

What is AIDGwinnett?

AIDGwinnett is an AIDS Service Organization. The agency provides primary and HIV care at its Ric Crawford Clinic, medical case management and HIV prevention education. As a non-governmental organization, our programs are made possible thanks to the support and compassion of our community. As a “not-for-profit” agency, donations to AIDGwinnett are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. AIDGwinnett is supported by a team of more than 250 active volunteers, a strong staff of trained professionals and a diverse board of directors which governs the work of the organization. Our team is dedicated to providing top-quality support services, effective HIV prevention programs and excellent medical care.

Mission Statement

AIDGwinnett is a community-based agency organized to respond with compassion and sensitivity to the HIV/AIDS epidemic through advocacy, education and collaboration with other agencies.

Taking Charge of Your Health

At AIDGwinnett we encourage clients to embrace personal responsibility and to take control of their own health by being aware, educated and actively engaged in their healthcare. We believe in respect, courtesy and compassion. Of course, we cannot solve life’s many challenges for you; instead we provide useful information and assistance in accessing the tools and resources you need so that you can empower yourself to live a positive life of dignity and self-respect.

What services are available?

AIDGwinnett provides specific services and programs for persons living with HIV. You may be eligible for a wide range of services available directly at AIDGwinnett or via referrals. The most common are:

- Primary medical care, antiretroviral therapy and specialist care referrals
- Prescription drug assistance, discount drug programs and the Georgia AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) and the Georgia Health Insurance Premium Grant (HICP) program that pays the COBRA premium.
- Nutritional guidance and counseling
- Medical case management
- Educational programs
- Housing Opportunities for Persons Living with AIDS (HOPWA) Program[†]
- Assistance with application for Medicaid or Social Security if appropriate[†]

Referrals to other medical and social services may be possible depending on your situation and your eligibility. These may include:

- Referrals to clinical trials for new medications and new treatment options
- Substance abuse services
- Individualized counseling services
- Adult education and vocational rehabilitation programs
- Counseling on personal credit matters
- Food banks and food pantries

We also offer numerous volunteer opportunities and a community-based prevention education program. Clinical services are made possible by funding from community support and Ryan White Parts A, B and C.

[†] Strict eligibility requirements apply for certain programs.

The Enrollment Process

If you are interested in becoming a client of AIDGwinnett, call our office and ask for the “Case Manager On Call.” In order to ensure that you are eligible for certain programs, you must provide the following items. Eligibility is based on federal regulations including HIV status, income and residence in Gwinnett, Rockdale or Newton counties. You cannot receive services unless you provide all appropriate required documentation.

1. Recent documentation of residency.
(Copy of utility bill, lease agreement rent receipt or other documentation.)
2. Documentation of total household income within the past 6 months
(Copy of W2, tax return, pay stubs for most recent month, social security, pension or a notarized affidavit.)
3. Documentation of HIV status.
At a minimum, we must have the results of a confidential HIV antibody test with your name on the copy. A copy of your medical chart from previous medical provider will also be needed and should be requested immediately.
4. Photo identification.
(Such as passport, drivers license, school or work identification card)

“Copays” for Medical Care

In accordance with various regulations, you may be billed a small “co-pay” for a portion of medical expenses incurred depending on the type of service provided and your income level. Since available funding is limited, we appreciate the copays you make since they allow us to serve more people with top-quality programs and services.