

Resources

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Our Resource Center is open to families and individuals affected by disability at any stage of their journey. The Resource Coordinator can help you find and connect with local and regional resources and provide information on an array of topics including but not limited to:

- Parent and self-advocacy
- Respite
- Government Assistance Programs (SSI, Medicaid Waivers, etc.)
- Housing
- Post Secondary Transition
- Early Intervention Programs
- Employment
- Emotional and spiritual support
- Reading recommendations
- Future planning

Church membership/faith affiliation are not necessary to access any of our resources or services, and we can assure you that resource meetings are kept confidential.

Annual Events

SUMMER RESOURCE FAIR

Thursday, February 23, 2023
10 am-2 pm
Tolleson, Third Floor Gym

Summer can be an intimidating time for families affected by disability. It can be hard to find opportunities for their loved one to have a full and engaging summer experience. Our fair brings together over 20 agencies that offer summer programming for kids, teens, and adults with disabilities including day programs, day camps, adaptive sports, and sleepaway camps. This event is held early in the year so that families can have the information before programs fill up.

SUPPORTED IN FAITH CONFERENCE

November 1, 2023 (date is tentative)
Tolleson

Families affected by disability often come to faith communities with a hunger for acceptance and belonging, and a significant need for direction and resources. This conference brings together faith leaders, community organizations, self-advocates, and caregivers to learn from one another so that we are all better equipped to step into the gap with each family who crosses our path.

FAQ

Q: Do I have to be a member of Highland Park United Methodist Church to attend Belong Disability Ministry programs?

A: No, you do not have to be a member of HPUMC or any other church to attend our events and programming. We accept everyone, regardless of faith affiliation.

Q: Is there a cost to participate in Belong Disability Ministry programs?

A: No, there is zero cost to participate in any of our programs.

Q: Where do Belong programs take place?

A: All Belong programming takes place in the Tolleson Family Activity Center located at 5817 Hillcrest Ave, Dallas, Texas, 75205. There is parking located under the building via the Hillcrest entrance ramp.

The only exceptions are the Spotlight Musical Theater rehearsals and performances, which take place across the street at HPUMC's Mockingbird campus in Wesley Hall.

Q: I am interested in becoming a volunteer with Belong, how do I get involved?

A: We are always looking for more volunteers and would be thrilled to have you! Please send an email to our Volunteer Coordinator, Olivia Twining, at twiningo@hpumc.org, and she will get you started with the onboarding process.

Q: I know someone who might want to start attending Belong programs, how can they get involved?

A: After reading about our programs, please refer to our contacts list and reach out to the appropriate team member to learn more.