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# RESOURCE FAIR

IN THE MICHAELIS  
ACADEMIC CENTER



# Local Resources

## **American Gateways**

Our mission is to champion the dignity and human rights of immigrants, refugees and survivors of persecution, torture, conflict and human trafficking through exceptional immigration legal services at no or low cost, education, and advocacy.

## **CASA of McLennan County**

CASA is a non-profit organization that advocates on behalf of children in protective care. We help ordinary people who want to make a meaningful difference by training and supporting them to advocate for kids in foster care and help keep them from falling through the cracks. Become a CASA and you will make a difference in a child's life—and your own.

## **Central Christian Church**

We are an authentic, relevant family of faith sharing life and love in the name of Jesus Christ. Located just minutes from MCC, Central Christian Church has a variety of ways to get involved--from free community events to family ministries to the popular annual pumpkin patch. Join on Sundays at 10:30am or throughout the week!

## **Central Texas Youth Services**

Central Texas Youth Services is a nonprofit organization that provides services to runaways, homeless, troubled youth, and their families throughout the Central Texas region. The Transitional Housing/Maternity Group Home Programs that provides housing (18-21) and supportive services to homeless you, pregnant and/or parenting, 16-21. The TWC program provides employment and education assistance to current and aged out foster care youth, 16-25.

## **Charlie Health**

Charlie Health is a virtual mental health resource for adolescents and young adults 11-34. We offer psychiatry and individual, group, and family therapy. Virtual intensive outpatient programming (IOP) is a level of mental healthcare that is typically more structured and intensive than traditional weekly therapy. Treatment is delivered to clients directly at home.

## **Communities in Schools in the Heart of Texas – Workforce Program**

Our Workforce Development program provides career coaching to youth ages 16-24, both in and out of school, to assist them in educational attainment and reaching their post-secondary goals. We accomplish this through academic assistance, GED preparation, career exploration, assistance with entry into post-secondary education, and job placement opportunities.

## **Community Doulas of Waco**

We are a local non profit organization that offers free birth and postpartum doula services to qualifying expecting mothers in McLennan County. Our mission is to positively impact maternal health outcomes for vulnerable families through access to doula services and the doula profession.

## **Educators Credit Union**

ECU is the largest credit union in Central Texas, offering a wide variety of services at competitive rates with seven convenient locations. ECU membership is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, or attends school in McLennan, Bosque, Falls, Hill, Coryell, Lampasas, Bell, Hamilton, or Limestone counties.

## **Elevate Waco**

We are perfectly situated on Washington Avenue, just a few blocks from Baylor University, and within walking distance of Magnolia Silos and Cameron Park. Elevate offers fully furnished, pet-friendly, spacious 1, 3, and 4-bedroom apartments for rent. Community amenities include a shimmering swimming pool, high-tech lounge, and 24-hour fitness center.

## **Economic Opportunities Advancement Corp. (EOAC)**

The EOAC is a private, non-profit organization that implements and carries out the provisions of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 - recognizing that the US can achieve its economic and social potential as a nation only if every individual has the opportunity to contribute to the full elimination of poverty in McLennan and surrounding counties.

**Highlighted programs:** Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (Utility Assistance); Transition out of Poverty/Intensive Case Management

### **EOAC Head Start**

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### **Esther's Closet**

Esther's Closet offers free professional workwear and interview clothing, mock interviews, resume assistance, resource navigation, and light case management.

### **Grassroots Community Development**

Grassroots utilizes an asset-based community development approach to serve neighbors, children, and communities. We offer neighbors leadership development training, free financial literacy and homebuyer education, and counseling to prepare families to become homeowners. We serve children academically through fostering family engagement efforts and school-community partnerships. We serve communities through roof and exterior home repair programs, building new homes, and community enhancement projects.

### **Heart of Texas Suicide Prevention Coalition**

The Heart of Texas Suicide Prevention Coalition's mission is to elevate awareness, drive cultural change, and eradicate stigma and shame—uniting communities in a shared vision of resilience and hope.

## **Heart of Texas Workforce Solutions**

We help job seekers find and retain employment by providing services that include job referrals, job application assistance, job readiness and job search workshops, career exploration, child care assistance, unemployment insurance information, and GED assistance.

## **HOPES Waco**

HOPES, which stands for Healthy Outcomes through Prevention and Early Support, is a free support program for parents and caregivers of children ages 0-5 in McLennan County. By supporting early childhood development with education, resources and community connections, HOPES aims to strengthen families and provide a foundation for long-term healthy development in children. The program is provided by Family Abuse Center of Waco, Texas and is a Texas Parents as Teachers affiliate.

## **HOTBHN - Klaras Center for Families**

HOTBHN (Heart of Texas Behavioral Health Network) has Mental Health Services for children, youth, and adults. The TAY program assists with transitioning and preparing youth and young adults for tomorrow. TAY's mission is to equip youth and young adults with the support and skills necessary to pursue and achieve their personal educational, vocational employment, independent living skills, and wellness goals.

## **KWBU**

KWBU is Waco's Public Radio Station. We are a nonprofit media organization dedicated to bringing trustworthy local, state, and national news and information to our community. Part of our mission is outreach to students to increase their access to quality, publicly funded journalism.

## **MCH Family Outreach**

Methodist Children's Home (MCH) Family Outreach offers free supports to families with children as well as young adults who have exited the foster care system. We provide case management services, free short-term counseling, parent education, and caregiver empowerment groups.

## **Mission Waco Mission World**

We offer many programs and services to meet our community's immediate needs, providing everything from opportunities to break free from addictions, transitional housing for those in need, child care, and community events. We also foster economic development—launching and supporting many different businesses in Waco. McLennan students can receive these services or volunteer with Mission Waco.

## **PNC Bank**

We are a financial institution that is focused on getting our clients to true financial wellness. We offer a wide range of products and solutions for students, parents, teachers, staff, military, and even for businesses. We have products such as checking and savings accounts, special student accounts, student loans, credit cards and many more. We can help on all fronts for our clients.

## **Superior Health**

Superior HealthPlan has a commitment to improving the health of the community one individual at a time through affordable and reliable healthcare plans. Superior works with Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) to offer several plans and is one of the top-rated Medicaid plans in Texas.

## **Texas Health Steps / STAR Program**

Texas Health Steps and STAR programs serve Medicaid-eligible children and families. Through Texas Health Steps, Medicaid children receive medical and dental check-ups, case management, and transportation to medical and dental appointments. Texas STAR Program assists the family in choosing the health plan and primary doctor to take care of their child's medical needs.

## **United Way of Central Texas**

United Way of Central Texas fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in our community. Through initiatives like the 24/7 resource helpline (dial 211) and investments guided by community volunteers, we advance the common good in conjunction with its many partner agencies and community impact partners.

## **Waco Downtown Farmers Market**

Launched in 2011, the Waco Downtown Farmers Market has evolved and grown into its current Saturday morning and Wednesday evening offerings. The Market offers nutrition incentive programs like Double Up Food Bucks and the WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program—increasing the purchasing power of customers utilizing food benefits while benefiting local agricultural producers. In 2021, the Market celebrated its 10th year with its strongest vendor sales to date while tripling participation in nutrition incentive programs and hosting up to 80 vendors on special event weekends.

## **Waco-McLennan County Public Health District**

Our vision is to create the healthiest county in Texas—where all people can live, work, play, and thrive. We do this by improving the health and wellbeing of the citizens and environment of our county. We offer a variety of services, including immunizations, HIV/STI testing, birth certificates, WIC, and more. Students can also earn internship and volunteer hours here!

# On-Campus Resources

Accommodations & Title IX

Advising & Career Services

Campus Resources Education Web (CREW)

C.A.R.E. & Counseling Center

Library & Learning Commons

R.I.S.E.

Student Life Center

Success Coaching Services

TRIO Student Support Services

**Free hot chocolate provided by Student Life.**

**Breakfast burritos provided by CREW – and  
generously prepared by Dining Services.**

**Find all these resources and  
more on the CREW website.**

