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A manual to provide resources to families, health care providers, and others who work with children with special needs.

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What Are Neural Tube Defects?

Neural tube defects (NTDs) are birth defects that happen very early in pregnancy. The defects develop between the 17th and 30th day after conception (4 to 6 weeks after the first day of a woman’s last menstrual period). This is often before a woman knows she is pregnant. During this time, the neural tube forms and closes. It later becomes the brain, spinal cord, and the bones surrounding the brain and spinal cord. An NTD happens when the neural tube fails to close properly.

The most common NTDs are spina bifida, anencephaly, and encephalocele.

**Spina bifida** occurs when the lower end of the neural tube fails to close. As a result, the spinal cord and back bones do not develop properly. Sometimes a sac of fluid pushes through an opening in the back and part of the spinal cord is found in this sac. Paralysis of the legs, loss of bowel and bladder control, hydrocephalus (“water on the brain”), and learning disabilities often happen with spina bifida.

**Anencephaly** is a fatal condition in which the upper end of the neural tube fails to close. The skull does not form properly, and the brain either does not develop completely or it doesn’t develop at all. Babies affected by anencephaly are miscarried, stillborn, or die shortly after birth.

**Encephalocele** happens when a part of the upper end of the neural tube doesn’t close properly, leaving a hole in the skull through which the brain protrudes. With early surgery to repair the encephalocele, these babies usually live. Some have little or no disabilities that you can see, while others are more affected.
What Causes Neural Tube Defects?

No one knows exactly what causes NTDs, but research has found that they happen early in pregnancy and that some factors are thought to be related to these birth defects. It is important for you to know that having an NTD-affected pregnancy is no one’s fault. Any woman who can get pregnant can have a pregnancy affected by NTDs. About 95 percent of women with NTD-affected pregnancies have no family history of these birth defects. Although there are some actions you can take to lower your chances of having a baby with an NTD, these have been found recently and are not yet commonly known. Even parents who know about these actions and do everything possible to have a healthy baby can still have a baby with an NTD.

There are some factors that might increase your chances of having a pregnancy affected by NTDs. These include:

- A previous NTD-affected pregnancy
- Maternal insulin-dependent diabetes
- Use of anti-seizure medication
- Medically diagnosed obesity
- Exposure to high temperatures during pregnancy
- Race/ethnicity (NTDs are more common among white women than black women and more common among Hispanic women than non-Hispanic women)

Talk with your doctor or a genetic counselor about ways to reduce your chances in future pregnancies if any of those factors apply to you.

What Can I Do To Reduce the Risk of NTDs?

If all women who can get pregnant take the B vitamin folic acid daily, up to 70 percent of NTDs can be prevented. Even women who are not planning to get pregnant should take folic acid daily, because half of all pregnancies in the United States are not planned. The United States Public Health Service (USPHS) and the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine (IOM) recommend that all women capable of becoming pregnant take 400 micrograms of synthetic folic acid daily in addition to consuming food folate from a varied diet to reduce their risk of having an NTD-affected pregnancy. That is the amount of folic acid found in most over-the-counter multivitamins and in a
single serving of some breakfast cereals. Check the labels to be sure!
Folic acid can be found in "enriched" cereal/grain products, such as flour, pasta, and rice. Again, check the labels to be sure.

The USPHS recommends that women who have had a previous NTD-affected pregnancy take an even higher dosage of folic acid when planning a future pregnancy. These women should talk with their doctors about increasing the dose of folic acid from 0.4 milligram (400 micrograms) to 4.0 milligrams (4,000 micrograms) daily from at least 1 month before conception through the first three months of pregnancy. The increased dose of folic acid is 10 times the usual amount and should be obtained with a prescription from the doctor. Taking more than one multivitamin a day to increase the dose can be harmful.

Are Folic Acid and Folate the Same?

Folate and folic acid are different forms of the same B vitamin. Folate is the form that is found naturally in foods. Folic acid is the man-made form that is used in vitamin supplements and added to fortified foods. The body absorbs man-made (synthetic) folic acid better than natural food folate. Folate found naturally in foods has a more complex structure that must be "broken down" before it can be used, and some is lost during the process. Also, storage and temperature can affect the folate in food. Because the body can absorb and use the folic acid found in vitamin supplements and fortified foods more efficiently than food folate and because the amount of folic acid usable by the body is easier to predict with the synthetic form, the USPHS and the IOM recommend that women who can get pregnant consume the man-made form of folic acid daily to make sure they are getting the proper amount.

Can NTDs Be Found During Pregnancy?

Most NTDs can be found during pregnancy by three different tests:

-Maternal serum alpha-fetoprotein (MSAFP) test is a screening test that is performed on a pregnant woman's blood at approximately 14-16 weeks of pregnancy. Further testing is needed if the MSAFP is abnormal.

-High-resolution ultrasound might visually detect an NTD after about 18 weeks of pregnancy.

-Amniocentesis is a test that samples the amniotic fluid (fluid that
surrounds the baby) after 14 weeks of pregnancy.

There are risks (such as slightly increased chance of miscarriage with aminocentesis) and benefits (such as being able to prepare for any special care a baby may need after delivery) for each of these tests. Talk with your doctor or a genetic counselor about the details of each test, their risks and benefits, and other available options.

**What Is It Like To Live with an NTD?**

The range of disabilities in people with NTDs varies from mild (little or no apparent disability) to severe (limited movement and function). People with NTDs and their families face economic, educational, health, and emotional issues. Many babies with NTDs develop hydrocephalus, a buildup of fluid in the brain. Surgery to place a shunt (a long tube that will drain the extra fluid) reduces pressure on the brain. Because hydrocephalus can be detected and treated early, mental retardation caused by excess pressure on the brain is not as common as used to be. However, children with NTDs often have learning disabilities. Frequent surgeries, paralysis of the legs, and lack of bowel and bladder control are common for people living with spina bifida. These problems may affect a person’s health, self-esteem, work, play, and social interactions.

Despite those challenges, many people affected with NTDs and their families adjust to the extra demands and function well.

**For more information, please see your health care provider.**

**Sources**

- http://www.ibis-birthdefects.org/start/ntdfact.htm
- http://www.chg.duke.edu/patients/neural.html
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Chapter II

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The information in this chapter was originally presented on the Parent to Parent of Georgia Web site at http://www.parenttoparentofga.org and has been modified and reproduced here courtesy of Parent to Parent of Georgia.
What Is a Deeming Waiver, and How Do I Obtain It?

The Deeming Waiver is a medical waiver program for children with certain disabilities. Parents of children with disabilities often find it hard to deal with the income limit that blocks qualifying for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). The Deeming Waiver, previously called the Katie Beckett Waiver, gives parents a way to get Medicaid for their child with a disability when their income is too high to qualify for SSI. This federal waiver takes the family income out of the picture and looks at the income/assets of the child. Even if a child has private insurance coverage, parents can apply for this waiver. Most private insurance policies have lifetime caps and limits on service and out-of-pocket expenses. If families have private insurance, the Deeming Waiver can provide secondary insurance to cover out-of-pocket expenses, and it is helpful to have the Deeming Waiver in place before a lifetime cap of the primary insurance is met. As secondary coverage, Medicaid will pay for 20 percent of expenses that primary insurance does not pay.

Is My Child Eligible?

To be approved for the Deeming Waiver, your child must:

- Be less than 18 years old,
- Meet Social Security Disability criteria,
- Have cost-effective home care (less than nursing home cost),
- Not qualify for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) due to income and/or assets of the parents, and
- Be eligible for nursing home placement as established by the Georgia Medical Care Foundation (GMCF) for Medicaid recipients. (This does not mean the child should be placed in a nursing home, simply that the child meets the nursing home requirements for care.)
**How Do I Apply?**

Contact your county Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS). Ask to speak with the Medicaid worker (general DFCS personnel may not know about the Deeming Waiver). The Medicaid worker will make an appointment to have a long and in-depth meeting with you. **Be sure to ask what you need to take with you for the appointment.** The first step is to make sure that your child is not eligible for SSI. Most of the time the county DFCS office can tell you whether or not your child meets the guidelines, but sometimes the only way to know is to apply at the Social Security Office for SSI for your child.

You will need to gather information and fill out forms about your child’s disability. The DFCS worker will tell you what you need to get, give you the forms, and tell you where you can get help finishing the forms.

**What Will I Need to Have Done?**

To get a Deeming Waiver, you will need to have the following:

- **Social History:** a detailed family history taken by DFCS personnel
- **Psychological Evaluation:** for children with mental retardation or a developmental delay to be done by a psychologist (PhD)
- **Plan of Care:** a plan that states the child’s strengths, limits, and needs for all areas of care
- **DMA-6 Form:** Doctor’s recommendation for nursing home placement. Although the form can be filled out by the parent, it must be signed by the doctor. **This form is very important.** Be sure to ask the DFCS worker to mark the areas that need to be signed by the doctor. Please take this form to the doctor who knows your child best. **You may wish to ask the doctor to either post-date it or leave the date blank when he signs the form.** This is helpful, because the form is good for only 30 days. The date can be added after all the paperwork is ready as it often takes more than 30 days to compile the needed documents.

When all paperwork is done, give it to the DFCS worker. He or she will then send it to the Georgia Medical Care Foundation (GMCF) for approval.
What Are Health Insurance Options for Children?

All Children, Middle-Income Working Families

PeachCare for Kids: This program allows working families with certain incomes to purchase low-cost health insurance for any child under 19 years of age. Children under 6 years of age are covered at no cost to the family. Starting at age 6, the costs are $7.50 per month for one child and $15.00 per month for two or more children. To apply for this program, call 1 (877) GA-PEACH.

Children with a Disability, Middle- or High-Income Families

Deeming Waiver: The Deeming Waiver is a medical waiver program for children with certain disabilities. This program provides Medicaid insurance to children who live in families having income that is too high to qualify for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). The Deeming Waiver Medicaid can be used as either primary insurance or, for a child already covered under a private insurance plan, as a secondary insurance. To apply for this program, contact your local Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) office.

All Children, Low-Income Families

Medicaid without SSI: Families with a certain income might qualify to receive medical insurance through Medicaid. This program is for children up to 18 years of age whether or not they have a disability. To apply, contact your local Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) office.

Children with Medicaid Who Might Be Eligible for Private Insurance

HIPP (Health Insurance Premium Payment): HIPP is a Department of Medical Assistance (DMA) program that pays for the cost of private health insurance. It is for those people with Medicaid (Medicaid, Medicaid with SSI, or Deeming Waiver) if the DMA decides it costs less to pay for private insurance instead of having Medicaid pay all the bills. It can be used for the entire family if a family insurance plan is found to cost less. To apply for this program, contact the DMA at (404) 525-3660.
Children with a Disability, Low-Income Families

Medicaid with SSI: Families with a certain income who have a child with a disability might qualify to receive monthly SSI and Medicaid insurance. To apply, contact your local Social Security Office. Call (800) 772-1213 to find the closest office.

All Children, Families with Income Too High for Medicaid and a Lot of Medical Bills

Medically Needy, Spend Down Medicaid: You may qualify for the Medically Needy program if you have a lot of medical bills, but your income is too high for “regular” Medicaid. To apply, contact your local Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) office.

To learn more about these programs, contact your nearest Parent to Parent office.

Parent to Parent
http://www.parenttoparentofga.org
e-mail: info@parenttoparentofga.org

Atlanta/Central Office
3805 Presidential Pkwy., Ste. 207
Atlanta, GA 30340
Phone: (770) 451-5484
Toll-free: (800) 229-2038
Fax: (770) 458-4091

Albany Office
P.O. Box 71026
141 N. Slappey Blvd.
Albany, GA 31708
Phone: (229) 438-5600
Toll-free: (800) 229-2038
Fax: (229) 436-8744

Statesboro Office
3 W. Altman St.
Statesboro, GA 30458
Phone: (912) 489-1904
Toll-free: (800) 229-2038
Fax: (912) 681-0910
Chapter III

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The Georgia Folic Acid Task Force provides the following information for your convenience. While we feel that the organizations listed could be helpful to you and your family, we have no control over their policies and practices. The views and opinions of these organizations are not necessarily those of the Georgia Folic Acid Task Force or its member agencies.
Adaptive Equipment

Center for Assistive Technology and Environmental Access
Georgia Institute of Technology
490 10th St., N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30332-0156
Phone: (404) 894-4960
Toll-free: (800) 726-9119
http://www.catea.org

Supports people with disabilities through research, educational programs, information sharing, and design and development of devices. The goal is through the use of technology to help people with disabilities to live, learn, play, and work as fully as possible.

Georgia Project for Assistive Technology (GPAT)
528 Forest Pkwy.
Forest Park, GA 30297
Phone: (404) 362-2024
http://www.gpat.org

Provides services, training on devices, and resources to parents, teachers, and school system staff.

Georgia Tools for Life
Department of Labor and Rehabilitation
Toll-free: (800) 497-8665
http://www.gatfl.org

Helps Georgians with disabilities get the devices and services they need to live, learn, work, and play independently in communities of their choice. Also, provides information and referral services through a statewide toll-free number.
Lekotek of Georgia, Inc.
1955 Cliff Valley Way
Atlanta, GA 30329
Phone: (404) 633-3430
http://www.lekotekga.org

Teaches children with disabilities through the use of adapted toys and computer equipment.

Shepherd Center
2020 Peachtree Rd., N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30309
Phone: (404) 352-2020
http://www.shepherd.org

Provides custom wheelchairs, seats, and other devices to help people with disabilities. Staff evaluates and prescribes solutions that will have the most lasting impact on a person's safety, independence, and quality of life.
Advocacy

Atlanta Alliance on Developmental Disabilities
1440 Dutch Valley Pl., N.E., Ste. 200
Atlanta, GA 30324
Phone: (404) 881-9777
Toll-free: (800) 229-5746
http://www.aadd.org

Services include support for individuals and families affected by developmental disabilities in metro Atlanta. Provides job and recreation programs. Also, provides information about prevention, public policy, education and training, and the interfaith disabilities network.

Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta
3232 Cobb Pkwy., #213
Atlanta, GA 30339
Phone: (404) 320-3233
E-mail: Advocacy@down-syndrome-atlanta.org
http://www.down-syndrome-atlanta.org

Organization of parents, relatives, professionals, and friends of citizens with Down syndrome dedicated to reaching and assisting parents of children with Down syndrome, promoting public awareness and education, encouraging research, and keeping the public and parents informed about legislative and social policy issues related to Down syndrome.
Family Voices
Georgia Contact: Heidi Fernandez
Phone: (678) 445-4664
E-mail: hcf67@cs.com
http://www.familyvoices.org/st/georgia.html

Clearinghouse for information and education concerning the health care of children with special health needs.

Georgia Advocacy Office
100 Crescent Centre Pkwy., Ste. 520
Tucker, GA 30084
Phone: (404) 885-1234
Toll-free: (800) 537-2329
E-mail: info@thegao.org
http://www.thegao.org

Advocates for individual rights, assistive devices, and other assistance for people with developmental disabilities and mental retardation.

Georgia Arc Network
1996 Cliff Valley Way, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30329
Phone: (404) 634-5512
Fax: (404) 634-9512
E-mail: arcga@earthlink.net
http://www.arcga.org

Raises awareness on legislative issues that directly affect people with developmental disabilities.
Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities in Georgia
2 Peachtree St., N.W., Ste. 3-210
Atlanta, GA 30303-3142
Phone: (404) 657-2126
TDD: (404) 657-2133
Toll-Free Inside Georgia: (888) ASK-GCDD or (888) 275-4233
Fax: (404) 657-2132
http://www.gccd.org/

State planning council in charge of public policy research, analysis, and reform, project demonstrations, education and training. May also provide service referrals and recommendations to the general public.

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Georgia
3562 Habersham at Northlake, Bldg. J, Ste. 3
Tucker, GA 30084
Phone: (770) 451-0020
Powerline: (800) 822-2539 or (770) 451-5501
http://www.hmhbga.org

Advocates for better maternal and child health through education, public awareness efforts, lobbying, and sponsoring networking opportunities and forums. Powerline provides, in both English and Spanish, health information and referrals for free or low-cost healthcare.

National Mental Health Association of Georgia
100 Edgewood Ave., Ste. 502
Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone: (404) 527-7175
Fax: (404) 527-7187
http://www.nmhag.org/

Educates, advocates, delivers services, and supports research to confront stigma, prejudice, and discrimination.
Educational Materials

National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
4770 Buford Hwy., N.E., MS F-45
Atlanta, GA 30341-3724
Phone: (770) 488-7160
Toll-free: (888) 232-6789
Fax: (770) 488-7197
E-mail: flo@cdc.gov
Web site: http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/folicacid
Order form: http://www2.cdc.gov/ncbddd/faorder

Provides free folic acid educational materials for individuals, state and local campaigns, and health professionals.

Brain Injury Association of Georgia
1447 Peachtree St., N.W., Ste. 810
Atlanta, GA 30309
Phone: (404) 603-1477
Helpline: (888) 334-2424
Fax: (404) 603-1476
E-mail: biag@braininjuryga.org
http://www.braininjuryga.org/

Provides statewide network of support groups, brain injury information and resources, toll-free helpline, and conferences, workshops, and camps.
**Family and Consumer Science Extension**  
University of Georgia  
Hoke Smith Annex  
Athens, GA 30602  
Phone: (706) 542-7566  
http://www.fcs.uga.edu/extension/index.html

Assists with plans for folic acid education, referrals, and resources for prepregnancy or prenatal care. Conducts folic acid promotion activities.

**Georgia Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled**  
1150 Murphy Ave., S.W.  
Atlanta, GA 30310  
Phone: (404) 756-4619

Provides information and educational materials about disabilities to individuals, families and professionals.

**March of Dimes, Georgia Chapter**  
1776 Peachtree St., Ste. 100  
Atlanta, GA 30309  
Phone: (404) 350-9800  
E-mail: ga619@marchofdimes.com  
http://www.marchofdimesga.com

Offers educational material on topics relating to healthy pregnancy and preventing birth defects. Offers workshops for health care professionals on these topics.

**Spina Bifida Association of Georgia, Inc**  
3355 Northeast Expressway, Ste. 207  
Atlanta, GA 30336  
Phone: (770) 454-7600  
www.spinabifidaofgeorgia.org  
E-mail: sbag@mindspring.com

Provides education about spina bifida and promotes activities that allow people born with spina bifida to live, learn, work, and play to the fullest.
**Family Support Services**

**Cobb County Spina Bifida Support Group**
Parent Contact: Sharon O’Grady
1409 Hampton Glen Dr.
Marietta, GA 30064
Phone: (770) 795-8121
E-mail: sharonogrady@bellsouth.net

Support group for parents of children with spina bifida.

**FOCUS (Families of Children Under Stress)**
3050 Presidential Dr., Ste. 114
Atlanta, GA 30340
Phone: (770) 234-9111
Fax: (770) 234-9131
E-mail: focus-ga@mindspring.com
http://www.focus-ga.org

Provides information and emotional and physical support to parents of children with disabilities or with ongoing medical needs.

**Georgia Parent Support Network**
1381 Metropolitan Pkwy., S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30310
Phone: (404) 758-4500
E-mail: gpsn@mindspring.com
http://www.unitedwayatl.org/211_Database/helpbook/UWMA1036AA.html

Provides support, telephone information and referrals, advocacy training, group assistance, and links for families of emotionally disturbed children.

**Parent to Parent of Georgia, Inc.**
3805 Presidential Pkwy., Ste. 207
Atlanta, GA 30340
Phone: (770) 451-5484
Toll-free: (800) 229-2038
http://www.parenttoparentofgeorgia.org

Provides information and support groups for parents of children with disabilities.
Health Care Services

Counseling

Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases
Georgia Department of Human Resources
2 Peachtree St., N.W., Ste. 22-224
Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone: (404) 657-2252
http://www2.state.ga.us/departments/dhr/mhmrsa

Plans, coordinates, and contracts services and evaluations for all publicly supported hospitals and community programs. Provides treatment and support services, screens people for admission, and provides follow-up when discharged.

Genetics

The providers listed below offer genetic diagnostic evaluations, testing, and counseling of children and families.

**Emory Genetics Laboratory**
2711 Irvin Way
Decatur, GA 30030
Phone: (404) 297-1500
Toll-free: (800) 366-1502

**Emory Children’s Center**
2040 Ridgewood Dr.
Atlanta, GA 30322
Phone: (404) 727-3512
Toll-free: (800) 727-1499

**Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta at Scottish Rite**
1001 Johnson Ferry Rd.
Atlanta, GA 30342
Phone: (404) 250-2672

**Division of Medical Genetics**
Department of Pediatrics
Medical College of Georgia
Augusta, GA 30912
Phone: (706) 721-2809
Medicaid/Insurance

Right from the Start Medicaid Project
2 Peachtree St., N.W., Ste. 21-413
Atlanta, GA 30303-3142
Toll-free: (800) 809-7276
http://www.rsm.dhr.state.ga.us/

Provides medical assistance to pregnant women and children. Services also include postpartum home visits and substance abuse day treatment for pregnant women. Eligibility is based on family size and income. Income limits are higher than those of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and Medically Needy programs.

PeachCare for Kids Program
P.O. Box 2583
Atlanta, GA 30301-2583
Toll-free: (877) GA-PEACH or (877) 427-3224

Provides health care to children through the 18 years of age and is for working, self-supporting Georgia families who cannot afford private insurance and are not eligible for Medicaid.

Pediatric Palliative Care and Hospice

Hospice Atlanta, Visiting Nurse Health Systems
Pediatric Hospice and Palliative Care Program
1244 Park Vista Dr.
Atlanta, GA 30319
Phone: (404) 869-3081

Provides prenatal and postnatal palliative care and hospice services in North Georgia.
Public Health

Babies Can't Wait
Programs for Children with Special Health Care Needs
Division of Public Health, Department of Human Resources
2 Peachtree St., N.W., Ste. 11-206
Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone: (404) 657-2726
Toll-free: (888) 651-8224
http://health.state.ga.us/programs/bcw/
Connects infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities from birth up to their third birthday to needed services in their area, regardless of parent's income.

Children 1st
Division of Public Health, Department of Human Resources
2 Peachtree St., N.W., Ste. 11-287
Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone: (404) 463-6431
http://health.state.ga.us/programs/childrenfirst
Identifies and screens children from birth to age 5 who have medical and social issues that may place them at risk for poor health or development. Offers link for families to public health and community programs and services.

Children's Medical Services
Programs for Children with Special Health Care Needs
Division of Public Health, Department of Human Resources
2 Peachtree St., N.W., Ste. 11-215
Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone: (404) 657-2726
Toll-free: (888) 651-8224
http://health.state.ga.us/programs/cms/
Assures that eligible children with chronic health conditions who are residents of the state of Georgia receive specialty medical care. Provides services for children from birth to 21 years of age.
Universal Newborn Hearing Screening and Intervention
2 Peachtree St., N.W., Ste. 11-274
Atlanta, GA 30303-3142
Phone: (404) 463-2192
http://health.state.ga.us/programs/unhs/

A system in Georgia linking hospitals, primary health providers, and public health agencies to ensure that all newborns are screened for hearing loss and referred for treatment, if needed. The coordinators can be found in Babies Can't Wait Offices listed in Georgia Department of Human Resources Public Health Resources beginning on page 40 of this booklet or on the Web site listed above.

Rehabilitation
Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation
6135 Roosevelt Hwy.
P.O. Box 1000
Warm Springs, GA 31830
Phone: (706) 655-5000
http://www.rooseveltrehab.org

Offers outpatient rehabilitation and medical services, water therapy, and therapeutic recreation (including camps and athletics). Helps prepare clients for jobs and provides special devices. Provides continuing education.

Spina Bifida Clinic
Medical College of Georgia Children's Medical Center
1446 Harper St.
Augusta, GA 30912
Phone: (706) 721-0982
http://cmc.mcg.edu/surg_services/rehab_medicine.htm

Offers orthopedic, rehabilitation medicine, urology, and neurosurgery services for children with spina bifida.
Spina Bifida Program at Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta
1001 Johnson Ferry Rd.
Atlanta, GA 30342
Phone: (404) 250-2149
http://www.choa.org/

Offers short-term stay that includes 6-8 hours/day of therapy and assistance, 7 days/week for 2 weeks.

Other

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation
1775 Clairmont Rd.
Decatur, GA 30033
Phone: (404) 325-3630
Toll-free: (800) 718-7483
Fax: (404) 636-5549
http://galions.org/lighthouse

Provides vision and hearing care, including eye exams, eyeglasses, eye surgeries, low vision aids, artificial eyes, and hearing aids for Georgians in financial need.

Marcus Institute
1920 Briarcliff Rd.
Atlanta, GA 30329
Phone: (404) 419-4000
http://www.marcus.org

Offers diagnosis, psychological testing, community referrals, parent education, family and individual counseling, and medication and behavior management to individuals affected by a developmental disability.

PreCare for Babies
Phone: (770) 451-5501
Toll-free: (877) 470-0453

Prenatal education program for low income pregnant women who are uninsured, underinsured, or Medicaid eligible. Provides referrals and resources to help pregnant women in the Atlanta and Columbus metropolitan areas to take the steps to have safer, healthier pregnancies.
Job Assistance

Georgia Department of Labor Rehabilitation Services
2 Peachtree St., N.W., 35th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone: (404) 657-3000
http://www.vocrehabga.org

Provides opportunities for work and personal independence for Georgians with disabilities.

Client Assistance Program
2 Peachtree Street, NW
23rd Floor, Suite 307
Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone: (404) 373-2040
Toll-free: (800) 822-9727
http://www.vocrehabga.org/lev3j.html

Helps people who have disabilities to train for jobs they can do.

Education & Child Care

Easter Seals Georgia Headquarters
5600 Roswell Road NE
Prado North, Suite 100
Atlanta, GA 30342
Phone: (404) 943-1070
E-mail: info@ga-no.easter-seals.org
http://www.ga-no.easter-seals.org

Provides infant, toddler, and preschool programs, including Head Start and the Georgia Pre-K Program.
Georgia Department of Education Division of Exceptional Students
1870 Twin Towers East
Atlanta, GA 30334
Phone: (404) 656-3963
http://www.doe.k12.ga.us

Helps local school systems provide special education and related services for children with disabilities.

Georgia Learning Resources Systems (GLRS)
2415-C N. Druid Hills Rd., N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30329
Phone: (404) 657-9958
Toll-free: (800) 282-7552
http://www.glrs.org

Provides support for parents, teachers, and administrators. Maintains library of materials. Arranges regional workshops and provides special education information to teachers and the general public.

Learning Disabilities Association of Georgia State Office
130 W. Wieuca Rd., Ste. 202
Atlanta, GA 30342
Phone: (404) 303-7774
http://www.ldag.org

Provides resources and support for persons with learning disabilities and/or attention deficit and hyperactivity disorders (ADHD) in the areas of education, jobs, self-advocacy training, systems change, and improved conditions.

Office of State Coordinator of Vocational Education for Students with Disabilities
1752 Twin Towers East
Atlanta, GA 30334
Phone: (404) 657-8324
Parents Educating Parents & Professionals, Inc.
6613 E. Church St.
Douglasville, GA 30134
Phone: (770) 577-7771
Toll-free: (800) 322-7065
http://www.peppac.org

Helps families get needed education services for their children with disabilities, works to improve education results for all children, helps resolve conflict between families and schools, connects children with disabilities to local resources that meet their needs.

Sports & Recreation

American Association of Adapted Sports Programs
945 N. Indian Creek Rd.
Clarkston, GA 30021
P.O. Box 538
Pine Lake, GA 30072
Phone: (404) 294-0070
Fax: (404) 294-5758
E-mail: aaasp@bellsouth.net
http://www.aaasp.org

Organizes adapted, competitive sports programs for youth with physical disabilities by working with schools, parks and recreation, YMCA/YWCAs, hospitals, parents, and other agencies and groups.

BlazeSports
1775 The Exchange, Ste. 540
Atlanta, GA 30339
Phone: (770)-850-8199
Fax: (770) 850-8179
E-mail: blazesports@blazesport.com
http://www.blazesports.com

Provides year-round sports programs for people with disabilities, including sports camps, clinics, competitions, and workshops.
Shepherd’s Program About Real Experiences (SPARX) Spina Bifida Camp
Shepherd Spinal Center
2020 Peachtree Rd., N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30309
Phone: (404) 350-7366
http://www.shepherd.org

Camp held every summer for 1 to 3 weeks (depending on age) that teaches children and teens with spina bifida about independence in daily living through team sports, peer support, and field trips. Activities include art, music, drama, wheelchair sports, swimming, and more.

National Resources

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
3417 Volta Pl., N.W.
Washington, DC 20007
Phone: (202) 337-5220
TTY: (202) 337-5221
Fax: (202) 337-8314
http://www.agbell.org/

Helps with issues of children with hearing loss and to provide ongoing support and advocacy for parents, deaf adults, and professionals.

American Society for Deaf Children
P.O. Box 3355
Gettysburg, PA 17325
Phone/TTY: (717) 334-7922
Toll-free: (800) 942-ASDC
Fax: (717) 334-8808
http://www.deafchildren.org/

Advocates for deaf or hard of hearing children’s total participation in education, the family, and the community.
Associations of Service Providers Implementing IDEA Reforms In Education (ASPIIRE)
The Council for Exceptional Children
1110 N. Glebe Rd., Ste. 300
Arlington, VA 22201
Phone: (703) 264-9456
Toll-free: (877) 232-4332
http://www.ideapractices.org/about/aspiire.php

Comprised of nineteen associations that work together to provide positive outcomes for students with disabilities.

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)
8181 Professional Pl., Ste. 201
Landover, MD 20785
Phone: (301) 306-7070
Toll-free: (800) 233-4050
http://www.chadd.org

Provides general information on ADHD. Local chapters sponsor parent and adult support groups and educational meetings. They provide a list of advocates in their area and work with local school systems to provide education to teachers about ADHD and accommodations for children with ADHD.

Families and Advocates Partnership for Education (FAPE)
Pacer Center, 8161 Normandale Blvd.
Minneapolis, MN 55437-1044
Phone: (612) 827-2966
Toll-free: (888) 248-0822
E-mail: fape@pacer.org
http://www.fape.org

Aims to inform and educate families and advocates about the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 1997 and promising practices. Helps to ensure that the changes made in IDEA are understood by families and advocates and are put into practice at local and state levels.
Learning Disabilities Association of America
4156 Library Rd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15234-1349
Phone: (412) 341-1515
E-mail: info@ldaamerica.org
http://www.ldanatl.org

Advances the education and welfare of children and adults of normal or potentially normal intelligence who have disabilities of a perceptual, conceptual, or coordinative nature.

National Information Center for Children and Youth With Disabilities (NICHCY)
P.O. Box 1492
Washington, DC 20013
Toll-free: (800) 695-0285
http://www.nichcy.org

Provides information on disabilities and related issues for families, educators, and professionals.

Office of Special Education Programs
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20202
Phone: (202) 205-8507
http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/OSEP

Supports programs and projects that improve results for infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities. Responsible for assisting states with implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
National Association of State Directors of Special Education
1800 Diagonal Rd., Ste. 320
Alexandria, VA 22314
Phone: (703) 519-3800
http://www.nasdse.org

Provides services to state agencies to help improve education for individuals with disabilities.

Spina Bifida Association of America
4590 MacArthur Blvd., N.W., Ste. 250
Washington, DC 20007-4226
Phone: (202) 944-3285
Toll-free: (800) 621-3141
http://www.sbaa.org

Promotes the prevention of spina bifida and deals with specific needs of people with spina bifida. Provides a toll-free number for information and referral. Other services include newsletters, legislative updates, publications, professional councils, conferences and educational opportunities, and research.

Easter Seals National Office
230 W. Monroe St., Ste. 1800
Chicago, IL 60606
Phone: (312) 726-6200
Toll-free: (800) 221-6827
http://www.easter-seals.org

Provides medical rehabilitation, job training and employment, inclusive child care, adult day care, and camping and recreation to individuals with disabilities.
Family Voices National Office
3411 Candelaria N.E., Ste. M
Albuquerque, NM 87107
Phone: (505) 872-4774
Toll-free: (888) 835-5669
E-mail: kidshealth@familyvoices.org
http://www.familyvoices.org

Clearinghouse for education and information about the health care of children with special needs, with special focus on the health care system and its role in assisting people with disabilities.

National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition
121 N. Washington St., Ste. 300
Alexandria, VA 22314
Phone: (703) 836-6110
Fax: (703) 836-3470
E-mail: info@hmhb.org
http://www.hmhb.org

Raises public awareness for better health of mothers and babies through partnerships among community groups, nonprofit organizations, professional associations, businesses, and government agencies.

Spanish Language Resources

Asociación de Espina Bífida de America
Spina Bifida Association of America
4590 MacArthur Blvd. N.W., Ste. 250
Washington, DC 20007
Toll-free: (800) 621-3141

Spanish educational publications available.
Atlanta Alliance on Developmental Disabilities
1440 Dutch Valley Place, N.E., Ste. 200
Atlanta, GA 30324
Spanish toll-free: (866) 260-9470
http://www.aadd.org

Provides information on services in Spanish with a toll-free number. Services include support to individuals and families affected by developmental disabilities in metro Atlanta. Provides job and recreation programs. Provides information about prevention, public policy, education and training, and the interfaith disabilities network.

Catholic Social Services
680 W. Peachtree St., N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30308
Phone: (404) 881-6571
http://www.cssatlanta.com

Services focus on refugee resettlement, job training, counseling, immigration issues, and pregnancy, parenting, and adoption.

Centro Nacional de Información para Niños y Jóvenes con Discapacidades
National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities (NICHCY)
P.O. Box 1492
Washington, DC 20013
Toll-free: (800) 695-0285
http://www.nichcy.org/spanish.htm

Provides referral and information in Spanish on disabilities and disability-related issues to families, educators, and other professionals for children and youth. Spanish educational publications available.
**Georgia Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Powerline**
3562 Habersham at Northlake
Tucker, GA 30084
Phone: (770) 451-0020
Toll-free: (800) 822-2539
http://www.hmhbga.org

In both English and Spanish, provides information on and referrals to free or low-cost healthcare.

**Georgia Tools for Life**
Division of Labor and Rehabilitation
Toll-free: (800) 497-8865
www.gatfl.org/spanbrochure.htm

Web site with information about the Tools for Life program in Spanish. Helps Georgians with disabilities get the devices and services they need to live, learn, work, and play independently in communities of their choice. Provides information and referral services through a statewide toll-free number.

**Latin American Association**
2750 Buford Hwy.
Atlanta, GA 30324
Phone: (404) 638-1800
http://www.latinamericanassoc.org

Provides housing, youth, employment, immigration, translation, and language services to the Latin community.

**Linea Nacional Prenatal Hispana** (National Hispanic Prenatal Hotline)
Toll-free: (800) 504-7081

Answers questions about prenatal issues, provides referrals to local prenatal services, and provides Spanish educational materials.
March of Dimes, Georgia Chapter
1776 Peachtree St., Ste. 100
Atlanta, GA 30309
Phone: (404) 350-9800
http://www.nacersano.org/

Offers Spanish educational materials on having a healthy pregnancy and preventing birth defects.

Medical Interpreter Network of Georgia (MING)
MING c/o GMACC
4151 Memorial Dr.
Decatur, GA 30032
Phone: (404) 296-5400, ext. 35

Provides social adjustment, case management, and cultural competency training and other services to refugees and immigrants in the greater Atlanta area. Staff speaks eleven different languages, including Somali, Serbo-Croatian, Amharic, Farsi, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Russian, Albanian, Arabic, Laotian, Korean, French, Gujarati, Hindi, German, Italian, and Spanish.

National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
4770 Buford Hwy., MS F-45
Atlanta, GA 30341
National Hispanic Prenatal Hotline: (800) 504-7081
E-mail: flo@cdc.gov
Spanish Web site: http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/folico
Order form: http://www2.cdc.gov/ncbddd/faorder

Web site and toll-free number provide information in Spanish about the importance of folic acid in preventing neural tube defects. Free educational materials in Spanish are available on the order form Web site.
**Parent to Parent of Georgia, Inc.**  
3805 Presidential Pkwy., Ste. 207  
Atlanta, GA 30340  
Phone: (770) 451-5484  
Toll-free: (800) 229-2038  
http://www.parenttoparentofga.org/Spanish.htm

Provides support and information, including parent support groups and educational materials, to parents of children with disabilities.

**PeachCare for Kids Program**  
Toll-free: (877) GA-PEACH or (877) 427-3224

PeachCare for Kids provides health care to children through the age of 18 and is designed for working, self-supporting Georgia families who cannot afford private insurance and are not eligible for Medicaid. Has a bilingual staff available statewide and at above number.

St. Joseph’s Mercy Care Services, Inc.  
Satellite Office: Casa San Jose  
579B Burroughs St.  
Atlanta, GA 30315  
Phone: (404) 627-2039  
E-mail: egalvis@sjha.org

Offers prenatal classes in Spanish and other direct medical services.
Related Web Sites

Disclaimer: The following links are provided for your information only. The Georgia Folic Acid Task Force does not endorse these sites and has no control over their content. Views and opinions expressed at the sites do not necessarily represent the Georgia Folic Acid Task Force.

American Academy of Pediatrics
http://www.aap.org
(Search for folic acid)

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
http://www.acog.org
(Search for folic acid)

Arkansas
http://www.aristotle.net/~folicacid/aboutfo.html

Australia’s Folic Acid Web Site

Children with Spina Bifida: A Resource Page for Parents
http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/~rowley/sb-kids/index.html
http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/~rowley/sb-kids/wbwsb.html

Family Village
http://www.FamilyVillage.wisc.edu/

Florida’s Council on Folic Acid
http://www.folicacidnow.net

Food and Drug Administration
(Folic Acid Fact Sheet)
http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/wh-folic.html

Georgia Division of Public Health
IDEA Local Implementation by Local Administrators Partnership
http://www.idealpractices.org

Institute of Medicine Report
http://www.nap.edu/catalog/6015.html?onpi_newsdoc040798

Kentucky’s Folic Acid Health Professional Training
http://publichealth.state.ky.us/Folic%20Acid%20Training.htm

MMWR
http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr5113.pdf

National Birth Defects Prevention Network (NBDPN)
http://www.nbdpn.org/

National Center for Health Statistics

New York
http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/folic/1335.htm

North Carolina
http://www.getfolic.com

Policymaker Partnership (PMP)
http://www.nasdse.org

Tennessee
http://www.state.tn.us/health/MCH/FolicAcid/toc.htm

Washington
http://www.folicacidcouncil.org/index.htm
Public Health Resources in Georgia by District
Georgia Department of Human Resources

District 1-1, Northwest
Includes Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade, Floyd, Gordon, Haralson, Paulding, Polk, Walker Counties

Division of Public Health
1305 Redmond Rd., Bldg. 614
Rome, GA 30161
Phone: (706) 295-6704

Babies Can't Wait
501 Broad St., Ste. 211
Rome, GA 30161
Phone: (706) 802-5072

Children's Medical Services
501 Broad St., Ste. 211
Rome, GA 30161
Phone: (706) 802-5311

District 1-2, Dalton
Includes Cherokee, Fannin, Gilmer, Murray, Pickens, Whitfield Counties

Division of Public Health
100 W. Walnut Ave., Ste. 92
Dalton, GA 30720
Phone: (706) 272-2342

Babies Can't Wait
100 W. Walnut Ave., Ste. 92
Dalton, GA 30720
Phone: (706) 272-2219
Toll-free: (888) 276-1558
Fax: (706) 272-2266

Children's Medical Services
100 W. Walnut Ave., Ste. 92
Dalton, GA 30720
Phone: (706) 272-2219
Fax: (706) 272-2266

Children 1st
100 W. Walnut Ave., Ste. 92
Dalton, GA 30720
Phone: (706) 272-2219
Toll-free: (888) 276-1558
Fax: (706) 272-2266
District 2, Gainesville
Includes Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, White Counties

Division of Public Health
Hall County Health Department
430 Prior St.
Gainesville, GA 30501
Phone: (770) 531-5600

Babies Can't Wait
1856-3 Thompson Bridge Rd.
Gainesville, GA 30501
Phone: (770) 531-4053
Toll-free: (800) 204-8731
Fax: (770) 538-2784

Children's Medical Services
1856-3 Thompson Bridge Rd.
Gainesville, GA 30501
Phone: (770) 535-6907
Fax: (770) 531-6341

District 3-1 Cobb-Douglas
Includes Cobb, Douglas Counties

Division of Public Health
Children with Special Needs
1650 County Services Pkwy.
Marietta, GA 30008-4010
Phone: (770) 514-2357

Babies Can't Wait
1650 County Services Pkwy.
Marietta, GA 30008-4010
Phone: (770) 514-2357
Fax: (770) 514-2803

Children's Medical Services
Rose Garden Hills Community Center
1861 Teasley Dr.
Smyrna, GA 30080
Phone: (770) 432-0112
Fax: (770) 432-1774

Children 1st
1650 County Services Pkwy.
Marietta, GA 30008
Phone: (770) 514-2460
Fax: (770) 514-2742

Resources for Children with Special Needs
District 3-2, Fulton
Includes Fulton County

Division of Public Health
99 Jesse Hill Jr. Dr., S.E.
Atlanta, GA 30303-3045
Phone: (404) 730-1211

Babies Can't Wait
151 Ellis St., N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone: (404) 730-4027
Fax: (404) 730-4038

Children's Medical Services
99 Jesse Hill Jr. Dr., S.E.
Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone: (404) 730-1481
Fax: (404) 730-1497

Children 1st
151 Ellis St, N.E., Ste. 150
Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone: (404) 730-8770
Fax: (404) 730-8781

District 3-3, Clayton
Includes Clayton County

Division of Public Health
1380 Southlake Plaza Dr.
Morrow, GA 30260-1756
Phone: (770) 961-1330
Fax: (770) 961-8370

Babies Can't Wait
7146 Southlake Pkwy.
Morrow, GA 30260-3075
Phone: (770) 960-9961
Fax: (770) 960-9664

Children's Medical Services
1380 Southlake Plaza Dr.
Morrow, GA 30260-1756
Phone: (770) 961-1330
Fax: (770) 961-8370

Children 1st
1380 Southlake Plaza Dr.
Morrow, GA 30260-1756
Phone: (770) 961-1330
Fax: (770) 961-8370
District 3-4, East Metro
Includes Gwinnett, Rockdale, and Newton Counties

Division of Public Health
324 W. Pike St.
Lawrenceville, GA 30046-0897
Phone: (770) 963-5142

Children's Medical Services
320 W. Pike St.
Lawrenceville, GA 30046-0897
Phone: (770) 963-5142
Fax: (770) 237-5309

Babies Can't Wait
320 W. Pike St.
Lawrenceville, GA 30245
Phone: (770) 339-5064
Fax: (770) 339-5345

District 3-5, Dekalb
Includes Dekalb County

Division of Public Health
445 Winn Way
P.O. Box 987
Decatur, GA 30031-1701
Phone: (404) 294-3700

Children's Medical Services
440 Winn Way
P.O. Box 987
Decatur, GA 30031-1707
Phone: (404) 508-7762
Fax: (404) 294-6316

Babies Can't Wait
440 Winn Way
P.O. Box 987
Decatur, GA 30031-0987
Phone: (404) 508-7981
Fax: (404) 294-6316

Children 1st
320 W. Pike St.
Lawrenceville, GA 30245
Phone: (678) 442-6894
Fax: (770) 963-1418

Children 1st
30 Warren Street
Atlanta, GA 30317
Phone: (404) 370-7366
Fax: (404) 370-4643
**District 4, LaGrange**

Includes Butts, Carroll, Coweta, Fayette, Heard, Henry, Lamar, Meriwether, Pike, Spalding, Troup, Upson Counties

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**District 5-1, South Central**

Includes Bleckley, Dodge, Johnson, Laurens, Montgomery, Pulaski, Telfair, Treutlen, Wheeler, Wilcox Counties

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District 5-2, North Central
Includes Baldwin, Bibb, Crawford, Hancock, Houston, Jasper, Jones, Monroe, Peach, Putnam, Twiggs, Washington, Wilkinson Counties

Division of Public Health
811 Hemlock St.
Macon, GA 31201-2198
Phone: (478) 751-6303

Children's Medical Services
811 Hemlock St.
Macon, GA 31201-2144
Phone: (478) 751-6253
Fax: (478) 751-6429

Babies Can't Wait
2520 Riverside Dr.
Macon, GA 31204-1571
Phone: (478) 745-9200
Toll-free: (888) 449-0108
Fax: (478) 745-9040

Children 1st
811 Hemlock St.
Macon, GA 31201-2144
Phone: (478) 751-6179
Fax: (478) 751-6429

District 6, Augusta
Includes Burke, Columbia, Emanuel, Glascock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Lincoln, McDuffie, Richmond, Screven, Taliaferro, Warren, Wilkes Counties

Division of Public Health
1916 North Leg Rd.
Augusta, GA 30909-4437
Phone: (706) 667-4255

Children's Medical Services
1916 North Leg Rd.
Augusta, GA 30909-4402
Phone: (706) 667-4400/4286
Fax: (706) 667-4555

Babies Can't Wait
1916 North Leg Rd.
Augusta, GA 30909-4437
Phone: (706) 667-4279
Fax: (706) 667-4278

Children 1st
1916 North Leg Rd.
Augusta, GA 30909-4402
Phone: (706) 667-4757
Fax: (706) 667-4555
District 7, West Central
Includes Chattahoochee, Clay, Crisp, Dooly, Harris, Macon, Marion, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taylor, Webster Counties

Division of Public Health  
2100 Comer Ave.  
P.O. Box 2299  
Columbus, GA 31902-2299  
Phone: (706) 321-6300

Children 1st  
705 17th St., Ste. 207  
Columbus, GA 31902  
Phone: (706) 327-0951  
Fax: (706) 327-1355

Children's Medical Services  
705 17th St., Ste. 208  
PO Box 2299  
Columbus, GA 31904-0672  
Phone: (706) 327-0574  
(706) 327-1375  
Fax: (706)-327-1355

Babies Can't Wait  
2700-C North Oak St.  
Valdosta, GA 31602-5904  
Phone: (229) 245-6565  
Toll-free: (800) 247-6538  
Fax: (229) 245-6561

Children 1st  
2700 North Oak Street, Bldg. B  
Valdosta, GA 31602-5904  
Phone: (229) 245-4310  
Fax: (229) 245-431

District 8-1, Valdosta
Includes Ben Hill, Barrien, Brooks, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Tift, Turner Counties

Division of Public Health  
PO Box 5147  
Valdosta, GA 31603-5147  
Phone: (229) 333-5290

Children's Medical Services  
2700 North Oak Street, Bldg. B  
Valdosta, GA 31602-5904  
Phone: (229) 245-4310  
Fax: (229) 245-431

Babies Can't Wait  
2700-C North Oak St.  
Valdosta, GA 31602-5904  
Phone: (229) 245-6565  
Toll-free: (800) 247-6538  
Fax: (229) 245-6561

Children 1st  
2700 North Oak St., Bldg. B  
Valdosta, GA 31602-5904  
Phone: (229) 293-6286  
Toll-free: (800) 316-8044  
Fax: (229) 293-6292
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Includes Baker, Calhoun, Colquitt, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas, Worth Counties

Division of Public Health
1109 N. Jackson St.
Albany, GA 31701-2022
Phone: (229) 430-4575

Children's Medical Services
1306 S. Slappey Blvd, Ste. B
Albany, GA 31701-2635
Phone: (229) 430-4115
Toll-free: (800) 430-4212
Fax: (229) 430-5145

Babies Can't Wait
1306 S. Slappey Blvd., Ste. M
Albany, GA 31701-2635
Phone: (229) 430-2700 or
(229) 522-3627
Fax: (229) 430-1156 or
(229) 522-3626

Children 1st
1306 S. Slappey Blvd, Suite A
Colony Square So.
Albany, GA 31701-2635
Phone: (229) 430-4212
Toll-free: (800) 430-4212
Fax: (229) 430-1379

District 9-1, Savannah
Includes Chatham, Effingham Counties

Division of Public Health
PO Box 14257
Savannah, GA 31416-1257
Phone: (912) 356-2108

Children's Medical Services
Chatham County Public Health Dept.
11706 Mercy Blvd., Bldg. 8
Savannah, GA 31419
Phone: (912) 921-7467
Fax: (912) 921-7473

Babies Can't Wait
11706 Mercy Blvd., Bldg. 8, Door B
Savannah, GA 31420-1751
Phone: (912) 921-7480
Fax: (912) 921-7490

Children 1st
11706 Mercy Blvd., Bldg. 8
Savannah, GA 31419
Phone: (912) 921-7478
Fax: (912) 927-5380
**District 9-2, Southeast**

Includes Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Bulloch, Candler, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Evans, Jeff Davis, Pierce, Tattnall, Toombs, Ware, Wayne Counties

Division of Public Health  
1101 Church St.  
Waycross, GA 31501-3525  
Phone: (912) 285-6010

Children's Medical Services  
Daisy Youth Center  
1720 Reynolds St.  
Waycross, GA 31501-1036  
Phone: (912) 285-6304  
Fax: (912) 287-6644

Children's Medical Services  
3 W. Altman St.  
Statesboro, GA 30458-5212  
Phone: (912) 681-0901  
Fax: (912) 681-0910

**District 9-3, Coastal**

Includes Bryan, Camden, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh Counties

Division of Public Health  
1609 Newcastle St.  
Brunswick, GA 31520  
Phone: (912) 264-3907

Children's Medical Services  
1609 Newcastle St.  
Brunswick, GA 31520-6730  
Phone: (912) 264-3907  
Fax: (912) 262-2315

Children 1st  
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Brunswick, GA 31520  
Phone: (912) 264-3907  
Fax: (912) 262-2315

Babies Can't Wait  
1718 Reynolds St.  
Waycross, GA 31501-1036  
Phone: (912) 284-2552  
Toll-free: (800) 429-6307  
Fax: (912) 287-6689

Children 1st  
1718 Reynolds St., Ste. 100  
Waycross, GA 31501  
Phone: (912) 338-5915  
Fax: (912) 338-5914

Babies Can't Wait  
1718 Reynolds St.  
Waycross, GA 31501-1036  
Phone: (912) 284-2552  
Toll-free: (800) 429-6307  
Fax: (912) 287-6689

Children 1st  
1718 Reynolds St., Ste. 100  
Waycross, GA 31501  
Phone: (912) 338-5915  
Fax: (912) 338-5914

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Statesboro, GA 30458-5212  
Phone: (912) 681-0901  
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District 10, Athens
Includes Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Greene, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Walton Counties

Division of Public Health
220 Research Dr.
Athens, GA 30605-2738
Phone: (706) 583-2870

Children's Medical Services
645 Meigs St.
Athens, GA 30601-2435
Phone: (706) 542-9653
Fax: (706) 542-9657

Babies Can't Wait
1077 Baxter St., Ste. H
Athens, GA 30606
Phone: (706) 369-6101
Fax: (706) 369-5709

Children 1st
220 Research Dr.
Athens, GA 30605
Phone: (706) 552-5651
Fax: (706) 769-3913

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Division of Public Health:
http://health.state.ga.us/regional/directors.shtml

Babies Can't Wait and
Children with Special Needs:
http://health.state.ga.us/programs/family/pdfs/bcwcms.pdf

Children 1st
http://health.state.ga.us/programs/childrenfirst