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In crisis?
Call 1-800-715-4225
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This youth resource pocket guide was developed as a resource to:

- Assist in identifying signs of a behavioral health crisis involving children and youth

- Provide tools for de-escalating/mediating a crisis

- Provide resources and support systems for children/youth with behavioral health and/or addictive diseases, their caregivers, and others who support them
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Tips for Engaging Youth in Crisis

• **Maintain your safety at all times!**
• Physically place yourself at child’s level if you feel it is safe to do so
• Stay calm
• Be attentive, sincere, and truthful
• Minimize distractions
• Reassure child that you are there for *them*, not their parents, teacher, etc.
• May begin by talking about everyday topics to build trust, such as, “I see you have a sketch pad, are you an artist? Can I see some of your drawings? Do you take art in school?”
• Use direct questions
• Ask one question at a time; state instructions clearly
• Observe how youth behaves and responds to others
**Tips for Engaging Youth in Crisis (cont’d)**

- Do not take encounters personally – *The child/youth doesn’t know you – it is not about you!*
- Lower your voice
- Be attentive and actively listen
- Use empathy
- Call for assistance/back-up, if needed
- Do not argue about or attempt to disconfirm/negate delusions – *it is their reality!*
- Get information from parents, guardians, and caregivers describing youth’s behavior and mental health history
- Remember family is also in crisis and need reassuring
- Know your community resources
- **Remember that you are speaking to a child, not a small adult!**
Recognize Threats of Suicide

Warning Signs

• Talks about wanting to die, especially to peers
• Has trouble eating and/or sleeping
• Experiences unusual or sudden changes in behavior, personality, or mood
• Withdraws from family, friends, and usual activities
• Loses interest in personal appearance
• Starts or increases use of alcohol or drugs
• Taking unnecessary risks
• Has attempted suicide before
• Has had recent severe losses
• Gives away prized possessions
• Sudden happiness after prolonged depression
• Displays frequent episodes of self-harm
• Posting self-deprecating or suicidal messages on social media
Tips for Engaging Suicidal Children/Youth

- **Take all threats seriously**
- **Do not be afraid to ask questions**
  1. Are you thinking of killing yourself?
  2. Do you have a plan? If yes, what is your plan?
  3. Do you have access to weapons (if not apparent)?
  4. Do you feel like things would be better if you were dead?
- **Do not leave child/youth alone**
- **Ask open ended questions, such as, “What brought you to this point today? What has happened that makes you believe suicide is your best option right now?”**
- **Remember to listen and not judge**
- **Don’t make promises you can’t keep**
- **Be sure to share any threat of suicide with mental health professional immediately**
- **Know your community resources**
Characteristic Signs of Addiction

Physical and Psychological

- Bloodshot eyes
- Pupils that appear larger or smaller than normal
- Poor hygiene or grooming habits
- Body tremors
- Impaired speech
- Problems with coordination
- Intense mood swings
- Irritable
- Can appear giddy or hyperactive
- Appearing paranoid, fearful or anxious without cause
- Appearing paranoid and/or fearful
- Appearing to be lethargic
- Lack of drive or motivation

*It is important to note that some of the signs of addiction can be similar of signs of mental illness. Do not assume you can differentiate. That is the role of a mental health professional.*
**Tips for Engaging Addiction Crisis in Youth:**

- Be sincere, truthful and professional
- Be non-threatening
- Use empathy and patience
- Allow individual time to explain
- Assess for overdose and/or withdrawal
  - Alcohol and benzodiazepine withdrawal are medical emergencies. **ACT IMMEDIATELY!**
  - Heroin overdose is a medical emergency. **ACT IMMEDIATELY!**
- Give individual ample space
- State instructions clearly and be specific
- Provide a calm environment
- Reduce unnecessary external stimuli (crowds, sirens, lights, etc.)
Autism

Common behaviors of Autism are:

• Responding negatively to touch
• Repetitive behavior, such as repeating same phrase or motion
• Obsessive routines such as becoming aggressive or destructive if routine is broken
• Devoid of and unable to express emotion other than anger
• May speak little or not at all
• May respond negatively to bright lights
• May respond negatively to loud sounds such as sirens or radios
**Autism: Tips for Engaging Youth in Crisis**

**Dos and Don’ts:**

- Avoid attempts to gain eye contact
- Child may require more than typical 6 feet of space
- Speak slowly and concisely
- Ask one question/give one request at a time
- Allow child time to process one question/request at a time, such as, “Do you have a phone number?” – individual may be able to write a number/and or name
- Do not interpret a pause or silence as noncompliance
- Avoid touching individual if not necessary
- Ask/look for identification
- If near body of water, calmly ask individual to step away from water
- Reassure and remain calm
GEORGIA
ASSOCIATION OF
COMMUNITY SERVICE
BOARDS (CSB’s)
• **Advantage Behavioral Health Systems**
  www.advantagebhs.org 706-389-6789
  (Counties: Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Greene, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Walton)

• **Aspire Behavioral Health & Developmental Disability Services**
  www.albanycsb.org 229-430-4042
  (Counties: Baker, Calhoun, Dougherty, Early, Lee, Miller, Terrell, Worth)

• **Avita Community Partners**
  www.avitapartners.org 678-513-5700
  (Counties: Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, White)

• **Clayton Center CSB**
  www.claytoncenter.org 770-473-2416
  (County: Clayton)

• **Cobb/Douglas CSB**
  www.cobbcsb.com
  770-429-5000 (Counties: Cobb, Douglas)

• **CSB of Middle Georgia**
  www.csbmg.com
  478-272-1190 (Counties: Bleckley, Dodge, Johnson, Laurens, Montgomery, Pulaski, Telfair, Treutlen, Wheeler, Wilcox)
Community Service Boards (cont’d)

- **DeKalb CSB**  [www.dekcsb.org](http://www.dekcsb.org)  
  404-508-7963 (County: DeKalb)

- **Fulton County DBHDD**  
  [www.livebetterfulton.org](http://www.livebetterfulton.org)  
  404-613-3675 (County: Fulton)

- **Gateway BHS**  [www.gatewaybhs.org](http://www.gatewaybhs.org)  
  912-554-8490 (Counties: Bryan, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh)

- **Georgia Pines CSB**  [www.georgiapines.net](http://www.georgiapines.net)  
  229-225-4370 (Counties: Colquitt, Decatur, Grady, Mitchell, Seminole, Thomas)

- **Highland Rivers Health**  
  [www.highlandrivershealth.com](http://www.highlandrivershealth.com)  
  404-808-7740 (Counties: Bartow, Cherokee, Fannin, Floyd, Gilmer, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Whitfield)
Community Service Boards (cont’d)

• **Lookout Mountain Community Services**  
  [www.lmcs.org](http://www.lmcs.org) 706-638-5584 (Counties: Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade, Walker)

• **McIntosh Trail CSB** [www.mctrail.org](http://www.mctrail.org)  
  770-358-8284 (Counties: Butts, Fayette, Henry, Lamar, Pike, Spalding, Upson)

• **Middle Flint BHC** [www.middleflintbhc.org](http://www.middleflintbhc.org)  
  229-931-2470 (Counties: Crisp, Dooly, Macon, Marion, Schley, Sumter, Taylor, Webster)

• **New Horizons Behavioral Health**  
  [www.newhorizonscsb.org](http://www.newhorizonscsb.org) 706-596-5739  
  (Counties: Chattahoochee, Clay, Harris, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Stewart, Talbot)

• **Oconee Center CSB**  
  [www.oconeecenter.org](http://www.oconeecenter.org) 478-445-4817  
  (Counties: Baldwin, Hancock, Jasper, Putnam, Washington, Wilkinson)
Community Service Boards (cont’d)

- **Ogeechee Behavioral Health Services**  
  [www.obhsga.org](http://www.obhsga.org) 478-289-2741  
  (Counties: Burke, Emanuel, Glascock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Screven)

- **Pathways CSB**  
  [www.pathwayscsb.org](http://www.pathwayscsb.org) 706-845-4341  
  (Counties: Carroll, Coweta, Heard, Troup, Meriwether)

- **Phoenix Center CSB**  
  [www.phoenixcenterbhs.com](http://www.phoenixcenterbhs.com) 478-988-1002  
  (Counties: Crawford, Houston, Peach)

- **Pineland BHDD**  
  [www.pinelandcsb.org](http://www.pinelandcsb.org) 912-764-6906 (Counties: Appling, Bulloch, Candler, Evans, Jeff Davis, Tattnall, Toombs, Wayne)

- **River Edge BHC**  
  [www.river-edge.org](http://www.river-edge.org) 478-803-7646 (Counties: Baldwin, Bibb, Jones, Monroe, Putnam, Twiggs, Wilkinson)

- **Serenity Behavioral Health System**  
  [www.serenitybhs.com](http://www.serenitybhs.com) 706-432-7800  
  (Counties: Columbia, Lincoln, McDuffie, Richmond, Taliaferro, Warren Wilkes)
Community Service Boards (cont’d)

- **BHS of South Georgia**  [www.bhsga.com](http://www.bhsga.com)  
  229-671-6101 (Counties: Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Tift, Turner)

- **Unison Behavioral Health**  
  [www.unisonbehavioralhealth.com](http://www.unisonbehavioralhealth.com)  
  912-449-7103 (Counties: Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Pierce, Ware)

- **View Point Health**  
  [www.myviewpointhealth.com](http://www.myviewpointhealth.com)  
  678-209-2376 (Counties: Gwinnett, Rockdale, Newton)
Behavioral Health Link (BHL) – Georgia Crisis and Access Line:

800-715-4225

www.mygcal.com

• 24/7 statewide access
• Mobile Crisis Teams in all 159 GA counties
• Local resources for mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases
• Local Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs)
• Local Crisis Homes (for Developmental Disabilities only)
• Available crisis beds
• Local support and advocacy organizations
• **Be sure to share BHL contact with person in crisis, family members, and caregivers.**
Region 1 – Field Office

1230 Bald Ridge Marina Road
Suite 800
Cumming, GA 30041
678-947-2818

Region 2 – Field Office

3405 Mike Padgett Highway, Building 3
Augusta, GA 30906
706-792-7733
(Baldwin, Barrow, Bibb, Burke, Clarke, Columbia, Elbert, Emanuel, Glascock, Greene, Hancock, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jenkins, Jones, Lincoln, Madison, McDuffie, Monroe, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Putnam, Richmond, Screven, Taliaferro, Twiggs, Walton, Warren, Washington, Wilkes, and Wilkinson)
Region 3 – Field Office

Georgia Regional Hospital - Atlanta.
3073 Panthersville Rd.
Building 10
Decatur, GA 30034
404-244-5050 or 5056
(Clayton, DeKalb, Fulton, Gwinnett, Newton and Rockdale)

Region 4 – Field Office

400 S. Pinetree Boulevard
Thomasville, GA 31792
229-225-5099
(Baker, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, Calhoun, Colquitt, Cook, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Echols, Grady, Irwin, Lanier, Lee, Lowndes, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas, Tift, Turner, and Worth)
Region 5 – Field Office

1915 Eisenhower Drive, Building 7
Savannah, GA 31406
912-303-1670
(Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Bleckley, Brantley, Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Candler, Charlton, Chatham, Clinch, Coffee, Dodge, Effingham, Evans, Glynn, Jeff Davis, Johnson, Laurens, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Montgomery, Pierce, Pulaski, Tattnall, Telfair, Toombs, Treutlen, Ware, Wayne, Wheeler and Wilcox)

Region 6 – Field Office

3000 Schatulga Road
Building 4
Columbus, Georgia 31907-2435
706-565-7835
(Butts, Carroll, Chattahoochee, Clay, Coweta, Crawford, Crisp, Dooly, Fayette, Harris, Heard, Henry, Houston, Lamar, Macon, Marion, Meriwether, Muscogee, Peach, Pike, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Spalding, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taylor, Troup, Upson and Webster)
Crisis Stabilization Units (CSU’s)
Crisis Stabilization Units (CSU): CSU’s serve youth from all over the state who need short-term (1-7 days) acute stabilization.

- **Hopes Corner**
  756 Woodbury Highway
  Building B, Suite 101
  Greenville, GA 30222
  706-775-0544
  *Serving youth ages 5-18*

- **Lakeside Center**
  600 DOT Barn Road
  Bloomingdale, GA 31302
  912-330-8335
  *Serving youth ages 5-18*

- **River Edge Behavior Health**
  3575 Fulton Mill Road
  Macon, GA 31206
  478-471-5393
  www.river-edge.org
  *Serving youth ages 5-14*

- **View Point Health**
  2591 Candler Road
  Decatur, GA 30032
  404-244-2368
  *Serving youth ages 14-18*
Psychiatric Residential Treatment (PRFT) Services
Psychiatric Residential Treatment (PRTF) Services provide comprehensive inpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment to children, adolescents, and young adults ages 5-21.

- **Coastal Harbor**
  633 Stephenson Avenue
  Savannah, Georgia 31405
  912-354-3911
  www.coastalharbor.com

- **Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health**
  1291 Stanley Road
  Kennesaw, Georgia 30152
  770-427-0147
  www.devereux.org

- **Hillside Center for Behavioral Services**
  690 Courtenay Drive
  Atlanta, Georgia 30306
  404-875-4551
  www.hside.org
• **Laurel Heights Hospital**  
  934 Briarcliff Road NE  
  Atlanta, Georgia 30306  
  404-888-7860  
  [www.laurelheightshospital.com](http://www.laurelheightshospital.com)

• **Lighthouse Care Center**  
  3100 Perimeter Parkway  
  Augusta, Georgia 30909  
  706-651-0005  
  [www.lighthousecarecenters.com](http://www.lighthousecarecenters.com)

• **Youth Villages – Inner Harbor**  
  4685 Dorsett Shoals Road  
  Douglasville, Georgia 30135  
  770-852-6300  
  [www.youthvillages.org](http://www.youthvillages.org)
Care Management Services
Care Management Services assist participants in identifying and gaining access to needed waiver and other State Plan Services, as well as medical, social, educational and other services, regardless of the funding source for the services to which access is gained.

- Lookout Mountain CME  
  706-806-1239  
- Viewpoint Health CME  
  678-209-2398
Resiliency Support
Clubhouses
**Resiliency Support Clubhouses:** Provides a comprehensive and unique set of services for children and families coping with the isolation, stigma, and other challenges of mental health disorders. Provides supportive services that include educational supports, employment services, peer support, family engagement, social activities, and other initiatives geared to engage youth and assist them in managing behaviors and symptoms.

- **Rabun Clubhouse**
  Avita Community Services
  9 Buzz Saw Lane
  Tiger, Georgia 30576
  706-212-3220

- **Connect Clubhouse**
  River Edge CSB
  Blandy Way Office Park
  60 Highway 22 West
  Milledgeville, Georgia 31061
  478-451-2786
Clubhouses (cont’d)

• **The Spot**  
  CHRIS 180  
  1017 Fayetteville Rd. SE  
  Atlanta, Georgia 30316  
  404-486-9034

• **Aspire Clubhouse**  
  Albany CSB  
  2500 Dawson Road #101  
  Albany, Georgia 31707  
  229-430-5100

• **Shine Clubhouse**  
  Pineland CSB  
  131 N. College St.  
  Statesboro, Georgia 30458  
  912-764-6906

• **Bulloch Impact Clubhouse**  
  Pineland CSB  
  134 N. Main St., Suite B  
  Statesboro, GA 30458  
  912-764-1904
Clubhouses (cont’d)

- **iClub Clubhouse**  
  McIntosh Trail  
  210 Lyons St.  
  Jackson, Georgia 30233  
  770-358-5252

- **The Journey Clubhouse**  
  Avita Community Partners  
  113 A&B Bradford St., SE  
  Gainesville, GA 30501

- **The Dream’rs Clubhouse** (*Substance Abuse*)  
  Latino Youth  
  **The N.E.S.T. Clubhouse** (*Mental Health*)  
  CETPA  
  6010 Dawson Blvd. Suite B  
  Norcross, GA 30093  
  770-662-0249  
  www.cetpa.org
Clubhouses (cont’d)

• The Clubhouse (Substance Abuse)
  Cobb/Douglas CSB
  680 Thornton Way, Suite A
  Lithia Springs, GA 30122
  770-949-8082 ext. 248 or 678-480-5273
  Serving youth ages 9-21

• Bright Changes Clubhouse (Mental Health)
  Cobb/Douglas CSB
  690 Thornton Way, Suite D
  Lithia Springs, GA 30122
  770-825-2829
  www.cobbcsb.com

• Fulton County Clubhouse for Youth
  (Substance Abuse)
  1480 Delowe Dr.
  Atlanta, GA 30311
  404-612-7111
  www.fultoncountyga.gov
  Serving youth ages 14-17
Clubhouses (cont’d)

- **Savannah Clubhouse** *(Addictive Disease)*
  Gateway Behavioral Health
  2220 E. Derenne Ave.
  Savannah, GA  31404
  912-659-8027
  www.gatewaybhs.org
  *Serving youth ages 13-17*

- **Recovery Support Clubhouse** *(Prevention/Intervention)*
  Highland Rivers CSB
  6 Mathis Drive NW
  Rome, GA  30165
  706-233-9023 ext. 2013, 2003
  *Serving youth ages 13-18*

- **The ROC (Reaching Our Community) Clubhouse** *(Mental Health)*
  1 Goodyear Avenue
  Cartersville, GA
  770-334-8544
  *Serving youth ages 11-17*
Clubhouses (cont’d)

• **Project Change Clubhouse** *(Substance Abuse)*
  New Horizons CSB
  1727 Boxwood Place
  Columbus, GA 31906
  706-569-0727
  *Serving youth ages 12-18*

• **The SKY (Saving our Kids and Youth) Clubhouse** *(Mental Health)*
  Columbus, GA
  New Horizons CSB
  Free after school program and weekend programs
  706-596-5590

• **STRIVE Clubhouse** *(Substance Abuse)*
  View Point Health
  640 Hillcrest Rd.
  Lilburn, GA 30047
  678-209-2550
  strive@vphealth.org
Clubhouses (cont’d)

• **STRIVE Clubhouse** *(Mental/Behavioral Health)*  
  View Point Health  
  1775 Access Rd., Suite A  
  Covington, GA 30014  
  678-209-2377  
  *Serving youth ages 12-14*

• **Ventures on Broad Clubhouse** *(Mental Health)*  
  The Vashti Center, Inc.  
  310 Broad Street  
  Thomasville, GA 31792  
  229-236-CLUB (2582)  
  *Serving youth ages 6-10 and 11-15*

• **Beautiful Minds Clubhouse**  
  Middle Flint BHC  
  209 Habitat Street  
  Americus, GA 31709  
  229-931-7365  
  *Serving youth ages 6-15*
Services for Homeless Youth
• Covenant House Georgia
  1559 Johnson Road
  Atlanta, GA 30318
  404-589-0163
  www.covenanthouse.org/homeless-charity/georgia

• Open Arms
  Albany, GA
  229-431-1121
  www.openarmsinc.org

• Young Adult Guidance Center, Inc.
  Atlanta, GA
  404-792-7616
  www.yagc.net

• Safe Harbor Children's Shelter
  Brunswick, GA
  912-267-6000
  www.safeharborshelter.org
Services for Homeless Youth (cont’d)

• Advocates for Bartow’s Children
  Cartersville, GA
  770-387-1143

• Youth Connections, Inc.
  East Point, GA
  404-559-9297
  www.youth-connect.net

• Greenbriar Children's Center
  Savannah, GA
  912-234-3431
  www.greenbriarchildrenscenter.org

• Park Place Outreach
  Savannah, GA
  912-234-4048
  www.parkplaceyes.org

• Christian City Home for Children, Inc.
  Union City, GA
  770-964-3301
  www.christiancity.org
Services for Homeless Youth (cont’d)

- **CHRIS 180**
  1017 Fayetteville Rd., Suite B
  Atlanta, GA 30316
  404-486-9034
  www.chriskids.org

- **Stand up for Kids**
  Mailing Address:
  1227 Rockbridge Road
  Ste 208 - Box 355
  Stone Mountain, GA 30087
  1-800-365-4KID
  Atlanta@standupforkids.org

- **McKinney Vento Education for Homeless Children & Youth**
  Georgia Department of Education
  Contact: Eric McGhee, Grants Program Manager
  Email: emcghee@doe.k12.ga.us
  Phone: 404-651-7555
LGBTQ Programs and Services
(Gay, Lesbian, Transgender and Questioning Youth)
• **LGBTQ programs and services**
  Gay, Lesbian, Transgender and Questioning Youth
  www.pflagatl.org-gay-lesbian-transgender-and-questioning-youth
  404-730-1600
  1-866-488-7386
  info@pflagatl.org

• **CHRIS Kids Rainbow Program**
  Independent Living for 17-21 years old
  Phone: 404 486 9034
  E-mail: kevin.lynch@chriskids.org

• **Take Pride Youth, Augusta**
  Youth group supporting LGBTQ youth from ages 13-23.
  706-738-4619
  Email: takeprideyouth@aol.com
LGBTQ (cont’d)

- **Georgia Safe Schools Coalition**
  www.georgiasafeschoolscoalition.org

  A partnership of educators, community organizations, and safe school activists dedicated to raising awareness about issues affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning (LGBTQQQ) youth and families. GSSC works with educators and community organizations to help Georgia’s schools become safe and affirming environments for all students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.

- **JustUsAtlanta**
  justusatl.org

  A 100% youth-run (ages 13-28) group that provides a safe space for the Greater Atlanta area’s LGBTQQA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, and Asexual) youth.
LGBTQ (cont’d)

- The Health Initiative
  The Phillip Rush Center
  1530 DeKalb Avenue, NE, Suite A
  Atlanta, GA 30307
  404-688-2524
  http://thehealthinitiative.org

The Health Initiative is dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of Georgia’s LGBTQ community through education, support, access to care and advocacy. We work directly with LGBTQ Georgians and LGBTQ-friendly providers.
Autism Resources
• **Marcus Autism Center**  
  1920 Briarcliff Road  
  Atlanta, GA 30329  
  404-785-9350  
  [http://www.marcus.org](http://www.marcus.org)

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

• **Autism Speaks – Atlanta**  
  900 Circle 75 Parkway, Suite 445  
  Atlanta, GA 30339  
  770-451-0570  
  [www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org)

• **Emory Autism Center**  
  The Justin Tyler Truax Building  
  1551 Shoup Court  
  Atlanta, GA 30322  
  404-727-8350  
  [www.psychiatry.emory.edu/PROGRAMS/autism/](http://www.psychiatry.emory.edu/PROGRAMS/autism/)
Resources for Assisting Sexually Exploited Children
• **Georgia Cares**  
  24-hour Hotline  
  1-844-842-3678  
  www.gacares.org

• **Children’s Advocacy Centers of Georgia**  
  Church St., Suite 250  
  Marietta, GA 30060  
  770-319-6888  
  www.cacga.org/centers

• **Jane Fonda**  
  Forensic Medical Evaluations  
  404-712-8730

• **Street Grace** (Faith-based)  
  678-809-2111

• **Georgia Bureau of Investigation**  
  404-270-8870; 404-244-2600

• **Treatment Facilities:**  
  Devereux, Wellspring, Georgia Baptist
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND SUPPORT
• National Alliance on Mental Illness, Georgia (NAMI Georgia, Inc.)
  4120 Presidential Pkwy., Suite 200
  Atlanta, GA 30340
  770-408-0625 - Helpline
  770-234-0855 - Main
  www.namiga.org

NAMI Georgia Educational Programs
• NAMI Basics - for caregivers of children and adolescents
• Ending the Silence - for middle and high school students
• Parents & Teachers as Allies - for teachers and other school personnel

• Georgia Parent Support Network
  for children and adolescents with mental illness and their families
  1381 Metropolitan Pkwy SW,
  Atlanta, GA 30310
  404-758-4500
  www.gpsn.org
• **Georgia Council on Substance Abuse**
  100 Edgewood Ave SE #1005
  Atlanta, GA 30303
  404-523-3440
  [www.gasubstanceabuse.org](http://www.gasubstanceabuse.org)

• **Mental Health America of Georgia**
  404-527-7175
  [www.mhageorgia.org](http://www.mhageorgia.org)

• **CETPA Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services** (Spanish speaking services)
  6020 Dawson Blvd., Suite i
  Norcross, GA 30093
  770-662-0249
  [www.cetpa.org](http://www.cetpa.org)

• **Raksha, Inc. (South Asian Community)**
  Atlanta, GA 30355
  404-876-0670
  [www.raksha.org](http://www.raksha.org)
• **All About Developmental Disabilities**  
  125 Clairemont Ave., Suite 300  
  Decatur, GA 30030  
  404-881-9777  
  www.AADD.org

• **The ARC Georgia**  
  Advocates for the rights and full participation of all children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.  
  Atlanta, GA 30364  
  470-222-6088  
  www.ga.thearc.org

• **Georgia’s Suicide Prevention Information Network (GSPIN)**  
  www.gspin.org

• **Suicide Prevention Action Network, Georgia (SPAN)**  
  www.span-ga.org
• **The Link Counseling Center**  
  348 Mount Vernon Hwy. NE  
  Atlanta, GA 30328  
  404-256-9797  
  [www.thelink.org](http://www.thelink.org)

• **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention**  
  [www.afsp.org](http://www.afsp.org)  
  (click chapter, then choose Georgia)

• **Local Interagency Planning Teams (LIPT)**  
  facilitate the coordination of services to children with Severe Emotional Disorders (SED) and Addictive Diseases. Contact your DBHDD Field Office for Children Youth Family Specialist.

• **Georgia Family Connection**  
  Connect and convene community members that are committed to improving the wellbeing of children and families.  
• **CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)**
  a program to fulfill society’s most fundamental obligation by making sure a qualified, compassionate adult will fight for and protect a child’s right to be safe, to be treated with dignity and respect and to grow in the safe embrace of a loving family.
  [www.gacasa.org](http://www.gacasa.org)

• **Sources of Strength**
  the power of peer-led social networks to positively change norms and cultures.
  [https://sourcesofstength.org/](https://sourcesofstength.org/)

• **Project LAUNCH** (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children’s Health)
  to promote the wellness of young children ages birth to 8 by addressing the physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and behavioral aspects of their development
  [www.dph.georgia.gov/project-launch-georgia](http://www.dph.georgia.gov/project-launch-georgia)
• **Women’s Resource Center to End Domestic Violence**  
  Child and Family Advocacy, Camp Peace,  
  Community Education, Safe House Program  
  **Crisis Line:** 404-688-9436  
  **Community Office:** 404-370-7670  
  [www.wrcdv.org](http://www.wrcdv.org)
Division of Family and Children Services

http://dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/county-offices
Region 1

- Catoosa County DFCS Office
  706-866-3546
- Chattooga County DFCS Office
  706) 866-3546 or 706-857-0809
- Cherokee County DFCS Office
  706-272-2834
- Dade County DFCS Office
  706-866-3546
- Fannin County DFCS Office
  706-866-3546
- Gilmer County DFCS Office
  706-272-2834
- Gordon County DFCS Office
  706-866-3546
- Murray County DFCS Office
  706-272-2834
- Pickens County DFCS Office
  706-866-3546
- Walker County DFCS Office
  706-866-3546
- Whitfield County DFCS Office
  706-272-2834
Region 2

- Banks County DFCS Office
  770-532-5240 or 770-532-5247
- Dawson County DFCS Office
  770-532-5233 or 678-450-7724
- Forsyth County DFCS Office
  770-532-5233 or 678-450-7724
- Franklin County DFCS Office
  770-532-5240 or 770-532-5247
- Habersham County DFCS Office
  770-532-5240 or 770-532-5247
- Hall County DFCS Office
  770-532-5233 or 678-450-7724
- Hart County DFCS Office
  770-532-5240 or 770-532-5247
- Lumpkin County DFCS Office
  770-532-5233 or 678-450-7724
- Rabun County DFCS Office
  770-532-5240 or 770-532-5247
- Stephens County DFCS Office
  770-532-5240 or 770-532-5247
  Towns County DFCS Office
- 770-532-5233 or 678-450-7724
Region 2 (cont’d)

- Union County DFCS Office
  770-532-5233 or 678-450-7724
- White County DFCS Office
  770-532-5233 or 678-450-7724

Region 3

- Bartow County DFCS Office
  770-387-3900
- Douglas County DFCS Office
  770-387-3900
- Floyd County DFCS Office
  706-295-6509
- Haralson County DFCS Office
  706-295-6509
- Paulding County DFCS Office
  706-295-6509
- Polk County DFCS Office
  706-295-6509
Region 4

- Butts County DFCS Office
  770-830-2166
- Carroll County DFCS Office
  770-830-2166
- Coweta County DFCS Office
  770-830-2178 or 770-830-2104
- Fayette County DFCS Office
  770-830-2178
- Heard County DFCS Office
  770-830-2166
- Henry County DFCS Office
  770-288-8989
- Lamar County DFCS Office
  770-830-2166
- Meriwether County DFCS Office
  770-830-2178
- Pike County DFCS Office
  770-830-2109 or 770-830-2166
- Spalding County DFCS Office
  770-830-2166
- Troup County DFCS Office
  770-830-2178
- Upson County DFCS Office
  770-830-2178
Region 5

- Barrow County DFCS Office
  706-227-7021
- Clarke County DFCS Office
  706-227-7021
- Elbert County DFCS Office
  706-227-7021
- Greene County DFCS Office
  770-207-4176
- Jackson County DFCS Office
  706-227-7021
- Madison County DFCS Office
  706-227-7021
- Morgan County DFCS Office
  770-207-4176
- Newton County DFCS Office
  770-207-4176
- Oconee County DFCS Office
  770-207-4176
- Oglethorpe County DFCS Office
  706-227-7021
- Rockdale County DFCS Office
  770-207-4176
- Walton County DFCS Office
  770-207-4176
Region 6

- Baldwin County DFCS Office
  478-207-1350
- Bibb County DFCS Office
  478-207-1350
- Crawford County DFCS Office
  478-988-7593
- Houston County DFCS Office
  478-988-7593
- Jasper County DFCS Office
  478-207-1350
- Jones County DFCS Office
  478-207-1350
- Monroe County DFCS Office
  478-207-1350
- Peach County DFCS Office
  478-988-7593
- Putnam County DFCS Office
  478-207-1350
- Twiggs County DFCS Office
  478-988-7593
- Wilkinson County DFCS Office
  478-988-7593
Region 7

- Burke County DFCS Office
  706-678-6249
- Columbia County DFCS Office
  706-678-6249
- Glascock County DFCS Office
  706-598-2955
- Hancock County DFCS Office
  706-678-6249
- Jefferson County DFCS Office
  706-678-6249
- Jenkins County DFCS Office
  478-982-1944
- Lincoln County DFCS Office
  706-678-6249
- McDuffie County DFCS Office
  706-678-6249
- Richmond County DFCS Office
  706-721-7717
- Screven County DFCS Office
  706-678-6249
Region 7 (cont’d)

- Taliaferro County DFCS Office
  706-678-6249
- Warren County DFCS Office
  706-678-6249
- Washington County DFCS Office
  706-678-6249
- Wilkes County DFCS Office
  706-678-6249

Region 8

- Chattahoochee County DFCS Office
  706-989-3681
- Clay County DFCS Office
  229-768-2511
- Crisp County DFCS Office
  229-401-2349
- Dooly County DFCS Office
  229-268-4111
- Harris County DFCS Office
  706-628-4226
- Macon County DFCS Office
  478-472-3700
Region 8 (cont’d)

- Marion County DFCS Office
  229-649-2311
- Muscogee County DFCS Office
  706-321-2673, 706-649-1159, 706-649-7311
- Quitman County DFCS Office
  229-334-2427
- Randolph County DFCS Office
  229-732-3742
- Schley County DFCS Office
  229-937-2591
- Stewart County DFCS Office
  229-838-4335
- Sumter County DFCS Office
  229-931-2462
- Talbot County DFCS Office
  706-665-8524
- Taylor County DFCS Office
  478-862-5221
- Webster County DFCS Office
  229-828-3115
Region 9

- Appling County DFCS Office
  912-366-1010
- Bleckley County DFCS Office
  478-934-3172
- Candler County DFCS Office
  912-685-2163
- Dodge County DFCS Office
  478-374-6760
- Emanuel County DFCS Office
  478-289-2400
- Evans County DFCS Office
  912-739-1222
- Jeff Davis County DFCS Office
  912-375-3942
- Johnson County DFCS Office
  478-864-4210
- Laurens County DFCS Office
  478-275-6533
- Montgomery County DFCS Office
  912-583-3722
- Pulaski County DFCS Office
  478-783-6191
Region 9 (cont’d)

• Tattnall County DFCS Office
  912-557-7721
• Telfair County DFCS County
  229-868-3030
• Toombs County DFCS Office
  912-526-8117
• Treutlen County DFCS Office
  912-529-3757
• Wayne County DFCS Office
  912-427-5866
• Wheeler County DFCS Office
  912-568-7127
• Wilcox County DFCS County
  229-365-2242

Region 10

• Baker County DFCS Office
  229-734-5247
• Calhoun County DFCS Office
  229-849-5100
• Colquitt County DFCS Office
  229-217-4000
Region 10 (cont’d)

- Decatur County DFCS Office
  229-248-2420
- Dougherty County DFCS Office
  229-430-4118
- Early County DFCS Office
  229-724-2000
- Grady County DFCS Office
  229-377-3154
- Lee County DFCS Office
  229-759-3000
- Miller County DFCS Office
  229-758-3387
- Mitchell County DFCS Office
  229-522-3500
- Seminole County DFCS Office
  229-524-2365
- Terrell County DFCS Office
  229-995-4431
- Thomas County DFCS Office
  229-225-4005
- Worth County DFCS Office
  229-777-2000
Region 11

- Atkinson County DFCS Office
  229-219-1282
- Bacon County DFCS Office
  912-462-6032
- Ben Hill County DFCS Office
  229-426-5300
- Berrien County DFCS Office
  229-219-1282
- Brantley County DFCS Office
  912-462-6032
- Brooks County DFCS Office
  229-219-1282
- Charlton County DFCS Office
  912-462-6032
- Clinch County DFCS Office
  229-219-1282
- Coffee County DFCS Office
  912-462-6032
- Cook County DFCS Office
  229-219-1282
- Echols County DFCS Office
  229-219-1282
Region 11 (cont’d)

- Irwin County DFCS Office
  912-462-6032
- Lanier County DFCS Office
  229-219-1282
- Lowndes County DFCS Office
  229-219-1282
- Pierce County DFCS Office
  912-462-6032
- Tift County DFCS Office
  229-219-1282
- Turner County DFCS Office
  229-219-1282
- Ware County DFCS Office
  912-462-6032

Region 12

- Bryan County DFCS Office
  912-644-5956
- Bulloch County DFCS Office
  912-644-5956
- Camden County DFCS Office
  912-264-7211
Region 12 (cont’d)

• Chatham County DFCS Office
  912-644-5956
• Effingham County DFCS Office
  912-644-5956
• Glynn County DFCS Office
  912-264-7211
• Liberty County DFCS Office
  912-264-7211
• Long County DFCS Office
  912-264-7211
• McIntosh County DFCS Office
  912-264-7211

Region 13

• Clayton County DFCS Office
  770-603-4786
• Cobb County DFCS Office
  770-528-7683
• Gwinnett County DFCS Office
  678-518-5776
Region 14

- DeKalb County DFCS Office
  404-370-5076
- Fulton County DFCS Office
  404-206-5778

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