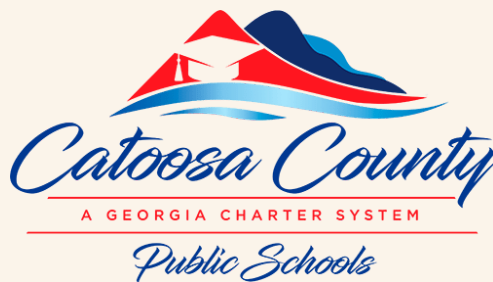


Parent Mentor's Newsletter

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New Year

January 2023



Guardianship

What Is Guardianship, And Who Needs It??

A guardianship is appointed for a "disabled person". A "disabled person" is a person age 18 or over who needs partial or full supervision, protection, and assistance by reason of mental illness, physical illness or injury, developmental disability, or other mental or physical incapacity.

5 Things You Should Know About Guardianship In Georgia...

- The entire guardianship process begins by filing a Petition for Appointment of Guardian/Conservator with the appropriate probate court.
- The individual for whom guardianship is sought will be formally served with the Petition and is required to be represented by an attorney.
- Guardianship proceedings are "adversarial" and relatively time-consuming.
- Guardianship proceedings are quite likely to be contested.
- A competent, experienced guardianship attorney can minimize the stress and expense for you.

The process usually takes about a month, but could take longer.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 19TH, 2023- JUDGE HULLENDER WITH CATOOSA COUNTY PROBATE COURT WILL BE CONDUCTING A WORKSHOP ON GUARDIANSHIP/CONSERVATORSHIP

FEBRUARY 21ST, 2023- DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES(DBHDD) AND FAMILY SUPPORT WILL BE JOINING US TO DISCUSS THE NOW/COMP WAIVER AND ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE,

FOR ALL OF OUR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN WITH EXCEPTIONAL DIFFERENCES. ALL EVENTS WILL BE AT

**6P.M. @ CATOOSA CITIZENS FOR LITERACY
36 MUSCOGEE TRAIL, RINGGOLD, GA 30736**

**Please RSVP by sending a text to 423-326-7569, or email
Rangle@catoosa.k12.ga.us**

**EVERY CHILD,
EVERY DAY,
WITHOUT
EXCEPTION**

A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles.

Christopher Reeve



**Contact your Parent Mentor @
Rangle@catoosa.k12.ga.us**

Special Needs Parents Fellowship & Meet

Come enjoy an afternoon to just relax, fellowship and connect!
Childcare will be provided: games and crafts (no horses or horse riding)

PLEASE RSVP on FB Event, texting (423) 423-240-9339 so we can be sure to have enough staff available!



Sunday January 29th, 2pm-4pm

Freedom Ranch
288 West Colston Lane
Tunnel Hill, GA 30755



Representatives will be present from **TENNESSEE and GEORGIA** disability organizations! (Ex: Music Therapy, Chattanooga Autism Center, YMCA, TN and GA Family Support Program, DBHDD, and more)

Childcare will be in Freedom Hall (left at driveway split) and
Families will meet in Liberty Lodge (right at driveway split)

Directions: Search "Google Maps" for 288 West Colston Lane, Tunnel Hill, GA 30755

OR

Directions: From I-75 take Exit 341 (Tunnel Hill-Varnell). Coming from Chattanooga, go left at end of the exit ramp back under Interstate. Coming from Dalton, go right at end of the exit ramp. Turn left onto Oscar Nance which is the 3rd diamond-shaped yellow street sign. When Oscar Nance bears off to right stay left/straight onto Colston, which is a dead-end street. At top of first hill, turn left onto W. Colston Lane, which dead ends at Freedom Ranch property.

FOR FUTURE EVENTS, FOLLOW [SPIRITHORSE AT FREEDOM RANCH](#)

The Center for AAC&Autism

Learn. Hope. Share. Succeed.

LANGUAGE ACQUISITION THROUGH MOTOR PLANNING WORKSHOP FOR CAREGIVERS & EDUCATORS



Anna Shaw Children's Institute
Dalton, GA

February 10, 2023
8:30AM-3:00PM

This workshop is open to the community and is an excellent opportunity for caregivers and educators to learn strategies to communicate with non-speaking individuals. LAMP is an augmentative alternative communication (AAC) approach designed to give individuals who are nonverbal or have limited verbal abilities a method of independently expressing themselves through the use of a speech-generating device. There are no cognitive prerequisites for implementing the LAMP approach. Intervention can begin at the cause-and-effect level and systematically build upon the stages of natural language development. This course covers implementation rationale and strategies with an introduction to the LAMP Words for Life language system. The cost of the class is \$139. A discounted rate of \$69.50 is available for students and parents. Seating is limited.

Two 15-minute breaks and a one-hour lunch break will be provided. During the lunch break, participants have the option of eating in the Hamilton Medical Center cafeteria, bringing a lunch, or leaving the campus for lunch.

Register at: bit.ly/3Wg4SIF



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Children's Institute

Scan This QR code to Register

CENTER FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Parent Resource Group

Information session: January 9, 7PM
Group meeting: January 23, 7PM

JOIN US FOR FREE ON ZOOM:
[HTTPS://US06WEB.ZOOM.US/J/88608630282](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88608630282)



Please join CVI for a virtual resource group for families of children with visual impairments, facilitated by a CVI counselor. Exchange ideas, connect with other parents, and learn about resources that can help.

Our first meeting will be on Monday, January 9 for one hour. Join us to learn more about this resource group!

Our first 90-minute support session will be held on Monday, January 23. Following this session, we will meet on the third Monday each month.

For more information, please contact nreynolds@cviga.org or call 404-602-4331.

This program is supported by a grant from The Fuqua Foundation.

Parent 2 Parent Training Opportunity

Webinar: Georgia Medicaid Basics and an Overview of Home and Community-Based Services

Date: Friday, January 20, 2023

Time: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Calendar Link: <https://www.calendarwiz.com/calendars/popup.php?op=view&id=163799333&crd=trainingcalender&PHPSESSID=ea75cbad2f6fa887ad215a5405befb4f>

Registration Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAlc-2gqTMsGdxS5bNznOT6lNBoTWnHk5T1>

Webinar: Georgia's Home and Community-Based Waivers (NOW/COMP)

Date: Monday, January 23, 2023

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Calendar Link: <https://www.calendarwiz.com/calendars/popup.php?op=view&id=163799531&crd=trainingcalender&PHPSESSID=ea75cbad2f6fa887ad215a5405befb4f>

Registration Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlOcOChrTkoHdDGXqMvXw2T8ROu4OICzFBL>

Webinar: Waze to Adulthood: Student Training

Date: Thursday, January 26, 2023

Time: 6 pm - 7 pm

Calendar Link: <https://www.calendarwiz.com/calendars/calendar.php?crd=trainingcalender&PHPSESSID=ea75cbad2f6fa887ad215a5405befb4f>

Registration Link: <http://waze-students-2023.eventbrite.com/>

Parent Support Group



The Parent Support Group, hosted by Anna Shaw Children's Institute, meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am.

- CHILDREN ARE WELCOME
- SNACKS ARE PROVIDED

Please RSVP by calling
Heather Mallett at
 706.226.8911

Southern Magnolia room on the lower level
Anna Shaw Children's Institute
1201 Burleyson Road
Dalton, Georgia

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2. Hold your device over the QR code so that it's visible on your smartphone's screen.
3. Follow the instructions on the screen to open the link or visit the link provided above.
4. Scroll down to the "Join Our Mailing List" Form

Anna Shaw Children's Institute follows social distancing and CDC safety guidelines.



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Classes to **Help, Advise, & Motivate Parents**

CHAMP Webinar Series



Webinar Series

Tuesday, February 7

12pm

Topic:

**Tips for Covering Difficult and
Sensitive Topics with your Children**

Presenter:

Evan Anderson, PhD
Pediatric Psychologist

Visit the event section on
Facebook.com/HamiltonCares
for live streaming information.



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