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 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/ AOMA Student Housing Board: postings submitted by AOMA students or affiliates; many opportunities include roommate-shares

www.unicornmoving.com Unicorn Moving: Austin-based moving company

http://www.bluewhale.com/ Blue Whale Moving and Storage: another Austin-based moving and storage company

Also, see attached apartment reference guide.

Day Care

www.steppingstoneschool.com Stepping Stone School: provider of early childhood care and education in central Texas

www.eackids.org Extend-a-Care for Kids: on-site, affordable, after school child care for elementary school students; summer programs also available

www.elbuenpastorecdc.org El Buen Pastor Early Childhood Development center: day and after school care

groups.yahoo.com/group/AustinMamas/join Austin Mamas: a listserv and website for moms in Austin-- you can join the large list or any of several sub-lists. 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 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.
**www.southaustinkids.org** 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.

**www.allaustincoop.org** All Austin Co-op, a well-established childcare co-op in North Central Austin.

**http://archive.austinisd.org/community/communityed/afterschool/locations.phtml** 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**

**www.austinisd.org** Austin Independent School District: 110 public schools serving over 82,000 students in Austin

**www.eanes.k12.tx.us** Eanes Independent School District: six elementary, two middle and one high school serving west Austin

**Jobs in Austin**

**www.austinjobs.com**

**austin.craigslist.com**

**http://www.austintexas.gov/department/human-resources** City of Austin municipal employment

**www.austinlibrary.com/databases/** Austin Public Library’s comprehensive job search database; provides a wealth of resources for job-seekers in Austin.

**www.statesman.com/jobs** Austin American Statesman: online job-searching and career center.

**www.workintexas.com** Texas Workforce Commission

**www.workaustin.com**

**austin.bizjournals.com/austin/jobs**

**www.idealist.org** 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.

**http://www.austintexas.gov/department/small-business-development-program** The City of Austin’s Small Business Development Program: education, resources, and support services to help grow Austin’s small businesses.

**http://www.austintexas.gov/department/small-and-minority-business** 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.

**http://bigaustin.org/wbc/** 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.ibuyaustin.com**/ Austin Independent Business Association: networking and support for locally owned 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.cccs.net** Consumer Credit Counseling Services: provides affordable financial management services, including financial counseling, education, and bankruptcy services.

**http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/help/index.shtml** How to Get Help page from Texas Health and Human Services Commission: outlines the programs and steps to take to apply for a variety of government assistance.
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 food 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: 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, 411directory assistance, and 911emergency 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**

[www.abovegroundsaustin.com](http://www.abovegroundsaustin.com) Above Grounds: connecting the Christian community in Austin across denominations; lists 969 Christian churches in Austin.

[www.shalomaustin.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.austinhindutemple.org) Austin Hindu Temple and Community Center: Hindu services, celebrations, and community and family resources.

[www.austinzencenter.org](http://www.austinzencenter.org) Austin Zen Center: Zen Buddhist teachings, meditation, and community.

[www.austin.shambhala.org](http://www.austin.shambhala.org) Shambhala Center: Tibetan Buddhist teachings, meditation, and community.

[www.setoncove.net](http://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](http://www.yogayoga.com) Yoga Yoga: offers a variety of classes and schedules in multiple locations throughout Austin.


[www.austinymca.org](http://www.austinymca.org) YMCA of Austin: classes for children and adults in variety of formats, sliding scale rates for membership and programs.

[http://www.austintexas.gov/service/pool-schedules](http://www.austintexas.gov/service/pool-schedules) 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/](http://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](http://www.austincycling.org) Austin Cycling Association: resources, maps, rides, workshops and community events for sport and recreational riders and bike commuters.

[www.austインrunners.org](http://www.austインrunners.org) Austin Runners Club: resources, runs, and community for runners of all levels.

[www.austinfitmagazine.com](http://www.austinfitmagazine.com) Austin Fit Magazine: 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/ 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.


**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.discountelectronics.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.freeaustinwifi.com/locations.php Free Austin Wifi: searchable map of locations in Austin offering free wifi access.