

ALABAMA

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DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

NETWORK AND AGENCY PARTNERS

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The Alabama Council on Developmental Disabilities is dedicated to the vision that all Alabamians, regardless of disability, will live, learn, work, and play in inclusive communities. It is with this purpose in mind that we have developed this guide to our network and agency partners. It is our hope that it will help you to locate resources and opportunities available to persons with developmental disabilities in the state of Alabama.

THE WORLD SAID I CAN'T, BUT I CAN:



WORK



LIVE

LEARN

CONTRIBUTE



BE A FRIEND

SPEAK OUT



LOVE



LAUGH



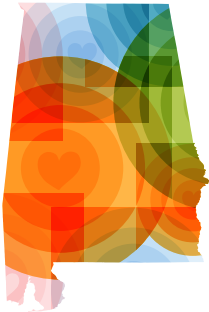
PLAY

GO PLACES



TOGETHER, WE CAN DO EVEN MORE.

The “I Can” Campaign was developed by the Alabama Council on Developmental Disabilities to create awareness about all the ways people with developmental disabilities are living productive, meaningful lives. They’re growing, giving, working, serving and making a difference in their communities. You can make a difference in their lives too. Let’s work together to create more opportunities for children and adults with developmental disabilities to participate and contribute. Learn more at ACDD.org or Facebook.com/acddal.



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UNIVERSITY CENTERS FOR EXCELLENCE IN DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND SERVICES

The 68 UCEDDs across the United States and its territories are affiliated with universities, allowing them to serve as liaisons between academia and the community. UCEDDs are a nationwide network of independent but interlinked centers, representing an expansive national resource for addressing issues, finding solutions, and advancing research related to the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Civitan International Research Center/Sparks Center

University of Alabama at Birmingham

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ALABAMA DISABILITIES ADVOCACY PROGRAM (ADAP)

The Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program (ADAP) is part of the nationwide federally funded protection and advocacy (P&A) system. ADAP provides legal advocacy services to Alabamians with disabilities to protect, promote and expand their rights. ADAP works to achieve a society in which persons with disabilities exercise self-determination through meaningful choices, and have equal opportunities throughout their lifetimes.

Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program (ADAP)

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THE ALABAMA COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

The Alabama Council on Developmental Disabilities (ACDD) has a mission to support independence, advocacy, productivity, and inclusion for Alabamians with developmental disabilities. The Alabama Council on Developmental Disabilities is dedicated to the vision that all Alabamians, regardless of disability, will live, learn, work, and play in inclusive communities.

Under authority granted under the Developmental Disabilities Act and Bill of Rights (P.L.106-402), the ACDD provides funding consistent with the ACDD 2011-2016 State Plan. The ACDD supports projects and initiatives in the areas of employment, healthcare, housing, and education and training.

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ALABAMA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ON DISABILITIES (GOOD)

GOOD's mission is to facilitate the inclusion of Alabamians with disabilities in education, employment, housing, transportation, health care and leisure. GOOD has two primary functions: to serve as a statewide clearinghouse for information on disability resources in Alabama and serve as liaison on disability issues to the Governor and the Governor's Office. Other functions include:

- One stop shop for information and referral source for disability issues
- GOOD does NOT handle social security disability claims
- GOOD provides free technical assistance and training on the Americans with Disabilities Act and related laws
- Help individuals with disabilities find the right state agency contact for their needs

Alabama Governor's Office on Disabilities (GOOD)

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Director: (334) 293-7189 (Montgomery) · (205) 290-4540 (Birmingham)

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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S AFFAIRS

The Alabama Department of Children's Affairs serves individuals with developmental disabilities by:

- establishing coordination and communication with state and local agencies and child advocacy groups.
- seeking additional resources to invest in the welfare of children and families.
- connecting Alabama families with available services.
- enhancing and developing programs to prepare children for a life of learning and to support the well-being of families.

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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

The Alabama Department of Education Special Education Services (SES) provides technical assistance to all education agencies serving Alabama's gifted children as well as children with disabilities.

SES is also responsible for ensuring that education agencies providing services are in compliance with all federal and state laws and regulations. SES processes all complaints and requests for due process hearings and mediation regarding special education issues.

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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

The Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) provides assistance or services in the areas of Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, Foster Care, Adoption, Child Care Services, Child Support, Family Assistance and Food Assistance. Department of Human Resources has at least one office in all 67 counties in Alabama.

If you suspect child abuse and/or neglect, please call your local County Department of Human Resources or local law enforcement to report. In addition, suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation of elderly and disabled adults may be reported to 1-800-458-7214 or aps@dhr.alabama.gov.

Phone: (334) 242-1310 (General Inquiries)
Website: www.dhr.state.al.us

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

Through two Medicaid Home and Community Based waivers, the Alabama Department of Mental Health Developmental Disabilities division operates a statewide provider network that supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities with hourly and daily support services, as well as residential services for eligible individuals.

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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The Alabama Disability and Health Program was created in 2012 with funds through a three-year grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to improve the health of persons with disabilities. Alabama is one of 18 funded state-based programs with the purpose of promoting equity in health, preventing chronic disease, improving emergency preparedness and increasing the quality of life among people with disabilities.

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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES

The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS) serves people with disabilities of all ages through a continuum of services. These services are provided through 25 community offices, reaching residents in all 67 counties with the following four major programs:

- Alabama's Early Intervention System, birth to age 3
- Children's Rehabilitation Service, birth to 21
- Vocational Rehabilitation Service, teens and adults
- VRS's Business Relations Program, known as READI-Net (Resources for Employment And Disability Information Network)
- State of Alabama Independent Living/Homebound Service (SAIL), serving individuals with the most-significant disabilities.

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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES

The Alabama Department of Senior Services (ADSS) is a state agency that administers programs for senior citizens and people with disabilities. Statewide the department provides Older Americans Act home and community based services, the Elderly / Disabled and 530 Medicaid waivers and options and benefits counseling through Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC). ADSS administers educational and respite programs for Caregivers. The Ombudsman program provides assistance and advocacy to those who live in boarding homes, assisted living and Nursing Homes. Each of the 13 Area Agencies on Aging provide comprehensive services through contracts and grants to a wide variety of local agencies, both public and private.

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MEDICAID

The Alabama Medicaid Agency manages several Home and Community-based Services (HCBS) waivers to help persons with developmental disabilities. The Intellectual Disabilities (ID) and Living at Home (LAH) waivers are provided to persons who are Medicaid-eligible under the waiver and who would require the level of care for an intermediate care facility. The ID and LAH waivers are administered with a cooperative effort between the Alabama Medicaid Agency and the Alabama Department of Mental Health. These programs are limited to individuals age 3 and above with an intellectual disability or related condition diagnosis.

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