

# Cobb County School District Community Resource Guide



**TRANSITION SERVICES**

A SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

EDUCATION. EMPLOYMENT. INDEPENDENCE.

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Transition Assessment and Middle School Specialist

**Our Goal:** We will graduate young adults who are strong, independent,  
positive contributors to the world.

## Extensive Supports & Developmental Disabilities

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678-767-2865

<http://www.blakeshouseofindependence.com/>

**Bobby Dodd Institute**, which has merged with All About Developmental Disabilities, provides a direct support system for assistance with daily living activities to maintain family stability and independence in the community, provides family support to obtain services, and provides benefits counseling.



125 Clairemont Ave., Suite 300  
Decatur, GA 30030  
404-881-9777

<https://bobbydodd.org/empowers/programs/family-support/>

**Chanan Foundation** is a private non-profit corporation that provides day training, supported living, host home, and group home services for adults with developmental disabilities.



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Douglasville, GA 30135  
678-715-9891

<http://www.chananfoundation.org/>

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3830 South Cobb Drive, Suite 300  
Smyrna, GA 30080  
770-429-5000

<http://www.cobbcsb.com/>

**Comfort Community Center** hosts a day program that supports not only the individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, but their families as well. They also provide community interaction and integration, home health care to properly function in the home, residential services, pre-vocational skills, and supported employment.



700 Sandy Plains Rd , Suite B14  
Marietta, GA 30066  
678-581-1831

<http://comfortcenter.net/>

## Extensive Supports & Developmental Disabilities

The Georgia **Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities** (DBHDD) provides treatment and support services to people with behavioral health challenges and addictive diseases. They also assist individuals who live with developmental disabilities. The agency's mission is to provide high-quality health care opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities or behavioral health challenges close to their homes, so they can live a life of independence and recovery and create a sustainable, self-sufficient, and resilient life in their community. This is an agency that administers the Medicaid NOW and Comp waivers.



**D·B·H·D·D**

**1230 Bald Ridge Marina Road  
Suite 800**

**Cumming, GA 30041**

Phone – 678-947-2818

Toll Free – 1-877-217-4462

<https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/about-dbhdd>

**Deriche Agency** provides day habilitation services to developmentally disabled individuals. They focus on raising the level of the individual's physical, mental, social, and vocational functioning.

**3175 Cherokee St., NW**

**Kennesaw, GA 30144**

678-478-1029

**disABILITY LINK**, is a Center for Independent Living (CIL) serving 12 Metro Atlanta counties, including Cobb. disABILITY LINK is led by and for people with disabilities and promotes full participation in community life through education, advocacy, and empowerment. Centers for Independent Living are non-profit, non-residential, community-based organizations, governed and staffed by people with disabilities, which offer a wide variety of services to people with disabilities, their families and the community.



**1901 Montreal Rd, Suite 102**

**Tucker, GA 30084**

Voice (404) 687-8890

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Toll Free Voice/TTY (800)239-2507

FAX: 404-687-8298

<http://www.disabilitylink.org>

**Frazer Center's** services are designed to benefit participants who are 18 years of age and older as they explore options for making connections to their community and work towards realizing their hopes and dreams. They engage participants in activities designed to help them explore potential careers, volunteerism, and opportunities for ongoing adult learning and recreation. They partner with local organizations and businesses to provide options for each individual to learn a new hobby, explore cultural interests, and receive training to advocate for themselves.



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**Atlanta, Georgia 30307**

**Phone: 404-377-3836**

**Fax: 404-373-0058**

**Email: [Info@frazercenter.org](mailto:Info@frazercenter.org)**

# Extensive Supports & Developmental Disabilities

**Great Prospects** offers a community-based program that fits the updated guidelines the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental has set for providing care for individuals with disabilities. Their Therapeutic Day Program focuses on social skills training, peer support, exploration of workplace options, community service, health and fitness, therapeutic activities and planning for an independent future.



1425 Market Blvd, Suite 330-135  
Roswell, GA 30076  
770-314-4243

<https://www.greatprospectsinc.org/>

**InCommunity** provides community-based services and support to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. InCommunity provides all levels of support in the community to people with a variety of needs; including residential support, employment services, respite care, family support, in-home care, and day programs. Day programs are available in Cobb and surrounding counties.



InCommunity Atlanta  
1945 Cliff Valley Way NE, Suite 220  
Atlanta, GA 30329

InCommunity Roswell  
1200 Old Ellis Road  
Roswell, GA 30076

[www.incommunityga.org](http://www.incommunityga.org)

**Jewish Family & Career Services** (JF&CS) is open to people of all faiths and offers programs and services that support individuals with disabilities, their families, and caregivers. IndependenceWORKS (IW) houses community access groups (day program), featuring supported employment and community integration programs with numerous outings and activities. The Zimmerman-Horowitz Independent Living Program (Z-H ILP) is an individualized living program enabling adults with disabilities to live as independently as possible in a 24-hour shared home or in their own home.



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Atlanta, GA 30338  
770-677-3000

<https://www.jfcsatl.org/>

**Loving Care Family Services, LLC** helps children and adults with disabilities to get the care that they need, to be as independent as possible, and to maintain a lifestyle that makes them the most comfortable. Services include:

- In-home Care Services for children and adults with special needs
- Community Access Services for children and adults with special needs
- Supported Employment Services for adults with special needs



153 Castlebar Ct., SE  
Mableton, GA 30126  
Local: 678-574-2444  
Toll Free: 888-263-7160

[www.lovingcareatlanta.com](http://www.lovingcareatlanta.com)

# Extensive Supports & Developmental Disabilities

**Next Step Ministries** serves families in Cherokee, Cobb, and Fulton counties. They provide safe, appropriate and interactive day programs for individuals with unique needs in a Christian environment. Next Step Ministries provides a variety of therapeutic day programs to meet the needs of our moderately to profoundly developmentally delayed population.

**Main Building**  
**7709 Turner Rd.**  
**Woodstock, GA 30188**



770 592-1227  
770 592-1228 (Fax)

[nsm@nextstepministries.net](mailto:nsm@nextstepministries.net)

**RHA Health Services** focuses on intellectual & developmental disability, mental health, and substance use services. Additional services offered in Georgia include community living supports, community residential alternatives, host home support, behavior support services, specialized medical supplies, nursing services, and day program assistance.



**6941 Highway 92**  
**Woodstock, GA 31089**  
(770) 529-3754

<https://rhahealthservices.org/>

**Special Needs Cobb**, formerly Right in the Community, the largest and original special needs organization in Cobb County with 24 current group homes, onsite weekend respite care and parental educational workshops (waivers, financial, emotional, informational) that focus on the support of the entire special needs family unit helping them navigate the aging-out-of-high-school issue and throughout the remainder of the lifespan of the disabled individual with life-planning support for aging or ill parents. From helping with the daunting paperwork, to providing the number of a local doctor, Special Needs Cobb is your developmental disabilities resource **right in the community** for life.

- Affordable and accessible group housing
- Community-centered Respite Care
  - Caregiver Workshops
  - Caregiver assistance



**1830 Water Place, Suite 120**  
**Atlanta, Georgia 30339**  
770-427-8401

<http://www.rightinthecommunity.org/website/Home/Home.html>

**Tools for Life** provides options for greater freedom by increasing access to and acquisition of assistive technology (AT) devices and services for all ages and disabilities so they can live, learn, work, and play independently in communities of their choice.



**512 Means Street, Suite 250**  
**Atlanta, GA 30318**  
404-894-8000  
[www.gatfl.org](http://www.gatfl.org)



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**Bobby Dodd Institute** (BDI) connects people with disabilities and disadvantages to jobs, and the security and purpose that work brings. They fulfill this mission by sustaining good jobs in their mission-based businesses, offering high-quality job training, and helping businesses to recruit committed employees. They provide evaluation and career planning, specialized job training, and job connection services.



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info@bobbydodd.org

<https://bobbydodd.org/>

**Briggs & Associates** provides employment services to adults with psychiatric disorders, young people with disabilities who are completing high school and moving into the workforce, as well as people who want to move off welfare. Their Career Development program includes a targeted job search, interview skills, a liaison to support the consumer and employer, as well as support and advice for the client's natural support systems.



2300 Holcomb Bridge Road  
Suite 103, #366  
Roswell, Georgia 30076  
770-993-4559

<http://www.briggsassociates.org/>

**Cave Spring Center** (CSC) serves Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) clients ages 18 years and older who are referred by their VR counselors to receive residential services to assist them to go to work. Most are young adults who need additional services to transition from high school to further post-secondary training or education and become employed. CSC staff have the skills needed to serve individuals with all types of disabilities, plus some are specially trained and skilled in the use of American Sign Language and in working with consumers who are deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind.



Cave Spring Center  
7 Georgia Avenue  
Cave Spring, GA 30124  
706-777-2341

<https://gvs.georgia.gov/cave-spring-center>



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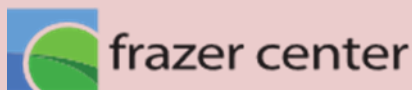
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Smyrna, GA 30080  
770-429-5000  
<http://www.cobbcsb.com/>

**Eaton Academy** offers supported employment opportunities for individuals who have attended their LEAP program (on-site work experience), ready to obtain employment, and have an open case through an appropriate state agency. Eaton Academy's supported employment program assists with resume preparation, completion of applications, interview preparation and assistance, and on the job support.



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Roswell, GA 30076  
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[www.eatonacademy.org](http://www.eatonacademy.org)

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**Georgia National Guard Youth ChalleNGe** program provides education, leadership, character development, and life coping skills to Georgia's youth through discipline and mentoring so that they may become successful members of society. Applicants must be academically at-risk, a high school dropout, or have been expelled. Applicants must be between 16-18 years old by the start of the academy's academic cycle. Locations available in Georgia are Fort Stewart, Fort Gordon, and Milledgeville.



Fort Stewart Youth Challenge Program  
Georgia National Guard  
Building 13540, P.O. Box 3610  
Fort Stewart, Georgia 31315  
or Fax documents to 912-876-1764  
or Email them to [documents@fsyca.org](mailto:documents@fsyca.org)  
<https://www.georgiayouthchallenge.org/index.cms>

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**Goodwill of North Georgia** offers job-search resources, helps with writing a professional resume and cover letter, provides access to employment opportunities, delivers hands-on skills training, and more.



3205 South Cobb Dr SE  
Smyrna, GA 30080  
770-438-7294

<https://goodwillng.org/>

The **Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency** (GVRA) operates five programs that share a primary goal to help people with disabilities become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment. The largest of the programs are Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program, Disability Adjudication Services, and Roosevelt Warm Springs/Cave Spring Center. Two other unique programs serve consumers with visual impairments: the Business Enterprise Program and Georgia Industries for the Blind.



GVRA Marietta Office  
877 Franklin Gateway SE  
Suite 280  
Marietta, GA 30067  
(770) 528-3435

<https://gvs.georgia.gov/>

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**Jewish Family & Career Services** (JF&CS) provides counseling, career supports, and services for adults and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Supported Employment Program through JF&CS' IndependenceWORKS provides the services needed to help employers and individuals with disabilities find each other and meet each other's employment needs.



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**Job Corps** is a no-cost education and vocational training program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor that helps young people ages 16-24, who meet the financial qualifications, to improve the quality of their lives by empowering them to get great jobs and become independent. They offer hands-on career training and education to prepare participants for a good job. Applications may be initiated by going to the Job Corps recruitment website at [www.recruiting.jobcorps.gov](http://www.recruiting.jobcorps.gov), or by contacting 1-800-733-JOBS (5627).



<https://www.jobcorps.gov/students>

1-800-733-JOBS (5627)

**Ken's Krew** enables individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to successfully enter the workforce by providing access to good jobs through professional training and support to prepare for sustained employment. Ken's Krew's model includes one-on-one skills assessment, vocational training, job access, and continuous support. Ken's Krew in our area partners with The Home Depot. Applications can be found on the Ken's Krew website.



555 Madison Avenue

19th Floor

New York, NY, 10022

(212) 290-8999 phone

(212) 290-8994 fax

<http://kenskrew.org/>

**Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute** is a residential campus where students learn life skills and work toward professional certifications with the final goal being employment. Students are referred through their Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) counselor. The Roosevelt Academy provides opportunities for students with disabilities to gain skills and independence. Graduates may enter employment planning, job placement activities, or may pursue further education.



6135 Roosevelt Highway

Warm Springs, GA 31830

706-655-5000

<https://gvs.georgia.gov/roosevelt-warm-springs>

**Supported Employment Specialists, Inc.** is a collaborative group of Community Coaches who specialize in individual support plans that promote all aspects of community living. Their supported employment and community access programs are person-centered and community focused. Their individualized service plans are designed to make the transition from high school to adult community living an easier one for most. They are approved contractors for the GVRA, DBHDD's NOW/ COMP Waiver programs, and Georgia's new state-funded Employment Express.

316 Alexander Street, Suite 1

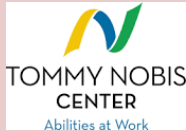
Marietta, GA 30060

770-499-2172

[www.sesgeorgia.com](http://www.sesgeorgia.com)

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**Tommy Nobis Center** provides the opportunity for meaningful work for individuals with disabilities who want to work. By creating a system built on understanding and support, they change lives daily through employment and vocational services. Employment services are individualized, vocational evaluations can identify strengths and weaknesses, and specific skill training is tailored to individual goals.



**1480 Bells Ferry Road  
Marietta, Georgia 30066-6014**  
770-427-9000 Phone  
770-499-9191 Fax  
<https://tommynobiscenter.org/>

**Ventures ATL** is a nonprofit based whose mission is to provide meaningful, sustainable jobs for adults with autism and related developmental differences. They do this by operating a portfolio of businesses for which there is strong commercial demand and which play to the strengths of their target employees. They utilize the skills and talents of neurodiverse individuals which include focus, attention to detail, affinity for repetitive tasks and their strong motivation to work.



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Atlanta GA. 30328**  
404-500-1921  
Email: [VenturesATL@gmail.com](mailto:VenturesATL@gmail.com)  
<https://venturesatl.com/>

**WorkSource Cobb** serves as Cobb County's American Job Center. They provide access to a system of employment and education services. Cobb County youth, ages 16-24, who meet income qualifications (to be determined at the time of eligibility), and are within one of the target groups are eligible for the following youth services: GED preparation classes & tutoring, high school academic & testing assistance, SAT/ACT test prep, and job skills training. Qualified youth can also participate in on the job training and work experiences.



**463 Commerce Park Drive  
Suite 100  
Marietta, GA 30060**  
770.528.4300  
<https://www.worksourcecobb.org/>

# Independent Living

**Annandale Village** is dedicated solely to providing progressive life assistance to adults 18 years or older with developmental disabilities and acquired brain injuries to maximize their abilities and maintain their independence in the least restrictive environment. They provide assisted living, day program, community access, residential services, as well as skilled nursing.



3500 Annandale Lane  
Suwanee, GA 30024-2150  
Phone: (770) 945-8381  
<http://annandale.org/>

**Canine Companions for Independence** is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships.



8150 Clarcona Ocoee Road  
Orlando, FL 32818  
(407) 522-3300  
[www.cci.org/locations/southeast/atlanta-chapter](http://www.cci.org/locations/southeast/atlanta-chapter)

**Champions Place** is an independent living community that accommodates young adults with a variety of physical disabilities, some who need support and some who do not. This shared living community promotes an independent living environment, provides the opportunity to work and volunteer, as well as the opportunity to participate in social and recreational activities. By utilizing Shared Community Support Services (funded through Medicaid), qualified roommates will have the ability to share the cost of personal staff.



Champions Community Foundation, Inc.  
9820 Nesbit Ferry Road,  
Johns Creek, GA 30022  
678-777-3723  
<http://www.championscommunityfoundation.org/champions-place/>

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**Developmental Disabilities Ministries** is a nonprofit, charitable corporation serving adults with developmental disabilities and their families. DDM owns/operates 18 group homes in Georgia, serving approximately 70 residents.



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Norcross, GA 30092  
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**Eaton Academy** offers the LEAP program. LEAP is designed for individuals to strengthen their overall life skills to achieve independence. Participants benefit from job readiness training, life skill development, and extensive social skill instruction. The goal of this program is to produce independent young adults by helping improve their job-related, social/emotional, and communications skills.



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**EnAble Georgia** provides community living support services for individuals living at home with family or in the community in their own homes as well as community residential services. The goal is to support people to live as independently as possible by providing coaching and assistance in the areas of need.



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Roswell, GA 30076**  
770-664-4347  
[www.enablega.org](http://www.enablega.org)

**Georgia Mentor's** Host Home program provides individuals with developmental disabilities the opportunity to live with a Host Home provider, called Mentors. Mentors help individuals with disabilities thrive as an active part of the community. Their services are designed to provide each individual with personalized supports needed to thrive in the communities they call home.



**Metro Atlanta – Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Services**  
**2302 Parklake Dr. Suite 200**  
**Atlanta, GA 30345**  
Tel: 470-362-7202  
<https://www.ga-mentor.com/who-we-serve/adults-with-disabilities/>

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<https://www.jfcsatl.org/>

**Just People** provides a variety of social activities and independent living assistance to adults with developmental disabilities to encourage full participation in the life of the community and enhance independent living skills. Just People also offers supported employment, social programs, and sports programs to the individuals living in their community.

"JUST" PEOPLE, Inc.

**1412 Oakbrook Drive**  
Norcross, GA 30093  
770-441-1188

[www.justpeople.org](http://www.justpeople.org)

The **Marietta Housing Authority** provides quality housing opportunities to clients, while fostering their economic independence, through responsible stewardship of public and private funds.



**Marietta Housing Authority (Cobb County)**  
P.O. Drawer K  
Marietta, GA 30061  
770-419-3205

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<http://www.rightinthecommunity.org/website/Home/Home.html>

The **Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia, Inc.** (SILC) is a private nonprofit corporation governed by people with all types of disabilities from all across the state. The role of the SILC is to identify societal barriers to independent living and to collaborate with Centers for Independent Living, Rehabilitation Services and other related entities to remove those barriers and to increase the supports and services needed to create independent living opportunities.



**315 West Ponce de Leon Ave, Suite #660  
Decatur, GA 30030  
770-270-6860**

<https://www.silcga.org/spil/>

**Saint Mary's Independent Living Extensions** (SMILE) assists adults with disabilities in setting up their own home in their own communities to function independently within a secure framework. SMILE provides individual consultation and direction to help make the home sustainable. They also provide a 24-hour emergency or on call support.



**120 Gloster Rd. NW, Suite 3  
Lawrenceville, GA 30044  
770-279-5115**

[www.smile4.info](http://www.smile4.info)

## Advocacy

The **ARC of Georgia** promotes and protects the human rights of people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes. The ARC provides assistance with self-advocacy, benefits, early intervention, education & training, employment, transportation, future planning, housing, resources, and technical assistance.



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Atlanta, GA 31106  
470-222-6088  
<https://ga.thearc.org/>

The **Autism Society of Greater Georgia** (The Arc, Autism Now) assists families in the search for the necessary supports, resources, services, and information. This organization is also involved in advocacy efforts and is committed to improving the lives of those affected by autism.



770-904-4474

<https://autismnow.org/local/autism-society-of-georgia/>

**Autism Speaks** is dedicated to promoting solutions, across the spectrum and throughout the life span, for the needs of individuals with autism and their families. Autism Speaks provides an Autism Response Team (ART) which is specially trained to connect people with autism, their families, and caretakers to information, tools, and resources.



900 Circle 75 Parkway, Suite 445  
Atlanta, GA 30339  
770-451-0570

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/georgia-tennessee>

**Cobb's Special Education Parent Mentors** enhance communication between parents and educators, ultimately leading to greater success for students with disabilities. The goal of the Parent Mentors is to help parents understand their role in their children's education and to provide guidance and resources to help them navigate the Special Education process. As parents of students with disabilities, Cobb's Special Education Parent Mentors provide resources to families of children with special needs while helping them navigate Special Education.



770-529-0046

<http://academics.cobbk12.org/index.php/ad/tlsss/special-education/se-parentmentors-2/>

**disABILITY LINK**, a Center for Independent Living (CIL) serves 12 Metro Atlanta counties, including Cobb. disABILITY LINK is led by and for people with disabilities and promotes full participation in community life through education, advocacy, and empowerment. Centers for Independent Living are non-profit, non-residential, community-based organizations, governed and staffed by people with disabilities, which offer a wide variety of services to people with disabilities, their families and the community.



1901 Montreal Rd, Suite 102  
Tucker, GA 30084  
Voice (404) 687-8890  
TTY (404) 687-9175  
Toll Free Voice/TTY (800)239-2507  
FAX: 404-687-8298

<http://www.disabilitylink.org>

# Advocacy

**The Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta** (DSAA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to support, early intervention, education, awareness, and advocacy for persons with Down syndrome and their families.



2221 Peachtree Rd. NE  
Suite D-226  
Atlanta, GA 30309  
404-320-3233  
[www.dsaatl.org](http://www.dsaatl.org)

**Georgia Advocacy Office, Inc.'s** mission is to work with and for oppressed and vulnerable individuals in Georgia who are labeled as disabled or mentally ill to secure their protection and advocacy.



1 West Court Square #625,  
Decatur, GA 30030  
(404) 885-1234  
<http://thegao.org/>

**Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities** (GCDD) collaborates with, supports, and funds many projects across Georgia to promote best practices and create opportunities to enhance the quality of life for Georgians living with disabilities. With many opportunities to advocate and influence public policy throughout the year, GCDD provides a voice for those who are disabled.



2 Peachtree St. NW , Suite 26-246  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
404-657-2126  
<https://www.gcdd.org/>

**McKenna Farms Therapy Services** provides therapeutic programs for children with special needs and their families, including regularly scheduled parent meeting on a variety of topics to help families navigate disability services. Physical, occupational, and speech therapies are offered in various settings including clinical, aquatic, and equine movement in hippotherapy.



McKenna Farms  
3044 Due West Road  
Dallas, GA 30157  
770-443-9672  
[www.mckennafarms.org](http://www.mckennafarms.org)

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**Parent to Parent of Georgia** offers a variety of services to Georgia families impacted by disabilities or special healthcare needs. Parent to Parent supports Georgia families and individuals from birth to age 26 by offering special programs to help youth and young adults with disabilities to get high-quality services that increase their capacity to effectively self-advocate.



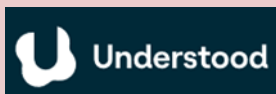
3070 Presidential Pkwy. Suite 130  
Atlanta, GA 30340-3720  
770-451-5484  
Toll Free: 800-229-2038  
[www.p2pga.org](http://www.p2pga.org)

The **Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia, Inc.** (SILC) is a private nonprofit corporation governed by people with all types of disabilities from all across the state. The role of the SILC is to identify societal barriers to independent living and to collaborate with Centers for Independent Living, Rehabilitation Services and other related entities to remove those barriers and to increase the supports and services needed to create independent living opportunities.



315 West Ponce de Leon Ave, Suite #660  
Decatur, GA 30030  
770-270-6860  
<https://www.silcga.org/spil/>

**Understood** focuses on connecting people with learning and thinking differences to resources, expertise, and communities that bolster confidence. Understood believes that everyone has a greater ability to thrive if given the right tools and support.



145 Hudson Street, Suite 5B  
New York, NY 10013-2150  
516-654-7584  
[www.understood.org](http://www.understood.org)

**Unlock the Waiting List** promotes the Unlock Campaign which advocates alongside Georgians with disabilities so they and their families can live full lives and contribute to Georgia communities and the Georgia economy through NOW/COMP Waiver funds.



unlockcoalition@gmail.com  
[www.unlockthewaitinglists.com](http://www.unlockthewaitinglists.com)

## Mental Health & Other Health-Related Needs

**180 Medical** provides incontinence products: diapers, protective underwear, underpads, ostomy products, and urological catheters to children and adults with special healthcare needs. 180 Medical participates with Georgia Medicaid, all the CMO's (including, Amerigroup), Waiver programs, and commercial plans. They bill Medicaid directly and provide cost-free monthly delivery of supplies to the patients' homes, including sending samples if needed.



**180 Medical**

Cell: 678-822-7506

Toll Free Phone: 877-688-2729

[www.180medical.com](http://www.180medical.com)

**Advanced Medical Group** is an accredited national home care provider specializing in meeting the medical supply needs of individuals with chronic medical conditions.

**Advanced Medical Group**

450 Old Peachtree Road, N.W.

Suite 102

Suwanee, GA 30024-7289

Toll Free Telephone Numbers:

Existing Customers: 877-645-3506

Fax Order Line: 866-838-0951

New Referrals - New Customers: 877-645-5170

Fax - Referral Line: 888-859-5845

<http://www.amguro.com/contact.html>



**Beyond Limits Therapeutic Riding** provides therapeutic horseback riding and other services for children and adults to promote and enrich their physical, developmental, psychological, and social well-being to encourage them to reach beyond limits.

**Business Office: Beyond Limits Therapeutic Riding**

P.O. Box 82

Emerson, GA 30137

**Riding Facility: Watkins Farm**

281 Cass-White Road

Cartersville, GA 30121

(770) 917-5737



info@2beyondlimitsriding.org

[www.beyondlimitsriding.org](http://www.beyondlimitsriding.org)

**Byram Healthcare** helps improve health outcomes and affordability of care for people managing their chronic conditions at home. Types of disposable supplies include enteral nutrition, diabetes, ostomy, urology, incontinence, and wound care. They serve all ages and have a "Hardship" link on their website.



**Byram Healthcare**

1925 Vaughn Rd. NW #115

Kennesaw, GA 30144

770-422-5516

[www.byramhealthcare.com](http://www.byramhealthcare.com)

## Mental Health & Other Health-Related Needs

**Cobb Community Services Board** provides residents of Cobb County who are challenged by mental health, developmental disabilities, and/or addictive disease issues with appropriate care and resources. Through the CHOICES 2 program, clients with Developmental Disabilities can access day service programs, supported employment, prevocational services, community access services, residential, community living support, and family support.



3830 South Cobb Drive, Suite 300  
Smyrna, GA 30080  
770-429-5000  
<http://www.cobbcsb.com/>

The **Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities** (DBHDD) provides treatment and support services to people with behavioral health challenges and addictive diseases. They also assist individuals who live with developmental disabilities. The agency's mission is to provide high-quality health care opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities or behavioral health challenges close to their homes, so they can live a life of independence and recovery and create a sustainable, self-sufficient, and resilient life in their community. This agency administers the Medicaid NOW and Comp waivers.



DBHDD Region 1 Field Office  
1230 Bald Ridge Marina Road  
Suite 800  
Cumming, GA 30041  
Phone – 678-947-2818  
Toll Free – 1-877-217-4462

<https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/about-dbhdd>

The **Dentistry for the Developmentally Disabled** (DDD Foundation, Inc.) is committed to promoting and maintaining good oral health for patients with developmental disabilities. Founded as a non-profit organization in 1999, the Foundation supports a dental clinic that solely treats patients with developmental disabilities. With a dedicated team of professionals trained in serving patients with special needs, the clinic serves patients with developmental disabilities including autism, intellectual delays, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, muscular dystrophy, and multiple sclerosis. The DDD Foundation's primary goal is to provide excellent and accessible dental care for a population that often faces enormous barriers to affordable care.



52 Executive Park South NE Suite 5203  
Atlanta, GA 30329  
Office 404-942-0086 / Fax 404-942-0088  
<http://www.dddfoundation.org/>

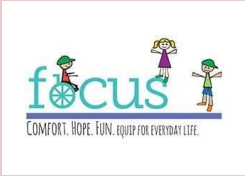
**DONACO Medical** is a family-owned medical supply company based in Woodstock, GA, specializing in catheters and urological Supplies. They also have disposable undergarments and miscellaneous medical supplies. They serve all ages and work with your providers to ensure that there is little to no cost.



Donaco Medical Supply LLC  
2230 Towne Lake Pkwy Bldg 200 Suite100  
Woodstock, GA 30189  
(678) 401-2628  
[www.Donacommedical.com](http://www.Donacommedical.com)

## Mental Health & Other Health-Related Needs

**Focus + Fragile Kids** offers comfort, hope, and fun to children and teens who are medically fragile or have physical and/or significant developmental disabilities.



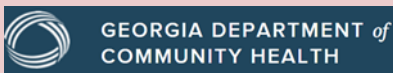
**3825 Presidential Pkwy., Suite 103  
Doraville, GA 30340  
770-234-9111  
[www.focus-ga.org](http://www.focus-ga.org)**

**Friends of Disabled Adults & Children (FODAC)** assists adults and children with disabilities in need who are uninsured or underinsured. FODAC's mission is to provide durable medical equipment such as wheelchairs and hospital beds at little or no cost to individuals with disabilities and their families. Services include durable medical equipment, home modifications, vehicle modifications, and assistive technology.



**FODAC  
4900 Lewis Road  
Stone Mountain, GA 30083  
770-491-9014  
<http://www.fodac.org>**

The **Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH)** administers several Waiver programs designed to help people who are elderly or have disabilities and need help to live in their home or community instead of a hospital or nursing home. Each program offers several "core" services. Within DCH, Community Care Services Program (CCSP) is a Medicaid waiver program that provides a range of community-based services to assist individuals who are physically disabled. Participants must meet the same medical, functional, and financial eligibility criteria as for placement in a nursing facility under Medicaid and be approved by a physician.



**2 Peachtree Street, NW  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
404-656-4507  
<https://medicaid.georgia.gov/waiver-programs>**

**The Georgia Department of Public Health** has been awarded the State Implementation Grants for System of Services for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs. This three year project focuses on improving the system of transition services for youth with special health care needs and improving access to coordinated on-going comprehensive care within a medical home.



**Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN)  
2 Peachtree Street NW, 11th Floor  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
404-657-2850**

<https://dph.georgia.gov/transitioning-youth-adult-care>



## Mental Health & Other Health-Related Needs

**Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network** promotes recovery through advocacy, education, employment, empowerment, peer support, and self help.



246 Sycamore Street, Suite 260  
Decatur, Georgia 30030  
404-687-6146  
Fax: 404-687-0772  
<https://www.gmhcn.org/>

**Got Transition** provides new and innovative strategies for health professionals, youth, and families to improve transition from pediatric to adult healthcare.



<https://www.gottransition.org/index.cfm>

**Hellen Keller National Center for Deaf/Blind Youths** gives people who are deaf/blind the tools to live, work, and thrive in the communities of their choice.



141 Middle Neck Road  
Sands Point, NY 11050  
Email: [hkncinfo@hknc.org](mailto:hkncinfo@hknc.org)  
Call: 516-944-8900

<https://www.helenkeller.org/hknc>

**Lacey's Pharmacy** has a variety of care products on their shelves. They have ostomy and urological supplies that can be purchased without a prescription. The Acworth location also has mobility products and daily living devices (i.e. shower chairs, feeding utensils) that are available for purchase. They will ship items to the Marietta location for pick up. They serve all ages and will work with your insurance plan.



**Lacey's Pharmacy**  
4469 Lemon Street  
Acworth, GA 30101  
678-236-0400  
**Lacey's Long Term Care Pharmacy**  
790 Church Street, Suite 210  
Marietta, GA 30060  
770-424-3131

## Mental Health & Other Health-Related Needs

**McKenna Farms Therapy Services** provides therapeutic programs for children with special needs and their families. Physical, occupational, and speech therapies are offered in various settings including clinical, aquatic, and equine movement in hippotherapy. Therapeutic riding, social skills groups, and summer camps are also available along with a Special Olympics equestrian team.



3044 Due West Road  
Dallas, GA 30157  
770-443-9672

[www.mckennafarms.org](http://www.mckennafarms.org)

**Mental Health America of Georgia** is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with mental health challenges as well as promoting mental wellness throughout Georgia. They work to increase the quality of life and advocate for independence for individuals with a severe and persistent mental illness through training programs and supports. They advocate with community partners to eliminate health disparities and reduce stigma and discrimination.



2250 N Druid Hills Rd. NE,  
Suite 275, Atlanta, GA 30329  
770-741-1481

<http://www.mhageorgia.org/>

**National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Georgia** empowers affiliates to create communities where all affected by mental illnesses find hope, help, and acceptance through support, education, and advocacy.



4120 Presidential Pkwy, Suite 200  
Atlanta, GA 30340

Phone: (770) 234-0855  
namigeorgia@namiga.org  
<https://namiga.org/>

**Northstar Psychological Services** is a group practice dedicated to the superior treatment of individuals and families within the Metro-Atlanta Community. They have been providing counseling services to individuals in this community for over fifteen years. Their licensed and skilled clinicians specialize in psychological evaluation and testing, counseling and treatment, and group services for children, adolescents, and adults.



Northstar Psychological Services  
P.O. Box 250  
Alpharetta, GA 30009  
(770) 667-3877

<https://www.npsga.com/>

## Mental Health & Other Health-Related Needs

**ReClif** is a fitness-based therapy and community center designed to empower individuals with autism and the loved ones who support them. They offer yoga & therapeutic yoga, special fit, interactive metronome, spelling to communicate, fit light, music therapy, and specialized program tracks.



3200 Pointe Pkwy NW #200,  
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092  
(678) 691-5426

<https://reclif.com/home-1#our-mission>

**RHA Health Services** focuses on intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental health, and substance use services. Additional services offered in Georgia include community living supports, community residential alternatives, host home support, behavior support services, specialized medical supplies, nursing services, and day program assistance.



6941 Highway 92  
Woodstock, GA 31089  
(770) 529-3754

<https://rhahealthservices.org/>

**Safe Kids Worldwide** is a global organization dedicated to protecting kids from unintentional injuries, the number one cause of death to children in the United States. Throughout the world, almost 1 million children die of injuries each year. Safe Kids provides outreach and education in the areas of car seat safety (including transporting students with special needs) and safety at home.



<https://www.safekids.org/>

## Community Participation

The **Alternative Baseball Organization** (ABO) for teens and adults age 15+ holds practices that include drills and batting practice. Games are officiated by real umpire staff. ABO serves multiple locations throughout Georgia. Comprised of players with autism and other special needs, the team is coached by a young man with autism and provides a competitive yet accepting environment.



770-313-1762

[www.alternativebaseball.org](http://www.alternativebaseball.org)

**Atlanta Rowing Club** is a non-profit organization formed and maintained to promote the sport of rowing. They offer adaptive rowing.



500 Azalea Dr,  
Roswell, GA 30075  
(678) 885-7697

<https://www.atlantarow.org/page/show/3832646-adaptive>

**Autism Improvised** helps develop better social relating, self-advocacy, and social communication skills through real life scenarios. Their goal is for young adults to experience personal fulfillment in the workplace, community, and in relationships through a better understanding of the nuances of everyday interactions. Autism Improvised, Inc. offers a variety of applied improv and theatre programs to help address the social challenges and rigid thinking of those who are mildly-to-moderately affected by Autism.



P.O. Box 862097  
Marietta GA 30062  
info@autismimprovised.org  
770-573-0320

<https://autismimprovised.org/index.html>

**British Academy of Performing Arts** offers special needs dance classes designed to help kids discover the beauty of dance. Through participation, students will improve their motor skills, coordination, and listening skills, as well as develop confidence, the ability to work as a team, and make new friends!



2550 Sandy Plains Rd. #280  
Marietta, GA 30066  
770-578-8272

[www.bapa.us](http://www.bapa.us)

## Community Participation

**Camp Dream** is a traditional summer camp experience for children and young adults with moderate to severe physical and developmental disabilities. The camp offers a one-to-one camper-counselor ratio. It is a barrier-free environment operated on the grounds of the Roosevelt Institute for Rehabilitation in Warm Springs. Partial and full scholarships are available.



4355 Cobb Pkwy. Suite J117  
Atlanta, GA 30339  
678-367-0040  
[info@campdreamga.org](mailto:info@campdreamga.org)  
[www.campdreamga.org](http://www.campdreamga.org)

**Camp Twin Lakes** provides weeklong summer camps and year-round weekend retreats at three fully-accessible and medically-supportive campsites, day camps, and through hospital-based Camp-to-Go programs. Providing life-changing camp experiences to thousands of Georgia's children with serious illnesses, disabilities, and other life challenges, Camp Twin Lakes collaborates with nearly 60 different nonprofit organizations, each serving a different population, to create customized programs that teach campers to overcome obstacles and grow in their confidence and capabilities.



Camp Twin Lakes  
1100 Spring St. Suite 406  
Atlanta, GA 30309  
404-231-9887  
[contact@camptwinlakes.org](mailto:contact@camptwinlakes.org)  
[www.camptwinlakes.org](http://www.camptwinlakes.org)

**Cobb County Aquatics**, a part of Cobb County Parks & Recreation, operates four aquatic centers across the county with handicap-accessible entry at each. Coordinators at each location can schedule swim lessons for individuals with disabilities; please call or email to speak with a coordinator who can assist you.

**Central Aquatic Center**, 520 Fairground Street, Marietta 30060  
(770) 528-8465

**Mountain View Aquatic Center**, 2650 Gordy Parkway, Marietta 30066  
(770) 509-4925

**South Cobb Aquatic Center**, 875 Riverside Parkway, Austell, GA 30168  
(770) 739-3180

**West Cobb Aquatic Center**, 3675 Macland Road, Powder Springs, GA 30127  
(770) 222-6700



[www.cobbcounty.org/parks/recreation/aquatics](http://www.cobbcounty.org/parks/recreation/aquatics)

## Community Participation

The **Cobb County Public Library System** offers a variety of resources and activities for young people with special needs. Students can check out books, audio books, movies, and digital materials. The Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services (GLASS) program provides reading materials to those unable to read standard print.

All services are free. Additionally, the Windy Hill Library specifically serves people with special needs and also provides a comfortable environment for patrons of all abilities and emphasizes inclusion. The focus of the Windy Hill Library is to provide the same services that are offered at all Cobb County Public Library System locations, with modifications and adaptations, to suit the interests, needs, and capabilities of the special needs community in Cobb County. Some of the programs offered include Tech Tuesday, Sensory Story Time, Wellness Wednesdays, and DIY workshops.



**Cobb County  
Public Library System**  
[www.cobbcat.org](http://www.cobbcat.org)

**Cobb County Public Library**  
161-275 SE Alexander St,  
Marietta, GA 30060  
(770) 528-2326

<http://www.cobbcat.org/>

**Cobb County Therapeutic Recreation** provides recreational and leisure educational opportunities for young adults with Developmental Disabilities, Learning Disabilities & Delays, Physical Disabilities, Hearing/Speech Impairments, Attention Deficit Disorder, and Autism. The goals of the program are to increase socialization skills, community awareness, emotional and physical well being, and to learn new leisure skills through participation in structured recreation activities that are safe and fun. Recreational programs are provided for participants in a variety of interest areas including recreational sports, dance, arts and crafts, day camps, travel, social club activities, and special events.



**Windy Hill Community Center**  
1885 Roswell St SE  
Smyrna, GA 30080  
(770) 528-2562

<https://www.cobbcounty.org/parks/recreation/therapeutic-recreation>

**CobbLinc's Paratransit** service is a curb-to-curb, shared-ride service for paratransit eligible Cobb County residents who cannot access the local fixed-route buses. Customers are picked up at the closest curb to their pick-up location and dropped off at the closest curb to their drop-off location. CobbLinc provides travel training for seniors and individuals with disabilities who qualify. Those who have a paratransit card have the ability to ride the regular, fixed route buses without charge.



431 Commerce Park Drive,  
Marietta, GA 30060  
(770) 528-4381

<https://www.cobbcounty.org/transportation/cobblinc>

**Douglas County Parks and Recreation Therapeutic Recreation** uses treatment, education, and recreation services to help people with illnesses, disabilities, and other conditions to develop and use leisure opportunities in ways that enhance their health, functional abilities, independence, and quality of life.



**Douglas County Parks and Recreation**  
8700 Hospital Drive  
Douglasville, Georgia 30134  
770.949.2000

<http://www.celebratedouglascounty.com/parks/>

## Community Participation

**Erin's Hope for Friends/E's Club** creates lasting relationships through joyful interactions for High Functioning Autism Spectrum (HFAS) teens and young adults. In 2016, Erin's Hope launched E's Club, a place where teens with HFAS ages 12 through high school seniors can meet, hang out and make friends; young adult programs are also available. Organized activities are offered each weekend geared toward fostering social interaction. There are locations in Alpharetta and Acworth.

11940 Alpharetta Highway, #110  
Alpharetta, GA 30009

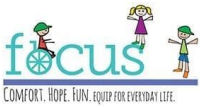
4492 Acworth Industrial Dr., NW, Suite 100  
Acworth, GA 30101



info@erinshopeforfriends.org  
678-390-4812

<https://erinshopeforfriends.org/>

**Focus + Fragile Kids** offers comfort, hope, and fun to children/teens who are medically fragile or have physical and/or significant developmental disabilities.



3825 Presidential Pkwy., Suite 103  
Doraville, GA 30340  
770-234-9111

[www.focus-ga.org](http://www.focus-ga.org)

**Freedom & Mobility's** goal is to explore every avenue possible with our clients to ensure that they become safe and proficient drivers, using the latest cutting edge technology.

They provide a broad range of services for a variety of clients including the intellectually and physically challenged, as well as the elder driver. They are licensed by the State of Georgia as a driving school and we employ a full time Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist (CDRS) as well as an Occupational Therapist (OT).



Freedom & Mobility  
Driver Training & Evaluation

1255 Kennestone Circle, Suite #240  
Marietta, Georgia 30066  
770-514-9957

<https://freedomandmobility.com/>

**Great Prospects** offers a community-based program that fits the updated guidelines the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental has set for providing care for individuals with disabilities. Great Prospects provides post-secondary and summer programs for adolescents and young adults with developmental disabilities. Great Prospects helps adolescents continue to grow and thrive, and young adults to make the critical transition to the adult world while learning to become a contributing member of the community.



1425 Market Blvd, Suite 330-135  
Roswell, GA 30076  
770-314-4243

<https://www.greatprospectsinc.org/>



## Community Participation

**Hands On Atlanta** connects volunteers to nonprofits and schools in need, while engaging socially responsible companies to help make a difference in our community. Their website provides volunteer opportunities in Cobb County.



600 Means St., Suite 100  
Atlanta, GA 30318  
Phone: 404.979.2800  
E-mail: [info@handsonatlanta.org](mailto:info@handsonatlanta.org)  
<https://www.handsonatlanta.org/>

The **Horizon League** provides children and young adults with developmental and physical disabilities the opportunity to participate in athletic events and develop lasting relationships among their peers, coaches, and parents. The Horizon League provides the opportunity for participants and their families to be an important part of their community by creating an environment of inclusion. Sports opportunities include baseball, kickball, soccer, mileage club, and adaptive yoga.



4415 Senator Russell Avenue,  
Acworth GA 30101  
(770)-974-3112

[https://www.acworth.org/departments/parks\\_recreation\\_and\\_community\\_resource\\_department/special\\_needs\\_program.php](https://www.acworth.org/departments/parks_recreation_and_community_resource_department/special_needs_program.php)

**iFLY's** All Abilities program provides indoor skydiving for individuals with physical or cognitive challenges. Highly trained instructors personally guide All Abilities flyers through the indoor skydiving experience.



2778 Cobb Pkwy. SE  
Smyrna, GA 30080  
678-803-4359

[www.iflyworld.com/atlanta](http://www.iflyworld.com/atlanta)

**Kennesaw Parks and Recreation** has walking trails, bicycle paths, athletic facilities, playgrounds, and open spaces for the community to access. They also offer youth and adult recreation programs, including summer camp, art, athletics, fitness, and general interest programs.



2753 Watts Dr,  
Kennesaw GA 30144  
(770)422-9714

<https://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/parks-and-recreation/>

**Lekotek** offers play sessions for newborns through 8-year-olds, computer club for students ages 8-15, and Lekopals for individuals ages 15 and up who have special needs (including developmental disabilities, developmental delay, and chronic health conditions). Contact them for the Cobb Location.



1955 Cliff Valley Way, Suite 102  
Atlanta, GA 30329  
404-633-1242

E-mail: [info@lekotekga.org](mailto:info@lekotekga.org)  
[www.lekotekga.org](http://www.lekotekga.org)

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Peachtree Corners, GA 30092  
(678) 691-5426

<https://reclif.com/home-1#our-mission>

**SafeLink Wireless** provides free phones in addition to 350 minutes of talking time per month and unlimited text messaging to participants who meet income eligibility requirements.



<https://www.safelinkwireless.com/Enrollment/Safelink/en/Web/www/default/index.html#!/newHome>

**Shepherd Center's Adapted Driving Services** helps clients and their families evaluate, prepare for, and utilize transportation options available to them after experiencing a loss in mobility. Staff members address safety and accessibility issues, as well as the unique transportation concerns of those who use power wheelchairs. Their team includes a certified driving specialist/educator and occupational therapy practitioners, who are also certified driver rehabilitation specialists. The team conducts on-the-road examinations, lessons, and fittings for vehicle modifications. Other professionals are consulted as needed.



2020 Peachtree Road NW,  
Atlanta, GA 30309-1465  
404-352-2020

<https://www.shepherd.org/patient-programs/outpatient-clinics/adapted-driving-services>

**Shepherd Center Sports** sponsors 11 sports teams that enable individuals with physical disabilities in the Atlanta area to participate in sports on a recreation or competitive level.



2020 Peachtree Road NW  
Atlanta, GA 30309-1465  
404-367-1287

<https://www.shepherd.org/resources/sports>

**Sparrowwood** is a chance for campers with different developmental needs to be accepted for who they are and celebrated for all they have to offer. Focusing on abilities rather than disabilities fosters the shared sense of radical acceptance that helps define the Glisson experience, causing all involved to see we are more alike than we are different.



Sparrowwood of Camp Glisson  
690 Camp Glisson Rd  
Dahlonega, GA 30533  
(706) 864-6181

<http://glisson.org/sparrowwood/>

## Community Participation

**Special Olympics Georgia** provides year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The goal is to help bring persons with intellectual disabilities into the larger society under conditions whereby they are accepted, respected, and given the chance to become useful and productive citizens.



6046 Financial Drive  
Norcross, Georgia 30071  
770-414-9390

<http://www.specialolympicsga.org/>

**Volunteer Match** provides volunteering opportunities in your community based on your desired interests. Sign up on the website to start.



[www.volunteermatch.org/city/Atlanta%2C+GA%2C+USA](http://www.volunteermatch.org/city/Atlanta%2C+GA%2C+USA)

**Voter Registration** provides information on voter eligibility and how to register, check, or change information. Find the deadline to register to vote in your state.



<https://www.usa.gov/register-to-vote>

**Cobb County Elections and Voter Registration** can assist with voter registration, checking status of voter registration, changing address information for voter registration, and identifying voting precinct.



736 Whitlock Ave. NW, Suite 400  
Marietta, GA 30064  
770-528-2581

<https://www.cobbcounty.org/elections/voter-registration>

## Post-Secondary Education

**Cave Spring Center** (CSC) helps individuals with disabilities develop good attitudes, self-discipline, work ethics, and marketable job skills so they can become successfully employed, contributing members of their communities. CSC serves Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) clients ages 18 years and older who are referred by VR counselors to receive residential services to assist them in working. Most are young adults who need additional services to transition from high school to further post-secondary training or education and become employed. CSC staff have the skills needed to serve individuals with all types of disabilities, plus some are specially trained and skilled in the use of American Sign Language in working with people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind.



**7 Georgia Ave.  
Cave Spring, GA 30124  
706-777-1770**

[www.gvs.georgia.gov/cave-spring-center](http://www.gvs.georgia.gov/cave-spring-center)

**Chattahoochee Technical College** is a technical college with campuses in Marietta, Austell, Dallas, Acworth, and Woodstock. Chattahoochee Technical College offers many options for obtaining an associate's degree or certification. There are also programs designed for students who would like to transfer to a four-year University. Chattahoochee Tech has options for financial aid and support for students with learning disabilities.



**Marietta Campus  
980 South Cobb Drive  
Marietta, GA 30060  
770-528-4545**

<http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/>

Disability Support Services Office:

<https://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/disability-services/>

**Eaton Academy** offers several options for students who have completed high school, but are not quite ready for college or to enter the adult world. Eaton Academy has programs for individuals looking to sharpen academic skills or focus on mastering skills required to live independently. Various programs include job readiness training, life skills development, social skills instruction, independent living support, and supported employment.



**1000 Old Roswell Lakes Parkway  
Roswell, Georgia 30076  
770-645-2673**

<https://eatonacademy.org/post-secondary>

**FAFSA** The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is a form completed by current and prospective college students in the United States to determine their eligibility for student financial aid.

**Federal Student Aid**  
An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

[www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov)

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**The Georgia Inclusive Post-Secondary Education Consortium** (GAIPSEC) is housed in the Center for Leadership in Disability at Georgia State University. GAIPSEC is dedicated to ensuring that every Georgia student has access to learning after high school, including those with intellectual or developmental disabilities. The GAIPSEC website includes valuable information about a variety of topics related to inclusive post-secondary education in Georgia. These topics include information about the Inclusive Post-Secondary Programs throughout the state and funding opportunities for families interested in pursuing one of these programs.



**75 Piedmont Ave. Suite 514**

**Atlanta, GA 30303**

404-413-1281

[www.gaipsec.org](http://www.gaipsec.org)

**Georgia Student Finance Commission** (GSFC) is the administrator of more than 20 state- and lottery-funded scholarships, grants, and service-cancelable loan programs. GSFC provides free financial aid consultation to K-12, postsecondary institutions, and community organizations across the state to help students and their families prepare to pay for college.



**2082 East Exchange Place**

**Tucker, GA 30084**

800-505-4732

[www.gsfc.georgia.gov](http://www.gsfc.georgia.gov)

**Georgia Highlands College** offers associate's, bachelor's, and online degree options in several areas of study. Georgia Highlands has campuses in Rome, Cartersville, Marietta, Dallas, and Douglasville. Students Support Services-Disability Support (SSS-DS) is the first contact for students with disabilities to arrange accommodations and locate campus and community resources. To access accommodations, students must first connect with SSS-DS and provide the appropriate documentation as outlined by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, to establish eligibility.

**3175 Cedartown Highway**

**Rome, GA 30161**

Floyd: 706-802-5000, Cartersville: 678-872-8000, Douglasville: 678-872-4200, James D. Maddox Heritage Hall: 706-295-6321,

Marietta- 678-872-8501, Paulding- 678-946-1100

[www.highlands.edu](http://www.highlands.edu)

SSS-DS: <https://sites.highlands.edu/student-support-services/disability-assistance/>



**Georgia Trade School** has programs in different types of welding where students can earn certifications. Georgia Trade School does provide some scholarships and job placement assistance upon completion of the program.



**4231 Southside Drive**

**Acworth, GA 30101**

770-590-WELD (9353)

[www.georgiatradeschool.com](http://www.georgiatradeschool.com)

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**Kennesaw State University** has campus locations in Kennesaw and Marietta. Student Disability Services (SDS) is the first contact for students with disabilities to arrange accommodations and locate campus and community resources. To access accommodations, students must first connect with SDS and provide the appropriate documentation as outlined by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.



1000 Chastain Road  
Kennesaw, GA 30144  
470-578-6000

1100 South Marietta Pkwy.  
Marietta, GA 30060  
470-578-6000

[www.kennesaw.edu](http://www.kennesaw.edu)

SDS: [www.sds.kennesaw.edu/index.php](http://www.sds.kennesaw.edu/index.php)

**Life University** is a private university located in Marietta. In addition to undergraduate and graduate programs in health and wellness-oriented fields. Students with documented disabilities may request reasonable accommodations, which will afford them equal access to all educational programs and activities of the University. Requests for reasonable accommodations must be made to the Student Success Center.



1269 Barclay Circle  
Marietta, GA 30060  
770-426-2600

[www.life.edu](http://www.life.edu)

Disability Services: [www.life.edu/campus-life-pages/student-success-center/disability-services](http://www.life.edu/campus-life-pages/student-success-center/disability-services)

**The Mechanical Trades Institute –Local 72 Training Center** (MTI-72) provides a structured program that trains apprentices to be Pipefitters, Plumbers, and HVACR Service Technicians. Tuition is free for all students who qualify to train at MTI and apprentices can earn money as they train. Graduation requirements include completion of a five-year apprenticeship program with over 10,000 hours of training (over 1100 hours of classroom training and at least 8,500 hours of on-the-job training).



6120 Purdue Drive SW  
Atlanta, GA 30336  
404-696-7121

[www.mti-jatt.org](http://www.mti-jatt.org)

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**Regents' Center for Learning Disorders** (RCLD) is one of three centers across the state of Georgia established by the University System of Georgia (USG) Board of Regents to provide assessment, training, research, and resources related to students who have learning disorders that impact their functioning in the academic environment. A primary purpose of the RCLDs is to administer a consistent policy and clearly-defined disability eligibility criteria at USG institutions, allowing otherwise qualified students with Learning Disorders to access appropriate academic accommodations and services.



**331 Milledge Hall**  
**University of Georgia**  
**Athens, Georgia 30602**  
706-542-4589  
[www.rclid.uga.edu](http://www.rclid.uga.edu)

**Roosevelt Warm Springs** (RWS) is a residential campus where students learn life skills and work towards professional certifications with the final goal being employment. Students are referred through their VR counselor. The mission of RWS is to empower individuals with disabilities to achieve personal independence and employment success.



6135 Roosevelt Hwy.  
Warm Springs, GA 31830  
706-655-500  
[www.gvs.georgia.gov/roosevelt-warm-springs](http://www.gvs.georgia.gov/roosevelt-warm-springs)

**Think College** is a national organization dedicated to developing, expanding, and improving inclusive higher education options for people with an intellectual disability. Think College supports evidence-based and student-centered research and practice by generating and sharing knowledge, guiding institutional change, informing public policy, and engaging with students, professionals, and families.



**UMass Boston**  
**100 Morrissey Blvd.**  
**Boston, Massachusetts 02125**  
Voice: (617) 287-4300  
Fax: (617) 287-4352  
TTY: (617) 287-4350  
<https://thinkcollege.net/>

**Tools for Life**, Georgia's Assistive Technology Act Program, is dedicated to increasing access to and acquisition of assistive technology (AT) devices and services for Georgians of all ages and disabilities so they can live, learn, work, and play independently and with greater freedom in communities of their choice.



**512 Means St. Suite 250**  
**Atlanta, GA 30318**  
404-894-0541  
[www.gatfl.gatech.edu](http://www.gatfl.gatech.edu)



## Financial & Legal Supports and Services

**Benefits Navigator Program** provides work incentive information to people between the ages of 14 and full retirement age who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), or both. The goal is to provide information about how earned income will affect Social Security benefits as well as other Federal or State benefits received. They can assist by providing information to make the best decisions possible to determine how to reach maximum economic potential by understanding how work and earnings may affect those benefits received through Social Security.

1-800-283-1848

<http://www.benefitsnavigator.org/>

**Burgess & Christensen's** legal team specializes in social security disability, guardianship, and special needs trusts.



540 Powder Springs Street

Building A, Suite 1

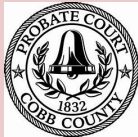
Marietta, GA 30064

Phone: 770-422-8111

Fax: 770-422-0013

<https://www.disabilityhelpline.com/>

**Cobb County Probate Court's** primary function is to ensure that estates and guardianships are administered in accordance with the law. The Probate Court has jurisdiction over the appointment and supervision of guardians and conservators of adults with significant disabilities.



32 Waddell Street

Marietta, GA 30090

770-528-1900

[www.gaprobate.org](http://www.gaprobate.org)

The **Cobb Justice Foundation** is a special pro bono project of Legal Aid of Cobb County. Legal Aid of Cobb County provides free legal services and education to individuals living at or below the federal poverty level in a variety of civil legal matters. The foundation may be able to assist with guardianship and SSI/SSDI issues.



30 S Park Square NE

Marietta, GA 30060

(770) 528-2565

<https://www.cobbjustice.org/>

The **Georgia Department of Community Health** (DCH) administers several Waiver programs designed to help people who are elderly or have disabilities and need help to live in their home or community instead of a hospital or nursing home. Each program offers several "core" services. Within DCH, **Community Care Services Program** (CCSP) is a Medicaid Waiver program that provides a range of community-based services to assist individuals who are physically disabled. Participants must meet the same medical, functional, and financial eligibility criteria as for placement in a nursing facility under Medicaid and be approved by a physician.



2 Peachtree Street, NW

Atlanta, GA 30303

404-656-4507

<https://medicaid.georgia.gov/waiver-programs>

# Financial & Legal Supports and Services

**Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities** (DBHDD) provides treatment and support services to people with behavioral health challenges and addictive diseases. They also assist individuals who live with developmental disabilities. The agency's mission is to provide high-quality health care opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities or behavioral health challenges close to their homes, so they can live a life of independence and recovery and create a sustainable, self-sufficient, and resilient life in their community. This agency administers the Medicaid NOW and Comp waivers.



**DBHDD Region 1 Field Office**  
1230 Bald Ridge Marina Road  
Suite 800  
Cumming, GA 30041  
Phone – 678-947-2818  
Toll Free – 1-877-217-4462

<https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/about-dbhdd>

**J. Christopher Miller Law Office** specializes in special needs planning/trusts.

11800 Amber Park Dr., Suite 130  
Alpharetta, GA 30009  
678-746-2900

[https://northfultonwills.com/practiceareas.php#special\\_needs\\_planning](https://northfultonwills.com/practiceareas.php#special_needs_planning)



The **Law Offices of James O. Bass** is a family law office with an emphasis in special needs, including guardianship and Power of Attorney.



420 Creekstone Ridge  
Woodstock, GA 30188  
770-874-6464

<https://www.bbandslaw.com/>

**Mass Mutual Financial Group** specializes in estate planning tools, including wills, powers of attorney, and life insurance trusts for people with special needs.



Taylor, Yeganegi & Associates Financial Services  
Satellite Office  
1301 Shiloh Rd., Bldg 800 S830, Kennesaw, GA 30144  
678-302-2721

<https://www.massmutual.com/planning/articles/financial-strategy-special-needs>

**Nadler Biernath LLC** specializes in special needs trust, guardianship/conservatorship, and Medicaid planning.



4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA  
770-455-0535

<https://nadlerbiernath.com/>

## Financial & Legal Supports and Services

**The Pollan Law Firm** specializes in Medicaid eligibility, creating a special-needs trust, guardianship/conservatorship, and divorce and disability.



1801 Peachtree Street NE

Suite 125

Atlanta, GA 30309

678-235-9317

<https://www.pollanlawfirm.com/>

**Selective Service System** mandates all male U.S. citizens, regardless of where they live, and male immigrants, whether documented or undocumented, residing in the United States, and who are 18 through 25, register with Selective Service. The law states men must register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. That means men are required to register with Selective Service sometime during the 30 days before their 18th birthday, their 18th birthday, and the following 29 days after their 18th birthday – that is a 60-day registration period. Men who do not register with Selective Service within the 60-day window are technically in violation of the law and should register as soon as possible. This is required regardless of disability.



<https://www.sss.gov/>

The **Social Security** and **Supplemental Security Income** (SSI) programs are federal programs that provide assistance to people with disabilities. Both are administered by the Social Security Administration and only individuals who additionally meet specified criteria may qualify for benefits under either program. SSI is a federal income supplement program funded by general tax revenues (not Social Security taxes). SSI pays benefits to disabled adults and children with limited income to provide for basic needs such as food, clothing, and shelter. Prior to the age of 18, SSI pays benefits based on financial need. From the age of 18, developmentally disabled adults qualify based on limited income.



1415 Franklin Road

Marietta, GA 30067

1-800-772-1213

[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

**State of Georgia Able Account** (STABLE) is an investment account available to eligible individuals with disabilities. STABLE Accounts allow individuals with disabilities to save and invest money without losing eligibility for certain public benefits programs, like Medicaid, SSI, or SSDI. Earnings in STABLE Accounts are not subject to federal income tax, so long as they are spent on “Qualified Disability Expenses.”



Email address: [team@stableaccount.com](mailto:team@stableaccount.com)

<https://www.georgiastable.com/>

	Advocacy	Benefits/Funding	Day Program/ Community Access	Estate Planning	Early Childhood	Guardianship	Housing/Independent Living Support	Individual Family Support	Job Planning/Placement	Medical Supplies/Services	Mental Health	Respite Care	Sports/Social Opportunities	Summer Programs	Therapy	Transportation
180 Medical		X						X		X						
Advanced Medical Group										X						
Alternative Baseball Organization													X			
Annandale Village			X				X			X						
ARC of Georgia	X	X			X		X	X	X							X
Atlanta Rowing Club													X			
Autism Improvised													X	X		
Autism Society of Greater Georgia	X							X								
Autism Speaks	X							X								
Benefits Navigator Program	X							X								
Beyond Limits Therapeutic Riding													X		X	
Blake's House of Independence			X						X							X
Bobby Dodd Institute		X							X							
Brigg's & Associates									X							
British Academy of Performing Arts													X			
Burgess & Christensen		X		X		X		X								

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Byram Healthcare		x			x			x		x						
Camp Dream														x		
Camp Twin Lakes												x		x		
Canine Companions for Independence										x						
Cave Spring Center									x				x			
Champions Place							x		x				x			
Chanan Foundation			x				x									x
Chattahoochee Technical College																
Cobb Community Services Board		x	x				x	x	x		x					x
Cobb County Aquatics													x			
Cobb County Probate Court						x										
Cobb County Public Library System					x								x			
Cobb County Therapeutic Recreation													x	x		
Cobb Justice Foundation		x				x		x								
CobbLinc's Paratransit																x

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EnAble Georgia							X	X								
Erin's Hope for Friends/E's Club													X			
FAFSA		X														
Focus + Fragile Kids					X			X		X			X	X		
Frazer Center	X		X		X				X				X	X		
Freedom & Mobility																X
Friends of Disabled Adults & Children								X		X						
Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities	X															
Georgia Dept. of Community Health		X					X	X		X						
Georgia Dept. of Public Health					X			X		X						
Georgia Highlands College																
Georgia Inclusive Post-Secondary Education Consortium	X															
Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network	X								X		X					

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Georgia Mentor							x									
Georgia National Guard Youth ChalleNGe									x							
Georgia Student Finance Commission		x														
Georgia Trade School									x							
Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency									x							
Georgia Advocacy Office, Inc.	x							x								
Goodwill of North Georgia									x					x		
Got Transition										x						
Great Prospects			x											x		x
Hands on Atlanta													x			
Hellen Keller National Center for Deaf/Blind Youths						x		x	x	x			x			
Horizon League					x								x			
iFLY													x			
InCommunity			x				x	x	x		x	x				
J. Christopher Miller Law Office				x				x								



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Jewish Family & Career Services			X				X		X							
Job Corps							X		X							
Just People							X		X				X			
Kennesaw Parks & Recreation													X	X		
Kennesaw State University																
Ken's Krew									X							
Lacey's Pharmacy										X						
Law Offices of James O. Bass						X		X								
Lekotek					X			X					X		X	
Life University																
Loving Care Family Services, LLC																
Marietta Housing Authority		X					X									
Mass Mutual Financial Group				X				X								
McKenna Farms Therapy Services	X				X			X					X	X	X	

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Mechanical Trade Institutes- Local 72 Training Center		x							x							
Mental Health America of Georgia	x										x					
Nadler Biernath LLC				x		x		x								
National Alliance on Mental Illness	x										x					
Next Step Ministries			x													
Northstar Psychological Services					x			x			x					
Parent to Parent of Georgia	x				x			x								
Pollen Law Firm				x		x		x								
ReClif								x					x		x	
Regents' Center for Learning Disorders	x							x								
RHA Health Services							x	x	x	x	x					
Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute									x				x			
Safe Kids Worldwide					x				x	x						
SafeLink Wireless								x								

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Saint Mary's Independent Living Extensions							x									
Selective Service System																
Shepherd Center Sports													x			
Shepherd Center Adapted Driving Services								x								x
Social Security & Supplemental Income		x														
Sparrowwood														x		
Special Needs Cobb							x	x				x				
Special Olympics Georgia													x			
State of Georgia Able Account		x		x												
Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia, Inc.	x						x	x								
Supported Employment Specialists, Inc.			x						x							
Think College	x															

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Tommy Nobis Center									x					x		x
Tools for Life								x								
Understood	x															
Unlock the Waiting List	x															
Ventures ATL									x							
Volunteer Match													x			
Voter Registration																
Worksource Cobb									x					x		x