

Bryan/College Station

Special Needs Resources

Below is a list of Bryan/CS resources for families affected by disability. We offer this list as a service only. The organizations and events below are not listed as recommendations by Central Baptist Church nor endorsed by Central Baptist Church. We encourage you to research each resource to decide if it is an appropriate activity/fit for your family.

FACETS– Families of Autistic Children Engaged Together for Support

When: 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:30-8:30pm

Where: Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center, 1318 Memorial Dr. Bryan, TX 77802

Offers support group, play-dates & local, reduced price opportunities for families with children and teens affected by autism.

www.facetsbcs.org; RSVP to facetsbcs@gmail.com for childcare during meetings (provided by Project Sunshine)

PATHS –The PATHS Certificate Program is your path to a successful career as a Direct Support Professional working with people with disabilities.

The PATHS Certificate Program is a program offered at the [Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M University](#) that will prepare graduates to be *Direct Support Professionals*. This two semester certificate program prepares graduates for employment in a career serving people with disabilities.

Email: paths@tamu.edu

Mailing Address: PATHS
635 Harrington Tower
4225 TAMU
College Station, TX 77843-4225

Best Buddies – The mission of Best Buddies is to establish a global volunteer movement that creates opportunity for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

http://www.bestbuddiestexas.org/site/c.hhKSIXPBIqE/b.1381361/k.3E53/WE_ARE_BEST_BUDDIES8482.htm

Contact Name: John Reed

E-mail Address: Jcreed2323@yahoo.com

Phone Number: 832-247-8972

Cinemark Theater – offers Sensory Friendly Movie Nights

Where: Cinemark, 1401 Earl Rudder Fwy., College Station, TX

When: monthly, check www.facetsbcs.org for dates/times/movie titles

What: You may bring in your own gluten free/casein free snacks. Tickets are \$4 adult & \$3.75 child and are available at the box office on the event date. To make this a sensory friendly screening, the lights will be turned up, the volume will be reduced and children are encouraged to sing, dance, and have fun!

Project Sunshine - Project Sunshine is a non-denominational, not-for-profit, national organization based out of New York City operating locally through Texas A&M Student Organization; Contact Danika Murphy at dmurphy990@tamu.edu or (281) 635-0651; <http://projectsunshine.tamu.edu/node/6>

Provides free programs and services to children with long-term illnesses, disabilities, and special needs and their siblings.

Members pay dues and volunteer their time to make these programs possible and free of charge for the children and their families.

Main goal is to provide friendship while bringing a smile to the kids' faces.

Daybreak – Daybreak is contracted by the [Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services](#) to provide Home and Community-based services, Texas Home Living Services, and Deaf-Blind/Multiple Disabilities services. Private pay and other third-party payor services are also available.

<http://www.daybreak-hcs.com/>

MOSAIC – Our Mission: "Embracing God's call to serve in the world, Mosaic advocates for people with intellectual disabilities and provides opportunities for them to enjoy a full life." Mosaic is a faith-based organization serving people with intellectual disabilities. Group homes in Bryan, TX and DayHab in Bryan, TX.

302 Post Office St, Bryan, TX 77801

(979) 823-7622

Special Olympics – The mission of Special Olympics Texas is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. <http://www.sotx.org/>

Challenger Sports – The challenger sports series is to provide programming throughout the year for children with special needs; <http://www.cstx.gov/index.aspx?page=1664>

Brazos Valley Booster Club - The Brazos Valley Bombers Booster Club's mission is to provide Special Olympics sports activities in the Bryan-College Station area for individuals after they graduate from high school. The sports we offer are basketball, track and field, tennis, cycling, power lifting, bocce, aquatics, golf, and bowling, and volleyball. Contact: Don Calhoun, calh4@aol.com

Young Life Capernaum - Young Life leaders have the privilege of knowing and sharing their lives with kids and young adults with disabilities. While all Young Life activities are open to every kid, many Young Life areas have dedicated programs for kids and young adults with disabilities, typically referred to as Young Life Capernaum Ministries.

Young Life Capernaum gives young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities the chance to experience fun and adventure, to develop fulfilling friendships and to challenge their limits while building self-esteem through club, camp and other exciting activities. Young Life staff and volunteers model Christ's unconditional love and acceptance as they walk alongside these young adults — filling their lives with love and support.

<http://capernaumbrazosvalley.younglife.org/Pages/default.aspx>

When: Capernaum (up to 29yrs.) – 2nd/4th Thursdays of each month (contact for dates)

Capernaum Beyond (30+) - 1st/3rd Thursdays each month (contact for dates)

Where: First Baptist Church, Bryan TX

Time: 7:00pm-9pm

Does not meet during the summer

Contact: Amanda @ 512-983-8301/J.P. Harris @ 979-693-2012

DSABV - The Down Syndrome Association of Brazos Valley is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization comprised of families and friends of people with Down syndrome; <http://dsabv.org/>. See website for calendar of events throughout the year.

Contact: dsabv@dsabv.com, 979-778-7010

The Autism Clinic - The Autism Clinic and its partners provide evaluation and diagnostic services, ABA-based autism interventions, social skills development, in-home training, parent training and more.

The Autism Clinic at Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center
Amy Heath, Autism Program Director
Phone: (979) 776-2872
Email: autism@eastersealsetx.org

The Arc of Bryan-College Station – provides activities, support, services to families/individuals affected by disability; “The Arc of Texas creates opportunities for all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

to be actively participate in their communities and make the choices that affect their lives in a positive manner.”

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Contact: John: 979-599-3303/Teresa: 979-224-0268
President: John Herrera
President E-mail: therrera456@gmail.com

PATH – a grant project of Partners Resource Network, Inc., one of three federally funded Parent Training and Information Centers (PTI) serving Texas parents of children and youth with disabilities from the ages of 0 to 26yrs. Offers free ARD preparation and assistance. Services provided at no cost to you. Regional Coordinator is Gail Wright. To schedule a one-on-one appointment call at (936)291-2097 or email at walkercountypath@yahoo.com

Joni & Friends - For over 18 years Joni and Friends has hosted five-day summer retreats where families affected by disability can find hope and respite from the challenges of everyday life. Each person—able bodied and disabled—receives love, attention, and personally fulfilling activities; while also receiving rejuvenating rest, attending informative sessions, spending time with each other, and has opportunities to grow in their faith in Jesus Christ.

<http://www.joniandfriends.org/>

Becky Ellis, 972-941-4525

2001 W. Plano Parkway, Suite 3402 Plano, TX 75075

Joni and Friends Dallas/Fort Worth

bellis@joniandfriends.org

Square Dancing Lessons for All:

Who: Persons of all abilities

Where: Aldersgate United Methodist Church
2201 Earl Rudder Freeway (Hwy 6)
College Station, TX

When: Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm

Begins: Sept. 11, 2014 (runs for 14 weeks)

RSVP: Loretta Bender (ben08@verizon.net)/
979-731-1054

Cost: Depends upon number of participants

Brookwood Community: Through the Grace of God, The Brookwood Community provides an educational environment that creates meaningful jobs, builds a sense of belonging, and demands dignity and respect for adults with disabilities.

Contact: 1752 FM 1489 Brookshire, TX 77423

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 5 pm

Main Switchboard: 281-375-2100

Fax: 281-375-2160

Tour Reservations: 281-375-2158

Cafe Reservations: 281-375-2400

<http://www.brookwoodcommunity.org/>

Texas Parent to Parent

Texas Parent to Parent is a nonprofit organization created by parents for families of children with disabilities, chronic illness and other special needs throughout the state of Texas; <http://www.txp2p.org>

MHMR Authority of the Brazos Valley

302 E. 24th St.

Bryan, TX 77803

Ph (979) 821-9478

<http://www.mhmrabv.org/eci.shtml>

<http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/>

Bryan ISD Special Education Services

1307 Memorial Dr.

Bryan, TX 77802

Ph (979) 209-2876; Ph (979) 209-2856

http://www.bryanisd.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=180531&type=d

College Station ISD Special Education Services

1812 Welsh

College Station, TX 77840; Ph (979) 764-5433

http://www.csisd.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=164859&type=d

Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M University - <http://cdd.tamu.edu/index.htm>

Texas Statewide Leadership for Autism - Areas of Emphasis: Autism Training, online Resources, model sites, intervention and research; www.txautism.net

Brazos Valley Gluten Intolerance Group (BVGIG)

This group is a support group for individuals with Celiac disease or gluten intolerance. For individuals wanting to learn more about gluten-free resources in Bryan and College Station, you may want to contact this group.

<http://www.bvgig.com/>

Bryan+College Station Public Library System

The public library system has books on Autism, developmental disorders, and sensory integration. Search online or visit your local library.

<http://bcslibrary.org>