



Easing the transition

The assistance and services of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services are available to anyone without regard to age, race, marital status, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin or political belief. If you feel that you have been discriminated against, you may complain to the PRS Civil Rights Department.

You've accepted the gift "and the challenge" of taking a child with special needs into your home. Children who have been neglected or physically, emotionally, or sexually abused by their parents or other people they trusted often don't know they're loved and valued, and may have trouble trusting others. The pain of past abuse can make it difficult for a child to adjust to being a part of a healthy home.

We at the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (PRS) want to make that transition easier. We're offering services to help you, your child, and your family understand and cope with the effects of past abuse, and live together as a new family.

You, your adoptive child, and your family may be eligible for a number of services and programs provided by local agencies and experts, including:

- case work services and planning,
- parent education and support groups,
- counseling,
- respite care,
- residential treatment services,
- information and referral, and
- 24-hour crisis intervention

Services may be available to your family if either of the following conditions are satisfied and the child is under the age 18:

the department served as the child's managing conservator and placed the child for adoption with you; or
a licensed Texas child placing agency served as the child's managing conservator and placed the child with you for the purpose of adoption and the department is providing the child
Title IV-E adoption assistance.

You may request a fair hearing if services are denied, delayed, or reduced. The request must be made either orally or in writing within 90 days from the effective date of the action.

Lubbock / Amarillo Region
Children's Home of Lubbock
PO Box 2824
Lubbock, TX 79408
806-762-0481

Midland / Abilene
Centers for Children & Families
600 N. Marienfeld Ste. 253
Midland, TX 79701
1-866-494-9260 or 915-570-1084

Dallas / Ft. Worth
Lutheran Social Services of the South
3001 LBJ Freeway Ste. 107
Dallas, TX 75234-7756
972-620-0581

Paris / Tyler
Post Counseling Services
3435 Pinemill Rd.
Paris, TX 75460
903-737-1947

Beaumont / Nacogdoches
DePelchin Children's Center
100 Sandman
Houston, TX 77077
800-992-4086

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Spaulding for Children
710 N. Post Oak Ste. 500
Houston, TX 77024-3832
713-681-6991

Austin
Lutheran Social Services of the South
314 Highland Mall Blvd. Ste. 200
Austin, TX 78752
512-454-4611

San Antonio
Family Counseling Services of San Antonio
1635 NE Loop 410 Ste. 501
San Antonio, TX 78209
210-821-5980

El Paso
Family Services of El Paso
2930 N. Stanton
El Paso, TX 79902
915-544-4523

Corpus Christi / Rio Grande Valley
Texas Family Connection
5656 S. Staples Ste. 302
Corpus Christi, TX 78411
361-993-3000

Contact your local PRS
office or one of the
providers in your area.