

The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities' (DBHDD) Division of Addictive Diseases has a number of programs for Georgians struggling with substance abuse issues, including alcohol abuse.

These addiction treatment programs help people of all ages withdraw safely from the physical effects of drugs, learn to control their drug dependence, regain skills they may have lost or develop new skills, and begin to develop a new life. Services depend on a professional determination of need and the services and other community resources available within various communities across the state and include:

- DUI Schools provide risk reduction programs for people who have been arrested for driving or boating while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, or for possession of illegal drugs. The official website of the Georgia DUI intervention program is <http://www.mop.uga.edu>, which is provided by DBHDD; or you may call 404-657-2331.
- Outpatient services such as evaluation, diagnosis, assessment, counseling, consumer and family education.
- Crisis service – Telephone or face-to-face intervention with the consumer and family to address immediate crisis and link to services. Call the Georgia Crisis & Access Line at 1-800-715-4225 or visit mygcal.com.
- Detoxification that helps adults and teens at risk of complications withdraw safely from the physical effects of alcohol and other drug use.
- Residential programs for adults or adolescents with severe addictive disease.

- 'Ready for work' programs – Treatment for women on welfare who are unable to find jobs due to alcohol or other drug problems.
- Services are also available for children and adolescents ages 13 -17 years olds in need of a structured residence due to substance abuse located in the metro Atlanta area, as well as the southern part of the state.
- Group Homes - DBHDD funds four Adolescent AD Group homes that provide a structured temporary living situation for 13-17 year old youths dealing with substance abuse related disorders.

Driving under the influence of a drug (other than alcohol) is also a DUI and has the same penalties as a DUI for alcohol.

For a PDF detailing the DUI Intervention program for Georgia including the stringent penalties, go to: <http://www.mop.uga.edu/cetp/DUIIPwebsite/Forms%20Documents/DUIIP%20Brochure%20English.pdf>.

Concerned about being safe this holiday season?

- Stay home to celebrate
- Take a cab if you plan to drink
- Drinking can lead to embarrassment, car crashes, unprotected sex, violence, and in some cases, death.
- Beer and wine are not “safer” than liquor. A 12-ounce beer, a 5-ounce glass of wine and a 1.5-ounce shot of liquor all contain the same amount of alcohol.

- A DUI will be on your arrest record and driving record forever. It could impact your insurance rates, professional licenses, and job opportunities.

“If you drive under the influence of alcohol and other drugs you will pay the price in Georgia. If you’re thinking about drinking and driving this holiday season, or any time for that matter, take a cab...” said Travis Fretwell, assistant executive director for the Department of Behavioral Health’s Division of Addictive Diseases.

The Division of Addictive Diseases funds a number of treatment and prevention programs throughout Georgia. For more information please visit: <http://dbhdd.georgia.gov/addictivediseases> or call 404-657-2331.

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