

Chapter 12

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NOTE: Please keep in mind that websites change as well as phone numbers. If a website is no longer active, you can search the title on a search engine for the most current and updated information.

School Nurse Associations

Georgia Association of School Nurses

The Georgia Association of School Nurses (gasn.org/GASN) was organized in 1991 to unite school nurses committed to providing quality health care services to school children. GASN remains dedicated to promoting excellence in school health through its continued education programs and advocacy. The state association is an affiliated member with the National Association of School Nurses. GASN advocates for “healthy students, ready to learn” and school nurses in Georgia. Key in their efforts are collaborating with the Georgia PTA, Student Health and Achievement Advisory Panel and the Georgia Partnership for School Health as well as providing legislative updates to its members.

GASN also provides continuing education through district meetings and an annual conference, held every summer. The annual conference has also provided an orientation for new school nurses as a preconference offering. GASN collaborates with Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta in the preparation of this Georgia School Health Resource Manual. GASN membership supports school nurse advocacy, legislative advocacy and offers educational opportunities. GASN membership also gives you access to a discussion group email Listserve that allows you to communicate with other members in reference to school nurse issues. Membership information can be obtained online at gasn.org/member-registration. Applicants can join at anytime.

National Association of School Nurses

The National Association of School Nurses (NASN) (nasn.org) is the official representation for school nurses in the United States. NASN is the expert voice of information on school health services, educating, advocating and conducting research on behalf of school nurses. NASN addresses the needs of school health professionals and provides tools for school nurses to maximize the health services they offer. It is the association for professionals interested in the highest standards of quality school nursing. Membership information is available online at nasn.org/Home/Becomeamember.

The membership benefits of the association include:

- School nurse advocacy, producing publications, position statements and issue briefs about the school nursing role
- Legislative advocacy
- Educational offerings through the annual conference, regional conferences, video and audio tapes and other home study methods
- Publications such as the *Orientation Manual for School Nursing*
- *Journal of School Nursing*, a monthly journal highlighting research and best practices
- NASN Newsletter
- Online bookstore with complimentary copies of the NASN Journals; books and texts available include Janice Selekman’s *School Nursing, A Comprehensive Text* and other current school nursing publications
- Promotion of National School Nurse Certification, through the National Board of School Nurse Certification
- School nurse recognition, awards, grants and scholarships
- Special interest groups and discussion groups

School Nursing Certification

Professional Certification provides an ongoing, quality credentialing process for eligible school nurses. Certification assures a national standard of preparation, knowledge and practice.

Nursing Schools in Georgia

degreenursing.com/schools/georgia

Georgia Board of Nursing

sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/45

National Board for Certification of School Nurses

nbcns.com

General Resources

American School Health Association

ashaweb.org

Center for Parent Information and Resources

parentcenterhub.org/nichcy-resources

Children and Youth with Special Needs – Georgia Department of Public Health

dph.georgia.gov/children-and-youth-special-healthcare-needs-cyshn

Children’s Medical Services (call your local health department for local numbers)

dph.georgia.gov/CMS

Children and Youth with Special Needs District Coordinators – Georgia Department of Public Health

dph.georgia.gov/sites/dph.georgia.gov/files/related_files/site_page/csncoordinator.pdf

Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta (find all locations from the home page). 404-785-KIDS

choa.org

College Board, Students with Disabilities

collegeboard.com/ssd/student/eligible

Department of Family and Children Resources (DFCS)

Investigates child abuse and neglect; finds foster homes for abused and neglected children; helps low income, out-of-work parents get back on their feet; assists with childcare costs for low income parents who are working or in job training (TANF); and provides numerous support services, including food stamps, and Thanksgiving and Christmas assistance to assist low income families. Complete list of all county offices.

dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov

Drugs at FDA (Food and Drug Administration)

accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/drugsatfda

Easter Seals Disability Services

Provides services, education, outreach, and advocacy for people living with autism and other disabilities.

800-221-6827

easterseals.com

FOCUS + Fragile Kids

Provides referrals to support groups and services; offers one-on-one bereavement support for parents who have lost a child due to disabilities or illness; provides bereavement literature upon request; and also provides equipment not covered by Medicaid or insurance.

770-234-9111

focus-ga.org

Georgia Crisis and Access Line - GCAL

24-hour crisis and referral line for mental health services, outpatient services, mobile crisis, crisis stabilization and sub-acute detoxification services.

800-715-4225

mygcal.com

Georgia Department of Community Health

dch.georgia.gov

Georgia Department of Human Services – Division of Child Support Services

dcss.dhs.georgia.gov

Georgia Department of Public Health

dph.georgia.gov

Georgia Government

georgia.gov

Georgia Pines – Georgia Parent Infant Network for Educational Services

Provides a wide range of vision and hearing services.

404-298-4882

ga.pines.info

Georgia Tools for Life

Tools for Life, Georgia's Assistive Technology Act Program, gives more options for greater freedom by increasing access to and acquisition of assistive technology (AT) devices and services for Georgians of all ages.

404-894-0541

gatfl.org

Healthmaster

Healthmaster's suite of web-based and hosted software is designed to support each school health provider with their unique workflow functionality within one integrated database to provide a compliant and meaningful way to document every instance with every student for improved care coordination and better academic outcomes.

healthmaster.com

Health, Mental Health and Safety Guidelines for Schools – American Academy of Pediatrics

nationalguidelines.org

International Rescue Committee

The IRC makes sure newly arrived refugees receive a furnished home; help with rent, healthcare, nutritious, affordable food, English language classes; help building job, computer and financial literacy skills; education for their children; social services and community support; and legal services toward residency and citizenship.

404-292-7731

rescue.org/us-program/us-atlanta-ga

LEKOTEK of Georgia: Making a Difference for Children with Disabilities

Based on a Scandinavian model of early intervention and special education. Loosely translated, Lekotek means play library. Using adapted toys and computer equipment, Lekotek provides opportunities for kids to have fun and learn along the way, and a place where parents find resources and support.

404-633-3430

lekotekga.org

Marcus Autism Center

Provides assessments, treatment, neuropsychological evaluations, behavioral intervention, education and support services to children with autism and related disorders, their families and those who live and work with them.

404-785-9400

marcus.org

Medline – Information on health topics, drugs and supplements

medlineplus.gov

National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY)

nichcy.org

Online Analytical Statistical Information System (OASIS) – Georgia Department of Public Health

oasis.state.ga.us/oasis

Parent to Parent of Georgia

Offers a variety of services to Georgia families of children with disabilities, and has a comprehensive database.

800-229-2038

p2pga.org

TransACT

Provides a comprehensive set of legally-reviewed forms and notices in a wide range of languages for both native English and limited-English speaking parents. If you have county access, you can get health information that has been approved by DOE for distribution.

transact.com

United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta

Provides a comprehensive data base of a wide range of community resources throughout the Metropolitan Atlanta area.

404-527-7200/7211

unitedwayatlanta.org/need-help

United Way 211 Information and Referral Service

unitedwayatlanta.org/get-help2-1-1

Healthcare Assistance

Many students do not get the medical treatment they need because they either have no health insurance or their family does not meet the low-income criteria to receive assistance. A parent may have little money to spare for their child's medication. As the school nurse, you can help the families in your school apply for medication and healthcare assistance, as they may be eligible for other programs.

State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)

schip-info.org

Children's Medical Services

Eligibility for the program includes medical and financial requirements. Children who are Medicaid or PeachCare enrolled, who receive SSI, and/or who are in foster care, are financially eligible for CMS services

404-657-2850

dph.georgia.gov/CMS

Insure Kids Now!

877-Kids-Now (877-543-7669)

insurekidsnow.gov

Medicaid

medicaid.gov

Medicaid at a Glance, 2012

kff.org/medicaid/upload/7235-05.pdf

Medicaid - Georgia Department of Community Health

dch.georgia.gov/medicaid

PeachCare For Kids

877-GA-PEACH (877-427-3224)

peachcare.org

Legal Resources

Health Law Partnership – Pocket Resource Guide Assistance and Community Resources for Children and Families (2013)



Pocket Resource Guide Assistance and Community Resources for Children and Families (2013)

Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta

Social Work Services:

- Children’s at Scottish Rite: 404-785-2012
- Children’s at Eggleston: 404-785-6250
- Children’s at Hughes Spalding 404-785-9520

Health Law Partnership (HeLP)

Legal Services 404-705-0000

Federal Poverty Level (FPL)

Families may be eligible for certain benefits if their gross income, before taxes and deductions, is less than or close to the Federal Poverty Level.

2013 FPL Guidelines

# in HH	100%	125%	185%	200%
1	\$11,490	\$14,363	\$21,257	\$22,980
2	\$15,510	\$19,388	\$28,694	\$31,020
3	\$19,530	\$24,413	\$36,131	\$39,060
4	\$23,550	\$29,438	\$43,568	\$47,100
5	\$27,570	\$34,463	\$51,005	\$55,140
6	\$31,590	\$39,488	\$58,442	\$63,180
7	\$35,610	\$44,513	\$65,879	\$71,220
8	\$39,630*	\$49,538	\$73,316	\$79,260

(*add \$5025 for each additional person in the home)

UNITED WAY INFORMATION 211
(Outside Metro Atlanta) 404-614-1000

ADOPTION

- Catholic Social Services 404-885-7275
- Families First 404-853-2866
- Homes for GA Kids 877-210-5437

AIDS – See HIV/AIDS Services

ASTHMA (see also **HOUSING** for Code Enforcement)

- American Lung Association of GA 770-434-5864
800-586-4872
- Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America 800-727-8462
- GA Asthma Control Program 404-651-7324

BIRTH CERTIFICATES

State Office of Vital Records 404-679-4702

CHILD ABUSE (RAPE, ABUSE & INCEST)

- Child Abuse Hotline, National 800-422-4453
- DFCS Child Protective Services 404-651-9361
- GA Center for Children (Fulton) 678-904-2880
- National Sexual Assault Hotline 800-656-4673

CHILDCARE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

- Adaptive Learning Center for Infants and Children 770-509-3909
- Frazier Center 404-377-3836
- Tender Healthcare 404-469-0131

CHILDREN’S WELL-BEING

- Newborn Screening 404-657-2826
- Babies Can’t Wait 800-229-2038
- Child Abuse Hotline, National 800-422-4453
- GA Division of Child Support Svc 877-423-4746
- GA’s Subsidized Child Care Assistance Program Call your county DFCS Office
- Girls and Boys Town Hotline 800-448-3000
- Quality Care for Children 404-479-4200
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Call your county DFCS Office

CONSUMER PROTECTION

- CredAbility 800-251-2227
- Governor’s Office of Consumer Protection 404-651-8600

DENTAL SERVICES

- Ben Massell Clinic 404-881-1858
- Grant Park Family Health Clinic 404-627-4259
- Georgia Mountain Health Dental 706-258-3384
- Good Samaritan Health Center 404-523-6571
- GA Health Sciences University Pediatric Dentistry Clinic 706-721-2716
- Adult Dentistry Clinic 706-721-2371
- Mercy Health Center 706-425-9445
- Valley Healthcare Systems 706-322-9599
- West End Medical Center 404-752-1400

DIVISION OF FAMILY & CHILDREN’S SERVICES

(DFCS) Call 404-651-9361 to locate your county office

DISABILITY SERVICES (Physical and Mental)

- Autism Resource Center at Emory 404-727-8350
- Babies Can’t Wait 800-229-2038
- Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund 404-651-5112
- Commission www.bsitf.state.ga.us 888-233-5760
- Aging & Disability Resource Connection (www.georgiaadrc.com) 404-463-3100
- Credit-Able (low interest loans for home/vehicle modification, assistive) 404-541-9005

technology)
 DisABILITY Link (Metro Atlanta) 404-687-8890
 Or www.silcga.org/CIL_List.htm
 Dream House (training, transition & respite care for medically fragile) 770-717-7410
 Easter Seals (employment assistance, respite, therapeutic services throughout state)
 Atlanta 404-943-1070
 Albany 229-439-7061
 Augusta 706-667-9695
 Columbus 706-660-1144
 Dublin 478-275-8850
 Waycross 912-283-4691
 FOCUS (Families of Children Under Stress) www.focus-GA.org 770-234-9111
 Fragile Kids Foundation (medical equipment. www.fragilekids.org)
 Friends of Disabled Adults and Children, Too! 770-491-9014
 866-977-1204
 GA Advocacy Office 404-885-1234
 Outside Metro Atlanta 800-537-2329
 GA Community Support and Solutions 404-634-4222
 Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities 404-657-2126
 Outside Metro Atlanta 888-275-4233
 Institute on Human Development & Disability (IHDD) <http://www.ihdd.uga.edu>
 Jewish Family & Career Services – Job development (disabled adults) 770-677-9301
 Respite services for families
 Transition services (adults)
 Learning Disability assessment
 Long-Term Care Ombudsman 888-454-5826
 Marcus Autism Center 404-785-9400
 Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities www.gmwd.org
 Parent to Parent 800-229-2038
 Parents Educating Parents & Professionals 770-577-7771
 Outside Metro Atlanta 800-322-7065
 Single Point of Entry for Developmental Disabilities
 DHR Division of Mental Health, <http://mhdadd.dhr.georgia.gov/>
 Region 1 (NW GA) 877-217-4462
 Region 2 (NE and E Central) 866-380-4835
 Region 3 (metro Atlanta) 770-414-3052
 Region 4 (W Central) 877-683-8557
 Columbus Community Svcs (SW) 706-565-7835
 Region 5 (SE) 912-303-1670
 SSI (Supplemental Security Income) 800-772-1213
 Tools for Life (assistive technology) 800-497-8665
www.gatfl.org

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

24 hr. Crisis Hotline (Statewide) 800-334-2836
 Caminar Latino Hotline 800-799-7233
 Latin American Association 404-471-1889
 Men Stopping Violence 404-270-9894
 Partnership Against Domestic Violence - Fulton County 404-873-1766
 Gwinnett County 770-963-9799
 Raksha, Inc. (SE Asian Community) 866-725-7423
 TAPESTRI, INC. (Immigrant Communities) 404-299-2185
 Women's Resource Center 404-688-9436

EDUCATION

GA Advocacy Office 404-885-1234
 800-537-2329
 GA Department of Education 404-656-2800
 Superintendent of Schools 800-311-3627
 Parent to Parent 800-229-2038

ELDER ISSUES

Long-Term Care Ombudsmen 888-454-5826
 Senior Hotline 404-657-9915

ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE

Catholic Charities Atlanta 404-881-6571
 Cobb County Adult Education 678-594-8011
 GA Piedmont Technical College 404-297-9522
 Gwinnett Tech ESOL 678-226-6702
 Latin American Association 404-638-1800

FAMILY INTERVENTION

Family Intervention Specialists Inc 770-222-6622
 Families First 404-853-2800
 Great Start GA 855-707-8277
 Project Healthy Grandparents 404-413-1125
 Single Parent Alliance and Res Ctr 678-964-7209
 The Link Counseling Center 404-256-9797
 770-541-1114

FAMILY LAW

Self-Help Family Law Information
 DeKalb County Center 404-687-3990
 Fulton County Center 404-612-2789
 Gwinnett County Center 678-376-4545

FOOD (search www.foodpantries.org)

Emergency Food (food pantries)
 United Way (metro Atlanta) 211
 GA Food Bank (Outside Atlanta) 404-601-2462
 Food Stamps 404-657-9358
 Outside Metro Atlanta 800-869-1150
 Georgia Food Bank Association 404-601-2462
 MUST Ministries 770-427-9862
 Women, Infants & Children (WIC) 800-228-9173

General Legal Resources in Georgia

georgialegalaid.org/find-legal-help/directory

Legal Resources for Children With Disabilities

georgialegalaid.org/issues/childrens-law-education/children-with-disabilities-1

Mental Health Resources

American Academy of Child Adolescent Psychiatry

Facts for Families Guide, includes links to Facts for Families in English, Spanish and Chinese

aacap.org/AACAP/Families_and_Youth/Facts_for_Families/Layout/FFF_Guide-01.aspx

Georgia Crisis and Access Line - GCAL

Staffed with licensed social workers and counselors; 24-hour crisis and referral line for mental health services, outpatient services, mobile crisis, crisis stabilization, sub-acute detoxification services.

800-715-4225

mygcal.com

Mental Health America

nmha.org/go/help/how-to-pay-for-treatment/prescription-assistance-programs

Prescription Resources

Prescription Assistance

GoodRx

Prescription drug savings card; indicates prices of pharmacies in the person's area.

[goodrx.com](https://www.goodrx.com)

Needy Meds

[needy meds.org](https://www.needy meds.org)

Partnership for Prescription Assistance

888-4APPA-NOW (888-477-2669)

[pparx.org](https://www.pparx.org)

Partnership for Prescription Assistance – Georgia

[pparxga.org](https://www.pparxga.org)

Rx Hope for Everyone

[rxhope.com](https://www.rxhope.com)

Pharmaceutical Companies

Many pharmaceutical companies offer programs for which qualifying families can obtain their medications for free or for a discounted price.

GlaxoSmithKline

[gskforyou.com](https://www.gskforyou.com)

Merck

[merck.com/merckhelps](https://www.merck.com/merckhelps)

Patient Assistance Program Center

[rxassist.org](https://www.rxassist.org)

Pfizer

[pfizerhelpfulanswers.com/pages/misc/Default.aspx](https://www.pfizerhelpfulanswers.com/pages/misc/Default.aspx)

Local Pharmacies

CVS

[cvs.com](https://www.cvs.com)

Kroger

[kroger.com/pharmacy](https://www.kroger.com/pharmacy)

Publix

[publix.com](https://www.publix.com)

Target

[target.com](https://www.target.com)

Walgreens

[walgreens.com](https://www.walgreens.com)

Wal-Mart

[walmart.com/pharmacy](https://www.walmart.com/pharmacy)