

Parent education for exceptional children News



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Community Resources Options

The Federal and state Government Implements programs that aim to help individuals attain Health care. For individuals of limited resources Medicaid offers plans that pay fully for qualified care, or partially for health care.

Where to apply: Individuals local Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) individuals can also apply in person, mail, fax, and telephone. [How to Apply? | Georgia Medicaid](#)

To qualify individuals must meet State and Federal income Guidelines.

(SSI) Supplemental Security Income

The Supplemental Income program provides a benefit for Individuals who are disabled, blind or age 65 or older with limited resources and income. If you receive (SSI) you qualify for Medicaid.

To qualify individuals must meet State and Federal income Guidelines and provided required documentation on area of disability. Is a U.S. Citizen or national or a non-citizen in one of certain classifications granted by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Where to apply: Local Social Security Office. [Disability Benefits | SSA](#)

Early and Periodic Screening and Treatment (EPSDT)

¹States are required to provide comprehensive services and furnish all Medicaid appropriated medically necessary services needed to prevent and correct health conditions based on Federal Guidelines.

Medicaid eligible children receive periodic full and Health preventive care such as early screening for developmental conditions and disorders that may affect children to age 21, This program also covers medical and wellness exams, immunizations, mental, behavioral health, dental, hearing, vision, and specialty services.

Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)

²Section 1915 of the social Security Act authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services to waive certain Medicaid rules. This allows for states to pay for Home and Community based services, instead of services in institutions allowing individuals with disabilities to remain in home and community as decided in the ³ 1999 Supreme Court precedent *Olmstead v. L.C.*, affirming the right for individuals with disabilities to receive services in the most integrated setting appropriated to their needs.

(HCBS) Waivers

Requires individual to qualify for Medicaid, states allocated funds for program with a limited number of individuals served. There is a waiting list for program. Individuals with disabilities can advocated for more funding during the legislative session's discussion of the proposed disclosures of allocated funding for programs in state. constituents can also contact Local representatives and senators.

Program serves elderly and disable functionally impaired that meet a nursing home level of care. [HCBS | Georgia Department of Community Health](#)

4Independent Care Waiver (ICWP) Serves adults who are physically disabled and or have traumatic brain injury (TBI) and meet a hospital or nursing home level care.

Option Waiver Program (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (Comp) serves individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities who meet and immediate care facility level of care.

Georgia Pediatric Program (GAPP) Serves medically fragile children or children who required regular nursing care.

Community Care Services Program (CCPS)

Program provides home and community care for individuals with disabilities, elderly individuals and/or functionally impaired. Program helps individuals return to community or regain in their own home.

Money follows the Person (MFP) Demonstration Program

The program helps people that have been living in an inpatient facility (nursing home, or psychiatric residential treatment facility and immediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities for a least sixty (60) consecutive days to qualify for transition services from facility to home community.

TEFRA/ Katie Beckett Program

Serves Medicaid eligible, who 18 years old or younger and meets the Federal criteria for disability and is financially Ineligible for (SSI) benefits and requires a level of care provided in a hospital or skilled nursing facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities and cannot be appropriated be care at home. Applications can be submitted online at www.compass.gov

Access more detailed information on programs including area, agency's numbers to apply at: dch.georgia.gov.

Copy of handbook on programs A Guide to Medicaid Waiver Programs at: www.dch.georgia.gov/hcbs

Further resources can be found at

Children's Freedom Initiative (CFI)

A collaborative effort from the Georgia Advocacy Office and the Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities in preventing children from being institutionalized and permanency in loving homes for children living in congregated facilities. You can find further information at www.georgiacfi.org.

Substance Use Disorder People with physical and Cognitive Disabilities

Find resources and information at <https://store.samhsa.gov>. Publications.

Resources to improve accessibility ADA.gov.

Communication requirements for programs Braille or qualified sign language interpretation www.ada.gov/effective-comm.htm

Suicide crisis line Call or text 988

DOL Department of Labor

Georgia's Vocational Rehabilitation Office (GVRA)

The Georgia's (GVRA) provides a wide array of services for individuals with disabilities as they prepare for gainful employment.

Resources and brochures on Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) Link to U.S. Department of Labor office which helps to increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

Site dol.georgia.gov

Home menu, find resources for job seekers with disabilities.

Georgia Office of Disability Services Ombudsman

State agency disabilities resources and complain guidance for the office of Disability Services Ombudsman.

The Disability Services Ombudsman is responsible for investigating and making reports and recommendations concerning any act or failure to act by any services provider with respect to the safety, wellbeing, and rights of individuals with disabilities. [Contact the Office of Disability Services Ombudsman | Office of Disability Services Ombudsman \(georgia.gov\)](#)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Office for Civil Rights

[Filing with OCR | HHS.gov](#)

¹Medicaid.gov

⁴Dch.georgia.gov

²<https://www.ssa.gov>

³<https://archive.ada.gov>

⁴thegao.org

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United Nations.