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Organizations that connect individuals with disabilities with help and support in a variety of areas.

Resources found within the Cobb County School District Special Education Community Resource Guide are for informational purposes only. The resources contained here are not associated with, affiliated with or sponsored by the Cobb County School District. CCSD makes no recommendations about the validity or usefulness of any agencies listed herein.

The resources contained in the Community Resource Guide may change after publication. Please contact the resources for the most up to date information on services provided.

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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

Additional services may be provided



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NOW/COMP Medicaid Waiver



Websites

- [DBHDD's Intellectual & Developmental Disability Services](#)
- [Parent to Parent of Georgia](#)



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

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 Release of Information](#)



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.

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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.

1-855-828-8476
www.autismnow.org

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.

The ARC, Georgia Office PO Box 8714
Atlanta, GA 31106
202-600-3495
<https://ga.thearc.org/>

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>

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
(404) 687-8890
www.disabilitylink.org

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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

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 meetings 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

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

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The **Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia, Inc. (SILC)** is a private nonprofit corporation governed by people with all types of disabilities from 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
www.silcga.org

Together We Care honors and supports the disability community. Their mission is to equip organizations and faith communities to include people with disabilities; to provide resources to families who have children with special needs; and to assist adults with disabilities in accomplishing their life goals.

PO BOX: 801392
Acworth, GA 30101
<https://www.togetherwecarega.org/>

Transitionally Speaking hosts one-on-one and group transition meetings for parents. The goal is to help guide parents as they begin the journey to ensure their children can transition into adult services.

678-517-2273
<https://www.transitionallyspeaking.com>

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.

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New York, NY 10013-2150
516-654-7584
www.understood.org