

Childhood Success

Early Education and Intervention – [Apparo Academy](#)

Apparo Academy is a school for all children that specializes in working with children with special medical, therapeutic and educational needs. We offer quality education, nursing and therapy services from highly qualified professionals in a loving and safe environment, thus allowing working parents to continue providing for their families. The type of services provided in our inclusive and integrated setting include: Nursing, Speech and Language Therapy, Feeding and Swallowing Therapy, Occupational and Sensory Therapy, Physical Therapy and an Individualized Education. As a faith-based, nonprofit, specializing in a preschool for children from 13 months to 7 years of age with exceptional educational and medical care, Apparo provides these children with the opportunity for immersion and inclusion in a full-day of education. Our child-centered, developmentally appropriate program allows for better communication among the classroom teacher and multiple therapy disciplines, thereby providing the child with a more productive whole-child, therapeutic approach to their education. However, the key to making Apparo work is dependent upon low teacher to student ratios, which are not supported by the monthly tuition that is billed to the parents. In fact, most parents cannot afford the billed tuition and pay no more than 15% of the \$640 a month tuition. As a result, the teaching staff salaries are not covered by the tuition and must be funded through an outside source.

Harlem-Grovetown After School Program – [Columbia County Community Connections](#)

The Harlem-Grovetown Afterschool Program, also known as The Dream Academy, provides after-school programming to elementary students from North Harlem and Euchee Creek elementary schools with an academic, social or behavioral need. Nearly all students that attend the Harlem-Grovetown Afterschool Program qualify for free/reduced lunch or meet 300% of the federal poverty level. Students receive help with homework, academic subject tutoring, arts and crafts, golf lessons, and financial literacy.

Girl Scout Leadership Experience (Direct Delivery) – [Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, Inc.](#)

Direct Delivery is the Girl Scout Leadership Experience delivered by Girl Scout staff directly to at-risk girls in a safe setting during the school year and over the summer, where girls already are: at schools and community centers. Girls earn badges, complete Journeys (curriculum-based guidebooks), and complete service projects, building skills that will help them succeed in school: confidence, problem-solving skills, teamwork, decision-making, healthy relationships, and peaceful conflict resolution skills.

Girl Scout Leadership Experience (Traditional Troop) – [Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, Inc.](#)

Girl Scouts in volunteer-led troops build curiosity and confidence, become better problem solvers, seek challenges and learn to envision their future by earning badges, completing Journeys, attending camp, and doing service projects. Girls gain confidence and form positive identities as they work together to develop healthy relationships, learn to resolve conflicts constructively, and build problem solving skills all of which are critical to girls' well-being and set the stage for success in school.

Therapeutic Childcare Center – [Hope House, Inc.](#)

Children of homeless and low-income families suffering from substance use and/or other mental health disorders are given safe, structured, and therapeutic childcare. The program provides supportive services, such as assessments, early interventions, case management, and school-readiness skills. The ultimate objective is to have them on track developmentally and prepare children for school.

Visitation Center and In Home Program – *Kids Restart Inc*

The Visitation Center and In Home Program provide services to our families who are in crisis. The overall goal for families referred to the programs at Kids Restart, is to help parents learn the skills necessary to provide a nurturing environment to raise their children so that they may grow and learn to survive and thrive in the environment in which they will live as adults. Trained staff help these families who are in crisis learn to break out of the cycle of abuse and neglect and live as healthy family units. For the families that are referred to the In Home Program this is done after issues have been reported in the family and before the children are placed in foster care to help prevent the removal and give the family the skills needed to keep the family unit intact. For the families that are referred to the Visitation Center, this is done while the children are in foster care and services help reunify the family to a stronger home environment. Referrals are received from the Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) or can also come directly from Juvenile Court. The goal of Childhood Success with these services is achieved by allowing children to experience age-appropriate learning from birth and allow them to experience positive and engaged parents and help the family live a healthy lifestyle.

Helping Hands – *RISE Augusta*

In the past five years, CISARC has implemented Helping Hands in almost 20 schools, supporting Augusta's low-income, at-risk children where they are and helping them achieve success. The CIS model of support is founded on community involvement as we collaborate with businesses, social service agencies, churches, and health care providers for wrap around services and resources. Two site coordinators work with the leadership at schools designated by GOSA to develop a support plan that includes tiered supports. School-wide goals are set and a plan of Tier 1 (whole-school) supports developed addressing specific needs of that school, reaching 75% of the population. Site coordinators also maintain a caseload of 75 students targeted for academic and basic needs intervention due to high risk factors. A needs assessment for each student guides an individualized support plan developed with Tier 2 (small group) and Tier 3 (one-on-one) services. The types of services provided include Case Management, Basic Needs and Resources, Academic Assistance/Remediation, Life Skills and Social Development, Family Engagement, Physical Health screenings and education, Mental Health services, Behavior Interventions, Community Service/Service Learning integration, and individualized Enrichment/Motivation.

Income-Based Child Care – *The Family Y of Greater Augusta*

This program provides childcare services for children between the ages of 2 weeks to 5 living in the greater Augusta area who need childcare and who have been identified by national poverty guidelines as low income.

Primetime Before and After School – *The Family Y of Greater Augusta*

The YMCA provides scholarship assistance to families who qualify as low income and need their children to be enrolled in before and after school programs. We have locations that are housed in 15 Richmond County Schools through a partnership with the Board of Education, along with 6 after school programs where at-risk children are transported to YMCA branches. We operate when school is in session and provide "school days out" care at our branch locations when school is out. We offer drop off as early as 6:30 a.m. and pick up as late as 6 p.m. to accommodate parents who need to be at work or school. Our program offers homework assistance, a S.T.E.A.M programming with hands on learning through experiments around science, technology, engineering, art and math, and a healthy snack. Our Academic Enrichment component with a focus on literacy and math. Wellness programming includes programs like Safety Around Water, Hands-on CPR, yoga and group fitness. The proposed outcomes for our before and after school programs include our children living a healthy lifestyle by staying active and educationally engaged. By offering financial assistance our programs allow our families the ability to work and support themselves.

JumpStart – *Wilkes County Community Partnership Inc*

The Wilkes County JumpStart Program is a home visitation, early intervention, parent education program for high risk families and their children, ages 0 - 36 months. JumpStart utilizes the Parents As Teachers (PAT) curriculum, and provides parent support meetings, life skills, health and wellness, family resources, information and referral, service coordination, and advocacy.

Youth Success

Autism Support Services – [Easter Seals East Georgia, Inc.](#)

This program has been designed to provide transition services to young adults on the autism spectrum who desire to participate effectively in academic, vocational, and recreational pursuits after high school and into full adulthood. These individuals are provided guidance in how to comfortably navigate and establish social networks, access academic assistance through campus services, prepare effectively for job interviews and to adjust socially while in job training or to new jobs.

Traditional Troop for Youth Success – [Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, Inc.](#)

Workforce Development

Development Services – [Easter Seals East Georgia, Inc.](#)

The job sampling program provides regular opportunities for disabled, adult clients enrolled in our work force development program to experience real jobs in existing businesses in our community on a rotating basis. These experiences help the clients and our staff to assess their interest and skills for jobs they may have never attempted before. Employers get a glimpse of potential workers that they may consider for hire at some point.

Ready for Work – [Hope House, Inc.](#)

Ready for Work provides affordable housing with supportive services on site. Services include group and individual counseling for mental health and substance use disorders. Life skills, transportation, family group sessions, medical oversight, family reunification advocacy, job readiness, and employment assistance are other services provided daily.

24 Hour Crisis Intervention – [SafeHomes, Inc.](#)

The Crisis Intervention Program is to offer non-residential and residential services that foster safety, self-sufficiency, support, and access to resources. The program encompasses a 24-hour crisis hotline to ensure clients have access to resources 24 hours a day as well as an emergency shelter that provides essential needs such as shelter, food, clothing, and referrals. While the program is designed to ensure safety, it is also designed to promote self-sufficiency through workforce development. Clients are afforded job skills and job readiness workshops as well as financial resources that allow for clients to earn marketable licenses, certificates, and credentials. It is the goal, through the Crisis Intervention Program, that families feel safe, have the resources needed to eliminate barriers to autonomy and independence while transforming from a victim of domestic violence into a survivor.

Emergency Shelter– [The Salvation Army, Augusta Area Command](#)

The Salvation Army's Center of Hope provides safe emergency shelter and support services to homeless men, women and children in the Greater Augusta Area. The Salvation Army is the largest provider of emergency shelter services in our community. The shelter regularly hosts over 100 beds and is being adjusted to house up to 130 beds in 2020. The Salvation Army offers shelter, food, spiritual, and physical care for people in need. Our shelters are designed to attend to the total needs of the individual and are meant to be a safe resting place to help residents get back on their feet. Although clients are allowed eight free nights of stay, case management is available for extended stays based on progress to stability. The goal of case management is to go from being homeless to being stably housed.

Job Skills Training – [The Salvation Army, Augusta Area Command](#)

Our Job Skills Training Program is a 3-month, free of charge, program that gives homeless and low income men and women the opportunity to gain the practical skills necessary to support achievement in personal growth and employment success. The goals are to promote self-sufficiency and increase their opportunities for employment so they can become more productive members of our community.

Access to Resources

Biomedical Services – [American Red Cross Augusta Chapter](#)

Biomedical Services fulfills the needs of the American people by providing our partners with safe, reliable, cost-effective and sustainable blood products and related services.

Disaster Preparation and Relief – [American Red Cross Augusta Chapter](#)

This program provides immediate emergency assistance and follow-up assistance to victims of disaster, including single family fires, tornadoes, storms, natural or man-made disasters, etc. Immediate emergency assistance consists of those needs that cannot wait, including food, clothing, shelter, medication, mental and health services, and more. Preparedness consists of disaster education - to include installation of smoke alarms, response planning, evaluation, and program refinement.

Service to the Armed Forces – [American Red Cross Augusta Chapter](#)

The Red Cross helps members of the military, veterans and their families prepare for, cope with, and respond to, the challenges of military service.

Child Advocacy Center – [Child Enrichment Inc.](#)

Child Enrichment's Child Advocacy Center works with children who have experienced the trauma of sexual abuse or severe physical abuse. Therapists help children to understand abuse, and teach child victims and their caregivers how to protect themselves from further abuse and exploitation. These specialized services are not available anywhere else in this region free of charge.

Court Appointed Special Advocates – [Child Enrichment Inc.](#)

Child Enrichment's CASA Program works with and speaks up for abused and neglected children within Juvenile Courts and the Georgia foster care system. The goal is for every child and sibling group who have been permanently or temporarily removed from their parents due to abuse or severe neglect to have a safe and permanent home. Last year, 498 children in foster care received Child Enrichment CASA Program services.

Dental Services – *Christ Community Health Services Augusta*

Affordable, quality primary dental care for the uninsured, the under-insured and the under-served of the CSRA. Fees for uninsured patients are discounted based on household income and size. Patients include children, teens, and adults.

Health Services – *Christ Community Health Services Augusta*

This program offers affordable, quality primary health care to the uninsured, the under-insured and the under-served of the CSRA. The fees we charge uninsured patients is discounted based on household size and income. Patients also receive access to lab services and referral services as needed.

Fee-for-Service Counseling Center – *Family Counseling Center of the CSRA, Inc.*

Family Counseling Center's Fee-for-Service Counseling Clinic offers comprehensive mental health care for individuals and families of all ages, regardless of their ability to pay. Through assessment and engagement, we not only offer therapy services for individuals and families, but provide linkage and referral to necessary services to support the overall health and wellness of those that we serve.

Filling the GAP – Responding to Those in Need – *GAP Ministries of Augusta, Inc.*

Our Filling the Gap-Responding to Those in Need program consists of: Prescription Assistance -providing clients the ability to obtain medication and health counseling Photo IDs -without proper identification, a person cannot apply for public assistance, obtain housing, enroll a child in school, or be hired for a job to transition to independent living, or get medical care Birth Certificates - GAP is one of the few organizations in the CSRA helping individuals obtain birth certificates which are necessary to acquire a photo ID Food Pantry -through donations from organizations such as Golden Harvest Food Bank and other donations we are able to annually supply about 6,683 clients (1,210 households) with food; about 40% were homeless Disposal Diapers -our diaper program addresses the lack of access to adequate supplies of diapers, meeting a basic human need for families access to diapers is also critical to support access to early childhood education and keeping families in the workforce Storage Bins -for safe storage of personal items Personal Hygiene Products for Women - providing health and hygiene products, a top need among underprivileged females and a scarce resource Dinner on Sunday evenings -prepared by collaborating partners.

Druid Park Community Health Center – *Miracle Making Ministries Inc*

In 1996, a team of volunteer doctors and nurses began offering quarterly health screenings in Augusta's housing projects on behalf of Miracle Making Ministries (MMM). Services expanded to include primary care and prescription services and a permanent, full-time facility opened in 2004. Druid Park Community Health Center (DPCHC) relocated in 2010 to increase the number of exam rooms, and again in 2016 to its current location at 1018 Druid Park Avenue, which is within walking distance for more than 10,000 uninsured residents. Today, 13 board-certified physicians and a host of other medical professionals and volunteers provide primary medical care from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at no cost to patients. In 2020, Druid Park Community Health Center served 5,316 patients and provided 12,853 primary medical care encounters. The total value of health care services provided to the community was estimated at \$2.2 million.

Crisis Counseling, Advocacy, and Prevention Education Program – *Rape Crisis and Sexual Assault Services*

Rape Crisis and Sexual Assault Services is committed to responding and preventing violence against children, adolescents and adults. The program responds to the costly impacts that violence against children and families has on public health and development. Rape Crisis professional staff and volunteer advocates provide a 24/7 crisis hotline, crisis counseling, information and referral, system coordination, trauma focused individual and group therapy, personal advocacy, accompaniment during the forensic medical evaluation and medical appointments, and support through the criminal justice system. The prevention education program informs individuals and the community to increase public awareness and knowledge of sexual violence and child abuse by focusing on building skills and promoting attitudes, behaviors, and social conditions that will ultimately reduce and eliminate factors that cause or contribute to violence. Rape Crisis and Sexual Assault Services strives to incorporate victim centered practice into all operations with a core belief that at every community juncture the sexual assault and child abuse victim must come first in both policy and practice. These services align with the UWCSRA prioritized area of Service, Access to Resources, and aligns with Strategic Community Outcomes including that adults and children live a healthy lifestyle, have access to healthcare services, access to mental health services, and families in crisis may easily access resources they need.

Shelter for Families of Hospitalized Children – *Ronald McDonald House Charities of Augusta*

Through our Family support Services and Meal programs, we give families the ability to stay together and focus on the healthcare needs of their child. We provide housing and support to families of pediatric patients who live at least 25 miles away. Each family has a private bedroom and bathroom, all meals provided, recreational activities, laundry facilities and all the comforts of home that we are able to provide. We are an integral partner with hospitals and the care of their patients.

Support Groups and Education – *SafeHomes, Inc.*

The Counseling Program encompasses Support Group and Education as well as Individual Counseling. This program is one of the essential ways to support victims of domestic violence on their path toward thriving in the community and living healthy productive lives. Together with our crisis, advocacy, and shelter services, counseling adds invaluable skills, access to resources, and elements of emotional support to the physical support our clients receive for financial, housing, or legal assistance. It completes a more holistic approach toward healing and recovery from the wounds of abuse.

Prepared Meals – *The Salvation Army, Augusta Area Command*

Through our Prepared Meals Program, The Salvation Army combats local hunger by providing food and nutrition to our community's most needy citizens. By feeding those in need, we are assuring that children don't go to bed hungry and that our men and women are able to concentrate on more important things such as jobs, family, and housing. The program's goal is to ensure that anyone who comes to our door hungry will not be turned away. Approximately 250 meals are served each day, 365 days a year totaling over 90,000 meals annually.