



ADVANCED child abuse INVESTIGATION

Community Resources

Multi-County Resources

Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas

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

Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas provides free civil legal services to eligible low income residents in 114 Texas Counties, with offices in Abilene, Amarillo, Brownwood, Dallas, Denton, Fort Worth, Lubbock, McKinney, Midland, Odessa, Plainview, San Angelo, Waxahachie, Weatherford and Wichita Falls. The program operates a telephone intake service and conducts community intake sites at several locations throughout our community.

Lone Star Legal Aid – East/Coastal Texas

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

Lone Star Legal Aid is the only civil legal aid provider in the region to supply a full range of services. They engage in a wide array of activities, dependent upon client need and available resources, ranging from brief advice and counsel to representation in state and federal courts, in addition to special projects, a legal help line, community education, self-help clinics and referrals. Practice areas include domestic violence, child advocacy, housing, income maintenance, health care access, consumer fraud, disabilities rights, employment, education, estate planning and probate, civil rights and disaster relief.

Texas RioGrande Legal Aid – Southwest Texas

<http://www.trla.org/index.php>

Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA) is a nonprofit organization that provides free legal services to the residents of Southwest Texas who are unable to afford the fees of attorneys in private practice. In eight of the counties, TRLA also provides representation in criminal cases through its Public Defender Division. TRLA also serves migrant and seasonal farm workers throughout the states of Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky.

Central Texas Coalition against Human Trafficking

www.ctcaht.org

The mission of the Central Texas Coalition against Human Trafficking is to work collaboratively to increase public awareness and identification of human trafficking cases, and to provide identified victims of human trafficking with comprehensive social and medical services.

Austin Area Resources

Caritas of Austin

<http://caritasofaustin.org/>

Caritas of Austin provides a plethora of services to those in the Austin community. Caritas has housing and employment services, a food bank and lunch services for the homeless community, and assists newly resettled refugees with transitioning to the United States.

Refugee Services of Texas – Austin

<http://refugeeservicetexas.tripod.com/>

Refugee Services of Texas provides resettlement assistance to newly arrived refugees.

SafePlace – Austin

512-267-SAFE or <http://www.safeplace.org/>

SafePlace provides safety for individuals and families affected by sexual and domestic violence, helps victims in their healing so they can move beyond being defined by the crimes committed against them and become survivors, promotes safe and healthy relationships for the prevention of sexual and domestic violence, and works with others to create change in attitudes, behaviors and policies that perpetuate the acceptance of, and impact our understanding and responses to, sexual and domestic violence.

SAHELI – Austin

<http://www.saheli-austin.org/d6/>

SAHELI is a nonprofit organization based in Austin, Texas, that provides assistance to Asian and other immigrant families dealing with domestic violence, sexual assault and trafficking. Their mission is to promote abuse-free Asian communities through advocacy, support, awareness and access to social services.

Dallas Area Resources

ACH Child and Family Services – Dallas/Ft. Worth Area

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

ACH Child and Family Services offers Outreach, Community and Residential services to help children, youth and families overcome life's challenges.

Alliance for Children – Dallas/Ft. Worth Area

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

Alliance for Children is a fully accredited member of the National Children's Alliance, a membership association of over 300 children's advocacy centers, and is a founding member of Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, a membership organization of over 60 Texas children's advocacy centers. In addition to investigative services, Alliance for Children offers clinical and educational services to victims and the community.

Child Abuse Prevention Center – Dallas

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

The Child Abuse Prevention Center's Mission is to prevent the cycle of child abuse by equipping parents and caregivers for success. They implement proven effective prevention programs with high-risk individuals, families, and communities throughout Dallas County.

El Paso Area Resources

Child Crisis Center of El Paso

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

Child Crisis Center of El Paso provides Emergency Shelter services to protect children ages newborn through 13 years and family education and support services to build stronger families.

Houston Area Resources

Child Advocates – Houston

<http://www.childadvocates.org/index.htm>

Child Advocates trains and supports volunteers who are assigned to the cases of children who have been victims of life-threatening abuse or neglect and - as a result - have been placed in protective custody. These volunteers contact caseworkers, interview parents, ensure necessary medical care, look out for educational interests and make recommendations in court regarding the permanent placement of the child. They dry tears and give hugs and throw birthday parties too. Most importantly, they serve as a "constant" person for that child to count on during a very tumultuous time.

San Antonio Area Resources:

ChildSafe, San Antonio – Hope and Healing for Sexually Abused Children

www.childsafe-sa.org

ChildSafe provides services in a safe environment for child and adolescent victims of sexual abuse. At the center, professionals ensure that the child's needs emotional and medical come first. The mission of ChildSafe is to restore dignity, trust and hope to children traumatized by sexual abuse.

Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc. – San Antonio

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

The majority of women and children in shelter are from Bexar County homes with less than \$10,000 annual income. Two thirds of everyone served in shelter are children and teens. FVPS offers programs for all members of the family and served more than 34,000 people from Bexar County last year. Beyond emergency services, FVPS makes it possible for victims to attain skills and resources that offer long-term solutions through self-sufficiency.

Rape Crisis Center – San Antonio

210-349-7273 or <http://www.rapecrisis.com/index.php>

Every day tragedy meets someone who is victimized by sexual violence. The Rape Crisis Center for Children & Adults is there, providing immediate crisis care, support, and hope to those individuals and families afflicted by this horrific crime.