

Oconee Schools

Parent Resource Guide

Information and agencies for parents of students with disabilities



Parent Connections: a website for Oconee parents of students with special needs, with links to resources, and regular posts on local events!

<https://ocsparentconnections.blogspot.com/>

Parent Handbook for Special Education: a guide to special education in K-12 – and beyond, to life after high school! Find it on the Parent Connections website.

Oconee Schools Special Education webpage: Under “Documents and Links”, find information on preschool services, parent’s rights, planning for life after high school, and much more.

<https://www.oconeeschools.org/Page/187>

Extra Special People: non-profit in Watkinsville, serving people with disabilities through recreation programs, after school programs, and social activities. <http://extraspecialpeople.com/>

Special Olympics Georgia: Oconee Schools is an accredited agency with SOGA, and participates in athletic events at the local and state level.

<http://www.specialolympicsga.org/>

Georgia Department of Education: information on everything related to special education in Georgia - parent’s rights, eligibility, IEP guidelines, Parent Fact Sheets, data on each school district, and much more.

<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Pages/default.aspx>

Parent to Parent of Georgia: statewide resource with loads of information on education, health care, planning for adulthood, and a searchable database.

<http://p2pga.org>

Social Security Administration: to apply for supplemental security income (SSI) online, visit <https://www.ssa.gov/> or call for an appointment in the Athens office (866) 964-3294

Georgia Department of Family & Children’s Services (Oconee): to apply for Medicaid (706) 310-2260

Children’s Medical Services: assistance for children with medical challenges (706) 389-6923

Understood.org: great ideas for helping students with disabilities prepare for college life. <https://www.understood.org/en/school-learning/choosing-starting-school/leaving-high-school>

Include College: inclusive college programs in Georgia, how to prepare, and how to apply. <http://www.gaipsec.org/roadmap.html>

Think College: information on inclusive college programs nationwide, with videos and

Oconee Parent Workshops: Special Education 2019 – 2020

Event	Date	Time	Location
Medicaid Basics & “Katie Beckett” Waivers <i>Parent to Parent of Georgia</i>	Thursday September 19	6:30 pm	Oconee Veterans Park Community Room
College Prep for Students with IEPs <i>College Reps / Parent Panel</i>	Monday October 21	6:00 pm	Oconee County Civic Center
Where Do We Go From Here? Preparing for Life After High School <i>Parent to Parent of Georgia</i>	Saturday November 16	9:30 – 11:30 am	ESP (Extra Special People) Watkinsville
Peace, Love, Harmony, and the IEP <i>Parent to Parent of Georgia</i>	Thursday January 30	6:30 pm	Oconee Veterans Park Conference Room
Northeast Georgia Parent Conference & Expo	Saturday February 22	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Piedmont College, Athens Campus
Healthy Relationships & Youth with Disabilities <i>Athens Family Counseling Service</i>	Monday March 23	6:30 pm	ESP (Extra Special People) Watkinsville
4 Essential Documents: Why a Will is Not Enough <i>Attorney Dennise Grayson</i>	Thursday April 16	6:30 pm	Oconee County Civic Center

Register for any of these free parent workshops at this link:

<https://forms.gle/cHHg5J3kENZgBK6X6>

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