



Care and a Cure

Georgia

When a family or individual is faced with a progressive condition such as DM1 or DM2 they are often presented with additional financial expenses as well as loss of a steady income. This section attempts to gather financial resources that are available on a state level for persons living in the United States. By no means is this section complete; we invite you to share with us any resources you've identified.

This is an on-going project. We will add more resources as we gather them; please send us resources you know of that are not currently listed.

Please be advised that each organization has its own eligibility and application requirements. None of these organizations are affiliated with the Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation. We hope you will share your experiences with us – let us know if you are successful in finding a good resource to help your family.

Financial Resources

All About Developmental Disabilities: AADD maximizes resources for individuals and families living with intellectual and developmental disabilities to pursue stability, growth and independence. They offer resources including outreach, benefit support, family support, counseling, information, resources, and more. <http://aadd.org/>

Easter Seals: Their Mission is to provide vocational development services and extended employment programs for individuals with physical, mental and developmental disabilities. Currently serving the counties of Harris, Meriweather, Muscogee, and Troup. <http://achievement-center.org/>

Disability Resource Center: DRC is Georgia-based organization that offers five core services to those with disabilities: information and referral, advocacy, peer support, independent living skills, and institutional transition. They also have additional services for transportation, housing, education, finances, and more. <https://www.disabilityresourcecenter.org/>

Georgia's Aging and Disability Resource Connection: ADRC is a multi-organizational site that will connect those in need to a variety of resources, including financial, independent living and housing, long-term benefits, and more. <https://www.georgiaadrc.com/site/1/home.aspx>

Georgia Pines: Georgia Pines provide a variety of services for mental health care, substance and addiction care, and developmental disabilities. They offer resources including residential and health care services. <http://www.georgiapines.net/>

Greater Atlanta Pathways: Pathways provides support and programs for people with disabilities. These programs help those who have graduated high school continue to live life and socialize in a meaningful, fulfilling way. They provide support, resources, and lots of activities and



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programs. These include art, sports, speakers, music, and life skills. All ages and families are welcome! <http://www.greateratlantapathways.org/home>

“Just” People Inc: “Just” People is a disability organization that offers a variety of resources, including multiple housing locations and independent living help, programs for independent living, day living, employment, social and sports activities, a calendar of events, and more. <http://www.justpeople.org/index.php>

Caregivers and Respite

All GA Kids: All GA kids is a locator for finding quality care for children. They will help to connect parents of children (with or without disabilities) to qualified professionals who can care and nurture for the child and meet all required needs and disabilities. <http://www.allgakids.org/new/>

Georgia Adult Day Care: This site is a resource center for those in need of adult day care for seniors and those with disabilities. It provides a list of certified locations by county, information about paying with Medicaid, quality standards, and more. <https://www.adultdaycare.org/directory/ga/>

Georgia Assisted Living Facilities: This site is a resource center for those in need of assisted living centers and resources for seniors and those with disabilities. It provides a list of certified locations by county, information about paying with Medicaid, quality standards, and more. <https://www.assistedlivingfacilities.org/directory/ga/>

Parent to Parent of Georgia: P2P is an organization that connects parents and caregivers of kids with disabilities. They offer support, information, community, and resources. <http://p2pga.org/>

Exercise and Outdoors

Lives without Limits: Lives Without Limits is a nonprofit organization in Thomasville, Georgia that focuses on improving the lives of individuals with physical or mental disabilities. The focus on in-home care and needs, outdoor recreation and activities, and providing special equipment for both. <http://www.liveswithoutlimitsga.org/>

Healthcare and Medication

Babies Can’t Wait: Babies Can’t Wait is an early intervention system for children aged newborn-3 years old. It helps provide early detection and quality care for infants and children who are at risk or diagnosed with disabilities, including developmental disabilities, autism, and congenital disabilities. <https://dph.georgia.gov/Babies-Cant-Wait>



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FOCUS and Fragile Kids: FOCUS + Fragile Kids exists to help children who are medically fragile or have significant developmental and/or physical disabilities. They comfort with hospital visits and support groups, offer hope by information and education, provide fun activities for parents and kids and help to make equipment available to children in need. <https://focus-ga.org/>

Housing

Georgia Options: Georgia Options helps people with disabilities who live in their own homes. They help with personal and living support, Medicaid and healthcare, employment and vocational training, and more. <https://www.georgiaoptions.org/>

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Scholarships and Education

Marcus Raper Zimmerman Scholarship: Must be a resident of Forsyth County, The purpose of the fund is to provide post-secondary scholarship assistance to handicapped individuals, or to those persons preparing themselves to work with the handicapped. <https://www.wsfoundation.org/document.doc?id=895>