

Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS)

The Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) is comprised of 24 programs which support the local school systems' continuum of services for students with disabilities, ages 5-21. The programs provide comprehensive educational and therapeutic support services to students who might otherwise require residential or other more restrictive placements due to the severity of one or more of the characteristics of the disability category of emotional and behavioral disorders (EBD).

In 1970, the first GNETS program, the Rutland Center, was established in Athens to serve as a prototype for the statewide network that now exists. Based on a model developed by Dr. Mary M. Wood, the program was funded by the State of Georgia and the U.S. Department of Education to serve students from two to 14 years of age. Additional pilot programs were initiated in Brunswick and Savannah in 1971. By 1976, 24 GNETS programs were established throughout Georgia and then expanded to serve adolescents over the age of 14 in 1979.

Students receiving services through a GNETS Program are referred by their local school system through the Individual Education Program (IEP) process. An IEP team may consider in-class services by a GNETS program for a child with an emotional and behavioral disorder based upon documentation of the severity of the duration, frequency and intensity of one or more of the characteristics of the disability category of emotional and behavioral disorders (EBD). This documentation must include prior extension of less restrictive services and data which indicate such services have not enabled the child to benefit educationally. For children receiving in-class services, local schools are actively involved and exit criteria are developed upon entry into the GNETS program.

GNETS Programs

- [GNETS Rule](#)
- [GNETS Directory](#)
- [GNETS Map](#)
- [GNETS FY15 FAQs](#)

Strategic Plans

- [GNETS Strategic Plan 2016-2017](#)
- [GNETS Strategic Plan Year 4](#)
- [GNETS Strategic Plan Year 3](#)
- [GNETS Strategic Plan Year 2](#)
- [GNETS Strategic Plan](#)

GNETS Directors' Webinars

- [May 4, 2015 GNETS Webinar](#)

Other Resources

- [Parent to Parent of Georgia](#)
- [Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities](#)
- [National Alliance on Mental Illness Georgia](#)

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GaDOE Updates

- GaDOE Public Hearing on GNETS Rule
- GNETS Current Rule 160-4-7-.15
- Revised GNETS Rule 160-4-7-.15 Revised on February 1, 2017
- Department of Justice GNETS Letter of Findings
- GaDOE's Update to the Department of Justice - January 22, 2016
- GaDOE's Update to the Department of Justice - July 21, 2016
- GNETS Facilities Online Meeting PowerPoint - July 21, 2016
- GNETS Facilities Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) - July 22, 2016

