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Hi, I'm Andrew, with TRS.

For over 80 years, our mission at TRS has been to improve the retirement security of members and deliver benefits that make a positive difference in their lives.

At TRS, we continuously work to ensure that information about your retirement benefits are accessible and easy to understand.

We also offer a number of resources to help you easily engage in the retirement process with TRS.

This video will introduce you to some of the services available that may be helpful when preparing for retirement.

Resources available to members include:

- Attending a Benefit Presentation
- Appointments with a Retirement Benefits Counselor; and
- Using Self-Service Tools

Any time you have questions or need information about your benefits, we are ready to assist.

It's never too early in your career to attend a Benefit Presentation and learn about your future pension.

Whether you are considering retirement in the upcoming year or are just eager to learn about the benefits of your TRS membership, we offer several opportunities to attend a presentation.

Benefit Presentations begin each fall, are offered statewide, and are great opportunities to ask questions about your TRS benefits.

We cover a wide range of topics, including service credit, compensation, employment after retirement, and more.

Active members with a *MyTRS* account may register for a group presentation online. Active members without a *MyTRS* account, please call 800-223-8778 to reserve your seat.

To see a schedule of upcoming presentations, please visit [trs.texas.gov](http://trs.texas.gov).

Are you planning an event for public school employees and want to request a Benefit Presentation?

You can easily request a TRS speaker by visiting our website and selecting the Presentation Request Form from the Active Members home page.

When you're ready to meet with one of our benefits experts, you have options to consider.

We have close to one hundred office visit appointments available Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Or, no time to travel? With a live virtual office visit, you also have the opportunity to meet with a counselor from the comfort of your own home.

To schedule an appointment, please call 800-223-8778 and a counselor will be happy to assist you.

In addition to appointments available in Austin, TRS offers field office appointments in locations across the state.

Starting in August of each year, you can schedule a one-on-one field office appointment in El Paso, Midland, Lubbock, and many more! The list of locations, dates, and the deadlines to schedule a timeslot are available on our website.

If you are ready to prepare for retirement, you may want to attend a small group retirement session.

These sessions, different from Benefit Presentations, are held in the spring and summer in Austin.

In these sessions, a benefits counselor will guide you through the retirement process and help you prepare your application. Seating is limited, so please don't hesitate to reserve your seat.

*MyTRS* is a valuable resource for members. *MyTRS* makes it easier for you to plan for retirement, keep track of your account balance, view your annual statement, and conduct business with TRS.

Future enhancements will also enable you to maintain direct deposit information, apply for retirement, and purchase service credit.

To register for a *MyTRS* account, visit our website and click "MyTRS" in the upper right-hand corner to set up a *MyTRS* user ID.

TRS has many publications available on our website. Including:

- *A Planning for Retirement guide*
- *The TRS Benefits Handbook and*
- *Member Newsletters*

Stay informed, and continue watching our health care, member education, and financial awareness video series on the TRS.TV section of the TRS website or subscribe to our TRSoTexas YouTube channel.

You can also like our Facebook page and follow us on Twitter to stay in the loop on all things TRS.

Finally, please continue to check our website for the latest news and updates.

Thanks for watching!