



Down Syndrome Assistance Resources

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Program Name	Description	Contact or Link to website
disability.gov good site for multiple programs	provides quick and easy access to comprehensive information about disability programs, services, laws and benefits	disability.gov or http://www.disabilityinfo.gov/digov-public/public/DisplayPage.do?parentFolderId=500
Humanitarian Foundation, Grottoes of North America	Dental for special needs kids must be under 18 and not covered by Medicaid or Medicare with prior approval	Contact Wayne Clark, Keller 817-379-4310 or Administrative Director 614-933-0711 Grotto Dental or http://www.scgrotto.com/Text%20documents/Dental%20Care%20Program.htm
Vita Care Medical Equipment/ or any medical supply, rental equipment company that files Medicaid Diapers to Door	For children on Medicaid with a need and doctors orders most items, diapers and other medical equipment are provided. After initial paper work everything should be delivered to the home. Before age four must have medical need related to kidneys and bladder to qualify, also if on lasix or similar may qualify because of increase output. Doctor's orders will be reviewed by Medicaid to see if you qualify. Contact company for paperwork for doctor.	http://www.vitacareinc.com/ Diapers to Door - 800-658-6212
Lindsay Foundation	A non-profit organization that assists families with resources necessary to provide medical treatment, therapies and rehabilitative equipment in special needs children. Follow link for contact information.	Lindsay Foundation or http://www.lindsayfoundation.org/
Texas' Special Kids	Non profit ministry organization offers variety of information and assistance with the programs, schools and needs of special needs children.	Texas' Special Kids or http://www.txspecialkids.org/about.htm

TX Dept State Health Services	<p>The Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program provides services to children with extraordinary medical needs, disabilities, and chronic health conditions.</p>	<p><u>Tx Dept Health Services</u> or <u>http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/cshcn/</u></p>
Medical Home Supports	<p>The Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program, within the Purchased Health Services Unit, issues this Notice of Open Enrollment (the "Notice") requesting applications from Texas pediatric or family physician practices to implement practice-level supports to help improve the provision of a Medical Home for children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) and their families. See link for details and application</p>	<p><u>Medical Home Supports</u> or <u>http://esbd.cpa.state.tx.us/bid_show.cfm?bidid=74328</u></p>
SSI under Social Security Administration	<p>Pays benefits to disabled adults and children who have limited income and resources</p>	<p>1-800-772-1213 <u>http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/11011.html</u></p>
Texas Scottish Rite Hospital Dallas not affiliated with Shriners	<p>Hospital treats without charge to patients. TSRHC treats Texas children with orthopedic conditions, such as scoliosis, clubfoot, hand disorders, hip disorders and limb-length differences, as well as certain related neurological disorders and learning disorders, such as dyslexia</p>	<p><u>TSRH</u> or <u>http://www.tsrhc.org/default.asp?contentID=31</u></p>
Lions Club Eye Health Program	<p>Information on various eye related organizations that help with variety of eye diseases and screenings.</p>	<p><u>Lions Club</u> or <u>http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lcif_gr_lehp.shtml</u></p>
Swimming H2OPE and other swim lessons.	<p>Our emphasis is on providing a safe, fun, non-competitive and successful experience to improve physical and mental health. Classes are held at the Harris Aquatic Center-HEB and Presbyterian Hospital CVC Center</p>	<p><u>http://differentstrokeswimschool.com/</u></p>

Enrichment Fund (scholarship)	The mission of the Joshua O'Neill and Zeshan Tabani Enrichment Fund is to offer financial assistance to young adults with Down syndrome who wish to continue to enrich their lives by enrolling in postsecondary programs or taking enrichment classes that will help them to enrich life through employment, independent living skills, life skills or another way.	<u>Enrichment Fund</u> or <u>http://www.ndss.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1973&Itemid=236</u>
Hearing aid assistance	Great site to start with, multiple links and helpful information. State site with links and information.	<u>http://www.hearingloss.org/support/financial.asp</u> <u>http://www.dars.state.tx.us/dhhs/index.shtml</u>
United Way 2-1-1 Texas	Call 2-1-1 to find health and human services in Texas. Information and referral specialists assess needs and refer community services ranging from child care to transportation.	<u>http://www.unitedwaytarrant.org/home/HowtoGetHelp/FirstCall.htm</u>
Disabled Children's Relief Fund	Nonprofit organization providing assistance to disabled children with various medical needs, wheelchair, orthopedic braces, walkers, lifts, hearing aids, eyeglasses, medical equipment, physical therapy, and surgery. Accepting applications April through September at their address.	<u>http://www.dcrf.com/index.html</u> Disabled Children's Relief Fund P.O. Box 89 Freeport, New York 11520
ARC of Greater Tarrant County		<u>http://www.arcqtc.org/index.htm</u>
REACH	Rehabilitation, Education, and Advocacy for Citizens with Handicaps.	<u>http://www.reachcils.org/</u>
Prescription Drug Assistance	Has listings of drug companies and their contact information and lists of drugs covered. Can search by company or drug name.	<u>https://www.pparx.org/Intro.php</u>
Prevacid Beyond the Burn Program	When you join the Beyond the Burn program, you'll get an instant savings card good for up to \$25 off every Prevacid refill.	<u>http://www.prevacid.com/offers/beyondtheburn.aspx</u>

Medicare		http://www.medicare.gov/
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<i>Project MEND San Antonio and Houston areas only but a good program</i>	<i>Project MEND's mission is to provide low-income persons with disabilities access to durable medical equipment through our recycle and reuse program and to provide financial assistance through our fitted mobility program to assist with the purchase of prosthetic or orthotic devices</i>	http://projectmend.org/index.php
Shriners Hospital Houston (closest to DFW)	Children up to the age of 18 with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palate are eligible for admission and receive all care in a family-centered environment at no charge – regardless of financial need.	http://www.shriners.com/Hospitals/_Hospitals_for_Children/