

NORTHWEST GEORGIA

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Services Offered

- *Evaluation*
(educational & psychological)
- *Therapeutic Classes*
Preschool Elementary
Middle School High School
- *Family Support*
- *Parent Group Meetings*
- *Coordination of Services Through Collaboration With Local School Systems and Community Service Agencies*
- *Individual Educational Plan*
- *Behavioral Intervention*
- *Social Skills Training*

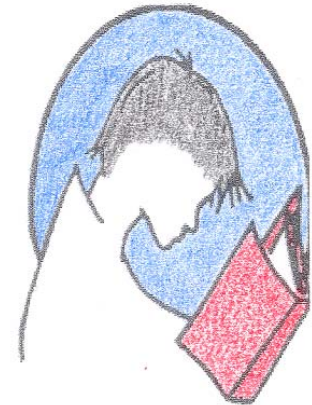
WHERE ARE THE CLASSES LOCATED?

The Northwest Georgia Educational Program serves 16 school systems in the ten counties throughout northwest Georgia. Classes are located in the following school systems:

- *Bartow County Schools*
- *Catoosa County Schools*
- *Chattooga County Schools*
- *Dade County Schools*
- *Floyd County Schools*
- *Gordon County Schools*
- *Haralson County Schools*
- *Paulding County Schools*
- *Polk County Schools*
- *Walker County Schools*
- *Calhoun City Schools*
- *Cartersville City Schools*
- *Rome City Schools*

Other systems served are Chickamauga City Schools, Trion City Schools, and Bremen City Schools.

Northwest Georgia Educational Program



Northwest Georgia Educational Program is a part of the continuum of service of the Local School System, which provide services for students identified with Severe Emotional / Behavioral Disorders and Autism. The program is a part of Northwest Georgia RESA and a member of the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support.

What Is The Placement Process?

Upon receiving a referral, a multi-disciplinary evaluation is completed including:

- *Social and/or developmental history*
- *Psychological evaluation*
- *Educational testing*
- *Psychiatric consultation as needed*

When the evaluation is completed, an individual education planning committee (IEP) is scheduled. At this meeting all evaluations are reviewed along with school history including any disciplinary reports. Eligibility is then determined. Members of the committee may include but are not limited to the following: parents, regular and special education teachers, counselors, psychologist, student when appropriate, LSS representative who is knowledgeable about the general curriculum, LSS representative, individuals at the parents discretion who have knowledge or special expertise regarding the student, or service agencies who are responsible for providing services. This committee determines the most appropriate placement for the child in the least restrictive environment.

Who Can Refer?

Referrals are accepted through the Local School System and may be made by parents, schools, or community and private agencies.

A parent or legal guardian must be notified of the referral.

How Can You Reach Us?

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Mission Statement:

To provide comprehensive community based services to students with severe Emotional Behavioral Disorders and students with Autism. As part of the local school system's continuum of services, the program through a collaborative approach with parents, community service providers, and educational professionals, empower students to become productive, contributing members of society.



Who is Eligible for Services?

Children ages birth through 21. Students ages three through 21 may be served by the program staff in classes, direct services or other settings as appropriate. Eligibility is based upon the presence of an emotional and/or behavioral disorder or autism severe enough to require special treatment. The student must exhibit one or more of the following characteristics:

- *An inability to build or maintain satisfactory interpersonal relationships with peers and/or teachers*
- *An inability to learn which cannot be adequately explained by intellectual sensory or health factors*
- *Consistent or chronic inappropriate type behaviors or feelings under normal conditions*
- *Displayed pervasive mood of unhappiness or depression*
- *Displayed tendency to develop physical symptoms, pains or unreasonable fears associated with personal or school problems*