GAPP Program

The Georgia Pediatric Program (GAPP) of the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) serves eligible children under 21 years of age who are medically fragile and in need of medically necessary skilled nursing care and/or medically necessary personal care support. Eligible members should currently be receiving physician ordered services to be considered eligible for this program.

- https://medicaid.georgia.gov/document/publication/georgia-pediatric-program-gapp/download

Family Support Funds

Family Support Services is a non-entitlement program that brokers disability-specific services based on the unique needs of individuals and their families. We provide our services with the belief that families belong together and individuals are best served in a community setting. Our ultimate goal is to maintain a cohesive family unit while helping individuals live at home in the community. These supports meet everyday needs that are often critical in avoiding family crises.

- https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/be-compassionate/home-services/family-support-services

GaDOE Preparing Your Child with Disabilities for Kindergarten

Fact Sheet on Kindergarten Preparedness for Children with Disabilities

- https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Documents/Parent%20Fact%20Sheets/Preparing%20your%20Child%20with%20Disabilities%20for%20Kindergarten%2010-12.pdf#search=preparing%20your%20child%20for%20kindergarten

GaDOE Extended School Year

For many students who receive special education services, the regular school year is enough to make sure they get a free appropriate public education. But that is not the case for all students. Some students may need more. Students learn at different rates and retain what they learned at different levels. Extended School Year (ESY) is special education and/or related services that are provided beyond the normal school year. ESY is a required part of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). ESY is provided according to a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) and is at no cost to the family. ESY can include academics, related services and extracurricular activities. Each district must provide ESY to students who need such services. All public schools, including charter schools and alternative schools, must provide ESY when it is needed.

- https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Documents/Parent%20Fact%20Sheets/New%20Fact%20Sheets%209-15/ESY_Fact_Sheet_English.pdf

Babies Can't Wait

Babies Can't Wait (BCW) is Georgia's early intervention program that offers a variety of coordinated services for infants and toddlers with special needs, from birth to three years of age, and their families. Part C early intervention builds on and provides support and resources to assist family members and caregivers to enhance children's learning and development through everyday learning opportunities.

- https://dph.georgia.gov/babies-cant-wait

Bright From the Start

Bright from the Start is responsible for meeting the child care and early education needs of Georgia's children and their families. It administers the nationally recognized Georgia's Pre-K Program, licenses child care centers and home-based child care, administers Georgia's Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) program, federal nutrition programs, and manages Quality Rated, Georgia's community powered child care rating system.

The Georgia Advocacy Office

The Georgia Advocacy Office (GAO) provides a wide range of services to persons with disabilities in Georgia. Some examples are:

- Information and referral.
- Technical assistance, advice, and support in self-advocacy.
- Assistance in advocacy, negotiation, or mediation on behalf of individuals.
- Investigation of allegations of abuse, neglect, or violations of rights.
- Deflect and prevent guardianships, support individuals in the restoration of rights, and advocate for supported decision making as an alternative to guardianships.
- Public information and education regarding the needs and rights of people with disabilities.
- Multicultural outreach to unserved or underserved groups of persons with disabilities.
- Identification of problems in the system of service delivery and advocacy for systemic change.
- Legislative monitoring and technical assistance.
- Technical assistance to attorneys on disability law.

Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities

The mission of the Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities (GCDD) is to bring about social and policy changes that promote opportunities for the wide spectrum of diverse people/persons with developmental disabilities and their families to live, learn, work, play and worship in their communities.

Georgia Council for Exceptional Children

The Georgia Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is a community of educators and partners in learning dedicated to advancing the success of students with exceptionalities in Georgia. As a local CEC Unit, Georgia CEC's mission is to improve, through excellence and advocacy, the education and quality of life for children and youth with exceptionalities and/or special needs and to enhance engagement of their families.

Parent to Parent

Parent to Parent of Georgia offers a variety of services to Georgia families impacted by disabilities or special healthcare needs. Our Vision is to be the source of choice for support, information, education, and leadership development for Georgians with disabilities or special health care needs, ages birth to 26, and their families. Our Mission is to support Georgia families and individuals from birth to 26 impacted by disabilities or special health care needs.

Katie Beckett Medicaid Waver

Established in 1982 under the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act/TEFRA (P.L. 97-248), the Katie Beckett Medicaid Program (KB), permits the state to ignore family income for certain children who are disabled. It provides benefits to certain children 18 years of age or less who qualify as disabled individuals under §1614 of the Social Security Act and who live at home rather than in an institution. These children must meet specific criteria to be covered.

- Link to the application https://medicaid.georgia.gov/media/5856/download

Georgia Vocational Rehab Agency

Everything we do at the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA) is about the people we serve. Our goal is to make Georgia the best state in the country for people with disabilities to live and work independently and with dignity.

- GVRA Mission:
  - Employment and independence for Georgians with disabilities**.**
- GVRA Vision:
  - Every Georgian with a disability can work and live independently.

Self Advocates Becoming Empowered

To ensure that people with disabilities are treated as equals and that they are given the same decisions, choices, rights, responsibilities, and chances to speak up to empower themselves; opportunities to make new friends, and to learn from their mistakes.

- https://www.sabeusa.org/meet-sabe/

Center on Youth Voice Youth Choice

The Center on Youth Voice, Youth Choice is a resource center for youth with disabilities. We talk about how you can have control over your decisions after you become a legal adult. One of the ways you can do this is by using alternatives to guardianship (A2G).

The Center on Youth Voice, Youth Choice does research, advocacy, and education about alternatives to guardianship. We also support youth with disabilities by talking about alternatives to guardianship and working together.