



## **Personal Assistant Services**

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**<http://www.yourcommunityguide.org> has launched a new category in our on-line searchable data base:**

See what we say about **Personal Assistant Services**:

“You want some help for yourself or your family member in their home. Maybe they need a little help in bathing, remembering to take medications, preparing meals, getting in and out of bed, or keeping up with household duties. But letting someone come into a personal home - How do you find someone to trust? Who is a good match with you? You can find competent, honest, reliable caregiving help. Most families get help from agencies providing Personal Assistant Services.

These agencies solve many of the problems of paid care: They screen, investigate and interview candidates. They cover their wages, payroll taxes and workers compensation insurance. They provide backup staffing and an array of skilled help from companionship to nursing.

With a few exceptions, paying for Personal Assistant Services is a Private Pay (out of your pocketbook) service. Options for helping with this cost include Long Term Care Insurance.

Your Community Guide will list all Personal Assistant Services Agencies licensed by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS). Contact the DADS Consumer Information Hotline at 1-800-458-9858 to obtain the most recent information about these services.”

**Your Community Guide is currently posting these members of AAHHC under this category:**

BrightStar Healthcare	ComForCare Senior Services
Family Eldercare	H.A.N.D.
Home Instead Senior Care	Homewatch CareGivers
Lifer Made Easy	Nix Private Care
Starlight Caregivers	The Medical Team

We know many other members of AAHHC would fall under this category as well – if you would like to be listed in this category, contact Cheryl Chance at 512-933-1961 or by email [cheryl@yourcommunityguide.org](mailto:cheryl@yourcommunityguide.org). Or, use our **Survey of Home Health Providers** to update your records with Your Community Guide.