

Paulding County Parent Mentor Directory

Adaptive Clothing:

<http://www.sharingtheweight.org/>

<https://specialkids.company/>

Tommy Hilfiger, Zappos and Target offer adaptive clothing

Adaptive Literature

<http://www.ric.edu/sherlockcenter/wwslist.html>

<http://www.breezyspecial.com/2014/09/eric-carle-adapted-books-and-more.html?m=1>

Adaptive Sports

Paulding County Parks and Recreation, Britt Grillo, Therapeutic Program Coordinator 770-505-3885

<https://recreation.paulding.gov>

A League of Their Own Adaptive Baseball, Michael Smith 770-596-4501 www.unionrecreation.com

Allie Oops League Adaptive Basketball, Coach Derrick ddale@twilogistics.com

<https://www.facebook.com/CFM-Allie-Oops-League-1086786841393975/>

Horizon League (Acworth) https://www.acworth.org/departments/parks_recreation_and_community_resource_department/special_needs_program.php

Alternative Baseball www.alternativebaseball.org

Adopted Children Support/Services

<https://dfcs.georgia.gov/adoption-assistance>

Adult Education (and GED programs)

Diane Wright Innovation Center, Adult Education, GED preparation, English as a Second Language 678-460-1587

Adult Education Program Directory https://tcsgeorgia.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/current_ae_program_directory.pdf

Art Classes

Sketchbook Skool (online) <https://sketchbookskool.com/>

Art It Out Therapy Center, LLC <http://www.artitout.com>

The Art Place (Marietta) <http://tapmarietta.com/>

Assistive Technology/Assistive Aids

Dynamic Therapy <https://www.mydynamictherapy.com/>

Tools for Life at Ga Tech <http://www.gatfl.org>

Visual planner <https://www.pictoselector.eu/>

Autism

Autism Speaks: ART Autism Response Team 1-888-288-4762 or familyservices@autismspeaks.org

Autism Parenting Magazine <https://www.autismparentingmagazine.com/>

House of Artists Foundation www.houseofartistsfoundation.org

Marcus Autism Center www.marcus.org

Blind/Vision Impaired

Assistive Technology Fund <https://blindcitizens.org/assistive-technology-fund/>

GA Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services <http://georgialibraries.org/glass/>

Support and Services <http://camsvision.org/>

Behavior Issues

<http://dimagine.com/>

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/tool-kit/challenging-behaviors-tool-kit>

<https://www.betterhelp.com/advice/behavior/understanding-the-antecedent-behavior-consequence-model/>

Behavior Therapy (and Social Skills)

KSU Dr. Garefino <https://chss.kennesaw.edu/ccm/children-family-programs/about-cfp.php>

Rainbow Steps, Snellville 470-485-2220

Kaleidoscope, Roswell 770-993-7008

Appleseeds, Kennesaw 770-627-2267

Hope Bridge www.hopebridge.com

Elevation Autism 404-474-0040 elevationautism.com

Innovative Behavior Options 770-250-0093 www.behavioroptions.com

LIFE 678-235-8817 www.lifebehaviorconsulting.com Offers Social Skills Groups

MAVS – Metro Atlanta Vocational Solutions 678-770-6251 Offers a 16 week evidence based social skills intervention

Mind and Motion 678-749-7600 Social Skills for elementary to young adult

Books/TV for free

West Georgia Regional Library <http://www.wgrls.org/>

Downloadable Books and Magazines, Streaming Video Cobb County Library System
<http://www.cobbcat.org/downloads/>

Camps/Recreation

GLRS East Special Needs Summer Directory (this is updated every year) <http://www.me.gllrs.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/2018-Special-Needs-Summer-Directory-Update.pdf>

National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Access Pass <https://store.usgs.gov/access-pass>

Caregiving

Nursing, Fragile Children <https://www.advancedcarepediatrics.com/families/>

In Home Nursing (Medicaid) <https://www.acenurses.org/medicaid-wavie-source>

Self-care for caregivers <https://www.caregiver.org/taking-care-you-self-care-family-caregivers>

Resources for Caregivers and Parents <https://ada.georgia.gov/resources-caregivers-and-parents>

Ways to get paid as a Caregiver <https://www.carepathways.com/articles/potential-ways-to-get-paid-as-family-caregiver.cfm>

Family Caregiver Alliance <https://www.caregiver.org/>

Chiropractic Care

Life University www.life.edu/health 770-792-6100

Paulding Community Service Board Resources

Highland Rivers Health <https://highlandrivershealth.com/paulding-county/>

Coding Websites for Kids

<https://mommypoppins.com/coding-kids-free-websites-teach-learn-programming>

College for IDD

Inclusive Universities in Georgia <http://www.gaipsec.org/>

Think College (online resource for all things disability and college) <https://thinkcollege.net/>

Tuition Free Programs (technical) in GA <https://tcsge.edu/free-tuition/>

Crisis Line

<https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/access-services>

Dances/Socials:

CK Danceworks <https://ckdanceworks.com/teams/>

Tim Tebow Night to Shine <https://www.timtebowfoundation.org/night-to-shine-2019>

Day Programs

Paulding Enterprises 770-445-6051

Chanan Foundation <http://www.chananfoundation.org/>

Le'Fevre Person Care <https://www.lpcares.org/>

Diapers:

180 Medical www.180medical.com 866-576-7228

Urostat 678-541-5566

Medicaid coverage <https://www.hcd.com/incontinence/medicaid-incontinence-supplies/>

Disability Differences (Mild, Moderate, Severe)

<https://www.healthyplace.com/neurodevelopmental-disorders/intellectual-disability/mild-moderate-severe-intellectual-disability-differences>

Disaster Relief and Preparedness with a Disability

Autism Speaks <https://www.autismspeaks.org/natural-disaster-resources-autism-families>

Registering with Red Cross <https://www.gachd.org/residents-functional-access-medical-needs-urged-register-health-department-2/>

Dispute Resolution and Webinars for Families

<https://www.cadeworks.org/for-families/webinars>

<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Pages/default.aspx>

Driving

<https://www.shepherd.org/patient-programs/outpatient-clinics/adapted-driving-services>

<https://freedomandmobility.com/>

Listing a disability on your permit or state identification card:

https://dds.georgia.gov/sites/dds.georgia.gov/files/related_files/document/DDS-29-12610.pdf

Down Syndrome

GiGi's Playhouse www.gigisplayhouse.org

Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta <http://www.dsaatl.org/>

Essential Community Services

Dial 211 or go to <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/dial-211-essential-community-services>

United Way Directory of Services for People with Disabilities <https://www.unitedwayatlanta.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Resources-for-People-with-Disabilities.pdf>

Eyeglasses

Help with eyeglasses:

If it is a child with Medicaid younger than 18, certain Walmart optical centers will accept that kind of Medicaid.

Additional resources for children and adults:

Prevent Blindness Georgia

<https://georgia.preventblindness.org/vouchers>

Lions Club

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/how-we-serve/assistance-requests.php>

VSP Global

<https://vspglobal.com/cms/vspglobal-outreach/gift-certificates.html>

New Eyes for the Needy

<https://www.new-eyes.org/voucher-application/>

A couple of low-cost online glasses companies:

Zenni Optical <https://www.zennioptical.com/>

EyeBuyDirect <https://www.eyebuydirect.com/>

The Lighthouse - Ruthy Stephens rstephens@lionslighthouse.org 404-325-1751

Family Support Services (money, housing, etc.)

Suntopia (just put in zip code to find local help) <https://www.suntopia.org/marietta/ga/>

Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities <https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/family-support-services> **Just find your regional coordinator for family support, get a copy of IEP and school psychological to go with the application. Turn around is just a week or two depending on your coordinator case load. ** This is an eligibility program, not an entitlement program.

In Community GA <https://www.incommunityga.org/family-support-funding>

Autism Cares Financial Assistance Resources: <https://www.autismspeaks.org/financial-assistance-resources#emergency>

Georgia Community Supports and Solutions 404-634-4222

Skye Precious Kids 404-478-9794 www.skyepreciouskids.org resources to families in financial crisis who are caring for children with disabilities or life threatening illnesses.

Variety the children's charity 678-994-4210 www.varietyofgeorgia.org resources not covered – equipment, modifications, tech, mobility, school supplies

Guardianship

<https://www.paulding.gov/182/Probate-Court>

Grandparent Resources

Project Grand <https://www.isdd-home.org/project-grandd>

Grandparent Support Group <https://www.transfiguration.com/ministries/alphabetical-list/grandparents-support/>

Grandparents raising Grandchildren (Div. of Child Support Services)
<https://childsupport.georgia.gov/grandparents-raising-grandchildren>

Graduation – Staying on the Right Path

Preschool <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Documents/Parent%20Fact%20Sheets/New%20Fact%20Sheets%205-16/Pre-School%20final.pdf>

Elementary <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Documents/Parent%20Fact%20Sheets/New%20Fact%20Sheets%205-16/Elementary%20School%20final.pdf>

Middle School <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Documents/Parent%20Fact%20Sheets/New%20Fact%20Sheets%205-16/Middle%20School%20final.pdf>

High School <http://www.parentmentors.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/High-School-final.pdf>

Handicap Van Financing and Resources

Mobility Works <https://www.mobilityworks.com/financing/grant-assistance/georgia/>

Healthcare – Low Cost

Mercy Care www.mercyatlanta.org

Hispanic Family Resources

**Parent 2 Parent of GA - For Spanish-speaking families, have them ask for Mula Xavier
<http://p2pga.org/> or 800-229-2038

Ser Familia <https://serfamilia.org/>

Georgia Relay Services <https://georgiarelay.org/services/spanish-relay/>

Home Healthcare Providers

Omni Healthcare (GAPP) 404-645-6450 www.omnihcs.com

ACE Healthcare (GAPP) 404-966-3331 www.myacehealthcare.com

Homework Help (app)

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/chegg/id385758163?mt=8&ign-mpt=uo%3D4>

Housing / Homelessness Resources

Dallas Housing Authority
<https://hopeatlanta.org/>
434 Paulding Lane
PO Box 74
Dallas, GA 30132
770-445-3758

Action Ministries
1700 Centry Circle NE Ste 200
Atlanta, GA 30345
404-881-1991
www.actionministries.net

MUST Ministries
Elizabeth Inn Outreach Building
55 Elizabeth Church Road
Marietta, GA 30061
678-218-4534
housingservices@mustministries.org
Intake days and hours:
M, T, W, TH, F: 10AM-2PM

Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter
110 Porter Street
Cartersville, GA 30120
770-607-0610
director@goodneighborshelter.org
<http://www.goodneighborshelter.org/>

**For persons fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking - refer directly to:
liveSAFE Resources
24-hour Crisis Line: 770-427-3390**

Incarcerated Parents/Students

<https://www.kidz2leaders.org/>

<https://www.thearc.org/NCCJD/training/webinars/archive>

Inspirational

The Mighty website (inspiration, health news, etc.) <https://themighty.com/>

Intelligent Lives movie <https://intelligentlives.org/>

Legislators

Find your legislator https://openstates.org/find_your_legislator/

Mandated Parenting Class, Anger Management and CPR

<https://www.saveatl.com/saveatl-our-services>

Medicaid/SSI/NOW/COMP Waivers

Good explanation I received about waivers: First, eligibility for the NOW/Comp waivers require that the individual must have a developmental disability; and secondly, they must be Medicaid eligible. There is, of course, more to the definitions of DD and Medicaid eligible which would require more time to explain, but this is the simple eligible requirements.

Individuals from birth to death can receive the waiver. The NOW/COMP waiver does NOT waive financial eligibility for Medicaid, it waives the limitations on certain services that regular Medicaid requires you be institutionalized in order to receive. NOW/Comp waivers are Home and Community Based Service waivers (HCBS) which allow for those services to be provided in the home and community rather than institutions.

There are waiting lists because these services are not an entitlement under Medicaid. You do not have to be on Medicaid in order to be on the waiting list . . . but you do have to be Medicaid eligible. Anyone who needs the level of care that NOW/COMP waivers provide is Medicaid eligible UNLESS they are excluded because of immigration status or because of their own financial eligibility (not their parents).

Georgia's Aging and Disability Resource Connection <https://www.georgiaadrc.com/site/1/home.aspx>

EPSDT <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/benefits/epsdt/index.html>

SSI <https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/> <http://www.benefitsnavigator.org/gpage6.html>

SSI Benefits for Children <https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/apply-child.htm>

<https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10026.pdf>

<https://www.ssa.gov/disability/professionals/bluebook/>

Guide to all homebased services (Medicaid, waivers, etc.)

http://www.balancingincentiveprogram.org/sites/default/files/GA_HCBS_Booklet_2013.pdf

SOURCE Waiver (primarily for older population, but also for disabilities!)

<https://www.payingforseniorcare.com/medicaid-waivers/ga-community-care-services-program.html>

Katie Beckett (Deeming Waiver) How to apply <http://atlspeechtherapy.com/how-to-apply-for-katie-beckett-deeming-waiver-in-georgia/>

Assistance in Applying:

Cam and Madi's Promise – Free Waiver Assistance www.camandmadispromise.org 770-239-1522

Raise them High www.raisethehigh.com

Family Support Services <http://dbhdd.georgia.gov/accessing-services>

Georgia Department of Community Health <https://dch.georgia.gov/programs>

Medically Fragile and Significant Disabilities

FOCUS & Fragile <https://focus-ga.org/>

Medical Professionals Database

<http://p2pga.force.com/Provider>

Mental Health

Georgia Parent Support Network <http://gpsn.org/>

Dallas Family Counseling

<http://www.dallasfamilycounseling.com/i15/index.php?view=article&catid=34:pages&id=46>

Evergreen Counseling, Celest Reichard crtherapy@gmail.com

Crisis and Trauma Resource Institute <https://us.ctrinstitute.com/>

GA System of Care <https://gacoeonline.gsu.edu/soc/>

Potter's Clinic <http://www.thepottersclinic.com/>

Military Families

<http://usa.childcareaware.org/feeassistancerespitproviders/>

Music Therapy

Tasia Carter 678-372-3488 tasia.eden@gmail.com \$30 for 30 minutes

Therabeats www.therabeat.com

Metro Music Therapy www.metromusictherapyga.com

Online Learning

Paulding Virtual Academy

<https://www.paulding.k12.ga.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=29099#calendar74786/20190108/month>

Georgia Cyber Academy <https://gca.k12.com>

Parent to Parent of Georgia

<http://p2pga.org/>

Parents who have IDD

<https://www.thearc.org/what-we-do/resources/fact-sheets/parents-with-idd>

Play Therapy and Adapted Toys

Lekotek of GA <http://www.lekotekga.org/>

Private School

The HOPE School at Jacob's Ladder 770-998-1017 www.jacobsladdercenter.com

Cumberland Academy of Georgia 404-835-9000 www.cumberlandacademy.org

Psychologists

Steven A Hobbs, Ph.D - Specializing in Katie Beckett Applications 678-595-0906 shobbs.phd@gmail.com

Ty Lightfoot, Ph.D., Cora Lee Institute - Specializing in children with special needs

3080 Highlands Pkwy. Suite A Smyrna, GA 30082 (770) 634-2349

Nathan Townsend, Psy.D., Psychological Affiliates – Specializing in children with special needs
122 Cherry St. Marietta, GA 30060 (770) 427-2911

Jason Dunn, Psy.D., Georgia HOPE (706) 279-0405 - Specializing in children with special needs

Allison Doerr, Ph.D., Georgia Neurobehavioral Associates - Specializing in children with special needs
140 E. Marietta St #301 Canton, GA 30114 (770) 213-3594

Respite/Childcare

Holiday Camps, Saturday Respite, after school care – Emily Clarke center in Chamblee

<http://www.elaineclarkcenter.org/out-of-school-services.html>

<http://www.restoreplace.org>

<http://www.rightinthecommunity.org/>

<http://www.yourrespite.com/>

West Ridge Church Breakaway <https://westridge.com/specialneeds/>

<http://www.care.com>

<http://www.allgakids.org>

YMCA – Paulding Early Learning Center 678-626-0500

YMCA – NW Cobb 770-423-9622

Boys and Girls Club – Paulding 678-363-8570

RTI – Response to Intervention

GA DOE <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Curriculum-and-Instruction/Pages/Response-to-Intervention.aspx>

Parent Primer on RTI

[http://www.Idonline.org/article/Response to Intervention %28RTI%29%3A A Primer for Parents](http://www.Idonline.org/article/Response%20to%20Intervention%20%28RTI%29%3A%20A%20Primer%20for%20Parents)

Scholarships

Ruby's Rainbow (Down syndrome) <https://rubysrainbow.org/>

List of Scholarships <https://www.top10onlinecolleges.org/scholarships-for/students-with-disabilities/>

Scouting

Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta www.girscoutsatl.org

Cub Scouts Thomas Farmery Thomas.farmery@scouting.org

Sensory Devices (including chewing, weighted blankets, etc.)

www.arktherapeutic.com

<https://funandfunction.com/>

<https://therapyshoppe.com/>

<https://www.amazon.com/>

Self-Determination

I'm Determined (from the Virginia DOE – lots of resources and downloads)

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

Senate Bill 110 (Special Needs Scholarship for Private School)

<http://www.paulding.k12.ga.us/Page/30029>

<http://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/Policy/Pages/Special-Needs-Scholarship-Program.aspx>

Service Animals

<https://cpt-training.com/>

<https://ada.georgia.gov/service-animals>

Social Skills/Groups

Autism Improvised <https://autismimprovised.org/index.html>

Erin's Hope for Friends <https://erinshopeforfriends.org/>

Building Blocks Pediatrics www.buildingblockspediatric.com

Special Events

April – Challenge Air offers Flights to Children age 7-21, register early!

<https://www.challengeair.com/changed-lives/>

Special Needs Resources for Parents/Caregivers/Educators (online)

Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities <https://gcdd.org/>

A Day in Our Shoes <https://adayinourshoes.com/>

Friendship Circle <https://www.friendshipcircle.org/online/>

Understood (for learning and attention issues) <https://www.understood.org/en>

Parenting Special Needs Magazine <https://www.parentingspecialneeds.org/>

Making a Difference Quarterly Magazine by Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities
<https://gcdd.org/news-a-media/making-a-difference-magazine/3214-making-a-difference-summer-2018.html>

Learning Disabilities Association of Georgia <http://ldag.org/>

Georgia ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) State Resource Network
http://www.adasoutheast.org/se_region/se_regionTemplate.php?st=GA

Eye to Eye (unlocking greatness in the 1 in 5 who learn differently) <https://eyetoeyenational.org/>

Moses Moms www.mosesmoms.com

Special Needs Ministries

<https://westridge.com/specialneeds/>

Special Olympics

Paulding County <https://www.facebook.com/PauldingCountySpecialOlympics/>

Support Groups/Parents Night Out Care

Parent Mentor Support Group contact Angela Cammarano-Moses acammarano@paulding.k12.ga.us

Great Prospects <http://www.greatprospectsinc.org/index.html>

The Harris-Gud Foundation <http://www.hgfwecare.com/index.html>

Pieces to the Puzzle Autism Support Group Debra Hensley 770-903-5699

Supportive Housing for IDD after High School

<https://www.mustministries.org/housing>

Technology (Microsoft Office, Computer and Internet Programs)

<https://www.paulding.k12.ga.us/domain/4040>

Therapeutic Horsemanship

Dream Power Therapy www.dreamtherapy.org

Therapy

Beyond Limits 770-917-5737 www.beyondlimitstherapy.org PT, OT, Speech, Hippo, feeding, audiological testing

McKenna Farms 770-443-9672 <https://www.mckennafarms.org/> PT, OT, Speech, Hippo

Jule Kagan OTD 770-499-1950 Offers Sensory Affective Play Camp

Jacob's Ladder 770-998-1017 www.jacobsladdercenter.com PT, OT, Speech, Mental Health

Therabeat, Inc 770-687-2542 www.therabeat.com Music Therapy and Adaptive Lessons

Transition

List of Transition Fairs around the state <http://www.parentmentors.org/>

Charting the Life course family support group <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Are-you-a-parent-or-guardian-of-someone-with-I-DD-.html?soid=1125064766967&aid=2rSobGLEBiE>

[file:///C:/Users/Agellis/Downloads/Transition%20Planning%20WEB%20\(5\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/Agellis/Downloads/Transition%20Planning%20WEB%20(5).pdf)

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

Metro Atlanta Employment Help <http://metroatlantaexchange.org/>

National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability - Youth <http://www.ncwd-youth.info/>

Advancing Employment <https://www.advancingemployment.com/>

Georgia STABLE Accounts <https://www.georgiastable.com/>

Understanding the GA STABLE Account – great article <http://ablenrc.org/news/georgia-launches-able-program>

Blonder Family Department for Special Needs <https://www.atlantaicc.org/interior-pages/special-needs-home/>

Travel

<http://www.friendshipcircle.org/blog/2012/06/05/air-travelers-with-disabilities-here-are-your-rights/>

<https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/aviation-consumer-protection/traveling-disability>

Wings for Autism <https://www.thearc.org/wingsforautism>

Underwear

<http://www.friendshipcircle.org/blog/2014/11/17/a-guide-to-underwear-for-individuals-with-special-needs/>

Wandering

GPS Smart Tracker in Sole <http://gpsmartsole.com/gpsmartsole/>

Websites for Learning

<https://www.paulding.k12.ga.us/Domain/4041>

Wheelchair

FODAC (durable medical equipment, house and vehicle modification, assistive technology)
<https://www.fodac.org/programs/> Online inventory can be accessed at www.reuse.fodac.org User name = Pediatric Password = Password2#

Comprehensive Help (housing, funding, applying for funding, supported employment, etc.)

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

<http://www.rightinthecommunity.org>

504 vs IEP – great explanation

<https://www.understood.org/en/school-learning/special-services/504-plan/the-difference-between-ieps-and-504-plans>