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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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Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a benefits program that provides monthly payments to children and adults with disabilities and limited or no resources.

How Do I Apply?



Call 1-800-772-1213 for an appointment.



Visit Cobb County Social Security Administration Office



Apply at www.ssa.gov/apply/ssi

Eligibility Requirements

- The adult must have a physical or mental disability that:
 - Is severe and creates functional limitations.
 - Prevents gainful employment.
 - Has lasted for more than 12 months and is expected to continue.
- Adult income is limited to less than \$1500. .

Frequently Asked Questions

- **How long does the process take?**
 - Depending on the need for appeals, the process can take anywhere from three months to two years.
- **What kind of documentation do I need?**
 - If you make an appointment or apply online, you will receive a list of documents.
 - The list may include: social security card, birth certificate, bank statements, medical report or eligibility report, your child's IEP, and lists of people who work with your child.



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Benefits Navigation

Benefits Navigators are free and helpful to families to make sure benefits aren't lost.

What is the Benefits Navigator Program?

- The Benefits Navigator Program helps individuals and families understand how earned income will impact SSI benefits (and other State and Federal benefits).
- Benefits Navigators can help determine how to maximize earnings and keep benefits.

Who is the Benefits Navigator for Cobb County?



Bobby Dodd Institute
2120 Marietta Blvd. NW
Atlanta, GA 30318
679-365-0071

Questions a Benefits Navigator Can Answer

- How much can someone make before losing their SSI payment?
- How will savings/working affect the SSI payment?
- What work incentives are available?
- If my child has SSI, what should I expect when they turn 18?
- Who do I contact if I think the SSI amount is not correct?
- Who do I contact if I need to update information for SSI?



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Frequently Requested Supports

Support	Description	Find More Information Here
Katie Beckett Waiver	Provides Medicaid type benefits to families whose child requires an extremely high level of care and whose income is too high to qualify for Medicaid.	<u>Katie Beckett Cheat Sheet by Parent 2 Parent of Georgia</u>
NOW/Comp Waiver	The NOW/COMP Medicaid Waiver provides services to assist individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in accessing the community and living independently.	Contact the Transition Resource Specialist that supports your child's school or use the following link to apply: <u>The Georgia Collaborative IDD Portal</u>
Family Support Services	Family Support Services provide resources and funds to families based on the needs of the child. The support is not income dependent.	Two Sources in Cobb County <u>InCommunity</u> or <u>Highland Rivers Behavioral Health</u>
Respite Care	Respite Services provide brief periods of support or relief for individuals with disabilities or their caregivers.	A list of respite providers for children is available on the <u>FOCUS website</u> .
Community Extracurricular Opportunities	Both virtual and in-person opportunities for recreational experiences designed for the inclusion of children and teens with disabilities.	<u>Cobb County School District Special Education Parent Mentors Webpage</u>

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AbleNet provides assistive technology and support and knowledge about using assistive technology. The mission of Able is to shatter the model on how funded speech devices are delivered and make communication a basic human right.

1-800-322-0956
<https://www.ablenetinc.com/>

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
770-945-8381
<http://annandale.org/>

Blake's House of Independence provides services for adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Services include work evaluations, supported employment, transportation to interviews and jobs, customized employment, community work adjustment, personal & social adjustment, job coaching, and job readiness training.

1135 A Shallowford Road
Marietta, GA 30066
470-629-3833
www.blakeshouseofindependence.com

Bello You LLC is a small social organization for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities that provides community access group (day program) services. While at the facility, clients participate in organized activities, self-help skills, crafts, academics, relaxation, and exercise opportunities. There are weekly scheduled excursions and volunteer opportunities. Transportation is provided within a 12 mile radius from the facility.

126 Enterprise Path, Suite 103
Hiram, GA 30141
678-826-2151
<https://belloyoullc.com/>

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Beyond Boundaries Adult Empowerment Center offers a diverse range of day program activities promoting independence, socialization, and community building for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Accepts NOW/Comp Waiver funds or private pay.

2745 Sandy Plains Rd., Suite 142
Marietta, GA 30066
404-518-6464
<https://www.beyondboundariesaec.com/>

Bloom Work & Play is a day program for adults with special needs seeking purpose and independence. The focus is on healthy living and life skills that foster confidence, creativity, and community. Lessons are designed to help individuals achieve their goals on their own terms.

4651 Sandy Plains Rd., Suite 112
Roswell, GA 30075
770-970-3062
<https://bloom-workplay.com/>

Bobby Dodd Institute 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
678-365-0071
www.bobbydodd.org

Cam and Madi's Promise, Incorporated (C.A.M.P) assists families in securing the medical and therapeutic services their children often require through the Katie Beckett and NOW/COMP waivers. C.A.M.P.'s goal is to remove emotional, physical, and financial barriers that families face by providing free waiver application support services and referrals to local community resources.

P.O. Box 82
Smyrna, GA 30081
770-239-1522
<https://camandmadispromise.org/>

CareStar of Georgia serves adults with developmental disabilities and complex medical or behavioral needs throughout the state. CareStar provides support coordination and intensive support coordination. Professionals assist waiver participants by identifying and addressing barriers and accessing needed resources and services offered through the waiver.

Office: 513-618-8300
Toll Free: 800-616-3718
<https://www.carestar.com/case-management/programs/georgia/>

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Caring Hands With a Purpose provides care for individuals with special needs, ages 8-40. They will provide respite care, vacation care, and transportation (with the family's vehicle) to community activities.

678-408-1049

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.

3136 Golf Ridge Blvd
Douglasville, GA 30135
678-715-9891
www.chananfoundation.org

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
<https://www.facebook.com/ComfortCommunityCare>

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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Emory Autism Center's Individualized Transition to Adulthood Plan (ITAP) services are dedicated to improving the transition planning process for autistic students as they journey from high school and adolescence into adulthood. ITAP provides support at the student, school and system level, with a strong emphasis on starting the planning process early and focusing on creating opportunities to develop functional skills that will result in meaningful experiences after high school graduation.

1551 Shoup Court,
Decatur, GA 30033
404-727-8350

<https://med.emory.edu/departments/psychiatry/autism/services/itap/index.html>

Exceptional Futures Exceptional Futures is a nonprofit organization established to serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities by providing a day program with opportunities for participants to thrive and engage in social and recreational activities. Exceptional Futures currently operates in two locations, Snellville and Lawrenceville.

Grace D-House, 1384 Dogwood Road
Snellville, GA 30078
LVfirst, 395 W. Crogan Street
Lawrenceville, GA 30046
770-504-6053
<https://efatl.org/>

Extra Special People (ESP) Atlanta provides wrap-around programs and family support. With the 360 Afternoon Programs, each individual gets the chance to learn, develop, and refine skills that will help them build confidence, friendships, and independence. In addition to support, ESP offers family events, Miracle League Tournaments, and various programs that cultivate connection and joy.

Mailing Address: 189 VFW Drive
Watkinsville, GA 30677
706-769-9333
<https://espyouandme.org/locations/atlanta/>

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. Participants engage in activities designed to help them explore potential careers, volunteerism, and opportunities for ongoing adult learning and recreation.

1815 S. Ponce de Leon Ave.
Atlanta, Georgia 30307
404-377-3836
Email: Info@frazercenter.org
www.frazercenter.org

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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 the agency that administers the Medicaid NOW and Comp waivers.

1230 Bald Ridge Marina Road Suite 800
Cumming, GA 30041
Phone – 678-947-2818 Toll Free – 1-877-217-4462
www.dbhdd.georgia.gov

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
www.greatprospectsinc.org

Highland Rivers Behavioral Health provides comprehensive treatment, support, and recovery services for adults, youth, families, and veterans affected by mental health disorders, intellectual developmental disabilities, and addictive disease. IDD services provide year-round, quality-driven social, recreational, vocational, and educational programs for individuals and provides support to their families.

1-800-729-5700
For 24/7 access to services and immediate crisis help,
call the Georgia Crisis and Access Line
<https://highlanddrivers.org/>

InCommunity provides community-based services and support to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities 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

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Intellectual Concepts of Georgia, LLC is an adult activity center servicing the developmental disability population. Individuals focus on skill building tasks to create independence, enhance confidence/self-esteem, social and community inclusion for all.

Thornton Road
Lithia Springs, GA 30122
404-732-2519

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.

4549 Chamblee Dunwoody Road
Atlanta, GA 30338
770-677-9300
www.jfcsatl.org

Le'Fevre Personal Care, Inc is dedicated solely to serving adults with intellectual disabilities and traumatic brain injuries. Le'Fevre offers services designed to promote independence, support individuality, and deliver comprehensive care. Services include: residential services, individualized service plans, daily health monitoring, health and safety advocacy, nutritionally balanced meals, individualized case management, counseling services, occupational therapy, vocational training and job placement, community inclusion activities, creative and performing arts, recreational wellness activities, in-home family support, and medical supply services.

300 White Ingram Parkway, Suite 200
Dallas, GA 30157
770-556-5500
<https://www.lpcares.org>

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Limitless Day Program gives special needs adults the ability to be independent and grow as an individual through community support and activities.

120 Arnold Mill Park, Suite 300
Woodstock, Georgia 30188
770-485-9187
<https://limitlessdisabilityservices.com>

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

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
www.nextstepministries.net

Paulding Enterprises is a day service for individuals with developmental disabilities.

110 Stadium Drive
Dallas, GA 30132
770-445-6051
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100081652327440>

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Project GRANDD (Grandparents Raising And Nurturing Dependents with Disabilities)

is the only caregiver program in Georgia solely focused on the provision of supportive services to grandparents raising grandchildren or other relative children with developmental disabilities, chronic health conditions and learning and behavior disorders.

4282 Memorial Drive, Ste. B
Decatur, GA 30032
(404) 600-3332
<https://www.isdd-home.org/project-grandd>

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
1-800-848-0180
<https://rhahealthservices.org/disability-services/disability-services-in-georgia/>

Special Needs Cobb is 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.

550 Kennesaw Ave., Suite 900
Marietta, GA 30060
770-427-8401
www.specialneeds Cobb.org

Special Needs Respite helps bridge the existing funding gap that many parents have when trying to get childcare for their special needs child. We can provide funds that will pay qualified caregivers to care for these children when no other way to pay is available to the parents.

2300 Holcomb Bridge Rd., Ste 103-218
Roswell, GA 30076
www.specialneedsrespite.org

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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
404-894-0541
<https://gatfl.gatech.edu/index.php>

True Love for Hope provides attention to special needs individuals in the Chinese American community. They assist with developing a comprehensive living community for those with special needs to provide a place for them to work, socialize, and live in for the rest of their lives by partnering with other organizations and companies.

6030 Unity Dr. Suite J
Norcross, GA 30071
404-578-1472
www.truelove4hope.org