

**FAMILY SUPPORT
SERVICES**



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WHAT IS THE FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM?



- Family Support Services is a non-entitlement program through the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities that brokers disability-specific services based on the unique needs of individuals and their families.
- We provide our services with the belief that families belong together, and individuals are best served in a community setting.
- Our ultimate goal is to maintain a cohesive family unit while helping individuals live at home in the community. These supports meet everyday needs that are often critical in avoiding family crises.



ELIGIBILITY FOR FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES



- Individuals aged four (4) and up with a diagnosed developmental disability living in Georgia at home with their families and are not currently receiving a NOW/COMP Waiver, are eligible for Family Support Services. Eligible diagnoses include:
 - Developmental Disability
 - Intellectual Disability
 - Cerebral Palsy
 - Autism Spectrum Disorders
 - Down Syndrome



SERVICES PROVIDED



- Family Support Services are tailored to meet individual family's needs.
 - Some of the services include:
 - Respite/Childcare Services
 - I/DD Day Services
 - Supplies/Incontinence Supplies
 - Transportation Costs
 - Exceptional living costs related to disability i.e., utility costs etc.
 - Certain Medical, Dental, Vision, and Therapeutic costs
 - Recreation and Social Community Integration Activities
 - Environmental Modifications



APPLYING FOR SERVICES



- Families must complete an Application for Family Services and the Family Support Agreement which can be found on the DBHDD website or from the provider agency's Family Support Coordinator and return them to the provider agency.
- Provide supporting documentation of the identified developmental disability. Supporting documentation includes documents that indicate the individual has been diagnosed with a developmental disability, including:
 - DD Intake and Evaluation Assessment through a DBHDD Regional Office
 - Psychological Evaluation
 - School IEP
 - Medical Verification of ID/DD by a Physician
 - Social Security Disability



CSB OF MIDDLE GEORGIA FAMILY SUPPORT



- The Community Service Board of Middle Georgia is an authorized provider of Family Support Services through DBHDD for the following counties:
Bleckley, Burke, Dodge, Emanuel, Glascock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Laurens, Montgomery, Pulaski, Screven, Telfair, Treutlen, Wheeler, and Wilcox
- Individuals residing in these sixteen counties can get started by contacting our Family Support Coordinator, Jordy Barwick, by email at jbarwick@csbmg.com or by phone at (470) 903-2335
- Individuals living outside this area can find their provider agency by going to <https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/be-compassionate/home-services/family-support-services> and clicking the list of providers by county link.