

# SERVICES

Serving Northeast Georgia Region

*Avita's mission is to improve the quality of life for persons with behavioral health and developmental disabilities.*

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**Avita Community Partners, offers a variety of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Programs that assist adults, children, adolescents, and families affected by mental illness, addictive diseases, and developmental disabilities.**

Avita Community Partners provides Crisis Intervention Services at all service centers during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). After hours crisis services are accessible at 1-800-347-5827.

**Administrative Offices**  
 4331 Thurmon Tanner Parkway  
 Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
 Toll free: 1800-959-8751

**Assertive Community Treatment Program**  
 (Serving Hall, Dawson, Lumpkin, Forsyth)  
 906 Interstate Ridge Drive  
 Suite C  
 Gainesville, GA 30501  
 678 • 696 • 2907

**Blairsville Center**  
 (Serving Union, Towns)  
 Behavioral Health & Developmental Disability Services  
 76 Hunt Martin Street  
 Suite A  
 Blairsville, GA 30512  
 706 • 745 • 5911

**Crisis Stabilization Unit**  
 (Serving North Georgia)  
 Behavioral Health Services  
 4331 Thurmon Tanner Parkway  
 Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
 678 • 960 • 2700

**Dahlonega Center**  
 (Serving Dawson, Lumpkin, White)  
 Behavioral Health Services  
 150-A Johnson Street  
 Dahlonega, GA 30533  
 706 • 864 • 6822  
 Developmental Disability Services  
 67 Ethan Allen Drive  
 Dahlonega, GA 30533  
 706 • 513 • 5799

**Demorest Center**  
 (Serving Banks, Habersham, Rabun)  
 Behavioral Health Services  
 196 Scoggins Drive  
 Demorest, GA 30535  
 706 • 894 • 3700  
 Developmental Disability Services  
 706 • 894 • 3750

**Gainesville Outpatient Center**  
 (Serving Hall)  
 Adult Behavioral Health  
 915 Interstate Ridge Drive  
 Suite C  
 Gainesville, GA 30501  
 678 • 207 • 2900  
 Youth Services  
 915 Interstate Ridge Drive  
 Suite C  
 Gainesville, GA 30501  
 678 • 207 • 2950

**Gainesville Clubhouse**  
 (Serving Hall)  
 Adolescent Substance Abuse Services  
 113-A-B Bradford Street  
 Gainesville, GA 30501  
 678 • 513 • 5800

**Cleveland Center**  
 (Serving White)  
 Behavioral Health Services  
 129 North Main Street  
 Cleveland, GA 30528  
 706 • 348 • 3050

**Hartwell Center**  
 (Serving Franklin, Hart)  
 Behavioral Health & Developmental Disability Services  
 128 North College Avenue  
 Hartwell, GA 30643  
 706 • 376 • 4902

**Gainesville Specialty Center**  
 (Serving Hall)  
 3509 Mabry Road  
 Gainesville, GA 30504  
 Peer Support Program  
 678 • 207 • 1660  
 Substance Abuse Outpatient Program  
 678 • 207 • 2922  
 Developmental Disability Services  
 678 • 207 • 1660

**Cumming Center**  
 (Serving Dawson, Forsyth)  
 Behavioral Health Services  
 125 North Corners Parkway  
 Cumming, GA 30040  
 678 • 341 • 2840  
 \*For DD Services see Dahlonega Center

**Rabun Clubhouse**  
 (Serving Banks, Habersham, Rabun)  
 Youth Services  
 9 Buzz Saw Lane  
 Tiger, GA 30535  
 706 • 212 • 3220

**Lavonia Center**  
 (Serving Franklin)  
 Developmental Disability Services  
 137 Jeffrey Street  
 Lavonia, GA 30533  
 706 • 356 • 8968

**Toccoa Center**  
 (Serving Stephens)  
 Behavioral Health Services  
 1763 Fernside Drive  
 Toccoa, GA 30577  
 706 • 283 • 4542  
 Developmental Disability Services  
 706 • 886 • 6521

# AVITA

COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Your well-being is Our Priority.

**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.

Services are based on individual needs and available resources. Fees can be paid by clients, family members, Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans Administration, and commercial insurance. Funding is also provided by the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. Some individuals may qualify for a reduced rate by supplying information to substantiate their financial situation. A reasonable charge is set for services offered. No one is turned away due to inability to pay.

## 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, and 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 illness.

**Case Management, Community Support & Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services** provide outreach, resource coordination, and rehabilitative skills 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 adults with short-term residential care for psychiatric stabilization and alcohol/drug detoxification on a 24-hour 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 hours 7-days a week community-based behavioral healthcare for persons living with a 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 individual 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, and 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 communities activities, and be as independent as possible. A key priority is to support persons served in pursuing 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 caretakers 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 him or her with care, dignity, and respect and provide a safe living environment.

