

**Habersham County Resource Handbook**

**2017-2018**

**Introduction**

This Community Resource Handbook has been compiled to assist Habersham Head Start/Pre-K 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 families or individuals. These resources are listed by type of service provided, however, an agency may provide more than one resource or service. A complete alphabetical listing is located in the back of the handbook as an additional reference. This is not an “all inclusive” listing and more resources may be available to assist with the need.

If the support or service you are seeking has not been listed in this resource book, please contact your Family Support Partner at the Habersham Head Start/Pre-K office.

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



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*Head Start*



*Georgia Pre-K*



*Community Services*



*Weatherization*



*Housing Programs*



*Heating Assistance*

## **CHILDCARE**

### **CHILD CARE RESOURCES AND REFERRAL OF NORTH REGION**

ADDRESS: 913 N. Tennessee Street Suite 202  
Cartersville, GA 30120

TELEPHONE: 1-877-255-4254 (877-ALLGAKids)  
8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday EST

SERVICES: Works to ensure children receive excellent care and early learning experiences by helping parents access quality, affordable care for their children.

WEBSITE: [www.allgakids.org](http://www.allgakids.org)

### **DAY CARE CENTERS/PRESCHOOLS**

**Ark Angels Learning Center**  
706-778-2270  
565 Hoyt St.  
Cornelia, GA 30531  
Ashley Bush

**Little Dreamer's Academy**  
706-894-2606  
176 Finis Springs Rd.  
Cornelia, GA 30531  
Becky Cantrell or Amy Grant

**Foundations Academy**  
706-894-1529  
120 Commerce Parkway  
Cornelia, GA 30531  
Sthar Trotman

**Stepping Stones**  
706-754-7090  
107 Lovell Rd.  
Clarkesville, GA 30523  
Laverne Jones

**Kandy Kane**  
706-754-4035  
1323 Historic Hwy 441 North  
Clarkesville, GA 30523  
Debbie Loudermilk

**The Right Start Development Center**  
706-894-2402  
174 Charlie Batson Rd.  
Demorest, GA 30535  
Penny Allen

### **BRIGHT FROM THE START (DECAL)**

Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

TELEPHONE: 1-888-442-7735

SERVICES: Provides information on Child Care Licensing, Georgia's Pre-K Program, Federal Child and Adult Care Food Program, Head Start Collaboration, and the Quality Rated program.

WEBSITE: [www.dec.al.gov](http://www.dec.al.gov)

## **COUNSELING/SUPPORT GROUPS**

### **ALCOHOLIC'S ANONYMOUS**

**ADDRESS:** First Presbyterian Church  
123 Etta Street  
Cornelia, GA 30531

**TELEPHONE:** 706-778-2822

**MEETING TIMES:** AA Meetings                      AL-ANON Meetings  
Mondays at 8:00 p.m.                      Tuesdays at Noon  
Thursdays at 8:00 p.m.                      Thursdays at 8:00 p.m.

**PURPOSE:** A fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.

**WEBSITE:** [www.AAGA.org](http://www.AAGA.org)

### **ALCOHOLIC'S ANONYMOUS**

**ADDRESS:** Grace Calvary Episcopal Church  
266 E Green St.  
Clarkesville, GA 30523

**TELEPHONE:** 706-754-2451

**MEETING TIMES:** 12 Step  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday 8 p.m.

### **AVITA MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC**

**ADDRESS:** 196 Scoggins Drive  
Demorest, GA 30535

**TELEPHONE:** Behavior Health Services: 706-894-3700  
Developmental Disability Services: 706-894-3750  
After hour crisis service 1-800-715-4225

**HOURS:** Monday – Thursday 8a.m.-6 p.m.  
Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**PURPOSE:** To promote good mental health within the adult, child and family.

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**SERVICES:** Counseling for adults, children and families; psychological testing for children. A child psychiatrist will provide counseling for children with special needs.  
Mental Health, Addictive Diseases, Developmental Disabilities, Crisis Stabilization Unit, and Child and Adolescent- Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Crisis Prevention and Intervention.

**FEES:** The fee is based on a sliding scale, depending on the amount of income and number of family members. The Medicaid Program pays Medicaid recipient's fee.

**WEBSITE:** [www.avitapartners.org](http://www.avitapartners.org)

**CHESTATEE COUNSELING CENTER**

**ADDRESS:** 487 Morrison Moore Parkway  
Dahlonega, GA 30533

**OFFICE MANAGER:** Julie Tuttle

**TELEPHONE:** 706-344-8462

**PURPOSE:** Committed to helping individuals and families create safe, stable and healthy relationships.

**WEBSITE:** [www.chestateecounseling.com](http://www.chestateecounseling.com)

**CHILDREN'S CENTER FOR HOPE AND HEALING**

**ADDRESS:** 226 Main Street SW  
Gainesville, GA 30501

Satellite Office (by appointment only)  
Avita Community Partners  
196 Scoggins Drive  
Demorest, GA 30535

**TELEPHONE:** 770-532-6530

**HOURS:** Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

**SERVICES:** Provides no-cost therapeutic treatment for children ages 4-17 who have been the victims of sexual abuse.

**WEBSITE:** [www.hopeandhealingga.org](http://www.hopeandhealingga.org)



**CORNERSTONES COUNSELING CENTER**

ADDRESS: 42 North Ave. #100  
Cleveland, GA 30528  
TELEPHONE: 706-348-8674  
PURPOSE: To improve emotional and mental health through evaluation, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of mental, emotional and behavioral health issues.

**F.A.I.T.H.**

ADDRESS: PO Box 1964  
Clayton GA 30525  
TELEPHONE: 706-782-1003 administrative office  
706-782-1338 advocate  
24-hour crisis line: 1-888-782-1338  
SERVICES: A nonprofit organization which provides free and confidential services to victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault, and child abuse in Northeast Georgia.  
WEBSITE: [www.faith-inc.org](http://www.faith-inc.org)

**FAMILY ART THERAPY**

ADDRESS: 106 Oak Crescent Circle  
Clayton, GA 30525  
TELEPHONE: 706-782-0717  
SERVICES: Intensive in home family therapy, parenting education skills and support for families at risk. Provide individual, family and group counseling.

**FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**

ADDRESS: 122 North Laurel Drive  
Clarkesville, GA 30523  
TELEPHONE: 706-778-3100  
1-800-CHILDREN (244-5373) HELP Line  
SERVICES: Provides information, referrals, and support for parents, survivors of abuse, professionals, community members, children adolescents, families and educators.  
WEBSITE: [www.preventchildabusehabersham.org](http://www.preventchildabusehabersham.org)

**GEORGIA TOBACCO QUIT LINE (24/7)**

TELEPHONE: 1-877-270-STOP (7867)  
Spanish speaking callers call: 1-877-266-3863  
Hearing impaired, TTY: 1-877-777-6534

SERVICES: The Georgia Quit Line provides free counseling, a resource library, and support and referral services for tobacco user ages 13 and older. Callers have the opportunity to speak with health care professionals who develop a unique plan for each individual. (All languages are available).

WEBSITE: <http://dph.georgia.gov/ready-quit>

**HABERSHAM COUNTY MENTORING PROGRAM**

TELEPHONE: 706-778-7121  
DIRECTOR: Kathleen Clement  
EMAIL: [kclement@habershamschools.com](mailto:kclement@habershamschools.com)

SERVICES: Matches volunteers with children to provide positive role models.  
Mentor training is 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 12 p.m. and 5 p.m.

**LAURELWOOD**

**(Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Center of North Georgia Health Systems)**

ADDRESS: 200 Wisteria Drive  
Gainesville, GA 30501

TELEPHONE: 1-800-848-3649  
770-219-3800

SERVICES: Offers treatment to individuals with mental illness and or substance abuse issues.

WEBSITE: [www.nghs.com](http://www.nghs.com)

**LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CARE MANAGEMENT ENTITY/LM CME**

ADDRESS: 1875 Fant Drive  
Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742

TELEPHONE: 706-806-1260

PURPOSE: Committed to strengthening and empowering families statewide

SERVICES: LM CME is an organizational entity which is funded by the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, to coordinate care for youth with complex behavioral health challenges and who are involved with multiple systems.

WEBSITE: [www.LMCME.org](http://www.LMCME.org)

**THE MUSTARD SEED COUNSELING SERVICES, INC**

- ADDRESS: *Two Habersham locations:*  
1992 Cannon Bridge Rd, Demorest, GA  
319 Madison Street, Clarkesville, GA
- TELEPHONE: 706-894-1371 (office hours 10:00am-5:00pm, Monday-Friday)  
Counselors work evening hours for family convenience-after work/school.  
Can make an appointment for hours between 8am-9pm.
- PURPOSE: To promote and encourage healthy families through Christian based counseling in these areas:  
Outpatient substance abuse treatment, child adolescent and teen counseling, women counseling, marriage and family counseling, anger management and parenting classes.
- FEES: Based on treatment needs, Medicaid accepted for children.  
For those that cannot afford standard fees, a sliding scale method is used.  
Scholarships may be offered to those who have documentation to prove they cannot pay anything.
- WEBSITE: [www.mustardseedcounseling.org](http://www.mustardseedcounseling.org)

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS**

- WEBSITE: [www.na.org](http://www.na.org)

**NEW BEGINNINGS**

- ADDRESS: 1258 Greater Hope Road  
Martin, GA 30557
- TELEPHONE: 706-356-2113
- SERVICES: A minimum 12 month Christian ministry for women recovering from drug and alcohol addiction.
- WEBSITE: [www.newbeginningslife.net](http://www.newbeginningslife.net)

**POWERHOUSE FOR KIDS**

- ADDRESS: 768 Hwy 123  
Toccoa, GA 30577
- TELEPHONE: 706-886-2290 or 1-888-782-1338 (24/7 Crisis Line)
- HOURS: Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- SERVICES: Providing free and confidential services to alleged victims of sexual assault or child abuse. (Trauma Therapy)

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**PURPOSE:** A child friendly environment for the child and non-offending care giver to tell his/her story to trained professionals and to receive the services necessary to reduce trauma on the child.

**WEBSITE:** [www.faith-inc.org](http://www.faith-inc.org)

**RAPE RESPONSE, INC.  
HABERSHAM COUNTY**

**ADDRESS:** PO Box 2883  
Gainesville, GA 30503  
**TELEPHONE:** 1-800-721-1999 or (24/7) 770-503-7273  
Hearing impaired TTY: 770-503-7208

**SERVICES:** Provides free and confidential help to survivors of sexual assault, their families and loved ones.

**WEBSITE:** [www.raperesponse.com](http://www.raperesponse.com)

**SAVING HABERSHAM**

**TELEPHONE:** 706-768-6558 (information and crisis line)

**SERVICES:** SAVING HABERSHAM is a community coalition that is committed to eliminating substance abuse and violence in Northeast Georgia.  
General meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every 3<sup>rd</sup> month

**WEBSITE:** [www.savinghabersham.org](http://www.savinghabersham.org)

**TREATMENT RESOURCES**

**TELEPHONE:** 1-888-435-7711 (24/7 crisis line)

**PURPOSE:** To provide 24-hour resource information to help individuals and professionals find appropriate addiction treatment options and behavioral health resources in your local community, state, nationwide or worldwide.

**WEBSITE:** [www.treatment-resources.com](http://www.treatment-resources.com)

**VICTORY HOME - HELPING HAND, INC.**

**ADDRESS:** 320 Victory Home Lane  
P.O. Box 7  
Tallulah Falls, GA 30573

**TELEPHONE:** 706-754-6030

**HOURS:** Office: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., 1:00-5:00 (closed Sat/Sun)  
Thrift Store: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (closed Sat/Sun)

PURPOSE: A Christian non-denominational ministry providing residential care and guidance for men suffering from alcohol and drug addiction.

WEBSITE: [www.victoryhome.org](http://www.victoryhome.org)

## **DISABILITY SERVICES**

### **ALPINE PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

ADDRESS: 1300A Athens Street  
Gainesville, GA 30507

TELEPHONE: 770-532-9981

PURPOSE: ALPINE is a special education school providing services for children with disabilities (special physical, mental, or learning needs)

### **ARC OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA** (Association of Retarded Citizens)

PRESIDENT: Rebecca Pierce  
EMAIL: [jmcferrin@piedmont.edu](mailto:jmcferrin@piedmont.edu)  
ADDRESS: PO Box 478  
Demorest, GA 30535

SERVICES: Provides recreation, support, respite, and other services for the developmentally delayed.

WEBSITE: [www.thearcofgeorgia.org](http://www.thearcofgeorgia.org)

### **ASSISTING THE NEEDS FOR THE DISABLED, INC**

CONTACT: Ray Rowell

ADDRESS: 203 Gastley Rd  
Clarkesville, GA 30523

TELEPHONE: 706-754-5404

SERVICES: To assist in acquiring ramps and grab bars for qualifying individuals.

### **BABIES CAN'T WAIT**

CONTACT: Dru Thomas

ADDRESS: 440 Prior Street  
Gainesville, GA 30501

TELEPHONE: 770-535-5960

SERVICES: A program in Georgia that serves families of very young children, from birth to age three, who have disabilities or significant developmental delays.

**CHALLENGED CHILD AND FRIENDS, INC**

CONTACT: Carla Baker  
ADDRESS: 2360 Murphy Blvd.  
Gainesville, GA 30504  
TELEPHONE: 770-535-8372  
SERVICES: Provides early intervention services to children ages birth-5 with developmental delays and disabilities or at-risk conditions.  
WEBSITE: [www.challengedchild.org](http://www.challengedchild.org)

**PARENT TO PARENT OF GEORGIA, INC**

ADDRESS: 3070 Presidential Parkway Suite 130  
Atlanta, GA 30340-3712  
TELEPHONE: 1-800-229-2038  
PURPOSE: A support system for parents who have just learned that their child has a disability. Parent-to-Parent makes contact with referred families only when these families express an interest in talking with a supporting parent.  
WEBSITE: [www.p2pga.org](http://www.p2pga.org)

**PRESCHOOL READINESS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM (PREP)**

CONTACT: Jill Maxwell, Director of Special Education Programs  
TELEPHONE: 706-754-2110  
ADDRESS: Habersham County Schools  
PO Box 70  
132 West Stanford Mill Road  
Clarkesville, GA 30523  
SERVICES: - Preschool Special Education  
- Speech and Language Therapy  
- Physical Therapy  
- Occupational Therapy  
- Support Services for parents and all care providers  
- Ages 3-12  
WEBSITE: [www.habershamschools.com](http://www.habershamschools.com)

## VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCY (GVRA)

ADDRESS: 243 South Main Street, Suite B  
Cleveland, GA 30528

TELEPHONE: 1-706-348-4882 or Toll free 1-800-846-9634

PURPOSE: The GVRA operates to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.

WEBSITE: [www.gvra.georgia.gov](http://www.gvra.georgia.gov)

## DOMESTIC/FAMILY VIOLENCE SHELTERS and HELPLINES

### CIRCLE OF HOPE/FAMILY VIOLENCE

TELEPHONE: Administration: 706-776-3406 (Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm)  
Crisis Line: 706-776-4673 (24/7)  
1-800-33HAVEN

SERVICES: Provides shelter and support services such as counseling, support groups, and legal services to those affected by domestic violence.

WEBSITE: [www.gacircleofhope.org](http://www.gacircleofhope.org)

### GATEWAY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER

TELEPHONE: Crisis Line: 770-536-5860 (24/7)  
Administration: 770-539-9080

ADDRESS: Hall County

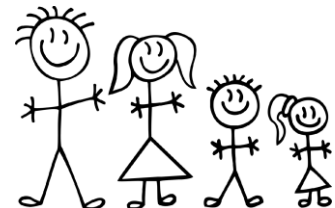
PURPOSE: Shelter for battered women and their children

ELIGIBILITY: A woman must have been physically abused by a spouse within the last seven days. She must be in need of safe, temporary housing for her or her children, and have no other alternatives (family, friends, etc.). She must be physically and mentally able to participate in community-style living at Gateway House. Gateway House cannot accept women currently abusing alcohol/drugs, or male children age 13 or over.

WEBSITE: [www.gatewaydvcenter.org](http://www.gatewaydvcenter.org)

### PROJECT SAFE

TELEPHONE: Crisis Line: 706-543-3331 (24/7)  
Teen Texting Line: 706-765-8019



SERVICES: Domestic violence education/prevention as well as shelter and assistance for those in domestic violence situations.

WEBSITE: [www.project-safe.org](http://www.project-safe.org)

## **EDUCATION (ADULT)**

### **ADULT EDUCATION - GED**

ADDRESS: North Georgia Technical College      Adult Learning Center  
1500 Hwy. 197 North      166 Commerce Parkway Unit D  
Clarkesville, GA 30523      Cornelia, GA 30531

TELEPHONE: 706-754-7700-Clarkesville,      706-776-7323-Cornelia

\*Classes also at Goodwill Career Center M-T 9-3.

See Goodwill Career Center listing (pg.22)

PURPOSE: To provide classes in basic education for individuals who have not completed high school.

SERVICES: Full range of services for adults who need to improve or acquire basic reading, math, and/or written communication skills.

WEBSITE: [www.northgatech.edu](http://www.northgatech.edu) or [www.gmrc.ga.gov/WorkforceDevelopment.htm](http://www.gmrc.ga.gov/WorkforceDevelopment.htm)

### **ADULT EDUCATION - TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL**

ADDRESS: North Georgia Technical College  
1500 Hwy. 197 North  
Clarkesville, GA 30523

TELEPHONE: 706-754-7700

PURPOSE: To provide technical and vocational education for individuals.

COURSES OFFERED:

1. Automotive Body Repair
2. Auto Mechanics
3. Business Education – Accounting, clerk-typist, secretarial
4. Carpentry - cabinet making
5. Cosmetology
6. Data Processing Technology
7. Drafting and Design
8. Electrical Appliances Servicing
9. Electrical Technology
10. Machine and Tool Design
11. Masonry Trades
12. Certified Laboratory Assistant (Medical)
13. Ornamental Horticulture
14. Photography
15. Plumbing and Heating
16. Practical Nursing



17. Refrigeration and Air Conditioning
18. Small Engine Mechanics
19. Watch Repair
20. Welding
21. Computer Literacy

- STUDENT AID:
1. Basic Grant (BEOG)
  2. Georgia Incentive Scholarship (GIS)
  3. Work Study
  4. The Georgia Guaranteed Student Loan
  5. State Cancelable Loans
  6. Tuition free to residents of Georgia

ELIGIBILITY: Individuals must be 16 years old or older.

WEBSITE: [www.northgatech.edu](http://www.northgatech.edu)

### ADULT READING CLASSES

ADDRESS: 166 Commerce Parkway Unit D  
Cornelia, GA 30531

TELEPHONE: 706-776-7323

PURPOSE: To assist adults in improving reading skills.

WEBSITE: [www.northgatech.edu](http://www.northgatech.edu)

### ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE

ADDRESS: ESL Class (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am-2pm) (Childcare)  
First Baptist Church

325 Oak Street  
Cornelia, GA 30531

TELEPHONE: 706-778-4412

### LOCAL COLLEGES

COLLEGE: **University of North Georgia/Dahlonega Campus**

TELEPHONE: 706-864-1400

WEBSITE: [www.ung.edu](http://www.ung.edu)

COLLEGE: **University of North Georgia/Gainesville Campus**

TELEPHONE: 678-717-3639

WEBSITE: [www.ung.edu](http://www.ung.edu)

COLLEGE: **Lanier Technical College**

TELEPHONE: 770-531-6300

WEBSITE: [www.laniertech.edu](http://www.laniertech.edu)

COLLEGE: **North Georgia Technical College**  
TELEPHONE: 706-754-7700  
WEBSITE: [www.northgatech.edu](http://www.northgatech.edu)

COLLEGE: **Piedmont College**  
TELEPHONE: 1-800-277-7020  
WEBSITE: [www.piedmont.edu](http://www.piedmont.edu)

## **EDUCATION (CHILDREN)**

### **HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

ADDRESS: 132 Stanford Mill Road  
Clarkesville, GA 30523  
TELEPHONE: 706-754-2118  
SERVICES: Information about bus route transportation, employment opportunities, school district, school lunch program and transcript requests.  
WEBSITE: [www.habershamschools.com](http://www.habershamschools.com)

### **HABERSHAM COUNTY HEAD START/PRE-K**

CONTACT: Elizabeth Ann Rogers  
ADDRESS: 291 Light Street, Baldwin, GA 30511 (physical)  
PO Box 231, Cornelia, GA 30531 (mailing)  
TELEPHONE: 706-778-7809 or 706-776-1831

SERVICES:



The HEAD START Program is a national program providing comprehensive child development services with a focus on school readiness. These services are provided primarily to low-income families. To help enrolled children achieve their full potential, the Head Start program helps provide health, nutritional, educational, social/emotional and other services. In addition, the Head Start program is required to provide for the direct participation of parents of enrolled children. Parents receive training and education that helps foster better understanding of their children. They also become involved in the development, conduct, and direction of local Head Start program.

ELIGIBILITY:



Federal Poverty Income Guidelines determine eligibility; however, 10% of enrolled children may be accepted from families above the guidelines.

PRE-K is a state-funded program for four-year-olds which is funded through the Georgia lottery. The goal of every Georgia Pre-K classroom is to provide our four- year old children with the learning experiences they need

in order to prepare for Kindergarten. In Habersham County, both programs are administered through the Ninth District Opportunity Program and are housed together at the Head Start Center in Baldwin.

ADULT EDUCATION workshops to develop parenting skills in safety and first aid, health, nutrition, child development, referral services and community resources are provided.

All program services are provided for children with disabilities and their families.

### **MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM**

TELEPHONE: 706-754-2110, ext. 101  
CONTACT: Rosalda Tapia  
DIRECTOR: Dr. Renee Pryor

ELIGIBILITY: Families who have moved within the past six years across school system lines for the purpose of seeking temporary or seasonal agricultural jobs.

SERVICES: Provides opportunities for children to gain the necessary skills to function as productive members of society. Also provides supplemental academic and social services to help these children succeed in the regular classroom program.

### **MOUNTAIN EDUCATION CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL (MECHS)**

ADDRESS: 901 Fairview School Rd  
Demorest, GA 30535  
TELEPHONE: 706-754-4461

SERVICES: Offers academic, self-paced, individualized, evening high school that serves students who are seeking a non-traditional school environment and who desire a Georgia high school diploma. MECHS also serves students who need to make-up missed credit from their regular high school, enabling them to stay on academic track and graduate with their peers. MECHS is a year-round high school that offers all Georgia required curriculum courses as well as a variety of vocational courses.

WEBSITE: [www.mymec.org](http://www.mymec.org)

## **EDUCATION (PARENTING)**

### **CHOICES PREGNANCY CARE CENTER**

ADDRESS: 434 Green Street Place 4591 Winder Hwy  
Gainesville, GA 30501 Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
TELEPHONE: 770-535-1245 (24 hour help line) 770-535-1245 (24 hour help line)

**PURPOSE:** Supports women and families facing a crisis pregnancy. Free and confidential services. Parents able to watch parenting skills videos and can attend during the pregnancy and up until their child is 12 months of age. Parents earn points for each visit and can turn the points in and receive free baby items.

**SERVICES:** Free STD testing, free pregnancy tests/ultrasounds, post-abortion assistance  
Free Programs offered:

- My Baby Counts Program- Earn baby clothes by watching parenting DVDs.
- “Encourage Me” group- monthly support group for single moms
- PAST Class (Post Abortion Support and Treatment)- A 10-week class for women who have had an abortion
- “Almost a Daddy”- Support for men after abortion

**WEBSITE:** [www.choicespregnancy.org](http://www.choicespregnancy.org)

### **PARENTS AS TEACHERS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**

**ADDRESS:** 122 North Laurel Drive  
Clarkesville, GA 30523  
**TELEPHONE:** 706-778-3100  
**CONTACT:** Jennifer Stein or Macon Wrenn

**SERVICES:** PARENTS AS TEACHERS envisions that all children will learn, grow and develop to realize their full potential. Parent educators make home visits to provide the information; support and encouragement that parents need to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life.

**WEBSITE:** [www.preventchildabusehabersham.org](http://www.preventchildabusehabersham.org)

### **FATHERHOOD PROGRAMS/RESOURCES**

#### **ALL PRO DADS PROGRAM**

**PURPOSE:** The All Pro Dad program strives to help fathers become passionate about their role in their family’s life and provide them every resource needed to rightly train up their children and give them a hopeful future.

**WEBSITE:** [www.allprodad.com](http://www.allprodad.com)

#### **FATHERS ONLINE FORUM**

**PURPOSE:** This online forum is committed to helping create a community of support for new and expectant fathers.

**WEBSITE:** [www.fathersforum.com](http://www.fathersforum.com)

**NATIONAL CENTER FOR FATHERING**

**PURPOSE:** The National Center for Fathering strives to improve the lives of children and establish a positive fathering and family legacy that will impact future generations by inspiring and equipping fathers.

**ADDRESS:** National Center for Fathering and WATCH D.O.G.S. Office  
1600 West Sunset Ave, Ste B  
Springdale, AR 72762

**PHONE:** 1-800-593-DADS

**WEBSITE:** [www.fathers.com/watchdogs](http://www.fathers.com/watchdogs)

**NATIONAL FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE**

**PURPOSE:** The National Fatherhood Initiative is committed to better outcomes for children by making a positive difference in the relationship between them and their fathers.

**EMAIL:** [info@fatherhood.org](mailto:info@fatherhood.org) and [fathersource@fatherhood.org](mailto:fathersource@fatherhood.org)

**PHONE:** 301-948-0599

**ADDRESS:** 12410 Milestone Center Dr, Ste 600  
Germantown, Maryland 20876

**WEBSITE:** [www.fatherhood.org](http://www.fatherhood.org)

**EMPLOYMENT**

**GEORGIA DEPT OF LABOR/EMPLOYMENT SERVICE**

***CORNELIA***

**ADDRESS:** 215 Hodges Street  
Suite 205  
Cornelia, GA 30531

**TELEPHONE** 706-776-0811

**HOURS:** Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm

***TOCCOA***

**ADDRESS:** 37 Foreacre Street  
Toccoa, GA 30577

**TELEPHONE** 706-282-4514

**HOURS:** Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm

PURPOSE: To help secure employment for people of all ages and backgrounds without charging a fee.

SERVICES: Youth employment - stay in school program, apprenticeship information, bonding assistance, employment services for rural areas, Job Corps, labor mobility - relocation assistance, manpower development and training on job or classroom, new careers, older workers' employment assistance, physically/mentally disabled employment service, unemployment insurance, and Work Incentive Program.

WEBSITE: [www.dol.state.ga.us](http://www.dol.state.ga.us)

**GOODWILL OF NORTH GEORGIA CAREER CENTER**

**CORNELIA**

ADDRESS: 308 Habersham Hill Circle  
Cornelia, GA 30531

TELEPHONE: 706-894-4905- OFFICE

FAX: 706-778-4649

CONTACT: Paul Sweeney  
E-MAIL: [corneliacareercenter@ging.org](mailto:corneliacareercenter@ging.org)

SERVICES: Donation center, re-sale store, career center and job training programs

WEBSITE: [www.goodwilling.ng.org](http://www.goodwilling.ng.org)

**EMPLOYMENT (STAFFING AGENCIES)**

**AXIOM**

ADDRESS: 430 Banks Crossing Dr.  
Commerce, GA 30529

TELEPHONE: 706-520-1093 FAX: 706-520-1098

WEBSITE: [www.axiomstaffing.com](http://www.axiomstaffing.com)

**ETCON**

ADDRESS: 101-A Demorest Square  
Demorest, GA 30535

TELEPHONE: 706-776-7636 or Toll free 1-800-442-1011

ADDRESS: 439 EE Butler Parkway  
Gainesville, GA 30501

TELEPHONE: 770-535-0511 (Toll free 1-800-442-1011)

WEBSITE: [www.etcon.net](http://www.etcon.net)

### **KELLY SERVICES**

ADDRESS: 250 John Morrow Pkwy, Ste 108  
Gainesville, GA 30501  
TELEPHONE: 770-536-8092  
FAX: 770-536-7899  
EMAIL: [2157@kellyservices.com](mailto:2157@kellyservices.com)  
WEBSITE: [www.kellyservices.com](http://www.kellyservices.com)

### **SELECT STAFFING**

ADDRESS: 304 Pearl Nix Parkway  
Gainesville, GA 30501  
TELEPHONE: 770-271-1738  
WEBSITE: [www.selectstaffing.com](http://www.selectstaffing.com)

### **SPHERION STAFFING**

ADDRESS: 1100 Sherwood Park Dr. NE, Ste 310  
Gainesville, GA 30501  
770-531-7900  
WEBSITE: [www.spherionjobcentral.com](http://www.spherionjobcentral.com)

## **FAMILY/CHILDREN SERVICES**

### **ADOPTION REUNION REGISTRY/GEORGIA**

TELEPHONE: 1-888-328-0055  
PURPOSE: To help adopted persons gain knowledge about their birth histories and to give birth families the opportunity to connect with relatives separated by a Georgia adoption.  
WEBSITE: [www.ga.adoptionreunion.com](http://www.ga.adoptionreunion.com)

### **CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

TELEPHONE: 1-844-694-2347  
PURPOSE: To enhance the well-being of children by assuring that assistance in obtaining support, including financial and medical, is available to them

through locating parents, establishing paternity, establishing support obligations and monitoring, enforcing and reviewing support obligations.

WEBSITE: [www.dhs.georgia.gov](http://www.dhs.georgia.gov)

GA/Child Support Recovery Representative 1-800-607-5437

**DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES (DFCS)**

***HABERSHAM COUNTY***

ADDRESS: 1045 Grant Street  
PO Box 160  
Clarkesville, GA 30523

TELEPHONE: 706-754-2148  
877-423-4746

PURPOSE: To assist those who need financial and medical assistance or social services.

SERVICES: Medical assistance or aid to families with dependent children, food stamp program (EBT), temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), family planning and homemaker services, day care services, legal aid, work incentive program, aid to the aged, blind and disabled, aid to totally disabled, emergency needs (food, clothing, rent and utilities), foster care, group homes, services to travelers' aid, adoptions, and vocational rehabilitation.

WEBSITE: [www.compass.ga.gov](http://www.compass.ga.gov)

***BANKS COUNTY***

ADDRESS: 154 Windmill Farm Road  
Homer, GA 30547

TELEPHONE: 706-677-2272

***HALL COUNTY***

ADDRESS: 970 McEver Road Extension  
Gainesville, GA 30504

TELEPHONE: 770-532-5233

***STEPHENS COUNTY***

ADDRESS: 64 N. Boulevard Suite 101  
Toccoa, GA 30577

TELEPHONE: 706-282-4505



**MY TURN NOW**

TELEPHONE: 1-800-603-1322  
PURPOSE: Information on children available for adoption in Georgia.  
WEBSITE: [www.itsmyturnnow.dhs.ga.gov](http://www.itsmyturnnow.dhs.ga.gov)

**RIGHT FROM THE START (RSM)/MEDICAID PROGRAM**

TELEPHONE: 1-800-809-7276  
SERVICES: Caller can request an RSM or Georgia Partnership for Caring application, get contact information for the nearest Medicaid Eligibility Specialist, and inquire about PeachCare for Kids and Women’s Health Medicaid.  
WEBSITE: [www.dhs.georgia.gov](http://www.dhs.georgia.gov)

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**ANNUAL CREDIT REPORT**

SERVICES: You are entitled to receive one free credit report every 12 months from each of the nationwide consumer credit reporting companies- Equifax, Experian and TransUnion.  
WEBSITE: [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)

**INFOLINK**

TELEPHONE: 706-776-2222  
HOURS: Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
SERVICES: Listings of available resources and agencies within the area. Information and referrals on health and human service organizations. Trained staff available to assist.

**NINTH DISTRICT OPPORTUNITY, INC  
COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM**

SERVICES: The following services are provided by the agency pending the availability of funds. Target population includes families with young children, the 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, i.e.: 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
- Installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors (Weatherization)
- Water heater and heating replacement (vendor specific)

### **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 in December)

WEBSITE: [www.ndo.org](http://www.ndo.org)

**BANKS COUNTY**

**Christy Hill**

110 Shortest Street  
Homer, Georgia 30547-0144  
Phone: (706) 677-3921  
Fax: (706) 677-5143

**DAWSON COUNTY**

**Denise Ricketts**

54 Hwy 53 W  
Dawsonville, Georgia 30534-0009  
Phone: (706) 265-3744  
Fax: (706) 265-4555

**FORSYTH COUNTY**

**Pam Morris**

133 Samaritan Drive, Suite 102  
Cumming, Georgia 30040-2396  
Phone: (770) 889-9420  
Fax: (770) 889-8429

**FRANKLIN COUNTY**

**Anne V. Marcengill**

Franklin Co. Community Center  
6885 Highway 145  
Carnesville, Georgia 30521  
Phone: (706) 384-3495  
Fax: (706) 384-5066

**RABUN COUNTY**

**Crystal Vinson**

1236 Old Hwy 441 South  
Clayton, Georgia 30525-0691  
Phone: (706) 782-3704  
Fax: (706) 782-9602

**STEPHENS COUNTY**

**Paula Duley**

161 Queen Street  
Toccoa, Georgia 30577-1402  
Phone: (706) 886-0211  
Fax: (706) 886-7049

**TOWNS COUNTY**

**Teresa Stephens**

1294 Jack Dayton Circle  
Young Harris, GA 30582  
Hiawassee, Georgia 30546-0042  
Phone: (706) 896-4783  
Fax: (706) 896-4790

**HABERSHAM COUNTY**

**Chrystal Coker**

1030 North Main Plaza  
Cornelia, Georgia 30531-0250  
Phone: (706) 778-0075  
Fax: (706)778-0085

**HALL COUNTY**

**Shanna Cotton**

615 Oak Street, Ste C  
Gainesville, Georgia 30501-8522  
Phone: (770)534-8826  
or (770)534-8820  
Fax: (770) 534-0698

**HART COUNTY**

**Gail Blackwell**

500 N. Richardson Street,  
Head Start Center  
Hartwell, Georgia 30643-6033  
Phone: (706)376-4150  
Fax: (706)377-4416

**LUMPKIN COUNTY**

**Marilyn Smiley**

99 Courthouse Hill, Suite G  
Dahlonega, Georgia 30533  
Phone: (706) 864-4637  
Fax: (706) 864-1558

**UNION COUNTY**

**Ann Sullivan**

Civic Center  
165 Wellborn St., Box 8  
Blairsville, Georgia 30512-3550  
Phone: (706) 745-6596  
Fax: (706) 781-1631

**WHITE COUNTY**

**Yvonne Cruse**

Health Department  
1331 Helen Highway  
Cleveland, Georgia 30528-6938  
Phone: (706) 865-6220  
Fax: (706) 865-6223



### **SALVATION ARMY OF TOCCOA**

ADDRESS: 306 East Franklin Street  
Toccoa, GA 30577

TELEPHONE: 706-886-5293

Thrift Store  
715 South Big A Road  
Toccoa, GA 30577

HOURS: Thrift Store: Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

SERVICES: Provides a variety of assistance which includes but is not limited to assistance with payment of utilities, provision of food and clothing, medical needs and holiday assistance.

WEBSITE: [www.salvationarmygeorgia.org](http://www.salvationarmygeorgia.org)

### **SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

ADDRESS: Social Security Administration  
155 Big A Road  
Toccoa, GA 30577

TELEPHONE: 706-886-6411

PURPOSE: A compulsory social insurance program providing protection against (1) loss of income due to old age, (2) death of the family provider and (3) permanent & total disability.

WEBSITE: [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

### **SAFELINK**

TELEPHONE: 1-800-SAFELINK (1-800-723-3546)

SERVICES: A government supported program that provides a free cell phone and airtime each month for income-eligible customers.

WEBSITE: [www.safelinkwireless.com](http://www.safelinkwireless.com)

### **TELEPHONE BILL ASSISTANCE/LIFELINE**

TELEPHONE: 1-800-501-1754

SERVICES: Offers a program that provides qualified low income households a discount on their monthly local telephone bill.

**USDA RECD**

(United States Department of Agriculture / Rural Economic and Community Development)

ADDRESS: 555 Monroe St. Unit 83  
Box 12  
Clarkesville, GA 30523

TELEPHONE: 706-754-6239 ext. 4

PURPOSE: This agency is a lending agency for Farm Development Operating Loans, purchase and refinance loans for farmers; farm debts, water loans to municipalities, recreation loans, loans on rural dwellings.

SERVICES:

- Loans and grants for farm labor housing
- Farm operating loans
- Ownership loans
- Forestry loans
- Emergency loans
- Low-income rural family loans
- Grading, irrigation and drainage loans
- Low-income mortgage insurance

WEBSITE: [www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov)

**FOOD/CLOTHING ASSISTANCE**

**ONE HARVEST FOOD MINISTRIES**

TELEPHONE: 877-818-1778 or 770-466-0000

SERVICES: Boxes of food for \$35.00. - 9 Different Choices

PURPOSE: One Harvest is a non-profit faith based organization that is committed to helping families by offering affordable, pre-packaged, high quality food boxes.

WEBSITE: [www.oneharvest.com](http://www.oneharvest.com)

**GET REAL MINISTRIES/GRACE POINT**

ADDRESS: 5874 Old 441  
P.O. Box 293  
Baldwin, GA 30511

TELEPHONE: 706-776-7491

SERVICES: Provides assistance to individuals and families in the area as needed. Call for more information.

WEBSITE: [www.getrealnow.org](http://www.getrealnow.org)

**HABERSHAM COUNTY SOUP KITCHENS**

***CLARKESVILLE***

TELEPHONE: 706-754-3223  
ADDRESS: 166 Ritchie Street (behind Woods Furniture)  
Clarkesville, GA 30523  
HOURS: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday  
SERVICES: Provide meals to the hungry.

***CORNELIA***

HOURS: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday  
ADDRESS: 147 Pine Street NW (near Cornelia Post Office)  
Cornelia, GA 30531

**SHARING AND CARING**

PURPOSE: Emergency assistance to Habersham families in need.  
ELIGIBILITY: Income and need.  
SERVICES: Food pantry, clothing, energy assistance, medication and limited dental assistance

***CLARKESVILLE***

ADDRESS: 110 Camelot Way  
Clarkesville, GA 30523  
TELEPHONE: 706-754-6420  
HOURS: Thrift Store: Monday-Saturday  
10:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m.  
Food Pantry: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday  
10:00 a.m.- 12:45 p.m.

***CORNELIA***

ADDRESS: 195 Stovall Street  
Cornelia, GA 30531  
TELEPHONE: 706-778-2980  
HOURS: Thrift Store: Monday-Saturday  
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Food Pantry: Monday - Friday  
10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.  
Dental: Thursdays only



## FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS/PANTRIES

### DISTRIBUTIONS

#### **Glade Creek Baptist Church**

884 Toccoa Hwy. Mt. Airy, GA 30563  
706-754-6586  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month;  
5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

#### **The Torch**

800 Cannon Bridge Rd. Demorest, GA 30535  
706-778-4063  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m.

#### **Harvest Christian Church**

231 Harvest Church Rd Clarkesville, GA 30523  
706-754-4704  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
[www.harvestchristianchurch.com](http://www.harvestchristianchurch.com)

#### **Alto Congregational Holiness Church**

##### **Grace House**

750 E. Railroad Ave. Alto, GA 30510  
706-778-6143  
Mon. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
  
Thurs. 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.  
One box per month.



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### PANTRIES

#### **Salvation Army**

306 E. Franklin St. Toccoa, GA 30577  
706-886-5293  
Mon-Thurs 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Closed for lunch 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

#### **Shady Grove Ministry**

226 Martin Luther King Dr. Cornelia, GA 30531  
706-778-5045  
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

#### **Sharing & Caring**

Clarkesville & Cornelia  
706-754-6420 or 706-778-2980  
10:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

#### **New Vision Worship**

335 L C Turner Rd. Baldwin, GA 30511  
706-778-8364

#### **River Point Community Church**

350 Ansley Rd. Demorest, GA 30535  
706-778-5000  
Every Tuesday; 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.  
(Families can participate every week)

#### **Open Door Food Ministry/The Torch**

236 Level Grove Rd, Cornelia Ga  
Monday and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.  
Wed 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
**Can participate every 60 days.**

Availability and distribution dates may vary monthly

## **HABERSHAM COUNTY INFORMATION/SERVICES**

COUNTY WEBSITE : [www.habershamga.com](http://www.habershamga.com)

### **ANIMAL SERVICES**

#### **Animal Care and Control**

*John B. Gesbocker Animal Shelter*

ADDRESS: 4231B Toccoa Hwy  
Clarkesville, GA 30523

TELEPHONE: 706-839-0195  
City of Cornelia: 706-778-8585  
City of Baldwin: 706-778-6341

SERVICES: Offers pet adoption, spay/neuter program, animal cruelty control and shelter services for animals.

WEBSITE: [www.habershamga.com](http://www.habershamga.com)

### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

ADDRESS: 668 Historic Hwy 441  
Cornelia, GA 30531

TELEPHONE: 706-778-4654

SERVICES: Provide cultural activities, promote business, and promote tourism.

WEBSITE: [www.habershamchamber.com](http://www.habershamchamber.com)

### **CITY AND COUNTY MEETINGS**

#### **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

TIME: Third Monday - 6:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Jury Assembly Room- Courthouse, Clarkesville, GA  
TELEPHONE: 706-839-0200

#### **CITY COMMISSIONERS:**

TIME: 7:00 p.m., first Tuesday of each month  
PLACE: Cornelia Fire Department  
TELEPHONE: 706-778-8585

#### **SCHOOL BOARD:**

TIME: Second Monday at 6:00 p.m. of each month  
PLACE: Board of Education, Clarkesville, GA  
TELEPHONE: 706-754-2118

WEBSITE: [www.habersham.ga](http://www.habersham.ga)



**HABERSHAM COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

ADDRESS: 555 Monroe Street Unit 50, Box 13  
Clarkesville, GA 30523

TELEPHONE: 706-754-2318

PURPOSE: Coordinating and integrating the resources of the University of Georgia and the U.S. Department of Agriculture on the needs of the citizens of the area.

1. Resource information on all phases of agriculture, landscaping, community development and homemaking.
2. Provide educational and special interest programs.
3. Leadership to 4-H Clubs and other youth programs.

WEBSITE: [www.habersham.ga](http://www.habersham.ga)

**HABERSHAM COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY/EMA**

ADDRESS: 175 EOC Drive  
Mt. Airy, GA 30563

TELEPHONE: 706-778-9500

PURPOSE: Responsible for the management of all emergency preparedness program areas within the county.

WEBSITE: [www.habershamga.com](http://www.habershamga.com)

**HABERSHAM COUNTY RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

ADDRESS: 120 Paul Franklin Rd.  
Clarkesville, GA 30523

TELEPHONE: 706-839-0234

SERVICES: Provides community recreation for children, youth and adults..

WEBSITE: [www.habershamga.com/parks-and-recreation](http://www.habershamga.com/parks-and-recreation)

**HABERSHAM COUNTY UNITED WAY**

TELEPHONE: 706-778-0620 (United Way)

HOURS: Volunteer Center: Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
United Way: Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

ADDRESS: 236-C Level Grove Road  
Cornelia, GA 30531

SERVICES: Place individuals with agencies reflective of their interests and time schedules. Some agencies are: 4-H, Boy Scouts, Challenged Child, Chaplain's Association, Emergency Shelters, Family Relations Program, Girl Scouts, Habersham Christian Learning Center, Homework Centers,

Rape Response, Senior Center, Volunteers for Literacy, Volunteer Center of Habersham, Habersham Soup Kitchen, and Gateway House Shelter.

WEBSITE: [www.unitedwayhabersham.org](http://www.unitedwayhabersham.org)

### LIBRARIES

#### Clarkesville Library

ADDRESS: 178 E. Green Street  
Clarkesville, GA 30523  
TELEPHONE: 706-754-4413 extension 221  
HOURS: Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
WEBSITE: [www.clarkesvillelibrary.org](http://www.clarkesvillelibrary.org)

#### Cornelia Library

ADDRESS: 301 North Main Street  
Cornelia, GA 30531  
TELEPHONE: 706-778-2635  
HOURS: Monday & Tuesday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.,  
Thursday 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., NO WEEKENDS  
PURPOSE: To provide the community with books, reading materials, educational  
resources and films.  
WEBSITE: [www.habershamga.com/libraries](http://www.habershamga.com/libraries)

### RADIO SERVICES

WCON (CORNELIA) 706-778-2241 Station 99.3 and 107.7  
ADDRESS: 540 North Main Street  
PO Box 100  
Cornelia, GA 30531  
WEBSITE: [www.wconfm.com](http://www.wconfm.com)

*Will announce all local school closings during inclement weather.*

## HEALTH/MEDICAL SERVICES

#### ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION (GA Chapter)

ADDRESS: PO Box 78423  
Atlanta, GA 30357

TELEPHONE: 1-404-237-8771; Hotline: 1-800-933-7023

SERVICES: To assist arthritic patients in the diagnosis and treatment of this disease. The hotline will give immediate response to questions concerning arthritis. An annual camp experience is offered for children with arthritis. Call for dates and information.

ELIGIBILITY: Referral from a doctor may be needed

WEBSITE: [www.arthritis.org/georgia](http://www.arthritis.org/georgia)

#### **ATHENS NURSES CLINIC**

ADDRESS: 240 North Ave.  
Athens, GA 30601

TELEPHONE: 706-613-6976

SERVICES: A non-profit health care clinic providing free evaluation, treatment and education for acute and chronic medical and dental conditions to uninsured low and no income residents of Athens and surrounding counties.

WEBSITE: [www.athesnursesclinic.org](http://www.athesnursesclinic.org)

#### **BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER PROGRAM**

TELEPHONE: 1-404-657-3156

SERVICES: Provides access to timely breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services for low-income, uninsured, and underserved women who are between the ages of 40-64 for breast cancer and 21-64 for cervical cancer. Priority is given to never or rarely screened women, those aged 50-64 whose income does not exceed 200% of the federal poverty level.

WEBSITE: [www.dph.georgia.gov](http://www.dph.georgia.gov)

#### **CANCER STATE AID PROGRAM (CSA)**

TELEPHONE: 404-657-2700

ADDRESS: 2 Peachtree Street, NW  
15<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Atlanta, GA 30303

SERVICES: Provides cancer treatment to uninsured and under-insured, low-income Georgians who have cancer and would benefit most from treatment. Applicants must have an income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The cost of treatment is paid through state funding. Physicians donate their services.

WEBSITE: [www.dph.georgia.gov](http://www.dph.georgia.gov)

**GEORGIA HEALTH PARTNERSHIP (GHP)**

TELEPHONE: 1-866-221-0950

HOURS: Monday-Friday (8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

SERVICES: Medicaid care replacement, change GBHC providers, Medicaid information, and Health Check information.

**GRACE GATE**

ADDRESS: 1040B Hwy 441 North US 441 Business  
Demorest, GA 30535

TELEPHONE: 706-839-4080

SERVICES: Provides medical care, and pharmaceutical care. Clinic is free for qualified low-income, uninsured adults. Each person must fill out an application, which will determine if they are qualified, then services would be provided as needed.

HOURS: Pick up applications Monday and Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Clinic Hours- Tuesdays 12:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.  
5:30 p.m.-last patient seen  
Thursdays 12:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.  
5:30 p.m.-last patient seen  
(Second and Fourth Thursday Evening)

WEBSITE: [www.gracegateinc.com](http://www.gracegateinc.com)



**HABERSHAM HOMECARE**

ADDRESS: 1040 Historic Hwy 441 North  
Suite C and D  
Demorest, GA 30535

TELEPHONE: 706-754-6575

SERVICES: A nonprofit health care agency that provides care in the home of patients as ordered by the patient’s doctor. Services provided include skilled nursing, licensed clinical social worker, physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, home health aides, health or nutritional guidance, and limited medical supplies.

ELIGIBILITY: Patients must be receiving care in their home under Medicare and/or Medicaid. Patients must be essentially homebound and in need of skilled care or need physical and/or speech therapy. A doctor must validate approval for such care. For patients NOT under Medicare and/or Medicaid. Care is provided as prescribed by a doctor regardless of homebound status. They serve residents in Habersham, Hall, Banks, Rabun, and White Counties.

**COST:** No cost for any health care provider under Medicare or Medicaid. Regular cost for patients not under Medicare and/or Medicaid.

**WEBSITE:** [www.hcmhomecare.com](http://www.hcmhomecare.com)

**HABERSHAM LIFE/TOCCOA LIFE CARE CENTER**

**ADDRESS:** 215 Hodges Street #101  
Cornelia, GA 30531

**TELEPHONE:** 706-776-5225

**HOURS:** Monday 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Tuesday 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.,  
Thursday 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Friday by appointment only

**SERVICES:** Free pregnancy tests, 1 free ultrasound, counseling, and practical help and referrals. Also provides material needs for families i.e.: formula, diapers, free children’s clothes closet, etc. Contacts are kept confidential.

**WEBSITE:** [www.habershamlife.org](http://www.habershamlife.org)

***TOCCOA LIFE CARE CENTER***

**ADDRESS:** 282 W. Doyle Street  
Toccoa, GA 30577

**TELEPHONE:** 706-886-0177

**HOURS:** Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**SERVICES:** Free pregnancy tests, 1 free ultrasound, counseling, and practical help and referrals. Also provides material needs for families i.e.: formula, diapers, free children’s clothes closet, etc. Contacts are kept confidential.

**HABERSHAM COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER PHYSICIANS REFERRAL SERVICE**

**TELEPHONE:** 706-754-3113, Dial 9

**SERVICES:** Provide names of doctors who are accepting new patients in requested fields.

**WEBSITE:** [www.habershammedical.com/find-a-physician/](http://www.habershammedical.com/find-a-physician/)

**HEALTH DEPARTMENTS**

***HABERSHAM COUNTY***

ADDRESS: 185 Scoggins Drive  
Demorest, GA 30535

TELEPHONE: 706-778-7156

HOURS: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 am -12:00 pm, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Tuesday 8:00 am -12:00 pm, 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Friday 8:00 am-12:00 pm, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

SERVICES: Child and Adolescent Health and Dental Care, Women’s Health, Nutritional Services (WIC), Communicable Diseases, Environmental Health and Adult Health.

WEBSITE: [www.phdistrict2.org](http://www.phdistrict2.org)

***BANKS COUNTY***

ADDRESS: 667 Thompson Street  
Homer, GA 30547

TELEPHONE: 706-677-2296

HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
(Closed from 12 PM-1 PM for lunch)  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month, 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., 1:00 – 3:00 p.m

WEBSITE: [www.phdistrict2.org](http://www.phdistrict2.org)

***STEPHENS COUNTY***

TELEPHONE: 706-282-4507 or 706-282-4511

HOURS: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m-5:00 p.m.  
(Closed 12 PM -1PM for lunch)

ADDRESS: 64 Boulevard; Suite 102  
Toccoa, GA 30577

WEBSITE: [www.phdistrict2.org](http://www.phdistrict2.org)

**HOSPICE OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA**

ADDRESS: 2150 Limestone Parkway #222  
Gainesville, GA 30501

TELEPHONE: 1-888-572-3900/ 770-219-8888

SERVICES: Provide in home health care for terminally ill. Provide counseling services to family members. Provide camp opportunities to children who have lost family members.

WEBSITE: [www.nghs.com/hospice](http://www.nghs.com/hospice)

## HOSPITALS

### **CHILDRENS HEALTHCARE AT EGGLESTON**

TELEPHONE: 1-800-250-5437  
ADDRESS: 1405 Clifton Road, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30322

WEBSITE: [www.choa.org](http://www.choa.org)

### **CHILDRENS HEALTHCARE AT SCOTTISH RITE**

TELEPHONE: 1-800-250-5437  
ADDRESS: 1001 Johnson Ferry Road, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30322  
NURSE ADVICE LINE: (24hr.) 1-404-785-0000 option 1

SERVICES: Provide pediatric and orthopedic services for children. Medical clinics include allergy, language disorders, dental, developmental, diabetes, genetics, nutrition and psychology. Surgical clinics include cleft palate and lip, ear, nose and throat, eye neurosurgery, general pediatric surgery and plastic surgery, urology, orthopedic, food, growth and metabolic, hand, hip, leg, spinal and bone tumor.

ELIGIBILITY: Birth through 18 years. Must be recommended by a Scottish Rite Mason, physician or health department.

WEBSITE: [www.choa.org](http://www.choa.org)

### **HABERSHAM COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER**

ADDRESS: 541 US 441 Business  
Demorest, GA 30535  
TELEPHONE: 706-754-2161

WEBSITE: [www.habershammedical.com](http://www.habershammedical.com)

### **NORTHEAST GEORGIA MEDICAL CENTER**

ADDRESS: 743 Spring Street NE  
Gainesville, GA 30501  
TELEPHONE: 770-219-0061/1-800-282-0535

WEBSITE: [www.nghs.com](http://www.nghs.com)

**LIONS CLUB OF HABERSHAM  
LIONS CLUB LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND**

TELEPHONE: 706-754-6684  
CONTACT: Richard Smith  
PURPOSE: Promote the welfare of Habersham County residents through eyeglasses and eye bank.

**MEDLINK HABERSHAM**

ADDRESS: 396 Historic Hwy 441 North  
Demorest, GA 30535  
TELEPHONE: 706-754-4348  
706-754-0731 Fax  
SERVICES: Care for acute illnesses, medication assistance, management of chronic diseases (diabetes, asthma, high blood pressure, heart disease, and kidney disease), family health services, education services, cancer prevention, diabetes management, family planning and nutrition education.  
HOURS: Monday 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
WEBSITE: [www.medlinkga.org](http://www.medlinkga.org)

**MEDLINK BANKS**

ADDRESS: 1244 Historic Homer Hwy  
Homer, GA 30547  
TELEPHONE: 706-677-4568  
706-677-3848 Fax  
HOURS: Monday 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Friday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
WEBSITE: [www.medlinkga.org](http://www.medlinkga.org)



**RIGHT FROM THE START (RSM)/MEDICAID PROGRAM**

- TELEPHONE: 1-800-809-7276
- SERVICES: Caller can request an RSM or Georgia Partnership for Caring application, get contact information for the nearest Medicaid Eligibility Specialist, and inquire about PeachCare for Kids and Women’s Health Medicaid.
- WEBSITE: [www.dhs.georgia.gov](http://www.dhs.georgia.gov)

**S.I.D.S.**  
(Sudden Infant Death Syndrome)

- TELEPHONE: 404-656-6679
- SERVICES: To focus on risk reduction activities related to SIDS and to support families at the time of the death of a child.
- WEBSITE: [www.sids.org](http://www.sids.org)

**HOUSING/TEMPORARY HOUSING**

**HABERSHAM HOMELESS MINISTRIES**

- CONTACT: Joann Kennedy
- ADDRESS: 105 Dove Lane  
Clarkesville, GA 30523
- TELEPHONE: 706-754-9031
- SERVICES: Provides funds to prevent eviction and/or loss of utilities or transportation as well as six different shelter locations where individuals can stay for free for a one-month period while they seek employment and permanent housing.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

- TELEPHONE: 706-754-5313
- HOURS: Store Hours: Thurs, Fri, Sat 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.  
Office Hours: call 706-754-5313, ext. 201
- ADDRESS: 1085 Rocky Branch Road  
PO Box 982  
Clarkesville, GA 30523
- PURPOSE: To help provide adequate housing.

**Community Resource Handbook**

**ELIGIBILITY** Income and need, builds homes for families unable to attain traditional home mortgages.

**WEBSITE:** [www.habitatnega.org](http://www.habitatnega.org)

**NORTHEAST GEORGIA HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**TELEPHONE:** 1-706-886-9455

**HOURS:** Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

**CENTRAL OFFICE:** 437 South Pond Street  
P.O. Drawer J  
Toccoa, GA 30577

**ADJUNCT LOCATIONS:** 166 Ritchie Street 800 Galloway Street  
Clarkesville GA 30523 Cornelia GA 30531  
**DAYS OPEN:** Tuesday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Thursday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**PURPOSE:** Provide rent affordable homes for low-income families; with cooperation of local agencies tenant groups are assisted in planning and promoting recreational programs and some welfare services.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Families with low-income whose net assets, together with the net income of the family, are insufficient for them to obtain and to maintain adequate accommodations on the private market; families who are displaced, or about to be, through government action are given preference for admissions. The total family income determines the amount of monthly rental, which is approximately 20% of the income. Families are assigned to dwelling units of appropriate size and composition of the family.

**LEGAL SERVICES**

**GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**ADDRESS:** 244 Washington Street, SW, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Atlanta, GA 30334

**TELEPHONE:** 1-800-282-5813 or 404-656-4501

**SERVICES:** Provides an avenue of complaint for persons who think their electric, natural gas and telecommunication bills are not correct, and in all areas of public service. Provides an outlet for any Georgia resident consumer to air their views.

**WEBSITE:** [www.psc.state.ga.us](http://www.psc.state.ga.us)

### **LEGAL AID/GEORGIA LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM**

ADDRESS: 705 Washington Street, NW  
Suite B-1  
Gainesville, GA 30503

TELEPHONE: 1-800-745-5717 or 770-535-6939

SERVICES: To provide legal services to the indigent population of 33 counties of North Georgia in non-criminal matters. If the client is eligible and the civil case is not fee-generating, i.e., a private attorney could not collect a fee from the opposite party, whatever legal service is required to obtain the desired results for the client will be provided.

ELIGIBILITY: Any person receiving public assistance from the Department of Family and Children Services is eligible.

WEBSITE: [www.georgialegalaid.org](http://www.georgialegalaid.org)

### **MOUNTAIN CIRCUIT CASA**

*(Court Appointed Special Advocates)*

ADDRESS: 221 North Board Street  
Toccoa, GA 30577

TELEPHONE: 706-886-1098

PURPOSE: To train community volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children who are in the court system.

WEBSITE: [www.gacasa.org](http://www.gacasa.org)

### **POVERTY RIGHTS OFFICE**

ADDRESS: 1017 Hank Aaron Drive  
Atlanta, GA 30315

TELEPHONE: 404-525-5948

PURPOSE: To help needy people and to act as their advocates. They offer information and referrals in the areas of welfare rights, legal rights, social security and veteran's benefits, sub-standard housing and evictions, public housing, lost or stolen welfare checks, emergency assistance, poverty laws, transportation, Medicaid and Medicare. They also publish the Poor People's Newspaper, a free monthly containing news and information relating to the concerns of needy people.

### **HABERSHAM COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

CONTACT: Judge Pam Wooley  
TELEPHONE: 706-754-2013

ADDRESS: 295 Llewellyn Street Suite 24  
P.O. Box 876  
Clarkesville, GA 30523

SERVICES: The Habersham County Probate Court exercises exclusive, original jurisdiction in the probate of wills, administration of estates, appointment of guardians and involuntary hospitalization of incapacitated adults and other individuals. You can obtain the official birth certificate that is required by Habersham County for your child to enter the school system. This court can also assist in granting guardianship of children or adults.

WEBSITE: [www.habershamga.com/probatecourt](http://www.habershamga.com/probatecourt)

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

#### **HABERSHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

ADDRESS: 1000 Detention Drive  
Clarkesville, GA 30523  
TELEPHONE: 706-839-1977

TIPLINE: [www.habershamsheriff.com](http://www.habershamsheriff.com)

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENTS**

Alto	706-778-8028
Baldwin	706-776-5256
Clarkesville	706-754-5390
Cleveland**	706-865-2111
Cornelia**	706-778-4314
Demorest	706-778-8900
Homer	706-677-2248
Mt. Airy	706-894-2986
Tallulah Falls**	706-754-6040

\*\*offers child restraint safety checks

Georgia State Patrol 706-282-4531



**FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

Alto (Rock Springs)	706-677-4352
Baldwin	706-778-8711
Clarkesville	706-754-2024
Cleveland	706-865-3855
Cornelia	706-778-4343
Demorest	706-754-7563
Habersham County	706-754-2822
Hab. Co. Fire Chief	706-839.0570
Homer	706-677-2239
Tallulah Falls	706-754-6040



**SENIOR SERVICES**

**ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

TELEPHONE:	1-866-552-4464 (1-866-55Aging)
PURPOSE:	Make reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation of disabled adults or elder person who are NOT residents of nursing or personal care homes.
WEBSITE:	<a href="http://www.dhs.georgia.gov">www.dhs.georgia.gov</a>

**GEORGIA CARES (AGING)**

TELEPHONE:	1-866-552-4464 (1-866-55Aging)
SERVICES:	Information on the Medicare Drug Discount Card, and help with Medicare problems.
WEBSITE:	<a href="http://www.mygeorgiacares.org">www.mygeorgiacares.org</a>

**HABERSHAM COUNTY SENIOR CENTER**

ADDRESS: 217 Scoggins Drive  
Demorest, GA 30535

TELEPHONE: 706-839-0260

PURPOSE: To provide aid to the senior citizens of Habersham County.

SERVICES: Strives to aid the elderly by helping them remain as independent as possible; also provides the Meals on Wheels Program; two meals per day at meal site; provides transportation to doctor appointments, meals on wheels, and recreational activities; wellness programs also available.

WEBSITE: [www.habershamga.com/seniorcenter](http://www.habershamga.com/seniorcenter)

**THE LEGACY LINK INC/AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

ADDRESS: 4080 Mundy Mill Road  
Oakwood, GA 30566

TELEPHONE: 1-800-845-LINK (1-800-845-5465)

SERVICES: Serve as an Aging and Disability Referral and Resource Center

WEBSITE: [www.legacylink.org](http://www.legacylink.org)

**THE LEGACY LINK INC/KINSHIP CARE PROGRAM  
(GRANDPARENTS AND RELATIVES RAISING CHILDREN)**

TELEPHONE: 770-535-5433

SERVICES: A program designed to provide information and referrals regarding benefits for children being raised by grandparents, aunts and uncles.

WEBSITE: [www.legacylink.org](http://www.legacylink.org)

**MEDICARE**

TELEPHONE: 1-800-MEDICARE

PURPOSE: Obtain enrollment forms and information on Medicare prescription discount cards.

WEBSITE: [www.dhs.georgia.gov](http://www.dhs.georgia.gov)

## **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

### **GEORGIA MEDICAID NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORT SOUTHEAST TRANS**

TELEPHONE: 1-866-388-9844

SERVICES: Provide transportation to and from medical appointments for those persons receiving Medicaid. At least a three-day advance notice required.

WEBSITE: [www.southeastrans.com](http://www.southeastrans.com)

### **HABERSHAM COUNTY TRANSIT**

TELEPHONE: 706-768-1982

SERVICES: Transportation to buy groceries, beauty shop, medical appointments and employment. Able to transport wheelchair-bound individuals. Call 24 hrs in advance to schedule a pickup.

WEBSITE: [www.habershamga.com](http://www.habershamga.com)

### **TAXI SERVICES**

**American Taxi-** 706-969-5935      **Cornelia Taxi-** 706-499-1674  
**Habersham Taxi-** 706-768-6331      **Taxi Mexicano-** 706-968-9631

## **VETERAN SERVICES**

### **VETERANS ADMINISTRATION Georgia Department of Veteran's Services**

ADDRESS: 6257 Hwy 115  
Clarkesville, GA 30523

TELEPHONE: 706-754-4316

PURPOSE: Assist veterans and their dependents in any of their needs

SERVICES: Claims for compensation, pensions, insurance, education assistance, hospitalization and outpatient prescriptions, rehabilitation training, and home loans.

ELIGIBILITY: Veterans, their widows and children.

WEBSITE: [www.veterans.georgia.gov](http://www.veterans.georgia.gov)

## POLITICAL CONNECTIONS

### President

#### Donald Trump

1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, DC 20500  
Telephone: 1-202-456-1414  
Comment Line: 1-202-456-1111  
Fax: 1-202-456-2461  
Website: [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov)

### Georgia Secretary of State

#### Brian Kemp

214 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334  
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Fax: 1-404-656-0513  
Website: [www.sos.ga.gov](http://www.sos.ga.gov)

### Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture

#### Gary W. Black

Agricultural Building, Room 204  
19 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW  
Atlanta, GA 30334  
Telephone: 1-800-282-5852  
Fax: 1-404-651-8206  
Website: [www.agr.georgia.gov](http://www.agr.georgia.gov)

### US Senator

#### Johnny Isakson

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### US Senator

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Website:  
[www.doucollins.house.gov](http://www.doucollins.house.gov)

### Governor

#### Nathan Deal

111 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334  
Telephone: 1-404-656-1776  
Fax: 1-404-657-7332  
Website: [www.gov.georgia.gov](http://www.gov.georgia.gov)

### Lt. Governor

#### Casey Cagle

240 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334  
Telephone: 1-404-656-5030  
Fax: 404-656-6739

### GA State Senator

#### John Wilkinson

P.O. Box 2227  
Toccoa, GA 30577  
Telephone: 706-886-1898

### GA House of Representative

#### Terry Rogers

113 State  
Homer, GA 30547  
Telephone: 404-656-0325





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**COMPASS**  
**Georgia Department of Human Services**

Online access to monitor and review your health and nutrition benefits.  
(Food Stamps and Medicaid)

Website: [www.compass.ga.gov](http://www.compass.ga.gov)

Login: \_\_\_\_\_ Password: \_\_\_\_\_

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