Austin Area Resources

We have gathered the following information in an effort to introduce you to some of the resources Austin has to offer. While the organizations listed below can provide students with many different kinds of support, we, in no way, claim this to be a comprehensive list. Nor do we explicitly endorse any of these organizations. We welcome suggestions for updates and additions and hope this information is useful to you. This information is also available on our website.

**Moving**

[www.austinrelocationguide.com](http://www.austinrelocationguide.com) Austin's Relocation Guide: provides information about many aspects of Austin and surrounding areas. A great resource for those planning a move!


[www.aoma.edu/current-students/campus-life/housing-opportunities/](http://www.aoma.edu/current-students/campus-life/housing-opportunities/) AOMA Student Housing Board: postings submitted by AOMA students or affiliates; many opportunities include roommate-shares

[www.unicornmoving.com](http://www.unicornmoving.com) Unicorn Moving: Austin-based moving company


*Also, see attached apartment reference guide.*

**Day Care**

[www.steppingstoneschool.com](http://www.steppingstoneschool.com) Stepping Stone School: provider of early childhood care and education in central Texas

[www.eackids.org](http://www.eackids.org) Extend-a-Care for Kids: on-site, affordable, after school child care; summer programs also available

[www.elbuenpastorecdc.org](http://www.elbuenpastorecdc.org) El Buen Pastor Early Childhood Development center: day and after school care

[www.austinmama.com/forums/YaBB.pl?board=;action=register](http://www.austinmama.com/forums/YaBB.pl?board=;action=register) Austin Mamas: a listserv and website for moms in Austin-- you can join the large list or just one based on your child’s birth year. Lots of resources are listed on the yahoo group, and it is a good place to ask parenting and childcare questions to local moms.

[www.kidspaustin.com](http://www.kidspaustin.com) Kid Spa Austin: Offers full-time, part-time, drop-in, and customized childcare schedules for children aged 18 months-12 years. Located just south of AOMA campus.
South Austin Children’s Co-op: offers affordable childcare from 9am-1pm 2 or 3 days a week for children 18 months-5 years. Parents volunteer as assistant teacher 1-2x a month.

All Austin Co-op, a well-established childcare co-op in North Central Austin.

http://archive.austinisd.org/community/communityed/afterschool/locations.phtm AISD: list of schools providing free before and after school programs for working parents.

http://www.austinymca.org/program_view.php?pro=4 Austin YMCA: The YMCA of Austin offers afterschool care for children in grades K - 5 at sixteen licensed sites in three Austin area school districts. Program provides on-site care for your child, beginning when school is dismissed and continuing until 6:30 p.m.

Schools

Austin Independent School District: 110 public schools serving over 82,000 students in Austin

Eanes Independent School District: six elementary, two middle and one high school serving west Austin

Jobs in Austin

Austinjobs.com

www.austin.craigslist.com

City of Austin municipal employment

Austin Public Library’s comprehensive job search database; provides a wealth of resources for job-seekers in Austin.

Austonian.com: online job-searching and career center.

Texas Workforce Commission

www.workaustin.com

austin.bizjournals.com/austin/jobs

Resources and database of local, national, and international non-profit job opportunities.
Business Development

www.bootstrapaustin.org Bootstrap Network: providing community and support for entrepreneurs

www.ci.austin.tx.us/sbdp The City of Austin’s Small Business Development Program: education, resources, and support services to help grow Austin’s small businesses

www.ci.austin.tx.us/smbr The City of Austin’s Small & Minority Business Resources Department (SMBR) assists small, minority-owned and women-owned business enterprises (MBE and WBE) as they pursue contracting opportunities with the City of Austin.

www.bigaustin.org/womens_business_center.htm Big Austin’s Women’s Business Center: specializes in meeting the needs of women entrepreneurs through training, one-on-one counseling, roundtable discussions, networking opportunities, and lending programs.

www.txbiz.org Texas Association of Business and Chamber of Commerce: works to improve the Texas business climate and to advocate for both large and small businesses.


www.ufcu.org/accounts/small_business/index.php University Federal Credit Union: small business services providing financial resources as well as technical and management information for small business growth

Financial Services and Support

www.foundcom.org/get-financially-stable/financial-coaching Foundation Communities Financial Coaching Program: matches trained volunteer coaches with clients for eight one-hour sessions. Services include organizing financial paperwork, tracking and reducing expenses, creating and maintaining a spending plan (budget), getting a bank account, planning and saving for goals, paying down debt and credit report review and repair. Free service for individuals meeting the income eligibility requirements.

www.financialfitnessaustin.org Financial Fitness Austin: public education and awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances. Programming is offered to all demographics and income levels and covers all facets of personal finance.

www.ccccs.net Consumer Credit Counseling Services: provides affordable financial management services, including financial counseling, education, and bankruptcy services.

www.hhsc.state.tx.us/Help/index.htm How to Get Help page from Texas Health and Human Services Commission: outlines the programs and steps to take to apply for variety of government assistance.

www.dshs.state.tx.us/wichd/gi/eligible.shtml Texas Women Infants and Children Program (WIC): a nutrition program that helps pregnant women, new mothers, and young children eat well, learn about nutrition, and stay healthy. WIC provides nutrition education and counseling, information and nutritious foods, and help accessing health care for low-income women, infants, and children.
SNAP Benefits (i.e. food stamps): assistance to low-income individuals and families for purchasing food. SNAP benefits are accepted at a wide range of grocery stores and farmers markets.

Austin Area Food Pantries and Vouchers: provides information about local pantries and food assistance programs.

Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP): offers assistance in reducing/paying utility bills for Texas residents. Eligibility determined by income requirements, assistance provided by the Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs.

Austin Energy Customer Assistance Program (CAP): sponsored by The City of Austin; assists eligible customers having difficulty paying their utility bill.

Texas Low Income Housing Information Service Texas Housing: provides comprehensive resources on affordable housing for low-income residents.

Housing Authority of the City of Austin: public housing program for city of Austin residents.

Safelink Wireless: provides free cell phone service and airtime to income-eligible customers. Program was created and is managed by TracFone Wireless, Inc. and includes: calling, texting, voicemail, long distance, 411 directory assistance, and 911 emergency assistance.

Legal, Political, and Advocacy Groups

Texas Law Help: a guide to free and low-cost legal aid and assistance services in Texas.

ACLU of Austin: legal support in cases of civil rights violations

NAACP of Austin: providing support and community for African-Americans in Austin


Austin Tenant’s Council: educates and promotes the enforcement of housing rights in the Austin community. Also provides comprehensive list of housing resources and affordable housing in Austin and surrounding areas.

Austin Safe Place: resource/crisis center for survivors of rape, sexual abuse and domestic violence offering emergency shelter, a 24-hour hotline, hospital accompaniment, and legal and counseling services as well as transitional housing and advocacy and life skills training

Spiritual Communities

Above Grounds: connecting the Christian community in Austin across denominations; lists 969 Christian churches in Austin
www.shalomaustin.org The Jewish Community Association of Austin: formed to sustain and serve the living spirit of the Austin Jewish community as a whole

www.austinmosque.org Islamic Community of Greater Austin: center housing a mosque, school, and cemetery, and offering resources for Muslim worship, community, and support

www.austinhindutemple.org Austin Hindu Temple and Community Center: Hindu services, celebrations, and community and family resources

www.austinzencenter.org Austin Zen Center: Zen Buddhist teachings, meditation, and community

www.austin.shambhala.org Shambhala Center: Tibetan Buddhist teachings, meditation, and community

www.setoncove.net Seton Cove Spirituality Center: offering people of all faiths the opportunity to nourish and foster their journey toward wholeness

Fitness and Recreation

www.yogayoga.com Yoga Yoga: offers a variety of classes and schedules in multiple locations throughout Austin

www.loveyogacoop.com/ Love Yoga Coop: South Lamar location, offers a variety of classes.

www.austinymca.org YMCA of Austin; classes for children and adults in variety of formats, sliding scale rates for membership and programs.

www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/pools_schedule.htm City of Austin Public Pools: 48 pools within city limits, including one year round neighborhood (free) pool (Big Stacy) and two year round municipal ($3 entrance) pools (Barton Springs and Deep Eddy)

www.dojolocator.com/Texas/austin/ Lists many martial arts schools and dojos in Austin, with a convenient map for all the locations.

www.austincycling.org Austin Cycling Association: resources, maps, rides, workshops and community events for sport and recreational riders and bike commuters

www.austinrunners.org Austin Runners Club: resources, runs, and community for runners of all levels

www.austinfitmagazine.com Austin Fit Magazine: in-print and online resources about fitness in the Austin community.

www.texas.sierraclub.org/austin/ Austin Sierra Club: resources, hikes and community for Austin’s outdoor people

www.southaustingym.com/wiki/SAG/HomePage South Austin Gym: located on South Lamar

www.austinfitnesscenter.com/ Austin Fitness Center: located at Slaughter & West Gate

www.austinrockgym.com/map.htm Austin Rock Gym: located at St. Elmo & Woodward St.

www.socoathleticclub.com/ South Congress Athletic Club: located on South Congress Avenue

www.bodybusinessfitness.com Body Business Gym: located in the Village Center, next to AOMA’s North Clinic; offers discounts to AOMA staff and students

www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/parkmaps/images/onion_creek.jpg Onion Creek Sports Complex: Onion Creek

www.veloway.com/ The Veloway: popular road route for cyclists

Gardening, Food, and Farmers Markets

www.main.org/aog/ Austin Organic Gardeners: For 65 years, this organization has held monthly meeting to share information about organic gardening in central Texas.

www.sustainablefoodcenter.org/ Sustainable Food Center: Provides opportunities to get involved in the vibrant local food system/culture. Offerings include organic farming resources, community gardens, nutrition and cooking education, family programs, and local farmers markets.

www.austinfarmersmarket.org/ Austin Farmers Market Association: Information about multiple farmers market locations in Austin, public events, nutrition and cooking education. Tap into the rich network of local Austin food producers!

www.austinfoodcarts.com/ Austin Food Carts: A listing of the many food carts/trailers that comprise a big part of the uniquely Austin food culture.

Computing and Technology

www.academicsuperstore.com Academic Superstore: Austin-based company offering thousands of top hardware and full-version software titles at specially discounted prices to students

www.discountelectroncics.com Discount Electronics: Located just down the road from AOMA Student Intern Clinic- North on W. Anderson Lane, retail and recycling services.

www.austinmacrepair.com Austin Mac Repair: Repairs and restores Mac computers, also has some used models available for purchase.

www.the-answer.com PC Guru: Data recovery & repair services available in two locations in Austin.

www.freeaustinwifi.com/locations.php Free Austin Wifi,; searchable map of locations in Austin offering free wifi access.