



**COMMUNITY
RESOURCES
FOR
SPECIAL NEEDS**

East GEORGIA GLRS

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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, websites, 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 is revised approximately every two years.

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,

Lisa Hill, Ed.S., Director

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

Atlanta Alliance on Developmental
1440 Dutch Valley Place Suite #200 Atlanta, Ga 30324.....770- 761-6247

American Diabetes Association
225 Peachtree NE St. Suite 550 Atlanta, GA 30303.....404-320-7100

American Foundation for the Blind
100 Peachtree NW Street, Suite 620 Atlanta, GA 30303.....404-525-2303

American Red Cross
1955 Monroe Drive, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30324.....404-607-1207

Amerigroup Community Care
621 NW Frontage Rd. Augusta, GA 30907.....706-868-4411 / 706-312-6550

Arthritis Foundation—Georgia Chapter, Inc.
2970 Peachtree NW Rd. Suite 200 Atlanta, Ga 30305.....404-237-8771

Arc of Georgia
100 Edgewood Ave NE, Suite 502, Atlanta GA 30303.....678-904-4474

Atlanta Federation of Teachers
4 Executive Park East NE Suite 120 Atlanta GA 30324.....404-728-9500

Autism Society of America, Georgia Chapter
3455 Lawrenceville Suwanee Rd Suite A Atlanta GA 30341 or
P O box 3707 Suwanee GA 30024..... 770-904-4474

B

The Berry Center
3017 Walton Way Augusta GA 30909..... 706-738-6792

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. 30303404-651-5112

C

C.A.R.E (MCG Child Psychiatry)
1446 Harper St. Augusta, Ga. 30904.....706-721-3148

Center for New Beginnings
727 West 6th Street, Waynesboro, GA 30830..... 706-437-0505

Client Assistance Program (CAP)
2 Peachtree St. Suite 23-307 Atlanta, Ga., 30303.....404-657-3012

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Georgia Chapter
2302 Parklake NE Dr. Suite 210 Atlanta, GA 30345.....800-344-4823 / 404-325-6973

D

DBHDD Dept of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities
3405 Mike Padgett Hwy, Building 3, Augusta, GA 30906.....866-380-4835

Downs Syndrome Association of Atlanta
4355 Cobb SE Pkwy Suite J Atlanta, GA 30339.....404-320-3233

E

East Central, MHDDAD
3405 Mike Padgett Hwy Suite 3 Augusta, Ga., 30906..... 706-792-7733

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

Emory Autism Center (Emory University)
1551 Shoup Court Decatur, GA. 30033.....404-727-8350

Epilepsy Foundation of America—GA Chapter
6065 Roswell NE Road, Suite 715 Atlanta, GA 30328.....404-527-7155

F

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

G

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

Georgia's Aging & Disability Resource Connection
3023 River Watch Pkwy, Suite A Augusta, GA 30907.....866-552-4464

Georgia Alliance for Children
30 Haygood Ave SW Atlanta, GA 30315.....404-588-0708

Georgia Association of Educational Leaders
5634 Atlanta Highway, Suite 300 Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542.....800-533-4235

Georgia Center for Resources & Support
1105 W. Peachtree St. NE Atlanta, GA 30309866-272-7368

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

Georgia Interpreting Services Network
100 Edgewood Ave. NE, Suite 975 Atlanta, GA., 30303.....800-228-4992

Georgia Legal Services Program
104 Marietta NW St. Suite 250 Atlanta, GA 30303.....404-894-7707
800-498-9469

Georgia Libraries for Blind/Physically Handicapped,
1150 Murphy Ave., SW 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
1870 Twin Towers E. 205 Jesse Hill Jr. Dr. SE Atlanta, GA 30334.....404-463-5288

Georgia Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
PO Box 914 Snellville, GA 30078.....No Phone

Georgia School Superintendents Association College of Ed.
P.O. Box 3977 Atlanta, GA 30302- 3977.....404-413-8135

Georgia Society to Prevent Blindness
739 W Peachtree St NW Atlanta, GA 30308-1137.....404-266-2020

Georgia Speech, Language and Hearing Association
20423 State Rd. 7 Suite F6-491, Boca Raton, FL 33498.....561-477-8100

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

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA)
2 Peachtree St NW 6th Floor Atlanta GA 30303.....404-232-3910

Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities
2 Peachtree Street, Suite 26-246 Atlanta, GA. 30303.....888-275-4233
404-657-2126

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

J

L

Learning Disabilities Association of Georgia
2566 Shallowford Road, Suite 104 PMB Atlanta GA.....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

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
3070 Presidential Parkway, Suite 130, Atlanta, GA 30340.....800-229-2038

PEPP/Parents Educating Parents & Professional, Inc.
8355 Cherokee Blvd. Douglasville, GA 30134..... 770-577-7771

Professional Association of Georgia Educators
2971 Flowers Rd. Suite 151, Atlanta, Ga 30134.....770-216-8555

R

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. SW Suite 100 Atlanta, GA 30311.....404-755-1641

Spina Bifida Association of Georgia
1448 B McLendon Dr. Decatur, GA 30311.....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 (PO Box1000), Warm Springs, GA 31830.....706-655-5000

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

A

Action Ministries 303 Hale St. Augusta, Ga 30901.....	706-722-8159
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
Alzheimer's Association of Augusta 106 SRP Dr. Suite A Evans, GA 30809.....	706-860-4599
American Cancer Society.....	706-731-9900
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 Division Child Support Services Suite 300 360 Bay Street Augusta, GA 30901.....	877-423-4746
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 (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 & 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 823 Telfair St. Augusta, Ga., 30901.....	706-821-2615
Augusta Training Shop 1704 Jenkins St, Augusta, GA 30904.....	706-738-1358
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
Burke County Health Department 114 Dogwood Drive, Waynesboro, GA.....	706-554-3456
Burke Transit (EMA) 277 Hwy 24 S Waynesboro, GA 30830.....	706-554-1660
Crystal's Special Car.....	864-323-7902
Catholic Social Services 811 12 th 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
P O Box 1066 Waynesboro, Ga. 30830..... 706-437-0505

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
1054 Claussen Rd. Suite 304 & 305 Augusta, GA..... 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

DFCS: STATE OFFICE
3669 2 Peachtree Street, NW STE 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 15th 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 30401478-237-7501

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 Council of the Blind.....706-737-4341

Georgia Legal Services Program
209 7th St. Suite 400 Augusta, GA 30901.....706-721-2327

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

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

Georgia TASC/Serves Columbia, McDuffie & Warren Counties
818 Whiteoak Rd. Thomson, GA 30824.....706-595-4027

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

Glascocock County Health Department
668 W Main St, 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

Human Relations Commission, 360 Bay St # 240, Augusta, GA706-821-2506

Housing Authority of the City of Augusta 1435 Walton Way Augusta, Georgia 30901.....	706-312-3113 / 706-724-5466
Housing Authority of the City of Harlem 140 E. Milledgeville Road, Harlem, GA 30814.....	706-556-3025
Housing Authority of the City of Lincolnton 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.....	478-237-7381
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
I	
Independent Living Center 513 15 th Street, Augusta, GA. 30901.....	706-724-6909
J	
Jefferson County Health Department P. O. Box 306, Louisville GA 30434.....	478-625-3716
Jefferson County Transit Company 1841 B Hwy 24 W Louisville, GA 30434.....	478-625-8518
Jenkins County Health Department P. O. Box 627, Millen, GA 30442.....	478-982-2811
L	
Lincoln County Health Department P. O. Box 65, Lincolnton GA 30817.....	706-359-3154
Lions Club of Augusta.....	800-718-7483
Lynndale, Inc. 1490 Eisenhower Drive, Augusta, GA 30904.....	706-738-3395
M	
Manna Inc 451 E Hill St Thomson GA 30824.....	706-595-3138

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 15th Street, Augusta, GA 30912.....706-721-0211

N

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

Necco
4424 Columbia Rd. Suite B Martinez, Ga 30907.....706-210-3435

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

Penny's Learning Center
2817 Meadowbrook Dr. Augusta, GA 30906.....706-210-3734

R

Richmond/Burke Job Training Authority
209 7th St. 5th 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
950 Laney Walker Blvd. 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..... 706-655-5000

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

SNT Access, Cummunications, Elevators, & Lifts, LLC
119 Davis Rd, 9B Augusta, GA 30907.....706-225-8938

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 29802803 652-3231

T

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

The Augusta Talking Book Center
823 Telfair St. 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

U

United Way of the CSRA 2-1-1.....706-826-1495

W

Walton Community Services
513 15th St Augusta GA30901.....706-826-5864
1-800-735-0940

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

Warren County Health Department
P. O. Box 322, Warrenton, GA 30828.....706-465-2252

WIA East Central Georgia Consortium
Thomson, GA. 30824.....706-595-8941

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

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Y

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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 Lung Association.....	800-586-4872
American Parkinson’s Disease Association.....	800-223-2732
American Ramp (AmRamp).....	800-649-5215
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
Association for Retarded Citizens of the U.S.....	800-433-5255
Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America.....	800-727-8462
Autism Society of America.....	800-328-8476

B

B & B Care Services.....	800-657-7017
Babies Can’t Wait.....	800-653-2229
Better Hearing Institute Hearing Helpline.....	800-327-9355
Brain Injury Association.....	800-444-6443
Brain & Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fun.....	888-233-5760

C

CDC National Aids Hotline.....	800-232-4636
CHADD: Children & Adults with Attention Deficit.....	800-233-4050
Cancer Information Service National Line.....	800-422-6237
Carroll Center for the Blind (MA).....	800-852-3131
Center for Disease Control (CDCINFO).....	800-232-4636
Cleftline.....	800-242-5338
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
Downs Syndrome and Alzheimer's National Help an.....800-272-3900

E

Easter Seal Incorporated.....800-221-6827
Epilepsy Foundation of America.....800-332-1000
Epilepsy Foundation of Georgia.....800-527-7105
Epilepsy Hotline.....877-610-1180

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G

Georgia Council for the Hearing Impaired..... 800-541-0710
Georgia Crisis & Access Line..... 800-715-4225
Georgia Legal Services..... 800-248-6697
Georgia Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program.....888-297-9461

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Handicapped, Inc.....800-782-4335
HCA Coliseum Psychiatric Hospital.....800-548-4221
Hearing Impaired Georgia Council.....800-541-0710
Hearing Resources.....800-531-2139
Huntington's Disease Society of America.....800-345-4372

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J

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

L

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 Alliance for Blind Students..... 800-424-8666
National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI).....800-950-6264

National Alliance on Mental Illness.....	800-777-1515
National Association for Hearing and Speech Action.....	800-638-3678
National Association for Parents of Visually Impaired.....	800-562-6265
National Association for Sickle Cell Disease Association of America.....	800-421-8453
National Center for Stuttering.....	800-221-2483
National Dissemination Center for Children 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 Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC).....	800-424-2460
National Fragile X Foundation.....	800-688-8765
National Head Injury Foundation.....	800-444-6443
National Headache Foundation.....	800-843-2256
National Health Information Center.....	800-336-4797
National Hospice Organization.....	800-658-8898
National Hydrocephalus Foundation.....	888-857-3434
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.....	800-962-9629
National Stroke Association.....	800-767-6537
National Tuberosus Sclerosis Association.....	800-225-6872

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Orton Dyslexia Society.....	800-222-3123
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Parents Educating Parents & Professionals (PEPP).....	770-577-7771
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

Serenity Behavioral Health Services.....	706-432-4760
Shriner's Hospital Referral Line.....	800-237-5055
Sickle Cell Disease Association of America.....	800-421-8453
Social Security Administration.....	800-772-1213
State Department of Georgia Medicaid.....	866-211-0950

U

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

V

W

Visiting Nurse Association of America.....888-866-8773

Vocational Rehabilitation..... 866-637-9193

Walton Options.....706-724-6262 / 877-821-8400

X

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

Y

Z

Useful Websites

General Family Health Information:

Kidshealth www.kidshealth.org

Dr. Koop 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

Exceptional Parent Magazine www.eparent.com

Families and Work Institute www.familiesandwork.org

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

Friends of Disabled Adults and Children www.fodac.org

National Parent to Parent www.netnet.net/mums

Parents Educating Parents & Professionals (PEPP) www.peppinc.org

Parent to Parent of Georgia www.parenttoparentofga.org

Parent's Place www.parentsplace.com

Special Programs:

Autism Society of America- Greater Georgia Chapter www.asaga.com

Custom Mobility www.custommobility.net

Child Care Resource/Referral Agency www.mcg.edu/pediatrics/ccrr

Emory Autism Center www.psychiatry.emory.edu/PROGRAMS/autism

Georgia Center for Resource & Support www.gacrs.org

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

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

Preparing your child for the hospital and surgery

http://kidshealth.org/parent/system/surgery/hosp_surgery_prt.htm

Specific Health Issue/Disability:

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

National Organization for Rare Disorders
Medline

www.rarediseases.org/cgi-bin/nord
www.medlineplus.gov

Online Asperger's Information and Support (OASIS)
United Cerebral Palsy Association

www.udel.edu/bkirby/asperger
www.ucp.org

Education:

National Information Center for Children And Youth with Disabilities

www.nichcy.org
<http://ericec.org>

ERIC Clearinghouse

PACER Center (Parent Advocacy Coalition for Education Rights)

www.pacer.org

Parents as Teachers National Center, Inc.

www.parentsasteachers.org

Family Education Company

www.familyeducation.com

Wright's Law

www.wrightslaw.com

IDEA

www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/Policy/IDEA

Patient Transportation:

National Patient Travel Center

www.patienttravel.org

Mercy Medical Airlift

www.mercymedical.org

Corporate Angel Network

www.corpangelnetwork.org

AirlifeLine

www.airlifeline.org

For Kids:

Friends of Disabled Adults and Children

www.fodac.org/

Kids Health

www.kidshealth.org

Resources in Spanish (and Others):

Patient Education Materials in Foreign Languages
Global Health

<http://u-write.com/foreign.shtml>
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 response to intervention (RTI) 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.