Avita Community Partners, formerly Georgia Mountains Community Services, is a public agency formed by the 1993 Georgia State Legislature to serve persons experiencing the disabling effects of mental illness, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases. The Avita Board of Directors consists of one representative from each of the 13 counties in the Northeast Georgia area and four elected officials who are involved in and committed to services and are responsible for guiding policy, contractual expectations, and representing both clients and community needs.

Avita's mission is to improve quality of life for persons with behavioral health and developmental disabilities. Our mission is achieved by providing person-centered care, partnering with families and communities, and nurturing the unique skills of our dedicated staff members.

Avita envisions all individuals served participating in a variety of relationships, having a home, a job, and a natural support system. Avita envisions communities which are knowledgeable and accepting of individuals with disabilities; act responsibly toward all citizens; are resourceful in providing support and comprehensive services; and have a plan to assist individuals in crisis.

Adult Behavioral Health Programs provide psychiatric treatment, counseling, and other recovery support services for adults with mental illnesses, emotional disorders, and addictive diseases.

- Individual, Family & Group Counseling Services provide supportive psychotherapy for persons with mental illness and addictive disease. Brief therapy for persons experiencing a crisis related to an emotional or adjustment disorder.
- Medication Management Services provide physician, nursing, and pharmacy services for persons with severe mental illnesses.
- Peer Support Program is provided by Certified Peer Specialists who have progressed through their own recovery and now can offer help to other adults with severe and persistent mental illnesses.
- Case Management, Community Support & Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services provide outreach, resource coordination, and rehabilitative skill training services to assist persons with severe and persistent mental illness maintain safe and stable community housing, independent living skills, and access to community services.
- Crisis Stabilization Unit provides adult-residential care for psychiatric stabilization and alcohol/drug detoxification on a 24-hours a day, 7-days a week basis. The Crisis Stabilization Unit provides a cost-effective, less restrictive alternative to hospital care for persons in crisis due to mental health or addictive disorders.
- Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) provides a 24-hour 7-day a week community-based behavioral healthcare for persons living with severe, persistent mental illness who have not been effectively supported with traditional clinic-based treatment services.
- HIV Early Intervention Services provide testing for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and sexually transmitted diseases (STD). Counseling services and education related to HIV and STDs are also available.
- Substance Abuse Outpatient Program is a 12-week program that provides information and group counseling. This is a cost-effective alternative to hospital or residential treatment for persons with an addictive disease. Services are provided by Certified Addiction Counselors and Licensed Clinicians.
- Community Housing Programs provide support 7 days a week to help individuals maintain optimal independent living in their community.
- Women's Treatment & Recovery Support (WTRS) is a residential addiction treatment program for women and includes therapeutic child care for children under 12 years old. WTRS is funded by the Georgia Department of Family & Children Services (DFCS).
- American Sign Language (ASL) Project employs ASL-fluent staff to provide specialized behavioral health services for persons who are deaf or hearing-impaired.

Youth Services provides treatment and support for children and adolescents, and their parents or guardians, with behavioral, emotional, or substance use disorders.

- Outpatient Mental Health Services provide psychiatric treatment and counseling for youth and their families. Licensed clinicians work with children and adolescents to enhance their mental, emotional, and social functioning.
- Adolescent Substance Abuse Services provide early intervention and counseling for youth and their family.
- Child/Adolescent Clubhouses are unique after school and weekend programs that provide recreational alternatives as well as counseling and support services for at-risk youth in a safe and supportive environment.

Supported Employment Programs assist persons with behavioral health and developmental disabilities with finding, getting, and keeping a job. To accomplish this, Avita partners with area employers to identify opportunities, provide training, and ongoing supports that enable success.

Developmental Disability Programs enable adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to participate in community activities, and be as independent as possible. A key priority is to support persons served in pursing their life goals and dreams, to facilitate access to community activities and opportunities, and to enable their giving back to community through employment, volunteer work, or other opportunities.

Community Access Services provides opportunities and support that enable individuals to participate in a variety of community life experiences and to optimize independent living skills.

Family Support Services assist families in obtaining specialized medical supplies, equipment, and other assistance that focuses on helping families with difficulties.

Respite Services are individuals or families who can give short term relief to family members and other caregivers who need a break by caring for their loved ones with special needs on a temporary basis.

Host Family Services are provided by caring families who welcome persons with a developmental disability into their home and support them in their efforts to acquire, dignity, and respect and provide a safe living environment.