

Services

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Amarillo Recovery from Alcohol and Drugs **P.O. Box 3454, 378-4254**

Amarillo Recovery from Alcohol and Drugs (ARAD) provides the near-equivalent of a 30-day residential treatment program for addiction to alcohol and other drugs in an outpatient setting. Adult men and women residing in Amarillo's homeless shelters are eligible for admission to the program. ARAD is licensed by the state and treats up to 16 clients at a time. Since the program's inception in February, 2013, ARAD has provided treatment to 670 homeless individuals in Amarillo. The graduation rate is an impressive 68% - more than two out of three clients who enter the treatment program successfully complete the program.

Amarillo Wesley Community Center **1615 S Roberts, 372-7960**

The Wesley Community Center is a neighborhood center providing an array of services to children, youth and adults from ages six weeks to 90+ years old. The Wesley strives to create an environment where positive self-worth can be realized and seeks to maximize both individual potential and community empowerment. The Wesley offers educational, recreational and spiritual activities for children, youth and adults of all races and faiths.

American Red Cross, Texas Panhandle Chapter **1800 S Harrison, 376-6300**

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCrossNWTX

Area Agency on Aging - FoodNet (Panhandle Regional Planning Commission) **P.O. Box 9257, 331-2227**

The mission of the Area Agency on Aging is to improve the lives of senior citizens in the Panhandle by helping them remain independent and living in their own homes with quality of life. The Area Agency provides the planning, coordination and implementation of many services. In cooperation with United Way of Amarillo & Canyon, the City of Amarillo and other resources, AAA provided 36,544 home-delivered and congregate meals to over 225 seniors or disabled individuals in need last year.

Boy Scouts of America, Golden Spread Council **401 Tascosa Rd, 358-6500**

The Golden Spread Council, Boy Scouts of America, collaborates with community organizations to offer programs and activities that are fun and engaging while instilling in youth American values. Scouting is a values-based program based on the values of the Scout Oath and Law: good conduct, respect for others, and honesty. Scouts learn skills that will last a lifetime, including basic outdoor skills, first aid, citizenship skills, leadership skills, and how to get along with others. For more than a century, Scouting has instilled in young men and women the values and knowledge that they will need to become leaders in their communities and country.

Buckner Children & Family FYi Center **4000 Mays/PO Box 20080, 383-5488**

Transition Services are provided for foster and former foster youth ages 16-25 years of age. Youth obtain the support they need to achieve self-sufficiency in life. Services include intensive case management, life help resources and PAL classes (Preparation for Adult Living) for youth ages 16-18. After Care provides for the young adults from 18-21 and a grant from the Texas Workforce can provide services up to age 25. The staff collaborates with multiple agencies in the area to ensure the needs are met. On-site support also includes a computer lab, clothing, washer and dryer, cleaning supplies and basic hygiene items.

Catholic Charities Hunger Project
2801 Duniven Circle 376-4571

The Catholic Charities Hunger Project provides a free monthly supply of healthy, nutritious food for those living on a fixed income — both those age 55 and over or those with disabilities of any age. The majority of the participants are able to come into the store to shop for their own food items allowing them to select food that supports the medical and dietary needs associated with the aging and disabled populations. This program also provides a food box delivered to the homes of those who are home-bound. In 2017, the program provided food to nearly 1,000 individuals.

Children's Learning Centers
2300 Tee Anchor Blvd, 374-5223

Children's Learning Centers of Amarillo has provided the highest quality child care for children 6 weeks to 11 years of age for over 90 years. The nine locations in Amarillo offer a stimulating, healthy and safe environment where physical, emotional, social and intellectual needs can be met. This year, Children's Learning Centers will provide childcare for approximately 550 children per day.

COHS – Amarillo Nurse-Family Partnership
301 S. Polk, Ste. 740, 337-1700, ext. 221

Nurse Family Partnership, under the Coalition of Health Services, provides a free nurse to qualifying first-time low income moms to break the cycle of poverty. The services begins in pregnancy and continues until the child's second birthday. The nurse provides in-home parent support through evidence based health education, case management, child health assessment with developmental screening and parent information. Assisting moms with maximizing community resources is a key step to the individual mom's success plan.

Epilepsy Foundation of Texas
600 S. Tyler, Ste. 1308 #12013 352-5426

Epilepsy Foundation of Texas provides a full range of services for people living with epilepsy in the Texas Panhandle from promoting education and understanding of epilepsy, to providing the necessary services, information and specialized treatment for persons living with epilepsy. Epilepsy Foundation of Texas serves hundreds of clients and family members through its Epilepsy Clinic program.

Family Support Services
1001 S Polk, 342-2500

Family Support Services (FSS) is a multi-service agency that has served residents in Amarillo and Canyon area since 1908. FSS serves approximately 25,000 people per year with services offered at no cost or on a sliding scale basis in four major areas: Crisis Services (intervention and advocacy for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, including Amarillo's only Domestic Violence Shelter, 24-hour Crisis Hotline (374-LIFE), and support groups for survivors); the Veteran Resource Center (serving Veterans, family members of Veterans, and surviving spouses); Prevention and Education Services (providing prevention programs for children/ adults in the areas of sexual assault and domestic violence, date rape, bullying, teen dating violence, and peer empowerment), and Counseling Services (to area residents in need of individual, group, marital, and family counseling).

Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains
6011 W 45th Avenue, 356-0096

Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. In the Amarillo region, Girl Scouts partners with over 1,000 adults to provide a leadership experience to over 3,600 girls. Girl Scouts is giving girls the opportunity to discover the world around them, connect to others both locally and globally, and take action to make the world a better place.

Goodwill Industries of Northwest Texas
1904 Bell Street, (806) 331-6890

Goodwill Industries of Northwest Texas creates job opportunities for people with barriers to employment and offers community support through its Training, Placement and Life Skills (T-PALS) program. The T-PALS program encompasses a number of services including computer skills classes, résumé and cover letter development, interviewing techniques, barrier identification, job search skills and other pre-employment needs. T-PALS also offers a walk-in area for individuals to access the internet or telephone bank for job-related interests. All T-PALS services are offered at no cost to participants.

Jan Werner Adult Day Care Center
3108 S Fillmore, 374-5516

Jan Werner Adult Day Care Center provides affordable community based adult day health care, with opportunities for socialization, activities, good nutrition, and nursing care. Jan Werner is the only adult day care center in the Amarillo-Canyon area providing services to 100 persons each day. Services address the physical, mental and social needs of program participants in a pleasant environment. Transportation to and from the Center is provided. Participants in the day care program are able to maintain their independence and remain in the community.

Maverick Boys & Girls Clubs of Amarillo
1923 S Lincoln, 372-8393

The Maverick Boys & Girls Clubs of Amarillo is an afterschool neighborhood recreation program that provides a safe place for kids to learn and grow every day. The clubs are open when kids need care most and provides a wide range of programming. Members have access to programs in five core areas: Character & Leadership; Education & Career; Health & Life Skills; The Arts; Sports, Fitness & Recreation. These programs promote and enhance members' sense of accomplishment and ability to make positive, healthy life choices.

Padres Colaboradores (Parent Collaborators) Engagement Program
7200 Interstate 40 West, 806-326-1173

The Parent Collaborators Program is offered through Amarillo Independent School District's Parent Leadership Academy. Parent Collaborators serves parents across the district by using a culturally responsive evidence-based curriculum found to successfully build parents' capacity, skills, and abilities to work in partnership with their respective schools to support their children's academic success. Parent Collaborators consists of various informative sessions, key guest speakers, hands-on activities, and fieldtrips that advance our parents' abilities to work with educators and community leaders to pave college pathways for their children. Parents who want to receive the full in-depth curriculum meet once a week for eight weeks. We also offer a 4-week Parent Collaborators Boot-Camp program that specifically focuses on building college/career readiness. These programs are offered in English and Spanish. Childcare, homework assistance, and dinner are provided. Thanks to the generous support of the United Way of Amarillo & Canyon and Amarillo Independent School District, Parent Collaborators and Parent Collaborators Boot-Camp is of no cost to parents.

The Salvation Army
400 S Harrison, 373-6631

The Salvation Army at Amarillo operates a 230 bed shelter, the largest in the Panhandle. TSA provides emergency financial services to those at risk of becoming homeless through financial assistance with eviction notices and disconnect notices. Emergency Financial Services uses a case management model to prevent homelessness by providing assistance with rent, utilities, clothing, furniture, some prescriptions, budgeting, and goals setting. In 2017, TSA provided 75,612 nights of shelter and 107,334 meals to those in need. In addition to providing a safe place to stay, we provide case management services in the shelter to assist clients in goal planning, and getting connected to local community resources to meet their needs. In 2017 TSA assisted over 5,120 individuals. The TSA's Next Step Veterans program served 262 veterans, dependents, and widows in 2017. TSA's Pathway of Hope Program works to assist families in breaking the cycle of inter-generational poverty through a two year intensive case management program. TSA also offers various seasonal assistance throughout the year.

Set for Success Adult Education Program
7200 Interstate 40 West Room 363, 806-326-1363

The first option for any adult seeking to attain a high school equivalency in Amarillo is to attend Amarillo College. For those adults unable to attend AC, the Set for Success program now offers numerous locations throughout Amarillo in which adult students can work online to attain the skills needed to earn a GED. Students may enter this program free of charge. Upon entry, students are counseled as to their ultimate career goals and the correct path needed in order to achieve their goals. The Set for Success program is currently located in three Amarillo ISD schools and neighborhoods, the central branch of the public library, Potter County Detention Center, Affiliated Foods, Power Church, and Faith City Mission. Our goal is to continue to add partners free of charge so that adults seeking a GED will have numerous options to fit their current lifestyles and unique challenges. We will not stop until every adult in Amarillo has at least a high school equivalency and beyond!

Community Services

2-1-1 Texas

200 S Tyler, Dial 2-1-1

A free, nationally accredited confidential helpline operated by United Way of Amarillo & Canyon, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 2-1-1 Texas Panhandle/United Way HELPLINE answers more than 30,000 calls for help annually. Top calls were for assistance with basic needs, like food, followed by prescription assistance, help paying the rent or mortgage, utilities and shelter.

With dedicated United Way certified information & referral specialists on staff, 2-1-1 Texas Panhandle/United Way HELPLINE connects families with resources to meet their unique needs. 2-1-1 Texas Panhandle/United Way HELPLINE is also the information resource before, during and after natural disasters, connecting people in need with up-to-the-minute information and critical services.

79107 Community Youth Development (CYD) programs are funded by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) through a contract with United Way of Amarillo & Canyon. The Community Youth Development (CYD) program was established in 1995 through funding authorized by the 74th Texas Legislative session for the purpose of reducing the high incidence of violent juvenile crime in areas of Texas. Authorized funds for the Community Youth Development (CYD) program allow juvenile crime to be addressed through prevention programs designed by targeted zip code communities. Amarillo's 79107 ZIP Code located in north Amarillo has been a CYD site since May 1996 and is one of the original ZIP Codes awarded this funding.

Community Youth Development Programs provide juvenile delinquency prevention programs in 18 Zip codes (including Amarillo's 79107 and Lubbock's 79415 Zip codes) that have a high incidence of juvenile crime.