

Services and Supports For Families and Students with Autism



DBHDD

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DBHDD Vision and Mission

DBHDD is the state behavioral health, and intellectual and developmental disabilities authority.

Vision

Easy access to high-quality care that leads to a life of recovery and independence for the people we serve.

Mission

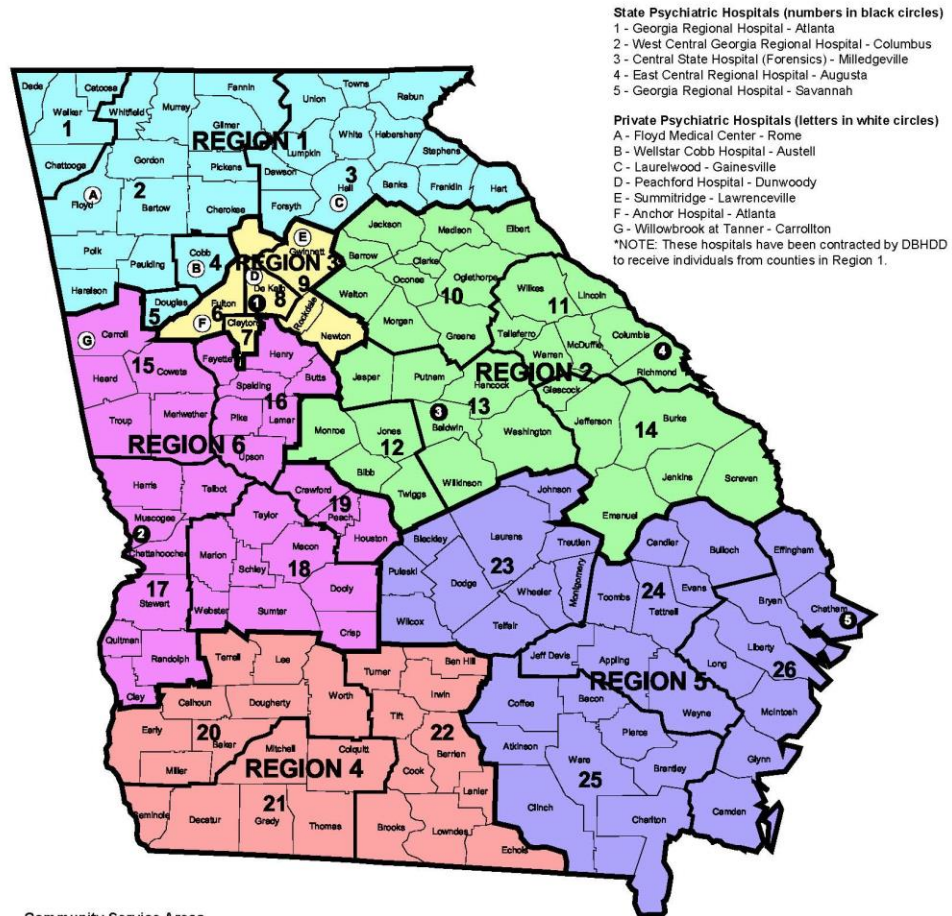
Leading an accountable and effective continuum of care to support Georgians with behavioral health challenges, and intellectual and developmental disabilities in a dynamic health care environment.

DBHDD System of Services

The DBHDD system of services is administered through six field offices.

- These offices administer the hospital and community resources assigned to the region.
- Community based resources include the New Options Waiver Program (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Wavier Program (COMP).
- All individuals seeking Medicaid-funded intellectual/developmental disability services have to apply through a field office.
 - Applications are available at dbhdd.ga.gov or by contacting a field office.

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities State Psychiatric Hospitals, Private Hospitals (Contracted) and Community Service Areas



- State Psychiatric Hospitals (numbers in black circles)**
 1 - Georgia Regional Hospital - Atlanta
 2 - West Central Georgia Regional Hospital - Columbus
 3 - Central State Hospital (Forensics) - Milledgeville
 4 - East Central Regional Hospital - Augusta
 5 - Georgia Regional Hospital - Savannah
- Private Psychiatric Hospitals (letters in white circles)**
 A - Floyd Medical Center - Rome
 B - Wellstar Cobb Hospital - Austell
 C - Laurelwood - Gainesville
 D - Peachford Hospital - Dunwoody
 E - Summitridge - Lawrenceville
 F - Anchor Hospital - Atlanta
 G - Willowbrook at Tanner - Carrollton
- *NOTE: These hospitals have been contracted by DBHDD to receive individuals from counties in Region 1.

Community Service Areas

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| 1 - Lookout Mountain Community Services | 10 - Advantage Behavioral Health Systems | 19 - Phoenix Center Behavioral Health Services |
| 2 - Highland Rivers Community Service Board | 11 - CSB of East Central Georgia (Serenity Behavioral Health) | 20 - Albany Area Community Service Board |
| 3 - Avita Community Partners | 12 - River Edge Behavioral Health Center | 21 - Georgia Pines Community MH/MRSA Services |
| 4 - Cobb Community Service Board | 13 - Oconee Community Service Board | 22 - Behavioral Health Services of South Georgia |
| 5 - Douglas Community Service Board | 14 - Ogeechee Behavioral Health Services | 23 - Community Service Board of Middle Georgia |
| 6 - Fulton County MHDDAD | 15 - Pathways Center for Behavioral & Developmental Growth | 24 - Pineland Area Community Service Board |
| 7 - Clayton Community Service Board | 16 - McIntosh Trail Community Service Board | 25 - Unison Behavioral Health (formerly Satilla CSB) |
| 8 - DeKalb Community Service Board | 17 - New Horizons Community Service Board | 26 - Gateway Community Service Board |
| 9 - View Point Health (formerly GRN CSB) | 18 - Middle Flint Behavioral Healthcare | |
- *NOTE: Numbered Service Areas are for identification purposes only.

DBHDD Regional Field Offices

Regional Field Office	Developmental Disabilities Regional Services Administrator	Address	Phone Number
1	Elise Beumer	1230 Bald Ridge Marina Rd., Suite 800 Cumming, GA 30041	678-947-2818 or 1-877-217-4462
2	Karla Brown	3405 Mike Padgett Highway, Building 3 Augusta, GA 30906	706-792-7733 or 1-866-380-4835
3	Daphne Rosalis	3073 Panthersville Rd. Building 10 Decatur, GA 30034	404-244-5050 and 404-244-5056

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Regional Field Office	Developmental Disabilities Regional Services Administrator	Address	Phone Number
4	Leland Johnson (Interim)	400 S. Pinetree Boulevard Thomasville, GA 31792	229-225-5099 or 1-877-683-8557
5	Leland Johnson (Interim)	1915 Eisenhower Drive Building 7 Savannah, GA 31406	912-303-1670
6	Valona Baldwin	3000 Schatulga Road Building 4 Columbus, GA 31907	706-565-7835

Eligibility for Intellectual/Developmental Disability (IDD) Services

Who is eligible for IDD services?

- A person must either have an intellectual disability or a closely related developmental disability, such as severe autism, cerebral palsy, or epilepsy.
- Disability must have originated from birth or occur during the developmental years.

Eligibility Determination for IDD Services

- To determine eligibility, we need proof that disability occurred prior to age 22 years for developmental disability, or age 18 years for intellectual disability.
- Most important document is a complete psychological evaluation that includes full IQ scores, adaptive functioning scores, autism assessment scores, and evaluator signature.
- Eligibility for special education services under intellectual disability or autism does not guarantee eligibility for IDD services.

Planning Lists

- Individuals who are determined pre-eligible for IDD services are required to complete a needs assessment to be placed on a Planning List.
- Placement on the NOW or COMP Planning List is based upon services identified as needed during the needs assessment.
- Scores on the needs assessment are used to prioritize individuals on the Planning Lists.
- Individuals are placed into waiver services based on availability of funding and prioritization of needs.

NOW and COMP Waiver Services

Community Residential Alternative*	Adult Physical Therapy
Community Living Support	Adult Occupational Therapy
Respite	Adult Speech and Language Therapy
Community Access	Behavioral Supports
Prevocational Services	Behavioral Supports Consultation
Supported Employment	Adult Nutrition*
Natural Supports Training	Nursing Services
Individual Directed Goods/Services	Specialized Medical Equipment
Financial Support Services	Specialized Medical Supplies
Transportation	Vehicle Adaptation
Support Coordination/Intensive Support Coordination	Environmental Accessibility Adaptation

*Available only in COMP

Georgia Crisis Response System

- Crisis services for individuals with IDD aged 5 years or older who are experiencing an acute crisis situation are accessed by the Georgia Access Crisis Line at 1-800-715-4225.
- Mobile Crisis Teams are dispatched to crisis locations for individuals with IDD.
 - These teams assess the crisis situation, mitigate risks to health and safety to the individual and others, and refer to intensive crisis services or hospital emergency rooms if needed.

Family Support Services

- Family Support Services are non-entitlement, disability specific services based on each individual and family's unique needs.
- Eligible individuals are age 3 years and older, have an IDD diagnosis, live in Georgia at home with their family, and are not currently receiving NOW/COMP services.
- Families apply for Family Support Services by submitting a complete application to a family support provider.
 - Applications are available at dbhdd.ga.gov or by contacting a field office.

DBHDD Central Office

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Questions

