

Community Services Resource List

CRISIS HOTLINES

Abuse Hotline: 1-800-252-5400, www.TxAbuseHotline.org. To report abuse, neglect, or exploitation of children, the elderly, or people with disabilities.

Crisis/Suicide Hotline: 1-800-273-8255

East Texas Crisis Center: 903-567-0959, <http://etcc.org>, 220 S. Buffalo Street, Canton. Provides advocacy to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Program services include legal advocacy, bi-lingual advocacy for Hispanic victims, hotline, crisis intervention, support groups, criminal justice advocacy, court accompaniment, limited financial assistance, transportation to emergency shelter and medical accompaniment.

Family and Protective Services, Texas Dept. of: 903-567-4147, www.dfps.state.tx.us, 400 E. Hwy. 243, Suite 11, Canton.

Health and Human Services, Texas Dept. of: 903-567-4147, www.dfps.state.tx.us, 400 E. Hwy. 243, Suite 11, Canton.

Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222

Runaway Hotline: 1-888-580-HELP (4357)

Youth Hotline: 1-800-989-6884. Peer counseling to youth and family members for family conflicts, delinquency, truancy, abuse and neglect, and running away.

CHILDREN

Child Care Assistance: 1-800-676-8283, www.easttexasworkforce-childcare.org, 4100 Troop Hwy., Tyler.

Child Protective Services: 903-567-3609, 400 E. Hwy. 243, Suite 10, Canton.

CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program): Apply for benefits online at Russell Memorial United Methodist Church, 903-873-2569, 201. S. Fourth Street, Wills Point.

Hope Pregnancy Center: 903-567-6000, www.hopecanton.com, 1200 South Trade Days Blvd. Suite 100, Canton. Provides complimentary and confidential services including free pregnancy tests, free obstetric ultrasound, consultation on all options, compassionate and non-judgmental care, baby clothes, diapers, formula, and baby equipment, parenting education, mentoring, post abortion recovery support group, community referrals.

Social Security/Supplemental Security Income: 1-877-319-5707 or 1-800-772-1213, <https://secure.ssa.gov>, 5509 Donnybrook Ave., Tyler.

Texas State Benefits and Free Services: 2-1-1

WIC (Women, Infants and Children Program): 903-567-6732, www.dshs.state.tx.us/wichd/default.shtm, 301 E. State Hwy. 243, Suite 107, Canton. Provides health information and referrals; nutrition assessment and counseling; healthy foods for women, infants, and children; and breastfeeding counseling and training. Pregnant women, women who are breastfeeding a baby under 1 year of age, women who have had a baby in the past six months, parents, step-parents, guardians, and foster parents of infants and children under the age of 5 can apply for their children.

Your Texas Benefits Hotline: 1-800-252-8263

COUNSELING

Andrews Center Behavioral Healthcare System: 903-567-4197 or 1-800-256-5861, www.andrewscenter.com, 575 W. Highway 243, Canton. Provides comprehensive mental health and intellectual and developmental disability services.

Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, Texas Department of: 1-800-628-5115, www.dars.state.tx.us. Contact for information on early childhood intervention services, rehabilitation services, services for people who are deaf or hard of hearing, services for people who are blind or visually impaired, and disability determination services.

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ELDERLY

Adult Protective Services: 903-567-4147 or 1-800-252-5400, www.dfps.state.tx.us, 400 E. Hwy. 243, Suite 11, Canton.

East Texas Area Agency on Aging: 1-800-442-8845, www.etcog.org/207/Area-Agency-on-Aging.htm, 3800 Stone Road, Kilgore. Services include benefits counseling, in-home services, transportation, legal aid, financial aid, caregiver support programs, nursing home ombudsmen, home repair/accessibility/modification, and information and assistance for persons who are 60 or older, with particular attention to low-income minority older individuals, older individuals with limited English proficiency, and older individuals residing in rural areas.

East Texas Council of Governments: www.etcog.org. Provides programs and services for East Texas seniors, employers and job seekers.

GoBus: 1-800-590-3371, www.etcog.org/234/GoBus.htm. Please call before 2:00 pm, the day prior to the requested service. You may call up to one week in advance to schedule a ride. Vehicles are equipped with wheelchair lifts. The East Texas Area Agency on Aging (ETAAA) pays for trips to medical appointments, dialysis, and senior centers for seniors who have qualified for their assistance. Seniors making a trip not covered by ETAAA or who have not qualified for their assistance must pay regular GoBus fares. Call GoBus at 800-590-3371 to see if you qualify for ETAAA assistance or to get fares.

Golden Years Homecare Specialist: 903-873-2770 or 1-800-285-1209, www.goldenyrshomecare.com, 106 N. Fourth Street, Wills Point. Provides skilled care of a nurse or therapist to homebound patients. Medicare pays 100%.

Medicare Rx Prescription Assistance: 1-800-633-4227

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EMPLOYMENT

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Rehabilitative Services, Division of: 1-800-959-5706 or 903-675-9900, www.dars.state.tx.us, 607 E. Tyler Street, Suite 112, Athens. Assists people who have physical or mental disabilities prepare for, find or keep employment by gaining skills needed for a career, learning how to prepare for a job interview or getting the accommodations needed to stay employed.

Texas Workforce Commission: 1-800-939-6631, www.twc.state.tx.us. Provides information about unemployment benefits, career development, job searches and resources, training programs, child care services.

Workforce Solutions East Texas: 903-567-4706, www.easttexasworkforce.org, 1760 N. Trade Days Blvd., Canton. Services and resources available include: job postings, job search tools, skills assessment and career exploration tools, training and education resources, labor market information, child care resources, and eligibility and referral information to appropriate programs and providers.

FOOD

Manna, Inc.: 903-567-6107, 17766 F.M. 1255, Canton. Open M-W-F 9:00 am - 11:45 am and 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm.

Meals on Wheels Ministry: 903-873-3697, Lester House, 335 Wingo Way, Wills Point. Senior citizens that receive meals are generally over age 60, with physical, mental or financial hardships that make it impossible for the individual to either purchase or prepare food. An in home assessment is conducted to determine the individual's level of need, and services are offered based on the assessment outcome. No qualifying individual is ever denied meal service based on the inability to pay. Call 800-451-2912 to determine if you or someone you know qualify.

Shining Light Food Ministry (International Outreach Church): 903-873-3078, 1404 Lake Drive, Wills Point. Open Tuesdays 8:00 am - 11:00 pm.

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; formerly the Food Stamp Program): Apply for benefits online at Russell Memorial United Methodist Church, 903-873-2569, 201. S. Fourth Street, Wills Point.

St. Terese Catholic Charities: 903-848-7204, 14786 FM 859, Canton. Open Thursdays 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

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HOUSING/RENT

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Housing Authority: Provides housing assistance to low income residents through income based programs.

- Edgewood: 903-896-4655, 202 N. Houston
- Fruitvale: 903-896-4381, 450 PR 5090
- Grand Saline: 903-962-4031, 304 S. Houston Street
- Van: 903-963-7001, 205 Bluebird Court
- Wills Point: 903-873-2152, 914 N. Third Street

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Lone Star Legal Aid: 1-800-248-0048 or 903-595-4781, www.lonestarlegal.org, 110 North College, Suite 302, Tyler. Provides free civil legal help to low-income persons who have immediate needs but cannot afford an attorney. Practice areas include domestic abuse, health care, housing, employment, income maintenance, unlawful trade practices, education, civil rights, and disaster relief.

Texas Law Help: www.Texaslawhelp.org. Online resource for free and low-cost (if you qualify) civil legal assistance for military and veteran's affairs, job discrimination and work related problems, wills and estates, housing, health, disability, civil rights, family law, domestic violence, immigration/naturalization/citizenship, income tax help.

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Indigent Health Care, Van Zandt County: 903-567-1023, 250 Groves Street, Canton.

Medicaid Transportation: 1-877-633-8747

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Special Health Resources for Texas: 903-597-7558, www.specialhealth.org, 1308 Clinic Drive, Tyler. Services include professional drug and alcohol prevention, intervention and treatment, client-centered HIV/AIDS education, outreach, testing, and primary medical treatment.

State Health Services, Department of: 903-675-7742 (Athens), 903-595-3585 (Tyler), or www.dshs.state.tx.us

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Wills Point Medical Clinic: 903-873-3330, 129 S. Fourth Street, Wills Point. Accepts most forms of insurance including Medicaid, Medicare, CHIP, and AARP.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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Lone Star Card Help Desk: 1-800-777-7328

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services: 1-800-375-5283, www.uscis.gov, 6500 Campus Circle Drive, Irving.

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