

## GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

### Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program

1-800-252-8023

[hhs.texas.gov/services/disability/children-special-health-care-needs-program](https://hhs.texas.gov/services/disability/children-special-health-care-needs-program)

- The Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program helps with medical, dental and mental health care, as well as case management, family support services and payment for medical transportation.
- CSHCN applicants must live in Texas, have a physical condition that is expected to last 12 months, be under the age of 21 (or any age with cystic fibrosis), and meet family income limits.

### Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS)

1-877-438-5658

[hhs.texas.gov/doing-business-hhs/provider-portals/long-term-care-providers/community-living-assistance-support-services-class](https://hhs.texas.gov/doing-business-hhs/provider-portals/long-term-care-providers/community-living-assistance-support-services-class)

- Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) provides home- and community-based services to people who have demonstrated a need for ongoing habilitation services.
- Instead of making these individuals or families move into a home or facility, CLASS is a cost-effective alternative in the sense that they come to their clients, instead of making their clients come to them.
- To contact the CLASS interest, list call 1-877-438-5658. You are never too young or too old to be on the list, so don't delay your call and remember to update your contact information should it change. This is a statewide interest list.
- This is a very popular service and could take years to become available, so if you are interested, get on the list as soon as possible.
- CLASS is funded by Title XIX (Medicaid) allowing the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) to provide services not available under the regular Medicaid program.
- A related condition is a disability, other than mental retardation, that originated before the age of 22 and effects the ability to function in daily life.

### Texas Health and Human Services-Early Childhood Intervention

1-877-787-8999

[hhs.texas.gov/services/disability/early-childhood-intervention-services](https://hhs.texas.gov/services/disability/early-childhood-intervention-services)

- Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) helps children from birth to 3 years with disabilities or delays in the state of Texas.
- ECI offers occupational and speech therapy and related services.
- ECI supports families through education and family services to help their children reach their full potential. Families and staff work as a team to develop a plan of service for the child and their family.
- ECI is state and federally funded through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA, P.L. 108-446).
- They provide evaluations and assessments, at no cost to families, to determine eligibility and need for services.
- Families and professionals work as a team to plan appropriate services based on the unique needs of the child and family. ECI asks families who can afford to do so, to share in the cost of services. The amount a

family pays for ECI services is determined using a sliding fee scale and is based on family size and income after allowable deductions. No child and family will be turned away because of an inability to pay.

### **Texas Department of State Health and Services DARS Library-Audiovisual Library**

512-458-7260

[texashealthlibrary.com](http://texashealthlibrary.com)

- This is a library run by the state that specializes in resources about young children with special needs and adults with disabilities.
- The Texas Department of State Health Services Audiovisual Library houses three collections, including the Early Childhood Intervention Collection, the Rehabilitation Services Collection and the Audiovisual Library Collection.
  - The Early Childhood Intervention Collection has books, children's books, journals, DVDs and videos about disabilities and parenting, dealing primarily with children from birth to 3. They have some materials that deal with school-aged children. Examples of topics include autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, challenging behavior, brain development, nutrition, motor skills, sibling issues, etc.
  - The Rehabilitation Services Collection has books, journals, DVDs and videos about adults with disabilities. Examples of topics include transitions, disability awareness and rights, brain injury, deafness, blindness, employment for the disabled, sign language, mental illness, adult living skills, physical fitness, nutrition for the disabled, autobiographies of the disabled, etc.