



TREETOP TALK



Anna Shaw
Children's Institute

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Anna Shaw Children's Institute provides champion care to children and families for happy, healthy lives.



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What Do Social Workers Do?



March is Social Worker month! So what do social workers do? Social workers tackle poverty, advocate for the vulnerable, and support mental health. Simply put, they change the world! As the nation deals with the fallout from the COVID pandemic, communities across the country rely on social workers for guidance and support. A social worker's overarching mission is to improve the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities.

If your child has a disability, social workers and other professionals can help your child and your family. You may meet social workers in a variety of settings, such as:

- Hospitals and long-term care facilities
- Schools
- Child welfare agencies
- Mental health centers
- Private practice

Social workers in community mental health agencies provide services to children and families. The services available will vary from one agency to another, but standard services are psychosocial groups, respite care, counseling/therapy, and case management. Social workers may lead psychosocial groups for children and youth. A psychosocial group is a group made up of children or adolescents along with mental/behavioral health staff. The staff members guide activities to work on social skills, teach problem-solving skills, and identify personal strengths, interests, and abilities. These groups are often available at Community Behavioral Health Centers.

Social workers may help families get respite care. Respite care is a service that gives parents or

other caregivers a break from caring for a child with a disability. Social workers work in the best interest of the child and family to obtain any resources that would be beneficial.

Thank a social worker today!

Resource: <https://onlinesocialwork.vcu.edu/blog/benefits-of-being-a-social-worker/>

8th Annual NORTH GEORGIA AUTISM CONFERENCE

SAVE the DATE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023

DALTON CONVENTION CENTER

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

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Rodney Kellum



Father, author and
inspirational speaker

Stephanie O. Hubach



Mother, research fellow in
disability ministry, author of
Same Lake Different Boat &
Parenting and Disabilities

**REGISTRATION COMING
MARCH 2023!**

The 8th 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.



Hosted by:

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More information to follow.
For questions, please contact Lindsey Coker at lcoker@hcs.org

Parent Support Group



The Parent Support Group, hosted by Anna Shaw Children's Institute, meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am.

● **SNACKS ARE PROVIDED**

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

Please RSVP by calling
Heather Mallett at
☎ **706.226.8911**

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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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Dalton, Georgia

Para mas información póngase en contacto con Berta Castillo
706.218.5804.

**PRIMER JUEVES
DE CADA MES**

9:00 - 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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**FIRST THURSDAY
OF EACH MONTH**

9:00 - 10:00 am

Contact Berta Castillo at
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information.

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