



## **Resources for Older Adults and Caregivers in Georgia**

<http://aging.dhs.georgia.gov/mental-health-resources>

### **Georgia Crisis & Access Line (GCAL)**

<https://www.georgiacollaborative.com/providers/georgia-crisis-and-access-line-gcal/>

**1-800-715-4225 (Toll-Free)**

Are you seeking help and information related to mental illnesses, drug/alcohol addiction, or developmental disabilities? Whether you need to get help in a crisis, access services, or find long-term support, GCAL is here for you, your family, friends, and clients.

GCAL, a service of the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD), is staffed by **counselors who can connect callers with outpatient services, mobile crisis help, detoxification services, stabilization, and more.** GCAL is available to people of all ages 24/7, in all parts of Georgia. To learn more, visit <https://www.georgiacollaborative.com/> or call 1-800-715-4225.

GCAL dispatches **24/7 Mobile Crisis Services** to 159 counties in Georgia. This service sends a mental health professional to the home to assess people with urgent psychiatric needs. You may call on behalf of another person who needs help. It is ideal for you to be physically present with that person at the time.

Some common reasons for calling Mobile Crisis include:

- Thoughts of suicide
  - Threatening violence or harm toward others
  - Altered mental status that could pose a danger to the individual or others.
- GCAL can link callers to a variety of related services.

### **Aging and Disability Resource Connection**

<https://www.georgiaadrc.com> ■ **1-866-552-4464**

To speak to an information specialist about getting access to a variety of aging services, contact the Aging and Disability Resource Connection, a program of the Georgia DHS Division of Aging Services and Georgia's 12 Area Agencies on Aging.

### **Mental Health America**

<http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/mental-health-information>

Visit to learn about common types of mental health conditions.

### **Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregivers**

<http://www.rosalynncarter.org>

Visit to learn about services and support for professional and family caregivers.

## **National Alliance on Mental Illness – Georgia**

<https://www.nami.org/> ■ 770-234-0855

NAMI Georgia provides resources, support, training, and advocacy to promote recovery and improve the quality of life for Georgians diagnosed with a mental illness and their families.

## **Alzheimer’s Association – Georgia Chapter**

<https://www.alz.org/georgia> ■ 1-800-272-3900

For information and help related to Alzheimer’s Disease and other forms of dementia, contact the Alzheimer’s Association’s 24/7 Helpline.

## **988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline**

<https://988lifeline.org/> ■ **Call or text 988**

On July 16, 2022, the 988 Lifeline transitioned away from the National Suicide Prevention Line reached through a 10-digit number to the three-digit 988 Lifeline. It is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and administered by Vibrant Emotional Health (Vibrant). Crisis counselors are trained to provide free and confidential emotional support and crisis counseling to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress and connect them to resources. These services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, across the United States.

- **Always call 911 if you are in an immediate medical crisis.**

## **Medicare and Your Mental Health Benefits**

<https://www.medicare.gov/publications/10184-medicare-and-your-mental-health-benefits.pdf>

This official government booklet has information about mental health benefits for people with Original Medicare, including:

- Who is eligible
- What’s covered
- Treatment for substance abuse disorders
- Help for people with limited income and resources

## **Fuqua Center for Late-Life Depression**

<http://fuquacenter.org> ■ 404-712-6941

The Fuqua Center, an initiative of Emory University Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health Sciences, participates in a statewide network that offers outreach, resources, and treatment.