



MAKING CONNECTIONS CENTRAL TARRANT

DISABILITY RESOURCES FOR ALL AGES

Welcome!
2024 Making Connections
Central Tarrant
Disability Resource Fair

Schedule:

8:00 AM Exhibitor Hall check-in/set up

9:00 AM Exhibitor Hall opens

Very Special Arts Exhibit opens

9:30 -10:30 AM Breakout Sessions #1

11:00 am Very Special Arts Awards Ceremony

12:00 – 1:00 PM Breakout Sessions #2

12:30 PM..... Exhibitor Hall Closes

Complete and Return Survey before leaving to receive door prize entry

The IDD Council’s Making Connections Disability Resource Fairs bring together the disability resources in our community to one, easily accessed location for families and caregivers to collect information and learn about benefits and services each provide. Making Connections Disability Resource Fairs are held each year in various locations throughout Tarrant County.

The IDD Council of Tarrant County is proud to partner with Fort Worth ISD to host the “MAKING CONNECTIONS” CENTRAL TARRANT DISABILITY RESOURCES FAIR



Our Purpose:

To transform the region into an inclusive community where persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities thrive.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Guardianship: Rush to the Courthouse or Last Resort?

Most useful for caregivers with children 17 or older. An overview of the laws applicable to guardianship in Texas, the evidence and standard of proof needed to obtain guardianship and the many alternatives to guardianship. *By Judge Brooke Allen, Tarrant County Probate 2 Court.*

Life Planning Nuts and Bolts

Caregivers have many concerns and responsibilities in the care of their loved one. How does one plan for their finances, daily physical care, emotional support, medical and education needs, housing and transportation needs, or attendants for legal matters? Learn the many steps in preparing for your child's future. By TJ Kroehle, Texas Life Planning

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Accessing Services through My Health My Resources

Useful for all caregivers and for families newly diagnosed. As the State's Local IDD Authority (LIDDA), MHMR is the first point of contact for families looking for services. Learn about Texas' interest lists, options and benefits, and the criteria for services. *By Stephanie Morris, My Health My Resources of Tarrant County.*

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is an evidence-based framework that uses proactive strategies to identify, teach, and reinforce positive behaviors in students. PBIS aims to improve student outcomes in a safe and positive learning environment. By: Adrienne Yule, Partners Resource Network

About our Presenters

Judge Brooke Allen serves the citizens of Tarrant County, Texas, as judge of Probate Court No. 2. The Court hears estate, guardianship, and civil mental health matters in addition to any civil matters ancillary to an estate or guardianship. Appointed in 2016, and re-elected in 2018 and 2022, Judge Allen has streamlined the docket, reduced the Court's budget by more than 5%, and been a voice for ensuring litigants Constitutional rights. In addition, she has tried numerous jury trials in both probate and ancillary matters such as wrongful death, medical malpractice, and breach of fiduciary duty. With her team of 13, Judge Allen has reached numerous citizens throughout Texas educating them on the importance of estate planning, the Texas guardianship laws, and civil litigation in general. When not in court, you might find Judge Allen on the court playing tennis or coaching the "Killer Puppies," her daughter's basketball team. She's married to Cameron Allen, a sergeant with the Dallas Police Department. To learn more about Probate Court No. 2, please go to: [Probate Court No. 2 \(tarrantcounty.com\)](http://Probate Court No. 2 (tarrantcounty.com)). To learn more about Judge Allen, visit www.JudgeAllen.com

TJ Kroehle has been working with Families of Special Needs since he was age 16. TJ and Tracey parent Lauren, a person of Special Needs. TJ helps clients understand their need to develop the appropriate wills and trusts. He helps them see the need for a "Letter of Intent" which defines their special needs person's hopes, dreams and desires through a lifetime strategy. Knowledgeable in government programs that aid special needs families, he coaches families in how to obtain government aid, such as SSI, and helps them understand how to maintain those programs throughout their loved one's lifetime. Life Planning for Families of Special Needs is a non-profit group created by TJ to specialize in assisting individuals with disabilities and their families. TJ frequently speaks to state and local groups such as ARC, Life Path, Down Syndrome Guilds, Autism Societies, Region X and XI, various ISD's, and other similar organizations.

Stephanie Morris is the Parent & Family Advocate for Disability Services, MHMRTC. She is a parent of a young man with special needs. She supports families by helping them make decisions and choices regarding services and negotiates families' concerns with service providers when requested. She helps educate families to have a clear understanding of their rights and how services should be provided. Finally, she is parent who can relate and listen to your concerns.

Adrienne Yule worked as a writer and editor for years for companies such as Amazon Web Services, National Instruments, and Dun and Bradstreet. She has a husband and two children. Adrienne utilized Partners Resource Network services for years to support her efforts advocating for her son before joining the agency in 2023. She loves empowering parents and youth self-advocates with information to help them better navigate the education system

EXHIBITOR DIRECTORY

We appreciate the sponsorship contributions from organizations marked with a star (★) who are underwriters for today's event. Please stop by their table and say thank you!

29 ACRES

469-216-8038

29 Acres was created by a group of families coming together to fill a need for quality housing and support services for adults living with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other neurodiversities in North Texas. We offer multiple programs: Living Community, Enrichment Services, ISS Programs, Transition Academy, and Vocational Services. Dallas, Denton and Cross Roads, TX. www.29acres.org

ACUMEN FISCAL AGENT

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We provide Fiscal Management Services to individuals in self direction. www.acumenfiscalagent.com

ASSOCIATION FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (AFIL)

214-351-0798

AFIL is a 24-hour residential life skills program for young adults diagnosed with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. The program is 3-6 years and takes a stair step approach to independent living by starting in a community living environment and then graduating to their own apartment. www.afildfw.org

BAYLOR SCOTT & WHITE ALL SAINTS MEDICAL CENTER - FORT WORTH

817-926-2544

Located near downtown Fort Worth, we are a full-service hospital dedicated to providing quality healthcare to our community. Our not-for-profit hospital in Fort Worth celebrated 100 years of service in 2006. We have 538 licensed beds and offer a broad range of medical services, including programs of excellence in cardiology, transplantation, oncology, and women's and children's services. <https://www.bswhealth.com/locations/fort-worth-hospital>

★BE AN ANGEL DFW

281-219-3313

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for children with special needs by providing adaptive equipment, hearing devices, select services, and support programs. We believe that children are the heart and soul of humanity, that they represent all that is good within us, and that we can help children with special needs experience life at their fullest potential. <https://www.beanangel.org/dfw>

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CITY OF FORT WORTH – DREAM CLUB

817-965-6859

The City of Fort Worth's Park & Recreation Department is now home to the Dream Club, a comprehensive adapted recreation program for ages 9-24. The Dream Club offers fun, safe, and comfortable recreational activities to people with all levels of abilities. The program offers participants the opportunity to feel confident and socially involved. <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/parks/services/community-centers/northwest-community-center>

★EARTH ANGELS PEDIATRIC DAY CENTER

682-683-2450

Earth Angels provides medical day care to children birth to 20 years of age, covered by Texas Medicaid, whose medical conditions require technology based and or skilled nursing services. We are open Mon-Fri and provide transportation, including a nurse on board, to areas within an hour radius of our facility on Hwy 360 just north of I-30. Please call to begin the registration process. earthangelspediatricdaycenter.com

GOODWILL NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS

817-332-7866

As a not-for-profit leader, Goodwill offers job training and other services to help people with disabilities and disadvantages achieve their maximum independence. Through Goodwill, job seekers, individuals with special needs, families, and other members of our community gain self-esteem and become independent, self-sufficient citizens. Lives are changed through the power of work. <https://goodwillnorthcentraltexas.org/>

GREEN OAKS EDUCATION AND SUPPORT**817-861-5000**

Green Oaks Education and Support, Inc. is a unique Christian school and adult day program for individuals with Down syndrome and similar intellectual disabilities in the North Texas area. The Mission of Green Oaks Education and Support, Inc. is to provide a quality, person-centered Christian education to individuals with Down syndrome and similar intellectual disabilities. greenoaksinc.org

IMAGINE PEDIATRICS

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Imagine Pediatrics provides 24/7 virtual care in the home for children with complex medical conditions and special health care needs with Medicaid. We do not replace a child's current doctors. Our nurses, doctors, and therapists work with you as an extra layer of support. If your child qualifies, there is no cost to you as our service is a part of your existing benefits. www.imaginepediatrics.org

LIFE PLANNING FOR FAMILIES OF SPECIAL NEEDS- TJ KROEHL**972-964-3444 EXT 127**

Through the Life Planning process, we assist families in developing a comprehensive care plan for their loved one with special needs. Areas of assistance include finding, qualifying, and maintaining benefits for your child. Determining where your child will live, now and in their future. Understanding the level of financial support needed for their lifetime. Creating appropriate legal documents. txlifepanning.com

MAXIMUS-TEXAS HEALTH STEPS OUTREACH & INFORMING

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We represent STAR, STAR+PLUS, STAR Kids and Texas Health Steps Outreach & Informing, programs serving Medicaid children and families. We educate families on how to use their STAR Medicaid preventative services, assist in choosing a medical or dental health plan and a Primary Care Physician, and process plan changes if necessary. We are also available to conduct virtual or in-person presentations

MOLINA HEALTHCARE

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Molina Healthcare is a managed care organization that arranges for the delivery of health care services to low-income individuals who are eligible for STAR+PLUS in Texas. Our mission is to provide quality health services to individuals covered by government sponsored programs. www.molinahealthcare.com

MY HEALTH MY RESOURCES (MHMR) OF TARRANT COUNTY**817-335-3022**

My Health My Resources of Tarrant County (MHMR) provides community-based services for youth and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), mental health conditions, and substance use disorders, as well as babies and young children with developmental delays. MHMR employees use a person-centered care approach. MHMR partners with community organizations to provide services. www.mhmrtarrant.org Crisis Line 24/7, 800-866-2465.

PARTNERS RESOURCE NETWORK**469-712-8409**

Partners Resource Network is the parent training and information center for Texas. We support parents and youth ages 0-26. We teach parents and youth self advocates how to be the best advocate they can be for themselves or their child/ren. We teach them how to navigate the school setting to get necessary services and supports and understand their rights. prntexas.org

★ PHARMACY ALTERNATIVES- PHARMERICA**469-918-8412**

Pharmacy Alternatives is a national pharmacy focused on serving individuals with cognitive, intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our state-of-the-art approach includes packaging technology specially designed for the population we serve and electronic medication management that helps people live their best life. <https://pharmacyalternatives.com>

★ RESCARE COMMUNITY LIVING (EDUCARE)**817-640-3316**

ResCare provides ICF, HCS, and Host Home community living services in every county in Texas. ResCare has been providing trusted services for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities for over 40 years. We ensure greater quality of life in their own home or in home-like environments. We ensure each individual is living their best life! rescarecommunityliving.com

★ STAR MEDICAL SPECIALTIES**800-368-2065**

Star Medical Specialties is a DME Company specializing in Enteral Feeding Pumps and supplies, Nutritional Formulas and Supplements, Ostomy and Suction supplies, Nebulizers, Breast Pumps, Maternity Garments, Catheters, Incontinence Supplies, and Continuous Glucose Monitors. star-medical.net

TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION-VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION**817-420-1920**

Providing career exploration resources and tools for students and families. TWC-Vocational Rehabilitation provides services that are crucial for addressing the holistic needs of customers seeking employment and training opportunities, to assist with removing barriers that may otherwise prevent them from fully participating in and benefiting from the VR program.

THE AUTISM TREATMENT CENTER**817-566-1100**

The mission of the Autism Treatment Center is to assist people with autism and related disorders throughout their lives as they learn, play, work and live in the community. ATC is a private, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) corporation providing its services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Services include residential, educational, therapeutic, and adult programs.

www.atcoftexas.org

THE INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL OF TARRANT COUNTY **817-725-7258**

The Intellectual and Development Disabilities Council of Tarrant County (IDD Council) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose purpose is to transform the region into an inclusive community where persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) thrive. We bring stakeholders, agencies providing services to people with IDD, self-advocates, and families together, to create an environment for an efficient and accessible system of support for people with IDD. The IDD Council hosts numerous educational events, family fun activities, and Making Connections Disability Resources Fairs throughout Tarrant County. Open for all to attend, the IDD Council meets the first Thursday of each month from 9 – 10:30 a.m. Join us and help to advocate and spread awareness of IDD! Visit www.IDDCouncil.org/partners for more information about activities, events, volunteer opportunities, membership, sponsorship, and resources. 📍 “Follow” and “Like” us on social media. www.facebook.com/IDDCouncil 📍 www.twitter.com/IDDCouncil

★URBAN VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICES, LLC**817-264-1647**

Urban Village Family Services is a private, for-profit corporation that provides Employment Services & Career Counseling: comprehensive external situational assessments, job placement, job coaching, personal-vocational-social-adjustment supported employment; Case Management & Supported Living Services Coordination: social skills training, life skills coaching, academic support, health & wellness. www.facebook.com/Urbanvillagefamilyservices

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Together we are *Making Connections* to disability resources in our great community. Thank you for your support!

ResCare Community Living (EduCare)

www.rescarecommunityliving.com

817-640-3316

Be An Angel DFW

www.beanangel.org/dfw

281-219-3313

Earth Angels Pediatric Day Center

www.earthangelspediatricdaycenter.com

682-683-2450

Star-Medical Specialties

www.star-medical.net

800-368-2065

Urban Village Family Services, LLC

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817-264-1647

Pharmacy Alternatives - Pharmedica

<https://pharmacyalternatives.com>

469-918-8412

SAVE THE DATES!

IT'S SANTA! IT'S SANTA!

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be dropping by for photos, cookies, cocoa and crafts!

DECEMBER 4, 2024

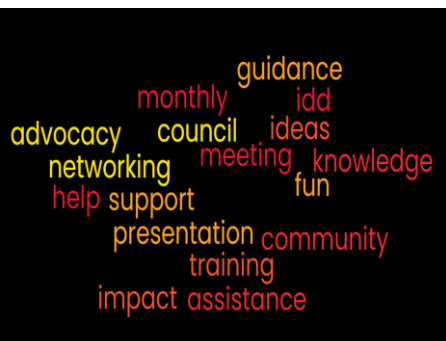
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First Methodist Mansfield
777 N. Walnut Creek Dr.
Mansfield, TX 76063



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

SENSORY SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

IDD COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING,
PRESENTATION & NETWORKING
(1ST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH)

COMING TO MANSFIELD!



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FEBRUARY 1, 2025

MAKING CONNECTIONS DISABILITY RESOURCE
FAIR MANSFIELD



SATURDAY, FEB. 22, 2025 • 9 AM – 1 PM

Carroll Senior High School

1501 W. Southlake Blvd., Southlake, TX 76092



Visit with organizations that provide services for people with disabilities!
Schedule and Breakout Session Details:
<https://www.iddcouncil.org/makingconnectionsnorth>

- Resources for:
- Medicaid Waivers/Social Security
 - Guardianship/Supportive Decision-Making
 - Employment Needs
 - Transition & Reentry/mentoring Services
 - College Programs
 - Assistive & Adaptive Technology
 - Special Needs Trusts / W's
 - Adult Learning / Training
 - Financial Planning
 - Recreation & Leisure
 - Therapy & Camp Experiences
 - Respite/Day Habilitation and more!



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

MAKING CONNECTIONS NORTH
DISABILITY RESOURCE FAIR



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THURSDAY-SATURDAY

APRIL 17-19
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Your support helps us with our mission to transform the region into an inclusive community where people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) thrive. For this, we thank you!