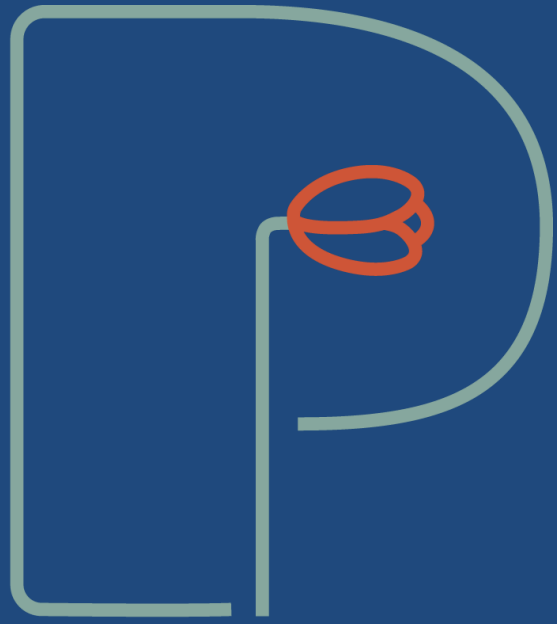


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Austin Area Parkinson's Resource Guide 2026

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Parkinson's Organizations and Foundations

[Michael J. Fox Foundation](#) - The Michael J. Fox Foundation is dedicated to finding a cure for Parkinson's disease through an aggressively funded research agenda and to ensuring the development of improved therapies for those living with Parkinson's today. **Fox Trial Finder**-
www.foxtrialfinder.org

[Parkinson's Foundation](#) - The Parkinson's Foundation makes life better for people with Parkinson's disease by improving care and advancing research toward a cure. Online information in multiple languages. 1-800-473-4636

[Davis Phinney Foundation](#) - They help people with Parkinson's live well today. They provide essential information, practical tools and inspiration to people living with Parkinson's. They fund early-phase, innovative research that focuses on exercise, speech, movement and other factors that affect quality of life.

[Parkinson's & Movement Disorder Alliance](#) - An independent, national non-profit organization that provides opportunities for people impacted by Parkinson's and other movement disorders to learn, live life more fully, and connect with others. PMD Alliance reaches across all communities and partners with many organizations, institutions, and movement disorder specialists. These include experiential opportunities, educational programs, and growth-oriented social interactions.

[American Parkinson Disease Association \(APDA\)](#) - The largest grassroots organization dedicated to fighting Parkinson's disease (PD) and working to help the approximately one million with PD in the United States live life to the fullest in the face of this chronic, neurological disorder.

[Parkinson's News Today](#)- A news and information website about Parkinson's Disease

[MyParkinsonsTeam](#)- Free social network to get the emotional support you need from others like you and gain practical advice and insights on managing treatment or therapies for Parkinson's disease



Parkinson's Organizations and Foundations

[ParkinsonsDisease.net](#) - Empowers patients and caregivers to take control of Parkinson's disease by providing a platform to learn, educate, and connect with peers and healthcare professionals.

[PD WISE](#) - A hub for sharing personal stories, experiences, and wisdom gained from living with Parkinson's. PD WISE aims to encourage connections and opportunities for learning.

[Parkinsons Lifestyle Management](#) - A site that specializes in providing authoritative, experienced practical ideas and concepts for how to handle the many day to day challenges faced by Parkinson's patients.

[World Parkinson's Coalition](#) - Helps advance understanding of Parkinson's disease by creating the only totally inclusive international platform for the community to share knowledge and spark new research agendas across the Parkinson's field. Save the Date! The 7th World Parkinson Congress will be hosted in Phoenix, AZ on May 24-27, 2026.

[Young Onset Parkinson's Network](#) - A safe space to learn, connect and engage within a supportive community of members who understand what you're experiencing. Education and resources that promote physical AND mental wellness to help you overcome the fear of the unknown.





Movement Disorder Neurologist

Dr. Ahmad A. Shawagfeh (<i>Temple</i>)	254-724-2111
Dr. Elizabeth Peckham (<i>Round Rock</i>)	512-218-1222
Dr. Erik Krause (<i>Central Austin</i>)	512-324-3540
Dr. Faiza Waheed Butt (<i>Round Rock</i>)	512-509-0100
Dr. Jonathan Theo (<i>Kyle</i>)..	512-324-3540
Dr. Mia Ko (<i>East Austin, VA</i>)	800-423-2111
Dr. Michael J Soileau (<i>Georgetown</i>)	512-693-4041
Dr. Robert Izor (<i>Concierge, Austin area</i>)	512-977-7000
Dr. Subhashie Wijemanne (<i>NW Austin</i>)	512-241-1567



Area Physician Specialist with Parkinson's Knowledge

Neuro Gastroenterologist

Dr. Mohammad Bashashati (*Central Austin*) 512-324-7831

Neurosurgeon

Dr. Anant Patel512-730-0000

Dr. Jon T. Willie1-833-UT-CARES

Neuropsychologist

Allison Myers Fabian, PHD 512-654-1234

Jared F. Benge, PhD, ABPP.....1-833-882-2737

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Erica C. Garcia-Pittman, M.D., FAPA, DFAAGP..... 512-324-3380

Jaron L. Winston, M.D.....512-476-3556

Optometry/Ophthalmology

[Dr. Stephanie Colorado](#), OD.....512-899-2020

[Moe Hein "Harry" Aung](#), MD, PhD.....833-882-2737

Urologist

[Dr. Kashyap Shatagopam](#), MD (Urology Austin)..... 512-248-2200

Dr. Sandeep Mistry, Urology Specialist 512-238-0762



Fitness & Wellness Programs

413 Fitness - *in person boxing classes*

Power for Parkinson's - *in person and online exercise classes*

Pedaling for Parkinson's - *online cycling classes*

Tai Chi at Lamar Senior Center - *in person*

Tai Chi at South Austin Senior Center - *in person*

Rock Steady Boxing - *in person boxing classes*

Dance for PD - *online dance classes*

Better Balance & Movement - *fall prevention workshop*

EngAGE Travis County – *balance and chronic pain workshops*

AGE Memory Connections – *proactive memory activities*

Yes and Exercise - *improv classes*

Stronger Than Parkinsons - *boxing, balance, agility and dual-task training classes*

Yoga Nidra - *meditation that relaxes body and mind. Proven to be beneficial for PD patients! Look for it at a yoga studio near you*

Speech Therapy/Vocal Exercises for PWP

[Capital Area Parkinson's Society](#)..... 512-371-3373

2nd Friday at 12:30 - 1:30pm

[Georgetown Area Parkinson Society](#)..... 864-477-0290

2nd and 4th Mondays at 1:00 - 2:00 pm

[Parkinson's Voice Project](#)..... 469-375-6500

[Loud and Clear](#) 360-207-5842

Free Friday classes and downloadable app

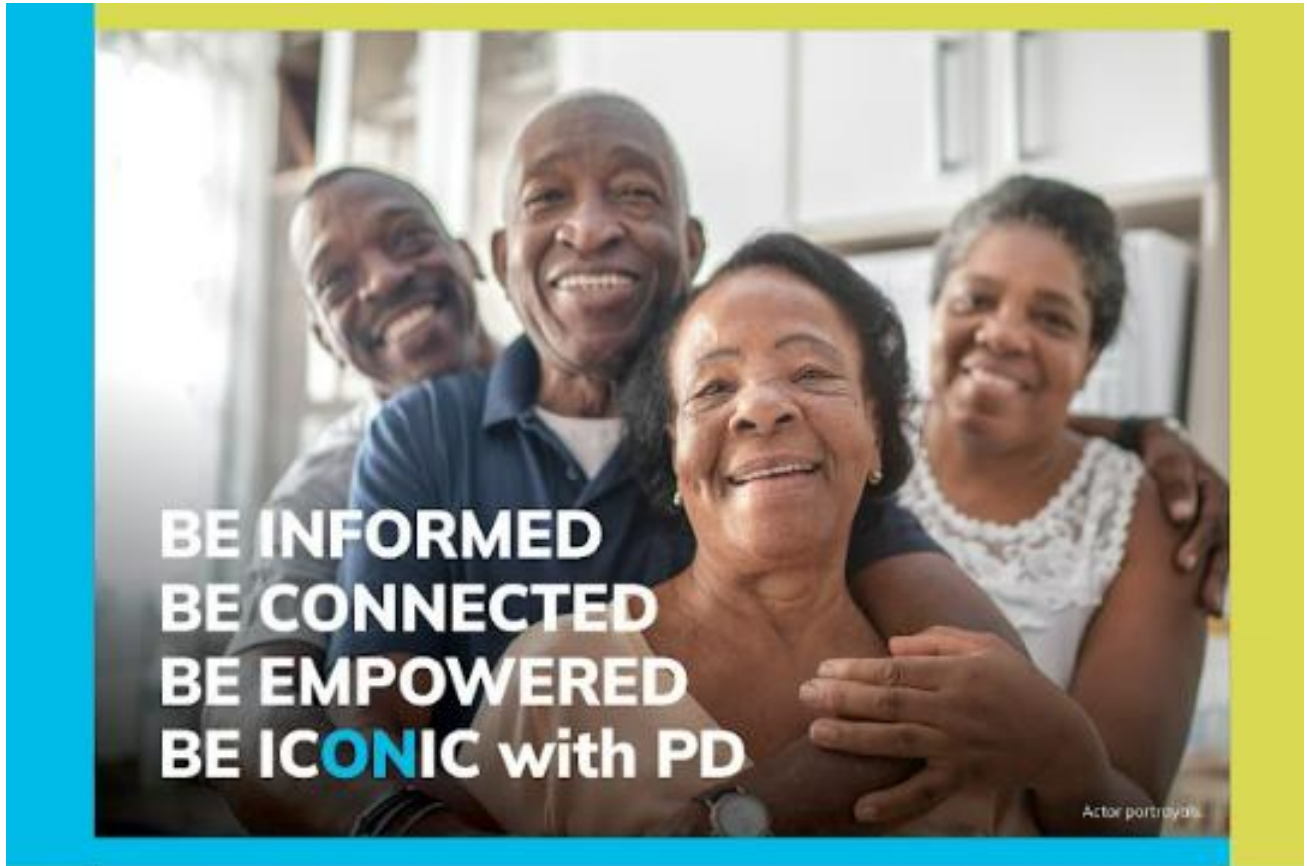
Cecilia Berg, M.A., CCC-SLP..... cecilia.berg18@gmail.com

[Life Speech Therapy](#), Genevieve Richardson, CCC-SLP..... 512-553-4364

[Lake Austin Speech Therapy](#), Yasmin Rios-Schultz, M.A., CCC-SLP.....

info@lakeaustinspeechtherapy.com





BE ICONIC with PD is an online community for those whose lives are touched by Parkinson's disease (PD).

Whether you are a person with PD or a care partner, we offer:

- Tips and resources for your journey with PD
- Definitions of common PD terms
- Information about PD treatment options
- Email updates so you can stay in the know



Visit
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to learn more.



"The community helps you get tips and tricks. It is helpful to hear how people manage things differently."
-John, living with PD



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at Facebook.com/BEICONICwithPD

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Parkinson's Support Groups

[Parkinson & Movement Disorder Alliance](#)..... *Virtual support group*

[Capital Area Parkinson's Society](#)..... 512-371-3373

- *Northwest Austin - 2nd Monday, 11:30-12:30, Unity Church of the Hills*
- *South Austin - 3rd Monday, 2:30-3:30, Encompass South Rehab Hospital*
- *Pflugerville-3rd Wednesday, 2:30-3:30, Pflugerville Library, Lantana Room*
- *Young Onset - 2nd Tuesday, 6:00-7:30, 5280 Burger and Taphouse*
- *Young Onset-3rd Tuesday, 6:00-7:30-Mandola's William Cannon*

[Georgetown Area Parkinson Society](#)..... 512-658-3658

Care Partner Support Group - 2nd Thursday, 2:00-3:30

Large Group Gathering - 4th Thursday, 3:00-4:30

[Power for Parkinson's](#)..... 512-815-3324

3rd Tuesday in-person and via zoom

[Bell County Area Parkinson's Support Group](#)..... Gayle Shull 254-718-4197

GayleInBelton@gmail.com

[Austin FTD \(Frontotemporal Dementia\):](#)

- Barbara Loewy..... 518-765-2198 | bmloewy@gmail.com
- Steph McLain..... 425-686-5708 | Steph.FTD@gmail.com

[Lewy Body Support Group](#)..... Sarah Hyde-Williams at 832-794-8810

2nd Monday @ 2:00pm

[Heart of Texas Parkinson's and Caregivers Support Group](#)..... Waco, TX

[Lone Star Parkinson Society / Comal County Parkinson Support](#).....

New Braunfels, TX

[The Lakeway Church](#)..... 512-261-6331

1st Tuesday @ 4:30-6:00

[Central Texas PSP/CBD/MSA Support Group](#)..... 512-964-1236

Every 3rd Saturday via zoom 10:30-12:30



Parkinson's Support Groups

Wimberly Support Group.....512-629-8996 rpenzerro@gmail.com

[Twitchy Women](#) Peer Support Program for Women

Online Support Group Meetings 2026 ([Online Community for PWP and Caregivers](#))

- **Flying Solo** - Are you living alone with Parkinson's? Meet online with a group who wants to talk about the unique issues that living alone with PD creates. Meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month.
- **YOPD Connections** - An online community of others who understand your experience of living with an "old man's disease" in a young person's body. Meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month.

Power For Parkinson's Virtual Support Groups ([Virtual Support Groups Information](#))

- **Parkinson Society British Colombia Support Groups**
- **Parkinson's Community Los Angeles (PCLA) Support Groups**
- **PMD Alliance Support Groups**

Other Services

[Area Agency on Aging](#)..... 512-916-6062

[Athena Mobile Wound Care](#)..... 480-712-8319

[Hebrew Free Loan of Austin](#)..... 512-677-4352

[ReSkin Medical Wound Care](#)..... 800-640-3451

[Methodist Healthcare Ministries](#)..... 210-692-0234

[Vocational Rehabilitation Services](#)..... 512-936-6400

[Mobility or accessibility services for people with disabilities](#)



Information & Referral

Adult Protective Services	800-252-5400
AGE of Central Texas	512-451-4611
Agency on Aging	512-916-6062
Alz.Org 24-Hour Helpline	800-272-3900
Alzheimer's Association	512-592-0990
Alzheimer's Texas	512-241-0420
American Association of Retired Persons	866-227-7443
American Heart Association	800-242-8721
Austin Resource Center for Independent Living	512-832-6349
Austin Travis Co. Integral Care	512-472-4357
Capital Area Parkinson's Society	512-371-3373
Caritas (homelessness)	512-479-4610
Central TX Aging, Disability, Veteran Resource Center	855-937-2372
Family Eldercare	512-450-0844
Foundation Communities	512-447-2026
Jewish Family Services	512-250-1043
MAP Central Health	512-978-8130
Meals on Wheels & More	512-476-6325
Meals on Wheels - Williamson/Burnett	512-763-1400
Medicare	800-633-4227
People's Community Clinic	512-478-4939
Social Security Office	866-627-6991
TX Health & Human Services	512-424-6500



Caregiving Resources

AARP	866-227-7443
Age of Central Texas	512-451-4611
Aging Services Council of Central TX Caregiver Guide	
Alzheimer's Association (24/7 crisis line).....	512-592-0990
Area Agency on Aging	512-916-6062
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Caregiver Cafe -resources/support groups.....	ccafemail2@gmail.com
<i>2nd Tuesday in-person @ 10:00-12:00</i>	
<i>2nd Thursday via zoom @ 10:00-12:00</i>	
Caregiver Cafe @ Buda Oaks	830-837-3162
Family Caregiver Alliance	800-445-8106
Family Eldercare	512-450-0844
Georgetown Area Parkinson's Support (GAPS)	512-470-3256
Mary Osborne	Mary@yourdementiatherapist.com
Meals on Wheels	
National Council on Aging (NCOA)	
Samantha Cervantes -author and advisor	

Moving, Relocation, & Downsizing

Austin Home Transitions	512-903-9503
Elderwheels Decluttering Service.....	512-779-8383
Essential Next Step	512-215-0383
Senior Transitions of Austin	512-766-7014
Turnkey Transitions	512-423-6782



Parkinson's Books

A Parkinson's Primer: An Indispensable Guide to Parkinson's Disease for Patients and Their Families by *John M. Vine*

Discerning the Way: Lessons from Parkinson's Disease by *Dr. Allan Cole*

Keepin' On: Living Well with Parkinson's Disease by *Robert J. Silver*

Navigate the Parkinson's Maze by *Bruce D. Wright PHD*

No Time Like the Future: An Optimist Considers Mortality by *Michael J. Fox*

Outlive: The Science and Art of Longevity by *Peter Attia*

Parkinson's Diva by *Dr. Maria De Leon*

Shaken, Not Stirred: Living with Parkinson's Disease by *Larry Linton*

Punch Out Parkinson's by *Victor Becker*

The Parkinson's Plan: A New Path to Prevention and Treatment by *Michael S. Okun and Ray Dorsey*

300 Tips For Making Life Easier; Parkinson's Disease by *Shelly Peterman Schwartz*

Parkinson's Podcasts

When Life Gives You Parkinson's hosted by *Larry Gifford*

On Time: A Parkinson's Podcast hosted by *Brian Grant, Heather Kennedy, Soania Mathur, Larry Gifford*

Substantial Matters: Life & Science of Parkinson's produced by *Parkinson's Foundation*

The Michael J. Fox Foundation Parkinson's Podcast produced by *The Michael J. Fox Foundation*

The Parkinson's Podcast produced by *Davis Phinney Foundation*

More Podcast recommendations can be found at [PD Avengers](#)



Counseling

Anne Minor, LCSW.....	512-589-8731
ATX Center for Grief & Loss	512-472-7878
Austin Vitality (virtual)	512-572-9217
Blake Bryant, LCSW.....	737-355-9210
Blue Moon Counseling (virtual)	855-241-7160
Catholic Charities of Central Texas	512-651-6150
Christinia Landeros, LCSW	512-537-1198
Diana Goldstein, LCSW	512-230-4383
Family Eldercare In Home Counseling	512-483-3580
Jewish Family Services	512-250-1043
Madison Berry, LCSW	512-710-7965
Margaret Hughes, LCSW	512-265-5144
Marissa Bortenstein, LCSW	512-265-5220
Moonstone Counseling	512-527-3275
Northwest Counseling & Wellness Center	512-250-9355
Shelly Cox.....	512-997-8552
Waterloo Counseling	512-444-9922

Health Closets

AGE of Central TX Health Closet	512-600-9288
Ascension Lutheran Church.....	512-345-4030
Baylor S&W Taylor.....	512-600-9288
Hired Texas/United Way.....	512-973-9203
Project MEND	210-223-6363
Senior Access Round Rock Ollie's Closet	512-310-1060



Home Health

Accent Care Home Health	512-343-9690
Ascension at Home	512-863-3842
CAPABLE program with Meals on Wheels Central Texas.....	888-352-9062
Capitol Home Health	512-467-6900
Enhabit Home Health North.....	512-339-1023
Enhabit Home Health South.....	512-326-4191
Halcyon Home	512-815-9009

Outpatient Rehabilitation with PD Trained Therapists

Ascension Sports and Neuro Rehab	512-324-1875
Baylor Scott & White Neurologic Rehabilitation	888-722-9567
Baylor Scott & White Outpatient at Home	945-758-1931
Collage Rehab	1-855-744-5377x6
Direct Orthopedic Care (John Longoria, PT)	512-277-6643
Lakeway Aquatic Physical Therapy	512-261-0620
Performance & Recovery Physical Therapy (<i>mobile PT/OT</i>)	512-348-6544
Solace & Sage	512-651-0341
Spero Rehabilitation Central	737-204-0089
Spero Rehabilitation South	512-852-8134
Spero Rehabilitation Oak Hill	512-899-8508
St. David's Adaptive Driving Program	512-544-8140
St. David's Rehabilitation	512-544-5116
Unity Wellness, Dr. Laura Glover.....	251-382-3424

Outpatient Rehabilitation: Baylor Scott & White

Baylor Scott & White



Austin Northcross.....	512-458-1183
Austin Bee Caves Rd / Westlake.....	512-327-5100
Austin - Slaughter Lane.....	512-520-4242
Austin - William Cannon.....	512-651-0301
Lakeway.....	737-237-0016
Cedar Park - East.....	737-273-0031
Georgetown - Northwest.....	512-713-0521
Hutto.....	512-846-6550
Leander.....	737-757-7004
Pflugerville.....	737-237-0001
Round Rock University.....	737-237-0046

Home Repair & Modifications

101 Mobility	512-543-2569
ABC Handyman	512-837-9500
AmRamp	866-692-6494
An Inside Job	512-517-6045
Austin Urban League	512-478-7176
Bath Grabs Austin	512-786-4517
Buildspective	512-887-4040
CasaCrew	512-413-4287
C.O.A. Home Repair	512-974-3100
Golden Home Management	512-535-7135
Meals on Wheels & More	737-218-4262
Texas Ramp Project	214-558-0339
USDA Rural Development	512-863-6502



Oxygen & Medical Equipment

A&P Quality Care Medical	512-452-5111
American Home Patient	512-451-4519
Apria Healthcare	512-451-5599
Kerring Group	512-451-8853
Lincare	512-836-1703
Medical Express PSI	512-371-1700
ProvidaCare	512-326-9898
Rehab Medical	512-738-8818
Travis Medical	512-458-4589
Universal Med Supply	972-228-1820

Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospitals

Baylor S&W Institute for Rehab Lakeway	512-263-4500
Bluebonnet Medical Rehab	800-252-5151
Central Texas Rehabilitation Hospital	512-407-2111
Encompass Health Austin	512-730-4800
Encompass Health Round Rock	512-244-4770
PAM Rehab Round Rock	737-708-9800
PAM Rehab Kyle	512-262-0821
St. David's Rehab Main	512-544-5100
St. David's Rehab North Austin	512-901-1000
St. David's Rehab Georgetown	512-942-4736
St. David's Rehab Round Rock	512-341-1000
Texas Neuro Rehab	800-252-5151



Personal Attendant Services

Accent Care Personal Care	512-380-9339
Assisting Hands Home Care	512-999-7379
Bluewater Homecare	512-872-2995
Bubbie Care	512-334-9545
First Light Homecare	737-404-4100
Halcyon Home	512-815-9009
Heavenly Care	512-432-5503
Girling Personal Care (Medicaid)	512-454-3581
Meals on Wheels in Home (Medicaid)	512-477-2273
Practical Care Continuum	512-400-4331

Insurance, Medicaid, & Medicare Resources

Amneal Patient Assistance Program	1-877-764-9021
Area Agency on Aging	512-916-6062
Foundation Communities Prosper Health	512-381-4520
Fours Oaks	800-419-8757
Howard Polanski	512-608-1020
MAP 1st Step	512-978-8130
Medicare Dana	512-666-7785
Senior Resource Center	512-835-0963
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Texas Assurance Care, Inc	512-343-5400
Vanessa Lazar	512-999-7347



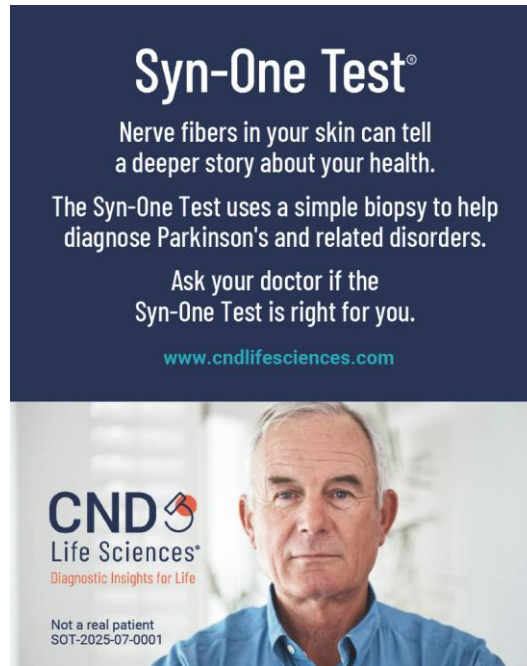
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Transportation

Capital Area Parkinson's Society	512-371-3373
<i>Free transportation to neurologist and CAPS events</i>	
Chariot , South/West Austin.....	512-445-3552
Drive a Senior ATX	512-472-6339
Elderwheels	512-850-6335
<i>Concierge (private pay) assisted, accessible transportation</i>	
Enabled Living.....	512-270-9094
Drive a Senior NW North/Northwest Austin, Cedar Park.....	512-250-5022
Lakeway Mobility.....	512-770-1020
ModivCare	866-400-2350



[Shalom Austin Mobility](#)..... 512-735-8000
Transportation for adults over 60, with mobility challenges
Senior Access
[Aging Services Council of Central Texas](#) - Transportation guide

House Call Physicians

[Austin Geriatric Specialist](#)..... 512-477-4088
[Austin Podiatry House Calls](#) (Dr. Joshel Brown) 737-231-1087
[Be Well MD](#)..... 512-553-1921
[Central Texas Hearing Center](#)..... 512-879-3993
[Curana Health](#)..... 877-279-5960
[Dr. Dennis Robinson](#) (podiatrist) 512-930-3753
 Dr. Gary Payne (podiatrist) 512-249-2253
[Dr. Marla Pennell](#) (audiologist) 830-240-2826
 Elite Patient Care..... 737-226-6750
[Harmony \(Visiting Physicians\)](#) 512-407-8880
[Hears to Your Audiology](#)..... 512-956-4327
[Total Care 2U](#)..... 877-868-2528
[Urgent Care 2Go](#)..... 817-508-8169



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Hospice Agencies

Bluewater Homecare	512-647-2341
Christopher House, Hospice Austin (in-patient)	512-322-0747
Compassus	512-598-6963
Halcyon Home	512-815-9009
Hospice Austin	512-342-4700



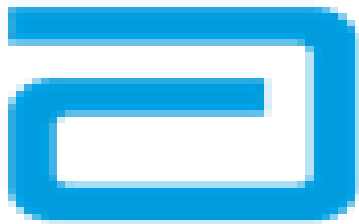
Legal Aid and Planning

Barnett & Leuty	512-336-1529
Brough & Resendez	512-792-9510
Carolyn Collins Ostrom	512-617-1560
Clyde Farrell, C.E.L.A.	512-323-2977
Dispute Resolution Center	512-371-0033
Thompson & Tiemann Attorneys	512-335-6800
Douglas Paul.....	512-495-6170
Heritage Law (G Town)	512-930-0529
Ladyman Law Office for Senior Planning Services.....	512-441-2825
Legal Services for Texans	800-622-2520
Liz Nielsen	512-552-2890
Marilyn G. Miller, C.E.L.A.	512-894-0319
Robbins Estate Law	512-599-9856
Seniors Financial Solutions	512-260-5110
Senior Resource Center	512-835-0963
Slaton and Schauer	512-258-9455
The Garret Law Firm	800-295-3449
Virginia Sampson	512-980-4610
Willi Law Firm	512-288-3200

Adult Daycare Programs

Age of Central Texas; Austin & Round Rock	512-458-6305
Town Square NW Austin	512-375-4328





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Arrange Care / Leah Cohen	512-814-3228
CareFor	512-338-4533
Heidi Spock	512-940-4322
Joan Hagelin	512-264-3789
Shalom Austin	512-250-1043
Mir Care Consultants	512-615-6116
Senior Services of Austin	512-574-1722
Special Needs Consultant	512-996-0553

Caregiver Respite Day Programs

A Gift of Time (Georgetown)	512-489-0160
CAPS - Shake Shack Social - Austin/South Austin	512-371-3373
Emmaus Catholic Church - Bright Horizons	512-261-8500
Kith and Kin Elderhouse (<i>Overnight Respite</i>)	kithandkinelderhouse@gmail.com
The Gathering at Westlake Hills Presbyterian	512-327-1116
Lighthouse at Riverbend	512-327-3540
House of Friends, Dementia Respite at Bethany UMC	512-310-9451

Dental Services

Affordable Dentures	512-400-0631
Austin Dental Cares (In-Home)	512-535-5530
Enable Dental (Mobile Care)	855-324-2916
Manos de Cristo	512-477-2319



Personal Emergency Response Systems	
ADT Austin	512-861-0857
Apple Watch-Fall detection	
Medical Guardian	1-800-668-9200
Lifeline	855-681-5351
Unaliwear Fall Detection Watch	888-343-1513

Facility Placement Services	
Care Patrol Central/South	512-574-0910
Care Patrol North	512-643-2727
Oasis Senior Advisors	512-800-1469
Senior Living Advisors	832-794-8810
Texas Family Services	512-400-4174

Mental Health	
Ascension Seton Behavioral Health	512-324-2039
Austin Oaks Hospital	512-798-4880
Integral: Austin Travis County 24-hr Helpline	512-472-4357
Bastrop County Family Crisis Center Hotline.....	888-311-7755
Cross Creek	844-587-0195
Georgetown Behavioral Hospital	877-500-9151
Hill Country 24-hr Crisis Hotline	877-466-0660
National Suicide Prevention Hotline.....	988
Rise Recovery Services	888-360-0909
Rock Springs Changes	737-808-1700
Summit Mental Health Clinic	512-732-2122
Williamson County Bluebonnet Trails 24-hr Crisis Hotline.....	800-841-1255





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Central Texas Veteran's Administration Information

Curious if you are eligible for Veteran's Benefits? The first step is to call the Eligibility ACD Line: 1-254-743-2420/ 1-800-432-2111 Ext# 42420.

VA offers a wide range of benefits to Veterans and their families however determining eligibility can be a cumbersome and frustrating process. It is strongly recommended that Veterans and/or Veteran family members work with a Veterans Service Officer (VSO). A VSO can help you understand and apply for VA benefits that you are entitled to no cost to you. Veterans Service Officers can be found at Veterans Service Organizations such as VFW, American Legion, as well as for local government offices. Travis and Williamson County has VSOs! The Veterans Services Benefit can also be helpful in navigating the VA and applying for benefits. Find out more about VSOs..... <https://www.va.gov/get-help-from-accredited-representative/>.

512-854-9340/512-646-9291: Travis County VA Benefits Officer Clarence Payne

512-943-1900: Williamson County

Veteran Benefits can include:

- Movement Disorder Neurologist-Dr. Mia Ko (offices in Austin, TX)
- Outpatient Physical or Occupational Therapy (Temple and Austin)
- Home Based rehabilitation
- Emergency Response "buttons"
- Equipment-hospital beds, walkers, U-step walkers, wheelchairs, braces and more
- Blind therapy-for patients who experience low vision due to Parkinson's Disease
- Caregiver Support Monthly Stipend
- Aid and Attendant Benefit
- Home Health Aid Benefit

Support & Education Group: online Zoom call-4th Tuesday of the month

Central Texas VA Healthcare Parkinson's Specialist: Andrew Smith Michael.Smith5@va.gov

512-508-0538 (may take up to 72 hours to respond)

Sarah Scarberry, SLP

<https://www.parkinsons.va.gov/Houston/> | <https://www.parkinsons.va.gov/care.asp> | <https://www.parkinsons.va.gov/patients.asp>

Austin VA Outpatient Clinic
7901 Metropolis Dr.



Phone 512-823-4495 Ext. 54495

Austin, TX 78744

The following list are just some of compensation and health care benefits that VA provides:

- **VA healthcare** - You may be eligible for VA healthcare, especially if you have Parkinson's disease as a result of military service - [Eligibility for VA Health Care | Veterans Affairs](#)
- **VA disability compensation** - VA disability compensation (pay) offers a monthly tax-free payment to Veterans who got sick or injured while serving in the military (including Parkinson's disease as a result of toxic exposure). [VA Disability Compensation | Veterans Affairs](#)
- **VA benefits for spouses, dependents, survivors, and family caregivers** - As the spouse or dependent child of a Veteran or service member, you may qualify for certain benefits, like health care, life insurance, or money to help pay for school or training. As the survivor of a Veteran or service member, you may qualify for added benefits, including help with burial costs and survivor compensation. [VA Benefits for Spouses, Dependents, Survivors, And Family Caregivers | Veterans Affairs](#)

Agent Orange

Agent Orange is an herbicide and defoliant chemical. It is widely known for its use by the U.S. military as part of its herbicidal warfare program during the Vietnam War era. Long-term exposure to herbicides increases your risk of Parkinson's disease.

The US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has recognized that certain cancers, diseases, and other health problems can be related to a Veteran's qualifying military service. These are called "presumptive diseases." Parkinson's disease is considered a presumptive disease for exposure to Agent Orange.

If you have Parkinson's disease and were stationed at the following locations you are presumed to have been exposed to Agent Orange. Between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975, you must have served for any length of time in at least one of these locations:

- In the Republic of Vietnam, or
- Aboard a U.S. military vessel that operated in the inland waterways of Vietnam, or
- On a vessel operating not more than 12 nautical miles seaward from the demarcation line of the waters of Vietnam and Cambodia



Pact Act

The Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act passed in Aug 2022 as Public Law No: 117-168 expanded and extended eligibility for VA health care or benefits for veterans exposed to certain toxic substances.

If you have Parkinson's disease and were stationed at the following locations added by the PACT Act, you are presumed to have been exposed to Agent Orange.

- Any U.S. or Royal Thai military base in Thailand from January 9, 1962, through June 30, 1976, or
- Laos from December 1, 1965, through September 30, 1969, or
- Cambodia at Mimot or Krek, Kampong Cham Province from April 16, 1969, through April 30, 1969, or
- Guam or American Samoa or in the territorial waters off Guam or American Samoa from January 9, 1962, through July 31, 1980, or
- Johnston Atoll or on a ship that called at Johnston Atoll from January 1, 1972, through September 30, 1977

Or at least one of these must be true for you:

- You served in or near the Korean DMZ for any length of time between September 1, 1967, and August 31, 1971, or
- You served on active duty in a regular Air Force unit location where a C-123 aircraft with traces of Agent Orange was assigned, and had repeated contact with this aircraft due to your flight, ground, or medical duties, or
- You were involved in transporting, testing, storing, or other uses of Agent Orange during your military service, or
- You were assigned as a Reservist to certain flight, ground, or medical crew duties at one of the locations listed here

Eligible Reserve locations, time periods, and units include:

- Lockbourne/Rickenbacker Air Force Base in Ohio, 1969 to 1986 (906th and 907th Tactical Air Groups or 355th and 356th Tactical Airlift Squadrons)
- Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts, 1972 to 1982 (731st Tactical Air Squadron and 74th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, or 901st Organizational Maintenance Squadron)
- Pittsburgh International Airport in Pennsylvania, 1972 to 1982 (758th Airlift Squadron)



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NOTE: There are a lot of scammers out there. Additionally, laws, funding, and other factors may change eligibility and benefits authorizations. Always verify information at the Veterans Affairs website at <https://www.va.gov> or with an accredited Veterans Service Officer.



Capital Area Parkinson's Society

Guide to Applying for Social Security and Other Benefits

Eligibility

We all pay into the Social Security trust fund with every paycheck. While we may think of this as a retirement fund, if we become disabled before reaching full retirement age (67 for most of us), we can, in effect, take our retirement early by qualifying for Social Security Disability Insurance (“SSDI”). We typically need fewer than the 40 quarters needed to qualify for Medicare at age 65.

Quarters Needed to Qualify for SSDI by Age

<28	1.5 quarters	44	5.5 quarters	52	7.5 quarters
30	2 quarters	46	6 quarters	54	8 quarters
38	4 quarters	48	6.5 quarters	55	8.5 quarters
42	5 quarters	50	7 quarters	58	9 quarters
				60	9.5 quarters

If we have paid into Social Security for 40 quarters by age 65, we then qualify for Medicare. If we become disabled before then and receive SSDI, we will not qualify for Medicare until we have been receiving SSDI for 24 months.

Some of us may rely on COBRA for the first 18 months, paying both the employee’s and the employer’s portion of the health insurance premium.

All of us will have to rely on Medicaid.

In May 2025 the average SSDI monthly benefit was \$1,737. For those of us whose SSDI monthly benefit is less than the Supplemental Security Income (“SSI”) benefit of \$967 (2025), the SSDI monthly benefit will be “topped up” by SSI to equal that amount. In Texas, even one dollar of SSI automatically confers eligibility for Medicaid. For those of use whose SSDI monthly benefit exceeds this amount, Medicaid is still available.




Applying

(1) The first step is to make sure that the record of earnings which the Social Security Administration has is correct and up-to-date. To receive SSDI, we must apply within five years of departing the work force. A record of earnings can only be corrected within three years of year of employment. Go to

<https://www.ssa.gov/prepare/review-record-earnings>

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- Review record of earnings**
- Apply
- Manage benefits

Review record of earnings

Make sure our record of your yearly income is up to date.

Every year your employer tells us how much money you earned so we can update your Social Security record. If you're self-employed, you tell us directly.

We calculate your monthly retirement and disability benefit by looking at how much you've earned, so it's important to make sure your record is accurate. Check it in August to make sure last year's amount is correct.

 **Sign in to your account**

Make sure last year's amount is accurate.

[Sign In](#) [Create account](#)

You can create a MySocialSecurity account online or download, print, complete and mail a Request for Social Security Statements.


If necessary, correct your Social Security Statement, submitting W-2s from your employer or 1099s if you worked as an independent contractor.



(2) The second step is to get an estimate of the benefits you can expect to receive after your application is approved. If the benefits are less than \$943/month (2024), you can expect to receive SSI to bring the total up to \$943/month. In most states, including Texas, even \$1 of SSI automatically comes with Medicaid.

<https://www.ssa.gov/prepare/get-benefits-estimate>

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Get a benefits estimate

Check your account to see how much you or your family might get in benefits payments.

 **Sign in to your account**

See estimates for various benefits based on your earnings and when you apply. You can also adjust expected future income to see how that impacts your retirement estimate.

[Sign in](#) [Create account](#)



(3) The third step is to make sure that you are eligible for benefits by answering some yes/no questions at

<https://www.ssa.gov/prepare/check-eligibility-for-benefits>

The screenshot shows the Social Security Administration's website. At the top, there is a dark blue navigation bar with the Social Security logo, the text 'Social Security', and menu items for 'Benefits', 'Medicare', and 'Card & record'. A search bar and links for 'Español' and 'Sign in' are also present. Below the navigation bar, a breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Prepare > Check eligibility for benefits'. On the left side, there is a vertical menu under the heading 'Prepare' with options: 'Check eligibility for benefits' (highlighted), 'Get a benefits estimate', 'Plan for retirement', 'Review record of earnings', 'Apply', and 'Manage benefits'. The main content area features the heading 'Check eligibility for Social Security benefits' and the sub-heading 'Answer a few questions to see if you qualify for benefits right now.' Below this, it states 'How long it'll take: 10 minutes or less' and 'Our benefits are there for you when you:' followed by a bulleted list: 'Age and retire', 'Can't work because of a disability', 'Lose a spouse (or a young child loses a parent)', and 'Have difficulty paying for essentials like food, clothing, and a home'. A paragraph explains that the tool helps understand current eligibility but cannot determine future eligibility. A blue 'Start' button is located at the bottom of the main content area.

Note that in certain, limited, circumstances you may be eligible for benefits based not on your own work record but on that of your spouse.



(4) Now comes the actual application. It is important to look for and document the earliest possible onset, the date on which you had symptoms. You may have had symptoms long before you were diagnosed. You may have received work accommodations, which will be taken into account even if you were earning more than the amount which the Social Security Administration ordinarily finds is enough to show that you were not disabled. This amount, called “Substantial Gainful Activity” increases yearly to reflect the cost of living. In 2024 it is \$1,550/month.

The most important parts of the application are the doctors’ records and your report of your “Residual Functional Ability,” what you are still able to do. It may take some time to gather all the records. Your Residual Functional Ability may change. If it does, you must report this to the Social Security Administration within 10 days after the month in which the change occurs.

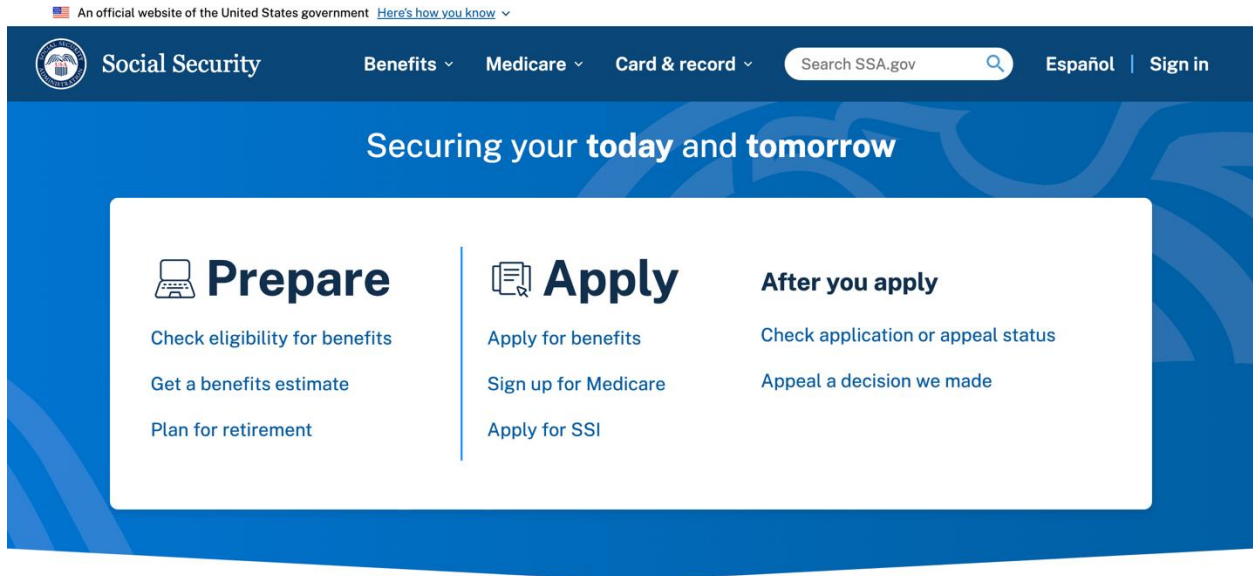
While you do not need a lawyer to help you apply, it can be helpful to have someone who is familiar with Social Security disability applications review your application to make sure that you have crossed all the “t”s, dotted all the “i”s and that it fully and fairly documents your challenges.

You can apply online at

<https://www.ssa.gov>



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You can also call for a telephone or in person appointment (1-800-772-1213).

Keep a journal of all your contacts with the Social Security Administration. Write down the name of the person with whom you spoke, their telephone number, the date and time. Summarize the conversation.

If you mail anything it, send it by certified mail, return receipt requested. Keep a copy.

If you hand deliver anything, get a signed receipt.

While the Social Security Administration is one of the better federal government agencies, it serves millions and millions of people. Perhaps as a consequence, it is notorious for losing files.

It can take six to nine months to receive a decision on your application. If it is denied, you can ask for a redetermination. Submit any additional documents which may help support your application. If the redetermination finds that the denial was correct, you can ask for a reconsideration by doctors contracting with but not employed by the Social Security Administration. Again, review your application and submit any additional documentation. As your



situation changes, so will your eligibility. If these doctors, too, find that you are not disabled, you can appeal to an administrative law judge.

It is only at this point that you may need a lawyer. Absent another arrangement approved by the Social Security Administration, the lawyer can only charge you \$7,200 and must take those funds from the up to one year of back benefits which the Social Security Administration can award you. If the administrative law judge also denies your application, the lawyer gets nothing. You can find lawyers who specialize in Social Security at the National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives:

www.nosscr.org

The key to working with the Social Security Administration is to be prepared, polite, and persistent.



Medicare, Medicaid, and More

When we have received SSDI for 24 months and become eligible for Medicare, Medicaid may pay for the Medicare premium and part or all of the deductible and co-pays, depending on our monthly income, through what is called the Medicare Savings Program. Help applying is offered by the Capitol Area Aging and Disability Resource Center (1-855-937-2372; adrc@capcog.org)

2025 Medicare Savings Program Income Limits

<u>Medicare Savings Program</u>	<u>Single Person Limit</u>	<u>Married Couple Limit</u>
QMB (Parts A&B, co-pays)	\$1,325	\$1,783
SLMB (Part B)	\$1,585	\$2,135
QLI (Part B)	\$1,781	\$2,400

We may also receive “Medicare Extra Help”, limiting prescription costs to \$4.90 for generic and \$12.15 for name brand drugs if our income is no more than \$ 23,475 (\$31,725 for a married couple) while our assets are no more than \$ 17,600 (\$35,130 for a married couple).

Medicaid Waiver Programs

Whether we receive SSDI or SSI or both or even while we are waiting for a decision by the Social Security Administration, we may qualify for a Texas Medicaid Waiver. Link to [Texas Medicaid Assistance](#).

Community Attendant Services 1-855-937-2372

12-20 hours/week

income under \$2,901; financial assets no more than \$2,000

Star Plus (Interest List with a few months’ wait)

30-50 hours/week homemaker and home health care income over \$2,901/month may be diverted to spouse as, in some circumstances, may financial assets over \$2,000

Most Central Texas Counties	1-888-337-6377
Bastrop	1-855-839-3237
Bexar	1-888-902-9990



Veterans' Benefits

Veterans who have served on active duty for at least 90 days, one of which was during a time of war, and whose discharge was other than dishonorable, may also receive VA benefits.

[VA Aid and Attendance aka Improved Pension](#)

[VA Program of General Caregiver Support](#)

[VA Geriatric and Extended Care Aid Program](#)

Care Planning Institute 877-487-8166

Other

Medicare, Medicaid and the VA do not pay for everything. Some additional sources of help are listed below.

Vision, Hearing and Dental

<https://www.aoafoundation.org/>

<http://www.eyecareamerica.org/>

<https://helpamericahear.org>

<http://www.ada.org/>

<http://betterhearing.org/>

Medical Care

www.medicalaccessprogram.net

<https://lonestarcare.org>

www.needymeds.com

www.panfoundation.org

(202) 334-5364 scrips for indigent patient pgrms, US Senate Cttee on Aging

www.hhs.texas.gov

Preparing for a Public Emergency

<https://stear.texas.gov/>

www.ready.gov

<https://www.austintexas.gov/readycentraltexas/stay-informed#>



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Rental Help

<https://resources.hud.gov/> www.foundcom.org
www.texashousingcounselor.org <https://www.sharedhousing.org/>
www.hacanet.org/residents/senior-disabled.php
<https://texaslawhelp.org/directory/austin-tenants-council>

Tiny Homes

www.MEDcottage.com <https://tinyhouseblog.com/>

Home Adaptations

<https://homemods.org/resources/library> www.accesshomeamerica.com
www.easterseals.com LIHEAP
<https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/weatherization>
www.AustinTexas.gov/empower swright@capcog.org CAPABLE

Food

SNAP food pantries Meals on Wheels/Capable
Fresh for Less home delivery, mobile markets 512-730-1807

Technology

<https://disabilitystudies.utexas.edu/>

Bill Payment

www.familyeldercare.org www.needhelppayingbills.com
Nat'l Assn of Claims Assistance Professionals Silver Bills
www.claims.org



[Esther Diaz](#). Esther Diaz is a translator and interpreter trainer in Austin. Her main languages are English and Spanish, but she trains interpreters in multiple languages, including those commonly spoken by refugees and asylum seekers.

Disability Videos

[Social Security: Disability Programs and Compassionate Allowances](#)

[You, Your Employer and Disability Laws](#)

[Navigating Social Security Disability Insurance with Mary Jane Berry](#)

[Ask the Expert: Navigating Employment, Federal Benefits and Mobility Support](#)

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