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Community Resource Guide

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What You'll Find Inside

The 2025–2026 Advocacy and Assistance Community Resource Guide highlights local, state, and national resources designed to support individuals with disabilities and their families in Cobb County. It focuses on advocacy, legal guidance, independent living, and access to essential services, helping families navigate complex systems like Medicaid waivers, guardianship, and transition planning.

- **Advocacy & Support Organizations**
 - Contact information and services from groups like that promote inclusion, self-advocacy, and access to benefits
- **Legal & Transition Planning Resources**
 - Guidance on guardianship, probate court, and future planning
- **Family Support & Medicaid Waiver Services**
 - Eligibility criteria, application steps, and provider contacts for Family Support Services and the NOW/COMP Waiver programs
- **Educational & Community Navigation Tools**
 - Resources to help families manage IEPs, transition milestones, and community-based supports
- **Cobb County School District Guides**
 - Family Support Services
 - Medicaid Waiver

To use the active links in this guide, please access a digital copy of this Community Resource Guide on the Cobb County Transition Services webpage or through the QR code.



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The Arc's Autism Now Center offers support, resources, and advocacy for individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities. Provides tools and information to help families connect with needed services.



Phone: 855-828-8476
www.autismnow.org



The Arc of Georgia advocates for the rights and full community inclusion of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Offers guidance on self-advocacy, benefits, housing, and more.



Phone: 404-492-7206
www.thearc.org/chapter/the-arc-of-georgia



Autism Speaks is a national organization dedicated to promoting solutions for individuals with autism and their families across the spectrum and throughout the lifespan. It offers advocacy, support, and resources including the Autism Response Team (ART), which connects families to information and services.



www.autismspeaks.org

Cobb County Probate Court Clinic (Legal Aid / Pro Bono) provides a monthly clinic offering free 30-minute consultations with volunteer attorneys to assist families with probate and adult or minor guardianship matters. Parents and caregivers can get help determining the most appropriate court filing, identifying the correct forms, and understanding what to expect during probate or guardianship proceedings. Consultations are available in-person the second Thursday of each month and by phone the fourth Friday.

In Person Location: Marietta Square
Phone: 770-528-2565
www.atlantalegalaid.org/get-help

disABILITY LINK is a Center for Independent Living (CIL) serving 12 Metro Atlanta counties, including Cobb. Led by and for people with disabilities, it promotes full community participation through advocacy, education, peer support, and independent living services. disABILITY LINK empowers individuals to make informed choices and achieve their goals.



1901 Montreal Rd, Suite 102
Tucker, GA 30084
Phone: 404-687-8890
www.disabilitylink.org





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The Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta (DSAA) Supports individuals with Down syndrome and their families through advocacy, education, outreach, and community-building programs.

2221 Peachtree Rd NE, Suite D-226

Atlanta, GA 30309

Phone: 404-320-3233

www.dsaatl.org



Exceptional Futures Family Navigator Program Provides personalized guidance to Georgia families of adults with special needs (age 18+), helping them navigate key future-planning steps like Medicaid waiver access, guardianship, Family Support funding, and Social Security. Offers action planning, timelines, and ongoing support—free of charge across Georgia.

Cobb Location

570 Piedmont Rd

Marietta, GA 30066

Phone: 770-504-6053

www.efatl.org/family-navigator-program



The Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities (GCDD) works to advance public policy and improve services that support people with developmental disabilities in Georgia.

2 Peachtree St NW, Suite 26-246

Atlanta, GA 30303

Phone: 404-657-2126

www.gcdd.org



Inspiritus helps individuals and families build thriving, self-sufficient lives by providing support in four key areas: meeting basic needs, promoting stability and safety, fostering community inclusion, and encouraging self-determination. The organization empowers people who face challenges such as developmental disabilities, poverty, displacement, or family disruptions through personalized services and community programs.

Atlanta Location

731 Peachtree Street NE, Suite B

Atlanta, GA 30308

Phone: 404-875-0201 | 1-800-875-5645

Rome Location

202 East 3rd Avenue, Rome, GA 30161

Phone: 404-875-0201

www.weinspirit.org/atlanta





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Parent to Parent of Georgia provides support, training, and information to families of children with disabilities or special healthcare needs from birth through age 26. Services promote advocacy, independence, and informed decision-making. Families can connect one-on-one with trained volunteers through the Supporting Parent Program, or use the Roadmap to Success to navigate educational and transition milestones with helpful timelines and resources.



3070 Presidential Pkwy, Suite 130
Atlanta, GA 30340
Phone: 770-451-5484
www.p2pga.org



Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia (SILC) works to remove barriers to independent living for people with disabilities by collaborating with Centers for Independent Living, state agencies, and service providers. SILC helps families understand and access supports that promote self-direction, housing, transportation, employment, and other elements of community life across Georgia. The SILC for Cobb County is disAbility Link.

315 W Ponce de Leon Ave, Suite 660
Decatur, GA 30060
Phone: 770-270-6860
www.silcga.org

Together We Care offers encouragement and tools to help families and faith communities include and support individuals with disabilities. Their programs help parents navigate services and build long-term life plans, while also helping adults with disabilities set and reach personal goals.



PO Box 801392
Acworth, GA 30101
Phone Not Listed
www.togetherwecare.org



Transitionally Speaking provides coaching and guidance to parents of children with disabilities as they prepare for life after high school. Through personalized one-on-one or small group sessions, families receive information and support for navigating adult services, including government benefits, community access, and long-term planning.



Phone: 678-517-2273
www.transitionallyspeaking.com



Advocacy and Assistance

Understood is a national nonprofit offering expert resources, tools, and peer support for families of children with learning and thinking differences like ADHD, dyslexia, and executive functioning challenges. Understood helps parents advocate effectively and build their child's confidence and success at home, in school, and beyond.



Phone: 516-654-7584
www.understood.org



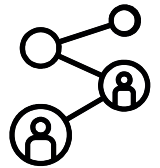


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Family Support Services

Family Support Services provide funding assists families in obtaining disability-related goods and services. Family support funding is not income-based, but it is based on each family and individual's unique needs. Individuals cannot already be receiving services through the NOW or Comp Waivers.



Eligibility Criteria:

- Three years of age or older.
- Documentation of an intellectual or developmental disability prior to age 22.

To Apply:

There are two organizations in Cobb County that provide Family Support Services. Click on the link to either and access the application.

- InCommunity
- Highland Rivers Behavioral Health

If you would like to connect with the Transition Resource Specialist that supports your school, please consult the Locations list on the Transition Services webpage:
<https://www.cobbk12.org/page/38587/special-education-transition-services>

Common Services:

- Information and Referral
- Respite
- Community/Social Activities
- Summer Camps
- Special Diets, Clothing, or Personal Care
- Equine, Music, and/or Speech Therapy
- Dental Care
- Nutritional Supplements
- Incontinence Supplies
- Assistance in Identifying Needs

Additional services may be provided

Funds are limited and are based on a "most in need" determination. These funds are also not guaranteed the following year.

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NOW/COMP Medicaid Waiver

The New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) offer home- and community-based services for individuals with intellectual disabilities or other closely related conditions, such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism or neurological problems.



Eligibility Criteria:

- Eligible for Medicaid.
- Have a diagnosis of an intellectual disability and/or a closely related condition.

Required Documentation to Apply:

- Application
- Psychological Report (Including IQ scores, adaptive scores, and/or Autism Spectrum Disorder assessments if applicable)
- Proof of Citizenship
- Copy of Social Security Card (or number)
- Copy of Medicaid and/or Medicare card
- Copy of Social Security benefit information
- Copy of guardianship documents (if applicable)
- Most recent IEP
- Signed Notice of Privacy Practices

NOW/COMP Waiver Program Services:

- Adult Dental Services
- Adult Nursing Services
- Adult PT and/or OT
- Adult Speech Therapy
- Behavioral Supports
- Community Access Services
- Community Living Support Services
- Community Residential Alternative Services
- Financial Supports
- Pre-Vocational Services
- Respite Services
- Specialized Medical Supplies
- Support Coordination
- Transportation Services

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NOW/COMP Medicaid Waiver



Websites

- DBHDD's Intellectual & Developmental Disability Services
- Parent to Parent of Georgia



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More Information

- DBHDD NOW/Comp Waiver Fact Sheet
- Constructing a Good Life Through Understanding the NOW and Comp Waivers



Application

Online NOW/Comp Waiver Application

NOW/Comp Waiver Application

NOW/Comp Waiver ROI

NOW/Comp Waiver HIPAA Notice



Support

These agencies can provide help for families completing the NOW/Comp Waiver Application.

- Special Needs Cobb
- Parent to Parent of Georgia

It may be necessary to request records to be submitted with your application. Go to the Cobb County School District Special Education webpage and scroll to "Records and Transcripts" for instructions on accessing records.