

Special Needs Support Resources

Adult Services

Annandale Village

770-945-8381

<http://annandale.org>

3500 Annandale Lane, Suwanee, GA 30024

- Provides life assistance to adults with developmental disabilities and acquired brain injuries so they can maximize their abilities and maintain their independence in the least restrictive environment. They offer residential services, community access day programs and independent living programs.

Benefits Navigator

<http://www.benefitsnavigator.org>

- Provides accurate work incentive information to people between the ages of 14 and full retirement age who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), or both. Our goal is to provide accurate information about how earned income will affect Social Security benefits as well as other Federal or State benefits you may receive.

Bobby Dodd Institute (Formally All About Developmental Disabilities)

678-365-0071 or 404-881-9777

<http://www.bobbydodd.org> or <http://aadd.org>

125 Clairemont Ave., Suite 300, Decatur, GA 30030

- Connects people with disabilities and disadvantages to jobs and the security and purpose that work bring
- Provides outreach services, family support and benefits consulting.

Creative Enterprises

770-962-3908

<http://www.creativeenterprises.org>

701 Hi Hope Lane, Lawrenceville, GA 30043

- Operates a community rehabilitation program providing employment and life skills training to adults with disabilities by offering on and off-site work programs, job placement assistance, educational and creative programs and community involvement events.

Dept of Behavioral Health and Disabilities Family Support Services

<https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/family-support-services>

- A non-entitlement program that provides services and goods to assist the individual to live at home in the community
- Individuals, age 3 and up, living in Georgia that have been diagnosed with a developmental disability who are living at home, with their family, and are not currently receiving a NOW/COMP Waiver, are eligible for Family Support Services.

Dept of Labor: Vocational Rehabilitation Program

404-232-1998

<https://qvs.georgia.gov>

- Provides as many avenues as possible for people with disabilities to receive vocational rehabilitation services.

Emory Autism Center

404-727-8350

<http://psychiatry.emory.edu/programs/autism/index.html>

- Offers clinical, educational and medical supports to individuals with autism (ages 15 months through adulthood). We also provide instructive guidance to family members, training to educators and professionals.

Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC)

770-491-9014

<https://www.fodac.org>

4900 Lewis Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

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Gwinnett County Public School System's Parent Mentors

678-301-7149 or 678-301-7212

<http://www.parentmentors.org/our-mentors/find-a-mentor/gwinnett-county/>

- Provides parents of students with disabilities information, guidance, and resources to support students at home, school and in their communities.

Just People

770-441-1199

<http://www.justpeople.org>

- Offers apartment complexes that house adults with disabilities, job skills training, sports program, family support group and a day program.

Social Security Administration – Supplemental Security Income

1-800-772-1213

<https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/ssi/>

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ViewPoint Health: Developmental Disabilities Services

678-209-2555

<https://www.myviewpointhealth.org/developmentaldisabilities.da>

- Provides residential services, community integration services and family support

Children/Adolescent Services

Bennett's Place Interactive Learning Center

678-878-4103

<https://www.bennettsplacega.com>

2920 Horizon Park Dr., Suite A, Suwanee, GA 30024

- They offer a variety of different services including afterschool program, a variety of therapy and a summer camp.

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Special Needs Support Resources

1-866-584-3742

<http://www.championsforchildrenga.org>

- Provides respite care, medical supplies, equipment, services and therapies, travel reimbursements for medical appointments, recreational or therapeutic activities
- Current Medicaid recipients are not eligible for this program

Childkind

404-248-1980

<https://childkind.org>

1990 Lakeside Parkway, Suite 350, Tucker, GA 30084

- Offers home based services through a continuum of care and placement services in foster care and host homes.

Children's Medical Services

404-657-2850

<https://dph.georgia.gov/CMS>

- Provides care coordination for services available for children with chronic medical conditions from birth to 21 years of age and live in low income households. They work to provide improved health outcomes for children with special health care needs by coordinating their access to affordable quality specialty health care in our communities and by using the resources in a responsible manner.

Community Care Services Program (CCSP) Waiver

<https://dch.georgia.gov/waivers>

- Helps Medicaid eligible elderly or disabled individuals to receive home care services & continue living in their homes at little or no cost.

Corrigan Care

<https://corrigancares.org>

- Offer respite nights in Kennesaw, Roswell and Cumming one time each month.

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FOCUS + Fragile Kids

770-234-9111

<https://focus-ga.org>

- Helps children who are medically fragile or have significant developmental and/or physical disabilities. We comfort with hospital visits and support groups, offer hope by information and education, provide fun activities for parents and kids and help to make equipment available to children in need.

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Georgia Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries

770-463-3800

<http://www.gbchfm.org>

- Offers community counseling centers, therapeutic center and adventure respite services. They also coordinate Camp Hawkins.

Georgia Pediatric Program (GAPP) Waiver

<https://dch.georgia.gov/waivers>

- Provides services to medically fragile children with multiple system diagnoses. Services are provided in their homes and communities and in a 'medical' daycare setting as an alternative to placing children in a nursing care facility.

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Health Law Partnership (HeLP)

<https://healthlawpartnership.org>

- Interdisciplinary community collaboration between healthcare providers and lawyers to improve the health and well-being of low-income children and their families by addressing the multiple determinants affecting children's health. HeLP is also an educational partnership to promote the public's health through interprofessional teaching and learning.

Hope House Children's Respite Center

770-969-8354

<http://www.swchristiancare.org/respite>

- Center includes multi-sensory activity room, Hydrotherapy room, wheelchair accessible playground and lots of crafts and fun activities. Parents know that Hope House is a safe place where each child is treasured and receives lots of tender, loving care

InCommunity

Atlanta: 404-634-4222 Roswell: 770-664-4347

<https://www.incommunityga.org>

- Provides community-based services and support to people with disabilities and their families.

Kiddos Clubhouse Foundation

678-527-3224

<http://www.kiddosclubhousefoundation.org>

- Provides therapy scholarships to help families pay for critical therapies

Lekotek of Georgia, Inc.

Duluth: 404-785-8423

<http://www.lekotekga.org/index.html>

2620 Satellite Blvd. CHOA Rehab Bldg., Duluth, GA 30096

- Uses adapted toys, educational materials, computer equipment and iPads, Lekotek provides opportunities for kids to have fun and learn along the way.

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- Primarily serve children from birth to 8 years of age, with computer services also available to adolescents and young adults.
- Minimal fees are charged for some activities, but full and partial scholarships are always available and no family is ever denied services due to inability to pay.

Marcus Autism Center

404-785-9400

<http://www.marcus.org>

- Offers families access to the latest research, comprehensive evaluations and intensive behavior treatments

Megan's House

229-439-7061

<http://www.easterseals.com/southerngeorgia/our-programs/childrens-services/megans-house.html>

- Children's respite home located in Albany, Valdosta and Waycross and can provide respite care for children 0 - 17 years of age, who have developmental disabilities or may be considered medically fragile.
- Can accommodate two children at a time for up to two weeks. Respite care provided by Megan's House may be used for a crisis situation or for a scheduled break.
- Fees for services are determined by a sliding fee scale and scholarships may be available.

Metro East Georgia Learning Resources System

678-676-2417

<http://www.me.glr.org>

- Provides professional learning, technical assistance, coaching and other resources to educators and families of students with disabilities.

New Options Waiver(NOW)/Comprehensive Supports Wavier (COMP)

https://dch.georgia.gov/sites/dch.georgia.gov/files/NOW_COMP_FY14_Final_1.pdf

- Serves individuals with more intensive needs, primarily provides residential care for individuals with ID/DD. These individuals require comprehensive and intensive services and need out-of-home residential support and supervision or intensive levels of in-home services to remain in the community.

Parent to Parent of Georgia

1-800-229-2038

<http://p2ppga.org>

- Source of choice for support, information, education and leadership development for special health care needs, ages birth to 26, and their families.

Service Option Using Resources in a Community Environment (SOURCE) Waiver

<https://dch.georgia.gov/service-options-using-resources-community-environment-source>

- An enhanced primary care case management program that serves frail elderly and disabled beneficiaries. The program works to improve the health outcomes of persons with chronic health conditions, by linking primary medical care with home and community-based services through case management agencies.

Shadowbrook Baptist Church

<http://www.shadowbrookchurch.org>

pure@shadowbrookchurch.org

4187 Suwanee Dam Rd NW, Suwanee, GA 30024

- Offers monthly respite care for families of children with special needs. This is a wonderful opportunity for primary caregivers to have a much needed break. We offer 3 hours of childcare one Saturday (usually the 2nd) every month.

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SPECTRUM

<https://atl-spectrum.com>

info@atl-spectrum.com

- We're here to support the autism community through our many programs, events and resources. Our monthly support groups, respite programs and family camp are geared toward supporting the entire family, while our summer day camp, overnight camps and social skills groups provide social opportunities for individuals of all abilities on the autism spectrum.

Taylor's Time

<http://taylorstime.com>

- A community for children on the Autism Spectrum. Provides in-home sitter services created for the needs of ASD families. Matches parents with children on the spectrum with qualified local caregivers.

TEFRA/Katie Beckett/Deeming Waiver

<https://dch.georgia.gov/tefra>

- Permits the state to ignore family income for certain children who are disabled. It provides benefits to certain children 18 years of age or less who qualify as disabled individuals under the Social Security Act and who live at home rather than in an institution. These children must meet specific criteria to be covered.
- Qualification is not based on medical diagnosis; instead it is based on the institutional level of care the child requires.

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Your Respite, LLC

<http://www.yourrespite.com>

stacy_georges@bellsouth.net

- Provides childcare for your special needs children, in your home, up to age 19.