



PACE | SPECIAL
NEEDS

LOCAL RESOURCE LIST

Athletics / Sports

- AngelFish GA – Adaptive Aquatics (<https://angelfishga-adaptiveaquatics.com/>)
 - Swimming Lessons for all ages
 - Bogan Park Aquatic Center – Buford
 - Bethesda Park Aquatic Center – Lawrenceville
 - Contact: AngelFishGA@gmail.com
- Atlanta Fire United Soccer (<https://www.atlantaunitedsoccer.com>)
 - TOPSoccer – Ages 4-19
 - Spring and Fall Seasons on Sundays from 2:00-3:30 PM in Suwanee
 - Contact: Amie Eshraghi – aseshraghi@gmail.com
- Bears Make a Difference (<https://bears-make-a-difference-mvaa.sportngin.com>)
 - Baseball – Ages 5-18
 - Spring and Fall Seasons on Sundays from 3:00-5:00 PM in Dacula
 - Contact: Brad Gamel – 678-761-1182
- Grayson Athletic Association (<https://gaasports.org/index.php/special-pops/>)
 - Baseball – Ages 6 & up
 - Spring and Fall Seasons on Saturdays in Loganville
 - Contact: Mary Blackmon (Pace mom!) – spops2@gaasports.org
- I9 Sports (<https://www.i9sports.com/>)
 - Soccer
 - Atlanta Silverbacks Indoor Facility
 - Seasonal on Saturdays from 2:00-3:15 pm in Suwanee
 - Basketball
 - North Gwinnett Middle School
 - Seasonal on Sundays from 2:30-4:00 pm in Suwanee
 - Contact: Jennifer Jordan – Jennifer.jordan@i9sports.com
- Turning Pointe School of Dance (<https://www.turningpointeschoolofdance.org/>)
 - Darby's Dancers – Ages 8-18
 - Fall – Spring on Saturdays from 10:15-10:45 am in Braselton
 - Contact: office@turningpointeschoolofdance.org

Camps

- Camp Twin Lakes (<https://www.camptwinlakes.org/>)
 - Located at Will-A-Way in Fort Yargo State Park in Winder
 - Medically Supported Camp
 - Summer Camps – Age 7-17
 - Weekend Camp
 - Family Getaway Weekends
 - Contact: contact@camptwinlakes.org

Career Opportunities

- Bobby Dodd Institute (<https://bobbydodd.org/>)
 - Helps adults secure economic self-sufficiency, independence and inclusion within their community
 - Contact: info@bobbydodd.com
- Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (<https://gvs.georgia.gov/>)
 - Helps adults with disabilities become active members of society by training and finding employment opportunities.
 - Includes Roosevelt Warm Springs which is a Vocational Rehabilitation Program
 - Contact: Gwinnett County Vocational Rehabilitation Service - 844-367-4872
- Grace Upon Grace (<https://www.graceupongracegives.org/>)
 - Provides assistance to young adults transitioning from school services
 - Resume building, life skills coaching, job searching, employment connection & more!
 - Contact: graceupongracegives@gmail.com
- Puzzle Piece Pastries (<https://www.puzzlepiecepastries.org/>)
 - Bakery located in Gainesville
 - Employs and supports young adults with disabilities
 - Contact: info@puzzlepiecepastries.org
- Roosevelt Warm Springs (<https://gvs.georgia.gov/transition-school-work/roosevelt-warm-springs>)
 - Vocational Rehabilitation Program
 - Contact: 706-655-5000
- Special Kneads and Treats, Inc. (<https://www.specialkneadsandtreats.org/>)
 - Bakery located in Lawrenceville
 - Employs and supports young adults with disabilities

- Contact: info@specialkneadsandtreats.org
- Together We Care (<https://www.togetherwecarega.org/>)
 - Services provided for children and adults online & in Acworth
 - Adults
 - Life plans, job support, transportation, independent living, post-secondary education options
 - Contact: info@togetherwecarega.org

Counseling/Mentorship Programs

- Biblical Counseling for Women
(<https://hebronchurch.org/ministries/restoration-ministries/>)
 - One-on-one counseling sessions on Mondays by appointment at Hebron Church in Dacula
 - Contact: 770-962-3671, ext. 268
- Broken Chains International Christian Counseling
(<https://brokenchainsintl.com/>)
 - Christian-based counseling sessions for adults, teens, children, families & couples
 - Contact: help@brokenchainsintl.com
- Compassionate Acts to Restore and Empower (CARE)
(<https://hebronchurch.org/ministries/restoration-ministries/>)
 - Financial Discipleship
 - Contact: 770-962-3671
- Pace Moms Online Bible Study
 - Online community and study that meets on Thursdays on Zoom
 - Contact: Ashley Kovac – akovac@hebronchurch.org
- Restoration & Recovery Ministries at Hebron Church
(<https://hebronchurch.org/ministries/restoration-ministries/>)
 - Mondays from 5:45 pm – 8:30 pm at Hebron
 - Dinner begins at 5:45 pm
 - Recovery Alive (for adults), The Landing (for teens), Celebration Place (for children)
 - Divorce Care
 - Grief Share
 - Boundaries
 - Cancer Support Group
 - Second Monday of each month at 6:30 PM
 - Contact: Karl Riddett – kriddett@hebronchurch.org

Funding

- Champions for Children (<https://www.easterseals.com/southerngeorgia/programs-and-services/champions-for-children/>)
 - Families who have been denied Katie Beckett funding may apply for Champions for Children
 - Contact: info@easterseals.com
- Georgia Communities (<https://www.georgiacommunities.org/about-us>)
 - Families of individuals 3 years or older who have been diagnosed with a developmental disability and live in Fulton, Dekalb, Gwinnett, Cobb, Rockdale, Newton or Douglas county may be eligible to receive Family Support Services.
 - Must apply with the Family Support Agreement and Family Support Application
 - Contact: Nicole Brickhouse – Nicole.brickhouse@gacommunity.org or familysupport@gacommunity.org
- InCommunity (<https://www.incommunityga.org/>)
 - Offers programs and support
 - Has a State Funded Respite Application to receive funding for respite care
 - Must be filled out and sent in by mail
- Katie Beckett Waiver (<https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/all-programs/tefrakatie-beckett>)
 - Allows family income to not be used to determine Medicaid benefits for specific qualified disabilities
- Special Needs Respite, Inc. (<https://www.specialneedsrespite.org/>)
 - Respite Scholarship Funding
- View Point Health (<https://www.myviewpointhealth.org/>)
 - Family support options that may cover a portion of the cost of respite/camp programs
 - Contact: Suzette Martin – suzette.martin@vphealth.org

General Resources

- Parent to Parent of Georgia (<https://www.p2pga.org/>)
 - Special Needs Service Provider Database
 - Support Information and Groups
 - Roadmaps

- Spectrum (<https://atl-spectrum.com/>)
 - Located in Duluth
 - Social Groups
 - Day Camps
 - Respite
 - Parent Support Groups

Legal Aid

- Will Fawcett at Chambliss & Fawcett, LLC (<https://cf-firm.com/>)
 - Specializes in Guardianship and Special Needs Planning
 - Contact: Will Fawcett – wfawcett@cf-firm.com
- Nadler Bernath, LLC (<https://nadlerbiernath.com/>)
 - Specializes in all legal aspects of Special Needs and Elder Care Law
 - Contact: 770-455-0535

Medical Equipment/Assistive Technology

- Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC) (<https://fodac.org/>)
 - Free/low-cost wheelchairs
 - Free/low-cost home medical equipment (HME)
 - Vehicle and/or home adaptations
 - Equipment rentals
 - Equipment repairs
 - Contact: 770-491-9014

Respite Care

- A Mother’s Rest (<https://www.amothersrest.org/georgiarespiteinn>)
 - Lawton Place Manor in Mt. Airy, GA
 - Retreat and respite for parents and caregivers
 - Respite home in Cornelia, GA
 - Contact: innkeeper@amothersrest.org
- YourRespite LLC (<https://www.yourrespite.com/>)
 - Hourly daytime and evening care, overnight care, multi-day care, etc.
 - Contact: yourrespite@gmail.com

Schools/Day Programs

- Barrow County Public Schools
 - Special Education and Curriculum Assistance Program (<https://www.barrow.k12.ga.us/departments/teaching-learning/special-education/index>)
 - Contact: Amy Wadley – Director of Special Education – amy.wadley@barrow.k12.ga.us
- Forsyth County Public Schools
 - Special Education Department (<https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/page/659>)
 - Contact: Kara Hudspeth – Special Education Director – khudspeth@forsyth.k12.ga.us
 - Phone: 770-887-2461
- Gwinnett County Public Schools
 - Special Education and Psychological Services (<https://www.gcpsk12.org/Page/23586>)
 - Tom Owen – Director of Special Education Support Services
 - Contact: 678-301-7110
- Hall County Public Schools
 - Special Education Department (<https://www.hallco.org/web/special-education/>)
 - Contact: Dr. Betsy Ainsworth – Director of Special Education – betsy.ainsworth@hallco.org
- Hi Hope Service Center (<https://hihopecenter.org/>)
 - Services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (ages 19 and up)
 - Day programs
 - Job assistance
 - Residential programs
 - Contact: 770-963-8694

State Policies/Advocacy

- Georgia Council for Exceptional Children (<https://georgia.exceptionalchildren.org/>)
 - This council supports advocacy, education, and quality of life for children and youth with exceptionalities. They work to increase the engagement of these families within the community.

- Contact: cecegeorgia1@gmail.com
- Georgia Council of Administrators of Special Education (<http://gcase.schoolinsites.com/>)
 - This council is for School-Based Special Education Administrators to gather and study problems within the school districts. They provide leadership and support to all professionals who serve the students of Georgia
- Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities (<https://gcdd.org/>)
 - This council works on advancing state public policy on the behalf of people with developmental disabilities
 - They offer a quarterly magazine subscription “Making a Difference”
 - Contact: info@gcdd.org

Therapy

- Babies Can’t Wait (<https://dph.georgia.gov/babies-cant-wait>)
 - Early identification, evaluation, and treatment of chronic or developmental health conditions for children from birth – 3 years of age
 - Contact: Shelley Fadeley – shelley.fadeley@gnrhealth.com
- Big Stride Hippotherapy (<https://www.bigstridetherapy.com/locations.html>)
 - Occupational therapy offered in Duluth and Canton
 - Contact: bdweit@bigstridetherapy.com
- Key Autism Services (<https://www.keyautismservices.com/>)
 - In-home ABA therapeutic services
 - Contact: info@keyautismservices.com
- Tender Ones Therapy Services (<https://tenderonestherapy.com/>)
 - Office locations include: Dacula, Gainesville, and Brookhaven. Teletherapy is also available!
 - Physical Therapy
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Speech Therapy
 - Feeding Therapy
 - Aquatic Therapy
 - Contact: therapy@tenderones.com

*** This list is fluid and may not be updated to reflect the most accurate information. If you notice something that has changed with any of these resources or have additional resources you would like to add, then please provide those updates to Ashley Kovac at akovac@hebronchurch.org ***