

How to Get Your Loved One with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) Accepted at Richmond State Supported Living Center

The human spirit is one of ability, perseverance and courage that no disability can steal.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (TX HHSC) operates 13 [state supported living centers](#) (SSLCs) throughout Texas. The SSLCs support people with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) who have other disabilities as well – usually people who are medically fragile or have behavioral challenges in addition to I/DD. There are 13 campuses in Texas: Abilene, Austin, Brenham, Corpus Christi, Denton, El Paso, Lubbock, Lufkin, Mexia, Richmond, Rio Grande (in Harlingen), San Angelo, and San Antonio. Richmond State Supported Living Center (RSSLC) opened in 1968. It was initially known as “Richmond State School”. Today the 241-acre living center is home to 320 individuals. It serves a 13-county area: Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Hardin, Harris, Jefferson, Matagorda, Orange, Waller, and Wharton.

Admission to RSSLC

You cannot contact your SSLC directly about your loved one’s admission, but a Texas Health and Human Services professional will help you initiate and follow-through the procedure. The first step in the admission process is to [contact your Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authority \(LIDDA\)](#) online or call (855) 937-2372. Your LIDDA professional will decide whether someone meets criteria for admission or commitment to a state supported living center. If you live in one of the 13 counties that Richmond SSLC serves and if your loved one is eligible, the LIDDA will submit an application packet to Richmond. Depending on your family member’s needs, if an appropriate vacancy does not exist in Richmond, Health and Human Services will help find an appropriate vacancy at another Texas state-supported living center.

State-supported living centers do not allow the voluntary admission of a minor without a guardian’s or parent’s consent. Many admissions are court-ordered, but the types of voluntary admissions to Richmond SSLC are:

- ❖ **Emergency** – This is temporary care for someone who has an urgent need for services and is available up to 12 months. An emergency admission is considered voluntary and requires the consent of the proposed resident if he or she is capable of giving legally adequate consent; if not, the guardian or parent may consent.
- ❖ **Regular** – Regular admission is the long-term placement of someone who requires rehabilitative services, care, training, and treatment. It requires the consent of the proposed resident if he or she is capable of giving legally adequate consent; if not, the guardian or parent may consent.
- ❖ **Respite** – This is temporary care to provide help or relief to a person with a developmental disability and/or family members. Respite can be provided for up to 30 days with one 30-day extension. It is voluntary and requires the consent of the proposed resident if he or she is capable of giving legally adequate consent; if not, the guardian or parent may consent.

To learn more about Richmond State Supported Living Center, call (281) 232-2075 or arrange a visit by calling (281) 344-4525.