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On behalf of the Clinton Foundation and our partners at the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse, we are pleased to offer this resource guide to the Northeast Georgia community. This guide provides a listing of prevention, treatment and recovery resources to bring hope and healing to individuals, families, and communities.

In 2020, we lost more than 93,000 lives to drug overdoses in the United States alone. That amounts to nearly 255 lives lost every day, ten overdose deaths every hour, and another life lost every six minutes. But these deaths are more than statistics; each of these were real people with real stories. They were moms and dads, brothers and sisters, sons and daughters, friends and co-workers. The circumstances of their deaths may differ from person to person, but what they have in common is the reality that they are gone, and they were unable to stave off the horrors of addiction. Sadly, the tragedy is compounded by a continued surge in overdose deaths driven primarily by opioids.

The disease of addiction affects all of us, regardless of age, race, gender, creed, religion, or lack of religion. Gone are the days of not knowing someone — directly or indirectly — with an addiction problem. Because it affects all of us, it will require all of us working together to make a difference. There is no silver bullet to solve for this crisis. It will take a long-term, sustained approach and the involvement and deep partnership of organizations and individuals across sectors and in all pockets of our communities.

To this end, members of the Northeast Georgia faith-based community worked across their own faith traditions to develop this guide together. Faith leaders help educate, motivate, and mobilize their communities and can be the catalyst and the glue that hold all of us together while we all hold on to hope that this can and will get better. Working together collectively across faith traditions reminds us all that the whole truly is greater than the sum of its parts.

This guide attempts to provide many of the services and resources that are available to the Northeast Georgia community. We hope that it will help residents navigate through the web of available services and find what they need. If you have found this guide useful, please pass it on to a person who needs it!
12-Step Program: A group providing mutual support and fellowship for people recovering from addictive behaviors. The first 12-step program was Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), founded in 1935; an array of 12-step groups following a similar model have since emerged and are the most widely used mutual aid groups and steps for maintaining recovery from alcohol and drug use disorders. It is not a form of treatment, and it is not to be confused with the treatment modality called Twelve-Step Facilitation.

Abstinence: Not using alcohol or drugs.

Addiction: The most severe form of substance use disorder, associated with compulsive or uncontrolled use of one or more substances. Addiction is a chronic brain disease that has the potential for both recurrence (relapse) and recovery.

Binge Drinking: For men, drinking 5 or more standard alcoholic drinks, and for women, 4 or more standard alcoholic drinks on the same occasion on at least 1 day in the past 30 days.

Case Management: A coordinated approach to delivering general health care, substance use disorder treatment, mental health, and social services. This approach links clients with appropriate services to address specific needs and goals.

Compulsivity: Repetitive behaviors in the face of adverse consequences, as well as repetitive behaviors that are inappropriate to a particular situation. People suffering from compulsions often recognize that the behaviors are harmful, but they nonetheless feel emotionally compelled to perform them.

Continuum of Care: An integrated system of care that guides and tracks a person over time through a comprehensive array of health services appropriate to the individual’s need. A continuum of care may include prevention, early intervention, treatment, continuing care, and recovery support.

Dependence: A state in which an organism only functions normally in the presence of a substance, experiencing physical disturbance when the substance is removed. A person can be dependent on a substance without being addicted, but dependence sometimes leads to addiction.

Drug Diversion: A medical and legal concept involving the transfer of any legally prescribed controlled substance from the person for whom it was prescribed to another person for any illicit use.

Heavy Drinking: Defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as consuming 8 or more drinks per week for women, and 15 or more drinks per week for men, and by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), for research purposes, as binge drinking on 5 or more days in the past 30 days.

Intervention: A professionally delivered program, service, or policy designed to prevent substance misuse (prevention intervention) or treat a substance use disorder (treatment intervention).

Medication assisted treatment (MAT): MAT is the use of FDA-approved medications, in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies, to provide a “whole-patient” approach to the treatment of substance use disorders. Research shows that a combination of medication and therapy can successfully treat these disorders, and for some people struggling with addiction, MAT can help sustain recovery. The FDA has approved several different medications to treat opioid use disorder and alcohol use disorder.

Negative Reinforcement: The process by which removal of a stimulus such as negative feelings or emotions increases the probability of a response like drug taking.

Opioid Treatment Program (OTP): SAMHSA-certified program, usually comprising a facility, staff, administration, patients, and services, that engages in supervised assessment and treatment, using methadone, buprenorphine, or naltrexone, of individuals who have opioid use disorders. An OTP can exist in a number of settings, including but not limited to intensive outpatient, residential, and hospital settings. Services may include medically supervised withdrawal and/or maintenance treatment, along with various levels of medical, psychiatric, psychosocial, and other types of supportive care.

Positive Reinforcement: The process by which presentation of a stimulus such as a drug increases the probability of a response like drug taking.

Prescription Drug Misuse: Use of a drug in any way a doctor did not direct an individual to use it.

Protective Factors: Factors that directly decrease the likelihood of substance use and behavioral health problems or reduce the impact of risk factors on behavioral health problems.
Recovery: A process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential. Even individuals with severe and chronic substance use disorders can, with help, overcome their substance use disorder and regain health and social function. This is called remission. When those positive changes and values become part of a voluntarily adopted lifestyle, that is called “being in recovery”. Although abstinence from all substance misuse is a cardinal feature of a recovery lifestyle, it is not the only healthy, pro-social feature.

Relapse: The return to alcohol or drug use after a significant period of abstinence.

Remission: A medical term meaning that major disease symptoms are eliminated or diminished below a pre-determined, harmful level.

Risk Factors: Factors that increase the likelihood of beginning substance use, of regular and harmful use, and of other behavioral health problems associated with use.

Substance: A psychoactive compound with the potential to cause health and social problems, including substance use disorders (and their most severe manifestation, addiction).

Substance Misuse: The use of any substance in a manner, situation, amount or frequency that can cause harm to users or to those around them. For some substances or individuals, any use would constitute as misuse (e.g., under-age drinking, injection drug use).

Substance Use: The use — even one time — of any substance.

Substance Use Disorders: A medical illness caused by repeated misuse of a substance or substances. According to the Fifth Edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5), substance use disorders are characterized by clinically significant impairments in health, social function, and impaired control over substance use and are diagnosed through assessing cognitive, behavioral, and psychological symptoms. Substance use disorders range from mild to severe and from temporary to chronic. They typically develop gradually over time with repeated misuse, leading to changes in brain circuits governing incentive salience (the ability of substance-associated cues to trigger substance seeking), reward, stress, and executive functions like decision making and self-control.

Substance Use Disorder Treatment: A service or set of services that may include medication, counseling, and other supportive services designed to enable an individual to reduce or eliminate alcohol and/or other drug use, address associated physical or mental health problems, and restore the patient to maximum functional ability.

Tolerance: Alteration of the body’s responsiveness to alcohol or a drug such that higher doses are required to produce the same effect achieved during initial use.

Withdrawal: A set of symptoms that are experienced when discontinuing use of a substance to which a person has become dependent or addicted, which can include negative emotions such as stress, anxiety, or depression, as well as physical effects such as nausea, vomiting, muscle aches, and cramping, among others. Withdrawal symptoms often lead a person to use the substance again.

Wrap-Around Services: Wrap-around services are non-clinical services that facilitate patient engagement and retention in treatment as well as their ongoing recovery. This can include services to address patient needs related to transportation, employment, childcare, housing, legal and financial problems, among others.

Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs

The goal of substance use disorder treatment is to help individuals stop or reduce harmful substance use, improve their health and social function, and manage their risk for relapse. Treatment services are traditionally provided in residential and outpatient programs that are outside of the main healthcare system and may include medication, counseling and other supportive services. The type and duration of treatment depends on the severity of the substance use disorder. Mild substance use disorders often respond to brief interventions and supportive monitoring. Severe substance use disorders often require specialty treatment and continued post-treatment support to achieve full remission and recovery.

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT SERVICES LOCATOR (SAMHSA)**
A comprehensive, confidential, and anonymous source of information for persons seeking treatment facilities in the Unites States or U.S. Territories for substance use, addiction, and mental health problems.
1 (800) 662-4357
https://findtreatment.gov/

**RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FOR ADULTS**

**ADVANTAGE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**
Locations in 10 counties in Georgia and operates residential treatment facilities, outpatient clinics, crisis stabilization/detox units, and other programs for individuals with substance use disorders, mental health concerns, and intellectual and developmental disabilities. Accepts Medicaid, Medicare, Peachcare for Kids, Amerigroup, Wellcare, Cenpatico, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and United Health Care. Individuals who are uninsured may qualify for the State Assistance Program and will be billed on a sliding fee scale.
126 Barrington Drive, Athens, GA 30605
(706) 389-6790
https://www.advantagebhs.org/about-us.cms

**HIGHLAND RIVERS HEALTH**
Locations in 12 counties in Georgia and operates residential treatment facilities, outpatient clinics, crisis stabilization/detox units, and programs for individuals with substance use disorders, mental health concerns and intellectual and developmental disabilities. Services are billed on a sliding fee scale, based on income. Accepts Medicaid, Medicare, CareSource, Amerigroup, WellCare, and commercial insurance providers for children under 18.
323 Roland Road, Jasper, GA 30143
(706) 253-1112
https://highlandrivershealth.com/

**LIGHTWAY RECOVERY FOR WOMEN**
Recovery center for women 18 years of age and older who are fully detoxed and able to enter a recovery environment. Two levels of care include an all-inclusive, highly structured program with 24-hour staffing, and a transitional phase that includes one meal a day and less structure. Fees depend on the level of care.
6593 McEver Rd, Flowery Branch, GA 30542
(678) 250-3511
https://lightwayrecovery.org/

**PENFIELD ADDICTION MINISTRIES**
Residential treatment program for men and women with a Christ-centered approach. Three campuses in Union Point, Lavonia and Alapaha, Georgia. Utilizes a combination of evidence-based treatment modalities, relapse prevention techniques and the Twelve-steps. Accepts most major insurances.
(706) 453-7929
https://www.penfieldaddictionministries.org/

**PROJECT ADAM**
Residential treatment program for males 19 and older with a minimum of 12 months. Outpatient treatment is also provided. Clients who are currently receiving disability, have sex offenses or violent offenses on their criminal record, or are unable to maintain employment are not eligible for entry to Project ADAM’s residential program but can be served through the outpatient programs. Accepts Medicaid and private health insurance.
112 Lanthier Street, Winder, Georgia 30680
(770) 867-8003
http://www.projectadam.org/

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THE WAY UP REHABILITATION
Residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation for men 18+ years of age. Twelve-step based program that provides a structured, therapeutic environment.
801 Washington Street, Gainesville, GA 30501
(770) 532-2152
https://www.getcleanga.com/

TWIN LAKES RECOVERY CENTER
Residential treatment, intensive outpatient, and detoxification services for adults with substance use and co-occurring behavioral health disorders. All major health insurance accepted.
398 Highway 11, SW, Monroe, GA 30655
(800) 588-5967
https://twinlakesrecoverycenter.com/about-us/

OUTPATIENT TREATMENT FOR ADULTS
ADVANTAGE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
Locations in 10 counties in Georgia and operates outpatient clinics, residential treatment facilities, crisis stabilization/detox units, and programs for individuals with substance use disorders, mental health concerns, and intellectual and developmental disabilities. Accepts Medicaid, Medicare, Peachcare for Kids, Amerigroup, Wellcare, Cenpatico, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and United Health Care. Individuals who are uninsured may qualify for the State Assistance Program and will be billed on a sliding fee scale, based on income.
240 Mitchell Bridge Road, Athens, GA 30606
(855) 333-9544
https://www.advantagebhs.org/about-us.cms

ATHENS AREA COMMENCEMENT CENTER
Outpatient treatment center for adults and adolescents with substance use disorders. Adult outpatient detox also offered. Special Adult Professional Program. Most insurance accepted.
1175 Mitchell Bridge Road, Athens, GA 30606
(706) 546-7355
https://www.thecommencementcenter.com/

THE CARTER CENTER
Outpatient treatment for adults with substance use disorders using alternative therapies and counseling. Treatment centers located in Cumming and Suwanee, Georgia. Most insurance accepted.
380 Dahlonega Street, #100, Cumming, GA 30040
(678) 737-4430
https://www.thecartertreatmentcenter.com/

HIGHLAND RIVERS HEALTH
Locations in 12 counties in Georgia and operates outpatient clinics for adults with substance use disorders. Also provides residential treatment facilities and crisis stabilization/detox units and programs. Services are billed on a sliding fee scale, based on income. Accepts Medicaid, Medicare, CareSource, Amerigroup, WellCare.
323 Roland Road, Jasper, GA 30143
(706) 253-1112
https://highlandrivershealth.com/

PROJECT ADAM
Outpatient treatment program for adults and adolescents. Residential treatment is also provided. Accepts Medicaid and private health insurance.
112 Lanthier Street, Winder, Georgia 30680
(770) 867-8003
http://www.projectadam.org/

TWIN LAKES RECOVERY CENTER
Intensive outpatient treatment for adults who have a substance use disorder and may also have a co-occurring behavioral health issue. Locations in Gainesville and Athens. All major health insurance accepted.
723 Baxter Street, Suite C, Athens, GA 30605
(706) 489-6426
https://twinlakesrecoverycenter.com/

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FOR ADOLESCENTS
EAGLE OVERLOOK RECOVERY FOR ADOLESCENTS
Residential treatment for male and female teens with substance use and mental health disorders. Medical and psychiatric care, counseling, psychoeducation, peer support and outdoor activities. Designated time for schoolwork is part of the daily schedule.
45 Eagle Overlook Drive Dahlonega, GA 30533
(706) 701-5132
https://www.eagleoverlookrecovery.com/
OUTPATIENT TREATMENT FOR ADOLESCENTS

ADVANTAGE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
Serves children, adolescents and their families who are dealing with substance use, behavioral problems, and emotional disorders. Services include individual and family therapy, school-based therapy, individual community support, and group therapy. Accepts Medicaid, Medicare, Peachcare for Kids, Amerigroup, Wellcare, Cenpatico, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and United Health Care. Individuals who are uninsured may qualify for the State Assistance Program and will be billed on a sliding fee scale, based on income.
240 Mitchell Bridge Road, Athens, GA 30606
(855) 333-9544
https://www.advantagebhs.org/about-us.cms

ATHENS AREA COMMENCEMENT CENTER
Outpatient treatment center for adolescents and adults with substance use disorders. Most insurance accepted.
1175 Mitchell Bridge Road, Athens, GA 30606
(706) 546-7355
https://www.thecommencementcenter.com/

HIGHLAND RIVERS HEALTH
Multiple locations provide outpatient services for children and adolescents with substance use issues. Services include crisis intervention and detoxification, screening and assessment, counseling, education, in-home and in-school support, medication management. Accepts Medicaid, Medicare and most types of commercial insurances.
323 Roland Road, Jasper, GA 30143
(706) 253-1112
https://highlandrivershealth.com/

PROJECT ADAM
Outpatient treatment program for adolescents and adults. Accepts Medicaid and private health insurance.
112 Lanthier Street, Winder, Georgia 30680
(770) 867-8003
http://www.projectadam.org/

FINDING QUALITY TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

This fact sheet serves as a guide for individuals seeking treatment. It provides three necessary steps to complete prior to utilizing a treatment center and the five signs of a quality treatment center, which include a review of the accreditation, medication, evidence-based practices, position on the role of families, and support networks.

https://store.samhsa.gov/product/Finding-Quality-Treatment-for-Substance-Use-Disorders/PEP18-TREATMENT-LOC
Medication Assisted Treatment Providers

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) is the use of medications, in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies, to provide a “whole patient” approach to the treatment of substance use disorders. Research shows that a combination of medication and therapy can successfully treat these disorders, and for some people struggling with addiction, MAT can help sustain recovery. MAT is used for the treatment of addiction to opioids such as heroin and prescription pain relievers that contain opiates and alcohol. It normalizes brain chemistry, blocks the euphoric effects of alcohol and opioids, relieves physiological cravings, and normalizes body functions.

ADVANTAGE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS
Medication Assisted Treatment is available through the PROUD program at no cost to individuals with opioid addiction who meet criteria.
250 Bray Street, Athens, GA 30601
1 (888) 749-3806
https://www.advantagebhs.org/proud.cms

ALLIANCE RECOVERY CENTER
Locations in Athens, Conyers, and Decatur. If your insurance company covers your treatment, Alliance will provide you with the paperwork necessary to get reimbursed. May be able to subsidize treatment if cost is a barrier.
119 Sycamore Drive, Athens, GA 30606
(706) 850-2121
https://www.alliancerecoverycenter.com/

ATHENS CLINIC (DM & ADR INC)
Accepts most insurances.
1710 Commerce Road, Athens, GA 30607
(706) 552-0688
https://theathensclinic.com/

LANIER TREATMENT CENTER
Does not accept insurance.
592 Medical Park Drive, Gainesville, GA 30501
(770) 503-7721
https://www.laniertreatmentcenter.com/counseling

MEDLINK
Locations in Bowman, Colbert, Gainesville, Gwinnett, Habersham, and Monroe. Accepts most insurance plans.
(706) 521-3113
https://mlgfhc.org/Services/MedicationAssisted

MEDMARK TREATMENT CENTERS OF BLAIRSVILLE, GA
Accepts most insurance plans.
20 Commerce Drive, Blairsville, GA 30512
(706) 781-6987
https://medmark.com/medmark-treatment-centers-blairsville/

PITTARD CLINIC
Accepts most insurance plans.
1654 Falls Rd. Toccoa, GA 30577
(706) 886-4420
https://pittardclinic.com/

PROJECT ADAM
Accepts most insurance plans.
112 Lanthier St., Winder, GA, 30680
(770) 867-8003
www.projectadam.org

THE GENESIS CENTER OF WINDER
Accepts most insurance plans.
206 East Broad Street, Winder, GA, 30680
24 hours: (404) 558-6852, Office: (678) 900-1579
Mental Health Counseling and Therapy

ATHENS TRAUMA AND ADDICTION CENTER
Offers individual and group-level counseling. Has a sliding fee scale.
337 S. Milledge Avenue, Suite 124, Athens, GA 30605
(706) 521-3784
https://athenstac.org/

AVITA COMMUNITY PARTNERS
Multiple locations offer short-term individual, family, and group educational and counseling services. Accepts Medicaid and most private insurances.
915 Interstate Ridge Drive, Suite G, Gainesville, GA 30501
(706) 348-4060
https://www.gamtns.org/about/locations.php

BLUE RIDGE PSYCHOLOGICAL CENTER
Counseling and psychiatric services for individuals, couples, and families. Accepts Anthem BCBS, United Health Care, Cigna, and Tricare
9757 Blue Ridge Dr, Blue Ridge, GA 30513
(706) 455-2490
https://blueridgepsychological.com/

FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES OF ATHENS
Individual, couples, and family counseling; services for concerns such as anger management, intimate partner violence, and child guidance. Sliding fee scale and accepts some insurance plans.
1435 Oglethorpe Ave, Athens, GA 30606
(706) 549-7755
http://www.fcsathens.com/

HEALTH CONNECT AMERICA
Locations in Madison and Gainesville offer treatment for children, adolescents, and adults with mental health concerns. Accepts Medicaid.
3030 McEver Road, #100, Gainesville, GA 30504
(470) 691-0088
https://healthconnectamerica.com/services/georgia-services-and-programs/
Mutual Aid Groups

Mutual aid groups, such as 12-step programs provide support and fellowship for people recovering from addictive behaviors. The members share a problem or status and they value experiential knowledge — learning from each other’s experiences is a central element — and they focus on personal-change goals. The groups are voluntary associations that charge no fees and are self-led by members.

**AL-ANON & ALATEEN**
12-step recovery meeting for friends and family of alcoholics. Focus on spiritual growth but not a religious organization.
(404) 687-0467
https://www.ga-al-anon.org/

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA)**
12-step recovery meeting for those who want to achieve or maintain sobriety. Focus on spiritual growth but not a religious organization.
https://find.aageorgia.org/

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY**
Christ-centered 12-step recovery program for anyone.
https://www.celebraterecovery.com/

**COCAINE ANONYMOUS (CA)**
12-step recovery meeting for those who want to achieve or maintain sobriety. Focus on spiritual growth but not a religious organization.
(404) 255-7787
https://georgiaca.org/meetings

**NAR-ANON**
12-step recovery meeting for friends and family members who are affected by someone else’s addiction. Focus on spiritual growth but not a religious organization.
(800) 477-6291
https://www.nar-anon.org

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NA)**
12-step recovery meeting for those who want to achieve or maintain sobriety. Focus on spiritual growth but not a religious organization.
(818) 773-9999
https://www.na.org

**RECOVERY DHARMA**
Peer-led movement and community that is unified by trust in the potential of anyone to recover and find freedom from the suffering of addiction. Focus on empowerment, and mutual support. Online meetings only.
https://recoverydharma.org/

**REFUGE RECOVERY**
Mindfulness-based addiction recovery community that utilizes Buddhist philosophy as the foundation. Online meetings only.
https://refugerecovery.org

**SMART RECOVERY**
Abstinence-based, self-help program for people having problems with drinking and using drugs. Ideas and techniques. Free alternative to 12-steps. Online meetings only.
www.smartrecovery.org
Supportive Local Organizations

GEORGIA COUNCIL ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE
Offers education, advocacy, and creates safe and empowering environments that support the dignity and value of what’s right and what’s working with individuals, communities, and systems. Serves as the certifying body for C.A.R.E.S. (Certified Addiction Recovery Empowerment Specialists). The home of two peer-led direct services the CARES Warm Line and Northeast Georgia Community Connections.
2310 Parklake Dr., Suite 540, Atlanta, GA 30345
General info: (404) 523-3440
CARES Warm Line (Recovery Peer Support):
1 (844) 326-5400 (call or text)
https://gasubstanceabuse.org/

JEFFREY DALLAS GAY JR. RECOVERY CENTER
Provides meaningful connection opportunities, support services for developing life skills, and a safe place for gatherings and wellness activities for those affected by substance use disorder.
1362 Juanita Avenue, Gainesville, GA 30501
(678) 316-0403
http://jsplacerecovery.org/

PEOPLE LIVING IN RECOVERY
Peer-led recovery community service organization.
370 Gaines School Rd., Athens, GA
(706) 850-8855
https://www.peoplelivinginrecovery.com/

REBOOT JACKSON
Provides peer support and resources to those who are impacted by substance use and mental health challenges while advocating for self-directed recovery.
838 Gordon Street, Jefferson, GA 30549
(706) 708-2259
https://rebootjackson.com/

THE SPARROW’S NEST
Christian ministry serving those in need.
745 Prince Avenue, Athens, GA 30606
(706) 549-6693
https://www.sparrowsnestathens.org/
Wrap Around Services

Wrap-around services are non-clinical services that facilitate patient engagement and retention in treatment as well as their ongoing recovery. This can include services to address patient needs related to housing transportation, employment, childcare, legal and financial problems, among others.

HOUSING

Having stable housing is a key indicator of an individual being successful in recovery. Sober living homes provide both a substance-free environment and mutual support from fellow recovering residents. Many residents stay in sober living homes during and/or after treatment, with self-determined residency lasting for several months to years.

GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF RECOVERY RESIDENCES (GARR)

GARR, an affiliate of the National Alliance for Recovery Residences, is an advocate and for quality recovery residences in Georgia. You may contact them if you are looking for a recovery program or a sober living facility.

8343 Roswell Rd #267, Atlanta, GA 30350
(470) 296-3435
https://www.thegarrnetwork.org/

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

Lists state-specific resources provided by the Department of Housing & Urban Development to assist the homeless with finding shelters, food banks, legal services, emergency rent and utility assistance, housing counselors, and help hotlines that are available to Georgia residents

40 Marietta St NW, Atlanta, GA 30303-2812
(404) 331-5136
https://nrd.gov/resource/detail/13081364/
Homeless+Assistance+Resources++Georgia

LIFE SKILLS & FAMILY SERVICES

BEYOND CREATION, LIFE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Provides counseling, career development, education planning, financial planning, anger management and parenting classes.

(470) 798-3654
http://www.beyondcreation.net/

JEFFREY DALLAS GAY JR. RECOVERY CENTER

Provides meaningful connection opportunities, support services for developing life skills and a safe place for gatherings and wellness activities for those affected by substance use disorder.

1362 Juanita Avenue, Gainesville, GA 30501
(678) 316-0403
http://jsplacerecovery.org/

LEGAL SUPPORT

Local organizations

GEORGIA LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM

Provides free, civil legal services to low-income or senior-aged Georgians outside of Atlanta.

705 Washington St SW # 1, Gainesville, GA 30501
1 (833) GLSPLAW or 1 (833) 457-7529
https://www.glsp.org/

National organizations

GOOD SAMARITAN LAWS

Information about state laws that may protect those who are providing and/or calling for help when someone has overdosed.


PARITY TRACK

Understand the law, your rights, and your options in seeking behavioral health treatment.

https://www.paritytrack.org/

PARITY REGISTRY

Find resources in your state for consumer advocates, health plan contacts, state regulators, federal regulators, or veteran and military resources.

https://www.parityregistry.org/resources/
**Hotlines**

Hotlines are staffed by people who are trained to assist individuals who are experiencing a non-life-threatening mental health or substance use disorder-related crisis and/or feel overwhelmed and unsure of how to respond to the situation they are facing. For life-threatening emergencies please call 911 or your local emergency number.

**Crisis Text Line**
Crisis Text Line is here for any crisis. A live, trained Crisis Counselor receives the text and responds, from a secure online platform.
Text HOME to 741741

**Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline**
Dedicated to the prevention of child abuse. The hotline is staff 24/7 with professional crisis counselors who provide assistance in over 170 languages. The hotline offers crisis intervention, information, and referrals to thousands of emergency, social service, and support resources. All calls are confidential.
1 (800) 422-4453

**Georgia Crisis and Access Line**
Available 24/7 to help people in a crisis. Provides telephonic crisis intervention services, dispatches mobile crisis teams, assists individuals in finding an open crisis or detox bed, link individuals with urgent appointment services.
Text “GA” to 741741, call 1 (800) 715-4225 or download the mobile app GCAL

**I-MaLive Online Chat**
Live online network that uses instant messaging to respond to people in crisis.
https://www.imalive.org/

**National Domestic Violence Hotline**
Provides 24/7 support to anyone experiencing domestic violence, seeking resources or information, or questioning unhealthy aspects of their relationship.
1 (800) 799-7233
If you are unable to speak safely, you can log onto thehotline.org or text LOVEIS to 1-866-331-9474

**National Suicide Prevention Hotline**
Provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals.
1 (800) 273-8255

**National Parent Helpline**
Provides emotional support from a trained advocate and teaches to become an empowered and stronger parent.
(855) 427-2736

**National Runaway Safeline**
Call if you are thinking of running from home, if you have a friend who has runaway, or if you are a runaway ready to go home.
(800) 786-2929

**National Sexual Assault Hotline**
Trained staff provide confidential support and connect you to resources in your area.
(800) 656-4673

**Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator (SAMHSA)**
Provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals.
1 (800) 662-4357

**The Trevor Project**
24/7 crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) young people ages 13-24.
1 (866) 488-7386

**United Way’s 2-1-1**
Free, confidential referral and information helpline and website that connects people from all communities and all ages to the essential health and human services they need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
https://www.211.org/

**Veteran’s Crisis Line**
Reach caring, qualified responders with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Many of them are Veterans themselves.
(800) 273-8255 Press 1 or Text: 838255
Substance Use Prevention Organizations

Prevention programs, carried out before the need for treatment, can delay early use and stop the progress from use to problematic use or a substance use disorder.

ATLANTA HARM REDUCTION COALITION
Community-based wellness organization committed to promoting health and dignity by reducing the impact of HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, STI, and Substance Use within vulnerable communities.
https://atlantaharmreduction.org/

GENERATION PRESCRIPTION DRUG (GEN RX)
The GEN Rx Project is a response to the growing epidemic of prescription drug abuse among youth and young adults in Georgia. GEN Rx works to implement evidence-based strategies to reduce prescription abuse among 12 – 25-year olds within the targeted areas of Catoosa, Early, and Gwinnett counties.
https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/gen-rx

GEORGIA OVERDOSE PREVENTION
A grassroots organization comprised of parents, healthcare professionals, harm reduction advocates, and friends of those who have lost loved ones to accidental drug overdose. Created and advocated for the passage of the Georgia 911 Medical Amnesty Law. Provides naloxone kits and training on how to administer naloxone.
https://georgiaoverdoseprevention.org/

GEORGIA TEEN INSTITUTE
Georgia Teen Institute (GTI), an initiative of Gwinnett United in Drug Education, Inc. (GUIDE), is a youth leadership program for Youth Action Teams throughout Georgia. The institute begins with a summer training program and continues with year-round support. GTI is dedicated to providing young people in middle and high schools with opportunities to become strong leaders.
https://georgiati.org/

GEORGIA PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION COLLABORATIVE (GADAPC)
GADAPC is composed of public and private sectors and works collectively across Georgia to prevent and reduce prescription drug misuse through education, monitoring, proper medication disposal, and enforcement.
https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/georgia-prescription-drug-abuse-prevention-collaborative

MATERNAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE CHILD DEVELOPMENT (MSACD)
Through a statewide contract with Emory University, the MSACD Prevention Program is committed to raising the awareness of the devastating effects of alcohol and other substances when used during pregnancy by providing a range of prevention services to agencies, communities, and families across the state of Georgia.
http://msacd.emory.edu/

VOICES FOR PREVENTION (V4P)
Advocates for and educates about substance abuse prevention, suicide prevention and related issues.
https://v4pga.org/
EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Educational Resources

**DRUGS, BRAINS, AND BEHAVIOR: THE SCIENCE OF ADDICTION (NIDA)**
Fosters understanding about the need for long-term support for people in recovery.
https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugs-brains-behavior-science-addiction/preface

**OPIOID BASICS (CDC)**
Information regarding the opioid epidemic that's designed for non-health professionals and ideal for community and faith-based organizations.
https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/opioids/index.html

**EFFECTIVE TREATMENTS FOR OPIOID ADDICTION (NIDA)**
Educates on Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) and how to offer the best support for people in treatment.
https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/effective-treatments-opioid-addiction

**Q&A ON NALOXONE (NIDA)**
Information on medications that can reverse an opioid overdose and save lives.
https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/naloxone

**OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION TOOLKIT (SAMHSA)**
Offers strategies to health care providers, communities, and local governments for developing practices and policies to help prevent opioid-related overdoses and deaths.
https://store.samhsa.gov/product/Opioid-Overdose-Prevention-Toolkit/SMA18-4742

**DECISIONS IN RECOVERY: TREATMENT FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER (SAMHSA)**
Handbook for anyone seeking help or information about cutting down or cutting out narcotics, prescription pain medications, heroin, and/or other opioid drugs.

**“STEP-BY-STEP” GUIDES**
Guides for those who have problem with drugs or know someone who does. Versions for teens, young adults and adults available.
https://www.drugabuse.gov/drug-topics/treatment

**PERSONAL RECOVERY STORIES (HAZELDEN BETTY FORD)**
Short PBS film on fighting the stigma of addiction with stories of recovery.

**PERSONAL RECOVERY STORIES (FACES AND VOICES OF RECOVERY)**
Hear the personal stories of people recovering from substance use disorders and share your own story.
https://facesandvoicesofrecovery.org/resources/recovery-stories/

**STIGMA REDUCING LANGUAGE (SHATTERPROOF)**
Learn how to use person-first language and avoid stigmatizing language.
https://www.shatterproof.org/about-addiction/stigma/stigma-reducing-language
National Organizations and Resources

Mutual aid groups, such as 12-step programs provide support and fellowship for people recovering from addictive behaviors. The members share a problem or status and they value experiential knowledge – learning from each other’s experiences is a central element – and they focus on personal-change goals. The groups are voluntary associations that charge no fees and are self-led by members.

**AL-ANON AND ALATEEN**
Help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics.
1 (888) 425-2666
al-anon.org
al-anon.org/newcomers/teen-corner-alateen

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**
An international fellowship of men and women who have had a drinking problem. It is nonprofessional, self-supporting, multiracial, apolitical, and available almost everywhere.
aa.org

**DAILY STRENGTH**
Online social network centered on support groups, where users provide one another with emotional support by discussing their struggles and successes with each other.
www.dailystrength.org/

**FACES AND VOICES OF RECOVERY**
A national recovery advocacy organization that mobilizes people in recovery from alcohol and drug dependence, as well as their families, friends, and allies in campaigns to end discrimination and make recovery a reality for even more Americans.
https://facesandvoicesofrecovery.org/

**HARM REDUCTION COALITION**
A national advocacy and capacity-building organization that works to promote the health and dignity of individuals and communities who are impacted by drug use.
https://harmreduction.org/

**HEY NEXTSTEP**
A recovery resource finder, personal health management tracker, online social network, and wellness modules designed from evidence-based research all packed into one smartphone application that's free to download from both the Android Google Play store and Apple App Store. Find resources from over 100,000 options around the U.S. including naloxone distribution centers, inpatient and outpatient facilities, and healthcare providers who are waived to administer Medication-Assisted-Treatment (MAT).
https://heynextstep.com

**IN THE ROOMS**
Online social network for the Global Recovery Community.
www.intherooms.com/

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN OF ADDICTION**
Resources to support individuals in pain due to alcohol and drug dependence in their family.
Nacoa.org
Nacoa.org/just-4-teens

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RECOVERY RESIDENCES (NARR)**
Dedicated to expanding the availability of well-operated, ethical, and supportive recovery housing. Developed the most widely referenced national standard for the operation of recovery residences and works with and supports 30 state affiliate organizations. NARR and these organizations collectively support over 25,000 persons in addiction recovery who are living in over 2,500 certified recovery residences throughout the United States.
https://narronline.org/

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE**
Leads the nation in scientific research on the health aspects of drug abuse and addiction. It supports and conducts research across a broad range of disciplines, including genetics, functional neuroimaging, social neuroscience, prevention, medication and behavioral therapies, and health services.
https://www.drugabuse.gov/

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS**
A global organization that brings together members of the community who are either in recovery for various types of narcotics addiction or who wish to be in recovery.
(800) 407-7195
na.org

**NEXTSTEP HEALTHTECH**
A health technology company that designs, develops, and implements digital health solutions to prevent and mitigate substance use and mental health conditions. The company provides custom solutions for large organizations as well as their own direct-to-user applications: Hey NextStep and NextStep Bloom.
https://nextstep.world
NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND RESOURCES

NEXTSTEP BLOOM
A resilience-building platform for youth containing wellness modules, a digital reflection journal, and personal health tracker to cultivate health literacy. The platform is free to download from both the Android Google Play store and Apple App Store.
https://nextstepbloom.com

RECOVERY 2.0
Global movement that embraces a holistic approach to recovery from addiction of all kinds. Emphasizes the importance of mind-body practices as part of an effective path to recovery and joy in life.
https://r20.com/

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
The agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that leads public health efforts to advance the behavioral health of the nation. SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.
https://www.samhsa.gov/
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