

Overview

Children with intellectual disabilities (ID) experience varying levels of cognitive functioning that can impact their academic growth, communication skills, self-help skills, and social interactions.

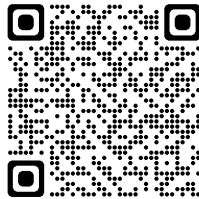


"There needs to be a lot more emphasis on what a child can do instead of what he cannot do."
Temple Grandin

Children who have an intellectual disability can learn to do many things. However, it may take the child more time and effort than their peers. Educational supports are critical to ensure the students are making progress in the curriculum. These supports may include accommodations, modifications, and/or assistive technology.

While this is not a comprehensive list, it contains many local resources for your child with an intellectual disability. These programs are not monitored or endorsed by Cherokee County School District. They are provided as a courtesy to parents as they endeavor to advance the success of their child.

[Center for Parent Information and Resources](#)
Information for parents of students with disabilities.



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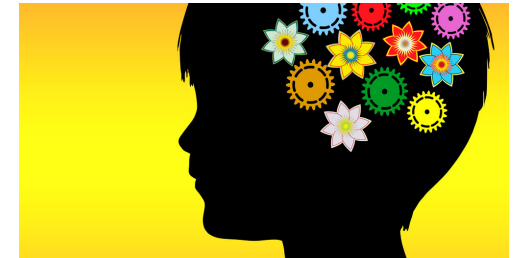


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Intellectual Disabilities: A Parent's Resource Guide



"Educating the Emerging Generation"

Resources

LINKS TO LOCAL RESOURCES

[Georgia Department of Developmental Disabilities](#)

The Division of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and provides them with opportunities to live independently and in the most integrated setting possible.



[Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities](#)

Links to resources for housing, education, careers, and support services.



[Parent to Parent of Georgia](#)

Extensive resource and provider database searchable by disability, location, service type, or life category; personal support from parents with similar concerns.



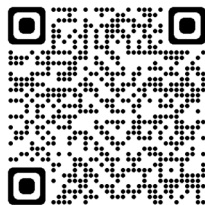
LINKS TO LOCAL RESOURCES (CONT)

[Developmental Disabilities Ministry](#)

Provides residential habilitation and supportive services to adults with developmental disabilities.



[GiGi's Playhouse](#)



Provide free programs to individuals with Down syndrome and their families; programs include tutoring, PT, OT, and speech-based therapeutic classes, family support, social events and referrals.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

[Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation](#)

Information and description of Georgia run vocational rehabilitation programs and centers; links to local Georgia vocational rehabilitation centers and external resources.



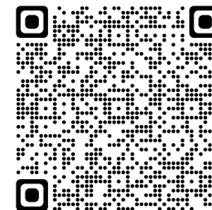
[Tommy Nobis Center](#)

Provides young adults with training and placement services on a career path that is of interest to them.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES (CONT)

[The Georgia Collaborative ASO](#)

Home, community, employment, and other services that are provided within Cherokee County's region in Georgia.



[RHA Health Services](#)

RHA Health Services provides extensive services and supports for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities across the state of Georgia.

[BrightStar Care](#)

BrightStar Care provides compassionate and experienced care professionals who specialize in administering on-home care and can provide comprehensive case management and support for children living with disabilities and special needs.

