

COMMUNITY RESOURCE HANDBOOK

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UNION COUNTY HEAD START-PRE K

This Community Resource Handbook has been compiled to aid the Union County Head Start and Pre-K families in gaining access to community resources to meet family needs. If the support or service you are seeking has not been listed in this resource book, please contact your Family Support Partner at the Union County Head Start/ Pre-K office. If you are aware of services or agencies not listed in this resource book, please feel free to share that information so it may be listed in the future for other families.

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ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

CONTACT: North Georgia Technical College/
Shirley Miller Building

TELEPHONE: 706-439-6321

LOCATION: 121 Meeks Avenue/ 285 Blalock Street
Blairsville, GA 30512

SERVICES: They offer the GED Program. Financial aid and work study programs are available.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

CONTACT: Union General Hospital Ambulance Service

TELEPHONE: 706-781-3178

LOCATION: 94 Weaver Road
Blairsville, GA 30512

SERVICES: Qualified services and transportation- 24-hour service.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

CONTACT: Reana Pendley

TELEPHONE: 770-297-1176
www.cancer.org

LOCATION: 2564 Thompson Bridge Road
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

SERVICES: Rabun, Towns, & Union

They offer assistance with dressings and bandages, pain relieving drugs, transportation for patients unable to get to treatment centers and rehabilitation services for some cancer patients. Other areas of concern may also be addressed. Call with any questions.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

CONTACT: Tammy Nicholson
TELEPHONE: 770-532-8453, Northeast Georgia Chapter
1-800-REDCROSS
LOCATION: P.O.Box3370
Gainesville, Georgia 30501
SERVICES: Emergency loans for servicemen; emergency
leaves; collects blood; provides food, shelter,
medical aid to disaster victims; conducts water
safety programs; organizes high school and Junior
Red Cross units.
www.redcross.org

ANIMAL SHELTERS & RESCUES
Castaway Critters Pet Rescue, Inc

TELEPHONE: 706-781-3992
LOCATION: 92 Jordan Rd.
Blairsville, Georgia 30512
SERVICES: They offer pet rescues, small animal services and spay
& neuter pets

Humane Society Mountain Shelter

TELEPHONE: 706-781-3843
LOCATION: 129 Bowling Gap Circle
Blairsville, Georgia 30512
SERVICES: Animal Shelter & Care

ARNE'S AUTO SERVICE

TELEPHONE: 706-745-4633
LOCATION: 18 Doc Thomas Ridge Road
Blairsville, Georgia 30512
SERVICES: Auto Repairs

BLAIR HOUSE DENTAL ASSOCIATES

TELEPHONE: 706-781-3340
www.blairhousedental.com

LOCATION: 3431 Murphy Highway
Blairsville, GA 30512

SERVICES: They are a full-service dentistry

BLUE MOUNTAIN FAMILY PRACTICE

TELEPHONE: 706-745-4191

LOCATION: 130 Hospital Circle
Blairsville, GA 30512

SERVICES: They can meet medical needs for the family.

BOARD OF EDUCATION-UNION COUNTY

CONTACT: Cynthia Odom, Chairman
Fred Rayfield - Superintendent

TELEPHONE: 706-745-2322
www.ucschools.org

LOCATION: 124 Hughes Street,
Blairsville, GA 30512

SERVICES: Provides education for K-12

BOOKKEEPING & ACCOUNTING

H&R Block

TELEPHONE: 706-745-4855

LOCATION: 201 Young Harris Street
Blairsville, Georgia 30512

SERVICES: Tax Preparation and Filing

W. Steven Rowe, CPA, CA

TELEPHONE: 706-745-0722

LOCATION: 108 A Blue Ridge Hwy
Blairsville, Georgia 30512

SERVICES: Accounting services

BRANAN LODGE AT WESLEY MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

CONTACT: Rob Murray, Administrator

TELEPHONE: 706-745-5565
www.brananlodge.org

LOCATION: 1146 Wesley Mountain Drive
Blairsville, GA 30512

SERVICES: They provide housing for persons 65 years or older. Section A, governmental assistance provided if eligible. Branan Lodge of Wesley Mountain Village is designed to meet the needs of older persons. Independent living is stressed and persons must be able to care for themselves to be eligible for an apartment. Social, health care and screenings, nutritional and recreational services are available.

CAMPS & RETREATS

Camp Jabez Retreat Center

CONTACT: Rachael Spratlin

TELEPHONE: 706-374-6374

LOCATION: 7 Split Rock Trail
Morganton, Georgia 30560

SERVICES: Retreat center for student ministries.

Canal Lake Bible Camp

TELEPHONE: 706-745-6591

LOCATION: 145 Bible Camp Circle
Blairsville, Georgia 30512

SERVICES: It provides weekly summer camps for teenagers.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE-BLAIRSVILLE

CONTACT: Cindy Williams
TELEPHONE: 706-745-5789
877-745-5789
info@blairsvillechamber.com
LOCATION: 129 Union County Recreation Road
P.O. Box 789
Blairsville, GA 30512
SERVICES: The chamber promotes the business community, address the needs of businesses and industries, and enhance the experience of all who chose Union County as their destination.

CHILD CARE CENTERS

Ms. Julie's Childcare & Learning center

CONTACT: Julie Hughes
TELEPHONE: 706-781-1575
LOCATION: 93 Laurel Ridge Road
Blairsville, Georgia 30512
SERVICES: Childcare needs

Shannon's Kids

CONTACT: Shannon Nix
TELEPHONE: 706-745-5437
LOCATION: 1002 Ledford Road
Blairsville, Georgia 30512
SERVICES: Childcare needs

CHILD SAFETY SEAT PROGRAM

CONTACT: Glenda Brown, CSS Technician
Jennifer Duckworth, CSS Technician
TELEPHONE: 706-745-6292
LOCATION: Tuesday & Wednesday at Union Co. Health Dept.

SERVICES: The program provides child safety seat checks, asks questions and access safe arrival of the child. Call for appointment.

CHILDREN'S DENTAL PROGRAM- UNION COUNTY

CONTACT: Glenda Brown
TELEPHONE: 706-745-6292
LOCATION: Union County Health Department
SERVICES: It provides dental examinations and cleanings for children who qualify for services.
ELIGIBILITY: Children who meet the income guidelines and reside in Union County.

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

CONTACT: Ann Sullivan
TELEPHONE: 706-745-6596
LOCATION: 165 Wellborn Street, Suite 8
Blairsville, GA 30512
HOURS: 8:15 a.m.- 4:45 p.m., Monday – Friday
Closed for lunch from 12:00-1:00
SERVICES: This program has been designed to meet individual needs of lower-income individuals. Various types of assistance may be provided to eligible individuals.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: These services are available on a one-time basis when all other resources have been exhausted for food and medicine.

FOOD PANTRY: Emergency assistance with groceries. Hours of operation: 8:30-4:30.

WEATHERIZATION: Applications are taken for low-income houses that need insulation, weather-stripping and caulking. Priority is given to the elderly and disabled.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE: Provides access to housing resources.

COMMODITY FOODS DISTRIBUTION: Distribution of available surplus foods. Eligibility 130% poverty level.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Once a year assistance with heating. Limited enrollment period.

GATEKEEPER PROGRAM: Follow up on frail elderly to ensure provisions of necessary services.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITY: Services include outreach and referral, guidance on budgeting, nutrition and energy conservation; technical assistance, advocacy and follow up to obtain support, for low income persons.

CHILDREN FIRST

CONTACT: Janice Lance, RN, Public Health Nurse

TELEPHONE: 706-745-6292

LOCATION: Union County Health Department
175 Chase Drive
Blairsville, GA 30512

SERVICES: The "point of entry" for all of the Children with Special Needs programs provides assessment for early identification of children considered to be at high risk for poor health and development and to connect them to a primary health care provider.

CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES **CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

CONTACT: Annette Harkins

TELEPHONE: 1-706- 272-2266 Fax

LOCATION: 1856-103 Thompson Bridge Rd.
Gainesville, GA 30501

SERVICES: Serves children with disabilities.
Fees: Medicaid, insurance or according to the family's ability to pay.

ELIGIBILITY: Treats children from birth through 21 years of age.
Must be referred by health department or private physician.

COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

CONTACT: Mickey Cummings

TELEPHONE: 706-439-6030

LOCATION: 1855 Wellborn Street, Box 5
Blairsville, GA 30512

SERVICES: Coordinates and integrates the resources of the University of Georgia and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Home Horticulture, Community Development and Home Making, provides educational and special interest programs, leadership to 4-H Clubs and other youth programs. Courses available: Estate planning, food preservation, and leadership training sessions.

CRISIS INTERVENTION
S.A.F.E., Inc.

TELEPHONE: 706-379-1901

LOCATION: P.O. Box 11
Blairsville, Georgia 30512

SERVICES: They offer support for abused women and children.

DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

CONTACT: Enotah Office- Diane Bufford

TELEPHONE: 1-877-423-4746 (Call center)
1-706-867-2908 (Fax)

LOCATION: 133 Tipton Drive
Dahlonega, GA 30533

SERVICES: To aid in finding supporters of children who have deserted their families and to regain child support and legal services for \$25 application fee.
www.dcss.dhs.georgia.gov

DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES (DFACS)

CONTACT: Mark Knowles- Director
Kelly Usher- Supervisor of Placement

TELEPHONE: 706-781-2381
706-896-3538

LOCATION: 163 Blue Ridge Hwy., P.O. Box 220
Blairsville, GA 30512

SERVICES: It provides social services to families with dependent children including medical assistance and food stamp programs, administers Child Welfare Program which includes protective services, services to unwed parents and their children, family counseling, family planning, and works with community groups making referrals to other agencies in the interest of their clients.

ELIGIBILITY: Families with children with no parental support, child neglect and abuse, family counseling, behavioral problems, emergency financial crisis, and help with food.

EXTERMINATORS

Arrow Exterminators

TELEPHONE: 706-745-0550

LOCATION: 108 Blue Ridge Highway
Blairsville, Georgia 30512

SERVICES: Pest control

Authorized Pest Solutions

TELEPHONE: 706-994-1902

LOCATION: 29 Seabolt Lane
Blairsville, Georgia 30512

SERVICES: Pest control

FAMILY CONNECTION OF UNION COUNTY

CONTACT: Tim Grizzle, Coordinator
Eva Garmon, Family Outreach Leader
Sharon Devereaux Hood, Family Outreach Leader
Katie Jones - Mentor Coordinator

TELEPHONE: 706-745-2216, 706-745-5450

LOCATION: 153 Panther Way
Blairsville, GA 30512

SERVICES: A family outreach program providing a connection between school and home.

FAMILY PLANNING

CONTACT: Janice Lance, RN at Union County Health Department
TELEPHONE: 706-745-6292
SERVICES: They assist Union County residents in the planning of their families; provides contraceptive supplies; provides counseling for problem pregnancies, as requested, provides physical exam.

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS/
GEORGIA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY**

TELEPHONE: 1-404-679-4940
www.dca.ga.gov
LOCATION: 60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329
SERVICES: Helps elderly, disabled, and low-income persons with rent payments.

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

CONTACT: Debra Parson
TELEPHONE: 706-745-6959
www.dol.state.ga.us
LOCATION: 168 Rogers Street
Blairsville, Ga. 30512
SERVICES: Job placement; manpower development and training; unemployment insurance; work incentive program, youth employment for low-income families, grades 9 - 12 or those of high school age; job corps.

GLENDA GOOCH HOUSE

CONTACT: Leslie Daniel
TELEPHONE: 706-745-2050
www.glendagoochhouse.org
LOCATION: 234 Wallings Road
Blairsville, Georgia 30512
SERVICES: They offer family housing for hospitalized patients.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

CONTACT: Bryan Thomas
TELEPHONE: 706-379-2484
www.habitat.org
LOCATION: P.O. Box 270
Young Harris, GA 30582
HOURS: Monday, Wednesday and Friday-9a.m.-12p.m.

HEALING HANDS COMMUNITY CLINIC

TELEPHONE: 706-994-6768
LOCATION: 64 Brackett's Way #2
Blairsville, Georgia 30512
SERVICES: Healthcare for persons in the area that can't afford health insurance.
HOURS: Tuesday 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m-12:00 p.m.

HIGH MOUNTAIN HEALTHCARE, LLC

TELEPHONE: 706-745-2229
LOCATION: 63 Pleasant Hill Road
Blairsville, GA 3051
SERVICES: Family medical needs and treatment

HILLCREST FAMILY CARE

TELEPHONE: 706-745-8790
LOCATION: 294 Highway 515
Blairsville, GA 30512
HOURS: Monday-Saturday 8:00a.m.-7:00p.m.
Sunday 1:00- 5:00 p.m.
SERVICES: Family healthcare needs.

IMMUNIZATIONS

CONTACT: Janice Lance RN.
TELEPHONE: 706-745-6292
LOCATION: Union County Health Department
Blairsville, GA 30512
SERVICES: Provides immunizations to children and adults

LAZY R PERSONAL CARE CENTER

CONTACT: Melba Jackson, Administrator
TELEPHONE: 706-745-6666
LOCATION: 85 Wellborn St
Blairsville, GA 30512.
SERVICES: Personal care home that takes care of laundry, cooking, medicine, cleaning, transports to doctor. Have CNA's and nurses on staff. Residents must be able to walk.

LEGAL SERVICES

Patton & Lance Law Firm, LLC

TELEPHONE: 706-835-1212
LOCATION: 57 Sears Way
Blairsville, Georgia 30512
SERVICES: They offer services for legal issues

Robbie E. Colwell, P.C.

TELEPHONE: 706-745-5591
LOCATION: 144 Cleveland Street
Blairsville, Georgia 30512
SERVICES: They offer services for legal issues

LIBRARY - UNION COUNTY

CONTACT: Susie Brendle
TELEPHONE: 706-745-7491
www.mountainregionallibrary.org

LOCATION: 303 Hunt Martin Street
Blairsville, GA 30512

SERVICES: Books for children to adults, public access to computers, offers tax forms, copy & fax machine service, summer story time and reading program. TV & VCR for public use, movie screen, overhead projector, film strip machine, record player, laminating service and outside book drop.

HOURS: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am -5:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

LIONS CLUB of UNION COUNTY

CONTACT: Lisa Little- Zone Chairman

TELEPHONE: 706-374-3228
www.edmclion.com

LOCATION: P.O. Box 652
Blairsville, GA 30514

SERVICES: Supportive services for blind persons and for the prevention of blindness; they also provide services for the deaf.

MENTAL HEALTH:
Union County Mental Health/Substance Abuse Center

CONTACT: Regan Straub – Business Manager
Steve Sorreles – Site Supervisor

TELEPHONE: 706-896-6263/ 706-745-5911
EMERGENCY 1-800-347-5827

LOCATION: 76 Hunt Martin Street
Blairsville, GA 30512

AVITA Community Partners

CONTACT: Katie Rankin

TELEPHONE: 706-745-5911 or 896-6263
1-800-525-8751

LOCATION: 41 Hospital St. Suite 100
Blairsville, GA 30512

SERVICES: They provide Mental Health and Disabilities Services

Division Of Rehabilitation Services

CONTACT: Jerry Ivey

TELEPHONE: 404-232-3910 1-800-255-0135

LOCATION: 148 Andrew Young International Blvd. NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

SERVICES: Complete diagnostic services including medical examination (general and special as needed), and psychological examinations to determine the need for rehabilitation services and to help evaluate work capabilities, work assessment and adjustment.

ELIGIBILITY: Rehabilitation services are available to any person with a mental or physical disability which limits physical or mental functioning. The individual must require vocational rehabilitation services to prepare for, secure, retain, or regain employment.

Turning Point Treatment Center

CONTACT: Clinical team

TELEPHONE: 706-781-6987
www.turningpointblairsville.com

LOCATION: 20 Commerce Drive
Blairsville, Georgia 30512

SERVICES: They provide community-based, outpatient substance abuse treatment, specializing in opioid dependency.

MOUNTAIN EDUCATION CENTER

CONTACT: Carol Reid

TELEPHONE: 706-745-9575
www.mountaineducationcenter.net

LOCATION: 218 School Street
Blairsville, GA 30512

SERVICES: Evening School Program/Alternative Program, and Adult Basic Education

MEN ON THE MOVE

TELEPHONE: 706-379-6683
LOCATION: 7195 Hwy 76 West
Young Harris, Georgia 30582
SERVICES: Moving services for families

NEIGHBOR'S HANDS

TELEPHONE: 706-400-9719
LOCATION: 307-C Cleveland Street
Blairsville, Georgia 30512
SERVICES: They provide refuge to help our neighbors to restore hope and rebuild lives.

NORTH GEORGIA HEARING AID SPECIALIST

CONTACT: Connie Duncan
TELEPHONE: 706-745-1861
LOCATION: 281 C Young Harris Street
Blairsville, Georgia 30512
SERVICES: Sales, Service Repair, Hearing test

NORTH GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

CONTACT: Renee Deibert
TELEPHONE: 706-439-6314
706-439-6300
www.northgatech.edu
LOCATION: 121 Meeks Avenue
Blairsville, GA 30512
SERVICES: The school exists for those persons who desire occupational training. Two types of courses are available: 1) Full-time preparatory courses, which are offered during the day in four general areas-- skilled, business and health occupations. 2) Evening extension classes are offered on campus

beginning in September, and in some off-area campus locations. Tuition is free to residents of Georgia. Financial aid and work study programs are available.

NORTHEAST GEORGIA DERMATOLOGY

TELEPHONE: 706-781-1600
LOCATION: 114 Kimsey Street
Blairsville, Georgia 30512
SERVICES: They provide treatment of skin conditions

NURSING HOME - UNION COUNTY

CONTACT: Doug Davenport, Administrator
Karen Burchardt, Director of Nursing
TELEPHONE: 706-745-4948
www.uniongeneralhospital.com
LOCATION: 164 Nursing Home Circle
Blairsville, GA 30512
SERVICES: Operates in conjunction with Union General Hospital and provides skilled, long-term, twenty-four hour nursing care and close medical supervision.

PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY:
Children's Dentistry of Woodstock

CONTACT: Dr. Todd Asarch
TELEPHONE: 1-678-445-5444
LOCATION: 2230 Towne Lake Parkway, Building 1300 Suite 100
Woodstock, GA 30189
SERVICES: Children's dental needs

Kid's Dentistry of North Georgia

CONTACT: Dr. Vaughn
TELEPHONE: 1-678-450-7011
LOCATION: 1207 Sherwood Park Drive
Gainesville, GA 30501
SERVICES: Children's dental needs

RECREATION-MEEKS PARK

CONTACT: Terry Plott
TELEPHONE: 706-439-6074
www.ucrd.net
LOCATION: 11 Pool Lane
Blairsville, GA 30514
SERVICES: Sponsors team sports including baseball, basketball, swimming, football, volleyball and tennis. Provides picnic areas, golf instructions and day camps.

RIGHT FROM THE START MEDICAID/ PEACH CARE

CONTACT: Melony Payne
TELEPHONE: 770-531-6435
LOCATION: 375 West Avenue
Gainesville, Georgia 30501
SERVICES: RMS provides medical coverage for pregnant women and children. Peach Care for Kids is an affordable insurance for working, self-supporting families who don't have access to insurance and don't qualify for Medicaid.

S.A.F.E.

TELEPHONE: 706-379-3000 Domestic Abuse Victim Services
706-835-1637 Child Advocacy
706-781-6028 Sexual Abuse
706-379-1901 Administrative Offices
LOCATION: P.O. Box 243
Blairsville, GA 30514
SERVICES: Provides 24 hour crisis line, safe homes, referrals, support groups for family emergencies. Homes for abused and battered women.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

TELEPHONE: 404-532-7506 or 800-772-1213
LOCATION: 2565 Thompson Bridge Rd.
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

SERVICES: A compulsory social insurance program providing protection against loss of income due to old age, death of the family provider, permanent or total disability.

SCOTTISH RITE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER

TELEPHONE: 404-785-2072

LOCATION: 5455 Meridian Marks Rd. NE
Atlanta, GA 30342

SERVICES: Provides pediatric and orthopedic services for children.

ELIGIBILITY: Ages birth through 18 years. Must be recommended by a Scottish Rite Mason, physician or health department. Fees are based on income.

SEPTIC TANK SERVICE

Shamrock Septic Services

TELEPHONE: 706-492-2028

LOCATION: P.O. Box 277
Epworth, Georgia 30541

SERVICES: Flushing of septic systems

SPINA BIFIDA ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA, INC.

TELEPHONE: 770-939-1044

LOCATION: 5072 Bristol Industrial Way
Buford, Ga. 30518

SERVICES: Information on services available and referrals for disabled persons; awareness and prevention; advocacy.

TRANSIT SYSTEM OF UNION COUNTY

TELEPHONE: 706-439-6050

LOCATION: 76 Hunt Martin Street
Blairsville, Georgia

SERVICES: They offer rides for a nominal fee to and from doctors' appointments, grocery stores, etc. within the county limits.

TRASH REMOVAL
Tony's Garbage Service

TELEPHONE: 706-897-6066

LOCATION: 841 Pleasant Hill Road
Blairsville, Georgia 30512

SERVICES: Trash Removal

TUTORING
Step Ahead Tutoring

TELEPHONE: 706-781-7064

LOCATION: 70 Town Square
Blairsville, Georgia 30512

SERVICES: Tutoring for students

UNION COUNTY HEAD START/PRE-K

CONTACT: Brooke Sosensky, Program Director
Patty Doche, Family Partner
Joe Wood, Curriculum Director

LOCATION: 226 School Street
Blairsville, GA 30512

TELEPHONE: 706-745-4200

SERVICES: To provide developmentally appropriate social and educational experiences for children. Head Start/Pre-K is a comprehensive child development program which serves children 3 & 4 years of age and their families. It provides a child-focused curriculum with the overall goal of increasing school readiness of young children. The program also provides services to children with disabilities. Transportation not provided. Contact office for appointment and more information.

VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION

CONTACT: Bob Spaulding

TELEPHONE: 404-329-2222 (404) 417-1595
800-224-4087

LOCATION: 1294 Hwy 515 East Suite 100
Blairsville, GA 30512

SERVICES: They assist with claims for compensation; pension; insurance; hospitalization and outpatient prescriptions; educational assistance; rehabilitation training; home loans.

ELIGIBILITY: Veterans, their widows and children upon acceptance of application.

V.A. MEDICAL CENTER

TELEPHONE: 1-404-321-6111
1-800-224-4087 Local VA services

LOCATION: 1294 Hwy.515 E.Ste.100
Blairsville, Georgia 30512

SERVICES: Access to primary care, social work, nutrition, pharmacy support, phlebotomy, radiology, and mental health services to veterans.

W.I.C.

CONTACT: Sheryl Copeland

TELEPHONE: 888-371-9288 (UC Health Department)

SERVICES: Coupons for food that you can take to your grocery store to receive food that provides proper nutrition. W.I.C. is extra food and will not cut down food stamp allotment or keep children out of day care meal programs.

ELIGIBILITY: Pregnant women, women six months postpartum or one year for nursing mothers and children under five years of age. These women, infants and children are eligible if they are certified to be nutritional risks (weight problems, growth problems, anemia, etc.).

WOMAN'S ENRICHMENT CENTER

CONTACT: Chris Scoggins
TELEPHONE: 706-835-1252
www.wecaacpc.com
LOCATION: 11 Patrice Drive, Blairsville, Georgia 30512
SERVICES: Pregnancy testing & ultrasounds, confidential and caring. All services and referrals are free. No appointment necessary, open 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. Parenting classes, childbirth classes, sewing classes, bible study, finance classes, basic Spanish, family conflict classes.

YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE

CONTACT: Clayton Daniels
TELEPHONE: 706-379-3111
800-241-3754
www.yhc.edu
LOCATION: 1 College Street
Young Harris, Georgia 30582
SERVICES: Planetarium every Friday night, speakers, musical plays, dining hall (all you can eat) adults \$5.00, children ½ price.

****RESOURCE DIRECTORY TELEPHONE NUMBERS****

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| Aid Atlanta, Atlanta..... | (404)872-0600 |
| Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders, Atlanta..... | (404)728-1181 |
| American Heart Association, Atlanta..... | (770)952-1316 |
| American Cancer Society, Gainesville..... | (770)297-1176 |
| Blood Assurance, Chattanooga..... | (423)756-0966 |
| Boy Scouts of America..... | (972)580-2000 |
| Consumer Credit Counseling Service..... | (404)527-7630 |
| Dept. Of Special Education, Valdosta..... | (229)333-5932 |
| Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Atlanta..... | (404)325-6973 |
| Easter Seal Society, Atlanta..... | (404)622-1569 |
| Emory University Switchboard, Atlanta..... | (404)727-6123 |
| Fit For Life, Gainesville..... | (770)535-3399 |
| Georgia Century Rehabilitation Center, Jonesboro..... | (770)473-4436 |
| Division of Georgia Rehabilitation Services, Dalton..... | (706)272-2303 |
| Developmental Disabilities Ministries, Atlanta..... | (770)623-4899 |
| Georgia Council on Child Abuse, Atlanta..... | (404)870-6565 |
| Georgia Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Atlanta..... | (404)299-9500 |
| Georgia Rehabilitation Services, Rome..... | (706)295-6400 |
| Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities for Atlanta..... | (404)657-2126 |
| Helen Keller National Center, Atlanta..... | (404)766-5800 |
| Justice Center of Atlanta, Inc., Atlanta..... | (404)523-8236 |
| GA Lions Lighthouse Foundation..... | (404)636-5549 |
| Mental Health Association of Georgia, Atlanta..... | (404)527-7187 |
| Mental Retardation Services Center, Montezuma..... | (229)472-7697 |
| Muscular Dystrophy Association, Atlanta..... | (770)621-9800 |
| National Head Injury Foundation, Atlanta..... | (404)352-2260 |
| Atlanta Alliance on Development Disabilities..... | (404)881-9777 |
| Ronald McDonald House..... | (630)623-7048 |
| Sickle Cell Foundation of Ga., Inc., Atlanta..... | (404)755-1641 |
| Speech & Language Pathology Services..... | (404)778-5000 |
| American SIDS Institute, Marietta..... | (770)612-1030 |
| United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Atlanta, Atlanta..... | (404)329-9390 |
| U.S. Army Recruiting, Blue Ridge..... | (706)632-2017 |

TOLL FREE NUMBERS

ABUSE

800-721-1999 - Rape Response

ADOPTION

800-TO-ADOPT - National Adoption Center

AIDS

800-227-8922 - National Sexually Transmitted Diseases Hotline

800-342-AIDS - Public Health Service AIDS Hotline

ALCOHOLISM

800-848-3649 - Laurelwood

800-662-HELP - National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information

AMERICAN RED CROSS

1-800-282-1722 Northeast GA Chapter

AUTISM SPEAKS

1-888-288-4762 Autism Response Team

BLINDNESS/VISION

800-424-8666 - American Council of the Blind

800-AFBLIND - American Foundation for the Blind

800-248-6701 - Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped, Atlanta

800-562-6265 - National Association for Parents of the Visually Impaired

800-222-EYES - National Eye Care Project Hotline

800-424-8567 - National Library Services for the Blind and the Physically Handicapped

BURN VICTIMS

800-237-5055 - International Shriners Headquarters; Patient Referral Line

CANCER

800-525-3777 - AMC Cancer Information Line

800-4-CANCER - National Cancer Institute Information Service

CAREER COUNSELING

800-848-4815 - ERIC Clearinghouse on Adult Career and Vocational Education

800-54-HEATH - Higher Education and Adult Training of People with Handicaps (HEATH)

800-526-7234 - Job Accommodation Network (JAN)

CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

800-843-5678

CEREBRAL PALSY

800-872-5827 - UCPA Partnership Development

800-USA-5UCP - UCPA Public Policy Department

CHILD ABUSE

800-422-4453 - Child Help National Hotline (sexual abuse; victims and families)

800-532-3208 - Parents Anonymous Hotline

CLEFT PALATE

800-24-CLEFT - Cleft Palate Foundation CLEFTLINE

COMPUTERS

800-732-3131 - Apple Office of Special Education

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

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

CONSUMER

800-528-2121 - Report Lost or Stolen Credit Cards

DEAFNESS HEARING IMPAIRMENTS

800-237-6213 - Captioned Films for the Deaf
800-255-0135 - GA Relay Service
800-522-4582 - John Tracy Clinic on Deafness
800-521-5247 - National Hearing Aid Society
800-222-EARS - Occupational Hearing Services (Dial A Hearing Test)

DIABETES

800-413-6765 - Diabetes Center
800-223-1138 - Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Hotline

DISEASES

800-621-0379 - Alzheimer's Association
800-543-3131 - American Leprosy Missions
800-345-4372 - Huntington's Disease Society of America
800-558-0121 - Lupus Foundation of America
800-421-8453 - Sickle Cell Disease Association of America
800-327-4545 - National Parkinson Foundation

DOWN SYNDROME

800-232-NDSC - National Down Syndrome Congress
800-221-4602 - National Down Syndrome Society

DRUG INFORMATION

800-662-HELP - National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information

EMPLOYMENT

800-526-7234 - Job Accommodation Network (JAN)

EQUIPMENT

800-833-3232 - AT&T National Special Needs Center

EPILEPSY

800-EFA-1000 - Epilepsy Foundation of America

FINANCIAL AID

800-638-0742 - Federal Hill-Burton Free Care Program
800-638-6833 - Health Care Financing Administration
800-537-2329 - Georgia Advocacy Office

GEORGIA STATE GOVERNMENT

1-866-411-7322- Directory Assistance

HEALTH INFORMATION

800-336-4797 - National Health Information Center

800-323-8323 - Health Care Label

IMMUNOLOGY

800-222-5864 - National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

1-800-829-3676

KIDNEY DISORDERS

800-638-8299 - American Kidney Foundation

800-633-2339 - National Kidney Foundation of Georgia

LEARNING DISABILITIES (DYSLEXIA)

800-222-3123 - International Dyslexia Society

LIVER DISORDERS

800-223-0179 - American Liver Foundation

MEDIA

800-321-8708 - Handicapped Media, Inc.

MEDICAL DEVICES

800-638-6725 - Practitioners' Reporting Network

MENTAL RETARDATION

800-433-5255 - Association for Retarded Citizens of the United States (ARC)

MISSING CHILDREN

800-843-5678 - National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

NATIONAL RUNAWAY HOTLINE

800-621-4000

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE

800-422-4453

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE

800-799-7233

NATIONAL POISON CONTROL CENTER

800-222-1222

NATIONAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE HELPLINE

800-662-4357

NEUROLOGICAL IMPAIRMENT/PARALYSIS

800-526-3456 - American Paralysis Association/Spinal Cord Injury Hotline
800-843-2256 - National Headache Foundation

NUTRITION

800-282-5852 - Agriculture Consumer Service Program (directory service)
800-523-6633 - Beech-Nut Nutrition Hotline
800-443-7237 - Gerber Products Co.

ORGAN DONORS

800-528-2971

ORTHOPEDIC PROBLEMS

800-237-5055 - International Shriners Headquarters

PESTICIDES

800-858-7378 - Pesticides Information

POISON CONTROL CENTER

800-222-1222- Poison Control Center

PUBLIC SERVICE

800-282-5813 - Public Service Commission

RARE DISORDERS

800-223-8355 - Cornelia deLange Syndrome Foundation
800-447-NORD - National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)
800-233-7393 - National Reye's Syndrome Foundation
800-CAL-NTSA - National Tuberous Sclerosis Association

REHABILITATION

800-34-NARIC - National Rehabilitation Information Center

RESPIRATORY DISEASE

800-222-LUNG - National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine Lung Line

SPINA BIFIDA

800-621-3141 - Spina Bifida Hotline

SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (SIDS)

800-221-SIDS - National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Foundation

NATIONAL RUNAWAY SWITCHBOARD

800-621-4000 - National Runaway Switchboard

TOYS

800-638-2772 - Consumer Product Safety Commission

TRAUMA

800-556-7890 - American Trauma Society

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| County Commissioner: | Lamar Paris | 706-439-6000 |
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**NINTH DISTRICT OPPORTUNITY, INC
COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM**

SERVICES:

Ninth District Opportunity Community Services Department works directly with low-income families to reduce the impact of poverty in the local communities of Georgia. Target populations include families with young children, the elderly and/or the disabled. Pending the availability of funds, all individuals must meet the income eligibility guidelines as set forth by the funding source (125% to 200% of poverty). Each participant is evaluated to determine the barriers to self-sufficiency and establish an achievable work plan customized to the individual household needs.

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 in November to 65+ and homebound; opens in December for general public)

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