

Local agencies for families with children with special needs



FEAT- NT www.featnt.org 682-626-5000

Families for Effective Autism Treatment-North Texas (FEAT-NT) is a 501 c 3 non-profit operated by volunteer parents of children with autism who know first-hand the daily struggles of life with autism.



The Arc – The Arc of Northeast Tarrant County

www.arcnetc.org 817-834-7700

MISSION - Arc Greater Mid Cities empowers individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families to live life as they define it through advocacy, awareness, training and support.



Easter Seals

www.easterseals.com/northtexas/ourprograms 817-332-7171

Easter Seals North Texas is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving children and adults with disabilities and other special needs locally since 1939. We are an affiliate of the national organization, Easter Seals, Inc



MHMR

www.mhmrtc.org 817-569-4300

- We Connect People in Our Community.
- We Provide Access to Services.
- We Link People to Resources.
- We Empower People.

Touch of Class Home Care

www.touchofclass.net 817-541-9435

Touch of Class has been providing services for individuals with disabilities since 1996. Currently listed as a provider in the Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) Medicaid waiver program providing services throughout the state of Texas.

Texas Parent to Parent

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www.txP2P.org 866-896-6001

Texas Parent to Parent (TxP2P) is committed to improving the lives of Texas children who have disabilities, chronic illness, and/or special health care needs. TxP2P empowers families to be strong advocates through parent-to-parent support, resource referral, and education.



Revive at Northwood Church – Keller TX

northwoodchurch.org/ministries/nursery-through-high-school/special-needs/

Revive is a free parents night out program for children with special needs and their siblings. It is offered from 6:00-10:00 pm two Fridays per month.



The Parenting Center

www.theparentingcenter.org 817-332-6348

The Parenting Center provides education and counseling for parents & families. There are several education opportunities specifically designed for parents who have a child with special needs. In addition, the center provides a free parenting advice line (817-332-6399) Monday-Friday from 12-3 pm.

After school programs for children with special needs:

At [DANA'S STUDIO OF DANCE](#) in Keller, children ages 9 and up learn basic hip-hop moves in a class just for special needs on Mondays from 6:15–7:15pm. Instructors keep the environment fun and uplifting, celebrating even small accomplishments, and kids get the chance to show off their skills at the end-of-year recital. The class started August 4 and runs through June 3; enrollment remains open until the class is full.

COST: \$75 per month. A free trial class is available.

Keller, 817/745-3262

[KELLER ATA MARTIAL ARTS](#) offers a thrice-weekly special abilities class for children who have Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, autism and other diagnoses. With the help of experienced instructors, kids 2 and up build self-confidence and discipline as they learn taekwondo. Students can also attend tournaments and compete in a division for special abilities competitors. Classes are held Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

COST: Registration is \$149, and monthly tuition is \$115 for unlimited classes. Try one class for free or four weeks (plus uniform) for \$30 through Groupon.

Keller, 817/337-9493

During private lessons at [MUSIC PLACE MANSFIELD](#), kids 4 and up can make music on the instrument of their choice, from piano and guitar to strings and drums. Music Place Mansfield will work with your family to match your student to the right teacher; several have experience working with children with a range of disabilities, including autism spectrum disorders. Voice and acting lessons are available too.

COST: Tuition is \$380 for fall semester and \$500 for spring semester; registration

is \$30.

Mansfield, 817/473-2822

If your child would be more comfortable in the familiar surroundings of home, [STARLIGHT MUSIC LESSONS](#) can bring the music to you. Starlight offers in-home music lessons across Dallas-Fort Worth for children 3 and up, depending on teacher availability. All teachers are thoroughly screened and trained, and some have backgrounds in music therapy and experience working with children with special needs. Choose from a range of instruments, including piano, strings and percussion, or voice lessons. (You will need to provide your own instrument.) Weekly lessons run 30, 45 or 60 minutes, though most students with special needs opt for 30-minute classes.

COST: Prices start at \$148 per month for 30-minute lessons. Try one class for \$37. Dallas-Fort Worth area, 214/477-8006

[KIDS WHO CARE MUSICAL THEATRE](#) works to accommodate all children who want to take the stage. Through musical theater and dance classes, kids in kindergarten through high school can build confidence, acting skills and stage savvy, and even participate in public productions. Kids with special needs, including Down syndrome and autism, will be incorporated into typical classes on a case-by-case basis; call Kids Who Care to discuss your child's strengths and needs.

COST: Classes start at \$225.

Fort Worth, 817/737-5437

The resources listed above are from DFW Child:

<http://www.dfwchild.com/features/3393/After-School-Activities-for-Kids-With-Special-Needs>