Cobb County School District Community Resource Guide 2022-2023





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

<u>Blake's House of Independence</u> 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

678-767-2865

www.blakeshouseofindependence.com

<u>Bobby Dodd Institute</u> 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

www.bobbydodd.org

<u>Chanan Foundation</u> 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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www.chananfoundation.org

<u>Cobb Community Services Board</u> (soon to Highland Rivers Health) provides residents of Cobb County with 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

www.cobbcsb.com

<u>Cam and Madi's Promise</u>, 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/

<u>Comfort Community Center</u> 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 30066678-581-1831

www.comfortcenter.net

The Georgia <u>Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities</u> (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.



1230 Bald Ridge Marina Road Suite 800 Cumming, GA 30041 Phone - 678-947-2818

Toll Free – 1-877-217-4462 www.dbhdd.georgia.gov

<u>Deriche Agency</u> 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 (404) 687-8890

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.



1815 S. Ponce de Leon Ave. Atlanta, Georgia 30307 404-377-3836

Email: Info@frazercenter.org www.frazercenter.org

<u>Great Prospects</u> 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.



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

www.greatprospectsinc.org

<u>Highland Rivers Health</u> (formerly known as Cobb Community Services Board) provides Mental Health Services, Intellectual & Developmental Services, Child and Adolescent Services.

1-800-729-5700



For 24/7 access to services and immediate crisis help, call the Georgia Crisis and Access Line 1-800-715-4225

<u>InCommunity</u> 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, FA 30076

www.incommunityga.org

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4549 Chamblee Dunwoody Road Atlanta, GA 30338 770-677-3000 www.jfcsatl.org

<u>Lovie's LLC</u> offers support, love, and solutions to families and individuals in need of care. They offer a variety of social services, community linkage, collaboration with other organizations, creating a toolbox for each individual and family member as a whole to succeed. They are a one-stop service company for the care of individuals and families. They specialize in behavior and mental health support. They offer therapeutic groups, respite, a work and life skills master program, and summer camps.



1627 Barrier Road Marietta, GA 30066

twtheodule@lovies.org https://www.lovies.org/

<u>Loving Care Family Services, LLC</u> 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 30126Local: 678-574-2444

Toll Free: 888-263-7160 www.lovingcareatlanta.com

<u>Next Step Ministries</u> 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

Open Arms Care Service specializes in care and daily living assistance to an array of individuals in your own home. They provide daily and weekly assistance. They provide services for bathing, feeding assistance, G-tube, medication administration, and more.



(770) 686-7546 https://openarmcareservice.com/

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 www.rhahealthservices.org

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.

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

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

www.specialneedscobb.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

<u>Tools for Life</u> 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

<u>True Love for Hope</u> 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.

True Love for Hope

6030 Unity Dr. Suite J Norcross, GA 30071 470-563-8573 www.truelove4hope.org



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http://www.blakeshouseofindependence.com/

<u>Bobby Dodd Institute</u> (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.



2120 Marietta Blvd NE Atlanta, GA 30318 678-365-0071 678-365-0099 TDD info@bobbydodd.org https://bobbydodd.org/

<u>Briggs & Associates</u> 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/

<u>Cave Spring Center</u> (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

<u>Cobb Community Services Board</u> (soon to Highland Rivers Health) provides residents of Cobb County who have developmental disabilities an opportunity to participate in supported employment to identify skills for competitive employment.



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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.



1000 Old Roswell Lakes Parkway Roswell, GA 30076 770-645-2673

www.eatonacademy.org

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Email: Info@frazercenter.org www.frazercenter.org

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 <u>documents@fsyca.org</u> <u>www.georgiayouthchallenge.org</u>

<u>Goodwill of North Georgia</u> 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 <u>Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency</u> (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 www.gvs.georgia.gov

<u>GiGi's Career Development Programs</u> provide progressive learning programs that are designated to motivate adults with Down Syndrome to achieve their highest potential in the world. This is achieved through innovative, educational, goal-development and small group skills instruction, health and wellness, career skills, empowerment, community engagement and exceptional work opportunities.



11235 Alpharetta Hwy, suite 120 Roswell, GA 30076 470-359-4105

https://gigisplayhouse.org/atlanta/

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<u>Jewish Family & Career Services</u> (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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https://www.jfcsatl.org/

<u>Job Corps</u> 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, or by contacting 1-800-733-JOBS (5627).



https://www.jobcorps.gov/students 1-800-733-JOBS (5627)

<u>Ken's Krew</u> 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.



19th Floor New York, NY, 10022 (212) 290-8999 phone www.kenskrew.org

The main objective of <u>Life Behavior Consulting</u> is to empower individuals to learn skills that will improve their access to social opportunities, relationships, and independence in their home, community, school, and vocational settings. LIFE offers individual services, as well as provide classes and community workshops for clients on a variety of topics. LIFE offers classes for parents and/or caregivers to promote communication, motivation, and Positive Behavior Supports.



2625 Piedmont Rd NE 56-203 Atlanta, GA 30324 678-235-8817 lifebehaviorconsulting.com

MDE School provides summer programs and hands on vocational training.



1517 Johnson Ferry Rd. #100 Marietta, GA 30062

www.mdeschool.org

<u>Metro-Atlanta Vocational Solutions, LLC</u> is a rehabilitation counseling private practice that offers Mobile Career Counseling, Comprehensive and Limited Vocational Evaluations, Psychotherapy, Psychological Evaluations, Social Skills Training, and Job Readiness Training to the community and to agencies in the Metro-Atlanta area. Their goal is to provide quality treatment in a mobile setting.



P.O. Box 767672 Roswell, GA 30076 (678) 770-6251 https://atlvoc.com/

<u>Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute</u> 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/r oosevelt-warm-springs

<u>Supported Employment Specialists, Inc.</u> 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

<u>Synergies Work</u> i2i (Idea to Incubation) program is an entrepreneurial program in the offering mentorship, business education, funding, and an ongoing support to enable individuals with disabilities to launch and grow sustainable businesses.



404-491-9459 https://synergieswork.org/

<u>Tommy Nobis Center</u> 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

https://tommynobiscenter.org/

<u>Ventures ATL</u> 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.



201 Allen Road Atlanta GA. 30328 404-500-1921

Email: <u>VenturesATL@gmail.com</u> <u>https://venturesatl.com/</u>

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 www.worksourcecobb.org

<u>Annandale Village</u> 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/

<u>Canine Companions for Independence</u> 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

<u>Champions Place</u> 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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www.chananfoundation.org

<u>Developmental Disabilities Ministries</u> 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.



6320 Amherst Ct. Norcross, GA 30092 770-623-4899 www.ddmga.org

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TTY (404) 687-9175

Toll Free Voice/TTY (800)239-2507 FAX: 404-687-8298

www.disabilitylink.org

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.



1000 Old Roswell Lakes Parkway Roswell, GA 30076 770-645-2673

www.eatonacademy.org

<u>EnAble Georgia</u> 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.



1200 Old Ellis Rd. Roswell, GA 30076 770-664-4347 www.enablega.org

<u>Georgia Mentor's</u> 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
470-362-7202

www.ga-mentor.com

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<u>Just People</u> 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" PEÖPLE, Inc.

1412 Oakbrook Drive Norcross, GA 30093 770-441-1188 www.justpeople.org

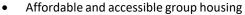
The <u>Marietta Housing Authority</u> provides quality housing opportunities to clients, while fostering their economic independence, through responsible stewardship of public and private funds.



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

www.mariettahousingauthority.org

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- Community-centered Respite Care
 - Caregiver Workshops
 - Caregiver assistance



www.specialneedscobb.org



The <u>Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia, Inc.</u> (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

www.silcga.org

<u>Saint Mary's Independent Living Extensions</u> (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

<u>Youth Villages</u> is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping children with emotional and behavioral problems and their families live successfully.



4685 Dorsett Shoals Road Douglasville, GA 30135 770-852-6300

https://youthvillages.org/about-us/locations/georgia/

The <u>ARC of Georgia</u> 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 470-222-6088 www.thearcga.org

The <u>Autism Society of Greater Georgia</u> (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.

The Arc.
Autism Now

770-904-4474 www.autismnow.org

<u>Autism Speaks</u> 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/

disabilities, their families and the community.

disability LINK, a Center for Independent Living (CIL) serves 12 Metro Atlanta counties, including Cobb. disabilities 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

www.disabilitylink.org

<u>The Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta</u> (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

<u>Georgia Advocacy Office, Inc.'s</u> 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 www.thegao.org

<u>Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities</u> (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

<u>Parent to Parent of Georgia</u> 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 30340-3720770-451-5484
Toll Free: 800-229-2038

www.p2pga.org

The <u>Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia, Inc.</u> (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 www.silcga.org

<u>Understood</u> 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

<u>Unlock the Waiting List</u> 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.



www.unlockthewaitinglists.com_

unlockcoalition@gmail.com

<u>180 Medical</u> 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

<u>Advanced Medical Group</u> 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

www.amguro.com

<u>Beyond Limits Therapeutic Riding</u> 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

<u>Byram Healthcare</u> 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 Vaugh Rd. NW #115 Kennesaw, GA 30144 770-422-5516

www.byramhealthcare.com

<u>Cobb Community Services Board</u> (will become Highland Rivers soon) 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 www.cobbcsb.com

The <u>Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities</u> (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 Rd. Suite 800 Cumming, GA 30041 Phone - 678-947-2818 Toll Free - 1-877-217-4462

www.dbhdd.georgia.gov

The <u>Dentistry for the Developmentally Disabled</u> (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 www.dddfoundation.org

<u>DONACO Medical</u> 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.Donacomedical.com

<u>Focus + Fragile Kids</u> 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

<u>Friends of Disabled Adults & Children</u> (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.



4900 Lewis Road Stone Mountain, GA 30083 770-491-9014 www.fodac.org

The <u>Georgia Department of Community Health</u> (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 www.medicaid.georgia.gov

<u>The Georgia Department of Public Health</u> 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

www.gph.georgia.gov

<u>Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network</u> promotes recovery through advocacy, education, employment, empowerment, peer support, and self-help.



246 Sycamore Street, Suite 260
Decatur, Georgia 30030
404-687-6146
www.gmhcn.org

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

https://www.gottransition.org/

<u>Gigi's Playhouse</u> provides free therapeutic programming and support to families of individuals with Down Syndrome which addresses the developmental needs in the areas of gross motor, fine motor, intellectual, social, and communication development.



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11235 Alpharetta Hwy, Suite 120 Roswell, GA 30076 470-359-4105

https://gigisplayhouse.org/atlanta/

<u>Helen Keller National Center for Deaf/Blind Youths</u> 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 516-944-8900 www.helenkeller.org

<u>Lacey's Pharmacy</u> 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

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

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 www.mhageorgia.org

<u>National Alliance on Mental Illness</u> (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 770-234-0855 www.nami.org

<u>Northstar Psychological Services</u> 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.



P.O. Box 250 Alpharetta, GA 30009 (770) 667-3877 www.npsga.com

<u>ReClif</u> 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

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 www.rhahealthservices.org

<u>Safe Kids Worldwide</u> 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.



www.safekids.org

<u>SawDust Occupational Therapy</u> "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 Lane Cumming, GA 30040

www.sawdustot.com/services

The <u>Alternative Baseball Organization</u> (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

<u>Atlanta Rowing Club</u> 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

<u>Autism Improvised</u> 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

www.autismimprovised.org

<u>British Academy of Performing Arts</u> 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

<u>Camp Dream</u> 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 30339678-367-0040

info@campdreamga.org www.camprdreamga.org

<u>Camp Twin Lakes</u> 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
www.camptwinlakes.org

<u>Cobb County Aquatics</u>, 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

The <u>Cobb County Public Library System</u> 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/

<u>Cobb County Therapeutic Recreation</u> 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

<u>CobbLinc's Paratransit</u> 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

www.cobbcounty.org/transportation/cobbline

<u>Douglas County Parks and Recreation Therapeutic Recreation</u> 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.



8700 Hospital Drive Douglasville, Georgia 30134 770-949-2000

www.celebratedouglascounty.com

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/

<u>Focus + Fragile Kids</u> 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

<u>Freedom & Mobility's</u> 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/

<u>Georgia Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled</u> (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/

<u>Great Prospects</u> 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

<u>Hands On Atlanta</u> 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 <u>Horizon League</u> 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

<u>iFLY's</u> 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

<u>Kennesaw Parks and Recreation</u> 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/

<u>Lekotek</u> 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: <u>info@lekotekga.org</u> 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/

<u>ReClif</u> 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

<u>SafeLink Wireless</u> 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



<u>SawDust Occupational Therapy</u> "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** 678-697-2932

www.sawdustot.com/services

Community Participation

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

<u>Shepherd Center Sports</u> 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

<u>Songs For Kids</u> 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

<u>Sparrowwood</u> 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/

<u>Therabeat, Inc.</u> 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/

Community Participation

<u>Special Olympics Georgia</u> 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/

<u>Training Responsible Independent People (TRIP)</u> has a mission of preparing neurodivergent people for post-secondary experiences through travel.

(404) 919-4931

thetripcrew22@gmail.com

<u>Volunteer Match</u> 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

<u>Voter Registration</u> 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

<u>Cobb County Elections and Voter Registration</u> 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

<u>Cave Spring Center</u> (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 30124706-777-1770

www.gvs.georgia.gov/cave-spring-center

<u>Chattahoochee Technical College</u> is a technical college with campuses in Marietta, Austell, Dallas, Acworth, and Woodstock. Chattahoochee Technical College offers many options for obtaining an associate 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.



770-528-4545

<u>http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/</u>
Disability Support Services Office:
https://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/disability-services/

<u>Eaton Academy</u> offers several options for students who have completed high school but are not quite ready for

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

college or to enter the adult world. Eaton Academy has programs for individuals looking to sharpen academic skills

https://eatonacademy.org/post-secondary

<u>FAFSA</u> 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.



www.studentaid.gov

<u>The Georgia Inclusive Post-Secondary Education Consortium</u> (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 incluse 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

<u>Georgia Student Finance Commission</u> (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

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

Disability Support Services

https://sites.highlands.edu/student-support-services/disability-assistance/

<u>Georgia Trade School</u> 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 30101770-590-WELD (9353)

www.georgiatradeschool.com

<u>Kennesaw State University</u> 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 Student Disability Services https://sds.kennesaw.edu/

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

Disability Services: www.life.edu/campus-life-pages/student-success-center/disability-services

<u>The Mechanical Trades Institute –Local 72 Training Center</u> (MTI-72) provides a structured program that trains apprentices to be Pipefitters, Plumbers, and HVACR Service Technicians. Tuition is free for all students who quality 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

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. RCLD locations can be found at University of Georgia, Georgia State University, and Georgia Southern University. Each RCLD center has designated schools they support. Consult the RCLD websites to determine the appropriate location.



www.rcld.uga.edu





www.academics.georgiasouthern.edu/rcld

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

<u>Think College</u> 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

TTY: (617) 287-4350 https://thinkcollege.net/

<u>Tools for Life</u>, 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, FA 30318 404-894-0541 www.gatfl.gatech.edu

Financial & Legal Supports and Services

<u>Atlanta Legal Aid Society</u> provides free civil legal help to individuals who cannot afford a private attorney.

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://atlantalegalaid.org/get-help/
To access the online intake form:
atlantalegalaid.org/apply

<u>Burgess & Christensen's</u> 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

https://www.disabilityhelpline.com/

<u>Cobb County Probate Court's</u> 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

The <u>Georgia Department of Community Health</u> (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, <u>Community Care Services Program</u> (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

<u>Harrison & Held, LLP</u> integrates traditional estate planning tools with the use of discretionary and special needs trusts, letters of intent and future-care planning. The attorneys have knowledge and expertise in trust and estate law, trust income tax issues and guardianship. They also work with family law attorneys when parents of a child with special needs divorce.

www.harrisonheld.com

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



<u>Mass Mutual Financial Group</u> 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

<u>Nadler Biernath LLC</u> 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

<u>The Pollan Law Firm</u> 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 <u>Social Security</u> and <u>Supplemental Security Income</u> (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

<u>State of Georgia Able Account</u> (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

https://www.georgiastable.com/

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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 Autism Speaks	X								X X								
Beyond Limits Therapeutic Riding	Λ								Λ					X		X	
Blake's House of Independence			X							X				71		71	
Bobby Dodd Institute		X								X							
Brigg's & Associates										X							
British Academy of Performing Arts														X			
Burgess & Christensen		X			X		X		X								
Byram Healthcare		X				X	4		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			X												
Cobb Community Service Board (now Highland Rivers Behavioral Health)	X	X				X	X	X		X					X
Cobb County Aquatics												X			
Cobb County Probate Court					X										
Cobb County Public Library System				X								X	X		
Cobb County Therapeutic Recreation												X	X		
Cobb Justice Foundation	X				X		X								
CobbLinc's Paratransit														X	
Eaton Academy		X	X												
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		- 1 -	X	11		X	X	
Freedom & Mobility													X
Friends of Disabled Adults & Children (FODAC)							X		X				
Georgia Advocacy Office, Inc.	X						X						
Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities (GCDD)	X												
Georgia Depart. of Community Health		X				X	X		X				
Georgia Depart. of Public Health					X		X		X				
Georgia Highlands College				X									
Georgia Inclusive Post- Secondary Education Consortium (GAIPSEC)	X												
Georgia Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (GLS)			X	X									
Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network	X							X		X			
Georgia Mentor						X							

Georgia Natinal Guard Youth Challenge			X						X							
Georgia Student Finance Commission	X															
Georgia Trade School			X						X							
Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency									X							
Gigi's Career Development									X							
Gigi's Playhouse			X		X						X		X		X	
Goodwill of North Georgia			X						X							
Got Transition										X						
Great Prospects		X												X		X
Hands on Atlanta													X			
Harrison & Held, LLP	X				X	X										
Hellen Keller National Center for Deaf/Blind Youths						X		X	X	X			X			
Highland Rivers Behavioral Health (formerly Cobb Community Service Board)	X	X					X	X	X		X					X
Horizon	71	71			X		71	71	71		71		X			74
League iFly					Λ								X			
InCommunity		X					X	X	X		X	X	Λ			
J. Christopher Miller Law Office				X				X								

Jewish Family & Career																	
Services			X					X		X							
Job Corps					X			X		X							
Just People								X		X							
Kennesaw Parks & Recreation														X	X		
Kennesaw State University				X													
Ken's Krew										X							
Lacey's Pharmacy						***			***		X			*7		*7	
Lekotek Life University				X		X			X					X		X	
Lovie's LLC									X	X			X		X	X	
Loving Care Family Services, LLC.			X					X		X			X				
Marietta Housing Authority		X						X									
Mass Mutual Financial Group					X				X								
McKenna Farms Therapy Services	X				X				X					X	X	X	
MDE School										X							
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					
Next Step Ministries			X														

Northstar Psychological Services						X			X			X					
Parent to Parent of Georgia	X					X			X								
Pollen Law Firm					X		X		X								
ReCliff									X					X		X	
Regent's Center for Learning Disorders	X			X					X								
RHA Health Services								X	X	X	X	X					
Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute										X					X		
Safe Kids Worldwide					X					X	X						
Safe Link Wireless									X								
Saint Mary's Independent Living Extensions								X									
Saw Dust Occupational Therapy														X		X	
Selective Service System	Е	oes 1	ot fit	in cui	rent o	catego				fits pr		ns rec	quire :	regist	ratior	n befor	e
Shepherd Center Adapted Driving Services									X								X
Shepherd Center Sports														X			
Social Security & Supplemental Income		X															
Songs for Kids														X			
Sparrowwood															X		
Special Needs Cobb							5	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					
Therabeat											X		X	
ThinkCollege	X													
Tommy Nobis Center				X					X			X		
Tools for Life								X						
True Love for Hope	X							X						
Understood	X													
Unlock the Waiting List	X													
Ventures ATL									X					
Volunteer Match											X			
Voter Registration														
Worksource Cobb				X					X					
Youth Villages							X	X		X				