

# **GUIDE TO RESOURCES ON LEARNING DIFFERENCES**

**Talking Book Program**  
Disability Information and Referral Center



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## Introduction

Since 1931, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) has been providing free library service to Texans unable to read standard print due to blindness or other visual impairments. As part of a regional network coordinated by the Library of Congress, the Talking Book Program (TBP) later began serving persons with physical impairments and reading disabilities of an organic nature. Today, the Talking Book Program continues to serve a growing population of Texans with disabilities by providing a wide range of books and magazines in large print, Braille, and recorded formats.

Talking Book Program serves individuals of all ages, from young children to older adults. Service to schools and other institutions such as nursing homes is also provided.

Classrooms throughout Texas having at least one eligible disabled student enrolled may participate in the TSLAC reading program. Reader Consultants assist teachers with book selections and send reading materials and equipment to

the classrooms, postage-free.

Great care has been taken to provide useful and accurate information in this guide, but we recognize that continual changes occur. If you discover outdated or inaccurate data in this guide, call or write the Talking Book Program and we will do our best to provide the updated information you need. Your comments and suggestions for improving this guide for future editions are welcomed. The guide is not copyrighted. ***Please feel free to make as many copies of the guide as you need, or contact the Talking Book Program for additional copies.***

We hope this resource guide will be a meaningful aid to parents and teachers as they work with students with visual, reading, and physical disabilities. If you would like more information on registering a classroom or enrolling a child individually for service, please contact the Talking Book Program.

To obtain additional information regarding this resource guide, please contact the Disability Reference Coordinator.

## Other services of interest to teachers and parents

The Talking Book Program (TBP) is a lending library of books and magazines in alternative formats for Texans with certain disabilities. TBP loans books in Braille and large print, but 82% of the collection is on cassette tape. Books and playback equipment are mailed free of charge to anyone who qualifies.

The Talking Book Program serves Texans of all ages who are unable to read standard print because they are visually impaired, physically unable to hold a book or turn pages, or reading disabled.

In addition to circulating books and magazines in special formats, the Talking Book Program provides a number of services to aid educators, students, and families:

### **Reference Service**

The Disability Information and Referral Center staff answers questions such as where to obtain a white cane, how to contact advocacy and support groups, and what adaptive technology is available.

### **Texas Reading Club**

TBP participates in the Texas State Library's Reading Program by providing books in alternative formats for young readers who cannot read standard print due to one of the disabilities described above.

### **Tours**

Individuals or groups may request a tour of TBP offices in the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building, 1201 Brazos, by calling the Public Awareness Coordinator in advance.

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**[tbp.services@tsl.state.tx.us](mailto:tbp.services@tsl.state.tx.us)**

**[www.TexasTalkingBooks.org](http://www.TexasTalkingBooks.org)**



# Guide to Resources on Learning Differences

## Basic Information:

**Before you contact any organization, make sure you know the following information:**

- 1) Child's Name
- 2) Gender
- 3) Age
- 4) Current grade in school
- 5) Current type of school attending: public, private, or home schooling
- 6) Diagnosis (if there is one)
- 7) Your purpose for contacting each organization; Be specific

As you are contacting organizations, do the following:

- 1) Maintain a file of personal and professional observations of the child.
- 2) Keep a log of contacts. Include this information:
  - a) the organization contacted
  - b) time/date
  - c) the specific person you communicated with
  - d) either write a brief summary of the conversation or save the correspondence received.
- 3) Read books and articles on the topic.
- 4) Attend conferences when possible.
- 5) Subscribe to newsletters.
- 6) Network in person and online.

**NOTE:** The field of Learning Disabilities is very broad and constantly changing. The key is to find what methods and resources work best for your child/student.

## Specialists in the Field:

- **Attorney:** legal assistance
- **Advocate:** representation in legal issues
- **Audiologist:** diagnoses hearing loss
- **Child psychiatrist:** behavioral and emotional assessment and treatment; can prescribe medication
- **Clinical psychologist:** non-medical diagnosis and therapeutic treatment of behavioral and emotional problems
- **Developmental behavioral pediatrician:** diagnosis and treatment of developmental disorders; can prescribe medication

- **Educational psychologist:** prepares and conducts psychological and educational assessments
- **Educational therapist:** assesses educational needs and implements programs
- **Neurologist:** diagnosis and treatment of brain and nervous system problems; can prescribe medication
- **Neuropsychologist:** conducts psychological tests and assesses brain functioning
- **Occupational therapist:** provides assessment and treatment in the areas of muscle strength, motor or sensory coordination
- **Pediatrician:** primary care of children; can prescribe medication
- **Social worker:** counseling
- **Speech and language therapist:** assessment and treatment of communication disorders
- **Tutor:** provides academic assistance and support in one or more subject areas

### Basic Terminology:

- **Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)** - A severe difficulty in focusing and maintaining attention. Often leads to learning and behavior problems at home, school, and work. Also called Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).
- **Brain Injury** - The physical damage to brain tissue or structure that occurs before, during, or after birth that is verified by EEG, MRI, CAT, or a similar examination, rather than by observation of performance. When caused by an accident, the damage may be called Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).
- **Developmental Aphasia** - A severe language disorder that is presumed to be due to brain injury rather than because of a developmental delay in the normal acquisition of language.
- **Dyscalculia** - A severe difficulty in understanding and using symbols or functions needed for success in mathematics.
- **Dysgraphia** - A severe difficulty in producing handwriting that is legible and written at an age-appropriate speed.
- **Dyslexia** - A severe difficulty in understanding or using one or more areas of language, including listening, speaking, reading, writing, and spelling.
- **Dysnomia** - A marked difficulty in remembering names or recalling words needed for oral or written language.

- **Dyspraxia** - A severe difficulty in performing drawing, writing, buttoning, and other tasks requiring fine motor skill, or in sequencing the necessary movements.

### **Main National Organizations:**

Children and Adults with ADD (CHADD)  
8181 Professional Place, Ste 150  
Landover, MD 20785  
800-233-4050 or 301-306-7070  
301-306-7090 FAX  
[www.chadd.org](http://www.chadd.org)

Council for Learning Disabilities (CLD)  
11184 Antioch Rd, Box 405  
Overland Park, KS 66210  
913-491-1011 913-491-1012 FAX  
[www.cldinternational.org](http://www.cldinternational.org)

Division for Learning Disabilities  
Council for Exceptional Children  
1110 North Glebe Rd, Ste 300  
Arlington, VA 22201-5704  
888-CEC-SPED or 703-620-3660  
703-264-9494 FAX  
[www.teachingld.org](http://www.teachingld.org)

International Dyslexia Association (IDA)  
8600 LaSalle Road, Chester Building, Ste 382  
Baltimore, MD 21286-2044 USA  
800-ABCD123 or 410-296-0232  
410-321-5069 FAX  
[www.interdys.org](http://www.interdys.org)

Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA)  
4156 Library Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15234-1349  
412-341-1515  
412-344-0224 FAX  
[info@ldaamerica.org](mailto:info@ldaamerica.org) email  
[www.ldaamerica.org](http://www.ldaamerica.org)

National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD)  
381 Park Avenue South Ste 1401  
New York, NY 10016  
888-575-7373 or 212-545-7510  
212-545-9665 FAX  
[www.ld.org](http://www.ld.org)

**Disability-Centered National Organizations:**

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)  
10801 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852  
800-498-2071 For Professionals/Students  
800-638-8255 For Public  
[www.asha.org](http://www.asha.org)

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)  
1110 North Glebe Road, Ste 300  
Arlington, VA 22201-5704  
703-620-3660 local or 888-CEC-SPED toll free  
703-264-9494 FAX  
[www.cec.sped.org](http://www.cec.sped.org)

TASK (Team of Advocates for Special Kids)  
18685 Santa Ynez  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708  
714-962-6332

National Dissemination Center for Children With Disabilities  
(NICHCY)  
P.O. Box 1492  
Washington, DC 20013-1492  
800-695-0285  
202-884-8441 FAX  
[nichcy@aed.org](mailto:nichcy@aed.org) email  
[www.nichcy.org](http://www.nichcy.org)

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic (RFB&D)  
20 Roszel Road  
Princeton, NJ 08540  
866-RFBD-585 or 866-732-3585  
[www.rfbd.org](http://www.rfbd.org)

## **Education-Centered National Organizations:**

American Library Association (ALA)  
50 E. Huron St  
Chicago, IL 60611  
800-545-2433  
[library@ala.org](mailto:library@ala.org) email  
[www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org)

Association of Educational  
Therapists  
100 Bush St, Ste 1500  
San Francisco, CA 94104  
800-286-4267  
415-982-9204 FAX  
[aet@aetonline.org](mailto:aet@aetonline.org) email  
[www.aetonline.org](http://www.aetonline.org)

Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD)  
University of Massachusetts, Boston  
107 Commerce Center Dr., Ste 204  
Huntersville, NC 280780  
704-947-7779  
704-948-7779 FAX  
[ahead@ahead.org](mailto:ahead@ahead.org)  
[www.ahead.org](http://www.ahead.org)

HEATH  
[The George Washington University](http://www.thegeorgewashingtonuniversity.edu)  
2121 K Street, N.W., Suite 220  
Washington, D.C. 20037  
202 - 973 - 0904 or 1-800-544-3284  
202 - 973 - 0908 FAX  
[askheath@gwu.edu](mailto:askheath@gwu.edu)  
[www.heath.gwu.edu](http://www.heath.gwu.edu)

Inclusion  
Dr. Sandra Alper, Department Head:  
Department of Special Education,  
University of Northern Iowa,  
Cedar Falls, IA 50614  
319-273-6061  
[sandra.alper@uni.edu](mailto:sandra.alper@uni.edu) email  
[www.uni.edu/coe/inclusion](http://www.uni.edu/coe/inclusion)

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)  
1313 L. St, NW, Ste 500  
Washington, DC 20005  
202-232-8777 or 800-424-2460  
[naecy@naeyc.org](mailto:naecy@naeyc.org) email  
[www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org)

## **Law-Centered National Organizations:**

American Bar Association (ABA)  
Child Advocacy and Protection Center  
740 15th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20005  
202-662-1000  
[www.abanet.org/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/home.html)

Consortium for Appropriate Dispute Resolution (CADRE)  
P.O. Box 51360  
Eugene, OR 97405-0906  
3411-A Willamette Street  
Eugene, OR 97405-5122  
541-686-5060 phone 541-686-5063 FAX  
[www.directionservice.org/cadre](http://www.directionservice.org/cadre)

Disability Rights Education and  
Defense Fund (DREDF)  
2212 Sixth Street  
Berkeley, CA 94710  
800-348-4232 or 510-644-2555  
510-841-8645 FAX  
[info@dredf.org](mailto:info@dredf.org) email  
[www.dredf.org](http://www.dredf.org)

ICBI (In Child's Best Interest)  
130 Cindy Lou Dr  
San Antonio TX 78249  
210-834-3807  
[dlladvocate@aol.com](mailto:dlladvocate@aol.com)

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges  
P.O. Box 8970  
Reno, NV 89507  
775-784-6012  
[www.ncjfcj.org/dept/fvd](http://www.ncjfcj.org/dept/fvd)

## **Parent-Centered National Organizations:**

Families and Advocates Partnerships for Education (FAPE)  
PACER Center  
8161 Normandale Boulevard  
Minneapolis, MN 55437-1044  
952-838-9000  
952-838-0199 FAX  
[fape@fape.org](mailto:fape@fape.org) email  
[www.fape.org](http://www.fape.org)

National Parent Teacher  
Association  
541 N Fairbanks Court  
Ste 1300  
Chicago, IL 60611  
800-307-4782  
312-670-6783 FAX  
[www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)

National Parent to Parent Support  
and Information System  
Kathleen Judd, Project Director  
PO Box 907  
Blue Ridge, GA 30513  
800-651-1151 or 706-632-8822  
706-632-8830 FAX  
[judd103w@wonder.em.cdc.gov](mailto:judd103w@wonder.em.cdc.gov) email

PACER (Parent Advocacy Coalition  
for Educational Rights)  
8161 Normandale Blvd.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55437  
952-838-9000  
952-838-0199 FAX  
[pacer@pacer.org](mailto:pacer@pacer.org)  
[www.pacer.org](http://www.pacer.org)

Parents of GT/LD Children  
2420 Eccleston Street  
Silver Spring, MD 20902  
301-986-1422

**NOTE:** Use these national organizations both for acquiring general resources on Learning Disabilities and for locating local resources.

**Local contacts can also be found in the following section:**

## State/Local Organizations:

Academic Language Therapy Association  
14070 Proton Rd, Ste 100, LB 9  
Dallas, TX 75244  
972-233-9107 X201 or toll free 1-866-283-7133  
972-490-4219 FAX  
[helpline@altaread.org](mailto:helpline@altaread.org) email  
[www.altaread.org](http://www.altaread.org)

Children and Adults with ADD (CHADD): [www.chadd.org](http://www.chadd.org)  
Austin: 512-292-1518  
Brazos Valley (College Station) Satellite: 979-690-6816  
Dallas Metro: 214-339-2047  
Kaufman Branch of Dallas TX: 972-524-3378  
Midcities Corridor Branch of North Texas: 972-406-1833  
NE Tarrant County: 817-481-4147  
North Texas: 972-406-1833  
San Antonio: [chadd20N@yahoo.com](mailto:chadd20N@yahoo.com)  
Greater Houston: 281-265-7445

Cognitive Clinic  
3724 Jefferson St., Ste 204  
Austin, TX 78731  
512-453-1344  
[thecogclinic@worldnet.att.net](mailto:thecogclinic@worldnet.att.net)

Council for Learning Disabilities (CLD) Regional Chapter  
[www.cldinternational.org/](http://www.cldinternational.org/)  
President Elizabeth Swanson  
University of Texas  
[easwanson@utexas.edu](mailto:easwanson@utexas.edu)

Dallas Dyslexia Information Group  
Contact: Bob Brooks: 214-351-1985  
Meetings are held the second Monday of the month except for  
December. The Group meets at: The Winston School, 5707 Royal  
Lane, Dallas TX 75229, 214-691-6950

International Dyslexia Association Texas Chapters  
<http://www.interdys.org/jsp/branch/texas.jsp>

Austin  
Sharon McMichael  
A.A.B.I.D.A  
P.O. Box 92604  
Austin, TX 78709-2604  
512-452-7658  
[www.austinida.org](http://www.austinida.org)

Dallas  
Pamela Hudnall Quarterman  
10470 Proton, Ste 100  
Dallas, TX 75244  
972-233-9107 ext 222  
972-490-4219 FAXHouston  
Cathy Lorino  
P.O. Box 540504  
Houston, TX 77254-0504  
832-282-7154  
[president@houstonida.org](mailto:president@houstonida.org) email <http://www.houstonida.org>

Learning Disabilities Association of Texas (LDAT)  
1011 W 31st St  
Austin, TX 78705  
800-604-7500 or 512-458-8234  
[contact@LDAT.org](mailto:contact@LDAT.org) email  
[www.LDAT.org](http://www.LDAT.org)

LDAT has local offices in the following cities. Please contact the Austin office for information:

Coppell  
Dallas (Park Cities)  
Greenville (Sabine Valley)

Richardson  
Sugar Land (Ft. Bend)

Listening Centre  
14330 Midway, Bldg 2, Ste 202  
Dallas, TX 75244  
214-404-8152

Statewide PTI Projects (Parent Training Information Centers)  
<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/special.ed/explansaf/ptic.html>  
1) PATH Project

Serving: Regions 5 (Beaumont), 6 (Huntsville), 7 (Kilgore), 8 (Mt. Pleasant), 9 (Wichita Falls), 10 (Richardson), 11 (Fort Worth), 12 (Waco), and 13 (Austin)

Alice Robertson, Project Director

1090 Longfellow Drive

Beaumont, TX 77760

409-898-4684 or Toll-free: 800-866-4726

409-898-4869 Fax [partnersresource@sbcglobal.net](mailto:partnersresource@sbcglobal.net)

## 2) TEAM Project

Serving: Regions 1 (Edinburg), 2 (Corpus Christi), 3 (Victoria), 4 (Houston), and 20 (San Antonio)

Debbie Schultz, Project Director

3311 Richmond, Ste. 336

Houston, TX 77098

713-524-2147 Office or Toll free: 877-832-8945

713-942-7135 Fax [partnersteam@sbcglobal.net](mailto:partnersteam@sbcglobal.net)

## 3) West Texas PEN Project

Serving: Regions 14 (Abilene), 15 (San Angelo), 16 (Amarillo), 17 (Lubbock), 18 (Midland), and 19 (El Paso)

Jon Howell, Project Director

1001 Main Street, Suite 804

Lubbock, TX 79401

806-762-1434 Office or Toll free: 877-762-1435

806-762-1628 Fax [wtxpen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wtxpen@sbcglobal.net)

Scottish Rite Learning Center of Austin

1622 E. Riverside

Austin, TX 78741

512-472-1231

512-326-1877 FAX

[psek@austin.rr.com](mailto:psek@austin.rr.com) email

[www.scottishritelearningcenter.org](http://www.scottishritelearningcenter.org)

Scottish Rite has other facilities in Texas.

Learning Center of West Texas (Lubbock): 806-765-9150

Speech Kids

301 Hesters Crossing Rd, Ste 110

Round Rock, TX 78681

512-828-3072

[speechkids@sbcglobal.net](mailto:speechkids@sbcglobal.net)

Texas Department of State Health Services  
Audiovisual Library  
1100 W. 49<sup>th</sup> St.  
Austin, TX 78756-3199  
1-888-963-7111 ext. 7260 or 512-458-7260  
[avlibrary@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:avlibrary@dshs.state.tx.us)  
[www.tdh.state.tx.us/avlib](http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/avlib)

Texas Education Agency (TEA)  
Special Education Section  
1701 N Congress Ave  
Austin, TX 78701  
512-463-9734  
Parent Information Line: 1-800-252-9668  
[www.tea.state.tx.us/special.ed](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/special.ed)

Texas Rehabilitation Commission (TRC)  
Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)  
4800 N. Lamar Blvd., 3<sup>rd</sup> FL  
Austin, TX 78756  
800-628-5115  
[www.dars.state.tx.us/drs/index.shtml](http://www.dars.state.tx.us/drs/index.shtml)  
DARS has many offices throughout the state.

Other State/Local Resources For Information:

211/First Call for Help  
Schools/Colleges/Universities  
Public Libraries  
Doctors  
Neighborhood Literacy Programs

**Texas Private Schools:**

Arlington

Gateway School: 817-226-6222

Austin

Austin Harvard Elementary School: 512-459-9191

Odyssey School: 512-472-2262

Rawson-Saunders School: 512-476-8382

VIP Educational Services: 512-345-9274

Carrollton

Newfound School: 214-390-1749  
St. Anthony's: 972-245-4147

#### Dallas

Dallas Academy: 214-324-1481, [www.dallas-academy.com](http://www.dallas-academy.com)  
Fairhill School: 972-233-1026  
Hillier School: 214-559-5363  
Keystone Academy: 972-250-4455  
Oakhill Academy: 214-368-0664  
Preston Hollow: 214-368-3886  
Shelton School: 972-774-1772, [www.shelton.org](http://www.shelton.org)  
Vanguard School: 972-404-1616  
Winston School: 214-691-6950, [www.winston-school.org](http://www.winston-school.org)

#### Fort Worth

Child Study Center School: 817-390-2831  
Hill School: 817-923-9482, [www.hillschool.org](http://www.hillschool.org)  
Key School: 817-446-3738, [www.thekeyschool.com](http://www.thekeyschool.com)  
Learning Center of North Texas: 817-336-0808,  
[www.thelearningcenterofnt.org](http://www.thelearningcenterofnt.org)  
Starpoint Schools at TCU: 817-257-7141  
Wedgwood Academy: 817-263-2976

#### Houston

Briarwood School: 281-493-1070  
Monarch School: 713-479-0800, [www.monarchschool.org](http://www.monarchschool.org)

#### Ingram

Star Ranch School: 512-367-4868 (added 4-17-08)

#### Kemah

Tullis Farm School & Puppet Place: 281-334-6615,  
[www.tullisfarmschool.org](http://www.tullisfarmschool.org)

#### Longview

Crisman Preparatory School: 903-758-9741

#### Mesquite

Meadowview School: 972-289-1831

#### Plano

Great Lakes Academy: 972-517-7498  
Star Bright Academy: 972-517-6730

#### Richardson

Highland Academy: 972-238-7567

#### San Antonio

Winston School: 210-342-5345

### **Funding Information for Private Schools:**

### Types of Funding:

Scholarships: criteria based, usually by type of disability, field of study, or state of residence

Financial aid: need based

Loans: usually must be repaid with interest

Payment plans: monthly installments used for repayment

### Specific resources:

FACTS Tuition Management: payment plans

P.O. Box 67037, Lincoln, NE 68506, 800-863-2287

[www.factstuition.com](http://www.factstuition.com)

Smart Tuition Management Services: payment plans

95 Wall Street, Ste 2300, NY, NY, 10005, 800-762-7808,

[www.smarttuition.com](http://www.smarttuition.com)

Education Resources Institute (TERI): loans

PO Box 312, Boston, MA 02116, 800-255-8374

[www.teri.org](http://www.teri.org)

Educate: [www.wachovia.com](http://www.wachovia.com) loans

Tuition Pay/Sallie May Corporation: P.O. Box 816, Swansea,

MA 02777, 800-635-0120, [info@tuitionpay.com](mailto:info@tuitionpay.com)

[www.tuitionpay.com](http://www.tuitionpay.com)

### Specific Programs:

Anne & Matt Harbison Scholarship

P. Buckley Moss Society

540-943-5678

[society@mosssociety.org](mailto:society@mosssociety.org) email

[www.mosssociety.org](http://www.mosssociety.org)

For a graduating senior with a learning disability who plans to attend college.

Nominations must be made through a representative of the Moss Society. At

this time there are no Moss Society chapters in Texas.

Anne Ford Scholarship

National Center for Learning Disabilities, Inc.

381 Park Avenue South, Suite 1401

New York, NY 10016-8806

212-545-9665 FAX

For a graduating senior with LD with plans to attend college

Learning Through Listening Award

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

20 Roszel Road  
Princeton, NJ 08540  
609-453-0606  
<http://www.rfbd.org/>

SLM Financial's K-12 Family Education LoanSM  
Sallie Mae Alternative Education Loans  
888-2-SALLIE (725543), [www.slmeducationloans.com/](http://www.slmeducationloans.com/)  
Loan programs for approved K-12 private schools

PrepGate K-12 Education Loan  
888-353-GATE (4283), [www.prepgate.com](http://www.prepgate.com)  
Loan programs for approved K-12 private schools

Wells Fargo Education Connection  
800-658-3567, [www.wellsfargo.com/student/loans/undergrad/education.jhtml](http://www.wellsfargo.com/student/loans/undergrad/education.jhtml)  
Loan programs for K-12 schools

CitiAssist K-12 Loan  
1-800-967-2400  
[studentloan.citibank.com/](http://studentloan.citibank.com/)  
Loan programs

Children's Scholarship Fund  
8 W. 38th Street, 9th floor  
New York, NY 10018  
212-515-7100  
[www.scholarshipfund.org](http://www.scholarshipfund.org)

Provides partial tuition assistance for low-income families to send their children to private schools.

**Some General sources:**

Center for Education Reform:

[www.edreform.com](http://www.edreform.com):

Information on Scholarships

[Collegeboard.com](http://Collegeboard.com)

[EStudentLoan.com](http://EStudentLoan.com)

[Finaid.org](http://Finaid.org)

[Privateschool.about.com](http://Privateschool.about.com)

School counselors

Special education teachers

**Websites:**

Education Resources Information Center (ERIC): [www.eric.ed.gov](http://www.eric.ed.gov)

Internet Special Education Resources (ISER):

[www.iser.com/index.shtml](http://www.iser.com/index.shtml)

LD Resources: <http://www.ldresources.com/>

Literacy and Learning Disabilities Special Collections:

[ldlink.coe.utk.edu](http://ldlink.coe.utk.edu)

Public Libraries Learning Disabilities Initiative: [www.ala.org/roads](http://www.ala.org/roads)

Schwab: [www.greatschools.net/](http://www.greatschools.net/)

### **Assistive Technology Resources:**

For writing skills:

Highlighting pen/tape

Pencil grips

Slant boards

Carbonless paper

Raised line paper

Brainstorming

Outlining

Portable keyboards

For reading skills:

Computer Screen Readers

Optical Character Recognition  
(OCR Reading Machines)

Audiobooks

For listening skills:

Cassette players

Personal Listening Systems

Computer programs:

Word processing

Proofreading

Spell checking

Word prediction

Speech recognition

For organization skills:

Planners

Palm pilots

Databases

For math skills:

Calculators

Computer software

**NOTE:** Please contact the Disability Information and Referral Center (DIRC), a service provided by the Talking Book Program (TBP), for more information on assistive technology resources and on learning disabilities. TBP is a free lending library that provides recreational reading materials in alternative formats for qualified individuals in Texas who cannot read standard print or physically hold a book.

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