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**FLEXING
INDEPENDENCE
RETAINING
EMPLOYMENT**

Welcome!

Week 4 – Community Resources



The Intellectual
and Developmental
Disabilities Council
of Tarrant County



**Tuesday,
March 23, 2021**



Reminders

- Mute your microphone unless requested to unmute yourself.
- Turn your camera off until asked to turn it on.
- To ensure confidentiality of all participants, do not share personal information, including address, phone number or other secret information.
- Private chats between participants are not allowed during the training session.

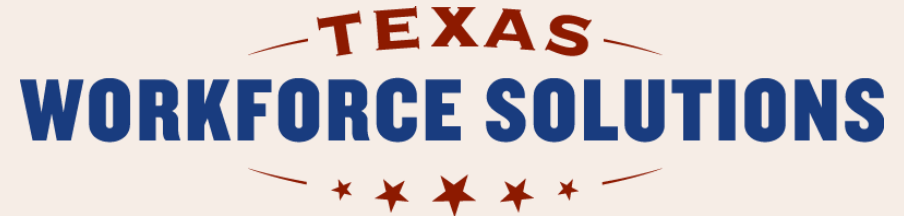


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Special Thanks!



Texas Workforce Solutions Vocational Rehabilitation



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- Pre-Employment Transition Services for students 14-22
 - Career Exploration
 - Work Readiness Training
 - Self Advocacy
 - Work Based Learning
 - Counseling on Post Secondary Learning

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Medicaid Waiver Programs

- **Home and Community Based Services (HCS)** – This waiver program provides individualized services and supports to persons with intellectual disabilities who are living with their family, in their own home or in other community settings, such as small group homes. The HCS program includes residential services, adaptive aids, day habilitation (help with development of basic life skills), minor home modifications, nursing, respite, professional therapies, supported employment, and other services. To be added to the HCS Interest List call (817) 569-4140
- **Texas Home Living (TxHmL)** – This waiver program provides services to people with an intellectual disability (ID) or a related condition who live in their own home or their family’s home. Services in the TxHmL program include adaptive aids, behavioral support, community support, day habilitation (help with development of basic life skills), employment assistance, minor home modifications, nursing, respite, professional therapies, supported employment, and others. To be added to the TxHmL Interest List call (817) 569-4140
- **Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS)** – This waiver program provides home and community-based supports to people with related conditions. A related condition is a disability other than an intellectual disability (ID) or mental illness, which begins before age 22 and is not likely to end. This condition must also cause major functional limitations, like a person with an ID. The CLASS program includes behavioral support, adaptive aids, medical supplies, respite care, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, minor home modifications, nursing, specialized therapies, pre-vocational training, supported employment, transition assistance, and others. To be added to the CLASS Interest List call (817) 569-4140

Medicaid Waiver Programs

- **Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP)**- MDCP provides services to families caring for children and young adults as an alternative to receiving services in a nursing facility. Services include respite, adaptive aids, employment assistance, flexible family supports (services that support a person's basic daily activities like bathing, dressing, and preparing meals), minor home modifications, and others. Must be younger than age 21. If younger than age 18, the child must be living with an adult family member (such as a parent, guardian, or sibling) or with a legally recognized foster family. To be added to the Interest List call 1-877-438-5658
- **Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD)**- The DBMD program provides services for people who are deaf-blind or have a condition that leads to deaf-blindness, plus an additional disability. Services include adaptive aids, medical supplies, audiology, behavior support services, assisted living (licensed up to 6 beds), respite care, dietary services, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, minor home modifications, nursing, prescription drugs, and others. To be added to the Interest List call 1-877-438-5658

IDD Services

MHMR serves as a primary access point for essential and cost-effective, community-based services and supports for people with IDD. Services that can be provided include the following;

- **Targeted Case Management** - Contact person who helps connect people to needed services.
- **Respite** - A services that provides a break for primary caregivers.
- **Community Support** – Help people become more independent with adult daily living skills and assist with community integration.
- **Employment Services** – Help with finding and getting a job including completing application and getting to interviews.
- **Supported Employment** – Provides support to help the individual remain employed.
- **ICF/IID** – Community residential services.
- **Specialized Therapies** –Speech, physical and occupational therapies.
- **Behavioral Health Services** – Psychiatric services

MHMR Tarrant



How to get started?



ICARE Call
call or text Center
local (817)335-3022
toll free (800)866-2465
tty (817)569-4488

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- Information and Referral
- Peer Counseling/support
- Independent Living Skills Training
- Advocacy Assistance and Training
- Youth Outreach and Transition Assistance
- Social and Recreational Activities
- Other services

Structural advice, ADA technical assistance, nursing home community relocation, Support group meetings, Assistive Equipment loan, Project Ramp, Community education, Free durable medical equipment when available.

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Easterseals North Texas



- **CLASS Case Management Program** Children and adults who qualify for this Medicaid waiver program select Easterseals North Texas to be their preferred Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) Case Management Agency. Case managers support individuals by developing their service plans, overseeing services, and advocating on their behalf. This program is for individuals of all ages receiving or eligible for Medicaid waivers in 19 North Texas counties. This program is funded by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.
- **Employment Services** Help job seekers with disabilities, over 16 years of age, in Tarrant and Dallas counties find and maintain meaningful employment. Many individuals benefit from our assistance and connections with local employers. Services include: Disability Employment Navigator, Employment Network Ticket to Work, Supported Employment, and Job Placement. This program is partially funded by the Texas Workforce Commission.

Easterseals North Texas WIPA PROGRAM



- WIPA (Work Incentives Planning and Assistance) is FREE!
- We are here to assist you in understanding up front how working might impact both your cash and medical health insurance benefits.
- We provide a detailed report on the various work incentives available to you and how to utilize them
- We also provide “follow up” services to ensure that you are using all of the applicable work incentives

Easterseals North Texas WIPA PROGRAM



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Best Buddies



- Best Buddies is the world's largest organization dedicated to ending the social, physical and economic isolation of the 200 million people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).
- Friendship – Elementary through Adults
- Leadership – Ambassador Program

Best Buddies



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IDD Council of Tarrant County



PURPOSE

To transform the region into an inclusive community where individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) thrive.

MISSION

To bring stakeholders together to create an environment for the development of an efficient and accessible system of support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

IDD Council: Your 'hub' for community services

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WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS



Showing just some of our Partners



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- *CapeAbilities* Job Fair – Connecting All People with Employment
- Making Connections Disability Resource Fairs
- Sensory Santa
- BeSafe: How to Interact Safely with Police Officers
- Celebrating YOU Employer Recognition
- April Cools' Day
- Educational Webinars
- Monthly Meetings



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Tuesday's Caregiver Education ♦ Noon-1 pm

- Mar. 30 – An Introduction to Applied Behavior Analysis
- Apr. 6 – The Roll of Siblings in the Support System for People with IDD
- Apr. 13 – Using Visual Supports

Monthly IDD Council Meeting

First Thursday of Each Month, 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.

- Apr. 1 –Legislative Updates and Progress toward ABA benefits for people 20 and under with Medicaid



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QUESTIONS



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