

## GEORGIA MOUNTAINS ONE-STOP PARTNERS MEETING

### Minutes

Georgia Mountains One-Stop Partners met on **Tues., November 19, 2024**, at 11:00 a.m. at the One-Stop Career Center Training Room, 1856 Thompson Bridge Rd. Gainesville, GA 30501. Participants were:

**\*\*Julie Scoggins**, CAPS (Childcare & Parent Services) Family Support Consultant [Julie.scoggins@decal.ga.gov](mailto:Julie.scoggins@decal.ga.gov)

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**Christine Osasu**, Senior Community Service Program Director, The Legacy Link, [cosasu@legacylink.org](mailto:cosasu@legacylink.org)

**Angela Pugh**, Youth and Adult Mentor, WorkSource Ga. Mountains, [APugh@gmrc.ga.gov](mailto:APugh@gmrc.ga.gov)

**Donnie Moyd**, Case Manager, GVRA- Ga. Vocational Rehabilitation Agency, [donnie.moyd@gvs.ga.gov](mailto:donnie.moyd@gvs.ga.gov)

**Loretta Smith**, Career Service Specialist, Athens Technical College, [losmith@athenstech.edu](mailto:losmith@athenstech.edu)

**Elaine Hortman**, Mentoring Coordinator, Center Point, [elaine@centerpoint.ga.org](mailto:elaine@centerpoint.ga.org).

**Shameka Harrison**, Housing, Navigator, Wellroot Family Services, [sharrison@wellroot.org](mailto:sharrison@wellroot.org)

**Lindsey McCamy**, Executive Director, Family Promise of Hall County [@familypromisehall.org](mailto:@familypromisehall.org)

**Dr. Davis Palmour**, Parent Educator, The Palmour Group, LLC, [davis.palmour@yahoo.com](mailto:davis.palmour@yahoo.com)

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**Kyndra Cohen**, Executive Director, Hall County Family Connections, [hfcfn.director@gmail.com](mailto:hfcfn.director@gmail.com)

**Yury Carmona**, Outreach Director, Hall County Library System, [ycarmona@hallcountylibrary.org](mailto:ycarmona@hallcountylibrary.org)

**Angela Valencia**, Navigator, Goodwill Industries, [avalencia@ging.org](mailto:avalencia@ging.org)

**Benjie Hopkins**, One-Stop Operator, Hopkins Associates, [hopkinsassociates77@gmail.com](mailto:hopkinsassociates77@gmail.com)

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\*New participant attending One-Stop Partnership

\*\*Guest speaker

### Welcome and Introductions:

Benjie Hopkins welcomed everyone, recognized first time attendees, and had everyone introduce themselves.

**Minutes for all Partner meetings:** posted at website: <https://onestopworkgamtns.org/> under ‘Our Partners’

**Focus: Childcare – Julie Scoggins**, Family Support Consultant for CAPS (Childcare & Parent Services), provided a PowerPoint presentation and led a discussion about CAPS. She explained the process for application and reporting for the program. This session was a follow-up to our meeting in July 2024. See link to email for a copy of her presentation:

### **GA Gateway Helpdesk**

*Any parent experiencing issues within GA Gateway should follow the prompts below:*

1. Call **877-423-4746**
2. Language, **press 1** (English)
3. Call Reason, **press 1**
4. Caller Type Menu
  - e. Technical Support, **press 3**
  - f. Repeat Menu, **press 9**

**Lunch and Conversations:** Opportunities for collaboration and information exchange among Partners

**Partner Updates:**

**WorkSource Georgia Mountains (WSGM), Ebony Tucker, Judy Reynolds, Angela Pugh**  
<https://www.gmrc.ga.gov/wsgm> Received small amount of additional funding. 22 on waitlist. Hope to move them off with the additional funds. Working with Forsyth County to get 2 new bootcamps started summer 2025 – Heavy equipment operator and automotive. Call **770 538-2727** for eligibility and intake information.

**North Georgia Technical College: Shelby Ward, Jennifer Reagan** <https://northgatech.edu/>  
STEM powerment – 20 middle school girls received training and tours with STEM programs. Truist Grant Training – 6 students in automotive and light repair, 18 students in welding.

**Lanier Technical College: Shannon Cole, Tracey Sheppard,** <https://www.laniertech.edu/>  
Teacher of the Year is Tina Schnepfer. EAGLE student: Allan Kucherova. Total enrollment – 2419. Graduation was Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> – over 100 walked. New IET Coordinator is Tracey Sheppard. IET – Volunteer to Career Pathway – Need organizations to reach out to learn more about using Lanier Tech students as volunteers. Contact Tracey at [Tsheppard@laniertech.edu](mailto:Tsheppard@laniertech.edu)

**Athens Technical College: Loretta Smith,** <https://www.athenstech.edu/> 3 campus locations serving an 11-county area of Georgia, (including Hart County in the Georgia Mountains Region.)

**Legacy Link: Christine Osasu** <https://legacylink.org/> Seeking seniors, 55+, who want to return to work. Offering paid job training. Seeking non-profits and government agencies to host job trainees for up to 29 hours per week. Call **770 538-2657** to learn more.

**Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG):** <https://www.tcsg.edu/> Resource for jobs information: <https://www.worksourcegaportal.com/> Staff available at One-Stop to assist with job searches. **770 538-2727**

**Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA), Donnie Moyd**  
<https://gvs.georgia.gov/locations/gainesville-vr-office> GVRA staffing available at One-Stop on Thurs. mornings. **Donnie Moyd 678 887-8718.**

**Ninth District Opportunity: Ally Delacruz, Morgan Southers** <https://www.ndo.org/> Providing a broad range of services designed to assist low-income families to establish self-sufficiency and economic stability. All services are outcome orientated based on local community needs. **770 532-3191**

**Meals by Grace: Tara Hardwick, Jami Singh** “We feed hungry children and their families”. Based in Forsyth and Dawson Counties <https://mealsbygrace.org/> **404 426-4055**

**Hall County Library System: Yury Carmona,** <https://www.hallcountylibrary.org/> Library offers a Mom Group where pregnant women and mothers can come speak to different professionals to learn about and discuss anything involving pregnancy and babies. Benefits kiosks are available during regular hours. Located at the Gainesville, North Hall, and Blackshear Place branches.

**Habersham County Family Connection: Donna Barrett** <https://habersham.gafcp.org/>  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Region 2 Regional Resource Fair will be held on Jan. 31, 2025, at Lanier Technical College. Baby & Me Community Resource Fair for expecting moms, mothers, and parents with children 0 – 5. 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.- 15 agencies. Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>, Apr. 29<sup>th</sup>, and June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Amerigroup, Care Source, Peach State and other participating agencies.

**Low Dough Family: Jennifer Reagan** <https://lowdoughfamily.com/> Weekly low-cost menus on Saturday for a family of 4 – free PDF with grocery list and recipes. 44 weeks available on website – meal planning. Contact [Jen@lowdoughfamily.com](mailto:Jen@lowdoughfamily.com) for more information.

**United Way of Hall County: Jasmin Cruz-Ruiz, Melissa Rulis** <https://www.unitedwayhallcounty.org/> **770 536-1121** Creating a community cookbook called Share Plates. Will include health, affordable recipes from community organizations. Recipes should be \$5 and under per serving and prioritize healthy ingredients. Please send recipes to [jcruz@unitedwayhallcounty.org](mailto:jcruz@unitedwayhallcounty.org) with your name and organization by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. New program at United Way of Hall County is LIFTED – teaching financial literacy. Starting spring 2025, partnering with Bank of the Ozarks. Walk in hours for United Way – EVERY Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. 527 Oak St. Gainesville, GA 30501.

**Goodwill North Georgia - Oakwood: Angela Valencia.** <https://goodwillng.org/> Skills Training for Forklift beginning in December. Retail Customer Service (Paid Training for SNAP recipients). New Job Fair – Jan.13, 2025. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Gainesville Library, 127 Main St. Gainesville.

**Wellroot Family Services: Shameka Harrison,** <https://wellroot.org/> Individuals,18-24, who are currently employed but are having issues with housing may be eligible to receive assistance with rent for up to a year. Contact [sharrison@wellroot.org](mailto:sharrison@wellroot.org) **470 403-3376**

**Hall County Family Connection: Kyndra Cohen,** <https://hall.gafcp.org/> 1,000 Toys for 1,000 Children - Agencies and community can donate toys to the Butler Center, 1300 Athens Hwy. by Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – target audience: homeless children and families in need. Delivery to families on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. **678 316-6467**

**Center Point: Elaine Hortman** <https://centerpointga.org/> Seeking adult volunteers to become mentors for students in Hall County schools. Training provided. Call **770 535-1050**.

**The Palmour Group, LLC: Dr. Davis Palmour,** [davis.palmour@yahoo.com](mailto:davis.palmour@yahoo.com) Parent Educator. Free parenting classes are available throughout the region. Contact Wellroot - **404 836-3492**.

**Family Promise, Lindsey McCamy,** <https://www.familypromisehall.org/> **770 535-0786, ext. 201** or Cell: **910 920-8492**. “Transforming the lives of families experiencing homelessness”

**Greater Together: Kathy Amos** <https://togetherforequity.org/> **678 617-1413**

**One-Stop Career Center: Benjie and Marsha Hopkins,** <http://onestopworkgamtns.org/> 1856 Thompson Br. Rd., Gainesville 8:00 am until 6:00 pm Mon-Fri, call: **770 538-2727** Connections/referrals for Partner services including: WorkSource Ga Mtns., Lanier Tech. College, North Georgia Tech. College, Athens Tech. College, Technical College System of Georgia, Ga. Voc. Rehabilitation Agency, The Legacy Link, plus other organizations in the region. Benjie or Marsha Hopkins, **470 577-0823** or [hopkinsassociates77@gmail.com](mailto:hopkinsassociates77@gmail.com)

**Announcements: Dates for Upcoming Meetings:** **Our next meeting will be Tues., Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.: