

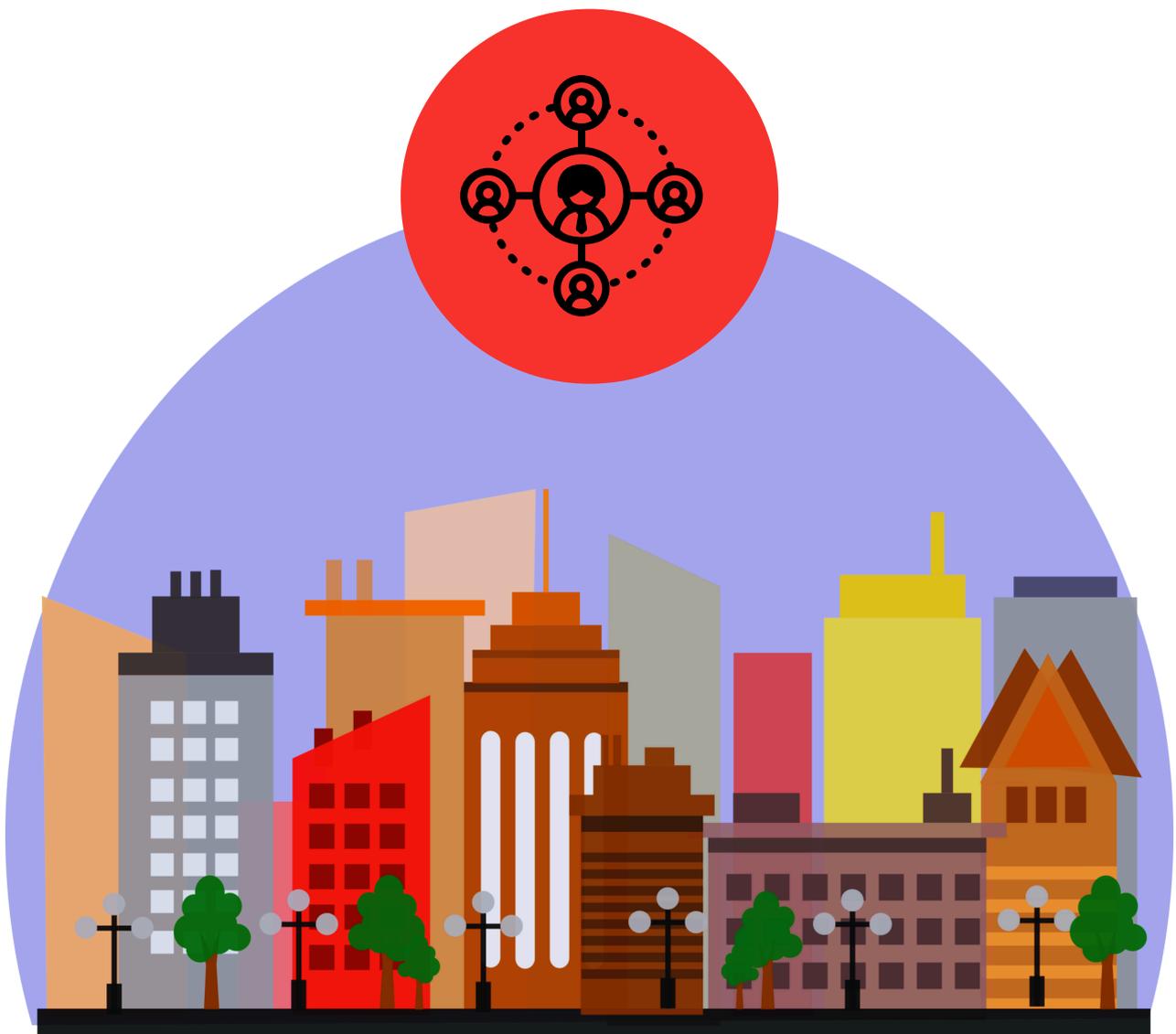


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Organizations that help individuals with disabilities gain access to and participate more fully in their communities.

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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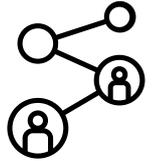


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Family Support Services

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 website:
<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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All Terrain Georgia is an initiative of Aimee Copeland Foundation (ACF) in partnership with Georgia Department of Natural Resources. The goal is to enable people with mobility impairments to enjoy the nurturing and healing qualities that the vast natural resources of our state has to offer. ACF, in partnership with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) houses and maintains all-terrain chairs at different parks around the state. Reservations can be made on the website.

770-866-2815

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

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

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

www.atlantarow.org

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

770-573-0320

www.autismimprovised.org

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BlazeSports America is the legacy of the 1996 Atlanta Paralympic Games. Their mission is to change the lives of youth and veterans with disabilities through adaptive sports and recreation. Their programs provide our community with the opportunity to increase physical activity, create new friendships, develop new skills, increase independence, and experience success in school and employment.

3000 Business Park Drive, Suite A
Norcross, GA 30071
Phone: 404-270-2000
<https://blazesports.org/>

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

Camp Big Heart is an overnight summer camp for campers with mild to moderate special needs with mild to moderate special needs, sponsored by the Civitan Clubs of Georgia. Camp Big Heart has options for both kids and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Camp Big Heart is located John Hope FFA-FCCLA Center in Fort Valley, Georgia, overlooking Lake Lassiter.

478-216-8037
www.campbigheart.org

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

Community Participation



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
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

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>

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.

161-275 SE Alexander St,
Marietta, GA 30060
770-528-2326
www.cobbcat.org/

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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 wellbeing, 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

www.cobbcounty.org/parks/recreation/therapeutic-recreation

CobbLinc 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
Paratransit Certifications: 770-429-7855
Paratransit Reservations: 770-427-2222
www.cobbcounty.org/transportation/cobblinc

Duet Dance Company's A Chance to Dance is a 45 minute class that helps dancers with special needs find new ways to move. Each dancer has their own student assistant in class with them. This allows students with special needs to improve their motor skills, coordination, and listening skills. Duet Dance Company welcomes a wide range of special needs dancers, including dancers with autism, vision/auditory disabilities, down syndrome, and wheelchair users.

2870 East Cherokee Dr.
Canton GA 30115
678-880-7470
<https://www.duetdancega.com/achancetodance>

Extra Special People (ESP) 360 is ESP's year round recreation and family program. It includes daily afternoon enrichment in the fall and spring, an inclusive sports program through the ESP Miracle League, 8 weeks of summer camp in June and July, and ongoing family support through monthly dinners, family events, counseling, and more.

706-769-9333
espyouandme.org/locations/atlanta

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Erin's Hope for Friends/E's Club creates lasting relationships through joyful interactions for teens and young adults who have High Functioning Autism Spectrum (HFAS). In 2016, Erin's Hope launched E's Club, a place where teens, ages 12-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

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 employ a full time Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist (CDRS) as well as an Occupational Therapist (OT).

1255 Kennestone Circle, Suite#240
Marietta, Georgia 30066
770-514-9957
<https://freedomandmobility.com/>

Georgia Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (GLS) - is the statewide network that provides library services for the blind and those whose physical abilities require materials in digital audio formats or in braille. GLS serves Georgia residents through a central library, a subregional library, and a distribution center.

2872 Woodstock Boulevard Suite 250
Atlanta, GA 30341
404-235-7200
<https://georgialibraries.org/gls-accessibility/>

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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
www.greatprospectsinc.org

Hand, Hoof, and Heart has a mission to support people of all abilities towards improving cognitive, physical, emotional, and social functioning through the use of therapeutic animal-assisted learning programs. They provide three unique therapeutic programs that focus on mounted and unmounted equine education.

3363 Wheeler Drive
Acworth, GA 30102
678-478-4013
<https://www.handhoofheart.org/>

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
404-979-2800
E-mail: 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://acworth-ga.gov/parks-recreation-and-community-resources/horizon-therapeutics/>

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iFLY 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

<https://www.iflyworld.com/programs/all-abilities/>

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
770-424-8274

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

Lekotek offers play sessions for newborns through 8-year-olds, compute 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
404-633-3430

E-mail: info@lekotekga.org
www.lekotekga.org.

MDE School provides summer programs and hands on vocational training.

1517 Johnson Ferry Rd. #100
Marietta, GA 30062
770-971-4633

<https://mdeschool.org/>

The Next Stop Neighborhood strives to be a safe online platform where adults with special needs can engage, connect, and access daily activities for both learning and leisure. The Next Stop Neighborhood creates an interactive “neighborhood” with engaging content, events, and daily activities.

<https://tnsneighborhood.com/>

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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
www.reclif.com

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/en/#!/newHome>

SawDust Occupational Therapy “Our mission is to teach life skills and work habits to young adults and children with special needs through the use of construction, woodworking and craft thereby assisting with future employment opportunities.”

6797 Cagle Ln.
Cumming, GA 30040
404-436-7416
www.sawdustot.com/services

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>

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

2020 Peachtree Road NW
Atlanta, GA 30309-1465
404-367-1287
<https://www.shepherd.org/resources/sports>

Songs For Kids provides music mentorship and interactive programs for kids and young adults with illnesses, injuries, and disabilities. They focus on creative expression, encourage exploration in a safe space, and never lose the sight of fun!

145 Nassau St. NW, Suite B
Atlanta, GA 30303
404-541-9231
www.songsforkids.org

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/>

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/>

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Special Populations Tennis Program, Inc. (Special Pops) offers an adaptive tennis program specifically designed to share the lifetime sport of tennis with children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Programs offered free of charge to all skill levels, including those who have never played, include year-round tennis instruction, league play, and tournament competition.

3176 Westfield Way
Roswell GA 30075
404-702-5820
<https://www.specialpopstennis.org>

Therabeat, Inc. provides music therapy programs to schools, assisted living, and memory care facilities throughout the greater Atlanta area, as well as individual therapy sessions.

9880 Hickory Flat Highway
Woodstock, GA 30188
770-687-2542
<https://www.therabeat.com/>

Trips Inc specializes in inclusive travel for special needs. They have all-inclusive vacation packages for travelers ages 18 and older with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They provide travel opportunities to people of various abilities in a safe, respectful, and fun atmosphere.

1-800-686-1013
<https://www.tripsinc.com>

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

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>