



DOWN SYNDROME GUILD  
OF DALLAS

## Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)

The primary agency that provides funding (for therapies, respite care, supported home living, etc.) to people with developmental disabilities is the **Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)**. For many years, the agency was called the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, but about 7 years ago the Texas legislature combined several agencies and renamed them DADS. Each county is served by an office called the *Mental Retardation Authority (MRA)*.

The MRA in each county is the gate-keeper for the funding for all the services funded by DADS. There are two types of funding sources: Medicaid waiver (a combination of state and federal dollars) and General Revenue (state dollars). Each family of a child with Down syndrome must contact the MRA in the county where they live and go through the “intake” process to secure services.

### **Dallas County:**

Dallas MetroCare  
Eligibility Determination Unit (EDU)  
1353 N. Westmoreland, Cottage 4  
Dallas, Texas 75211  
214-333-7000  
[www.MetroCareServices.org](http://www.MetroCareServices.org)

### **Denton County:**

Denton County MHMR Center  
PO Box 2346  
Denton, Texas 76202  
940-381-5000  
[www.Dentonmhmr.org](http://www.Dentonmhmr.org)

### **Collin County:**

LifePath  
P.O. Box 828,  
McKinney, TX. 75070  
972-727-9133  
[www.LifePathSystems.org](http://www.LifePathSystems.org)

### **Ellis, Johnson & Navarro Counties**

Lakes Regional MHMR  
800 N. Main Suite N  
Corsicana, TX 75116  
903-872-2491  
[www.lrmhmrc.org](http://www.lrmhmrc.org)

**\* \*DADS – Consumer Rights Hotline- 800-458-9858**