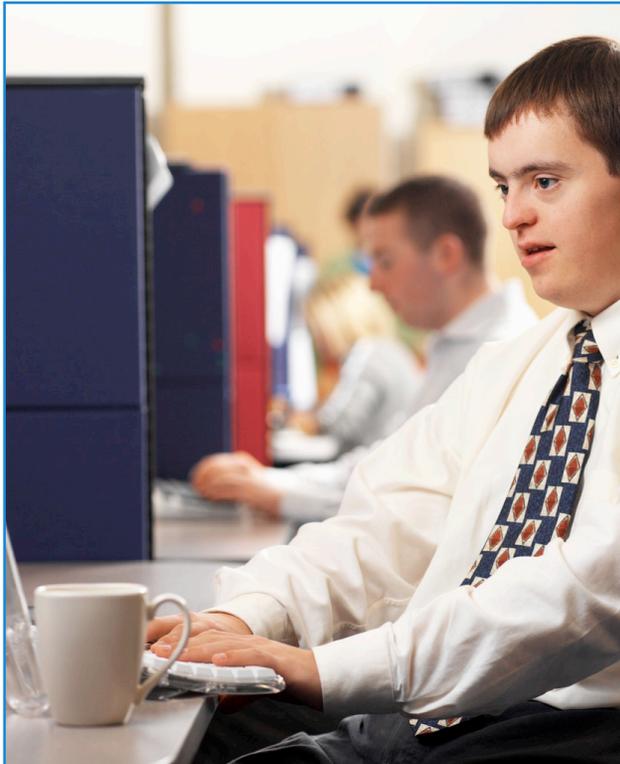


DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES

Developmental Disability Services



GOALS of Developmental Disability Services:

1. Assist people in developing natural supports or friendships.
2. Assist people in being contributing members of their community.
3. Provide opportunities for greater choices and increase a person's control over their own life.

Employment & Community Services

Avita Community Partners helps adults with developmental disabilities participate in their communities and pursue their dreams.

Staff may provide personal, social, and community supports for personal self-care and household maintenance.

Training is provided to the staff on job caring and or matching. Person-centered service plans are reviewed with the staff as well as direct skills evidence based training.

Employment Program

Our Community Employment Program helps adults with developmental disabilities, mental illness, or substance addictions learn job skills. Our Employment Specialists help people identify their strengths, pursue interviews, and support them in succeeding at their job. Employment may be only a few hours per week and up to full-time employment.

Our staff work with a variety of employers to reflect the variety of interests of our clients. Avita Community Partners has helped place individuals in banks, hospitals, food service operations, retail sites, and manufacturing companies.

PROGRAMS include:

- Support for adults with developmental disabilities
- Employment Program
- Mental Health Services
- Medical Services
- Pharmacy Services
- Emergency Services

Residential Services

Our *Residential Services* assist individuals live in their own home, with a host family or in a group home. For individuals living in their own residences, Avita employees assist with activities such as shopping, paying bills, and cooking. For person living with a host family or at a group home, 24-hour support is provided.

- 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.
- *Host Home Providers 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.
- Respite Services are individuals or families who can give short-term relief to families members and other caretaker who need a break by caring for their loved ones with special needs on a temporary basis.
- Family Support Services assist families in obtaining specialized medical supplies, equipment, and other assistance that focuses on helping families with difficulties.

** Host Home Families and clients are matched according to likes and similar ideals. All host homes receive monthly review to ensure the homes are safe and the needs of the clients are met. Host Home Families receive training in health and safety, implementation of service plans, and person-centered services.*

Community Integration

Clients choose activities that will enable them to gain independence with their personal goals. Many of the services are offered in the community to assist in creating natural supports. If a client does not know what

ENROLL in services:

A State of Georgia Developmental Disability Application must be completed and submitted to either an office of Avita Community Partners who will forward to the State of Georgia Regional Intake and Evaluation Team or directly to the Intake and Evaluation Team. Eligibility and Funding are determined by the *State of Georgia Regional Office*, 1-877-551-4897.



Centers Listing Developmental Disability Services

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Suite A
Blairsville, GA 30512
706-745-5911

Gainesville Speciality Center
3509 Mabry Road
Gainesville, GA 30504
678-207-1660

Cleveland Center
**See Dahlonega Center*

Hartwell Center
228 North College Avenue
Hartwell, GA 30643
1-706-376-4002

Cumming Center
**See Dahlonega Center*

Lavonia Center
137 Jefferson Street
Lavonia, GA 30553
706-356-8968

***Dahlonega Center**
67 Ethan Allen Drive
Dahlonega, GA 30533
678-513-5799

Toccoa Center
1763 Fernside Drive
Toccoa, GA 30577
706-886-6521

Demorest Center
196 Scoggins Drive
Demorest, GA 30535
706-894-3750



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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 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.

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