



# CHILD & FAMILY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESOURCE GUIDE

RESILIENT COMMUNITIES OF EAST GEORGIA  
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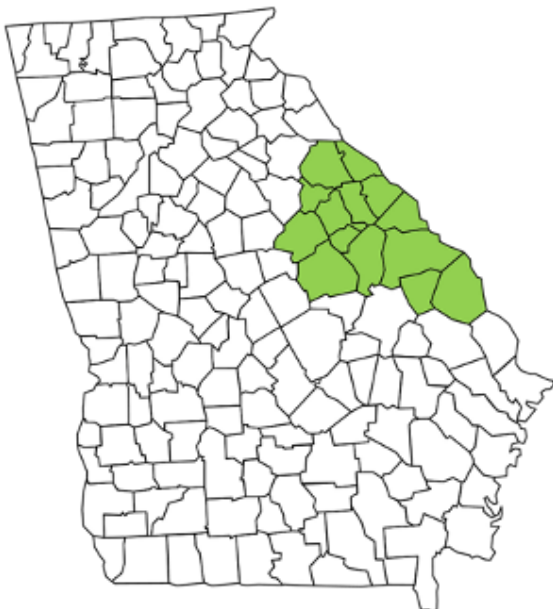
# OVERVIEW

This resource guide includes child and family behavioral health state & local resources with service descriptions and contact information for the counties included in the Resilient Communities of East Georgia. This document is meant to serve, inform & assist regional coalition's partners, community members & local stakeholders.

This resource guide has been co-produced by Resilient Georgia & Resilient Communities of East Georgia.

## **RESILIENT COMMUNITIES OF EAST GEORGIA**

Resilient Communities of East Georgia focuses its efforts on educating the community on the impacts of trauma and strengthening support for programs and services among teens in the Central Savannah River Area Regional Commissions (CSRA), rural, urban, and suburban areas of the 14-county catchment area. The coalition includes 14 Family Connection County collaboratives, Wellstar Medical College of Georgia Health, Child Enrichment and the Prevent Child Abuse Council, Augusta Locally Grown, the CSRA Foundation, and the Medical College of Georgia Foundation. The coalition aims to create a network of leaders trained in building resiliency in their regions to improve mental health and ACEs awareness and resources.



## **RESILIENT GEORGIA**

Aligning public and private efforts and resources across the state that support resiliency for all persons aged 0-26 and their families.

### **GEOGRAPHIC SERVICE AREA**

Burke, Columbia, Glascock,  
Hancock, Jefferson, Jenkins,  
Lincoln, McDuffie, Wilkes,  
Richmond, Screven, Taliaferro,  
Warren, Washington

### **CONTACT**

[info@rceg.org](mailto:info@rceg.org)  
706-830-3722



# HOW WILL THE MENTAL HEALTH PARITY ACT IMPACT ME?

The **Mental Health Parity Bill (HB 1013)** was successfully passed in March 2022 with bipartisan support. In response to this bill, **insurance companies must treat mental health and substance abuse disorders in the same way they treat physical health conditions**. In simple terms, it's about making sure people get fair access to mental health care through their insurance, without facing discrimination or higher costs compared to physical health care. Patients can no longer be denied medically necessary treatment for mental health conditions.

In order to understand individual health plans, each consumer should review their **Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC)** and the **Summary Plan Description (SPD)** written in each plan.

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU AREN'T RECEIVING THE INSURANCE COVERAGE YOU NEED:

### Step 1: Call Your Insurance Company.

- Gather your insurance documents and the denial letter or bill for mental health treatment. Request a letter of support from your mental health provider outlining the necessity of the care. Call the number on your insurance ID card to initiate the appeal process, be sure to record the call for documentation purposes.

### Step 2: File a Complaint.

- If you have health insurance through your employer, family member, or if you've chosen your insurance independently, file a complaint via the Georgia Department of Insurance's [online consumer complaints portal](#).
- For those with insurance through Medicaid, PeachCare for Kids, or the State Health Benefit Plan, use the Georgia Department of Community Health's [online mental health parity complaint form](#) to file your complaint.

### Helpful links:

- [Mental Health Parity Act Information: The Carter Center](#)
- [Mental Health Parity Information: Georgia DCH](#)
- [Kennedy Forum/NAMI Health Insurance Appeals Guide](#)
- [Sample Appeal Letter](#)

*\*The state is responsible for the monitoring and enforcing of parity for private insurance plans, including individual, marketplace, small business, and large employer plans that are not self-funded. Note that large, self-funded corporate ERISA plans are regulated by the US Department of Labor (See <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa/laws-and-regulations/laws/mental-health-and-substance-use-disorder-parity>.) Also note that federal parity law does not apply to Medicare.*

*\*\*Adapted from Georgia Mental Health*

# COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN GEORGIA

## HOW TO GET SUPPORT FOR CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIMS

Step 1: Report to the **Division of Family and Children Services Hotline** available 24/7 1-855-422-4453 or

Report online at **<https://cps.dhs.ga.gov>**

Step 2: If you feel the child is in immediate danger, make a report to law enforcement by calling 911.

Step 3: Make a Referral to **Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia** 1-866-363-4842 (option 2) and visit **[www.cacga.org/csec-response-team/](http://www.cacga.org/csec-response-team/)**  
You can also make a report of suspected abuse online. The Georgia Mandated Reporter Form is to be used by mandated reporters who wish to report electronically, go to:  
**<https://cps.dhs.ga.gov/Main/Default.aspx>**

## CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS IN GEORGIA:

**Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia**  
770-319-6888

Feel free to call the center with any questions about where to find resources related to child sexual abuse. Contact the nearest CAC to set up an interview if abuse is reported.

## PREVENT CHILD ABUSE GEORGIA

**PCA Georgia** Helpline:  
1-800-244-5373

Support for families and parents and connects to appropriate community resources. Offers information about child abuse, family violence, counseling and support groups. Bilingual (Spanish/English) call center is open Mon-Fri from 8am-7pm.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Child Enrichment (Augusta, GA) 706-737-4631
- Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia 770-319-6888
- Connect to Protect Kids
- Criminal Justice Coordinating Council 404-657-1956
- Frontline Response 404-941-6024
- Georgia Bureau of Investigations Georgia's Sex Offender Registry 404-270-8465
- Georgia Center for Child Advocacy 678-904-2880
  - GCCA Technical Assistance Resource Guide (TARG)
- Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence (GCADV) 1-800-334-2836
- Georgia Department of Human Resources 877-423-4746
- Georgia Division of Family and Children Services
  - (855)-422-4453 (Child Protective Services)
  - (404) 651-9361 (Foster Care Placement)
- Prevent Child Abuse Georgia 404-413-1419
- Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children at CHOA
- Stop It Now 1-888-PREVENT (773-8368)
- Voices for Georgia's Children 404-521-0311

# MANDATED REPORTING

## GEORGIA STATE REPORTING LAWS

<https://oca.georgia.gov/training/mandated-reporting>

### REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS

*Ann. Code § 19-7-5*

Any other person who has reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused may report

### INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT

*Ann. Code § 19-7-5*

If a person is required to report child abuse because that person attends to a child as part of the person's duties as an employee of or volunteer at a hospital, school, social agency, or similar facility, that person shall notify the person in charge of the facility, or the designated delegate thereof, and the person so notified shall report or cause a report to be made in accordance with this section. An employee or volunteer who makes a report to the person designated shall be deemed to have fully complied with this subsection. Under no circumstances shall any person in charge of such hospital, school, agency, or facility, or the designated delegate thereof to whom such notification has been made exercise any control, restraint, modification, or make other change to the information provided by the reporter, although each of the aforementioned persons may be consulted prior to the making of a report and may provide any additional, relevant, and necessary information when making the report.

### STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

*Ann. Code § 19-7-5; 16-12-100*

A report is required when:

- A reporter has reasonable cause to believe that child abuse has occurred.
- A person who processes or produces visual or printed matter has reasonable cause to believe that the visual or printed matter submitted for processing or producing depicts a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

### PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

*Ann. Code § 19-7-5(g)*

A mandated reporter must report regardless of whether the reasonable cause to believe that abuse has occurred or is occurring is based in whole or in part upon any communication to that person that is otherwise made privileged or confidential by law. However, a member of the clergy shall not be required to report child abuse reported solely within the context of confession or other similar communication required to be kept confidential under church doctrine or practice. When a clergy member receives information about child abuse from any other source, the clergy member shall comply with the reporting requirements of this section, even though the clergy member may have also received a report of child abuse from the confession of the perpetrator.

## HOW TO REPORT IN GEORGIA

Georgia law requires anyone who works or volunteers at a child-serving agency to report suspected child abuse or neglect within 24 hours (O.C.G.A. 19-7-5). Frequently hospitals, schools and other facilities have an internal child abuse report protocol. You should be aware of this protocol and follow it.

### PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT:

- Physicians, physician assistants, residents, interns, hospital and medical personnel, podiatrists, dentists, or nurses
- Teachers, school administrators, school counselors, visiting teachers, school social workers, or school psychologists
- Psychologists, counselors, social workers, or marriage and family therapists
- Child welfare agency personnel (as that agency is defined by § 49-5-12) or child-counseling personnel
- Child service organization personnel (includes any organization - whether public, private, for-profit, not-for-profit, or voluntary - that provides care, treatment, education, training, supervision, coaching, recreation programs, or shelter to children)
- Law enforcement personnel
- Reproductive health-care facility or pregnancy resource center personnel and volunteers
- Persons who process or produce visual or printed matter

### DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER IDENTITY

*Ann. Code § 49-5-41*

Any release of records shall protect the identity of any person reporting child abuse.

*\*\*Adapted from Georgia Center for Child Advocacy and Darkness to Light End Child Abuse*

# COMMUNITY RESOURCE FINDER

## STATEWIDE

### [Find Help Georgia](#)

Search tool to find free & affordable behavioral health services, food pantries, medical care, and other free or reduced cost services by zip code. Speak with a Find Help GA Specialist toll free at 1-800-244-5373, Monday to Friday, 8am-6pm.

### [Findtreatment.gov](#)

Search tool for comprehensive resources for persons seeking mental health and substance use treatment facilities, opioid treatment programs, buprenorphine practitioners, and health care centers.

### [Georgia Appleseed Help Guides for Children with Behavior and Learning Challenges](#)

Comprehensive guide providing information and resources to support children with behavioral and learning challenges in the school and community. Last updated 01/2021.

### [Georgia Center for Resources and Support](#)

Statewide project to increase supportive services and trainings for adoptive and foster families across the state.

### [Georgia Collaborative](#)

The Georgia Collaborative and DBHDD approve sites for services based on county. Provider search to find providers in your network.

### [Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault](#)

Find rape crisis/sexual assault centers and other resources for sexual assault survivors across counties in Georgia

### [Parent to Parent of Georgia Special Needs Database](#)

Expansive database to find services and providers including mental health providers, for individuals with disabilities. 1-800-229-2038.

### [Psychology.com](#)

National directory searchable by city & state or zip code to find licensed therapists in the area.

### [Sunshine Behavioral Health](#)

Provides directory to find free addiction treatment resources nearby. 855-951-4874.

### [Vitadox](#)

Wide-ranging search tool to find information such as contact information, language, and specialty area, about doctors and therapists in city and state.

# CRISIS & HELP LINES

REGION	ORGANIZATION	CONTACT
NATIONAL (WITHIN THE U.S.)	<b><u>Blackline</u></b> - Immediate crisis counseling geared toward Black, LGBTQ+, Brown, Native, and Muslim communities.	
	<b><u>Crisis Text Line</u></b> - 24/7 crisis counseling via text	Text HOME 741741
	<b><u>Crying Baby Hotline</u></b>	1-866-243-2229
	<b><u>National Hopeline Network</u></b> - Crisis Intervention	1-800-784-2433
	<b>National Human Trafficking Hotline</b>	1-888-373-7888 or Text HELP to 233733
	<b><u>National Maternal Mental Health Hotline</u></b> - Provides free, 24/7, confidential counseling support before, during, and after pregnancy.	Call or text 1-833-9-HELP4MOMS (1-833-943-5746)
	<b>National Sexual Assault Hotline</b>	1-800-656-4673
	<b><u>National Suicide Prevention Crisis Lifeline</u></b>	9-8-8
	<b><u>Project Lets</u></b> - Provides support by text for urgent issues that involve involuntary hospitalization.	
	<b><u>SAMHSA Disaster Distress Helpline</u></b> - 24/7; Immediate crisis counseling.	Call/Text 1-800-985-5990
	<b><u>SAMHSA National Helpline</u></b> - Referrals for mental and/or substance use disorder.	1-800-662-4357
	<b><u>Trans Lifeline Hotline</u></b>	877-565-8860
	<b><u>Trevor Project (LGBTQIA+)</u></b> - LGBTQIA+ youth suicide prevention.	1-866-488-7386
	<b><u>Wildflower Alliance</u></b> - peer support line and online support groups focused on suicide prevention.	
	<b><u>Youthline</u></b> - teen to teen crisis and support line.	

REGION	ORGANIZATION	CONTACT
STATEWIDE	<b><u>24-hours Georgia Domestic Violence Hotline</u></b>	1-800-334-2836
	<b><u>Adult Protective Services</u></b>	1-888-774-0152
	<b><u>Child Protective Services</u></b>	1-855-GACHILD
	<b><u>Children 1st Information and Referral Center</u></b> - Connects mothers with infants at risk for poor growth and developmental delays to DPH Child Health programs and services for children, birth – 5 years old, the local Children 1st program in their area, and community-based programs and services.	1-855-707-8277
	<b><u>DECAL's SEEDS Helpline</u></b> - Resources for early care professionals to support children's social, emotional, and behavioral development. Early care providers can access DECAL Inclusion and Behavior Support Specialists to help create positive classroom climates and prevent/reduce persistent challenging behavior.	1-833-354-4357 <b><u>INCLUSION@DECAL.GA.GOV</u></b>
	<b><u>DPH's Help Me Grow</u></b> - Provides families healthcare referrals and follow up essential services to support children from birth to eight years old.	1-888-457-4769
	<b><u>Georgia Crisis and Access Line (GCAL)</u></b>	1-800-715-4225
	<b><u>Georgia Domestic Violence Hotline: 24 hours</u></b>	1-800-334-2836
	<b><u>Georgia Foodstamps/SNAP/TANF/Medicaid Information</u></b>	1-877-423-4746
	<b><u>Georgia Home Visiting Program</u></b>	1-855-707-8277
	<b><u>Georgia Poison Center</u></b>	1-800-222-1222
	<b><u>NAMI GA Helpline</u></b>	Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255; text "NAMI" to 741741 (24/7)
	<b><u>Partnership for Prescription Assistance</u></b>	1-888-477-2669
	<b><u>Peace4Moms</u></b> - Connects Georgia physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and nurse midwives with psychiatrists who specialize in perinatal mental health.	470-977-3223

REGION	ORGANIZATION	CONTACT
STATEWIDE	<b>Peer2Peer Warm line</b> - peer support, not a crisis line.	888-945-1414
	<b><u>Prevent Child Abuse Georgia</u></b>	M-F; 8AM - 6PM: 1-800-244-5373
	<b><u>Project SAFE</u></b> - Crisis Line (Domestic violence services)	706-543-3331
	<b><u>Project SAFE</u></b> - Teen Textline	706-765-8019
	<b>Statewide Georgia Hotline for Domestic Minor Trafficking</b>	1-844-842-3678
	<b>Transitional Family Services Crisis Line</b>	706-305-8574
	<b><u>United Way: 2-1-1</u></b>	2-1-1
REGIONAL	<b><u>American Red Cross of East Central Georgia</u></b> - Organization that helps families prepare and recover from emergencies	706-724-8481
BURKE COUNTY	<b>Burke County Sheriff</b> 225 GA-24, Waynesboro, GA 30830	706-554-2133
	<b>E911, Emergency, 911 Non-Emergency Calls</b>	762-225-6599
COLUMBIA COUNTY	<b>Columbia County Sheriff</b> 2273 County Camp Road Appling, GA 30802	706-541-2800
GLASCOCK COUNTY	<b>Glascocock County Sheriff's Office</b> 74 E Main St P.O.Box 7 Gibson, Georgia 30810	706-598-2881
HANCOCK COUNTY	<b>Hancock County Sheriff's Office</b> 814-824 Spring St, Sparta, GA 31087	706-444-6471
JEFFERSON COUNTY	<b>Jefferson County Sheriff</b> 911 Clarks Mill Rd, Louisville, GA 30434	478-625-7538
JENKINS COUNTY	<b>Jenkins County Sheriff</b> 124 Magnolia Ave, Millen, GA 30442	478-982-4211
LINCOLN COUNTY	<b>Lincoln County Sheriff</b> 145 School St, Lincolnnton, GA 30817	308- 535-9599
MCDUFFIE COUNTY	<b>McDuffie County Sheriff</b> 751 Public Safety Drive Thomson, GA 30824-0360	706-595-2040

REGION	ORGANIZATION	CONTACT
RICHMOND COUNTY	<b><u>Augusta Rape Crisis and Sexual Assault Services</u></b> 1350 Walton Way Augusta, GA 30901 - Provides 4-hour emergency telephone information services for counseling, support groups, community education programs, child prevention programs, victim advocacy, emergency room care and follow up visit	706-724-5200
	<b>Richmond County Sheriff</b> 400 Walton Way Augusta, GA 30901	706-821-1000
	<b><u>Safe Homes of Augusta</u></b> A domestic violence community-organization that provides emergency shelter, legal advocacy, weekly support groups, children's programs, crisis and options counseling, emergency financial assistance, Parenting and Life skills classes, relocation services, referrals for food, clothing, and housing, and a teen intervention program to protect against violence as well as a 24 hour crisis hotline.	706-736-2499 24 hour crisis hotline (800-799-7233)
	<b><u>Walton Options - Augusta</u></b> 948 Walton Way Augusta, GA 30901 This service provides information, referrals, and advocacy for individuals with disabilities.	706-724-6262
SCREVEN COUNTY	<b>Screven County Sheriff</b> 202 Rocky Ford Road Sylvania, Georgia 30467	912- 564-2013
TALIAFERRO COUNTY	<b>Taliaferro County Fire Department</b> 122 Broad St. Crawfordville, GA 30631	706-456-3469 ~ 911
	<b>Taliaferro County Sheriff's Department</b> 758 Warrenton Rd. Crawfordville, GA 30631	706-456-2345 ~ 911
WARREN COUNTY	<b>Warren County Sheriff</b> 169 N. Hwy 80 / P.O. Box 626 Warrenton, Ga. 30828	706-465-3340
WASHINGTON COUNTY	<b>Washington County Sheriff</b> 733 Kaolin Road Sandersville, GA 31082	478-552-4795
WILKES COUNTY	<b>Wilkes County Sheriff</b> 225 Andrew Dr, Washington, GA 30673	706-678-2224

# FOSTER CARE SERVICES

This section highlights resources for youth and families accessing foster services that may also be in other sections of the guide.

## STATEWIDE

**Adoptive and Foster Parent Association of Georgia (AFPAG)**: AFPAG trains/educates adoptive/foster parents and others working in the fields of adoption and family foster care. There are also local chapters of AFPAG listed below.

Region 7: Burke, Columbia, Glascock, Hancock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Lincoln, McDuffie, Richmond, Screven, Taliaferro, Warren, Washington, Wilkes

AFPAG President:  
Carsdandra Favors  
404-913-5674  
**PRESIDENT@AFPAG.NET**

**Amerigroup Georgia Families 360°**: Georgia's Medicaid program covering children, youth, and young adults in foster care, children and youth receiving adoption assistance, and select youth involved in the juvenile justice system.

1-855-661-2021  
**RONALD.DUNHAM@AMERIGROUP.COM**

### **Child Protective Services**

1-855-GACHILD

**Embark Georgia**: Statewide network serves post-secondary professionals and institutions to ensure connectivity, share best practices, and provide information exchange in support of former foster and homeless youth.

706-542-1108

**Georgia Appleseed- Fairness, Advocacy, Individualized Representation (FAIR)**: Provides direct legal representation for children in care facing suspension or expulsion from school.

**INFO@GAAPPLESEED.ORG**  
678-426-4640

**Georgia Division of Family & Children Services (DFCS)**: Oversees reports of child abuse, finds foster & adoptive homes for abused and neglected children, and issues SNAP, Medicaid & TANF.

404-657-3433

**Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)**: Trained volunteers appointed by the court to improve a child's experience in foster care.

**800-251-4012**

**Kate's Club**: Empowers children and teens facing life after the death of a parent, sibling, or caregiver.

404-347-7619  
**INFO@KATESCLUB.ORG**

**Multi-Agency Alliance for Children:** MAAC focuses on serving youth in foster care with high-end behavioral health needs, addressing needs such as placement, self-sufficiency, crisis recovery, and more.

404-880-9323

**Office of Family Independence:** Contact for food stamps, Medicaid, TANF: at 1-877-423-4746 or fill out the online constituent services form [here](#).

1-877-423-4746

**R.O.C.K. Grief Camp:** One-day, NO-COST camp experience for 6 to 16-year-olds who have experienced the loss of a parent or primary caregiver within the past two years.

## COUNTIES

### BURKE COUNTY

**Burke County Division of Family and Children Services:** County Director - Shadawn Wright  
729 West 6th Street Waynesboro, Georgia 30830-0390. 706-437-6928

### COLUMBIA COUNTY

**Columbia County Division of Family and Children Services:** Brandi Threat  
P.O. Box 340, Appling, GA 30802. 706-541-1640

### GLASCOCK COUNTY

**Glascock County Division of Family and Children Services**  
674 West Main Street, Gibson, GA 30810. 706-598-2955

### HANCOCK COUNTY

**Hancock County Division of Family and Children Services**  
12744 Broad Street Sparta, GA 31087, 706-444-1203

### JEFFERSON COUNTY

**Jefferson County Division of Family and Children Services**  
2459 US Highway 1 North Louisville, GA 30434. 478- 625-7259

### JENKINS COUNTY

**Jenkins County Division of Family and Children Services**  
618 South Gray Street Millen, GA 30442. 478-982-1944

### LINCOLN COUNTY

**Lincoln County Division of Family and Children Services**  
171 North Peachtree Street Lincolnton, GA 30817. 706- 359-3135

### MCDUFFIE COUNTY

**McDuffie County Division of Family and Children Services**  
307 Greenway Street Thomson, GA 30824. 706-595-2946

### RICHMOND COUNTY

**AmericanWork, Inc:** A comprehensive set of services provided for people with mental illness that also has foster care services and supervised visitations.  
1727 Wrightsboro Rd Suite B, Augusta. 706-736-8170

**Bethany Christian Services:** Offers infant adoption services  
P.O. Box 5986, Augusta, GA 30916. 706-871-5887

**Richmond County Division of Family and Children Services**  
520 Fenwick St. Augusta, GA 30901. 706-721-3000

SCREVEN COUNTY	<b><u>Screven County Division of Family and Children Services</u></b> 110 Singleton Avenue Sylvania, GA 30467. 912-564-2041
TALIAFERRO COUNTY	<b><u>Taliaferro County Department of Families and Children Services</u></b> 107 Commerce St. Crawfordville, GA 30631. 706-456-2339
WARREN COUNTY	<b><u>Warren County Department of Families and Children Services</u></b> 408 US Highway 80 North Warrenton, GA 30828. 706-465-3326
WASHINGTON COUNTY	<b><u>Washington County Department of Families and Children Services</u></b> 1124 South Harris Street, Sandersville, GA 31082. 478-553-2350
WILKES COUNTY	<b><u>Wilkes County Division of Family and Children Services</u></b> 48 Lexington Avenue Washington, GA 30673. 706-678-2814

# HOMELESSNESS/HOUSING RELIEF

## REGIONAL

**Emergency Housing Voucher Program:** The vouchers are designed to assist individuals and families who are: Homeless (staying in shelter or place not meant for human habitation), At risk of homelessness, Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, or Recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability, including clients in rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing programs.

## COUNTIES

### HANCOCK COUNTY

**House of Hope Foundation Homeless Shelter:** Emergency shelter

### JENKINS COUNTY

Safe Haven: Emergency Safe Shelter  
912-764-4605 / [HELP@SAFEHAVENSTATESBORO.ORG](mailto:HELP@SAFEHAVENSTATESBORO.ORG)

**Housing Authority of the City of Millen:** Provides affordable housing for up to 86 low- and moderate-income households through its Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher programs. 824 Hart Avenue, Millen, GA. 706-554-2233

### LINCOLN COUNTY

**HUD Public Housing Program:** The Lincolnton Housing Authority owns and manages housing for low-income residents at affordable rents  
311 Moss Street P. O. Box 10 Lincolnton, GA 30817. 706-359-3243

### MCDUFFIE COUNTY

**East Georgia Housing Authority: Thomson Housing Authority:** Provides quality, safe, affordable housing for low and moderate-income families - does not include Section 8. 219 Pecan Ave Thomson, GA 30824, 706- 595-4878

### RICHMOND COUNTY

**Action Ministries:** Provides permanent supportive care housing, transitional housing and rapid re-housing. 1002 Greene Street Augusta, GA 30901. 706-722-8195

**Augusta Housing Authority:** This service helps to provide housing for low-income families. 1435 Walton Way, Augusta. GA 30901, 706-724-5466

**Augusta Rescue Mission:** Overnight 18+ men's shelter & residency program  
526 Walker St Augusta, GA 30901, 706-722-2058

**RICHMOND COUNTY  
(cont.)**

**American Work, Inc.:** Provides extensive support to help individuals secure stable employment or housing. Services are provided by trained staff and specialists.  
1727 Wrightsboro Rd., Suite B, Augusta, GA. 706-736-8170

**Blount Beginnings:** Provide housing support for men & wrap around services to support men/women experiencing homelessness or returning citizens to become more self sufficient. 762-246-9917

**CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority:** Marion Barnes Resource and referral center (efforts to address homelessness and housing instability in the local community), Community Action Centers (provide emergency assistance to meet urgent needs of low-income individuals and families, including food, eviction prevention, utility assistance, rental assistance, prescription assistance, rapid rehousing, landlord mediation, personal care items, and resource locating/referrals), HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDs) offers a variety of housing solutions (rental, mortgage, utility assistance and Permanent Housing Placement/Deposit) and Case Management support services for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS)  
1261 Greene St. Augusta, GA 30901. 706-722-0493 ~ 1-800-890-0493

**Family Promise of Augusta:** Provides shelter, meals and support services for homeless families with minor children.  
4211 Wheeler Rd, Martinez, GA 30907. 706-364-4462

**Garden City Rescue Mission:** Homeless shelter & long-term residential addiction recovery program for men with showers/clothing on Fridays.  
828 Fenwick St, Augusta. GA 30901, 706-724-6960

**Habitat for Humanity:** Works in partnership with individuals in need of affordable housing. Family partners are selected who qualify for no-interest affordable housing, complete sweat equity hours and once successfully completing the program, purchase the home and pay the mortgage directly to Habitat for Humanity.  
2602 Commons Blvd Augusta, GA. 706-481-8681

**Head of the Giant Ministry, Inc.:** Organization dedicated to helping individuals transition out of shelters.  
Lavond Reynolds, Executive Director 706-496-1540  
**LAVONDREYNOLDS@HEADOFTHEGIANTMINISTRY.COM**

**Hope House:** Housing assistance.  
2205 Highland Avenue Augusta, GA 30904. 706-737-9879

**Broken Outreach Advantage | Augusta:** Home to help single moms get on their feet & learn life skills.  
Augusta, 678-643-2986

<b>RICHMOND COUNTY (cont.)</b>	<p><b><u>Safe Homes of Augusta:</u></b> Emergency shelter for domestic violence. 706-736-2499</p> <p><b><u>Salvation Army Center of Hope:</u></b> Emergency shelter. 1384 Greene St, Augusta, GA 30901, 706-826-7933</p>
<b>SCREVEN COUNTY</b>	<p><b>Safe Haven:</b> Emergency Safe Shelter 912-764-4605 / <a href="mailto:HELP@SAFEHAVENSTATESBORO.ORG">HELP@SAFEHAVENSTATESBORO.ORG</a></p>
<b>TALIAFERRO COUNTY</b>	<p><b><u>Blount Beginnings:</u></b> Helps offenders locate housing, including affordable housing, halfway housing, and temporary housing. 632 5th St. Augusta, GA 30901. 762-246-9917</p> <p><b><u>East Georgia Housing Authority:</u></b> Public housing to provide decent and safe rental housing for eligible low-income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. 219 Pecan Ave. Thomson, GA, 706-595-4878</p>
<b>WASHINGTON COUNTY</b>	<p><b>Safe Haven:</b> Emergency Safe Shelter 912-764-4605. <a href="mailto:HELP@SAFEHAVENSTATESBORO.ORG">HELP@SAFEHAVENSTATESBORO.ORG</a></p>
<b>WILKES COUNTY</b>	<p><b><u>Wilkes County Housing Authority:</u></b> The Wilkes County Housing Authority oversees both public housing and voucher programs, works on low-income housing program, and low-cost senior housing. 103 Cheney Parkway Washington, GA 30673-1635. 706-678- 3261 Ext 0</p>

# HOSPITALS

## CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS

**Critical Access Hospital (CAH)** designation is given by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to rural hospitals located at least 35-mile away from another hospital, with no more than 25 beds, providing 24/7 emergency care services.

### **Map of Critical Access & Rural Hospitals in Georgia**

### **List of critical access hospitals in Georgia from NPI Registry**

## GENERAL HOSPITALS CENTRAL TO EACH COUNTY

### BURKE COUNTY

#### **Burke County Medical Center**

456 Oak Avenue, Girard, GA. 987- 654-3210

**Burke Health:** Burke Health is a community hospital in Waynesboro, GA specializing in orthopedic and cardiovascular care.  
351 South Liberty Street, 706-554-4435

**Girard Children's Hospital:** Specializes in pediatric care, catering to the unique healthcare needs of children.  
789 Elm Street, Girard, GA. 555-123-4567

#### **Girard General Hospital**

123 Main Street, Girard, GA. 123-456-7890

**Girard Psychiatric Center:** Specializes in mental health services, providing comprehensive psychiatric care to individuals struggling with mental health disorders.  
987 Pine Street, Girard, GA. 222-333-4444

#### **Midville Children's Hospital**

789 Elm Street, Midville, GA. 555-456-7890

#### **Midville General Hospital**

123 Main Street, Midville, GA. 555-123-4567

### COLUMBIA COUNTY

#### **Health Department**

1930 William Few Pkwy, Grovetown, GA 30813, 706-868-3330

**Wesley UMC FaithCare:** Free faith-based medical and spiritual care that serves uninsured residents of Columbia County who meet or fall below 200% of the federal poverty level.  
825 North Belair Rd, Evans, GA 30809. 706-829-2584

### GLASCOCK COUNTY

#### **Glascock County Health Department**

668 West Main Street, Gibson, GA 30810. 706-598-2061

### HANCOCK COUNTY

#### **Community Health Care Systems**

675 Hamilton Street, Sparta, GA 31087, 706-444-5241

JEFFERSON COUNTY	<p><b>Jefferson Hospital</b> 1067 Peachtree Street, Louisville, GA 30434 478-625-7000, extension 1200</p>
JENKINS COUNTY	<p><b>Jenkins County Medical Center</b> 931 East Winthorpe Ave. Millen, GA 30442. 478 982-4221</p>
LINCOLN COUNTY	<p><b>Lincoln County Health Department:</b> Provides programs for residents who are underserved between the ages of 18 to 64 and are uninsured. P.O. Box 65 176 North Peachtree Street, Lincolnton, GA 30817. 706- 359-3154</p>
MCDUFFIE COUNTY	<p><b>McDuffie County Health Department:</b> This health department provides services in child/adolescent health, communicable diseases, general medical, infectious diseases, HIV, Dental, WIC, Women's health, and pregnancy testing. 307 Greenway Street, Thomson, GA 30824. 706-595-1740</p> <p><b>Piedmont McDuffie:</b> Piedmont McDuffie (formerly University Hospital McDuffie) is a licensed 25-bed not-for-profit/non-tax supported medical center dedicated to providing high-quality, cost-effective and patient-focused medical and health services. 2460 Washington Road, Thomson, GA 30824. 706-595-1411</p>
RICHMOND COUNTY	<p><b>Augusta University Family Medicine</b> 1447 Harper Street, First floor, Augusta, GA 30912. 706-271-4588</p> <p><b>Doctors Hospital</b> 3651-Wheeler Rd. Augusta, GA 30909. 706-651-3232</p> <p><b>Eisenhower Army Medical Center:</b> A general medical and surgical facility. 300 Hospital Road, Augusta, GA 30905. 706-787-8290 ext. 8642</p> <p><b>Pediatrics Clinic – ALAS: The</b> Pediatric Clinic is a free, student run, physician supervised health service that aims to promote the health and well-being of uninsured and underinsured children and teens under 18 years of age of the Augusta community by cultivating collaboration and learning amongst health care providers. 904 Merry St, Augusta, GA. 706-250-1267</p> <p><b>Wellstar Children's Hospital of Georgia</b> 706-724-2273</p> <p><b>Women's Clinic:</b> The Women's Clinic is a free, student-run, physician supervised health service that aims to promote the health and well-being of uninsured and underinsured women of the Augusta community through free wellness check-ups, physicals exams, pregnancy check-ups and sick check-ups. We also provide free laboratory exams. 904 Merry St, Augusta, GA. 706-940-2527</p>
SCREVEN COUNTY	<p><b>OPTIM MEDICAL CENTER-SCREVEN</b> 215 Mims Road, Sylvania, GA, 30467, 912-564-7426</p>

**TALIAFERRO COUNTY**

**Community Health Care Systems:** Community Health Care Systems, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing high quality care that includes medical and behavioral health services to individuals and families. In addition, CHCS also provides health education, disease prevention programs, community outreach, and enrollment services. We accept all forms of insurance and strongly believe our clients have the right to quality care that meets their needs regardless of ability to pay. Our health care facility maintains a friendly, professional and efficient health care delivery. Please see our locations/services to find the office closest to your family.

557 A Broad St, Crawfordville, GA 30631. 706-456-1599  
1008 Atlanta Hwy, Warrenton, GA 30828. 706-465-3253

**Taliaferro County Health Department:** To prevent disease, injury, and disability; promote health and well-being, and prepare for and respond to disasters.

109 Commerce St, Crawfordville, GA 30631. 706-456-2316

**WARREN COUNTY****Warren County Health Department**

565 Legion Drive, P.O. Box 322, Warrenton, Georgia 30828  
706-465-2252

**WASHINGTON COUNTY****Washington County Regional Medical Center**

610 Sparta Rd, Sandersville, GA 31082. 478-240-2000

**WILKES COUNTY****MedNow Urgent Care**

1008 E Robert Toombs Ave, Washington, GA 30673. 706-678-1633

**Wills Memorial Hospital**

120 Gordon Street, Washington, GA 30673. 706-678-2151

**Georgia State Office of Rural Health**

**(SORH):** Under Georgia Department of Community Health, focused on improving access to health care in rural and underserved areas and to reduce health status disparities.

229-401-3081

**DCH.SORH@DCH.GA.GOV**

**(SORH) location maps**

**Rural Hospital Services:** Provides technical assistance and resources to support Critical Access and small rural hospitals.

Dawn Waldrip (Contact Director, Rural Hospital Services)  
229-401-3088

**DAWN.WALDRIP@DCH.GA.GOV**

**Rural Hospitals:** Hospitals located at and providing health services outside of metropolitan centers where access to specialists and intensive care might not be readily available. Some might not have in-patient behavioral health beds in hospitals, but all emergency rooms provide behavioral health services.

**List of rural hospitals in Georgia from NPI Registry**

# INFANT & EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH (IECMH)

Infant and early childhood mental health (IECMH), also sometimes called social and emotional health, is the developing capacity of a child from birth to 5 years of age to form close and secure relationships; experience, manage, and express emotions; and explore their environment and learn. This section collects resources, including some that can be found in other sections of this guide, that support healthy infant and early childhood development and mental health.

## NATIONAL

**Learn the Signs. Act Early.** This CDC program shares resources to track your child's developmental milestones from birth to five years old and how to get help if you have any concerns. They have also developed a **Milestone Tracker App** with tips to support your child's development.

**The Basics**: Tips and tools to help families support healthy child development.

**Zero to Three**: Articles about child development and parenting support.

## STATEWIDE

**Babies Can't Wait**: Georgia's early intervention program offers coordinated services to children, from birth to three years of age with developmental disabilities or delays, and their families.

404-657-2850  
888-651-8224

**Child Parent Psychotherapy (CPP)**: Therapy for young children from birth through age five and their parents/caregivers.

**Georgia providers recently trained in CPP**

**Children 1st Information and Referral Center (IRC)**: Connects mothers with infants at risk for poor growth and developmental delays to DPH Child Health programs and services for children, birth – 5 years old, the local Children 1st program in their area, and community-based programs and services.

1-855-707-8277

**Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Strong 4 Life**: Resources to help busy families raise health, safe, resilient kids. Their '**Raising Resilience**' campaign shares resources on how to raise resilient kids. They have sections dedicated to **infants** and **toddlers**.

**DECAL Developmental Milestone Resources**: A Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) webpage for early care professionals and families to learn about milestones and activities to support development, and **who to reach out to for help**.

**DECAL Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Resources:** DECAL is working with other state agencies and community organizations to support young children with (or at risk for) social, emotional, and behavioral health needs. This webpage includes resources to support IECMH for childcare providers/educators, families, and advocates.

Contact Laura Lucas for more information:

**[LAURA.LUCAS@DECAL.GA.GOV](mailto:LAURA.LUCAS@DECAL.GA.GOV)**

**DECAL's SEEDS Helpline:** Resources for early care professionals to support children's social, emotional, and behavioral development. Early care providers can access DECAL Inclusion and Behavior Support Specialists to help create positive classroom climates and prevent/reduce persistent challenging behavior.

**[INCLUSION@DECAL.GA.GOV](mailto:INCLUSION@DECAL.GA.GOV)**  
1-833-354-4357

**DPH's Help Me Grow:** Provides families healthcare referrals and follow up essential services to support children from birth to eight years old.

1-888-457-4769

**Georgia Association of Infant Mental Health (GA-AIMH):** Professional development resources and supports for professionals who address the social, emotional and developmental needs of young children and their families. Access a list of Georgia Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Providers [here](#).

**[AIMH@GSU.EDU](mailto:AIMH@GSU.EDU)**  
404-413-1289

**Georgia Medicaid Infant and Early Childhood Behavioral Health Services:** A table of children's mental health services available through Medicaid reimbursement and a DC:0-5 crosswalk of common classifications used for billing and reimbursement of services.

**Learn the Signs. Act Early. Georgia:** Act Early Ambassadors promote awareness of developmental milestones and resources for early intervention.

**[BRIDGET.RATAJCZAK@DECAL.GA.GOV](mailto:BRIDGET.RATAJCZAK@DECAL.GA.GOV)**  
to connect to a local ambassador.

## COUNTY SPECIFIC

### BURKE COUNTY

**Burke County Board of Education Early Head Start:** Provides opportunities for development and learning in every capacity through comprehensive services.

789 Burke Veterans Parkway  
Waynesboro, GA 30830  
706-554-2306

### COLUMBIA COUNTY

**Special Education Preschool:** A preschool department that provides quality instruction in a curriculum framework, that is developmentally appropriate with researched-based early literacy and language interventions and strategies, and aid parents in developing their skills to understand and support their children.

4781 Hereford Farm Road  
Evans, GA 30809  
706-541-0650

### GLASCOCK COUNTY

**Mitchell Mental Health Center:** Offers comprehensive mental health services like counseling, therapy, and medication management to individuals of all ages.

234 Pine Street  
Mitchell, GA 12345  
123-789-0123

### HANCOCK COUNTY

**Sparta Behavioral Health Center:** Specializes in mental health and substance abuse treatment

987 Pine Street  
Sparta, GA  
555-456-7890

JEFFERSON COUNTY	<b><u>Jefferson County- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC):</u></b> The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Program is a federally-funded health and nutrition program for Infants and children age 1 to 5 years (including foster children), pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers (up to 1 year), and postpartum women (up to 6 months) with income at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level or enrolled in Medicaid; and who are at risk for nutritional deficiencies.	2501 Hwy. 1 North Louisville, GA 30434 478-625-3716
	<b><u>Jefferson Hospital:</u></b> A Prenatal Center staffed with Certified Nurse Midwives with medical oversight from physicians at the OB/GYN Department of Augusta University.	1067 Peachtree Street Louisville, GA 30434 478-625-9111
JENKINS COUNTY	<b><u>Jenkins County Family Enrichment Center:</u></b> A county-wide organization that provides planning, leadership, coordination, implementation, and supervision needed to improve the well-being and quality of life for all children, youth, and families.	725 Winthrope Ave Millen, GA 30442 478-982-8004
LINCOLN COUNTY	<b><u>Lincoln County Community Partnership, Inc.:</u></b> A collaborative that provides books to children ages 0-5, coordinates an after-school program, and implements a workforce development program for youth.	P.O. Box 729 1962 Rowland York Road Lincolnton, GA 30817 706-359-5769 <b><u>DCULLARS@LINCOLNCOUNTYGA.COM</u></b>
MCDUFFIE COUNTY	<b><u>McDuffie County School System:</u></b> The school system has a program for students 3-5 who have significant developmental delays in five skill areas: communication, cognition, social/emotional development, physical delays (fine and gross motor) and adaptive development.	716 North Lee Street Thomson, GA 30824 706-986-4000
RICHMOND COUNTY	<b><u>Babies Can't Wait:</u></b> Babies Can't Wait is a program that provides early identification and screening of children with developmental delays and chronic health conditions.	<b><u>JAVONNA.WILLIAMS@DPH.GA.GOV</u></b> 706- 667-4273
	<b><u>Child Enrichment Service:</u></b> Child Enrichment works to provide and coordinate comprehensive intervention, stabilization, advocacy, and prevention in the best interests of abandoned, abused, neglected, sexually abused, and sex-trafficked children.	2300 Walden Dr. Augusta, GA 706-737-4631
	<b><u>Children First, East Central Health District:</u></b> An organization that identifies children at risk for poor health and/or developmental outcomes from birth to age 5. They are linked to appropriate health, developmental and family-support services.	1916 North Leg Rd. Augusta, GA 30909 706-667-4329

RICHMOND COUNTY	<b><u>Georgia Home Visiting Program:</u></b> This organization promotes systems and social change that not only improves the lives of children and families but also strengthens the community through Networking, Engaging and Connecting.	706-721-1040
	<b><u>Jones Behavioral Health:</u></b> A program that offers trained mental health counselors who provide a highly personalized approach for each individual.	114 Pleasant Home Road, Suite A Augusta, GA 30907 706-364-3209
	<b><u>Lighthouse Care Center of Augusta:</u></b> Lighthouse Care Center of Augusta provides evidence-based child and teen behavioral health treatment to patients ages 5 to 17 years old.	3100 Perimeter Pkwy. Augusta, GA 30907 706-651-0005
	<b><u>Serenity Behavior Health:</u></b> Serenity Behavioral Health Systems helps individuals of all ages with behavioral health and developmental disabilities.	3421 Mike Padgett Hwy. Augusta, GA 30906 706-432-4800 or 706-432-4834
SCREVEN COUNTY	<b><u>County Loving Child Development Center:</u></b> Focuses on providing an age-based educational & Christian curriculum for all phases of a child's development through physical, intellectual, social, and emotional experiences.	134 Johnson Drive Sylvania, GA 30467 912-978-9315
	<b><u>CSB Of Middle Georgia Ogeechee Division:</u></b> Offers integrated dual diagnosis disorder treatment, couples/family therapy and psychotropic medication to seniors 65 or older, adults and young adults and also supports seniors or older adults, children/adolescents with serious emotional disturbance and people with trauma.	302 East Ogeechee Street 30467
TALIAFERRO COUNTY	<b><u>Taliaferro County Family Connection:</u></b> Works to connect partners to resources, help coordinate and manage efforts, and empower the local communities to craft local solutions based on local decisions.	116 Commerce St. Crawfordville, GA 30631 706-456-1250
	<b><u>Touching Taliaferro with Love:</u></b> A two-week day camp for youth in rising grades 1st through 6th during the summers and also provides scholarship awards to local seniors.	PO Box 245 Crawfordville, GA 30631 <b><u>TTWLOVE@HOTMAIL.COM</u></b>
WARREN COUNTY	<b><u>Family Connection of Warren County:</u></b> A community-based collaboration that is committed to improving the health, development and well-being of children, families, and communities by identifying service gaps, advocating for system changes that will eliminate barriers and inefficiencies.	Box 468 229 McCoy Drive Warrenton, GA 30828 706-914-6603 <b><u>ASSOCIATIONQ@BELLSOUTH.NET</u></b>

# PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT & COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

## REGIONAL

**Office of Children, Young Adults & Families (OCFY), Behavioral Health:** The focus uninsured children and young adults, or those with SSI Medicaid, and their families that are accessing the public behavioral health system. We accomplish this through the development of non-traditional supports for youth and families that support the traditional array of services available through Medicaid. Specialty services include evaluation/assessment, diagnosis, counseling and medication, therapy (individual, group, and family), community support services, crisis assessments, and physician services.

Administrator April Edwards  
706-792-7671

## COUNTY SPECIFIC

### BURKE COUNTY

**Community Service Board of Middle GA/ Burke Outpatient Clinic - Counseling & Mental Health:** Provides behavioral health services focusing on mental health and substance abuse, in addition to intellectual and developmental disabilities for all ages.

292 W 4th Street  
Waynesboro, GA 30830  
706-437-6863

**Community Service Board of Middle Georgia:** A behavioral health service where fees are based on an individual's ability to pay according to income and family size.

223 N Anderson Dr  
Swainsboro, GA 30401  
478-289-2522

### COLUMBIA COUNTY

**Serenity Behavioral Health System:** Serenity Behavioral Health Systems helps individuals of all ages with behavioral health and developmental disabilities.

3421 Mike Padgett Hwy  
Augusta, GA  
706-432-4800

**Wellroot Family Services:** This organization provides counseling services for adults and children, and families, as well as parenting classes, and financial assistance for families with children under the age of 18 (rent/utilities)

5555 Hereford Farm Road  
Evans, GA 30809  
404-327-5820

### GLASCOCK COUNTY

**Community Health Care Systems, Inc. (CHCS):** Behavioral health providers that counsel for mental illnesses and addictive behaviors with sliding scale discounts.

702 W Main St  
Gibson, GA 30810  
706-598-3359

**Community Service Board of Middle Georgia:** A behavioral health service where fees are based on an individual's ability to pay according to income and family size.

Bldg 1, 2121-A Bellevue Rd  
Dublin, GA 31021  
478-272-1190

HANCOCK COUNTY	<b><u>Community Health Care Systems, Inc. (CHCS):</u></b> Behavioral health providers that counsel for mental illnesses and addictive behaviors with sliding scale discounts.	10571 Hwy 15 N Sparta, Georgia 31087 706-998-3110
	<b><u>Oconee Center:</u></b> Services provided for mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases	75 Boland Circle Sparta, GA 31087 706-444-1037
JEFFERSON COUNTY	<b><u>Community Health Care Systems, Inc. (CHCS):</u></b> Behavioral health providers that counsel for mental illnesses and addictive behaviors with sliding scale discounts.	623 North Main Street Wrens, Georgia 30833 706-547-7551
	<b><u>Community Service Board of Middle Georgia:</u></b> A behavioral health service where fees are based on an individual's ability to pay according to income and family size.	223 N Anderson Dr Swainsboro, GA 30401 478-289-2522
JENKINS COUNTY	<b><u>Community Service Board of Middle Georgia:</u></b> A behavioral health service where fees are based on an individual's ability to pay according to income and family size.	Bldg 1, 2121-A Bellevue Rd Dublin, GA 31021 478-272-1190
LINCOLN COUNTY	<b><u>House of Hope:</u></b> Organization that offers psychological outpatient care to clients struggling with depression, unhealthy relationships, anger management, parenting, self-image, stress, suicidal ideations, increased life stressors, aging, etc. The House of Hope will also offer services such as but not limited to: Treatment planning/wellness recovery plans, coping methods, crisis intervention, case management, group therapy, tutorial services, individual/family therapy, etc.	296 Sunrise Dr Lincolnton, Lincoln County 30817 <b><u>HSBEARD@YAHOO.COM</u></b> 706-990-0595
	<b><u>Serenity Behavioral Health System:</u></b> Serenity Behavioral Health Systems helps individuals of all ages with behavioral health and developmental disabilities.	3421 Mike Padgett Hwy Augusta, GA 706-432-4800
MCDUFFIE COUNTY	<b><u>Second Chance Counseling Services, LLC (Thomson):</u></b> Second Chance provides interventions to support and restore family unity within the community.	322 Hospital Drive Thomson, GA 30824 706-595-2548
	<b><u>Serenity Behavioral Health System:</u></b> Serenity Behavioral Health Systems helps individuals of all ages with behavioral health and developmental disabilities.	3421 Mike Padgett Hwy Augusta, GA 706-432-4800
RICHMOND COUNTY	<b><u>Able Kids Services:</u></b> ABLE Kids work to provide intensive, comprehensive therapies and resources for families and caregivers of children living with autism.	209 7th Street Augusta, GA 706-842-5330
	<b><u>American Work, Inc.:</u></b> A comprehensive set of services provided for people with mental illness like counseling and therapy, education, and autism services. More services are listed on the website.	1727 Wrightsboro Rd, Suite B Augusta, GA 706-736-8170

RICHMOND COUNTY	<b><u>Community Healthcare Systems:</u></b> Provides behavioral health services as well as counseling for addiction	Various Locations
	<b><u>Community Service Board of Middle Georgia:</u></b> A behavioral health service where fees are based on an individual's ability to pay according to income and family size.	223 N Anderson Dr Swainsboro, GA 30401 478-289-2522
	<b><u>Christ Community Health Services of Augusta – Pediatrics:</u></b> Affordable children's primary health care services including physical exams, vaccinations, behavioral health screenings, and referrals for specialty care.	1238 D'Antignac St Augusta 30901 706-396-1496
	<b><u>Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities:</u></b> Provides a variety of services and referrals for patients with severe mental health, substance abuse, or developmental disabilities issues. There is a 24-hour crisis hotline (800-715-4225) and some services include referral to outpatient and inpatient crisis, assisted living, peer support services, and financial assistance programs.	3405 Mike Padgett Highway, Building 3 Augusta, GA 30906 706-792-7733
	<b><u>Lighthouse Care Center of Augusta:</u></b> Provides treatment to children, adolescents and adults experiencing psychological issues.	3100 Permimeter Pkwy Augusta, GA 706-651-0005
	<b><u>Medical Associates Plus at Belle Terrace:</u></b> Offers the following specialty care services: Perinatal and Postpartum treatment for mood and anxiety disorders, medication assisted treatment including Suboxone Treatment, couples therapy, integrated behavioral health care, adolescent mental health treatment for ages 14 and older, and telemental health.	2467 Golden Camp Rd Augusta 30906 706-790-4440
	<b><u>Serenity Behavioral Health System:</u></b> Serenity Behavioral Health Systems helps individuals of all ages with behavioral health and developmental disabilities.	3421 Mike Padgett Hwy Augusta, GA 706-432-4800
	<b><u>Transitional Family Services:</u></b> Provides evidence-based techniques that will lessen the symptoms of mental health issues including depression, anxiety, attention deficit disorder, oppositional defiant disorder, physical or sexual trauma, marital and family issues and other mental health problems.	3643 Walton Way Ext Bldg4 Augusta, GA 706-364-1404
SCREVEN COUNTY	<b><u>Community Service Board of Middle Georgia:</u></b> A behavioral health service where fees are based on an individual's ability to pay according to income and family size.	302 East Ogeechee Street Sylvania GA 30467-2403 912-564-7825

TALIAFERRO COUNTY	<b><u>Community Health Care Systems, Inc. (CHCS)</u></b> : Behavioral health providers that counsel for mental illnesses and addictive behaviors with sliding scale discounts.	557 Broad Street Crawfordville, Georgia 30631 706-456-1599
	<b><u>Serenity Behavioral Health System</u></b> : Serenity Behavioral Health Systems helps individuals of all ages with behavioral health and developmental disabilities.	3421 Mike Padgett Hwy Augusta, GA 706-432-4800
	<b><u>Sunshine House</u></b> : Offers childcare, daycare, preschool and after-school programs focused on school readiness, social, emotional and intellectual development, literacy, and problem-solving skills.	115 Commerce St NW Crawfordville, GA 30631
WARREN COUNTY	<b><u>Community Health Care Systems, Inc. (CHCS)</u></b> : Behavioral health providers that counsel for mental illnesses and addictive behaviors with sliding scale discounts.	1008 Atlanta Highway Warrenton, Georgia 30828 706-465-3253
	<b><u>Serenity Behavioral Health System</u></b> : Serenity Behavioral Health Systems helps individuals of all ages with behavioral health and developmental disabilities.	3421 Mike Padgett Hwy Augusta, GA 706-432-4800
WASHINGTON COUNTY	<b><u>Community Health Care Systems, Inc. (CHCS)</u></b> : Behavioral health providers that counsel for mental illnesses and addictive behaviors with sliding scale discounts.	616 Fern Crest Drive Sandersville, Georgia 31082 478-552-1620
	<b><u>Oconee Center</u></b> : Provides mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive disease services	824 Golden Hawk Drive Sandersville, GA 31082 478-553-2424 (Adult Clinic)
WILKES COUNTY	<b><u>Serenity Behavioral Health System</u></b> : Serenity Behavioral Health Systems helps individuals of all ages with behavioral health and developmental disabilities.	3421 Mike Padgett Hwy Augusta, GA 706-432-4800

# SCHOOL RESOURCES

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Burke County Public School: Superintendent, Angela Williams, 706-554-5101

Columbia County Public School: Superintendent, Lex Carswell, carswella@columbiak12.com, 386-755-8003

Glascocock County Public School: Superintendent, Jessica Miller, 706-598-2121

Hancock County Public School: Superintendent, Dr. Anton Anthony, 706-444-5775 - Ext 236

Jefferson County Public School: Superintendent, Dr. Samuel Dasher, dashers@jefferson.k12.ga.us

Jenkins County Public School: Superintendent, Dr. John Paul Hearn, jhearn@jchs.com

Lincoln County Public School: Superintendent, Dr. Howie Gunby, hgunby@lcboe.us, 706-359-3742

McDuffie County Public School: Superintendent, Dr. Mychele Rhodes, 706-986-4000

Richmond County Public School: Superintendent, Dr. Kenneth Bradshaw, 706-826-1000

Screven County Public School: Superintendent, Dr. Jim Thompson, 912-451-2000

Taliaferro County Public School: Superintendent, Mr. Allen (Allen) B. Fort, afort@taliaferro.k12.ga.us, 229.588.9103

Warren County Public School: Superintendent, Dr. Christopher D. Harris, Sr., charris@warren.k12.ga.us

Washington County Public School: Superintendent, Mrs. Vickie Harden, 478-552-3981

Wilkes County Public School: Superintendent, Michelle Smith, 706-678-2718

## COLLEGES & UNIVERSITY STUDENT HEALTH/COUNSELING SERVICES

### **Augusta University Counseling Services**

Provides individual and group counseling services

706-737-1471

### **East Georgia State College**

Offers individual and couples counseling services and telehealth therapy

833-646-1526

## REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY (RESA)

**Central Savannah River Area (CSRA):** CSRA RESA gives school systems facilitative, consultative, technical and professional development services that promotes continuous school improvement planning, building system capacity to sustain change, and to connect school improvement plans to systemic improvement efforts.

Executive Director:  
Dr. Debbie Alexander  
706-556-6225

CSRA RESA service area: Burke, Columbia, Glascock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Lincoln, McDuffie, Richmond, Taliaferro, Warren and Wilkes.

**Oconee Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA):** The goal of Oconee RESA is to provide assistance to member systems for the purpose of improving student achievement through a wide array of school improvement services which include: providing assistance with analysis and planning, professional learning, quality assurance.

Executive Director:  
Eddie Morris  
478-552-5178 Ext. 220

Oconee RESA service area: Hancock, and Washington Counties

## SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

<b>Burke County School District:</b>	<u>Dr. Mia Luke</u> : Student Support Coordinator
<b>Columbia County School District:</b>	<u>Various counselors and social workers available</u>
<b>Glascock County School District:</b>	<u>Katie Cullens</u> : 706-598-2291, extension 103 <b><u>KCULLENS@GLASCOCK.K12.GA.US</u></b>
<b>Hancock County School District:</b>	<u>Taka Taylor</u> : Parent Mentor, 706-444-5775 ext. 299 <b><u>TTAYLOR@HANCOCK.K12.GA.US</u></b>
<b>Jefferson County School District:</b>	<u>Jefferson City School Counseling Services</u> <u>Holly McShane</u> : Counseling Services Coordinator <b><u>HOLLY.MCSHANE@JEFFCITYSCHOOLS.ORG</u></b>
<b>Jenkins County School District:</b>	<u>Laura Brown</u> : Special Education Director <b><u>LAURABROWN@JCHS.COM</u></b>
<b>Lincoln County School District:</b>	<u>Cassidy Stine</u> : School Psychologist, 706-359-3742 <b><u>CSTINE@LCBOE.US</u></b>
<b>McDuffie County School District:</b>	<b><u>McDuffie County School Psychologists:</u></b> <u>Felicia Harley</u> , Ed.S., NCSP, 706-986-4142 <b><u>HARLEYF@MCDUFFIE.K12.GA.US</u></b>  <u>Deena Bartley-Zucco</u> , Ph.D., 706-986-4146 <b><u>BARTLEY-ZUCCOD@MCDUFFIE.K12.GA.US</u></b>
<b>Richmond County School District:</b>	<b><u>Richmond County School Counseling Services</u></b> District psychologist office: 706-826-1131
<b>Taliaferro County School District:</b>	<u>Randy Garner</u> : Student Services, 706-986-0396x342
<b>Warren County School District:</b>	<u>Kelly Kaiser</u> : Director of Student Services 270-781-5150 <b><u>KELLY.KAISER@WARREN.KYSCHOOLS.US</u></b>
<b>Wilkes County School District:</b>	<u>Lisbeth Sanchez</u> : Student Services Facilitator <b><u>SANCHEZL@WILKES.K12.GA.US</u></b>

## THE GEORGIA APEX PROGRAM

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities program to increase access to mental health services for school-aged youth, Pre-Kindergarten to 12th grade, throughout the state.

- **Advantage Behavioral Health Systems**; 706-389-9774
- **CSB of Middle Georgia, Ogeechee Division**; 478-272-1190
- **Oconee Center CSB**; 478-445-4817
- **Ogeechee Behavioral Health Services**; 706-437-6863
- **River Edge Behavioral Health Center**; 478-803-7700
- **Serenity Behavioral Health System**; 706-432-4800
- **The Social Empowerment Center**; 770-925-2095

BURKE COUNTY	<b><u>Federal Programs Department</u></b> : The Foster Care Program focuses on school access, improved educational outcomes, and enhanced academic stability for children and youth in foster care.	706-554-5101
	<b><u>Leap Early Learning Partners</u></b> : Work hand-in-hand with families, early learning professionals, and advocates to ensure that children grow and learn in safe, high quality early learning environments.	877-228-3566
COLUMBIA COUNTY	<b><u>Columbia Cty Special Needs Preschool</u></b> : Provides students challenging content and instruction in a supportive environment resulting in increased academic achievement through shared accountability	706-541-2723 ext 5332/5360
	<b><u>Columbia County Foundation for Children</u></b> : Provides an array of services to help local children including financial support, food, clothing, educational support and recreational activities.	7009 Evans Town Center Blvd Evans, GA 30809 706-863-4888
	<b><u>Columbia County Community Connections</u></b> : Various programs available for children including car seat safety, tutoring resources, and teen suicide prevention.	5915 Eucree Creek Dr Grovetown, GA 30813 706-650-5010 <b><u>INFO@CONNECTCOLUMBIA.ORG</u></b>
	<b><u>Leap Early Learning Partners</u></b> : Work hand-in-hand with families, early learning professionals, and advocates to ensure that children grow and learn in safe, high quality early learning environments.	877-228-3566
GLASCOCK COUNTY	<b><u>Leap Early Learning Partners</u></b> : Work hand-in-hand with families, early learning professionals, and advocates to ensure that children grow and learn in safe, high quality early learning environments.	877-228-3566
HANCOCK COUNTY	<b><u>Leap Early Learning Partners</u></b> : Work hand-in-hand with families, early learning professionals, and advocates to ensure that children grow and learn in safe, high quality early learning environments.	877-228-3566

JEFFERSON COUNTY	<b><u>Leap Early Learning Partners:</u></b> Work hand-in-hand with families, early learning professionals, and advocates to ensure that children grow and learn in safe, high quality early learning environments.	877-228-3566
JENKINS COUNTY	<b><u>Leap Early Learning Partners:</u></b> Work hand-in-hand with families, early learning professionals, and advocates to ensure that children grow and learn in safe, high quality early learning environments.	877-228-3566
LINCOLN COUNTY	<b><u>Leap Early Learning Partners:</u></b> Work hand-in-hand with families, early learning professionals, and advocates to ensure that children grow and learn in safe, high quality early learning environments.	877-228-3566
	<b><u>Lincoln County Schools:</u></b> The Lincoln County School System seeks to ensure that all disabled students who need special education within its jurisdiction are identified, located, and evaluated, including students attending private schools, preschools, and who are homeschooled.	423 Metasville Road Lincolnton, GA 30817 706-359-3742
MCDUFFIE COUNTY	<b><u>Leap Early Learning Partners:</u></b> Work hand-in-hand with families, early learning professionals, and advocates to ensure that children grow and learn in safe, high quality early learning environments.	877-228-3566
RICHMOND COUNTY	<b><u>Boys and Girls Club of Augusta:</u></b> This organization provides after school care, mentorship, homework assistance, and counseling for children.	706-722-2698
	<b><u>Brown Girls Code:</u></b> Brown Girls Code is a global nonprofit organization working to close the gender and diversity gap in technology. Our programs equip underrepresented girls ages 7 - 18 with the skills and training needed to pursue opportunities in Computer Science, Information Technology, Cybersecurity and other STEAM-related fields.	<b><u>INFO@BROWNGIRLS CODE.ORG</u></b>
	<b><u>Coyo Education Services:</u></b> CoYo Services, LLC provides comprehensive tutoring services, educational consulting and advocacy.	706-810-0261
	<b><u>Harris Literacy Center at AU:</u></b> We provide children, adolescents, and adults from the Augusta Area with free high quality literacy-related educational experiences that promote the development of life-long readers and writers.	706-729-2245
	<b><u>Leap Early Learning Partners:</u></b> Work hand-in-hand with families, early learning professionals, and advocates to ensure that children grow and learn in safe, high quality early learning environments.	877-228-3566
	<b><u>Love &amp; Care ECC:</u></b> Provides special needs After School Programs, Day Camps, and Events.	706-842-8737

RICHMOND COUNTY (cont.)	<b>Rise Augusta:</b> RISE Augusta provides remediations, mentoring, literary services and basic needs services to students in the community.	706-550-7716 <a href="mailto:ESLABY@RISEAugusta.ORG">ESLABY@RISEAugusta.ORG</a>
	<b>United Way of the CSRA:</b> United Way of the CSRA gives educational and financial services.	1765 Broad Street Augusta, GA 30904 706-724-5544
	<b>Westabou Montessori School:</b> Provides the Montessori style of education on a sliding scale.	309 Crawford Ave. Augusta, GA 30904 706-922-9900
TALIAFERRO COUNTY	<b>Boys &amp; Girls Club of Greater Augusta:</b> This organization provides after school care, mentorship, homework assistance, and counseling for children.	624 Chafee Ave. Augusta, GA 30904 706-504-4071
	<b>Leap Early Learning Partners:</b> Work hand-in-hand with families, early learning professionals, and advocates to ensure that children grow and learn in safe, high quality early learning environments.	108 SRP Dr. Suite B Evans, GA 877-228-3566
	<b>Touching Taliaferro with Love</b>	PO Box 245 Crawfordville, GA 30631 <a href="mailto:TTWLOVE@HOTMAIL.COM">TTWLOVE@HOTMAIL.COM</a>
WARREN COUNTY	<b>Leap Early Learning Partners:</b> Work hand-in-hand with families, early learning professionals, and advocates to ensure that children grow and learn in safe, high quality early learning environments.	877-228-3566
WASHINGTON COUNTY	<b>Boys and Girls Club - Washington County Club:</b> This organization provides after school care, mentorship, homework assistance, and counseling for children.	320 Riddleville Road Sandersville, GA 31028, 478-552-7115
WILKES COUNTY	<b>Head Start Wilkes County:</b> The mission of the Georgia Head Start Association is to provide education, leadership and advocacy that support Head Start programs' efforts in delivering high quality comprehensive services to Georgia's children, families and communities.	115 Lincoln Cir Washington, GA 30673 706-678-1819
	<b>Leap Early Learning Partners:</b> Work hand-in-hand with families, early learning professionals, and advocates to ensure that children grow and learn in safe, high quality early learning environments.	877-228-3566

# SELECT TRAUMA-INFORMED & ACE PREVENTION TRAINING RESOURCES

## ACES - ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES

Potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood. Learn more [here](#).



## TRAUMA-INFORMED

Based on the knowledge and understanding of trauma and its far-reaching implications. Learn more [here](#).



## COMMUNITY RESILIENCY MODEL (CRM)

Community Resiliency Model (CRM) is an innovative and preventative low-cost, low-intensity training, which involves a simple set of mental wellness skills that can be readily learned and practiced. CRM skills can restore the natural balance of the nervous system by focusing on sensations of well-being.

Dr. Linda Grabbe  
Certified CRM Trainer  
[LGRABBE@EMORY.EDU](mailto:LGRABBE@EMORY.EDU)  
App: ichillapp

## CONNECTIONS MATTERS GEORGIA

Connections Matter Georgia is an interactive discussion-based workshop that can be taken in either two days (2 hours each day) OR one day (4 hours) via virtual Zoom format. Participants learn about adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), trauma, and resiliency.

[connectionsmatterga@gmail.com](mailto:connectionsmatterga@gmail.com)  
Register for individual training or request a group training [here](#).

## DARKNESS TO LIGHT/STEWARDS OF CHILDREN TRAINING

Adult-focused, evidence-informed curriculum proven to increase knowledge and attitudes about child sexual abuse and change behaviors promoting protective factors. The one-time 2 1/2 hour Stewards of Children program is available through a group session led by an authorized facilitator as well as online. Learn more [here](#).

Nikki Berger  
[NIKKIB@GACFCA.ORG](mailto:NIKKIB@GACFCA.ORG)  
678-904-2880

Taylor Strickland  
[SARCADVOCATE@VALDOSTAHAVEN.ORG](mailto:SARCADVOCATE@VALDOSTAHAVEN.ORG)  
229-539-2275

## MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID (MHA)

Mental Health First Aid is a skills-based training course that teaches participants about mental health and substance-use issues. This training is available in both adult and youth curriculum.  
770-741-1481

## NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) GEORGIA

Mental health advocacy group that provides education, programs, and support group to erase mental illness stigma.

## QUESTION, PERSUADE, AND REFER (QPR)

Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) is an innovative, practical and proven suicide prevention training that empowers participants, regardless of their background, to make a positive difference in the life of someone they know.

# STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

## CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS OF GEORGIA (CACGA)

Collaborative, community-based services to provide services for children and families affected by sexual and or physical abuse.

- Richmond County: P. O. Box 12036, Augusta, GA 30914-2036, 706-737-4631

## COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARDS (CSBS)

Georgia's public safety-net providers of mental health, substance use disorder, and intellectual and developmental disability treatment and services. CSBs are quasi-governmental agencies with oversight from the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

- Directory of all DHDD CSB in the state.

BURKE COUNTY	<u>CSB of Middle Georgia</u>	2121-A Bellevue Road Dublin, GA 31021
COLUMBIA COUNTY	<u>Serenity Behavioral Health System</u>	3421 Mike Padgett Highway Augusta, GA 30906
GLASCOCK COUNTY	<u>CSB of Middle Georgia</u>	2121-A Bellevue Road Dublin, GA 31021
HANCOCK COUNTY	<u>Oconee Center CSB</u>	131 North Jefferson St. Milledgeville, GA 31061
JEFFERSON COUNTY	<u>CSB of Middle Georgia</u>	2121-A Bellevue Road Dublin, GA 31021
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<b>RICHMOND COUNTY</b>	<u><b>Serenity Behavioral Health System</b></u>	3421 Mike Padgett Highway Augusta, GA 30906
<b>TALIAFERRO COUNTY</b>	<u><b>Serenity Behavioral Health System</b></u>	3421 Mike Padgett Highway Augusta, GA 30906
<b>WARREN COUNTY</b>	<u><b>Serenity Behavioral Health System</b></u>	3421 Mike Padgett Highway Augusta, GA 30906
<b>WASHINGTON COUNTY</b>	<u><b>Oconee Center CSB</b></u>	131 North Jefferson St. Milledgeville, GA 31061
<b>WILKES COUNTY</b>	<u><b>Serenity Behavioral Health System</b></u>	3421 Mike Padgett Highway Augusta, GA 30906

#### **FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS (FQHCs)**

Safety net health providers; provide accessible and affordable essential primary and preventive health services including behavioral health under Georgia's Department of Community Health. Some provide comprehensive services including mental health and some provide only dental & physical health services.

<b>Community Health Care Systems</b>	Serves Hancock, Washington, Warren, Glascock, Jefferson	
<u><b>Medical Associates Plus</b></u>	Serves Burke, Jefferson, and Richmond Counties	706-790-4440 Various locations
<u><b>Christ Community Health Services Augusta</b></u>	Serves Richmond County	1226 D'Antignac Street Augusta, GA 30901 706-922-0600
<u><b>East Georgia Healthcare Center</b></u>	Serves Jenkins County	257 N Main St Wadley, GA 30477 478-252-0027
<u><b>Diversity Health Center</b></u>	Serves Glascock County	1-844-877-2227 Various locations

#### **GEORGIA COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA)**

Trained volunteers appointed by the court to improve a child's experience in foster care.

**CASA of the Augusta Judicial Circuit:** Serving Burke, Columbia, Glascock, Lincoln, McDuffie, Richmond, Taliaferro, Warren and Wilkes Counties

Michael Dock, Program Director  
**Child Enrichment, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 12036, Augusta, GA, 30914-2036  
706-737-4631  
**MDOCK@CHILDENRICHMENT.ORG**

**CASA Ogeechee:** Serving Jenkins and Screven Counties

Julie Pickens, Executive Director  
515 Denmark Street, Suite 1200  
Statesboro, GA, 30458-3287  
912-764-4849  
**JULIE@CASAOGEECHEE.ORG**

### **GEORGIA CRISIS & ACCESS LINE (GCAL)**

24/7 helpline to get connected to crisis services for mental health, substance abuse, or intellectual/ developmental disability issues in your area. 1-800-715-4225.

**Comprehensive list of GCAL Adult Behavioral Health Providers**  
**Comprehensive list of GCAL Child/Adolescent Behavioral Health Providers**

### **GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (DBHDD)**

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD): state agency responsible for providing mental health, substance abuse, intellectual & developmental disabilities, deaf services across the state. 404-657-2252.

### **GEORGIA DBHDD OFFICE OF CONSTITUENT SERVICES**

Point of contact to answer questions, address complaints, inquiries, and recommendations about DBHDD services. Fill out online intake form, call 404-657-5964 or email **DBHDDConstituentServices@dbhdd.ga.gov**.

### **GEORGIA DBHDD REGIONAL FIELD OFFICES**

Administers DBHDD hospital and community resources in 6 regions. More info **here**.

Regional Coordinator: Gwen Craddieth,  
Glascok, Hancock, Jefferson, Jenkins, McDuffie, Wilkes,  
Screven, Taliaferro

3405 Mike Padgett Highway  
Building 3 Augusta, GA, 30906  
404- 217-9834

### **GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH (DCH)**

Oversee Medicaid & the State Health Benefit Plan and Healthcare Facility Regulation Division (HFRD). 404-656-4507.

### **GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CARE AND LEARNING (DECAL)**

Provides childcare and early education resources throughout the state.

Detailed **directory of staff** in the different programs

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE (DJJ)**

Serves state's youth offenders by providing probation supervision, secure detention, youth with medical and mental health treatment, including behavioral health, through age 21.

**Office of Behavioral Health Services (OBHS):**  
Dr. Christine Doyle (Contact Director)  
404-508-6597

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (GDPH)**

Provides free stress management services through Teen Health Center, facilitates collaboration & communication between different entities.

For public health emergencies, Call 1-866-PUB-HLTH anytime, 24/7.

- **BURKE**: 706-554-2324
- **COLUMBIA**: 706-868-3330
- **GLASCOCK**: 706-598-2061
- **HANCOCK**: 706-444-6616
- **JEFFERSON**: 478-625-3716
- **JENKINS**: 478-982-2811
- **LINCOLN**: 706-359-3154
- **MCDUFFIE**: 706-595-1740
- **WILKES**: 706-678-2622
- **RICHMOND**: 706-721-5800
- **SCREVEN**: 912-564-2182
- **TALIAFERRO**: 706-456-2334
- **WARREN**: 706-465-2252
- **WASHINGTON**: 478-552-3210

**GEORGIA MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMER NETWORK (GMHCN)**

Leads local and statewide initiatives to promote and provide behavioral health services including peer mentoring and online wellness resources; 404-687-9487.

**GEORGIA PUBLIC DEFENDER COUNCIL MENTAL HEALTH COURTS**

24 month judicially supervised, treatment-based program for those individuals with a documented mental health diagnosis.

**Augusta Judicial Circuit Adult Felony, Mental Wellness, Veterans Courts (serving Burke and Richmond Counties)**

Judges: Jesse Stone and Judge Ashley Wright  
Contact: Victoria Ford  
706-832-4424  
**VFORD@AUGUSTAGA.GOV**

**Columbia Judicial Circuit Accountability Courts (serving Columbia County)**

Judge James Blanchard  
Contact: Rhoda Kimble - Wheeler  
770-447-6761  
**RKIMBLEWHEELER@COLUMBIACOUNTYGA.GOV**

**Ogeechee Judicial Circuit Mental Health Court (serving Jenkins and Screven Counties)**

Judge Michael Muldrew  
Contact: Karen McClain  
912-515-5684  
**KMCCLAIN@BULLOCHCOUNTY.NET**

**PEER2PEER WARM LINE**

24 hours phone peer support from certified peer specialists to provide assistance and resources for challenging life experiences and chronic behavioral health conditions; 888-945-1414

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CAMPUSES**

Medium to low-security detention centers operated locally by the Juvenile Justice Department and holds youths awaiting the determination of punishment for the crimes which they are accused. Find available YDCs [here](#).

- Augusta YDC: 3481 MIKE PADGETT HWY, AUGUSTA, GA 30906
- Facility Director Ernest Clayborn, 706-792-7501

# SUPPORT GROUPS AND RESPITE CENTERS

## STATEWIDE

Narcotics Anonymous:

- <https://grscna.com/>

Alcoholics Anonymous

- [Richmond county meetings schedule](#)
- [Screven county meetings schedule](#)
- [Washington county meetings schedule](#)

## COLUMBIA

**GriefShare grief recovery support groups:**

- Multiple locations: West Acres Baptist Church (555 Gibbs Road Evans, GA), Journey Community Church (4798 Hardy McManus Rd Evans, GA), Mosaic Church Evans (478 Columbia Industrial Blvd Evans, GA)
- Local churches who mobilize lay ministry teams to help people hurting because of a major life crisis.

## BURKE

**Wimberly House:**

Tanya Schlagel at 706-360-5396

- Support Group for Parents and Caregivers of Children with Autism. Meets 4th Monday of each month at 6 p.m.

## TALIAFERRO

**The Summit Wellness Group:**

770-692-2052

- Local Georgia based addiction and mental health resource that provides support, referrals, and care to Georgia parents and teens. Their website features comprehensive guides on topics like suicide and overdose prevention.

## WARREN

**ACF Network, Inc.:**

706-415-7120

- ACF Network, Inc. offers grief support group sessions and family advocacy support services.

## RICHMOND

**Alzheimer's Association, Augusta Regional Office:**

106 SRP Drive, Suite A Evans, GA 30809, 706-731-9060

- This organization is a non-profit organization that provides support for families with patients with Alzheimer's and dementia. Services include family support groups, dementia educational training, care giver support, consulting and referral info for placement, day centers, attorneys, and financial assistance

**AU Holistic Grief Support Group 7:**

1442 Harper St Augusta, 706-724-5901

**TLARK@AUGUSTA.EDU**

- A support group that provides emotional, social, spiritual, psychological, and practical support for caregivers, family members, students, and employees, especially during a time of loss or crisis, in a safe and confidential environment.

**Because, Butterflies R Blue:**

706-513-9714

- A non-profit program that works to build self-esteem of teen girls, education, and mentoring to decrease teen pregnancy, increase school attendance and performance and decrease negative stigmas that surround what we identify as "at risk girls".

**Camp Ivey:**

- Camp IVEY is a one-week, overnight camp held at YMCA Camp Lakeside in Lincolnton, GA. Through recreation and the arts, this adaptive camp's purpose is to empower children with developmental disabilities by promoting independence in life skills, relationships, physical activity and leisure, communication, and self-confidence

## RICHMOND (cont.)

**Creative Impressions:**

706-664-9022

- Creative Impressions empowers community youth through quality choral, cultural and civic experiences through weekly sessions, members receive instruction in music theory, sight-singing, performance technique and other fundamentals in the music discipline, while providing small-group mentorship.

**Elite Eagles, Inc:**

706-250-0325

- Mentorship and Educational Enrichment that provide Therapeutic and Informational Sessions Geared Emotional and Mental Stability and Foundational Life Skills.

**Peer Recovery and respite Center of Augusta:**

720 Central Avenue, Augusta, Georgia 30904, office  
Phone 706-426-4030, 24-Hour Augusta Peer2Peer  
Warm Line, 706-738-3548

**AUGUSTA@GMHCN.ORG**

- A larger organization that provides a myriad of support groups for adults living with mental illness, LGBTQ+ individuals, and those looking for respite/wellness support.

**Precious Pearls Mentoring:**

347-869-4236

- Precious Pearls Mentoring Inc. is a community organization that provides weekly group mentoring session, monthly workshops, and life-skills session to girls ages 8-18

**The Purpose Center:**

1650 Olive Rd, Augusta, 706-364-9949

- Men In Training aims to partner caring adults with hurting children in an effort to prevent academic failure, criminal activity, drug abuse, and other serious risk behaviors.

**RECIing Crew:**

803-426-1284

- The RECIing Crew offers a variety of special leisure and recreational programs geared for ALL ability levels creating the opportunity for you to socialize with your peers and be part of YOUR community. The RECIing Crew programs are geared for those as young as 6 years of age to well into the senior years of life.

**Safe Homes of Augusta:**

PO Box 3187 Augusta, GA 30914, 706-736-2499 ~ 800-799-7233 (24 hr. hotline)

- Support groups available for men, women, children and teens who have been victimized by domestic violence.

**First Tee Augusta:**

706-564-4653 firstteeaugusta.org

- First Tee is a youth development organization that integrates the game of golf with a life skills curriculum to build inner strength, self-confidence, and resilience for kids.

**The Mosaic Center - Life on the Spectrum:**

- Weekday therapy for children with special needs, twice-monthly outings for young adults on the spectrum, and an outdoor inclusive playground open 7 days a week.





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Email [info@rceg.org](mailto:info@rceg.org) or call 706-830-3722.

