

# 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.

## Heritage Early Learning Academy – [Augusta Heritage Academy Inc.](#)

The mission of the Heritage Early Learning Academy is to provide an engaging educational and care giving experience to children of diverse backgrounds, that will include innovative interactions, superb safety, and a creative curriculum which connects all to our loving Lord! We have an intentional mission to transform our community – starting at the roots.

## Boy Scouts of America Programs – [Boy Scouts of America, Georgia-Carolina Council, Inc.](#)

Youth will learn many life skills such as personal finance, public speaking, teamwork, service to the community, leadership skills, interview skills, attention to detail, first aid, self-reliance, cooking, punctuality, and many more. We have a direct impact on age appropriate learning activities, helping young people become career ready. We serve the entire family; youth and adults are invited and encouraged to participate. All participants have several opportunities from local weekend camping, to visiting businesses and community service. They also have opportunities to attend longer, more challenging trips such as summer camp programs out-of-state or visiting one of four National High Adventure Bases.

## After School and Summer Programs for Children (age 5 – 11) – [Boys & Girls Clubs of the CSRA](#)

The after school program is a comprehensive youth development program that focuses on three primary outcome areas: academic success, healthy lifestyles, and good character and citizenship. More than 25 national programs are available in the areas of academics, STEM, health & fitness, the arts, college & career readiness, and character & leadership development. During the school year, members receive a healthy snack and dinner each day. In order to ensure program outcomes are obtained, parents and caregivers are engaged weekly with newsletters and monthly with parent engagement events. Camp X-STREAM (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, & Mathematics) is a 6-week, full-day, summer enrichment program. During the first week, campers will focus on the arts with X-STREAM Live. X-STREAM Fitness week will culminate in a fun-filled Field Day. X-Stream Minds will empower young minds by experimenting with science utilizing coding, robotics, and 3D printing. X-Stream Leaders will build character through community service projects. In the sixth week, students will become stewards of the environment through X-Stream Green receiving lesson in agriculture, recycling, the water cycle, and animal conservation.

## **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.

## **Children's Day Shelter – [Family Promise of Augusta](#)**

Cost-free childcare for homeless families with children under the age of 18.

## **Getting Our Lifeskills Foundation (G.O.L.F) – [Fore Augusta Foundation Inc](#)**

The First Tee of Augusta seeks to partner with other youth serving agencies to provide low to moderate income, at risk, and academically low performing youth with character and life skills education based on The First Tee's Nine Core Values: courtesy, respect, judgment, responsibility, sportsmanship, confidence, honesty, integrity and perseverance. The program will target students who live in close proximity to The First Tee of Augusta and would have a greater likelihood of maintaining engagement in the program through high school. The interactive and engaging educational golf and life skills experience will be delivered by certified First Tee coaches and volunteers, and will educate students about how to apply life skills on the golf course and in everyday life. The First Tee of Augusta plans to expand the benefit of its facility to the targeted academically under performing youth by offering a "Rescue Reading" reading intervention initiative to support. The program would support students who struggle with reading comprehension and vocabulary development. The initiative would be led by certified reading specialists and will aide students in the aforementioned demographic in reading on or above grade level.

## **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.

## **The Foster Grandparent Program – *Senior Citizens Council of Greater Augusta and the CSRA***

The Foster Grandparent Program taps skills, talents, and experiences of age/income level individuals who provide one-on-one mentoring, nurturing, caring, and positive support to child with identifiable special or exceptional needs or to children who are experiencing academic, social, or financial disadvantage. The Foster Grandparent Program provides diverse, successful, win-win services to positively impact identified at-risk children by providing one-on-one attention which often times is not provided in the individual living situations of these children. The Foster Grandparents serve in local Day Cares, Head Start programs, and area schools of which 90% are considered under-achieving, poverty-level income schools in Richmond, Burke, Columbia, Jefferson, and Jenkins counties.

## **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

## **Afterschool and Summer Programs for Teens (age 12-19) – [Boys & Girls Clubs of the CSRA](#)**

The afterschool program is a comprehensive youth development program that focuses on three primary outcome areas: academic success, healthy lifestyles, and good character and citizenship. Programs include STEM, health and fitness, the arts, college and career readiness, and character and leadership development. In addition, for teen programming BGC places heavy emphasis on workforce development. Teens receive soft skills training, participate in mock interviews, assistance with resume writing, access to professional attire, visit college campuses, and are immersed in job shadowing experiences. Camp X-STREAM (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, & Mathematics) is a 6-week, full-day, summer enrichment program. During the first week, teens will focus on the arts with X-STREAM Live. X-STREAM Fitness week will culminate in a fun-filled Field Day. X-Stream Minds will empower young minds by experimenting with science utilizing coding, robotics, and 3D printing. X-Stream Leaders will build character through community service projects. In the sixth week, students will become stewards of the environment through X-Stream Green receiving lesson in agriculture, recycling, the water cycle, and animal conservation. During the school year, members receive a healthy snack and dinner each day. In order to ensure program outcomes are obtained, parents and caregivers are engaged weekly with newsletters and monthly with parent engagement events.

## **Youth Leadership – [Communities in Schools of Burke County-Family Connection, Inc.](#)**

Youth leadership supports the mission of CISBC-FC as it provides a holistic approach to serving youth as well as being a resource to families within the community. By forming a youth advisory council (LEGACY: Leadership Education, Goals And Creative Youth) and by working with community partners, CISBC-FC will develop a plan to prioritize supports that address academic and non-academic needs, and provide various tiers of support to the participants and their families.

## **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.

## **Transition & Reintegration Advocacy Program (T&R) – [ForcesUnited Inc](#)**

Through T&R, trained Advocates work individually with Veterans and their families in the following areas by developing proactive relationships with them and guiding them to meaningful employment. Benefits include, Advocates assist Veterans in need of navigating the requirements for accessing eligible benefits, including communicating with the local VA on their behalf, gathering necessary documents, and ensuring all criteria is met so Veterans can access earned benefits; Employment: Advocates use a solution-focused coaching model to assist Warriors with employment preparedness, including resume assistance, mock interviews, and job information. We cultivate employer relationships, promoting the value of Veterans' military skills and experience; Education: Advocates work with Veterans to assist with questions concerning education benefits and encourage Veterans to complete their coursework. Advocates are co-located with several key institutions to maximize availability for Veterans and strengthen ties with faculty and staff; Wrap-Around: Advocates identify "every need in between" and work one-on-one with Warriors in crisis to eliminate barriers to gainful employment and financial stability. Prevention/Housing: Advocates work with Warriors in danger of becoming homeless to keep them in their own homes or find housing for those who find themselves homeless.

## **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.

## **Georgia Fresh For Less Program – [Augusta Locally Grown](#)**

Georgia Food For Less Program Partners with Wholesome Wave Georgia, The American Heart Association, Richmond County Housing and Development Authority, St. Luke UMC, Augusta Canal Authority, and the Augusta Association of Dietitians. GF4L doubles EBT/SNAP at the Laney Walker and Veggie Park Farmers Markets. Each market is located in known food desert areas. This program also includes an educational component with cooking education classes at the markets. Make and Take classes are free to all market patrons and provide a lesson taught by a Dietitian and ingredients to take home. GF4L provides selling opportunities ten local sustainable farmers, but has seen job/new farmer creation for 5 farmers in 2020. Of these farmers, all are either veterans and/or African American and reside within Richmond, Burke, and McDuffie counties.

## **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.

## **Emergency Meals Program – *Golden Harvest Food Bank***

Golden Harvest feeds hungry families and individuals through a network of nearly 200 food pantries and direct service programs in 25 Georgia and South Carolina Counties. The size of the collaborative effort reflects the tremendous need for food assistance in the community. According to the USDA, these counties are home to more than 134,000 individuals, or 14.9% of the population, who struggle to get enough to eat. Nearly 1 in 6 children (20.6%) – an estimated 41,500 individuals – struggle to get enough food to eat. Golden Harvest Food Bank works to address the root causes of hunger by building and supporting a network agencies that provide hungry families and individuals with access to emergency food. Golden Harvest will use the funds to acquire food from national, regional, and local sources which will be inspected and warehoused prior to being distributed to the hungry through our network of agency 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.

## **Donor Hearing Aid – *The Speech & Hearing Center***

We provide used, reconditioned/new programmable hearing aids, batteries, eardomes, earwax, and earmolds, to low income citizens with no other resources. We financially counsel to determine where they fall within the financial guideline for this program and have their hearing tested to determine their needs and fitted with a hearing aid.