

TEXAS - General Resources

Texas Vital Records

Department of State Health Services
P.O. Box 12040 Austin, TX 78711-2040
Remarks: State office has records since 1903.
<https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/reqproc/forms.shtm>

TX Dept. of Public Safety

Driver License Services PO Box 4087
Austin, TX 78773-0001
(512) 424-2600
<https://www.dps.texas.gov/section/driver-license/driver-license-services-extensions-and-waivers>

Texas DPS

Apply for your commercial driver license (CDL) is a type of driver license an individual can apply for to transport interstate or intrastate commerce.

<https://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/commerciallicense.htm>

Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation

920 Colorado St.
Austin, Texas 78701
<http://www.license.state.tx.us/>

Texas Workforce Commission

Search one of the largest job databases in Texas. Register for work so employers can find you. Use job search resources to increase your job opportunities. Get resume writing tips and learn job-winning interviewing techniques. Find resources on training and education programs. Explore programs available at community colleges, licensed career schools, universities and other training providers.

Learn about programs that may fund training for eligible individuals. Use tools to help identify the types of training that could help you achieve your employment goals.
<https://www.twc.texas.gov/jobseekers>

Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services (TACFS)

409 W 13th Street Austin, TX 78701
(512) 892-2683

The Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services (TACFS) is a network of mission-driven organizations that have embraced the call to serve these children and families, and are working together to improve our care, services, and outcomes statewide. TACFS is building communities of care that provide each child and family the opportunity for a bright future through education, advocacy and collaboration. <https://tacfs.org/>

East Texas Food Bank

903-597-3663, 800-815-3663
<http://www.easttexasfoodbank.org/page.aspx?pid=363>

Texas Food Pantries

Find local pantries, soup kitchens, food shelves, food banks and other food help.
<https://www.foodpantries.org/st/texas>

AA Meetings in Texas

Welcome to AA Texas, a state-wide recovery resource devoted to supporting the men and women of Texas. AA Texas helps individuals struggling with alcoholism find the help they need on a local basis. Discover Texas Alcoholics Anonymous meetings per county or city, and take the next step to overcome alcohol addiction.
<https://alcoholicsanonymous.com/aa-meetings/texas/>

Texas Health and Medical Clinics

There are many types of health clinics nationwide. There are low cost, affordable, sliding scale, medicaid accepted, community health care clinics, emergency clinics and regular medical clinics. Our directory provides not only the clinics listed, but also information, pictures, comments, and reviews on these clinics.
<https://www.clinicdirectory.org/state/texas.html>

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention (HPCDP) Many services and resources can be found on the website.
<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/health-wellness.aspx>

Housing Works

<http://www.housingworks.org/access/states/tx/tx.htm> |

Texas Low Income Housing

Find low income apartments in Texas along with non profit organizations that help with low income housing along with HUD apartments, public housing apartments, public housing authorities, and housing assistance agencies.
<https://www.lowincomehousing.us/TX.html>

Texas Shelters

We provide an online directory of shelters in Texas. <https://www.shelterlist.com/state/texas>

Texas Transitional Housing

1-855-860-3119

Transitional, sober housing provides supportive housing along with drug and alcohol treatment for selective locations
<https://www.transitionalhousing.org/state/texas>

Texas Health and Human Services (HHS)

For older Texans, to help ensure their well-being, dignity and choices. Programs also are in place to support family caregivers. Services and resources are listed on the website.
<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/services/aging>

Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

The Texas Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) are highly visible and trusted places where people of all ages, incomes and disabilities can go to get information and one-on-one counseling on the full range of long-term services and supports available in Texas. The ADRCs provide:

- a person-centered, community-based environment that promotes independence and dignity for individuals;
- easy access to information and one-on-one options counseling to assist consumers in

exploring a full range of long-term services and supports to meet their needs and/or situations;

- resources and services that support the needs of family caregivers.

<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/providers/long-term-care-providers/aging-disability-resource-center-adrc>

Texas Disability Resources

Government agencies and disability rights organizations in Texas.

<https://www.olmsteadrights.org>

Texas Health and Human Services (HHS)

For folks with Disabilities/ other Abilities: Some people with disabilities are limited in one or more major life activities, such as hearing, seeing, thinking or memory, walking or moving, taking care of personal needs (bathing, feeding, dressing), or living independently. Some disabilities begin at a young age, while others are the result of accidents, injuries or simply growing older. Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) provides a range of these services to Texans with disabilities to help ensure their well-being, dignity and choices. Programs also are in place to support family members who care for them.

<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/services/disability>

Texas Veterans Commission

P.O. Box 12277 Austin, TX 78711-2277
Austin Headquarters 1-512-463-6564 V.A.
Crisis Line 24/7 1-800-273-8255

We are very honored and privileged to serve those who served in the U.S. Armed Services as well as the family members of these deserving individuals. We have an obligation to remind our fellow citizens that freedom is not free. It came at a price paid with blood and sacrifice by American veterans like you. We are committed to provide quality customer service in a professional and compassionate manner. <https://www.tvc.texas.gov/>

The booklets and flyers can be found in the free Fair Shake offline software, and online. The websites, however, can only be accessed online.

National, State and Local Reentry Guides

Choose Your State ▶

Texas

Texas

Inside Books Project

Sends free reading material to inmates in Texas. One request every three months. Inside Books Project also publishes a handy Resource Guide. Inside Books Project works to promote reading, literacy, and education among incarcerated individuals and to educate the general public on issues of incarceration. Inside Books Project c/o 12th Street Books 827 W. 12th St Austin, TX 78701

Web: <http://insidebooksproject.org/>

File: [inside-books-project-resource-guide-2015.pdf](#)

A New Start - Reentry Guide for Texas

A 216 page reentry guide for the entire state! Housing, Health, Employment and much more!

Web: https://www.tdcj.texas.gov/documents/rid/RID_Article_A_New_Start.pdf

File: [a-new-start-reentry-guide-for-texas--2010.pdf](#)

Locked Out

A Texas legal guide to reentry.

Web: <http://www.texascjc.org/sites/default/files/uploads/TRLA REENTRY GUIDE 2012.pdf>

File: [trla-reentry-guide-2012.pdf](#)

Veterans Reentry Guide

Incarcerated Veterans Re-entry Guides contain information on resources and how to plan a successful reentry.

Web: http://www.va.gov/homeless/reentry_guides.asp

File: [09_tx.pdf](#)

Texas CareerOneStop Centers

Locations all around the state!

File: [tx.pdf](#)

Texas: Reentry Resources by County - Interactive Map

To find local reentry and justice resources for adults within your county, simply click on your county on the Texas map.

Web: <http://countyresources.texascjc.org/>

Travis County Reentry Success Guide - 2014

The Guide was created for the benefit of those in need of information regarding resources that may be available to former offenders and their families during the reentry process after incarceration. Not all local services are listed in the guide. Providers of basic needs services may have significant waiting periods for services or they may have closed. Please be aware that there are costs associated with some resources listed in this guide. Travis County Justice and Public Safety Division: Criminal Justice Planning Department P.O. Box 1748 Austin, Texas 78767

Web: <http://countyresources.texascjc.org/sites/default/files/Travis County Reentry Success Guide July 2014.pdf>

File: [travis-county-reentry-success-guide-july-2014.pdf](#)

2-1-1 Texas or 877-541-7905

No matter where you live in Texas, you can dial 2-1-1, or (877) 541-7905, and find information about resources in your local community. Whether you need help finding food or housing, child care, crisis counseling or substance abuse treatment, one number is all you need to know.

Web: <http://www.211texas.org/>

County-by-County Reentry Guide! 2020

Create by and for the TDCJ. Resources for every county in the state.

Web: http://tdcj.state.tx.us/documents/rid/RID_Reentry_Resource_Guide.pdf

File: [tdcj-reentry_resource_guide-2020.pdf](#)

Fort Worth

Tarrant County Reentry Coalition Resource Directory

Comprehensive list of a multitude of resources among a wide variety of categories for services and resources throughout the county.

Web: <http://tarrant.tx.networkofcare.org/pr/services/index.aspx>

File: [tarrant-county-resource-guide.pdf](#)

Fort Worth

Tarrant County Reentry Coalition

Since 2013, the Tarrant County Reentry Coalition has been bringing together stakeholders and citizens to address the challenges of prisoner reentry. Our community-wide collaboration includes over 35 organizations and agencies, partnering for a long-range strategy aimed at breaking the devastating cycle of criminal recidivism in tangible ways. We meet the third Friday of each month, from 9:30 to 11:00, at Cornerstone Assistance Network in Fort Worth. All are welcome. Reentry First Stop Center: 2300 Circle Drive, Suite 2301, Fort Worth, TX WALK-IN HOURS (no appointment needed!) Monday through Thursday - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Web: <http://www.tcreentry.org/>

File: [purposeful-neighborinq-book-2013-rev01.pdf](#)

National Resources for Everyone!

NATIONAL REENTRY HELPLINE: 814-916-2577

FREE NATIONAL REENTRY PUBLICATION!

Write for your copy! "Mapping Your Future – National Reentry Guide" (available in English and Spanish). Send your request to: Education Justice Project 1001 South Wright Street Champaign, IL 61820

Everyone On connects low-income people to affordable internet service and computers; including delivering digital skills training. www.everyoneon.org/

LibriVox Free Audio Books LibriVox provides free audiobooks. www.librivox.org/

Open Culture Free Audio Books

Free cultural and educational media access. www.openculture.com/freeaudiobooks

University of The People (free!) 100% online, tuition-free degree programs that are designed to fit into your life. Programs include: Business Administration, Computer Science, Health Science, Education. Associate, Bachelor & Master Degrees available. www.uopeople.edu

Modern States - Freshman Year for Free dedicated to making a high quality college education free of cost and accessible to any person who seeks one. Freshman Year for Free is intended to let students earn up to one year of college credit without tuition or textbook expense. www.modernstates.org

National Urban League Jobs Network

The National Urban League is a historic civil rights organization dedicated to elevating the standard of living in historically underserved urban communities. www.nuljobsnetwork.com

America Works

America Works: work readiness training, vocational training, career placement, career advancement, and employment retention services. www.americaworks.com

PeopleReady connects people and work. Whether you need workers or you're looking for new job opportunities, we're ready to deliver results for you today. www.peopleready.com

Once Fallen

2211 County Road 400 Tobias, NE 68453
Once Fallen is a leading reference & resource site for Registered Citizens. It also provides useful information to those seeking to reform or abolish the sex offense laws. Once Fallen provides information and support FREE of charge. www.oncefallen.com

Career Gear for men www.careergear.org
Dress For Success for women dressforsuccess.org

Parents Anonymous - now called Raising the Future
855-427-2736 English and Spanish 8 am - 8 pm pst.
www.raisingfuture.org

National Parent Helpline 1-855-427-2736

Weekdays: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm pst
www.nationalparenthelpline.org

Why Hunger Hotline: 866-348-6479

Find food pantries, soup kitchens, summer meals sites, government nutrition programs and grassroots organizations. www.whyhunger.org/find-food

Feeding America Find a food bank near you! The Feeding America nationwide network of food banks secures and distributes more than 3 billion meals each year. Contact your local community food bank to find food. www.feedingamerica.org

Assurance Wireless Lifeline Program (Free Phone)

P.O. Box 5040 Charleston, IL 61920-9907
1-888-321-5880 www.assurancewireless.com Assurance Wireless provides eligible consumers with free monthly data, unlimited texting, free monthly minutes plus a free Smartphone.

Freecycle People who are giving and getting stuff for free to keep good stuff out of landfills. www.freecycle.org

National Emergency Hotlines

Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233 Strong Hearts Native Helpline 1-844-762-8483 Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888 Child Abuse Hotline - 1- 800-422-4453
Sexual Assault Hotline - 800-656-4673 Suicide Prevention Hotline - 800-273-8255

National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics

1,400 Free and Charitable Clinics and Pharmacies provide access to healthcare for uninsured and underinsured people. www.nafclinics.org

Free Clinics For Uninsured and Low Income

Clinics listed on our website offer services for free or at a reduced rate. Many clinics operate under a sliding scale schedule. This means that costs to patients are calculated based on income. www.freeclinics.com

Social Security Benefits After Incarceration Individuals released from incarceration may be eligible for Social Security retirement, survivors, or disability benefits. 1-800-772-1213. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, call TTY 1-800-325-0778. www.ssa.gov/reentry/benefits