

Today

Benefits of Homeschooling a Child with Special Needs

Heather Young from THSC will address the unique needs of homeschooling a child with special needs.

Whether you're exploring homeschooling for the first time or looking for support, this session is an excellent opportunity to learn how to confidently begin your special needs homeschooling journey.

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My next webinar will be in partnership with Heather Young from Texas Homeschool Coalition

November 12, 2024

2:00 PM CST

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Upcoming

Give Your Brain a Boost: Simple Changes for Improving Focus & Productivity

Join us for an insightful session on how food and movement choices can impact brain health and benefit conditions like Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).



Our guest speaker, Dr. Veronica Riera-Gilley, is a Board-Certified Geriatric Pharmacist and Certified Functional Medicine Practitioner. She is passionate about helping individuals maximize their health with minimal medication.

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My next webinar will be in partnership with

Prairie Fire Pharmacy & Dr. Veronica Riera-Gilley



January 14, 2025

10:00 AM CST



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Upcoming

What is a Letter of Intent?

There are many decisions to be made as you prepare for the future of your special needs family member. No one else knows your child as well as you do. But what can you do to maintain your level of care after you're gone?

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My next webinar will be in partnership with
Consolidated Planning Group
January 21, 2025
12:00 Noon CST



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Webinars for Families

Workforce Solution Partner
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webinar for pdf and slide
deck resources.

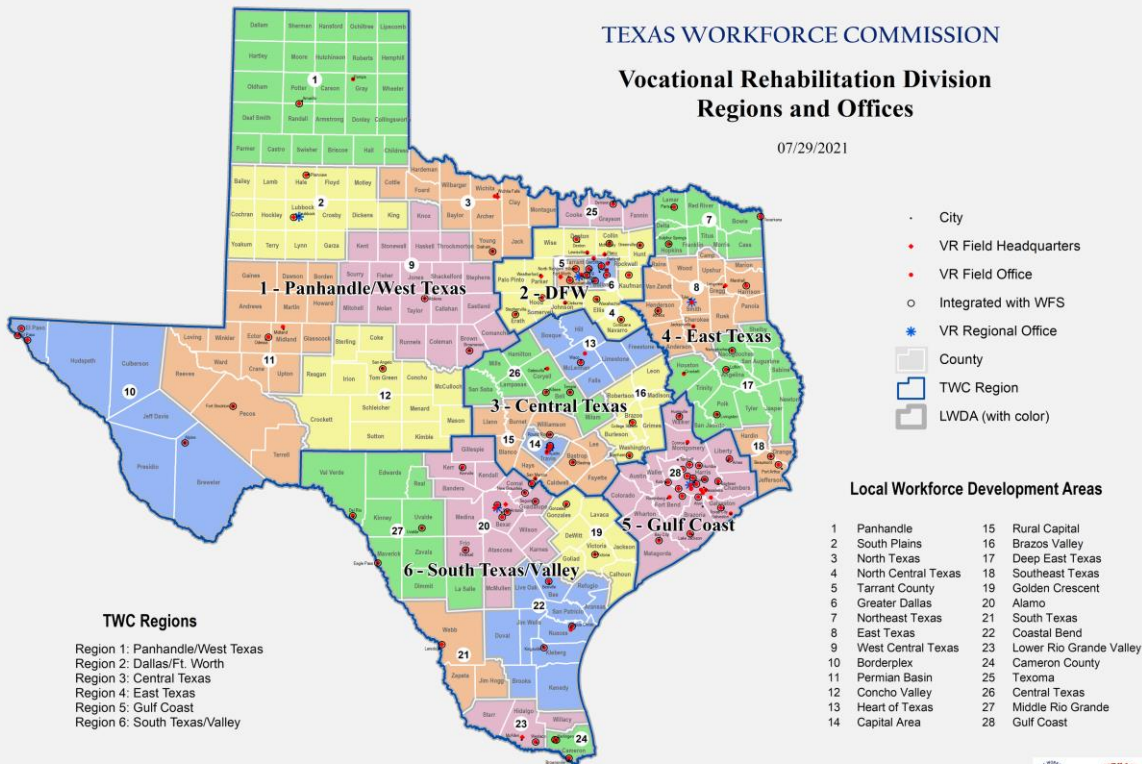


VR & Workforce Offices

TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION

Vocational Rehabilitation Division Regions and Offices

07/29/2021



TWC VR
Locator



Workforce
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Board
Websites



Vocational Rehabilitation

How do I contact VR?

- Contact local VR office (See previous slide.)
- Call the TWS-VRS statewide contact center at 512-936-6400
- Online self-referral “Start My VR” located: [Bit.ly/StartMyVR](https://bit.ly/StartMyVR)
- Find your local VR Office at:
<https://stats.twc.texas.gov/views/VRProviderLocator/ProviderbyZipCode?%3Aembed=y&%3AisGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y>
- Email us at: VR.office.locator@twc.texas.gov

Texoma Workforce Centers

Cooke, Fannin, & Grayson Counties

Employment
Specialist

Board Target
Occupations
List

Childcare
Assistance

Career Planning & Job Services

Resume
Assistance

Accessible
Workstations
and Printers

Training
Scholarship
Assistance

General Services

- Job Leads & Career Resources
- Help with WorkInTexas.com
 - statewide database to look for a job
- Resume Assistance
- Interviewing Assistance
- Target Occupations List - jobs that are most in demand in each Workforce area.
- Job Fairs & Hiring Events
- Labor & Market Information
- Video Resources:
 - <https://www.workforcesolutionstexoma.com/video-resources-english>
 - <https://www.workforcesolutionstexoma.com/video-resources-spanish>
- Employer Assistance:
 - <https://www.workforcesolutionstexoma.com/employer-services>
 - Recruiting, screening, referring candidates
 - Interview and Meeting Space
 - Tax Credits and Incentives
 - Labor Market Information
 - Layoff and Layoff Aversion Services

Partner and Specialized Services

- Childcare Assistance
- Veteran's Services
- Job Search and Scholarship Assistance through WIOA- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
- Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services provided by the Texas Workforce Commission
 - VR helps people prepare for, find or retain employment and youth to prepare for post-secondary and employment options.
 - VR also helps employers and businesses recruit, retain, and accommodate employees with disabilities.
 - Disability Video Resource Library
 - <https://www.workforcesolutionstexoma.com/disability-videos/>
- Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) Services provided by Grayson College
 - High School Equivalency Assistance / GED
 - Refresher (Reading, Writing, Language and Math)
 - ESL (English as a Second Language)
 - Citizenship
 - TSI Prep ([Texas Success Initiative Assessment](#))
 - ASVAB Prep ([Armed Services Aptitude Battery](#))

Target Occupation List

List that identifies fast growing occupations in your area.

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TARGET OCCUPATIONS LIST
Revised 05/17/2023



Workforce Center
Information & Locations:
<https://www.workforcesolutionstexoma.com>

#	O*NET/ SOC Code*	Occupational Title	Average Wages	Annual Demand	
				Texas WWS	State of Texas
1	13-2011	Accountants and Auditors	\$38.46	53	14,156
2	49-3011	Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians <i>(NEW Emerging Occupation Added 5.18.22)</i>	\$93.89	2^	1,626
3	43-3031	Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	\$20.87	96	21,323
4	39-9011	Childcare Workers	\$11.15	72	14,598
5	31-9091	Dental Assisting/Assistants	\$18.61	54	5,665
6	17-3023	Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technologists & Technicians <i>(NEW Emerging Occupation Added 5.17.23)</i>	\$93.37	8^	1,186
7	47-2111	Electricians	\$25.19	49	8,839
8	25-2021	Elementary Teachers, Ex. Special Education	\$27.45	98	12,270
9	11-1021	General and Operations Managers	\$44.42	172	40,516
10	49-9021	Heating/Air Conditioning/Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$23.41	29	4,250
11	53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$24.09	160	32,096
12	49-9041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics-including Programmable Logic Controller Technician	\$28.41	36	5,326
13	29-2061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses (LPN / LVN)	\$24.62	46	6,387
14	51-4041	Machinists	\$23.61	35	3,148
15	31-9092	Medical Assistants	\$17.16	65	12,465
16	43-6013	Medical Secretaries	\$18.46	55	8,897
17	25-2022	Middle School Teachers, Ex. Special & Career/Technical Education	\$28.85	46	5,787
18	31-1131	Nursing Assistants-including Patient Care Technician & Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)	\$14.57	124	13,443
19	29-2052	Pharmacy Technicians	\$18.41	23	3,895
20	47-2152	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	\$24.38	41	5,712
21	29-1141	Registered Nurses (RN) {including LVN to RN Bridge & RN to BSN}	\$36.88	130	17,269
22	25-2031	Secondary School Teachers, Ex. Special & Career/Technical Education	\$29.42	68	8,793
23	51-9141	Semiconductor Processing Technicians <i>(NEW Emerging Occupation Added 5.18.22)</i>	\$17.21	16^	621
24	29-2055	Surgical Technologists	\$27.26	7	856
25	51-2092	Team Assemblers	\$17.88	83	9,825
26	51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	\$23.51	52	6,453

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What if I am not in Texoma?

Find your local Workforce Solutions Center by:

There are hundreds of Workforce Solutions Centers throughout Texas. You can locate your nearest office by entering your zip code in the locator on the Texas Workforce Commission's website – see below.

Home > Find Locations

Find Locations

We have hundreds of Workforce Solutions offices across Texas. Locate your nearest office by ZIP Code.

Enter ZIP Code

Workforce Solutions offices offer free one-on-one services to workers and employers such as:

- Job search resources.
- Career exploration, training and development resources.
- Resume and application preparation.
- Job posting and placement.
- Recruiting, retention and job training.
- Labor market information.
- Information on tax and hiring incentives.
- Assistance with locating child care providers.
- Child care support for parents who work, attend school or are in job training.
- Assistance to child care providers.



Follow Up Resources

VR for Students & Families
Vocational Rehabilitation Services Resources for students and their families.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services Transition Students

Speakers

Adult VR

Webinars & Resources

Endorsements

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TEXAS WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS - VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES
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TEXAS WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS - VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES
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vocational-rehabilitation-services-twc

WHAT COMES AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?
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SERVICIOS DE REHABILITACIÓN, VOCACIONAL SOLUCIONES DE LA FUERZA LABORAL DE TEXAS
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Special Needs Planning
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Key Steps to Tran. 9.4.24 CPG

What happens when I'm gone?
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10 Basic Steps 9/19/24 (3)

Science, Technology, Engineering & Math
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STEM Endorsement

Public Service
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PubService Endorsement

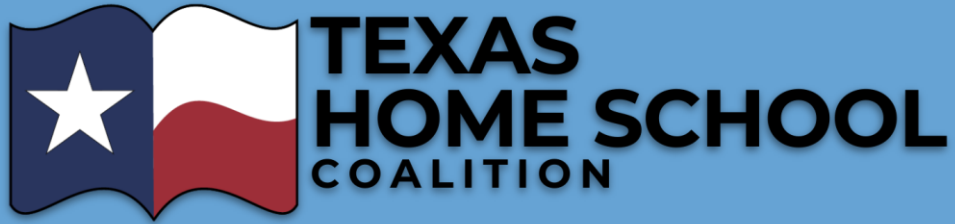
Partner Webinars Disability Video Resources

Multidisciplinary Studies

Padlet



<https://padlet.com/aprilmartin3/vr-for-students-families-jf21i7wtdt4zvie9o>



Benefits of Homeschooling a Child with Special Needs

Heather Young

**THSC Special Needs Specialist
Member Coach
Interim Customer Relations Manager**



Education:

- B.A in Psychology
- Masters in:
 - Marriage & Family Therapy
 - Masters in School Counseling

Career:

- Special Education Teacher for 9.5 years
- Member Support Coach
- Interim Manager of Customer Relations Department

Personal Life:

- Loyal fan of Texas A&M University
- Homeschooling for 11 years
- Married for 17 years
 - 2 kids & a bonus child
 - 1 grandson
- Avid Reader
- Designated chauffeur for dance classes and performances
- Love fishing and camping

Freedom to educate your child:

It is legal to homeschool in Texas.

Texas Homeschool Laws

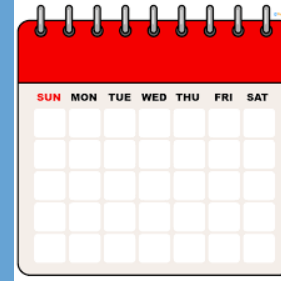
- Your schooling must be **bona fide** i.e., not a sham
- Your curriculum must be in **visual form** e.g. a book, workbook, or video
- Your curriculum must include the **five basic subjects of**
 - reading
 - spelling
 - grammar
 - mathematics
 - good citizenship (similar to civics).



Freedom to educate your child:

Withdrawal Process

- THSC Withdrawal Form
- Fill out and submit the form.
- Receive your email with instructions and withdrawal letter.
- Email to school employees indicated in the instructions.
 - Include any special education personnel.
- If the district asks for more information, send the letter of assurance.
 - THSC members can also reach out for intervention and advocacy assistance.



You do not need an ARD to withdraw.

By homeschooling, you are modifying your child's education.

If you have never enrolled in a public school, charter school, or private school simply begin homeschooling!

Freedom to choose how your child learns:

Styles of Homeschooling:

- Traditional
- Online
- Charlotte Mason
- Unit/Theme Based
- Montessori
- Classical
- Unschooling
- Eclectic

Think of the curriculum as a tool and a guide!



Curriculum and Accommodations:

- There is not one type of curriculum designed for a specific diagnosis.
- Meet your child where he/she is at and work at the child's pace. This includes working on different grade levels/subject if needed. For example, one child could be in 4th grade in Math, but 6th grade in English.
- Documenting accommodations could be helpful: college entrance exams, college classes, insurance, SSI, etc.

Freedom to tailor your child's schedule:



What works best for your child and for your family?

	Annual Schedule	Daily Schedule
<u>Traditional</u>	August through May	Traditional school day and schedule
<u>Year-round</u>	Take breaks throughout the year.	Possibly shorter days. Light schooling during designated times of the year.
<u>Highly structured</u>	Designated breaks throughout the year. Ex: 3 weeks of school, and one week off.	Specific daily schedule.
<u>Flexible routine</u>	Take breaks as you see fit.	Blocks/chunks of time throughout the day.

Freedom to advocate for your child:

Attaining Assessment and Therapy Services



	Assessments	Therapy Services
Option 1: School district services	Any homeschool family can request assessment through the district.	Districts are provided specific funding per year so not all services are available for homeschool/private school students and can vary by district.
Option 2: Private services	Families can choose to attain private assessment services. Not all assessments are covered by insurance.	Knowing the number of therapy services per year provided by insurance, if covered, is important when determining weekly sessions.
Option 3: Combined	Families can attain assessment through both the school district and private services.	Families can utilize the district for services available and utilize private for services not available through the district.

Freedom to advocate for your child:

Documentation - Why is it important?



Reasons to keep running record:

- ➔ • Data collection
- ➔ • SSI
- ➔ • College testing accommodations
- ➔ • Accommodation needs for college classes
- ➔ • Possible return to public school
- ➔ • Communication with therapists, tutors, educators regarding skills mastered or goals to work on.
- ➔ • Insurance requests for items such as voice output devices

Freedom to watch your child flourish:

To grow and learn at the pace that benefits your child.



To give your child and yourself grace.

To celebrate successes no matter how small or how big.

To watch your child's confidence grow.



To allow your child the opportunity to love to learn.

THSC offers benefits such as:

Interventions and Advocacy:

Homeschool related intervention assistance through our Policy Team such as school withdrawal, social security, DMV Assistance, assistance with homeschooling as it pertains to Child Support and Social Security Administration and much more.

Member Support and Encouragement:

- Unlimited coaching calls
- Curriculum resource discounts
- Webinars
- Audios of the month
- Two adult tickets to the annual convention



Scan to join!



THSC offers benefits such as:

Scan to join!



Documentation Resources:

- Report card Generator
- Transcript Templates
- Grading Template
- Diploma Templates



ILP Generator:

- Allows the member to create IEP's, 504, and/or BIP's.
- Provides a way of documentation for purposes such as college test/class accommodations, SSA, insurance.

