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Meet Your Family Organizations!

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# Texas: Visual Impairment

* Texas Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments-<http://www.tapvi.com/>
* Texas Parents Of Blind Children-<http://www.tpobc.org/>

# Texas: Deafblindness

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* Texas Chargers, Inc.- <http://www.texaschargers.org/>

# Texas: Deaf & Hard of Hearing

* Texas Hands & Voices- <http://www.txhandsandvoices.org/>

# Local Family Organizations

* There are wonderful family organizations active in local communities all over Texas. To learn more about them, please contact your local Texas Workforce Commission, Health and Human Services-Blind Children’s Program office, TSBVI Outreach or Texas Parent to Parent.

## National Family Association for Deaf-Blind

The National Family Association for Deaf-Blind (NFADB) is a nonprofit 501(c) 3, volunteer-based organization that has served families since 1994. NFADB is the largest network of families focused on deaf-blindness. Originally started by and for families of individuals who are deaf-blind, our membership is now extended to any person or organization that desires to support individuals and families who are deafblind.

We are all in this community together!

Visit us on the web at <http://www.nfadb.org/> and on Facebook

For questions, please call 1-800-255-0411 or email ***NFADB@aol.com***



## PACER Center

The mission of PACER Center (**P**arent **A**dvocacy **C**oalition for **E**ducational **R**ights) is to expand opportunities and enhance the quality of life of children and young adults with disabilities and their families, based on the concept of parents helping parents. http://www.pacer.org/parent/

Founded in 1977, PACER Center was created by parents of children and youth with disabilities to help other parents and families facing similar challenges. Today, PACER Center expands opportunities and enhances the quality of life of children and young adults with disabilities and their families. PACER is staffed primarily by parents of children with disabilities and works in coalition with 18 disability organizations.

With assistance to individual families, workshops, materials for parents and professionals, and leadership in securing a free and appropriate public education for all children, PACER's work affects and encourages families in Minnesota and across the nation.

Visit the PACER Center on the web at www.pacer.org or on Facebook

# Texas: General

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## Partners Resource Network

Partners Resource Network (PRN) is a non-profit agency that operates the state wide network of federally funded Parent Training and Information Centers (PTIs) in Texas. The PTI Projects are:

PATH <http://prntexas.org/texas-ptis/path-project/>,

PEN <http://prntexas.org/texas-ptis/pen-project/>, and

TEAM <http://prntexas.org/texas-ptis/team-project-2/>

The programs and services of PRN are based on the concept of parents helping parents. Our mission is to empower parents of children and youth with disabilities in their roles as parents, decision makers, and advocates for their children and to promote partnerships among parents and professionals.

Our web site is designed to provide timely information and to link the visitor with other resources in Texas and the nation. Our goal is to make a positive difference in the lives of infants, toddlers, children and young adults with disabilities and their families who live in the great State of Texas.

1090 Longfellow Drive, Suite B, Beaumont, TX 77706

Phone: 409-898-4684

Toll free TX Parents Only: 1-800-866-4726

Email: partnersresource@sbcglobal.net

Website: <http://www.partnerstx.org/>

## picture of cartoon kids plying with F2F ballFamily to Family Network

The mission of Family to Family Network is to help families of children with disabilities by providing information, training, referral and support

16225 Park Ten Place - 500, Houston, TX 77084

Phone: 713-466-6304

Email: familytofamily@sbcglobal.net

Website: <http://www.familytofamilynetwork.org/>

Texas Project First Website: <http://texasprojectfirst.org/>

## Texas Parent to Parent

Texas Parent to Parent is a state-wide non-profit organization that provides support to families of children with disabilities, chronic illnesses, and other special health care needs by empowering their families to be advocates for them through peer support, resource referral and public awareness.

1805 Rutherford Lane, Suite 201, Austin, Texas 78754

Phone: 512- 458-8600

Toll free phone: 866-896-6001

Website: <http://www.txp2p.org/>

# Texas: Visual Impairment



Texas Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments (TAPVI)

TAPVI is an affiliate of NAPVI. We are a non-profit organization that provides support to the families of children who have blindness or visual impairments, including those with additional disabilities. TAPVI enables families to find information and resources, as well as connect and network with one another. We offer leadership, support, and training to assist families in helping children reach their full potential in school and in the community.

Visit the TAPVI Website: <http://www.tapvi.com/>

Visit TAPVI on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TAPVI>



## Texas Parents Of Blind Children

Texas Parents Of Blind Children (TPOBC) is the state chapter of the National Organization of Parents of Blind Children (NOPBC), a division of the NFB of Texas, a national membership organization of parents and friends of blind children.

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# Texas: DeafBlind

## Deaf-Blind Multihandicapped Association of Texas

The mission of DBMAT is to promote and improve the quality of life for all Texans who are deaf-blind multi-handicapped, deaf multi-handicapped, and blind multi-handicapped. We support the establishment of educational, rehabilitative, vocational and independent living opportunities.

**Visit the DBMAT Website:** <http://www.dbmat-tx.org>

**Contact the President:** president@dbmat-tx.org

# texas_chargers_01.jpg**Texas Chargers, Inc.**

The Texas Chargers, Inc. is a group of Texas families, friends, and professionals who are dedicated to helping children and young adults who live with Charge Syndrome. The primary function of our organization is to support the emotional and educational needs of the people with Charge Syndrome and the families and professionals working with them, to provide them with a better quality of life.

**Visit the Texas Chargers Website:** <http://www.texaschargers.org>

# Texas: Deaf & Hard of Hearing

## Hands__Voices-_logo_66102457_std.jpgTexas Hands and Voices

Texas Hands & Voices is a chapter of the nationwide non-profit organization dedicated to supporting families and their children who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as the professionals who serve them. We are a parent-driven, parent/professional/community collaborative group that is unbiased towards communication modes and methods. Our diverse membership includes those who are deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing impaired and their families who communicate orally, with signs, cue, and/or combined methods. We exist to help our children reach their highest potential.

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Guide By Your Side Website: <http://www.txhandsandvoices.org/gbys/>