do not affect eligibility, consumer resources are considered in the purchase of specific services. To contact, please call 1-800-628-5115. |
| Independent Living Program | Services for adults whose vision loss (blindness or severe visual disability) affects their confidence and ability to live independently. The goal of the program is to increase self reliance in daily living, enhance independent living at home and in the community, and reduce the need for alternate care. | Adult (18 or older) | N/A | N/A | No | No | Specific services include information and referral, counseling related to adjustment to blindness, low vision and other adaptive devices, independent living skills training in self-care, activities of daily living, and peer support. Although monthly income or resources do not affect eligibility, consumer resources are considered in the purchase of specific services. To contact, please call 1-800-628-5115. |

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| Blind Children's Vocational Discovery and Development Program | Services to children who are blind or severely visually impaired - and their families - to reduce the impact of vision impairment on the child's development. | Ages 0-22 | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | Specific services include counseling and guidance, adjustment to blindness, independent living skills training, educational support, support systems, developmental equipment, and vocational discovery and development. Although monthly income or resources do not affect eligibility, consumer resources are considered in the purchase of specific services. To contact, please call 1-800-628-5115. |
| Blindness Education, Screening, and Treatment (BEST) Program | Assists uninsured adults with payment for urgently needed eye medical treatment with the primary goal being to prevent blindness. | Adult (18 or older) | N/A | N/A | No | Yes | Services include eye medical services, diagnostic vision screening services, and public education about risk factors affecting vision loss. To contact, please call 1-800-628-5115. |
| Business Enterprise of Texas (BET) Program | This program gives priority to blind persons licensed by DARS to operate vending and food service facilities on federal, state, and other properties. The BET Program is federally funded and state administered. | Adult (18 or older) | N/A | N/A | Yes | Yes | Eligible consumers must be legally blind and enrolled in the Vocational Rehabilitation Program. Services center on training and employment in the food service industry. Although monthly income or resources do not affect eligibility, consumer resources are considered in the purchase of specific services. To contact, please call 1-800-628-5115. |
| Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) | | | | | | | |
| Early Childhood Intervention Program | Provides services to families of children with developmental delays or disabilities, certain medical diagnoses, or atypical development. Services are family-centered and are provided in the child's natural environment. A child's natural environment may be the family home, day care facility, or other community settings with other children. | Birth to age three | Under the ECI Family Cost Share System, families above 250% of poverty are assigned a monthly cost share based on a sliding fee scale. No family is turned away because of an inability to pay. | N/A | No | Yes | Services include service coordination; family education and counseling; audiology and vision services; nursing and nutrition services; physical, occupational, and speech-language therapies; and developmental services. To contact, please call 1-800-628-5115. |
| Texas Education Agency (TEA) - Regional Service Centers | | | | | | | |
| GED | Instruction below the post-secondary level to enable adults to function effectively in society and to achieve a GED. | Persons beyond compulsory education age (Persons 18 years or older). | Adults most in need of literacy (basic reading, writing, and math) services, including individuals who are low-income or have minimal literacy skills. | N/A | Yes | Yes | Toll free number: 1-866-696-4233 WEBSITE: http://www-tcall.tamu.edu/texasLeans/ Interactive map to find location |

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| English as a Second Language (ESL) | Instructions below the post-secondary level to enable adults to speak, read, and write the English language. | Persons beyond compulsory education age (Persons 18 years or older). | Non-English speaking adults most in need of English language instruction services, including individuals who are low-income or have minimal English language skills. | N/A | Yes | Yes | Toll free number: 1-866-696-4233 WEBSITE: http://www-tcall.tamu.edu/texasLearns/ Interactive map to find location |

Texas Workforce System

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| Workforce Investment Act (WIA) | The WIA grant program provides a system under which entities responsible for administering separate workforce investment, educational, and other human resources programs and funding streams (referred to as One-Stop partners) collaborate to create a seamless system of services delivery that enhances access to the programs' services and improve long-term employment outcomes for individuals receiving assistance. The One-Stop service delivery unifies numerous training, education and employment programs into a single, customer friendly system in each community. A wide range of services from a variety of training and employment programs are available to meet the needs of employers and job seekers. | Adults - (1) All adults are eligible for core services ages 18 or older. (2) Economically disadvantaged adults must be age 22 or older, (10 percent can be non-disadvantaged if they have serious barriers to employment). Youth - Younger youth ages 14-18/Older youth ages 19-21 - Eligible youth will be low-income, ages 14 to 21 (five percent who are not low-income may receive services if they face certain barriers to school completion or employment, including disabilities). Young customers also must face one or more of the following challenges to successful workforce entry: (1) school dropout; (2) basic literacy skills deficiency; (3) homeless, runaway, or foster child; (4) pregnant or a parent; (5) an offender; (6) need help completing an educational program or securing and holding a job. | Boards may establish an income eligibility limit that best meets local needs, as long as it does not exceed 85 percent of the State Median Income for a family of the same size. | N/A | Yes | Yes | Core services funded by the adult fund stream would be available universally with no eligibility requirements. Core services include: (1) Determinations of whether the individuals are eligible to receive assistance under subtitle B of title 1 of WIA; (2) Outreach intake (which may include worker profiling), and orientation to the information and other services available through the One-Stop delivery system; (3) Initial assessment of skill levels, aptitudes, abilities, and supportive service needs; (4) Job search and placement assistance, and where appropriate, career counseling; (5) Provision of employment statistics information, including the provision of accurate information relating to local, regional, and national labor market areas, including-- (i) Job vacancy listings in such labor markets areas; (ii) Information on job skills necessary to obtain the listed jobs; and (iii) Information relating to local occupations in demand and the earnings and skill requirements for such occupations. For more program information, go to: http://www.twc.state.tx.us/customer/bnp/bnpsub5.html |
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| Employment Service (ES) | Employment Service is a comprehensive labor exchange system that brings together employers who are seeking workers and job seekers who are seeking employment. | N/A | N/A | N/A | Job seekers must be able to provide employer with proof of authorization to work in the United States, if hired. | No, must be willing to move to Texas, if hired. | Employment Service administers a labor exchange system which has the capacity to (a) assist job seekers in finding employment; (b) assist employers in filling jobs; (c) facilitate the match between the employer and the job seeker; (d) participate in a system for clearing labor between the states; and (e) meet the work test requirements of the state unemployment compensation system. |
| Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Program (MSFWs) | Texas Workforce Centers and any other site where workforce center services are delivered must ensure that Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers are offered the full range of employment services, including testing, job counseling, job and training referral and referral to supportive services that is available and provided to non-MSFWs. Each local Workforce Center must have a designated person to receive MSFW complaints. Workforce Centers located in areas that have a significant MSFW population must operate an outreach program to locate and contact MSFWs. | N/A | N/A | N/A | Job seekers must be able to provide employer with proof of authorization to work in the United States, if hired. For all Agricultural and Food Processing H-2A job postings that originate from employers seeking to hire foreign labor, Workforce Center staff are required to verify the job seeker's employment eligibility and document the job seeker's employment eligibility using Form I-9. | No, must be willing to migrate to the job site, if hired. | MSFW is the collective term for Seasonal Farmworkers, Migrant Farmworkers, and Migrant Food Processing Workers. MSFWs have been : 1) employed in agricultural or food processing work during the past twelve months, 2) worked at least twenty-five days or parts of days during the previous twelve months in agricultural or food processing work, 3) earned at least fifty percent or more of their wages performing agricultural and or food processing work and 4) were not employed by the same employer year round. |
| Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) - CHOICES | The TANF Choices program assists TANF recipients and certain non-recipient parents whose children are receiving TANF to improve their ability to obtain regular employment and reduce their dependence on public assistance. Staff assisted employment and training services include job search such as job skills, assessment, placement and counseling; job readiness services such as life skills, guidance; work-based services; vocational training; education related to employment; high school and GED; and supportive services. | TANF recipients and certain non-recipient parents whose children are receiving TANF at least 18 years of age or heads of household who are not yet 18. This includes Single Parent Families and Two-Parent Families. | N/A* | N/A* | N/A* | N/A* | Support services are available to assist Choices participants who are actively looking for work or who become employed. Support services include child care, transportation services, work-related incentives, and work-related expenses. Post-employment services can also be provided under certain conditions. |
| Food Stamps Employment and Training (FSE&T) | The Food Stamps Employment and Training Program (FSE&T) assists food stamp recipients by improving their ability to obtain regular employment and reduce their dependence on public assistance. Staff assisted employment and training services include job search, vocational or non-vocational education/training, work experience and workfare. | Food Stamp recipients ages 16 to 59 are eligible to participate in allowable FSE&T services. | N/A | N/A | N/A (citizenship is determined by HHSC at the initial interview for food stamp benefits). | Yes | Support services are available to assist FSE&T participants who are actively looking for work, or who are actively participating in any allowable education, training, work experience, or workfare actively. |

*TANF recipients and certain non-recipient parents whose children are receiving TANF are automatically eligible for TANF Choices services.
Eligibility for TANF benefits is determined by Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).

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| Child Care | Child Care is a support service for parents who work, attend school, or participate in job training. | Those eligible for child care assistance include children under the age of 13 whose parents are receiving or transitioning off public assistance, who are receiving or needing protective services, or whose families are low income. | Boards may establish an income eligibility limit that best meets local needs, as long as it does not exceed 85 percent of the State Median Income for a family of the same size. | N/A | Yes | Yes | Parents can choose from the following child care types: (1) licensed child care centers; (2) licensed and registered family homes; and (3) relative care (subject to background checks). |
| Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) | On-the-job training and supportive services for low-income, older job seekers to gain the skills and confidence needed to obtain unsubsidized jobs and achieve financial independence. | Individuals 55 years and older who are unemployed. | 125% of 2008 Federal Poverty Guidelines: 1 person family – max. \$13,000 2-person family – \$17,500 For each additional person, add \$4,500. | Maximum total participation in the program is 4 years. | Must be eligible to work in the U.S. in accordance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) of 1986. | Yes | Participants will be referred to appropriate entities for supportive services as needed to overcome potential barriers to employment. Supportive services may include assistance with health care and free health screenings, housing, transportation, legal guidance, literacy or ESL classes, nutrition services, eyeglasses and/or hearing devices, counseling, job placement, job-related uniform-shoes-tools, and assistive devices for disabilities. Supportive services may also be provided post-employment as needed to promote job retention. |
| Apprenticeship | Apprenticeship is a combination of on-the-job training and related classroom instruction in which workers learn the practical and theoretical aspects of a highly skilled occupation. | Apprentices are full-time paid workers, at least 16 years of age except where a higher minimum age standard is otherwise fixed by law, who are employed in the private sector, registered with the U.S. Department of Labor – Office of Apprenticeship, and received related instruction training to learn a skill in a certified apprentice-able occupation. | TWC provides funds to local public educational institutions to support the costs of related classroom instruction in registered apprenticeship training programs. Local education agencies act as fiscal agents for registered apprenticeship training programs. | N/A | No | No | All currently Department of Labor registered apprenticeship training programs may be reviewed at http://bat.doleta.gov/bat.cfm |

1* Citizenship refers to meeting U. S. Citizenship requirements, or INS LPR (Legal Permanent Resident) status. For certain programs may require additional documentation for proof of legal permanent residency.

Income-Eligibility Cutoff for Selected Texas HHS Programs Based on Poverty Income Guidelines for 2008

Income Cutoff as a Percent of Monthly Poverty Income

| Household / Family Size | 100% (Poverty Income Guideline) | 74% | 130% | 133% | 185% | 200% | 222% |
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| | Medicaid - Mandate Children Age 6 - 18 | SSI-Medicaid | Food Stamps | Medicaid - Expansion Children Age 1- 5 | Medicaid - Pregnant Women; Women's Health Waiver Program. CHIP Perinatal | CHIP - Regular Children Program | Medicaid-Long Term Care Services |
| 1 | 867 | 642 | 1,128 | 1,154 | 1,604 | 1,734 | 1,925 |
| 2 | 1,167 | 864 | 1,518 | 1,553 | 2,159 | 2,334 | 2,591 |
| 3 | 1,467 | 1,086 | 1,908 | 1,952 | 2,714 | 2,934 | 3,257 |
| 4 | 1,767 | 1,308 | 2,298 | 2,351 | 3,269 | 3,534 | 3,923 |
| 5 | 2,067 | 1,530 | 2,688 | 2,750 | 3,824 | 4,134 | 4,589 |
| 6 | 2,367 | 1,752 | 3,078 | 3,149 | 4,379 | 4,734 | 5,255 |
| 7 | 2,667 | 1,974 | 3,468 | 3,548 | 4,934 | 5,334 | 5,921 |
| 8 | 2,967 | 2,196 | 3,858 | 3,947 | 5,489 | 5,934 | 6,587 |
| Amount Added Per Each Additional Person | 300 | 222 | 390 | 399 | 555 | 600 | 666 |

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