

COMMUNITY RESOURCE HANDBOOK

RABUN COUNTY HEAD START/ EARLY HEAD START

2017-2018

This Community Resource Handbook has been compiled to aid the Rabun County Head Start families in gaining access to community resources to meet family needs. This handbook is a guide to agencies listing contact person, telephone numbers, location, services provided and eligibility.

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS



FIRE911
Clayton Fire Department 706-782-2751
Sky Valley Fire Department 706-746-2888
War Woman Fire Department 706-782-2402
Rabun County Fire Department 706-782-6226



POLICE911
Clayton Police 706-782-2181
Dillard Police 706-746-5891
Sky Valley Police 706-746-5584
Rabun County Sheriff 706-782-3612
Mountain City Police 706-746-2621



AMBULANCE.....911
Rescue Squad 706-782-5821



POISON CONTROL.....1-800-222-1222

TOLL FREE NUMBERS

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture, Georgia Director 1-800-282-5852

AIDS

Aid Atlanta, Atlanta 1-800-551-2728
National Sexually Transmitted Diseases Hotline 1-800-227-8922
Public Health Service AIDS Hotline (CDC Information) 1-800-342-AIDS

BLINDNESS/VISION

American Council of the Blind 1-800-424-8666
Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped 1-800-248-6701
National Assoc. of Parents of the Visually Impaired 1-800-562-6265
National Eye Care Project Hotline/Eye Care America 1-800-222-3937

BURN VICTIMS

International Shriners Headquarters 1-800-237-5055

CANCER

American Cancer Society, Gainesville &
Information for Memorial Donations 1-800-227-2345
FAX: 1-770-536-8873
National Cancer Institute Information Service 1-800-422-6237

CAREER COUNSELING

American's With Disabilities Act Reference Service &
Job Accommodation Network 1-800-526-7234
ERIC Clearinghouse on Adult Career & Vocational Ed., OSU 1-800-848-4815

CEREBRAL PALSY

UCPA Affiliate Relations Division
UCPA Community Services Division 1-800-872-5827
United Cerebral Palsy Association's, Inc.

CHILD ABUSE

Child Help National Hotline (sexual abuse victims & family) 1-800-422-4453
Clearing House on Child Abuse and Neglect 1-800-394-3366
Help Line in GA - Child Abuse, Information/Referrals/Support 1-800-244-5373
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children 1-800-843-5678
Scottish Rite Advocacy (Physical Sign's Sexual Abuse) 1-404-785-3820
(Not a toll free number) www.choa.org

CLEFT PALATE

American Cleft Palate Education Foundation 1-404-785-3820
Shriners 1-800-237-5055

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Action Center 1-800-638-8255
National Center for Stuttering 1-800-221-2483

CONSUMER REPORT STOLEN CREDIT CARDS

American Express 1-800-528-2121
Discover 1-800-347-2683
Master Card 1-800-622-7747
VISA 1-800-336-8472

CRIME

National Center for Victims of Crime 1-800-394-2255
National Victims Resource Center 1-800-627-6872

CYSTIC FIBROSIS

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Atlanta 1-800-476-4483

DEAFNESS HEARING IMPAIRMENTS

Captioned Films for the Deaf 1-800-237-6213
International Hearing Aid Society 1-800-521-5247
Occupational Hearing Services 1-800-222-3277

DIABETES

Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Hotline 1-800-223-1138

DISASTER RELIEF

American Red Cross 1-800-282-1722

DISEASES

American Leprosy Missions 1-800-543-3131
Huntington's disease Society 1-800-345-4372
National Foundation Urologic Disease 1-800-433-4215
Lupus Foundation of America 1-800-800-4532
National Assoc. for Sickle Cell Disease 1-800-421-8453
National Parkinson Foundation 1-800-327-4545

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Family Violence Prevention Resource Center 1-800-313-1310
National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence 1-800-537-2238
Rape Abuse and Incest National Networks 1-800-656-4673

DOWN SYNDROME

National Down Syndrome Congress 1-800-232-6372
National Down Syndrome Society 1-800-221-4602

DRUG INFORMATION

National Clearinghouse for Alcohol & Drug Information 1-800-729-6686

EMPLOYMENT

Job Accommodation Network 1-800-526-7234

EPILEPSY

Epilepsy Foundation of America 1-800-332-1000

FINANCIAL AID

Federal Hill-Burton Free Care Program 1-800-638-0742

Medicare Hotline 1-800-633-4227

PeachCare 1-877-427-3224

FIRST CANDLE/SIDS ALLIANCE

National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Still Birth Foundation 1-800-221-SIDS

(24 hour counseling) 1-800-221-7437

GROWTH DISORDERS

Human Growth Foundation 1-800-451-6434

HEALTH INFORMATION

National Health Information Center 1-800-336-4797

HEART

American Heart/Stroke Association of Georgia 1-800-257-6941

IMMUNOLOGY

National Jewish Center for Immunology & Respiratory Medicine 1-800-222-5864

KIDNEY DISORDERS

American Kidney Foundation Fund 1-800-638-8299

National Kidney Foundation, Atlanta 1-800-633-2339

LEARNING DISABILITIES (DYSLEXIA)

Educators Publishing Service, Inc. 1-800-225-5750

IDA - International Dyslexia Association 1-800-222-3123

LEGAL

Georgia Senior Legal Hotline 1-888-2579519

(Legal advice for Georgians 60 and over)

LIVER DISORDERS

American Liver Foundation 1-800-313-9242

MEDICAL DEVICES

Practitioners' Reporting System 1-800-638-6725

MENTAL HEALTH

Inner Harbour-Residential Treatment Center for Adolescents 1-800-255-8657

MENTAL RETARDATION

American Association on Mental Retardation 1-800-424-3688

Association for Retarded Citizens of the U.S. 1-800-433-5255

MISSING CHILDREN

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children 1-800-843-5678

NEUROLOGICAL IMPAIRMENT/PARALYSIS

National Headache Foundation 1-800-843-2256

1-888-643-5552

NUTRITION

Agriculture Consumer Service Program 1-800-282-5852

Gerber Parent Resource Center 1-800-443-7237

ORGAN DONORS

The Living Bank (Houston, TX) 1-800-528-2971

ORTHOPEDIC PROBLEMS

International Shriners Headquarters 1-800-237-5055

PARENTING

National Parent Information Networks 1-775-852-3483

PESTICIDES

National Pesticides Information Center 1-800-858-7378

Parent to Parent network 1-877-336-5333

POISON CONTROL CENTER

Poison Control Center 1-800-282-5846

Poison Control Center, Nationwide 1-800-222-1222

RARE DISORDERS

Cornelia DeLange Syndrome Foundation (CDLS) 1-800-223-8355

National Rye's Syndrome Foundation 1-800-233-7393

National Tuberous Sclerosis Association 1-800-225-6872

REHABILITATION

National Rehabilitation Information Center 1-800-346-2742

RESPIRATORY DISEASE

National Jewish Center for Immunology &
Respiratory Medicine Lung Line 1-800-222-5864

RUNAWAY

National Runaway Switchboard 1-800-Runaway
1-800-786-2929

SOCIAL SECURITY

General Information 1-800-772-1213

SPINA BIFIDA

Shriners 1-800-237-5055
Spina Bifida Hotline 1-800-621-3141

SUICIDE

Suicide Hot line 1-800-784-2433

RESOURCE DIRECTORY

Alzheimer's Association, Atlanta Chapter	1-800-272-3900
American Diabetes Association, Atlanta	1-404-320-7100
American Lung Association, Smyrna	1-770-434-5864
Arthritis Foundation, Atlanta	1-404-872-7100
Autism Society of America, Georgia Chapter	1-770-904-4474
Better Business Bureau, Atlanta GA	1-404-766-0875
Brain Injury Association of GA	1-404-712-5504
Child Support Recovery Unit, Gainesville	1-800-423-4746
Department of Labor, Toccoa	1-706-282-4514
Developmental Disabilities, Governor's Council	1-404-657-2126
Emory University Switchboard, Atlanta	1-404-727-6123
Exceptional Students, GA Department of Education Division	1-404-656-3963
Family Planning & Counseling Services, Atlanta	1-404-730-4764
Georgia Association of Rehab Facilities	1-404-523-6674
Georgia Baptist Children's Home, Inc., Atlanta	1-770-463-3344
Georgia Lions Lighthouse for the Blind, Atlanta	1-404-325-3630
Helen Keller National Center	1-678-826-9174
Hemophilia of Georgia, Inc., Atlanta	1-770-518-8272
American Foundation for the Blind	1-404-525-2303
Justice Center of Atlanta, Inc.	1-404-523-8236
Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Atlanta	1-404-420-5990
March of Dimes, Atlanta Chapter, Atlanta	1-404-350-9800

Muscular Dystrophy Association, Atlanta	1-770-621-9800
Northeast Georgia Speech Center, Gainesville	1-770-534-5141
National Society for Children/Adults with Autism, Atlanta	1-770-904-4474
Shepherd Center, Public Relations Department Hospital	1-404-350-7345 1-404-352-2020
Sickle Cell Foundation of GA, Inc., Atlanta	1-404-755-1641
United Way of Metro Atlanta	1-404-527-7200

AA MEETINGS

Clayton Sunday - Friday 7:00 p.m. - St. James Episcopal Church
Office Building

TELEPHONE: 1-800-524-7395

Franklin 7:00 p.m. – Spanish Speaking Meeting @ Latina Center
RM 1333 E Main Street, Behind Peoples Department Store-upstairs

TELEPHONE: 1-828-369-3711
1-800-524-0465 (NC Mtn. Central Office)
Open 7 days a week

Otto Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - Asbury Methodist Church

ALANON

CONTACT: Gerald Kemper

TELEPHONE: Local – 706-746-5089 or 1-800-524-7395
World Service Office, Metro Atlanta – 1-404-687-0466

Thursday: Regular Alanon meeting at St. James Episcopal
Church, 7:00 p.m. - Downstairs Parrish Hall

Saturday: Asbury Methodist Church, Otto, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday Night: 7 p.m. in the Basement

SERVICES: To help the alcoholic, or drug addicted, and families seek
counseling. No fee.

ALPINE PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL PROGRAM (CHILD)

CONTACT: Dr. Pam Kirkpatrick, Director

Gainesville Phone: 770-532-9981

Carnesville Phone: 706-384-4554

Fax: 706-384-4832

STREET ADDRESS: 1300 Athens Street Gainesville Ga. 30501

SERVICES: Serves emotionally disturbed children ages birth to 21.

Service provided to those students enrolled in our program:
classes (ages 3-21); diagnostic evaluations (educational,
developmental, psychological or psychiatric).

Serving School Systems of Banks, Dawson, Forsyth,
Franklin, Gainesville, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin,
Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, and White.

FEE: There is no fee for students enrolled in our program

AMBULANCE SERVICE
RABUN COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

CONTACT: Director, Mike Carnes

TELEPHONE: Emergency: 911
 Business Office: 1-706-782-6520
 Non-emergency Dispatch: 1-706-782-8353

ADDRESS: 36 Emergency Drive; Clayton, GA 30525

SERVICES: 24-Hour ambulance service. Advanced life support avail-able.
Emergency and Non-Emergency Transport, Medicaid, Medicare,
and Private Insurance accepted.

EMAIL: rabunrc@windstream.net or mcarnes@rabuncountygov.com

AMERICAN RED CROSS, NORTHEAST GEORGIA CHAPTER

CONTACT: Laura Allen, Executive Director

TELEPHONE: 1-770532-8453 Gainesville

E-MAIL: chapter@negareddcross.org

FAX: 1-770-287-1236

WEB PAGE: www.redcross.org/ga/gainesville

MAILING ADDRESS: 675 White Sulphur Rd. Suite 230
P. O. Box 3370; Gainesville, Ga. 30503

SERVICES: Educational: Programs for schools, Babysitting classes, Health
and Safety classes for adults, business and industry. Swimming
lessons, Disaster Relief training, Blood Drives.

HOURS: 24 hours, 7 days a week: Communication links for military families. Provide emergency food, clothing and shelter to disaster victims (includes burned home), canteen services for rescue services as needed.

AVITA COMMUNITY PARTNERS
(Also, see Mountain Resources)

CONTACT: Cindy Levi, CEO

TELEPHONE: Rabun- 706-894-3700-Adult Services
Rabun- 706-212-3220- Child and Adolescent Services
Demorest- 706-894-3700
Toll Free: 1-800-525-8751

FAX: 1-706-894-3714

WEB ADDRESS: www.avitacommunitypartners.org

ADDRESS: 196 Scoggins Drive, Demorest, GA 30535
9 Buzz Saw Lane, Tiger Ga. 30576

HOURS: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SERVICES: Areas of Services:
1. Mental Health
2. Retardation
3. Substance Abuse
4. Child and Adolescent Services

County-based Service Center Outreach programs assist with service coordination, and parent support.

CHALLENGED CHILD AND FRIENDS

CONTACT: Jamie Reynolds, Executive Director

TELEPHONE: 1-770-535-8372

FAX: 1-770-535-0252

E-MAIL: info@challengedchild.org

WEBSITE: <http://www.challengedchild.org>

ADDRESS: PO Box 5758; 2360 Murphy Blvd.; Gainesville, GA
30504

HOURS: Monday - Friday, 7:15 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Nine month school year program. Morning and afternoon half-day sessions and afternoon child care.

SERVICES: A comprehensive community-based, family-centered early intervention program serving infants and preschoolers; birth through five years of age, who are delayed, or at risk for delay. Challenged Child offers the following services to each child and his/her family: physical, occupational and speech therapy evaluations; ongoing therapy, and nursing services; developmental assessment and educational preschool programs; parent and sibling support groups; parent education and counseling; infant respite; coordination of community services; transition into school; educational and equipment lending library; mainstreaming opportunities and child care. Challenged Child is an integrated center that includes typically developing children. Siblings of children with developmental delays are a priority enrollment for typical children. Community volunteers are needed.

FEE: Sliding scale/insurance coordinated with public funds.

CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
GEORGIA RESOURCE GUIDE (I through XI)

I. ALL DISABILITIES
Parent to Parent of Georgia

TELEPHONE: 1-770-451-5484 or 1-800-229-2038

FAX: 1-770-458-4091

ADDRESS: 3070 Presidential Parkway, Suite 130; Atlanta, GA 30340

WEB PAGE: www.p2pga.org

E-MAIL: info@parenttoparentofga.org

SERVICES: Provides information and referral support to parents of disabled children. Provides peer counseling/support, child and respite care information. Special needs data base conducted by an information specialist by phone or on-line.

II. AUTISM
Autism Society of America - Georgia

CONTACT: Gailynn Gluth, Chairman
TELEPHONE: 1-844-404-2742
FAX: 1-770-904-4476
E-MAIL: asa-ga@mindspring.com
ADDRESS: 8343 Roswell Rd; Suite 339; Atlanta, GA 30350
WEB PAGE: www.asaga.com

III. BRAIN INJURY
Brain Injury Association of Georgia

CONTACT: Jane Jackson, Executive Director
TELEPHONE: 1-800-444-6443
1-404-712-5504
FAX: 1-770-924-4831
WEB PAGE: www.braininjurygeorgia.org
E-MAIL: info@braininjurygeorgia.org
ADDRESS: 1441 Clifton Road, Atlanta Ga. 30322
P.O. Box 2817 Woodstock, Ga. 30188

IV. CEREBRAL PALSY
United Cerebral Palsy of Georgia

CONTACT: Ouida Spencer, Realty Associates of Atlanta, Chairperson
TELEPHONE: 1-770-676-2000/ 1-888-827-9455
Fax: 1-770-455-8040
ADDRESS: 3300 Northeast Expressway, Building 9, Atlanta, GA 30341
HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
E-MAIL: info@ucpga.org
WEB: www.ucpga.org

V. PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES:
AGES 3 THROUGH 5
Preschool Special Education, GA Department of Education

CONTACT: Debbie Gay, Director

ADDRESS: 205 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive SE
Atlanta, GA 30334-5060

PHONE: 1-404-656-2800 or 1-800-311-3627

FAX: 1-404-651-8737

EMAIL: askdoe@gadoe.org

WEB SITE: <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Pages/default.aspx>

VI. CYSTIC FIBROSIS
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF) of Georgia

CONTACT: Scot Rittenbaum, Executive Director

TELEPHONE: 1-404-325-6973 or 1-800-476-4483

FAX: 1-404-325-7921

E-MAIL: georgia@cff.org

WEB PAGE: www.cff.org/chapters/georgia/

ADDRESS: 2302 Park Lake Dr. NE; Suite 210; Atlanta, GA 30345-2896

VII. EPILEPSY
Epilepsy Foundation of Georgia

CONTACT: Aly L. Clift, Executive Director

TELEPHONE: 1-404-527-7155 or 1-800-527-7105

FAX: 1-404-564-3034

E-MAIL: epilepsy@epilepsyga.org

WEB PAGE: <https://epilpsyga.org>
ADDRESS: 6065 Roswell Rd.; Suite 715; Atlanta, GA 30328-4011
HOURS: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM Mon.-Fri.
Except for Major Holidays

VIII. LEARNING DISABILITIES
Learning Disabilities Association of Georgia

TELEPHONE: 1-404-303-7774
FAX: 1-404-467-0190
E-MAIL: ldaofga@gmail.com
WEB PAGE: www.ldag.org
ADDRESS: 4105 Briarcliff Rd. NE, Suite 3, Atlanta, Ga. 30545
HOURS: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

IX. MENTAL HEALTH
National Mental Health Association of Georgia

CONTACT: Jewell Gooding, Executive Director
TELEPHONE: 1-404-527-7175 or 1-800-933-9896
CRISIS HOTLINE: 1-800-715-4225 (24 hours per day/7 days per week)
SUICIDE PREVENTION: 1-800-273-8255
DISASTER DISTRESS
HOTLINE: 1-800-985-5990
FAX: 1-404-527-7187
WEB PAGE: www.mhageorgia.org
ADDRESS: 100 Edgewood Avenue NE; Suite 502; Atlanta, GA 30303-3068
HOURS: Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

X. SPINA BIFIDA
Spina Bifida Association of Georgia

CONTACT: Kristen DiCarlo, Executive Director

TELEPHONE: 1-770-939-1044

FAX: 1-770-939-1049

ADDRESS: 5072 Bristol Industrial Way, Suite F, Buford, GA 30518

E-MAIL: kdicarlo@spinabifidaga.org
sbag@spinabifidaga.org

WEB: www.spinabifidaga.org

XI. VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS
American Foundation for the Blind - Atlanta

CONTACT: Carl R. Augusto, President and CEO

TELEPHONE: 1-404-525-2303

FAX: 1-646-478-9260

ADDRESS: 100 Peachtree Street; Suite 2145; Atlanta, GA 30303

E-MAIL: literacy@afb.net

WEB PAGE: www.afb.org

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

TELEPHONE: 1-770-535-6907 or 1-800-204-8731

FAX: 1-770-538-2784

ADDRESS: 440 Prior Street, SE.; Gainesville, GA 30501

SERVICES: Services available through this agency are:
I. Babies Can't Wait Program
II. Children First
III. Children's Medical Services
IV. High Risk Infant Follow-up
(Description listed below)

I. BABIES CAN'T WAIT PROGRAM

CONTACT: Patricia (Dru) Thomas, Early Intervention Coordinator

TELEPHONE: 1-770-535-6907

FAX: 1-770-538-2784

ADDRESS: 440 Prior Street, SE.; Gainesville, GA 30501-1119

EMAIL: pdthomas@dhr.state.ga.us

SERVICES: This is an Early Intervention Program with the Department of Human Resources for children with developmental disabilities, from birth to age three. They provide evaluation, assessment and service coordination.

II. CHILDREN FIRST

CONTACT: Tonya Newsom, DHR

TELEPHONE: 1-770-535-6907

FAX: 1-770-538-2784

ADDRESS: 440 Prior Street, SE.; Gainesville, GA 30501

SERVICES: The point of entry for all children with special needs. Programs to ensure early identification of children considered to be at high risk for poor health, or social environmental problems

III. CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES

CONTACT: Angie Williams, RN

TELEPHONE: 1-770-535-6907 or 1-800-204-8731
1-706-212-0289 (Public Health Nurse, Rabun Co. Health Dept.)

FAX: 1-770-538-2784

ADDRESS: 440 Prior Street, SE.; Gainesville, Ga. 30501

EMAIL: acharkins@dhr.state.ga.us

PURPOSE: To provide care, coordination and/or sub special medical services for children with chronic medical condition.

SERVICES: Outpatient care, hospital care, speech and hearing evaluation, and therapy services.

HOURS: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. weekdays, by appointment.

ELIGIBILITY: Must be Georgia resident and meet medical financial criteria. Ages 0 – 21.

COMMISSIONERS, RABUN COUNTY

CONTACT: Jimmy Bleckley, County Administrator
Debra Jacobs, County Clerk and CFO

TELEPHONE: 1-706-782-5271

FAX: 1-706-782-7588

ADDRESS: 25 Courthouse Square; Suite 201; Clayton, GA 30525

WEBSITE: www.rabuncounty.ga.gov

MEMBERS: Will Nichols Jimmy Loudermilk, Vice Chairperson
Stephen Arbitter Greg James, Chairman
Kay Darnell Bob Fink

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT - RENTAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION

CONTACT: Nancy Dove, Area Administrator

TELEPHONE: 1-706-369-5636 or 1-888-318-0354

FAX: 1-706-369-5800

ADDRESS: 1061 Dowdy Road, Suite 201, Athens, Georgia 30606

WEB: www.dca.state.ga.gov

SERVICES: To assist low-income families and elderly, low-income handicapped and disabled with rent in eligible housing (No public or substandard housing).

ELIGIBILITY: Income limits are set for all authorities and vary from one county to another. Rent is based on total family income.

COMMUNITY PANTRY

CONTACT: Bev Mannes, President

TELEPHONE: 1-706-782-3704 (Ninth District Opportunity office)

STREET ADDRESS: St. James Episcopal Church; Warwoman Road, Clayton

MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 1067; Clayton, GA 30525

E-MAIL: info@communitypantry.org

PURPOSE: The purpose of the organization is to distribute personal hygiene and household necessities to those in need in Rabun County.

ELIGIBILITY: Vouchers will be distributed through Department of Family and Children Services, Rabun County Ministers, Physicians, and Ninth District Opportunity.

HOURS: First Monday of each month, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OF RABUN COUNTY, INC.
(A Family Connection Site)

CONTACT: Cathy Vinson and Laura Lane

TELEPHONE: 1-706-782-8390

FAX: 1-706-782-0970

ADDRESS: PO Box 2172; Clayton, GA 30525

E-MAIL: rabuncpr@windstream.net

HOURS: By appointment only – call for appointment time

MEETINGS: Third Tuesday of each month, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at the St. James Episcopal Church.

PURPOSE: The charitable and educational purposes of this organization include, but are not limited to, forming:
* A unified, focused organization of representatives from all sectors of the community joining forces and working together in an effort to develop and promote linkages needed to insure the wellbeing and empowering of all Rabun County citizens.

- * To cooperate in order to enhance projects already in place.
- * To develop new plans and projects to meet community needs.
- * To raise community awareness and involvement in identifying and addressing issues and concerns of individuals, families and children.
- * To provide family focused services without duplication.
- * To make services more accessible.

CredAbility (Consumer Credit Counseling Service)

TELEPHONE: 1-800-251-2227 or 1-404-527-7630

FAX: 1-404-653-8880

ADDRESS: 270 Peachtree St. NW # 1800; Atlanta, GA 30303

WEBSITE: www.credability.org

E-MAIL: info@CredAbility.org

HOURS: Mon. – Fri. 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM
Sat. 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM/ online 24 hours

SERVICES: A nonprofit community service agency that provides confidential budget and housing counseling, educational seminars and debt management. No charge for budget counseling. There is no charge for pre-bankruptcy counseling.

ELIGIBILITY: No eligibility requirement

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

CONTACT: Renota Free, Director

TELEPHONE: 1-706-782-4283
Emergency and after hours to report Child Abuse call the Sheriff's Department 1-706-782-3612 or 911. The Sheriff's Department has procedures in place to contact the worker on call.

ADDRESS: 128 Hiawasse Street; Clayton, GA 30525

HOURS: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SERVICES: Programs are administered by two basic units - Eligibility and Services. Listed below are brief descriptions of the programs offered.

* Determine eligibility for food stamps, temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), Medicaid for families with children under the age of 19 and/or pregnant women, emergency medical assistance for aliens who do not meet citizenship, and state subsidized day care assistance.

* Determine Medicaid eligibility for adults who are aged, blind, and/or disabled, including eligibility for people who are in nursing homes or receiving community-based services to avoid nursing home placement and disabled children who are ineligible for SSI due to the income/resources of their parents. Also, included in this category are programs that pay Medicare premiums and/or Medicare deductibles. All programs have income and resource limits.

* Investigate allegations of abuse or neglect of children and adults; provide protective services for abused/neglected children and adults; recruit and certify foster care homes; provide foster care placement and adoption services through this agency as well as referrals to local organizations for basic needs such as food, clothing, and shelter.

DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

TELEPHONE: 1-706-754-9100/ 1800-42-4746

FAX: 1-706-754-1717

ADDRESS: PO Box 1930; Clarkesville, GA 30523
518 Monroe Street, Clarkesville GA 30523

E-MAIL: clarkesvilleCSE@dhr.state.ga.us

SERVICES: To help regain child support payments and provide legal advice on child support recovery. Helps establish paternity on illegitimate children.

FEE: Twenty-five dollar fee for non-TANF services

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

CONTACT: Judy McCracken, 1-706-746-2037
Wolffork Baptist Church, 1-706-746-2728

ADDRESS: 453 Wolffork Church Road; Rabun Gap, GA 30568

SERVICES: Beginning English and Conversational English classes are offered for persons for whom English is not their first language. Meet every Wednesday night at Wolffork Baptist Church in Rabun Gap. Classes follow the county school calendar: September - May.
Class: Mondays 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Advanced and Beginner Classes
No Child Care.

FEE: None
Classes subject to availability

EXTENSION OFFICE, RABUN COUNTY

CONTACT: Robert Brewer, County Agriculture Agent
Sandra Simmons, Secretary

TELEPHONE: 1-706-782-3113 or 1-800-ASKUGA1

FAX: 1-706-782-3148

ADDRESS: 184 South Main Street; Suite 185; Clayton, GA 30525

WEB ADDRESS: www.caes.uga.edu/extension/rabun

SERVICES: The University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service responds to the people's needs and interests in agriculture, the environment, families and 4-H youth in Georgia with unbiased research-based education. The local Extension office has programs and information related to agriculture, family and consumer sciences, and the 4-H program available on request. Soil tests and water tests for mineral content can be obtained through this office. Pressure canners for canning can be tested for accuracy.

HOURS: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

F.A.I.T.H. (FIGHT ABUSE IN THE HOME)

CONTACT: Caroline White, Executive Director

TELEPHONE: 911 - Emergency
1-706-782-1003 - Business Office
1-888-782-1338 - 24-hour Crisis Hotline
State wide Domestic Violence: 1-800-33-HAVEN
FAITH Rape Response: 1-706-782-1338

National Domestic Violence: 1-800-799-7233
National Network, Rape, Abuse, Incest: 1-800-656-4673
Child & Adult Sexual Assault: 1-706-886-2290
Adult Narcotics Anonymous: 1-706-782-1003 or
1-706-754-2161
Adult Drug Intervention Program: 1-706-768-3176 or
1-706-754-2161

Thrift Store: 1-706-782-1867

FAX: 1-706-782-8411

ADDRESS: PO Box 1964; Clayton, GA 30525

WEB ADDRESS: www.faith-inc.org

E-MAIL: stopabuse@windstream.net

HOURS: Business Office 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

SERVICES: Shelter, programs, and assistance for women and children of abuse and sexual assault. Stephens County Rape Crisis Facility and services. Telephone/information HELP LINE for victims of domestic violence or rape. Referrals to Gateway House and Circle of Hope if needed. Limited assistance for men who are victims.

FAMILY ART THERAPY CENTER

CONTACT: Beth Black, Director

TELEPHONE: 1-706-782-0717

EMERGENCY: 1-706-212-0280 or 1-888-278-0261

FAX: 1-706-782-5266

ADDRESS: 44 Oak Crescent Circle; PO Box 1689 Clayton, GA 30525

SERVICES: Intensive in-home family therapy and parenting education skills and support for families at risk. A prevention program aimed at promoting healthy families and safe children. Offers individual, family, and group counseling.

FEES: Sliding scale

FAMILY RELATIONS PROGRAM
Children's Center of Hope & Healing

CONTACT: Betty Guilfoile, LMFT, Executive Director

TELEPHONE: 1-770-532-6530

FAX: 1-770-532-7111

ADDRESS: 226 Main Street SW; PO Box 907401; Gainesville, Ga. 30501

WEBSITE: www.hopeandhealingga.org

E-MAIL: info@hopeandhealingga.org

HOURS: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Office therapy hours vary by appointment

SERVICES: Private nonprofit agency for children ages 5 to 17.
Provides counseling and education to child victims of sexual abuse and their families. Group counseling for adult women survivors of childhood sexual abuse. Project Pathfinder - treatment of sexualized children and children and adolescents who molest.

GEORGIA ASSOCIATION CHILD CARE RESOURCE
AND REFERRAL AGENCY-NORTH REGION

CONTACT: Gloria Calhoun, Director

TELEPHONE: 1-770-387-0828 or 1-800-3081825

FAX: 1-678-721-6676

WEB PAGE: www.gaccrra.org

MAILING ADDRESS: 50 Executive Park South, Suite 5015, Atlanta, Ga.

HOURS: Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

E-MAIL: gloria.calhoun@qulalitycareforchildren.org

DESCRIPTION: Telephone referral service for parents looking for child care for Bartow, Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Cobb, Dade, Dawson, Douglas, Fannin, Floyd, Forsyth, Gilmer, Gordon, Habersham, Haralson, Lumpkin, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Rabun, Towns, union, Walker, White and Whitfield counties.

- SERVICES:
- * Offers training and technical assistance for all programs and individuals offering child care.
 - * Assists individuals in becoming registered with the state to start day care center.
 - * Offers free and confidential Resource and referral services for licensed child care centers, group homes, family daycare home providers , moms day out, after school care, summer camps and respite care, non-traditional work hours, specials needs care and low income care.
 - *Free inclusion support for special needs children.
 - *Provides technical assistance for child care providers.
 - *Offers free resource lending library for child care settings.

GEORGIA LEARNING RESOURCES SYSTEMS
NORTH GEORGIA CENTER
(Also, see Pioneer RESA)

- CONTACT: Dr. Pam Kirkpatrick- Director
- TELEPHONE: 1-706-865-2141 ext. 235
- FAX: 1-706-865-6748
- ADDRESS: PO Box 179; 1342 Highway 254; Cleveland, GA 30528
- WEB ADDRESS: www.glr.org
- SERVICES: Services include providing information on community agencies and resources; maintaining a library of tests, books and materials; providing training for groups involved with disabilities children; assisting with diagnostic services and assisting in locating children with disabilities.

GEORGIA LEGAL SERVICE PROGRAMS

- TELEPHONE: 1-770-535-5717 or 1-800-745-5717
- FAX: 1-770-531-6011
- ADDRESS: 705 Washington Street, NW; Suite B1; PO Box 1337
Gainesville, GA 30501
- WEB ADDRESS: www.glsp.org

HOURS: Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
For an Appointment call: 1-800-745-5717
In-take: Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 11: a.m.

SERVICES: Legal Services provides free legal services to low-income people. Legal Services assist people in civil matters. The office does not handle criminal cases or fee producing cases. Senior Citizens (60+) may contact Legal Aid regarding matters concerning wills, living wills, and power of attorney at the Rabun County Senior Center.

GEORGIA MEDICAID NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

TELEPHONE: 1-866-211-0950

HOURS: Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

SERVICES: **All transportation requests must be for Medicaid Members who possess a current Georgia Medicaid identification card.**

When calling to make transportation arrangements, please have the following information ready for the Customer Service Representative:

- **Member's name as it appears on their Georgia Medicaid card**
- **Member's telephone number**
- **Destination facility's name and address**
- **Member's home address (including County) on file with Medicaid**
- **Members social security number, Medicaid number, county of origin and month of eligibility**
- **Member's date of birth**
- **The Member's room number (for stretcher patients only)**
- **An emergency contact person with phone number for the Member**
- **A destination contact person with phone number (where the Member is going)**

• Type of service required; ambulatory, wheelchair or stretcher. (If the Member has an electric wheelchair, other mobility device or an escort, please be sure to specify that information.)

If transportation arrangements need to be changed or cancelled, please call your Customer Service Representative as soon as possible. We prefer a 24-hour notice.

Transportation providers are ONLY responsible for the transportation, loading and unloading of Medicaid members. Any additional activities are the responsibility of the facility. Transportation providers are not required to remain with the member. The drivers will wait for a Member at the agreed upon location for ten minutes only unless you make other arrangements with them on a case-by-case basis.

Therefore, be sure to tell our customer service representative exactly where the Member will be waiting on the first floor (with the exception of stretcher patients). The driver will wait for the Member in this specific area only.

Please ensure the Member is ready when the driver is scheduled to arrive in order to expedite transportation.

GEORGIA PINES (CHILD)

CONTACT: Dr. Alice Stanley, Director

TELEPHONE: 1-404-298-4882 (Voice & TYY)

FAX: 1-404-298-3610

ADDRESS: 890 N. Indian Creek Drive; Clarkston, GA 30021

E-MAIL: astanley@doe.k12.ga.us

WEB SITE: www.gapines.info

SERVICES: The Georgia Parent Infant Network for Educational Services for visually and/or hearing impaired children from birth to five years of age. Family home-centered services and services in the natural environment. They offer parent conferences and a library. All services are free. Sponsored by GA Department of Education.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, RABUN COUNTY

CONTACT: Doug Coomer, President
Dawn Smith, Thrift Store Manager

TELEPHONE: 1-706-212-2059 - Thrift Store

FAX: 1-706-212-2069

ADDRESS: 1164 Old 441 N Clayton, GA 30525
PO Box 1394, Clayton Ga. 30525

MEETINGS: Third Thursday of each month at the Thrift Shop. Open to public.

SERVICES: 1. Construction of homes for worthy families who live in Sub-standard housing. Also operates the Habitat Store. Furniture, small appliances, and home accessories are received and sold. Proceeds go toward building homes.

2. Provide help to families whose home has been destroyed by fire. They must be recommended in writing by a minister or the Red Cross.

HOURS: Monday- Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Please contact Thrift Store for application for a house to be built during the year.

ELIGIBILITY: Must be a two year resident of Rabun County and live in substandard housing. Must be able to make monthly house payments and put in 150 hours of labor in their house or others. Based on need and/or income with a non-discriminatory policy.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT of RABUN COUNTY

CONTACT Sue Darnell, Office Manager
Cathy Darnell, Receptionist
Sheila Watts, Clerical - Environmental
Cheryl Harbin, Nurse Manager
Josie Moseley, LPN
Dulen Jones, RN
Lauren Leatherman, WIC Nutrition
Liz Guterrez, WIC clerk

TELEPHONE: 1-706-212-0289

FAX: 1-706-212-0296

ADDRESS: 184 S. Main Street; Clayton, GA 30525

HOURS: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

SERVICES: Monday – Friday All services available
Family Planning and Child Health by appointment

SERVICES BY APPOINTMENT ONLY: WIC, Hearing and Vision Screening, Physicals
Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Children with Special Needs
Mammogram Referrals, Lab Work by MD Order,
Sterilization Referrals

Rehabilitation Counseling:
Call 1-706-865-9535 for appointment

FEE: Based on a sliding scale for child health physicals and family
planning. We also accept PeachCare and Medicaid.

Environmental Health

CONTACTS Shelia Watts, Receptionist
Linda Lovell, Environmentalist
Steve James, Environmentalist

TELEPHONE: 1-706-212-0294
FAX: 1-706-212-0295

SERVICES: Check water supplies
Check septic tanks and sewage
Inspect food accommodations (schools & commercial)
Inspects motels, hotels, and tourist accommodations
Permits for septic tank are based on type and size of system
Fee for water sample - \$25

Dental

TELEPHONE: 1-706-212-0291

FAX: 1-706-212-0295

HOURS: Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

HOME HEALTH AGENCIES (I-II)

I. AMEDISYS COMPANY/TUGALOO HOME HEALTH

TELEPHONE: 1-706-782-4982 or 1-800-348-2852

FAX: 1-706-782-7357

ADDRESS: 75 N Main Street Suite 105; Clayton, GA 30525

SERVICES: A Health Care Agency which provides care in the home of patients as ordered by their doctor. Services provided are: skilled nursing, physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, home health aides, health, nutritional guidance, limited medical supplies and social services.

HOURS: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Nurses are available 24 hours a day.

ELIGIBILITY: Patients receiving care in their home under Medicare and/or Medicaid or private insurance. Must be essentially homebound; be in need of skilled nursing care, physical therapy, or speech therapy; and be approved for such care by a doctor. For patients not under Medicare and/or Medicaid, care is provided as prescribed by a doctor regardless of homebound status.

COST: Regular cost applies for patients not covered under Medicare and/or Medicaid. Takes Community Care and Private Insurance.

II. CARE SOUTH

TELEPHONE: 1-706-896-5037
After hours: 1-706-896-5038

FAX: 1-706-896-1471

ADDRESS: 584 Bell Creek Rd; Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

HOURS: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Nurse on call 24 hours a day.

SERVICES: Care South is a nonprofit agency which provides care in the home for qualified individuals. Services include skilled nursing, physical

and speech therapy, medical, social services, home care aides and occupational therapy.

Serving Rabun and surrounding counties.

ELIGIBILITY: Persons in need of nursing, physical or speech therapy confined to home due to illness and certified by physician for home health care.

COST: Medicare and Medicaid recipients have care provided at no cost to the individual. Cost participation required through private insurance and private pay. Services also provided if unable to pay.

HOSPITALS

To secure names, phone numbers, and addresses of specialized physicians, contact:

Mountain Lakes Medical Center

Telephone: 706-782-3100 Fax: 1-706-782-2564
196 Ridgecrest Circle Clayton, GA 30525
Emergency: 1-706-782-0448
www.mountainlakesmedicalcenter.com

Angel Medical Center

120 Riverview Street
Franklin, North Carolina
Telephone: 1-828-524-8411
www.angelmed.org

Habersham County Medical Center

541 Historical Highway
Demorest, Ga.
Telephone: 1-706-754-2161
www.habershammedical.com

Highlands Cashiers Hospital

190 Hospital Dr. Highlands North Carolina 28741
PO Box 190 Highlands, North Carolina 28741
Telephone: 828-526-1200
1-706-746-3621, only for physician's scheduling
www.highlandscashierhospital.org

Northeast Georgia Medical Center

Telephone: 1-770-219-9000
743 Spring Street Gainesville, Georgia 30501
www.nghs.com

Stephens County Hospital

163 Hospital Drive Toccoa, Georgia 30577

Telephone: 1-706-282-4200

www.stephenscountyhospital.com

HOUSING AUTHORITY, RABUN COUNTY

TELEPHONE: 1-706-782-6467

FAX: 1-706-782-2169

E-MAIL: claytonha@windstream.net

ADDRESS: 393 Shadyside Dr.; Unit 31; PO Box 1271; Clayton, GA 30525

HOURS: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon & 1:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.

SERVICES: Housing for low-income families, no emergency housing. To apply, contact the Housing Authority office. They do not offer section 8 in Rabun County.

HOMELESS LIASON

CONTACT: Tammy Wilbanks, School Social Worker

PHONE: 706-746-5376

LIONS CLUB/SIGHT CONSERVATION

ADDRESS: PO Box 411; Clayton, GA 30525

SERVICES: Particularly in area of sight conservation. Apply to office of Dr. Steve Thurmond for application. Provides financial aid when necessary, particularly in cases of school children and the elderly needing glasses.

LIONS CLUB LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND
GA LIONS LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION

CONTACT: Jane Price, PDG, District Director

TELEPHONE: 1-404-325-3630

FAX: 1-404-636-5549

EMAIL: galions@lionslighthouse.org
WEB SITE: www.lionslighthouse.org
ADDRESS: 5582 Peachtree Road Atlanta, GA 30341
SERVICES: Provides surgery at various Georgia hospitals for the blind after proper examination. Also, can assist in getting used hearing aids when needed.
ELIGIBILITY: Any blind or near blind person who can benefit from eye surgery. No mandatory referrals required. Based on income eligibility.

MAYORS AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Clayton, Ga.

MAYOR: Jordan Green
CITY MANAGER: Cissy Henry
CITY CLERK: Rhonda Lunsford
CITY ACCOUNTANT: Kathy Allen
CITY MARSHALL: Scott Crane
TELEPHONE: 706-782-4512
FAX: 706-782-4596
ADDRESS: 837 Hwy. 76 W, Suite 101, Clayton GA 30525
COUNCIL MEMBERS: Michelle Duquette Willie Fortson
Elizabeth Chapmen Brian Panell Debbie Chisholm

Dillard, Ga.

MAYOR: William Robinson
CITY CLERK: Glenda Enloe
ADDRESS: 892 Franklin St., Dillard GA 30537
TELEPHONE: 706-746-5891
FAX: 706-746-5430

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Claude Dillard Gordon Jenkins
Roy Defour Jack Roberts
Tremaine Wilson Carron Grist

Mountain City, Ga.

MAYOR: Grace Watts
CITY CLERK: Jessie Henson
TELEPHONE: 706-746-3513
FAX: 706-746-5314
ADDRESS: PO Box 493. Mountain City GA 30562
COUNCIL MEMBERS: Ruth Fountain Charles Hooper
Eric McCrackin Robert Sutton

Sky Valley, Ga.

MAYOR: Hughel Goodgame
CITY MANAGER: Linda Lapeyrouse
CITY CLERK: Ella Fast
TELEPHONE: Office 706-746-2204
Fax: 706-746-5893
ADDRESS: 3444 Hwy 246 Dillard, GA 30537
COUNCIL MEMBERS: Robert MacNair Connie Larson
Chip Durto Ed Steil
Milner Lively

Tiger, Ga.

CITY CLERK: Karen Jarrell Phone: 706-490-1322
ADDRESS Tiger Town Hall- 301 Old Hwy. 441 S., Tiger, GA 30576
COUNCIL MEMBERS: Ronald Moore Mike Carnes
Karen Lovell Brian Hampson
MAYOR: Tom Ramey Jr.

E-MAIL: rabun@ndocsbg.org

LOCATION: 1236B Old Highway 441 South;
Clayton, GA 30525-0691

HOURS: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
****By appointment only**

The following services are provided by the agency pending availability of 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, 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
- 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; opens to general public in December)

Ninth District Opportunity Community Services Field Office Sites

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 112
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

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, Suite 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 30533-0544
Phone: (706) 864-4637
Fax: (706) 864-1558

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
Hiawassee, Georgia 30546-0042
Phone: (706) 896-4783
Fax: (706) 896-4790

WHITE COUNTY

Yvonne Cruse

1331 Helen Hwy
Cleveland, Georgia 30528
Phone: (706) 865-6220
Fax: (706) 865-6223

Rabun County Head Start/Early Head Start:

Rabun County Head Start/Early Head Start is a pre-school program that is accredited by NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children); Department of Early Care and Learning and Stated Day Care Licensed. We provide 2 programs, Early Head Start which serves ages 18 months to 3 years old and Head Start which serves ages 3 & 4 years old. We are funded through the Department of Early Care and Learning and the National Head Start Federal program. Services are provided for all children without regard to race, sex, religion, national origin or disability.

CONTACT: Patrice Wheeler, Center Director

EMAIL: patrice.wheeler@ndohs.org

TELEPHONE: 706-782-4718

FAX: 706-782-7860

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 901; Clayton, Ga. 30525-0023

LOCATION: 1236 Old Hwy 441 S; Clayton, Ga. 30525-0023

SERVICES:

- Head Start assists three and four year old children to build the confidence and skills they need to succeed in school and to become leaders, taxpayers, and productive citizens of the future.
- Early Head Start provides safe and developmentally enriched care which promotes the physical, cognitive, social and emotional development of toddlers, and prepares them for future growth and development.
- Provides experience for children that are vital to achieving our nation's first education goal- that all children enter school ready to learn.
- Assists parents in securing for their child needed immunizations, regular medical and dental screenings and follow-up services. Children who are healthy miss less school, have more energy and possess heightened attention which will lead to improved performance throughout their school year.
- Provides breakfast and lunch for the child each day.
- Provides developmentally appropriate educational activities planned to meet the individual needs of the child, thereby providing successful experiences and instilling the belief learning is fun and exciting.
- Assists families to gain access to important community services. Family Partners are available to each family to support them through crises, help them gain a better understanding of child development, and create opportunities for personal growth.
- Provides opportunities for parents to acquire the necessary skills for them to become strong partners in their child's learning experiences.
- Provides opportunities for parents to participate in the decision-making process relating to the nature and operation of the program.

- Provides opportunities through collaboration efforts, for community agencies, community leaders and parents of enrolled children to develop partnerships in order to meet the needs of the individual community.

Major Service areas for EHS & Head Start:

1. Education/School Readiness
2. Health- Medical/Dental/Nutrition/Mental Health/Disabilities
3. Family Engagement/Community Partnerships

FEES: There are no fees for a child to enter the Head Start.

AGE: Children must be three or four years old on or before September 1 of the current school year to be age eligible for Head Start. They must be 18 months up to 3 years old to be age eligible for Early Head Start.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To advocate for families in need and to promote access to opportunities; which will facilitate movement towards self-development, self-reliance and self-determination.

NORTH GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Clarkesville, Ga.

TELEPHONE: 1-706-754-7737 - Clarkesville

FAX: 1-706-754-7777

ADDRESS: 1500 Hwy. 197 N; PO Box 65; Clarkesville, GA 30523

WEB SITE: www.northgatech.edu

Blairsville, Ga.

TELEPHONE: 1-706-439-6328 - Blairsville

ADDRESS: 434 Meeks Ave.; Blairsville, GA 30512

Toccoa, Ga.

TELEPHONE: 1-706-779-8107 – Currahee

FAX: 1-706-439-6301

ADDRESS: 8989 GA Hwy 17; Toccoa, GA 30577

SERVICES: Continuing Education
Industry Quick Start
Adult General Education and GED
Occupational Training, Day and Evening
Diploma programs
Bachelor Arts Degrees in some programs
Associate Degrees in some programs

FEE: Tuition is set at an affordable rate. Tuition for credit programs is free after age 62. Hope scholarships available for qualified Georgia residents.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: Students must be 16 years of age or older (17 for practical nursing and med lab students). Students must have high school diploma, or equivalent, or demonstrate knowledge level of high school graduates. Aptitude tests and other evaluations, including personal interviews, are used to assist in career choices. Scores from Scholastic Aptitude Test may be accepted in lieu of other tests. A transcript of previous educational work is required for admission.

NORTHEAST GEORGIA MEDICAL CENTER
(Women and Children Services)

TELEPHONE: 1-770-535-3553, Ext. 2025
Ext. 3030 – Pediatrics

ADDRESS: 743 Spring Street; Gainesville, GA 30501

SERVICES: Provides pediatric, maternal/child, family care through inpatient and outpatient care; diagnostic and support services.

NORTHEAST GEORGIA SPEECH CENTER

TELEPHONE: 1-770-534-5141

FAX: 1-770-534-5141

ADDRESS: 604 Washington St., Suite B2; PO Box 1482; Gainesville, GA 30501

WEB: www.negaspeechcenter.org

SERVICES: Provides evaluation and treatment for speech problems of all types and provides routine hearing screening. Other

services include: instructions in lip reading, and auditory training for deaf and hard of hearing. Preschool program for speech/language delays. This program prepares the speech/language delayed child for the school experience. Toddler Program: Two and three year olds attend intensive therapy sessions with a parent.

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone with or suspected of having a speech, language or hearing problem. EPSDT referral or doctor referral required for Medicaid.

FEE: Based on ability to pay. Sliding scale and/or Medicaid.

PENFIELD CHRISTIAN HOME

CONTACT: Rev. Lem Clark, Executive Director
Karrie Godbee-Administration Specialist

TELEPHONE: 1-706-453-7929 / 1-866-542-5378

FAX: 1-888-785-0613

ADDRESS: 161 Mercer Circle; Union Point, GA 30669

E-MAIL ADDRESS lclark@penfieldchristainhome.org
PCH@Penfieldrecovery.com

WEB SITE: www.penfieldrecovery.com

SERVICES: A Christ-centered ministry for reclaiming the lives of adult men suffering from addiction to drugs and alcohol.

PIONEER RESA **(REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICES AGENCY)**

CONTACT: Dr. Sandy Addis Director
Laura Brown Division Director, Special Education
Lori Mccoy Director Technology
Dr. Richard Krise School Improvement Coordinator

TELEPHONE: 1-706-865-2141/Toll Free 1-866-812-7372 EXT: 247

FAX: 1-706-865-6748

WEB ADDRESS www.pioneerresa.org

ADDRESS: 1342 Hwy 254; PO Box 1789; Cleveland, GA
30528-0033

SERVICES: Available through school system.

RABUN AID PROGRAM
R.A.P.

CONTACT: Jeremy Noffsinger - Evenings at 706-782-4426
Clayton First Methodist Church – 706-782-4426

FAX: 706-782-7454

ADDRESS: 205 Ministry Mtn. Drive; PO Box 703; Clayton, GA 30525

WEB ADDRESS: www.claytonmethodist.com

E-MAIL ADDRESS: claytonumc@windstream.net

SERVICES: Handyman, minor repairs, house cleaning, handicap
facilities. (Three days in June)

ELIGIBILITY: Available for elderly, economically disadvantaged and
physically handicapped. Based on a case by case situation. Apply
in spring by calling Methodist Church.

RABUN COUNSELING CENTER

CONTACT: Dr. Kathy Barnes, Ph.D., LMFT, Director

TELEPHONE: 1-706-490-4344 or 1-706-201-9344

LOCATION: Clayton Baptist Church; 875 South Church St.;
Clayton, GA 30525

HOURS: Wednesday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

SERVICES: * Counseling by a qualified, licensed marriage/family
Therapist.
* Speaker available on topics of personal crisis and concern.

REFERRAL: Individual, physician, hospital, pastor, or self.

FEES: Sliding scale fee. Scholarship monies available.
Accept some types of private insurance.

RABUN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

CONTACT: Stephanie Howard, Library Manager

TELEPHONE: 706-782-3731

FAX: 706-782-6514

ADDRESS: PO Box 330; Clayton, GA 30525

WEB PAGE: www.rabuncountylibrary.org

LOCATION: 73 Jo Dotson Circle; Clayton GA 30525

SERVICES:

1. Provides Children's Program for children at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday during the school year. Summer Reading Program on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 10:30 a.m. for children. Groupings are based on age. During school year, programs are held for Head Start/Pre-K children each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
2. Provides copy service, tax forms, public computer, genealogy and reference services.
3. Resources: Video tapes for children and adults, books on tape, large print books, and Inter-library loan service (book re-source).

RABUN COUNTY RECREATION DEPARTMENT

CONTACT: Lester Norris, Director
Roy Quillams, Athletic Director

TELEPHONE: 706-782-4600

FAX: 706-782-4316

WEBSITE: www.rabuncountygov.com/recreationdepartmetn.html

ADDRESS: 400 Rabun Park Drive, Tiger Ga. 30576
PO Box 1082; Clayton, GA 30525

ACTIVITIES: Little league sports (Football, Basketball, Baseball and Soccer), Aerobics for adults, Volleyball, Men/Women's Basketball, Facilities available are: Park, Pool, Pavilion, Gym with stage, Ball fields (nine softball fields/one multipurpose field), and Children's Playground

PARK HOURS: Saturday – Sunday 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

RABUN COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

CONTACT: Opal Woodall
TELEPHONE: 706-782-3853
ADDRESS: 2832 Old 441S; Tiger, GA 30576
WEBSITE: www.rabuncountygov.com/seniorcenter.html
SERVICES: Implementing a comprehensive program to reduce social isolation and prevent premature institutionalization of Rabun County citizens 55 and over. Services include Nutrition (home delivered meals and congregate meals), Transportation, and Planned Daily Activities. Water aerobics information available by calling the center. Monthly activities calendar may be picked up at the reception desk.
HOURS: Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Lunch Served: 11:30 - 12:30
Free Pool Hours: Monday - Friday, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

REGENCY HOSPICE

CONTACT: Julia Vereb, Pcc Executive Director
TELEPHONE: 706-782-7505 or 1-800-577-8791 or 706-896-1251
FAX: 1-706-896-1843
ADDRESS: PO Box 494; Hiawassee, GA 30546
LOCATION: 236 South Main Street; Hiawassee, GA 30546
HOURS: Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Nurses on call 24 hours per day

SERVICES: Hospice is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of individuals diagnosed with terminal illnesses while respecting the patient and family's right to make decisions affecting life and death. Hospice helps in difficult times, with emphasis on human dignity and preservation of the quality and sanctity of life. Hospice offers a total support system providing skilled nursing care, counseling, personal care and other supportive services. Hospice families say the special kind of caring they receive makes a difference in their lives at a very critical time.

ELIGIBILITY: Referral by physician when terminal illness of six months or less has been diagnosed.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Gatewood House

CONTACT: Kay Camacho, House Manager
TELEPHONE: 1-404-315-1133
FAX: 1-404-315-7873
ADDRESS: 795 Gatewood Rd, NE.; Atlanta, GA 30329
WEB SITE: www.armh.com

Peachtree Dunwoody House

CONTACT: Joe Camacho, House Manager
TELEPHONE: 1-404-847-0760
FAX: 1-404-250-4992
ADDRESS: 5420 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, NE; Atlanta, GA 30342
PURPOSE: A "home away from home" for families of children who are being treated at Children's Health Care or other Atlanta area hospitals. Referrals made by Department of Social Services or Medical Personnel.
SERVICES: The house is a place where families can sleep comfortably, bathe, fix meals, do laundry and share with other families in similar situations. There is no paid maintenance staff and

parents are requested to keep their room tidy and help keep public areas clean. Linens are provided, families are asked to launder their own linens. Dinner is usually served in the evening.

AREA SERVED: World Wide

ELIGIBILITY: Families of children who are being treated at any area hospitals. First come, first served basis. Prioritize service given to families of children with cancer, leukemia, long-term rehabilitation, or brain injuries.

FEES: \$10 contribution per night.

HOW TO APPLY: Room request for Ronald McDonald House are made through the hospital admitting office on a first come, first served basis.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT OF GEORGIA

CONTACT: Samual Kirkland, Clarkesville

TELEPHONE: 1-706-754-6239

FAX: 1-706-754-9821

ADDRESS: 555 Monroe St.; Unit 83; Clarkesville, GA 30523
732 E. Crescent Drive; Suite 100; Gainesville, GA 30501

SERVICES: Loans to rural families for home ownership and low-interest loans for moderate to low-income home ownership. Low-interest loans for home repair. Grants available for persons aged 62 and over for home repairs related to health.

SCHOOLS, RABUN COUNTY

SUPERINTENDENT: Melissa Williams

TELEPHONE: 706-212-4350

FAX: 706-782-6224

ADDRESS: PO Box 68; 963 Connector Road; Tiger, GA 30576

WEB ADDRESS: www.rabun.k12.ga.us

Rabun County Primary School (P-2)

PRINCIPAL: Kelly McKay
TELEPHONE: 706-782-3831
FAX: 706-782-0069
ADDRESS: 801 East Boggs Mountain Road Tiger, GA 30576

Special Kids In Preschool (SKIP)

CONTACT: Katie Lowery, Director of Special Education
TELEPHONE: 706-212-4350 and 706-782-3831
ADDRESS: Rabun County Primary School; 801 East Boggs Mountain Road, Tiger, Ga. 30576
SERVICES: SKIP is designed to serve needs of three, four, and five year old children with disabilities. It provides children with the opportunity to reach their maximum potential and hopefully be ready to learn in the school setting at age five.
ELIGIBILITY: Must be determined through evaluation and a written Individual Education Plan. Evaluation is carried out by a multi-disciplinary team before eligibility is determined.

Rabun County Elementary (3-6)

PRINCIPAL: Lisa Patterson
TELEPHONE: 706-782-3116
FAX: 706-782-2828
ADDRESS: 1115 East Boggs Mountain Road; Tiger, GA 30576

Rabun County Middle School

PRINCIPAL: Vicki Tyler
TELEPHONE: 706-782-5470

FAX: 706-782-4520
ADDRESS: 108 Wildcat Hill Drive; Tiger, GA 30576

Rabun County High School

PRINCIPAL: Jodi Woods
TELEPHONE: 706-782-4526
FAX: 706-782-7550
ADDRESS: 230 Wildcat Hill Drive; Tiger, GA 30576

SHARING AND CARING CENTER

CONTACT: Marie Bowman, President - 782-5692
Judy Bass, Vice President - 746-2705
Juanita Shope, Treasurer - 782-7100
TELEPHONE: 782-6340
ADDRESS: PO Box 1747; Clayton, GA 30525
LOCATION: 137 Hiawassee Street, Clayton Ga. 30525
SERVICES: To provide food, clothing, utilities, and medical assistance for those in need through Ninth District Opportunity, Inc. and the Department of Family and Children's Services.
ELIGIBILITY: Poverty Guidelines
HOW TO APPLY: A referral is required from Family and Children Services or Ninth District Opportunity.
HOURS: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

TELEPHONE: 1-706-886-1621 or 1-800-772-1213
WEB PAGE: www.ssa.gov

ADDRESS: 155 Big A Road N.; Toccoa, GA 30577
HOURS: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
SERVICES: Administer Title II and Title XVI in need. To apply, visit or call the office.

SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME

CONTACT: Betty McEntire, Executive Director
TELEPHONE: Atlanta: 1-770-426-8746 or 1-800-232-7437
ADDRESS: 509 Augusta Drive; Marietta, GA 30067-8205
WEB SITE: www.sids.org
E-MAIL: prevent@sids.org
SERVICES: Research for babies at high risk to SIDS, educational material and family support. 24-hour hot line for new parents as well as for parents who have lost a child to SIDS.

SUMMIT RIDGE CENTER FOR PSYCHIATRY AND ADDICTION MEDICINE CENTER

TELEPHONE: 1-678-442-5800 / 24-hour line: 1-678-442-5858
ADDRESS: 250 Scenic Highway; Lawrenceville, GA 30045
WEB ADDRESS www.summitridgehospital.net
SERVICES: High-quality mental health and substance abuse treatment. Inpatient, partial hospitalization and outpatient programs for adolescents, adults, older adults and their families.

VETERAN'S SERVICE, STATE DEPARTMENT

CONTACT: Bob Spaulding
TELEPHONE: Clayton - Probate Office, 706-782-3614
Blairsville Office, 1-706-745-6341

ADDRESS: 25 Courthouse Square; Suite 215; Clayton, GA 30525

HOURS: Second Thursday of each month
Probate Office, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

SERVICES: Provides assistance to veterans and their families. No fees.
Assists in making all claims to the Veterans Administration including education, compensation, pension, hospitalization, death claims, and insurance.

ELIGIBILITY: Veterans, their dependents, and their survivors, establish eligibility when claims are submitted.

VICTORY HOME

TELEPHONE: 1-706-754-6030

ADDRESS: 320 Victory Home Lane; PO Box 7; Tallulah Falls, GA 30573

SERVICES: Christian based retreat for men with chemical or alcohol dependency.
Six chapel services weekly.
To promote sobriety for alcoholics or drug addiction.
Morning study programs, 20 week in-house recovery program.
Women Support Groups
Marriage Counseling and Spiritual Direction

ELIGIBILITY: Any person with a sincere desire to stop drinking. Must be in good physical condition. Minimum age - 21 years
Application fee - \$25

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

CONTACT: Beverly Raznoff, DOE Counselor, RCHS (School case load)
Ken Hise, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor and Manager (Adult case load)

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

FAX: 1-706-865-9602

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

SERVICES: Adult - Working with people who have disabilities. Help them to become productive persons and to be able to work.
Youth - Help students with disabilities get ready to transition from High School to the working world or post-secondary school.

FEE: None, but must meet eligibility requirements.

WILLINGWAY HOSPITAL

TELEPHONE: 1-800-242-9455 (24 hours/day)

ADDRESS: 311 Jones Mill Road, Statesboro, GA 30458

WEB SITE: www.willingway.com

E-MAIL: info@willingway.com

SERVICES: Willing Way Hospital offers a full continuum of care for the treatment of alcohol and drug dependency which ensures that patients are placed in the most appropriate level of care depending on severity of the illness.

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