

Lago Vista ISD Local Assistance Resources for McKinney Vento & Foster Care

RESOURCES FOR BASIC NEEDS/FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Housing Authority of Travis County

The Housing Authority of Travis County is an independent, government funded agency charged with the responsibility to provide access to safe, decent, low income housing to help meet the housing needs of the residents of Travis County, Texas.

502 East Highland Mall Blvd., Suite 106-B

Austin, Texas 78752

Website: http://www.hatctx.com/

Phone: (512) 480-8245

Jonestown Community Center – Travis County Health and Human Services (512) 854-1500

On-staff social worker provides clinical case management services to any residents of Travis County who want to develop a plan and create change in their lives. All Travis County residents are eligible to receive social work services; however eligibility criteria do apply for financial assistance and other programs. Services include:

- One Time Rent/Mortgage Assistance
- Financial Assistance for Utilities
- · Home Repairs and Energy Efficiency Home Repair
- Clothing Closet
- Social Work Services
- Case Management Services
- · Brief Counseling Services

18649 FM 1431 Ste. 6A, Jonestown, TX

Website: https://www.traviscountytx.gov/health-human-services/individuals-families/jonestown

Texas Department of State Health Services

Provides TANF, Medicaid, and food stamps. Emergency assistance referrals.

 1165 Airport Blvd. (78702)
 (512) 929-7330

 1601 Rutherford Ln. (78754)
 (512) 339-8868

 724 Eberhart Ln. (78745)
 (512) 445-0022

Website: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us

Travis County Family Support Services (512) 854-9130

Provides emergency assistance to Travis County Residents with low income. Includes clothing, rent, utilities, prescription expense, diapers, and food.

2201 Post Rd. #200, Austin, TX 78704

Website: http://www.co.travis.tx.us/health human services/family support services

WIC (Women, Infants, & Children) Program

(800) 942-3678 (512) 972-4942

Offers breastfeeding and nutrition information, immunizations, and vouchers for nutritious foods and baby formula.

RESOURCES FOR YOUTH IN/AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE

ACTS (After Care Transitional Services) Program at LifeWorks

(800) 414-5457 (Toll Free)

(512) 735-2425

Case management, crisis intervention, resource referral and additional life skills education for youth leaving or out of foster care.

8913 Collinfield Dr, Austin 78758 Website: http://www.lifeworksaustin.org

Austin Community College (ACC) Campus Champions (512) 223-5106

Campus champions on each ACC campus to assist youth in/out of foster care with any aspect of ACC college life. Call to get contact info for your campus. Coordinator: Loretta Edelen.

Education Training & Voucher Program

(210) 332-8521

(877) 268-4063

(210) 208-5605 fax

Provides postsecondary educational and training vouchers (ETV) to eligible youth who are in/aged out of foster care, or who are adopted from foster care after turning 16 years old.

Region 7 ETV Coordinator: Marisol Lopez, marisol.lopez@bcfs.net

Foster Care Alumni of America (FCAA)

Connect the alumni community, promote advocacy and to ensuring opportunity for people in and from foster care.

Website: http://www.fostercarealumni.org

STAR Health

(866) 218-8263 (Toll Free)

Behavioral Health Services (IMH-Integrated Mental Health). STAR Health provides healthcare to children in the Texas foster care program. Superior HealthPlan (Superior) offers the services under a contract with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). Superior works with many doctors, clinics and hospitals to care for children in foster care. STAR Health members can get regular checkups, exams, primary care and specialist care when needed. Superior wants to help all children in foster care get well and stay well.

Website: https://www.fostercaretx.com/welcome-to-star-health/

Texas Foster Youth Justice Project (877) 313-3688 (Toll Free)

Help current and former foster youth understand their legal rights, provide legal advice, assistance, guidance and representation in enforcing foster youth rights, and educate the general public about the legal needs and concerns of foster youth.

Website: http://www.texasfosteryouth.org

Texas Youth Connection

Benefits and other information for youth aging out of care in Texas

Website: http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/txyouth

Youth Resource Center at LifeWorks (512) 735-2180

(for non-foster care youth too)

After Care Transitional Services, local workforce partnership, GED prep classes, case management & counseling, access to computers, and job search information.

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JOB READINESS, TRAINING, & RESOURCES

(DARS) Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (800) 628-5115 (Toll Free)

Offers job placement, counseling & guidance, deaf interpreter, assisting device & training for people with mental or physical disability to enable them obtain employment.

4800 N. Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78756 Website: http://www.dars.state.tx.us

Workforce Development Centers – Rural Capital Area (866) 518-0575 (Toll Free)

Provides employment related services that include career information, job search assistance and job listings.

Website: http://www.workforcesolutionsrca.com/

TRANSPORTATION

CARTS - Rural Bus Service

(512) 478-7433

Provides feeder connections with Express/Park and Ride buses.

Capital Area Rural Transportation System (800) -456-RIDE

Medicaid – Medical Transportation Program (877) 633-8747 (Toll Free)

Provides transportation services for persons that do not have transportation to medical appointments through Texas Medicaid program.

Website: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/cshcn/mtp.shtm

HEALTH RESOURCES

Medicaid/STAR Health (866)-912-6283

Health insurance provider for foster youth.

Dental Services (Star Dent) (866) 287-3419 (IMH-Integrated Mental Health) (866) 218-8263 **Pharmacy Services** (800) 252-8263 Vision care (866) 642-8959 24 Hour Nurse Line (866) 912-6283 #7 Medical Transportation Program (877) 633-8747 Member Advocate/Region 7 (866) 912-6283 Family Planning Services Smart Start Program (866) 912-6283 Traditional Medicaid Health Program (800) 925-9126

Planned Parenthood of the Texas Capital Region (512) 275-0171

All services confidential. Family planning, pregnancy tests and exams, birth control education; referrals for social services.

Downtown Center/ Teen Clinic.....(512) 477-5846

1823 East 7th St, Austin, TX 78702

North Clinic(512) 331-1288

Research Blvd., Ste. 250, Austin, TX 78758

Website: http://www.ppaustin.org

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LEGAL RESOURCES

Attorney General's Office – Child Support Enforcement (800) 252-8014

Assistance in establishing or collecting child support payments, establishing paternity or locating absent parent.

Website: https://www.oag.state.tx.us/cs/about/index.shtml

Texas Department of Health – Bureau of Vital Statistics (888) 963-7111

Birth, death, marriage, divorce records as requested. Fees for copies; some record requests will require I.D. Call for information on hours, fees, record waiting periods, etc.

1100 W 49th St, Austin, TX 78756

CASA of Travis County

(512) 459-2272

Court appointed advocates for cases of child abuse and/or neglect.

7701 N Lamar Blvd, Ste 301, Austin, TX 78752

Website: http://www.casatravis.org

Family Law Hotline - Austin

(512) 476-1866

Provides free legal advice related to family law. Callers may also be referred to attorneys who give free 30-minute consultations or agencies that provide free representation.

Website: http://www.texasadvocacyproject.org/

Family Violence Legal Line - Austin (512) 476-5770

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Provides free legal advice regarding matters of domestic violence, family law, divorce, and child custody, physical or sexual abuse of children.

Social Security Administration (800) 772-1213 (Toll Free)

Provides Social Security/SSI information as well as applications for Social Security card.

1029 Camino La Costa, Austin, TX 78752 (512) 206-3700 104 Parkview Dr. Georgetown, TX 78626 (512) 869-0886

Website: http://www.ssa.gov

Teen Justice Initiative (512) 225-9579

Advocates for survivors of teen dating violence.

Texas Advocacy Project

Provides free legal services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Family Violence Legal Line (512) 476-5770 Family Law (512) 476-1866 Sexual Assault Legal Line (512) 225-9290

Website: http://www.texasadvocacyproject.org/index.php

Texas Department of Health Services – Birth Certificates

Birth certificates for persons born in Texas. Can be ordered online.

1100 West 49th St, Austin, TX 78756

Website: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/reqproc/certified_copy.shtm

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