

Family and Safety Resources | Texas Health and Human Services

<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/services/family-safety-resources>

Family Resources

- [Adoption services](#) are available to match birth mothers with adoptive families.
- [Family Support Services](#) provides parent education, home visiting for parents with young children, family caregiver and fatherhood support, and other services through community-based programs.
- [Get Parenting Tips](#) offers advice to parents on numerous topics including child development, child discipline and building relationships with your children.
- [Health services](#) offered through HHS include Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and support for caregivers.
- [Mental health and substance use](#) provides information about urgent and non-urgent services for adults and children.
- [Navigate Life Texas](#) offers information and resources to empower parents who have children with intellectual or developmental disabilities or special health care needs.
- [Texas Family Resources](#) is a one-stop source on the numerous support services and resources available to families through state government programs.
- [Thriving Texas Families](#) is a statewide support network that promotes healthy pregnancy and childbirth and increases access to resources for family and child development.
- [Turn To](#) offers information on mental health and substance use resources for families.
- ["Together" in Texas](#) is an educational program to help engaged couples learn communication and conflict management skills as well as other key aspects of marriage. Those who complete the eight-hour course get a certificate for a \$60 discount on their marriage license.

Safety Resources

- [Child Care Regulation](#) regulates child care operations and child-placing agencies throughout the state.
- The [Family Violence Program](#) promotes safety, self-sufficiency and long-term independence of adult and child survivors of family violence and survivors of dating violence.
- The [Repatriation Program](#) helps U.S. citizens and their family members who are leaving a foreign country due to a crisis. Citizens must have prior approval by the U.S. Department of State to receive services through the program.
- The [Texas Human Trafficking Resource Center](#) provides resources to health care providers and other stakeholders to identify and help people affected by human trafficking.
- HHS provides funding for two statewide child protection programs:
 - [Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas](#) is the statewide membership association for children's advocacy centers. They work to restore the lives of abused children through partnerships with local communities and agencies that investigate and prosecute child abuse.
 - [Texas Court Appointed Special Advocates](#) (Texas CASA) is the statewide organization for volunteer advocate programs. Texas CASA and its local programs ensure every child has an advocate to speak for his or her best interest in the justice system.