

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

**about forming a new
senior citizen group
in the Dallas/Fort Worth area
July 12, 2008**



Our mission is to assist with the independent living and promote the overall well-being of all deaf seniors in our community.

REMINDER #1

**HAVE YOU SIGNED YOUR NAME
WITH ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS?**

REMINDER #2

**ONLY THOSE WHO ARE AT LEAST
60 YEARS OLD CAN VOTE.**



REMINDER #3

**HELP US CLEAN OUT & REARRANGE
FURNITURE AFTER THIS MEETING.**

WHY DO WE NEED SUCH SENIOR GROUP OF OURS?

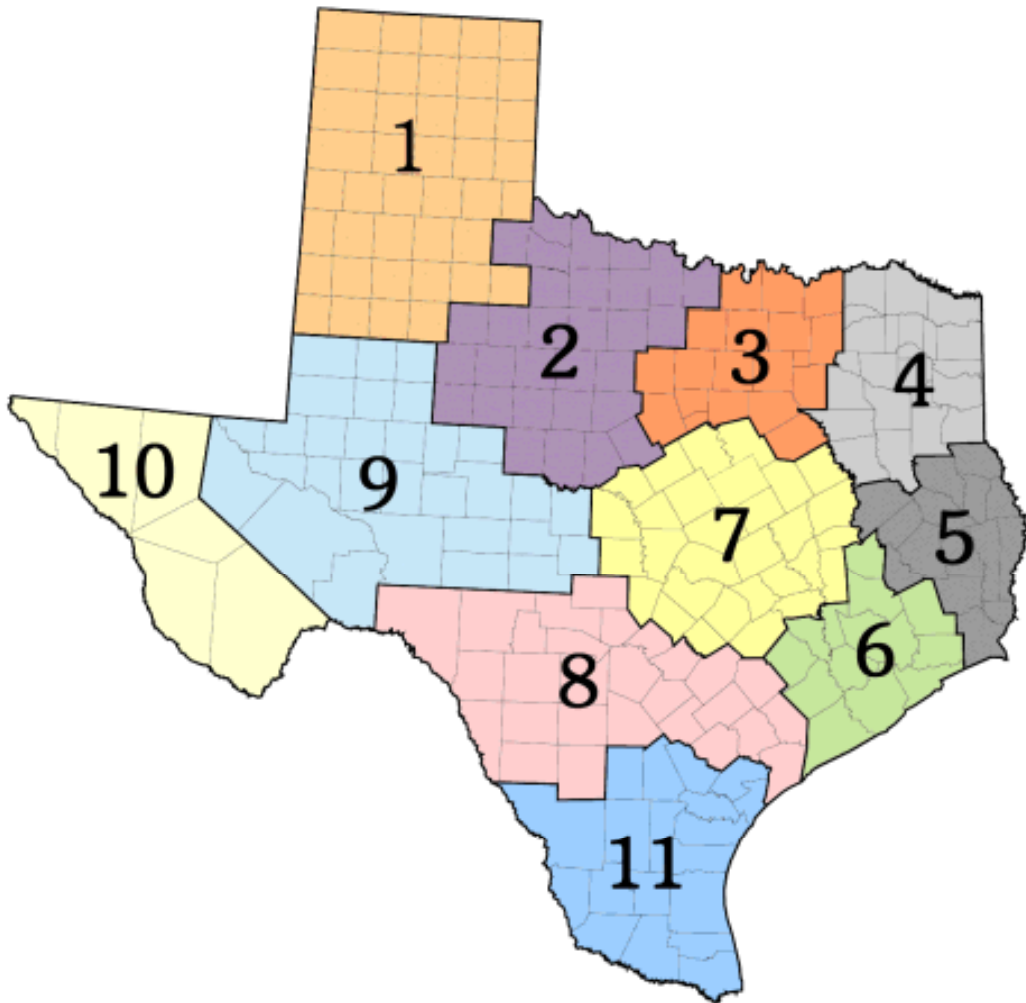
Our group is unique with special needs because of hearing impairment.
We need guidance, information and empowerment on the following:

1. SPECIAL LEISURE
 - a. Education
 - b. Events
 - c. Recreation
 - d. Restaurants
 - e. Senior Activity Center
 - f. Travel
 - g. Web site
2. SPECIAL SERVICES
 - a. Adult Day Care
 - b. Elder Care
 - c. Home Maintenance
 - d. In-Home Care
 - e. Resources
3. SPECIAL PLANNING
 - a. Attorney
 - b. Insurance
 - c. Mortgage
4. SPECIAL LIVING
 - a. Senior Living Locators
 - b. Independent Retirement
 - c. Assisted Living
5. SPECIAL HEALTH & MEDICAL
 - a. Ambulance Service
 - b. Home Health
 - c. Hospice
 - d. Nursing & Rehabilitation
 - e. Pharmacy
 - f. Medical Diary

WHERE DO WE GET SPECIAL SERVICES OR/AND FUNDING FOR OUR ACTIVITIES?

1. Texas' Department of Aging and Disability Services
2. CSD – umbrella organization
3. D.E.A.F./Westchester Plaza (Fort Worth)
4. D.A.C. (Deaf Action Center in Dallas)
5. D.C.C.D. (Dallas Community Center for the Deaf)
D.A.D. (Dallas Association of the Deaf)
6. Arlington Senior Citizens Center
7. AARP Chapter
8. Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Service (DARS)

Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) Regions



Region III

Collin Cooke Dallas Denton	Ellis Erath Fannin Grayson	Hood Hunt Johnson Kaufman	Navarro Palo Pinto Parker Rockwall	Somervell Tarrant Wise
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OFFICE FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING SERVICES

1. Communication Access Services (Senior Citizens)
2. Consumer Education and Interpreter Training
3. Interpreter Certification
4. Specialized Telecommunications Assistance Program

D/FW DARS CONTRACTORS

Deaf Action Center 3115 Crestview Drive Dallas, Texas 75235	Last Resort Communication Services Senior Citizens Program Specialized Telecommunications Assistance Program - (Serves Region 3 only.)	Dallas	Susan Dibirdik -- SCP Ashley Kuehne -- STAP 214-521-0407 V/TTY 214-521-3658 Fax 866-685-0407 V/TTY susan.dibirdik@deafaction.centertexas.org akuehne@deafaction.centertexas.org www.deafactioncentertexas.org
Goodrich Center for the Deaf 2500 Lipscomb St. Ft. Worth, Texas 76110	Senior Citizens Program	Ft. Worth	April Roberts -- SCP 817-926-5305 april@goodrichcenter.org www.goodrichcenter.org
DEAF, Inc. 554 South Summit Ft. Worth, Texas	Senior Citizens Program	Ft. Worth	Mont Stout or Lori Stockdale -- SCP 817-336-3323 mont.stout@att.net or deafinc2@hotmail.com
Texas Interpreting Services, LLC 3908 Lankford Trail Keller, Texas 76248	Last Resort Communication Services Senior Citizens Program	Keller	817-741-4441 817-741-4333 Fax txis@1scom.net txis@1scom.net
Lathrop Interpreting Services 4421 Camp Bowie Blvd Fort Worth, Texas 76107	Last Resort Communication Services	Fort Worth	817-763-0499 V/TTY/Fax

Type of Service	Minimum Number to be Served	Fee pp = per person ph = per hour
Health Related Activities		
Blood Pressure/General Health Check-up	n/a	\$5.00 pp
Social Activities		
Arts and Crafts	<u>5 - 10</u> <u>11 - 15</u> <u>16 - 20</u> <u>21 - 25</u> <u>25 +</u>	<u>\$ 15.00 ph</u> <u>\$ 20.00 ph</u> <u>\$ 25.00 ph</u> <u>\$ 30.00 ph</u> <u>\$ 35.00 ph</u>
Entrance Fee for Field Trip Activity - (participants must meet either of the financial need requirements stated above to be eligible for reimbursement.)	n/a	\$ 5.00 pp
Game/Social Gatherings/Field Trips	5	\$ 8.00 ph
Nursing Home/Home Visit	n/a	\$ 8.00 ph plus mileage reimbursed following state rate/policies
Life Enrichment Activities		
Life Enrichment Seminars	10	\$150.00 ph
Transportation Activities		
Transportation via Municipal Transit for Medical and Daily Living	n/a	Based on appropriate city/county operated transportation systems fee schedule as provided by contractor and approved by DHHS
Transportation via agency owned vehicle	n/a	mileage reimbursed following state rate/policies
Transportation via rental vehicle	6	\$ 12.00 ph, Maximum of 8 hours a day
Transportation via Chartered Bus (maximum of 2 trips per project, per year)	30	\$100.00 ph, Maximum of 10 hours a day
Other Activities		
Newsletters	n/a	\$.75 per copy mailed
Communication Access	10	Per DHHS Communication Access rates/policies www.dars.state.tx.us/services/agencyservices.shtml

SOLUTION?

Let others run or
we establish and run our own group.

NEW NON-PROFIT GROUP PROCESS

1. **INCORPORATION APPLICATION** -- \$25
 - a. can be done online thru the Office of the Secretary of State
 - b. need 3 persons as incorporators
 - c. no need to attach the by-laws for now
 2. **EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN)** -- FREE
 - a. can be done online using Form SS-4
 - b. after getting one, bank account can be created
 - c. after getting one, reimbursements from DARS begin
 3. **NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION APPLICATION** -- \$300 or \$750
 - a. can be done later
 - b. use Form 1023 to fill out
 - c. attach the required by-laws defining our purposes/functions
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SUGGESTED NAMES FOR NEW ORGANIZATION?

1. ~~Dallas/Fort Worth~~ Deaf Senior Citizens
2. Silver Seniors ~~of Dallas/Fort Worth~~
3. Silent Seniors ~~of Dallas/Fort Worth~~
4. Silent Elders ~~of Dallas/Fort Worth~~
5. More?

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS (3) AS INCORPORATORS

1. BOARD OF DIRECTOR --
 2. BOARD OF DIRECTOR --
 3. BOARD OF DIRECTOR --
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SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEES (LATER)

1. EDUCATION
 - a. Life enrichment seminars
 - b. Listen to others' experience
2. FIELD TRIPS
3. MONTHLY NEWSLETTER (both paper and electronic)
4. ACTIVITIES/EVENTS
 - a. Social
 - b. Games
 - c. Parties

HOW MUCH FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES?

**WE NEED TO AGREE ON IT TODAY.
WE CAN JOIN OUR NEW ORGANIZATION
TODAY BY PAYING DUES.**

WHICH ONE DO YOU PREFER?

- 1. MEET ON WEEKDAY
OR DURING WEEKEND?**
- 2. MEET ONCE or TWICE
A MONTH?**



**FOR FUTURE
EVENTS,
WE STILL CAN
SAVE MONEY ON
GASOLINE BY
USING OUR
BRAINS.**

CARPOOLS



**AS FOR MEETINGS, USE
VIDEOPHONE or VIDEO CONFERENCE**

LET'S WORK TOGETHER AND SHARE RESPONSIBILITIES SUCH AS FINDING A GOOD PLACE FOR FUTURE EVENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU LIVE IN THAT AREA, SEARCH AND FIND A GOOD PLACE FOR US.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the website www.dars.state.tx.us. The page features a navigation menu with categories like 'Find Services', 'News & Information', 'Rules & Statutes', and 'Business Information'. The main content area is titled 'DEPARTMENT OF ASSISTIVE & REHABILITATIVE SERVICES' and includes several news articles:

- DARS News**
 - DARS DHHS Seeking Raters for Interpreter Evaluation**

The DARS Office for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (DHHS) is seeking raters who are hearing or deaf to evaluate candidates for interpreter certification. | [Read notice of Open Enrollment for BEI Rater Services](#) | [Notice of Open Enrollment for People who are Deaf](#)
 - Re-Procurement Update for DARS ECI Services**

DARS Early Childhood Intervention (DARS-ECI) program will delay its statewide re-procurement of consumer services contracts until the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) finalizes rules changes that could affect some ECI services. | [Read update regarding DARS-ECI Re-Procurement](#)
 - Hurricane Preparations for People with Disabilities**

June 1st through November 30th is hurricane season. Texans with disabilities should begin preparing for hurricanes and other natural disasters that may strike with very little warning. | [Read more about Hurricane Preparations for People with Disabilities](#)
- DARS Overview**
 - [Commissioner's Office](#)
 - [Statistics](#)
 - [DARS at a Glance](#)
 - [Consumer Stories](#)

The footer of the page states: 'The Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, or DARS, administers programs that ensure Texas is a state where people with disabilities, and children who have developmental delays, enjoy the same opportunities as other'.

OUR OWN WEBSITE:

www.texva.com/dfwseniors



**FOR COMING AND
FOR MAKING
OUR DREAM POSSIBLE.**

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!