

# POLK COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE

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## **RESOURCES FOR PERSONS WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS**

### **Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

1100 West 45<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin, Texas 78756  
(512) 454-8631 or 1-800-TSB-KARE  
Website: [www.tsbvi.edu](http://www.tsbvi.edu)

### **Division of Assistive & Rehabilitative Services (DARS) Division for Blind Services**

- Bryan/College Station Office  
115 Welsh, Suite A  
College Station, Texas 77840  
(979) 696-9610 or 1-800-687-7014  
Blind Children's Specialist: Alice Thomas  
Waco Office: 1-800-687-7044  
  
Transition Counselors:
  - Kimberley Hall:  
½ Brazos, Bryan, Grimes, Leon,  
Madison, Robertson, Walker
  - Cynthia Stevens:  
½ Brazos, College Station, Burleson,  
Milam, Washington
- Lufkin District Office  
3201 South Medford Drive, Suite 5  
Lufkin, Texas 75901  
1-800-687-7033  
Children's Specialist: Sandra Johnson – Houston, Polk, Trinity, San Jacinto  
Tyler Office: 1-800-687-7042  
  
Transition:
  - Robin Fincher: Houston, Polk, Trinity, San Jacinto
- Houston Region  
427 West 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 407  
Houston, Texas 77008  
1-800-687-7028  
Blind Children's Specialist: Nicole Smith – Montgomery County  
Lori Drake – Austin County  
  
Transition Counselors:
  - Vacant - Montgomery County
  - Shirley Evans - Austin County

### **American Foundation for the Blind**

11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300  
New York, New York 10001  
(212) 502-7600 or 1-800-AFB-Line (Info. Center)  
Website: [www.afb.org](http://www.afb.org)

### **National Association for the Parents of Children with Visual Impairments**

PO Box 317  
Watertown, Massachusetts 02471  
(617) 972-7441 or 1-800-562-6265 FAX: (617)972-7444  
Website: [www.spedex.com/napvi](http://www.spedex.com/napvi) E-mail: [napvi@perkins.org](mailto:napvi@perkins.org)

### **Family Support Network**

Director: Amy Sharp  
219 North Main Street, Suite 203  
Bryan, Texas 77803  
(979) 845-4612

### **American Printing House for the Blind**

1839 Frankfort Avenue  
PO Box 6085  
Louisville, Kentucky 40206-0085  
(502) 895-2405 or 1-800-223-1839  
Website: [www.aph.org](http://www.aph.org)

### **Texas State Library**

Talking Book Program  
PO Box 12927  
Austin, Texas 78711-2927  
1-800-252-9605  
Website: [tbp.services@tsl.state.tx.us](mailto:tbp.services@tsl.state.tx.us)

### **Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic**

20 Roszel Road  
Princeton, New Jersey 08540  
(609) 452-0606 or 1-800-221-4792  
Registration fee plus annual fee  
Website: [www.rfb.org](http://www.rfb.org) (online catalog)

### **The National Organization for Rare Disorders, Inc. (NORD)**

55 Kenosia Ave, PO Box 1968  
Danbury, Connecticut 06812-8923  
\*TDD: (203) 799-9590 FAX: (203) 798-2291  
Website: [www.rarediseases.org](http://www.rarediseases.org)  
E-mail: [RN@rarediseases.org](mailto:RN@rarediseases.org)

### **Education Service Center, Region VI**

3332 Montgomery Road  
Huntsville, Texas 77340  
Specialist for Visual Impairments:  
Gwynne A. Reeves (936) 435-8254  
Website: [www.esc6.net](http://www.esc6.net)

### **Child Find Education Service Center, Region VI**

Parent Involvement Specialist: Pat Thornton (936) 435-8243  
If you are concerned that your child seems to be learning or playing differently from others, please call the special education department of your school district or Pat Thornton for more information.

### **Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youth & Adults**

111 Middle Neck Road  
Sands Point, New York 11050  
(516) 944-8900  
Website: [www.helenkeller.org](http://www.helenkeller.org)

### **Texas Lions Camp**

PO Box 290247  
Kerrville, Texas 78029-0247  
(830) 896-8500 Voice/TDD\*  
Website: [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com)

### **Hadley School for the Blind**

700 Elm Street  
Winnetka, Illinois 60093  
Free Correspondence Courses / Family Education Courses  
1-800-323-4238  
Website: [www.hadley-school.org](http://www.hadley-school.org)

\*TDD: Telecommunications Device for the Deaf