



Wayne County Parent Resource Guide for Students with Special Needs

Wayne County School System provides services in all areas of exceptionality. This resource guide is meant to assist you in finding various forms of assistance related to the needs of individuals with disabilities and their families.

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Where do I find Mental Health services and supports?

Anchored in Wellness

Shauna Mattingly, LCSW, Tiffany McDonald, LPC, and Paulette Parker, LCSW

311 East Cherry Street, Jesup, GA 31545, 912-286-2423

Services: Anchored in Wellness specializes in individual and family therapy for all ages.

Hours: 7am and 6 pm.

Cord of Three Counseling Services

Clay Gill, LPC; Raye Morgan, LPC, PO Box 151, Patterson, Georgia 31557, 912-282-0992.

We serve clients in: Baxley, Blackshear, Jesup, Patterson, Nahunta, and Waycross

Services: Individual, couple, family, adult, child and adolescent. Specializes in Christian counseling. Ages: all ages Payment plans: any insurance; Medicaid; Wellcare; sliding scale fee available for non-insured Hours: By appointment

Darsey, Black and Associates

215 E. Court St., Hinesville, Georgia 31313, 912-876-4010, www.darseyblackandassociates.com

Services: Individual therapy, group therapy, consultation, referral, testing and follow-up Ages: all ages. Payment plans: private pay, most insurance, Medicaid. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00p.m.

Family Reconstructions Todd Lynch-Stanley, LCSW,

1520 Richmond St., Brunswick, Georgia 31520, 912 342-7159

Services: family Therapy, individual therapy, group therapy, consultation, referral, follow-up.

Specializes in sexual abuse offenders and victims. Ages: 6 to adult Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Focus Healthcare of Georgia/St.Simons by the Sea

Focus by the Sea, 2927 Demere Road, St. Simons, Georgia 912-638-1999, Crisis line

1-800-821-7224 www.ssbythesea.com

Services: Hospitalization, psychiatric assessment and Treatment, medical/nursing care, individual/group/family/recreational therapy, referral, consultation, and follow-up. Ages: adolescent and adult. Payment plans: most insurances, self-Pay Hours: 24/7, residential treatment facility



Mental Health Services and Support continued

The Frasier Center

203 Mary Lou Drive, Hinesville, GA
31313, 912-369-7777

www.frasiercenter.com

Services: individual, marital, and family counseling, substance abuse services, therapy and support groups, parenting and divorce seminars, critical incident stress management, military family support Ages: ages 4 and up. Payment plans: accept most insurance; form for fee reduction if no insurance.

Gateway Behavioral Health Services Offices

Hinesville, Brunswick and other nearby locations, For developmental Disabilities Intake and Evaluation Team 912/303-1649

Services: individual, family and group therapy Ages: 4 to 17 years. Payment plans: most insurance, payment may be made on a sliding scale dependent on income and family size. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00p.m.

Psychological Services of Waycross

Brendan C. Engen, PsyD, Psychologist www.psychologistwaycross.com

Jesup Office: 155 E. Cherry St Brunswick Office: 3215 Shrine Road, Unit 12

Services: psychotherapy. Ages: children through adults. Payment plans: most insurance, Medicaid, WellCare, AmeriGroup, Medicare, private pay.

Hours: available by appointment

Wayne Behavioral Health Services

1245 South 1st Street, Jesup, GA 31545 912-385-2627 FAX 912-385-3628

Wayne Counseling Center

244 Peachtree Street, Jesup, Georgia 31545, 912-427-9338

Crisis line 1-800-pineland

Services: Individual/Group/Family therapy, Assessment, Referral, Testing, Follow-Up, Case Management, Respite Care, Group Homes, and Substance Abuse Ages: age 5 and up Payment plans: Medicaid, medicare, some group insurance, also based on income Hours: 8:00-6:00 Monday through Friday



Where do I find support/self-help groups?

Fair Haven - Wayne County Protective Agency

Debra Smith or Terry Coleman Terry480@bellsouth.net

912-588-0382 FAX 912-588-0228) Services: Immediate safe shelter for victims of domestic violence

Golden Isles Children's Advocacy Center

2514 Wren Street, Brunswick, GA 31520 912-554-0609

Ages: 3 and up Provide services for abuse, traumatic events, foster care transition, grief, domestic violence, or victims of violent crimes

Contact number above for intake and information Meets in Jesup at Unity Church of God every other Wednesday for therapy Time: As needed

Industries for the Blind, Roosevelt Warm Springs, and Vocational Rehabilitation

<https://gvs.georgia.gov/> Services: The Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program of Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA) helps people with disabilities find and maintain employment. As every individual is different, so too are the services we offer. Some people may just need hearing aids or other assistive technology, others may need support with training or post-secondary education.

Hospice/Grief Support Group

Contact: Stanley Todd 117 Drennon Drive, Jesup, GA 31545 912-588-0080 Ages: All Mondays at 6:00



Where can I find crisis services?

Cord of Three Counseling Services

5920 Reese Street, Patterson, GA 31557 912-288-0992 www.cotcs.org

Georgia Crisis and Access Line

1-800-715-4225 www.mygcal.com

Statewide toll-free line for consumers to access emergency and routine services



Georgia Sites for Parental Support and Resources

Georgia Department of Education

<https://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/AskDOE/Pages/Parents.aspx>

404-657-7328

Georgia Parent Mentor Partnership

912-810-7635 ext. 24

www.parentmentors.org

Parent to Parent of Georgia

1-800-229-2038

www.p2pga.org

Provides special needs database, road map to resources, online learning, and free parent training



Where do I find assistive technology?

Georgia Project for Assistive Technology (GPAT)

www.gpat.org Training resource for achievement, productivity, independence, and inclusion using assistive technology

Georgia Tools for Life

404-894-0541

www.gatfl.org

Demonstration, evaluation, funding, and training for assistive technology (AT) needs

Prentke-Romich

Contact person is Christine Kramlich – 1-800-262-1984 ext. 1448

www.prentrom.com

Provides evaluation, assistance with funding, and communication devices

Tobii-Dynvavox

Contact person is Marivic Beebe

Office: 800-344-1778 ext. 5904

Marivic.beebe@tobiidynavox.com



Where can I find transition and employment services?

Easter Seals

Children and Family Support

Waycross, GA (912)283-4691 www.easterseals.com

Workforce development services, job skills training, and other related rehabilitation services

Georgia Council for the Hearing Impaired (GACHI)

1-800-772-1213 www.gachi.org Support, technology and communication

Georgia Vocation and Rehabilitation Agency (GGVA)

1-800-536-7442 www.gvra.georgia.gov Five rehabilitation programs: Business Enterprise

Program, Disability Adjudication Services, Georgia

Goodwill Industries – Job Connections

(912) 427-8188 www.goodwillsavannah.org Provides training and skill-building services for job placement

National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability

877-871-0744 www.ncwd-youth.info Source for information about employment for youth with disabilities

Wayne County Probate Office

912-427-5940 <https://www.wayneprobatecourt.com/>

Provides parents with information about legal decisions for right of revocation of rights at age 18

Wayne Service Center

1848 S. Sunset Blvd., Jesup, GA 31545 912-0427-4491 www.pinelandcsb.org

Community-based services for adults with mental illness, developmental disabilities, or addiction challenges

Georgia Industries for the Blind

Phone: 1-800-605-7260 Email: GIB_customer_Service@gvs.ga.gov Georgia Industries for the Blind

(GIB) employs people who are blind in two locations across the state: Bainbridge and Griffin.



Where do I find post-secondary services?

Coastal Pines Technical College

Counseling/Disability Services Contacts: Cathy Montgomery, Counseling and Sp. Services Director - Room 174, Jesup Campus 912-427-6265 cmontgomery@coastalpines.edu
Jesup, Golden Isles, Baxley, Hazelhurst

College of Coastal Georgia

Office of Disability Services Contact: Jennifer Zak 912-279-5806 izak@ccga.edu More information found on CCGA's website: www.ccca.edu/page.cfm?p=647

East Georgia State College

131 College Circle, Swainsboro, GA 30401 Contact: Theresa R. Davis - CHOICE Program for Inclusive Learning Program Director 478-289-2191 (FAX 478-289-2118) trdavis@ega.edu

Georgia Southern University

Contact: Mike Chambers, Director of Student Disability Resource Center – PO Box 8037, Statesboro, GA 30460 912-478-1566 (FAX 912-478-1419) sdrc@georgiasouthern.edu

Roosevelt Warm Springs

Office of Admissions: 706-655-5057 6135 Roosevelt Hwy. Warm Springs, GA 31830
<https://gvra.georgia.gov/warmsprings>

Think College

www.thinkcollege.net

This website lists several options for people with disabilities, including the Post-Secondary Inclusion programs at East Georgia, Kennesaw State, and others.



Where can I find funding options?

Benefits Navigator - Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation

Agency (GVRA) Work Incentives Planning

1-844-367-9472 General and Basic Work Incentives Information 1-866-968-7842

www.benefitsnavigator.org

Assists with determining incentive programs and maximizing benefits

Deeming Waiver (TEFRA /Katie Beckett)

1-800-982 0411 www.dch.georgia.gov

Easter Seals - Children and Family Support - Waycross, GA (912)283-4691

www.easterseals.com

Champions for Children

Services not covered under Deeming Waiver - www.championsforchildren.org

Fragile Kids Foundation

Helps fill "insurance and grant application gap" – 770-951-6111 www.fragilekids.org

Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (HIPP) 678-564-1162 www.dch.georgia.gov

For working Medicaid members' insurance premium assistance

NOW/COMP

912-303-1670 www.dbhdd.georgia.gov

Comprehensive supports waiver program - Home and community-based services for people with developmental or intellectual disability

Pineland - Family support contact is Ty Stanfield

Jesup, GA (912) 427-4491 or (912)690-2483 www.pinelandcsb.org

Day and employment services, residential services, and family/natural supports

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

1-800-772-1213 www.ssa.gov

Pays benefits to disabled children and adults who have limited income and resources



Where do I find durable medical equipment and services?

Jones Medical Equipment

427-6600 477 South First Street, Jesup 31545

Provides rental and purchased medical equipment

Numotion Mobility

229-339-8271 1821A Old Ocilla Road, Tifton, GA 31794

www.numotion.co

Provides custom seating and mobility equipment

Shriners Orthopedic Hospital

813-972-2250

www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org

Provides specialized care for children with orthopedic, burn, spinal cord injury, and cleft lip and palate

Special Needs' Children's Medical Services Program:

CMS 912-285-6304 or 1-800-320-9839 www.dph.georgia.gov

Provides comprehensive healthcare for children with eligible chronic medical conditions from birth to 21 who meet financial requirements



Where do I find Respite?

Easter Seals - Megan's House

(912)283-4691 www.easterseals.com Waycross, GA

Provides overnight and emergency respite with trained staff. Payment is based on a sliding scale.

Georgia Baptist Childrens' Home and Family

Ministries, Inc.

771-463-3344

www.gbchfm.org

Located on Baxley campus are two opportunities:

- a) Camp Hawkins - summer residential camp for youth age 8-21 (5 day camp)
- b) Matthew's Time - weekend camp for children with severe or profound disabilities that is hosted one to two times per year

Jesup First Baptist Church

Contact is Mary Frances

Duren 427-3691 Free monthly respite typically provided 34 Friday each month (6:00-8:30 PM)

Call to schedule.



Academic Support



Grade Levels: 1-8

[What is Prodigy Math?](#)

Lesson Ideas: Assists students in becoming fluent in Math skills.

Platform: Web-based

*Free/ Subscriptions available for parents



Khan Academy

Grade Levels: K-12

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

You can learn anything. Expert-created content and resources for every course and level. Always free. Online lessons, resources, practice, and videos

*Free



Grade Levels: K-3 Language arts and mathematics for preschool, kindergarten, first grade, second grade, and third grade. Emphasis on phonemic awareness, systematic sequential phonics, and common sight words. *Free



Grade Levels: K-5 [What is Epic?](#) Epic! is an all-you-can-read eBook library for kids 12 and under. 20,000+ titles (Read-to-Me, audio books, and educational videos).

Compatible with iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch.

*Free 30 day trial for parents - Monthly subscription fee



Grade Levels: K-12

What is ReadWorks Digital?

ReadWorks Digital: Nonfiction and literary articles, Question sets, Vocabulary, support Paired Texts, StepReads, Audio versions of articles, Article-A-Day [ReadWorksDigital Tutorial](#)

Platform: Web-based, any device Resources available to parents for \$25 donation