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Division of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services DARS

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Company	Services	Consumers	Contact Names & Special Needs	Contact Information	Counties
AARP – Senior Community Services	Low income seniors 55+ free on the job training; 20 hrs. a week	Adults 55+ Low income	www.aarp.org	Main office: 713-868-2950 Heights Employment Office: 713-868-2950 Harris County’s Main office: 713-643-3200	Harris
American Habilitation Services (AHS)	(AHS) offers a variety of services and support for persons with developmental disabilities Supported employment assistance primarily for HCS (Home and Community Based Services) recipients	Developmental Disabilities	Employment Support (<i>not receiving services from DARS</i>)	7447 Harwin Drive Suite 107 Houston, Texas 77036 (713) 785-1028 ext. 11 (713) 782-2663 Fax Email: info@ahsonline.com www.ahsonline.com	Austin, Brazoria, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton
Bay Area Rehabilitation Center <i>(formerly Baytown Opportunity Center)</i>	Vocational rehabilitation	Developmental Disabilities	www.bayarearehab.org	1507 West Baker Road Baytown, TX 77521 Voice: (281) 427-0545	
Bread of Life/ St. John’s	Job and placement services including Workforce development and Job Skills training and Computer training; Culinary Arts Program (a food service certification program and assists clients with job placement); also has Day and Night-time assistance with various direct and support services	Homeless Population	www.breadoflifeinc.org	1703 Gray St. Houston, TX 77002 713-650-0595	Harris

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Career and Recovery Resources Inc.	Employment Services Job Search Skills Job Placement Assistance Resume Preparation Computer Literacy Training Resource Center Tools Job Bank	Individuals with Disabilities Deaf and Hard of Hearing Alternative Drug and Alcohol Program Ex-offenders	www.careerandrecovery.org Assistive Listening Devices for calling employment prospects Interpreter available to arrange and accompany clients to interviews.	2525 San Jacinto Houston, TX 77002 (713) 754-7000 (Voice) Toni Lynch Employment Specialist Coordinator (Deaf and Hard of Hearing)	Harris and surrounding area
Change Happens (Formerly FUUSA)	Job readiness program for "at-risk" individuals of all ages; has other program services including outreach and assistance, mentoring, youth, HIV, substance abuse and housing	Adults and Youth At Risk	www.changehappenstx.org	General Information Main Office 713-374-1200 info@changehappenstx.org	Harris
Compass	Employment Assistance Vocational Guidance Operation ID Referrals Free voicemail Bus fare for job search or medical	Homeless Population	Also assist with reading glasses, basic hygiene and a Gold Card Rep. <i>call for schedule</i> Inside Dunn Outreach Center	713-229-8319	Harris

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D & S Residential Services, Inc.	Supported Employment Independent Living Skills Residential Living Center	Mental Retardation	Courtney Sutton, Houston Area Director <i>*clients will receive information on qualifications for services by calling 1-800-675-6376</i>	Toll Free: 1-800-675-6376 Local: 281-994-4224 E-Mail: matkins@dsresidential.com Fax: 512-327-5355 D&S Residential Services, Inc. Mickey Atkins, President 1122 S. Capital of Texas Hwy. Suite 350 Austin, TX 78746	Harris and surrounding counties
Easter Seals <i>(formerly UCP of Greater Houston)</i>	High School/ High Tech Project Mentoring Program	Youth with Disabilities	Ready to Achieve Mentoring Program (RAMP) is a career-focused mentoring program for youth with disabilities.	4500 Bissonnet, Ste. 340 Bellaire, TX 77401 Phone: (713) 838-9050 Fax: (713) 838-9098 Molly Brookshire (713) 838-9050 ext. 363	Harris and Surrounding area
Gary Job Corp	Academic Training Career Technical Training Job Search Assistance Job Listings	Eligible Youth 16 and older	Job Corps is a free education and training program that helps young people learn a career, earn a high school diploma or GED, and find and keep a good job. For eligible youth at least 16 years of age, Job Corps provides the all-around skills needed to succeed in a career and in life.	(800) 733-JOBS or (800) 733-5627	Harris and surrounding areas
Goodwill Industries of Greater Houston	Academy of Career Development (DARS, Workforce Solutions approved) Project Good Hope (HIV Clients)	Aging Workers HIV Clients Homeless Vets Individuals with Disabilities Ticket to Work	www.goodwillhouston.org <i>Main office: 713-692-6221</i> Job Connections Services: 713-699-6311	Corporate office: Mailing Address 10795 Hammerly Blvd. Houston, Texas 77043 Phone and Fax	Harris and surrounding area

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	Aging Workers Initiative Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Veterans Workforce Investment Program Incarcerated Veterans Training Program Veteran Outreach Employment Services	Program Incarcerated Vets Ex-offenders	*DARS customers & Ticket to Work Houston Career Academy 713-699-6311 Goodwill Temporary Services Provides clerical temp jobs 713-699-6724	713-692-6221 fax 713-692-0923	
Gulf Coast Center TriCounty MHMR	Supported Employment	Mental Health Mental Retardation Substance Use Recovery	Individuals who want to work are assisted by staff in this program to find jobs and keep jobs.	Adult & Children's Services/Crisis Services Conroe- (936) 521-6300 Cleveland- (281) 432-3000 Liberty (936) 334-3251 Huntsville (936) 291-5800	Brazoria and Galveston Counties
Gulf Coast Community Services Association	Employment Services College SAT prep, GED, ESL, computer literacy, word processing, and conversational Spanish; works with Vietnamese pop also; classes free; hours M-F 8-5	All job seekers	www.gccsa.org Several locations throughout Houston	<u>Main</u> 713-393-4700 <u>Kashmere Multi-Service Center</u> 4802 Lockwood 77026 713-674-1301 <u>Magnolia Multi-Service Center</u> 7037 Capital, #106 77011713- 921-2960 <u>West End Multi-Service Center</u> 170 Heights Blvd 77007713- 866-4100	Harris and surrounding areas
Houston Area Urban League	Job Readiness Training Job Club Career Connection and other subsequent Job Fairs throughout the year Workforce Training	All job seekers	The mission of the Houston Area Urban League is to enable African Americans and other minorities to secure economic self- reliance, parity, power and civil rights.	Downtown office: 1301 Texas Avenue Houston, TX 77002 713-393-8700	Harris

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LightHouse of Houston	Education Programs Computer & Technology Training Reflections, The Lighthouse Store Second Sight- gently used adaptive technology and equipment	Individuals with visual impairments	www.houstonlighthouse.org Education Programs: 713-284-8445 Volunteer Services: 713-284-8473	3602 West Dallas Houston, Texas 77019 Voice: 713-527-9561 Fax: 713-284-8451	Harris and surrounding counties
MHMRA- Collaboration for Action	Supported Employment Job Search Job Readiness Job Fairs Career Mentoring Day	Individuals with disabilities	Collaboration for Action, is a component of the mental health division of MHMRA	LaKeisha Davis, MSW 7011 SW Freeway Houston, TX 77074 Office: 713-970-7255 Fax: 713-970-3939 Email: lakeisha.davis@mhmraharris.org	Harris and surrounding Counties
Momentum Industries @ The Center	Supported Employment	Developmental Disabilities	www.thecenterhouston.org The mission of Adult Training & Employment Services is to provide training, employment services and support to persons with developmental disabilities.	3550 West Dallas Houston, TX 77019 (713) 525-8400	Harris and surrounding area
Nightingale Rehabilitation	Job Coaching Supported Employment Vocational Rehabilitation	Individuals with Disabilities	<i>ASL interpretation contract with Workforce Solutions</i>	5802 Holly Street Houston, TX 77074 Voice: 713-981-1543	Harris
Project Reentry	Vocational Evaluations for persons with brain injuries transitioning into employment	Brain injuries Depression Stroke Learning disabilities Seizure disorders	www.ProjectReEntry.com Larry Pollock & Assoc. / Project ReEntry	1776 Yorktown St., Suite 620 Houston, Texas 77056 Info@ProjectReEntry.com	Harris

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SEARCH Homeless Services	Job Readiness Skills Training Employment Placement Assistance Case Management Job Club	Individuals with disabilities and other barriers to employment	www.searchhomeless.org For those unable to work full time due to a chronic health condition, SEARCH's Disability Specialist helps individuals obtain financial assistance to better support themselves.	2505 Fannin St. Houston, TX 77002 Phone: (713) 739-7752 Fax: (713) 739-9201 info@SEARCHhomeless.org	Harris
SER Jobs for Progress	Job placement Ticket to Work Advocacy classes Training GED Classes Senior Program	All Job seekers Specialized services for individuals with disabilities, seniors, youth, veterans and ex-offenders	www.serhouston.org	713-773-6000 or 1-866-285-4003	Harris
Sheltering Arms Senior Services	Employment and training program	Seniors 55+ Low income	www.shelteringarms.org	713-956-1888	Harris
Texana Center	Employment Assistance Supported Employment Transition School to Adult Services	Individuals with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities	www.texana.com	4910 Airport Avenue, Bldg. A Rosenberg, TX 77471 281.342.6384 <i>Check website for additional locations</i>	Fort Bend Matagorda Waller Wharton
The Gathering Place	Employment Services Works Structured Day	Adults with severe and persistent Mental Illness	www.gplace.org TGP provides a safe place for adults with mental illness to find the support; through support groups, job skills building, employment assistance, and recreational activities. Membership is always free of charge.	5310 South Willow Drive Houston, Texas 77035 Intake Coordinator: 713-729-3499, extension 11 Email: amy@gplace.org	Harris

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The Women's Home	Counseling Job Coaching Job Placement Assistance Job skills training Vocational services for women in transition	Women in Transition	www.thewomenshome.org The mission of The Women's Home is to help women in crisis regain their self-esteem and dignity, empowering them to return to society as productive, self-sufficient individuals.	607 Westheimer Road Houston, Texas 77006 Phone: 713.521.3150 Fax: 713.521.3191 E-mail: info@thewomenshome.org	Harris
Wesley Community Center Inc.	Job Search Assistance Financial Empowerment	All job seekers	www.wesleyhousehouston.org	713-223-8131	Harris
Workforce Solutions	Accessible Workstation with JAWS, ZoomTEXT and large print keyboard Computers, Fax Machine, Copiers Financial Aid Assistance Job Leads Job Readiness Workshops Online Resources	All Job Seekers	Online Resources: www.wrksolutions.com Job Bank: www.workintexas.com	To locate your nearest career office visit: http://www.wrksolutions.com/jobs/careeroffices/careeroffices.asp Or call 1-888-469-JOBS (5627)	Austin, Brazoria, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton
WorkFaith Connection <i>(formerly the Working Connection)</i>	Job placement Job retention Career advancement	All job seekers	www.workfaithconnection.org Getting started sessions: Sessions are held in our office each Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at the North Post Oak Location at 10am and Travis Location at 1:30pm	5100 Travis Street Houston, TX 77002 Phone: 281-833-3435 Fax: 281-833 3460 www.workfaithconnection.org	Harris
United States Veterans	Employment Services	Veterans	U.S. VETS work re-entry programs are designed to	1418 Preston Avenue, Suite 2	Harris

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Initiative			help veterans obtain and maintain employment. The programs address a variety of barriers veterans experience to employment.	Houston, TX 77002 Phone: 713-229-8122 Fax: 713-229-8648	
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How to Apply for Social Security Benefits?

Contact Info

- Social Security Administration **1-800-772-1213** or www.ssa.gov
- Local Office for zip 77004 713-521-6400 M-F 9-4 3100 Smith
(Project Access bus goes there)

Information Requested

Have this information ready when applying on own *or* seeking assistance

- Social security number (can give verbally – don't need print out or card)
- NO ID needed – but will need birth certificate at time of approval
- Diagnoses and symptoms
- Medications and side effects
- Medical tests performed and results
- List of all hospitalizations – place, reason, approximate date and address
- Work history – list of employers, date and length of time, reason for leaving, type of job and duties
- Contact info for people that can attest to disability that are not the doctors – case manager, friends, family
- Current address and contact info - USE MAILING ADDRESS THAT WILL NOT CHANGE
- NO health records needed at time of application

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Additional Assistance for SSA Application Process

MHMRA Consumer Benefit Office	Helps with initial claims and appeals	MHMRA Clients	3630 West Dallas St Houston, TX 77019	713-970-4437	Harris
SEARCH SOAR Disability Specialist	Helps with claims and appeals	Homeless population	Charity Dominguez 2505 Fannin Houston, TX 77022	713-739-7752	Harris and surrounding area

Assistance with Appealing a Social Security Benefits Decision

Individuals should be informed that services at agencies may change due to funding

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Houston Lawyer Referral Service	Provides free referrals to private attorneys; must pay for legal service if hire attorney	Individuals appealing SSA decision	1001 Fannin, Suite 1370 Houston, TX 77002	713-237-9429	Harris
Lone Star Legal Aid- Harris County	Assistance with general civil cases involving family issues, housing, consumer issues, and government benefits.	Eligibility Requirements		713-652-0077 Or 1-800-622-2520	Harris
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)	Provides free legal services to low income person in Harris County	Low Income	2002 Wheeler Houston, TX	713-526-3389	
South Texas College of Law	Provides civil legal services in Social Security matters and related disability benefits	Low income	1303 San Jacinto Houston, TX 77002	713-652-0009	

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Additional Resources

- **Care Connections Aging and Disability Resources (ADRC)** <http://www.careconnection.org/>
Phone: 1-877-393-1090
- **DARS – Division of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services**
 - Vocational Rehabilitation - <http://www.dars.state.tx.us/drs/vr.shtml> *(YouTube video on services)*
 - Disability Determination Services if you have already filed a disability claim with Social Security, you may contact Disability Determination Services about processing your claim at 512-437-8000 or 1-800-252-7009 with information or questions concerning your claim.
 - Services for Blind and Visually Impaired <http://www.dars.state.tx.us/dbs/index.shtml>
- **Houston Center for Independent Living-** <http://www.barrier-freeliving.org/>
Working while on Social Security Benefits? Be informed contact Houston Center for Independent Living to make an informed decision. Contact WIPA Program
713-974-4621 Voice/TTY or TOLL FREE 1-877-877-7082
- **Job Accommodation Network** www.askjan.org
1-800-526-7234 or TTY 877-781-9403
- **Mental Health Help Line** www.mhmraofharriscounty.org
Phone: 713-970-7000 or 1-866-970-4770
- **Ticket to Work Program -** www.yourtickettowork.com
Beneficiary: 1-866-968-7842
- **United Way 2-1-1** www.unitedwayhouston.org

For additional resources, questions or updates on resources, please contact Claudia Magallan, Regional Disability Navigator
Claudia.magallan@wrksolutions.com , 713-692-7755, ext. 1384.

Workforce Solutions is an equal opportunity program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. (Please request reasonable accommodations 48 hours in advance.) Texas Relay Number: 711