



GEORGIA VOCATIONAL  
REHABILITATION AGENCY

# *Building Career and Independent Living Skills For Individuals With Autism Spectrum Disorders*

## What is Autism Spectrum Disorder? (ASD)

People with Autism Spectrum Disorder may have a range of skills, abilities and unique communication and behavioral needs. ASD is a developmental disability. It includes these conditions which were once individually diagnosed: Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified

## What does ASD look like?

Possible Traits of ASD:

- Negative reaction to being touched
- Repeating words or behaviors
- Trouble with changes
- Avoidance of eye contact
- Preferring solitude
- Strong memory recall
- In children, lack of interest in "make-believe" games

## Services available through Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

GVRA has more than 40 local offices available to serve clients with all disabilities, including people with ASD. Highly-skilled, trained teams of professionals, including

Certified Rehabilitation Counselors (CRCs), offer services that include:

- Counseling and Guidance
- Postsecondary Support
- Supported Employment
- Work Readiness Training
- Job Placement Assistance
- Assistive Work Technology
- Vocational Training
- On-the-Job Training

## OTHER RESOURCES

Parents can learn more from the Georgia Department of Education or contact your local board of education to have your child evaluated.

## FACTS

- You can't SEE an Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Youth with ASD are often in the gifted range in many academic subjects.

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## Georgia Organizations

- Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA)  
[ectacenter.org](http://ectacenter.org)

- Emory Autism Center  
<http://psychiatry.emory.edu/programs/autism/index.html>

- Autism Speaks  
[autismspeaks.org](http://autismspeaks.org)

- The Autism Foundation of Georgia  
[autismfoundationofga.org](http://autismfoundationofga.org)

- The ARC's Autism Now Center  
[autismnow.org](http://autismnow.org)

- Marcus Autism Center  
[marcus.org](http://marcus.org)

- Autism Society of Georgia  
[autismsocietyga.org](http://autismsocietyga.org)

