TRANSITION MANUAL

A Guide for Parents

DeKalb Interagency Transition Planning Council
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INTRODUCTION

Confused? Are you anxious about your son’s or daughter’s future? Many parents worry about the time when their son or daughter will no longer attend school. Those who plan for this change from student to adult life are faced with a confusing maze of services and options. All of this may seem overwhelming. There is help!

When is the best time to prepare for entry into adult life? There is no set time, but many experts agree that it is never too early to teach responsibility, independence, and a good work ethic. Serious planning should begin during teen years for a smooth transition from school to adult service agencies.

This manual was put together as a guide for parents. The list of resources along with the question and answer section will be helpful in locating appropriate services. It must be noted that this manual is ONLY a resource. The choices are yours; therefore, it is the parents’ responsibility to examine resources that may meet their child’s own abilities, needs, and potentials.

Further, in serving the population with special needs, the importance of advocacy cannot be stated strongly enough. The Interagency Transition Planning Council encourages and applauds parental involvement in this process. Please commit now to becoming informed and involved. To this end, you may find the ‘Support Services’ and ‘Web Sites’ especially helpful.
**ACRONYMS AND INITIALS**  
**ARE WE SPEAKING THE SAME LANGUAGE?**

The following is a list of acronyms or initials often used when dealing with school systems, state, and federal agencies. You may hear these initials used and feel lost. This list will help you understand the language of the school system and various agencies.

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DCSC  DEKALB COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER
DD  DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY
DFCS  DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES
D/HH  DEAF/HARD OF HEARING
DHR  DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
DHS  DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DMA  DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
DMA 6  DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE – LEVEL OF CARE DETERMINATION FORM
DMA 80  DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE – PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUEST FORM
DOE  DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DOL  DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
DS CHIEF  DISABILITIES SERVICES CHIEF
DTAE  DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL AND ADULT EDUCATION
DTH  DEVELOPMENTAL TRAINING HOME
EPSDT  EARLY PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT PROGRAM
ES  EMPLOYMENT SPECIALIST
ESP  EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT PLAN
FY  FISCAL YEAR
GA DOL  GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
GAPSE  GA ASSOCIATION FOR PEOPLE IN SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT
GDOE  GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
GLRS  GEORGIA LEARNING RESOURCES SYSTEM
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TRANSITION SERVICE PLAN:
AN EXPLANATION

The Transition Service Plan (TSP) [formerly known as the Individual Transition Plan, ITP] serves as a guide to assist the student, the family, the school, and community service agencies to formulate a plan that will assist with transition from school to adult life. It is important to understand that school is an entitlement program for school-aged children. Entitlement means that all children are eligible to receive a free and appropriate education within the public school system. Adult programs have their own eligibility requirements. Most of these programs can and do maintain waiting lists.

The purpose of transition is to assist students with disabilities to build the skills and supports they need to successfully reach their post-school goals. The 2004 reauthorization of the Individual with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA 2004) changed transition services to a “results-oriented process” that is focused on improving the academic and functional achievement of the child. IDEA also requires the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team to include “appropriate measurable postsecondary goals based upon age-appropriate transition assessments related to training, education, employment, and where appropriate independent living.” The state rules for special education require that transition plans be in place prior to the student entering ninth grade or by age 16, whichever comes first. The transition plan drives the content of the rest of the IEP. There should be a clear and direct relationship between a student’s transition goals and the other IEP goals and objectives. Transition requires support from multiple sources for the student and his/her family to make choices, develop connections, and access services.

## Transition Planning
### Time-Line for Life Skills Specialization

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<td>Update vocational training file with descriptions of acquired skills, vocational training history, and related transition assessment information</td>
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<td>Establish linkages to public and private adult service agencies:  - Obtain signed releases for information sharing with other agencies  - Intake for Region 3 DBHDD planning list for Medicaid Waiver  - Investigate agencies for Community Access Services, Prevocational Services, and Community Residential Alternative Services</td>
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* Must be completed by student-parent before holding the IEP meeting to develop the initial TSP  
** Must be done during 8th grade year prior to going to High School
# Transition Planning

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<td>Complete Student Interest Inventory yearly</td>
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<td>Begin vocational instruction in a variety of community sites</td>
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| 18+ (one-year prior to graduation) | **Establish linkages to public and private adult service agencies:**  
- Obtain signed releases for information sharing with other agencies  
- Intake for Region 3 DBHDD planning list for Medicaid Waiver  
- Investigate agencies for Community Access Services, Supported Employment Services, and Community Residential Alternative Services  
- Complete application with Georgia Department of Labor Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Counselor based on need | School refers Student/Parent/Guardian Region 3 Representative VR Counselor | |
<p>| 18-21             | Provide copy of vocational file and work history to parent during graduation year | Student/Parent/Guardian School | |</p>
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| 18-21             | - Seek job placement  
- Job coaching may be provided by school staff in cooperation with adult service agencies (Supported Employment Staff)  
- Parent support/assistance with job placement as needed | Student/Parent/Guardian  
Adult Services  
Agencies/School |                 |
| 18 – 21           | - Targeted adult service agency will develop the appropriate individual written plan for future services  
- Final review and summarization of TSP to include the Summary of Performance (SOP) | Student/Parent/Guardian  
Adult Services  
Agencies/School |                 |
| Ongoing           | Conduct additional vocational assessments or other assessments as needed                                                                                                                                     | Student/Parent/Guardian  
Adult Services  
Agencies/ School |                 |
| Ongoing           | Update Transition Plan (preferences, strengths, interests, goals and objectives) at least annually                                                                                                          | Student/Parent/Guardian  
Adult Services  
Agencies/ School |                 |

* Must be completed by student-parent before holding the IEP meeting to develop the initial TSP  
** Must be done during 8th grade year prior to going to High School
TRANSITION SERVICE PLAN
EXAMPLES for MID-Independent Living, MOID, SID, PID

EDUCATION/TRAINING

Vocational Preparation/Anticipated Post School Placement
- In-school vocational training experiences (office/clerical, custodial, cafeteria, grounds).
- Community-Based Vocational Training in a variety of job clusters (food service, commercial cleaning, retail, building maintenance, grounds maintenance, office/clerical, childcare, and packaging).
- Vocational classes/Warren Technical School
- Adapted equipment for vocational training
- Other

DEVELOPMENT OF EMPLOYMENT

Occupational Awareness/Employment Related Knowledge and Skills
- Volunteer work
- Odd jobs/neighborhood jobs
- Weekend jobs
- Summer employment/Workforce Investment Act
- Apprenticeship
- Georgia Department of Labor – Vocational Rehabilitation Services (career counseling, application of services)
- Supported Employment
  Individual
  Job Share
  Enclave
- Competitive Employment (no support)
- Competitive Employment (transition support)
- Community Access Services and Prevocational Services
- Georgia Identification Card
- Other
COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Social Behaviors
- Interpersonal/social skills
- Appropriate friendships/relationships
- Social responsibility/dependability
- Sex education
- Parenting skills
- Behavior management
- Communication skills (appropriate conversation skills, augmentative/alternative communication system, interpreters)
- Support groups
- Assistive Technology (augmentative/alternative communication systems, FM auditory system)
- Funding sources for assistive technology
- Other

Recreation/Leisure Skills
- In-home leisure activities (TV, music, games, pets, etc.)
- Independent activities/Outings with friends (bowling, skating, movies, plays, etc.)
- Sport/social clubs (YMCA)
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Parks and Recreation programs
- Adult Special Olympics
- Community center programs
- Specialized/social activities
- Church groups
- Hobby clubs
- Library
- Concerts
- Adapted equipment (switches, bowling ramp, talking books, CCTV, etc.)
- Other

Transportation Needs for Community Access
- Mobility/orientation training within school
- Mobility/orientation training within community
- Mobility aids/training (seeing-eye dog)
- Pedestrian safety/street crossing/parking lots
- Public transportation (MARTA – Breeze Half-fare and MARTA Mobility)
- Taxi
- Family member as source
- Car pool
- Driver’s license
- Independent (own car, bike, walk)
- Supported (with peer or co-worker)
- Specialized (wheelchair van)
- Specialized equipment (power wheelchair)
- Financial resources available for transportation
- Other

**ADULT LIVING SKILLS**

Post-School Community Living Arrangements
- With family/relative
- Adult foster care
- Community Residential Alternative Services (group home/host home)
- Intermediate care facility
- Residential treatment facility
- Community Living Support Services (Semi-independent-supervised/supported living with paid supervision)
- Independent living (own home/apartment)
- Section 8 housing (subsidized housing)
- Respite
- Other

**Financial/Other Benefits**
- Region 3 referral
- Medicaid Waiver
- Adequate income for self-support
- Family financial support
- Eligibility/application for public assistance (Food stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families- TANF)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Supplemental Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- Minimum pay/maximum pay (benefits from SSI)
- Benefits Navigator
- Insurance
- Income is not important
- Other

**Medical needs**
- Medication (self-medicating or requires assistance)
- Specialized procedures (catheterization, shots, feeding tube, trach, etc.)
- Dental
- Audiology (hearing aids, FM auditory system, etc.)
- Vision
- Seizure disorder considerations
- Emergency medical procedures
- Medical/accident insurance (private insurance, school insurance)
- Medicaid/Medicare
- Medical services (doctor/dental checkups)
- Free clinics
- Nutritional counseling
- Personal assistive devices
- Need of daily medical care (intermittent to extensive)
- Access to services
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Other

Advocacy/Legal Trust
- Advocacy services (Region 3, Medicaid Waiver, Congressman/Representative, etc.)
- Social services
- Wills/Trusts/Letter of Intent
- Legal Aid
- Transfer of educational rights at age 18
- Guardianship
- Register to vote
- Register for Selective Service

DAILY LIVING SKILLS

Independent Living Skills
- Personal management
  - Hygiene skills (dressing, bathing, shaving, toileting, etc.)
  - Personal preparation (use clock/alarms to follow various daily schedules, carry wallet/purse with I.D. card, money, keys, etc.)
  - Telephone skills
  - Household safety skills (locked doors, usage of 911, etc.)
- Money management
  - Budgeting/banking
  - Purchasing skills
  - Financial planning
- Household Management
  - Domestic skills (housekeeping, laundry, cleaning, shopping, cooking, etc.)
- Adapted equipment (TDD for hearing impaired, reachers, dressing aids, switches, puffy paint to mark appliances, braille labels, etc.)
- Assistive Technology (augmentative/alternative communication systems, FM auditory system)
- Funding sources available for assistive technology and adapted equipment
DEKALB COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
SAMPLE OF THE TRANSITION SERVICE PLAN (TSP)

Student Name: John Doe  
Meeting Date: 3/4/14

Transition Service Plan

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<th>Name: John Doe</th>
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Preferences, Strengths and Interests based on age Appropriate Transition Assessments and Present Levels of Performance:
John is an 18 year old male in the 11th grade. He has obtained a Georgia ID card and a MARTA Half-Fare Breeze card. He currently receives SSI and Medicaid. He has also registered with Selective Service and to vote. He has reached the age of majority and retains his educational and legal rights.

According to the Student-Parent Transition Questionnaire completed on 2/20/14, John states that he enjoys working in the school cafeteria wiping tables. In the community, John likes to go bowling and he prefers to use Marta for his transportation needs. After graduation, he plans to live at home with his family; however, he is interested in developing a long-term plan for living arrangements for the future. After graduation he wants to obtain a job in the community where he can work with others doing building maintenance.

According to the Checklist of Adaptive Living Skills (CALS) updated on 2/25/14, in the Personal Living Skills Environment, John socializes by interacting with his peers and other adults. In addition, John expresses his personal opinions during group discussions. Furthermore, he knows to take precaution and not get too close to a person who is suffering from contagious illness. He can wash and bandage his wound in order to protect from getting infected. Observations and data collection show that John requires verbal prompts to complete his grooming tasks daily and to properly take his medication. In Home Living Skills Environment, John can take care of his clothes and do laundry with verbal prompts. He can plan and prepare a simple meal for himself with verbal prompting. For example, John can follow the steps to make a pizza and can use the microwave independently to warm food or make popcorn. He can select activities of his interest to keep himself busy in leisure time. In the Environment of Community Living Skills John travels by Marta bus and train independently to go to the library and other places. He is able to tell time in hours and minutes. John enjoys going to church and participates in the youth choir. In money management, John is able to budget his money up to twenty dollars. In the Employment Skills Environment, Johns knows how to fill out a job application and look for a job by going to the store and asking to speak to the manager. John is able to follow two-step requests and is able to ask questions about the way an unfamiliar work task is to be done.

The In-School Vocational Training (ISVT) Transition Assessment Report competed on 2/20/14 indicates John needs direct supervision and verbal prompts to complete job tasks. Currently he participates in vocational training within the school setting sorting silverware, operating a shredder, stuffing envelopes and cleaning tables in the cafeteria.

The CBVT Transition Assessment Report completed on 2/25/14 indicates John is able to follow three step directions independently. During the 2013-14 school year, John is receiving vocational training through the Community Based Vocational Training Program at Country Inn and Suites where his tasks include vacuuming, cleaning the tables and chairs in the breakfast area, cleaning windows, collecting towels from the work-out and pool area, replacing towels in the work-out and pool areas, and dusting. He needs direct supervision and verbal prompts to successfully complete these tasks.

Desired Measurable Post-Secondary/Outcome Completion Goals (These goals are to be achieved after graduation and there must be completion goals for Education/Training and Employment)

Education/Training –
After graduation, John will participate in supported employment training in the area of building maintenance.

Employment-
After graduation, John will utilize supported employment services to obtain a part/full-time position in building maintenance.

Independent Living (as appropriate) –
After graduation, John will continue to live at home with his parents.
Recommended Course of Study (based on vocational assessments and post-secondary goals): John receives specially designed instruction to access the general education curriculum using state grade level standards at an entry level as well as instruction focused on career development, life skills and community referenced skills.

**Diploma Type = GAA Diploma**

Based on age appropriate transition assessments, in the spaces below, include measurable Transition IEP Goals and Transition Activities/Services appropriate for the child’s post-secondary preferences, strengths and needs. Note: There must be at least a measurable Transition IEP Goal to help the child reach each of the desired Measurable Post Secondary/Outcome Completion Goals.

### Education/Training (Goals based on academics, functional academics, life centered competencies or career/technical or agricultural training needs and job training.)

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<td>1. John will receive training 3 times per week through the Community-Based Vocational Training program with direct supervision and cues @ 90% as reflected in the Work Related Behavior Checklist and task analysis data.</td>
<td>1a. Provide vocational training in a variety of job sites within the community</td>
<td>1a. Transition Liaison, Special Education Teacher (SET)</td>
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<td>1b. Complete and return permission forms yearly</td>
<td>1b. John, Mr/Mrs. Doe, SET</td>
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<td>1c. Provide proof of insurance yearly</td>
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<td>1d. Increase work behaviors and skills using the WRBC and task analysis data</td>
<td>1d. Mr/Mrs Doe SET</td>
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<td>1e. Reinforce and encourage good work habits and skills</td>
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<td>2. John will manage money when making purchases while in the community by counting his change and matching the amount on his receipt as measured by completion of the activities.</td>
<td>2a. Provide instruction on counting change</td>
<td>2a. Mr/Mrs Doe SET</td>
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<td>2b. Provide opportunities for John to make purchases in the community and to count his change</td>
<td>1b, 2b. Mr/Mrs. Doe, SET</td>
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<td>2c. Practice counting various amounts of money up to $20</td>
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<td>2d. Count change and match the amount to his receipt after making a purchase</td>
<td>2c, 2d. John</td>
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### Development of Employment (Goals based on occupational awareness, employment related knowledge and skills and specific career pathway knowledge and skills.)

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<td>1. John will complete personal information on simple forms and job applications using the computer independently @ 90% as measured by work samples.</td>
<td>1a. Provide instruction in completing personal information on simple forms/applications using a computer</td>
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<td>1b. Complete name, address, age, DOB, phone #, education, references, emergency contact, etc.</td>
<td>1b, 1c. John</td>
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<td>1c. Practice completing personal information on simple forms/applications using a computer</td>
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<td>1d. Reinforce and encourage appropriate skills in completing forms/application</td>
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### Community Participation (Goals based on knowledge and demonstration of skills needed to participate in the community (e.g., tax forms, voter registration, building permits, social interactions, consumer activities, accessing and using various transportation modes.)

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<td>1. John will purchase items in the community once a month using money management skills using verbal prompts @ 70%.</td>
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<td>1b. Provide opportunities to shop in a variety of stores</td>
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<td>1c. Practice paying for items using the dollar more method</td>
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<td>1d. Pay to next dollar shopping in the community</td>
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<td>1e. Wait for change</td>
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**Adult Living Skills & Post School Options** (Goals based on skills for self-determination, interpersonal interactions, communication, health/fitness and the knowledge needed to successfully participate in Adult Lifestyles and other Post School Activities (e.g. skills needed to manage a household, maintain a budget and other responsibilities of an adult.)

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| 1. John will demonstrate self-advocacy skills by taking an active role in planning and participating in her next IEP meeting as measured by the completion of the activities. | 1a. Develop a list of committee members to invite to her next IEP meeting  
1b. Practice introductions of IEP committee members before February 2015  
1c. Introduce IEP committee members at next IEP meeting | 1a. John, Mr/ Mrs. Doe, SET  
1b. John, SET  
1c. John | |

**Related Services** (Goals based on Related Services that may be required now to help a child benefit from regular and special education and transition services (e.g., speech/language, occupational therapy, counseling, vocational rehabilitation training or the planning for related services that the individual may need access to as an adult.)

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| 1. John will complete the steps to apply for a Medicaid Waiver from Region 3 DBHDD office for adult services as measured by the completion of the activities. | 1a. Provide application packet to family  
1b. Complete application packet and return to Liaison  
1c. Process and submit application to Region 3 office  
1d. Schedule and complete intake screening with Region Representative | 1a. Transition Liaison, SET  
1b. John, Mr/Mrs. Doe, SET  
1c. Transition Liaison,  
1d. Region 3 Rep. John, Mr/Mrs. Doe | |

**Daily Living Skills** (Goals based on adaptive behaviors related to personal care and well-being to decrease dependence on others.)

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| 1. John will prepare a simple meal with verbal assistance once a week as measured by the completion of the activities. | 1a. Provide instruction in meal preparation  
1b. Follow directions to prepare meal items  
1c. Use a checklist for meal preparation  
1d. Clean up area used  
1e. Provide opportunities to prepare a meal  
1f. Reinforce and encourage food preparation skills | 1a,1 c,1 f. Mr/Mrs. Doe, SET  
1b,1 c. John, Mr/Mrs. Doe, SET  
1d. John | |

**Transfer of Rights (required by age 17):** John was informed on 3/10/2011 of his rights, if any, will transfer at age 18.  
**Rights were transferred (required by age 18):** John was informed on 3/6/2013 of his rights.
YES. It is very important to keep a file on your child. It will be needed for future planning. This file should include the following:

A) School records, especially the most recent IEP, TSP, and most current test results
B) Original Social Security card or number
C) The parents’ social security numbers
D) Child’s birth certificate – Original or Certified Copy
E) Medical records or other clinical information
   If reports are not available, list the names and addresses of doctors, hospitals and clinics that have provided care.
F) The names and addresses of social workers and administrators of residential facilities that have provided assistance.
G) Guardianship orders
H) A copy of any will in which the child is mentioned
I) Bank books, insurance policies, and other papers that show any resources
J) Pay stubs, tax returns, and other papers that show any income of the child
K) Papers showing admission to a residential facility at any time
L) Parents’ income tax W-2 statements to show coverage under Social Security
M) Information about the parents’ income and resources if the child is a minor (under age 18)
N) Information about a spouse’s income and resources if the child is married
O) A marriage certificate of the parents if the child is a step-child
P) Veteran’s C number on discharge papers of the parent
Q) The latest tax bill or assessment notice on any real estate the child owns other than his or her home
R) Motor vehicle registration if the child owns a car
S) Information about the child’s eligibility for SSI and Medicaid or Social Security/Medicare
T) Information about the child’s eligibility for a Medicaid Waiver
U) Copy of your “Letter of Intent”
2. What skills can I help my child learn to make them successful in a job situation?

Since each child is different, ask your child’s teacher and/or vocational instructor for input on what would be most helpful. Prior to community training, regular household chores will increase responsibility. An allowance is the important first step in money management. Make sure your child is aware of appropriate dress and hygiene for job success. Help your child become as independent as possible in self-help skills (choosing clothes, hygiene, doing laundry, etc.)

3. What are the steps for transition from school to work?

Refer to the Transition Planning Time-Line in this manual.

4. How do I apply for SSI for my child and at what age?

When your child reaches age 18, call the Social Security Administration (SSA) at 1-800-772-1213 and set up an appointment to apply for benefits. Ask them how much time you will need for your appointment. At the same time ask them to send you any written information about SSI benefits and Medicaid so that you can familiarize yourself with the system prior to your appointment. You can also obtain information at: www.socialsecurity.gov.

You may be able to apply for SSI benefits before your child reaches age 18. Prior to age 18, SSA will look at your income. Depending upon your level of income, your child may qualify for SSI benefits.

5. Can my child have a savings account and still receive SSI benefits?

In order to receive SSI benefits, an individual must have less than $2,000.00 in their name in checking, savings, investments, etc. An individual can be working and continue to be determined to be disabled as long as earnings are below what is called substantial gainful activity ($1,070 a month in 2014). It is best to have no money in your child’s name. A fund for burial up to $1500 does not count against the resource limit.
6. How much money might my child receive from SSI before going to work?

In 2014, the maximum SSI payment is $721 per month for an individual. Not everyone gets the maximum. Individuals who receive “in-kind” support will receive 1/3 less in SSI per month. In-kind support is free food, clothing or shelter, usually provided by the parent.

7. How much can an SSI recipient earn without losing benefits?

If your child works and makes less than $85 each month, SSI will usually not change. Once earnings go over $85 per month, SSI will deduct $1.00 for every $2.00 earned. As the money earned goes up, SSI will go down; however, the amount of earnings plus the remaining SSI benefit will always be more than the original SSI check. If there is no other income, money or support (this means your child is getting the maximum SSI award of $721), an individual earning less than $1,527 per month will still get some SSI cash benefit. If your child is getting less than $721 the maximum they can earn before losing the cash benefit will be less.

There are work incentives that allow some income to be disregarded. For example, earnings used to pay for special transportation to and from work and the cost of special equipment that helps the individual at work will not be counted as income. The Benefits Navigator Program (404-350-7589 or 404-350-7598) can help you figure out the work incentives.

A special benefit called the SSI Student Earned Income Exclusion allows a person under age 22 who is still a student in school to exclude up to $1,750 (in 2014) per month in earned income, with a yearly maximum of $7,060 (for 2014). This means that these earnings will not be counted against them and reduce their check. This allows for summer jobs or small part-time paid work experiences during the school year.
8. What is Benefits Navigator?

Benefits Navigator is a free service funded by Social Security Administration. They provide information to adults and teenagers ages 14 – 65 with any type of disability who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or both and who are interested in pursuing work goals.

9. What type of information do they provide?

Benefits Navigator provides information on how social security benefits and/or state benefits change when someone begins working, work incentives such as the PASS, the Trial Work Period and Impairment-Related Work Expenses, and other programs and services that can help create successful employment.

10. How do I contact them?

Benefits Navigator can be reached by calling their number: 404-350-7589 or 404-350-7598.

11. I have received a “Ticket to Work” in the mail from Social Security. What is this?

The Ticket to Work and Self Sufficiency Program (called “the Ticket”) is a new part of the Social Security program designed to educate people with disabilities about the possibilities of getting help to return to work despite their disabilities and to encourage them to do so. However, the services to help people return to work that the “Ticket” program refers to have been available for 90 years under the Vocational Rehabilitation Program. Other agencies, called Employment Networks, have been recruited to offer some of the same services, so that individuals can have a choice in determining from whom they would like to receive their vocational services. You can call Maximus, the Ticket Program Manager, at 1-866-968-7842 (TTY 1-866-833-2967), for more information about Employment Networks in Georgia. This information is also included in the paperwork that is sent with the Ticket. You can also visit www.socialsecurity.gov/work.
The primary benefit to your child for participating in the Ticket to Work Program is that once the Ticket is “assigned” to an employment network:

1. Your child’s Social Security case will not be medically reviewed for at least five years in order to determine if his/her disability has improved so much that he/she is no longer considered “disabled” under the Social Security rules. The individual has to meet “timely progress” requirements to qualify for this protection.

2. If you are dissatisfied with services from your Employment Network, you can contact Maximus at 1-866-968-7842 (TTY 1-866-833-2967) and be referred for assistance and advocacy in addressing your concerns to choose a new employment network.

12. Will my child lose Medicaid benefits by going to work?

In general, Medicaid coverage will continue even after your SSI payment stops because of earnings, up to a certain level. In 2014, a person could earn up to $28,547 and still qualify to get Medicaid. Medicaid may continue for SSI recipients who are blind or disabled and earn over the SSI limits, if they cannot afford similar medical care and depend on Medicaid in order to work.

13. Who should be contacted if my child is having problems on the job or loses the job?

Contact your child’s Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor or Employment Network contact, or the Supported Employment Program contact person. It is best to talk to these people before your child loses the job. In many cases, additional job coaching can be used to correct problems on the job in order for your child to keep the present job.
14. Does my son need to register with the Selective Service System?

Yes, virtually all male U.S. citizens and male immigrants residing in the U.S. and its territories must register within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Registration information cards are available from any post office or you can register online at www.sss.gov.

15. I heard that when my child turns 18, they are considered their own legal guardian. Is that true?

Yes, according to the state, individuals age 18 and over are legally presumed to be competent to make his/her own medical, financial, and educational decisions. Parents can file for guardianship at the county courthouse.

16. What are Guardianship and the Alternatives in Georgia?

A guardianship is a legal relationship wherein a court appoints a person (a guardian) to make certain decisions for another person (a ward) proven to need such assistance. The decision-making power removed from a person should be as limited as possible.

A guardianship can be created on an emergency basis, and it can be temporary (limited in duration) or permanent. Guardianships can be limited in scope, removing as few rights as necessary.

Guardianships can be of the person or they can be of the property. For a guardian of the person, the individual needs a guardian to decide personal issues such as where to live, consent for medical treatment, etc. A guardian of the estate, called a conservator, usually has power just over the person’s money or property, not the individual’s personal matters. This type of guardianship is to protect the person’s property and use it for their care, support, education and other areas of general welfare.

The most restrictive guardianship is full guardianship. This includes guardianship over the person’s entire personal and property decision making without any limits on the powers of the guardian.
Limited guardianship is another type where a person is encouraged to keep as much control as possible over his or her own life. In this case, the guardian has authority only in specifically defined matters.

Temporary guardianship is where a protective order is issued. Under the protective order, the court can give another person, a public guardian, or corporate guardian, the legal authority to handle a specific situation. Once the situation is resolved, the guardianship ends.

It is essential that any guardianship action be specific as to what is needed. **The court should remove as few rights as possible. All of the rights under each type of guardianship are removed if the court says nothing about limits.**

There are several other ways besides a guardianship to act on behalf of someone whose decision-making ability is seriously interrupted and whose well-being is in jeopardy. Durable power of attorney for property, durable power of attorney for healthcare, durable power of attorney for advocacy, living will/healthcare directive, a trust, joint property ownership, joint bank account, state programs, and representative payee ship are alternatives. Nevertheless, there are times that the best or only type of substituted decision-making for a person is by means of a guardianship.

For more information, please refer to Georgia Advocacy Office, Inc. in the Legal Services section of this transition manual and to the “**A Family Handbook on Future Planning**” provided at the initial transition meeting. **You may also go to www.gcdd.org website and look for the document “Thinking about Guardianship?”**

17. What is a Georgia Identification card? Why do I need one? How do I obtain one for my child?

A Georgia identification card contains the same personal information, photo, signature and special protection against alteration and fraud as a driver’s license. Any person that is old enough to sign their name, or make a mark indicating their legal signature can apply to the Department of Driver Services for an identification card. The cost is $20.00 for 5 years or $35.00 for 8 years.
Applicants must furnish proof of their residence in Georgia and must provide a valid Georgia residence address. The following items are acceptable: utility bill with valid Georgia residence address issued within the last 60 days, bank statement with valid Georgia residence address issued within the last 60 days, current valid rental contracts and/or receipts for rent payment with valid Georgia residence address made within the last 60 days, employer verification and non-expired Georgia license, permit, or identification card issued to parent, guardian, or spouse.

First time applicants for an identification card must show some acceptable form of personal identification that includes full name, month, day and year of birth. The following items are acceptable but must be Original or a Certified Copy: original state issued birth certificate (hospital birth certificates are not acceptable), certified copy of birth certificate (issued from Vital Statistics with affixed seal), certificate of birth registration, certified copy of court records (adoption, name changes or sex changes), certified naturalization records, immigration ID card or valid passport.

Anyone applying for a GA ID card must provide a social security number at the time of issuance. It is not necessary to have your original social security card. However, penalties will occur if an incorrect social security number is provided.

U.S. citizens must furnish proof of citizenship. Non-U.S. citizens must present proper INS documentation. Documents presented must be either in English or translated into English by a translator approved by the Department of Drivers Services.

Locations of six Driver’s License Services Offices are as follows: 8040 Rockbridge Road in Lithonia; 2206 Eastview Parkway in Conyers; 8610 Roswell Road, Suite 710 in Sandy Springs; 2211 Beaver Ruin Road in Norcross; 2801 Candler Road in Decatur; and 310 Hurricane Shoals in Lawrenceville. The driver’s license facilities are open Tuesday through Friday from 7:30 AM – 6:30 PM and Saturday from 7:30 AM - 12 Noon.

Locations nearest you can be obtained from the DDS website, www.dds.ga.gov. Under the first listing (Department of Driver Services) click location and enter your zip code.
18. What is advocacy?

Advocacy is the process of actively speaking out, writing in favor of, supporting, and/or acting on behalf of oneself, another person, or a cause. Advocacy is any action to assure the best possible services for an intervention in the service system on behalf of an individual or group.

19. How do I advocate for my child?

You advocate by informing your legislator of the needs of your child with a developmental disability. Urge your legislator to fund home and community-based services, which help people with disabilities to get out of institutions and stay out of institutions. To locate your legislator, go to www.vote-smart.org or call your local voter registration office. For more information regarding advocating for your child’s needs, contact Georgia’s Unlock the Waiting Lists! Campaign.

20. How do I contact them?

Call 1-888-275-4233 or visit their web site at: www.unlockthewaitinglists.com

21. What is Georgia’s Unlock the Waiting Lists! Campaign?

The campaign is a targeted effort by a coalition of Georgia disability organizations to educate the public and change public policy. The mission is to reduce and/or eliminate waiting lists for thousands of people with disabilities, the frail elderly, and their families who need home and community-based services.

22. What are the waiting lists?

Georgians with significant disabilities need essential services to remain with their families and in their communities. These services have not been adequately funded; therefore, individuals with disabilities have been placed on waiting lists with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) to obtain services when funding becomes available.
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SSI is a needs based program. You must meet both the disability criteria and financial eligibility criteria to receive SSI. Financial criteria mean you cannot have more than $2000 in cash, checking, savings, etc. You can have $1500 in a burial fund and a Life Insurance policy with a cash value of not more than $1500. You may own a house and a vehicle. If you are under age 18, parents’ income is considered. If you are under age 18 and fail to meet the financial eligibility but you do meet the disability criteria, you will not receive SSI but you may be able to receive Medicaid. (Refer to the Deeming Waiver information section). If you are age 18 or over, parents’ income is not considered.

Application for SSI is made through the Social Security Administration. The Social Security office serving most of DeKalb County is located at 4365 Shackelford Road, Norcross, GA 30093. This is off of the Beaver Ruin or Indian Trail Exits of I-85 in Gwinnett County.

The Social Security office serving DeKalb County Zip Codes of 30032, 30034, 30049, 30316, 30317, and Ellenwood is located at 2853 Candler Road Suite 8 (South DeKalb Mini Mall) Decatur, Georgia 30034.

The Social Security Website is: www.socialsecurity.gov

The Social Security Administration wants to assist callers through the following toll free numbers:

1-800-772-1213 or TTY 1-800-325-0778

Generally the best days/times to call are: Wednesday - Friday before 9 a.m. and after 4 p.m. but this varies somewhat. Listen to the recorded message and request to apply for SSI and Medicaid. An agent will come on the line. You will be asked to state the following:

Your name
Your address
Your telephone number
Child’s name
Child’s date of birth
Child’s social security number
Parents’ social security number
Parents’ estimated income
Child’s disability and date it began

If your child is over 18 years old, they will ask you:

How much money your child has in the bank (must have less than $2,000 in his/her name)

If your child is under age 18, they will ask you:

How much money you have in the bank and information about your home such as mortgage, rent, cost of food and utilities.

What will happen?

You will be given either a telephone appointment or an appointment at the closest Social Security Office. For DeKalb County residents, it will be 4365 Shackelford Road, Norcross, GA 30093 or 1816 Candler Rd. (South DeKalb Mini-Mall) Decatur, Georgia 30037. When making an appointment, ask how much time you should allow for this meeting and possible additional waiting time.

It is best to schedule an appointment at your local Social Security Office. Take your child with you for the appointment. Take all the papers they told you to bring. Also, bring with you the name of your child’s Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, if he/she has one and give it to them.

It will take approximately 120 days before your child receives the first SSI check and Medicaid card. Sometimes a child might get temporary SSI benefits for up to six months until the final decision is made.

If, for some reason, your child is denied benefits, the denial letter will include instructions for filing an appeal. Follow them and file the appeal!
After contacting Social Security, you may want to contact the **DeKalb Department of Family and Children Services** at **404-370-5000** to see if any additional benefits may be available until SSI begins.

The **Georgia Health Partnership** will answer specific as well as general questions that you or the Medicaid recipient may have. Their number is **1- 866-211-0950**.

**What is SSDI?**

SSDI is Social Security Disability Insurance.

The SSDI program pays benefits to adults who have a disability that began before they became 22 years old. This SSDI benefit is a “child’s” benefit because it is paid on a parent’s Social Security earnings record. For a disabled adult to become entitled to this “child” benefit, one of his or her parents:

- Must be receiving Social Security retirement or disability benefits; or
- Must have died and have worked long enough under Social Security

These benefits also are payable to an adult who received dependents benefits on a parent’s Social Security earnings record prior to age 18, if he or she is disabled at age 18. SSDI disabled adult “child” benefits continue as long as the individual remains disabled. Your child does not need to have worked to get these benefits.
**THE DEEMING WAIVER**

In some special situations, children under the age of 18 who do not qualify for SSI may qualify for a deeming waiver. What is a “Deeming Waiver”?

The Deeming Waiver is a way for parents to get Medicaid for their child with a disability when their income is too high to qualify for SSI. This federal waiver takes the family income out of the picture and looks at the income/assets of the child.

**Who should apply for the Deeming Waiver?**

Families whose income is too high to receive SSI can apply. Even if a child has private insurance coverage, parents can apply for this waiver. Most private insurance policies have service limitations, out of pocket expenses, and lifetime caps. In cases where private insurance exists, the Deeming Waiver will be beneficial as secondary insurance to cover out of pocket expenses and will be helpful to have before a lifetime cap is met. As secondary coverage, Medicaid will pay for 20% of covered expenses that primary insurance does not pay. Also, many insurance companies do not pay for the physical, occupational, and speech therapies that may be covered by Medicaid.

**What are the Deeming Waiver Eligibility Criteria?**

In order to apply for the Deeming Waiver the child must meet the following guidelines:

- Child must be under 18 years of age.
- Child must meet federal criteria for disability.
- Child must be **ineligible** for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) due to income and/or assets of the parents.
- Child requires a level of care provided in a hospital, skilled-nursing facility or intermediate-care facility (including an intermediate-care facility for the mentally retarded).
- Child can appropriately be cared for at home.
• The estimated cost of caring for the child outside of the institution will not exceed the estimated cost of treating the child within the institution.

How can I apply for a Deeming Waiver?

1. Applications for the TEFRA/Katie Beckett Program should be filed with the Centralized Katie Beckett Medicaid Team at the following address:

Right From the Start Medicaid Project
Centralized TEFRA/Katie Beckett Medicaid Team
5815 Live Oak Parkway
Suite D-2
Norcross, GA  30093-1700
678-248-7449 (phone)
678-248-7459 (fax)

You may also apply online at www.compass.ga.gov. You will need to apply under health coverage for aging, blind, and disabled. Applications must be submitted in the child’s name. Applications may be picked up at the office as well.

The first step in the process is to determine ineligibility for SSI. Most of the time, the county DFCS office can make this determination, but occasionally this is not possible. If they cannot, they will refer you to the Social Security office to apply for SSI for your child. The Social Security office may be able to send you an informal denial based on the income information that you give them, which will keep you from having to complete the entire application. Be sure to tell them that you need a statement of denial in writing to submit with the Deeming Waiver application.

2. You will need to gather information and fill out forms in order to document your child’s disability. The DFCS worker will tell you about this information, give you the appropriate forms, and tell you where you can get assistance in completing the documents.
These documents include:

- Social History: a detailed family history
- Psychological Evaluation: for children with intellectual disabilities or developmental delay diagnosis. This must be completed by a Psychologist (PhD)
- Plan of Care: service plan that states the child’s strengths, needs and recommendations
- DMA- 6 Form: physician’s recommendation for nursing home placement. Although the parent can fill out the form, the doctor must sign it. This form is very important. Be sure to ask the DFCS worker to mark the areas that require the signature of the doctor. The form should be taken to the doctor that knows your child best. Do not have the doctor date the form when it is signed because it is only good for 30 days from the time it is dated. It should be dated at the time all of the paperwork is completed and the application is ready to be submitted.

3. When all paperwork is complete, the DFCS worker will submit the completed packet to the Georgia Medical Care Foundation (GMCF) for approval.

* Once a child is approved for the Deeming Waiver, a review of the child’s continued eligibility must be completed annually.
MEDICAID WAIVERS (NOW AND COMP WAIVERS)

Does my child need a Medicaid Waiver?

Yes. This is the funding source for your child to receive home and community-based services.

I have heard a lot about Medicaid Waivers. What is a Medicaid Waiver?

A Medicaid Waiver is money that may be used to pay for services for a person who has an intellectual and/or developmental disability. These services can take place in the person’s home or in the community. Medicaid Waiver Services can support both children and adults.

Medicaid usually pays for doctor’s appointments, hospital expenses, medicine, therapy, and some supplies and equipment. The waiver allows for Medicaid dollars to be used to pay for additional services. The Medicaid Waiver dollars are part state and part federal money.

The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) administers a Medicaid Home and Community Based (HCBS) waiver program called NOW and COMP Waivers.

What is the NOW Waiver (New Options Waiver)?

The NOW Waiver (New Options Waiver) provides supports to people with developmental disabilities who live in their own home or with family members and require services costing less than $25,000 a year. It provides supports to people who need less intensive services who do not need 24 hour care.

What is the COMP Waiver (Comprehensive Supports Waiver)?

The COMP Waiver (Comprehensive Supports Waiver) provides supports to people who need a full range of intensive in-home or out-of-home services with costs of over $25,000 a year. The Waiver is also used for people who are transitioning out of institutions into the community.
What services are provided by the waivers?

Some of the services under the NOW and COMP waivers include: Community Access, Community Living Support, Community Residential Alternative, Natural Support Training, Individual Goods and Services, Environmental Accessibility Adaptations, Respite, Specialized Medical Supplies and Equipment, and Supported Employment. Refer to the publication “Constructing a Good Life Through Understanding the NOW and COMP Waivers” for more details. This publication is available on the Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities website: www.gcdd.org. A copy may also be obtained from your Transition Liaison.

Are there services that are waiver specific?

Yes. The NOW and COMP Waivers each include specific services that are only available in that waiver. Natural Support Training and Individual Goods and Services are available only in the NOW Waiver. Community Residential Alternative Services are available only in the COMP Waiver.

Who is eligible for these Waivers?

The target group for the waiver program is individuals who have intellectual disabilities and/or developmental disabilities. Individuals with developmental disabilities such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, or neurological impairments must have severe impairments to be eligible for the waiver. The waiver can serve both children and adults.

Individuals must be Medicaid eligible to obtain a Medicaid Waiver. If you receive SSI, you automatically have Medicaid. If you receive Medicare and not Medicaid, it is possible to make you Medicaid eligible through a “Medical Assistance Only (MAO)” process. Talk to the Region Three Intake and Evaluation Team to begin this process.

How do I apply for a Medicaid Waiver for my child?

Application for the NOW and COMP waivers is made through the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) regional offices. Call the Region Three DBHDD Office at 770-414-3052 to
obtain an application or ask your child’s Transition Liaison to assist you with the application.

**What will happen after I apply?**

1. The Intake and Evaluation Team (I&E) will complete a screening to see if you are eligible for services. If you are eligible, they will place your name on either a long-term or a short-term planning list.

2. If you are placed on the short-term list, you will be assigned a Planning List Administrator (PLA). The PLA will check with you and your family periodically to see if there are any changes in your situation and will also help you look for other supports.

3. If you are placed on the long-term list, you will receive a letter stating that placement. You will be contacted once a year to see if you wish to remain on the planning list. **Call the Region Three office six months prior to graduating or aging out and request to have your name moved to the short-term planning list.**

4. When funding becomes available, the regional office staff will send a letter stating that you have been approved for a Medicaid Waiver. (You must be on the short-term list to be considered for a waiver.) The PLA will assist you in completing all of the steps in the Waiver process. This process may vary some from region to region.

5. The PLA will complete the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) which will be used in determining the amount of funding that you will receive. **Be sure that the SIS thoroughly describes your needs.** The PLA and the provider you have chosen will assist you and your family in completing the Individual Service Plan (ISP) based on needs identified in the intake assessments.

6. In Region Three, the PLA will give you and your family information about approved providers. You and your family will choose a provider with help from the PLA. Some services may be self-directed. After a provider is chosen, the I&E Team will come to your home to complete other required assessments and Medicaid documents. **Be sure that the assessments thoroughly describe your needs.**
7. After all steps in the process are completed and services begin, you will be assigned a Support Coordinator and will no longer work with the PLA.

**What is the difference between the short-term planning list and the long-term planning list?**

The short-term planning list is designed for people needing waiver services immediately or in the near future (within approximately six months). The long-term planning list is designed for people needing waiver services at some point in the future.

**Will I keep my Waiver if I move?**

You can move around Georgia and your Medicaid Waiver will go with you. If you move out of state, it does not transfer with you. Once you receive a Medicaid Waiver, it remains yours for as long as you continue to meet the eligibility requirements and still need services.

**What is the organizational structure of the Waiver programs?**

The NOW and COMP waivers are administered by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD). There are six regional offices responsible for intake and evaluation, preauthorization of services, utilization management, crisis resolution, and quality management. Individuals access the NOW or COMP waivers through these regional offices. DeKalb County is in Region Three. The Region Three office is located at 100 Crescent Centre Parkway, Suite 900, Tucker, Georgia 30084. The phone number is (770) 414-3052.

**How do I obtain additional information about the Waiver programs?**

Questions and answers and information about the NOW and COMP waivers are posted on the following website: [www.dbhdd.georgia.gov](http://www.dbhdd.georgia.gov)
ADVOCACY SERVICES

AADD—All About Developmental Disabilities
125 Clairemont Ave Suite 300
Decatur, GA 30030
404-881-9777
(FAX) 404-881-0094
www.aadd.org

POPULATION SERVED: Individuals who have a developmental disability
AGES: 3 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Information and referral services, family support services, disbursement of information through a newsletter, public policy and advocacy, community engagement, crisis intervention training for first responders, directory of services, supported employment, and provides service coordination through the Medicaid Waiver program
FEE: Varies—fee based, state funding, partial scholarships available

Autism Society of America
Greater Georgia Chapter
P.O. Box 3707
Suwanee, GA 30024
770-904-4474
(FAX) 770-904-4476
www.asaga.com

POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with autism and autism spectrum disorders, their families and professionals who work with them
AGES: All
SERVICES OFFERED: Parent support groups and meetings; conferences and workshops; public awareness/education; advocacy; newsletters; literature available in Spanish; resource guide on line in Spanish; and phone help-line for information and referral
FEE: Membership dues, general information is free

Childkind
3107 Clairmont Road NE
Atlanta, GA 30329
404-248-1980
www.childkind.org

POPULATION SERVED: Children with complex medical and/or developmental disabilities
AGES: 0-21
SERVICES OFFERED: Family Placement for children in state custody or those at risk of institutionalization, Transition Support Services, and Family Support Services. Connects parents to community and neighborhood resources. Provides Foster Homes and Host Homes for ages 0-21. Offers community trainings (Disability Awareness 101) on resources, system navigation, and access to Medicaid Waivers
FEE: Medicaid Waiver and private pay
Citizen Advocacy of Atlanta & DeKalb 404-523-8849
376 Oakdale Road NE www.citizenadvocacyatlantadekalb.org
Atlanta, GA  30307
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with Developmental Disabilities who are at risk of social exclusion, abuse or neglect
AGES: any age
SERVICES OFFERED: Provide protection and advocacy by initiating and supporting one-to-one citizen advocacy relationships
FEE: None

DisAbility Link 404-687-8890 (FAX) 404-687-8298
755 Commerce Drive, Suite 105 www.disabilitylink.org
Decatur, GA  30030
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with all types of disabilities
AGES: 18 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Serves 13 counties in Georgia, and is a center for independent living issues. Their core services are advocacy, teaching of independent living skills, peer support groups and mentoring, and information and referral.
FEE: None

Disability Resource Group 770-451-2340
4164 Admiral Drive www.gaada.info
Chamblee, GA  30341
POPULATION SERVED: Anyone with a disability in Georgia, their family, friends, and advocates. Also help public and private sector organizations understand and include people with disabilities
AGES: Rights and resources for people with disabilities of all ages, especially people over 21. Children K-12 when the issue is not IDEA-related
SERVICES OFFERED: Answer questions about disability rights, help people look at options, consultation and workshops about disability issues
FEE: Free workshops. Consultation for individuals with disabilities is free.
Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta  
4355 J Cobb Pkwy #213  
Atlanta, GA  30339  
www.atlantadsaa.org

POPULATION SERVED:  Parents and families of children with Down syndrome  
AGES:  All ages  
SERVICES OFFERED:  The Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta is a non-profit organization dedicated to support, early intervention, education, awareness and advocacy to families of children with Down syndrome.  
FEE:  $25 per year per household or lifetime payment of $250 per household. Parents of a newborn receive the first year’s membership free. Full or partial scholarships are available upon request for anyone with a financial hardship.

Families of Children Under Stress (FOCUS)  
3825 Presidential Parkway, Suite 103  
Atlanta, GA  30340  
www.focus-ga.org

POPULATION SERVED:  All developmental disabilities  
AGES:  Birth - 29  
SERVICES OFFERED:  Offers emotional, informational and physical support to families of children with disabilities or ongoing medical needs through a variety of programs.  
FEE:  Varies

Georgia Advocacy Office, Inc.  
150 E. Ponce de Leon Ave, Suite 430  
Decatur, GA  30030  
www.thegao.org

POPULATION SERVED:  All disabilities  
AGES:  All  
SERVICES OFFERED:  Protects and advocates for persons who have a disability who live in the state of Georgia.  
FEE:  None
Georgia Council
For the Hearing Impaired, Inc.
TTY/Voice 404-292-5312
TTY/Voice 1-800-541-0710
4151 Memorial Drive, Suite 103B
Decatur, GA 30032
(FAX) 404-299-3642
www.gachi.org
POPULATION SERVED: All individuals who are hearing impaired, hard of hearing, and deaf persons
AGES: 18 and over
SERVICES OFFERED: Advocacy, information and referral. Community education. GED/ABE preparatory classes
FEE: Membership open to the public. $20.00 membership fee for supporter club

Georgia Learning Resources System
678-676-2400
1701 Mountain Industrial Boulevard
Stone Mountain, GA 30083
www.metroeastglrs.org
POPULATION SERVED: Parents and/or professionals who work with individuals who have a developmental disability
AGES: Adults
SERVICES OFFERED: Maintains a library of videos, books, publications, instructional kits and adapted toys for check-out and loan. Provides workshops, in-services and serves as an informational and referral service. Publishes a summer recreation guide annually.
FEE: Small charge for materials made in production center

Georgia Parent Support Network
404-758-4500
1381 Metropolitan Parkway
Atlanta, GA 30310
1-800-832-8645
www.gpsn.org
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals who have an intellectual disability or mental illness; emotionally disturbed children, adolescents and their families, individuals with substance abuse
AGES: Birth to 18 years
SERVICES OFFERED: Advocacy, advice, respite services, support and information. A quarterly newsletter is free to parents upon request. A special treatment program for sex offenders using supports in the community.
Therapeutic foster care
FEE: None
Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities
2 Peachtree Street NW, Suite 26-246
Atlanta, GA 30303
404-657-2126
1-888-ASK-GCDD
(FAX) 404-657-2132
www.gcdd.org

POPULATION SERVED: Individuals who have a developmental disability
AGES: All
SERVICES OFFERED: Provides information on best practices in its quarterly *Making A Difference* magazine. To assist families with accessing supports during and after school, the Council has established local groups of parent leadership called Navigator Teams. Parent groups may contact the Council’s Director of Individual and Family Support for information on Navigator Teams or to request training on waiver services. The Council contributes to the Special Education Funding Formula Study and facilitates the Statewide Transition Steering Committee. The Council’s policy agenda includes exploring alternative pathways to a general diploma. Also provides legislative updates through newsletters, information on Disability Day at the Capitol and technical assistance as requested
FEE: None

Parents Educating Parents & Professionals (PEPP, Inc.)
8355 Cherokee Blvd, Suite 100
Douglasville, GA 30134
770-577-7771
(FAX) 770-577-7774
www.peppinc.org

POPULATION SERVED: All Georgia children who have a developmental disability
AGES: Birth to 26 years
SERVICES OFFERED: Assists parents and professionals in matters with respect to government regulations, provisions, and allotments under IDEA. Also provides training to parents in the form of meetings, workshops, support groups and individual assistance
FEE: Free for Douglas, Hall, and Paulding Counties. Other counties served under a sliding scale fee
Parent to Parent of Georgia
3805 Presidential Parkway, Suite 207
Atlanta, GA 30340

POPULATION SERVED: Families of children with disabilities
AGES: Parents of children ages 0 to 26 & families with children transitioning out of a institution.
SERVICES OFFERED: Provides support and information to parents of children with disabilities. One of the most meaningful sources of support is networking with other parents who have experienced parenting a child with a disability.
FEE: None, services are free

Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS)
150 E. Ponce de Leon Ave, Suite 430
Decatur, GA 30030

POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with disabilities who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or both
AGES: 14 - 65
SERVICES OFFERED: Assists with reviewing and advocating for the individual with a disability regarding the work plan developed with Vocational Rehabilitation or any employment network. Assists with litigation, discrimination issues, wage & hour issues, accessibility issues and accommodation issues
FEE: None. It is a free service funded by the Social Security Administration.
Region Three DBHDD Office  
100 Crescent Centre Parkway, Suite 900  
Tucker, GA  30084  
(770) 714-3052  
(FAX) 770-414-3090  
dbhdd.georgia.gov

POPULATION SERVED: Clayton, DeKalb, Fulton, Gwinnett, Newton and Rockdale residents with mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases issues

AGES: All

SERVICES OFFERED: DBHDD provides treatment and support services to people with mental illnesses and addictive diseases, and support to people with intellectual disabilities and related developmental disabilities. DBHDD serves people of all ages with the most severe and likely to be long-term conditions, including consumers with forensic issues. Services are provided across the state through contracts with 25 community service boards, boards of health and various private providers, and through state-operated regional hospitals. Does not provide direct services

FEE: None

The Arc of Georgia  
United Way Building  
100 Edgewood Avenue NE, Suite 1675  
Atlanta, GA  30303  
678-733-8969  
e-mail:info@thearcofgeorgia.org

POPULATION SERVED: Individuals who have a developmental disability

AGES: All

SERVICES OFFERED: Advocacy and education for all disabilities; referrals to other resources

FEE: None for information. Membership fee for those who want to join

Unlock the Waiting Lists!  
2 Peachtree Street NW, Suite 26-246  
Atlanta, GA  30303  
1-888-275-4233  
(FAX) 404-657-2132  
www.unlockthewaitinglists.com

POPULATION SERVED: Developmental disabilities and aging

AGES: All

SERVICES OFFERED: A campaign targeted by a coalition of Georgia Disability and Aging organizations to educate the public and change public policy. Their mission is to reduce and/or eliminate waiting lists for thousands of people with disabilities, the frail elderly and their families who need home and community-based services.

FEE: None
COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL ALTERNATIVE SERVICES
(Formerly known as RESIDENTIAL SERVICES)

Aldersgate Homes, Inc. 404-327-9491
4105 Briarcliff Road, NE (FAX) 404-327-9097
Atlanta, GA 30345 www.aldersgatehomes.com

POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with developmental disabilities
AGES: 18 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Aldersgate Homes, Inc. oversees two apartments, four group homes, and one condo serving 17 individuals. Residential services, advocacy and counseling are offered. Aldersgate contracts with Community Service Boards (CSBs) and private service providers for the individual services those residents need. Note: Since staff does not live in the apartments of the Aldersgate residences, consumers must be fairly high functioning and competent in meeting their own daily needs. The consumers are monitored regarding meeting their daily needs. Group homes are staffed 24 hours a day by the CSBs. Aldersgate Homes also has a recreational ministry for persons with developmental disabilities. Collinswood is a 27 acre recreational retreat facility providing day camping and/or an overnight stay on Lake Oconee in Morgan County.
FEE: Contact agency regarding any fees

Annandale Village 770-945-8381
3500 Annandale Lane (FAX) 770-945-8693
Suwanee, GA 30024 www.annandale.org

POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with developmental disabilities or traumatic brain injuries
AGES: 18 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Residential community on 124 acres. Day programs also offered. Individuals live in apartments. All levels of supervision offered. Comprehensive programs include daily living skills, vocational and recreational opportunities.
FEE: Private/non-profit, Depends on services needed
Butler-Bowden Personal Care Home  770-498-6381
694 Leighton Way
Stone Mountain, GA 30088
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with intellectual disabilities
AGES: 18 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Community Residential Alternative Services, Community Access Services, and Prevocational Services
FEE: Medicaid Waiver, private pay

Chris Kids  404-486-9034
1017 Fayetteville Road
Atlanta, GA 30316
(FAX) 404-564-4719  www.chriskids.org
POPULATION SERVED: Metro Atlanta; abused/neglected children and adolescents
AGES: Group homes- ages 6-17 years; independent living- ages 17-21 years
SERVICES OFFERED: Residential therapeutic group homes and residential independent living program, individual and family counseling
FEE: Varies; some insurance companies will cover the cost

Circles of Support, Inc.  770-987-7355
P. O. Box 373499
Decatur, GA 30037
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with developmental disabilities or physical disabilities
AGES: 18 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Community Living Support Services for individuals in their home or assisted living arrangement in their foster home
FEE: Medicaid Waiver, private pay
Creative Community Services
4487 Park Drive, Suite A
Norcross, GA 30093
POPULATION SERVED: Any child or adult with an intellectual disability or developmental disability that requires special support and assistance
AGES: Children 4 years of age through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Locating suitable housing, providing Community Living Support Services, providing supervision and assistance as needed for transportation, one on one life skills training, ongoing support for participants and their families. Job coaching and social programs can be provided on an hourly or per fee basis. The Successful Transitions through Empowerment and Planning (S.T.E.P.) program provides individualized care, supervision, and treatment to older adolescents based on their individual needs. The overall focus of the program is to work with youth who are approaching adulthood to prepare them to live independently and responsibly in the community.
FEE: Medicaid Waiver

DeKalb Community Service Board:
Residential Service
Multiple Locations
440 Winn Way (main office)
Decatur, GA 30030
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities who are DeKalb County residents. Referral through Region Three DBHDD
AGES: 22 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Community Living Support Services and Community Residential Alternative Services with 24-hour staff
FEE: SSI, SSDI, other client income, Medicaid Waiver

Destiny’s Child, Inc.
3915 Cascade Road, Suite 255
Atlanta, GA 30331
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with developmental disabilities. Also elderly (55+) with developmental, emotional and psychological disorders
AGES: 18 through Adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Community Living Support Services, Community Access Services, and private home care
FEE: Medicaid Waiver
Developmental Disabilities Ministries, Inc.  
770-623-4899  
(FAX) 770-903-4991  
6320 Amherst Court  
Norcross, GA 30092  
www.ddmga.org  
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with developmental disabilities  
AGES: 18 through Adulthood  
SERVICES OFFERED: Community Residential Alternative Services (group homes)  
FEE: Medicaid Waiver, private

DPCH, LLC  
404-761-2508  
4818 Old National Highway  
College Park, GA 30337  
www.demburepch.com  
POPULATION SERVED: Adults with developmental disabilities  
AGES: 18 years through adulthood  
SERVICES OFFERED: Community Residential Alternative Services, Community Access Services, and Supported Employment  
FEE: Medicaid Waiver

Georgia Community Supports and Solutions  
404-634-4222  
1945 Cliff Valley Way, Suite 220  
Atlanta, GA 30329  
www.gacommunity.org  
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with developmental disabilities  
AGES: 3 years through adulthood  
SERVICES OFFERED: Community Living Support Services, Community Residential Alternative Services, Community Access Services, and Supported Employment  
FEE: Medicaid Waiver, private pay

A Helping Hand  
770-465-6858  
439 Watson Bay  
Stone Mountain, GA 30087  
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with an intellectual disability  
AGES: 18 years through adulthood  
SERVICES OFFERED: Community Residential Alternative Services, Community Access Services  
FEE: Medicaid Waiver, private pay
**Just People**
1412 Oakbrook Drive  
Norcross, GA  30093  
**POPULATION SERVED:** Individuals with a developmental disability, mental health or traumatic brain injury  
**AGES:** 18 years through adulthood  
**SERVICES OFFERED:** Community Living Support Services, Community Access Services, Prevocational Services, Supported Employment Services, and case management support. They do not provide any group homes.  
**FEE:** Medicaid Waiver, private pay

**Jewish Family & Career Services**  
770-677-9300  
**Tools for Independence**  
770-677-9326  
**Zimmerman Horowitz Independent Living Program**  
4549 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road  
Dunwoody, GA  30338  
**POPULATION SERVED:** Primarily adults with developmental disabilities; also provides Community Living Supports (CLS) to children who live at home  
**AGES:** Community Access Individual and Community Living Supports 18 years through adulthood, CLS ages 3 through adulthood  
**SERVICES OFFERED:** Community Living Supports provided in individual’s home, as well as full supports to individuals who rent or own homes together, also provides Community Residential Alternative supports in two homes in Austell  
**FEE:** Medicaid Waiver, private pay

**KES, Inc.**  
770-484-2112  
(FAX) 770-484-2119  
6615 Tribble Street  
Lithonia, GA  30058  
**POPULATION SERVED:** Individuals with developmental disabilities  
**AGES:** age 17 through adulthood  
**SERVICES OFFERED:** Community Residential Alternative Services, Community Living Support Services, Community Access Services, Prevocational Services, natural supports, summer camp, and Supported Employment Services  
**FEE:** Medicaid Waiver, private pay

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**Lutheran Services**
100 Edgewood Street NE, Suite 1800
Atlanta, GA 30303
POPULATION SERVED: Primarily serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and medically fragile
AGES: All
SERVICES OFFERED: The FACES Programs: Programs designed to keep adults, adolescents, and children with disabilities in their communities through host homes and community living services
FEE: Medicaid Waiver, DFCS, Juvenile Justice or Dual Custody, private pay

**MENTOR, Inc.**
2302 Park Lake Drive, Suite 200
Atlanta, GA 30345
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with developmental disabilities
AGES: All
SERVICES: Therapeutic foster care, Community Living Support Services, in-home supports, supervised independent living program
FEE: Medicaid Waiver, M.A.T.C.H. funding, alternative funding

**Owl’s Retreat**
4727 North Royal Atlanta Drive
Tucker, GA 30084
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with developmental disabilities, physical disabilities, and some mental disabilities
AGES: 18 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Residential care, transportation to/from medical appointments, total care of activities of daily living, planned activities of choice, medication, doctor’s visits, prescriptions
FEE: Medicaid Waiver
Precious Living, Inc.  
448 Registry Bluff  
Stone Mountain, GA 30087  
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with intellectual disabilities  
AGES: 18 years through adulthood  
SERVICES OFFERED: Community Residential Alternative Services, Community Access Services, and Prevocational Services  
FEE: Medicaid Waiver, private pay

RES-CARE of Georgia  
2296 Henderson Mill Road, Suite 203  
Atlanta, GA 30345  
POPULATION SERVED: Offers services for people with developmental disabilities and other disabilities including intellectual disabilities, mental illness and acquired brain injuries  
AGES: All  
SERVICES OFFERED: Res-Care of Georgia is one of the largest providers of residential services in the country. It provides services to individuals with developmental disabilities through the Medicaid Waiver and persons with physical disabilities through the Independent Care Waiver Program. Res-Care of Georgia offers residential and home/community-based Community Access Services, Prevocational Services to persons with developmental disabilities. Through the Independent Care Waiver Program, Res-Care provides staffing support to persons with physical disabilities in their own homes.  
FEE: Medicaid Waiver, Independent Care Waiver, and private pay

Southern Resources Consultants, INC.  
3 Dunwoody Park, Suite 103  
Atlanta, GA 30338  
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with an intellectual disabilities and physical disabilities  
AGES: 18 years through adulthood  
SERVICES OFFERED: Community Living Support Services and Community Access Services  
FEE: Medicaid Waiver, private
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with all disabilities, not just those with cerebral palsy
AGES: 17 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Provides a full array of services and supports, which benefit people with developmental disabilities and their families. Programs and services include after school care, Community Access Services, Prevocational Services, and Community Living Support Services. Referrals through Region Three DBHDD
FEE: Medicaid Waiver, private pay
LEGAL SERVICES

The Atlanta Legal Aid Society  
246 Sycamore Street, Suite 120  
Decatur, GA 30030  
www.atlantalegalaid.org

Provides: Assistance in domestic or civil matters only. Offers representation, legal advice and referrals for assistance with legal problems related to government benefits (AFDC, food stamps, SSI, etc.). Also included: consumer issues, landlord-tenant issues, children issues and school issues. Helps low income groups.

DeKalb Bar Association  
Lawyer Referral Services  
755 Commerce Drive  
Decatur, GA 3003  
www.dekalbbar.org  
e-mail: execdir@dekalbbar.org

Provides: Lawyer referral services. $40 for a 30 minute consultation. Cash or money order only

DeKalb County Probate Court  
556 North McDonough Street  
Room 1100 Courthouse Annex  
Decatur, GA 30030  
www.dekalbprobono.org

Provides: Information on the legal process to obtain guardianship

DeKalb Volunteer Lawyer Foundation  
315 W Ponce de Leon Ave, Suite 561  
Decatur, GA 30030  
www.dekalbprobono.org

Provides: Legal services for those who cannot pay for a private attorney if they meet income requirements. If you wish to be screened for potential eligibility, please call between the hours of 9 AM – noon on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday.
Georgia Advocacy Office, Inc.  404-885-1234
150 E. Ponce de Leon Ave, Suite 430  (FAX) 404-378-0031
Decatur, GA 30030  1-800-537-2329
www.thegao.org
E-mail: info@thegao.org
Provides: Protection and advocacy for oppressed and vulnerable individuals in Georgia who are labeled as disabled or mentally ill.

The Georgia Community Trust  770-431-7070
3995 South Cobb Drive  (FAX) 770-431-7072
e-mail: rmfink@mindspring.com
Smyrna, GA 30080  www.georgiacommunitytrust.com
Provides: The Georgia Community Trust was established to assist families in their planning to provide financial assistance to a family member with a disability. Individuals receiving SSI and Medicaid are limited as to the amount of income they may receive and the amount of assets they may own. Assets transferred to the Trust and earmarked for the intended beneficiary are not considered assets of the beneficiary for the purposes of SSI and Medicaid.

PRIVATE LAWYERS

Personal Legal Plans, Inc.  770-391-0090
Dennis McGarry, President  www.plpservices.com
100 Ashford Center North, Suite 170  www.our-will.com
Dunwoody, GA  30338
Provides: Estate planning, incompetency, trusts, durable power of attorney and healthcare power of attorney

Mark E. Biernath  770-455-0535
Law Offices of Mark E. Biernath, P.C.  FAX 770-457-1827
e-mail: mark@biernathlaw.com
3617 Shallowford Road NE
Atlanta, GA 30340
Provides: Estate planning, trusts, and wills for individuals with special needs

Janet E. Grayson  770-922-9898
P. O. Box 390654  e-mail: jegrayson@mindspring.com
Snellville, GA 30039
 Provides: Guardianship, estate planning
Ruthann P. Lacey, PC
3541-E Habersham at Northlake
Tucker, GA 30084
www.elderlaw-lacey.com
e-mail: rlacey@elderlaw-lacey.com
Provides: Expertise concentrating in Elder and Special Needs Law, including wills and trusts, special needs trusts, and guardianships

Laurin M. McSwain
Lefkoff, Duncan, Grimes, Miller & McSwain
404-262-2000
(FAX) 404-262-2897
11 Piedmont Center, Suite 806
3520 Piedmont Road NE, Suite 200
Atlanta, GA 30305
Provides: Estate planning, wills, trusts and guardianship issues

James B. Outman
404-317-3044
(FAX) 404-585-3094
e-mail: jim@outmanlaw.com
PO Box 942075
Atlanta, GA 31141-2075
Provides: Estate planning, special needs trust planning, and guardianship issues

Kristyne L. Seidenberg
404-290-0305
www.seidenberglaw.com
Provides: Estate planning, will and trusts for families of individuals with special needs

G. William Thackston, Jr.
404-806-7684
e-mail: gwt@gwtpcatty.com
(Fax) 404-806-7685
6100 Lake Forest Drive, Suite 104
Sandy Springs, GA 30328-3835
Provides: Wills, trusts, powers of attorney

Gary D. Zweifel
404-870-9111
The Zweifel Law Firm
(FAX) 404-870-9039
www.lawyers.com/zweifel
400 Colony Square, Suite 200
1201 Peachtree Street NE
Atlanta, GA 30361-6203
Provides: Legal services including wills, trusts, guardianship, probate, and other estate planning
MEDICAL/DENTAL SERVICES

Dr. Rebecca Barkley 404-377-8200
755 Commerce Drive, Suite 712
Decatur, GA 30030
POPULATION SERVED: Accept special needs patients
AGES: 3 – 11 years old
SERVICES OFFERED: Pediatric dentistry
FEE: Medicaid, PeachCare for Kids, private insurance accepted

DeKalb County Board of Health/Central 404-294-3762
440 Winn Way www.dekalbhealth.net
Decatur, GA 30030

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS 404-508-7771
AGES: Birth to 21 years old
SERVICES OFFERED: Immunizations; physical exams (health screenings); dental, hearing and vision screenings; school certificate
FEE: Accepts Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids

ADULT SERVICES 404-294-3762
SERVICES OFFERED: Ob/Gyn clinic; WIC services
FEE: Accepts Medicaid

BABIES CAN’T WAIT 404-508-7981
AGES: Birth to 3 years old
POPULATION SERVED: Infant and toddlers with significant developmental delays
SERVICES OFFERED: Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, and Special instruction in a natural environment (home or daycare)
FEES: Evaluation is free, based on sliding scale, accepts Medicaid, PeachCare for Kids, Private Insurance

DeKalb County Board of Health 404-294-3700
445 Winn Way www.dekalbhealth.net
Decatur, GA 30030
SERVICES OFFERED: HIV, TB, Refugee services, Family planning, and Immunizations
For appointments and other locations please call: 404-294-3762
Dentistry for the Developmentally Disabled (DDD)  404-942-0086
Foundation, Inc.  www.dddfoundation.org
52 Executive Park South, Suite 5203
Atlanta, GA  30329
POPULATION SERVED:  Must have a physical or mental disability
AGES:  4 years old through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED:  Non-profit organization that is committed to offering accessible, comprehensive dental treatment to patients having developmental disabilities in the metropolitan Atlanta area
FEE:  Medicaid, PeachCare for Kids, private insurance accepted

Dr. Gregory Doneff  770-396-1188
200 Ashford Center North, Suite 330  www.ashfordcentersmiles.com
Dunwoody, GA  30338
POPULATION SERVED:  Accepts special needs patients
AGES:  All
SERVICES OFFERED:  Dental
FEE:  Accepts private insurance, no Medicaid, no PeachCare

The Emory Clinic  404-778-5000
1365 Clifton Road, NE  www.emory.org or www.emory.edu
Atlanta, GA  30322  Physician/service referral:  404-778-7777
POPULATION SERVED:  All
AGES:  All
SERVICES OFFERED:  Primary and specialty care for all ages
FEE:  Depends on type of service needed.  Medicaid/Medicare accepted

Eye Consultants of Atlanta  404-351-2220
3225 Cumberland Blvd, Suite 900  www.eyeconsultants.net
Atlanta, GA  30339
POPULATION SERVED:  All metro area/Georgia and other states
AGES:  All
SERVICES OFFERED:  Full comprehensive eye care
FEE:  Depends on services needed.  Medicaid/Medicare accepted
Friends of Disabled Adults & Children (FODAC)  
770-491-9014  
www.fodac.org
4900 Lewis Road
Stone Mountain, GA 30083
POPULATION SERVED: People with disabilities
AGES: All
SERVICES OFFERED: Friends of Disabled Adults & Children repairs and refurbishes used medical equipment and donates equipment to people who need it. These items such as crutches, canes, walkers, wheelchairs (manual and power) and hospital beds are available free of charge to anyone who needs it. Repairs are also made to individuals own wheelchairs. FODAC has two new programs. Program Remount installs wheelchair lifts into vans. Ramps for Champs builds wheelchair ramps with donated labor.
FEE: FODAC – mainly donations, Program Remount – small program fee, Ramps for Champs - none

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation  
404-325-3630  
(FAX) 404-636-5549  
www.Lionslighthouse.org
5582 Peachtree Road
Chamblee, GA 30341
POPULATION SERVED: Georgia residents only. Must be a legal Georgia resident for at least 1 year. Must be denied by PeachCare or Medicaid or have already received their one pair of glasses allowed for the year
AGES: All
SERVICES OFFERED: Help impoverished Georgia residents obtain eyeglasses, hearing aids, and eye surgery
FEE: None

Gottlieb Vision Group  
404-296-6000  
www.gottlieb/home.mindspring.com/homepg.htm
5462 Memorial Drive  
Stone Mountain, GA 30083
Suite 101
POPULATION SERVED: All, including individuals who are multihandicapped
AGES: All
SERVICES OFFERED: Comprehensive vision services including vision therapy for vision-related learning problems. Vision rehabilitation for those with limited sight, also treats strabismus, glaucoma, etc.
FEE: Depends on type of evaluation needed, Medicaid/Medicare accepted
Grant Park Family Health Center, Inc.  404-627-4259
1340 Boulevard  (FAX) 404-624-5795
Atlanta, GA  30315
POPULATION SERVED: No restrictions
AGES: Teenagers and Adults
SERVICES OFFERED: High quality health care provided by volunteer physicians and other health professionals. OB/GYN services available. Doctors available Monday through Thursday (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and on Friday (8:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.). Call about dental services. No pediatrician on staff; however, will complete school immunization certificates for elementary and middle school students
FEE: Sliding scale

Greater Atlanta Family Healthcare, LLC  404-298-9333
3700 Market Street Bldg. C  (FAX) 404-298-9931
Clarkston, GA  30021
POPULATION SERVED: All
AGES: All
SERVICES OFFERED: Immunizations; physical exams (health screenings)
FEE: Accepts Medicaid, Medicare, Georgia PeachCare

Georgia Periodontics  770-939-4840
3648 Chamblee Tucker Road, Suite B  770-623-4843
Atlanta, GA  30341
POPULATION SERVED: Accepts special needs patients
AGES: All
SERVICES OFFERED: Periodontal dentistry
FEE: Accepts private insurance, no Medicaid, no PeachCare (not a plan participant)
Marcus Autism Center  404-785-9400
1920 Briarcliff Road
Atlanta, GA  30329
www.marcus.org
(FAX) 404-785-9315
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals who have a developmental disability and their families. Some disability areas require a physician referral.
AGES: Birth - 17 years old
SERVICES OFFERED: The Marcus Autism Center offers children comprehensive care to provide diagnosis, treatment and care management for a complete range of mild to severe disabilities including: developmental delays, learning disabilities, high-risk infants, severe behavior management, genetic syndromes, pediatric feeding disorders, cerebral palsy, domestic and international adoption evaluation, autism/pervasive developmental disorders, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and foster care assessment.
FEE: Depends on services provided, commercial insurance, self-pay, Medicaid and PeachCare accepted, no HMO plans accepted

Ben Massell Dental Clinic  404-881-1858
700 14th Street
Atlanta, GA  30318
POPULATION SERVED: All low income persons in metro Atlanta area
AGES: Adults age 18 and up for routine dental care. School-age children ages 6 – 15 for orthodontics only
SERVICES OFFERED: Dental/non-emergencies only
FEE: $2 to register; $2 per visit; $5 denture registration; $75 startup fee for braces. Orthodontic work for braces is on a next available basis and 1 year wait for dentures.

Dr. John Muse  404-378-2331
755 Commerce Drive, Suite A
Decatur, GA  30030
POPULATION SERVED: Accepts some special needs patients. Consults based on needs and treatment
AGES: All
SERVICES OFFERED: Oral surgery
FEE: Services must be paid for on the day of service, will file for dental insurance to reimburse the patient
Eaton Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Jonathan Eaton
3744-A Lavista Road
Decatur, GA 30033
POPULATION SERVED: Metro area children
AGES: 3 years through high school
SERVICES OFFERED: Pediatric dentistry; general routine dental care; no orthodontics. Dentist does not use general anesthesia (uses Nitrous Oxide)
FEE: Depends on services needed; no Medicaid.

Oral Maxillofacial Surgery Associates
5243 Snapfinger Woods Drive, Suite 106
Decatur, GA 30035
POPULATION SERVED: Accepts special needs patients
AGES: All
SERVICES OFFERED: Oral Surgery
FEE: Medicare, Medicaid, all private insurance plans

Dr. Timothy O'Shea
755 Commerce Drive, Suite 520
Decatur, GA 30030
POPULATION SERVED: Accept special needs patients
AGES: 3 – senior adult
SERVICES OFFERED: Dental services
FEE: Fees must be paid on the day of service, no Medicaid, no PeachCare (not a plan participant)
PeachCare for Kids
Georgia Department of Community Health
2 Peachtree Street, NW
Atlanta, GA  30303
POPULATION SERVED:  PeachCare is a comprehensive health care plan for children through the age of 18. To be eligible, children cannot qualify for Medicaid and must live in households with income at or below 235% of the Federal poverty level.
AGES:  Birth - 18
SERVICES OFFERED:  Preventative care insurance, check-ups, immunizations, sick care insurance, specialist care insurance, dental care insurance, vision care insurance, hospitalization insurance, emergency room insurance, mental health care insurance, prescription medicine, choice of over 4,000 GA Better Health Care doctors
FEE:  children 0 – 5 free, children 6 – 18 $10.00 per month, $20.00 maximum per month for children in the same family

Dr. Wesley Powell
2244 Henderson Mill Road
Atlanta, GA  30345
POPULATION SERVED:  Accepts patients with special needs
AGES:  3 – 18 years old
SERVICES OFFERED:  Pediatric dentistry
FEE:  Accepts private insurance, no Medicaid, no PeachCare, no HMO plans accepted

PowerLine Project
Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies
Coalition of Georgia, Inc.
2300 Henderson Mill Road
Atlanta, GA  30345
POPULATION SERVED:  Low income and Medicaid recipients, families in need of low-cost, sliding scale fee services
AGES:  All
SERVICES OFFERED:  Local phone number and statewide toll-free referral line to assist families in obtaining needed health care services, including identification of resources with both public and private providers. Referral for WIC. Lactation consultation. Assists children with special health care needs to find comprehensive care and coordinated services. English and Spanish speaking operators
FEE:  Free resource
**Dr. William Reid Jr.**

1183 South Hairston Road, Suite B  
Stone Mountain, GA  30088  
POPULATION SERVED: Accepts patients with special needs  
AGES: 4 years through adulthood  
SERVICES OFFERED: Dental services  
FEE: Accepts private insurance, no Medicaid, no PeachCare for Kids

**Dr. Scott Veal**

1867 Independence Square, Suite 104  
Dunwoody, GA  30338  
POPULATION SERVED: Accepts patients with special needs  
AGES: All  
SERVICES OFFERED: Dental services  
FEE: Accepts private insurance, does not accept Medicaid or PeachCare

**Wilkins Family Dentistry**

5468 Memorial Drive, Suite A  
Stone Mountain, GA  30083  
POPULATION SERVED: Accepts patients with special needs  
AGES: 3 years through adulthood  
SERVICES OFFERED: Dental services  
FEE: Accepts private insurance, accepts Medicaid or PeachCare
MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS

CHRIS Kids
1017 Fayetteville Rd SE
Atlanta, GA 30316
POPULATION SERVED: Metro Atlanta; abused/neglected children and adolescents
AGES: 6 – 24 years
SERVICES OFFERED: Residential therapeutic group homes and residential independent living program, individual and family counseling, in-home crisis services, and behavioral aide to work on different treatment issues
FEE: Varies, some insurance companies will provide for the cost, Medicaid

DeKalb Community Service Board
DD Services
Developmental Evaluation Clinic
440 Winn Way
Decatur, GA 30030
POPULATION SERVED: DeKalb County residents with severe and sustained disabilities that result in serious impairments in basic life functioning
AGES: All
SERVICES OFFERED: Diagnostics, psychological services to include behavior support, individual counseling, short term crisis intervention, psychiatric assessment and care
FEE: Sliding scale, Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance
DeKalb Community Service Board Mental Health Services

Central Access 404-892-4646
www.dekcsb.org

POPULATION SERVED: DeKalb County residents with severe and sustained disabilities that result in serious impairments in basic life functioning. Referrals through Region Three DBHDD
AGES: 4 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Outpatient mental health services; limited day treatment; limited group homes; individual, group and family counseling; case management; crisis intervention; jail services
FEE: Sliding scale, Medicaid, Medicare, PeachCare, private insurance

LOCATIONS: Call the Central Access Number (404-892-4646) to reach an individual location.

Clifton Springs Mental Health
3110 Clifton Springs Road
Decatur, GA 30034

DeKalb Regional Crisis Center
450 Winn Way
Decatur, GA 30030

Jail Services
3630 Camp Circle
Decatur, GA 30032

Kirkwood Mental Health
23 Warren Street SE
Atlanta, GA 30317

North DeKalb Mental Health
3807 Clairmont Road
Chamblee, GA 30341

Winn Way Mental Health
445 Winn Way
Decatur, GA 30030
Limited services for hearing impaired
Mental Health programs through the courts
Emory University Psychological Center  404-727-7451
Emory University
Eagle Row
Atlanta, GA  30307
POPULATION SERVED:  All in metro Atlanta area
AGES:  All
SERVICES OFFERED:  Psychological/special education assessments; therapy and counseling; educational/intellectual testing; individual, group and family counseling. Some services depend on the severity of the disability.
FEE:  Sliding scale

Georgia Parent Support Network  1-800-832-8645
1381 Metropolitan Parkway  404-758-4500
Atlanta, GA  30310  (FAX) 404-758-6833
Single point of entry to the Mental Health System  www.gpsn.org
POPULATION SERVED:  Individuals who have an intellectual disability or mental illness; emotionally disturbed children, adolescents and their families, individuals with substance abuse
AGES:  Birth to 18 years
SERVICES OFFERED:  Upon appropriate referral: Advocacy, advice, respite services, parent support and information and therapeutic foster care. A free quarterly newsletter is available upon request.
FEE:  No fee to parents

Hillside Hospital  404-875-4551
690 Courtenay Drive  (FAX) 404-875-1394
Atlanta, GA  30306  www.hside.org
POPULATION SERVED:  Residents of Georgia including individuals who have a moderate intellectual disability
AGES:  7 – 17 years
SERVICES OFFERED:  Residential psychiatric treatment; individual and group counseling; diagnostic/evaluation services; educational and vocational program; family and social skills counseling
FEE:  Call to inquire
The Link Counseling Center, Inc. 404-256-9797
348 Mount Vernon Highway NE
Sandy Springs, GA 30328
POPULATION SERVED: Metro Atlanta
AGES: All
SERVICES OFFERED: Counseling/psychotherapy; information and referral; community education and support groups; professional training and consultation; suicide prevention and after-care; family counseling
FEE: Sliding scale

www.thelink.org

Odyssey Family Counseling Center 404-762-9190
1919 John Wesley Avenue
College Park, GA 30337
POPULATION SERVED: All
AGES: All
SERVICES OFFERED: Adult/adolescent substance abuse treatment; substance abuse prevention and education; family therapy and marriage counseling; child abuse/sexual abuse/incest counseling; stress management, school problems
FEE: Sliding scale, private insurance

(FAX) 404-762-9101
www.odysseycounseling.org
RECREATIONAL/LEISURE SERVICES

Best Buddies Headquarters  407-898-0787
3975 South Orange Blossom Trail, Suite 113  (FAX) 407-367-4354
Orlando, FL  32803  www.bestbuddies.org
Local: Jessica Yakubowicz
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals who have an intellectual disability. It is desired that the individuals possess appropriate social skills and the ability to communicate verbally. Independence in ambulation is highly desired. With assistance from family members, it is open to those individuals who use a wheelchair for mobility.
AGES: 18 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: The facilitation of mutual friendships among individuals with intellectual disabilities in middle/high schools with college students, corporate and civic communities. Best Buddies is an international, non-profit organization headquartered Florida. The Best Buddies School chapters in Georgia are Agnes Scott College, Emory University, Georgia College and State University, and Georgia Southern University.
FEE: None

DeKalb County Parks & Recreation Dept.  404-679-5917
Special Population Section  (FAX) 404-679-5901
1300 Commerce Drive, Suite 300  404-371-6295
Decatur, GA 30033
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals who have a physical and/or intellectual disability
AGES: Eleven years through adulthood with the majority of the programs geared for teens and adults
SERVICES OFFERED: Young Adult Social Club, summer day and residential camp, tennis, floor hockey, and basketball. Superstrikers Bowling League, DeKalb-Devil Softball team, swimming lessons, music and drama, field trips, preparation for Special Olympics. Call to receive quarterly brochures with updated schedules of events.
FEE: Minimal fees for some programs
Great Prospects
1425 Market Blvd., Suite 330-135
Roswell, GA 30076
770-314-4243
404-374-3634
www.greatprospectsisnc.org
POPULATION: Individuals who have a mild or moderate intellectual disability
AGES: Adolescent to young adult
SERVICES OFFERED:
Club Connect- after school programming
Career Connections Academy- a post-secondary educational option that focuses on Social Skills training, exploration of workplace options, community service and planning for an independent future
Camp Connect- weekly themed based summer day camp for middle and high school students
Social Connections- once a month socials and dances
FEE: Call to inquire about fees

Happy Club Metropolitan Atlanta YMCA
1100 Clairmont Road
Decatur, GA 30030
404-687-2521
https://www.facebook.com/ymcahappyclub
Locations:
Cowart Family/Ashford Dunwoody YMCA
Decatur-DeKalb YMCA
Gwinnett-Lawrenceville Area (satellite of DDY)
Gwinnett-Peachtree Corners/Robert D. Fowler YMCA
POPULATION SERVED: Teens and adults with developmental disabilities
AGES: 16 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Provides opportunities to continue to develop socialization and community skills. Provides enjoyable, beneficial, and challenging activities. Brings people with developmental disabilities into the larger society under conditions where they are accepted, respected and able to participate in the community
FEE: $35 program membership per year and minimal fee for events
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals who have a developmental disability
AGES: 5 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED:
A) Children’s social & recreation events - Three groups known as Children in Motion (ages 5 - 8), Kids in Motion (ages 8 – 13), and Teens in Motion (ages 13 +) meet monthly to enjoy activities including bowling, parties, basketball, swimming, sporting events and community service programs.
B) SOAR (Special Olympics Afternoon Recreation) - SOAR is a sports program encompassing baseball, basketball, and soccer, depending on the season. Skills are taught and enhanced during proactive sessions and teams are incorporated into the Center’s children’s leagues.
C) Summer Camps (Day camp and overnight) – Many children with special needs are enrolled in Camp Isidore Alterman’s day camp experience. Specially trained staff is particularly attentive to children with developmental disabilities. At Camp Barney Medintz, this unique overnight camping experience mainstreams the children and creates an atmosphere that applauds their participation at any level. In addition, the on-site doctor and nurses address all health needs.
D) Social & recreational activities for adults - Very Special People, made up of adults 18 years of age and older, meets four times each month to enjoy outings like bowling, group dinners, concerts, and seminars about dating and self-defense. They also offer travel trips during the year.
E) Cultural Life Experiences - Habima Theatre, Georgia’s only theatrical company whose cast features actors with developmental disabilities, performs a full-scale musical production every year. Performers are a unified cast made up of individuals with and without disabilities.
FEE: Vary according to the program offered. All programs are non-sectarian.
The Reece Center for Handicapped Horsemanship  
Wade Wheeler  
8280 Wilkerson Mill Road  
Palmetto, GA 30268  
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals who have a physical and/or mental disability  
AGES: 6 years through adulthood  
SERVICES OFFERED: Recreational riding program. Saturday only program. Family oriented  
FEE: A maintenance fee is required. The price varies from year to year. The purchase of a helmet is necessary after the first quarter.

S.A.S.S.Y.  
South DeKalb Association  
For Super Special Youth  
P.O. Box 316935  
Decatur, GA 30036-1935  
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals who have a developmental disability  
AGES: School age and older  
SERVICES OFFERED: SASSY works in collaboration with the DeKalb County Parks and Recreation Special Populations Division. Opportunities offered include social clubs, fund raising opportunities, and a variety of sport activities. Overall, SASSY provides a broad array of supports to individuals with special needs and their parents including recreation, social and life skills, community awareness, and inclusion opportunities. Visit website above  
FEE: $35.00 annual membership

Special K’s  
Special Olympics Georgia  
Debbie Currere, Management Team Chair  
142 Teal Court  
Roswell, GA 30076  
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals who have a developmental disability  
AGES: 8 years and up  
SERVICES OFFERED: Special Olympics sports training in North Fulton. Training is conducted seasonally and includes bowling, power lifting, basketball, track, aquatics, tennis, golf, bocce, long distance walking, Master’s Bowling, etc.  
FEE: None
VSA Arts of Georgia        404-221-1270
199 Armour Drive            www.vsaartsga.org
Atlanta, GA    30324
POPULATION SERVED: All disabilities
AGES: Pre-k through adult
SERVICES OFFERED: VSA Arts of Georgia provides access to the arts for people with disabilities and families with low income. We are a statewide resource working with artists and organizations to fulfill our vision of an inclusive community that encourages everyone to enjoy and participate in the arts.
FEE: Most services free

SUMMER PROGRAMS:

Information is available on summer recreation programs through the
Georgia Learning Resources System (GLRS)        678-676-2400
1701 Mountain Industrial Boulevard            www.metroeastglrs.org
Stone Mountain, GA 30083

The GLRS Summer Camp and Respite online Directory is updated approximately every two years and is available online at:
www.metroeastglrs.org (under the resources tab)
FEE: None

Numerous summer camp opportunities are listed on the
American Camp Association        765-342-8456
ACA Southeastern            1-800-428-2267
463 Johnny Mercer Blvd, Suite B-7 #286 (FAX) 1-704-288-4402
Savannah, GA 31410        www.acacamps.org/southeastern
The find a camp options allows you to select camps that specialize in special populations
RESPITE CARE SERVICES

Childcare Resource & Referral of Metro Atlanta  404-479-4240
“Quality Care for Children”  (FAX) 404-479-4166
50 Executive Park South, Suite 5015  www.allgakids.org
Atlanta, GA 30329
POPULATION SERVED: Children in need of childcare or after school care
AGES: 0-18 years
SERVICES OFFERED: Parent, counselor, & telephone referral service.
Assistance is provided to families of children with special needs and
assistance with inclusion.
FEE: None

Developmental Disabilities Ministries, Inc.  770-623-4899
6320 Amherst Court  (FAX) 770-903-4991
Norcross, GA  30092  www.ddmga.org
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with developmental disabilities
AGES: 18 through Adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Respite, Community Residential Alternative Service,
Community Living Support
FEE: Medicaid Waiver, private pay

Friend of the Family  770-725-2748
1 Huntington Rd, Suite 702  www.afriend.com
Athens, GA  30606
POPULATION SERVED: All families
AGES: All
SERVICES OFFERED: Occasionally, temporary childcare and eldercare.
Also offers long-term live-in/live-out childcare and eldercare
FEE: All fees apply to members. There is a $150 membership fee plus daily
referral fee. The daily referral fee ranges between $15-30. A negotiable
caregiver rate ranges between $11-15/hr. Emergency sick care is available
for a slightly higher fee. For same day care, there is a $30 fee. Please call for
additional information.
Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities 404-657-2126
Peachtree Street, Suite 26-246 (FAX) 404-657-2132
Atlanta, GA 30303 (TDD) 404-657-2133
www.gcdd.org

POPULATION SERVED: Individuals who have a developmental disability
AGES: All
SERVICES OFFERED: Respite resource directories and quarterly respite newsletters available upon request
FEE: None

Jewish Family & Career Services 770-677-9326
Respite Care Program respite@jfcs-atlanta.org
4549 Chamblee Dunwoody Road
Atlanta, GA 30338

POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with developmental disabilities
AGES: 3 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Respite coordinated with approved providers for in-home or host family opportunities
FEE: Medicaid Waiver only

Metropolitan Atlanta Respite Cooperative 404-634-4222
Lead agency: (FAX) 404-634-1324
Georgia Community Supports & Solutions www.gacommunity.org
1945 Cliff Valley Way, Suite 220
Atlanta, GA 30329

POPULATION SERVED: Anyone with a documented developmental disability
AGES: 3 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: In home, host family, group home, and facility-based group home respite care through a cooperative of 4 agencies
FEE: Sliding fee scale
Robert Chadwick Respite Program:  770-942-1131
Douglas County Retardation Association  (FAX) 770-920-6701
www.douglascountyretardation.org
Location:  Business Address:
6497 E. Strickland Street  P. O. Box 1318
Douglasville, GA  30134  Douglasville, GA  30133
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with a developmental disability
AGES:  All
SERVICES OFFERED: Weekend respite services for the metro area
FEE:  Sliding scale; reservations needed

Right In The Community  770-427-8401
1830 Water Place, Suite 120  (FAX) 770-427-8402
Atlanta, GA 30359  www.rightinthecommunity.org
POPULATION SERVED:  Individuals who have a developmental disability; must have a developmental disability with a diagnosis of an intellectual disability
AGES:  6 years and older
SERVICES OFFERED: Provides weekend respite care. Through MARC will provide weekend respite or referral to independent respite care providers, also has a respite care home and 22 group homes. Provides referrals for day programs and summer camps, advocacy, and assistance with Medicaid Waiver applications
FEE:  Sliding scale, grant money, Medicaid Waiver

Shepherd Pathways Respite Care  404-248-1667
1942 Clairmont Road  www.shepherd.org
Decatur, GA 30033
POPULATION SERVED:  Individuals with a brain injury or other neurological conditions
AGES:  18 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Respite care from one to 14 days. The setting provides a private or semi-private room in a safe and secure community-living environment in a 24,000 square-foot facility in Decatur, Georgia. This facility is home to Shepherd Pathways, a post-acute residential brain injury program.
FEE:  Varies according to the level of care that is required. The cost is determined during the completion of the admission screening.
SUPPORT SERVICES

This list of resources has been selected with your primary needs in mind. It is in no way intended to be complete. Rather, it is a tool to get you started in your search.

The following agencies are sources of information or referral services. If you need a service and do not know where to go, call one of the following and ask them to assist you.

**American Foundation for the Blind**  
404-525-2303  
www.afb.org  
100 Peachtree Street, Suite 2145  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
POPULATION SERVED: Any individual who is blind or visually impaired and for professionals who work with these people and their families  
AGES: All  
SERVICES OFFERED: Information and free referral services for blind and visually impaired individuals and their families, publications including guides for consumers and professionals are available for individuals to use on site. Publications are available for purchase from the American Foundation for the Blind in New York.  
FEE: None

**AADD—All About Developmental Disabilities**  
404-881-9777  
www.aadd.org  
125 Clairmont Avenue, Suite 300  
Decatur, GA 30030  
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals who have a developmental disability  
AGES: 3 years through adulthood  
SERVICES OFFERED: Provides information and referral services, disbursement of information through an online newsletter, directory of services, supported employment, and family support services  
FEE: None
**Autism Resource Center at Emory University**

1551 Shoup Court
Decatur, GA 30030

**POPULATION SERVED:** Persons with autism spectrum disorders

**AGES:** All

**SERVICES OFFERED:** Provides family support, treatment, diagnostic and medication evaluations, school consultations and professional training. Provides resources for families throughout the state of Georgia. Provides a preschool program for children with autism ages 18 months through 5 years

**FEE:** Charge based on service required

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**Benefits Navigator**

Shepherd Center
2020 Peachtree Road NW
Atlanta, GA 30309

**POPULATION SERVED:** Individuals with disabilities who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or both, and who are interested in pursuing work goals

**AGES:** 14-65

**SERVICES OFFERED:** Provides information on how becoming employed affects social security benefits and/or state benefits, work incentives such as the PASS, the Trial Work Period and Impairment-Related Work Expenses, and other programs and services that can help individuals with disabilities create a plan for successful employment. Provides individual counseling sessions along with information to groups, organizations, and agencies that provide services to people with disabilities

**FEE:** None. It is a free service funded by the Social Security Administration.

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**Center for Assistive Technology & Environmental Assess (CATEA)**

Georgia Institute of Technology
490 Tenth Street
Atlanta, GA 30318

**POPULATION SERVED:** All individuals who have a disability

**AGES:** All

**SERVICES OFFERED:** Serves as an information clearing-house for statewide service providers as well as assistive products and devices

**FEE:** Charge based on service required
Center for the Visually Impaired
739 West Peachtree Street
Atlanta, GA 30308
POPULATION SERVED: Blind and visually impaired
AGES: All
SERVICES OFFERED: Information and referral, rehabilitation training in the center and community, vocational evaluation, work adjustment and job placement, low vision clinic, program for pre-school and school-aged children, education and counseling for diabetics, support groups. Audio described videos are loaned free of charge.
FEE: Sliding scale

The Center for Financial Independence
and Innovation
315 W Ponce deLeon, Suite 600
Decatur, GA 30030
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with all types of disabilities
AGES: All
SERVICES OFFERED: Georgia’s only Alternative Financing Program that provides low-interest loans through participating credit unions to enable Georgians with disabilities access to affordable financing for Assistive Technology and Home and Vehicle Modifications.
FEE: None

Childkind
3107 Clairmont Road NE
Atlanta, GA 30329
POPULATION SERVED: Children with complex medical and/or developmental disabilities
AGES: 0-21
SERVICES OFFERED: Family Placement for children in state custody or those at risk of institutionalization, Supportive Care Coordination, and Family Support Services. Connects parents to community and neighborhood resources. Provides Foster Homes and Host Homes for ages 0-21. Offers community trainings (Disability Awareness 101) on resources, system navigation, and access to Medicaid Waivers.
FEE: Medicaid Waiver and grant funded programming
DeKalb County Schools Parent Mentor Program  
East DeKalb Campus  
5839 Memorial Drive  
Stone Mountain, GA  30083  
POPULATION SERVED: Children with disabilities who attend DeKalb County schools  
AGES: 3-21  
SERVICES OFFERED: Assists families in locating information and resources, provides workshops for families of children who receive special education services regarding special education and transition issues, support to the professionals who serve these children, and provides confidential support for parental questions.  
FEE: None

DisAbility Link  
755 Commerce Drive, Suite 105  
Decatur, GA  30030  
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with all types of disabilities  
AGES: 16 years through adulthood  
SERVICES OFFERED: Serves 13 counties in Georgia, and is a center for Disability Rights and independent living issues. Their core services are advocacy, teaching of independent living skills, peer support groups, mentoring, information and referral, and employment services.  
FEE: None

Disability Resource Group  
4164 Admiral Drive  
Chamblee, GA  30341  
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with all types of disabilities in Georgia  
AGES: All ages  
SERVICES OFFERED: Answer questions about disability rights, help people look at options, consultation and workshops about disability issues  
FEE: Sliding fee for workshops, consultation for individuals with disabilities is free
Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta  
4355 J Cobb Pkwy #213  
Atlanta, GA  30339  
POPULATION SERVED: Parents and families of children with Down syndrome  
AGES: All ages  
SERVICES OFFERED: The Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta is a non-profit organization dedicated to support, early intervention, education, awareness and advocacy to families of children with Down syndrome.  
FEE: $25 per year per household or lifetime payment of $250 per household. Parents of a newborn receive the first year’s membership free. Full or partial scholarships are available upon request for anyone with a financial hardship.

Families of Children Under Stress (FOCUS)  
3825 Presidential Pkwy, Suite 103  
Atlanta, GA  30340  
POPULATION SERVED: All developmental disabilities  
AGES: Birth – age 29  
SERVICES OFFERED: Offers support and information to parents through support groups, workshops, and hospital visits. Another service is Community Respite care for children.  
FEE: Varies. Membership fee is $15.00 but can be waived

Georgia Advocacy Office, Inc.  
150 East Ponce de Leon Ave, Suite 430  
Decatur, GA  30030  
POPULATION SERVED: All disabilities  
AGES: All  
SERVICES OFFERED: Protects and advocates for individuals who have a disability  
FEE: None
The ARC of Georgia  
100 Edgewood Avenue, Suite 1675  
Atlanta, GA  30303  
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals who have a developmental and/or intellectual disability  
AGES: All  
SERVICES OFFERED: Has local networks within some counties as well as a national organization. Resource for information on all disorders. Provides advocacy and education. Sponsors public information programs and gives referrals.  
FEE: None for information. Membership fees to join: $20.00 for a family, $15.00 for an individual, or $5.00 for a self-advocate.

Georgia Council For the Hearing Impaired, Inc.  
4151 Memorial Drive, Suite 103B  
Decatur, GA  30032  
POPULATION SERVED: All individuals who have a hearing deficit  
AGES: All  
SERVICES OFFERED: Advocacy, information and referral. Community education. GED/ABE preparatory classes.  
FEE: Membership open to the public.

Georgia Health Partnership  
P.O. Box 3000  
McRae, GA  31055  
POPULATION SERVED: Low income and individuals with a physical and/or developmental disability. Eligibility determined by Social Security Office or DeKalb County Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS).  
AGES: There is not a minimum age for SSI/Medicaid; however, there are restrictions that will determine at what age your child becomes eligible for these benefits.  
SERVICES OFFERED: Customer service for current members for any problems with Medicaid or PeachCare.  
FEE: None.
Georgia Learning Resources System 678-676-2400
(Metro East) 678-676-2417
1701 Mountain Industrial Boulevard (FAX) 770-939-5731
Stone Mountain, GA 30083 www.metroeastglrs.org
POPULATION SERVED: Parents and/or professionals who work with
individuals who have a developmental disability
AGES: Adults
SERVICES OFFERED: Maintains a library of videos, books, publications,
instructional kits and adapted toys for check-out and loan. Provides
workshops and in-services and serves as an information and referral service.
A summer recreation guide is available online at:
FEE: Small charge for materials made in Production Center (cash only)

Georgia Parent Support Network 1-800-832-8645
1381 Metropolitan Parkway 404-758-4500
Atlanta, GA 30310 (FAX) 404-7778-6833
Single point of entry to the Mental Health System www.gpsn.org
POPULATION SERVED: Children and youth who have an intellectual
disability or mental illness; emotionally disturbed children, adolescents and
their families, children and youth with substance abuse
AGES: Birth to 25 years
SERVICES OFFERED: Upon appropriate referral: Advocacy, advice, respite
services, parent support and information and therapeutic foster care. A free
quarterly newsletter is available upon request.
FEE: No fee to parents

Georgia Telecommunications Equipment 404-297-9461
& Distribution Program 888-297-9461
4151 Memorial Drive, Suite 103B (FAX) 404-297-9465
Decatur, GA 30032 www.gachi.org
POPULATION SERVED: Deaf, hearing impaired, speech impaired, and
deaf-blind consumers in the state of Georgia
AGES: All
SERVICES OFFERED: Provides free telephone equipment to deaf, hearing
impaired and speech impaired consumers in the state of Georgia. If the
consumer qualifies for the program and is a Georgia resident, the equipment
is free on a loaner program. Must call for an application
FEE: None
Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities
2 Peachtree Street NW, Suite 26-246
Atlanta, GA 30303
1-888-ASK-GCDD
www.gcdd.org
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals who have a developmental disability
AGES: All
SERVICES OFFERED: Respite resource directories and quarterly respite newsletters available upon request. Offers supports in areas of residential, vocational, accessibility and advocacy
FEE: None

Marcus Autism Center
1920 Briarcliff Road NE
Atlanta, GA 30329
www.marcus.org
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals who have a developmental disability and their families. Some disability areas require a physician referral.
AGES: Birth – 17 years
SERVICES OFFERED: The Marcus Autism Center offers children comprehensive care to provide diagnosis, treatment and care management for a complete range of mild to severe disabilities including: developmental delays, learning disabilities, high-risk infants, severe behavior management, genetic syndromes, pediatric feeding disorders, cerebral palsy, domestic and international adoption evaluation, autism/pervasive developmental disorders, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and foster care assessment.
FEE: Depends on services provided, commercial insurance, self-pay, Medicaid and PeachCare accepted, no HMO

Parent to Parent of Georgia, Inc.
3070 Presidential Parkway, Suite 30
Atlanta, GA 30340
www.p2pga.org
POPULATION SERVED: All disabilities including rare disorders and chronic or terminal illness
AGES: Parents of children ages 0 – 26
SERVICES OFFERED: Matches parents with trained support parents. Has developed a comprehensive information system, which includes up-to-date information on disabilities including rare disorders and community resources and provides over 5000 community resources for parents in Georgia. Can be accessed by phone or on their web site
FEE: None
Parents Educating Parents & Professionals (PEPP, Inc.) 770-577-7771
8355 Cherokee Blvd, Suite 100 (FAX) 770-557-7774
Douglassville, GA 30134 www.peppinc.org
POPULATION SERVED: All Georgia children who have a developmental disability
AGES: 3 years to 24 years
SERVICES OFFERED: Assists parents and professionals in matters with respect to government regulations, provisions, and allotments under IDEA. Also provides training to parents in the form of meetings, workshops, support groups and individual assistance
FEE: Case by Case/Regional fees

Plan of Georgia, Inc. 404-634-0094
2200 Century Pkwy, Suite 510 (FAX) 404-634-5255
Atlanta, GA 30345
POPULATION SERVED: People with mental and physical disabilities, including mental illness, intellectual disabilities, brain injury, autism and at-risk elderly in the metropolitan Atlanta area
AGES: 18 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Assist families in developing long term care plans. Help families identify resources needed for long term care. Provide individualized case management and can act as the representative payee if needed
FEE: Private pay only. $75 per hour plus travel time and mileage (½ hour minimum), no Medicaid or Medicare

Touch the Future Re-Boot & ATRC
info@touchthefuture.us 770-934-8432
(The Assistive Technology Resource Center) www.touchthefuture.us
1456 McLendon Drive, Suite A
Decatur, GA 30033
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with all types of disabilities
AGES: All
SERVICES OFFERED: Reboot is a computer recycling program that repairs and rebuilds donated equipment and distributes them to individuals with disabilities. Training is included. ATRC Project provides AT (assistive technology) solutions, which includes information, advocacy, assessment and training. This is a demonstration site with individual training focused on learning independence skills and which includes work programs.
FEE: Varies. Some programs are free, others cost, depends on the service
Region Three DBHDD Office
100 Crescent Centre Parkway, Suite 900
Tucker, GA  30084
(dbhdd.georgia.gov)
POPULATION SERVED: Clayton, DeKalb, Fulton, Gwinnett, Newton and Rockdale residents with mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases issues
AGES:  All
SERVICES OFFERED:  DBHDD provides treatment and support services to people with mental illnesses and addictive diseases, and support to people with intellectual disabilities and related developmental disabilities. DBHDD serves people of all ages with the most severe and likely to be long-term conditions, including consumers with forensic issues. Services are provided across the state through contracts with 25 community service boards, boards of health and various private providers, and through state-operated regional hospitals. The office does not provide direct services.
FEE:  None

Social Security Administration
4365 Shackelford Road
Norcross, GA  30093
www.socialsecurity.gov
POPULATION SERVED:  Individuals who have a physical or intellectual disability
AGES:  There is not a minimum age for SSI (Supplemental Security Income); however, there are restrictions that will determine at what age your child becomes eligible for these benefits.
SERVICES OFFERED:  A child with a disability may be eligible for a monthly income as well as Medicaid. Refer to the SSI and Medicaid section of this manual.
FEE:  None
United Way of Greater Atlanta
100 Edgewood Avenue NE
Atlanta, GA 30303
404-614-1027
404-614-1000
www.unitedwayatlanta.org

POPULATION SERVED: Residents in Butts, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale counties

AGES: All ages

SERVICES OFFERED: Provides comprehensive information and referral in a range of areas. Directs callers to appropriate resources needed. Can dial 2-1-1 to access an operator. Service is available 24 hours a day.

FEE: None
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY (MARTA)
404-848-4711
404-848-5000
www.itsmarta.com

MARTA provides accessible public transportation through bus and rail service to residents and visitors in Fulton and DeKalb counties and the City of Atlanta regardless of age or disability.

Reduced Fare Breeze Cards
404-848-5112
Lindbergh Marta Headquarters
www.itsmarta.com/reducedfare.aspx
Five Points Station
Reduced-fare Breeze cards are available free for individuals with disabilities with proper proof of the disability. These reduced-fare Breeze cards allow individuals to ride for $1 per trip at all hours of bus and rail service.
Reduced-fare Breeze cards may be obtained at the Five Points Station or Lindbergh Marta Headquarters (located across the street from the Lindberg Station). Office hours are 9a.m.-12a.m. and 2p.m.-4p.m. Monday-Friday. The office is closed from 12 noon-2p.m.

MARTA Mobility
404-848-5000
MARTA Mobility is designed to accommodate the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities who cannot use, or get to the fixed route (bus and rail) system. This service is comparable to the level of accessible service provided to individuals without disabilities who use the fixed route system. In order to determine eligibility, MARTA must have an application for service on file. You must request that a MARTA Mobility application be sent to you.

Alterman/JETS Transportation Services
770-677-9300
4549 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd
Atlanta, GA 30338
(FAX) 770-677-9400
info@jfcs-atlanta.org
www.YourToolsForLiving.org

POPULATION: Older adults and adults with disabilities
AGE: 18 and older
PROVIDES: Transportation for older adults and adults with disabilities to and from work, medical appointments, and social and recreational outings.
JETS serves parts of Fulton, DeKalb, and Cobb Counties.
FEE: Please contact JETS dispatchers at 770-677-9339 for fee structure
South East Transportation 404-209-4000
Southeastrans, Inc. 678-510-4600
4751 Best Road, Suite 140 www.southeastrans.com
Atlanta, GA 30337

PROVIDES: South East Transportation is the primary agency to call for transportation assistance for Medicaid recipients. Service is provided for doctor and therapy appointments, prescriptions and other medical-related services. A provider will be assigned or you may make a request.

OTHER TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS TO CONSIDER:
carpool with co-workers, friends
church members
retired people
refer to yellow pages for additional sources under Transportation-Personal, Wheelchairs and Special Needs Transportation, Taxicabs, and search the web for special needs transportation
VOCATIONAL SERVICES

COMMUNITY ACCESS SERVICES
and PREVOCATIONAL SERVICES
(Formerly known as DAY SUPPORT/DAY HABILITATION SERVICES)

What are Community Access (Day Support) Services?

Community Access Services (Day Support Services) are designed to assist the participant in acquiring, retaining, or improving self-help, socialization, and adaptive skills required for active participation and independent functioning outside the participant’s home or family home. It can take place during the day, the evening or the weekend.

What are Prevocational Services?

Prevocational Services prepare a participant for paid or unpaid employment and include teaching such concepts as compliance, attendance, task completion, problem solving, social interaction skills and safety.

What is Specialized Employment?

Specialized employment is the employment of significantly disabled persons in either facility or community settings with intensive and ongoing support. The individuals may be paid at less than minimum wage. Specialized employment requires a minimum of 10 hours of employment per week within the facility or in the community.

American Work, Inc. 678-418-6909
5280 Snapfinger Park Drive
Decatur, GA 30035
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with developmental disabilities, multiple disabilities and challenging behavior
AGES: 20 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Community Access Services, Prevocational Services, and Supported Employment are available for individuals living in homes or other residential arrangements.
FEE: Medicaid Waiver
Consumer’s Care Corporation  404-377-9818
189-A Sams Street  (FAX) 770-474-3430
Decatur, GA  30030  www.WeCanHelp@CCC-Care.org
POPULATION SERVED:  Individuals with complex medical and physical needs
AGES:  21 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED:  Community Access Services, medical services, home health-care services, physical and occupational therapy, psychological services, and behavior support assessments
FEE:  Medicaid Waiver, Medicaid, Health Insurance, and private pay

DeKalb Community Service Board (DCSB)  770-484-2948
CHOICE Program  www.dekcsb.org
2277 S. Stone Mountain Lithonia Rd.
Lithonia, GA  30058
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities who are DeKalb County residents. Referrals through Region 3 DBHDD
AGES:  22 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED:  Community Access Services and Prevocational Services are provided to increase community inclusion for adults with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities. Prevocational Services, training and support includes volunteer experiences in the community, based upon the preference and choice of the individual. Program hours are Monday through Friday, 6 hours a day. Also provide Community Access Individual Services (CAI).
FEE:  Medicaid Waiver

DeKalb Community Service Board (DCSB)  770-270-2710
DeKalb Enterprises  www.dekcsb.org
1569 Stoneridge Drive
Stone Mountain, GA  30083
POPULATION SERVED:  Individuals with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities who are DeKalb County residents. Referrals through Region Three DBHDD
AGES:  22 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED:  Sheltered employment contract work with transition to community-based employment and supported employment. Program hours are Monday through Friday, 6 hours a day.
FEE:  Medicaid Waiver
DeKalb Community Service Board (DCSB)  
Service Center  
2660 Osborne Road NE  
Atlanta, GA  30319  
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities who are DeKalb County residents. Referral through Region Three DBHDD  
AGES: 22 years through adulthood  
SERVICES OFFERED: Community Access Services and Prevocational Services are provided. Support services include specialized therapies, behavior management, nursing, case coordination, and assistance with transportation and activity programs for older adults. Program hours are Monday through Friday, 6 hours a day.  
FEE: Medicaid Waiver

DPCH, LLC  
5305 Snapfinger Woods Drive  
Decatur, GA 30035  
POPULATION SERVED: Adults with developmental disabilities  
AGES: 21 years through adulthood  
SERVICES OFFERED: Day program that includes Community Access Services.  
FEE: Medicaid Waiver, private pay

Foundation of Exceptional Achievers  
3125 Presidential Pkwy, Suite100  
Atlanta, GA  30340  
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with developmental disabilities, autism, cerebral palsy, schizophrenia, mental illness, mental health, dual diagnosis, and physical disabilities  
AGES: 18 – 60  
SERVICES OFFERED: Personal and social adjustment, Community Access Services, Prevocational Services, and Supported Employment are provided.  
FEE: Vocational Rehabilitation, Medicaid Waiver, and private pay with Sliding Scale fees
The Frazer Center
404-377-3836
1815 Ponce de Leon Avenue NE
Atlanta, GA 30307
(FAX) 404-373-0058
www.thefrazercenter.org

POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with all types of disabilities
AGES: 18 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Individual Service Plan (ISP), Community Access Services (Group and Individual), Prevocational Service, and Supported Employment
FEE: Medicaid Waiver, private pay

Great Prospects
770-722-6250
142 Teal Court
Roswell, GA 30076
www.greatprospectsinc.org

POPULATION: Individuals who have a mild or moderate intellectual disability
AGES: Adolescent to young adult
SERVICES OFFERED:
Club Connect- after school programming
Career Connections Academy- a post-secondary educational option that focuses on Career Exploration (work readiness) and Self Exploration (self-advocacy)
Camp Connect- 10 weeks of themed based summer day camp
Social Connections- once a month socials and dances
FEE: Call to inquire about fees

Jewish Family & Career Services
770-677-9450
Tools for Independence WORKS
770-677-9300
3990 Flowers Road, Suite 500
Doraville, GA 30360
www.yourtoolsforliving.org

POPULATION SERVED: Adults with developmental disabilities
AGES: 18 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Day program that includes community activities, volunteerism, and structured curriculum; prevocational program that includes volunteer and work experience in community-based environments, vocational evaluation, supported employment, and disability awareness consultation
FEE: Medicaid Waiver. May initially be funded by the Georgia Department of Labor, Vocational Rehabilitation Program. Charges a fee for extended support
KES, Inc.  
6615 Tribble Street  
Lithonia, GA  30058  
POPULATION SERVED:  Individuals with developmental disabilities  
AGES:  Children and adults  
SERVICES OFFERED:  Community Residential Alternative Services, Community Living Support Services, Community Access Services, natural supports, summer camp, and Supported Employment Services  
FEE:  Medicaid Waiver, private pay  

Pathways Career Services  
777 Cleveland Ave, Suite 316  
Summit South Building  
Atlanta, GA 30315  
POPULATION SERVED:  Adults with developmental disabilities  
AGES:  18 years through adulthood  
SERVICES OFFERED:  Supported Employment/Job Coaching, Community Access Services and Prevocational Services, Vocational Evaluations, Work Adjustment, Work Evaluation, Career Orientation and Job sampling  
FEE:  Medicaid Waiver, private pay, Ticket to Work Program  

The Smart Place  
Adult and Children Services  
1916 Glenfare Rd  
Decatur, GA  30035  
POPULATION SERVED:  Individuals with developmental disabilities  
AGES:  Day Program:  18 years through adulthood; Summer and extended program:  12 and up  
SERVICES OFFERED:  Community Access Services and Prevocational Services are designed to provide choices & opportunities for success in a positive atmosphere by offering life skills instruction, behavior management, Individual Service Plan support, & community integration. Transportation provided. Training for direct care staff & family members is available. Full summer programs for ages 12 to 21. An extended children’s program (3 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.)  
FEE:  Medicaid Waiver, private pay
United Cerebral Palsy of Georgia
770 NE Expressway Bldg. 9
Atlanta, GA 30341
(770) 676-2000
1-888-827-9455
(FAX) 770-455-8040
www.ucpga.org

POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with all disabilities, not just those with cerebral palsy
AGES: 17 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Provides a full array of services and supports, which benefit people with developmental disabilities and their families. Programs and services include after school care, Community Access Services, Prevocational Services, and Community Living Support Services. Referrals through Region Three DBHDD
FEE: Medicaid Waiver, private pay

WOW In-Sync, Inc.
2137 Flintstone Drive, Suite E
Tucker, GA 30084
(770) 939-1100
(FAX) 770-939-1714
www.wowinsync.org

POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with developmental disabilities, including intellectual disabilities, autism
AGES: 18 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Prevocational Services, Supported Employment, and Community Access Services. Programs of WOW In-Sync include Hands for Hire, Simply Biz, Ultimate Access, and MisterMigs.com
FEE: Medicaid Waiver, Grant-In-Aid, Vocational Rehabilitation and private pay
What is Supported Employment?

Supported employment is a state and federally funded program designed to enable individuals with disabilities to work. They are integrated with non-disabled workers in the workplace and earn at least minimum wage. The individual works in a job best suited to his/her strengths and begins with intensive job coaching which decreases as the job tasks are mastered. A Job Coach provides ongoing support a minimum of twice a month for as long as the person has the job.

Individual Placements
Traditional Supported Employment provides for one individual to be placed in a job in a community business or industry. A Job Coach or Employment Training Specialist provides intensive training in job skills and work related behaviors. When employer’s standards are met, onsite support is faded, but must continue a minimum of twice a month. Communication with the employee and the employer is ongoing.

Enclave
An enclave consists of a small group of individuals with disabilities working within a local business. These individuals require more support, which is provided by a Job Coach who works for either the supported employment organization or the host company. The coach remains on site with individuals throughout their employment.
AADD—All About Developmental Disabilities  
125 Clairemont Ave, Suite 300  
Decatur, GA 30030  
(404) 881-9777 (FAX) 404-881-0094  
http://aadd.org  
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals who have a developmental disability  
AGES: 18 years through adulthood  
SERVICES OFFERED: Develop jobs, create job adaptations and accommodations, train supported employees, provides on-the-job coaching and ongoing follow-up and support  
FEE: May initially be funded by the Georgia Department of Labor, Vocational Rehabilitation Program

American Work, Inc.  
5280 Snapfinger Park Drive  
Lithonia, GA 30035  
678-418-6909 (FAX) 678-418-6910  
http://americanwork.org  
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with developmental disabilities, multiple disabilities and challenging behaviors  
AGES: 20 years through adulthood  
SERVICES OFFERED: The Supported Employment program completes assessments of an individual’s job interests, work skills and job readiness. Training includes completing applications and interview skills. Assistance with locating a job and job coaching once the job is secured. Provides Community Access Services, Prevocational Services, and Supported Employment  
FEE: Medicaid Waiver

Another Chance Customize Service  
2412 Park Central Blvd  
Decatur, GA 30035  
678-518-1823  
http://www.anotherchancecsi.org  
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with all types of disabilities  
AGES: 18 years through adulthood  
SERVICES OFFERED: Ticket to Work Program, Supported Employment, Work Adjustment, Job Readiness, Vocational Evaluation, Competitive Employment, Job Coaching, Basic Computer Training, Personal Supports, Medical Supplies, Home Health, Transportation  
FEE: Medicaid Waiver, Ticket to Work Program, private pay
Briggs and Associates  
770-993-4559  
2300 Holcomb Bridge Road, Suite 103 #366  
(FAX) 770-552-7051  
http://www.briggsassociates.org  
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with an intellectual, physical, and/or emotional disability  
AGES: Adults  
SERVICES OFFERED: Supported employment program matches individuals to jobs with ongoing support  
FEE: Medicaid Waiver. May initially be funded by the Georgia Department of Labor, Vocational Rehabilitation Program with a fee charged for extended support

Bobby Dodd Institute  
678-365-0071  
2120 Marietta Blvd NW  
(FAX) 678-365-0098  
www.bobbydodd.org  
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with disabilities  
AGES: 16 years through adulthood  
SERVICES OFFERED: A vocational rehabilitation program including vocational and work evaluations, training, job placement, community-based work assessments, and supported employment with extended follow-up services. Training programs offered include office essentials, tech shop, food services, janitorial training, and building trades.  
FEE: May initially be funded by the Georgia Department of Labor, Vocational Rehabilitation Program with a fee charged for extended support

DeKalb Community Service Board (DCSB)  
770-270-2710  
www.dekcsb.org  
Supported Employment Services  
(DeKalb Enterprises)  
2277 South Stone Mountain-Lithonia Rd.  
Lithonia, GA 30058  
POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with developmental disabilities and intellectual disabilities who are DeKalb County residents. Referrals through Region Three DBHDD Board  
AGES: 22 years through adulthood  
SERVICES OFFERED: Sheltered employment contract work with transition to community-based employment and supported employment. Program hours are Monday through Friday, 6 hours/day.  
FEE: Medicaid Waiver
Foundation of Exceptional Achievers
3125 Presidential Pkwy, Suite 100
Atlanta, GA 30340
(P) 770-986-4881
(FAX) 770-986-4882
http://www.feawork.com

POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with developmental disabilities, autism, cerebral palsy, schizophrenia, mental illness, mental health, dual diagnosis, and physical disabilities
AGES: 18 - 60
SERVICES OFFERED: Personal and social adjustment, vocational training, supported employment
FEE: Medicaid Waiver, private pay with Sliding Scale, Georgia Department of Labor, Vocational Rehabilitation Program

The Frazer Center
1815 Ponce de Leon Avenue
Atlanta, GA 30307
(P) 404-377-3836
(FAX) 404-373-0058
www.thefrazercenter.org

POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with all types of disabilities.
AGES: 18 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Supported Employment (Group and Individual), Georgia Department of Labor, Vocational Rehabilitation Work Evaluation (facility and Pre-school), Individual Service Plan (ISP), Community Access Services (Group and Individual), and Prevocational Services
FEE: Medicaid Waiver, private pay. May initially be funded by the Georgia Department of Labor, Vocational Rehabilitation Program
Georgia Department of Labor, Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Tucker VR Office – Serves North DeKalb  http://www.gvra.ga.gov
2187 Northlake Parkway, Suite 112
Tucker, GA  30084
770-414-2602
FAX:  770-414-2674

Memorial Drive VR Office – Serves South DeKalb and Rockdale Counties
10 Park Place South SE, Suite 602
Atlanta, GA  30030
404-298-4900
404-657-2239
FAX:  404-298-3629

POPULATION SERVED:  Individuals with intellectual, physical, mental and/or emotional disabilities
AGES:  16 years through adulthood. Parental consent required if under age 18
SERVICES OFFERED:  Job development and funding for initial cost of supported employment if rehabilitation team determines supported employment is appropriate for the individual
FEE:  None to the Georgia Department of Labor, Vocational Rehabilitation Program. Individual agencies may charge a fee for extended support.

Simply Biz  770-939-1100
A Program of WOW In-Sync, Inc.  (FAX) 770-939-1714  http://www.wowinsync.org
2137 Flintstone Drive, Suite G
Tucker, GA  30084

POPULATION SERVED:  Individuals with developmental disabilities, specifically intellectual disabilities. Programs of WOW In-Sync include Hands for Hire, Simply Biz, Ultimate Access, and MisterMigs.com
AGES:  18 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Prevocational Services, Supported Employment, and Community Access Services
FEE:  Medicaid Waiver, Grant-In-Aid, Vocational Rehabilitation, and private pay
Jewish Family & Career Services          770-677-9450
Tools for Independence WORKS            770-677-9300
3990 Flowers Road, Suite 500          http://yourtoolsforliving.org
Doraville, GA  30360
POPULATION SERVED:  Adults with developmental disabilities
AGES:  18 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED:  Day program that includes community activities, volunteerism, and structured curriculum; prevocational program that includes volunteer and work experience in community-based environments, vocational evaluation, supported employment, and disability awareness consultation
FEE: Medicaid Waiver. May initially be funded by the Georgia Department of Labor, Vocational Rehabilitation Program. Charges a fee for extended support

KES, Inc.                                770-484-2112
6615 Tribble Street
Lithonia, GA  30058         www.kesinc.org
POPULATION SERVED:  Individuals with developmental disabilities
AGES:  Children and adults
SERVICES OFFERED:  Community Residential Alternative Services, Community Living Support Services, Community Access Services, Prevocational Services, natural supports, summer camp, and Supported Employment Services
FEE:  Medicaid Waiver, private pay

People Making Progress                 770-723-1848
2345 Fourth Street, Suite 100         (FAX) 770-723-0880 e-mail: pmpinc@bellsouth.net
Tucker, GA  30084
POPULATION SERVED:  Individuals with a primary diagnosis of developmental disabilities (may also have additional disability).
AGES:  Upon completion of high school program through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED:  Job placement and long-term support
FEE:  Medicaid Waiver
Nobis Works 770-427-9000
1480 Bells Ferry Road http://www.nobisworks.org
Marietta, GA 30066-6014

POPULATION SERVED: Individuals with intellectual, physical, mental and/or emotional disabilities
AGES: 16 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Vocational evaluation, job search training, supported employment services, work adjustment, job placement, work evaluations and community-based work adjustment provided, occupational skills training, computer skills, customer service help desk training and ServSafe (food handling/kitchen workers etc.)
FEE: May initially be funded by the Georgia Department of Labor Vocational Rehabilitation Program. Medicaid Waiver, private pay, VA contracts
OTHER VOCATIONAL SERVICES

DeKalb Workforce Development 404-687-3400
DeKalbWorks! One-Stop Center (FAX) 404-687-3416
774 Jordan Land Bldg. #4 www.dekalbworkforce.org
Decatur, GA 30033

POPULATION SERVED: All job-seekers, regardless of county of residence
AGES: 18 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Provides a unified education, training, and employment program for job-seekers. Core services include job search assistance, job clubs and adult education & literacy programs. Training services include occupational skills training, on-the-job training, customized training, subsidized work experience, skills upgrading and retraining, entrepreneurial training and follow-up services for 12 months. Basic assessments (skill levels, interests, aptitudes, abilities, and supportive services), individual employment plans, individual counseling and in-depth career planning and case management and follow-up services for 12 months are also available. DeKalbWorks! Sustains a One-Stop Center along with three Satellite Centers. The DeKalbWorks! System is operated by DeKalb Workforce Center, Inc.
FEE: Little or no cost for services. Cost paid by a grant

Goodwill Industries of North Georgia 404-728-8600
1295 Columbia Drive www.goodwill.org
Decatur, GA 30032

POPULATION SERVED: Anyone with barriers to employment
AGES: 16 years through adulthood
SERVICES OFFERED: Assessment and work readiness skills training program, work adjustment program, supported employment and other supports offered
FEE: None when referred by the Georgia Department of Labor, Vocational Rehabilitation Program or other referring agencies
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Enter that legislator’s first initial, then last name
@legis.state.GA.US
Example: ncarroll@legis.state.GA.US

To access future versions of the Transition Manual, follow the directions on
the DeKalb County School’s website.

On the main page, look in the upper right hand corner and type in the search box:
Transition Manual; click search; Click on Transition Manual
National Transition Resources Websites:

www.fulllifeahead.org
www.gottransition.org
www.jobaccomodationanetwork.org
www.lifeafterIEPs.org
www.ncwd-youth.info
www.ncset.org
www.nichy.org
www.pacer.org
www.thinkcollege.net
www.transitioncoalition.org
www.transitionlink.org
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