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Georgia Autism Services & Therapist Directory

Guiding Your Family With Care

Statewide starting points for evaluations, therapies, family support, education, and waiver services.

A supportive resource for families

Practical information, trusted links, and next steps—without judgment or pressure.

How to Use This Directory

Start with the section that fits your child's age or your family's immediate need. Programs, provider openings, eligibility rules, insurance participation, and waitlists can change—confirm details directly with each organization before scheduling or applying.

Quick Starting Points

Ages birth to 3: Babies Can't Wait

Georgia's early-intervention program offers coordinated services for eligible infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities and their families. Referrals may be made by phone, email, fax, letter, or in person. Call 1-800-GEORGIA or use the Georgia DPH website to find your county contact.

Ages birth through 21: Autism Access & Innovation

Georgia DPH's Autism Access & Innovation supports families as they navigate screening, diagnosis, intervention, services, and transition planning. The program includes family navigation and referral support.

Parent-to-parent support

Parent to Parent of Georgia provides family support, training, and a statewide resource database. Phone: 1-800-229-2038. Website: <https://www.p2pga.org>

Evaluation and therapy providers

A diagnostic evaluation or therapy referral may come from your child's pediatrician, developmental specialist, school district, or qualified mental-health professional. Ask about experience with your child's age, evaluations, insurance, telehealth, wait times, and care coordination.

Finding Local Services

Provider search tools

- Georgia Autism Navigator Provider Directory: ABA, speech, and occupational-therapy providers.
<https://avatoabaga.com/Directory>
- Psychology Today—Georgia Autism Therapists: filter by city, telehealth, insurance, age group, and treatment approach. <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/therapists/georgia?category=autism>
- Georgia Autism Center: evaluation, consultation, and coordinated-care information.
<https://www.georgiaautismcenter.com>
- Marcus Autism Center / Children's Healthcare of Atlanta: autism-focused clinical and family resources.
<https://www.marcus.org>

Therapy and support types

- Speech-language therapy: communication, language, social communication, feeding, and speech concerns.
- Occupational therapy: sensory, daily living, motor, routines, and participation support.
- Behavioral and developmental supports: individualized strategies for learning, communication, behavior, and participation.
- Mental-health therapy: anxiety, mood, coping, identity, relationships, and life transitions.
- School-based services: evaluation and supports through the local public school district when a disability may affect education.

Questions to Ask Before Scheduling

- Do you work with my child's age group and support needs?
- Do you provide autism evaluations, therapy, or both?
- What are the fees, insurance options, wait time, and cancellation policy?
- How are parents or caregivers included in goals and progress updates?
- Can you coordinate with our pediatrician, school, or other providers with consent?

Georgia NOW & COMP Waiver Programs

Georgia's New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) are Medicaid home- and community-based waiver programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Georgia's Department of Community Health administers Medicaid, and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) manages daily operations.

NOW Waiver

The NOW waiver is intended for people who need home- and community-based supports while living in their own home, family home, or another community setting.

COMP Waiver

The COMP waiver is designed for people who need more comprehensive supports, including intensive in-home or residential services.

How to apply

Apply for I/DD services and NOW/COMP consideration through the Georgia Collaborative ASO Individual IDD Connects portal: <https://www.georgiacollaborative.com/individuals-families/iddconnects/>. Families may also contact a DBHDD regional field office for intake and evaluation assistance. A completed application does not guarantee waiver enrollment; eligibility, assessments, service needs, Medicaid requirements, and available funding affect access.

Education and Family Advocacy

Local school district

If you believe a disability may affect your child's education, send a written request to your local school district's special education department asking for an evaluation. Keep a copy of your request and any responses.

Parent to Parent of Georgia

Statewide peer support, training, and local resource navigation. Phone: 1-800-229-2038. Website: <https://www.p2pga.org>

Georgia DPH Autism Access & Innovation

Support for children and youth with ASD, from birth through age 21, and their families. <https://dph.georgia.gov/child-health/autism-access-innovation>

Your Family Action Checklist

- Choose one starting point: pediatrician, Babies Can't Wait, school district, Autism Access & Innovation, or a provider directory.
- Write down your child's strengths, needs, and questions before calling.
- Ask about insurance, costs, waitlists, service location, and telehealth.
- Save referral confirmations, reports, and provider contact information in one folder.
- If applying for NOW/COMP, create an Individual IDD Connects account and contact DBHDD if help is needed.

Official Sources and Links

Georgia DPH, "Babies Can't Wait": <https://dph.georgia.gov/babies-cant-wait>

Georgia DPH, "Autism Access & Innovation": <https://dph.georgia.gov/child-health/autism-access-innovation>

Georgia.gov, "Apply to NOW and COMP":

<https://georgia.gov/apply-new-option-waiver-program-now-and-comprehensive-support-waiver-program-comp>

Georgia DBHDD, "Apply for DD Services": <https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/be-dbhdd/be-compassionate/how-do-i-apply-dd-services>

Georgia Medicaid, "Waiver Programs": <https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/all-programs/waiver-programs>

Parent to Parent of Georgia: <https://www.p2pga.org>

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