

# RESOURCES – ACADEMIC/EDUCATION

## Special education services

- **Texas Special Education Information Center (SPEDTex)** – a service offered by the Texas Education Agency and Education Service Center Region 10 to answer questions about special education. <http://www.spedtex.org/>

## Related legislation

- **IDEA Manual** – A guide for parents and students about special education services in Texas. Prepared by Disability Rights Texas. [https://www.disabilityrightstx.org/files/IDEA\\_manual\\_ENGLISH\\_jan\\_2015.pdf](https://www.disabilityrightstx.org/files/IDEA_manual_ENGLISH_jan_2015.pdf)

## Other resources

- **2014 Higher Education Resource Guide for Students with Disabilities** – includes information for future college students, parents, high school counselors and other educators. Prepared by the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities. [http://tcdd.texas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/2014-higher-ed-en\\_web.pdf](http://tcdd.texas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/2014-higher-ed-en_web.pdf)
- **Autism Speaks Transition Toolkit** - a toolkit to assist families of youth with autism as they prepare for the move to adulthood. Topics include self-advocacy, transition plans, community living, employment, education, housing, legal issues, health, and technology. The site also offers state-specific transition timelines. <https://www.autismspeaks.org/family-services/tool-kits/transition-tool-kit>
- **Campus Mental Health: Know Your Rights** – a guide for students about seeking mental health services in college. A publication of The Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law. <http://www.bazelon.org/Who-We-Are/Leadership-21/Campus-Rights-Guide.aspx>
- **College Living Experience** – an organization that provides community-based academic, independent living, employment and social supports to people with disabilities. <http://experiencecle.com/locations-2/austin-texas/>
- **Disability.gov's Guide to Student Transition Planning** – provides resources for students with disabilities including information and links about education, vocational rehabilitation, employment, health care, and independent living. <https://www.disability.gov/resource/disability-govs-guide-student-transition-planning/>
- **Girlshealth.gov** – a website with information for girls age 10 and older. Information and guidance specific to girls with disabilities includes dealing with medical issues, physical health, emotional health, school, relationships, personal safety, living independently, and transportation. <http://www.girlshealth.gov/disability/index.html>
- **Muscular Dystrophy Association Transitions Center** – a website with resources for teens and young adults with neuromuscular diseases. Includes blogs of self-advocates, resources on independence, education, employment, technology, and more. <http://transitions.mda.org/>
- **Navigate Life Texas** - a website created by parent of children, youth and young adults with disabilities and special health care needs for parents. The site offers comprehensive information in English and Spanish for youth, families, professionals, advocates and others including on education and college alternatives for students with disabilities after

high school. <https://www.navigatelifetexas.org/en/transition-to-adulthood/college-and-alternatives-for-students-with-disabilities>

- **Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights (PACER) Center** – a website for parents of children and youth with disabilities. Includes information about self-determination and person-centered planning, education transition, employment, and more. <http://www.pacer.org/transition/>
- **Partners Resource Network** – the website has special education and transition resources including online trainings on the IDEA. The agency operates the Texas statewide network of Parent Training and Information Centers (PTI's) which include PATH, PEN, and TEAM. The PTIs provide training, education, information, referral, emotional support, and individual assistance in obtaining services. <http://www.partnerstx.org/>
- **TEA Graduation Toolkit** - provides details about graduation requirements and planning information for high school years and beyond. A product of the Texas Education Agency. <http://tea.texas.gov/communications/brochures.aspx>
- **Texas Parent to Parent** – offers “how to” manuals on housing and work, information about transition action groups, advocacy workshops and monthly advocacy phone discussions for parents and youth, and much more. <http://txp2p.org/>
- **Texas Project FIRST** – a website created to provide parents with information about the special education process in Texas. Age-specific and general resources about special education are available. A project of the Texas Education Agency and Region 9 Education Service Center. <http://www.texasprojectfirst.org/>
- **The Center** – provides dorm-style living for people with disabilities who are attending college in the Houston area. <http://thecenterhouston.org/>
- **University of Montana Rural Institute** – provides webinars for youth and families related to education, vocational rehabilitation, housing, health care, and more. <http://ruralinstitute.umt.edu/transition/default.asp>
- **Wrightslaw** - parents, educators, advocates, and attorneys go to this site for accurate, reliable information about special education law, education law, and advocacy for children and youth with disabilities, including legal requirements for transition components of the IEP. <http://www.wrightslaw.com/info/trans.legal.bateman.htm>

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