

# Orchard Human Services, Inc.

## Services for Attachment Disorder & Autism



Orchard Human Services, Inc. is an IRS-approved nonprofit that serves children with Attachment Disorder and Autism including:

- RAD – Reactive Attachment Disorder
- DSED – Disinhibited Social Engagement Disorder
- Misc. Disorders of Attachment Development
- ASD – Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Neuroatypicality including Aspergers and Sensory Processing Disorder

Orchard's services include clinical mental health services [counseling and behavioral therapy services] in addition to developmental intervention, educational therapy [non-clinical], educational programming and services, collaborative consultation, technical support, and advocacy and support for FBA/BIP, IEP, Transition Planning, and Section 504 Planning and implementation.

When children receive services for serious disorders of attachment and/or neuroatypicality or Autism Spectrum Disorder, the parents are actively involved in the therapy process. Parents participate in Parent-Child Bonding Supportive Sessions as well as engage in substantive training and support to promote the use of effective evidence-based parenting and behavior management strategies that address the needs of the fragile child.

Early in the process, Orchard provides parent training and support to address the unique needs of children with Attachment Disorder (RAD or DSED) and/or Trauma diagnosis. Included in our training are specific guidelines:



1. "That's Not Okay" is the standard response to challenging behaviors; unless the parent must use their voice forcefully to stop the child from a dangerous or unsafe behavior, all behaviors are addressed in a calm way. After using "That's Not Okay" write down what the child did and contact the therapist for support.
2. "Love and Logic" is a consequence-based parenting strategy that is evidence-based; parents are given a brief introduction to the concept and simple examples of how to apply this parenting paradigm to their child/home. Parents secure a copy of the "Love and Logic" book that corresponds with the age of the child.
3. Parents are trained on using Guidance Language and provided with Orchard's manuals for using positive guidance language called "Wholly Creative Communication"
4. Parents are introduced to the concept of Developmentally Appropriate Parenting [DAP] and provided with Orchard's developmental workbook called "What Children Need To Know"
5. Parents are instructed to reach out for help when the child experiences a crisis of emotion, mood, behavior, safety, or mental health; they are provided with specific instructions for how to access support to address situations as they arise. Orchard provides intensive real time support for challenging behaviors by Zoom, phone, email, text, and in-person sessions. Parents are additionally informed about additional crisis resources including calling 9-1-1, the local hospital emergency room, calling their child's pediatrician or psychiatrist, and the Georgia Crisis and Access Line.
6. As situations arise, Orchard provides focused support to help parents understand the meaning and causation of the child's upset, dysregulation, or misbehavior.
7. Parents are invited to synchronous and asynchronous training sessions about Attachment Disorder, Childhood Trauma, Stabilizing Foster and Adoptive Placement, Promoting Positive Child Learning and Behavior Through Brain-Based Strategies.



- Orchard presents a full-day training on Attachment Disorder that provides six-core hours of continuing education for licensed mental health professionals in Georgia; parents, educators, and other stakeholders are invited to participate in this intensive training that prepares professionals and caretakers for meeting the complex needs of children with attachment disorder. The training can be found at [OrchardHumanServices.org/human](https://OrchardHumanServices.org/human)
- Orchard recorded a five-part training on Attachment Disorder for parents involved in the DFCS foster and adoption services called “Human Super Power of Attachment” that is available for free on the GACRS.org website <https://gacrs.org/training/online-trainings>
- Orchard delivers a combination of synchronous and asynchronous trainings on topics related to the stabilization and care of children with Attachment Disorder and Trauma across many public, professional, and community-based settings. Following are some of the conferences, organizations, and settings in which Orchard’s trainings can be found:
  - National Youth At Risk Conference – Peer-reviewed presentations
  - GAEYC – Georgia Chapter of the National Association for the Education of Young Children Conference – Peer-reviewed presentations
  - Georgia Center for Resources and Support – Live In-person and Online; Asynchronous Online Trainings\
  - CEC – Council for Exceptional Children – Peer-reviewed presentations
  - Georgia Commons – Access information from previous presentations
  - Georgia CEISMC Conference – Peer reviewed presentation on promoting STEAM learning to children with exceptional needs, including disorders of attachment
  - Education, faith-based, and community organizations sponsor presentations to parents and professionals on Attachment Disorder; DFCS offices around Georgia routinely provide parents credit toward continuing education for these training sessions.

**Orchard’s website can be found at [OrchardHumanServices.org](https://OrchardHumanServices.org)**

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