

List of CSRA Special Needs Resources for Parents.

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AGENCIES FOCUSING ON SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATIONS

Able Kids Services

3726 Executive Center Dr., Augusta

706-842-5330

www.ablekidsservices.com

Founded in January 2016, Able Tree is the children's division of Soto ALG. Services include Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, professional development, educational support/advocacy, social skills groups, and certified music therapy.

Apparo Academy **(known as Augusta Therapy Academy until March 2019)**

3104 Skinner Mill Rd., Augusta

706-522-4222

www.apparoacademy.org

Provides families of children with special needs with the necessary skills their potential and achieve success through educational and therapeutic services.

Bobby Dodd Institute

2120 Marietta Blvd. NW, Atlanta (main campus)

678-365-0071

www.bobbydodd.org

Offers family support services, advocacy and education.

Center for Disability Resources

University of South Carolina School of Medicine

8301 Farrow Rd., Columbia, S.C.

803-935-5231

www.uscm.med.sc.edu/cdrhome

Programs support families and their children with developmental delays, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, autism and other diagnoses through assistive technology programs, education, supported community living programs, supported employment and more.

Easter Seals East Georgia

1500 Wrightsboro Rd., Augusta

706-667-9695

www.easterseals.com/eastgeorgia

Work programs help disabled teenagers transition from school into the workplace. There are also work-related programs for disabled adults. The Champions for Children program provides financial assistance to families of special needs and medically fragile children who do not meet the eligibility requirements for the TEFRA/Katie Beckett Medicaid program.

Family Connection of South Carolina

1800 St. Julian Place, Suite 104, Columbia, S.C.

803-252-0914

www.familyconnectionsc.org

A statewide nonprofit organization that connects families of children with special healthcare needs or disabilities with helpful resources, support and education.

Georgia Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

57 Executive Park S., Suite 380, Atlanta

404-325-6973

www.cff.org

Raises money to fund research for a cure. Provides information and resources for parents of children with cystic fibrosis.

The Georgia Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

3525 Piedmont Rd., N.E., Building 6, Suite 300, Atlanta

404-420-5990

www.jdrf.org/georgia/

This organization has the Family Network, which provides support, encouragement and programming for families of children with diabetes.

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

2 Peachtree St., N.W., 24th floor, Atlanta

404-657-2252

www.dbhdd.georgia.gov

To access mental health, substance abuse and crisis and emergency services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, call 1-800-715-4225. To locate treatment or support services for individuals with mental illness, substance abuse disorders or developmental disabilities, visit www.mygcal.com.

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities – Region 2

3405 Mike Padgett Highway, Building 3, Augusta

706-792-7733; 866-380-4835

Behavioral Health Regional Services Administrator: Dawn Peel, 706-792-7671,
dawn.peel@dbhdd.ga.gov.

Developmental Disabilities Regional Services Administrator: Karla Brown, 706-792-7695,
karla.brown@dbhdd.ga.gov.

www.dbhdd.georgia.gov/region-2-field-office.

Operates a community-based system of care, which allows clients to receive care in the least restrictive setting possible while helping them to obtain a life of independence and recovery. Provides planning for and coordination of provider network; offers technical assistance; and serves as the point of contact for consumers who have questions about accessing services.

Georgia Department of Community Health

2 Peachtree St., N.W., Atlanta

404-656-4507

www.dch.georgia.gov/waivers

The New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) offer home- and community-based services for people with intellectual disabilities (ID) or developmental disabilities (DD) through the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) Division of Medical Assistance Plans. To read information on Medicaid waivers:

www.dch.georgia.gov/sites/dch.georgia.gov/files/imported/vgn/images/portal/cit_1210/49/43/92560099NOW_COMP_FY12.pdf.

Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Child Support Services and Division of Family and Children Services

2 Peachtree St., Suite 29-250, Atlanta

404-651-6316

CustomerService@dhr.state.ga.us.

www.dhs.georgia.gov.

The agency provides a variety of services, including administrating the Wednesday's Child Program which finds adoptive families for special needs children.

HealthSouth Walton Rehabilitation Hospital

1355 Independence Dr., Augusta.

706-724-7746.

www.healthsouthwalton.com.

An excellent resource for information and assistance with neurological and orthopedic disorders.

Learning Disabilities Association of Georgia

1366 North Druid Hills Road, Brookhaven

404-303-7774

ldaofgeorgia@gmail.com

www.ldag.org

One of 50 volunteer state organizations that comprise the Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA). For more than 30 years, its mission has been to enhance the quality of life for individuals of all ages with learning disabilities and/or Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorders (ADHD).

Lynndale, Inc.

1490 Eisenhower Dr., Augusta

706-738-3395

www.lynnedaleinc.org

Lynndale is a community support service that helps adults with disabilities access employment and community resources, develop life skills, and participate in group and individual activities.

National Down Syndrome Society

800-221-4602

info@ndss.org

www.ndss.org

Provides information and resources for parents and expectant parents of infants and children diagnosed with Down Syndrome.

Serenity Behavioral Health System

3421 Mike Padgett Hwy., Augusta.

706-432-4800

www.serenitybhs.com

Provides a range of services for people with mental retardation, developmental disabilities and mental health issues.

SC Association for the Deaf

437 Center St., West Columbia, S.C.

803-794-3175

803-794-7059 (TTY)

803-403-9255 (video phone)

www.scadservices.org

Promotes equal treatment toward deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals in education, employment, legislation, healthcare and other fields pertaining to the deaf and hard-of-hearing residents of South Carolina. Compiles and updates contact information to help you connect with agencies and groups offering assistance and services for the deaf and hard of hearing.

Soto ALG

3736 Executive Center Dr., Augusta

706-426-4200

www.sotoalg.com

Soto ALG provides residential and day services for individuals with developmental disabilities. Services include community residential alternative services, community access (group and individual), supported employment services, prevocational services and ABA therapy. Additional services include community living support and specialized medical supplies. They accept NOW/COMP Medicaid waivers and private pay.

Spina Bifida Association of Georgia

233 Peachtree Street, Atlanta

770-939-1044 or sbag@spinabifidaga.org.

www.spinabifidaga.org

Provides information and education for parents, plus raises awareness of this birth defect and promotes prevention.

Tri-Development of Aiken County

1016 Vaucluse Rd., Aiken, S.C.

803-642-8800

director@aikentdc.org

www.aikentdc.org

A United Way-funded agency providing services for children and adults with autism, brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, mental retardation and related disorders.

Reaching Milestones

624 Ponder Place Dr., Evans

706-863-9699

www.reachingmilestones.com

Clinic services include Applied Behavior Analysis, language assessments, center and home based behavioral therapy, social skills, treatment of problem behavior, and more

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY & MEDICAL EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES

Georgia Regents ALS Clinic

Department of Neurology, EMG Lab

1120 15th St., Augusta.

706-721-4581 or 706-721-2681.

info@alsaga.org

www.alsa.org

Offers one-on-one patient consultations, medical equipment and assistive technology. Patients and their caregivers are trained in the proper use of the assistive technology. Other services include support groups, educational programs and respite care.

Augusta Ear, Nose and Throat

720 Saint Sebastian Way, Suite 201, Augusta.

340 North Belair Rd., Evans.

706-868-5676

www.augustaent.com

Highly trained audiologists evaluate hearing and fit patients with appropriate hearing aids.

Augusta Orthotics and Prosthetics

2068 Wrightsboro Rd., Augusta.

706-733-8878

www.augustaprosthetics.com

Customizes orthotic and prosthetic solutions to meet each individual's needs, from braces to artificial limbs.

Hanger Prosthetics and Orthotics

630 13th St., Suite 200, Augusta.

706-724-2481

www.hanger.com

Creates prosthetic and orthotic devices to suit the needs of each client.

Midlands Prosthetics and Orthotics

1018 Druid Park Ave., Augusta. 706-737-7371.

147 Pendleton St NW, Aiken. 803-641-6007.

www.midlandsprosthetics.com.

Produces upper and lower extremity prosthetics and orthotics using state-of-the-art components and orthotics.

Walton Options STAR Durable Medical Equipment Reuse Program

948 Walton Way, Augusta.

706-724-6262

www.waltonoptions.org/services

Collects, cleans and repairs used assistive technology and matches it to recipients with special needs.

Additional assistive technology services are available.

BABIES AND TODDLERS

Aiken County First Steps

1 Willis Circle, Graniteville, S.C.

803-663-0069

scfirststeps.com/aiken

First Steps is a results-oriented, statewide, early childhood education initiative designed to ensure that South Carolina children arrive at first grade healthy and ready to succeed.

A+ Kids

181 Town Creek Rd, Aiken.

803-226-0412 or info@apluspta.com

www.apluspta.com/main/apluskids

Early intervention services for infants and toddlers evidencing delays in growth, development and learning.

Babies Can't Wait

(Statewide interagency service delivery systems)

Georgia Department of Public Health

2 Peachtree St., NW, Atlanta.

404-657-2850

www.dph.georgia.gov/Babies-Cant-Wait

For infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities, from birth to age 3.

Georgia Chapter of March of Dimes

1776 Peachtree St., Suite 2005, Atlanta.

404-350-9800

www.marchofdimes.com/georgia

The March of Dimes works to prevent premature births, prevent birth defects, improve the health of babies and support families if something does go wrong.

The Genetics Department at Children's Hospital of Georgia

Medical Office Building,

1447 Harper St., 3rd floor, Augusta.

706-721-5437

<https://www.augustahealth.org/childrens-hospital-of-georgia/our-care/genetics/pediatric-genetics-about-our-practice>

The pediatric genetics specialists evaluate and test for genetic disease in children or birth defects, such as chromosomal disorders (for example, Down Syndrome), neurofibromatosis, cystic fibrosis, or other disorders.

EDUCATION

Augusta Christian Schools Learning Support Program

313 Baston Rd., Martinez.

706-863-2905, extension 231

<https://www.augustachristian.org/Learning-Support>The school is designed for students with a specific learning disability and/or those with attention deficit disorder. Classes are available in grades 1-12, depending on availability, offering low teacher-student ratios and individualized instruction. The curriculum is designed for students with special learning needs while incorporating a standard curriculum.

American Sign Language Augusta Health

706-721-6929

www.augustahealth.org/classes-and-events.

American Sign Language courses are available for kids and adults, beginners and more advanced signers.

College Board Services for Students With Disabilities

212-713-8333

www.collegeboard.com/ssd/student/index.html.

The College Board works to provide appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities when taking the SAT, AP tests and PSAT/NMSQT.

CSRA EOA, Inc. Head Start

1261 Greene St., Augusta

706-722-0493

www.csraeoaheadstart.org

Provides professional, comprehensive, quality services to preschool children, families and staff. Individuals with disabilities receive the full range of developmental services in an inclusive environment. This includes children with physical disabilities, health conditions, vision, hearing, speech or learning impairments. Special services such as screenings, evaluations, speech or physical therapy and transportation also may be provided.

Georgia Academy for the Blind

2895 Vineville Ave., Macon, Ga.

478-751-6083

www.gabmacon.org

Campus and outreach programs are designed to meet the educational needs of students who are blind, visually impaired and have adjacent multiple sensory disabilities.

Georgia PINES (Parent Infant Network for Educational Services)

800-522-8652; 404-298-4882

www.gapines.info

Information/assistance to families of vision/hearing impaired, multi-handicapped, sensory impaired children, under age 4. Parent advisors make home visits to teach families how to help their child.

Georgia Virtual School

www.gavirtualschool.org

Georgia Virtual School is a program of the Georgia Department of Education Office of Technology Services. It is SACS accredited and offers middle school and high school level courses across the state. Parents and teachers partner in the online education of the individual child.

Immaculate Conception Catholic School

811 Telfair St., Augusta

706-722-9964

www.icaugusta.org/special-education.

Special education for children ages 4-14. Full-inclusion program, learning lab and self-contained programs. All special-education programs offer small class sizes with low student/teacher ratio. Diagnostic testing in reading and math modules using specialized consultation and classroom intervention. Speech therapy, OT and PT offered. Disabilities include but not limited to autism, Down syndrome, mental retardation, learning disabilities, dyslexia, attention deficits, speech and language impairments, cognitive processing deficits and physical disabilities.

Kumon Math and Reading Center

500 Furys Ferry Rd., Unit 502-5, Martinez.

706-993-2232.

www.kumon.com.

The center strives to help each student perform at his/her full potential by using techniques that improve speed and accuracy to master the basics in reading and math. Students meet with a highly trained Kumon instructor during the week and continue with home assignments daily to close any learning gaps that might be hindering them. Preschool through high school.

Mathnasium

1384 Whiskey Rd., Aiken.

803-226-9090.

205 Robert C. Daniel Jr. Pkwy., Augusta.

706-737-1992

www.mathnasium.com

Helping elementary, middle and high school students excel in math, whether your child started out far behind or is already ahead. Mathnasium's unique assessment process determines (with great accuracy) exactly what each child knows and what they need to learn.

M.A.E.S. Education Center

4116 Evans to Locks Rd., Evans

706-860-8585

info@maeseducationcenter.com

www.maeseducationcenter.com

Offers tutoring, high school success classes, home-school classes, college counseling and skills-building in reading comprehension. Monday-Thursday, 2 p.m.-7 p.m. Saturday hours, as well.

Oxford Learning Center

4272 Washington Rd., Suite 2A, Evans

706-650-2225

www.oxfordlearning.com

Students preschool through adult receive help with study skills, homework, reading, writing, math, spelling, grammar and more.

Partners in Achievement

454 Furys Ferry Rd., Suite B.

706-650-1877

augusta@partnersinachievement.com

<http://www.partnersinachievement.com/>

PIA offers programs for children ages 6 and up with attention problems and/or learning disabilities to help them overcome the underlying barriers to academic success.

South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind

355 Cedar Springs Rd., Spartanburg, S.C.

864-585-7711.

www.scsdb.org

An academic institution providing high-quality education programs, both day and residential, for students ages 2½ to 21 who are deaf, blind or multi-sensory disabled.

VirtualSC

www.virtualsc.org

The South Carolina virtual school program delivers flexible online options for the diverse educational needs of South Carolina students and their families.

FAMILY COUNSELING AND PSYCHIATRIC RESOURCES

Center for Care & Counseling

4434 Columbia Rd., Suite 203, Martinez

706-305-3137

centerforcare@c4sra.comcastbiz.net

www.csraccc.org

A faith-sensitive counseling service that helps individuals and families draw on their own strengths and values to begin their healing process. Offers a wide range of counseling services to families, couples, individuals, adolescents and children.

Eastern Georgia Transitional Family Services

3643 Walton Way Ext., Building 4, Augusta.

706-364-1404

www.tfsga.org

Offers a range of family preservation services. Approved by the state to offer Comprehensive Child and Family Assessments (CCFA), Core services (C&A and adult) and Intensive Family Intervention Services (IFI) through Medicaid. Therapy and counseling services, and parent aid services through Homestead Family Preservation.

Family Counseling Center of the CSRA

3351 Wrightsboro Rd #301, Augusta.

706-868-5011.

www.fcccsra.org.

Strengthens individuals and families to achieve their own goals and to network with other agencies and institutions to improve family life.

Families Forward

3506 Professional Circle, Suite B, Martinez.

706-210-8855

www.familiesforward.co

Specializing in children ages 3 to early adulthood. Dara Delancy, Ph.D., and Amy Holsten, Ph.D.

Georgia Family Crisis Solutions

4145 Columbia Rd., Martinez.

706-869-7373

www.gfcs.info

Provides the most current, correct information concerning therapy in a manner that is nurturing, nonthreatening and nonjudgmental.

Mind-Body Health Services

211 Pleasant Home Rd # G1, Augusta.

706-364-5228

www.conniestapletonphd.com

The providers at Mind-Body Health Services take into account the whole person in helping him or her find the solution to deal with what is causing discomfort. Connie Stapleton, Ph.D.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Beginnings SC

www.scbegin.org

info@scbegin.org

803-216-1171(office)

803-929-7785 (video phone)

Beginnings is an expanded nonprofit providing professional expertise, education and guidance to anyone in South Carolina with the ability to impact deaf or hard of hearing families. They help parents or caregivers of a child who is deaf or hard of hearing (ages birth-21), parents who are deaf or hard of hearing and professionals who serve these families.

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

www.cff.org

An online source for information about diagnosis, research, treatment, clinical trials and more.

disABILITY Resource Center

www.disabilityresourcecenter.org

Provides an array of services assisting individuals with disabilities to live independently, pursue meaningful goals, and have the same opportunities and choices as all persons in the community.

A parent-driven, non-profit organization that supports families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing. They currently have a free guide by your side program that assists newly diagnosed families of deaf or hard of hearing children. The website provides resources and information.

Parent to Parent of Georgia

3070 Presidential Pkwy., Suite 130, Atlanta.

800-229-2038

www.p2pga.org

The organization has a comprehensive website that provides a map to securing services for special needs children.

SC AccessGetCareSC

800-868-9095

www.getcaresc.com

A guide to resources and services for people with disabilities and their caregivers.

South Carolina Autism Society

806 12th St., West Columbia.

803-750-6988

scas@autism.org

www.scautism.org

A statewide agency that educates and promotes awareness.

South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

3440 Hardin Street Ext., Columbia, S.C.

803-898-9600

www.ddsn.sc.gov

Plans, develops, funds and oversees programs for people with severe, lifelong disabilities in regard to intellect, autism, traumatic brain injury and spinal cord injury.

South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council

1205 Pendleton St., Suite 461, Columbia, S.C.

803-734-0465

803-734-1147 (TTY)

www.scddc.sc.gov

Advocates for people with developmental disabilities and provides leadership in planning, funding and implementing initiatives.

United Way of the CSRA

1765 Broad St., Augusta

706-724-5544

www.uwcsra.org

The 211 system provides a link to information and referral on a variety of services in the community.

Other resources for families are available on the website as well.

MEDICAL, THERAPY AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS

Great Oak Aiken Therapeutic Riding Center (formerly STAR)

1123 Edgefield Highway, Aiken

803-226-0352 Administration

803-226-0056 Office

www.greatoakatrc.org

info@greatoakatrc.org

Great Oak is designed to promote certified therapeutic riding for children and adults with physical, cognitive and emotional challenges.

Augusta Developmental Specialists

1303 D'Antignac St., Suite 2100, Augusta

706-396-0600

www.augustadevelopmentalspecialists.com.

Specializes in helping people with healthcare and developmental needs. The group provides developmental assessment, care coordination between therapists and school staff, a wheelchair clinic and more. Led by Karen Carter, M.Ed., M.D., the group includes a licensed massage therapist and recreational therapist. Offers speech, occupational and physical therapy.

Augusta University Developmental Pediatrics

Medical Office Building, 3rd floor, Augusta.

706-721-3791.

www.augusta.edu/mcg/pediatrics/adolescent-med/developmentalpediatrics.php.

Specializes in developmental-behavioral pediatrics, general pediatrics and adolescent medicine. Accepts new patients by physician referral.

Blue Ribbon Riders

987 Reynolds Farm Rd., Grovetown.

706-854-0644

www.facebook.com/BlueRibbonRidersGrovetown

Equine-assisted activity and hippotherapy program for ages 3 and up. A Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH International) premier accredited center. Hippotherapy uses the movement of the horse as a treatment strategy to address impairments, functional limitations and disabilities in patients with neuromusculoskeletal dysfunction. Contact Claudia Morin.

Children's Hospital of Georgia Pediatric Audiology

1447 Harper St., 4th floor

706-721-5437

www.augustahealth.org/childrens-hospital-of-georgia/our-care/peds-otolaryngology/pediatric-audiology

Patients receive comprehensive audiology, speech therapy, physical therapy and occupational therapy services from a team of skilled professionals in a facility designed and equipped for children.

Children's Hospital of Georgia Pediatric Diabetes and Endocrinology

1447 Harper St.

706-721-5437

www.augustahealth.org/childrens-hospital-of-georgia/our-care/peds-diabetes/pediatric-diabetes-and-endocrinology-home

Delivers care for children with growth problems, over and under-active thyroid, advanced or delayed puberty and juvenile diabetes. The pediatric diabetes team helps children manage diabetes and live active lives.

Children's Hospital of Georgia Pediatric Psychiatry

706-721-9331

www.augustahealth.org/childrens-hospital-of-georgia/our-care/psychiatry/pediatric-psychiatry.

Offers outpatient and inpatient treatment for children ages 6-16 years with emotional and behavioral problems.

Children's Medical Services Georgia Department of Public Health

2 Peachtree St., N.W., 11th floor, Atlanta.

404-657-2850

www.dph.georgia.gov/CMS

A community-based comprehensive system of health care services available for Georgia's children with chronic medical conditions from birth to 21 years who live in low-income households. Children's Medical Services (CMS) provides care coordination and other needed medical/health services for eligible children and their families.

CSRA Therapy Services, Inc.

2485 Hwy 88, Hephzibah

706-592-5565

www.facebook.com/CSRA-Therapy-Services-Inc-111479962238630/

Providing occupational and speech-language therapy services for children with special needs in the CSRA.

Ducktails Pediatric Therapy & Wellness

568 Blue Ridge Dr., Evans.

706-364-5262

www.ducktailspediatric.com.

Ducktails provides physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and athletic development for children from infancy through 21 years of age. Services address, but are not limited to, neuromuscular development and abnormal tone, developmental delay, balance and posture, sensory integration, ADHD, handwriting and fine motor skills, and speech language and auditory processing.

Hitchcock Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy Center

690 Medical Park Dr., Aiken.

803-293-4371 (children's therapy).

www.aikenregional.com/services/rehabilitation/hitchcock-physical-occupational-and-speech-therapy-center

A provider for adults and children, offering a full range of quality services including, physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy.

Lighthouse Care Center of Augusta

3100 Perimeter Pkwy., Augusta.

706-651-0005

www.lighthousecarecenters.com.

Offers a serene residential setting for adolescent patients to recover from psychological issues and/or substance abuse. In addition to clinical care, a number of recreational opportunities and an accredited on-campus school are available. These services aid patients in recovery by keeping their minds and bodies active and providing an opportunity for social interaction. They also offer an acute care unit and partial hospitalization.

Neuro-Developmental Treatment Programs, Inc.

817 Crawford Ave., Augusta.

706-736-1255

ndtprograms@gmail.com.

www.ndtprograms.com

NDT Programs is a small outpatient PT and OT clinic that specializes in serving those with developmental disabilities of all ages (birth through adult). Services are individualized to meet the family desires and are offered in a variety of settings including home based infant intervention, clinic based, aquatic or pool based and therapy at a community gymnastic center.

The Pediatric Cystic Fibrosis Center at Children's Hospital of Georgia

706-721-5437.

www.augustahealth.org/childrens-hospital-of-georgia/pediatric-specialties/pulmonary-cystic-fibrosis/pediatric-cystic-fibrosis-center.

Offers in and out-patient care and education by pediatric pulmonologists. It is one of only two facilities in Georgia accredited by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Sensational Kids! Pediatric Rehabilitation

3580 River Watch Pkwy, Martinez.

706-364-3470

Sensational.kids@comcast.net

www.sensationalkids.net

A full-service therapy practice offering a unique blend of services for children and families with special needs that specializes in evaluation and intervention for infants and children (birth to 13 years) who have various developmental challenges.

Therapeutic Interventions of Georgia

2315-C Central Ave., Augusta.

706-364-6172.

info@tiofga.com

www.tiofga.com

Offers occupational therapy, feeding therapy, physical therapy and speech-language therapy to pediatric patients. Facilities feature private speech therapy rooms, an outdoor playground, and OT and PT gyms.

Therapy Solutions, LLC

2250 Woodside Executive Ct., Aiken.

803-226-0146.

uscslp@bellsouth.net.

www.therapysolutionsllc.net.

A private company offering pediatric speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy and early intervention services. An early intervention team provides support and services in the home, daycare or clinic setting.

Therapy Trails, LLC

5176 Wrightsboro Rd., Grovetown

706-842-3330

info@therapytrailsga.com

therapytrailsga.com

A private practice offering speech therapy, feeding therapy & occupational therapy.

MILITARY FAMILIES

Fort Gordon Exceptional Family Member Program

Command Support Center, Bldg. 35200, 271 Heritage Park Ln., Fort Gordon.

706-791-1918

www.fortgordon.com/programs.

This program, designed to aid active-duty service, provides information and coordination of services in addition to respite care for any family member who has a chronic medical problem or special education need, regardless of age, that limits ability to function on a daily basis and/or requires ongoing counseling, training, education, therapy or treatment. Assistance with issues receiving Social Security disability benefits.

RECREATION AND LEISURE

The Family Y, Wilson Branch

3570 Wheeler Road, Augusta, GA.

706-922-9623

www.thefamilyy.org

For more information, please contact Claudia Collins, Adaptive Aquatics Coordinator at 706-922-9664 or at ccollins@thefamilyy.org.

Financial assistance is available for all Family Y programs.

Adapted Aquatics Special Populations Individual Classes

www.thefamilyy.org/adapted/adapted-aquatics/

Adapted Aquatics offers one-on-one half-hour classes for all physically and developmentally challenged individuals of all ages. Specially trained staff uses swimming and aquatic fitness skills to improve participants' independence and quality of life. Sessions are by appointment only.

Family Y BlazeSports Team

www.thefamilyy.org/adapted/adapted-aquatics/

For more information, please contact Claudia Collins, Adaptive Aquatics Coordinator, at 706-922-9664 or at ccollins@thefamilyy.org

BlazeSports is a swim team for all ages of physically challenged swimmers that provides them an opportunity to train for competitions. (This program is part of the BlazeSports Clubs of America training for future Paralympians).

Miracle League Baseball

www.thefamilyy.org/adapted/miracle-league/

For more information, please contact Rina White, Sports Director, at 706-922-9597 or rwhite@thefamilyy.org

Provides a barrier-free baseball field for children and adults with disabilities to play on. Miracle League Teams play on a rubberized surface with flat bases that for allows safe play for those in wheelchairs or other assistive devices, such as crutches or walkers. Registration is open for ages 4 and up. Fall season runs September-October and spring season runs March-May. Teams practice and play are held at the sports complex located at the Uptown Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center.

Kathryn M. York Adapted Aquatics Center (Katie's Pool)

www.thefamilyy.org/adapted/adapted-aquatics/

For more information, please contact Claudia Collins, Adaptive Aquatics Coordinator, at 706-922-9664 or at ccollins@thefamilyy.org

www.thefamilyy.org.

This pool is dedicated to improving the quality of life of individuals with physical and cognitive disabilities. It is a shallow and deepwater therapy pool with a wheelchair ramp at the shallow end. It also includes adapted changing rooms with a lift system to accommodate disabled individuals and a state-of-the-art sanitation system.

Total Access Gym

www.thefamilyy.org/total-access-gym

For more information, please contact Claudia Collins, Adaptive Aquatics Coordinator, at 706-922-9664 or at ccollins@thefamilyy.org. www.thefamilyy.org

This facility, located off the fitness floor at the Wilson Family YMCA Branch, provides adaptive equipment for both a non-disabled exerciser and for people with mobility limitations, including those in wheelchairs. Each exercise piece is easily adjustable to each exerciser's height and strength level.

Camp Lakeside

For more information, please contact Faye Hargrove at fhargrove@thefamilyy.org.

www.thefamilyy.org/branch/camp-lakeside/

Serves children with disabilities or serious and chronic health conditions in a medically safe environment. Expanded programs for kids of all backgrounds and abilities so that every child can have access to learn, grow and thrive through the life-changing, thrilling experiences of camp.

Camp Ivey

For more information, please contact Sterling Ivey at snivey70@knology.net.

<https://thefamilyy.org/ivey/>

Camp Ivey is an overnight camp held at Camp Lakeside in Lincolnton, GA. The purpose of this adaptive camp is to empower high-functioning children with developmental disabilities by promoting independence in life- skills, relationships, physical activity and leisure, communication and self-confidence through recreation and the arts.

Georgia-Carolina Council Boy Scouts of America

706-733-5277

www.gacacouncil.org

Scouting programs are available for special-needs children.

Georgia and South Carolina State Parks

www.gastateparks.org

www.southcarolinaparks.com

Find state parks, historic sites, campgrounds and trails across the states that are accessible to people with disabilities.

The RECing Crew

516 Georgia Ave., North Augusta.

Pamela Stickler, 803-426-1284

info@therecingcrew.org

www.therecingcrew.org

Based in North Augusta, The RECing Crew is a nonprofit organization providing leisure and recreation opportunities for all ages and disabilities. Fees vary but are nominal.

Steps of Grace: Ballet for Special Needs

476 Flowing Wells Rd., G-2, Martinez.

912-531-2719

stepsofgrace@aol.com

www.stepsofgraceballet.com

Ballet and tap classes are offered for children with special needs, ages 3 and up, at Pulse Dance Center and are taught by Mallory Lanier, a pediatric occupational therapist with more than 10 years of experience teaching ballet. Adult volunteers experienced in working with children with special needs are an integral part of the class. Students receive one-on-one assistance should they need it.

The Foundation for Therapeutic Options

706-364-6172

www.therapyoptions.org

A local nonprofit organization that provides therapy services to children in the CSRA. It is an opportunity for children to be recognized for their abilities instead of their disabilities.

Walton Foundation for Independence

Adaptive sports, 706-434-0150

www.waltonfoundation.net

Wheelchair Tennis: For all ages at Newman Tennis Center.

Adaptive Golf Clinics: For ages 15 and older, March-October in Augusta and Aiken.

Walton Foundation Camp To Be Independent

706-826-5809.

haley@waltonfoundation.net

www.waltonfoundation.net/camptbi

Camp TBI is a free, safe overnight summer camp environment for children and young adults, ages 8-21, with traumatic brain injury. Camp TBI staff provides one-on-one care, which increases the campers' level of independence in the areas of personal hygiene, following a schedule, making friends appropriately and just having fun. Campers enjoy horseback riding, a ropes course, group games, sporting activities, swimming, fishing and arts and crafts along with social activities such as dances, karaoke and talent nights.

Walton Winter Weekend

706-826-5809

www.waltonfoundation.net

Open to children ages 6-18 with physical disabilities and their families. Walton Winter Weekend takes place in February at a fully accessible campsite where each family gets its own private cabin. Activities include fishing, ropes course, rock climbing wall, hayride, movie night and much more. This two-night camp is free for each family except for a \$25 application fee.

SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

Augusta Ear Nose Throat

340 N. Belair Rd., Evans. 706-868-5676

720 Saint Sebastian Way, Augusta. 706-868-5676

170 University Pky., Aiken. 803-649-0003

www.augustaent.com

A trained audiologist evaluates and treats hearing problems and related disorders.

Augusta Hearing and Balance

1215 George C. Wilson Dr., Suite 3A, Augusta.

706-993-2376

www.augustahearing.com

Dr. Rebecca B. Hopkins and Dr. E. Robin Bohannon perform hearing diagnostics for children.

Bright Start

720 Gracern Rd., Suite 450, Columbia, S.C.

803-929-1112 (24 hours a day).

brightstart@sc.rr.com

www.brightstartsc.com

With a location in Aiken, Bright Start is a private provider of speech therapy and autism services to children, teenagers and adults with special needs and developmental delays. Families of special needs children from infancy to age 6 benefit from the early intervention services offered.

Children's Hospital of Georgia Speech Pathology

1447 Harper St., 2nd floor, Augusta

706-721-5437

www.augustahealth.org/childrens-hospital-of-georgia/our-care/rehabilitative-services/speech-pathology

Children's Hospital of Georgia's speech pathologists provide individualized evaluation and treatments to help children with language problems or delays, hearing loss, stuttering, resonance issues, swallowing problems and other speech issues.

Communication Station, LLC

601 N. Belair Square, Suite 19, Evans.

706-364-1486

speechyleigh@yahoo.com

www.communicationstation.biz

Speech therapy for patients from infancy to 21 years. Specializing in autism spectrum disorders.

Snyder Speech Therapy Services

229 Hillbrook Dr., Martinez.

706-860-9385

marysnyderspeech@hotmail.com.

Provides speech therapy services for clients of all ages, infants through adults via telepractice over the Internet.

Southern Medical Hearing Center

2816 Washington Rd., Suite 106, Augusta.

706-412-5373

www.southernmedicalhearing.com

Provides hearing aids, free hearing screenings, financing options and the gift of hearing to needy and qualified patients.

Southern Otologic Clinic

818 St. Sebastian Way, Suite 204, Augusta

706-724-0668

www.moretzmd.com

Provides evaluation and treatment of hearing issues. Hearing aid guidance and fitting for children and adults.

University Hospital Speech and Hearing Center

1430 Harper St., Suite C3, Augusta.

706-774-8666 or 706-854-2630

4321 University Pkwy., Suite 102, Evans

www.universityhealth.org/specialty-units-centers/speech-and-hearing

University Hospital's Speech and Hearing Center provides evaluation and treatment services for children with speech, language, feeding, swallowing and hearing disorders. The speech pathologists and audiologists strive to improve their patients' ability to communicate and function as independently as possible.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Augusta Autism and Disability

AugustaAutismandDisability@gmail.com.

Facebook page: Augusta Autism and Disability Support Group.

Wesley United Methodist Church

825 North Belair Road, Evans.

Our group offers support to parents and caregivers of special needs children and meets twice each month, generally on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 at Wesley United Methodist Church on N. Belair Rd. in Evans. Details can be found on our Facebook page, "Augusta Autism and Disability Support Group", and any questions can be directed to augustaautismanddisability@gmail.com.

Blood Cancer/BMT Support Group

1411 Laney Walker Blvd.

1st floor, Community Room.

706-721-1634

www.augustahealth.org/classes-and-events

This group provides educational and emotional support to patients, families, friends and caregivers.

Meets third Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Common Bond Parent Support Group

Geneice McCoy

706-729-0012

mccoyg@comcast.net

For Augusta-area parents of children of all ages and diagnoses with challenging disabilities but remarkable perseverance and resilience. Dates and locations of meetings vary. Call for information.

JDRF Type One Nation

www.typeonenation.org

Provides an online support group and information for parents of children with juvenile diabetes.

TRANSITION SERVICES

Accent on Independence

2606 Commons Blvd., Augusta.

706-550-0527

Accent Inc. on Facebook

Promotes and enhances independence of adults with mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

Augusta Training Shop

1704 Jenkins St., Augusta.

706-738-1358

www.augustatrainingshop.com

A nonprofit work center that employs mentally and physically challenged adults. They learn to repair, strip and refinish furniture, re-cane chairs and polish metals with the goal of performing purposeful work independently.

Center for Financial Independence and Innovation

794 Marietta St., Suite 93862, Atlanta.

404-541-9005

www.cfiiga.org

The agency's goal is to make independence affordable by improving the financial self-sufficiency of Georgians with disabilities.

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

1220-D West Wheeler Pkwy., Augusta.

706-650-5600

www.gvra.georgia.gov

Promotes independence of people with disabilities by aiding with employment, accessibility and living accommodations.

Serenity Behavioral Health System

3421 Mike Padgett Hwy, Augusta, GA 30906

706-432-4800

www.serenitybhs.com.

Provides supported vocational opportunities for people with disabilities.

South Carolina Statewide Independent Living Council

720 Gracern Rd Ste 106,, Columbia, S.C.

803-217-3209

scsilc@scsilc.com

www.scsilc.com

Promotes independent living for adults with severe disabilities and their inclusion in mainstream society.

South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department

855 York St. NE, Aiken.

803-641-7630

www.scvrd.net

Provides an array of services to help people with disabilities find employment.

Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia

770-270-6860

www.silcga.org

An advocacy organization that provides resources and answers to questions regarding independent living.

Walton Options

948 Walton Way, Augusta

706-724-6262

www.waltonoptions.org

Empowers people of all ages and all types of disabilities to reach their highest level of independence.

The caring, trained staff work with clients to develop individualized plans and goals. Services include, but are not limited to, peer support groups, assistance with money management, assistance with nutrition and assistance with home modification and accessibility issues.\

TRANSPORTATION

ADA Paratransit Van Service

1535 Fenwick St., Augusta.

706-821-1819

www.augustaga.gov

Curb-to-curb van service available to qualifying individuals with permanent or temporary disabilities.

Adaptive Driving Solutions

3027 Riverwatch Pkwy., Augusta.

706-765-2036

www.accessiblelevans.com

www.augustamobility.com

Specializes in wheelchair van rentals and sales. They also modify vehicles to make them accessible and install vehicle lifts.

Georgia Department of Driver Services

2206 East View Pkwy., Conyers, Ga.

404-968-3800

855-406-5221

www.dds.ga.gov/drivers (Scroll down and click on Disability Parking Permits)

Application for a disabled parking permit is on the website.

South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles Disabled Parking Permit

www.scdmvonline.com

Click on the forms and manuals link on the left side of the screen, then scroll down to the link for the disabled placard application.

Information is provided by the organizations listed or from their website and is subject to change.