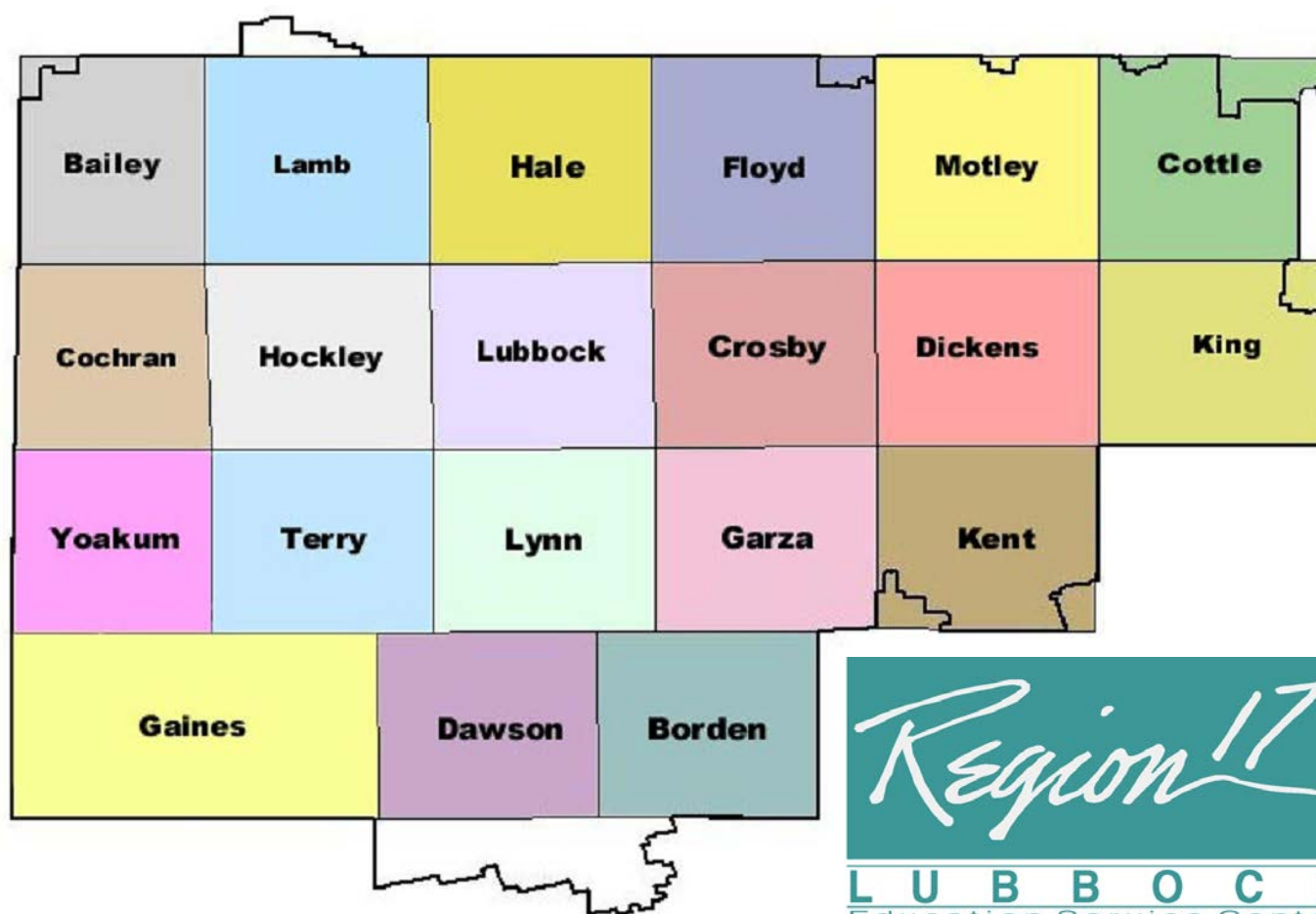


# *Resources for People With Visual Impairments*



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**Region 17 Education Service Center**

1111 West Loop 289

Lubbock, Texas 79416

Phone: (806) 792-4000 or (806) 792-5468

www.esc17.net

**Student Support Services Component:**

***Supplemental Services with Students with Visual Impairments***

Identified students and teachers of the students with visual impairments have access to the Supplemental Services for Students with Visual Impairments (SSVI) for services and for equipment determined educationally necessary.

***Child Find***

Child Find is an ongoing process of locating students with disabilities for special education services.

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**Texas Education Agency**

1701 North Congress

Austin, Texas 78701-1494

Phone: (512) 463-9734

www.tea.state.tx.us

The agency is responsible for the public education of all students in the state. The agency works with local schools to see that all public education law, rules, and regulations are followed. Parents and teachers should exhaust local remedies before contacting the agency with questions or problems.

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

1100 West 45<sup>th</sup> Street

Austin, Texas 78756-3494

Phone: (512) 454-8631 or (800) 872-5273

www.tsbvi.edu

Residential school serving students, ages six to 21 years, who are blind, visually impaired, or deaf-blind. Annual review/dismissal committees must determine the specialized services related to the visual impairment for the student in short term or long-term programs.

**Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired Outreach Services**

Ms. Cyral Miller, Outreach Director

Phone: (512) 206-9242

millerc@tsbvi.edu - or - outreach@tsbvi.edu

Outreach services provide training and technical assistance to parents and professionals for students who are blind, visually impaired, or deaf-blind.

## ***Early Childhood Intervention Programs***

Region 17 is served by three Early Childhood Intervention Programs (ECI). Services depend on the needs of the child, ages birth through two years, and the needs of the family. Services for eligible children may include physical, occupational, and speech therapy; assessments; activities to develop cognitive, social/emotional, and self-help skills; adaptive equipment; and, transportation. Families are served through case management, training, counseling, and parent support groups.

**Central Plains ECI**                      Brenda Jones, Director  
602 W. 6th  
Plainview, Texas 79072  
Phone: **(806) 291-4416**

Region 17 counties served: Bailey, Floyd, Hale, Lamb and Motley

**DEBT: ECI Program**                      Laura Kender, Director  
1628 - 19<sup>TH</sup>  
Lubbock, Texas 79401-4895  
**Phone: (806) 766-1172** or local Special Education Directors

Region 17 counties served: Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, Gaines, Garza, Hockley, Kent, Lubbock, Terry, and Yoakum.

**Little Lives ECI**                      Debbie Lindsey, Director  
1104 Henderson  
Sweetwater, Texas 79556  
**Phone: (325) 236-6821 or (800) 852-2193**

Region 17 counties served: Borden, Cottle, and King

**Special Education Shared Services Arrangements  
and  
School Districts Special Education Departments**

**Bi-Country SSA**

P.O. Box 95  
Gail, TX 79738  
Phone: (806) 756-4313

Serving the following school districts: Borden County ISD, Dawson ISD, Klondike ISD

**Floydada ISD**

226 W. California  
Floydada, TX 79235  
Phone: (806) 983-5382

Serving the following school districts: Floydada

**EPEC SSA**

P.O. Box 488  
Lorenzo, TX 79343  
Phone: (806) 634-5519

Serving the following school districts: Crosbyton, Idalou, Lockney, Lorenzo, Petersburg, Ralls

**Four County SSA**

601 Tahoka Road  
Brownfield, TX 79316  
Phone: (806) 637-8448

Serving the following school districts: Brownfield, Denver City, Loop, New Home, O'Donnell, Plains, Seagraves, Tahoka, Wellman-Union

**Frenship ISD**

P.O. Box 100  
Wolfforth, TX 79382  
Phone: (806) 866-4276

**Harmony Science Academy**

1516 53<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Lubbock, TX 79412  
Phone: (806) 747-1000

**HONDA SSA**

1100 Avenue K  
Shallowater, TX 79363  
Phone: (806) 832-4531

Serving the following school districts: Abernathy, Hale Center, New Deal, Olton, Shallowater

**Lamb County SSA**

1207 E. 14th  
Littlefield, TX 79339  
Phone: (806) 385-3292

Serving the following school districts: Anton, Amherst, Cotton Center, Littlefield, Springlake-Earth, Sudan

**Lamesa-Sands SSA**

P.O. Box 261  
Lamesa, TX 79331  
(806) 872-5089

Serving the following school districts: Lamesa, Sands

**Lubbock ISD**

1628 19<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lubbock, Texas 79401  
Phone: (806) 766-1181

**Lubbock-Cooper ISD**

16302 Loop 493  
Lubbock, Texas 79423-7805  
Phone: (806) 863-7103

**Muleshoe ISD**

514 West Avenue G  
Muleshoe, Texas 79347  
Phone: (806) 272-7323

**Plainview ISD**

2611 Yonkers  
Plainview, TX 79072  
Phone: (806) 293-6090

**Post ISD**

211 West 8<sup>th</sup> St  
Post, TX 79356  
Phone: (806) 990-9898

**Premier High School**

Wayland Plaza  
202 West Loop 289  
Lubbock, Texas 79407  
Phone: (806) 763-1518

**Richard Milburn Academy**

2333 50<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lubbock, Texas 79412  
Phone: (806) 740-0811

**Rise Academy**

207 N. Martin Luther King Blvd.  
Lubbock, Texas 79403  
Phone: (806) 744-0438

**Rolling Plains SSA**

P.O. Drawer 31D  
Matador, TX 79244  
Phone: (806) 347-2663

Serving the following school districts: Guthrie, Jayton, Motley County, Paducah, Patton Springs, Spur, Valley

**SELCO SSA**

140 E. Panhandle  
Slaton, TX 79364  
Phone: (806) 828-6595

Serving the following school districts: Roosevelt, Slaton, Southland, Wilson

**Seminole ISD**

101 SW 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Seminole, Texas 79360  
Phone: (915) 758-1060

**South Plains Academy**

4008 Ave. R  
Lubbock, Texas 79412  
Phone: (806) 744-0330

**SPECO SSA**

704 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Levelland, TX 79336  
Phone: (806) 894-6858

Serving the following school districts: Anton, Levelland, Meadow, Morton, Ropes, Smyer, Sundown, Whiteface, Whitharral



## ***Area Agencies***

### **American Diabetes Association**

8008 Slide Road, Suite 12-A  
Lubbock, Texas 79424  
Phone: (806) 794-0691 or (888) DIABETES  
Fax: (806) 794-1394  
www.diabetes.org

The association's mission is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. It serves as a reference agency to other resources. Monthly support groups are available.

### **Aid to Families with Dependent Children**

1716 Parkway Drive  
Lubbock, Texas 79403  
Phone: (806) 744-7632

### **Community Care for Aged and Disabled Services (CCAD)**

1946 Ave Q, Suite 309 (P.O. Box 2612)  
Lubbock, Texas 79403  
Phone: (806) 763-4994

### **Littlefield Office CCAD**

210 Marshal Howard Blvd.  
Littlefield, Texas 79339  
Phone: (806) 385-4416

### **Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services Division for Blind Services (DBS)**

5121-69th, Suite A-5  
Lubbock, Texas 79424  
Phone: (806) 783-2930 or (800) 687-7032  
Fax: (806) 783-2950

DBS services include a Children's Program for children from birth to 16 years and a Vocational Counseling and Rehabilitation Program for people 16 years and older. Assistance may be available to access technical and college training or with medical expenses.

### **StarCare Specialty Health System (MHMR)**

3804 I-27  
Lubbock Texas 79404  
Phone: (806) 766-0310  
Intake Assessment and Referral/OSAR: (806) 740-1421  
24-Hour Crisis Line: (806) 740-1414 – or – (800) 687-7581

904 Ave O (Executive Office)

**Virginia Murray Sowell Center for Research and Education in Visual Impairment  
Texas Tech University, College of Education  
Program to Prepare Personnel to Teach Students with  
Visual Impairments and Blindness**

P.O. Box 41071

Lubbock, Texas 79409

Phone: (806) 742-1997, ext. 233

Fax: (806) 742-2326

[www.educ.ttu.edu](http://www.educ.ttu.edu)

University graduate courses training in Orientation and Mobility, Visual Impairments and Deaf-Blindness.

## ***State Agencies***

### **Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center**

4800 North Lamar  
Austin, Texas 78756  
Phone: (512) 377-0300

For legally blind and Division for Blind Services clients, this center offers counseling, social work, diagnosis and evaluation, rehabilitation, and basic life adjustment.

### **Department of Aging and Disability Services**

Phone: (888) 440-5688

### **Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services**

#### **Division for Blind Services**

70 West 51<sup>st</sup> Street  
Austin, Texas 78751  
Phone: (800) 438-3011  
[www.dars.state.tx.us](http://www.dars.state.tx.us)

A state agency which includes the Children's Program for children from birth to 16 years and the Vocational Counseling and Rehabilitation Programs for people 16 years and older.

### **Deaf-Blind Multihandicapped Association of Texas**

909 Mountain Park Drive  
Big Springs TX 79720  
Contact: (432) 264-6780  
[www.dbmat-tx.org](http://www.dbmat-tx.org)

A statewide non-profit advocacy and support organization whose purpose is to promote the general welfare of persons deaf-blind, blind multihandicapped, deaf multihandicapped

### **Health and Human Services Commission**

Phone: (877) 541-7905

### **Stephen F. Austin University, Department of Human Services**

2100 North Raguet St  
P.O. Box 13019  
Nacogdoches, Texas 75952  
Phone: (936) 468-2906  
Fax: (936) 468-5837  
[www.sfasu.edu](http://www.sfasu.edu)

University undergraduate and graduate courses training in Orientation and Mobility and Visual Impairments

## ***National Agencies***

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

2 Penn Plaza, Suite 1102  
New York, NY 10121  
Phone: (212) 502-7600 or (800) 232-5463  
www.afb.org – or – afbinfo@afb.net

A source for educational materials, aids and appliances, AFB publishes a catalogue in both print and Braille, "Products for People with Vision Problems." Their website has information on such topics as: "Living with Vision Loss" for "Seniors", "Kids", "Professionals", "Employers" and Career Connect ®.

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

1839 Frankfort Avenue  
P.O. Box 6085  
Louisville, KY 40206-0085  
Phone: (502) 895-2405 or (800) 223-1839  
www.aph.org

A source for publications and educational aids, APH publishes a catalogue in both print and Braille.

### **The Blind Children's Center**

4120 Marathon Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90029  
Phone: (323) 664-2153  
www.blindcntr.org

Center offers a program of diversified services which meets the special needs of blind and partially sighted children, their parents and siblings. The educational correspondence program offers useful print materials and guides for teachers and families.

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

700 Elm Street  
Winnetka, IL 60093-2554  
Phone: (847) 446-8111 or (800) 323-4238  
Fax: (847) 446-0855  
www.hadley.edu – or – info@hadley.edu

Tuition free accredited home study programs for the sighted parents of a legally blind infant or child are available with year round enrollment. – Free catalog –

**Howe Press of Perkins School for the Blind**

175 N. Beacon St.  
Watertown, MA 02472  
Phone: (617) 924-3434  
[www.perkins.org](http://www.perkins.org)

Howe Press provides a catalog of Braille books and appliances for students with visual impairments and blindness.

## ***Library Services***

### **Texas State Library-Talking Book Program**

P.O. Box 12927

Austin, Texas 78711

Phone: (512) 463-5458 – or – (800) 252-9605

<https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/tbp/> - or – [tbp.services@tsl.texas.gov](mailto:tbp.services@tsl.texas.gov)

This program provides reading materials in special formats to Texas residents who cannot read conventional printed matter because of visual or physical limitations, whether permanent or temporary.

### **Lubbock City-County Library, Mahon Branch**

1306 9<sup>th</sup> Street

Lubbock, Texas 79401

Phone: (806) 775-2834 or (806) 775-2835

[www.library.ci.lubbock.tx.us](http://www.library.ci.lubbock.tx.us)

Large print books and taped books (cassettes/CDs): no brailled materials.

### **Lubbock City-County Library, Groves Branch**

5520 19<sup>th</sup> St.

Lubbock, Texas 79407

Phone: (806) 767-3733

Large print books and taped books (cassettes/CDs)

### **Lubbock County-City Library, Patterson Branch**

1836 Parkway Drive

Lubbock, Texas 79403

Phone: (806) 767-3300

Large print books and taped books (cassettes/CDs)

## ***Resources for Audio Materials***

### **Talking Book Program-Texas State Library**

P.O. Box 12927

Austin, Texas 78711

Phone: (512) 463-5458 – or – (800) 252-9605

<https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/tbp/> - or – [tbp.services@tsl.state.tx.us](mailto:tbp.services@tsl.state.tx.us)

This program provides variable speed four-track recorders, talking book machines and reading materials in these formats to Texas residents who cannot read conventional printed matter.

### **Learning Ally, Texas**

1314 West 45<sup>th</sup> St.

Austin, Texas 78756

Phone: (512) 323-9390 or (800) 221-4792

(866) 732-3585 National Number

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

Taped educational materials K-professional. Call or check online for registration fees.

### **Bookshare - Benetech**

480 South California Ave.

Palo Alto, CA 94306

Phone: (650) 352-0198

Fax: (650) 475-1066

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

Outreach Coordinator –

Matthew Sauthoff Accessible Books for Texas [matts@benetech.org](mailto:matts@benetech.org)

Taped educational materials K-professional. Call or check online for more information.

## ***Legal Assistance***

### **American Council for the Blind**

2200 Wilson Blvd, Suite 650  
Arlington, VA 22201-3354  
Phone: (202) 467-5081 or (800) 424-8666  
Fax: (202) 467-5085  
[www.acb.org](http://www.acb.org) – or – [info@acb.org](mailto:info@acb.org)

A membership organization promoting independence and dignity of people with blindness by sponsoring legislation and advocating civil rights.

### **National Association for Parents of Visually Impaired (NAPVI)**

P.O. Box 317  
Watertown, MA 02471  
Phone: (617) 972-7441 or (800) 562-6265  
Fax (617) 972-7444  
[www.spedex.com/napvi/](http://www.spedex.com/napvi/) - or – [napvi@perkins.org](mailto:napvi@perkins.org)

NAPVI provides support services for parents and families of visually impaired children; provides workshops and publications; promotes the development of state and local organizations of, by, and for parents of visually impaired children; fosters communication and coordination of services among federal, state, and local agencies and organizations involved with visually impaired individuals.

### **Advocacy, Inc. (Austin)**

7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 171 E  
Austin, Texas 78757-1024  
Phone: (512) 454-4816  
Fax: (512) 323-0902  
[www.advocacyinc.org](http://www.advocacyinc.org)  
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### **Advocacy, Inc. (Lubbock)**

4747 South Loop 289, Suite 120  
Lubbock, Texas 79424  
Phone: (806) 765-7794 or (800) 252-9108  
Fax (806) 765-0496  
[www.disabilityrightstx.org](http://www.disabilityrightstx.org)

The mission of this organization is to act as an advocate for, protect, and advance the legal, human, and service rights of people with disabilities. Services include referral to appropriate advocacy groups, legal counseling, and representation in administrative and legal proceedings.



## ***Low Vision Clinics***

### **Hermann Eye Center/University Eye Associates Low Vision Unit**

6411 Fannin St.  
Houston, Texas 77030-1697  
Phone: (713) 704-1777  
Fax: (713) 704-0617

Preserves sight and rehabilitates the partially sighted to the best of their abilities. Provides and helps maintain visual function, visual acuity, patient and family support through transitional and alternative lifestyle changes.

### **Low Vision Centers of Texas**

5616 S.W. Green Oaks Blvd., Ste. B  
Arlington, Texas 76017-1159  
Phone: (817) 572-2050  
lvct@flash.net

Offers low vision rehabilitation services in Abilene, Arlington, Corsicana, Dallas, Fort Worth, Greenville, Mt. Pleasant, Tyler, Waco, and Wichita Falls.

### **Low Vision Clinic**

4242 Office Parkway  
Dallas, Texas 75204-3629  
Phone: (214) 828-9900  
Dallasservices.org

Improves the visual functioning of an individual in order to perform necessary tasks.

### **Santa Rosa Low Vision Clinic**

315 N. San Saba, Suite 900  
San Antonio, Texas 78207  
Phone: (210) 228-0030

This clinic offers evaluation, management and rehabilitation of the visually impaired including orientation and mobility training.

**Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center**

Low Vision Clinic

Departments of Ophthalmology

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Building, Suite 2A100

3601 4<sup>th</sup> Street STOP 7217

Lubbock, Texas 79430-7217

Phone: (806) 743-2020

Mission: to provide medical and surgical eye care, educate residents and fellow physicians, and to educate the public sector on preventive care.

**The Lighthouse of Houston**

3602 West Dallas Avenue

Houston, Texas 77019-0435

Phone: (713) 527-9561

Fax: (713) 284-8451

Assists blind and visually impaired people to become independent members of society. Also operates InfoLink and The Lighthouse of Houston Low Vision Clinic.

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