



# CHILD & FAMILY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESOURCE GUIDE

RESILIENT SOUTHWEST GEORGIA (ALBANY) COALITION

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# OVERVIEW

This resource guide includes child and family behavioral health state & local resources with service descriptions and contact information for the counties included in the Resilient Southwest Georgia Albany coalition. We hope this guide will serve, inform & assist regional coalition's partners, community members & local stakeholders.

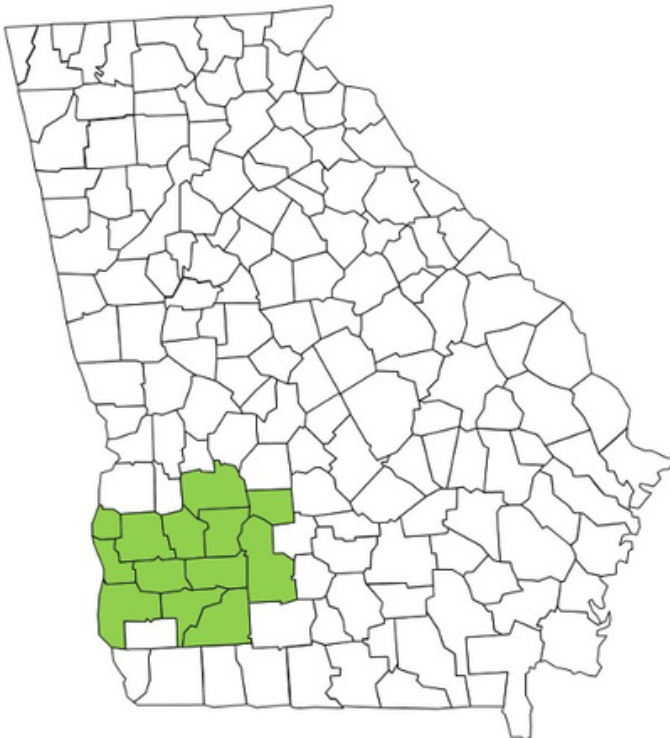
Resilient Georgia & Resilient Southwest Georgia (Albany) co-produced this Resource Guide.

## **RESILIENT SOUTHWEST GEORGIA (ALBANY)**

Resilient Southwest Georgia, comprised of United Way of Southwest Georgia and 30+ coalition partners, seeks to raise awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and the toll they take on their community, increase collaboration across sectors, bring a trauma-informed approach, and promote resiliency in families and communities.

## **RESILIENT GEORGIA**

Aligning public and private efforts and resources across the state that support resiliency for all persons aged 0-26 and their families.



## **GEOGRAPHIC SERVICE AREA**

Baker, Calhoun, Clay, Crisp, Dougherty, Early, Lee, Mitchell, Quitman, Randolph, Sumter, Terrell, Worth

## **CONTACT**

[info@resilientga.org](mailto:info@resilientga.org)  
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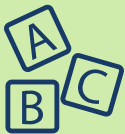


## ABOUT RESILIENT SOUTHWEST GEORGIA (ALBANY)

Resilient Southwest Georgia (Resilient SWGA) is a coalition that serves thirteen counties in the Southwest Georgia – Albany region. Resilient SWGA was launched to advance awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and the impact that they have on children, families, and communities. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) refers to traumatic experiences or long-term events that can have lasting negative impact on the physical and mental wellbeing and health of children now and in the future in adulthood. ACEs can include abuse, neglect communal violence, poverty, inability to access social services or resources, and more. (To learn more about ACEs and related terms, such as “resilience” and “trauma informed” – take a look at Resilient Georgia’s learning cards [here](#).) In efforts to mitigate both exposure to ACEs and the negative impact of ACEs, Resilient SWGA brings a “trauma-informed” approach to build resilience and support community wellbeing.

Resilient SWGA has an overarching framework to guide their prevention of ACEs and intergenerational transfer by focusing on intervention from birth to adulthood. Resilient SWGA and its network of partners work to employ a united front to support well-being from birth to young adulthood, thus interrupting the cycle of ACEs in communities. The following graphic depicts the overarching framework that Resilient SWGA and United Way of Southwest Georgia have centered on to advance outcomes across all age groups; from early childhood to continued education and workforce age.

### Resilient Southwest Georgia



Early Childhood



Elementary &  
Middle School



High School



Continued  
Education &  
Workforce

### Policy & Legislation

This resource guide serves to support the approaches of Resilient SWGA by providing behavioral health resources to support communities across the life span. In addition, the coalition has identified several key priorities to support behavioral health initiatives and quality of life. The Key Priorities of Resilient Southwest Georgia are education, health, and income.

- Education – Access to quality education
- Health – Healthcare and well-being supports
- Income – Resources to advance economic mobility

Through several sectors of this resource guide, the resources aim to support these core components that influence behavioral health and quality of life. Resilient SWGA’s grounding in the aforementioned four pillars and the three founding priorities are central to their work in improving community health, and this resource guide serves as a tool to support current and future initiatives in the region.

# HOW WILL THE MENTAL HEALTH PARITY ACT IMPACT ME?

The Mental Health Parity Bill (HB 1013) successfully passed in March 2022 with resounding bipartisan support and aims to expand access to affordable mental health treatment and behavioral health services across the state of Georgia. The new law now requires health insurance plans to cover mental health conditions in the same manner in which physical conditions are treated. In accordance with the law's passing, health insurance plans can no longer deny patients medically necessary treatment for mental health conditions.

In order to understand individual health plans, each consumer should review their **Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC)** and the **Summary Plan Description (SPD)** written in each plan.

If a consumer feels as though they have experienced a parity violation, they must first discuss the issue with their insurance provider and determine if it is necessary to file a formal appeal. If the insurance provider does not resolve the issue, the following state agencies are responsible for enforcement of parity in Georgia: **The Georgia Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner (OCI)**, and **The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH)**.

## HELPFUL LINKS

- [Full information on the Mental Health Parity Act](#)
- [Health Insurance Appeal Guide](#)
- The [Georgia Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner \(OCI\)](#) oversees and analyzes the practices of private insurers\*
- The [Georgia Department of Community Health \(DCH\)](#) oversees and analyzes the practices of Medicaid insurance companies (CMOs) and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (PeachCare for Kids)

\*The state is responsible for the monitoring and enforcing of parity for private insurance plans, including individual, marketplace, small business, and large employer plans that are not self-funded. Note that large, self-funded corporate ERISA plans are regulated by the US Department of Labor (See <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa/laws-and-regulations/laws/mental-health-and-substance-use-disorder-parity>.) Also note that federal parity law does not apply to Medicare.



# COMMUNITY RESOURCE FINDER

## STATEWIDE

### United Way 2-1-1

Telephone number (2-1-1) and **online database** that connects callers/users to information about the physical health, behavioral health, and human services available in their communities.

### Find Help Georgia

Search tool to find free & affordable behavioral health services, food pantries, medical care, and other free or reduced cost services by zip code. Speak with a Find Help GA Specialist toll free at 1-800-244-5373, Monday to Friday, 8am-6pm.

### Findtreatment.gov

Search tool for comprehensive resources for persons seeking mental health and substance use treatment facilities, opioid treatment programs, buprenorphine practitioners, and health care centers.

### Georgia Appleseed Help Guides for Children with Behavior and Learning Challenges

Comprehensive guide providing information and resources to support children with behavioral and learning challenges in the school and community. Last updated 01/2021.

### Georgia Behavioral Health Resource Pocket Guide for Assisting Children and Youth

Pocket guide of behavioral resources for children and adolescents in the state prepared by NAMI Georgia. Last updated 06/21/2018.

### Georgia Center for Resources and Support

Statewide project to increase supportive services and trainings for adoptive and foster families across the state.

### The Georgia Collaborative

The Georgia Collaborative and DBHDD approved sites for services based on county. Use the **Provider Search** to find providers in your network.

### Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault

Find rape crisis/sexual assault centers and other resources for sexual assault survivors across counties in Georgia

### National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Georgia Searchable Resources Directory

Search community resources by category of service for the state of Georgia

### Parent to Parent of Georgia Special Needs Database

Expansive database to find services and providers including mental health providers, for individuals with disabilities. 1-800-229-2038.

# COMMUNITY RESOURCE FINDER

## STATEWIDE

### [Psychology.com](#)

National directory searchable by city & state or zip code to find licensed therapists in the area.

### [Sunshine Behavioral Health](#)

Provides directory to find free addiction treatment resources nearby. 855-951-4874.

### [Vitadox](#)

Wide-ranging search tool to find information such as contact information, language, and specialty area, about doctors and therapists in city and state.

## REGIONAL

### [United Way Southwest Georgia 2-1-1](#)

Telephone number (2-1-1) and **online database** that connects callers/users to information about the physical health, behavioral health, and human services available in their communities.

## BAKER COUNTY

### [Baker County Collaborative Family Connection](#)

Statewide network with county partners working towards measurably better outcomes for children, families, and communities. Resource finder includes **directory**, annual reports, and information on civic and policy engagement.

- Jessica Jennings, Coordinator 229-854-2517

### [The Mitchell-Baker County Connection](#)

·A guide to services and resources in Mitchell and Baker County by Mitchell and Baker counties Family Connection

## CALHOUN COUNTY

### [Calhoun County Collaborative Family Connection](#)

Statewide network with county partners working towards measurably better outcomes for children, families, and communities. Resource finder includes **directory**, annual reports, and information on civic and policy engagement.

- Amanda Farley, Coordinator 229-395-4787

# COMMUNITY RESOURCE FINDER

## MITCHELL COUNTY

### The Mitchell-Baker County Connection

A guide to services and resources in Mitchell and Baker County by Mitchell and Baker counties Family Connection

## RANDOLPH COUNTY

### Randolph County Family Connection

Statewide network with county partners working towards measurably better outcomes for children, families, and communities. Resource finder includes **directory**, annual reports, and information on civic and policy engagement.

- Dr. Kuanita Murphy, Executive Director, 229-732-3796

## SUMTER COUNTY

### Sumter County Family Connection

Statewide network with county partners working towards measurably better outcomes for children, families, and communities. Resource finder includes **directory**, annual reports, and information on civic and policy engagement.

- Jessica Jennings, Coordinator 229-854-2517

## TERRELL COUNTY

### Terrell County Family Connection

Statewide network with county partners working towards measurably better outcomes for children, families, and communities. Resource finder includes **directory**, annual reports, and information on civic and policy engagement.

- Tammie McGill, Coordinator 229-995-2011



# COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

**Mandated Reporting in Georgia:** Georgia law requires anyone who works or volunteers at a child-serving agency to report suspected child abuse or neglect within 24 hours (O.C.G.A. 19-7-5). Frequently hospitals, schools and other facilities have an internal child abuse report protocol. You should be aware of this protocol and follow it. For more information on Georgia State Reporting Laws, visit [here](#).

## REGIONAL

## COUNTIES

- **Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia** provides children and non-offending family members with support services. Local CACGA centers are listed under the respective county.
    - To report abuse: 1-866-363-4842
    - Phone: 770-319-6888
    - State Headquarters: 127 Church Street Suite 250 Marietta GA 30060
  - **Criminal Justice Coordinating Council** provides financial support and programming to empower victims in the state of Georgia.
    - Phone: 404-657-2222
  - **Georgia Bureau of Investigations Georgia's Sex Offender Registry**
    - Phone: 404-270-8465
  - **Georgia Child Protective Services Information Center** offers support to families and parents and connects them with appropriate resources in their community. Resources and information on child abuse, family violence, counseling and support groups.
    - To report abuse: 1-855-422-4453
    - Helpline: 1-800-244-5373
  - **Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Family and Children Services** investigates child abuse, provides adoption and foster care, TANF and Food Stamps, Housing assistance, and other support services. Please see "Foster Care Services" section for local DFCS office contact information.
    - Main Phone: 877-423-4746
    - Foster Care, Child Protective Services: 404-651-9361
    - Domestic Violence: 404-657-3780
    - Foster Care Placement: 404-657-3780
  - **Prevent Child Abuse Georgia** provides resources to prevent child abuse and neglect.
    - Main Phone: 404-413-1419
    - To report child abuse: 1-855-422-4453
    - 140 Decatur Street SE Suite 178 Atlanta GA 30303
    - [PREVENTCHILDABUSEGA@GSU.EDU](mailto:PREVENTCHILDABUSEGA@GSU.EDU)
- **CRISP COUNTY**
    - **The Gateway Center** (CACGA)
    - 511 East Third Ave Cordele GA 31015
    - Phone: 229-273-0600
  - **DOUGHERTY COUNTY**
    - **Firefly House Children's Advocacy Center** (CACGA)
      - Phone: 229-435-0074
    - **Lily Pad SANE Center**
      - Crisis Line: 229-435-0074
      - Serving Dougherty, Clay, Early, Miller, Quitman, Randolph, Seminole, Terrell Counties
  - **EARLY COUNTY**
    - **Pataula Center for Children** (CACGA)
      - 3 South Jefferson St. Blakely GA 39823
      - Phone: 229-723-2468
  - **SUMTER COUNTY**
    - **Lighthouse Children's Advocacy Center** (CACGA)
      - 800 GSW State University Pkwy Americus GA 31709
      - Phone: 229-931-4486
  - **WORTH COUNTY**
    - **The Patticake House**: Child advocacy center offering support services, medical examinations for abused children, domestic violence prevention/shelter.
      - Confidential Child Abuse Report: 1-855-422-4453
      - Phone: 229-387-6967

# CRISIS & HELP LINES

| REGION  | ORGANIZATION  | CONTACT  |
|---|---|--|
| NATIONAL<br>(WITHIN THE<br>U.S.)  | <b>Blackline</b> - Immediate crisis counseling geared toward Black, LGBTQ+, Brown, Native, and Muslim communities.                                |  |
|   | <b><u>Crisis Text Line</u></b>  | (24/7 crisis counseling via text): Text HOME to 741741 |
|   | <b><u>Crying Baby Hotline</u></b>   | 1-866-243-2229   |
|   | <b><u>National Hopeline Network</u></b> - Crisis Intervention   | 1-800-784-2433   |
|   | <b>National Human Trafficking Hotline</b>   | 1-888-373-7888 or Text HELP to 233733                  |
|   | <b><u>National Maternal Mental Health Hotline</u></b> - Provides free, 24/7, confidential counseling support before, during, and after pregnancy. | Call or text 1-833-9-HELP4MOMS (1-833-943-5746)        |
|   | <b>National Sexual Assault Hotline</b>  | 1-800-656-4673   |
|   | <b><u>National Suicide Prevention Crisis Lifeline</u></b>   | 9-8-8  |
|   | <b><u>National Suicide Prevention Lifeline</u></b>  | 1-800-273-8255   |
|   | <b><u>Project Lets</u></b> - Provides support by text for urgent issues that involve involuntary hospitalization.                                 |  |
|   | <b><u>SAMHSA Disaster Distress Helpline</u></b> - 24/7; Immediate crisis counseling.  | Call/Text 1-800-985-5990                               |
|   | <b><u>SAMHSA National Helpline</u></b> - Referrals for mental and/or substance use disorder.  | 1-800-662-4357   |
|   | <b><u>Trans Lifeline Hotline</u></b>  | 877-565-8860   |
|   | <b><u>Trevor Project</u></b> - LGBTQIA+ youth suicide prevention  | 1-866-488-7386   |
| <b><u>Wildflower Alliance</u></b> - Peer support line and online support groups focused on suicide prevention |   |  |
| <b><u>Youthline</u></b> - Teen to teen crisis and support line  |   |  |

# CRISIS & HELP LINES

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|---|--|--|
| STATEWIDE   | <b><u>24-hours Georgia Domestic Violence Hotline</u></b>   | 1-800-334-2836   |
|   | <b><u>Adult Protective Services</u></b>  | 1-888-774-0152   |
|   | <b><u>Child Protective Services</u></b>  | 1-855-GACHILD  |
|   | <b><u>Children 1st Information and Referral Center (IRC)</u></b> :<br>Connects mothers with infants at risk for poor growth and developmental delays to DPH Child Health programs and services for children, birth – 5 years old, the local Children 1st program in their area, and community-based programs and services.         | 1-855-707-8277   |
|   | <b><u>DECAL’s SEEDS Helpline</u></b> - Resources for early care professionals to support children’s social, emotional, and behavioral development. Early care providers can access DECAL Inclusion and Behavior Support Specialists to help create positive classroom climates and prevent/reduce persistent challenging behavior. | 1-833-354-4357<br><a href="mailto:INCLUSION@DECAL.GA.GOV">INCLUSION@DECAL.GA.GOV</a> |
|   | <b><u>DPH’s Help Me Grow</u></b> - Provides families healthcare referrals and follow up essential services to support children from birth to eight years old.  | 1-888-457-4769   |
|   | <b><u>Georgia Crisis and Access Line (GCAL)</u></b>  | 1-800-715-4225   |
|   | <b><u>Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence (GCADV)</u></b> - provides resources and programming for survivors and the public. Also provides the statewide domestic violence hotline.  | 404-209-0280   |
|   | <b><u>Georgia Domestic Violence Hotline</u></b>  | 24 hours: 1-800-334-2836   |
|   | <b><u>Georgia Foodstamps/ SNAP/TANF/Medicaid Information</u></b>   | 1-877-423-4746   |
|   | <b><u>Georgia Home Visiting Program</u></b>  | 1-855-707-8277   |
|   | <b><u>Georgia Poison Center</u></b>  | 1-800-222-1222   |
|   | <b><u>National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) GA Helpline</u></b>   | Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255<br>text “NAMI” to 741741 (24/7)                          |
|   | <b><u>Partnership for Prescription Assistance</u></b>  | 1-888-477-2669   |
| <b><u>Peace4Moms</u></b> - Connects Georgia physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and nurse midwives with psychiatrists who specialize in perinatal mental health. | 470-977-3223   |  |

# CRISIS & HELP LINES

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|--------------|--|---|
| STATEWIDE    | <b><u>Peer2Peer Warm line</u></b> - peer support, not a crisis line.   | 888-945-1414  |
|              | <b><u>Prevent Child Abuse Georgia</u></b>  | M-F; 8AM - 6PM: 1-800-244-5373  |
|              | <b><u>Project SAFE</u></b> - Crisis Line (Domestic violence services)  | 706-543-3331  |
|              | <b><u>Project SAFE</u></b> - Teen Textline   | 706-765-8019  |
|              | <b>Statewide Georgia Hotline for Domestic Minor Trafficking</b>  | 1-844-842-3678  |
|              | <b>Transitional Family Services Crisis Line</b>  | 706-305-8574  |
|              | <b><u>United Way: 2-1-1</u></b>  |   |
| REGIONAL     | <b>American Red Cross of Southwest Georgia</b>   | Crisis Line:1-800-733-2767<br>Office Phone: 706-323-5614<br>6501 Veterans Parkway, Suite 3B<br>Columbus, GA 31909 |
|              | <b><u>Aspire Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Services</u></b> - Public, non-profit community service board providing mental health, addictive disease, and developmental disability services to citizens of Dougherty, Baker, Calhoun, Early, Lee, Miller, Terrell, and Worth Counties.                                 | Crisis Line: 229-430-1842   |
|              | <b><u>Liberty House Women's Crisis Center</u></b> - Shelter for abused women and their children, housing, employment and financial support, counseling, rape crisis program. Serving: Baker, Calhoun, Crisp, Dougherty, Early, Lee, Mitchell, Quitman, Randolph, Sumter, Terrell, Worth Counties                                       | Crisis Hotline: 229-439-7065<br>Phone: 229-439-7094   |
|              | <b><u>Lily Pad SANE Center</u></b> - Certified Rape Crisis Center (CJCC) based in Albany, GA offering 24/7 365 crisis intervention services for all victims of sexual assault, child abuse, and deprivation, as well as children in foster care. Serving Dougherty, Clay, Early, Miller, Quitman, Randolph, Seminole, Terrell Counties | Crisis Line: 229-435-0074   |
| BAKER COUNTY | <b><u>Baker County Sheriff's Office</u></b>  | 229-734-3003  |
|              | <b><u>Baker County Neighborhood Service Center at Southwest Georgia Community Action Council Inc</u></b>   | 229-734-4070 - To provide crisis intervention and self-sufficiency services.                                      |

# CRISIS & HELP LINES

|                         |  |  |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| <b>CALHOUN COUNTY</b>   | <b><u>Calhoun County Sheriff's Office</u></b>  | 229-849-2555   |
| <b>CRISP COUNTY</b>     | <b><u>Crisp County Sheriff's Office</u></b>  | 229-276-2600   |
| <b>DOUGHERTY COUNTY</b> | <b><u>Dougherty County Sheriff's Office</u></b>  | 229-302-3600   |
|                         | <b><u>Lily Pad SANE Center</u></b> - Certified Rape Crisis Center (CJCC) based in Albany, GA offering 24/7 365 crisis intervention services for all victims of sexual assault, child abuse, and deprivation, as well as children in foster care. Serving Dougherty, Clay, Early, Miller, Quitman, Randolph, Seminole, Terrell Counties | Crisis Line: 229-435-0074  |
| <b>EARLY COUNTY</b>     | <b><u>Early County Sheriff's Office</u></b>  | 229-723-3577   |
| <b>LEE COUNTY</b>       | <b><u>Lee County Sheriff's Office</u></b>  | 229-759-3334   |
| <b>MITCHELL COUNTY</b>  | <b><u>Mitchell County Sheriff's Office</u></b>   | 229-336-2032   |
|                         | <b><u>Halycon Home</u></b> - Provides shelter and support services for battered women and their children, victims of sexual assault.   | Phone: 229-226-6666  |
| <b>QUITMAN COUNTY</b>   | <b><u>Quitman County Sheriff's Office</u></b>  | 229-334-3726   |
| <b>RANDOLPH COUNTY</b>  | <b><u>Randolph County Sheriff's Office</u></b>   | 229-732-2525   |
| <b>SUMTER COUNTY</b>    | <b><u>Sumter County Sheriff's Office</u></b>   | 229-924-4094   |
| <b>TERRELL COUNTY</b>   | <b><u>Terrell County Sheriff's Office</u></b>  | 229-995-4488   |
| <b>WORTH COUNTY</b>     | <b><u>Worth County Sheriff's Office</u></b>  | 229-776-8211   |
|                         | <b><u>Ruth's Cottage</u></b> - Domestic violence prevention shelter, offering child advocacy, sexual assault, and family violence support services.  | Office Phone: 229-388-1541<br>Local Crisis Hotline: 229-388-1541 |



# FOSTER CARE SERVICES

This section highlights resources for youth and families accessing foster services that may also be in other sections of the guide.

## STATEWIDE

### **Adoptive and Foster Parent Association of Georgia (AFPAG)** -

AFPAG trains/educates adoptive/foster parents and others working in the fields of adoption and family foster care. There are also local chapters of AFPAG listed below.

AFPAG President:  
Carsdandra Favors  
404-913-5674  
**PRESIDENT@AFPAG.NET**  
Region 10 AFPAG Advocate:  
Betty Stafford

**Amerigroup Georgia Families 360°** - Georgia's Medicaid program covering children, youth, and young adults in foster care, children and youth receiving adoption assistance, and select youth involved in the juvenile justice system.

1-855-661-2021  
**RONALD.DUNHAM@AMERIGROUP.COM**

**CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Southwest Georgia** - CASA advocates for neglected, abused, or abandoned children who are in foster care and involved in Juvenile court proceedings. Trained volunteers to advocate for child's best interest and safety.

Southwest Georgia CASA Regional  
Phone: 229.248.1040

### **Child Protective Services**

1-855-GACHILD

**Embark Georgia**: Statewide network serves post-secondary professionals and institutions to ensure connectivity, share best practices, and provide information exchange in support of former foster and homeless youth.

706-542-1108

**Georgia Appleseed- Fairness, Advocacy, Individualized Representation (FAIR)**: Provides direct legal representation for children in care facing suspension or expulsion from school. **Form** to request pro bono attorney for tribunal hearing.

**INFO@GAAPPLESEED.ORG**  
678-426-4640

**Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)**: Trained volunteers appointed by the court to improve a child's experience in foster care.

800-251-4012

# FOSTER CARE SERVICES

## STATEWIDE

**Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Family and Children Services** - Investigates child abuse, provides adoption and foster care, TANF and Food Stamps, Housing assistance, and other support services. Please see “Foster Care Services” section for local DFCS office contact information.

Main Phone: 404-651-9361  
 Child Protective Services: 404-651-9361  
 Domestic Violence: 404-657-3780  
 Foster Care Placement: 404-657-3780

**Kate’s Club**: Empowers children and teens facing life after the death of a parent, sibling, or caregiver.

404-347-7619  
[INFO@KATESCLUB.ORG](mailto:INFO@KATESCLUB.ORG)

**Multi-Agency Alliance for Children**: MAAC focuses on serving youth in foster care with high-end behavioral health needs, addressing needs such as placement, self-sufficiency, crisis recovery, and more.

404-880-9323

**R.O.C.K. Grief Camp**: One-day, NO-COST camp experience for 6 to 16-year-olds who have experienced the loss of a parent or primary caregiver within the past two years.

[thefamilyy.org](http://thefamilyy.org)

## COUNTIES

**BAKER COUNTY**

**Baker County DFCS Office**

229-734-5247

**CALHOUN COUNTY**

**Calhoun County DFCS Office**

Temporarily Closed, see Dougherty County Office

**CLAY COUNTY**

**Clay County DFCS Office**

229-768-2511

**CRISP COUNTY**

**Crisp County DFCS Office**

229-276-2349  
 Office: 229-401-3002

**DOUGHERTY COUNTY**

**Dougherty County DFCS Office** - Serves Baker, Calhoun, Dougherty, Lee, Terrell, and Worth

229-430-4118

**EARLY COUNTY**

**Early County DFCS Office**

229-724-2000

**LEE COUNTY**

**Lee County DFCS Office**

229-759-3000

# FOSTER CARE SERVICES

| COUNTIES        |                                    |              |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| MITCHELL COUNTY | <u>Mitchell County DFCS Office</u> | 229-522-3500 |
| QUITMAN COUNTY  | <u>Quitman County DFCS Office</u>  | 229-334-2427 |
| RANDOLPH COUNTY | <u>Randolph County DFCS Office</u> | 229-732-3742 |
| SUMTER COUNTY   | <u>Sumter County DFCS Office</u>   | 229-931-2462 |
| TERRELL COUNTY  | <u>Terrell County DFCS Office</u>  | 229-995-4432 |
| WORTH COUNTY    | <u>Worth County DFCS Office</u>    | 229-777-2000 |

# HOUSELESSNESS

## HOUSELESSNESS

### **Albany Rescue Mission**

Larry Daniel, Program Director/Outreach Coordinator  
**WLD4HIM@GMAIL.COM**

604 N. Monroe St  
Albany GA 31701  
229-435-7615

### **Dougherty Neighborhood Service Center**

317 W First Avenue  
Albany GA 31707  
229-883-1365

### **Faith Community Outreach Center**

106 N. Monroe Street  
Albany GA 31701  
229-436-0807

**Liberty House Women's Crisis Center** - Shelter for abused women and their children, housing, employment and financial support, counseling, rape crisis program.

Crisis Hotline: 229-439-7065  
Phone: 229-439-7094

**Open Arms Inc.** - Shelter for children, youth and families. Also offers Bridge program for children birth to 18 years old, and a Transitional Living program for youth transitioning out of foster care or who are homeless, aged 18-21.

Drop-in Center and Intake Office:  
603 Pine Avenue  
229-405-8882 Intake for youth under age 22  
229-405-8128 Intake for all others

Fonda Thompson, Executive Director  
**FTHOMPSON@OPENARMSINC.ORG**

**Southwest Georgia Community Action Council, Inc.** - Programs include housing and weatherization, homeless/food and shelter, emergency services, etc.

912 First Avenue SE  
Moultrie GA 31776  
229-985-3610  
Serves: Baker, Calhoun, Dougherty, Early, Lee, Mitchell, Terrell, Worth

# HOSPITALS

## CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS

**Critical Access Hospital (CAH)** designation is given by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to rural hospitals located at least 35-mile away from another hospital, with no more than 25 beds, providing 24/7 emergency care services.

**[Map of Critical Access & Rural Hospitals in Georgia](#)**

**[List of critical access hospitals in Georgia from NPI Registry](#)**

## GENERAL HOSPITALS CENTRAL TO EACH COUNTY

### BAKER COUNTY

**[Baker County Primary Health Care](#)**

327-3 Sunset Avenue SW  
P.O. Box 130  
Newton GA 39870  
229-734-5250

### CALHOUN COUNTY

**[Advent Health Gordon \(FKA Gordon Hospital\)](#)**

1035 Red Bud Road Northeast  
Calhoun GA 30701  
706-602-7800

### CRISP COUNTY

**[Crisp Regional Hospital](#)** \*Rural Pediatric Healthcare Initiative\*

902 7th Street N  
Cordele GA 31015  
229-276-3100

### DOUGHERTY COUNTY

**[AAPHC Renaissance Center](#)**

Provides behavioral health services including case management, counseling, psychiatric, mental health, and substance abuse services.  
2403-B Osler Court  
Albany, GA 31707  
229-889-7200

**[East Albany Medical Center](#)**

1712-A E. Broad Avenue  
Albany GA 31703  
229-639-3100

**[Pheobe Putney Memorial Hospital](#)**

417 W 3rd Avenue  
Albany GA 31701  
229-312-1000

### EARLY COUNTY

**[LifeBrite Community Hospital of Early County](#)**

11740 Columbia Street  
Blakely GA 39823  
229-723-4241



# HOSPITALS

## GENERAL HOSPITALS CENTRAL TO EACH COUNTY

|                        |  |   |
|------------------------|--|---|
| <b>LEE COUNTY</b>      | <b><u>Lee Health Center</u></b>                                      | 118 Robert B Lee Drive<br>Leesburg GA 31763<br>229-759-6508 |
| <b>MITCHELL COUNTY</b> | <b><u>Archbold Mitchell County Medical Center</u></b>                | 90 East Stephens St.<br>Camila GA 31730<br>229-336-4607     |
| <b>QUITMAN COUNTY</b>  | <b><u>Brooks County Hospital</u></b>                                 | 903 North Court Street<br>Quitman GA 31643<br>229-263-4171  |
| <b>SUMTER COUNTY</b>   | <b><u>Phoebe Sumter Medical Center</u></b>                           | 126 US-280<br>Americus, GA 31719<br>229-924-6011            |
| <b>TERRELL COUNTY</b>  | Nearest is <b><u>Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital</u></b>             | 417 W 3rd Avenue<br>Albany GA 31701<br>229-312-1000         |
| <b>WORTH COUNTY</b>    | <b><u>Phoebe Worth Medical Center</u></b> *Critical Access Hospital* | 807 S Isabelle Street<br>Sylvester GA 31791<br>229-776-6961 |

## GEORGIA STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH

**Georgia State Office of Rural Health (SORH):** Under Georgia Department of Community Health, focused on improving access to health care in rural and underserved areas and to reduce health status disparities.

229-401-3081  
**DCH.SORH@DCH.GA.GOV**

**(SORH) location maps**

**Rural Hospital Services:** Provides technical assistance and resources to support Critical Access and small rural hospitals.

Dawn Waldrip  
Contact Director, Rural Hospital Services  
229-401-3088  
**DAWN.WALDRIP@DCH.GA.GOV**

**Rural Hospitals:** Hospitals located at and providing health services outside of metropolitan centers where access to specialists and intensive care might not be readily available. Some might not have in-patient behavioral health beds in hospitals but all emergency rooms provide behavioral health services.

**List of rural hospitals in Georgia from NPI Registry.**

# INFANT & EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH (IECMH)

Infant and early childhood mental health (IECMH), also sometimes called social and emotional health, is the developing capacity of a child from birth to 5 years of age to form close and secure relationships; experience, manage, and express emotions; and explore their environment and learn. This section collects resources, including some that can be found in other sections of this guide, that support healthy infant and early childhood development and mental health.

## NATIONAL

**Learn the Signs. Act Early.**: This CDC program shares resources to track your child's developmental milestones from birth to five years old and how to get help if you have any concerns. They have also developed a **Milestone Tracker App** with tips to support your child's development.

**The Basics**: Tips and tools to help families support healthy child development.

**Zero to Three**: Articles about child development and parenting support.

## STATEWIDE

**Babies Can't Wait**: Georgia's early intervention program offers coordinated services to children, from birth to three years of age with developmental disabilities or delays, and their families.

404-657-2850  
888-651-8224

**Child Parent Psychotherapy (CPP)**: Therapy for young children from birth through age five and their parents/caregivers.

**Georgia providers recently trained in CPP**

**Children 1st Information and Referral Center (IRC)**: Connects mothers with infants at risk for poor growth and developmental delays to DPH Child Health programs and services for children, birth – 5 years old, the local Children 1st program in their area, and community-based programs and services.

1-855-707-8277

**Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Strong 4 Life**: Resources to help busy families raise health, safe, resilient kids. Their '**Raising Resilience**' campaign shares resources on how to raise resilient kids. They have sections dedicated to **infants** and **toddlers**.

**DECAL Developmental Milestone Resources**: A Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) webpage for early care professionals and families to learn about milestones and activities to support development, and **who to reach out to for help**.

**DECAL Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Resources**: DECAL is working with other state agencies and community organizations to support young children with (or at risk for) social, emotional, and behavioral health needs. This webpage includes resources to support IECMH for childcare providers/educators, families, and advocates.

Contact Laura Lucas for more information:

**LAURA.LUCAS@DECAL.GA.GOV**

# INFANT & EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH (IECMH)

## STATEWIDE

**DECAL's SEEDS Helpline:** Resources for early care professionals to support children's social, emotional, and behavioral development. Early care providers can access DECAL Inclusion and Behavior Support Specialists to help create positive classroom climates and prevent/reduce persistent challenging behavior.

**INCLUSION@DECAL.GA.GOV**  
1-833-354-4357

**DPH's Help Me Grow:** Provides families healthcare referrals and follow up essential services to support children from birth to eight years old.

1-888-457-4769

**Georgia Association of Infant Mental Health (GA-AIMH):** Professional development resources and supports for professionals who address the social, emotional and developmental needs of young children and their families. Access a list of Georgia Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Providers [here](#).

**AIMH@GSU.EDU**  
404-413-1289

**Georgia Medicaid Infant and Early Childhood Behavioral Health Services:** A table of children's mental health services available through Medicaid reimbursement and a DC:0-5 crosswalk of common classifications used for billing and reimbursement of services.

**Learn the Signs. Act Early. Georgia:** Act Early Ambassadors promote awareness of developmental milestones and resources for early intervention.

**BRIDGET.RATAJCZAK@DECAL.GA.GOV**  
to connect to a local ambassador.

## REGIONAL

**Aspire Behavioral Health & Developmental Disability Services** - Counties: Baker, Calhoun, Dougherty, Early, Lee, Miller, Terrell, Worth

229-430-4042

**Legacy Behavioral Health** - Offers Adult behavioral health services, Child behavioral health services, crisis stabilization residential services, developmental disabilities services, and child and family therapy across South Georgia.

3120 North Oak St Ext, Suite C  
Valdosta GA 31602

**Vashti Center for Children and Families** - Offer a variety of services including programs and unique set of services for children and families coping with the isolation, stigma, and other challenges of mental health disorders.

Phone: 229-226-4634  
1815 E Clay Street  
Thomasville, GA 31792  
**THEVASHTICENTERINC@VASHTI.ORG**

# INFANT & EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH (IECMH)

## COUNTY SPECIFIC

|                             |  |  |
|-----------------------------|--|--|
| <b>CLAY<br/>COUNTY</b>      | <p><b><u>Clay County Health Partnership</u></b> - Dedicated to improving the health and wellness of people in Clay County community. Program goals include Youth services and promotion of healthy living.</p> | <p>Tara Gardner<br/> <b><u>CLAYCOUNTYHEALTHPARTNERSHIP@GMAIL.COM</u></b></p> |
| <b>CRISP<br/>COUNTY</b>     | <p><b><u>Healthy Families Crisp County</u></b> - Free, voluntary home visiting program. Designed to strengthen families beginning at birth to up to child's 5 years of age.</p>                                | <p>229-276-0555</p>  |
| <b>DOUGHERTY<br/>COUNTY</b> | <p><b><u>Aspire Clubhouse</u></b> - Serves children ages 3 to 18. Offers child and adolescent support, crisis intervention, individual counseling and more.</p>  | <p>Crisis Line: 229.430.1842<br/> 229-430-5100</p>                           |

# PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT & COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

| REGIONAL  | CONTACT   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <p><b><u>AAPHC Renaissance Center</u></b></p>                                       | <p>Provides behavioral health services including case management, counseling, psychiatric, mental health, and substance abuse services.</p>   | <p>2403-B Osler Court<br/>Albany, GA 31707<br/>229.889.7200</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Aspire Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Services</u></b></p> | <p>Public, non-profit community service board providing mental health, addictive disease, and developmental disability services to citizens of Dougherty, Baker, Calhoun, Early, Lee, Miller, Terrell, and Worth Counties.</p>  | <p>Crisis Line: 229-430-1842</p>   |
|   | <p><b><u>Behavioral Health Crisis Center</u></b></p>  | <p>601 West 11th Avenue<br/>Albany, GA 31707</p>   |
|   | <p><b>Baker County Phone</b></p>  | <p>229-430-4140</p>  |
|   | <p><b>Calhoun County Phone</b></p>  | <p>229-725-3333</p>  |
|   | <p><b>Dougherty County Phone</b></p>  | <p>229-430-4140</p>  |
|   | <p><b>Early County Phone</b></p>  | <p>229-724-2050</p>  |
|   | <p><b>Lee County Phone</b></p>  | <p>229-430-4140</p>  |
|   | <p><b>Miller County Phone</b></p>   | <p>229-758-2068</p>  |
|   | <p><b>Terrell County Phone</b></p>  | <p>229-430-4140</p>  |
|   | <p><b>Worth County Phone</b></p>  | <p>229-430-4140</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Vashti Center for Children and Families</u></b></p>                        | <p>Offers a variety of services such as behavioral health assessments, psychiatric treatment, individual counseling, family counseling, group counseling, community support services, substance abuse treatment, and professional learning and educational opportunities.</p> | <p>1815 E Clay Street<br/>Thomasville, GA 31792<br/>229-226-4634<br/><b><u>THEVASHTICENTERINC@VASHTI.ORG</u></b></p>   |
| <p><b><u>Legacy Behavioral Health</u></b></p>                                       | <p>Offers Adult behavioral health services, Child behavioral health services, crisis stabilization residential services, developmental disabilities services, and child and family therapy across South Georgia.</p>  | <p><b>Legacy Behavioral Health Services</b><br/>3120 North Oak St Ext, Suite C<br/>Valdosta GA 31602<br/><br/><b>Lowndes Mental Health Clinic</b><br/>229-671-6170</p> |



# PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT & COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

| COUNTIES            | CONTACT   |  |
|---------------------|---|--|
| DOUGHERTY<br>COUNTY | <b><u>Sparrow Center</u></b>  | 2402 Dawson Rd. Suite 6<br>Albany GA 31707<br>229-999-6804 |
|                     | <b><u>Journey Counseling &amp; Psychological Services</u></b>   | 2339 Lake Park Drive<br>Albany GA 31707<br>229-255-3099    |
|                     | <b><u>Arc Southwest Georgia</u></b> - Offers mental health programs. Programs include: wrap-around case management services, treatment court, and residential services. | 2200 Stuart Ave<br>Albany GA 31707<br>229-888-6852         |

# SCHOOL RESOURCES

## BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

|   |                              |   |
|---|------------------------------|---|
| Chief Executive Officer   | Richard Woods                | <b>404-656-2800</b><br><a href="mailto:STATE.SUPERINTENDENT@DOE.K12.GA.US">STATE.SUPERINTENDENT@DOE.K12.GA.US</a> |
| <b>Second Congressional District</b> (Baker, Calhoun, Clay, Dougherty, Early, Lee, Mitchell, Quitman, Randolph, Sumter, and Terrell Counties) | William Franklin Griffin Jr. | <b>404-657-7410</b><br><a href="mailto:FRANK.GRIFFIN@DOE.K12.GA.US">FRANK.GRIFFIN@DOE.K12.GA.US</a>               |
| <b>Eighth Congressional District</b> (Crisp and Worth County)   | Jason Downey                 | <b>404-657-7410</b><br><a href="mailto:JASON.DOWNEY@DOE.K12.GA.US">JASON.DOWNEY@DOE.K12.GA.US</a>                 |

## COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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|--|--|---|
| <b>BAKER COUNTY School Board Members</b>     | Superintendent:<br>Dr. Roy Brooks                  | <a href="#">Baker County School District Site</a><br>229-734-5274 ext. 3002 |
| <b>CALHOUN COUNTY School Board Members</b>   | Superintendent:<br>Michael Ward                    | <a href="#">Calhoun County School District Site</a><br>229-545-7231         |
| <b>CLAY COUNTY School Board Members</b>      | Superintendent:<br>John Hamilton                   | <a href="#">Clay County School District Site</a><br>229-768-2232            |
| <b>CRISP COUNTY School Board Members</b>     | Superintendent:<br>Cindy Hughes                    | <a href="#">Crisp County School District Site</a><br>229-276-3400 ext. 1222 |
| <b>DOUGHERTY COUNTY School Board Members</b> | Superintendent:<br>Kenneth Dyer                    | <a href="#">Dougherty County School District Site</a><br>229-431-1285       |
| <b>EARLY COUNTY School Board Members</b>     | Superintendent:<br>Dr. Jennifer Brown              | <a href="#">Early County School District Site</a><br>229-723-4337           |
| <b>LEE COUNTY School Board Members</b>       | Interim Superintendent:<br>Dr. Lawrence T. Walters | <a href="#">Lee County School District Site</a>                             |
| <b>MITCHELL COUNTY School Board Members</b>  | Interim Superintendent:<br>Dr. Rowland Cummings    | <a href="#">Mitchell County School District Site</a><br>229-321-7002        |
| <b>QUITMAN COUNTY School Board Members</b>   | TCS Superintendent:<br>Jon-Erik Jones              | <a href="#">Quitman County School District Site</a>                         |

# SCHOOL RESOURCES

## COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

|  |                                      |  |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| <b><u>RANDOLPH COUNTY School Board Members</u></b> | Superintendent:<br>Dr. Tangela Madge | <b><u>Randolph County School District Site</u></b><br>229-732-3601 |
| <b><u>SUMTER COUNTY School Board Members</u></b>   | Superintendent:<br>Walter Knighton   | <b><u>Sumter County School District Site</u></b><br>229-931-8500   |
| <b><u>TERRELL COUNTY School Board Members</u></b>  | Superintendent:<br>Douglas Bell      | <b><u>Terrell County School District Site</u></b><br>229-995-4425  |
| <b><u>WORTH COUNTY School Board Members</u></b>    | Superintendent:<br>Nehemiah Cummings | <b><u>Worth County School District Site</u></b><br>229-776-8600    |

## COLLEGES & UNIVERSITY STUDENT HEALTH/COUNSELING SERVICES

|   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <b><u>Albany State University Counseling &amp; Student Accessibility Services</u></b> | Provides counseling services, individual and group therapy services, and academic accommodations for accessibility | Counseling Services: Athena Peen-Reid<br><b><u>ATHENA.PENNREID@ASURAMS.EDU</u></b><br><b>229-500-2013</b><br>24/7 Counseling Line: <b>833-855-0083</b> |
| <b><u>Georgia Southwestern State University Counseling Services</u></b>               | Provides individual counseling, crisis intervention, well-being and prevention programs.                           | Student Success Center Rm 345<br><b><u>COUNSELING@GSW.EDU</u></b><br><b>229-931-2676</b>   |
| <b><u>Thomas University Student Counseling Services</u></b>                           | Provides free counseling in partnership with Archbold Medical Center.  | 902 Cairo Road<br>Thomasville, GA 31792<br>229-228-2210  |

# SCHOOL RESOURCES

## POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS (PBIS)

3-tiered framework that schools use to improve school safety and promote positive behavior. Learn more [here](#).

### List of current PBIS schools in Georgia by county

**PBIS GA DOE Link** for Georgia's PBIS Operational and Emerging Schools. Last updated for the 2021-2022 school year.

|                         |   |  |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| <b>CLAY COUNTY</b>      | Operational -                               | Clay County Elementary, Clay County Middle School  |
| <b>CRISP COUNTY</b>     | Operational -                               | Crisp County Pre-K, Crisp County Primary School  |
| <b>DOUGHERTY COUNTY</b> | Lori Washington, District PBIS Director     | 229-483-6300 EXT. 5222<br><a href="mailto:LORI.WASHINGTON@DOCOSCHOOLS.ORG">LORI.WASHINGTON@DOCOSCHOOLS.ORG</a>   |
|                         | Tlesha L Allen, District Assistant Director | 229-483-6300 EXT. 4008<br><a href="mailto:TIESHA.ALLEN@DOCOSCHOOLS.ORG">TIESHA.ALLEN@DOCOSCHOOLS.ORG</a>   |
|                         | DeCarlo Marcus, Lead District PBIS Coach    | 229-483-6300 EXT. 4483<br><a href="mailto:DECARLO.MARCUS@DOCOSCHOOLS.ORG">DECARLO.MARCUS@DOCOSCHOOLS.ORG</a>   |
|                         | Operational -                               | Lamar Reese School of the Arts   |
|                         | Emerging -                                  | Alice Coachman Elementary School, Lake Park Elementary School, Lincoln Elementary Magnet School, Live Oak Elementary School, Morningside Elementary School, Northside Elementary School, Radium Springs Middle School, Sherwood Acres Elementary School, Turner Elementary School, West Town Elementary School |
| <b>EARLY COUNTY</b>     | Dr. Priscilla Yarbrough, PBIS Director      | 229-723-4337<br><a href="mailto:PYARBROUGH@EARLY.K12.GA.US">PYARBROUGH@EARLY.K12.GA.US</a>   |
|                         | Operational -                               | ·Early County Elementary School  |

# SCHOOL RESOURCES

| POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS (PBIS) |                              |  |
|---|------------------------------|--|
| <b>LEE COUNTY</b>                                     | Kelli Duke, PBIS Coordinator | 229-903-2106<br><a href="mailto:DUKEKE@LEE.K12.GA.US">DUKEKE@LEE.K12.GA.US</a>   |
|   | Operational -                | Kinchafoonee Primary School, Lee County Primary School, Lee County Transitional Learning Center                                    |
|   | Emerging -                   | Lee County Elementary School, Lee County Middle School East, Lee County Middle School West, Lee County Pre-K, Twin Oaks Elementary |
| <b>QUITMAN COUNTY</b>                                 | Emerging -                   | Quitman County Elementary, Quitman County High School  |
| <b>RANDOLPH COUNTY</b>                                | Brian Collier, PBIS Director |  |
|   | Operational -                | Randolph Clay High School  |
|   | Emerging -                   | Randolph Clay Middle School, Randolph County Elementary School   |
| <b>TERRELL COUNTY</b>                                 | Operational -                | Terrell Middle School  |
|   | Emerging -                   | Cooper-Carver Elementary School, Terrell High School   |
| <b>WORTH COUNTY</b>                                   | Emerging -                   | Worth County Primary School  |

# SCHOOL RESOURCES

## REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY (RESA)

**Southwest Georgia Regional Educational Service Agency (SW RESA):** dedicated to providing assistance, guidance, leadership, and quality educational services for the purpose of enhancing and improving the education of children. SWRESA also works to improve school climate, implement PBIS, and coordinate educational services and curriculum.

Service Areas: Baker County Schools, Calhoun County Schools, Decatur County Schools, Dougherty County Schools, Early County Schools, Grady County Schools, Lee County Schools, Mitchell County Schools, Miller County Schools, Seminole County Schools, Terrell County Schools, Thomas County Schools, Worth County Schools

Access Board of Control and other SWRESA specialists [here](#).

Executive Director:  
Tim Helms  
229-207-0600  
[THELMS@SWRESA.ORG](mailto:THELMS@SWRESA.ORG)

## GEORGIA SCHOOL BASED HEALTH ALLIANCE ([GASBHA](#))

Advances the health and success of Georgia's children through community partnerships to develop and support school-based health centers (SBHCs). **Access interactive map of Georgia SBHCs [here](#).**

### CRISP COUNTY

Crisp County Elementary School

### DOUGHERTY COUNTY

Albany Middle School (includes Dental), Alice Coachman Elementary School (includes Vision Center) Live Oak Elementary School, Robert Harvey Elementary School, Turner Elementary School (includes Dental)

### EARLY COUNTY

Early County Elementary School

### MITCHELL COUNTY

Mitchell County Elementary School

### TERRELL COUNTY

Cooper-Carver Elementary School

# SCHOOL RESOURCES

## SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

|                        |  |  |
|------------------------|--|--|
| <b>CALHOUN COUNTY</b>  | Brittany Johnson, Calhoun County Elementary School Counselor   | <a href="mailto:BRITTANYJOHNSON@CALHOUN.K12.GA.US"><u>BRITTANYJOHNSON@CALHOUN.K12.GA.US</u></a>              |
|                        | Vanessa Lewis, Calhoun County Middle and High School Counselor | <a href="mailto:VANESSALEWIS@CALHOUN.K12.GA.US"><u>VANESSALEWIS@CALHOUN.K12.GA.US</u></a>                    |
| <b>CLAY COUNTY</b>     | Alexandra Sheppard, Counselor Clay County Elementary School    | <a href="mailto:ASHEPARD@CLAY.K12.GA.US"><u>ASHEPARD@CLAY.K12.GA.US</u></a>                                  |
| <b>CRISP COUNTY</b>    | Michelle Grinnell, Crisp County High School                    | 229-376-3430 ext 2021<br><a href="mailto:MGRINNELL@CRISPSCHOOLS.ORG"><u>MGRINNELL@CRISPSCHOOLS.ORG</u></a>   |
|                        | Dametra Patterson Crisp County High School                     | 229-276-3430 EXT 2022<br><a href="mailto:DPATTERSON@CRISPSCHOOLS.ORG"><u>DPATTERSON@CRISPSCHOOLS.ORG</u></a> |
| <b>LEE COUNTY</b>      | Blake Reeves, Lee County Elementary School                     | 229-903-2220   |
|                        | Ashley Brown, Lee County High School                           | <a href="mailto:HOUSTOUNAS@LEE.K12.GA.US"><u>HOUSTOUNAS@LEE.K12.GA.US</u></a>                                |
|                        | Brandi Chester, Lee County High School                         | <a href="mailto:CHESTERBR@LEE.K12.GA.US"><u>CHESTERBR@LEE.K12.GA.US</u></a>                                  |
|                        | Celeste Smith, Lee County High School                          | <a href="mailto:SMITCHCE@LEE.K12.GA.US"><u>SMITCHCE@LEE.K12.GA.US</u></a>                                    |
|                        | Ryan Tindell, Lee County High School                           | <a href="mailto:TINDELLRY@LEE.K12.GA.US"><u>TINDELLRY@LEE.K12.GA.US</u></a>                                  |
| <b>MITCHELL COUNTY</b> | Kendra Johnson, Mitchell County High School                    | 229-321-7006   |
|                        | Kristin Hollis, Mitchell County Primary School                 | 229-321-7003   |
| <b>RANDOLPH COUNTY</b> | Tanyika Wooden, Randolph-Clay High School                      | 229-732-2101   |
|                        | Nikeitha McCloud, Randolph County Elementary School            | 229-732-5081   |
| <b>WORTH COUNTY</b>    | Sandy Bozeman, Worth County High School                        | <a href="mailto:SBOZEMAN@WORTHSCHOOLS.NET"><u>SBOZEMAN@WORTHSCHOOLS.NET</u></a>                              |
|                        | Sherly Touze, Worth County High School                         | <a href="mailto:STOUZE@WORTHSCHOOLS.NET"><u>STOUZE@WORTHSCHOOLS.NET</u></a>                                  |



# SCHOOL RESOURCES

## SCHOOL SOCIAL SERVICES

|                       |  |   |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| <b>TERRELL COUNTY</b> | Dr. Russia Sherrod,<br>Social Services Coordinator | 229-995-4425,<br><a href="mailto:RSHERROD@TERRELL.K12.GA.US">RSHERROD@TERRELL.K12.GA.US</a> |
| <b>WORTH COUNTY</b>   | Tracie Turner,<br>School Social Worker             | 229-776-8600<br><a href="mailto:TTURNER@WORTHSCHOOLS.NET">TTURNER@WORTHSCHOOLS.NET</a>      |

## THE GEORGIA APEX PROGRAM

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities program to increase access to mental health services for school-aged youth, Pre-Kindergarten to 12th grade, throughout the state.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b><u>Family Ties Enterprises</u></b>                               | 678-460-0345  |
| <b><u>Georgia Pines Behavioral Health Crisis Center and CSB</u></b> | 229-294-6509, Serves Mitchell County  |
| <b><u>Georgia Hope</u></b>  | 706-279-0405  |
| <b><u>Middle Flint Behavioral Healthcare</u></b>                    | 229-815-5454, Serves Crisp and Sumter counties  |
| <b><u>New Horizons Behavioral Health</u></b>                        | Main office/clinic: 706-596-5500<br>Serves: Clay, Quitman, and Randolph Counties<br><br>Randolph/Clay Behavioral Health<br>90 Villa Nova St.<br>Cuthbert GA 39840<br>229-366-0906 |



# SELECT TRAUMA-INFORMED & ACE PREVENTION TRAINING RESOURCES

## ACES - ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES

Potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood. Learn more [here](#).



## TRAUMA-INFORMED

Based on the knowledge and understanding of trauma and its far-reaching implications. Learn more [here](#).



## BECOMING A MORE RESILIENT PARENT

Training for parents and caregivers of children of all ages discussing responses to stress, the impacts stress can have, ways we can promote positive childhood experiences and how to create resilience through connection. Register for upcoming trainings [here](#).

## CHRIS 180

CHRIS 180 is a behavioral health and child welfare service delivery organization that offers continuing education and free trainings on childhood trauma exposure and other behavioral health topics. View available courses [here](#).

## COMMUNITY RESILIENCY MODEL (CRM)

Community Resiliency Model (CRM) is an innovative and preventative low-cost, low-intensity training, which involves a simple set of mental wellness skills that can be readily learned and practiced. CRM skills can restore the natural balance of the nervous system by focusing on sensations of well-being.

**Dr. Linda Grabbe**  
Certified CRM Trainer  
[LGRABBE@EMORY.EDU](mailto:LGRABBE@EMORY.EDU)  
App: ichillapp

## CONNECTIONS MATTERS GEORGIA

Connections Matter Georgia is an interactive discussion-based workshop that can be taken in either two days (2 hours each day) OR one day (4 hours) via virtual Zoom format. Participants learn about adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), trauma, and resiliency.

[connectionsmatterga@gmail.com](mailto:connectionsmatterga@gmail.com)  
Register for individual training or request a group training [here](#).

### BAKER COUNTY

GA Dept of Early Care and Learning

Esther Duggan  
[ESTHER.DYKES@DECAL.GA.GOV](mailto:ESTHER.DYKES@DECAL.GA.GOV)

### CALHOUN COUNTY

Vashti Center for Children and Families

Alex English  
[ALEXE@VASHTI.ORG](mailto:ALEXE@VASHTI.ORG)

Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Power and Potential

Angel Young  
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## CONNECTIONS MATTERS GEORGIA

|                  |   |   |
|------------------|---|---|
| CLAY COUNTY      | GA Dept of Early Care and Learning                  | Esther Duggan<br><a href="mailto:ESTHER.DYKES@DECAL.GA.GOV">ESTHER.DYKES@DECAL.GA.GOV</a>           |
|                  | United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley              | Grace Nagel<br><a href="mailto:GNAGEL@UNITEDCV.ORG">GNAGEL@UNITEDCV.ORG</a>                         |
|                  | GDPH  | Katrisha Williams<br><a href="mailto:KATRISHA.WILLIAMS@DPH.GA.GOV">KATRISHA.WILLIAMS@DPH.GA.GOV</a> |
|                  | United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley              | Pamela Romero<br><a href="mailto:PROMERO@UNITEDWAYOFTHECV.ORG">PROMERO@UNITEDWAYOFTHECV.ORG</a>     |
|                  | United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley              | Sidney Houck<br><a href="mailto:shouck@unitedwayofthecv.org">shouck@unitedwayofthecv.org</a>        |
| CRISP COUNTY     | GA Dept of Early Care and Learning                  | Esther Duggan<br><a href="mailto:ESTHER.DYKES@DECAL.GA.GOV">ESTHER.DYKES@DECAL.GA.GOV</a>           |
|                  | GDPH  | Katrisha Williams<br><a href="mailto:KATRISHA.WILLIAMS@DPH.GA.GOV">KATRISHA.WILLIAMS@DPH.GA.GOV</a> |
| DOUGHERTY COUNTY | Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Power and Potential | Angel Young<br><a href="mailto:ANGEL@GCAPP.ORG">ANGEL@GCAPP.ORG</a>                                 |
|                  | GA Dept of Early Care and Learning                  | Esther Duggan<br><a href="mailto:ESTHER.DYKES@DECAL.GA.GOV">ESTHER.DYKES@DECAL.GA.GOV</a>           |
|                  | Phacade Beauty Counter                              | Nicarro Henderson<br><a href="mailto:NICARROHENDERSON@GMAIL.COM">NICARROHENDERSON@GMAIL.COM</a>     |
|                  | VIP International                                   | Victoria Green Brackins<br><a href="mailto:VIP@VIPONFIRE.COM">VIP@VIPONFIRE.COM</a>                 |
| EARLY COUNTY     | Vashti Center for Children and Families             | Alex English<br><a href="mailto:ALEXE@VASHTI.ORG">ALEXE@VASHTI.ORG</a>                              |
|                  | GA Dept of Early Care and Learning                  | Esther Duggan<br><a href="mailto:ESTHER.DYKES@DECAL.GA.GOV">ESTHER.DYKES@DECAL.GA.GOV</a>           |
|                  | Magnolia House Shelter                              | Heather Flowers<br><a href="mailto:FJCC@MAGNOLIAHOUSESHELTER.COM">FJCC@MAGNOLIAHOUSESHELTER.COM</a> |
|                  | Vashti Center for Children and Families             | Quandolyn Grant<br><a href="mailto:QUANDOLYNG@VASHTI.ORG">QUANDOLYNG@VASHTI.ORG</a>                 |
|                  | VIP International                                   | Victoria Green Brackins<br><a href="mailto:VIP@VIPONFIRE.COM">VIP@VIPONFIRE.COM</a>                 |
| LEE COUNTY       | Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Power and Potential | Angel Young<br><a href="mailto:ANGEL@GCAPP.ORG">ANGEL@GCAPP.ORG</a>                                 |
|                  | GA Dept of Early Care and Learning                  | Esther Duggan<br><a href="mailto:ESTHER.DYKES@DECAL.GA.GOV">ESTHER.DYKES@DECAL.GA.GOV</a>           |

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## CONNECTIONS MATTERS GEORGIA

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| LEE COUNTY (cont.) | Phacade Beauty Counter                  | Nicarro Henderson<br><a href="mailto:NICARROHENDERSON@GMAIL.COM">NICARROHENDERSON@GMAIL.COM</a>                 |
|                    | Lee County Family Connections           | PATSY SHIRLEY<br><a href="mailto:PATSY@LEECOUNTYFAMILYCONNECTIONS.ORG">PATSY@LEECOUNTYFAMILYCONNECTIONS.ORG</a> |
|                    | VIP International                       | Victoria Green Brackins<br><a href="mailto:VIP@VIPONFIRE.COM">VIP@VIPONFIRE.COM</a>                             |
| MITCHELL COUNTY    | Vashti Center for Children and Families | Alex English<br><a href="mailto:ALEXE@VASHTI.ORG">ALEXE@VASHTI.ORG</a>  |
|                    | Vashti Center for Children and Families | Elijah Miranda<br><a href="mailto:ELIJAHM@VASHTI.ORG">ELIJAHM@VASHTI.ORG</a>                                    |
|                    | GA Dept of Early Care and Learning      | Esther Duggan<br><a href="mailto:ESTHER.DYKES@DECAL.GA.GOV">ESTHER.DYKES@DECAL.GA.GOV</a>                       |
|                    | Magnolia House Shelter                  | Heather Flowers<br><a href="mailto:FJCC@MAGNOLIAHOUSESHELTER.COM">FJCC@MAGNOLIAHOUSESHELTER.COM</a>             |
|                    | Vashti Center for Children and Families | Macey Sutton<br><a href="mailto:MACEYS@VASHTI.ORG">MACEYS@VASHTI.ORG</a>  |
|                    | Vashti Center for Children and Families | Quandolyn Grant<br><a href="mailto:QUANDOLYNG@VASHTI.ORG">QUANDOLYNG@VASHTI.ORG</a>                             |
| QUITMAN COUNTY     | GA Dept of Early Care and Learning      | Esther Duggan<br><a href="mailto:ESTHER.DYKES@DECAL.GA.GOV">ESTHER.DYKES@DECAL.GA.GOV</a>                       |
|                    | United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley  | Grace Nagel<br><a href="mailto:GNAGEL@UNITEDCV.ORG">GNAGEL@UNITEDCV.ORG</a>                                     |
|                    | GDPH                                    | Katrisha Williams<br><a href="mailto:KATRISHA.WILLIAMS@DPH.GA.GOV">KATRISHA.WILLIAMS@DPH.GA.GOV</a>             |
|                    | United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley  | Pamela Romero<br><a href="mailto:PROMERO@UNITEDWAYOFTHECV.ORG">PROMERO@UNITEDWAYOFTHECV.ORG</a>                 |
|                    | United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley  | Sidney Houck<br><a href="mailto:shouck@unitedwayofthecv.org">shouck@unitedwayofthecv.org</a>                    |
| RANDOLPH COUNTY    | GA Dept of Early Care and Learning      | Esther Duggan<br><a href="mailto:ESTHER.DYKES@DECAL.GA.GOV">ESTHER.DYKES@DECAL.GA.GOV</a>                       |
|                    | GDPH                                    | Katrisha Williams<br><a href="mailto:KATRISHA.WILLIAMS@DPH.GA.GOV">KATRISHA.WILLIAMS@DPH.GA.GOV</a>             |
| SUMTER COUNTY      | GA Dept of Early Care and Learning      | Esther Duggan<br><a href="mailto:ESTHER.DYKES@DECAL.GA.GOV">ESTHER.DYKES@DECAL.GA.GOV</a>                       |
|                    | GDPH                                    | Katrisha Williams<br><a href="mailto:KATRISHA.WILLIAMS@DPH.GA.GOV">KATRISHA.WILLIAMS@DPH.GA.GOV</a>             |

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## CONNECTIONS MATTERS GEORGIA

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| TERRELL COUNTY | Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Power and Potential | Angel Young<br><a href="mailto:ANGEL@GCAPP.ORG">ANGEL@GCAPP.ORG</a>                       |
|                | GA Dept of Early Care and Learning                  | Esther Duggan<br><a href="mailto:ESTHER.DYKES@DECAL.GA.GOV">ESTHER.DYKES@DECAL.GA.GOV</a> |
| WORTH COUNTY   | GA Dept of Early Care and Learning                  | Esther Duggan<br><a href="mailto:ESTHER.DYKES@DECAL.GA.GOV">ESTHER.DYKES@DECAL.GA.GOV</a> |

## DARKNESS TO LIGHT/STEWARDS OF CHILDREN TRAINING

Adult-focused, evidence-informed curriculum proven to increase knowledge and attitudes about child sexual abuse and change behaviors promoting protective factors. The one-time 2 1/2 hour Stewards of Children program is available through a group session led by an authorized facilitator as well as online. Learn more [here](#).

Nikki Berger  
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Taylor Strickland  
[SARCADVOCATE@VALDOS.TAHAVEN.ORG](mailto:SARCADVOCATE@VALDOS.TAHAVEN.ORG)  
229-539-2275

### MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID (MHA)

Mental Health First Aid is a skills-based training course that teaches participants about mental health and substance-use issues. This training is available in both adult and youth curriculum. 770-741-1481

### QUESTION, PERSUADE, AND REFER (QPR)

Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) is an innovative, practical and proven suicide prevention training that empowers participants, regardless of their background, to make a positive difference in the life of someone they know.

### NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) GEORGIA

Mental health advocacy group that provides education, programs, and support group to erase mental illness stigma. Mental health education classes available for peers, families, and caregivers [here](#).

### VETO VIOLENCE

Veto Violence is an online training created by the National Centers for Disease Control and d (CDC) on how to understand, recognize and prevent ACEs.

## STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

### CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICS (CCBHC)

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) are specially designated clinics that provide care for mental health or substance use, regardless of ability to pay, place of residence, or age. Crisis services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. A directory of CCBHCs in Georgia can be found here: [LINK](#)

### ASPIRE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES

Public, non-profit community service board providing mental health, addictive disease, and developmental disability services to citizens of Dougherty, Baker, Calhoun, Early, Lee, Miller, Terrell, and Worth Counties.

#### Behavioral Health Crisis Center

601 West 11th Avenue  
Albany, GA 31707

**Crisis Line:**  
229-430-1842

#### BAKER COUNTY

229-430-4140

#### CALHOUN COUNTY

229-725-3333

#### DOUGHERTY COUNTY

229-430-4140

#### EARLY COUNTY

229-724-2050

#### LEE COUNTY

229-430-4140

#### MILLER COUNTY

229-758-2068

#### TERRELL COUNTY

229-430-4140

#### WORTH COUNTY

229-430-4140

## STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

### CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS OF GEORGIA (CACGA)

Collaborative, community-based services to provide services for children and families affected by sexual and or physical abuse. Not present in all counties. Locate centers [here](#).

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| <b>CRISP COUNTY</b>     | <b><u>The Gateway Center (CACGA)</u></b>                       | 229-273-0600<br>511 East Third Ave<br>Cordele GA 31015             |
| <b>DOUGHERTY COUNTY</b> | <b><u>Firefly House Children's Advocacy Center (CACGA)</u></b> | 229-435-0074   |
| <b>EARLY COUNTY</b>     | <b><u>Pataula Center for Children (CACGA)</u></b>              | 3 South Jefferson St.<br>Blakely GA 39823<br>229-723-2468          |
| <b>SUMTER COUNTY</b>    | <b><u>Lighthouse Children's Advocacy Center (CACGA)</u></b>    | 800 GSW State University Pkwy<br>Americus GA 31709<br>229-931-4486 |

### COMMUNITY-BASED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY SERVICES

Provides comprehensive mental health and substance abuse treatment to children, adolescents, and young adults who, due to severe emotional disturbance, are in need of quality active treatment that can only be provided in an inpatient treatment setting and for whom alternative, less restrictive forms of treatment have been tried and found unsuccessful. NPIdb Directory linked [here](#).

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| <b><u>AmericanWork LLC</u></b>      | Offers community based rehabilitation services  | 520 West Broad Ave<br>Albany GA<br>229-639-0478<br>Serves: Lee County |
| <b><u>Arc Southwest Georgia</u></b> | Offers mental health programs. Programs include: wrap-around case management services, treatment court, and residential services. | 2200 Stuart Ave<br>Albany GA 31707<br>229-888-6852                    |



# STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

## COMMUNITY-BASED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY SERVICES

**Aspire BHDD** - Public, non-profit community service board providing mental health, addictive disease, and developmental disability services to citizens of Dougherty, Baker, Calhoun, Early, Lee, Miller, Terrell, and Worth Counties.

**Behavioral Health Crisis Center**

601 West 11th Avenue  
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## COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARDS (CSBS)

Georgia's public safety-net providers of mental health, substance use disorder, and intellectual and developmental disability treatment and services. CSBs are quasi-governmental agencies with oversight from the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

**Directory of all DBHDD CSB** in the state.

### REGIONAL

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|---|--|----------------------------------|
| <p><b><u>Aspire Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Services</u></b></p> | <p>Public, non-profit community service board providing mental health, addictive disease, and developmental disability services to citizens of Dougherty, Baker, Calhoun, Early, Lee, Miller, Terrell, and Worth Counties.</p> | <p>Crisis Line: 229-430-1842</p> |
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### COUNTY SPECIFIC CSBs

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| <p><b><u>Georgia Pines Behavioral Health Crisis Center and CSB</u></b></p> | <p>Office: 229-294-6509<br/>Serves Mitchell County<br/>1102 Smith Avenue, Ste. K<br/>Thomasville, GA 31792</p>   | <p>Primary Contact: R.J. Hurn<br/>229-225-5208<br/>Fax: 229-225-4374<br/><b><u>rjhurn@georgiapines.net</u></b></p> |
| <p><b><u>Middle Flint BHC (Region 6)</u></b></p>                           | <p>Serves Crisp and Sumter Counties<br/>120 North Dudley Street<br/>P. O. Drawer 1348<br/>Americus, GA 31709</p> | <p>Primary Contact: Beth Ragan<br/>229-815-5113<br/>Fax 229-815-6606<br/><b><u>BETHR@MFBHC.ORG</u></b></p>         |

## CRISIS STABILIZATION UNITS (CSU)

Provides short-term acute stabilization of behavioral health problems for youth.

**Find crisis centers in Georgia here.**

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| <p><b><u>Legacy Behavioral Health Services Crisis Center</u></b></p> | <p>229-671-3500<br/><b><u>PCARTWRIGHT@BHSGA.COM</u></b><br/>3120 North Oak Street<br/>Ext. Suite C<br/>Valdosta, GA 31602</p> |
| <p><b><u>Aspire Crisis Intervention and Stabilization</u></b></p>    | <p>Crisis Center: 2229-430-1842</p>   |

# STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

## FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS (FQHCs)

Safety net health providers; provide accessible and affordable essential primary and preventive health services including behavioral health under Georgia's Department of Community Health. Some provide comprehensive services including mental health and some provide only dental & physical health services. For complete list, see here, we've outlined those that provide behavioral health services.

|                         |   |   |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| <b>BAKER COUNTY</b>     | <b><u>Albany Area Primary Health Care (AAPHC)</u></b> | 229-888-6559 (office)<br>204 North Westover Boulevard<br>Albany, GA 31707   |
|                         | <b><u>Baker County Primary Health Care</u></b>        | 327-3 Sunset Avenue, SW<br>P.O. Box 130<br>Newton, GA 39870<br>229-734-5250 |
| <b>CALHOUN COUNTY</b>   | <b><u>Albany Area Primary Health Care (AAPHC)</u></b> | 229-888-6559 (office)<br>204 North Westover Boulevard<br>Albany, GA 31707   |
|                         | <b><u>Edison Medical Center</u></b>                   | 19519 W. Hartford Street<br>Edison, GA 39846<br>229-835-2238                |
| <b>CRISP COUNTY</b>     | <b><u>Care Connect (FKA SWG Healthcare)</u></b>       |   |
| <b>DOUGHERTY COUNTY</b> | <b><u>Albany Area Primary Health Care (AAPHC)</u></b> | 229-888-6559 (office)<br>204 North Westover Boulevard<br>Albany, GA 31707   |
|                         | <b><u>East Albany Family Medical Center</u></b>       | 1712-C E. Broad Avenue<br>Albany, GA 31703<br>229-639-3103                  |
| <b>EARLY COUNTY</b>     | Blakely Office<br>229-723-2660                        | 360 College Street<br>Blakely GA 39823                                      |
| <b>LEE COUNTY</b>       | <b><u>Albany Area Primary Health Care (AAPHC)</u></b> | 229-888-6559 (office)<br>204 North Westover Boulevard<br>Albany, GA 31707   |
|                         | <b><u>Lee Health Center</u></b>                       | 118 Robert B Lee Drive<br>Leesburg, GA 31763<br>229-759-6508                |
| <b>MITCHELL COUNTY</b>  | <b><u>Albany Area Primary Health Care (AAPHC)</u></b> | 229-888-6559 (office)<br>204 North Westover Boulevard<br>Albany, GA 31707   |
|                         | <b><u>Baker County Primary Health Care</u></b>        | 327-3 Sunset Avenue, SW<br>P.O. Box 130<br>Newton, GA 39870<br>229-734-5250 |

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## FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS (FQHCs)

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|------------------------|---|---|
| <b>QUITMAN COUNTY</b>  | <b><u>Georgetown Family Practice (Care Connect)</u></b>     | 229-334-9353<br>23 Old School Rd<br>Georgetown GA 39854                   |
| <b>RANDOLPH COUNTY</b> | <b><u>Care Connect (FKA SWG Healthcare)</u></b>             |   |
| <b>SUMTER COUNTY</b>   | <b><u>Albany Area Primary Health Care (AAPHC)</u></b>       | 229-888-6559 (office)<br>204 North Westover Boulevard<br>Albany, GA 31707 |
|                        | <b><u>Americus Family Primary Care (Care Connect)</u></b>   | 229-928-4755<br>205 Rees Street<br>Americus, GA 31709                     |
| <b>TERRELL COUNTY</b>  | <b><u>Albany Area Primary Health Care (AAPHC)</u></b>       | 229-888-6559 (office)<br>204 North Westover Boulevard<br>Albany, GA 31707 |
|                        | <b><u>Care Connect Convenient Dawson (Care Connect)</u></b> | 229.270.1905<br>771 Rountree Drive SW, Ste A<br>Dawson GA 39842           |

## GEORGIA COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA)

Trained volunteers appointed by the court to improve a child's experience in foster care.

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| <b><u>SOWEGA CASA</u></b><br>Serving Clay, Crisp, Early, Lee, Quitman, Randolph, Sumter, Terrell Counties | Program Director: Karan Albritton<br><b><u>INFO@SOWEGACHILDREN.ORG</u></b><br>229-931-4488<br>P.O. Box 732<br>Americus GA 31709                             |
| <b><u>Dougherty CASA</u></b><br>Serving Dougherty County  | Program Director: Charlene Maldonado<br><b><u>CASAOFSWGA.DOUGHERTY@GMAIL.COM</u></b><br>229-416-6624 or 678-213-6558<br>P.O. Box 323<br>Bainbridge GA 39818 |
| <b><u>CASA of Southwest Georgia</u></b><br>Serving Baker, Calhoun and Mitchell Counties                   | Executive Director: Nan McIntosh<br><b><u>CASASW2@MCHSI.COM</u></b><br>229-248-1040<br>P.O. Box 323<br>Bainbridge, GA 39818                                 |
| <b><u>Coastal Plain CASA, Inc.</u></b><br>Serving Worth County  | Executive Director: Kristin Morrison<br><b><u>INFO@CPCASA.ORG</u></b><br>229-386-9765<br>P.O. Box 2587<br>Tifton GA 31793                                   |

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## GEORGIA CRISIS & ACCESS LINE (GCAL)

24/7 helpline to get connected to crisis services for mental health, substance abuse, or intellectual/developmental disability issues in your area. 1-800-715-4225.

**Comprehensive list of GCAL Adult Behavioral Health Providers**  
**Comprehensive list of GCAL Child/Adolescent Behavioral Health Providers**

## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (DBHDD)

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD): state agency responsible for providing mental health, substance abuse, intellectual & developmental disabilities, deaf services across the state. 404-657-2252.

**Georgia DBHDD Regional Field Offices:** administers DBHDD hospital and community resources in 6 regions. more info [here](#).

**Region 4:** serving Colquitt, Decatur, Early, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, and Thomas Counties.

400 S. Pinetree Boulevard  
 Thomasville, GA 31792  
 229-225-5099

**Region 6:** serving Clay, Crisp, Quitman, Randolph, Sumter Counties  
 Ann Riley, Behavioral Health Regional Services Administrator

706-565-7835  
 3000 Schatulga Road  
 Building 4  
 Columbus GA 31907

## GEORGIA DBHDD OFFICE OF CONSTITUENT SERVICES

Point of contact to answer questions, address complaints, inquiries, and recommendations about DBHDD services. Fill out online intake form, call 404-657-5964 or email [DBHDDConstituentServices@dbhdd.ga.gov](mailto:DBHDDConstituentServices@dbhdd.ga.gov).

## GEORGIA DBHDD STATE HOSPITALS

Five state hospitals offering inpatient adult mental health and forensic services. To be referred to hospital services in your area, please call the Georgia Crisis & Access Line at 1-800-715-4225, available 24/7.

**Map of all state psychiatric hospital locations.** - *None in regional area*

# STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH (DCH)

Oversee Medicaid & the State Health Benefit Plan and Healthcare Facility Regulation Division (HFRD).  
404-656-4507.

## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CARE AND LEARNING (DECAL)

Provides childcare and early education resources throughout the state.

Detailed [directory of staff](#) in the different programs

## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE (DJJ)

Serves state's youth offenders by providing probation supervision, secure detention, youth with medical and mental health treatment, including behavioral health, through age 21.

**Office of Behavioral Health Services (OBHS):**  
Dr. Christine Doyle (Contact Director)  
404-508-6597

## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (GDPH)

Provides free stress management services through Teen Health Center, facilitates collaboration & communication between different entities.

For public health emergencies, Call 1-866-PUB-HLTH anytime, 24/7.

### **Southwest Health District of GDPH (District 8-2)**

Includes Baker, Calhoun, Dougherty, Early, Lee, Mitchell, Terrell, and Worth Counties

District Office: 229-352-4275  
1109 North Jackson Street  
Albany GA 31701

### **BAKER COUNTY**

229-734-5226

### **CALHOUN COUNTY**

229-849-2515

### **DOUGHERTY COUNTY**

229-248-3055

### **EARLY COUNTY**

229-207-0049

### **LEE COUNTY**

229-759-3014

### **MITCHELL COUNTY**

229-355-3081

### **TERRELL COUNTY**

229-352-4277

### **WORTH COUNTY**

229-777-2150

# STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (GDPH)

### West Central District of GDPH (District 7)

Includes Clay, Crisp, Quitman, Randolph and Sumter Counties

District Office: 833-337-1749  
2100 Comer Avenue  
Columbus GA 31904

### CLAY COUNTY

833-337-1749

### CRISP COUNTY

833-337-1749

### QUITMAN COUNTY

833-337-1749

### RANDOLPH COUNTY

833-337-1749

### SUMTER COUNTY

833-337-1749

## GEORGIA DIVISION OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES (DFCS)

Oversees reports of child abuse, finds foster & adoptive homes for abused and neglected children, issues SNAP, Medicaid & TANF, Find locations [here](#).

404-657-3433

[CUSTOMER\\_SERVICES\\_DFCS@DHS.GA.GOV](mailto:CUSTOMER_SERVICES_DFCS@DHS.GA.GOV)

### BAKER COUNTY

229-734-5247

### CALHOUN COUNTY - TEMP CLOSED, SEE DOUGHERTY OFFICE

833-337-1749

### CLAY COUNTY

229-768-2511

### CRISP COUNTY

229-276-2349, Office: 229-401-3002

### DOUGHERTY COUNTY - Serves Baker, Calhoun, Dougherty, Lee, Terrell, and Worth

229-430-4118

### EARLY COUNTY

229-724-2000

### LEE COUNTY

229-759-3000

### MITCHELL COUNTY

229-522-3500

### QUITMAN COUNTY

229-334-2427

### RANDOLPH COUNTY

229-931-2462

### SUMTER COUNTY

229-931-2462

### TERRELL COUNTY

229-995-4432

### WORTH COUNTY

229-777-2000



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### GEORGIA MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMER NETWORK (GMHCN)

leads local and statewide initiatives to promote and provide behavioral health services including peer mentoring and online wellness resources; 404-687-9487.

### GEORGIA PUBLIC DEFENDER COUNCIL MENTAL HEALTH COURTS

24 month judicially supervised, treatment-based program for those individuals with a documented mental health diagnosis.

**Adult Mental Health Courts** are available in Dougherty, Lee, Sumter, Thomas Counties. Find mental health courts [here](#).

Dougherty Superior Court MH/SA Treatment Program

Judge: Victoria Darrisaw  
Contact: Patricia Griffin  
229-878-3183  
[PATRICIA.E.GRIFFIN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PATRICIA.E.GRIFFIN@GMAIL.COM)

Southwestern Judicial Circuit Accountability Court (Lee, Macon, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, and Webster Counties)

Judge: W. James Sizemore, Jr.  
Contact: Randi Duncan  
229-815-5600  
[R.DUNCANSWJC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:R.DUNCANSWJC@GMAIL.COM)

Thomas County Accountability Court (Thomas County)

Judge: James Pine  
Contact: Jennifer Fabbri, J.D.  
229-616-7445  
[J.FABBRI@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:J.FABBRI@HOTMAIL.COM)

### LOCAL INTERAGENCY PLANNING TEAM (LIPT)

Local Interagency Planning Team (LIPT): is a group of local child-serving agencies and community supports working with youth with severe emotional disturbance (SED) and their families using the System of Care approach by facilitate the coordination of services. Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Regional [Map](#).

**Children, Young Adults, and Families (CYF) Specialist Contact Information:**

Region 4:

Todd Jones  
229-225-5099  
[TODD.JONES@DBHDD.GA.GOV](mailto:TODD.JONES@DBHDD.GA.GOV)

Region 6:

Jackie Ezell  
706-565-7835  
[JACKIE.EZELL@DBHDD.GA.GOV](mailto:JACKIE.EZELL@DBHDD.GA.GOV)

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## LOCAL INTERAGENCY PLANNING TEAM (LIPT)

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| <b>LIPT County Chairs<br/>Contact Information:<br/><u>Master Chair List</u></b> | <b>BAKER COUNTY</b>     | Region 4: | LIPT Chair; Jessica Jennings<br>229-376-0262<br><b><u>MCCYFC@CAMILLAGA.NET</u></b>    |
|   | <b>CALHOUN COUNTY</b>   | Region 4: | LIPT Chair: VACANT<br>See CYF Specialist Contact Information                          |
|   | <b>CLAY COUNTY</b>      | Region 6: | LIPT Chair: VACANT<br>See CYF Specialist Contact Information                          |
|   | <b>CRISP COUNTY</b>     | Region 6: | LIPT Chair: Joshua Lydic<br>229-815-7927<br><b><u>JOSHUAL@MFBHC.ORG</u></b>           |
|   | <b>DOUGHERTY COUNTY</b> | Region 4: | LIPT Chair: Angie Williams<br><b><u>ASWILLIAMS2@ALBANYCSB.ORG</u></b>                 |
|   | <b>EARLY COUNTY</b>     | Region 4: | LIPT Chair: Erica Miller<br>229-723-2468<br><b><u>EARLYCAC6@YAHOO.COM</u></b>         |
|   | <b>LEE COUNTY</b>       | Region 4: | LIPT Chair: Erica Miller<br>229-723-2468<br><b><u>EARLYCAC6@YAHOO.COM</u></b>         |
|   | <b>MITCHELL COUNTY</b>  | Region 4: | LIPT Chair: Jessica Jennings<br>229-376-0262<br><b><u>MCCYFC@CAMILLAGA.NET</u></b>    |
|   | <b>QUITMAN COUNTY</b>   | Region 6: | LIPT Chair: VACANT<br>See CYF Specialist Contact Information                          |
|   | <b>RANDOLPH COUNTY</b>  | Region 6: | LIPT Chair: VACANT<br>See CYF Specialist Contact Information                          |
|   | <b>SUMTER COUNTY</b>    | Region 6: | LIPT Chair: Joshua Lydic<br>229-815-7927<br><b><u>JOSHUAL@MFBHC.ORG</u></b>           |
|   | <b>WORTH COUNTY</b>     | Region 4: | LIPT Chair: Rose Hicks<br>229-430-4822<br><b><u>ROSEMARYHICKS@DJJ.STATE.GA.US</u></b> |

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### PEER2PEER WARM LINE

24 hours phone peer support from certified peer specialists to provide assistance and resources for challenging life experiences and chronic behavioral health conditions; 888-945-1414

### RESILIENCY SUPPORT CLUBHOUSES

Resiliency Support Clubhouse at Georgia State University: Provides supportive services including educational supports, employment services, peer support, family engagement, social activities, and other initiatives geared to engage youth and assist them in managing behaviors and symptoms.

#### Aspire Clubhouse

Contact: Marlon Jones  
229-430-5100

2500 Dawson Road  
Suite 101  
Albany, GA 31707

### YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CAMPUSES

Medium to low-security detention centers operated locally by the Juvenile Justice Department and holds youths awaiting the determination of punishment for the crimes which they are accused. Find available YDCs [here](#).

·No YDCs in Region area. Find available YDCs in Georgia [here](#).

# SUPPORT GROUPS & RESPITE CENTERS

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| <b>Alcoholics Anonymous:</b><br>Find local meetings <a href="#">here</a> .   | <b>CRISP COUNTY</b>  | <b><u>Agilis House</u></b>   | 501 E 11th Avenue<br>Cordele, GA 31015              |
|  | <b>DOUGHERTY COUNTY</b>  | <b><u>Albany Central Group</u></b>   | 427 Flint Avenue<br>Albany GA 31701                 |
|  |  | <b><u>Unity Group</u></b> - St. Paul's<br>Community House  | 321 Flint Ave<br>Albany GA 31701                    |
|  | <b>MITCHELL COUNTY</b>   | <b><u>Mitchell Co Group</u></b>  | 102 South Scott St.<br>Camilla GA 31730             |
|  | <b>SUMTER COUNTY</b>   | <b><u>Americus Group</u></b> - Friends<br>of Bill W  | 702 Adderton St<br>GA Hwy 30W<br>Americus, GA 31709 |
|  | <b>WORTH COUNTY</b>  | <b><u>Sylvester Group</u></b> - Sylvester-<br>Worth County   | 103 Eldridge St.<br>Sylvester GA 31791              |
| <b><u>Change Center at Aspire BHDD:</u></b> An Addiction<br>Recovery Support Center, complete with<br>community-based services |  | Kathryn Newcomb<br><b><u>KNEWCOMB@ALBANYCSB.ORG</u></b>  | 229-299-9678<br>500 Pine Ave<br>Albany GA 31701     |
| <b><u>Colquitt County Peer Support, Wellness and<br/>         Respite Center</u></b>   |  | <b><u>COLQUITTCOUNTY@GMHCN.ORG</u></b>   | 229-873-9737  |
| <b><u>Georgia Council for Recovery</u></b> (FKA Georgia<br>Council on Substance Abuse)   |  | <b><u>Directory</u></b> of recovery community organizations, peer<br>support organizations, and respite centers. |   |
| <b><u>Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network</u></b>   |  | Statewide Peer Support and Wellness  |   |
| <b>Georgia Parent Support<br/>         Network (GPSN)</b><br><br><b>Youth Peer Support<br/>         Referral Link</b>          | <b><u>INFO@GPSN.ORG</u></b>  | 1-844-278-6945<br>404-758-4500   |   |
|  | <b><u>Weekly Statewide Parent<br/>         Education &amp; Support Group</u></b> | <b><u>LISA.PACE@GPSN.ORG</u></b><br>770-545-4298   |   |

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**Narcotics Anonymous:**  
Learn more [here](#)

**South Georgia  
Area of Narcotics  
Anonymous**

Serving Dougherty, Worth,  
Mitchell Counties

South Georgia **Weekly  
Meeting list**  
Helpline 877-80-9919

**South Central  
Georgia Area of  
Narcotics  
Anonymous**

Serving Crisp and Sumter  
Counties

South Central **Weekly  
Meeting list** Helpline  
888-947-7262

**New Life Addiction  
Resource Center (ARC)**

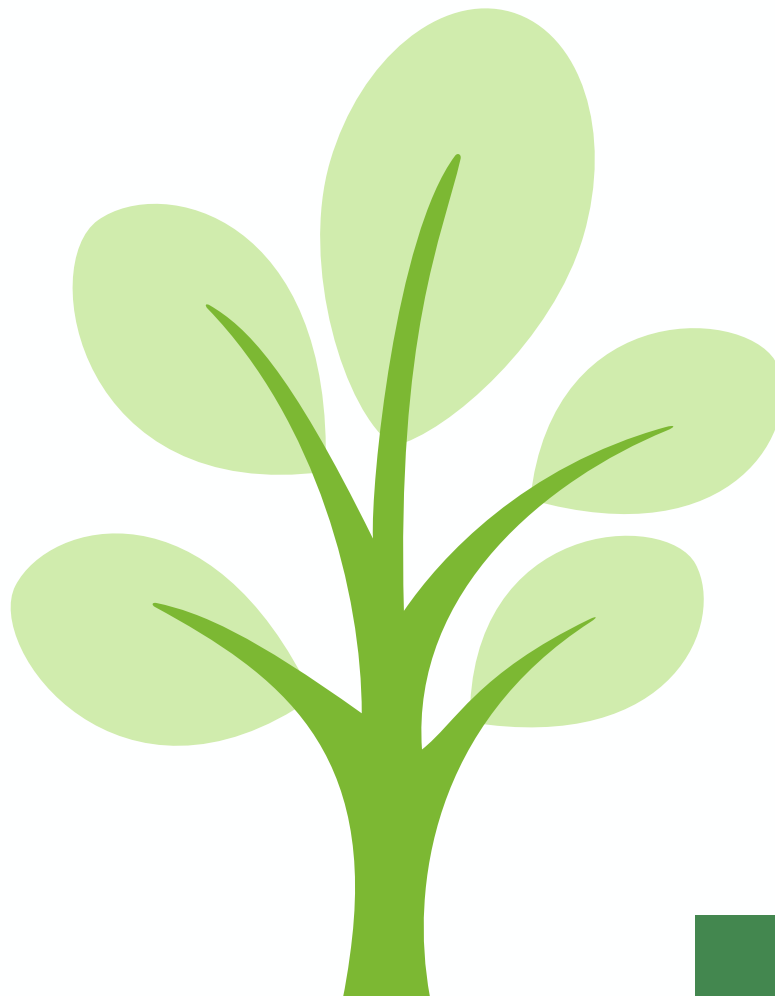
- Non-clinical, "peer"-led recovery support center  
Michael Karns  
**MICHAELK@MFBHC.ORG**

229-815-1169  
512 Millard Fuller Blvd  
Americus GA 31719

**Workaholics  
Anonymous:**  
Learn more [here](#)

Primary Contact: Chris, 646-656-1592  
**ATLANTAWORKAHOLICS@GMAIL.COM**

Georgia **Online Meetings**





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Southwest Georgia



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