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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 If a website is no longer active, you can search the title on a search engine for the most current and updated information.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
nbcsn.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  

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
gapiines.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 database 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)
chip-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

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 Egleston: 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

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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  DFCS Office
Girls and Boys Town Hotline  800-448-3000
Quality Care for Children  404-479-4200
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)  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.bsif.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

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### 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
- GA Department of Education 404-656-2800
- Superintendent of Schools 800-311-3627
- Parent to Parent 800-229-2038

### 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 770-653-2800
- 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

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**General Legal Resources in Georgia**

[georgialegalaid.org/find-legal-help/directory](http://georgialegalaid.org/find-legal-help/directory)

**Legal Resources for Children With Disabilities**

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

Needy Meds
needymeds.org

Partnership for Prescription Assistance
888-4APPA-NOW (888-477-2669)
pparx.org

Partnership for Prescription Assistance – Georgia
pparxga.org

Rx Hope for Everyone
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

Merck
merck.com/merckhelps

Patient Assistance Program Center
rxassist.org

Pfizer
pfizerhelpfulanswers.com/pages/misc/Default.aspx
**Local Pharmacies**

CVS
cvs.com

Kroger
kroger.com/pharmacy

Publix
publix.com

Target
target.com

Walgreens
walgreens.com

Wal-Mart
walmart.com/pharmacy