



# TREETOP TALK



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## Parent Support Groups



Support groups enable parents to share their experiences and information about raising a child with special needs. Through these groups, parents can find information about other resources that may benefit them or their family members, such as community and social outings, workshops, and other events.

Many children are impacted by developmental delays and other special needs in our area. Currently, in Whitfield, Murray, Gordon, and Catoosa counties, there are approximately 27,500 children who are diagnosed with developmental differences.

Anna Shaw Children's Institute (ASCI) recognizes the value of supporting parents, families, and caregivers in our area. Prior to the construction of Anna Shaw Children's Institute, a Parent Advisory Board was formed. This group understood the importance of providing a space for community groups to meet. ASCI provides four meeting rooms for community use. The largest can accommodate up to 40 people (maximum group size will be based on current CDC recommendations).

Currently, ASCI hosts a Parent Support Group and Latino Parent Support Group. These groups allow parents, family members, and caregivers to attend regardless of their child's age or disability. The child is not required to be a recipient of services at ASCI. The Parent Support Group will not meet in July. In August, the Parent Support Group will meet on the second Tuesday of the month from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. ASCI Nurse Navigator Krista Rogers, LPN, coordinates this meeting. Light snacks will be provided. The Latino Parent Support Group meets on the first Thursday of the month from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. This group is led by a local mother, Berta Castillo. ASCI will facilitate any speakers or presentations on topics of interest. Childcare is not provided during these meetings. All meetings are held in the Southern Magnolia Room at the lower entrance of ASCI.

When families join a parent group, they meet other families with similar needs. There is a sense of community and understanding when families with similar concerns meet. You create a place where you can laugh about the same things, discuss the same challenges, and help support each other.

If you are unable to attend an in-person meeting, Parent to Parent of Georgia provides an online resource that matches parents with other parents that have children with similar issues. They provide support and information for families with children and adults from birth to 16 years. To contact them, visit: [www.p2pga.org](http://www.p2pga.org) or call 800.229.2038. For more information about Parent Support Groups, please contact Krista Rogers, LPN, Nurse Navigator Anna Shaw Children's Institute at 706.226.8912.

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7<sup>th</sup> Annual  
NORTH GEORGIA  **AUTISM CONFERENCE**

**SAVE** the  
 **DATE**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022**

**DALTON CONVENTION CENTER**

2211 Tony Ingle Parkway  
(formerly 2211 Dug Gap Battle Rd)  
Dalton, GA 30720

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**Haley Moss, Esq.**



Attorney, advocate,  
thought leader, author, and speaker  
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**REGISTRATION FOR 2022  
COMING THIS SUMMER!**

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The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Autism Conference is intended for parents/caregivers, educators, healthcare professionals, young adults on the autism spectrum, self-advocates, and other interested individuals. Anna Shaw Children's Institute follows social distancing and CDC safety guidelines.

More information to follow. For questions, please contact Lindsey Coker at [lcoker@hhcs.org](mailto:lcoker@hhcs.org)

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# Parent Support Group



**The Parent Support Group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm.**

All parents, grandparents, guardians, and other family members of children with special needs are invited to take part in this parent-led Parent Support Group. (Your child does not have to be a patient of Anna Shaw Children's Institute).

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- CHILDREN ARE WELCOME
- CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED
- FREE PIZZA, DRINKS, AND A FUN ACTIVITY

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

To ensure we have plenty of pizza for families,  
please **RSVP** by calling  
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# GRUPO DE APOYO PARA PADRES LATINOS

Todos los padres, abuelos, guardianes, y otros miembros de la familia de niños con necesidades especiales están invitados a tomar parte en un grupo de apoyo para padres, dirigido por los padres.

Anna Shaw Children's Institute se apega a las guías de seguridad y recomendaciones de distanciamiento social de la CDC.



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**SEGUNDO VIERNES  
DE CADA MES**

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**8:30 - 10:00 am**



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# LATINO PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

All parents, grandparents, guardians, and other family members of children with special needs are invited to take part in a parent-led Parent Support Group.

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**SECOND FRIDAY OF  
EACH MONTH**

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**8:30 - 10:00 am**



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