

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

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Selected Resources Compiled by:

The Disability Information and Referral Center (DIRC)

Of the Texas Talking Book Program:

800-252-9605, 512-463-5458

State Government Resources:

Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)

800-628-5115

www.dars.state.tx.us/drs/index.shtml

State vocational rehab program. Many cities in Texas have local offices.

Texas Centers for Independent Living

www.dars.state.tx.us/drs/directory_cil.shtml

There are 21 centers in Texas.

Texas Department of State Health Services

888-963-7111 ext. 7260 or 512-458-7260

www.dshs.state.tx.us/avlib/default.shtm

Houses the rehab collection formerly housed by the Brown-Heatly Library

Texas Technology Access Program

800-828-7839 or 512-232-0740

<http://techaccess.edb.utexas.edu/>

Part of the National Technical Assistance Project (RESNA)

Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)

Employees Hotline: 800-832-2829

www.twc.state.tx.us/

The Commission operates 28 local centers.

Other websites from TWC:

The Labor Market and Career Information Center (LMCI): www.lmci.state.tx.us

“Reality Check”: www.cdr.state.tx.us/realitycheck

Work in Texas: www.workintexas.com

Federal Government Programs:

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

800-669-4000

www.eeoc.gov

District offices in Dallas, El Paso, and San Antonio

Federal Employment of People with Disabilities
Office of Personnel Management
202-606-1800
www.opm.gov/disability

Job Accommodation Network
800-526-7234
<http://janweb.icdi.wvu.edu/>
Employment Resources
<http://janweb.icdi.wvu.edu/links/employ.htm>
Entrepreneurship
<http://www.jan.wvu.edu/entre/>

The Office of Disability Employment Policy
U.S. Department of Labor
866-ODEP-DOL (633-7365)
www.dol.gov/odep/

Social Security Administration
800-772-1213
www.ssa.gov
Plan for Achieving Self-Support (PASS)
www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityresearch/wi/pass.htm
Social Security's Ticket to Work Program
866-968-7842
www.yourtickettowork.com
Applying for Benefits:
www.ssa.gov/applyfordisability/adult.htm

National:

American Association of Home-Based Businesses
888-823-2366 ext 102
www.jbsba.com/content/suites/hb_teleworking/index.shtml

American Foundation for the Blind CareerConnect
888-824-2184
www.afb.org/careerconnect/

National Business and Technology Council
516-465-1516

www.business-disability.com/

National Federation of the Blind

410-659-9314

www.nfb.org

National Center for Mentoring Excellence (NCME)

410-659-9314 x 2295

www.nfb.org/nfb/NCME.asp?SnID=2

Relevant Divisions and Groups (Subject to frequent change):

Blind Entrepreneurs: 914-476-8444 Jim Bonerbo

Blind Merchants: 719-520-1391 Kevan Worley

Public Employees Division: 360-782-9575 Ivan Weich

Writers Division: 402-556-3216 Robert L. Newman

Websites:

Ability Links

www.abilitylinks.org/

Disability Mentoring Day

www.dmd-aapd.org/

E-Sight Careers

www.esight.org

Hire Disability Solutions

www.hiredisabilitysolutions.com

Job Enable

www.jobenable.com

Recruitability

Disabledperson.com

760-420-1269

www.disabledperson.com/recruitability.asp

Information on Self-Employment:

The Abilities Fund

www.abilitiesfund.org

Assists individuals with disabilities with self-employment. The organization is not a direct lender but does provide information on topics such as networking, business planning, and feasibility.

Sources for funding of self-made businesses:

- 1) Small business loans
- 2) SSA work incentives
- 3) Vocational Rehabilitation
- 4) Personal investment
- 5) Support from family and friends

Other Resources:

Employment of People with Disabilities: A Resource Guide (2005):

www.loc.gov/nls/reference/circulars/employment.html

Print copies available from the DIRC.

Books offered on loan from the DIRC:

Employment Issues and Multiple Sclerosis

by Rumrill, Phillip D., Jr., Mary L. Hennessey, and Steven W. Nissen, 2008

I'd Rather Be Working: A Step-by-Step Guide to Financial Self-Support for People with Chronic Illness

by Backstrom, Gayle, 2002

Job Hunting Resources for People with Vision Impairments

by Thomas, Karen Lynn, with Carol M. McCarl and Nolan Crabb, 2003

Job-Hunting for the So-Called Handicapped or People with Disabilities, 2nd Edition

by Bolles, Richard Nelson and Dale Susan Brown, 2001

Learning a Living: A Guide to Planning Your Career and Finding A Job For People With Learning Disabilities, Attention Deficit Disorder, and Dyslexia

by Brown, Dale S., 2000

More Than a Job: Securing Satisfying Careers for People with Disabilities

by Wehman, Paul and John Kregel, 1998

Real Work for Real Pay: Inclusive Employment for People with Disabilities

Wehman, Paul, Ph.D., et al, 207

Women, Work, and Autoimmune Disease: Keep Working, Girlfriend!

by Joffe, Rosalind and Joan Friedlander, 2008

NOTE: Books from the DIRC are available in print form and may be loaned for a period of five weeks. The borrower is responsible for return postage.

For more information on employment and transition resources, and to borrow books from the reference center, please contact:

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