

2015-16 Winter Calendar of Events: December through February

[Arranged by Location, then by Date]

National Events of Interest:

- **Building Inclusive Communities Global Conference 2015**, Thursday, December 3, 5:30pm – 7:30pm, Boston, MA. Hosted by UMass Boston School for Global Inclusion and Social Development. Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [Building Inclusion website](#).

Online Webinars and Workshops:

- **Online Live Broadcast: ADA Live!** First Wednesday of Each Month, 12:00pm – 12:30pm. Ask questions and learn about your rights and responsibilities under the ADA. Presented by Southeast ADA Center. Cost: FREE. For more information and to listen to the broadcast, visit the [ADA Live website](#).
- **Webinar: Specially Designed Instruction in the Digital Age**, Tuesday, December 1, 10:00am. Presented by Partners Resource Network (PRN). Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [PRN website](#).
- **Webinar: Accessible Museum Exhibits**, Thursday, December 3, 1:30pm – 3:00pm. Presented by Accessibility Online. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [Accessibility Online website](#).
- **Webinar: Functional Accessibility Evaluator, A-Inspector Sidebar and Accessibility Bookmarklets**, Thursday, December 3, 1:00pm. Presented by Easy Access to Software and Information (EASI). Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [EASI website](#).
- **Webinar: Texas Legislative Advocacy: Promoting and Improving the Education of Students with Disabilities**, Tuesday, December 8, 10:00am. Presented by Partners Resource Network (PRN). Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [PRN website](#).
- **Webinar: Small Business and Disability Employment: Steps to Success**, Tuesday, December 8, 1:00pm – 2:00pm. Presented by Employer Assistance and Resource Network (EARN). Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [EARN website](#).
- **Webinar: PDF Accessibility: Beyond the Basics**, Wednesday, December 9, 10:00am – 11:30am. Presented by International Association of Accessibility Professionals (IAAP). Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [IAAP website](#).
- **Webinar: Reasonable Accommodation Process for Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors; 2-Part Series**, Tuesday, December 8 and Tuesday, December 15, 12:00pm – 1:30pm. Presented by Northwest ADA Center. Cost: \$45; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [ADATA website](#).
- **Webinar: Overview of the Proposed Standards for Accessible medical Diagnostic Equipment**, Wednesday, December 9, 12:00pm – 1:00pm. Presented by Cornell University

Institute on Employment and Disability. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [Cornell website](#).

- **Webinar: Using Transition Assessment Results to Write Indicator 13-Compliant Transition Plans**, Thursday, December 10, 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Presented by the Council for Exceptional Children in collaboration with the Division on Career Development and Transition. Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [CEC website](#).
- **Webinar: From School to Real Life: The Transition: Don't Forget About What Worked**, Thursday, December 10, 2:30pm – 4:00pm. Presented by Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA). Cost: \$39; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [ATIA website](#).
- **Webinar: Using Transition Assessment Results to Write Indicator 13-Compliant Transition Plans**, Thursday, December 10, 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Presented by Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [CEC website](#).
- **Webinar: Employment First**, Monday, December 14, 2:00pm – 3:00pm. Presented by APSE/AUCD/NACDD. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [AUCD website](#).
- **Audio Conference: Open Dialogue with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission**, Tuesday, December 15, 1:00pm – 2:30pm. Presented by ADA National Network. Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [ADA Online website](#).
- **Webinar: Ask the Special Ed Director: Honest Answers to Your Burning Questions**, Tuesday, December 15, 10:00am. Presented by Partners Resource Network (PRN). Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [PRN website](#).
- **Webinar: Aging America and Hearing Loss: The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) Report Explained**, Wednesday, December 16, 7:00pm – 8:00pm. Presented by Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA). Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [HLAA website](#).
- **Webinar: Improving Math Problem Solving for Students with Learning Disabilities: Solve It!** Thursday, December 17, 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Presented by Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [CEC website](#).
- **Webinar: Protruding Objects**, Thursday, January 7, 1:30pm – 3:00pm. Presented by Accessibility Online. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [Accessibility Online website](#).
- **Webinar: Workplace Bullying, Harassment and Disability**, Wednesday, January 13, 12:00pm – 1:00pm. Presented by Cornell University Institute on Employment and Disability. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [Cornell website](#).
- **Webinar: Recruiting and Hiring Individuals with Disabilities**, Wednesday, January 20, 1:00pm – 2:30pm. Presented by Job Accommodation Network (JAN). Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [AskJAN website](#).

- **Webinar: Best Practices for Evaluation Accessibility on Campus**, Thursday, January 21, 2:00pm – 3:30pm. Presented by Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD). Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [AHEAD website](#).
- **Webinar Series: Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income and Work**, Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 2 – February 23, 12:00pm – 1:30pm. Presented by EDI Online. Cost: \$850; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [EDI Online website](#).
- **Webinar Series: Work Incentives Planning and Utilization for Benefit Practitioners**, Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 2 – March 29, 12:00pm – 1:30pm. Presented by EDI Online. Cost: \$1450 with exam; \$1200 without exam; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [EDI Online website](#).
- **Webinar: Conducts and Students on the Autism Spectrum**, Thursday, February 4, 2:00pm – 3:30pm. Presented by Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD). Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [AHEAD website](#).
- **Webinar: Trends in Web Accessibility**, Wednesday, February 10, 12:00pm – 1:00pm. Presented by Cornell University Institute on Employment and Disability. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [Cornell website](#).
- **Webinar: An Essential and Strategic Role for Disability Services: Faculty Developer**, Thursday, February 11, 2:00pm – 3:30pm. Presented by Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD). Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [AHEAD website](#).
- **Webinar: Successfully Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities in the Federal Workforce**, Wednesday, February 17, 1:00pm – 2:30pm. Presented by Job Accommodation Network (JAN). Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [AskJAN website](#).
- **Webinar Series: The Effect of Work on Other Federal Benefit Programs and Their Relationship to the Disability Programs**, Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 25 – March 15, 12:00pm – 1:30pm. Presented by EDI Online. Cost: \$720; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [EDI Online website](#).

Statewide Events of Interest:

- **Special Olympics Texas: A Very Special Celebration: There's No Place Like Home**, Friday, December 4, 6:30pm – 9:00pm. Held at Special Olympics Texas Chapter Headquarters, 1804 Rutherford Lane, **Austin**. Cost: \$50 per person; Sponsorships are available; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Courtney Shelton at 512-491-2927 or cshelton@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Morgan's Wonderland: A Wonderland Christmas**, December 4 – 5, December 11 – 12, and December 18 – 23, 5:00pm – 9:00pm. Includes various entertainment, rides and attractions, visits with Santa Claus, petting zoo, and other activities. Held Morgan's Wonderland, 5223 David Edwards Drive, **San Antonio**. Hosted by Morgan's Wonderland. Cost: Varies; people with disabilities are FREE. For more information, contact Morgan's Wonderland at 210-495-5888 or Bob McCullough at 210-637-3418 or visit the [Morgan's Wonderland website](#).

- **31st Annual Texas Brain Injury Symposium**, Friday, December 11. Held at the University of Texas J.J. Pickle Research Center, 3925 West Braker Lane. Hosted by The Texas Brain Injury Alliance. Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact TBIA at info@texasbia.org or visit the [TBIA website](#).
- **2016 Annual Accessibility Professionals Association (APA) Conference and Expo**, January 20 – 22. Held at Austin Marriott North, 2600 La Frontera Blvd, **Round Rock**. Hosted by APA. Cost: Varies (Discount for members); Registration is required; Professional credits available. For more information and to register, contact Shirley Knox at 521-415-5938 or executivedirector@accessibilityprofessionals.org or visit the [APA website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: 2016 Winter Games**, February 4 – 7. Locations TBA, **Austin**. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Special Olympics at 512-835-9873 or 800-876-5646 or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Inclusion Works! 2016 Conference**, February 7 – 9, 2016, All Day. Held at Royal Sonesta Hotel, 2222 West Loop South, **Houston**. Hosted by The Arc of Texas Cost: \$230-\$280 for professionals (early bird, regular, and late registration rates), \$105 for parents; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact The Arc of Texas at 800-252-9729 or nhouse@thearcoftexas.org or visit [The Arc of Texas website](#).
- **2016 Texas Transition Conference: Navigating Systems for Post-School Success**, February 17 – 19. Held at Westin Dallas Park Central, 12720 Merit Drive, **Dallas**. Hosted by Texas A&M University Center on Disability and Development. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Cheryl Grenwelge at 979-458-1593 or cgrenwelge@tamu.edu or visit the [TAMU website](#).
- **2016 Annual TAPPEstry Conference (for Teachers, Administrators, Parents and Professionals)**, Saturday, February 20, 8:30am – 4:30pm. Held at Education Service Center, Region 20, 1314 Hines Avenue, **San Antonio**. Hosted by ESC 20. Cost: \$25, includes lunch and materials; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Kimberly Baumgardner at 210-370-5431 or visit the [ESC 20 website](#).
- **Attention Deficit Disorders Association (ADDA) 28th Annual Conference: ADHA in Today's World**, Saturday, February 27, 8:00am – 5:00pm. Held at DoubleTree by Hilton, Houston Intercontinental Airport, **Houston**. Hosted by ADDA Southern Region. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact ADDA at 281-897-0982 or addaoffice@sbcglobal.net or visit the [ADDA website](#).

Abilene:

- **Computer Class: Surf the Net**, Every other Monday, 11:00am – 12:00pm. Hosted by Disability in Action. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Tim Evans at tim.evans@disabilityinaction.org or 325-672-5460 or visit the [Disability in Action website](#).
- **Worship with the Folks**, Second Tuesday of Each Month, 7:00pm. Held at DRI, 3602 North Clack. Open to all. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Disability Resources Inc (DRI) at 325-677-6815 or info@driabilene.org or visit the [DRI website](#).
- **Money Management Class: Cents and Sensibility**, Second Tuesday of each month, 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Held at Disability in Action, 3305 North 3rd Street, Suite 320. Hosted by Disability

in Action. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Tim Evans at tim.evans@disabilityinaction.org or 325-672-5460 or visit the [Disability in Action website](#).

- **Kenpo Self-Defense: Defense for Everyone**, Each Wednesday of the month, 1:30pm – 2:30pm. Held at Disability in Action, 3305 North 3rd Street, Suite 320. Hosted by Disability in Action. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Tim Evans at tim.evans@disabilityinaction.org or 325-672-5460 or visit the [Disability in Action website](#).
- **American Sign Language Class**, Second Wednesday of each month, 12:30pm – 1:30pm. Held at Disability in Action, 3305 North 3rd Street, Suite 320. Hosted by Disability in Action. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Tim Evans at tim.evans@disabilityinaction.org or 325-672-5460 or visit the [Disability in Action website](#).
- **Peer Support: Avoiding the Holiday Blues**, Thursday, December 3, 11:00am – 12:00pm. Held at Disability in Action, 3305 North 3rd Street, Suite 320. Hosted by Disability in Action. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Tim Evans at tim.evans@disabilityinaction.org or 325-672-5460 or visit the [Disability in Action website](#).
- **Craft Class: Creating Christmas Candy Jars**, Thursday, December 3, 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Held at Disability in Action, 3305 North 3rd Street, Suite 320. Hosted by Disability in Action. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Tim Evans at tim.evans@disabilityinaction.org or 325-672-5460 or visit the [Disability in Action website](#).
- **Annual Disability Resources, Inc (DRI) Christmas Concert**, Saturday, December 5, 7:00pm. Held at the historic Paramount Theater, 352 Cypress Street. Hosted by DRI. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Becky Moody at bmoody@driabilene.org or 325-677-6815 or visit the [DRI website](#).
- **Braille for Beginners**, Thursday, December 17, 2:00pm – 3:00pm. Held at Disability in Action, 3305 North 3rd Street, Suite 320. Hosted by Disability in Action. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Tim Evans at tim.evans@disabilityinaction.org or 325-672-5460 or visit the [Disability in Action website](#).
- **Movie Time: Let's Make Christmas Special**, Tuesday, December 22, 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Held at Disability in Action, 3305 North 3rd Street, Suite 320. Hosted by Disability in Action. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Tim Evans at tim.evans@disabilityinaction.org or 325-672-5460 or visit the [Disability in Action website](#).
- **Yarn Club**, Thursday, January 14, 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Held at Disability in Action, 3305 North 3rd Street, Suite 320. Hosted by Disability in Action. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Tim Evans at tim.evans@disabilityinaction.org or 325-672-5460 or visit the [Disability in Action website](#).
- **Movie Time: Make It a Drama**, Tuesday, January 19, 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Held at Disability in Action, 3305 North 3rd Street, Suite 320. Hosted by Disability in Action. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Tim Evans at tim.evans@disabilityinaction.org or 325-672-5460 or visit the [Disability in Action website](#).
- **Book Club: Making Reading Fun**, Wednesday, January 20, 11:00am – 12:00pm. Held at Disability in Action, 3305 North 3rd Street, Suite 320. Hosted by Disability in Action. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Tim Evans at tim.evans@disabilityinaction.org or 325-672-5460 or visit the [Disability in Action website](#).

- **Peer Support: Hope Is the Beginning**, Thursday, January 21, 11:00am – 12:00pm. Held at Disability in Action, 3305 North 3rd Street, Suite 320. Hosted by Disability in Action. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Tim Evans at tim.evans@disabilityinaction.org or 325-672-5460 or visit the [Disability in Action website](#).
- **Braille for Beginners**, Thursday, January 28, 2:00pm – 3:00pm. Held at Disability in Action, 3305 North 3rd Street, Suite 320. Hosted by Disability in Action. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Tim Evans at tim.evans@disabilityinaction.org or 325-672-5460 or visit the [Disability in Action website](#).

Allen:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Basketball Competition and Skills Tournament**, February 26 – 27, 6:00pm – 9:00pm. Held at Allen ISD. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Katy Williams at 214-943-9981 or kwilliams@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Alvin:

- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Gulf Coast Family Support Groups**, Third Thursday of every month from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at NAMI Gulf Coast, 2206 North Gordon. Hosted by NAMI Gulf Coast. Cost: FREE; No registration is required. For more information, contact NAMI Gulf Coast at 281-585-3100 or 888-554-2264 or namgc@namigulfcoast.org.
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Gulf Coast Individuals living with mental illness Support Groups**, Third Thursday of every month 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at Westover Cove, 2200 Mustang Road. Hosted by NAMI Gulf Coast. Cost: FREE; No registration is required. For more information, contact NAMI Gulf Coast at 281-585-3100 or 888-554-2264 or namgc@namigulfcoast.org.

Amarillo:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Flag Football Competition**, Saturday, December 5, 8:00am – 5:00pm. Held at Memorial Park, 2501 South Washington Street. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Mitch Tybroski at 806-374-7171 or mtybroski@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Eastridge Bowling Tournament**, Saturday, December 12, 9:00am – 4:00pm. Held at Eastridge Lanes, 5405 East Amarillo Blvd. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Mitch Tybroski at 806-374-7171 or mtybroski@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Arlington:

- **Wheelchair Hockey**, Selected Sundays, 3:00pm – 5:00pm. Held at UT Arlington, 801 West Greek Row Drive. Hosted by Camp Craig Allen. Cost: FREE for any person with a physical disability. For more information, contact Miles at 940-577-0473 or visit the [Camp Craig Allen website](#).

- **A Look Ahead Conference Series**, Saturday, February 13, 8:30am – 2:30pm. For people with disabilities, their families, and those who support them. Held at First United Methodist Church of Arlington, 313 North Center Street. Hosted by A Look Ahead. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Cindi Paschall at 817-219-8157 or alookahead@yahoo.com or visit the [A Look Ahead website](#).

Austin:

- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family Support Groups**, held at various locations, dates and times throughout the Austin area. Hosted by NAMI. Cost: FREE; No registration is required. For more information about groups in your area, contact NAMI at info@namiaustin.org or 512-420-9810 or visit the [NAMI website](#).
- **International Autism Ministry Special Needs Support Group**, First Monday of each month, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Held at Plaza Level Waterfall Park, 111 Congress Avenue. Hosted by IAM. Cost: FREE; Bring a brown-bag lunch. For information, contact IAM at info@internationalautismministry.com or 512-876-9418 or 737-247-8142 or visit the [IAM website](#).
- **Making Literacy Accessible: StorySign Storytime**, First Monday of each month, 10:15am. Held at Austin Public Library, Twin Oaks Branch, 1800 South 5th Street. Cost: FREE. For information, contact the Twin Oaks Library at 512-974-9980 or visit the [APL website](#).
- **SibKids Club: For Siblings Ages 7 – 11 of Children with Disabilities**, First Tuesday of each month, 5:30pm – 7:00pm. Held at Easter Seals Central Texas, 1611 Headway Circle. Hosted by Easter Seals Central Texas. Cost: FREE; RSVP is requested. For more information, contact Shalyn Shanks at sshanks@eastersealstx.org or 512-615-6833 or visit the [Easter Seals website](#).
- **Brain Injury Support Group** First Tuesday of each month, 7pm, hosted by the Austin Chapter Support Group of the Brain Injury Association of Texas, Austin Chapter; held at Mary Lee Foundation Community Center, 1327 Lamar Square Dr. Cost: FREE. For information, visit the [Mary Lee Foundation website](#) or phone 512-453-1344.
- **Parents of Adults with Disabilities Meeting**, First Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Held at the IHOP Restaurant, 1101 South Mopac. Hosted by the Autism Society of Greater Austin. Cost: FREE. For information, contact Susan Maxwell at smildredmaxwell@gmail.com or visit the [Autism Society website](#).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Connection Peer Support Group**, First and Third Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Held at Hillcrest Baptist Church, 3838 Steck Avenue. Hosted by NAMI. Cost: FREE; No registration is required. For more information, contact NAMI at info@namiaustin.org or 512-420-9810 or visit the [NAMI website](#).
- **Social Security Work Incentives Orientation**, First Wednesday of each month, 10am (for general public) hosted by Workforce Solutions Ticket to Work program for anyone receiving SSI or SSDI; held at 6505 Airport Blvd Suite 101-A. Cost: FREE. For information, contact Marcela Ramirez at Marcela.ramirez@twc.state.tx.us or phone 512-597-7278.
- **Austin Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities** monthly meeting, Second Monday of each month, 12pm to 2pm, at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street: open to the public. Cost:

FREE. Visit the [AMCPD website](#) or contact Dolores Gonzalez at Dolores.gonzalez@ci.austin.tx.us or phone 512-974-3256.

- **Austin Autism Society Monthly Support Meeting**, Second Tuesday of each month, 9:30am – 11:30am. Held at La Madeleine Lakeline, 14028 Highway 183. Hosted by the Austin Autism Society. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Lisa Whitted at lisa1810@gmail.com or visit the [Austin Autism Society website](#).
- **Brain Injury & Health Care Information**, Second Tuesday of each month, 7pm, sponsored by the Brain Injury Association of Texas, Austin Chapter; for family members, survivors, and professionals; held at Mary Lee Foundation Community Center, 1327 Lamar Square Dr. Cost: FREE. For information, visit the [Mary Lee Foundation website](#) or phone 512-443-5777.
- **AISD Family Support Co-Op Series**, Second Tuesday of each month, 7pm (Free Pizza and childcare at 6:30pm), a cooperative effort among AISD, Austin Travis Country Integral Care and the Arc of the Capital Area to inform and support families of children with disabilities. Rosedale School, 2117 W. 49th St. Cost: FREE. For information, visit the [Eanes Parent Network website](#).
- **The Arc of the Capital Area Bowling at Dart Bowl**, Second Wednesday of each month, 3:00pm – 5:00pm. Held at Dart Bowl, 5700 Grover Avenue. Cost: \$2.25 per game. For information, contact The Arc at 512-476-7044 or information@arcofthecapitalarea.org or visit [The Arc website](#).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Connection Peer Support Group**, Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month, 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Held at St. John's United Methodist Church, 5904 Wynona Avenue. Hosted by NAMI. Cost: FREE; No registration is required. For more information, contact NAMI at info@namiaustin.org or 512-420-9810 or visit the [NAMI website](#).
- **Brain Injury Support Groups**, Every Third Wednesday of the Month, 7:00pm; Sessions available for people with brain injury and for family members. Held at Core Health Care, 3215 Steck Avenue #100. Hosted by Core Health Care. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Austin Sheffield at asheffield@corehealth.com or 512-792-4087 or visit the [Core Health website](#).
- **The Arc of the Capital Area Coffee Club**, Third Wednesday of each month, 2:00pm – 3:30pm. Held at Arc of the Arts Studio and Gallery, 4902 Grover Ave. Cost: FREE. For information, contact The Arc at 512-476-7044 or information@arcofthecapitalarea.org or visit [The Arc website](#).
- **Body Shift: Elements of Dance**, Every Third Saturday of the Month, 2:30pm – 4:30pm. Cost: Varies; No registration necessary. Held at Town Lake YMCA, 1100 West Cesar Chavez Street. Hosted by Body Shift and VSA Texas. For more information, contact Lynn Johnson at lynn@vsatx.org or 512-454-9912 or visit the [Body Shift website](#).
- **American Sign Language Book Club**, Every Third Sunday of the Month, 2:00pm. Cost: FREE. Held at Barnes & Noble Arboretum, 10000 Research Blvd. For more information, phone B&N Arboretum at 512-418-8985 or visit the [B&N website](#).
- **Movie Night at The Arc Studio and Gallery**, Fourth Wednesday of each month, 5:00pm – 7:00pm. Held at Arc of the Arts Studio and Gallery, 4902 Grover Ave. Cost: FREE. For

information, contact The Arc at 512-476-7044 or information@arcofthecapitalarea.org or visit [The Arc website](#).

- **Bridging Apps Local Meeting: Bridging the Gap Between Technology and People with Disabilities**, Last Wednesday of Every Other Month, 6:00pm – 7:00pm. Held at Easter Seals of Central Texas, 1611 Headway Circle. For more information, visit the [Bridging Apps website](#).
- **Child and Youth Mental Health Planning Partnership meeting**, Last Thursday of Each Month, 9:00am – 10:30am. Held at Austin Travis County Integral Care, 1700 South Lamar. For more information, visit the [CYMHP website](#).
- **Texas Rowing For All: Community Rowing Program for Veterans and People with Physical Disabilities**, Every Saturday morning 7:30am – 9:00am. Held at the Texas Rowing Center, 1541 West Cesar Chavez. Cost: Varies. For more information, contact Tony Kuhn at tony@texasrowingcenter.com or visit the [Texas Rowing website](#).
- **The Arc of the Capital Area Holiday Art Show**, Thursday, December 3, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at Arc of the Arts Studio and Gallery, 4902 Grover Ave. For information, contact The Arc at 512-476-7044 or information@arcofthecapitalarea.org or visit [The Arc website](#).
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- **Photos with Santa!** Saturday, December 5, 10:00am – 12:00pm. Held at Easter Seals Central Texas, 8505 Cross Park Drive, Suite 120. Hosted by Easter Seals Central Texas. Cost: FREE; Crafts, snacks and games. For more information, contact Shalyn Bravens at 512-615-6833 or sbravens@eastersealstx.org or visit the [Easter Seals website](#).
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- **The Lion & the Pirate Unplugged (Open Mic)**, Friday, December 11, 7:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at Malvern Books, 613 West 29th Street. Hosted by the Pen 2 Paper Creative Writing Contest (a project of the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities) and VSA Texas. Cost: FREE; No registration required. For more information contact April at VSA Texas at [512-454-9912](tel:512-454-9912) or april@vsatx.org.
- **Special Olympics Texas: 2015 Powerlifting Competition**, Saturday, December 12, 10:00am – 4:30pm. Held at Huston-Tillotson University, 900 Chicon Street. For more information, contact David Johnson at 512-491-2937 or djohnson@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Open AIR Awards Gala**, Thursday, December 17, 6:00pm. Held at Shoal Crossing Event Center, 8611 North Mopac Expressway. Hosted by Knowbility. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Jessica Looney at 512-527-3138 or jlooney@knowbility.org or visit the [Knowbility website](#).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family-to-Family Teacher Training**, January 15 – 17. Held at Austin State Hospital Campus, 4110 Guadalupe Street. Hosted by NAMI Austin.

Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Jessica Miller at 512-420-9810 or program.coordinator@namiaustin.org or visit the [NAMI website](#).

- **How a Puppy Becomes a Guide Dog for a Person Who is Blind**, Saturday, January 16, 1:00pm – 2:00pm. Held at Barton Creek Square Mall, 2901 S. Capital of Texas Hwy. Hosted by South Austin Lions Club and the Lone Star Puppy Raisers Club. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Nancy Shugart at 512-589-7172 or southaustinelions@gmail.com or visit the [South Austin Lions website](#).
- **The Lion & the Pirate Unplugged (Open Mic)**, Saturday, January 23, 7:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at Malvern Books, 613 West 29th Street. Hosted by the Pen 2 Paper Creative Writing Contest (a project of the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities) and VSA Texas. Cost: FREE; No registration required. For more information contact April at VSA Texas at [512-454-9912](tel:512-454-9912) or april@vsatx.org.
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Community Meeting**, Monday, January 25, 6:30pm – 8:30am. Held at Nifty Fifty Diner at Austin State Hospital Campus, 4110 Guadalupe Street. Hosted by NAMI Austin. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact NAMI at 512-420-9810 or info@namiaustin.org or visit the [NAMI website](#).
- **Pathways to Adulthood: Transition Training**, Thursday, January 28, 9:30am – 2:30pm. Held at Lake Travis High School, 3324 Ranch Road 620 South. Hosted by Texas Parent to Parent. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Cynda Green at 866-896-6001 or cynda.green@txp2p.org or visit the [Parent to Parent website](#).
- **Austin Blind Café: Positive Social Change in the Dark**, Tuesday, February 2; Wednesday, February 3; Thursday, February 4; Meal and Show at 6:00pm and at 8:30pm. Held at American Legion Travis Post 76, 404 Atlanta Street. Hosted by The Blind Cafe. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [The Blind Café website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: 2016 Winter Games**, February 4 – 7. Locations TBA. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Special Olympics at 512-835-9873 or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Community Meeting**, Monday, February 29, 6:30pm – 8:30am. Held at Nifty Fifty Diner at Austin State Hospital Campus, 4110 Guadalupe Street. Hosted by NAMI Austin. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact NAMI at 512-420-9810 or info@namiaustin.org or visit the [NAMI website](#).

Bastrop:

- **International Autism Ministry Special Needs Support Group**, Third Monday of each month, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Held at the Bastrop Library, 1100 Church Street. Hosted by IAM. Cost: FREE. For information, contact IAM at info@internationalautismministry.com or 737-247-8142 or visit the [IAM website](#).

Baytown:

- **Special Olympics Texas: 2016 Regional Table Tennis Competition**, Saturday, January 23, 8:30am – 5:30pm. Location TBA. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Aaron Keith at 713-290-0049 or akeith@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Beaumont:

- **Southeast Texas Self Advocate Meeting**, Every First Thursday of the Month, 7:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at Foundation for Southeast Texas Auditorium, 700 North Street. Hosted by The Arc of Greater Beaumont. For more information, contact Teri Hawthorne at 409-838-9012 or teri.hawthorne@arcofbmt.org or visit [The Arc website](#).
- **Grow and Play Program (Children Ages 0 – 4)**, Every Second Tuesday of the Month, 11:00am – 12:00pm. Held at STARS Pediatric Outpatient Clinic, 160 Dowlen Road. Hosted by The Arc of Greater Beaumont. For more information, contact Teri Hawthorne at 409-838-9012 or teri.hawthorne@arcofbmt.org or visit [The Arc website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Greater Beaumont Area Bowling Competition**, Saturday, December 12, 9:00am – 2:00pm. Held at Crossroads Bowling Center, 4370 Dowlen Road. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Norm Arias at 512-491-2935 or narias@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Belton:

- **HOYO: Home of Your Own Program** for people with disabilities. Every Third Tuesday at 9:00am. Hosted by Heart of Central Texas Independent Living Center. Held at the HOXTILC Belton office. For more information, call 254-933-7487 or email HOCTIL@hoctilc.org.
- **Variety Holiday Party and Sensory-Friendly Movie Screening**, Saturday, December 5, 9:00am. Held at Grand Avenue Theatre, 2809 Oak Mark Drive. Holiday Party, Face Painting, Photos with Santa, Screening of *The Good Dinosaur*. Hosted by Variety, The Children's Charity of Texas. Cost: FREE for children with disabilities and their families; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Amanda Ernst at 512-328-5437 or amandae@varietytexas.org or visit the [Variety website](#).

Bronte:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Basketball Competition**, Saturday, February 20, 8. Held at Bronte High School, 210 South Jefferson. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Luann Chastain at 325-677-3200 or lchastain@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Bryan:

- **Tuesday Talks**, Second Tuesday of Each Month, 11:30a, - 1:00pm. A monthly series of presentations on various topics related to disabilities; also available via live stream online. Held at the Family Health Clinic, 3370 Texas Avenue. Hosted by the Family Support Network. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Texas A&M University at 979-845-4612 or fsn@tamu.edu or visit the [Family Support Network website](#).

- **Autism 101: Simple Behavior Strategies**, Tuesday, December 1, 6:30pm – 7:30pm. Held at Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center, 1318 Memorial Drive. Hosted by Texas A&M University Center on Disability and Development. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Stephanie Garner at 979-209-2779 or stephanie.garner@bryanisd.org or visit the [A&M Autism Clinic website](#).
- **Autism 101: Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders**, Tuesday, January 12, 6:30pm – 7:30pm. Held at Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center, 1318 Memorial Drive. Hosted by Texas A&M University Center on Disability and Development. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Stephanie Garner at 979-209-2779 or stephanie.garner@bryanisd.org or visit the [A&M Autism Clinic website](#).
- **Parenting on the Spectrum: Planning for Your Child's Future**, Thursday, January 21, 6:30pm – 7:30pm. Held at Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center, 1318 Memorial Drive. Hosted by Texas A&M University Center on Disability and Development. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Stephanie Garner at 979-209-2779 or stephanie.garner@bryanisd.org or visit the [A&M Autism Clinic website](#).
- **Autism 101: Structure**, Tuesday, February 2, 6:30pm – 7:30pm. Held at Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center, 1318 Memorial Drive. Hosted by Texas A&M University Center on Disability and Development. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Stephanie Garner at 979-209-2779 or stephanie.garner@bryanisd.org or visit the [A&M Autism Clinic website](#).
- **Parenting on the Spectrum: Adolescence: Preparing Yourself and Your Child**, Thursday, February 18, 6:30pm – 7:30pm. Held at Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center, 1318 Memorial Drive. Hosted by Texas A&M University Center on Disability and Development. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Stephanie Garner at 979-209-2779 or stephanie.garner@bryanisd.org or visit the [A&M Autism Clinic website](#).
- **Bryan/College Station Transition Fair**, Saturday, February 27, 9:00am – 1:00pm. Held at The Brazos Center, 3232 Briarcrest Drive. Hosted by Texas A&M University Center on Disability and Development. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Meagan Sumbera at 979-846-4612 or meagansumbera@tamu.edu.

Caldwell:

- **International Autism Ministry Special Needs Support Group**, Third Monday of each month, 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Held at the Caldwell Library, 704 Highway 21. Hosted by IAM. Cost: FREE. For information, contact IAM at info@internationalautismministry.com or 737-247-8142 or visit the [IAM website](#).

College Station:

- **Sensory-Friendly Movie Screenings**, Every Second Saturday of the Month, 10:00am. Held at Cinemark Theater, 1401 Earl Rudder Freeway. Hosted by Families of Autistic Children Engaged Together for Support (FACETS). Cost: Regular matinee ticket price. For more information, contact Aimee Day at facetsbcs@gmail.org or visit the [FACETS website](#).
- **PATHS Open House**, Saturday, January 30, 1:00pm – 5:00pm. Held on the Texas A&M campus at Rudder Tower, 401 Joe Routh Blvd. Hosted by Texas A&M University Center on

Disability and Development. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Mary Whirley at 979-458-0169 or mwhirley3@tamu.edu or visit the [PATHS website](#).

Conroe:

- **Special Olympics Texas: 2015 Area Powerlifting Competition**, Saturday, December 12, 1:00pm – 5:00pm. Held at Wilkinson Elementary, 2575 Ed Kharbat. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Kaley Barnard at 936-756-6906 or kbarnard@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Corpus Christi:

- **Corpus Christi Committee for Persons with Disabilities**, First Wednesday of each Month, 3:30pm; Monthly meeting; Open to the public. Location: City Hall, City Council Chambers, 1st Floor, 1201 Leopard Street. Cost: FREE. For more information, visit the [CFPWD website](#) or contact Leon Bazar at leonb@cctexas.com or 361-826-3190.
- **Removing Barriers to Gaining, Maintaining or Regaining Employment for People with Disabilities**, First Wednesday of each Month, 10:00am to 3:00pm. Hosted by Disability Rights Texas. Held at Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend, 520 North Staples. Cost: FREE; first-come, first served. For more information, contact the office at 361-882-7491 or info@workforcesolutionscb.org or visit the [Workforce Solutions website](#).
- **Employment Alliance for People with Disabilities (EAPD)**, Third Thursday of each Month, 9:00am – 10:30am; Monthly meeting; Open to the public. Held at Del Mar College, Harvin Center Board of Regents Room 170. For more information, contact Darren Bates at employmentalliancepwd@gmail.com or visit the [EAPD website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Bowling Competition**, December 3 – 5, 7:30am – 5:00pm. Held at AMF Saratoga Lanes, 6116 Ayers Street. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Alice Fulton-Garza at 361-857-5679 or agarza@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Dallas:

- **Diabetes Prevention and Management Workshop**, Second Tuesday of Each Month, 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Held at REACH of Dallas, 8625 King George Drive, Suite 210. Hosted by REACH of Dallas and American Diabetes Association. For more information and to register, contact Janie Peachee at jpeachee@reachcils.org or visit the [REACH of Dallas website](#).
- **Dallas Jr Mavericks Junior Wheelchair Basketball Team**, Weekly practices; various days and times. Held at Bachman Recreation Center, 2750 Bachman Drive. Hosted by the Dallas Junior Mavericks. Cost: \$75 for fall session. For more information and to register, contact Michelle Torina at 214-668-1121 or jrwcmavsprep@gmail.com or visit the [Junior Mavs website](#).
- **Sensory Friendly Tree Lighting**, Wednesday, December 2, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at the Downtown Square, Sixth Street and Main, Garland. Hosted by Achievement Center of Texas and the City of Garland. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Marilynne Serie atmserie@act77.org or 972-414-7700 or visit the [Achievement Center website](#).

- **2016 Texas Transition Conference: Navigating Systems for Post-School Success**, February 17 – 19. Held at Westin Dallas Park Central, 12720 Merit Drive, **Dallas**. Hosted by Texas A&M University Center on Disability and Development. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Cheryl Grenwelge at 979-458-1593 or cgrenwelge@tamu.edu or visit the [TAMU website](#).

Elgin:

- **International Autism Ministry Special Needs Support Group**, Second Friday of each month, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Held at the Elgin Library, 404 North Main Street. Hosted by International Autism Ministry. Cost: FREE. For information, contact International Autism Ministry at info@internationalautismministry.com or 737-247-8142 or visit the [IAM website](#).

El Paso:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Figure Skating Competition**, Sunday, December 13, 10:00am. Held at El Paso Events Center, 4100 East Paisano Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Catherine Waradzyn at 915-533-8229 or cwaradzyn@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Polar Plunge: Freezin' for a Reason**, Saturday, January 9; 8:00am, Registration; 9:00am, Plunge. Held at Wyndham El Paso Airport, 2027 Airway Blvd. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Marsha Baray at 915-533-8229 or mbaray@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Fire Truck Pull**, Saturday, February 20; 8:00am, Registration; 9:00am, Pull. Held at Casa Ford, 5815 Montana Avenue. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Marsha Baray at 915-533-8229 or mbaray@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Florence:

- **International Autism Ministry Special Needs Support Group**, Third Friday of each month, 6:00pm – 7:30pm. Held at the Florence Diner, 208 East Main Street. Hosted by IAM. Cost: FREE. For information, contact IAM at info@internationalautismministry.com or 512-876-9418 or visit the [IAM website](#).

Fort Worth:

- **Fort Worth Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities**, Every Third Thursday of the First Month of each Quarter, 8:15am. Held at the Hazel Harvey Peace Center, 818 Missouri Avenue. For more information, visit the [FWMCPD website](#).
- **Weekly Job Club for Job Seekers with Disabilities**, Every Tuesday (with some exceptions – call to confirm), 10:00am – 11:00am. Held at Easter Seals of North Texas, 1424 Hemphill Street. Hosted by Easter Seals of North Texas. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Tempe Mays at 817-319-7078 or tpate@ntx.easterseals.org.

- **Hearing Loss Association of America, Fort Worth Chapter Monthly Meeting**, Second Saturday of each month, 9:30am. Held at the Goodrich Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, 2500 Lipscomb Street. Hosted by HLAA, Fort Worth Chapter. For more information, contact David Edmondson at david_edmondson@att.net or 817-564-3764 or visit the [Hearing Loss website](#).
- **Mom's Night Out for parents of children with Down syndrome**, Third Friday of each month, 6:30pm – 10:00pm. Held at various locations. Hosted by Down Syndrome Partnership of North Texas. For more information, contact Mattie Gabbert at 682-597-6656 or MNO@dspnt.org or visit the [DSPNT website](#).
- **Community Connection Dance**, Third Friday of each month, 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Held at The Resource Connection, 2300 Circle Drive. Hosted by The Arc of Tarrant County. For more information, visit [The Arc website](#).
- **Hearing Loss Association of America Fort Worth Chapter Christmas Party**, Saturday, December 12, 9:30am. Held at Goodrich Center, 2500 Lipscomb. Hosted by HLAA Fort Worth Chapter. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact David Edmondson at david_edmondson@att.net or visit the [HLAA Fort Worth website](#).
- **Hearing Loss Association of America Fort Worth Chapter Meeting**, Saturday, January 9, 9:30am. Held at Goodrich Center, 2500 Lipscomb. Hosted by HLAA Fort Worth Chapter. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact David Edmondson at david_edmondson@att.net or visit the [HLAA Fort Worth website](#).
- **Stress-Busting Program for Family Caregivers of a Chronic Illness**, 9 weeks on Tuesdays, January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 1 & 8, 9:30am – 11:00am. Held at The Stayton at Museum Way, 2501 Museum Way. Hosted by James L. West Alzheimer's Center. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Jaime Cobb at 817-877-1199 or jcobb@jameslwest.org or visit the [James L. West website](#).
- **Alzheimer's & Dementia Family Caregiver Training**, 6 weeks on Saturdays, January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 9:00am – 11:00am. Held at Westside YMCA of Fort Worth, 8201 Calmont Avenue. Hosted by James L. West Alzheimer's Center. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Jaime Cobb at 817-877-1199 or jcobb@jameslwest.org or visit the [James L. West website](#).
- **Hearing Loss Association of America Fort Worth Chapter Meeting**, Saturday, February 13, 9:30am. Held at Goodrich Center, 2500 Lipscomb. Hosted by HLAA Fort Worth Chapter. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact David Edmondson at david_edmondson@att.net or visit the [HLAA Fort Worth website](#).

Galveston:

- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Gulf Coast Family Support Groups**, First Tuesday of every month, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at Moody Methodist Church, 2803 53rd Street. Hosted by NAMI Gulf Coast. Cost: FREE; No registration is required. For more information, contact NAMI Gulf Coast at 281-585-3100 or 409-944-4328 or 888-554-2264 or namgc@namigulfcoast.org.
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Gulf Coast Individuals living with mental illness Support Groups**, First Tuesday of every month, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at Moody Methodist

Church, 2803 53rd Street. Hosted by NAMI Gulf Coast. Cost: FREE; No registration is required. For more information, contact NAMI Gulf Coast at 281-585-3100 or 409-944-4328 or 888-554-2264 or namgc@namigulfcoast.org.

- **International Autism Ministry Special Needs Support Group**, Fourth Monday of each month, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Held at the Galveston Rosenberg Library, 2310 Sealy Street. Hosted by International Autism Ministry. Cost: FREE. For information, contact IAM at info@internationalautismministry.com or 737-247-8142 or visit the [IAM website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Polar Plunge: Freezin' for a Reason**, Saturday, January 16; 8:30am, Registration; 10:00am, Plunge. Held at Stewart Beach, 201 Seawall Blvd. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Pam Hollaway at 281-218-6024 or phollaway@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Garland:

- **Sensory Friendly Tree Lighting**, Wednesday, December 2, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at the Downtown Square, Sixth Street and Main. Hosted by Achievement Center of Texas and the City of Garland. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Marilynne Serie atmserie@act77.org or 972-414-7700 or visit the [Achievement Center website](#).

Gatesville:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Powerlifting Competition**, Saturday, January 16, 10:00am – 1:00pm. Held at Anytime Fitness, 1409 East Main Street. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Tommy Smith at 254-230-4824 or tsmith@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Georgetown:

- **International Autism Ministry Special Needs Support Group**, Second Monday of each month, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Held at the Georgetown Library, 402 West 8th Street. Hosted by IAM. Cost: FREE. For information, contact IAM at info@internationalautismministry.com or 737-247-8142 or visit the [IAM website](#).

Graham:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Bowling Competition**, Saturday, December 5, 8:00am – 5:00pm. Held at Steer Bowl, 1444 4th Street. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Mike Strickland at 940-692-2986 or mstrickland@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Haltom City:

- **Person-Centered Thinking Training**, December 10 – 11, 9:00am – 4:00pm. Held at The Arc of Northeast Tarrant County, 1806 Haltom Road. Hosted by the Institute for Person-Centered Practices and The Arc of Northeast Tarrant County. Cost: FREE for people with disabilities and their families; \$150 for educators and professionals; Registration is required.

For more information and to register, contact Aimee Day at 979-862-2913 or aday@tamu.edu or visit the [Person-Centered Practices website](#).

- **Let's Create: Christmas Holiday Craft**, Saturday, December 12, 9:00am – 11:00am. Held at The Arc of Northeast Tarrant County, 1806 Haltom Road. Hosted by The Arc of Northeast Tarrant County. Cost: \$5 to cover cost of materials; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Kelly at 817-834-7700 or kelly@arcnetc.org or visit [The Arc website](#).

Harker Heights:

- **Variety Holiday Party and Sensory-Friendly Movie Screening**, Saturday, December 5, 9:00am. Held at Cinemark at Market Heights, 210 East Central Texas Expressway #100. Holiday Party, Face Painting, Photos with Santa, Screening of *The Peanuts Movie*. Hosted by Variety, The Children's Charity of Texas. Cost: FREE for children with disabilities and their families; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Amanda Ernst at 512-328-5437 or amandae@varietytexas.org or visit the [Variety website](#).

Houston:

- **Houston Council of the Blind Monthly Meetings**, First Monday of Each Month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Held at Houston Lighthouse, 3602 West Dallas. Open to the public. For more information, contact the Houston Council of the Blind at 713-520-9237 or visit the [Houston Council of the Blind website](#).
- **National MS Society Lone Star Chapter: After Hours**, First Monday of Each Month, 6:30pm – 9:00pm. Held at Lupe Tortilla, 2414 Southwest Freeway. Social Networking for people with MS, ages 18 – 30-ish. For more information and to RSVP, contact Chris Mays at 832-334-9023 or chmays23@yahoo.com or visit the [NMSS Lone Star Chapter website](#).
- **Families CAN Support Group**, First Tuesday of Each Month, 10:00am to 12:00pm. Held at Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd. Cost: FREE. For more information, call 713-743-5435 or 713-743-5592.
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Houston Family Support Group**, First and Third Tuesday of Each Month, 7:00pm. Held at Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Church, 17503 El Camino Real. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Patsy Crum at 281-471-3123 or patsy.crum@att.net or visit the [NAMI Houston website](#).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Houston Family Support Group**, First and Third Wednesday of Each Month, 7:00pm. Held at Cypress Bible Church, 11711 Cypress. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Jane Easterwood at 281-376-8735 or janeesterwood@aol.com or visit the [NAMI Houston website](#).
- **Information and Hope for Families: For Spanish Speaking Parents of Children with Disabilities**, First Thursday of Each Month, 6:45pm to 9:00pm. Volunteer to help with Inspiration Day, honoring students and encouraging parent participation. Held at the Graceview Baptist Church, 25510 Tomball Parkway. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Carmen Pulger at 281-773-8318 or mcpulger@att.net.
- **Autism Playgroup of Fort Bend County**, First Saturday of Each Month, 10:00am to 12:00pm. Held at Lost Creek Park and various other parks in Fort Bend County. RSVP required. Cost:

FREE. For more information, contact Susan Garczynski at 281-726-2665 or susan@susangar.com.

- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Houston Family Support Group**, Second and Fourth Sunday of Each Month, 2:30pm. Held at Pines Presbyterian Church, 12751 Kimberly. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Vi Napolitano at 281-893-2493 or philnapolitano@yahoo.com or visit the [NAMI Houston website](#).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Houston Family Support Group: Faith-Based**, Second and Fourth Sunday of Each Month, 2:30pm. Held at Bridgepoint Bible Church, 13277 Katy Freeway. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Pat or Leon Alderfer at 713-467-3764 or lpalderfer@comcast.net or visit the [NAMI Houston website](#).
- **Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) Monthly Meetings**, Second Tuesday of Each Month (except for June and December), 9:30am. Held at Bethany United Methodist Church, 3511 Linkwood Drive. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Jan Connolly at janpatrice@att.net or Rikki Martinez at martinezenriqueta@yahoo.com or visit the [HLAA website](#).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Houston Family Support Group**, Second Tuesday of Each Month, 7:00pm. Held at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 5501 Maine Street. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Phil or Lesley Blackburn at 832-367-4943 or Lesley.blackburn@invesco.com or visit the [NAMI Houston website](#).
- **Spanish-Speaking National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Houston Family Support Group**, Second and Fourth Tuesday of Each Month, 7:00pm. Held at Comunidad Catolica St. Cecilia, 11720 Joan of Arc. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Dora Pozzi at 713-772-5688 or dcpozzi@central.uh.edu or visit the [NAMI Houston website](#).
- **Bridging Apps Local Meeting: Bridging the Gap Between Technology and People with Disabilities**, Second Wednesday of Each Month, 6:30pm – 7:30pm. Held at Easter Seals of Greater Houston, 4500 Bissonnet, Suite 337, Bellaire. For more information, visit the [Bridging Apps website](#).
- **Special Education 101**, Second Wednesday of Each Month, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Held at The Arc, 3737 Dacoma Street. Cost: \$25; Registration is necessary; Scholarships available. For more information, contact Karen Snead at karen@aogh.org or 713-957-1600 x114 or visit [The Arc website](#).
- **Houston Commission on Disabilities (HCOD) meeting**, Second Thursday of Each Month, 4:00pm – 6:00pm. Held at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray Street. Cost: FREE; open to the public. For more information, contact June Eaton at 832-394-0814 or june.eaton@houstontx.gov or visit the [HCOD website](#).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Houston Family Support Group**, Second Thursday of Each Month, 7:00pm. Held at Seven Acres Jewish Senior Services, 6200 North Braeswood. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Jane Dorothy Susberry at 713-641-1879 or visit the [NAMI Houston website](#).
- **North Houston Autism Playgroup**, Third Saturday of Each Month, 10:00am to 12:00pm. Held at Bear Branch Park, 5200 Research Forest Drive. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Janet Cooper at 281-231-2262 or [visit the website](#).

- **Families Coping with Mental Illness: Public Meeting**, Third Monday of Each Month, 7:15pm to 9:00pm. Held at Memorial Drive Methodist Church, 12955 Memorial Drive. Cost: FREE. For more information, visit the [NAMI website](#).
- **South Texas College of Law (STCL) Direct Representation Legal Clinic**, Third Thursday of Each Month, 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Addresses family law, probate and estate planning issues. Held at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1175 West Gray. Hosted by the Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) and STCL. Cost: FREE to qualified applicants. For more information, contact MOPD at 832-394-0814 or mopdmail@houstontx.gov or visit the [MOPD website](#).
- **Spanish-Speaking National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Houston Family Support Group**, Third Thursday of Each Month, 9:00am (Seasonal; Call to confirm). Held at Ninfa Laurenzo ECC, 205 North Delmar Street. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Sergio Aguirre at 832-265-8402 or saguirre.nami-hou@yahoo.com or visit the [NAMI Houston website](#).
- **Spanish-Speaking National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Houston Family Support Group, Faith-Based**, Third Friday of Each Month, 9:00am. Held at Grace Community Church, 14505 Gulf Freeway. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Sergio Aguirre at 832-265-8402 or saguirre.nami-hou@yahoo.com or visit the [NAMI Houston website](#).
- **Families Coping with Adult Mental Illness: Public Meeting**, First and Third Sunday of Each Month, 4:00pm to 5:30pm. Held at St. Peter’s United Methodist Church, 20775 Kingsland Blvd. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Pat or Leon Alderfer at 713-467-3764.
- **Families Coping with Adult Mental Illness: Public Meeting**, Second and Fourth Sunday of Each Month, 2:30pm to 4:00pm. Held at Pines Presbyterian Church, 12751 Kimberley. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Vi Napolitano at 281-893-2493.
- **Families Coping with Children and Adolescent Mental Illness: Public Meeting**, Second and Fourth Sunday of Each Month, 2:30pm to 4:00pm. Held at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, 12955 Memorial Drive. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Bonnie Cord at 713-984-2538.
- **Special Education 101**, Wednesday, December 2, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Held at MHMRA Conference Center, 7033 Southwest Freeway, Room B. Hosted by The Arc Greater Houston. Cost: \$25; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Karen Snead at 713-957-1600 x114 or karen@aogh.org or visit the [AOGH website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: 2015 Area Bowling Tournament: Ages 8 – 11**, Friday, December 4, 8:30am – 3:00pm. Held at Copperfield Bowling Center, 15615 Glen Chase Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Renee Klovenski at 713-290-0049 or rklovenski@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: 2015 Area Bowling Tournament**, Saturday, December 5, 8:00am – 7:00pm. Held at Copperfield Bowling Center, 15615 Glen Chase Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Renee Klovenski at 713-290-0049 or rklovenski@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities (CADD) Community Speaker Series: Preventing Meltdowns: How to Teach Your Learner to Ask, Wait, and Accept “No,”** Saturday, December 12, 10:30am – 12:30pm. Held at University of Houston Clear Lake,

Bayou Building, Room 1510, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Hosted by CADD. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Dorothea Lerman at 281-283-3437 or autismcenter@uhcl.edu or visit the [CADD website](#).

- **Dionysus Theatre Winter Classes**, Every Tuesday evening from January 12 through March 22, 7:00pm – 9:00pm. For ages 13 and older. Held at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4935 West Bellfort. Hosted by Dionysus Theatre. Cost: \$210; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Dionysus Theatre at 713-728-0041 or inclusiontheater@gmail.com or visit the [Dionysus Theatre website](#).
- **Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities (CADD) Community Speaker Series: One Bite at a Time: Manageable Mealtimes for the Fussy Eater**, Saturday, January 23, 10:30am – 12:30pm. Held at University of Houston Clear Lake, Bayou Building, Room 1510, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Hosted by CADD. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Dorothea Lerman at 281-283-3437 or autismcenter@uhcl.edu or visit the [CADD website](#).
- **Inclusion Works! 2016 Conference**, February 7-9, 2016, All Day. Held at Royal Sonesta Hotel, 2222 West Loop South. Hosted by The Arc of Texas Cost: \$230-\$280 for professionals (early bird, regular, and late registration rates), \$105 for parents; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact The Arc of Texas at 800-252-9729 or nhouse@thearcoftexas.org or visit [The Arc of Texas website](#).
- **Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities (CADD) Community Speaker Series: Keep Calm and Count Sheep: Stress-Free Bedtime Routines** Saturday, February 13, 10:30am – 12:30pm. Held at University of Houston Clear Lake, Bayou Building, Room 1510, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Hosted by CADD. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Dorothea Lerman at 281-283-3437 or autismcenter@uhcl.edu or visit the [CADD website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: 2016 Basketball Classifications and Skills Tournament**, Saturday, February 27, 9:00am – 1:30pm. Held at Cy-Fair ISD. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Aaron Keith at 713-290-0049 or akeith@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Attention Deficit Disorders Association (ADDA) 28th Annual Conference: ADHA in Today's World**, Saturday, February 27, 8:00am – 5:00pm. Held at DoubleTree by Hilton, Houston Intercontinental Airport. Hosted by ADDA Southern Region. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact ADDA at 281-897-0982 or addaoffice@sbcglobal.net or visit the [ADDA website](#).

Hurst:

- **Joy Class Sunday School for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities**, Every Sunday, 9:30am – 10:30am. Held at St. Philip Presbyterian Church, 745 West Pipeline Road. Hosted by St. Philip Presbyterian Church. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Kathleen Coleman at 817-282-9191 or kaseyy@me.com or visit the [St. Philip website](#).

Irving:

- **Handcycling**, Second Saturday of Each Month, 10:00am – 12:00pm. Held at Sam Houston Trail Park, Valley Ranch. Hosted by Turning Point Nation. For more information, contact Tony Thrift at tthrift@turningpointnation.org or 817-262-3077 or visit the [TPN website](#).

Katy:

- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Houston Family Support Group**, First and Third Sunday of Each Month, 4:00pm. Held at St. Peter United Methodist Church, 70775 Kingsland Blvd. Hosted by NAMI Houston. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Pat or Leon Alderfer at 713-467-3764 or lpalderfer@comcast.net or visit the [NAMI Houston website](#).

Lake Jackson:

- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family Support Groups**, Second and Fourth Thursday of every month, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at Brazosport Regional Healthcare System, 100 Medical Drive. Hosted by NAMI Gulf Coast. Cost: FREE; No registration is required. For more information, contact NAMI Gulf Coast at 281-585-3100, 888-554-2264 or namgc@namigulfcoast.org.
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Individuals living with mental illness Support Groups**, Second Thursday of every month, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at Brazosport Regional Healthcare System, 100 Medical Center Drive. Hosted by NAMI Gulf Coast. Cost: FREE; No registration is required. For more information, contact NAMI Gulf Coast at 281-585-3100 or 888-554-2264 or namgc@namigulfcoast.org.

La Marque:

- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Gulf Coast Family Support Groups**, Second Monday of every month, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 1601 Lake Road. Hosted by NAMI Gulf Coast. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact NAMI Gulf Coast at 281-585-3100 or 1-888-554-2264 or namgc@namigulfcoast.org.
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Gulf Coast Individuals living with mental illness Support Groups**, Second Monday of every month, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 1601 Lake Road. Hosted by NAMI Gulf Coast. Cost: FREE; No registration is required. For more information, contact NAMI Gulf Coast at 281-585-3100 or 888-554-2264 or namgc@namigulfcoast.org.

Lampasas:

- **International Autism Ministry Special Needs Support Group**, Third Friday of each month, 3:00pm – 5:00pm. Held at the Lampasas Library, 201 South Main. Hosted by IAM. Cost: FREE. For information, contact IAM at info@internationalautismministry.com or 737-247-8142 or visit the [IAM website](#).

Laredo:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Volleyball Competition**, Tuesday, December 1, 9:00am – 1:00pm. Location TBA. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Maribel Santoya-Maciel at 956-712-2144 or msantoya-maciel@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: MATP Challenge Day**, Friday, December 4, 9:30am – 12:00pm. Held at Bonnie Garcia Elementary, 1453 Concord Hills Blvd. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Maribel Santoya-Maciel at 956-712-2144 or msantoya-maciel@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Law Enforcement Torch Run Kick-Off**, Thursday, January 21, 10:00am – 12:00pm. Held at Laredo Port of Entry Administrative Building, Lincoln Juarez Bridge. Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Maribel Santoya-Maciel at 956-712-2144 or msantoya-maciel@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Leander:

- **International Autism Ministry Special Needs Support Group**, First Monday of each month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Held at the Leander Library, 1011 South Bagdad Road. Hosted by IAM. Cost: FREE; Bring a brown-bag lunch. For information, contact International Autism Ministry at info@internationalautismministry.com or 737-247-8142 or visit the [IAM website](#).

Lindale:

- **Tyler Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center: Coffee Chat**, Every Third Friday of the Month, 7:00pm. Held at Whataburger, 311 South Main Street. Hosted by Tyler Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center (TDHHC). For more information, contact Susie Grona at 903-638-2150 or ccpres@tdhhc.org or visit the [TDHHC website](#).

Livingston:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Team Basketball Competition**, Saturday, February 27, 8:00am – 5:00pm. Held at Livingston Junior High School, 1801 US 59 Loop North. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Kaley Barnard at 936-756-6906 or kbarnard@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Longview:

- **A.I.M. (Awareness, Information, Motivation) Group**, Third Tuesday of each month, 12:00pm – 1:00pm. Held at The Arc of Gregg County Downtown Coffee Shop, 107 East Tyler Street. Hosted by ETCIL. For more information, contact Karen Holt at 903-241-6021 or visit the [ETCIL website](#).

Lubbock:

- **West Texas Archery**, Second and Fourth Thursdays of each month, 6:30pm. For sports enthusiasts with mobility impairments. Sponsored by Turning Point. Held at Lubbock Indoor Archery. For more information, visit the [Turning Point website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Soccer Competition**, Tuesday, February 9, Time TBA. Held at Lubbock Christian University, 5601 19th Street. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more

information, contact Jeffrey MacLeod at 806-749-7000 or jmacleod@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).

McAllen:

- **Bridging Apps Local Meeting: Bridging the Gap Between Technology and People with Disabilities**, Fourth Thursday of Each Month, 5:30pm – 7:00pm. Held at Easter Seals of Rio Grande Valley, 801 South Main. For more information, visit the [Bridging Apps website](#).

Mercedes:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Tennis Competition**, Monday, December 14, 8:00am – 12:00pm. Held at Mercedes High School, 1200 South Florida. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Lauro Garza at 956-630-3434 or lgarza@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Golf Competition**, Tuesday, December 15, 9:00am – 12:00pm. Held at Llano Grande Golf Course, 2215 East West Blvd. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Lauro Garza at 956-630-3434 or lgarza@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Flag Football Competition**, Thursday, December 17, 9:00am – 12:00pm. Held at Mercedes High School, 1200 South Florida. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Lauro Garza at 956-630-3434 or lgarza@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Mission:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Basketball Competition**, Saturday, February 20, 8:00am – 3:00pm. Held at Pioneer High School, 10001 North Shary Road. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Lauro Garza at 956-630-3434 or lgarza@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Nacogdoches:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Polar Plunge: Freezin' for a Reason**, Saturday, January 23; 8:30am, Registration; 10:00am, Plunge. Held at Splash Kingdom Waterpark, 401 North University Drive. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Anthony Key at 936-639-1755 or akey@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: 2016 Area 7 Basketball Competition**, Saturday, February 20, 9:00am – 3:00pm. Held at Lucille Norton HPE Complex, SFASU, 1817 Wilson Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Anthony Key at 936-639-1755 or akey@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).

North Richland Hills:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Volleyball Competition and Athlete Christmas Party**, Saturday, December 12, 7:30am – 4:00pm. Held at Fort Worth Christian School, 6200 Holiday Lane.

Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Cheryl Bledsaw at 817-332-3433 or cbledsaw@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Odessa:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Basketball Competition**, Saturday, February 20, 8:30am – 5:00pm. Held at Odessa College Sports Complex, 201 West University Blvd. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Norm Arias at 512-491-2935 or narias@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Pflugerville:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Polar Plunge: Freezin' for a Reason**, Saturday, December 12; 9:00am, Registration, 10:00am, Plunge. Held at Hawaiian Falls, 18500 North SH 130 Service Road Southbound. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information and to register, contact Courtney Shelton at 512-491-2927 or cshelton@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Plano:

- **Wheelchair Hockey**, Selected Sundays, 3:00pm – 5:00pm. Held at Carpenter Park Recreation Center, 6701 Coit Road. Hosted by Camp Craig Allen. Cost: FREE for any person with a physical disability. For more information, contact Laura at laurah@campcraigallen.org or visit the [Camp Craig Allen website](#).
- **Understanding ADA Requirements and Transition Plan Development**, Tuesday, December 8, 8:00am – 5:00pm. Held at SMU Plano Campus, Building 4, Room 120, 5236 Tennyson Parkway. Hosted by Accessology. Cost: \$249; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Alicia Hill at 972-434-0068 or ahill@accessology.com or visit the [Accessology Eventbrite website](#).

Richmond:

- **Richmond State Supported Living Center Hanukkah Celebration**, Monday, December 7, 3:30pm. Held at Richmond State Supported Living Center, 2100 Preston Street. Hosted by Richmond State Supported Living Center. Cost: FREE; All Jewish community is welcome; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Ileene Robinson at 713-621-2402 or ileene@juno.com.

Round Rock:

- **Medical Education Program Training**, Friday, December 11, 9:00am – 4:00pm. Held at Texas A&M Medical Science Center, 3950 North A.W. Grimed Blvd. Hosted by Texas Parent to Parent. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Sherry Santa at 866-896-6001 or sherry.santa@txp2p.org or visit the [Parent to Parent website](#).
- **2016 Annual Accessibility Professionals Association (APA) Conference and Expo**, January 20 – 22. Held at Austin Marriott North, 2600 La Frontera Blvd. Hosted by APA. Cost: Varies (Discount for members); Registration is required; Professional credits available. For more

information and to register, contact Shirley Knox at 521-415-5938 or executivedirector@accessibilityprofessionals.org or visit the [APA website](#).

San Antonio:

- **Eva's Heroes Special Presentations**, First and Third Tuesday of the Month, 5:30pm. Special showings of Hollywood's latest family-friendly films in a sensory-friendly and accepting environment. Hosted by Eva's Heroes and Santikos. Held at Santikos Embassy 14 and Santikos Silverado 16. Cost: Varies; guests with intellectual special needs admitted free. For more information, visit the calendar on the [DisabilitySA website](#).
- **Morgan's Wonderland: A Wonderland Christmas**, December 4 – 5, December 11 – 12, and December 18 – 23, 5:00pm – 9:00pm. Includes various entertainment, rides and attractions, visits with Santa Claus, petting zoo, and other activities. Held Morgan's Wonderland, 5223 David Edwards Drive. Hosted by Morgan's Wonderland. Cost: Varies; people with disabilities are FREE. For more information, contact Morgan's Wonderland at 210-495-5888 or Bob McCullough at 210-637-3418 or visit the [Morgan's Wonderland website](#).
- **Autism Society San Antonio Annual Holiday Party 2015**, Saturday, December 5, 11:30am – 2:30pm. Held at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 6914 Wurzbach Road. Hosted by Autism Society of Central Texas. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Irma Canfield at itcanfield@gmail.com or visit the [Autism Society website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Triathlon Competition**, Saturday, December 5, 2:00pm. Location TBA. For more information, contact Shawn Britt at 210-530-9898 or sbritt@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Frozen Flippers 5K**, Saturday, December 12, 8:30am – 12:00pm. Held at Aquatica SeaWorld Waterpark, 10500 SeaWorld Drive. Cost: Varies; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Anna Twitty at 210-530-9898 or atwitty@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Imagine Autism: A Panel Discussion About Autism Through The Lifespan**, Tuesday, January 19, 12:00pm – 2:00pm. Held at San Antonio Foundation, 303 Pearl Pkwy. Hosted by Autism Society of Central Texas. Cost: Free; Registration is necessary. To RSVP contact info@austinautismsociety.org or visit the [Autism Society website](#).
- **Employment First San Antonio (EFSA) DisABILITY Employment Network Event**, Friday, February 12, 9:30am – 10:30am. Held at the Nellie Reddix Center, 4711 Sid Katz Drive. Hosted by EFSA. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Joseph Kenney at 210-331-0835 or joseph.kenney44@gmail.com.
- **Pathways to Adulthood: Transition Training**, Tuesday, February 16, 9:30am – 2:30pm. Held at the Education Service Center Region 20, 1314 Hines. Hosted by Texas Parent to Parent. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Cynda Green at 866-896-6001 or cynda.green@txp2p.org or visit the [Parent to Parent website](#).
- **Fiesta Especial Royal Court Coronation**, Wednesday, February 17, 6:00pm – 8:30pm. Held at Texas A&M University Auditorium, One University Way. Hosted by Reaching Maximum Independence (RMI) and Texas A&M University. Cost: \$15; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact RMI at 210-656-6674 or visit the [RMI website](#).

- **2016 Annual TAPPestry Conference (for Teachers, Administrators, Parents and Professionals)**, Saturday, February 20, 8:30am – 4:30pm. Held at Education Service Center, Region 20, 1314 Hines Avenue. Hosted by ESC 20. Cost: \$25, includes lunch and materials; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Kimberly Baumgardner at 210-370-5431 or visit the [ESC 20 website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Basketball Individual Skills Competition**, Thursday, February 25, 9:00am – 2:00pm. Held at Richard Cuellar Community Center, 5626 San Fernando Street. For more information, contact Shawn Britt at 210-530-9898 or sbritt@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Basketball Team Competition**, Saturday, February 27, 9:00am. Held at Alamo City All-Stars Sportsplex, 11471 East Loop 1604 North, Universal City. For more information, contact Shawn Britt at 210-530-9898 or sbritt@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Southlake:

- **God's Special Servants: Classes in Bible Studies, Spiritual Development and Fellowship for Adults with Disabilities**, Every Sunday, 9:30am – 10:30am. Held at White's Chapel United Methodist Church, 185 South White Chapel Blvd, Adult Education Building, Room 3202. Hosted by White's Chapel United Methodist Church. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Tracy Christensen at tchristensen@whiteschapelumc.com or Doris Clark at joyclassalive2@gmail.com or visit the [White's Chapel website](#).
- **Special Hearts Bible Study Fun for Adults with Disabilities**, Every Wednesday, 6:00pm – 7:00pm. Held at White's Chapel United Methodist Church, 185 South White Chapel Blvd, Adult Education Building, Room 3202. Hosted by White's Chapel United Methodist Church. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Tracy Christensen at tchristensen@whiteschapelumc.com or visit the [White's Chapel website](#).

South Padre Island:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Polar Plunge: Freezin' for a Reason**, Saturday, January 30; 11:00am, Registration, 12:00pm, Plunge. Held at Clayton's Beach Bar and Grill, 6900 Padre Blvd. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information and to register, contact Lauro Garza at 956-630-3434 or lgarza@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Sugar Land:

- **Skate Therapy**, Every Saturday of Each Month, 9:30am. Held at Sugar Land Ice and Sports Center, 16225 Lexington Blvd. Hosted by Skate Therapy, a Program of STAR Skaters. For more information, contact BL@STARskaters.org or visit the [Skate Therapy website](#).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Houston Family Support Group**, Every Second and Fourth Thursday of Each Month, 7:00pm. Held at St. Laurence Catholic Church, 3103 Sweetwater Blvd. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Doris Osei at 281-494-5193 or dma2852@ymail.com or visit the [NAMI Houston website](#).

- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Houston Family Support Group: For Young Families**, Every Third Thursday of Each Month, 7:00pm. Held at St. Laurence Catholic Church, 3103 Sweetwater Blvd. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Pat or Ken Sumner at 281-265-1554 or psumner1@comcast.net or visit the [NAMI Houston website](#).

Taylor:

- **International Autism Ministry Special Needs Support Group**, Fourth Friday of each month, 12:00pm – 2:00pm. Held at the Taylor Library, 801 Vance Street. Hosted by IAM. Cost: FREE. For information, contact IAM at info@internationalautismministry.com or 737-247-8142 or visit the [IAM website](#).

Temple:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Table Tennis Competition**, Thursday, December 3, 6:00pm – 8:30pm. Held at Wilson Park and Recreation Center, 2205 Curtis B. Elliott Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Tommy Smith at 254-230-4824 or tsmith@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Volleyball Competition**, Thursday, December 3, 6:00pm – 8:30pm. Held at Wilson Park and Recreation Center, 2205 Curtis B. Elliott Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Tommy Smith at 254-230-4824 or tsmith@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Tomball:

- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Houston Share and Care Family Support Group**, First Tuesday of Each Month, 7:00pm. Held at Tomball Community Center, 221 Market Street. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Lana Hand at 281-376-5368 or fehandjr@msn.com or visit the [NAMI Houston website](#).

Tyler:

- **Independent Living Skills Classes**, Each Week Tuesday through Friday, various times. Topics include Money Management, Basic Computer Skills, Reading, Kitchen Safety, Nutrition and Cooking. Held at East Texas Center for Independent Living, 4713 Troup Highway. Hosted by ETCIL. For more information, contact ETCIL at 903-581-7542 or visit the [ETCIL website](#).
- **M.O.V.E. (Mobility, Opportunity, Vocation, Encouragement) Support Group**, Fourth Tuesday of each month, 12:15pm – 1:00pm. Held at East Texas Center for Independent Living, 4713 Troup Highway. Hosted by ETCIL. For more information, contact ETCIL at 903-581-7542 or visit the [ETCIL website](#).
- **East Texas Area Council of the Blind meetings**, First Monday of each month, 5:30pm – 6:30pm. Held at East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, 411 West Front Street. Hosted by East Texas Area Council of the Blind. Open to the public. For more information, contact Michelle Boyd at 903-593-3111 or michelleb1631@gmail.com.
- **Tyler Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center: Coffee Chat**, Every First Saturday of the Month, 7:00pm. Held at Scooter's Coffeehouse, 3979 University Blvd. Hosted by Tyler Deaf and

Hard of Hearing Center (TDHHC). For more information, contact Susie Grona at 903-638-2150 or ccpres@tdhhc.org or visit the [TDHHC website](#).

- **Tyler Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center: Kissfist Christmas**, Sunday, December 6, 5:30pm – 9:00pm. Held at Republic Icehouse, 3807 University Blvd. Hosted by Tyler Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center (TDHHC). For more information, contact Susie Grona at 903-638-2150 or ccpres@tdhhc.org or visit the [TDHHC website](#).

Waco:

- **Waco Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities Monthly Meeting**. Second Thursday of the month (exception: December 3), 12:00pm to 1:00pm. Cost: FREE; open to the public. Held at the City of Waco Dr. Mae Jackson Development Center, 401 Franklin Ave. For more information, contact Kelly Yarbrough at Kelly.yarbrough@dars.state.tx.us or phone 254-214-7253.
- **A Special Starry Night: An Accessible Holiday Event for All**, Sunday, December 6, 5:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at The Hilton Waco, 113 South University Parks Drive. Hosted by the Heart of Texas Autism Network and the Waco Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities. Cost: FREE; Please bring a canned good; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Patricia Krauss at 254-523-5509 or wacomayorscommittee@hotmail.com or visit the [Special Starry Night website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Polar Plunge: Freezin' for a Reason**, Saturday, January 30; 10:00am, Registration, 11:00am, Plunge. Held at Hawaiian Falls, 900 Lake Shore Drive. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information and to register, contact Tommy Smith at 254-230-4824 or tsmith@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Basketball Classifications**, Saturday, February 13, 1:00pm – 3:30pm. Held at Baylor University, Russell Gymnasium. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Tommy Smith at 254-230-4824 or tsmith@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Basketball Competition**, February 26 – 27. Held at Baylor University, Marrs McLean and Russell Gymnasiums. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Tommy Smith at 254-230-4824 or tsmith@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Webster:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Bowling Competition**, Saturday, December 5, 8:00am – 4:00pm. Held at Alpha Lanes, 318 West Bay Area. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Pam Hollaway at 281-218-6024 or phollaway@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Weslaco:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Powerlifting Competition**, Wednesday, December 2, 9:30am – 2:00pm. Held at Weslaco East High School, 810 South Pleasantview Drive. Hosted by Special

Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Lauro Garza at 956-630-3434 or lgarza@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Wichita Falls:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Bowling Competition**, Sunday, December 13, 1:00pm. Held at Village Bowl, 4022 Kemp Blvd. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Mike Strickland at 940-692-2986 or mstrickland@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).