**COUNSELING AND STUDENT DISABILITY SERVICES (CSDS)**

**Counseling Services**

The primary function of the Counseling Services is to support students in their total development by providing services and programs which optimize their intellectual, emotional, and social academic well-being. Professional staff provides confidential psychological counseling and consultation services to currently enrolled ASU students. The department offers brief individual and couples therapy. Additional services offered through include group sessions, marital and family therapy, crisis intervention, consultation, outreach, presentations, workshops and referrals. All records kept by the professional counseling staff in the Counseling Center and the Division Student Affairs shall remain CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION and will be disclosed to a third party only with the student’s written permission.

Counseling Services also sponsors the BACCHUS and GAMMA Peer Education Network, a student organization that provides peer education related to alcohol and drug prevention. Special programs are scheduled throughout the year but particularly during Homecoming Week, Nation Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week and Safe Spring Week to promote healthy decision making regarding alcohol and drugs.

**Disability Services**

The Student Disability Services Program (SDSP) at Albany State University is committed to the equal opportunity and equal access to all academic programs, services and activities of students who qualify and who have met admissions criteria. The SDSP seeks to ensure the University makes “reasonable accommodations and adjustments” that will permit physically and learning disabled students to fulfill their academic requirements and to assure that disabled students are not effectively excluded from programs because of the absence of auxiliary aids and support systems. Any student interested in having an evaluation must contact the University Disability Coordinator for information concerning the availability of these services.

Albany State University’s policy regarding students with learning and physical disabilities complies with the University System of Georgia Board of Regents policies and all related Federal legislation. Students who have documented disabilities, who have met all of the admissions criteria and are otherwise qualified, should voluntarily register with the Office of Student Disability Services and the Coordinator. Accommodations which enabled students to pursue their educational goals will be evaluated and provided.

**REGENTS CENTER FOR LEARNING DISORDERS (RCLD)**

The Regents Center for Learning Disorders (RCLD) at Georgia Southern University is one of three centers in Georgia established by the Board of Regents to provide assessment, resource, and research related to students with learning disorders. The Center services students form GSU and twelve additional institutions in the southern areas of the state. Students with a history and/or those perceived as having learning disabilities, ADHD, or psychological disabilities may be referred by the enrolling institution’s disability service provider for a comprehensive assessment, feedback on appropriated academic accommodations ad recommendations for optimal educational achievement. Disability service providers may consult with the Center regarding disability documentation and assessments performed by other professionals.