



# CHILD & FAMILY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESOURCE GUIDE

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# OVERVIEW

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

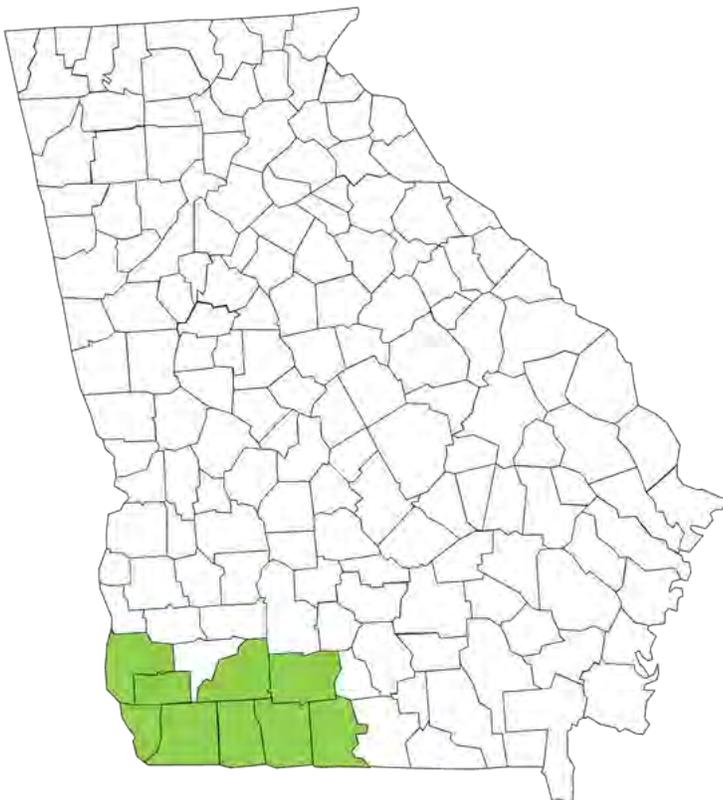
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## **RESILIENT SOUTHWEST GEORGIA**

Increasing awareness of health disparities and providing needed resources to integrate trauma-informed care, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) education, resiliency, and mental health first aid across youth-serving organizations.

## **RESILIENT GEORGIA**

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



## **GEOGRAPHIC SERVICE AREA**

Brooks County, Colquitt County, Decatur County, Grady County, Miller County, Mitchell County, Seminole County, and Thomas County

## **CONTACT**

[info@resilientga.org](mailto:info@resilientga.org)  
678-940-1431



# HOW WILL THE MENTAL HEALTH PARITY ACT IMPACT ME?

The Mental Health Parity Bill (HB 1013) was successfully passed in March 2022 with resounding bipartisan support and aims to expand access to affordable mental health treatment and behavioral health services across the state of Georgia. The new law now requires health insurance plans to cover mental health conditions in the same manner in which physical conditions are treated. In accordance with the law's passing, patients can no longer be denied medically necessary treatment for mental health conditions.

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

If a consumer feels as though they have experienced a parity violation, they must first discuss the issue with their insurance provider and determine if it is necessary to file a formal appeal. If the issue is not resolved by the insurance provider, the following state agencies are responsible for enforcement of parity in Georgia: **The Georgia Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner (OCI)**, and **The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH)**.

## HELPFUL LINKS

- [Full information on the Mental Health Parity Act](#)
- [Health Insurance Appeal Guide](#)
- The [Georgia Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner \(OCI\)](#) oversees and analyzes the practices of private insurers\*
- The [Georgia Department of Community Health \(DCH\)](#) oversees and analyzes the practices of Medicaid insurance companies (CMOs) and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (PeachCare for Kids)

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



# COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

## CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

### Georgia Child Protective Services Information Center

To make a report of abuse: **1-855-GA-CHILD (1-855-422-4453)**

If you feel the child is in immediate danger, call 911.

You can also make a report of suspected abuse online. The Georgia Mandated Reporter Form is to be used by mandated reporters who wish to report electronically, go to:

[HTTPS://CPS.DHS.GA.GOV/MAIN/DEFAULT.ASPX](https://cps.dhs.ga.gov/main/default.aspx)

**Prevent Child Abuse Georgia Helpline: 1-800-CHILDREN (1-800-244-5373)** supports families and parents and connects them with appropriate resources in their community. It offers information about child abuse, family violence, counseling and support groups. Bilingual (Spanish/English) call center is open Mon-Fri from 8am-7pm.

## WEBSITES FOR MORE INFO ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND/OR TRAUMA

- [WWW.DARKNESS2LIGHT.ORG](http://WWW.DARKNESS2LIGHT.ORG)  
1-843-965-5444
- [WWW.TRAUMA-PAGES.COM](http://WWW.TRAUMA-PAGES.COM)  
1-888-PREVENT
- [WWW.STOPITNOW.COM](http://WWW.STOPITNOW.COM)  
1-888-773-8368

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia** provide a safe, supportive, and child-friendly environment where these children can receive comprehensive services and support, including mental health counseling, medical evaluations, referrals to specialized services, and assistance in accessing community resources. **770-319-6888**
- **Criminal Justice Coordinating Council** - Georgia state resources for criminal justice and victims' service programs such as victim compensation, task forces, and grant opportunities. **404-657-2222**
- **Georgia Bureau of Investigations Georgia's Sex Offender Registry** - Central repository for Georgia's Violent Sexual Offender Registry. **404-270-8465**
- **Prevent Child Abuse Georgia** collaborates with various community partners, including government agencies, schools, healthcare providers, and social service organizations, to create a safe and nurturing environment for children. **404-413-1419**
- **Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children** - The Center for Safe and Healthy Children is a child advocacy center that provides medical examinations for children and teenagers who have symptoms or behaviors of suspected physical or sexual abuse.) **404-785-3820**
- **Children's Hughes Spalding** provides comprehensive services and resources to children who have experienced abuse, neglect, or trauma, with a focus on prevention, intervention, and healing. It operates as part of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, a leading pediatric healthcare system. **404-785-9930**
- **Northside Professional Center**
  - Child Protection Center contact to for forensic medical exam, call **404-785-3820**.
  - To make an appointment for commercial sexual exploitation of children cases and forensic interview-only cases, call **404-785-3854**.
- **Children's Hughes Spalding Hospital** - The Hughes Spalding Hospital location also offers medical clearance exams for children entering DFCS custody. They will accept walk-ins for these exams if a slot is available. **404-785-9930**

# MANDATED REPORTING

## GEORGIA STATE REPORTING LAWS

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

### REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS

*Ann. Code § 19-7-5*

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

### INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT

*Ann. Code § 19-7-5*

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

### STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

*Ann. Code §§ 19-7-5; 16-12-100*

A report is required when:

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

### PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

*Ann. Code § 19-7-5(g)*

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

## HOW TO REPORT IN GEORGIA

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

### PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT:

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

### DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER IDENTITY

*Ann. Code § 49-5-41*

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

*Adapted from Darkness To Light End  
Child Abuse*

# COMMUNITY RESOURCE FINDER

## STATEWIDE

### Find Help

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

### Findtreatment.gov

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

### Georgia Appleseed Help Guides for Children with Behavior and Learning Challenges

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

### Georgia Behavioral Health Resource Pocket Guide for Assisting Children and Youth

Pocket guide of behavioral resources for children and adolescents in the state prepared by NAMI Georgia. Last updated 06/21/2018.

### Georgia Center for Resources and Support

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

### The Georgia Collaborative

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

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### Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault

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

### Parent to Parent of Georgia Special Needs Database

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

# COMMUNITY RESOURCE FINDER

## STATEWIDE

### [Psychology.com](#)

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

### [Sunshine Behavioral Health](#)

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

### [Vitadox](#)

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

## THOMAS COUNTY

### [Community Resource Directory](#)

A resource directory that provides an extensive range of services including behavioral/physical health, financial services, child and family services and other contacts for Thomas County citizens, curated by the Thomas County Library System and partnership with the Thomasville Community Resource Center.

# CRISIS & HELP LINES

REGION	ORGANIZATION	CONTACT
NATIONAL (WITHIN THE U.S.)	<b>Blackline</b> - Immediate crisis counseling geared toward Black, LGBTQ+, Brown, Native, and Muslim communities.	<a href="https://callblackline.com/contact">callblackline.com/contact</a>
	<b>Crying Baby Hotline</b>	<a href="https://giveyourbabyspace.org/crying-baby">giveyourbabyspace.org/crying-baby</a> 1-866-243-2229
	<b>National Hopeline Network</b> - Crisis Intervention	<a href="https://thehopeline.com">thehopeline.com</a> 1-800-784-2433
	<b>National Human Trafficking Hotline</b>	1-888-373-7888 or Text HELP to 233733
	<b>National Maternal Mental Health Hotline</b> - Provides free, 24/7, confidential counseling support before, during, and after pregnancy.	<a href="https://mchb.hrsa.gov/national-maternal-mental-health-hotline">mchb.hrsa.gov/national-maternal-mental-health-hotline</a> Call or text 1-833-9-HELP4MOMS (1-833-943-5746)
	<b>National Sexual Assault Hotline</b>	1-800-656-4673
	<b>National Suicide Prevention Crisis Lifeline</b>	<a href="https://samhsa.gov/find-help/988">samhsa.gov/find-help/988</a> 9-8-8
	<b>National Suicide Prevention Lifeline</b>	<a href="https://crisistextline.org">crisistextline.org</a> 1-800-273-8255
	<b>Project Lets</b> - Provides support by text for urgent issues that involve involuntary hospitalization.	<a href="https://projectlets.org/crisis-support">projectlets.org/crisis-support</a> Text HOME 741741
	<b>SAMHSA Disaster Distress Helpline</b> - 24/7; Immediate crisis counseling.	<a href="https://samhsa.gov/find-help/disaster-distress-helpline">samhsa.gov/find-help/disaster-distress-helpline</a> 1-800-662-4357
	<b>SAMHSA National Helpline</b> - Referrals for mental and/or substance use disorder.	<a href="https://findtreatment.gov">findtreatment.gov</a> 1-888-373-7888
<b>Trans Lifeline Hotline</b>	<a href="https://translifeline.org">translifeline.org</a> 877-565-8860	

## CRISIS & HELP LINES

REGION	ORGANIZATION	CONTACT
NATIONAL (WITHIN THE U.S.)	<b><u>Trevor Project (LGBTQIA+)</u></b> - LGBTQIA+ youth suicide prevention.	<b>thetrevorproject.org</b> 1-866-488-7386
	<b><u>Wildflower Alliance</u></b> - peer support line and online support groups focused on suicide prevention.	<b>wildfloweralliance.org</b> Text HOME 741741
	<b><u>Youthline</u></b> - teen to teen crisis and support line.	<b>oregonyouthline.org</b> Call or Text 1-800-985-5990
STATEWIDE	<b><u>24-hours Georgia Domestic Violence Hotline</u></b>	<b>gcadv.org</b> 1-800-334-2836
	<b><u>Adult Protective Services</u></b>	<b>aging.georgia.gov</b> 1-888-774-0152
	<b><u>Child Protective Services</u></b>	<b>dfcs.georgia.gov</b> 1-855-GACHILD
	<b><u>Children 1st Information and Referral Center</u></b>	<b>hmhbga.org</b> 1-855-707-8277
	<b><u>DECAL's SEEDS Helpline</u></b> - Resources for early care professionals to support children's social, emotional, and behavioral development. Early care providers can access DECAL Inclusion and Behavior Support Specialists to help create positive classroom climates and prevent/reduce persistent challenging behavior.	<b>decals.ga.gov</b> 1-833-354-4357 <b><u>INCLUSION@DECAL.GA.GOV</u></b>
	<b><u>DPH's Help Me Grow</u></b> - Provides families healthcare referrals and follow up essential services to support children from birth to eight years old.	<b>hmhbga.org</b> 1-888-457-4769

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REGION	ORGANIZATION	CONTACT
STATEWIDE	<b><u>Georgia Crisis and Access Line (GCAL)</u></b>	<b>georgiacollaborative.com</b> 1-800-715-4225
	<b><u>Georgia Domestic Violence Hotline</u></b>	<b>gcadv.org</b> 24 hours: 1-800-334-2836
	<b><u>Georgia Foodstamps/ SNAP/TANF/Medicaid Information</u></b>	<b>dfcs.georgia.gov</b> 1-877-423-4746
	<b><u>Georgia Home Visiting Program</u></b>	<b>dph.georgia.gov</b> 1-855-707-8277
	<b><u>Georgia Poison Center</u></b>	<b>georgiapoisoncenter.org</b> 1-800-222-1222
	<b><u>NAMI GA Helpline</u></b>	<b>namiga.org</b> Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255 text "NAMI" to 741741 (24/7)
	<b><u>Partnership for Prescription Assistance</u></b>	1-888-477-2669
	<b><u>Peace4Moms</u></b> - Connects Georgia physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and nurse midwives with psychiatrists who specialize in perinatal mental health.	<b>peace4momsga.org</b> 470-977-3223
	<b><u>Peer2Peer Warm line</u></b> - peer support, not a crisis line.	<b>gmhcn.org</b> 888-945-1414
	<b><u>Prevent Child Abuse Georgia</u></b>	<b>hmhbga.org</b> M-F; 8AM - 6PM: 1-800-244-5373
	<b><u>Project SAFE</u></b> - Crisis Line (Domestic violence services)	<b>project-safe.org</b> 706-543-3331
<b><u>Project SAFE</u></b> - Teen Textline	<b>project-safe.org</b> 706-765-8019	

# CRISIS & HELP LINES

REGION	ORGANIZATION	CONTACT
STATEWIDE	<b>Statewide Georgia Hotline for Domestic Minor Trafficking</b>	1-844-842-3678
	<b>Transitional Family Services Crisis Line</b>	706-305-8574
	<b><u>United Way: 2-1-1</u></b>	<b>unitedway.org</b> 2-1-1
BROOKS COUNTY	<b><u>American Red Cross of South Central Georgia</u></b>	<b>redcross.org/local/georgia</b> 229-219-0469
	<b><u>Brooks County Sheriff's Office</u></b>	<b>brookssheriff.com</b> 229-263-7558
	<b><u>Patuala Center for Children Inc</u></b>	229-723-2468
COLQUITT COUNTY	<b><u>American Red Cross, South Central Georgia Chapter</u></b>	<b>redcross.org/local/georgia</b> 229-242-7404
	<b><u>Colquitt County Sheriff's Office</u></b>	<b>colquittcountyga.gov</b> 229- 616-7430
	<b><u>The Haven</u></b> - domestic abuse shelter for women	<b>valdostahaven.org</b> 229-244-1765 (Crisis)
	<b><u>Colquitt Co. Serenity House Project, Inc.</u></b>	<b>serenityhousega.org</b> 229-890-7233 (Crisis)
	<b>Hero House Children Advocacy Center</b>	229-890-5545
	<b>Peer2Peer Warmline</b>	<b>gmhcn.org/peer2peer-warm-line</b> 229-873-9737
DECATUR COUNTY	<b><u>American Red Cross of Southwest Georgia</u></b>	<b>redcross.org/local/georgia</b> 706-323-5614
	<b><u>Decatur County Sheriff's Office</u></b>	<b>decaturso.com/contact</b> 229-248-3044
	<b><u>Halcyon Home for Battered Women</u></b>	<b>halcyonhomeshelter.org</b> 229-226-6666 or 1-800-284-9980
	<b><u>The Oak House Children's Advocacy Center</u></b>	<b>lilypadcenter.com</b> 229-416-4033

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REGION	ORGANIZATION	CONTACT
EARLY COUNTY	<u><a href="#">American Red Cross of Southwest Georgia</a></u>	<a href="http://redcross.org/local/georgia">redcross.org/local/georgia</a> 706-323-5614
	<u><a href="#">Early County Sheriff's Office</a></u>	<a href="http://earlycountysheriff.com">earlycountysheriff.com</a> 229-723-3214
	<u><a href="#">Liberty House of Albany</a></u>	<a href="http://libertyhouseofalbany.com">libertyhouseofalbany.com</a> 229-439-7065 (Crisis)
	<u><a href="#">Pataula Center for Children, Inc.</a></u>	229-723-2468 (Main Line)
GRADY COUNTY	<u><a href="#">American Red Cross of Southwest Georgia</a></u>	<a href="http://redcross.org/local/georgia">redcross.org/local/georgia</a> 706-323-5614
	<u><a href="#">Grady County Sheriff's Office</a></u>	<a href="http://gradycountyga.gov">gradycountyga.gov</a> 229-377-5200
	<u><a href="#">Halcyon Home for Battered Women</a></u>	<a href="http://halcyonhomeshelter.org">halcyonhomeshelter.org</a> 229-226-6666 (Crisis)
MILLER COUNTY	<u><a href="#">American Red Cross of Southwest Georgia</a></u>	<a href="http://redcross.org/local/georgia">redcross.org/local/georgia</a> 706-323-5614
	<u><a href="#">Liberty House of Albany</a></u>	<a href="http://libertyhouseofalbany.com">libertyhouseofalbany.com</a> 229-248-3044
	<u><a href="#">Miller County Sheriff's Office</a></u>	229-758-3421
	<u><a href="#">Pataula Center for Children, Inc.</a></u>	229-723-2468 (Main Line)
MITCHELL COUNTY	<u><a href="#">American Red Cross of Southwest Georgia</a></u>	<a href="http://redcross.org/local/georgia">redcross.org/local/georgia</a> 706-323-5614
	<u><a href="#">Halcyon Home for Battered Women</a></u>	<a href="http://halcyonhomeshelter.org">halcyonhomeshelter.org</a> 229-226-6666 (Crisis)
	<u><a href="#">Mitchell County Sheriff's Office</a></u>	<a href="http://mitchellso.com">mitchellso.com</a> 229-336-2032

# CRISIS & HELP LINES

REGION	ORGANIZATION	CONTACT
SEMINOLE COUNTY	<u><a href="#">American Red Cross of Southwest Georgia</a></u>	<a href="http://redcross.org/local/georgia">redcross.org/local/georgia</a> 706-323-5614
	<u><a href="#">Halcyon Home for Battered Women</a></u>	<a href="http://halcyonhomeshelter.org">halcyonhomeshelter.org</a> 229-226-6666 (Crisis)
	<u><a href="#">Pataula Center for Children, Inc.</a></u>	229-723-2468 (Main Line)
	<u><a href="#">Seminole County Sheriff's Office</a></u>	<a href="http://seminoleso.com">seminoleso.com</a> 229-524-5115
THOMAS COUNTY	<u><a href="#">American Red Cross, South Central Georgia Chapter</a></u>	<a href="http://redcross.org/local/georgia">redcross.org/local/georgia</a> 229-242-7404
	<u><a href="#">Halcyon Home for Battered Women</a></u>	<a href="http://halcyonhomeshelter.org">halcyonhomeshelter.org</a> 229-226-6666 (Crisis)
	<u><a href="#">Thomas County Sheriff's Office</a></u>	<a href="http://thomascountyboc.org">thomascountyboc.org</a> 229-225-3300
	<u><a href="#">The Treehouse CAC of Thomas County</a></u>	<a href="http://treehousethomasville.org">treehousethomasville.org</a> 229- 977-1639



# FOSTER CARE SERVICES

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

## STATEWIDE

### **Adoptive and Foster Parent Association of Georgia (AFPAG):**

AFPAG trains/educates adoptive/foster parents and others working in the fields of adoption and family foster care. There are also local chapters of AFPAG listed below.

### **afpag.net**

AFPAG President:  
Carsdandra Favors  
404-913-5674

### **PRESIDENT@AFPAG.NET**

Region 10 AFPAG Advocate:  
Betty Stafford

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

### **provider.amerigroup.com**

1-855-661-2021

### **RONALD.DUNHAM@AMERIGROUP.COM**

### **Child Protective Services**

### **dhs.georgia.gov/child-protective-services**

1-855-GACHILD

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

### **embarkgeorgia.org**

706-542-1108

**Georgia Appleseed- Fairness, Advocacy, Individualized Representation (FAIR):** Provides direct legal representation for children in care facing suspension or expulsion from school. Form to request pro bono attorney for **tribunal hearing**.

### **gaappleseed.org**

### **INFO@GAAPPLESEED.ORG**

678-426-4640

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

### **dfcs.georgia.gov**

404-657-3433

# FOSTER CARE SERVICES

## STATEWIDE

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

[800-251-4012](tel:800-251-4012)

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

[katesclub.org](http://katesclub.org)  
404-347-7619  
[INFO@KATESCLUB.ORG](mailto:INFO@KATESCLUB.ORG)

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

[maac4kids.org](http://maac4kids.org)  
404-880-9323

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

[dfcs.georgia.gov/family-independence-online-contact-form](https://dfcs.georgia.gov/family-independence-online-contact-form)  
1-877-423-4746

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

[thefamilyy.org](http://thefamilyy.org)

## COLQUITT COUNTY

**AFPAG Colquitt County Association**

President Lamar Burkett  
[LBURKETT@PLANTTEL.NET](mailto:LBURKETT@PLANTTEL.NET)

**Colquitt County DFCS office**

[dfcs.georgia.gov](https://dfcs.georgia.gov)  
229-217-4000

**CASA Kids Program**

[gacasa.org](http://gacasa.org)  
229-225-4338

**Hero House Children Advocacy Center**

229-890-5545

**Southwest Georgia Children's Alliance Inc**  
(CASA serving Colquitt and Thomas)

[sowegachildren.org](http://sowegachildren.org)  
[INFO@SOWEGACHILDREN.ORG](mailto:INFO@SOWEGACHILDREN.ORG)  
229-931-4488

# FOSTER CARE SERVICES

## DECATUR COUNTY

**AFPAG Decatur County Association**

President Misty Morris  
[MISTYBEANMORRIS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MISTYBEANMORRIS@GMAIL.COM)

Decatur County DFCS office

229-248-2420

## EARLY COUNTY

**Early County DFCS office**

[dfcs.georgia.gov](http://dfcs.georgia.gov)  
 229-248-2420

## GRADY COUNTY

**AFPAG Grady County Association**

President Kim Blough  
[KBLOUGH@BLOUGHTECH.COM](mailto:KBLOUGH@BLOUGHTECH.COM)

Grady County DFCS Office

[dfcs.georgia.gov](http://dfcs.georgia.gov)  
 229-377-3154

## MILLER COUNTY

Miller County DFCS Office

[dfcs.georgia.gov](http://dfcs.georgia.gov)  
 229-248-2420

## MITCHELL COUNTY

Mitchell County DFCS Office

[dfcs.georgia.gov](http://dfcs.georgia.gov)  
 229-522-3500

## SEMINOLE COUNTY

Seminole County DFCS Office

[dfcs.georgia.gov](http://dfcs.georgia.gov)  
 229-524-2365

# FOSTER CARE SERVICES

THOMAS COUNTY	
<u><b>AFPAG Foster and Adoption Services</b></u>	<b>afpag.net</b> 404-913-5674
<u><b>CASA Kids Program</b></u>	<b>gacasa.org</b> 229-248-2420
<u><b>NeverLost Thomasville</b></u>	<b>neverlost.org</b> 229-225-4338
<u><b>Southwest Georgia Children's Alliance Inc</b></u> (CASA serving Colquitt and Thomas)	<b>sowegachildren.org</b> <b><u>INFO@SOWEGACHILDREN.ORG</u></b> 229-931-4488
<u><b>Thomas County DFCS Office</b></u>	<b>dfcs.georgia.gov</b> 229-225-4005
<u><b>The Forgotten Initiative:</b></u> Volunteer based foster care organization that shares resources for community members, foster parents, and children regarding assistance within the foster care system.	<b>theforgotteninitiative.org/thomasga</b> Contact Alex Martin <b><u>THOMASCOUNTY.GA@THEFORGOTTENINITIATIVE.ORG</u></b>



# HOSPITALS

## CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS

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

**[Map of Critical Access & Rural Hospitals in Georgia](#)**

**[List of critical access hospitals in Georgia from NPI Registry](#)**

## GENERAL HOSPITALS CENTRAL TO EACH COUNTY

### BROOKS COUNTY

**Archbold Brooks County Hospital**  
903 N Court St  
Quitman, GA 31643  
229-263-4171

### COLQUITT COUNTY

**Colquitt Regional Medical Center**  
3131 South Main Street  
Moultrie, GA 31768-6701  
229-985-3420

### DECATUR COUNTY

**Memorial Hospital and Manor**  
1500 East Shotwell Street  
Bainbridge, GA 39819-4256  
229-246-3500

### EARLY COUNTY

**Early Memorial Hospital**  
11740 Columbia Street  
Blakely, GA 39823-9604  
229-723-4241

### GRADY COUNTY

**Archbold Grady General Hospital**  
1155 Fifth Street SE  
Cairo, GA 39828-0360  
229-377-1150

### MILLER COUNTY

**Miller County Hospital**  
208 N Cuthbert St,  
Colquitt, GA 39837  
229-758-3304 **\*Critical Access Hospital\***

### MITCHELL COUNTY

**Archbold Mitchell County Hospital**  
90 Stephens Street,  
Camilla, GA 31730  
229-336-5284

# HOSPITALS

## GENERAL HOSPITALS CENTRAL TO EACH COUNTY

### SEMINOLE COUNTY

**Donalsonville Hospital**  
102 Hospital Circle  
Donalsonville, GA 39845-1199  
229-524-5217

### THOMAS COUNTY

**John D Archbold Memorial Hospital**  
Gordon Avenue At Mimosa Drive  
Thomasville, GA 31792-6113  
229-228-2000

**Southwestern State Hospital**  
Pine Tree Boulevard  
Thomasville, GA 31792  
229-227- 2833

## GEORGIA STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH

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

229-401-3081  
[DCH.SORH@DCH.GA.GOV](mailto:DCH.SORH@DCH.GA.GOV)

[\(SORH\) location maps](#)

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

Dawn Waldrip  
Contact Director, Rural Hospital Services  
229-401-3088  
[DAWN.WALDRIP@DCH.GA.GOV](mailto:DAWN.WALDRIP@DCH.GA.GOV)

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

[List of rural hospitals in Georgia from NPI Registry.](#)



# INFANT & EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH (IECMH)

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

## NATIONAL

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

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

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

## STATEWIDE

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

404-657-2850  
888-651-8224

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

**Georgia providers recently trained in CPP**

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

1-855-707-8277

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

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

# INFANT & EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH (IECMH)

## STATEWIDE

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

Contact Laura Lucas for more information:

**LAURA.LUCAS@DECAL.GA.GOV**

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

**INCLUSION@DECAL.GA.GOV**  
1-833-354-4357

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

1-888-457-4769

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

**AIMH@GSU.EDU**  
404-413-1289

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

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

**BRIDGET.RATAJCZAK@DECAL.GA.GOV**  
to connect to a local ambassador.

## COUNTY SPECIFIC

**The Heritage Foundation:** Provides mental and behavioral health services and supports to women, children, and young adults. Nicole Gatlin is trained in Child Parent Psychotherapy.

**NGATLIN@HERITAGEOFTHOMASVILLE.ORG**

### BROOKS COUNTY

#### Babies Can't Wait Southwest Health District

1306 South Slappey Boulevard  
Suite A Colony Square South  
Albany, Ga 31701  
229-299-4447

# INFANT & EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH (IECMH)

## COUNTY SPECIFIC

<b>COLQUITT COUNTY</b>	<b>Babies Can't Wait Southwest Health District</b>	1306 South Slappey Boulevard Suite A Colony Square South Albany, Ga 31701 229-299-4447
<b>DECATUR COUNTY</b>	<b>Babies Can't Wait Southwest Health District</b>	1306 South Slappey Boulevard Suite A Colony Square South Albany, Ga 31701 229-299-4447
<b>EARLY COUNTY</b>	<b>Babies Can't Wait Southwest Health District</b>	1306 South Slappey Boulevard Suite A Colony Square South Albany, Ga 31701 229-299-4447
<b>GRADY COUNTY</b>	<b>Babies Can't Wait Southwest Health District</b>	1306 South Slappey Boulevard Suite A Colony Square South Albany, Ga 31701 229-299-4447
<b>MILLER COUNTY</b>	<b>Babies Can't Wait Southwest Health District</b>	1306 South Slappey Boulevard Suite A Colony Square South Albany, Ga 31701 229-299-4447
<b>MITCHELL COUNTY</b>	<b>Babies Can't Wait Southwest Health District</b>	1306 South Slappey Boulevard Suite A Colony Square South Albany, Ga 31701 229-299-4447
<b>SEMINOLE COUNTY</b>	<b>Babies Can't Wait Southwest Health District</b>	1306 South Slappey Boulevard Suite A Colony Square South Albany, Ga 31701 229-299-4447
<b>THOMAS COUNTY</b>	<b>Babies Can't Wait Southwest Health District</b>	1306 South Slappey Boulevard Suite A Colony Square South Albany, Ga 31701 229-299-4447



# PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT & COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

ORGANIZATION	CONTACT	
<p><b><u>Vashti Center for Children and Families</u></b></p>	<p>Offers a variety of services such as behavioral health assessments, psychiatric treatment, individual counseling, family counseling, group counseling, community support services, substance abuse treatment, and professional learning and educational opportunities.</p>	
	<p><b>Ventures &amp; Connections Resiliency Clubhouse Program:</b> The Clubhouse program provides supportive afterschool 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. To refer a child to our program, email <a href="mailto:vashtireferral@vashti.org">vashtireferral@vashti.org</a>.</p>	<p>1815 E Clay Street Thomasville, GA 31792 229-226-4634 <a href="mailto:THEVASHTICENTERINC@VASHTI.ORG">THEVASHTICENTERINC@VASHTI.ORG</a></p>
<p><b><u>Georgia Pines Community Service Board (CSB)</u></b></p>	<p>Georgia Pines Community Service Board offers an array of support and services to the people of southwest Georgia who are affected by mental illness, addictive disease, and development disabilities.</p>	
<p><b><u>The Heritage Foundation</u></b></p>	<p>Treatment programs for addictive disorders, child and adolescent mental health services, and prevention programs for disenfranchised women and youth across Georgia.</p>	
	<p><b><u>Maya's House:</u></b> Residential substance abuse treatment program that serves women and children of South Georgia. <a href="mailto:INFO@HERITAGEOFTHOMASVILLE.ORG">INFO@HERITAGEOFTHOMASVILLE.ORG</a></p>	<p>14382 US Hwy 19 S. Thomasville, GA 31757 229-228-5545</p>
	<p><b><u>Sycamore Center:</u></b> Provides individuals, groups and families diagnostic assessments, intensive in-home counseling, and case management services. The program is designed to treat youth experiencing a range of mental health symptoms, behavioral difficulties, and addictive diseases. <a href="mailto:INFO@HERITAGEOFTHOMASVILLE.ORG">INFO@HERITAGEOFTHOMASVILLE.ORG</a></p>	<p>14382 US Hwy 19 S. Thomasville, GA 31757 229-228-5545</p>
	<p><b><u>House of Focus:</u></b> Outpatient support program for women and their families who have been affected by substance abuse and have encountered a setback in their recovery and rehabilitation. <a href="mailto:INFO@HERITAGEOFTHOMASVILLE.ORG">INFO@HERITAGEOFTHOMASVILLE.ORG</a></p>	<p>14382 US Hwy 19 S. Thomasville, GA 31757 229-228-5545</p>

# SCHOOL RESOURCES

BOARD OF EDUCATION		
<b>BROOKS COUNTY <u>School Board Members</u></b>	Superintendent: Dr. Vickie Reed	229-588 2340
<b>COLQUITT COUNTY <u>School Board Members</u></b>	Superintendent: Ben Wiggins	<b><u>BENJAMIN.WIGGINS@COLQUITT.K12.GA.US</u></b> 229-890-6206
<b>DECATUR COUNTY <u>School Board Members</u></b>	Superintendent: Tim Cochran	<b><u>TCOCHRAN@DCBOE.COM</u></b> 229-248-2200
<b>EARLY COUNTY <u>School Board Members</u></b>	Superintendent: Dr. Jennifer Brown	<b><u>JGBROWN@EARLY.K12.GA.US</u></b> 229-723-4337
<b>GRADY COUNTY <u>School Board Members</u></b>	Superintendent: Eric McFee	<b><u>E.MCFEE@GRADY.K12.GA.US</u></b> 229- 377-3701
<b>MILLER COUNTY <u>School Board Members</u></b>	Superintendent: Shane Miller	<b><u>SMILLER@MILLER.K12.GA.US</u></b> 229-758-5592
<b>MITCHELL COUNTY <u>School Board Members</u></b>	Superintendent: Rowland Cummings	<b><u>ROWLANDCUMMINGS@GMAIL.COM</u></b> 229-336-2100
<b>SEMINOLE COUNTY <u>School Board Members</u></b>	Superintendent: Serita Beamon	<b><u>SERITA_BEAMON@SCPS.K12.FL.US</u></b> 407- 320-0000
<b>THOMAS COUNTY <u>School Board Members</u></b>	Superintendent: Lisa Williams	<b><u>LWILLIAMS@TCJACKETS.NET</u></b> 229-225-4380
<b><u>Thomasville City Schools</u> (TCS)</b>	TCS Superintendent: Fred Rayfield	<b><u>RAYFIELD@TCITYS.ORG</u></b> 229-225-2600

## COLLEGES & UNIVERSITY STUDENT HEALTH/COUNSELING SERVICES

<b><u>Thomas University</u> <u>Office of Student</u> <u>Success</u> - Archbold Student Assistance Program</b>	Counseling services are free for students.	902 Cairo Road Thomasville, GA 31792 229-228-2210 or 877-237-2124 <b><u>ADVISING@THOMASU.EDU</u></b>
<b>Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Bainbridge Campus: <u>The Counseling Center</u></b>	Provides individual counseling, group counseling, prevention and outreach, consultation, and crisis response.	229-309-9032 <b><u>SDEES@ABAC.EDU</u></b>

# SCHOOL RESOURCES

## POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS (PBIS)

3-tiered framework that schools use to improve school safety and promote positive behavior. Learn more [here](#).

### List of current PBIS schools in Georgia by county

<b>COLQUITT COUNTY</b>	District Coordinator: Dr. Nicholas Chastain	<a href="mailto:NICHOLAS.CHASTAIN@COLQUITT.K12.GA.US"><u>NICHOLAS.CHASTAIN@COLQUITT.K12.GA.US</u></a>
<b>EARLY COUNTY</b>	District Coordinator: Dr. Priscilla Yarbrough	<a href="mailto:PYARBROUGH@EARLY.K12.GA.US"><u>PYARBROUGH@EARLY.K12.GA.US</u></a>
<b>GRADY COUNTY</b>	District Coordinator: Jackie McCurry	<a href="mailto:J.MCCURRY@GRADY.K12.GA.US"><u>J.MCCURRY@GRADY.K12.GA.US</u></a>
	District Coordinator: Amy Phillips	<a href="mailto:A.PHILLIPS@GRADY.K12.GA.US"><u>A.PHILLIPS@GRADY.K12.GA.US</u></a>

## REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY (RESA)

The RESA is an organization for sharing and coordinating cost effective educational services. These services are provided through curriculum and instructional development, planning and research, technology for education, assessment and evaluation, professional learning, communicating and dissemination information, sharing resources, technical services, cooperative purchasing, material development and distribution, and records management.

Find service map & directory [here](#).

<b>Coastal Plains Regional Educational Service Agency (CPRESA)</b>  Service Area: <b>COLQUITT COUNTY</b>	Executive Director: Wes Taylor, 229-546-4094  Access board of control and other CPRESA specialists <a href="#">here</a> .	School Climate Support Specialists: Creacy Sermons <a href="mailto:CREACYSERMONS@CPRESA.ORG"><u>CREACYSERMONS@CPRESA.ORG</u></a>  Shannon Voyles <a href="mailto:SHANNONVOYLES@CPRESA.ORG"><u>SHANNONVOYLES@CPRESA.ORG</u></a>
<b>Southwest Georgia Regional Educational Service Agency (SWRESA):</b>  Service Areas: <b>EARLY, DECATUR, GRADY, MILLER, MITCHELL, SEMINOLE, AND THOMAS COUNTIES</b>	Executive Director: Tim Helms, 229-207-0600  Access board of control and other SWRESA specialists <a href="#">here</a> .	School Climate Support Specialists: Kevin Strickland <a href="mailto:KSTRICKLAND@SWRESA.ORG"><u>KSTRICKLAND@SWRESA.ORG</u></a>  Kathy Wooten <a href="mailto:KWOOTEN@SWRESA.ORG"><u>KWOOTEN@SWRESA.ORG</u></a>  Cynthia Levatte <a href="mailto:CLEVATTE@SWRESA.ORG"><u>CLEVATTE@SWRESA.ORG</u></a>

# SCHOOL RESOURCES

## GEORGIA SCHOOL BASED HEALTH ALLIANCE (GASBHA)

Advances the health and success of Georgia's children through community partnerships to develop and support school based health centers.

### SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

<b><u>Colquitt County School District</u></b>	Social Worker: Kimberly West	<b><u>KIMBERLY.WEST@COLQUITT.K12.GA.US</u></b> 229-769-3612 Ext.15004
<b><u>Decatur County School District</u></b>	Social Worker: Tia Williams	229-248-2842
	Social Worker: Recarlo Williams	229-248-1045
<b><u>Grady County School District</u></b>	Director of Social Services: Dr. Katina Cooper	229-307-1711
	Social Worker: Shannon Focaracci	229-377-7396 <b><u>S.FOCARACCI@GRADY.K12.GA.US</u></b>
	Social Worker: Leah Metzger	229-377-7396 <b><u>L.METZGER@GRADY.K12.GA.US</u></b>
<b><u>Thomas County School District</u></b> Garrison-Pilcher Elementary 229 225-4387  Thomas County Central High School 229-225-4387  Thomas County Middle School 229-413-1514  Thomasville City Schools	School Psychologist: Dr. Melanie Watson	<b><u>MWATSON@TCJACKETS.NET</u></b>
	School Psychologist: B. Weiss	<b><u>BWEISS@TCJACKETS.NET</u></b>
	School Psychologist: Dr. Melanie Watson	<b><u>MWATSON@TCJACKETS.NET</u></b>
	School Psychologist: Liv Kline	<b><u>LKLINE@TCJACKETS.NET</u></b>
	School Psychologist: Lisa-Jan Bailey	<b><u>BAILEYL@TCITYS.ORG</u></b>
	School Psychologist: Caitlyn Munroe	<b><u>MUNROEC@TCITYS.ORG</u></b>
Behavior Interventionist: Leigh Jenkins	<b><u>JENKINSL@TCITYS.ORG</u></b>	

# SCHOOL RESOURCES

## THE GEORGIA APEX PROGRAM

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

BROOKS COUNTY	<a href="#"><u>Georgia Pines</u></a>	229-225-3917
	<a href="#"><u>Vashti Center</u></a>	229-226-4634
COLQUITT COUNTY	<a href="#"><u>Vashti Center</u></a>	229-226-4634
DECATUR COUNTY	<a href="#"><u>Georgia Pines</u></a>	229-225-3917
EARLY COUNTY	<a href="#"><u>Aspire BHDD Services</u></a>	229-724-2050
GRADY COUNTY	<a href="#"><u>Georgia Pines</u></a>	229-225-3917
MILLER COUNTY	<a href="#"><u>Aspire BHDD Services</u></a>	229-758-2068
MITCHELL COUNTY	<a href="#"><u>Georgia Pines</u></a>	229-225-3917
	<a href="#"><u>Vashti Center</u></a>	229-226-4634
SEMINOLE COUNTY	<a href="#"><u>Georgia Pines</u></a>	229-225-3917
THOMAS COUNTY	<a href="#"><u>Georgia Pines</u></a>	229-225-3917



# SELECT TRAUMA-INFORMED & ACE PREVENTION TRAINING RESOURCES

## ACES - ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES

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



## TRAUMA-INFORMED

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



## COMMUNITY RESILIENCY MODEL (CRM)

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

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

## DARKNESS TO LIGHT/STEWARDS OF CHILDREN TRAINING

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

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

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

## MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID (MHA)

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

## MINDFUL SELF-COMPASSION 1-DAY WORKSHOP

Mindful Self Compassion is a 1-day evidence-based skills-building workshop that teaches participants the fundamental concepts and skills of mindfulness and self-compassion. This training equips participants with the ability to use self-compassion to handle difficult emotions with greater ease.

## NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) GEORGIA

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

## QUESTION, PERSUADE, AND REFER (QPR)

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

## CONNECTIONS MATTERS GEORGIA

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

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

# SELECT TRAUMA-INFORMED & ACE PREVENTION TRAINING RESOURCES

BROOKS COUNTY	The Vashti Center for Children and Families	Contact: Alex English <a href="mailto:ALEXE@VASHTI.ORG">ALEXE@VASHTI.ORG</a>
	DECAL	Contact: Esther Duggan <a href="mailto:ESTHER.DUGGAN@DECAL.GA.GOV">ESTHER.DUGGAN@DECAL.GA.GOV</a>
	The Yellow Elephant	Contact: Michelle Cope <a href="mailto:MMCOPE79@GMAIL.COM">MMCOPE79@GMAIL.COM</a>
COLQUITT COUNTY	The Vashti Center for Children and Families	Contact: Alex English <a href="mailto:ALEXE@VASHTI.ORG">ALEXE@VASHTI.ORG</a>
	DECAL	Contact: Esther Duggan <a href="mailto:ESTHER.DUGGAN@DECAL.GA.GOV">ESTHER.DUGGAN@DECAL.GA.GOV</a>
	Colquitt County Schools	Contact: Irma Townsend <a href="mailto:IRMA.TOWNSEND@COLQUITT.K12.GA.US">IRMA.TOWNSEND@COLQUITT.K12.GA.US</a>
DECATUR COUNTY	The Vashti Center for Children and Families	Contact: Alex English <a href="mailto:ALEXE@VASHTI.ORG">ALEXE@VASHTI.ORG</a>
	DECAL	Contact: Esther Duggan <a href="mailto:ESTHER.DUGGAN@DECAL.GA.GOV">ESTHER.DUGGAN@DECAL.GA.GOV</a>
EARLY COUNTY	The Vashti Center for Children and Families	Contact: Alex English <a href="mailto:ALEXE@VASHTI.ORG">ALEXE@VASHTI.ORG</a>
	VIP International	Contact Victoria Green Brackins <a href="mailto:VIP@VIPONFIRE.COM">VIP@VIPONFIRE.COM</a>
GRADY COUNTY	The Vashti Center for Children and Families	Contact: Alex English <a href="mailto:ALEXE@VASHTI.ORG">ALEXE@VASHTI.ORG</a>
	DECAL	Contact: Esther Duggan <a href="mailto:ESTHER.DUGGAN@DECAL.GA.GOV">ESTHER.DUGGAN@DECAL.GA.GOV</a>
MILLER COUNTY	DECAL	Contact: Esther Duggan <a href="mailto:ESTHER.DUGGAN@DECAL.GA.GOV">ESTHER.DUGGAN@DECAL.GA.GOV</a>
MITCHELL COUNTY	The Vashti Center for Children and Families	Contact: Alex English <a href="mailto:ALEXE@VASHTI.ORG">ALEXE@VASHTI.ORG</a>
	DECAL	Contact: Esther Duggan <a href="mailto:ESTHER.DUGGAN@DECAL.GA.GOV">ESTHER.DUGGAN@DECAL.GA.GOV</a>
SEMINOLE COUNTY	The Vashti Center for Children and Families	Contact: Alex English <a href="mailto:ALEXE@VASHTI.ORG">ALEXE@VASHTI.ORG</a>
	DECAL	Contact: Esther Duggan <a href="mailto:ESTHER.DUGGAN@DECAL.GA.GOV">ESTHER.DUGGAN@DECAL.GA.GOV</a>
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## CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS OF GEORGIA (CACGA)

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

COLQUITT COUNTY	<u>Hero House</u>	229-890-5549
	<b>The Children's Advocacy Center of Colquitt County</b>	229-890-5549
DECATUR COUNTY	<u>The Oak House CAC</u>	229-449-0614
EARLY COUNTY	<u>Patuala Center for Children</u>	229- 723-2468
THOMAS COUNTY	<u>The Treehouse CAC of Thomas County</u>	229-977-1639

## COMMUNITY-BASED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY SERVICES

Provides comprehensive mental health and substance abuse treatment to children, adolescents, and young adults who, due to severe emotional disturbance, are in need of quality active treatment that can only be provided in an inpatient treatment setting and for whom alternative, less restrictive forms of treatment have been tried and found unsuccessful.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARDS (CSBS)

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

Directory of all DBHDD CSB in the state.

### Aspire:

601 11th Ave., Albany, GA

- **EARLY COUNTY:** 229-724-2050
- **MILLER COUNTY:** 229-758-2068

### Georgia Pines

525 Cassidy Road

Thomasville, GA 31792

- **COLQUITT COUNTY:** 229-225-5208
- **DECATUR COUNTY:** 229-248-2683
- **GRADY COUNTY:** 229-891-7375
- **MITCHELL COUNTY:** 229-294-6509
- **THOMAS COUNTY:** 229-225-3917

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## CRISIS STABILIZATION UNITS (CSU)

Provides short-term acute stabilization of behavioral health problems for youth.

[Map of all Crisis Stabilization Units.](#)

<b>COLQUITT COUNTY</b>	<b>Albany Area Primary Health Care</b>	204 North Westover Boulevard Albany, Georgia 31707 229-888-6559
<b>DECATUR COUNTY</b>	<b>Primary Care Of Southwest Georgia</b>	454 Smith Ave Thomasville, GA 31792 229-227-5510
<b>EARLY COUNTY</b>	<b>Primary Care Of Southwest Georgia</b>	454 Smith Ave Thomasville, GA 31792 229-227-5510
<b>MITCHELL COUNTY</b>	<b>Albany Area Primary Health Care</b>	204 North Westover Boulevard Albany, Georgia 31707 229-888-6559
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## GEORGIA COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA)

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

**Southwest Georgia Children's Alliance Inc-**  
Serving Colquitt and Thomas

**INFO@SOWEGACHILDREN.ORG**  
229-931-4488

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## GEORGIA CRISIS & ACCESS LINE (GCAL)

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

**[Comprehensive list of GCAL Adult Behavioral Health Providers](#)**  
**[Comprehensive list of GCAL Child/Adolescent Behavioral Health Providers](#)**

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

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

## GEORGIA DBHDD OFFICE OF CONSTITUENT SERVICES

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

## GEORGIA DBHDD REGIONAL FIELD OFFICES

Administers DBHDD hospital and community resources in 6 regions.

**Region 4:** serving Colquitt, Decatur, Early, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, and Thomas Counties.

400 S. Pinetree Boulevard  
 Thomasville, GA 31792  
 229-225-5099

## GEORGIA DBHDD STATE HOSPITALS

Five state hospitals offering inpatient adult mental health and forensic services. To be referred to hospital services in your area, please call the Georgia Crisis & Access Line at 1-800-715-4225, available 24/7.

**[Map of all state psychiatric hospital locations.](#)**

## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH (DCH)

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

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

Provides childcare and early education resources throughout the state.

Detailed [directory of staff](#) in the different programs

## GEORGIA DIVISION OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES (DFCS)

Oversees reports of child abuse, finds foster & adoptive homes for abused and neglected children, issues SNAP, Medicaid & TANF, Find locations [here](#).

404-657-3433  
[CUSTOMER\\_SERVICES\\_DFCS@DHS.GA.GOV](mailto:CUSTOMER_SERVICES_DFCS@DHS.GA.GOV)

**THOMAS COUNTY**  
Region 10  
229-225-4005

## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE (DJJ)

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

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

## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (GDPH)

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

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

**DISTRICT OFFICE:** 478-751-6303  
**COLQUITT COUNTY:** 229-589-8464  
**DECATUR COUNTY:** 229-248-3055  
**EARLY COUNTY:** 229-207-0049  
**GRADY COUNTY:** 229-377-2992  
**MILLER COUNTY:** 229-758-4110  
**MITCHELL COUNTY:** 229-336-2015  
**SEMINOLE COUNTY:** 229-524-5256  
**THOMAS COUNTY:** 229-226-4241

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CAMPUSES

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

# SUPPORT GROUPS & SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS

## STATEWIDE

Georgia Parent Support Network ( <a href="#">GPSN</a> )	1-844-278-6945 404-758-4500 <a href="mailto:INFO@GPSN.ORG">INFO@GPSN.ORG</a>
GPSN Weekly Statewide Parent Education & Support Group	<a href="mailto:LISA.PACE@GPSN.ORG">LISA.PACE@GPSN.ORG</a> 770-545-4298
<a href="#">Narcotics Anonymous</a>	<a href="#">South Georgia Meeting weekly list</a>
Workaholics Anonymous	<a href="#">Online &amp; phone meetings</a>



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