

Guide to Social and Public Services

for

Williamson, Travis, and Bell Counties

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The primary purpose of this document is to provide the Southwestern University community and members of our greater community with information about local agencies and organizations that address key systemic issues in Central Texas. This document may also be used by community members seeking services from the organizations herein.

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General Public & Social Service Assistance

211

211 or 512/973-9203

www.211.org

211 is a program of United Way that connects those needing social and financial services to area providers. When calling 211, state the need or area of interest, and the operator will provide applicable contact information.

ACT: Aware Central TX, Inc.*

Belton 254/939-7582 or 1-888-SAVE1CHILD

www.ACTcentex.org

ACT works toward the prevention of child abuse and neglect and building better families through family mentoring, parenting classes, and safety classes.

American Red Cross*

Austin 512/928-4271 or 1-800-928-4271

Williamson County 512/930-1700

www.centex.redcross.org

Offers disaster services, health and safety training, organizes blood drives, and much more.

Annunciation Maternity Home*

Georgetown 512/864-7755 or 1-877-71-HAVEN (42836)

www.thematernityhome.org

A home for pregnant teens and teen mothers of young children. Residents receive comprehensive support, including medical care, continuing education, transportation, job assistance, counseling, and more.

Assistance League of Georgetown Area

Georgetown 512/864-2542

www.georgetownarea.assistanceleague.org

A nonprofit, philanthropic, volunteer organization dedicated to reaching out to those who need help within the community.

The Austin Project*

Austin 512/929-3545

www.theaustinproject.org

A catalyst for systemic change to strengthen educational and social service delivery systems. Focus areas include youth and family, academic improvement, and early literacy.

Bell County Human Services/Temple HELP Center

Bell County 254/770-6842

Provides information and referral, non-financial and financial emergency assistance, educational classes, community-based supportive services, and programs targeted at alleviating crisis situations.

Capital Area Food Bank*

Austin 512/282-2111 or 1-800-786-2616

www.austinfoodbank.org

As the largest food bank in Central Texas, CAFB works with other organizations in the area to ensure that food pantries are well stocked.

The Caring Place*

Georgetown 512/869-4735

www.caringplacetx.org

Provides a variety of emergency services to families, including vouchers for food and clothing which can be redeemed at their thrift store. In addition, they provide funding for needed household items or home repairs and provide emergency assistance for those who cannot afford to pay their monthly bills or medical costs. They also offer programs to help individuals become financially self-sufficient.

Caritas of Austin*

Austin 512/479-4610 ext. 121

www.caritasofaustin.org

Helps people in times of financial crisis by providing basic needs such as food and clothing as well as the education to move toward self-sufficiency. They offer life skills, money management, and ESL classes.

El Buen Samaritano*

Austin 512/439-0700

Church 512/439-0721

www.elbuen.org

Provides health care, emergency food, advocacy, leadership, development, and basic education for working-poor Latino families.

Goodwill Industries of Central Texas

Austin 512/637-7100

Georgetown 512/868-9547

Round Rock 512/388-2911

1-877-464-4660

www.austingoodwill.org

Provides job training and employment opportunities for people with disabilities and helps people to become self-sufficient. They sell clothing and other items in order to fund job training and placement programs

Latina Mami*

Austin 512/689-2340

www.latinamami.org

A nonprofit support organization for Chicana and Latina mothers and families which provides valuable resources and education. The all-female governing board offers programs like Mami Closet, which provides maternity clothes and baby equipment, Latina Mami Newspaper

and Website, Kids' Cultural Activities, and Babysitting Cooperative.

The Linus Connection

Georgetown 512/266-9305

www.linusconnection.org

A group that creates handmade blankets for children who have been neglected or abused. Blankets are also given to children who are ill or are considered to be at-risk. Most of the blankets go to children who are between 7 and 12 years of age.

Lisa's H.O.P.E. Chest

Austin 512/457-0999

www.lisashopechest.org

A nonprofit organization that provides free used professional clothing to men and women in need, specifically to those in a transition phase in their lives. This organization also provides life skills training with programs like W.E.A.N.G.E.L.S. (Women Experiencing Achieving New Goals & Envisioning Life's Successes) and S.T.E.P. Forward (Strategies to Economic Progress).

Manos de Cristo

Austin 512/477-7454

Dental Clinic 512/477-2319

www.manosdecristo.org

A nonprofit organization that helps people in need by providing resources that will help them gain self-sufficiency. This organization provides a dental clinic program to low-income residents, a basic needs program, and an education program that offers ESL classes four days a week.

Martha's Kitchen/Shelter of Texas, Inc.*

Bell County 254/770-0515

Provides food, clothing, shelter and other services to homeless and hungry persons in the Central Texas area 24 hours a day.

Mother's Milk Bank at Austin*

Austin 512/494-0800 or 1-877-813-MILK (6455)

www.mmbaustin.org

Provides human milk to infants in neonatal intensive care units to improve their health and lower the care costs of premature and ill babies. The organization also educates the medical and general community on the benefits of human milk for infants.

Planned Parenthood*

Austin 512/275-0171 or 1-800-230-PLAN (7526)

www.plannedparenthood.org

Helps people make informed, private decisions about

sexuality, reproductive options, and parenthood through education. It provides counseling, healthcare, and birth control services.

Refugee Services of Texas (RST)*

Austin 512/472-9472

<http://refugeeservicetexas.tripod.com/austin.htm>

RST serves newly arrived refugees and asylees from around the world and provides education and training around issues of human trafficking. RST works with the US Department of State to provide clients with housing, case management, job training, and mental health counseling, and links them to resources for other basic needs. RST's mission is to provide resources, referrals, education and guidance to ensure successful and self-sufficient lives in Texas.

Round Rock Area Serving Center*

Round Rock 512/244-2431

www.servingcenter.org

Services include a food pantry and financial assistance for utilities, rent, prescriptions, transportation, temporary lodging, and gasoline to people living in Round Rock, Hutto, and Wells Branch.

The Salvation Army*

Austin 512/476-1111

www.salvationarmyaustin.org

Their mission is to meet human needs without discrimination, motivated by love for God, and to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Austin-based center offers emergency relief, a homeless shelter, a gathering place for worship and fellowship, an adult rehabilitative program, and other social services.

The Storehouse*

Pflugerville 512/989-9989

www.thestorehouseofaustin.org

Offers food, clothing, and encouragement to people in need in order to end the cycle of poverty.

Texas Inmate Families Association

Austin 512/371-0900

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

TIFA members are united to support families affected by having a loved one in the Texas criminal justice system and to improve the conditions and life chances of Texas inmates.

United Way of the Capital Area

Austin 512/472-6267

www.unitedwaycapitalarea.org

Works with many other smaller organizations throughout Central Texas to provide services to families. The United

Way can help families find shelter, food, counseling, and medical services as needed.

United Way of Williamson County

Round Rock 512/255-6799

www.unitedway-wc.org

Works with many other organizations throughout Williamson County to provide services for families. The United Way can help families find shelter, food, counseling, and medical services as needed.

Williamson-Burnet County Opportunities, Inc.*

Administrative Office: 512-763-1400

www.wbco.net

Provides 5 key programs and services throughout Williamson County: Affordable Housing in Leander, 4 Senior Activity Centers, Meals-on-Wheels, 8 Head Start campuses, and 3 Neighborhood Outreach Centers, which provide utility assistance, case management, rental assistance, homelessness prevention, and heating/cooling system replacement or repair.

Williamson County and Cities Health District

Georgetown 512/943-3600

Round Rock 512/248-3252

www.wcchd.org

Offers services which include immunizations, communicable disease management, TB and STD testing, food handler training classes, and much more.

Whole Woman's Health*

Austin 512/250-1005 or 1-800-282-1005

Contact: austin@wholewomanshealth.com

www.wholewomanshealth.com

An abortion provider that offers a full range of services for women, including gynecological services, counseling, and general wellness resources.

Women's Health and Family Planning Association of Texas*

Austin 512/448-4857

www.whfpt.org

Works to promote voluntary family planning services for all Texas women, reproductive freedom, responsible sexuality education, and advocacy for high quality, affordable, and accessible reproductive health care. They provide leadership and information to the public and their members.

Animals

Georgetown Animal Outreach (GAO)

www.georgetownanimaloutreach.org

GAO's mission is to support and enhance the services provided by the Georgetown Animal Shelter and other local organizations dedicated to the welfare of animals.

Georgetown Animal Shelter

Georgetown 512/930-3592

www.petfinder.com/shelters/TX34.html

The Animal Services Department provides animal sheltering services and animal control for City of Georgetown residents. Services are only provided inside the city limits and volunteers are always welcome.

Lifelong Friends Pet Adoptions

Lago Vista 512/267-6876

A non-profit, no-kill animal shelter dedicated to preventing animal suffering by rescuing and caring for stray and abandoned dogs and cats and finding homes for these animals, educating the public about responsible pet ownership, and encouraging pet owners to spay and neuter their animals.

R.O.C.K. (Ride On Center for Kids)*

Georgetown 512/930-7625

www.rockride.org

A non-profit organization that provides therapy through horseback riding for individuals with both physical and learning disabilities. ROCK serves people ages 2-78.

Spirit Reins*

Liberty Hill 512/515-0845

www.spiritreins.org

Offers two therapy programs with the use of horses. Equine Assisted Psychotherapy programs work with troubled youth. The Horses and Youth United program works with children that may be living in poverty, be involved in a gang, or struggle with substance abuse.

Texas Hearing and Service Dogs*

Austin 512/858-1495

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

Trains service dogs and hearing dogs to assist people with disabilities. Service dogs assist individuals with physical disabilities by opening doors, fetching wheelchairs, retrieving dropped items, operating light switches, moving paralyzed limbs and getting help.

Texas Humane Legislation Network

Austin 1-888-548-6263

www.thln.com

Their mission is to promote the humane treatment of animals through legislation, education and advocacy. You can sign up to receive THLN's Action Alerts and respond to them with calls and faxes to you state senator and representative.

Williamson County Humane Society

Leander 512/260-3602

www.hswc.net

Works to promote responsibility in pet ownership through education about health and safety. This organization works to find animals good homes.

Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter

Georgetown 512/943-3322

www.wilcopets.org

Houses rescued and surrendered dogs and cats. The shelter also offers adoption services once animals are spayed or neutered. Volunteers are welcome at all levels.

Crisis Interventions

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Central Texas Youth Services*

1-800-421-TEEN (8336)

www.centraltexasyouthservices.org

A collection of nonprofit tax-exempt organizations that provide services to runaways, homeless, and troubled youth and their families throughout the Central Texas region. Their mission is to assist troubled children, youth, and families toward the development of their full potential through provision of quality community-based services.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Austin 512/459-2272

www.casatrans.org

Provides help to abused and neglected children and works to ensure that every child in Travis County lives in a safe, healthy, and nurturing environment.

Families In Crisis, Inc.

Bell County 254/634-1184 or 254/773-7765

1-888-799-SAFE

www.familiesincrisis.net

Provides a safe shelter, counseling, and outreach support services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. They also have a free and confidential 24-hour hotline.

Helping Hand Home for Children

Austin 512/459-3353

www.helpinghandhome.org

HHH provides residential treatment services and therapeutic foster care for abused, neglected, and abandoned children. HHH needs volunteers to facilitate recreational activities, to help children with homework, and to work in the office or on the grounds.

Hope Alliance (formerly known as Williamson County Crisis Center)*

Round Rock 512/255-1212 or 1-800-460-SAFE
www.wccc.info

Offers services to women, children, and men whose lives have been affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. Services include a 24-hour hotline, an emergency shelter, transitional housing, counseling and support groups, educational services, legal advocacy, and more.

LifeSteps

Georgetown 512/869-2571
Round Rock 512/246-9880 or 512/246-9881
Austin 512/930-5351
www.lifestepsCouncil.org

Offers assistance to those in drug and alcohol recovery, as well as educational materials and resources on drug addiction and alcoholism. Their Families In Transition program provides services to families in the process of divorce.

Lifeworks*

Austin 512/735-2400
www.lifeworksweb.org

Provides crisis intervention and counseling services. They work with homeless and run-away youth through counseling to give youth a better understanding of how to succeed in society and encourage them toward positive behaviors. Lifeworks provides a 24 hour walk-in shelter, GED classes, life skills training, and other services.

My Healing Place

Austin 512/472-7878
www.myhealingplace.org

A non-profit organization dedicated to assisting those who are experiencing grief, loss, and trauma as the result of a significant traumatic loss (death or non-death). They are committed to serving all who are in need of grief services regardless of financial means.

Ronald McDonald House*

Austin 512/472-9844
www.rmhc-austin.org

Provides a variety of services to families with a child in the hospital for a long period of time. The Houses are located near hospitals so that families can be close to their children. Families generally pay \$5-20 per day, but families that cannot afford to pay can stay for free.

Round Rock Area Serving Center*

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www.servingcenter.org

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SafePlace

Austin 512/267-SAFE
TTY 512/927-9616
www.austin-safeplace.org

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Spirit Reins*

Liberty Hill 512/515-0845
www.spiritreins.org

Offers two therapy programs with the use of horses. Equine Assisted Psychotherapy programs work with troubled youth. The Horses and Youth United program works with children that may be living in poverty, be involved in a gang, or struggle with substance abuse.

STARRY (Services To At-Risk Runaway Youth)*

Round Rock 512/388- 8290
Emergency Shelter 512/246-4276
www.starryonline.org

The STARRY shelter cares for twenty children at a time between birth and age 17. The shelter provides a home for children who have run away from home. They also provide temporary shelter for those children that have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. The shelter helps children find services that will help them once they have left the shelter.

Texas Baptist Children's Home*

Round Rock 512/255-3682 or 512/246-4244
www.tbch.org

Provides residential care to abused children ages 6 to 17. TBCH offers individual, group, and family counseling, and emphasizes reconciliation. Volunteer opportunities include providing recreational activities for children, yard work, maintaining vehicles for single moms, food delivery, organizing food and clothing, and collecting items needed for the children.

Victim's Assistance Program - Williamson County Sheriff's Office*

Georgetown 512/943-1374

http://wcportals.wilco.org/Sheriff/Docs/VA_App.pdf

The Victim Services Team is a group of volunteers that are trained in crisis intervention for survivors, witnesses, and families in Williamson County who have been traumatized by the experience of death, serious injury, violent crime, or natural disaster.

Victim's Services - Georgetown Police Department*

Georgetown 512/930-3510

www.georgetown.org/pdfs/pd.victims.services.application.pdf

This Victim's Services Team serves the same purpose as the Victim's Services Team for Williamson County. This program, however, serves residents within the city limits only.

Williamson-Burnet County Opportunities, Inc.*

Georgetown Area 512/930-0873

Round Rock Area 512/255-2202

Taylor Area 512/352-5523

www.wbco.net

Their Neighborhood Outreach Centers provide a variety of emergency assistance programs including utility assistance, rental assistance, heating and cooling system repair or replacement, case management, and homelessness prevention.

Women's Advocacy Project*

Austin 512/476-5377

Hotline 1-800-374-HOPE (4673)

www.women-law.org

Provides free legal advice to Texans, with specialized services addressing the legal needs of survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Their experience providing expert legal remedies puts the power of the justice system into the hands of the survivors and brings consequences to batterers and sexual predators.

Disabilities-Related Resources

Any Baby Can

Austin 512/454-3743 or 1-800-672-0238

www.abcaus.org

Provides intervention services to children with disabilities and their families. They serve children with both physical and learning disabilities and provide counseling and parenting classes as well as needed items that a family may not be able to afford.

The Arc of the Capital Area

Austin 512/476-7044

www.arcofthecapitalarea.org

A non-profit organization in Austin that provides services to children with disabilities and their families. The Arc works with families of children with varying types of disabilities (primarily developmental), through support groups, respite care, and programs through the juvenile justice system.

The Arc of Texas

Austin 512/454-6694 or 1-800-252-9729

www.thearcoftexas.org

The umbrella organization for the Arc of the Capital Area. The main goals of the Arc of Texas are focused on changing government policies on mental and developmental disabilities. The organization also works to educate the general public about mental and developmental disabilities.

ARCIL (A Resource Center for Independent Living)

Round Rock 512/828-4624

Austin 512/832-6349

www.arcil.com

ARCIL provides independent living assistance to those with disabilities living in the Austin and Georgetown areas. The website lists appropriate job openings, and the organization holds classes such as aerobics and computer training as well.

Bluebonnet Trails Community MHMR Center*

Round Rock 512/255-1720 or 1-800-841-1255

www.bluebonnetmhmr.org

Provides a wide range of mental health and mental disability services for Williamson County. They offer a 24-hour help line, services for patients, respite care, and educational opportunities for families. They provide job training and employment assistance for those with disabilities that are looking for jobs.

Child Find

Georgetown 512/943-5000 x 6884

A program for identifying, locating and evaluating individuals who are suspected of having a disability. Individuals must be between the ages of 3 and 21, not attending Georgetown ISD and reside within the Georgetown ISD boundaries.

Easter Seals – Central Texas*

Austin 512/478-2581

<http://centraltx.easterseals.com>

Creates solutions for children and adults with disabilities and those who care for them. Volunteers can help at events and camps or in the office.

ECI Pride (Early Childhood Intervention)*

Round Rock 512/244-8359 or 1-800-628-5115

TTY 1-866-581-9328

www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/index.shtml

Supports children with disabilities age 0-3 and their families in Williamson County. Volunteers are welcome to assist in providing services to clients, including support, information, and training.

Exceptional Georgetown Alliance (EGA)

Georgetown 512/868-2206

Contact: exceptionalgeorgetown@gmail.com

The EGA is a group of family and community members dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals with developmental and cognitive disabilities by working to secure needed funding. The EGA will provide resources for educational, recreational, social and vocational experiences to children and young adults with cognitive and developmental disabilities.

Infant Parent Program-Early Childhood Intervention (Austin/Travis County MHMR)*

Austin 512/447-4141

www.atcmhmr.com/service/CMH/eciinfantParent.htm

ECI's mission is to give families with children under 3 years with developmental delays the resources and support they need to reach their goals. They offer family education and support, audiology and vision services, nursing and nutrition services, physical/occupational therapy, and developmental services.

R.O.C.K. (Ride On Center for Kids)*

Georgetown 512/930-7625

www.rockride.org

A non-profit organization that provides therapy through horseback riding for individuals with both physical and learning disabilities. ROCK serves people ages 2-78.

Rosedale School*

Austin 512/414-3617

<http://www.austinisd.org/schools/website.phtml?id=117>

A campus of the Austin ISD serving the needs of students age 3-22 with multiple severe and profound disabilities.

Special Olympics GISD

Georgetown 512/966-1312

Contact: mmouse1997@gmail.com

Austin 512/835-9873

Contact: info@sotx.org

www.sotx.org

An annual event for children with disabilities. It provides a chance for children with disabilities to participate in competition.

Talking Book Program

Austin 512/463-5458 or 1-800-252-9605

www.tsl.state.tx.us/tbp/

A state-wide service that provides books on tape, in large print, or in Braille. The program helps those that have visual, physical or reading disabilities across Texas. The library has over 80,000 books available as well as subscriptions to over 80 magazines for both children and adults. The service is free and the material is sent through the mail and returned when no longer needed.

Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services

1-800-628-5115

www.dars.state.tx.us

Works with persons with disabilities to provide various therapies. The Commission works to help those with disabilities live independently. They also provide vocational training and physical rehabilitation for those with injuries.

Texas Hearing and Service Dogs*

Austin 512/858-1495

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

Trains service dogs and hearing dogs to assist people with disabilities by opening doors, fetching wheelchairs, retrieving dropped items, operating light switches, moving paralyzed limbs and getting help.

Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Austin 512/454-8631 or 1-800-872-5273

TDD 512/206-9451

www.tsbvi.edu

Provides education for ages 3 to 22. The school offers services for all types of visual impairments in a residential setting. Students receive instruction on site, and also attend classes at local schools. The school offers sports and other recreational activities.

Texas School for the Deaf

Austin 512/462-5353 (v/tty)

www.tsd.state.tx.us

Offers full time education for ages 5-22, Early Childhood programs, social opportunities, and recreational sports.

United Cerebral Palsy of Texas*

Austin 512/472-8696

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

Provides direct services and advocacy on behalf of individuals with disabilities. Since its inception in 1954, it has been on the forefront in developing and providing quality, innovative programs and services to help advance the independence of people with disabilities.

Williamson County Helpline

512/248-3252 or 1-800-890-6296

A service of the Williamson County & Cities Health District Social Services Division. It is answered 24 hours a day, and helps identify medical, shelter or other services within the county. The majority of calls to the Helpline are healthcare-related.

Domestic Violence

Arte Sana

www.arte-sana.com

Arte Sana (art heals) is a nonprofit agency for Latino/a survivors of gender and racial violence that promotes healing and empowerment through the arts and community education. Experienced translators (primarily English to Spanish) are needed as volunteers.

Center for Child Protection

Austin 512/472-1164 or 512/472-1164 x2426

www.centerforchildprotection.org

A non-profit agency that provides a homelike, child-centered environment where children who have reported abuse and their protective caregivers can go for evaluation, crisis intervention, evidence gathering, and counseling.

Helping Hand Home for Children*

Austin 512/459-3353

www.helpinghandhome.org

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Offers services to women, children, and men whose lives have been affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. Such services include a 24-hour hotline, an emergency shelter, transitional housing, counseling and support groups, educational services, legal advocacy, and more.

Prevent Child Abuse Texas

Austin 512/250-8438

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

A statewide non-profit organization working to prevent child abuse and neglect in all its forms throughout

Texas. They advocate for policies and programs which support healthy families and children and believe in a prosperous society that understands and genuinely values the well-being of children.

SafePlace*

Austin 512/267-SAFE

TTY 512/927-9616

www.austin-safeplace.org

Offers a continuum of services for survivors of domestic violence. Clients receive shelter, advocacy, crisis services, and long-term support. SafePlace also sponsors awareness and prevention programs. Volunteers can work directly or indirectly with clients and their families.

SAHELI (Support Advocate Heal Empower Listen Inform)

Austin 512/703-8745 or 512/356-1565

1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or TTY 1-800-787-3224

www.saheli-austin.org

SAHELI is a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to Asian families dealing with domestic violence and abuse and works to empower Asian victims and survivors.

Settlement Home for Children

Austin 512/836-2150

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

Helps children who have been abused and neglected by resolving their emotional, behavioral and familial problems and providing quality residential care.

Texas Association Against Sexual Assault

Austin 512/474-7190

www.taasa.org

A non-profit agency promoting sexual assault awareness throughout the state of Texas. TAASA is committed to ending sexual violence in Texas through education, prevention, and advocacy.

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Texas Council on Family Violence

Austin 512/794-1133 or 1-800-525-1978

www.tcfv.org

Works to end violence against women through partnerships, advocacy, and direct services for women, children, and men.

Victim's Assistance Program – Williamson County Sheriff's Office*

Georgetown 512/943-1374

http://wcportals.wilco.org/Sheriff/Docs/VA_App.pdf

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Georgetown 512/930-3510

www.georgetown.org/pdfs/pd.victims.services.application.pdf

This Victim's Services Team serves the same purpose as the Victim's Services Team for Williamson County. This program, however, serves residents within the city limits only.

Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center

Georgetown 512/943-3701

www.wilcocac.org

Provides needed assistance to children who have been physically or sexually abused, or who have parents/caregivers who have been accused of abuse.

Williamson County Court Watch (WCCW)*

Georgetown 512/868-1553

Provides support to survivors of battery and violence inflicted by a spouse or partner. This organization observes court hearings and creates records of the nature in which these cases are adjudicated to ensure fairness and protection of the survivors from further harm.

Women's Advocacy Project*

Austin 512/476-5377

Hotline 1-800-374-HOPE (4673)

www.women-law.org

Provides free legal advice to Texans, with specialized services addressing the legal needs of survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Their experience providing expert legal remedies puts the power of the justice system into the hands of the survivors, and brings consequences to batterers and sexual predators.

Early Childhood Resources

AVANCE

Austin 512/326-9335

www.avance.org

A non-profit organization that focuses on parent education, early childhood development, brain development, literacy, and school readiness. The parent education program operates in housing projects, community centers, and schools.

Bridges to Growth*

Georgetown 512/864-3008

www.georgetownproject.com

A community resource center for parents and childcare providers. It houses a library of books on parenting, a toy- and book-lending library for children, a workroom with a laminator, die-cutting machine, photo copier for public use, and hosts parenting and childcare provider classes.

Family Connections

Austin 512/478-5725

www.familyconnectionsonline.org

A non-profit organization that aims to educate caregivers of young children and provide services such as parenting classes and information on receiving child care. They also provide a library and toy-loaning service.

Georgetown Public Library

Georgetown 512/930-3551

<http://library.georgetown.org/>

Offers a wide variety of services to enhance education for all ages. The library offers story times, craft projects, and puppet shows that attract children of all ages and makes education fun.

Head Start and Early Head Start

Georgetown 512/863-5259 or 512/864-9733

Leander 512/259-9010

Taylor 512/365-1070

Liberty Hill 512/515-0838

Round Rock 512/255-4536

www.wbco.net

Comprehensive child and family development programs that prepare children from birth to 5 years of age to become successful school students and members of society. Head Start provides child care services and enrichment programs to children from low-income families at multiple sites and provides some assistance to pregnant mothers.

Helping Austin

Austin 512/264-4160

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

A non-profit dedicated to raising money to fund local programs focused around improving the lives of at-risk children.

Hill Country Children's Advocacy Center

Burnet 512/756-2607

<http://www.hccac.org/index.html>

HCCAC is a non-profit organization created to minimize the trauma of child abuse victims. Their multidisciplinary approach facilitates the prevention, detection, investigation, and treatment of child abuse.

Raising Austin

Austin 512/351-8396

<http://raisingaustin.org/>

Believes in the value of childcare that is innovative and results in beneficial changes to the education and care of young children in our area. They fund childcare programs that share this passion and whose work demonstrates far-reaching and long lasting impacts on the quality of childcare.

Texas Association for the Education of Young Children*

Austin 512/451-2392 or 800/341-2392

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

TAEYC provides opportunities for professional growth and broadens public awareness of early care and education issues affecting the lives of children and families.

Texas Network of Youth Services

Austin 512/328-6860

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

An organization of 60 nonprofit youth service agencies and private individuals who share the common goal of creating better options and improving available services for youth and families in crisis.

WC4C (Williamson County Community-Coordinated Child Care)

Georgetown 512/966-1500

A non-profit that ensures and promotes quality, affordable and accessible early childhood education and care for young children.

The YMCA of Greater Williamson County*

Round Rock 512/246-YMCA (9622)

www.ymcagwc.org/

The "Y" After School program provides after-school care to children in grades K-5 for working parents in 46 Williamson County school sites. The Child Development

Center (CDC) provides day care and enrichment activities for pre-school children ages 2-5 years. YMCA Day Camp helps campers grow spiritually, mentally and physically in an indoor/outdoor environment.

Education-Related Resources

After School Action Program (ASAP)*

Georgetown 512/943-5000 x6925

www.georgetownasap.org

Provides a safe, enriching place for Georgetown ISD middle school students after school. The ASAP programs provide a variety of activities for the students including tutorials, computers, arts and crafts, music, and sports.

ASPIRE - Round Rock ISD

Round Rock 512/464-5008

<http://www.roundrockisd.org/index.aspx?page=3031>

Provides after school and summer programs to four elementary schools and one middle school campus, serving approximately 600 students per year. ASPIRE provides hands-on learning opportunities to supplement the school-day curriculum and a range of enrichment opportunities, from cooking to web design. Students are nominated to participate in the program based on academic need or other criteria determined by the campus.

Austin Partners in Education (PIE)*

Austin 512/637-0900

www.austinpartners.org

Creates and fosters effective community-school partnerships that support and enrich student learning and success.

The Austin Project*

Austin 512/929-3545

www.theaustinproject.org

A catalyst for systemic change to strengthen educational and social service delivery systems. Focus areas include youth and family, academic improvement, and early literacy.

Austin Voices for Education & Youth*

Austin 512/450-1880

www.austinvoices.org

Supports positive youth development and public education by mobilizing communities to strengthen schools and expand opportunities for Austin youth.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Austin 512/472-KIDS (5437)

www.bbbscentraltx.org

Pairs children with a mentor for an extended period of time and provides tutoring to these children. The potential for scholarship money for college is available once the student participates in the program and graduates from high school.

Bridges to Growth*

Georgetown 512/864-3008

www.georgetownproject.com

A resource center for parents and childcare providers. It houses a library of books on parenting, a toy- and book-lending library, and hosts parenting/childcare classes.

Citizen Schools*

Austin 512/476-1639

<http://www.citizenschools.org/texas/index.cfm>

Partners with middle schools to expand the learning day for low-income children across the country. Their programs complement classroom learning by engaging students in hands-on learning projects led by adult volunteers after school and supported by a staff of professional educators.

College Forward

Austin 512/452-4800

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

Provides college preparatory services to motivated, economically-disadvantaged students, in order to facilitate their transition to college and make the process exciting and rewarding.

Communities in Schools (CIS) of Central Texas*

Austin 512/462-1771

www.cisaustin.org

A dropout prevention program that creates a network of volunteers, social services, businesses, and community resources that work together to break down barriers to help students succeed.

Community Interaction Partnership (CIP)*

Georgetown 512/943-5198

www.georgetownproject.com

CIP is a community outreach program through which Southwestern University students connect to school- and community-based programs for Georgetown children and youth, grades K-12. While the primary objective of CIP is to provide tutoring help to students, Southwestern University students also have opportunities to mentor students as well.

Duck University*

Taylor 512/352-6845

www.taylorisd.org/duckuniversity/

Provides academic enrichment activities for at-risk students from kindergarten through 8th grade at Taylor ISD.

The Entrepreneurs Foundation and Idea Network

Austin 512/482-8894

www.givetoaustin.org

Strengthens the local technology sector through the vehicle of finance, leadership projects, and instant impact to create new resources and improve Central Texas.

Extended School Enrichment (ESE)*

Georgetown 512/943-5087

www.georgetownisd.org/programs/care/ese.htm

An after-school program for elementary school students, K-5 in Georgetown ISD. The program provides after school care to children to ensure that they are in a safe environment until parents are available to pick them up, and provides a variety of enrichment activities, as well as tutorial services to all students. The program runs the entire school year and throughout the summer. ESE sites are housed on all GISD elementary school campuses.

GENaustin (Girl Empowerment Network)*

Austin 512/841-4093

www.genaustin.org

A volunteer-run organization committed to helping girls grow into healthy, confident women. The agency targets middle-school aged girls, and organizes public presentations by experts in adolescent girl development issues, girl-oriented events, workshops, and other programs for girls, parents, and educators.

The Georgetown Project*

Georgetown 512/943-5198

www.georgetownproject.com

A non-profit organization that drives initiatives designed to improve the lives of Georgetown's children, youth, and families. The organization spearheads programs such as Bridges to Growth, the After School Action Program, Kid City, and the Community Interaction Partnership.

Getsemani Community Center*

Georgetown 512/863-3515

A non-profit organization created to provide an interfaith community of people working together to celebrate Latino culture. It provides educational enrichment for students of all ages, and serves as a forum for neighbors to have a voice, to interact with each other, and for

empowering residents to work out solutions through access to community resources.

Girlstart*

Austin 512/916-4775 or 1-877-768-4775

www.girlstart.org

A non-profit organization created to empower girls to excel in math, science, and technology. The agency offers a variety of educational formats designed for middle school girls through after school programs, summer programs, and summer camps. Volunteers are needed as teachers, mentors, and tutors.

Greenlights

Austin 512/477-5955

www.greenlights.org

Supports and strengthens nonprofits in education through consulting, education, networking, and resources. This organization has many donors that help sustain nonprofits during hard times and times of growth.

Helping Hand Tutoring

Georgetown 512/943-5175

www.georgetownpie.org

Provides free tutoring to GISD students, grades 1-8, in all subject areas.

Inside Books Project

Austin 512/647-4803

www.insidebooksproject.com

An all-volunteer collective and non-profit organization that provides free educational material to Texas's incarcerated population.

Libraries of Love

Pflugerville 512/331-9710

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

Partners with Ugandans to create libraries in individual schools. Lifelong readers become lifelong learners. Therefore, the libraries will serve as bridges to a better future for the children of Uganda.

Literacy Coalition of Central Texas

Austin 512/320-4505

www.willread.org

Provides English as a Second Language programming, Adult Basic Education, computer literacy, health literacy, prison literacy, and workplace literacy.

Literacy Council of Williamson County

Round Rock 512/244-8445

www.literacycouncil-wc.org

Provides resources and programs necessary for individuals to achieve literacy. ESL and GED programs are also available.

Mainspring School

Austin 512/442-2301

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

An early childhood, family-centered community where children enjoy learning and become self-assured and socially competent in order to excel in school and in life.

The Migrant Education Program

Georgetown 512/943-5000, x7334

www.georgetownisd.org/programs/fedprograms/migrant.htm

Serves GISD students (ages 0-21) who are children of migrant workers. These students receive support with academics, scheduling, and finding resources and opportunities that will enhance their education.

Open Door Preschool

Austin 512/477-9632

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

Provides a quality, inclusive preschool program to children of diverse abilities and backgrounds in a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment that promotes respect and acceptance.

Operation Achievement*

Georgetown 512/863-1219

www.southwestern.edu/academics/oa

OA is a partnership between Southwestern University and GISD schools. Southwestern students mentor middle school students (grades 6-8). The student and mentor work together to develop a plan to ensure the academic success of the student, and they carry out this plan together. The middle school student meets once a week with their mentor at Southwestern University.

Pip Start

Austin 1-888-874-8855

www.pipstart.org

A faith-based youth program teaching life skills, character, and academics. The organization focuses on teamwork, creativity, problem-solving, and using math, science, and engineering as a tool.

Project Mentor

Georgetown 512/943-5175

www.georgetownpie.org

Matches school-aged children with an adult mentor within the Georgetown community. The mentors might help children with their homework, help them with self-esteem issues, or talk with them about their goals for the future. Students meet with their mentors for 30 minutes each week.

Phoenix Academy of Austin

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

A residential high school that provides comprehensive drug and alcohol abuse treatment to adolescents while helping them catch up academically.

Rosedale School*

Austin 512/414-3617

<http://www.austinisd.org/schools/website.phtml?id=117>

A campus of the Austin ISD serving the needs of students age 3-22 with multiple severe and profound disabilities.

SAIL (Student Assistance and Intervention Liaison)

Georgetown 512/943-5000, x7508

www.georgetownisd.org/ghs/SAIL

A referral- and solution-based process that helps students who are experiencing problems at school. This may include academics, attendance, behavioral problems, or other issues that can interfere with learning, such as peer conflicts, trauma, or family distress. When appropriate, students are connected to existing on-campus services and/or community resources that will help the student overcome problems.

Skillpoint Alliance*

Austin 512/323-6773

www.skillpointalliance.org

With a mission to build partnerships among industry, education, and the community, programs are designed to promote college and career success, while meeting employers' needs for qualified workers. The agency targets its programs primarily to youth and young adults.

Special Education Parent Liaisons

Georgetown 512/943-5000 x6884

www.georgetownisd.org/programsandservices/secac/

Assists parents in navigating the complex areas of Special Education and 504 Services. Liaisons are the link between families, campus support service staff and the Special Education Community Advisory Council (SECAC).

Texas Association for the Education of Young Children*

Austin 512/451-2392 or 800/341-2392

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

TAEYC provides opportunities for professional growth and broadens public awareness of early care and education issues affecting lives of children and families.

Texas Cooperative Extension

Georgetown 512/943-3300

<http://williamson-tx.tamu.edu/>

An organization that offers educational programs

intended to develop the community and create a better future for Texas. They offer programs in agriculture, natural sciences, family sciences, youth development, and community development.

Texas PTA

Austin 512/476-6769

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

Texas PTA's mission is to work through home, schools and places of worship to promote the welfare of children and secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth. They hope to bring into closer relation the home and the school, so that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.

Upward Bound

Georgetown 512/863-1177

Upward Bound is housed at Southwestern University and serves 9th-12th grade students in Williamson County. Secondary school students are eligible for Upward Bound services if their families meet specific income requirements, and if both parents did not attend college. Once enrolled in the program, students get academic and advising support from staff that facilitates students' acceptance into the college of their choice.

VICTORY Tutorial Program

Austin 512/974-7317 or 512/974-7586

www.communityeducation.org/victory

VICTORY coordinates one-on-one volunteer tutoring for students in grades 1-12 who need extra help with their school work. The program operates out of several public libraries in Austin, and is an initiative made possible by AISD and the City of Austin.

Willie Hall Community Center

Georgetown 512/869-1033

Offers a safe haven for young children in the surrounding neighborhood, and provides tutoring and homework help to students after school in grades 1-8.

Youth Taking Charge*

Wimberley 512/423-5638

www.youthtakingcharge.org

Their mission is to prevent situational poverty from becoming generational poverty by building healthy communities. The organization targets middle school age youth and needs qualified mentors and camp counselors.

Environmental Organizations

Austin Herb Society*

www.austinherbsociety.org

Provides education regarding the benefits of cultivating and using herbs to promote better health and well-being, encourages the growth and use of herbs for beneficial purposes (medicinal, culinary, aromatic, landscaping and personal enjoyment), and provides charitable and volunteer support to community gardens, libraries and/or other community projects.

Austin Sustainable Communities Initiative*

Austin 512/974-2000

www.ci.austin.tx.us/sustainable

The SCI exists to help the greater Austin region achieve economic prosperity, social justice, and ecological health - the highest possible quality of life in the best possible environment.

Center for Maximum Potential Building Systems

Austin 512/928-4786

www.cmpbs.org

A non-profit education, demonstration, and research organization that works toward the application of appropriate technologies and sustainable design practices to meet the needs of a broad range of users.

Central Texas Sustainability Indicators Project

Austin 512/223-7774

www.centex-indicators.org

The CTSIP is intended to increase regional awareness and commitment to sustainability. This goal will be accomplished through an ongoing public discussion that defines Central Texas residents' vision of sustainability through creating quality of life indicators that allow us to track our progress and by acting as a catalyst for increasing the effectiveness of community engagement.

CLEAN AIR Force of Central Texas

Austin 512/225-7776 or 512/255-7780

www.cleanairforce.org

Coordinates and conducts air quality planning and education activities in Central Texas focused on motivating citizens to take actions to reduce air pollution and maintain healthy air; and to advise responsible government entities on air quality issues.

Envision Central Texas

Austin 512/916-6037

www.envisioncentraltexas.org

Encourages and facilitates public dialogue about strategies and goals for Central Texas in ensuring the best possible quality of life for its citizens. Initiatives

include transportation and land use, housing and jobs balance, economic development coordination, and social equity.

Green Corn Project*

Austin 512/249-3171

www.greencornproject.org

A non-profit organization that helps community residents to grow food. They provide education and the skills to grow organic food gardens to foster self-reliance.

Keep Austin Beautiful

Austin 512/391-0617

www.KeepAustinBeautiful.org

The mission of KAB is "to empower the citizens of Greater Austin to take personal responsibility for enhancing their community's environment." The organization sponsors a wide range of volunteer projects.

Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center

Austin 512/292-4100

www.wildflower.org

The Wildflower Center's mission is to educate people about the environmental necessity, economic value, and natural beauty of native plants. Volunteers tend gardens, assist with research, maintain the website, and more.

Liveable City*

Austin 512/326-3331

www.liveablecity.org

An inclusive network of individuals working together to create a community consensus to promote policies that address the long term social, environmental, and economic needs of the people of Austin.

Public Citizen*

Austin 512/477-1155

www.citizen.org/texas

A national, nonprofit consumer advocacy organization founded in 1971 to represent consumer interests in government, Public Citizen advocates for openness and democratic accountability in government; the right of consumers to seek redress in the courts; clean, safe and sustainable energy sources; social and economic justice in trade policies; strong health, safety and environmental protections; and safe, effective and affordable prescription drugs and health care.

People Organized in Defense of the Earth and her Resources (PODER)*

Austin 512/472-9921

www.poder-texas.org

Redefines environmental issues as social and economic justice issues, and collectively addressing these

concerns as basic human rights. As a response to the industrialization and gentrification of East Austin's residential neighborhoods, PODER seeks to empower communities through education, advocacy, and action.

Re-Energize Texas

Austin 512/477-1155

www.reenergizetexas.org

A coalition of students who represent more than 20 Texas university and high school campuses fighting against climate change and for the promise of a green economy. Their work is focused on 4 strategic areas: campuses, communities, corporate practices, and politics. The network operates under the principles of anti-oppression and environmental justice.

Rhizome Collective*

Austin 512/385-3695

www.rhizomecollective.org

Operates an Educational Center for Urban Sustainability and a Center for Community Organizing. They are a consensus-run non-profit organization working to build the world they want to live in. In their worldview, the dominant values of competition, greed and exploitation would be replaced with cooperation, autonomy and egalitarianism. They believe that all struggles against oppression and for self-determination are connected, and that it is important to construct viable alternatives while simultaneously fighting for social justice.

Save Barton Creek Association

Austin 512/480-0055

www.savebartoncreek.org

Protects and conserves the 6 watersheds of the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer (Barton, Bear, Little Bear, Onion, Slaughter, and Williamson).

Save Our Springs Alliance

Austin 512/477-2320

www.sosalliance.org

Works to protect the Edwards Aquifer, its springs and contributing springs, and the natural cultural heritage of its Hill Country watersheds, with special emphasis on the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer.

Sierra Club – Lone Star Chapter

Austin 512/477-1729

<http://www.texas.sierraclub.org/>

Works to protect our communities and the planet. They organize summer volunteer opportunities which include repairing trails, conducting archeological surveys, and removing invasive plant life.

Sierra Student Coalition

www.ssc.org

The student branch of the Sierra Club. The SSC leads various campaigns focused on fighting climate change every year and holds environmental training camps across the country each summer.

Sunshine Community Gardens*

Austin 512/458-2009

www.main.org/sunshine

Voted best community garden according to the Austin Chronicle's Reader Poll in 2007, this 4-acre garden provides space for Austin residents to grow their own organic produce. SCG supports educational endeavors with school garden tours, donations of seed and plants to local youth groups & schools, and provides meeting space to other non-profits.

Surfrider Foundation

www.surfrider.org/centraltexas

A non-profit grassroots organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of our world's oceans, waves and beaches. One of 80 chapters worldwide, Surfrider in Austin was founded in the summer 2000 by environmentally conscious surfers. The ability to surf is not a requirement for participation.

Sustainable Food Center*

Austin 512/236-0074

www.sustainablefoodcenter.org

The Center's mission is to improve access to local, healthy, and affordable food to all Central Texans. The agency promotes food security – food derived from non-emergency sources and produced through sustainable practices.

Texas General Land Office – Adopt a Beach Program

Austin 1-877-892-6278

www.glo.state.tx.us/adopt-a-beach

Endeavors to raise awareness about pollution of Texas beaches, educate the community on the source of the pollution, and generate public support to clean up coastal waters.

Urban Roots*

<http://www.youthlaunch.org/programs/urbanroots.php>

A non-profit youth development program that uses sustainable agriculture to transform the lives of young people and increase the healthy food access in Austin. 40% of their harvest is distributed to hunger relief organizations, and 60% is sold at farmer's markets.

Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve

Austin 512/327-7622

www.wildbasin.org

Works toward the preservation and maintenance of the preserve by encouraging and supporting scientific research and by developing and evaluating interpretive environmental education programs that serve the needs of the general public.

Williamson County Community Gardens

Georgetown 512/943-3617

www.wcgardens.org

Sponsors several local community gardens at schools, neighborhood centers, and transforms empty lots into green, living spaces. Gardens provide the opportunity for physical activity, access to fresh fruits and vegetables, social interaction, and neighborhood beautification.

Fine Arts Organizations & Museums

Art Alliance Austin

Austin 512/609-8591

<http://www.artallianceaustin.org/index.html>

Organizes the annual events Art City Austin and Art Week Austin, in addition to collaborating with artists and promoting participation in the visual arts.

Austin Children's Museum

Austin 512/472-2499

www.austinkids.org

This museum inspires young children and adults to experience the joy of constructive play. They offer a number of educational activities for children.

Austin Civic Orchestra

Austin 512/301-7370

www.austinciviorchestra.org

Austin Civic Orchestra's mission is to give adults and children in the greater Austin area access to high quality musical and educational experiences at an affordable cost, and to provide a quality music experience for volunteer musicians through a community orchestra and related ensembles.

Austin Film Society

Austin 512/322-0145

www.austinfilm.org

Offers exhibitions, artist services, and community outreach and education. It honors both classic and independent film with screenings in public venues all over Austin and supports filmmakers.

Austin Museum Partnership

www.austinmuseums.org

Made up of over 30 Austin-area museums, its purpose is to promote collaborations for the mutual benefit of the public and the museums.

Austin Music Foundation

Austin 512/323-0787

www.austinmusicfoundation.org

The mission of the Austin Music Foundation is to unite, ignite, and revolutionize this region's local music community.

Georgetown Heritage Society

Georgetown 512/869-8597

www.georgetownheritagesociety.com

Works to preserve the city's history, plan new activities, and revive old activities.

Handcrafts Unlimited*

Georgetown 512/869-1812

A non-profit organization that provides a venue for artists and craftsmen over age 50 to display their work.

La Pena

Austin 512/477-6007

www.lapena-austin.org

An interdisciplinary cultural and educational organization dedicated to the enhancement of art in all its forms. La Pena's mission is to support artistic development, to provide exposure to emerging local visual artists, musicians, poets, and other performing artists, and to offer Austin residents the full spectrum of traditional and contemporary Latino art.

Palace Theatre

Georgetown 512/869-SHOW (7469)

www.thegeorgetownpalace.org

A local non-profit that provides live and cinematic entertainment for the community and a venue for any musicians and actors to perform.

Railroad & Heritage Museum

Temple 254/298-5194

<http://www.rrhm.org/index.html>

Collects, preserves, and exhibits the history of railroading in the Southwest U.S., in order to engage a diverse audience in appreciating their heritage as a part of the foundation for their future.

Williamson County Art Guild

Georgetown 512/863-2214

www.wcartguild.org/

A non profit organization that provides display

opportunities for artists, scholarships to high school and college students, and opportunities to increase artistic ability with no requirements on skill level.

Williamson County Historical Museum

Georgetown 512/943-1670

www.wchm-tx.org

This non-profit museum chronicles the history of Williamson County. Volunteers are needed to help with special events and research.

Zachary Scott Theater Center

Austin 512/476-0541 x 1

www.zachscott.com

The mission of ZACH is to create a unique theatre experience that ignites the imagination, lifts the spirit, and creates meaningful dialogue that engages our community. ZACH's season of professional theatre productions celebrates diversity and offers a wide array of cross-cultural educational and participatory activities.

Food & Hunger

Austin Herb Society*

www.austinherbsociety.org

Provides education regarding the benefits of cultivating and using herbs to promote better health and well-being, encourages the growth and use of herbs for beneficial purposes (medicinal, culinary, aromatic, landscaping and personal enjoyment), and provides charitable and volunteer support to community gardens, libraries and/or other community projects.

Capital Area Food Bank*

Austin 512/282-2111 or 1-800-786-2616

www.austinfoodbank.org

As the largest food bank in Central Texas, CAFB works with other organizations in the area to ensure that food pantries are well stocked.

The Caring Place*

Georgetown 512/869-4735

www.caringplacetx.org

Provides a variety of emergency services to families, including vouchers for food and clothing which can be redeemed at their thrift store. In addition, they provide funding for needed household items or home repairs and provide emergency assistance for those who cannot afford to pay their monthly bills or medical costs. They also offer programs to help individuals become financially self-sufficient.

Caritas of Austin*

Austin 512/479-4610 ext. 121

www.caritasofaustin.org

Helps people in times of financial crisis by providing basic needs such as food and clothing as well as the education to move toward self-sufficiency. They offer life skills, money management, and ESL classes.

Community Food Bank

Granger 254/541-2089

Provides Granger families in need with a bag of groceries on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The food bank is run out of the Granger United Methodist Church.

El Buen Samaritano*

Austin 512/439-0700

Church 512/439-0721

www.elbuen.org

Provides health care, emergency food, advocacy, leadership, development, and basic education for working-poor Latino families.

Green Corn Project*

Austin 512/249-3171

www.greencornproject.org

A non-profit organization that helps community residents to grow food. They provide education and the skills to grow organic food gardens to foster self-reliance.

Liberty Hill Community Food Bank

Liberty Hill 512/203-6414

Serves Liberty Hill residents on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month from 1pm to 5pm.

Martha's Kitchen/Shelter of Texas, Inc.*

Bell County 254/770-0515

Provides food, clothing, shelter and other services to homeless and hungry persons in the Central Texas area 24 hours a day.

Meals on Wheels*

Georgetown 512/763-1400

www.wbco.net/services_meals.html

Enables homebound seniors to live independently as long as possible and relieves isolation and loneliness through hot, nutritious, home-delivered meals each weekday by a warm and caring volunteer.

Round Rock Area Serving Center*

Round Rock 512/244-2431

www.servingcenter.org

Services include a food pantry and financial assistance for utilities, rent, prescriptions, transportation, temporary lodging, and gasoline to people living in Round Rock, Hutto, and Wells Branch.

Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry*

Taylor 512/352-5553

<http://www.cfctaylor.com/index.php?pageType=main&pageID=26>

A ministry to people living at or below the poverty level in and around Taylor. It works in partnership with the Christ Fellowship Church and the Taylor Area Ministerial Alliance. More than 20 churches and organizations participate in the community food pantry.

The Storehouse*

Pflugerville 512/989-9989

www.thestorehouseofaustin.org

Offers food, clothing, and encouragement to people in need in order to end the cycle of poverty.

Sunshine Community Gardens*

Austin 512/458-2009

www.main.org/sunshine

Voted best community garden according to the Austin Chronicle's Reader Poll in 2007, this 4-acre garden provides space for Austin residents to grow their own organic produce. SCG supports educational endeavors with school garden tours, donations of seed and plants to local youth groups & schools, and provides meeting space to other non-profits.

Sustainable Food Center*

Austin 512/236-0074

www.sustainablefoodcenter.org

Their mission is to improve access to local, healthy, and affordable food for all Central Texans. They promote food security – food derived from non-emergency sources and produced through sustainable practices.

Urban Roots*

<http://www.youthlaunch.org/programs/urbanroots.php>

A non-profit youth development program that uses sustainable agriculture to transform the lives of young people and increase the healthy food access in Austin. 40% of their harvest is distributed to hunger relief organizations, and 60% is sold at farmer's markets.

Williamson-Burnet County Opportunities, Inc.*

Administrative Office: 512-763-1400

www.wbco.net

Provides 5 key programs and services throughout Williamson County: Affordable Housing in Leander, 4 Senior Activity Centers, Meals-on-Wheels, 8 Head Start campuses, and 3 Neighborhood Outreach Centers, which provide utility assistance, case management, rental assistance, homelessness prevention, and heating/cooling system replacement or repair.

Williamson County Community Gardens*

Georgetown 512/943-3617

www.wcgardens.org

Sponsors several local community gardens at schools, neighborhood centers, and transforms empty lots into green, living spaces. Gardens provide the opportunity for physical activity, access to fresh fruits and vegetables, social interaction, and neighborhood beautification.

HIV/AIDS Resources

AIDS Services of Austin

Austin 512/458-AIDS (2437)

www.asaustin.org

Works to meet the needs of its clients with HIV/AIDS, and to search for appropriate ways to serve populations newly emerging in the epidemic. This organization heavily relies upon volunteer help, and offers internships as well.

The Care Communities*

Austin 512/459-5883

www.thecarecommunities.org

Provides compassionate, practical, and emotional support for people living with AIDS and other serious illnesses and their loved ones. The Alliance works within all faith traditions to build a community where all people facing a difficult illness will receive loving care and support.

Community Action, Inc. - Rural AIDS Services Program

Georgetown 512/930-3281

<http://www.communityaction.com/templates/RASP.html>

Attempts to educate the rural community about HIV risk, behavior change, opportunity and availability of HIV testing and counseling, client advocacy and availability of services to HIV+ residents.

Hill Country Ride for AIDS

www.hillcountryride.org

Ten AIDS service organizations came together in 1999 to create a cycling event for all levels to raise money to support people living with AIDS. The spirit permeating the event is that it's a ride, not a race. Everyone is welcome.

Project Transitions*

Austin 512/454-8646

www.projecttransitions.org

Serves people with HIV and AIDS by providing hospice, housing, and support in a compassionate and caring

environment. Volunteers can work within the hospice, thrift store, fundraising programs, or at the administrative office.

The Wright House Wellness Center

Austin 512/236-8901 or 1-888-381-5180

www.thewrighthouse.org

Serves the needs of members of the Latino and African American communities whose lives have been impacted by HIV/AIDS. They offer peer-based and culturally sensitive services.

Housing & Homelessness

Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH)

Austin 512/305-4100

www.frontsteps.org

ARCH is a daytime resource center and an overnight men's shelter. Housing Front Steps' programs are the point of entry to services for many homeless people. Residents have access to dinner, showers, bathrooms, and case management.

Austin Tenant's Council

Austin 512/474-1961

TDD 1-800-735-2989

www.housing-rights.org

Operating under the philosophy that everyone has a right to safe, decent, fair, and affordable housing, the ATC fulfills thousands of requests each year for help with housing problems. ATC programs, which serve residents of the city of Austin and some of its surrounding communities, address many areas of need: housing discrimination; landlord/tenant education and information; and housing repair and rehabilitation.

Central Texas Youth Services*

1-800-421-TEEN (8336)

www.centraltexasyouthservices.org

A collection of nonprofit tax-exempt organizations that provides services to runaways, homeless and troubled youth and their families throughout the Central Texas region. Their mission is to assist troubled children, youth and families toward development of their full potential through provision of quality community-based services.

Foundation Communities

Austin 512/447-2026

www.foundcom.org

Provides housing, educational, and other services to assist the homeless.

Front Steps

Austin 512/305-4100

www.frontsteps.org

Seeks to end homelessness by providing shelter, affordable housing, and community education. This agency manages the ARCH (Austin Resource Center for the Homeless). Services include basic needs, information and referral, identification procurement, case management, and job training..

Georgetown Housing Authority

Georgetown 512/863-5565

www.georgetownha.org

Oversees several housing projects in the greater Georgetown area and offers special programs to support the residents. They also provide a guide to affordable housing in Williamson County.

Georgetown ISD Homeless Student Program

Georgetown 512/943-5000 x7390

www.georgetownisd.org/programs/fedprograms/homeless.htm

Helps provide educational services and referrals to health and other appropriate services to students who are homeless. They follow the McKinney-Vento program, which is designed to address the problems that homeless children and youth have faced in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school. Under this program, State educational agencies must ensure that each homeless child and youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as other children and youth.

Green Doors

Austin 512/469-9130

www.greendoors.org

Green Doors' mission is to prevent and help end homelessness and poverty housing for those working to achieve independent living in Central Texas through creating affordable, safe, quality housing. They provide residents with access to supportive services and educate about, and advocate for individuals and families struggling with homelessness and at-risk for homelessness.

Habitat for Humanity of Austin*

Austin 512/472-8788

www.austinhabitat.org

Builds affordable, quality houses with families in need to eliminate poverty housing.

Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County*

Georgetown 512/863-4344

www.williamsonhabitat.org

A non-profit, housing ministry working in partnership with low-income families to improve their living conditions.

Habitat ReStore*

Georgetown 512/863-4344

www.williamsonhabitat.org

Collects and sells reusable construction materials, fixtures, and other household items to the public, benefiting Habitat for Humanity.

Lifeworks*

Austin 512/735-2400

www.lifeworksweb.org

Provides crisis intervention and counseling services. They work with homeless and run-away youth through counseling to give youth a better understanding of how to succeed in society and encourage them toward positive behaviors. Lifeworks provides a 24 hour walk-in shelter, GED classes, life skills training, and other services.

Mobile Loaves and Fishes

Austin 512/328-7299

www.mlfnw.org

Provides food, clothing, and dignity to individuals and families in need. They send 12 catering trucks that go out onto the city streets of Austin, San Antonio, New Orleans, Providence, and Nashville every night of the week.

Martha's Kitchen/Shelter of Texas, Inc.*

Bell County 254/770-0515

Provides food, clothing, shelter and other services to homeless and hungry persons in the Central Texas area 24 hours a day.

Option House*

1-800-421-TEEN (8336)

www.centraltexasyouthservices.org/emergency_shelter.htm

An emergency shelter for children and youth ages 3-17. It provides the following services at no cost: 24-hour emergency shelter care, food, counseling, medical/dental screening, assessment, information and referral, and independent living skills training.

Project Future*

Killeen 1-800-421-TEEN (8336)

www.centraltexasyouthservices.org/transitional_living_program.htm

A Transitional Living Program for youth and young adults ages 16-21 years. Participation is voluntary and services

include: transitional living arrangements, education (GED completion and special skills training), job readiness training, independent living skills training, employment assistance, transportation, and case management.

Refugee Services of Texas (RST)*

Austin 512/472-9472

<http://refugeeservicestexas.tripod.com/austin.htm>

RST serves newly arrived refugees and asylees from around the world and provides education and training around issues of human trafficking. RST works with the US Department of State to provide clients with housing, case management, job training, and mental health counseling, and links them to resources for other basic needs. RST's mission is to provide resources, referrals, education and guidance to ensure successful and self-sufficient lives in Texas.

STARRY (Services To At-Risk Runaway Youth)*

Round Rock 512/388- 8290

Emergency Shelter 512/246-4276

www.starryonline.org

This shelter cares for 20 children at a time between birth and age 17 who have run away from home. They also provide temporary shelter for those children that have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. The shelter helps children find services that will help them once they have left the shelter.

Medical & Healthcare Services

A*Med Community Hospice

Austin 512/323-6500

Offers training and support to students wishing to learn about hospice care. It is dedicated to providing excellent end of life care to patients and their families.

The Alzheimer's Association

Austin 512/241-0420 or 1-800-367-2132

www.alz-austin.org

A voluntary health organization dedicated to finding prevention methods, treatments, and an eventual cure for Alzheimer's. The mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

American Cancer Society

Austin 512/919-1800

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

The leader in advocating and raising awareness of

cancer and raising funds for cancer research.

AseraCare (formerly LoneStar Hospice)

Round Rock 1-800-332-3982

www.aserahospiceaustin.com

Supports and cares for terminally ill clients and their families. Volunteers give one-on-one attention to patients.

Bethany Hospice*

Georgetown 512/868-0505

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

Provides hospice care in home, hospitals or long-term care facilities in San Antonio, Austin and the surrounding areas. Their philosophy is dignity, comfort, choice.

Elderhaven Adult Day Center*

Austin 512/451-4611

Williamson County 512/255-4865

http://www.ageofaustin.org/elderhaven_adult_day_centers.htm

The only licensed adult day program in Williamson County, providing a respite for caregivers and giving an alternative to premature nursing home placement for vulnerable older adults.

Georgetown Medical Assist Team (GMAT)

512/863-0182

<http://gmatems.org>

A non-profit, volunteer First Responder Organization that responds to 911 medical calls in the immediate areas surrounding Georgetown and Weir. They also provide medical personnel to standby for community events and teach CPR and First Aid classes.

Hospice Austin in Williamson County

512/342-4700 or 1-800-445-3261

<http://www.hospiceaustin.org>

One of the oldest and largest hospice programs in Texas and the only hospice in the region operating as a nonprofit organization. This allows resources to be funneled back into programs that directly benefit patients and their families, and allows Hospice Austin to provide care for all, regardless of their ability to pay.

Johns Community Hospital

Taylor 512/352-7611 or 512/365-2041

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

The mission is to render quality healthcare services to persons in Taylor and the surrounding area without regard to their ability to pay. Integral in the provision of health care services, Johns Community Hospital strives to improve the health status of the community it serves in conjunction with other community entities.

Lighthouse Hospice

Georgetown 512/868-0505 or 1-866-678-0505

www.lighthouse-hospice.com/locations.htm

Provides care to terminally ill patients and their families. Volunteers can assist patients and their families through direct patient care, administrative support, and/or special projects.

Lone Star Circle of Care (formerly Georgetown Community Clinic)

Georgetown 512/868-1124

Granger 512/852-2251

Round Rock 512/341-0500

www.lscctx.org/

Provides affordable healthcare services to patients who may or may not be insured.

M.E.D.I.C.O. (Medical, Eye, and Dental International Care Organization)

Georgetown 512/930-1893

www.medico.org

A non-profit organization that provides health care services to people in Latin America. They send free medical supplies on their missions and fund special projects to improve the quality of health and life in Latin America.

Mother's Milk Bank at Austin*

Austin 512/494-0800 or 1-877-813-MILK (6455)

www.mmbaustin.org

Provides human milk to infants in neonatal intensive care units to improve their health and lower the care costs of premature and ill babies. The organization also educates the medical and general community on the benefits of human milk for infants.

NARAL Pro-Choice Texas*

Austin 512/462-1661

www.prochoicetexas.org

Promotes public health policies that guarantee every woman access to the full range of reproductive healthcare including responsible sexuality education, contraceptive methods, adequate pre- and post-natal care, and legal abortion.

People's Community Clinic

Austin 512/478-4939

www.pcclinic.org

A non-profit, primary healthcare facility that provides high quality medical, counseling, and health education services at reasonable costs to the Austin area. The Clinic promotes community involvement in the provision of health care and emphasizes health maintenance and disease prevention in all treatment programs.

Planet Cancer

Austin 512/452-9010

www.planetcancer.org

A non-profit organization that supports young adults with cancer and cancer survivors. It gives young adults a voice and chance to raise awareness about their overlooked needs.

Planned Parenthood*

Austin 512/275-0171 or 1-800-230-PLAN (7526)

www.plannedparenthood.org

Helps people make informed, private decisions about sexuality, reproductive options, and parenthood through education. It provides counseling, healthcare, and birth control services.

Project Transitions*

Austin 512/454-8646

www.projecttransitions.org

Serves people with HIV and AIDS by providing hospice, housing, and support in a compassionate and caring environment.

Ronald McDonald House*

Austin 512/472-9844

www.rmhc-austin.org

Provide a variety of services to families with a child in the hospital for a long period of time. The Houses are located near hospitals so that families can be close to their children. Families generally pay \$5-20 per day, but families that cannot afford to pay can stay for free.

Round Rock Medical Center

Round Rock 512/341-1000

<http://stdavids.com/sdrrmc.aspx>

Provides comprehensive health services to residents of Williamson County and surrounding counties. Services include The Heart and Vascular Center with express testing, inpatient capacity of 177 beds with private rooms, The Women's Center and a comprehensive Emergency Room. Volunteer opportunities are available in a variety of departments including the women's center, emergency department, and food and nutrition services.

Samaritan Health Ministries*

Cedar Park

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

A faith-based, non-denominational, not-for-profit organization that provides quality urgent and chronic health care (including medical, dental, mental health, and pharmaceutical) to the uninsured.

Seton Medical Center Williamson

Round Rock 512/324-4000

www.setonwilliamsonfdn.org

This new and innovative facility sits on 74 acres and currently provides 181 hospital beds, an emergency department, an ambulatory surgery center, a diagnostic and imaging center, an outpatient women's center, a cancer center, a Breast Cancer Resource Center, and a complex of medical offices.

St. David's Georgetown Hospital

Georgetown 512/943-3000

www.stdavids.com/sdgh.aspx

Includes a full-service 122-bed hospital, a 24-hour major and minor emergency department staffed with board-certified emergency department physicians, a state-of-the-art cancer treatment center, inpatient and outpatient surgery, and acute inpatient rehabilitation and outpatient therapy.

Scott & White University Medical Campus

Round Rock 512/509-0100 or 512/509-9191

<http://www.sw.org/web/UMC>

A 72-bed, technologically-advanced hospital which offers heart and vascular, orthopedic, diagnostic imaging, and women's and children's services.

Texas Medical Association

Austin 512/370-1300 or 800/880-1300

www.texmed.org

A coalition of over 43,000 health care professionals from around the state that is dedicated to improving the health care of all Texans by providing support to its member professionals.

United Cerebral Palsy of Texas*

Austin 512/472-8696

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

Provides direct services and advocacy on behalf of individuals with disabilities. Since its inception in 1954, it has been on the forefront in developing and providing quality, innovative programs and services to help advance the independence of people with disabilities.

Whole Woman's Health*

Austin (512) 250-1005 or 1-800-282-1005

www.wholewomanshealth.com

An abortion provider that offers full range services for women. They offer gynecological services, counseling, and general wellness resources.

Women's Health and Family Planning Association of Texas*

Austin 512/448-4857

www.whfpt.org

Promotes voluntary family planning services for all

Texas women, reproductive freedom, responsible sexuality education, and advocacy for high quality, affordable, and accessible reproductive health care. They provide leadership and information to the public and their members.

Mental Health Resources

Austin Travis County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center

Austin 512/447-4141
Crisis Line 512/472-4357
www.atcmhmr.com

Serves as a starting point for those who have mental illnesses, mental disability or developmental delays. The organization makes referrals for medical services, home placements or job placements.

Bluebonnet Trails Community MHMR Center*

Round Rock 512/255-1720 or 1-800-841-1255
www.bluebonnetmhmr.org

Provides a wide range of mental health and mental disability services for Williamson County. They offer a 24-hour help line, services for patients, respite care, and educational opportunities for families. They provide job training and employment assistance for those with disabilities that are looking for jobs.

Children's Partnership

Austin 512/854-4596
www.childrenspartnership.com

Helps to provide mental health services for children in Central Texas. They help find funding for families if none is available. The Partnership works with a variety of other agencies to ensure that all cultures are reached by their services.

Easter Seals – Central Texas*

Austin 512/478-2581
<http://centraltx.easterseals.com>

Creates solutions for children and adults with disabilities and those who care for them. Volunteers can help at events and camps or in the office.

ECI Pride (Early Childhood Intervention)*

Round Rock 512/244-8359 or 1-800-628-5115
TTY 1-866-581-9328
www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/index.shtml

Supports children with disabilities age 0-3 and their families in Williamson County. Volunteers are welcome to assist in providing services to clients, including support, information, and training.

Elderhaven Adult Day Center*

Austin 512/451-4611
Williamson County 512/255-4865
http://www.ageofaustin.org/elderhaven_adult_day_centers.htm

The only licensed adult day program in Williamson County, providing a respite for caregivers and giving an alternative to premature nursing home placement for vulnerable older adults.

Infant Parent Program-Early Childhood Intervention (Austin/Travis County MHMR)*

Austin 512/447-4141
www.atcmhmr.com/service/CMH/eciinfantParent.htm
ECI's mission is to give families with children under 3 years with developmental delays the resources and support they need to reach their goals. They offer family education and support, audiology and vision services, nursing and nutrition services, physical/occupational therapy, and developmental services.

Mental Health Association in Texas

Austin 512/454-3706
<http://www.mhatexas.org/>
Reaches out to communities across Texas to promote mental health, prevent mental disorders, and improve the care and treatment of people with mental illnesses through education and advocacy.

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness of Texas)

Austin 512/693-2000
Help Line 1-800-633-3760
www.namitexas.org
Provides services to those who have a mental illness and their families. Their main goal is educate the general public on mental illnesses and their effects. They also provide classes for families that have someone living with a mental illness.

Spirit Reins*

Liberty Hill 512/515-0845
www.spiritreins.org
Offers two therapy programs with the use of horses. Equine Assisted Psychotherapy programs work with troubled youth. The Horses and Youth United program works with children that may be living in poverty, be involved in a gang, or struggle with substance abuse.

Texas Mental Health Consumers

Austin 512/451-3191
<http://www.tmhc.org/>
Their mission is to organize, encourage, and educate mental health consumers throughout Texas. Their vision is the integration of individuals diagnosed with mental

illness into the community as productive, functional, valued, citizens.

Public Policy & Social Justice Organizations

AAUL (Austin Area Urban League)

Austin 512/478-7176

www.aaul.org

An affiliate of the National Urban League, the AAUL advocates programming to remove barriers to education, economic, and social success for all of Austin's citizens.

ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union)

Austin 512/478-7300

www.aclu.org

The ACLU is committed to preserving and defending individual rights and liberties. The ACLU particularly focuses on segments of the population that have traditionally been denied rights, including Native Americans, people of color, women, prisoners, people with disabilities, gay men and lesbians, and the poor.

ALLGO (Austin Latino/Latina Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Organization)

Austin 512/472-2001

www.allgo.org

Through cultural arts, health, and advocacy programming, ALLGO envisions a just and equitable society that celebrates and nurtures people of color in queer cultures. ALLGO sponsors transgender, men's, "womyn's", and civic participation community organizing initiatives.

Atticus Circle

Austin 512/450-5188

www.atticuscircle.org

A group dedicated to achieving equality for all parents and partners regardless of sexual orientation. Atticus Circle educates and mobilizes fair-minded straight people to advance equal rights for LGBT partners, parents, and their children. To accomplish their goal, Atticus Circle focuses its efforts on education, policy development, and legal advocacy.

Austin Sustainable Communities Initiative*

Austin 512/974-2000

www.ci.austin.tx.us/sustainable

Exists to help the greater Austin region achieve economic prosperity, social justice, and ecological health - the highest possible quality of life in the best possible environment.

Casa Marianella

Austin 512/385-5571

www.casamarianella.org

The Austin Interfaith Task Force for Central America initiated the project in response to the arrival in Austin of refugees fleeing from Central America. You can volunteer on-site through homework tutoring, English tutoring, planning outings for residents, or organizing donation drives.

Center for Public Policy Priorities

Austin 512/320-0222

www.cppp.org

A nonpartisan, nonprofit research organization committed to improving public policies and private practices to better the economic and social conditions of low- and moderate-income Texans. The Center pursues this mission through independent research, policy analysis and development, public education, advocacy, and technical assistance.

Equality Texas

Austin 512/474-5475

www.equalitytexas.org

Attacks discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity through lobbying, education, and research of state governmental agencies.

The Fair Defense Project

Austin 1-866-207-6532

www.fairdefense.org

A collaborative effort of the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition and the ACLU of Texas to ensure that Texans are not forced to give up their right to an attorney and to ensure that every Texan who requests an attorney receives competent representation when accused of a crime.

Gray Panthers*

Austin 512/458-3738

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

Works to create a humane society that puts the needs of people over profits, responsibility over power, and democracy over institutions, working with and for people of all ages.

Grassroots Leadership

Austin 512/499-8111

<http://www.grassrootsleadership.org/Texas.html>

A multi-racial team of organizers who help Southern community, labor, faith, and campus organizations think critically, work strategically and take direct action to end social and economic oppression, gain power, and achieve justice and equity.

Jane's Due Process*

Austin 1-866-www-jane (999-5263)

www.janesdueprocess.org

A non-profit organization that serves as an information advocacy center dedicated to promoting fair and equal access for Texas teenagers seeking legal services in order to make a reproductive choice.

League of Women Voters of Texas*

Austin 512/472-1100

www.lwvtexas.org

A non-partisan political organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influencing public policy through education and advocacy.

Liveable City*

Austin 512/326-3331

www.liveablecity.org

An inclusive network of individuals working together to create a community consensus to promote policies that address the long term social, environmental, and economic needs of the people of Austin.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Austin 512/445-4976

<http://www.madd.org/tx>

MADD focuses on activism against drunk driving, providing services to drunk driving survivors and raising awareness of the dangers of driving while intoxicated.

The Miracle Foundation

Austin 512/329-8635

www.miraclefoundation.org

Provides help and hope to the orphaned children of India. Most orphaned children in India are not eligible for adoption because unwed pregnancy is a taboo in India, so many unwed women leave their villages and are too poor to care for their children. So, they abandon them at an orphanage but fail to make them legally eligible for adoption. Their programs get to the heart of this problem by helping these women and their new infants.

NARAL Pro-Choice Texas*

Austin 512/462-1661

www.prochoicetexas.org

Promotes public health policies that guarantee every woman access to the full range of reproductive healthcare including responsible sexuality education, contraceptive methods, adequate pre- and post-natal care, and legal abortion.

Network of Asian American Organizations

Austin 512/407-8240

www.naao-austin.org

Unites Asian-American organizations of common interests in order to achieve their common objectives. It includes business, cultural, educational and social services as well as promotion of political awareness.

PODER (People Organized in Defense of the Earth and her Resources)*

Austin 512/472-9921

www.poder-texas.org

PODER's mission is redefining environmental issues as social and economic justice issues and collectively addressing these concerns as basic human rights. As a response to the industrialization and gentrification of East Austin, PODER seeks to empower communities through education, advocacy, and action.

Political Asylum Project of Austin

Austin 512/478-0546

www.main.org/papa

A nonprofit that is dedicated to helping immigrants in the central Texas area use the rule of law to advance their lives. Their mission is to use the talents and resources of community members to strengthen the delivery of quality services for the immigrant community in Central Texas.

Public Citizen*

Austin 512/477-1155

www.citizen.org/texas

A national, nonprofit consumer advocacy organization founded in 1971 to represent consumer interests in government. It seeks openness and democratic accountability in government; the right of consumers to seek redress in the courts; clean, safe and sustainable energy sources; social and economic justice in trade policies; strong health, safety and environmental protections; and safe, effective and affordable prescription drugs and health care.

Religious Coalition of Reproductive Choice*

www.rcrc.org

An interfaith group that brings the moral power of various religious committees together to ensure reproductive choice through education, advocacy, and community programs. They seek to give a clear voice on reproductive issues to people of color, those living in poverty, and other underserved populations in Texas.

Rhizome Collective*

Austin 512/385-3695

www.rhizomecollective.org

Operates an Educational Center for Urban Sustainability and a Center for Community Organizing. They are a non-profit, consensus-run organization working to build

the world they want to live in. In their worldview, the dominant values of competition, greed and exploitation would be replaced with cooperation, autonomy and egalitarianism. They believe that all struggles against oppression and for self-determination are connected, and that it is important to construct viable alternatives while simultaneously fighting for social justice.

Soul Force

www.soulforce.org

The purpose of Soulforce is freedom for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people from religious and political oppression through the practice of relentless nonviolent resistance. You can stay connected and support Soul Force through local groups and online community forums.

Sustainable Food Center*

Austin 512/236-0074

www.sustainablefoodcenter.org

The Center's mission is to improve access to local, healthy, and affordable food to all Central Texans. The agency promotes "food security" – food derived from non-emergency sources and produced through sustainable practices.

TALI (Tibetan Art and Literature Initiative) – Tibetan Literacy

www.talitibet.org

Supports projects that promote Tibetan culture and language in Tibetan areas within the People's Republic of China. TALI is a non-profit, non-governmental organization with no political or religious affiliations. Project partners include artists, writers and educators, officials, and local community members, as well as Tibetan cultural associations and other non-governmental organizations.

Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services

Austin 512/892-2683

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

A nonprofit membership organization devoted to private agencies and individuals that provide direct services to children and families in Texas. They advance an agenda that protects the rights of children and ensures that funding is adequate to meet each child's needs.

Texas Criminal Justice Coalition

Austin 512/441-8123

www.criminaljusticecoalition.org

Brings together concerned individuals and organizations to advocate for a fairer, more effective system of criminal justice in Texas. Their mission is to build a strong and united movement for criminal justice reform according to the principles of human and civil rights, effective management, accountability, and public safety.

Texans for Peace

Austin 512/736-8385

www.texansforpeace.org

A resource for information about peace and justice organizations and events in Texas. It provides curriculum and teacher training materials for schools and develops resources to grow peace and justice organizations in Texas.

Texas Fair Trade Coalition (TFTC)

www.texasfairtrade.org

A nonpartisan coalition of diverse organizations and individuals that promotes democratic control over fiscal and social policies, social justice, workers' rights, livable wages, and sustainable development in trade policy, in Texas and worldwide.

Texas Freedom Network

Austin 512/322-0545

www.tfn.org

Addresses issues concerning religious freedom and human rights. It fights private school vouchers, textbook censorship, and faith based deregulation.

Texas Moratorium Network (TMN)

Austin 512/302-6715

www.texasmoratorium.org

TMN's primary purpose is to lobby the Texas legislature and local government entities for a moratorium on executions. It engages in several educational and outreach projects and works closely with other groups devoted to human rights and criminal justice reform.

Texas NOW (National Organization for Women)*

www.now.org/chapters/tx.html

Works to eliminate discrimination and harassment in the workplace, schools, the justice system, and all other sectors of society through protests, elections, and legal victories.

Texas Public Interest Research Group (TexPIRG)

Austin 512/479-7287

www.texpirg.org

Speaks up and takes action when consumers are cheated or the voices of ordinary citizens are drowned out by special interest lobbyists. They uncover threats to public health and well-being, and fight to end them using the time-tested tools of investigative research, media exposés, grassroots organizing, advocacy and litigation.

Theater Action Project

Austin 512/442-8773

www.theatreactionproject.org

Uses theater to educate young people about the social

issues that are most relevant to them, including conflict resolution and dating violence.

Third Coast Activist Resource Center

www.thirdcoastactivist.org

The Center was created to help people in the Austin area in their efforts at sustainable organizing. Its main goals are to distribute educational resources and organize community events about U.S. policy around the world and to strengthen the local activist network that is part of a national and international movement for global justice.

Ventana Del Soul

Austin 512/707-7447

www.ventanadelsoul.org

Provides cultural, community, and outreach programs that improve the foundation of the community.

Williamson County Court Watch (WCCW)*

Georgetown 512/868-1553

Contact: wherbert@southwestern.edu

Provides support to survivors of battery and violence inflicted by a spouse or partner. This organization observes court hearings and creates records of the nature in which these cases are adjudicated to ensure fairness and protection of the survivors from further harm.

Religious Organizations

Austin Bridge Builders Alliance (ABBA)

Austin 512/407-9460

www.abbaaustin.net

Connects the diverse interests of marketplace, church, and community to serve the needs of Austin.

The Care Communities*

Austin 512/459-5883

www.thecarecommunities.org

Provides compassionate, practical, and emotional support for people living with AIDS and other serious illnesses. The Alliance works within all faith traditions to build a community where all people facing a difficult illness will receive loving care and support.

Catholic Charities of Central Texas

Austin 512/651-6100

Georgetown 512/869-4251

Killeen 254/634-3009

<http://www.ccctx.org/index.php>

Works to strengthen individuals, families and

communities through direct services, community collaboration and social justice advocacy.

Habitat for Humanity of Austin*

Austin 512/472-8788

www.austinhabitat.org

Builds affordable, quality houses with families in need in order to eliminate poverty housing.

Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County*

Georgetown 512/863-4344

www.williamsonhabitat.org

A non-profit, Christian housing ministry working in partnership with low-income families to improve their living conditions.

Habitat ReStore*

Georgetown 512/863-4344

www.williamsonhabitat.org

Collects and sells reusable construction materials, fixtures, and other household items to the public, benefiting Habitat for Humanity.

Hill Country Community Ministries

Leander 512/259-0360

www.hccm.org

A non-profit coalition of churches, assisted by civic organizations and businesses. Since 1983, HCCM has provided emergency food and assistance to those who wrestle with loss of job, poverty, aging, disability, and family disruption.

Jewish Community Association of Austin

Austin 512/735-8000

www.shalomaustin.org

Enhances the quality of Jewish life in the greater Austin area and around the world, through charitable, educational, social service, cultural, religious, and recreational endeavors.

Lighthouse Family Network

Salado 254/947-3152

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

A Christian foster care agency that links children with Christian foster family homes.

Lutheran Social Services of the South

Austin 512/459-1000

www.lsss.org

Serves the most vulnerable members of society through ministries focused on children, seniors, the poor, spiritual care, disaster relief and marriage enrichment.

National Council of Jewish Women*

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

Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW works to improve the quality of life for women, children, and families and to ensure individual rights and freedoms through programs and projects initiated by its network of 90,000 members and supporters nationwide.

Religious Coalition of Reproductive Choice*

Austin 512/694-1075

www.rcrctexas.org

An interfaith group that brings the moral power of various religious committees together to ensure reproductive choice through education, advocacy, and community programs. They seek to give a clear voice on reproductive issues to people of color, those living in poverty, and other underserved populations in Texas.

The Salvation Army*

Austin 512/476-1111

www.salvationarmyaustin.org

Their mission is to meet human needs without discrimination, motivated by love for God, and to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Austin-based center offers emergency relief, a homeless shelter, a gathering place for worship and fellowship, an adult rehabilitative program, and other social services.

Samaritan Health Ministries*

Cedar Park

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

A faith-based, non-denominational, not-for-profit organization that provides quality urgent and chronic health care (including medical, dental, mental health, and pharmaceutical) to the uninsured.

Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry*

Taylor 512/352-5553

<http://www.cfctaylor.com/index.php?pageType=main&pageID=26>

A ministry to people living at or below the poverty level in and around Taylor. It works in partnership with the Christ Fellowship Church and the Taylor Area Ministerial Alliance. More than 20 churches and organizations participate in the community food pantry.

The Storehouse of Austin*

Pflugerville 512/989-9989

www.thestorehouseofaustin.org

Offers food, clothing, and encouragement to people in need in order to end the cycle of poverty.

Texas Catholic Conference

Austin 512/339-9882

<http://www.txcatholic.org>

Serves as the public policy arm of the Catholic Bishops of Texas before the Texas legislature, the Texas delegation in Congress, and state agencies. The public policy issues addressed include institutional concerns of the Catholic Church as well as issues related to Catholic moral and social teachings.

Texas Conference of Churches (TCC)

Austin 512/451-0991

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

An ecumenical community of communions: Orthodox, Protestant, and Roman Catholic. They lead projects in response to the needs of their community as well as ecumenical outreach.

Texas Impact

512/472-3903

<http://texasimpact.org/>

A statewide religious grassroots network whose members include individuals, congregations, and governing bodies of the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths. It exists to advance state public policies that are consistent with universally held social principles of the Abrahamic traditions.

Senior Citizen Services

Austin Groups for the Elderly

Austin 512/451-4611

www.ageofaustin.com

A non-profit organization committed to providing resources for the growing number of local seniors, adults with disabilities and those who care for them. Their aim is to help middle age generations prepare for their senior years and to embrace the journey without fear and to provide seniors and caregivers with the support they need to live their most vibrant lives.

Bethany Hospice*

Georgetown 512/868-0505

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

Provides hospice care in home, hospitals or long-term care facilities in San Antonio, Austin and the surrounding areas. Their philosophy is dignity, comfort, choice.

Elderhaven Adult Day Center*

Austin 512/451-4611

Williamson County 512/255-4865

http://www.ageofaustin.org/elderhaven_adult_day_centers.htm

The only licensed adult day program in Williamson County, providing a respite for caregivers and giving an alternative to premature nursing home placement for vulnerable older adults.

Faith in Action Caregivers

Georgetown 512/868-9544

Round Rock 512/310-1060

<http://www.faithinactioncaregivers.org>

Comprised of over 100 volunteers who provide basic transportation services to our older population. Such services include visits to the doctor, grocery store, and beauty parlor.

Family Eldercare

Austin 512/450-0844

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

Provides essential services for elders, adults with disabilities and those who care for them. They envision elders and adults with disabilities living in a supportive environment with dignity and as much independence as possible.

Getsemani Community Center*

Georgetown 512/863-3515

A non-profit organization created to provide an interfaith community of people working together to celebrate Latino culture. It provides educational enrichment for students of all ages, and serves as a forum for neighbors to have a voice, to interact with each other, and for empowering residents to work out solutions through access to community resources. The Center also has special programs for seniors.

Gray Panthers*

Austin 512/458-3738

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

Works to create a humane society that puts the needs of people over profits, responsibility over power, and democracy over institutions, working with and for people of all ages.

Handcrafts Unlimited*

Georgetown 512/869-1812

A non-profit organization that provides a venue for artists and craftsmen over age 50 to display their work.

Meals on Wheels*

Georgetown 512/763-1400

www.wbco.net/services_meals.html

Enables homebound seniors to live independently as long as possible and relieves isolation and loneliness through hot, nutritious, home-delivered meals each weekday by a warm and caring volunteer.

Park Place Campus of Care

Georgetown 512/868-6275

www.trisunhealthcare.com

Works to address its residents' physical, emotional and spiritual needs. Volunteers are welcome to lead or join in the activities provided to the residents.

Senior Activity Centers

Georgetown 512/863-5010

Round Rock 512/255-4970

Leander 512/259-0288

Taylor 512/352-5539

People aged 60 and over are invited to gather together to enjoy a hot, nutritious lunch with other community seniors. Activities such as bingo, bridge, guest speakers and dominos are often provided.

Stonehaven Senior Center

Georgetown 512/863-5141

A gathering place for seniors. The Center organizes a broad spectrum of activities for seniors.

Switzer Senior Center

Taylor 512/352-3889

<http://www.ci.taylor.tx.us/index.aspx?NID=602>

Houses the Meals on Wheels Program, a clothing bank offered by Taylor ISD, and the Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry.

Wesleyan Volunteer Organization

Georgetown 512/863-2528

www.wesleyanhomes.org

Volunteers support residents at Wesleyan Retirement Center and Wesleyan Nursing Center.

Women and Girl's Organizations

Agape Pregnancy Resource Center

Round Rock 512/248-8200

www.agapeprc.org

Provides the following services that are completely confidential and free of charge: pregnancy testing, sonography, client advocate support, counseling, maternity and baby items, referrals to community services and housing, and a variety of classes.

Annunciation Maternity Home*

Georgetown 512/864-7755 or 1-877-71-HAVEN (42836)

www.thematernityhome.org

A home for pregnant teens and teen mothers of young children. Residents receive comprehensive support, including medical care, continuing education, transportation, job assistance, counseling, and more.

Breast Cancer Resource Centers

Georgetown 512/942-4689

Round Rock 512/248-2645

North Austin 512/901-6644

Austin 512/544-0900

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

A non-profit, grassroots organizations created by breast cancer survivors that serves as a centralized source for breast cancer information, education, and support. The BCRC and its five certified Patient Navigators serve women with breast cancer, their families, spouses, partners and friends; women who have questions about screening and biopsy; and others who are concerned about breast cancer issues.

GENaustin (Girl Empowerment Network)*

Austin 512/841-4093

www.genaustin.org

A volunteer-run organization committed to helping girls grow into healthy, confident women. The agency targets middle-school aged girls, and organizes public presentations by experts in adolescent girl development issues, girl-oriented events, workshops, and other programs for girls, parents, and educators.

Girl Scouts of Central Texas*

Austin 512/453-7391

Killeen 254/634-0683

Temple 254/742-0499

<http://www.gsctx.org/?nd=home>

Dedicated to empowering girls to be leaders. In partnership with adult volunteers, girl scouts develop leadership skills, strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth.

Girlstart*

Austin 512/916-4775 or 1-877-768-4775

www.girlstart.org

A non-profit organization created to empower girls to excel in math, science, and technology. The agency offers a variety of educational formats designed for middle school girls through after school programs, summer programs, and summer camps. Volunteers are needed as teachers, mentors, and tutors.

Jane's Due Process*

Austin 1-866-www-jane (999-5263)

www.janesdueprocess.org

A non-profit organization that serves as an information advocacy center dedicated to promoting fair and equal access for Texas teenagers seeking legal services in order to make a reproductive choice.

Latina Mami*

Austin 512/689-2340

www.latinamami.org

A nonprofit support organization for Chicana and Latina mothers and families which provides valuable resources and education. The all-female governing board offers programs like Mami Closet, which provides maternity clothes and baby equipment, Latina Mami Newspaper and Website, Kids' Cultural Activities, and Babysitting Cooperative.

League of Women Voters of Texas*

Austin 512/472-1100

www.lwvtexas.org

A non-partisan political organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influencing public policy through education and advocacy.

NARAL Pro-Choice Texas*

Austin 512/462-1661

www.prochoicetexas.org

Promotes public health policies that guarantee every woman access to the full range of reproductive healthcare including responsible sexuality education, contraceptive methods, adequate pre- and post-natal care, and legal abortion.

National Council of Jewish Women*

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

Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW works to improve the quality of life for women, children, and families and to ensure individual rights and freedoms through programs and projects initiated by its network of 90,000 members and supporters nationwide.

Planned Parenthood*

Austin 512/275-0171 or 1-800-230-PLAN (7526)

www.plannedparenthood.org

Helps people make informed, private decisions about sexuality, reproductive options, and parenthood through education. It provides counseling, healthcare, and birth control services.

Pregnancy Help Center of Williamson County

Georgetown 512/868-0153

Liberty Hill 512/548-6722

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

Provides information and support to women regarding pregnancy, including the following services: free pregnancy tests, adoption referrals and information, post-abortion counseling, and classes on nutrition, parenting, breast feeding, and baby care. Pregnancy tests and counseling services are also offered in Spanish.

Texas NOW (National Organization for Women)*

www.now.org/chapters/tx.html

Works to eliminate discrimination and harassment in the workplace, schools, the justice system, and all other sectors of society through protests, elections, and legal victories.

Whole Woman's Health*

Austin 512/250-1005 or 1-800-282-1005

www.wholewomanshealth.com

An abortion provider that offers a full range of services for women, including gynecological services, counseling, and general wellness resources.

Women's Advocacy Project*

Austin 512/476-5377

Hotline 1-800-374-HOPE (4673)

www.women-law.org

Provides free legal advice to Texans, with specialized services addressing the legal needs of survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Their experience providing expert legal remedies puts the power of the justice system into the hands of the survivors and brings consequences to batterers and sexual predators.

Women's Health and Family Planning Association of Texas*

Austin 512/448-4857

www.whfpt.org

Works to promote voluntary family planning services for all Texas women, reproductive freedom, responsible sexuality education, and advocacy for high quality, affordable, and accessible reproductive health care. They provide leadership and information to the public and their members.

Youth Organizations

After School Action Program (ASAP)*

Georgetown 512/943-5000 x6925

www.georgetownasap.org

Provides a safe, enriching place for Georgetown ISD middle school students after school. The programs

provide a variety of activities for the students including tutorials, computers, arts and crafts, music, and sports.

American YouthWorks

Austin 512/236-6100

volunteer@americanyouthworks.org

A comprehensive human investment organization that transforms young people into self-sufficient adults through education, job training, and community service.

Austin Partners in Education (PIE)*

Austin 512/637-0900

www.austinpartners.org

Creates and fosters effective community-school partnerships that support and enrich student learning and success.

Austin Voices for Education & Youth*

Austin 512/450-1880

www.austinvoices.org

Supports positive youth development and public education by mobilizing communities to strengthen schools and expand opportunities for Austin youth.

Boys & Girls Club of Georgetown

Georgetown 512/868-3700

www.stonehaven.cbclub.org

Primarily serves neighborhood youth by giving them a safe place after-school and during the summer to play, to study, and to develop relationships with peers and adults. The Club's programming is designed to create developmental assets for youth.

Central Texas Youth Services*

1-800-421-TEEN (8336)

www.centraltexasyouthservices.org

A collection of nonprofit tax-exempt organizations that provides services to runaways, homeless and troubled youth, and their families throughout the Central Texas region. Their mission is to assist troubled children, youth and families toward development of their full potential through provision of quality community-based services.

Citizen Schools*

Austin 512/476-1639

<http://www.citizenschools.org/texas/index.cfm>

Partners with middle schools to expand the learning day for low-income children across the country. Their programs complement classroom learning by engaging students in hands-on learning projects led by adult volunteers after school and supported by a staff of professional educators.

City of Austin Health & Human Services

Austin 512/972-8100

www.ci.austin.tx.us/health/youth_svcs.htm

Youth initiatives include Austin Youth Development Program (AYDP), 78744 Youth of Promise Initiative, and YouthBuild USA.

Communities in Schools (CIS) of Central Texas*

Austin 512/462-1771

www.cisaustin.org

A dropout prevention program that creates a network of volunteers, social services, businesses, and community resources that work together to break down barriers to help students succeed.

Community Interaction Partnership (CIP)*

Georgetown 512/943-5198

www.georgetownproject.com

A community outreach program through which Southwestern University students connect to school- and community-based programs for Georgetown children and youth, grades K-12. While the primary objective is to provide tutoring help to students, SU students also have opportunities to mentor students as well.

Council on At-Risk Youth (CARY)

Austin 512/451-4592

A non-profit organization dedicated to helping youth prevent violence, drug abuse, and delinquency through public information, training, and management of youth violence prevention programs.

Duck University*

Taylor 512/352-6845

www.taylorisd.org/duckuniversity/

Provides academic enrichment activities for at-risk students from kindergarten through 8th grade at Taylor ISD.

Extended School Enrichment (ESE)*

Georgetown 512/943-5087

www.georgetownisd.org/programs/care/ese.htm

An after-school program for elementary school students, K-5 in Georgetown ISD. The program provides after school care to children to ensure that they are in a safe environment until parents are available to pick them up and provides a variety of enrichment activities and tutorial services to all students. The program runs the entire school year and throughout the summer.

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Austin 512/841-4093

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grow into healthy, confident women. The agency targets middle-school aged girls and organizes public presentations by experts in adolescent girl development issues, girl-oriented events, workshops, and other programs for girls, parents, and educators.

Georgetown Parks and Recreation

Georgetown 512/930-3595

www.georgetownparks.org

Offers many youth programs to increase community involvement among children and teens. They provide a wide range of activities including camps, sports, and challenge courses to emphasize team building.

The Georgetown Project*

Georgetown 512/943-5198

www.georgetownproject.com

A non-profit organization that drives initiatives designed to improve the lives of Georgetown's children, youth, and families. The organization spearheads programs such as Bridges to Growth, the After School Action Program, Kid City, and the Community Interaction Partnership.

Georgetown Youth Action Council

Georgetown 512/943-5198

www.georgetownproject.com

A council made up of students in the Georgetown area who want to be involved in their community, who are looking for ways to give voice to youth issues and to serve as advocates for other youth.

Georgetown Youth Advisory Board

www.georgetown.org/boards

Advises Georgetown City Council on youth-related issues.

Girl Scouts of Central Texas*

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Temple 254/742-0499

<http://www.gsctx.org/?nd=home>

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Girlstart*

Austin 512/916-4775 or 1-877-768-4775

www.girlstart.org

A non-profit organization created to empower girls to excel in math, science, and technology. The agency offers a variety of educational formats designed for middle school girls through after school programs, summer programs, and summer camps. Volunteers are needed as teachers, mentors, and tutors.

Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) – Youth Services Group

Austin 512/477-4488

www.hacanet.org

The Youth Service group of the HACA focuses efforts on dropout prevention. HACA has developed after-school tutoring programs on site within HACA communities, in-school case management services for students, and incentive and scholarship programs.

Operation Achievement*

Georgetown 512/863-1219

www.southwestern.edu/academics/oa

A partnership between Southwestern University and GISD schools. Southwestern students mentor middle school students (grades 6-8). The student and the mentor work together to develop a plan to ensure the academic success of the student, and they carry out this plan together. The middle school student meets once a week with their mentor at Southwestern University.

Option House*

1-800-421-TEEN (8336)

www.centraltexasyouthservices.org/emergency_shelter.htm

A 15-bed emergency shelter for children and youth ages 3-17 years. The following services come at no cost to the child, youth, or their family: 24-hour emergency shelter care, food, counseling, medical/dental screening, assessment, information and referral, and independent living skills training. The children and youth they serve may be homeless, runaways, push-outs, or removed from their home due to abuse and/or neglect.

OutYouth

Austin 512/419-1233

www.outyouth.org

Supports and provides services to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth ages 12-19 in Central Texas. This organization offers peer support groups, counseling, educational programs, social activities, and community outreach.

Project Future*

Killeen 254/634-0117

www.centraltexasyouthservices.org/transitional_living_program.htm

A Transitional Living Program for youth and young adults ages 16-21 years. Participation is voluntary, and services include: transitional living arrangements, education (GED completion, special skills training), job readiness training, independent living skills training, employment assistance, transportation, and case management.

Skillpoint Alliance*

Austin 512/323-6773

www.skillpointalliance.org

Builds partnerships among industry, education, and the community. Programs are designed to promote college and career success, while meeting employers' needs for qualified workers. The agency targets its programs primarily to youth and young adults.

Spirit Reins*

Liberty Hill 512/515-0845

www.spiritreins.org

Offers two therapy programs with the use of horses. Equine Assisted Psychotherapy programs work with troubled youth. The Horses and Youth United program works with children that may be living in poverty, be involved in a gang, or struggle with substance abuse.

Travis County After-School Network (TCAN)

Austin 512/854-9006

www.tcafterschool.org

A collaboration between private and non-profit organizations committed to supporting providers that serve school-age children during their after-school time.

The YMCA of Greater Williamson County*

Round Rock 512/246-YMCA (9622)

www.ymcagwc.org/

The "Y" After School program provides after-school care to children in grades K-5 for working parents in 46 Williamson County school sites. The Child Development Center (CDC) provides day care and enrichment activities for pre-school children ages 2-5 years. YMCA Day Camp helps campers grow spiritually, mentally and physically in an indoor/outdoor environment.

YouthLaunch

Austin 512/342-0424 or 1-800-875-1862

www.youthlaunch.org

Provides service opportunities for young people to promote empowerment and positive youth development.

Youth Taking Charge*

Wimberley 512/423-5638

Contact: DuAnne@youthtakingcharge.org

www.youthtakingcharge.org

Their mission is to prevent situational poverty from becoming generational poverty by building healthy communities. The organization targets middle school age youth and needs qualified mentors and camp counselors.