

FRANKLIN COUNTY

COMMUNITY RESOURCE HANDBOOK

2017-2018

This Community Resource Handbook has been compiled to assist Franklin County families in gaining access to local and state information. This handbook provides support groups and agencies throughout the county and state that may provide needed support or services desired by individuals or families.

If the support or service you are seeking has not been listed in this resource book, please contact your Family Partner at the Franklin County Head Start/Pre-K office. If you are aware of services or agencies not listed in this resource book, please feel free to share that information so it may be listed in the future for other families.

Our goal is to help each family succeed. Your calls, requests, and concerns are welcomed.

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AGING

Affordable Dentures - Commerce

287 Stephen B. Tanger Blvd, Commerce, GA 30529
706-391-8215

Serves the general public. Provides an “economy” full set of dentures for \$325.00, payable in advance. Usually the dentures are ready the same day. Price does not include extractions. Office performs extractions and dentures/ partials only. Appointment not necessary for dentures. Does not accept insurance or Medicaid. Private pay only. Hours: Monday - Friday, 8am-5pm.

Alzheimer’s Association Chapter Office

41 Perimeter Center East Suite 550 Atlanta, GA 30346
404-728-1181
1-800-272-3900
www.alz.org

Provides information, support, and assistance on issues related to Alzheimer’s disease. Provides information on nearest chapter and on support groups.

Franklin County Senior Center

6885 Highway 145 Carnesville, GA 30521
706-384-2500

Most senior centers operate as a multipurpose center offering clothing, congregate meal services, outreach, visitation, telephone, reassurance, transportation to and from the senior center, shopping and doctor’s appointments, education, social, and recreation activities for older adults.

Phillips Life-Line

1225 Old Alpharetta Ste 260 Alpharetta, GA 30005
1-800-543-3546
Fax - 770-548-7695

An emergency response system offering immediate medical assistance to homebound individuals. Will accept Medicaid (after application has been approved) for coverage of some of the bill. Serves the state of Georgia. Also accepts private pay with no restrictions.

Medicare Counseling

1-866-552-4464

Available on the fourth Thursday of each month from 10:00 – 11:00 am at the Franklin County Senior Center at 6885 Highway 145, Carnesville, GA 30521. Appointments are encouraged.

Social Security Administration

155 Big A Rd. N Toccoa, GA 30577
1-877-405-7655
1-800-772-1213

www.socialsecurity.gov

Information line providing both personal and automated telephone service, 24 hours a day. Services enable you to obtain new, or replacement Social Security cards, a record of your earnings, and an estimate of future benefits, proof of payments received from SS and /or SSI programs, retirement, and disability benefits, benefits for the spouse of an individual with disabilities, retired or deceased

worker, Medicare and Qualified Medicare Beneficiary programs, benefits for individuals with HIV infection, benefits for children with disabilities.

TCE Tax – Aide

1-888-687-2277

A volunteer program sponsored by AARP Foundation and the Internal Revenue Service Tax Counseling for the Elderly. Assists older taxpayers of low to moderate income who would otherwise try to complete their own tax returns because they feel they cannot afford professional tax assistance. Services are free and confidential. Sites are open weekly from February 1 through April 15. Located at the Lavonia Community Center on Poole Street.

Nursing Homes & Personal Care Homes

Abundant Living Personal Care Home

883 Roy Wood Rd, Comer, GA 30629

706-783-3542

Offering respite care, wheelchair access, and dementia unit. Transportation, special diets, medication monitoring, and social activities provided. Mostly females and some couples. Accept private pay, CCSP. Also offers sliding scale. Offering private and semiprivate rooms.

Care South

Northeast Georgia Health Services

Toccoa Office (Serves Franklin County)

360 Wal-Mart Way Suite A2 Eastanollee, Ga. 30538

706-297-7159

Hartwell Office

180 Athens St. Hartwell, GA 30643

706-376-6130

Home health care services offer skilled medical and supportive care to homebound individuals in their own home. Services may include Nursing Services - administering injectable or intravenous medications, observing signs and symptoms of impending or potential health problems, patient or caregiver instructions, care and treatments, changing dressings, physical, speech and occupational therapies. Personal care and support services - bathing, transferring, ambulation, feeding and grooming. Nutrition guidance and medical supplies - durable medical equipment or oxygen.

Alternative living arrangements or nursing home placement. Accepts Medicaid/Medicare, private insurance or pay. Offers a medical alert system service.

Cobb Center Apartments

Ty Cobb Health Care System

234 Turner St, Royston, GA 30662

706-245-4323 Managed By: Cobb Center Inc.

Affordable apartment for person over 62 years of age, rent is based on income and includes utilities.

Two apartments are wheelchair accessible.

The Gables @ Cobb Village

12 Cobb Village Dr, Royston, GA 30662

706-246-1700 - Joyce Bryant

Provides assisted daily living, respite care if space permits, and wheelchair access. Provides transportation, special diets, medication monitoring, housekeeping, laundry, beauty shop and social activities. Allows personal furniture. No pets. Designed outdoor smoking area. Accepts men, women, and couples. Private pay only. Capacity 48.

Brown Health & Rehabilitation

545 Cook St. Royston, GA 30622

706-245-1900

Fax: 706-245-1918

www.brownhealthrehabilitation.org

Long term care, skilled nursing facility. Offers rehabilitative therapies, i.e., hospice, and ventilator care. Accepts dementia patients. Capacity: 144. Accepts Medicaid, Medicare, private pay, and private insurance.

The Veranda @ Carnesville

29 McIntyre St.

Carnesville, GA 30521

706-384-2083

We are a small, home-like personal care home. We offer attentive care, home-cooked meals, assistance with medications and personal care tailored to the individual needs. Although we have a capacity for 19 residents that is inclusive of the fact that some of our rooms are large enough for shared occupancy - as in husband/wife or compatible others who wish to share a room. Each of our rooms has a bathroom with shower, and a large walk-in closet. Residents may provide furniture from home or the room can be furnished. We seek resident input on meals, have bingo at least twice a week, and have community participation events. All meals are served in our large dining room, and weather permitting, we have snack time on our spacious 'rocking-chair' veranda. We participate with home health providers who assist with care such as certain types of physical therapy as well as limited skilled care a resident may require. We also work with area hospice groups to provide end-of-life comfort for the resident as well as loved ones.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children with Special Needs

Babies Can't Wait / Children First / Children's Medical Services/High Risk Infants

Department of Human Resources, District 2

440 Prior St. SE

Gainesville, GA 30501

770-535-6907

1-800-204-8731

Babies Can't Wait: A statewide early intervention program that serves children birth - 3 years, who have developmental delays or disabilities and their families, regardless of income. Services are available to anyone who has had a diagnosed condition that could cause a delay in normal development. A comprehensive evaluation determines specific services needed for children and their families. Family counseling, home visits and assistance in obtaining medical care, and therapy is available.

Children First: Serving children with environmental or medical risk. Provides in-home assessment and try to link families of any income level. Enrollment would involve monitoring progress of child age 4.

Children's Medical Services: Serves children with chronic health problems and / or developmental disabilities, including children on S.S.I and Medicaid, birth - 21 years. Children must be residents of Georgia and be income eligible. Outpatient clinics are provided such as: Attention Deficit & Hyperactivity Disorder support, orthopedic, neurological, hearing, plastic surgery, genetics, vision, chronic lung / cystic fibrosis, genitor - urinary meningococcal, cardiac, burn, neurosurgical, crania - facial, and amputee. Also provides medical / surgical care in hospitals or physicians' offices if indicated. Hearing aids, braces, special shoes, x-rays, lab tests, casts, CAT scans, PT / OT, and speech therapy can also be obtained.

Serves all counties in Health District 2, including Franklin County.

High Risk Infants (HRI): Serves as an initiative, focusing on children between the ages of birth and one year who have been identified as "at risk" either medically and/or developmentally. Infants with serious or severe socio-environmental risk conditions that have the potential to impact their physical health will also be served.

Community Connection of Northeast Georgia - Children

1865 West Broad St. Athens, GA 30606

706-353-1313 or 211

1-800-924-5085

Community Connection - Childcare Resource & Referral is provided for child care options including family home day care, child care centers, pre-kindergarten programs, summer camp listings and training for providers and parents in Northeast Georgia.

Day Care Centers

Bright Promises Center – Day Care

Lynn Kirk, Director
112 Floyd St, Royston, GA 30662
706-245-5782

Faith Christian Day Care- Day Care

Christy Belcher, Director
6475 Hwy. 145 Carnesville, GA 30521
706-384-5050
Fax-706-384-5055
Email: fcd daycare@gatewaybelievers.com

First Steps Learning Center - Day Care

Patty Pulliam, Director
61 Grizzle St, Royston, GA 30662
706-245-7170
Fax-706-245-7297
Email: d_pulliam@bellsouth.net

Happy Dayz Child Care Learning Center – Day Care

Kristie Westbrook and Leah Skelton, Owners / Director
166 Bartson, St. Lavonia, GA 30553
706-356-9818

Little People Learning Center

Directors/Owners: Tonnie Merritt
5853 Vickery St, Lavonia, GA 30553
706-356-8803
Email: tonniemerritt@yahoo.com

Department of Family and Children Services

Contact: Bryant Rogowski, Director
1133 Hull Ave, Carnesville, GA 30521
706-384-4521 or 770-532-5247
To report child abuse, call the CPS Central Intake Center at 1-855-422-4453
For questions regarding Food Stamps, Medicaid, TANF or Childcare, contact the Customer Contact Center at 1-877-423-4746
Fax Number (770) 344-5950 (Only for Food Stamp, Medicaid, TANF or Child Care Verification)

Comprehensive Listing of Services:

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families:

Program provides financial and medical assistance to meet the basic needs of families and maintain children in their homes. Medicaid is an automatic benefit for TANF recipients. Eligibility: have children in the household less than 18 years of age and meet resource limits and the income limit, which is based on the Federal Poverty Level.

Food Stamps:

Provides monthly benefits in the form of food coupons to low income families to help pay for the cost of food. Eligibility: meet resource limits and income limit, which is based on the Federal Poverty Level.

TANF-Related Medical Services Program (ARM):

Provides programs through which financially needy individuals (pregnant women and or children under 18 years of age) may obtain medical assistance. Major Medicaid program is Right from the Start Medicaid (RMS), for pregnant women and or children born on or after 10/1/83. Eligibility: meet income limits (according to program), which are based on TANF or the Federal Poverty Level, meet resource limits which vary according to program.

Other Medicaid:

Provides assistance to adults and children who need nursing home care or in-home care. Also serves the elderly, blind, and/or otherwise disabled individuals.

Foster Care Services: Temporary placement of children in approved agency facility, while working with birth parents to reunite family.

Child Protective Services:

Handles reports of suspected abuse, neglect, or sexual exploitation of children. The role of this agency is to assess families, identify risks, and provide services to alleviate maltreatment.

Adult Protective Services:

Handles report of suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult in a domestic setting, in a nursing home or personal care home.

Homemaker Services:

Specialized services to maintain individuals and families in their own homes by assisting with maintenance and management.

Subsidized Child Care:

The purchase of child care services for participants in the State's PEACH program, education/training programs, and other income eligible families who are working, in school, or job training.

Adoption:

The permanent legal transference of all parental rights and responsibilities to a non-biological party.

Shelter Services for Battered Women:

To make referrals for victims of domestic abuse to go to one of three shelters located within close proximity.

Emergency Energy Assistance:

To provide assistance in paying a past due utility bill, when cut off is imminent, if income guidelines are met. Available only once in a 12-month period.

Medicaid Transportation:

To assist Medicaid-eligible clients in finding providers to transport to medical appointments.

Medical Emergencies:

Limited assistance with prescriptions for income eligible individuals not covered by Medicaid, and who cannot pay for medicine.

Department of Juvenile Justice

Contact: Crystal Teasley

130 East Howell St, Hartwell, GA 30643

706-856-2666

Formerly Franklin County Division of Children & Youth Serves. Provides juvenile delinquency crime prevention through family counseling, information and referral, advocacy, foster care and alternative programs. Also offers a program for sexual offenders.

Franklin County FERST Foundation for Childhood Literacy

P.O. Box 99

Carnesville, GA 30521

1-888-565-0177

www.ferstfoundation.org

Local Community Action Team for the FERST Foundation, which is a public 501 (c) 3 non-profit with the mission to “provide books for local communities to prepare all Georgia preschool children for reading and learning success.” Children registered for the FERST Foundation literacy program receive an age-appropriate book mailed to them every month until their fifth birthday. Enrollment is birth through child’s fifth birthday.

Franklin County Recreation Department

557 Rocky Ford Road, Carnesville, GA 30521

706-384-7275

Located at Rocky Ford Park, it hosts fast-pitch and slow-pitch softball, youth football, soccer, cheerleading, basketball and other sports.

Georgia Baptist Children’s Home & Ministries

P.O. Box 329 Palmetto, Ga. 30268

770-463-3800

Services offered include campus residential care for children and youth, age 6-18 years, group home residential care located in other communities, emergency care for children of all ages that require immediate placement, foster care in a family environment, client family role clarification, and referrals to legal, employment, and financial aid resources, adoption services, family life education and enrichment services, residential maternity care for mothers to be, diagnostic assessments and Camp Hawkins, a residential camp for children and young adults with developmental disabilities. The Developmental Disabilities Ministry operates group homes to provide care for adult men and women with mental retardation.

Harmony House

68 Spring Station Dr. Royston, GA 30662

706-245-8700

harmonyhousecac@bellsouth.net

A child friendly facility designed to serve children who have been victims of abuse in the Northern Judicial Circuit of Georgia, which will utilize a multidisciplinary team approach to the investigation, prosecution, and treatment of abused children.

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Atlanta & North Georgia

1903 Powers Ferry Rd, Suite 150 Atlanta, GA 30339

770-916-9474

Dedicated to granting the wishes of children, ages 2-18 years, who suffer from life threatening illnesses.

Northeast Georgia Council Boy Scouts of America

148 Boy Scout Trail, Pendergrass, GA 30567

706-693-2446

Serves Barrow, Elbert, Franklin, Jackson, Morgan, and Walton counties.

Northeast Georgia Girl Scouts Council

185 Newton Bridge Rd. Athens, Ga. 30607

706-548-7297

Provides leadership skills and growth for young women using the outdoors and other educational tools. Fees are full charge and sliding scale in some cases.

Northeast Georgia Health Services - Hand in Hand Hospice

743 Spring St. Gainesville, GA 30501

770-219-9000 or 1-888-572-3900

Offers hospice services and Camp Heartmender, a camp for children, age 6-12 years, who have lost a loved one. Each child will be guided through a week of structured activities, art, music, and play by counselors trained in the area of bereavement care. The camp is free of charge and registration is limited to 30 children. Also offers "Braveheart", a camp for youth 13-17 years, who have experienced the death of a loved one. Each teenager will be guided through a weekend of structured activities, art, music, and bereavement care. The camp is free of charge and registration is limited to 20 teenagers. Serves Franklin County.

Northeast Regional Office Council on Child Abuse

1720 Peachtree St, NW Suite 600 Atlanta, GA 30309

1-800-244-5373

Provides information on parenting classes, and child abuse prevention services including the First Steps Program in Franklin County.

Parent to Parent of Georgia, Inc.

3070 Presidential Parkway Suite 130 Atlanta, GA 30340

770-451-5484

Provides support and information to individuals with disabilities through a statewide database of information and referrals to local community resources. Services are free of charge. Parent to Parent also operates SHARE Exchange, which is an information and referral service for people who have developmental disabilities, their family members, and professionals assisting people with disabilities.

Peach Care for Kids

P.O. Box 2583 Atlanta, GA 30301-2583

1-877-427-3224 (1-877-GA-PEACH)

Fax - 630-964-4338

www.peachcare.org

Georgia's CHIP program. Provides health insurance similar to Medicaid for families who do not qualify for Medicaid and whose income is too low to allow them to purchase private insurance. Eligibility is based on income and family size.

Sexual Assault Center of Northeast Georgia

3019 Lexington Rd, Athens, GA 30605

706-546-1133 Sally Sheppard & Kelly Defilippis

Specially trained volunteer nurses conduct examinations for child survivors of sexual assault and rape, for the collection of forensic evidence. Examinations are at private locations. The program can also provide victims with clothing after the medical exam, crisis support for the child and his/her family, and assistance in finding shelter for the night. Also provides after care for child victims and their families who would like to talk about their feelings and experiences with a trained volunteer or staff person. Provides accompaniment and advocacy for victims and their families through medical, legal and court procedures and also offers Court School for victims who are preparing to testify.

Wee Care Pediatric Rehabilitation

Ty Cobb Health Care System

521 Franklin Springs St, Royston, GA 30662

706-245-1822

A complete team of pediatric physical therapists, pediatric speech therapists and pediatric occupational therapists provide outpatient rehabilitation to help children achieve maximum independence. Located in the Ridgeway Center (adjacent to the old Cobb Memorial Hospital).

CIVIC

Boy Scouts (local area troops)

Lavonia contacts: David Howell – 706-491-8881; George Garriss – 706-356-8376

Royston/Franklin Springs contact: 706-245-4124

Carnesville Woman's Club

Contact: Lavone Smith

706-245-9663

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, September to May, at 11:30am at the Carnesville City Hall.

Franklin County AARP

President – Norm Gladish

706-356-4336

Meets on the first Monday of the month at Shoney's at 11 a.m.

Franklin County – GA Association of Educators

Contact: Cheryl Hammock

678-837-1100

Meetings are held once or twice a year.

Franklin County BRIG-AIDS

Contact: Peggy Berryman

P.O. Box 312

Royston, GA 30662

706-245-8652

To provide ongoing AIDS, STD, and family information, programming from other youth (peer education) and adults to promote positive behavior change. Any minority youth from Franklin or adjoining counties are eligible.

Franklin County Chamber of Commerce

Tonya Powers, Director of Chamber Services

165 Athens St./P.O. Box 151

Carnesville, GA 30521

706-384-4659

Fax - 706-384-5112

Franklin County Cooperative Extension Service

7725 Royston Road,

Carnesville, GA 30521

706-384-2843

Offers information, and educational classes on agribusiness, the environment, family finances, food, safety, nutrition, wellness, parenting classes, waste management, water quality, conservation, life skills, youth and 4-H programs.

Franklin County Junior League

Lisa Baskins, President – 706-246-0894

Rachael Howington – 706-384-3523

Meets at the Lavonia Community Center on the third Monday at 6:45 pm

Franklin County Parks

Tugaloo State Park

Gumlog Rd, Lavonia, GA 30553

706-356-4362

Victoria Bryant State Park

1105 Bryant Park Rd, Royston, GA 30662

706-245-6270

Franklin County Pilot Club chapters

Lavonia

706-356-8087

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Lavonia Community Center.

Royston/Franklin Springs

706-245-2614

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at Royston Baptist Church.

Franklin County Rotary Club

Meets every Tuesday at noon in the Joe A. Adams Professional Building, 461 Cook St., Royston, GA

Franklin County Young Farmers Association

Contact: Owen Thomason

6570 Georgia Highway 145, Carnesville, GA 30521

706-491-3095

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. Call for meeting locations.

Lavonia Chamber of Commerce

1222 East Main Street, Lavonia

706-356-8202

Luncheon meeting every third Thursday of the month.

Lavonia Downtown Development Authority

1269 East Main Street, Lavonia, GA 30553

706-356-1926

Meets on the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 at the Lavonia Welcome Center

Lavonia Friends of the Library

706-356-4307

Hosts book clubs, book sales, Workforce Development, Summer Reading programs, and Preschool Story Time.

Lavonia Garden Club

706-356-8202 – Chamber of Commerce

Meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, September – May, at 2pm at the Lavonia Community Center.

Lavonia Historic Preservation

706-356-8202 – Chamber of Commerce

Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 2 pm at the Depot.

Lavonia Quilt & Chat Guild

706-356-1562

Meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 10:00 am at Ola's Quilt Shop in downtown Lavonia.

Lavonia VFW # 5897 & Ladies Auxiliary

144 East Main Street, Lavonia, GA 30553

706-356-1781

Meets every third Thursday of the month at 7 pm.

Lavonia Welcome Neighbor

Contact: Allen Johnson

706-356-1411

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, from September to April, at 6:30 pm at the Lavonia Community Center on Poole Street.

Royston/Franklin Springs Lions Club

706-245-0591

Meets first and third Thursday each month at noon at the Roystonian Restaurant.

Tugaloo Arts Guild

Contact: Betty Jones

P.O. Box 329, Lavonia, GA 30553

706-356-1076

Meets every Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am at the Lavonia Community Center on Poole St.

United Daughters of the Confederacy - Lavonia Chapter No 216

706-356-1502 – Shoney's

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month, September to June, at 12:00 pm at Shoney's in Lavonia.

DISABILITIES

American Diabetes Association - Georgia Chapter

3 Corporate Square, Suite 120, Atlanta, GA 30329

404-320-7100 or 1-888-342-2383

Fax: 404-320-0025

www.Diabetes.org

Promotes the prevention and cure of diabetes and help to improve the life of any diabetes patient and their families.

Athens Area Alcoholics Anonymous

P.O. Box 5641, Athens, GA 30601

706-543-0436 (answering service)

Answering service offers information on Alcoholics Anonymous, Alanon, Alateen, Narcotics Anonymous, Cocaine Anonymous, Overeaters Anonymous, and Gamblers Anonymous meeting times and locations. AA support group for individual recovery and fellowship. Alanon provides an opportunity for adult family members, loved ones and friends of alcoholics to come together. Alateen support group for teenagers and young people through age nineteen who have a parent, sibling or loved one who is an alcoholic, or recovering alcoholic. Serves Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Franklin, Greene, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe and Walton counties.

Babies Can't Wait/Children First/Children's Medical Services/High Risk Infants

For more information, please see page 12.

Canine Assistants

3160 Francis Road, Alpharetta, GA 3004

770-644-7178 - Judy Moore Padgett

1-800-771-7221

Fax - 770-664-7820

www.canineassistants.org

Rescues and trains service dogs to assist children and adults who have physical disabilities. Offers educational programs on the service animals and on people with disabilities. Services are free of charge.

Community Developmental Services

770-531-6570

P.O. Box 1317, Gainesville, GA 30503

Offers services to children and adults with developmental disabilities. Services include day services-rehabilitation, work activities, and supported employment. Residential services offers assistance with independent living and respite care. Clinical services include social work, behavior management, and psychological services. Coordination and referrals to other agencies is also available. Serves Franklin County.

Extra Special People, Inc.

189 VFW Drive / P.O. Box 615, Watkinsville, GA 30677

706-769-9333

Fax - 706-546-0002

Programs of leisure activities and education are offered to children and young adults with developmental disabilities and to their families. Offers a summer day camp for children, age 5 years and older, and year-round programming for children age birth and older. Also offers a one-week inclusion residential camping experience. Serves Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Franklin, Greene, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe, and Walton counties.

Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC)

4900 Lewis Rd, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

770-491-9014

Provides donated wheelchairs and equipment to individuals with disabilities for free. There is a waiting list. They will accept donated equipment. Hours are Monday – Friday, 9am - 5pm.

Georgia AIDS Information Line - AIDS Atlanta

1438 West Peachtree St, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30309

1-800-551-2728

Call for information on nearest AIDS health care facilities and support services in the caller's area.

Georgia Baptist Children's Homes & Ministries

For more information, please see page 15.

Helen Keller National Center for the Deaf & Blind

Southeastern Regional Office

Cory Parker (Regional Representative)

Email: cory.parker@hknc.org

Janice Hanvey (Administrative Assistant)

Email: janice.hanvey@hknc.org

PO Box 380

Concord, GA 30206

Voice: 516-393-7733

VP: 678-733-9644

www.helenkeller.org

Provides consultation/technical assistance to state and local organizations and agencies, information & referral, client advocacy, in-service training and professional development.

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Atlanta & North Georgia

georgia.wish.org

1775 The Exchange SE, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30339

(770) 916-9474 Fax: (770) 916-0222

webadmin@georgia.wish.org

Dedicated to granting the wishes of children, ages 2-18 years old, who suffer from life threatening illnesses.

Parent To Parent of Georgia

3070 Presidential Parkway, Suite 130,
Atlanta, Georgia 30340
1-800-229-2038

A federally funded, statewide project of ARC Georgia. Established to provide parents with children with disabilities information and training on Public Law. It has grown and expanded to keep pace with changing laws, families' needs, and a changing society. Parents Educating Parents staff are also available to assist professionals, educators, doctors, and other service providers in their quest toward a better future for children with disabilities.

University of Georgia - Program on Human Development & Disabilities, a University Affiliated Program

850 College Station Rd,
Athens, GA 30605
706-542-3457

Program assists people with disabilities who want to work or do research in the area of disabilities. Some financial assistance may be available.

Vision Rehabilitation Services

3830 South Cobb Drive,
Smyrna, GA 30080
770-432-7280
Fax-770-432-5457

Provides health services, counseling, social work services, self-help groups, basic educational services, rehabilitation service, recreational services, employment training and counseling, and computer training for individuals who are visually impaired, legally blind or totally blind. Accepts cash, check, Medicare. Service area: Cobb County and north to Tennessee, west to Alabama.

EDUCATION

Pioneer RESA/Alpine Program

Dr. Stacey Benson, Director

P.O. Box 1789 HWY 254

Cleveland, Ga. 30528

706-865-2141

Alpine serves severely emotional disturbed, disordered children and their families. The program provides diagnostic services, developmental assessments, educational, psychological and/or psychiatric evaluations. Services are provided to the local school as well as parent services.

Athens Regional Library System - Franklin County Library

Lavonia Carnegie Library

28 Hartwell Rd., Lavonia, GA 30553

706-356-4307

Royston Library

684 Franklin Springs St, Royston, GA 30662

706-245-6748

Consumer Credit Counseling Service

3473 Satellite Blvd #212,

Duluth, GA 30096

404-527-7630

1-800-251-2227

Provides free credit counseling for consumers and offers debt repayment plans. Telephone counseling available seven days a week and online counseling available at web site. Also, provides educational programs/seminars about budgeting and consumer credit and newsletters. *Client News*. Services are available at 11 branches throughout Georgia, including Athens. A Department of Housing & Urban Development certified counselor is available.

Franklin County Cooperative Extension Service

280 Busha Rd. / P.O. Box 307

Carnesville, GA 30521

706-384-2843

Extension Coordinator: Raymond Fitzpatrick

4-H Coordinator: Audrey Justice

Offers information, and education classes on agribusiness, the environment, family finances, food safety, nutrition, wellness, parenting classes, waste management, water quality, conservation, life skills, youth and 4-H programs.

Franklin County Head Start/Pre-K

Contact: Angel Ayers, Center Director

84 Hartwell Rd / P.O. Box 519

Lavonia, GA 30553

706-356-3546

Fax 706-356-1516

Head Start is built upon the premise that all children share certain needs and that children of low income families in particular can benefit from a comprehensive program to meet those needs. The program provides services to meet their educational, social, nutritional, health, emotional, and

psychological needs. It also provides medical and dental screenings for children who do not have a personal health/dental provider, as well as providing appropriate social services and referrals for the family. Both Head Start and Pre-K programs strive to develop the children's self-confidence and ability to relate to others, to increase their verbal and conceptual skills, and promote healthy lifestyles through physical activity and proper nutrition. Breakfast and lunch are served; limited transportation from the Carnesville and Royston areas is provided by the Franklin County Board of Education. Head Start and Pre-K also serve children with disabilities. The Pre-K program has one classroom housed in the Carnesville Elementary-Primary School.

The Franklin County Learning Center

Step of Faith Outreach – Patsy Watkins
84 Hartwell Rd, Lavonia, Ga. 30553
706-491-3820 or 706-356-8486

Offers extended education programs, GED classes, ESL classes, after school tutoring, computer lab, workshops, parenting classes and baby massage classes. Call for more information.

Franklin County Schools

Lavonia Elementary: 706-356-8209 – Darrel McDowell – Principal
Royston Elementary: 706-245-9252 – David Gailer - Principal
Carnesville Elementary-Primary: 706-384-4523 – Susan Robertson - Principal
Carnesville Elementary-Intermediate: 706-384-7326 – Karen Correia - Assistant Principal
Franklin Co. Middle School: 706-384-4581 – Kelly Akin - Principal
Franklin Co. High School: 706-384-4525 – Brad Roberts - Principal
Franklin Co. Board of Education: 706-384-4554 – Wayne Randall - Superintendent
www.franklin.k12.ga.us

Food Bank of Northeast Georgia

861 Newton Bridge Road/ P.O. Box 48857,
Athens, GA 30604-8857
706-354-8191
Fax: 706-850-3212
Contact: John Becker

Solicits, receives, stores, and distributes surplus food and supplies to member nonprofit agencies to feed their clients. Hours of operation are Monday from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm and Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. The Brown Bag Program delivers supplemental food to income eligible home bound older adults and individuals with disabilities in Clarke County only. Supplements are available to other counties if they provide volunteers to deliver items. The Feed Program offers surplus food to all low income individuals, sites include Bethel Homes, Broad Acres, East Athens Satellite Office - every Wednesday, Nellie B, Rocksprings - every Monday at 2:00 pm and Emmanuel Holy Deliverance Church - first and third Tuesday each month. Food is distributed weekly at site community centers. Conducts nutrition workshops. Serves Banks, Barrow, Clarke, Franklin, Jackson, Madison, Oconee and Oglethorpe counties.

American Financial Solutions

1-888-282-5899
www.myfinancialgoals.org

A nonprofit community service organization offering confidential and professional credit counseling, debt management and financial education programs. Dedicated to providing free services that help financially distressed families and individuals effectively manage their personal finances.

HOPE Scholarship Program (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally)

2082 East Exchange Place, Suite 100,
Tucker, GA 30084
404-414-3085 - Georgia Student Finance Commission
1-800-546-4673
www.gafutures.org

H.O.P.E. Scholarship Program - funded by the Georgia Lottery for Education, providing qualified students with financial assistance in degree, diploma or certificate programs at any eligible Georgia public or private college, university or technical fields. Eligible students may receive forgivable loans during their junior and senior years, in addition to the H.O.P.E. assistance they may already be receiving to complete their Baccalaureate Degree. H.O.P.E. Teacher Scholarship Program offers forgivable loans to teachers, school counselors and individuals seeking advanced degrees in critical fields of study. G.E.D. Vouchers - replacement vouchers are available to Georgians who received their G.E.D. after June 30, 1993.

Northeast Georgia Technical College

North Georgia Technical College
1500 HWY 197
Clarkesville, GA 30523
Contact: Shelby Ward, Dean of Adult Education
Telephone: 706-754-7700, 706-754-7781

Local Contact:

Pamela Lawson
706-356-8486 or 706-491-3820
Boyd-Outz Learning Center
84 Hartwell Road,
Lavonia, GA 30553

Classes held on Tuesdays/Thursdays: 8 am - 12:30 pm; and 4 - 8 pm.

Services: The North Georgia Technical College Adult Education program is designed for adults who have different needs, backgrounds, and skill levels. They provide a full range of services for adults who need to acquire or improve basic reading, math, and/or written communication skills in order to prepare them to enter and succeed in the workplace or postsecondary educational programs.

Adult education classes taught at NGTC are free of charge to adults 16 years and older.

Instruction is available in basic skills, GED ® Test preparation, EL/Civics, English as a Second Language, and ASSET and Compass Test preparation. There is no charge for books or materials used in adult education classes.

Northeast Georgia TRIO Program - Northeast Georgia Education Opportunity Center

480 N. Thomas St, Athens, GA 30602-5550
404-894-8000 – Northeast Georgia Technical College
Fax - 706-369-5925

The Educational Opportunity Center encourages and assists mainly adults (and youth) to enroll in a post-secondary institution. Offers free G.E.D. Preparation classes from 9:00am - 12:00pm Monday - Thursday at Thomas Lay Park and the east Athens Community Center. Serves Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Franklin, Greene, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe, and Walton counties.

Prevent Child Abuse Georgia

2300 Henderson Mill Rd,

Atlanta, GA 30345

1-800-244-5373

www.pcageorgia.org

Provides information on parenting classes and child abuse prevention services including the first Steps Programs in Barrow, Elbert, Franklin, Greene, Jackson, Morgan, Newton, Walton, and Wilkes counties.

Piedmont Migrant Education Agency

Region 3 Migrant Program Office

Georgia Department of Education

205 Jegae Hill Jr. Drive SE, Ste. 1570

Atlanta, GA 30334

Toll Free: (800) 648-0892

Alice Matthews, Region 3 Coordinator

<http://www.gadoe.org/School-Improvement/Federal-Programs/Pages/Migrant-Education-Program.aspx>

Area of Coverage: 75 School Districts in North Georgia

QUALIFICATIONS: A child is a “migratory child” and is eligible for MEP services if all of the following conditions are met: The child/youth is at least three years of age and not older than 21 years of age; *and* the child/youth is entitled to a free public education (through grade 12) under state law or is below age of compulsory school attendance; *and* the child/youth has a parent, spouse, or guardian who is a migratory agricultural worker or a migratory fisher (by GaDOE MEP definition); *and* the child/youth moved within the preceding 36 months in order to seek or obtain qualifying work, or to accompany or join the migratory agricultural worker or migratory fisher, in order to seek or obtain qualifying work; *and* the child/youth has moved from one school district to another in this process. The Georgia Department of Education determines program eligibility for children and youth in Georgia.

SERVICES: On a supplemental, as needed basis, when available, eligible migrant children/youth may receive school readiness or K-12 academic tutoring; post-secondary prep assistance; emergency medical, dental, vision, hearing services; and/or the opportunity to participate in local, state, and national summer programs. Migrant dropouts/out-of-school youth may be eligible for academic support: English language acquisition programs and/or GED/high school grad prep and testing.

NOTE: All migrant students enrolled in Georgia’s Public Schools are eligible for free lunch.

Special Needs Intervention Programs (SNIP)

Contact: Martha Long, Director Special Services

706-384-4554; 706-356-1060

The classroom is located at Carnesville Elementary-Primary School. This program is designed to serve the special needs of three, four, and five-year old children. To receive services, eligibility must be determined and an Individual Education Plan written. SNIP is a program which serves the following disabilities: Speech and Language Impairment, Mentally Handicapped, Emotional Behavioral Disordered, Visually Impaired, Learning Disabled, Orthopedically Disabled, and other health impairments. SNIP provides center-based, home-based and community-based and special education services. Types of services include speech and language, educational, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and support services for parents and all care providers.

Ty Cobb Museum

461 Cook Street,
Royston, GA 30662
706-245-1825
Fax - 706-245-1831
www.tycobbmuseum.org

A nonprofit educational institution. Provides information about the life and career of Ty Cobb as well as information about baseball history during his era.

University of Georgia - Program on Human Development & Disabilities, a University Affiliated Program

850 College Station Rd,
Athens, GA 30605
706-542-4845
706-542-3457
Fax - 706-542-4815

Program assists people with disabilities who want to work or do research in the area of disabilities. Some financial assistance may be available.

University of Georgia - Athens Area Business Outreach Service/Small Business Development Center

Chicopee Building
1180 E. Broad St,
Athens, GA 30602-5412
706-542-7436
Fax - 706-542-6803
www.sbdc.uga.edu

Gainesville Office

906 Interstate Ridge Dr., Ste. D
Gainesville, GA 30501
770-531-5681
Fax: 770-531-5684

Assists business owners with the operation and management of their business. Offers one-on-one consulting by appointment and programs on starting and managing a business. Services include Minority Business Enterprise - working to ensure minority business achieves and maintains a competitive advantage in the economic arena. Offers workshops, seminars, forums, and research. Serves Banks, Clarke, Elbert, Franklin, Greene, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Taliaferro, Walton, and Wilkes counties.

EMPLOYMENT

Georgia Mountain Community Services (Community Developmental Services)

2354 Pine Cove Cir,
Gainesville, GA 30504
770-536-6099

Offers services to children and adults with developmental disabilities. Services include day services - rehabilitation, work activities, and supported employment, Residential services - offers assistance with independent living and respite care. Clinical services - social work, behavior management and psychological services, Coordination and referrals to other agencies is also available. Serves Franklin County.

Department of Labor

112 N. Alexander St,
Toccoa, GA 30577
706-282-4514

Offers employment training and testing services, unemployment insurance, Job Corps, veteran services, Job Information Search - J.I.S., job referrals/placement, labor market information, computers, and laser printers to create a resume and cover letters, out of area job search, relocation assistance, claimant assistance, and displaced workers program. Serves Franklin Co.

Division of Rehabilitation

530 Broad St, SE / P.O. Box 677
Gainesville, GA 30503

Franklin County contact: 770-535-4568 (Jerry Dawkins)

Provides vocational rehabilitation to individuals with disabilities. Services include diagnostic services, vocational counseling and guidance, prevocational and adjustment training, technical and on the job training, job placement and follow-up, and equipment such as hearing aids and eyeglasses to increase work ability.

Drugs Don't Work in Georgia

270 Peachtree St, Suite 900
Atlanta, GA 30303
404-223-2277 or 1-800-241-2286

A program of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. Assists businesses in achieving drug free certification through the State Board of Workers Compensation. This qualifies businesses for a 7.5 % discount on their Workers Compensation premium. The program takes about 60 days and consists of five steps: establishing a substance abuse policy, drug testing of employees, employee education, supervisor training and the establishment of an employee assistance program or a referral list for employees to use. Local chambers of commerce sometimes provide these programs or state office can train them to do it. Services are free of charge although the company must pay for the drug testing of employees (a discount is available).

Etcon

12322 Augusta Rd,
Lavonia, GA 30553
1-800-442-1011

Temporary and permanent job placement for Stephens, Franklin, Hart, Elbert counties.

Georgia Baptist Children's Home & Ministries

For more information, please see page 15.

Georgia Department of Veteran Services - Franklin County

Georgia Dept. of Veteran Services
12 W. Tugaloo St, Toccoa, GA 30577
706-282-4525

Provides eligible veterans and their dependents with and advocate when applying for many of the Veterans Administration benefits. Also offers vocational rehabilitation programs to assist veterans with service disabilities to obtain employment, pensions, hospitalization, outpatient treatment and loans. Serves Franklin County.

Georgia Mountain Regional Development Center

1310 W. Ridge Rd. / P.O. Box 1720, Gainesville, GA 30503
770-538-2626

The Regional Development Center (R.D.C.) of Georgia was established through the enactment of the Georgia State Planning Act of 1989, commonly known as House Bill 215. The planning act required that a more coordinated planning process be implemented throughout the state. The newly created R.D.C. was given responsibility of serving the public interests of the state by promoting and implementing the comprehensive planning process. Offers a job-training program for eligible participants.

Job Corps

239 West Lake Ave. NW
Atlanta, GA 30314
404-794-9512

Pays a stipend on a monthly basis for students, age 16-24 years, to learn a job skill. Courses range from 6 months to 2 years. There are several training sites throughout the southeastern region. Travel expenses are paid for through the program, and food, medical, and dental care are also provided.

Phillips Staffing

13375 Jones St
Lavonia, GA 30553
706-356-5820

Temporary & permanent job placement for Stephens, Franklin, Hart, Elbert counties.

Rehabilitation Industries of Northeast Georgia

930 Athens St, / P.O. Box 151, Gainesville, GA 30503
770-535-7464

Offers vocational evaluation, work adjustment, and sheltered employment to individuals with disabilities, ages 16 years and older. Serves Franklin County.

Success Track

Formerly "Employment Line" explores the current and future job market in Georgia. Offers advice on how to get a job, change jobs and move ahead in your career. Aired every Thursday at 7:00 pm and Sunday at 1:30 pm on Georgia Public Television.

Vision Rehabilitation Services

3830 South Cobb Drive, Smyrna, GA 30080

770-432-7280

Fax - 770-432-5457

Provides health services, counseling, social work services, self-help groups, basic educational services, rehabilitation service, recreational services, and rehabilitation service. Recreational services, employment training and counseling, and computer training for individuals who are visually impaired, legally blind or totally blind.

FINANCIAL

Consumer Credit Counseling Service

2160 Satellite Blvd #400,
Duluth, GA 30096
770-495-0869

Provides free credit counseling for consumers and offers debt repayment plans. Telephone counseling available seven days a week and online counseling available at web site. Also, provides educational programs/seminars about budgeting and consumer credit and newsletter, *Client News*. Services are available at 11 branches throughout Georgia, including Athens. A Department of Housing & Urban Development certified counselor is available.

Fannie Mae

950 E. Paces Ferry Rd. #1900
Atlanta, GA 30326-1161
404-949-0356 or 1-800-232-6643
www.fanniemae.com

Fannie Mae's mission is to provide financial services to increase the availability and the affordability of housing for low, moderate, and middle income Americans.

Franklin County Department of Family & Children Services

For more information, please see page 13-14.

Genus Credit Management

For more information, please see page 25.

Georgia Tools for Life

512 Means St. NW #250,
Atlanta, GA 30318
404-894-0541 or 1-800-497-8665
404-657-3085 TDD
Fax - 404-657-3086
www.gatfl.gatech.edu

Part of the Department of Human Resources rehabilitation services and the Federal Assistive Technology Assistance program. Offer tips on locating and identifying different funding sources for individuals with disabilities for the purpose of obtaining products, services, and adaptive equipment. The program has seven technology resource centers which offer, among other services, short term equipment loans so you can try before you buy. Also offer a recycling center where they recycle computers (486 and up) and turn them into assistive computer systems for persons with disabilities. Donations are accepted. They will also do systems change work to include more assistive technology.

Habitat for Humanity - Franklin County

1560 East Main Street,
Lavonia, GA 30553
Contact: Cathy Woods
706-356-5479

Facilitates the building of low cost housing at no interest or profit. Requirements for eligibility are \$500.00 down, and \$200.00 a month until the property is paid off. Homeowners are also required to participate in the building of future homes for new habitat homeowners. Small Projects Group works on roofs, front porches, stair repairs and wheelchair ramps. Qualified homeowners provide all materials and some labor assistance. A Habitat Thrift Store, located in Toccoa, GA, accepts donated building, and remodeling materials for resale.

HOPE Scholarship Program (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally)

For more information, please see page 26.

Shriner's Hospitals for Children

950 West Faris Rd,
Greenville, SC 29605
864-271-3444

Offer free medical care to children up to their 18th birthday who suffer from orthopedic problems, severe burns, and spinal cord injuries.

Social Security Administration - Franklin County

For more information, please see page 8.

TCE Tax - Aide

For more information, please see page 9.

University of Georgia - Athens Area Business Outreach Services/Small Business Development Center

For more information, please see page 28.

FOOD SERVICES

Agriculture Consumer Line

1-800-282-5852

To answer questions about agriculture products and allows consumers an outlet for complaints. Provides assistance in food buying and using products more effectively.

Cornerstone Ministries

171 Bowersville Rd, P. O. Box 556

Carnesville, GA 30521

706-384-2472

Cornerstone is a nonprofit Christian ministry of local churches reaching out to needy families.

Mission is to provide food, clothing Serves Franklin County. Hours of Operation:

Thursday 6-8 pm.

East Georgia Chapter American Red Cross

490 Pulaski St,

Athens, GA 30606

706-353-1645

1-800-733-2767 - financial donations

Fax - 706-353-4701

Offers health education programs including community C.P.R. Consists of adult & infant/child C.P.R., C.P.R. For the professional trainer, C.P.R. recertification, standard first aid - consists of adult C.P.R. & first aid, community first aid - consists of adult C.P.R. & infant/child & first aid, first aid recertification, C.P.R. & first aid instructor class, water safety, nutrition, and HIV/AIDS education. Provides food, clothing and shelter for immediate emergency needs in natural disasters and manmade disasters. Provides communications between families and military personnel. Also operates a blood center. International tracing also. Serves Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Franklin, Banks, Hart, Greene, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee and Oglethorpe counties.

Food Bank of Northeast Georgia

For more information, please see page 25.

Franklin County Department of Family & Children Services

For more information, please see page 13-14.

Franklin County Senior Center

6885 Highway 145,

Carnesville, GA 30521

706-384-2500

A multipurpose center offering congregate meal services, outreach, visitation, telephone reassurance, transportation to and from the senior center, shopping. Education, social, and recreation activities for older adults. Free legal services through Georgia Legal Services, a foot clinic, blood pressure checks, and homemaker services. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday 8:00 am until 4:30 pm.

Ninth District Opportunity, Inc. Community Action Agency
For more information, please see pages 51-52.

Rainbow Pantry

191 Campbell St. / P.O. Box 12
Royston, GA 30662
706-245-0965

Contact: Lavone Smith

Offers emergency food assistance to individuals in Franklin County.

Stephens County Salvation Army

306 East Franklin St, Toccoa, GA 30577
706-886-5293

Fax: 706-886-0742

Provides emergency financial, clothing, referrals to food pantries and fire victim assistance to individuals in Franklin County.

HEALTH CARE

American Lung Association of Georgia

2452 Spring Road,
Smyrna, GA 30080
770-434-5864

Fax - 770-319-0349

Serves Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Franklin, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe, and Walton counties,

Provides education, research, fund raising and training programs for communities, employees, school and civic groups, as well as research. Offers support and assistance to victims of lung disease and their families. The work is divided into 4 primary areas: asthma, smoking or health, school education and lung disease. Serves a 21 county area. There is a charge, but sliding scales are available.

American Red Cross Blood Service - Atlanta

1-800-922-3998

Paternity testing only.

Arthritis Foundation

404-872-7100

1355 Peachtree St. NE, #600

Atlanta, GA 30309

Supports research to find the cure for and prevention of arthritis and to improve the quality of life for those affected by arthritis. Provides information on exercise classes and special events.

Athens Regional Home Health Services

1510 Prince Ave,

Athens, GA 30606

706-475-7000 - ARMC

706-475-5500 – Home Health

Houses in the Athens Regional Medical Center, Home Infusion provides I.V. medications in the home. I.V. Services are typically offered in conjunction with home health/skilled nursing care. Home Infusion will coordinate I.V. Services with a home health provider in your county. Accepts private insurance and Medicaid.

Cobb Center Apartments – Ty Cobb Healthcare System

For more information, please see page 10.

Franklin County Department of Family & Children Services

For more information, please see page 13-14.

Franklin County Health Department

6955 Highway 145 South/P.O. Box 546,

Carnesville, GA 30521

706-384-5575

Fax - 706-384-4217

Health care services for individuals, ages birth to geriatric, including AIDS information, Breast Test Program - women, 50 years and older, who have not had a mammogram or Pap test for one year,

who have no insurance, or whose insurance is inadequate may qualify for a free screening for breast and cervical cancer, financially eligible women between 40 and 50 years old also qualify if they have a family history of breast cancer, adult health services include physicals, hepatitis vaccinations, cervical, breast, rectal and prostate screenings for cancer and diabetes screenings, blood pressure/hypertension monitoring and treatment, car seat for newborns program, children's medical care, cancer screening, dental screenings, environmental health services - sewage, septic tank, water, radon and lead, epidemiology (infectious disease), family planning, food services permits, foster care inspection genetic screening, hearing tests, hepatitis screening, HIV testing, immunizations, lead screening, metabolic screening, newborn assessments, nutritional education, premarital testing, pregnancy testing, prenatal care, rabies testing, sexually transmitted disease screening, scoliosis screening, tuberculosis screening, vision examinations, Women, Infants & Children Program - W.I.C. Sliding scale fees are available.

Walk-in services, fees based on income, and Medicaid is accepted.

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-5:00 pm.

Extended hours available on the first Thursday of each month from 8:00 am-7:00 pm

Reduced hours on the first Friday of each month from 8:00 am -3:00 pm.

Franklin Life Pregnancy Resource Center, Inc.

7747 Royston Rd,

Carnesville, GA 30521

706-384-5081-24 hour Help Line

Franklin Life is a Christian, charitable organization that offers a wide range of services including: 24 hour helpline, free confidential pregnancy testing, free ultrasounds available, information on options of an unexpected pregnancy, care items during pregnancy: such as maternity clothes, etc... care items for baby: such as cribs, strollers, bottles, diapers, wipes, baby clothes, blankets, etc... referrals to doctors, Medicaid, food, clothing, WIC, childbirth & parenting classes, shelter, etc... abstinence education & resources, one on one or group bible studies: post abortion mentoring, mentoring on sexually traumatic experiences such as rape, incest or promiscuity, miscarriage or child loss after birth

Georgia Better Health Care (Georgia Families)- Member Services

2245 Perimeter Park Dr. #6

Atlanta, GA 30341

678-547-0495

A program developed by the Department of Medical Assistance that matches Medicaid recipients to a primary care physician or provider.

Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (HIPP)

HIPP Unit

Attn: PVI

5660 New North Side Dr., Suite 750

Atlanta, GA 30328

678-564-1162 ext. 131

You can only apply if you have a private insurance that pays before Medicaid does. Not everyone who applies will be accepted; the state looks at each case individually and decided whether or not it would be cost-effective for Medicaid to your premiums.

Life Alarm

4210 Columbia Rd,
Augusta, GA 30907
(706) 854-9818

A 24-hour emergency response system providing home bound individuals with immediate medical assistance. Web site includes online order form (www.life-alarm.com). Serves the state of Georgia. Accepts CCSP and private pay.

Medicare

2 Peachtree St., N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303-3159
1-800-633-4227 - Medicare information/Q&A

Medicare is a health insurance program designed to serve anyone, age 65 years or older, and individuals with disabilities. Services are not based on income, and are available regardless of financial need.

PeachCare for Kids

For more information, please see page 16.

Right From the Start Medicaid - Franklin County

Franklin County Health Department

6955 Highway 145 South/P.O. Box 546,
Carnesville, GA 30521
706-384-5575 - Health Dept.
706-384-4521 - Department of Family and Children Services
Fax - 706-384-4217

Designed to help working, income-eligible women get assistance for prenatal and postnatal care (from conception, through delivery and up to two months after delivery). Services are available to women and children. Additional coverage includes health screenings, preventative care, hospital and physician's bills, eye care, some dental and mental health services. Sponsored by the Department of Family & Children Services, but not limited to T.A.N.F. recipients. Appointments may be scheduled during evening hours and on weekends. Serves Franklin County.

Sexual Assault Center of Northeast Georgia

For more information, please see page 16-17.

Shriner's Hospitals for Children

950 W. Faris Rd.,
Greenville, SC 29605
864-271-3444

Offer free medical care to children up to their 18th birthday who suffer from orthopedic problems, severe burns, and spinal cord injuries.

Social Security Administration - Franklin County

For more information, please see page 8.

Social Security Administration - Supplemental Security Income

1-800-772-1213

www.socialsecurity.gov

Provides monthly payments to older adults, and individuals with disabilities who have a limited income and assets. Children are also eligible.

St. Mary's Wellness Center

2470 Daniels Bridge Rd., Building 300

Athens, GA 30606

706-389-3355

A mobile unit offering free blood pressure screenings. Also offers cholesterol, glucose and hearing checks. Massage therapy membership, health fitness classes, and personal trainers. Fees are charged. Serves Barrow, Clark, Elbert, Franklin, Green, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oglethorpe and Walton counties.

St. Mary's Hospital – Prenatal Registration Line

1230 Baxter Street,

Athens, GA 30606-3791

706-389-3389 or 1-800-491-4677

Answers questions about St. Mary's Hospital services.

St. Mary's Hospital - Hospice Services

P.O. Box 6588,

Athens GA 30604

706-389-2273 - General Information

706-389-2255 - Intake

1-800-822-3381

Fax - 706-389-2298

Offers support services to individuals with a terminal illness concentrating on improving the quality of life, with special attention to effective pain management and symptom control 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Registered nurses are on-call. Services include nurses, social workers, home health aides, volunteers, physicians and ministerial assistance. Accepts Medicare, Medicaid, private health insurance, veterans' administration, worker's compensation, CHAMPUS, and private pay. Maintains a sliding fee scale. Serves Banks, Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Franklin, Greene, Hart, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe and Walton counties.

Starlight Children's Foundation

2049 Century Park East, Suite 4320,

Los Angeles, CA 90067

310-479-1212

www.starlight.org

The Starlight Foundation grants wishes to seriously, chronically and terminally ill children, aged 4 through 18 years. Also provides state of the art audiovisual entertainment programs and excursions as an outlet for children suffering from pain and the depression created by stress and isolation. Outpatient programs include Kids Activity Network outings and wish granting. Inpatient programs include Fun Centers, Starlight Rooms, clown programs and hospital parties.

Toccoa Life

282 W. Doyle St.,
Toccoa, GA 30577
706-776-5225
1-800-499-0177

Provides free pregnancy testing, clothes closet including maternity clothes, baby clothes, furniture, and diapers, abstinence counseling, bible study, support group for post-abortion, and parenting classes. Serves Franklin County.

Habersham Life

215 Hodges Street, Suite 101
P.O. Box 612,
Cornelia, GA 30531
24-hour hotline: 706-776-5225 or 800-499-0177

Hart Life

317 W Franklin St.,
Hartwell, GA 30643
706-376-1700

St. Mary's Sacred Heart Hospital – St. Mary's Sacred Heart Hospital System

367 Clear Creek Parkway / P.O. Box 788
Lavonia, GA 30553
706-356-7800

A medical and surgical hospital. Services include outpatient, sleep disorder lab, Life Line Emergency Response System, Emergency Room, and sub-acute/swing bed program. St. Mary's Sacred Heart Hospital is proud to serve the people of Franklin, Hart, Stephens and beyond by providing mission-driven, high-quality healthcare. We offer a wide range of services including surgical services, a mother/baby unit, critical care, and 24/7 emergency care. In partnership with our wonderful medical staff, we are able to bring you specialty services close to home. Plus, being part of St. Mary's Health Care System, we can provide you with access to even higher levels of care when needed. Our beautiful new facility features:

- 56 private inpatient rooms
- Emergency Department providing services 24-hours a day, 7-days a week
- Critical care unit
- 4 surgical suites
- Mother/baby unit
- Imaging Services Department with the latest technology
- Wellness facility
- Georgia Peach Café - open to the public with indoor and outdoor seating

Aerocare - Home Base Health Services

29 Clear Creek Parkway,
Lavonia, GA 30553
706-356-7400

Offers durable medical equipment for sale or rent, respiratory home care, infant apnea monitoring services, IV home infusion services, and Lifeline personal response system. Nutritionally balanced, diet specific meals are available for pickup at \$2.50 / plate through C.A.R.E. Catering. Accept Medicaid, Medicare, private pay, and insurance.

U.S. Renal Care - Royston – Dialysis Center

611 Cook St.,
Royston, GA 30662
706-245-0817
Dialysis Center located in Royston, GA

Wee Care Plus Therapy – Pediatric Rehabilitation

521 Franklin Springs St.,
Royston, GA 30662
(706) 245-1822

A complete team of pediatric physical therapists, pediatric speech therapists, and pediatric occupational therapists provide outpatient rehabilitation to help children achieve maximum independence.

Weight Watchers of Northeast Georgia, Inc.

1-800-516-3535
For locations and times across Northeast Georgia.

IN-HOME HEALTH CARE

Piedmont Home Infusion

1510 Prince Ave,
Athens, GA 30606
706-475-5514

Housed in the Athens Regional Medical Center, Home Infusion provides IV Medications in the home. IV services are typically offered in conjunction with home health/skilled nursing care. Home Infusion will coordinate IV services with a home health provided in your county. Accepts private insurance and Medicaid.

Hand in Hand Home Health - CareSouth

Northeast Georgia Health Services

For additional information and locations, please see page 10.

Hiwassee

584 Bell Creek Rd,
Hiwassee, GA
1-706-896-5037

Home health care services offer skilled medical and supportive care to homebound individuals in their own home. Services may include Nursing Services- administering injectable or intravenous medications, observing signs and symptoms of impending or potential health problems, patient or caregiver instructions, care and treatments, changing dressing, physical, speech and occupational therapies. Personal care and support services-bathing, transferring, ambulation, feeding and grooming. Nutrition guidance and medical supplies-durable medical equipment or oxygen. Alternative living arrangements or nursing home placement. Accepts a medical alert system service. Serves Franklin County.

Gentiva Hospice

855 Gaines School Rd., Suite G,
Athens, GA 30605
706-552-1251

Hospice care serves Banks, Barrow, Clarke, Dawson, Elbert, Franklin, Greene, Gwinnett, Hall, Hart, Jackson, Jasper, Madison, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Putnam, Taliaferro, and Walton Counties.

St. Mary's Hospital - Home Health Care Services

1021 Jamestown Blvd, Suite 215,
Watkinsville, GA 30677
706-389-2273 - General Intake Person
1-800-822-3381

Provides care to persons in their home. Services include nursing, physical, occupational and speech therapies, home health aides, medical social work, and nutritional guidance.

Tugaloo Home Health Agency, Inc

12915 Jones St,

Lavonia, GA 30553

1-800-342-9241

Home health care services offer skilled medical and supportive care to homebound individual in their own home. Services may include Nursing Services-administering injectable or intravenous medications, observing signs and symptoms of impending or potential health problems, patient or caregiver instructions, care and treatments, changing dressings, physical, speech and occupational therapies. Personal care and support services-bathing, transferring, ambulation, feeding and grooming. Nutrition guidance. Durable medical equipment or oxygen. Alternative living arrangements or nursing home placement. Accepts Medicaid, Medicare, private pay or insurance. Serves Banks and Franklin.

HOUSING

Cobb Center Apartments

For more information, please see page 10.

Fannie Mae Foundation

950 E. Paces Ferry Rd. #1900,
Atlanta, GA 30326-1161
404-949-0356
1-800-232-6643

Fannie Mae's mission is to provide financial services to increase the availability and the affordability of housing for low, moderate, and middle income Americans.

Georgia Department of Community Affairs – Athens Rental Assistance

1061 Dowdy Rd., Suite 201
Athens, GA 30606
1-706-542-9967
www.dca.state.ga.us

Formerly Georgia Housing & Finance Authority provides financial assistance for affordable housing for income eligible older adults, individuals with disabilities, and low income clients.

Habitat for Humanity – Franklin County

For more information, please see page 32.

Housing Authority - Franklin County

Lavonia, Carnesville, & Canon – Ricky Whitworth
706-356-8224
www.lavoniahousing.com

Royston – Charity Hallford

706-245-7277

Provides affordable housing for income eligible individuals. Fees are charged on a sliding scale based on income.

Ninth District Opportunity, Inc.

For more information, please see page 51.

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

404-331-1798

Provides information about reverse mortgages, low-cost or free housing counseling agencies, and lists of HUD approved lenders.

LEGAL

Child Support Enforcement

11 Seaboard St,
Elberton, GA
1-844-694-2347

Assists in tracing the whereabouts of parents who are not paying child support. When the parent is located they are provided with assistance in setting up a payment plan for past and future payments of child support.

Chamber of Commerce

Services: Economic development and community organization.

Franklin County

706-384-4659

Lavonia

706-356-8202

City and County Meetings

Franklin Co. Board of Commissioners 706-384-2483. Meets on 1st Monday of each month at 5:00p.m., and the 3rd Monday of each month at 2:00p.m. at Franklin County Courthouse.

Franklin County Board of Education 706-384-4554. Meets on 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:00p.m. at the school board office in Carnesville.

Lavonia City Council 706-356-8781. Meets on 1st Monday of each month at 5:30 pm at Lavonia City Hall.

Canon City Council 706-245-8155. Meets on 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at Canon City Hall.

Carnesville City Council 706-384-3905. Meets on 1st Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm at Carnesville City Hall.

Franklin Springs City Council 706-245-6957. Meets on 2nd Thursday of each month at 4:30 pm at Franklin Springs Hall.

Royston City Council 706-245-7232. Meets on 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at Royston City Hall.

Department of Juvenile Justice

130 East Howell St,
Hartwell, GA 30643
706-856-2666

Formerly Clarke County Division of Children & Youth Services. Provides juvenile delinquency/crime prevention through family counseling, information and referral, advocacy, foster care and alternative programs. Also offers a program for sexual offenders.

Disability Representative Services

4094 S. Apple Valley Rd,
Commerce, GA 30529
706-335-3309

Practicing non-attorneys. Specialize in Social Security & Supplemental Security Income. Only disability law cases are considered. Will do home visits and provide any assistance necessary to resolve the case.

Emergency Call

911

To report any fire, any accident or sickness in the county or city. Ambulance service is available. Also for Police and State Patrol service.

Franklin County Sheriff's Department

Sheriff: Steve Thomas
706-384-2525

Services include functioning in civil criminal cases by providing services for Superior, State, and Juvenile courts. Also provides criminal investigations in Franklin County.

Georgia Association for Women Lawyers

P.O. Box 79308,
Atlanta, GA 30357
404-496-5358
404-496-5368- Fax

A professional organization. Provides referrals. Publishes a newsletter.

Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys

P O Box 4381
Atlanta, GA 30302
678-825-5675

A professional organization. Provides referrals. Meets third Tuesday of each month.

Georgia Hispanic Bar Association

P O Box 77205
Atlanta, GA 30357
404-733-5726

Professional organization. Provides referrals. Promotes Hispanic businesses and events and helps the Hispanic community at large. Meets quarterly.

Georgia State Patrol

Post 52 Commander: SFC Al E. Whitworth
1529 Knox Bridge Crossing Road
Lavonia, GA 30553
706-356-3542 or 3543
Assigned Counties: Hart, Franklin, and Elbert

Georgia DDS – Driver’s Services

62 E. Doyle St,
Toccoa, GA 30577
706-282-4821
Hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
www.dps.georgia.gov

Immigration and Naturalization Service

2150 Parklake Drive, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30345
1-800-375-5283
Provides information on designated Fingerprinting Services, Welfare Reform Act, immigration, citizenship, and naturalization policies and procedures, asylum, State Department policies, procedures and penalties, Cuban migration. Information available in English and Spanish.

Public Defender’s Office

461 Church St,
Royston, GA 30662
706-246-9320
Provides legal representation for indigent criminal defendants in Elbert, Hart, Franklin, Madison and Oglethorpe counties. Services are free of charge to qualified applicant. Also represents criminal clients in juvenile court. Does not handle simple traffic offenses involving no arrest or city court cases. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Victim Information and Notification Everyday

Designed to bridge the gap between crime victims and the criminal justice system by electronically linking the Georgia Department of Corrections booking system with VINE’s National Call Center.

To check on the status of an inmate on the Georgia prison system, call 1-877-329-7894.

To register for victim notification in order to be notified of the change in status of an inmate, call the Georgia Department of Corrections at 1-888-656-7660.

MENTAL HEALTH

Avita Community Partners /Hartwell Mental Health

228 College Ave,
Hartwell, GA 30643
706-376-4002

1-800-525-8751 (after hours emergency/crisis line)

Provides services in the areas of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and substance Abuse, Health Services - Medical, Nursing, Pharmaceutical, therapy Referrals and aftercare. Psychological Services - Crisis Intervention, Assessments, Intake Evaluations, Individual and Group Counseling, Behavior Management and Referrals. Case Management - coordination of services, Development and Implementation of individualized service plan for each client, referrals and follow-up. Prevention - Community Development, Collaboration, Education, Support, Training and Technical Assistance. Adult Mental Health - Day Treatment, Activity Therapy, Supported Employment, Residential Services, Crisis Intervention, Consumer and Family Education. Child & Adolescent Mental Health - In school day treatment, In -home Crisis Team, Therapeutic Foster Care, Respite Services. Substance Abuse Services - Intensive Day Treatment, Sub-acute Detoxification, Short-term Residential Recovery and Prevention. Accepts Medicaid, Peach Care, and private insurance. Offers sliding scale fees based on income.

Rape Response

615 Oak St,
Gainesville, GA 30501
770-503-7273

1-800-721-1999 - Crisis Line

TDD- 770-503-7208

Offers crisis intervention, hospital and court support, education and advocacy. Serves Franklin County.

Project Adam

112 Lanthier St. / P.O. Box 2,
Winder, GA 30680
770-867-8003

An alcohol and other drug residential rehabilitation program for adult men, age 21-59 years, Fees are full charge. Serves Franklin County.

SHELTER

Habersham Circle of Hope, Inc.

P.O. Box 833,
Cornelia, GA 30531
706-776-4673 - Crisis Line
706-776-3406 – Administrative
1-800-334-2836

Provides temporary shelter to survivors of domestic violence, sexual, mental, and physical abuse, and their children. Offers weekly a support group to residents and nonresidents. Provides court assistance, and temporary protective order information. Serves Franklin County. Collect calls accepted.

Project Adam

112 Lanthier Street / P.O. Box 2,
Winder, GA 30680
770-867-8003

An Alcohol and other drug residential rehabilitation program for adult men, age 21-59 years. Fees are full charge. Serves Franklin County.

Safe House Ministries

1333 Washington Highway / P.O. Box 6336,
Elberton, GA 30635
706-213-7657 - Local Sheriff's Department

A short term emergency shelter for homeless individuals or victims of domestic violence. Offers a three-night stay and can house a maximum of ten people. Also assists clients in finding longer term solutions to their problems that led them to Safehouse. Serves Franklin County.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Alcoholics Anonymous

Lavonia: *Lavonia Group* meets Thursdays at 8:00 pm at the Lavonia Community Center.

Royston: *Pass It On Group* meets on Wednesdays at 8:00 pm and Sundays at 10:00 am at the Connections for Special Parents House next to Subway.

Cancer Support

706-245-9246

Meets second Friday of each month from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm at Pennington Chapel in Sandy Cross.

Caregiver Support Group

Meets 2nd Tuesdays from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Vickery Place Personal Care Home,

5410 Vickery Street

Lavonia, GA 30553.

706-356-5551

Open to all who care for the elderly.

Celebrate Recovery

Meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Lavonia First Baptist Church

95 Bowman Street

Lavonia, GA 30553

A support group for anyone dealing with hurts, habits, or hangups.

Department of Family and Children Services

For more information, please see page 12.

Franklin County Habitat for Humanity

11929 Augusta Rd.

Lavonia, GA 30553

706-356-5479

Offers a consignment store for affordable clothing for lower income families. Also see pages 31-32 for additional information.

HEARTS 4 Families

P.O. Box 385,

Snellville, GA 30078

770-972-3664 Fax: 770-978-2217

To support the concept of nurturing through providing training and technical assistance in the Nurturing Parenting Programs in Georgia and to develop, consult, and train other related programs which build nurturing parenting skills in families thereby, preventing and treating child abuse and neglect and substance abuse.

Narcotics Anonymous

1-800-837-4239

Callers receive information on narcotics anonymous meetings nearest them. Serves Northeast Georgia.

NE Georgia Council on Domestic Violence, Support Group for Battered Women

706-376-7111 Hotline (can be reached 24/7) or 1-800-334-2836

706-377-4141 Office

Educational support groups are provided weekly for adults and both teens & children groups are held at the same time. All services are free and confidential. Please call the office or Hotline for more information.

Ninth District Opportunity, Inc. – Community Services Program

Contact: Anne Marcengil

Franklin County Community Service Center

6885 Hwy 145,

Carnesville, GA 30521

706-384-3495

Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday

The following services are provided by the agency pending availability for funds. Target population includes families with young children, elderly and/or disabled. All individuals must meet the income eligibility guidelines as set forth by the funding source (125% to 200% of poverty).

Case Management Services

- Assessment, counseling services and family enrichment services
- Development of individualized case plans
- Enrollment in special community projects
- Coordination of clothing, furniture or other personal care items

Employment Services

- Job Readiness Training/referral/placement
- Assistance with obtaining child support and other resource benefits, ie, child care

Budget Counseling & Development

- Counseling/Referral to credit counseling services
- Money management training and budget counseling

Housing Assistance

- Homeless Prevention and Re-location assistance
- Weatherization Services for the Home
- Water Heater and Heating Replacement (vendor specific)
- Installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors (Weatherization)

Health

- Dissemination of information regarding health information and resources
- Coordination of health awareness and promotion activities (Health Fairs)
- Purchase of prescription medicine
- Assistance for free/reduced rate prescription medicine (non-insured)

Nutrition Assistance

- Provision of food assistance and other special feeding initiatives

Energy Assistance

- Arranging for payment for past due utility
- Referral for other energy related services
- SCANA Regulated Referral to establish utility service
- Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (opens to 65+ and homebound in November, general public December)

Overeaters Anonymous

864-654-0332, Ext. 3 – Mary
108 E North 1st St,
Seneca, SC 29678
Meets each Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

Perinatal Loss Support Group

Atlanta Campus (404) 851-8177
Forsyth (770)292-2552

Offers in-hospital and follow-up support to parents who have experienced the loss of a child as a result of miscarriage, still birth, or neonatal death. Call for meeting location and time.

Tri - County - Grief Support Group

252 Tom Bartlett Road
Bowersville, Georgia 30516
Contact: Chase Hinson
706-599-4119 cchinson@windstream.net

Provides support to families and individuals who are dealing with the loss of a child, parents, or other loved one. The classes meet every 3rd Monday at 7:00p.m. at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Classes are free. Assistance from trained counselors is available.

Weight Watchers of Northeast Georgia, Inc.

For more information, see page 40.

Whispering Pines

106 East Paces Drive,
Athens, GA 30605-5217
(706) 613-5494
Fax: 706-613-9635

Providing full range of services: ADL, dementia, respite care, wheelchair access, transportation, special diets, medication monitoring, and social activities. Accepts male and female residents. Allows pets and personal furniture. Private pay only. Capacity: 15

TRANSPORTATION

Franklin County Senior Center

Contact: Becky Wilbanks

6885 Highway 145

Carnesville, GA 30521

706-384-2500

Hours of operation: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

A multipurpose center offering congregate meal services, outreach, visitation, telephone reassurance, transportation to and from the senior center, shopping and doctor's appointments, education, social and recreation activities for older adults, free legal services through Georgia Legal Services, foot clinic, blood pressure checks, and homemaker services.

Mastercare

403 Hartwell St,

Royston, GA 30662

706-246-7987

1-800-880-9456

Angel Medflight Flights – 1-844-203-5117

Mastercare Inc. offers transportation to Medicaid patients for medical appointments (dentist, doctor, etc). Mastercare Inc. Does not serve Medicaid patients that have an A or Q after the number. You must call LogistiCare for an appointment. You must call at least 3 business days before your appointment to reserve a ride. If they cannot serve you they will notify you within 24 hours. Please have the information below ready to give the customer service representative when they answer your call. Please be aware that you will be put on hold when you call. They will tell you approximately how long your wait will be and the information to have ready.

Things needed when calling:

Name

Medicaid number

Phone number

Date and time of appointment

Time you expect appointment will be completed

Doctor's name

Street address of the place you are going

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