



MAKING CONNECTIONS SOUTH TARRANT

DISABILITY RESOURCES FOR ALL AGES

Welcome!

Schedule:

- 8:00 AM** Exhibitor Hall check-in/set up.
- 9:45 AM** Exhibitor Hall opens
Kids Corner Activity Room opens
Creative Hands Art Showcase opens
- 10:00 – 10:45 AM** Keynote Breakfast:
“Yesterday’s Vision/Today’s Reality”
- 11:00 -11:45 AM**..... Breakout Session #1
“Sexuality Health and Puberty”
- 12:15 PM – 1:00 PM** Breakout Session #2
“Interests Lists: The Place to Be!”
- 1:00 PM** Exhibitor Hall Closes
Complete and Return Survey before leaving to receive door prize entry

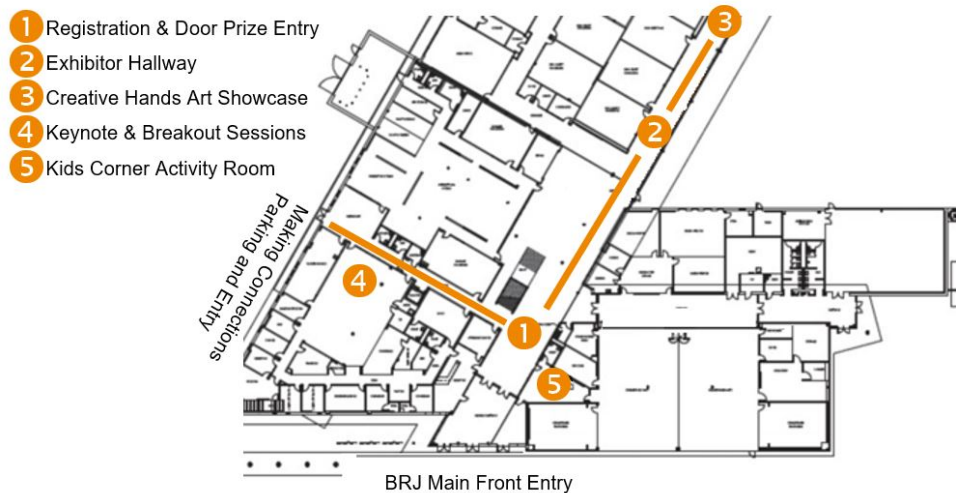


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The IDD Council of Tarrant County is proud to partner with Crowley ISD to host “MAKING CONNECTIONS” SOUTH TARRANT DISABILITY RESOURCE FAIR



The IDD Council’s Making Connections Disability Resource Fairs bring together the disability resources in our community to one easily accessed location for families and caregivers to collect information and learn about benefits and services each provide. Making Connections Disability Resource Fairs are held each year in various locations throughout Tarrant County.



KEYNOTE BREAKFAST & BREAKOUT SESSIONS

ROOM: B128 4

10:00 - 10:45 a.m. ----- “Yesterday’s Vision/Today’s Reality”

A complimentary breakfast and panel discussion with self-advocate and parents of adult children with disabilities. Discussion will center on how these families have navigated the reality of life after high school, and how today compares with what they envisioned when their children were still in school.

11:00 -11:45 A.M.----- “Sexuality Health and Puberty”

Information to help parents and youth develop supportive bonds during the physical and emotional changes brought on by puberty, and techniques to promote sexual health, safety, proper hygiene, and preventative care. *Presented by Dr. Michael J Parker, PhD, Senior Clinical Director, My Health, My Resources of Tarrant County.*

12:15 - 1:00 P.M. ----- “Interests Lists: The Place to Be!”

Information about the HCS, TxHmL, and CLASS waiver lists. Learn what they are, how to get on them, and why you do not wait to get on the list. *Presented by Bill Eaton, Program Administrator, Disability Services, My Health, My Resources of Tarrant County.*

CREATIVE HANDS ART SHOWCASE

NORTH END OF EXHIBITOR HALL 3

An Art exhibit showcasing artwork created by CISD Special Education students. Artwork is a student’s independent interpretation of displayable art.

EXHIBITOR DIRECTORY

A FAIR CHOICE, INC.

817-320-6836

A Fair Choice is a Special Needs Organization!! We service clients ALL over Texas!! We have a Licensed Independent Skills and Socialization (ISS) Program. We also have Group and Residential Homes. We have clients from 10 years of age all the way to Adults 65+. We are passionate about getting our Clients out into the community to learn and grow. Please contact us to schedule a tour or visit our website www.afairchoice.com for more information. We look forward to serving you!
www.afairchoice.com

AAA ROADSIDE

972-984-9552

AAA has been proudly serving the community for over 100 years. Members can experience how AAA can help simplify their everyday life. From legendary 24/7 Roadside Assistance for more peace of mind on the road to AAA Discounts & Rewards® that offer unlimited savings on shopping, dining, entertainment, travel, hotel and more. The AAA Membership also includes many more exclusive Member benefits, including but not limited to 24/7 FREE Identity Theft Monitoring, Full-Service AAA Travel Agency and AAA Approved Auto Repair. Making Connections attendees can join with an exclusive discount by calling (972) 984-9552 or by emailing Figueroa.Melissa@aaa-texas.com www.aaa.com/aaa18

ACUMEN FISCAL AGENT

Fiscal Management Services Agency for those in the CDS option for Medicaid services.

ADVENTURES UNBOUND

817-980-6944

Adventures Unbound is a 501(C)(3) Nonprofit Organization that offers supervised travel opportunities for adults with disabilities to increase independence and improve quality of life while providing respite for families and caregivers. Trips feature day and overnight trips to allow travelers to see new places and experience new things. Trained caregivers accompany travelers on all trips to provide all care and supervision necessary. Parents, guardians, and caregivers can send travelers on safe, fun & exciting outings while enjoying a much-needed respite at the same time.
www.AdventuresUnboundTravel.com

AETNA BETTER HEALTH OF TX - STAR KIDS, STAR AND CHIP MEDICAID

Aetna Better Health offers Medicaid coverage for kids and young adults with disabilities in the Tarrant and Dallas service areas. You'll get access to a wide range of benefits and services to help your family thrive and be as healthy as they can be. Tarrant Service Area in the following counties: Tarrant, Denton, Hood, Johnson, Parker and Wise Counties.
Aetnabetterhealth.com/texas

AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

855-937-2372

Long term supports and services options for older adults, people with disabilities and their caregivers.
www.tarrantcountyadrc.org

ASSOCIATION FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (AFIL)

214-351-0798

AFIL is a residential life skills program for young adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. It is designed for individuals who would like to learn to become more independent so they may one day live on their own or as independent as possible. www.afildfw.org

BEAT SERVICES

682-233-0710

BEAT Services provides music therapy and special education services in the Johnson and Tarrant County areas.

CHARIS HILLS

940-964-2145

Charis Hills is a Christian residential, recreational and educational summer camp serving campers 7-18 with HF autism, ADD/HD, and other learning differences. Campers 'play with purpose' while participating in multiple activities. Our well-trained staff work on social skills with campers throughout the program but focus on specific selected social/emotional goals chosen by parents. We have 7, week-long, summer sessions available. www.charishills.org

COOK CHILDREN'S HEALTH PLAN

1-800-964-2247

Cook Children's Health Plan provides health coverage for CHIP, CHIP Perinatal, STAR (Medicaid) and STAR Kids Members in the Tarrant County service area. The counties we serve includes Tarrant, Johnson, Denton, Parker, Hood and Wise. Cook Children's Health Plan offers quality health care plans that you can afford for the whole family. The CHIP, STAR, and STAR Kids programs allow you to choose from many doctors, clinics, hospitals, and specialty services. Our website contains several different resources for our members. We have staff that speaks English and Spanish. We can also help you if you need assistance in understanding or reading any of our handbooks or directories. Please let us know if you require any of our materials in larger print, Braille, or audio. Cook Children's offers interpreter services at no cost to you if the provider does not have someone to interpret for you. Call our Member Services Department 1-800-964-2247 (TTY/TDD for hearing impaired: 7-1-1 or 1-800-735-2988) to schedule an interpreter and we will let your provider know who that person will be. www.cookchp.org

CUTTING EDGE PEDIATRIC & ADULT THERAPY

817-752-9662

Cutting Edge Pediatric & Adult Therapy is an Occupational, Physical, Speech, and ABA therapy clinic committed to providing the support, opportunities and therapy services necessary to promote every individual's independence and overall development from infancy through adulthood. For more than two decades, CEPT professionals have led the way in therapy services, specializing in the evaluation and treatment of sensory processing and speech and language issues, fine and gross motor skill development, ADD and ADHD, and Autism-Spectrum and Pervasive Developmental Disorders. <https://cuttingedgepediatrictherapy.com/>

DOWN SYNDROME PARTNERSHIP OF NORTH TEXAS

682-316-3121

The Down Syndrome Partnership of North Texas supports individuals with Down syndrome, their families and caregivers in achieving the universally desired goals of self-fulfillment, pride in one's achievements, inclusion in the community, and reaching one's fullest potential through social and educational activities. DSPNT has been serving families in North Texas (Tarrant, Johnson, Hood, Parker, and Wise counties) since 1995. Our programs serve families and individuals with Down syndrome through all stages of life - from diagnosis through adulthood. Our mission is to provide support to individuals with Down syndrome and their families through awareness and engagement, advocacy and outreach, education, and the exchange of ideas and experiences.

EMPOWER ME INC.

817-657-9445

The Empower Me, Incorporated has provided fifteen years of successful service in supporting adults, families and school aged students with autism or (IDD) intellectual developmental disabilities. We provide vocational training for clients who seek competitive work. We also provide direct assessment, behavior intervention, supported employment, and customized employment to a growing number of clients such as Texas Wesleyan, Promptime Health Care Services, (MHMRTC), Berry Family Services, Volunteers of America Health Care Services, A Texas Heart Health Care Services, Day Break Health Care Services, Touch of Class Health Care Services, and Fort Worth ISD. We also provide passenger transportation, vocational/recreational/respite rehabilitation services.

ENGAGE EMPLOYMENT SOLUTIONS

817-239-7449

Engage Employment Solutions is a Vocational Rehabilitation and Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) provider for Texas Workforce Solutions (TWS). As a company founded by Special Educators and Transition Specialist, we are dedicated to providing exemplary education, vocational training, and employment services focusing on individual needs of transition age students. www.engageemploymentsolutions.com

FAMILY OF FAITH SERVICE PROVIDERS

817-887-9707

Family of Faith is a faith based agency that provides services to individuals with Intellectual and Developmental disabilities. Family of Faith was developed to provide customized services that will enable individuals of all ages to reach their goals, move towards their greatest potential, and integrate into the community. Family of Faith desires and consistently prays that God continue to equip us to build the kingdom by impacting the lives of people we serve. How we serve: All individuals and their family members are considered important to Family of Faith and we are honored to have them be a part of an integral team. They are the driving force in building and implementing their person directed service plan. Our support, assistance, and guidance will assist in making decisions easy, and the desires of the individual is always our first priority. Family of Faith HCS: All individuals will have a Family of Faith Case Manager that will assist with coordinating all services. A phone contact will be rendered monthly and home visits as needed. To receive services all individuals must have an IQ of 75 or below and be eligible for Medicaid. <http://www.familyoffaithserviceproviders.com/>

FINDING INDEPENDENCE BY CPSH**972-439-5015**

Finding Independence by CPSH works to create resources and training opportunities for people with disabilities and their supports on life's journey. Finding Independence by CPSH actively seeks and creates new paths through the stages of life for housing options, independence skills and connecting to resources. www.txcpsp.org

FITABILITYTX**817-637-8190**

FitAbilityTX provides personal training and group fitness designed specifically for people with physical and intellectual limitations. We work on strength, flexibility and mobility helping lead to a better quality of life and easier movement. Let us help you today. www.FitAbilitytx.org

FRANCES LEA DANCE CENTER**817-263-7888**

Frances Lea Dance Center is proud to announce our NO LIMITS dance class. A specifically designed dance class for those with special needs emphasizing those with ASD. This program is FREE for all dancers. Space is limited. Call now.

GREEN OAKS EDUCATION AND SUPPORT, INC.**817-861-5000**

Green Oaks Education and Support, Inc. is a unique Christian educational program for children and adults with intellectual disabilities in the North Texas area. Green Oaks Education and Support, Inc. consists of three programs, Green Oaks School, Green Oaks Adult Learning, and Green Oaks Life Prep (a three-year college program on the campus of Arlington Baptist University). Our classes are determined using age, developmental level, and social considerations. We also offer summer programs open to students who attend other programs during the school year. Green Oaks School is accredited by Cognia. www.greenoaksinc.org

THE INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL OF TARRANT COUNTY**817-725-7258**

The IDD Council is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization whose purpose is to transform the region into an inclusive community where persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) thrive. Our mission is to bring stakeholders, agencies providing services to people with IDD, self-advocates, and families together, to create an environment for an efficient and accessible system of support for people with IDD. The IDD Council hosts numerous educational events, family fun activities, and the Making Connections Disability Resource Fairs throughout Tarrant County. Open for all to attend, the IDD Council meets the first Thursday of each month from 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. For more IDD Council activities and events, volunteer opportunities, Council membership and sponsor information, and resources, visit www.IDDCouncil.org/partners. Join us and help to advocate and spread awareness of IDD. "Follow" and "Like" us on social media. www.facebook.com/IDDCouncil www.twitter.com/IDDCouncil www.IDDCouncil.org

MAXIMUS - STAR, STAR PLUS, STAR Kids PROGRAM**469-690-4215**

We represent Texas Health Steps, Texas STAR, STAR+PLUS, STAR Kids programs serving Medicaid children and families. We educate families on how to use their Texas Health Steps Medicaid preventative services, assist on choosing a medical or dental health plan and a Primary Care Physician and process plan changes if necessary. We are also available to conduct group presentations for your staff meetings and parent meetings that your agency may coordinate. Texas Health Steps toll free number is 1- 877 847 8377 Texas STAR toll free number is 1- 800 964-2777 Special Populations Unit 1-877-782-6440

MOLINA HEALTHCARE

Molina Healthcare's mission is to improve the health and lives of our members by delivering high quality healthcare. Our Values are Integrity always absolute accountability, supportive teamwork, honest and open communication member and community focus. <https://www.molinahealthcare.com>

NORTH TEXAS SNAP**817-545-9456**

SNAP was founded in 1999 by a group of parents who were frustrated by the fragmented social service system for their adult children living with intellectual and developmental disabilities. SNAP was built on the premise that all persons, regardless of their disability, have the right to enjoy the same range of life experiences that others in their community enjoy. Individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities face challenges unlike those who struggle with physical disabilities. Many of our members could live a semi-independent life if given the proper education, skills, and training. As a result, we have developed a multi-faceted approach to providing our members with socialization skills, life skills training, and access to local employers that provide them with a greater opportunity to live independently. <https://ntxsnap.org/>

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS CORPORATION - PBS CORP.**855-832-6727**

PBS Corp. is an agency committed to the principles of Positive Behavior Support (an approach based on principles of applied behavior analysis, ABA) to improve not only behavior, but also quality of life for the individuals we serve, their families, and others who support them. We provide ABA Therapy in home, school, and community settings. We support families Regionally across the United States and Canada. We accept a variety of funding sources including a major health care providers and Medicaid. <https://www.teampbs.com/>

QUEST EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**1-361-779-7982**

Quest is focused on helping individuals with disabilities achieve their employment goals. We are a full-services employment and career guidance agency based out of Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Quest, in collaboration with Fort Worth ISD, hosts a Project SEARCH Vocational Training Program at Harris Methodist Hospital. www.questemploymentservices.com

REACH OF FORT WORTH**817-870-9082**

REACH is an independent living center for people with disabilities. We provide information and referral services, advocacy, life skills, durable medical equipment to those in need and expressive arts for mental health support.

THE COMPANY OF ROCK HOUSE**254-968-4004**

Rock House began serving people with disabilities in 1979 and learned a long time ago not to put limits on what a person might be able to achieve, because no one knows how much untapped potential a person has. We simply help people go step by step, and just keep going. Rock House offers ICF and HCF group homes as well as HCS Host Home services. We are in eight different cities around Texas and have our own day habilitation (ISS) program in each town. We would be happy to offer you a tour! www.rockhouses.org

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Information and services provided by SSA- Will provide Q&A. ssa.gov

SOUNDLY SPEAKING THERAPY SERVICES, PLLC**214-934-8721**

Founded in 2014, Soundly Speaking is dedicated to serving the Adult IDD population in Texas. We offer Speech Therapy evaluations and treatment, as well as Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Dietary Services evaluations and treatments! We can also do home and bathroom modification evaluations! www.soundlyspeakingtherapyservices.com/

SPECIALCARE**972-348-6355**

We can work with you and your professional advisors—your banker, accountant or financial services professional, special needs attorney, social workers and health care providers—to help create a life care plan to maintain the quality of life your loved one is accustomed to and deserves. A life care plan is a coordinated program of future care planning, financial, and legal strategies for individuals with special needs and their families. www.stonewaterplanning.com

SPECIALIZED HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**817-264-4627**

The Public Health Region 2/3 Specialized Health and Social Services (SHSS) program empowers people with special health care needs by helping them navigate complex systems of care and access services that enhance their health and well-being.

STAR MEDICAL SPECIALTIES**800-368-2065**

Star Medical Specialties is a durable medical equipment supplier. We specialize in Enteral Feeding for home care, also carry the special and hard to find formulas for infants and adults. Both Enteral and Oral formulas. We also carry several different brands of Breast Pumps for sale and Hospital Grade Breast Pumps for rental. We also carry adult and children Nebulizers, Catheters, and Incontinent Supplies. We work with almost all of the Medicaid, some Private Insurances, TriCare, and WIC. Intake for orders and information at 800-368-2065 star-medical.net

STATIONMD**908-663-2929**

StationMD is a telehealth company dedicated to serving individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD). All StationMD clinicians are board-certified and specially trained to treat individuals with I/DD. Clinicians are available 24/7 via telemedicine for urgent and non-urgent medical matters. StationMD also offers scheduled psychiatry and primary care telemedicine to individuals with I/DD. In providing this suite of services, StationMD enables individuals with I/DD faster access to high-quality care and substantially reduces unnecessary medical costs. <https://stationmd.com/>

TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE**817-515-3022**

Tarrant County College offers the First Choice Program that creates a pathway for individuals with special needs to increase their quality of life by enhancing self-esteem, academic, living, social, and employability skills to assist in meeting daily challenges. www.tccd.edu

TARRANT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH - CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION DIVISION**817-321-4700**

Tarrant County Public Health provides services to promote, achieve and maintain a healthy standard of living for all Tarrant County residents. We offer a scope of services ranging from disease control and prevention, clinical services, family health services, and health protection and response. health.tarrantcounty.com

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS ARLINGTON/STUDENT ACCESS AND RESOURCE CENTER**817-272-3364**

The SAR Center provides services, in the form of academic accommodations, to students with all types of disabilities. Our accessibility specialists provide aid and guidance to students in personal, academic, and career matters. We also have an Alternative Testing area where we provide testing accommodations as well as offer a range of assistive technology for students. In addition to providing services to students, we strive also to be a resource to faculty and staff.
<https://www.uta.edu/>

URBAN VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICES**817-657-9445**

Urban Village Family Services is a private, for-profit corporation that provides services to private participants and those who are authorized by a qualifying funding agency within the State of Texas. Our unique service delivery model includes Employment Services & Career Counseling: comprehensive external situational assessments, job placement, job coaching, personal-vocational-social-adjustment training and supported employment; Case Management & Supported Living Services Coordination: social skills training, life skills coaching, academic support, health & wellness education and clinical support; and Financial Literacy: banking & budgeting, self sufficiency, life insurance, saving, investing, home ownership and creating generational wealth.

SAVE THE DATES!



THURSDAY, MAY 4

**MEDICAL MARIJUANA, CANNABINOID SCIENCE,
AND THE TEXAS COMPASSIONATE USE PROGRAM**

8:30 – 10 a.m.

Easterseals North Texas, 1424 Hemphill St. Ft. Worth



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

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DISABILITY RESOURCE FAIR

M.G. Ellis Elementary

215 NE 14th St, Ft. Worth, 76164

Celebrating YOU

**The IDD Council of Tarrant County invites you to attend the
Annual "Celebrating YOU" Employer Recognition!**

Each year, the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Council celebrates National Disability Employment Awareness month by recognizing employers, supervisors, and employees in Tarrant County for their continuous support and inclusion of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

CELEBRATING YOU

EMPLOYER RECOGNITION LUNCHEON



*A job fair promoting employment opportunity for
people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

CAPEABILITIES JOB FAIR

CONNECTING ALL PEOPLE WITH EMPLOYMENT

FOR MORE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE IDD COUNCIL NEWSLETTER:

<https://www.iddcouncil.org/iddevents>

SPECIAL THANKS!

Additional Contributors:



Torchy's Tacos
257 NW John Jones Dr., Burleson 76028



House of Air Trampoline Park
320 E. Main St., Ste G, Crowley 76036



Fajita House Restaurant
121 W. Main St., Crowley 76036



Dutch Bros Coffee
5328 Sycamore School Rd., Ft. Worth 76123



Home Depot
300 NW John Jones Dr., Burleson 76028



Rosa's Café
1460 SW Wilshire Blvd., Burleson 76028



Office Depot
140 NW John Jones, Ste 136, Burleson 76028



Balloons with a Twist
3500 Pinto Ct., Arlington 76017



Trader Joe's
2701 S. Hulen St. Ft. Worth, 76109



Alley Cats
2008 W. Pleasant Rd. Arlington 76015
and 609 NE Loop 820, Hurst 76053



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