

# Special Kicks Parent Resources

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This Special Kicks Parent Resources document was created for Special Kicks parents by Special Kicks parents. It is a collaborative effort to share and disperse local resources available to students with different abilities and their families. If you have a resource you would like to share, please email all info required for contact to [info@specialkicks.com](mailto:info@specialkicks.com). If you have feedback to offer based on your experience with any of these resources, we would like to hear about that as well!

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## ABA Therapy

### Fusion Autism Center

105 Grand Central Blvd, #101

Pooler, GA 31322

(912) 244-3305

<http://www.bluespringautism.com/fusion-autism-center-pooler/>

### Grateful Care ABA

Serving Savannah, Guyton, Rincon, Pooler, etc.

(317) 572-5315

[info@gratefulcareaba.com](mailto:info@gratefulcareaba.com)

[Savannah's Premier #1 ABA Therapy | Grateful Care ABA](#)

### Hope ABA

10221 Ford Ave. Suite 1

Richmond Hill, GA 31324

(912) 445-6063

<http://www.hope-aba.com/>

## Matthew Reardon Center for Autism

11500 Middleground Rd.

Savannah, GA 31419

(912) 355-9098

<http://matthewreardon.org/>

## May Center for ABA Services - Rincon

(912) 556-0101, [infoGA@mayinstitute.org](mailto:infoGA@mayinstitute.org)

800 Towne Park Dr. E, suite 200 | Rincon GA 31326

<https://www.mayinstitute.org/locations/ga/rincon-may-center-for-aba-services/>

## May Center for ABA Services - Savannah

(912) 349-4843, [infoGA@mayinstitute.org](mailto:infoGA@mayinstitute.org)

4 Mall Ct., Suite A | Savannah, GA 31406

<https://www.mayinstitute.org/locations/ga/savannah-may-center-for-aba-services/>

## Autism

### Matthew Reardon Center for Autism

11500 Middleground Rd.

Savannah, GA 31419

(912) 355-9098

<http://matthewreardon.org/>

### Autism Partnership Foundation

Free 40-hour RBT training. Parents may also take this course.

[40 Hour / RBT Training - Autism Partnership Foundation](#)

## Behavioral Health

### Joye Psychology & Wellness

306 Commerce Dr.

Savannah, GA 31406

(888) 771-5693

### Savannah Behavioral Pediatrics

Dr. Kristi Hofstadter-Duke ("Dr. Duke")

Practice Director, Pediatric Psychologist

310 Eisenhower Drive

Building 5

Savannah, Georgia 31406

[info@savannahbehavior.com](mailto:info@savannahbehavior.com)

Phone: (912) 436-6789

Fax: (912) 436-6835

<https://savannahbehavioralpediatrics.com/>

## Down Syndrome

### Lowcountry Down Syndrome Society

Lowcountry Down Syndrome Society

1525 Dean Forest Rd. Suite 500

Savannah, GA 31408

912-436-3626

<https://ldssga.org/>

## Education, Training, and Resources

### Coastal GLRS / First District RESA

The Georgia Learning Resources System (GLRS) is a network of 18 regional programs that provide training and resources to school district personnel, parents of students with disabilities, and other interested individuals to support the achievement, graduation rate, and post-secondary success of students with disabilities.

Contact: Amanda Major

[amajor@fdresa.org](mailto:amajor@fdresa.org)

office: (912) 842-5000

cell: (912) 515-9259

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

### Parent-to-Parent of Georgia

Parent to Parent of Georgia offers 7 core services to Georgia families impacted by disabilities or special healthcare needs.

- Supporting Parents is the signature program that matches you to another parent who has had similar experiences.
- The Special Needs Database is an online searchable database to help you find providers in your area.
- The Roadmap to Success provides resources and information to guide you through the trip of a lifetime.
- Learn about leadership, support groups, and community volunteer opportunities in your part of the state as part of the Navigator Project.
- Check out the Training Calendar for face-to face and Statewide Free Trainings.
- Online Opportunities allow you to learn about upcoming special events and volunteer news through the mailing list and social media platforms

Offices are across Georgia.

3070 Presidential Parkway, Suite 130; Atlanta, GA 30340-3720

770-451-5484. Toll Free: 800-229-2038. Fax: 770-458-4091

<https://www.p2pga.org/>

## Financial Planning for Special Needs

Sam Crossley, ChFC

Financial Representative, Principal Securities Registered Representative, Financial Advisor at  
Principal Financial Group

M: (912) 335-0291

F: (866) 395-3754

Crossley.Sam@Principal.com

<http://www.Principal.com/Georgia>

## Genetic Support

Georgia Association for Prader-Willi Syndrome  
Support Group

770-886-2334

505 Lakeland Plaza #327

Cumming, GA 30040

<https://pwsaga.org/>

## Southeast Regional Genetics Network (SERN)

We are dedicated to helping our families access resources to help them manage and become better informed about their or their loved one's genetic condition or how to access genetic services. Find a genetics clinic or resources on emergency planning and telemedicine on our website.

<https://southeastgenetics.org/for-families/>

## Home Modifications

### Home Access Program

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs' (DCA) Home Access Program is designed to promote independence and allow persons with disabilities to reside in their homes with the appropriate home modifications. Those wishing to apply for a grant can contact the Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission at [dph-info-bsitf@dph.ga.gov](mailto:dph-info-bsitf@dph.ga.gov) or call 1-888-233-5760.

The program allows grant awards of up to \$10,000 to improve the accessibility of an owner-occupied home in which an individual with disability resides. Eligible activities through the Home Access Program includes but not limited to, bathroom retrofitting which may include roll-in showers, construction of wheelchair ramps, lowering of cabinets and counters, widening of doorways, and installation of visual aids and audible alarms.

[HomeAccess@dca.ga.gov](mailto:HomeAccess@dca.ga.gov)

<https://www.dca.ga.gov/safe-affordable-housing/homeless-special-needs-housing/home-access-program>

## Grants and Scholarships

### Anchor of Hope Foundation

Provides \$250 scholarship per individual per calendar year to help cover the costs of therapy, education, equipment, and other direct needs of the individual not covered by insurance or Medicaid.

(478) 994-0438

41 West Johnston St. Forsyth, GA 31029

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

## Intervention

### Babies Can't Wait

Babies Can't Wait (BCW) is Georgia's Early Intervention program serving children with significant developmental delays, or children who may be at risk for delays due to a diagnosed medical condition. The program provides services to children from birth to age three and their families. All referrals to Babies Can't Wait come through Children First, the single point of entry for all Children's Special Services programs. You may use the referral form or just call 912-644-5806. The referral form can be accessed here: [Babies Can't Wait Referral Form](#).

<https://www.sehdph.org/services/babies-cant-wait/>

1123 Church Street, Suite B

Waycross, GA 31501

P: 1-800-429-6307

F: 912-287-6689

Email: [Tracy.Weeden@dph.ga.gov](mailto:Tracy.Weeden@dph.ga.gov)

### Children First

Children are identified, their risk factors are screened, and children with sufficient biological, social, and/or emotional risk factors are linked to public health programs and community-based resources.

Children who do not present risk factors severe enough to qualify for an early intervention program remain in Children 1st where they are monitored to ensure that if risk factors do arise, the identification, screening, and placement in an early intervention program can occur as quickly as possible.

<https://www.gnrhealth.com/services/maternal-child-adolescent-health-services/children-1st/>

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## Sports and Leisure

### Adaptive or Inclusive Swimming Lessons

#### *Adaptive Aquatics*

1388 Highway 24 East Statesboro, Georgia 30461 (Bulloch)  
(912) 489-9089  
swimlessons@bullochrec.com

### Effingham County Navigators Team

Adaptive baseball, basketball, soccer, and bowling  
<https://effinghamcountynavigatorteam.com>

### Equine Therapeutic Riding

#### *Blue Sky Acres*

729 Ardmore Oaky Rd, Springfield, GA 31329  
<https://blueskyacres.org/programs/>

#### *Faith Equestrian*

Faith Equestrian Therapeutic Center  
243 Appaloosa Way  
Guyton, GA 31312  
(912) 728-3728  
ceo@faithequestrian.org  
<https://www.faithetc.org/>

#### *Hoofs 4 Healing*

90 Stagecoach Road  
Bloomingdale, GA 31302 (Chatham)  
912-313-0618  
horseangels7@gmail.com

#### *Pegasus Riding Academy*

2500 Tennessee Ave, Savannah, GA 31404 (Chatham)  
(912) 547-6482

### Joy Prom

A prom for teens 15+ and adults with different abilities; occurs every April  
Also seeks volunteers to help with the prom  
Compassion Christian Church and Savannah Young Life  
<http://www.savannah.younglife.org>  
P.O. Box 14456

Savannah, GA 31416  
savannahyounglife@gmail.com

### Night of Champions

The Night of Champions event recognizes area businesses that employ differently abled adults, including those with Down Syndrome, and celebrates the contributions made by these employees. Hosted annually in May by the Lowcountry Down Syndrome Society. The deadline to nominate a Champion is in March.

Lowcountry Down Syndrome Society  
1525 Dean Forest Rd. Suite 500  
Savannah, GA 31408  
912-436-3626  
<https://ldssga.org/>

### Savannah AMBUCS

Inspiring mobility and independence  
P.O. Box 15111  
Savannah, Ga. 31416  
T: 912-658-3739  
E: ambucssav@gmail.com  
<https://www.savannahambucs.com/>

### Savannah Dept. of Leisure Therapeutic Service

Adult Programming, Youth Programming, Virtual Programming  
Veronica Green  
Program Coordinator  
912-651-6791 or 6792  
vgreen@savannahga.gov  
John S. Delaware Community Center  
1815 Lincoln Street  
Savannah, GA 3140

### Special Olympics Georgia

Appling, Jeff Davis: Area 12  
courtney.payne@specialolympicsga.org  
Bulloch, Evans, Screven, Tattnall, Toombs, Vidalia City:  
Area 13 skylar.lunsford@specialolympicsga.org  
Glynn, McIntosh, Wayne: Area 16  
skylar.lunsford@specialolympicsga.org  
Chatham, Effingham, Liberty, Long: Area 17  
[skylar.lunsford@specialolympicsga.org](mailto:skylar.lunsford@specialolympicsga.org)

TOPSoccer

Savannah and Statesboro Locations  
<https://www.tormentaafc.com/topsoccer>

## Support

### B&B Services

303 S. Laurel St.  
P.O. Box 1040  
Springfield, GA 31329  
912-754-0817  
1-800-657-7017

<http://www.BandBCare.com>

### Easter Seals

Shannon Oliver  
Family Support Coordinator  
1906 Palmyra Road  
Albany, GA 31701  
P 229.439.7061 Ext 1233 • F 229.439.9129  
soliver@swga-easterseals.org

<http://easterseals.com/southerngeorgia>

### Gateway

941 E.G. Miles Parkway  
Hinesville, GA 31313  
912-876-0454  
Verlena Hawkins, Family Support Coordinator  
vhawkins@gatewaybhs.org

### HIPP – Health Insurance Premium Payment Program

Georgia residents with the Katie Beckett Deeming Waiver or Medicaid may be eligible for HIPP. The Medicaid agency may save money by paying the health insurance premium of the Medicaid family if there is a person(s) in that family with a lot of medical bills. HIPP does not pay coinsurance or deductibles. Contact the HIPP Unit at Gainwell Technologies for more information.

HIPP Unit, Gainwell Technologies  
hippga@gainwelltechnologies.com  
Primary: (678) 564-1162, Press 1

<https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/third-party-liability/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp>

### Katie Beckett Deeming Waiver



Provides Medicaid to blind or long-term disabled children at risk of entering an institution. This Medicaid coverage allows the child to be cared for at home rather than having to enter a nursing home. To determine eligibility for Medicaid under Katie Beckett, consideration of the parents' income and resources is "waived." Only the child's monthly income and resources are considered. Qualification is not based on medical diagnosis; instead, it is based on the institutional level of care the child requires. Title 42 Code of Federal Regulations outlines the criteria used to determine eligibility.

Applications may be obtained from the county Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) office in the child's county of residence or by contacting the Centralized Katie Beckett Medicaid Team at 678-248-7449.

The completed application should be mailed to:

Right From the Start Medicaid Project Centralized Katie Beckett Medicaid Team  
5815 Live Oak Parkway  
Suite 2-D  
Norcross, GA 30093-1700

### **NOW/COMP Waiver**

The New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) offer home-and community-based services for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DD). The Department of Community Health (DCH) administers Medicaid which delegates the day-to-day operation of the NOW/COMP Waiver Programs to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD). To be eligible for NOW or COMP Medicaid Waiver services, a person must have an intellectual disability - or a closely related developmental disability, such as autism, cerebral palsy, or epilepsy - which substantially impairs intellectual or adaptive functioning. The disability must have originated at birth or during the developmental years (by age 18 for an intellectual disability, or by age 22 for a developmental disability). Complete eligibility information is available in Part I of the DBHDD Provider Manual for Community Developmental Disability Providers. A list of Home and Community-Based Services and a description of each service can be found on the DBHDD website. Instructions for applying can be found here:

<https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/be-dbhdd/be-compassionate/how-do-i-apply-dd-services>