

COMMUNITY RESOURCES - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

CRISIS HOTLINES

Abuse Hotline: 1-800-252-5400, www.TxAbuseHotline.org. To report abuse, neglect, or exploitation of children, the elderly, or people with disabilities.

Crisis/Suicide Hotline: 1-800-273-8255

East Texas Crisis Center: 903-567-0959, <http://etcc.org>, 220 S. Buffalo Street, Canton. Provide advocacy to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Program services include legal advocacy, bi-lingual advocacy for Hispanic victims, hotline, crisis intervention, support groups, criminal justice advocacy, court accompaniment, limited financial assistance, transportation to emergency shelter and medical accompaniment.

Family and Protective Services, Texas Dept. of: 903-567-4147, www.dfps.state.tx.us, 400 E. Hwy. 243, Suite 11, Canton.

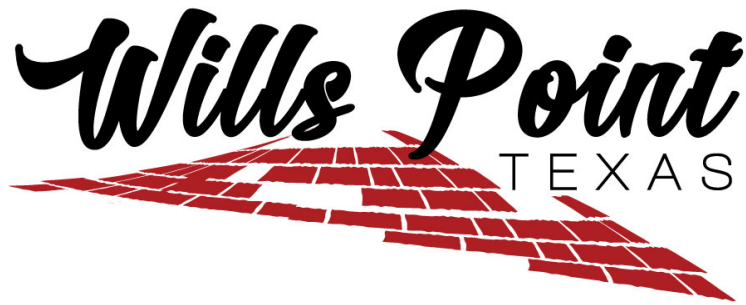
Health and Human Services, Texas Dept. of: 903-567-4147, www.dfps.state.tx.us, 400 E. Hwy. 243, Suite 11, Canton.

Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222

Runaway Hotline: 1-888-580-HELP (4357)

Youth Hotline: 1-800-989-6884. Peer counseling to youth and family members for family conflicts, delinquency, truancy, abuse and neglect, and running away.

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CHILDREN

Child Care Assistance: 1-800-676-8283, www.easttexasworkforce-childcare.org, 4100 Troop Hwy., Tyler.

Child Protective Services: 903-567-3609, 400 E. Hwy. 243, Suite 10, Canton.

CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program): Apply for benefits online at Russell Memorial United Methodist Church, 903-873-2569, 201. S. Fourth Street, Wills Point.

Hope Pregnancy Center: 903-567-6000, www.hopecanton.com, 1200 South Trade Days Blvd. Suite 100, Canton. Provide complimentary and confidential services including free pregnancy tests, free obstetric ultrasound, consultation on all options, compassionate and non-judgmental care, baby clothes, diapers, formula, and baby equipment, parenting education, mentoring, post abortion recovery support group, community referrals.

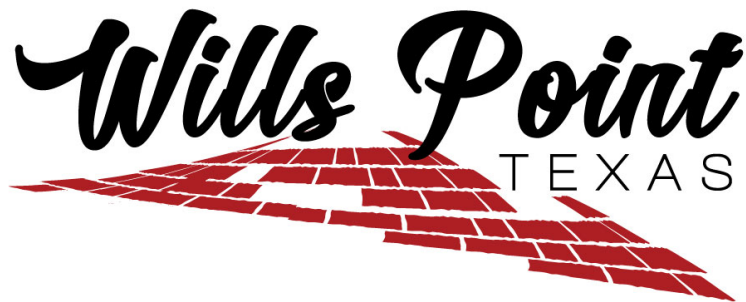
Social Security/Supplemental Security Income: 1-877-319-5707 or 1-800-772-1213, <https://secure.ssa.gov>, 5509 Donnybrook Ave., Tyler.

Texas State Benefits and Free Services: 2-1-1

WIC (Women, Infants and Children Program): 903-567-6732, www.dshs.state.tx.us/wichd/default.shtm, 301 E. State Hwy. 243, Suite 107, Canton. Provide health information and referrals; nutrition assessment and counseling; healthy foods for women, infants, and children; and breastfeeding counseling and training. Pregnant women, women who are breastfeeding a baby under 1 year of age, women who have had a baby in the past six months, parents, step-parents, guardians, and foster parents of infants and children under the age of 5 can apply for their children.

Your Texas Benefits Hotline: 1-800-252-8263

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CLOTHING

Followers of Christ: 903-873-3936, 406 Tawakoni Drive, Wills Point. Open Wednesdays 10 am – noon.

COUNSELING

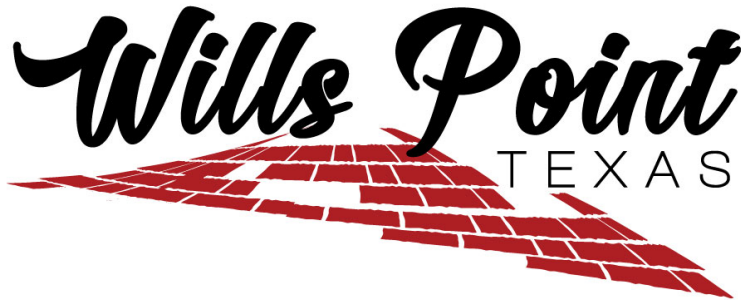
Andrews Center Behavioral Healthcare System: 903-567-4197 or 1-800-256-5861, www.andrewscenter.com, 575 W. Highway 243, Canton. Provide comprehensive mental health and intellectual and developmental disability services.

Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, Texas Department of: 1-800-628-5115, www.dars.state.tx.us. Contact for information on early childhood intervention services, rehabilitation services, services for people who are deaf or hard of hearing, services for people who are blind or visually impaired, and disability determination services.

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ELDERLY

Adult Protective Services: 903-567-4147 or 1-800-252-5400, www.dfps.state.tx.us, 400 E. Hwy. 243, Suite 11, Canton.

East Texas Area Agency on Aging: 1-800-442-8845, www.etcog.org/207/Area-Agency-on-Aging.htm, 3800 Stone Road, Kilgore. Services include benefits counseling, in-home services, transportation, legal aid, financial aid, caregiver support programs, nursing home ombudsmen, home repair/accessibility/modification, and information and assistance for persons who are 60 or older, with particular attention to low-income minority older individuals, older individuals with limited English proficiency, and older individuals residing in rural areas.

East Texas Council of Governments: www.etcog.org. Provide programs and services for East Texas seniors, employers and job seekers.

GoBus: 1-800-590-3371, www.etcog.org/234/GoBus.htm. Please call before 2:00 pm, the day prior to the requested service. You may call up to one week in advance to schedule a ride. Vehicles are equipped with wheelchair lifts. The East Texas Area Agency on Aging (ETAAA) pays for trips to medical appointments, dialysis, and senior centers for seniors who have qualified for their assistance. Seniors making a trip not covered by ETAAA or who have not qualified for their assistance must pay regular GoBus fares. Call GoBus at 800-590-3371 to see if you qualify for ETAAA assistance or to get fares.

Golden Years Homecare Specialist: 903-873-2770 or 1-800-285-1209, www.goldenyrshomecare.com, 106 N. Fourth Street, Wills Point. Provide skilled care of a nurse or therapist to homebound patients. Medicare pays 100%.

Medicare Rx Prescription Assistance: 1-800-633-4227

Social Security/Supplemental Security Income: 1-877-319-5707 or 1-800-772-1213, <https://secure.ssa.gov>, 5509 Donnybrook Ave., Tyler.