



**COMMUNITY  
RESOURCES  
FOR  
SPECIAL NEEDS**

**East GLRS**

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN;**

The purpose of this booklet is to make available to you as much information as possible regarding special education referral and/or information retrieval services. This booklet provides its users with lists of telephone numbers and addresses of resources available to persons who are concerned with persons with disabilities.

By no means should this booklet be considered as a complete list of all services available in the Central Savannah Regional Area (CSRA). If you know of a service that has been omitted or has been misprinted, please mail the information to: East Georgia Learning Resource System, 864 Broad Street, Augusta, GA., 30901. The information may also be faxed to 1-706-826-4624. Our database will be updated as new information is received. The booklet will be revised periodically.

We hope that this booklet will be helpful to you. If we can ever be of service to you, please feel free to call upon us.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Jessie B. Stewart* and *Kathryn Ellis*

East Georgia Learning Resources System

864 Broad St.

Augusta, GA 30901

1-706-826-1128

1-800-282-7552

**GEORGIA ADVOCACY AND PROFESSIONAL  
GROUPS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

**A**

- Accent,Inc. 411 Pleasant Home Rd. Suite #30 Augusta, Ga. 30907.....706-855-7684
- Atlanta Alliance on Developmental, 1440 Dutch Valley Place Suite#200  
Atlanta,Ga30324..... 770- 761-6247
- American Diabetes Association, 1 Corporate Boulevard, N.E., Suite 127,  
Atlanta, GA 30329.....404-320-7100
- American Federation of Teachers, 1117 Perimeter Center West, N.E., Suite W317,  
Atlanta, GA 30338.....770-698-0486
- American Foundation for the Blind, 100 Peachtree Street, Suite 620,  
Atlanta, GA 30303.....404-525-2303
- American Red Cross, 1955 Monroe Drive, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30324.....404-876-3302
- Arthritis Foundation—Georgia Chapter,Inc. 550 Pharr Rd.,N.E., Suite 550,  
Atlanta, Ga. 30305.....404-237-8771
- Arc of Georgia, 100 Edgewood Avenue , Suite 502 , Atlanta, GA 30303.....678-904-1967
- Autism Society of America—Georgia Chapter, 2971 Flowers Road, S., Suite 140,  
Atlanta, GA 30341 or PO Box 3707, Suwanee, GA.  
30024.....770-904-4474

**B**

- Blind Rehabilitations Specialist, Atlanta VA Medical Center, 1670 Clairmont Rd, Decatur,  
GA. 30033.....404-321-6111
- Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission, 2 Peachtree Street NW, Suite 8-212,  
Atlanta, GA. 30303.....404-651-5112

**C**

- C.A.R.E (MCG Child Psychiatry)1446 Harper St. Augusta,Ga. 30904.....706-721-3148
- Client Assistance Program (CAP) 2 Peachtree St. Suite 23-307  
Atlanta, Ga.,30303-3166.....404-657-3012

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Georgia Chapter, 2250 N. Druid Hills Road, Suite 275,  
Atlanta, GA 30329.....404-325-6973

**D**

Downs Syndrome Association of Atlanta, 2204 LaVista Rd NE, Atlanta, GA  
30329.....404-320-3233

**E**

East Central,MHDDAD 1056 Claussen Rd. Suite 212 Augusta, Ga.,30907.....706-667-4833

Easter Seals of North Georgia, 1200 Lake Hearn Drive, Suite 250, Atlanta, GA  
30319.....404-943-1070

Emory Autism Center (Emory Univeristy), 1551 Shoup Court, Atlanta, GA.  
30322.....404-727-8350

Epilepsy Foundation of America—GA Chapter, 6665 Roswell Road,  
Suite 515, Atlanta, Ga.,30328 .....678-396-1213

**F**

Families Forum at REACH, 1815 Ponce de Leon, Atlanta, GA 30307.....404-377-3836

**G**

Georgia Advocacy Office, 999 Peachtree St., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30309.....404-885-1234

Georgia Alliance for Children, 30 Haygood Avenue, S.W.,  
Atlanta, GA 30315.....404-588-0708

Georgia Association of the Deaf, 246 Sycamore Street, Suite D-100, Decatur, GA  
30030.....770-754-9670

Georgia Association of Educational Leaders, 5634 Atlanta Highway, Suite 300,  
Flowery Branch, Georgia  
30542.....800-533-GAEL

Georgia Center for Resources & Support, 2250 North Druid Hills Road, Suite 145,  
Atlanta, GA. 30329.....866-APARENT

Georgia Council for the Blind, 139 Altama Connector 188, Brunswick, GA  
31525.....877-667-6815

Georgia Council on Child Abuse, Inc., 1375 Peachtree St., N.E.,  
Atlanta, GA 30309.....404-870-6565

Georgia Council for the Hearing Impaired, 4151 Memorial Drive, Suite 103-B,  
Decatur, GA 30032.....404-292-5312

Georgia Department of Labor, Rehabilitation Services, Suite 510, Sussex Place,  
148 Andrew Young Blvd, NE, Atlanta, GA. 30303.....404-232-3910

Georgia Interpreting Services Network, 44 Broad St. Suite 503  
Atlanta,GA.,30303..... 800-228-4992

Georgia Legal Services Program, 161 Spring Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
Atlanta, GA 30303.....404-656-6021

Georgia Libraries for Blind/Physically Handicapped,  
1150 Murphy Ave., S.W., Atlanta Ga.,30310.....404-756-4619

Georgia Parent Support Network, Inc., 1381 Metropolitan Parkway,  
Atlanta,Ga.,30310.....404-758-4500

Georgia Project for Assistive Technology 526 Forest Parkway Suite H,  
Forest Park, GA.30297 .....404-758-4500

Georgia Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, PO Box 83088, Conyers, GA  
30013.....404-299-9500

Georgia School Superintendents Association,College of Ed. P.O. Box 398,  
Atlanta, GA 30302-  
3980.....404-413-8135

Georgia Society to Prevent Blindness, 455 E. Paces Ferry Rd., N.E., Suite 222,  
Atlanta, GA 30305.....404-266-0071

Georgia Speech, Language and Hearing Association, 20423 State Rd. 7  
Suite F6-491, Boca Raton, FL 33498 .....800-226-GSHA

Georgia TASC, 3421 B Mike Padgett Highway, Augusta, Ga.,30906.....706-432-4950

Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities 2 Peachtree Street, Suite 26-240,  
Atlanta, GA. 30303.....888-275-4233

**H**

Hemophilia of Georgia, Inc., 8800 Roswell Rd. Suite#170 Atlanta, Ga.,30350.....770-518-8272

**J**

Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 235 Peachtree Center Ave., N.E.,  
Atlanta, GA 30303.....706-860-0076

**L**

Learning Disabilities Association of Georgia, 2566 Shallowford Road, Suite 104 PMB 353,  
Atlanta, GA 30345 .....404-303-7774

Lekotek of Georgia, Inc. 1955 Cliff Valley Way, Suite 102  
Atlanta, Ga 30329.....404-633-3430

Lynndale School, 1490 Eisenhower Drive, Augusta, GA 30904.....706-738-3395

**M**

Mental Health Association of Metro Atlanta, 100 Edgewood Ave., Suite 502,  
Atlanta, GA 30303.....404-527-7175

Muscular Dystrophy Association, 2187 Northlake Parkway, Bldg. 9, Suite 116,  
Tucker, GA 30084.....770-621-0355

**N**

National Federation of the Blind of Georgia, 315 West Ponce De Leon Avenue,  
Suite 603, Decatur, Georgia 30030.....866-316-3242

**P**

Parent to Parent of Georgia, Central Office, 3805 Presidential Parkway, Suite 207,  
Atlanta, GA 30340.....800-229-2038

PEPP (Parents Educating Parents & Professional, Inc), 3680 Kings Highway,  
Douglasville, GA 301.....770-577-7771

Prader Willi Syndrome Association of Georgia, 3577 Chamblee Tucker Rd,  
Atlanta, Ga.,30341.....678-534-0724

Project Bridges (Kennesaw State University) 1000 Chastain Rd.,  
Kennesaw Ga.,30144.....770-423-6441

Professional Association of Georgia Educators, 2971 Flowers Rd. South  
Suite 151, Atlanta, Ga.,30341.....770-216-8555

**R**

Region 2 Services: Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addictive  
Diseases (MHDDAD),  
3405 Mike Padgett Highway, Building 3, Augusta, GA 30906.....866-380-4835

**S**

Serenity Behavioral Health Systems (Formerly Community Mental Health Center), 3421 Mike Padgett Highway, Augusta, GA. 30906.....706-432-4800

Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia, Inc., 2391 Benjamin E. Mays Dr., S.W., Atlanta, GA 30311.....404-755-1641

Spina Bifida Association of Georgia, 1448 B McLendon Dr. Decatur, Ga.30033.....770-939-1044

STAR Riding and Driving, Inc., P. O. Box 698, Aiken, SC 29802.....803-642-8800

**T**

Tools for Life, 1700 Century Circle, B-4, Atlanta, GA.30345.....800-497-8665

Tourette Syndrome,(Serving Georgia and South Carolina – no physical address)... 706-248-9784

Tri-Development Center of Aiken Co., Inc., P. O. Box 698, Aiken, SC 29802.....803-642-8800

Tri-Development Center, 725 Edgefield Rd., North Augusta, SC 29841.....803-819-1624

**U**

United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Atlanta, Inc., 3300 Northeast Expressway Building #9, Atlanta, Ga.,30341.....770-676-2000

**W**

Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation, 6135 Roosevelt Highway, Warm Springs, GA., 31830.....706-655-5000

**X-Z**

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

### A

Accent, Inc., 411 Pleasant Home Rd., Suite 30, Augusta, GA 30907.....	706-855-7684
ADA Office 1535 Fenwick St. Augusta, Ga., 30904.....	706-821-1819
Adaptive Aquatic Fitness (Family Y ) 3532 Wheeler Rd. Augusta, Ga.,30909 .....	706-738-6678
Advantage Counseling Service Inc. 3665 Wheeler Rd. Augusta, Ga.,30909 .....	706-854-7855
Agape Outreach Ministries, 161 Ansley Drive, Thomson, GA 30824.....	706-597-8800
Alzheimer's Association of Augusta 1899 Central Ave., Augusta, Ga.,30907 .....	706-731-9060
American Cancer Society.....	706-731-9900
American Heart Association.....	706-855-5005
American Red Cross Services, 1322 Ellis Street, Augusta, GA 30901.....	706-724-8481
Augusta Care Pregnancy Center, 1298 ½ Broad Street, Augusta, GA 30901.....	706-724-3733
Augusta Chapter Georgia Council for the Blind.....	706-793-9264
Augusta Child Advocacy Center.....	706-737-6870
Augusta Child Advocates, Inc., 1855 Fenwick St, Augusta, GA 30904.....	706- 737-3006
Augusta Housing Authority—Family Self-Sufficiency Program 1425 Walton Way, Augusta GA.,30901.....	706-724-5466
Augusta Public Transit, 1535 Fenwick Street, Augusta, GA. 30904.....	706-821-1819
Augusta Rape Crisis, 806 13th St., Augusta, GA 30901 .....	Hotline: 706-724-5200; Office: 706-774-2740
Augusta Rescue Mission, 526 Walker Street, Augusta, GA 30901.....	706-722-2058
Augusta/Richmond County Community Partnership for Children and Families.....	706-721-1040

Augusta State University Counseling, 2500 Walton Way, Augusta, GA 30904... 706-737-1472  
 Augusta State University Disability Services,.....706-737-1469  
 Augusta State University Literacy Center, Magnolia Drive, Augusta, GA 30909....706-733-7043  
 Augusta Talking Book Center 425 9<sup>th</sup> St. Augusta, Ga.,30901.....706-821-2625  
 Augusta Training Shop, 1704 Jenkins St, Augusta, GA 30904.....706-738-1358  
 Augusta Urban Ministries, 303 Hale Street, Augusta, GA 30901.....706-722-8195  
 Autism and Developmental Disabilities Society.....706-855-9629

**B**

B & B Care Services, 303 South Laurel St., Springfield, GA. 31329.....800-657-7017  
 Bereaved Parents.....803- 648-4587  
 Berry Center, Inc., 3017 Walton Way, Augusta, GA 30909.....706-738-6792  
 Beulah Grove Community Center 1446 Lee Beard Way, Augusta, Ga.,30901.....706-722-4999  
 Blind Rehabilitation Services, Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center, 1 Freedom Way  
 Augusta, GA 30904.....706-733-0188  
 Boys and Girls Club of Augusta, Inc, 1903 Division Street, Augusta, GA 30904.....706-312-2200  
 Brightmore Outpatient Services, 115 Davis Rd., Martinez, GA 30907.....706-855-8866  
 Burke County Health Department, 114 Dogwood Drive, Waynesboro, GA.....706-554-3456  
 Burke Transit (EMA), 277 Highway 24 South, Waynesboro, GA 30830.....706-554-1660

**C**

Care Management Consultants, 1105 Druid Park Ave., Augusta, GA 30904.....706-737-8830  
 Care Management, Inc., 3604 Wheeler Road, Augusta, GA 30909.....706-855-0335  
 Catholic Social Services, 811 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Augusta, GA 30901.....706-722-3661  
 Catholic Social Services (Clothing Area), 2108 Broad Street,  
 Augusta, GA 30904.....706-737-8286  
 Center for New Beginnings 845 Liberty St. Waynesboro, Ga. 30830.....

Child Care Resources & Referral, 1054 Claussen Rd, Suite 306, Augusta, GA 30907  
.....706-729-2353

Child Enrichment, Inc., P.O. Box 12036, Augusta, GA 30914-2036.....706-737-4631

Columbia County Cares, Columbia Road, Appling, GA 30802.....706-541-2834

Columbia County Department of Family and Children Services,  
Appling, GA 30802.....706-541-1640

Columbia County Health Department.....706-541-1318

Columbus Community Service 1058 Claussen Rd. Suite 108  
Augusta, Ga.,30909.....706-736-0401

Community Cupboard (referral only), 922 Greene Street,  
Augusta, GA 30901.....706-722-7121

Community Outreach Program for the Handicapped, Inc.  
1301 Greene St., Augusta, GA 30901.....706-826-4725

CSRA Radio Reading for the Blind, 2500 Walton Way,  
Augusta, GA 30904.....706-737-1661

CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc., 1261 Greene St., Augusta, GA  
30901.....706-722-0493

Custom Mobility, 315 Whitehead Rd, Athens, GA. 30606.....800-424-7797

**D**

Department of Family and Children Services: STATE OFFICE, 3669 2 Peachtree Street, NW  
Suite 18-486, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.....404-651-9361

Department of Human Resources, 2567 Central Ave, Augusta, GA 30903.....706-729-2086

Division of Rehabilitation Services,  
1025-A Warrenton Hwy., P. O. Box 824, Thomson, GA 30824.....706-597-8575

Duramed Medical Services, 1543 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Augusta, GA 30901.....706-737-0500

**E**

Easter Seals of East Georgia, 1500 Wrightsboro Road, Augusta, GA 30904....706-667-9695

Emanuel County Health Department, Emanuel County Health Center  
P. O. Box 436, Swainsboro, GA 30401.....478-237-7501

Exceptional Family Member Program  
Darling Hall 307 Chamberlain Ave Suite 224, Fort Gordon, GA 30905.....706-791-4872

**F**

Family Counseling Center, 630 Ellis Street, Augusta, GA 30901.....706-722-6512

Family Self-Sufficiency Program.....706-312-3142

Fort Gordon Army Community Services.....706-791-3579

Fort Gordon Family Advocacy Program.....706-791-3579

**G**

Georgia Legal Services Program, Augusta, GA 30901.....706-721-2327

Georgia PINES, Clarkston, GA.....800-522-8652

Georgia Safe, 4424 Columbia Rd, Suite B, Martinez, GA 30907.....706-210-3435

Georgia TASC, 3421 B Mike Padgett Highway, Augusta, GA 30906.....706-432-4950

Georgia TASC, P. O. Box 1344, Thomson, GA 30824  
(Serves Columbia, McDuffie, and Warren Counties.....706-595-4027

Georgia TASC, 213 Hospital Street, P. O. Box 963, Washington, GA 30673.....706-595-4027

Glascock County Health Department, P. O. Box 98, Gibson, GA 30810.....706-598-2061

Golden Harvest Food Bank, 3310 Commerce Drive, Augusta, GA 30909.....706-736-1199

Gracewood State School and Hospital, 100 Myrtle Blvd., P. O. Box 1299,  
Gracewood, GA 30812.....706-790-2011

**H**

Habitat for Humanity, P. O. Box 15053, Augusta, GA 30909.....706-481-8681

Hoofbeats Family Therapy Center LLC 4664 Hardy-McManus Rd,  
Evans, Ga., 30809..... 706-364-5204

Human Relations Commission, 360 Bay St # 240, Augusta, GA .....706-821-2506

Housing Authority of the City of Augusta, 1435 Walton Way,  
Augusta, Georgia 30901.....706-312-3113

Housing Authority of the City of Harlem 140 E. Milledgeville Road, Harlem, GA 30814.....	706-556-3025
Housing Authority of the City of Lincolnnton, 311 Moss St, Lincolnton, GA 30817.....	706-359-2871
Housing Authority—Regional Office, Waynesboro, GA 30830.....	706-554-2233
Housing Authority of the City of Swainsboro, P. O. Box 265, Swainsboro, GA 30401.....	478-237-7281
Housing Authority of the City of Thomson, 219 Pecan Street, Thomson, GA 30824.....	706-595-4878
Housing Authority of Washington, 103 Chaney Parkway Washington, GA 30673.....	706-678-3261
<b>I</b>	
Independent Living Center, 513 15 <sup>th</sup> Street, Augusta, GA. 30901.....	706-724-6909
<b>J</b>	
Jefferson County Health Department, P. O. Box 306, Louisville, GA 30434.....	478-625-3716
Jefferson County Transit Company, 617 Walnut Street, Louisville, GA 30434.....	478-625-8518
Jenkins County Health Department, P. O. Box 627, Millen, GA 30442.....	478-982-2811
JTPA, Job Training Partnership Act, East Central Georgia Consortium, Thomson, GA 30824.....	706-595-8941
<b>L</b>	
Lincoln County Health Department, P. O. Box 65, Lincolnnton, GA 30817.....	706-359-3154
Lions Club of Augusta.....	800-718-7483
Lutheran Service of Ga. 1054 Claussen Rd. Suite 306 Augusta, Ga.30907.....	706-736-2122
Lynndale, Inc., 1490 Eisenhower Drive, Augusta, GA 30904.....	706-738-3395
<b>M</b>	
Master’s Table (Soup Kitchen), 842 Fenwick Street, Augusta, GA 30901.....	706-722-0607

McDuffie County Mental Health, 306 Greenway Street,  
Thomson, GA 30824.....706-595-2739

Medical College of Georgia, 1120 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Augusta, GA 30912.....706-721-0211

**N**

National Alliance on Mental Health, PO Box 3904, Augusta, GA. 30914....706-733-8838

**O**

Ogeechee Service Center, 1114 Clarks Mill Road, Louisville, GA 30434  
.....478-625-7214

Ogeechee Behavioral Service, P. O. Box 726, Waynesboro, GA 30830...706-554-9783

**P**

Parent to Parent (Resource Library) 1446 Harper Street,  
Augusta, Ga.,30901.....706-721-5160

**R**

Richmond/Burke Job Training Authority 209 7<sup>th</sup> St. 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Augusta, GA 30901.....706-721-1858

Richmond County Department of Family and Children Services  
520 Fenwick Street, Augusta, GA 30903.....706-721-3000

Richmond County Health Department, 101 Bailie Drive, Augusta,  
GA 30901.....706-721-5800

Richmond County Recreation and Parks Department  
2027 Lumpkin Road, Augusta, GA 30906.....706-796-5025

Right From The Start Medicaid, 2427 Central Ave Augusta, Ga.,30904.....706-729-2086

Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation P.O. Box 1000  
Warm Spring, Ga. 31830-0268.....706-650-5501

**S**

Salvation Army—Office and Welfare Center, 1384 Greene Street,  
Augusta, GA 30901.....706-826-7933

Salvation Army Thrift Store #1, 1345 Greene Street, Augusta, GA  
30901.....706-823-1914

Salvation Army Thrift Store #2, 1507 North Leg, Augusta, GA 30909.....706-733-3219

Salvation Army Thrift Store, 910 Augusta Highway, SE, Thomson, GA  
30824.....706-595-9283

Serenity Behavioral Health Services. (Formerly Community Mental Health),  
3421 Mike Padgett Highway, Augusta, Georgia 30906.....706-432-4800

Southern Home Care Service (Respite Care) 1225 Augusta West Parkway  
Augusta, Ga., 30909.....706-860-3835

STAR Riding & Driving, Inc. PO Box 698, Aiken , SC 29802 .....803 652-3231

**T**

Taliaferro County Health Department, 109 Commerce Street,  
Crawfordville, GA 30631.....706-456-2316

The Augusta Talking Book Center, 425 James Brown Blvd, Augusta, GA 30901  
.....706-821-2625

Therapy On Wheels Inc., 2914 Professional Parkway. Augusta, GA 30909  
.....706-650-5501

Trinity Home Health Care, 2260 Wrightsboro Road, Augusta, GA  
30904.....706-729-6000

Trinity Home Health Care, 674 Main Street, Thomson, GA 30824.....706-595-3642

**W**

Walton Options for Independent Living, 948 Walton Way, Augusta, GA.  
30903.....706-724-6262

Warren County Health Department, P. O. Box 332, Warrenton, GA  
30828.....706-456-2259

We Care, 118 Greenway Street, Thomson, GA 30824.....706-595-3138

Wilkes County Health Department, 204 Gordon Street, Washington, GA  
30673.....706-678-2622

**X**

**Y**

**Z**

**Telephone Resources**  
**800 Numbers/Others for Family Education – Support – Advocacy**

**A**

ADA Information Line.....	800-514-0301
Allergy & Asthma Clinic (of Macon).....	800-648-7761
Alzheimer's Assoc.....	800-272-3900
American Cancer Society.....	800-227-2345
American Cleft Palate Educational Foundation.....	800-242-5338
American Council of the Blind.....	800-424-8666
American Diabetes Association.....	800-232-3472
American Foundation for the Blind.....	800-232-5463
American Heart Association.....	800-242-8721
American Kidney Fund.....	800-638-8299
American Liver Foundation, Hepatitis.....	800-223-0179
American Lung Association.....	800-LUNG-USA
American Parkinson's Disease Association.....	800-223-2732
American Speech-Hearing Association Helpline.....	800-638-8255
American Social Health Association.....	800-227-8922
American Society for Deaf Children.....	800-942-2732
AmeriCorps.....	800-942-2677
Arthritis Foundation.....	800-283-7800
Ask-A-Nurse.....	800-634-0557
Association for Retarded Citizens of the U.S.....	800-433-5255
Association on Mental Retardation.....	800-424-3668
Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America.....	800-727-8462
Athens, Georgia, Center for Speech, Language/Hearing Disabilities.....	800-255-0135
Autism Society of America.....	800-328-8476

**B**

B & B Care Services.....	800-657-7017
Babies Can't Wait.....	800-653-BABY
Better Hearing Institute Hearing Helpline.....	800-327-9355
Brain Injury Association.....	800-444-6443
Brain & Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund.....	888-233-5760

**C**

CDC National Aids Hotline.....	800-342-2437
CHADD: Children & Adults with Attention Deficit.....	800-233-4050
Cancer Information Service National Line.....	800-422-6237
Cardiac Lifestyle Center (KY).....	800-255-0793
Carroll Center for the Blind (MA).....	800-852-3131

Center for Rehabilitation Technology.....800-457-9555  
 Cleftline.....800-242-5338  
 Cocaine Anonymous.....800-262-2463  
 Community Mental Health Child Adolescent Program  
 Mental Retardation Program.....706-432-4760  
 Council of Exceptional Children.....800-845-6232  
 Crisis Intervention (Mental Health).....800-766-6041  
 Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America.....800-932-2423  
 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.....800-344-4823

**D**

Direction Service of Georgia.....800-282-7552  
 Division of Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children  
 .....800-424-2460  
 Downs Syndrome and Alzheimer's National Help an.....800-272-3900

**E**

Epilepsy Foundation of America.....800-332-1000  
 Epilepsy Foundation of Georgia.....800-527-7105  
 Epilepsy Hotline.....877-610-1180

**G**

Georgia Center for Resources & Support.....866-A-PARENT  
 Georgia Legal Services.....800-248-6697  
 Georgia's Helpline for Child Abuse Info.....800-244-5373

**H**

Handicapped, Inc. , .....800-782-4335  
 HCA Coliseum Psychiatric Hospital.....800-548-4221  
 Hearing Impaired Georgia Council.....800-541-0710  
 Hearing Resources.....800-531-2139  
 Higher Education & The Handicapped Resource Center.....800-544-3284  
 House Ear Institute Leadline.....800-352-8888  
 Huntington's Disease Society of America.....800-345-4372

**I**

**J**

Job Opportunities for the Blind.....316-267-2244  
 Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International.....800-533-2873

## L

Lung Line.....800-222-5864

## M

Medic Alert Foundation (US).....800-863-3425

Muscular Dystrophy Association.....800-572-1717

## N

Narcotics Anonymous.....800-777-1515

National Adoption Center.....800-862-3678

National Aids Information Clearing House.....800-342-2437

National Alliance for Blind Students.....800-424-8666

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.....800-950-6264

National Alliance on Mental Illness.....800-728-1052

National Association for Hearing and Speech Action.....800-638-8255

National Association for Parents of Visually Impaired.....800-562-6265

National Association for Sickle Cell Disease, In.....800-421-8453

National AT&T Special Needs Center Accessible Communication  
.....800-233-1222

National Autism Society.....800-532-5845

National Captioning Institute.....800-533-9673

National Center for Stuttering.....800-221-2483

National Center for Youth with Disabilities.....800-695-0285

National Child Abuse Hotline.....800-422-4453

National Downs Syndrome Congress.....800-232-6372

National Downs Syndrome Society.....800-221-4602

National Easter Seal Society.....800-221-6827

National Fragile X Foundation.....800-688-8765

National Head Injury Foundation.....800-444-6443

National Headache Foundation.....800-843-2256

National Health Information Clearinghouse.....800-336-4797

National Hearing Aid Society.....800-521-5247

National Hospice Organization.....800-658-8898

National Housing Director for People with Disabilities.....202-783-2229

National Hydrocephalus Foundation.....888-857-3434

National Information Center for Children & Youth with Disabilities  
.....800-695-0285

National Kidney Foundation.....800-622-9010

National Mental Health Association.....800-969-6642

National Multiple Sclerosis Society.....800-532-7667

National Organization for Rare Disorders.....800-999-6673

National Rehabilitation Information Center.....800-346-2742

National Spinal Cord Injury Association.....800-962-9629

National Spinal Cord Injury Hotline.....800-526-3456  
National Stroke Association.....800-767-6537  
National Tuberos Sclerosis Association.....800-225-6872

**O**

Orton Dyslexia Society.....800-222-3123

**P**

Parents Educating Parents & Professionals (PEPP).....800-322-7065  
Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center.....800-869-6782  
Parent to Parent.....800-229-2038  
Prevent Blindness Georgia.....800-477-4448  
Prevention Resource Center.....800-554-1510

**R**

Retinitis Pigmentosa Association.....800-344-4877  
Rural Institute on Disabilities.....800-732-0323

**S**

Shriner's Hospital Referral Line.....800-237-5055  
Sickle Cell Disease Association of America.....800-421-8453  
Social Security Administration.....800-772-1213  
Social Security Administration.....800-234-5772  
State Department of Georgia Medial As.....866-211-0950

**U**

United Cerebral Palsy.....800-872-5827

**V**

Visiting Nurse Association of America.....800-426-2547  
Vocational Rehabilitation.....866-637-9193

**X**

Xavier Society for the Blind.....800-637-9193

**Y**

**Z**

## Useful Websites

### **General Family Health Information:**

Kidshealth [www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org)

Dr. Koop [www.drkoop.com](http://www.drkoop.com)

### **Parent Support, Information and/or Advocacy:**

Caring for A Seriously Ill Child  
[http://kidshealth.org/parent/system/ill/seriously\\_ill\\_prt.htm](http://kidshealth.org/parent/system/ill/seriously_ill_prt.htm)

Exceptional Parent Magazine [www.eparent.com](http://www.eparent.com)

Families and Work Institute [www.familiesandwork.org](http://www.familiesandwork.org)

Family Village <http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/index.htmlx>

Friends of Disabled Adults and Children [www.fodac.org](http://www.fodac.org)

National Parent to Parent [www.netnet.net/mums](http://www.netnet.net/mums)

Parents Educating Parents & Professionals (PEPP) [www.peppinc.org](http://www.peppinc.org)

Parent to Parent of Georgia [www.parenttoparentofga.org](http://www.parenttoparentofga.org)

Parent's Place [www.parentsplace.com](http://www.parentsplace.com)

### **Special Programs:**

Autism Society of America- Greater Georgia Chapter [www.asaga.com](http://www.asaga.com)

Custom Mobility [www.custommobility.net](http://www.custommobility.net)

Child Care Resource/Referral Agency [www.mcg.edu/pediatrics/ccrr](http://www.mcg.edu/pediatrics/ccrr)

Emory Autism Center [www.psychiatry.emory.edu/PROGRAMS/autism](http://www.psychiatry.emory.edu/PROGRAMS/autism)

Georgia Center for Resource & Support [www.gacrs.org](http://www.gacrs.org)

Georgia Association of the Deaf [www.gadeaf.org](http://www.gadeaf.org)

Hopes and Dreams Foundation	<a href="http://www.childrenswishes.org">www.childrenswishes.org</a>
Hilton Head Heroes	<a href="http://www.hiltonheadheroes.com">www.hiltonheadheroes.com</a>
Lynndale, Inc.	<a href="http://www.lynndaleinc.org">www.lynndaleinc.org</a>
Right from the Start	<a href="http://www.dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov/rsm">www.dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov/rsm</a>
Songs of Love	<a href="http://www.songsoflove.org">www.songsoflove.org</a>
Make A Wish Foundation	<a href="http://www.wish.org">www.wish.org</a>
Walton Options for Independent Living	<a href="http://www.waltonoptions.org">www.waltonoptions.org</a>
Tourette's Syndrome Association	<a href="http://www.tsa-usa.org/">http://www.tsa-usa.org/</a>

### **Visits to Doctors and Hospitals:**

KidsHealth for Parents:

Preparing your child for a doctor visit

[http://kidshealth.org/parent/system/doctor/dr\\_visits\\_prt.htm](http://kidshealth.org/parent/system/doctor/dr_visits_prt.htm)

Preparing your child for the hospital and surgery

[http://kidshealth.org/parent/system/surgery/hosp\\_surgery\\_prt.htm](http://kidshealth.org/parent/system/surgery/hosp_surgery_prt.htm)

### **Specific Health Issue/Disability:**

American Cancer Society	<a href="http://www.cancer.org">www.cancer.org</a>
Asthma	<a href="http://www.aanma.org">www.aanma.org</a>
Autism	<a href="http://www.autism-society.org">www.autism-society.org</a>
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association	<a href="http://www.asha.org">www.asha.org</a>
CHADD	<a href="http://www.chadd.org">www.chadd.org</a>
Diseases Explained	<a href="http://www.diseases-explained.com">www.diseases-explained.com</a>
Easter Seals East Georgia	<a href="http://www.eastersealseastgeorgia.org">www.eastersealseastgeorgia.org</a>
Fragile Kids Foundation	<a href="http://www.fragilekids.com">www.fragilekids.com</a>
Internet Resources for Special Children	<a href="http://www.irsc.org">www.irsc.org</a>
Learning Disabilities Association of America	<a href="http://www.ldanatl.org">www.ldanatl.org</a>
National Attention Deficit Disorder Association	<a href="http://www.add.org">www.add.org</a>
National Center for Learning Disabilities	<a href="http://www.nclld.org">www.nclld.org</a>
National Center for Infectious Diseases	<a href="http://www.cdc.gov">www.cdc.gov</a>
National Center on Birth Defects	<a href="http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/default.htm">www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/default.htm</a>
National Heart Assistance and Transplant Fund	<a href="http://www.transplantfund.org">www.transplantfund.org</a>
National Institute of Health	<a href="http://www.nih.gov/health/">www.nih.gov/health/</a>
National Organization for Rare Disorders	<a href="http://www.rarediseases.org/cgi-bin/nord">www.rarediseases.org/cgi-bin/nord</a>
Medline	<a href="http://www.medlineplus.gov">www.medlineplus.gov</a>

Online Asperger's Information and Support (OASIS) [www.udel.edu/bkirby/asperger](http://www.udel.edu/bkirby/asperger)  
United Cerebral Palsy Association [www.ucp.org](http://www.ucp.org)

### **Education:**

National Information Center for Children And Youth with Disabilities

[www.nichcy.org](http://www.nichcy.org)

ERIC Clearinghouse

<http://ericec.org>

PACER Center (Parent Advocacy Coalition for Education Rights)

[www.pacer.org](http://www.pacer.org)

Parents as Teachers National Center, Inc.

[www.parentsasteachers.org](http://www.parentsasteachers.org)

Family Education Company

[www.familyeducation.com](http://www.familyeducation.com)

Wright's Law

[www.wrightslaw.com](http://www.wrightslaw.com)

IDEA

[www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/Policy/IDEA](http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/Policy/IDEA)

### **Patient Transportation:**

National Patient Travel Center

[www.patienttravel.org](http://www.patienttravel.org)

Mercy Medical Airlift

[www.mercymedical.org](http://www.mercymedical.org)

Corporate Angel Network

[www.corpangelnetwork.org](http://www.corpangelnetwork.org)

AirlifeLine

[www.airlifeline.org](http://www.airlifeline.org)

### **For Kids:**

Friends of Disabled Adults and Children

[www.fodac.org/](http://www.fodac.org/)

Kids Health

[www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org)

### **Resources in Spanish (and Others):**

Patient Education Materials in Foreign Languages

<http://u-write.com/foreign.shtml>

Global Health

[www.globalhealth.com](http://www.globalhealth.com)

## **CHILD FIND TEACHER ALERT**

### **THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF OBSERVABLE BEHAVIORS. THEY ARE WARNING SIGNS OF LEARNING PROBLEMS.**

If you have students in your class who exhibit any of these characteristics, please discuss this with the parents of the child, his/her principal and consider a referral to your Student Support Team.

#### **Possible Indicators of Disabling Conditions**

##### **SIGHT**

- The student frequently complains that his/her head or eyes hurt.
- The eyelids of the student are red, watery, puffy and encrusted.
- The eyes of the student appear to be crossed or do not seem to focus on the same point.
- The student holds his/her head in an awkward or tilted position when reading or working.
- The student copies from the board with difficulty.
- The student sits on the front row and still has difficulty seeing the board.

##### **HEARING**

- The student talks loudly during normal conversations.
- The student has difficulty understanding direction or does not respond to direct questions.
- The student complains that his/her ear aches or that liquid runs from his/her ear.
- When listening, the student always turns the same ear to the person talking.
- The student has serious speech difficulties.

##### **SPEECH AND LANGUAGE**

- The speech of the student is difficult to understand.
- The student consistently substitutes or omits particular sounds in his/her speech.
- The student speaks in a halting manner and appears to have difficulty in remembering appropriate words and in organizing his/her response correctly.
- The student has difficulty in understanding verbal directions.

##### **SOCIAL SKILLS**

- The student has difficulty observing rules during group games or is often involved in conflict on the playground and/or recess, and in small group situations.
- The student is very reluctant to interact with others.
- The student cannot function successfully without adult supervision or support.
- The student is hostile to and aggressive with others.

##### **PLAY**

- At the age of 1, the child is unable to play infant games such as "peek-a-boo".
- Between the ages of 2 and 3, the child is unable to imitate adults doing simple tasks.
- At the age of 3, the child is unable to play alone with toys.
- At the age of 4, the child is unable to play group games such as "hide-and-seek" or to understand taking turns.

- At the age of 5, the child is unable to play competitive games, express sympathy or concern, and does not play “pretend/show-off” activities once in a while. At the age of 6, the child has problems in the understanding of “fair play”; he/she is unable to participate in simple table games and is unable to plan and build constructively or to cross the street safely.

## **THINKING**

- At the age of 1, the child is unable to respond to a call by looking directly at an adult; he/she cannot recognize simple problems such as finding an object that has been hidden under a cup.
- At the age of 2, the child is unable to identify body parts or to match like objects; he/she is unable to recognize himself/herself in a mirror.
- At the age of 3, the child is unable to recognize his/her own name and/or is unable to use familiar objects.
- At the age of 4, the child is unable to name colors; he/she is unable to tell of an action in a picture and is unable to count to 2.
- At the age of 5, the child is unable to make simple comparisons—which is heavier, which is lighter—is unable to count up to 4, and has a problem in understanding time sequence such as “yesterday,” “today,” and “tomorrow.”
- At the age of 6, the child is unable to distinguish left from right, to understand size and weight relationships, to count to 6 and/or to understand numbers to 10.

## **MOTION**

- At the age of 1, the child cannot sit without support, pull himself/herself to a standing position, reach for objects or pick up objects with a pincer grasp.
- At the age of 2, the child is unable to walk alone, to kick a large ball, to scribble or to build a tower with 3 blocks.
- At the age of 3, the child cannot walk up or down stairs, pedal a tricycle, run without falling, turn the pages of a book, copy circles, or draw a cross mark.
- At the age of 4, the child cannot balance on one foot, jump from the bottom step, catch a bounced ball, close a fist and wiggle a thumb or trace a diamond shape.
- At the age of 5, the child is unable to turn somersaults, pump himself/herself on a swing, fold a paper triangle from a 4” square, print a few capital letters, or cut with scissors on a straight line.
- At the age of 6, the child cannot skip on alternate feet, jump rope, throw a ball 10 feet away so that it can be caught, print his/her first name, lace his/her shoes, and draw a person that includes a head, trunk, arms, and other features.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENTS OF EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

**Every child with a disability has a unique level of functioning. It is important that a parent or guardian adjust the following instructions to fit the individual level of understanding of each child.**

- Parents need to be creative in teaching a child safety tips—children will retain an instruction better if it is explained and demonstrated. Using different settings emphasizes some rules in effect.
- All children should be able to communicate their name; address, including city and state and zip code; and phone number, including the area code. For non-verbal or severely impaired children, a card, tag, or inscribed bracelet can be used. However, there should be an understanding that identification only be shown to an authorized adult.
- Do not place names or any other identification on the outside of books, clothes, or other personal items, as this is a way of letting strangers approach children with personal information.
- Teach your children never to admit to anyone over the phone that they are home alone and to call the police or a neighbor if someone tries to get into the house.
- Teach your children that a stranger is someone you and they do not know or a “bad” stranger asks children to go with him, offers them candy or presents, or asks them to keep a “secret”.
- Children should know they have a right to say “No”. They do not have to obey strangers.
- Your children should know that adults rarely ask children for directions and it is best to ignore people who do. If a person calls the child to a car, the child should never go near that car.
- Children in wheelchairs should refuse unnecessary requests to assist them with a polite, but firm statement that they can manage without assistance.
- Respect the reluctance of your child to be with someone that he/she does not feel comfortable with. Some children with disabilities may not be able to verbalize why.
- If your child is followed by someone that he/she does not know, either in a car or on foot, they should never go to a deserted place.
- Practice with your children what should be done in a variety of situations such as if they were to be separated from you. If you are shopping and become separated, your child should not look for you but he/she should be taught to go immediately to the nearest counter and ask for help. Always reinforce that they should not go to the parking lot without you.

## NEWSPAPER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**I. All children, ages 0-21, are entitled to a free education. This includes children with problems such as:**

Behavioral  
Emotional  
Motor (physical)  
Vision  
Hearing  
Speech and Language  
Intellectual

It is the responsibility of the local school system to identify these children. Many of the children are not receiving services because they have NOT been identified. PLEASE help us locate them.

For more information, call your local special education director or the toll free Direction Center phone line sponsored by the State Department of Education through the Georgia Learning Resource System (GLRS). The toll free line is 1-800-282-7552. GLRS will provide assistance in making the referral to the county where the child resides.

**II. All Children Deserve a Chance**

Do you know any children from birth through age 21 who might have a physical (motor), mental, emotional, vision, hearing, speech/language problem who are not receiving services through their school system? No matter what the problem is, or its severity, these children are entitled to an education. The Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA 2004) mandates that these services should be provided for all children who meet the eligibility requirements for special education and/or related services. PLEASE help up locate all children with disabilities who are NOT receiving special education services.

For more information, call your local special education director or the toll-free Georgia Direction Center at 1-800-282-7552.

\*These announcements can be run as a public service announcement. Your newspaper will set the type to fit the available space.