

## GEORGIA MOUNTAINS ONE-STOP PARTNERS MEETING

### Minutes

Georgia Mountains One-Stop Partners met on **Tues., Sept. 30, 2025**, at 11:00 a.m. at the One-Stop Career Center Training Room, 1856 Thompson Bridge Rd. Gainesville, GA 30501. Participants were:

**\*\*Levi Koebel**, Reg. Operations Mgr., Technical College System of Georgia, [LKoebel@worksourcega.org](mailto:LKoebel@worksourcega.org)  
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**Erica McCabe**, Shelter Manager, My Sister's Place, [emccabe@my-sisters-place.org](mailto:emccabe@my-sisters-place.org)  
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\*New participant attending One-Stop Partnership or person representing a different agency  
\*\*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:** Our focus topic was Gateway Domestic Violence Center. Lisa Thomas, Transitional Housing Program Manager, offered a PowerPoint presentation with information about Gateway and its many programs and services.



(One Stop) Intro to  
DV & Gateway Service

Link for PowerPoint here:

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

### **Partner Updates:**

**WorkSource Georgia Mountains (WSGM)**, **Ebony Tucker** <https://www.gmrc.ga.gov/wsgm> Call 770 538-2727 for eligibility and information. Use [www.worksourcegaportal.com](http://www.worksourcegaportal.com) for access to employment. Currently waiting for confirmation of funding. GED classes are continuing onsite.

**North Georgia Technical College: Dr. Kay Chitwood** <https://northgatech.edu/> Adult Ed program continues to grow. Fall enrollment is strong. (NGTC) Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) – LPN to RN Bridge program has ranked second for 2026 Best Nursing Schools in Georgia by the online resource RegisteredNursing.org.

**Lanier Technical College: Shannon Cole,** <https://www.laniertech.edu/> 770 538-2657. Fall enrollment has broken records. The Exceptional Adult Georgian in Literacy Education (EAGLE) Student of the Year for Lanier Tech for 2026 is Josh Bennett of Forsyth County.

**Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG): Levi Koebel** <https://www.tcsg.edu/> Resource for jobs information: <https://www.worksourcegaportal.com/> Staff available at One-Stop to assist with job searches Mon. – Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 404 982-7985. **Tammy Rauch** [www.worksourcegaportal.com](http://www.worksourcegaportal.com) and [www.worksourcegeorgia.com](http://www.worksourcegeorgia.com) (All resources) Technical Colleges, Economic Development, Customized Trainings, Diploma Degree – High Demand Jobs. Contact Tammy Rauch [trauch@worksourcega.org](mailto:trauch@worksourcega.org)

**Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA): Angela Mackay** GVRA staffing available at the One-Stop on Thursdays, and by phone other weekdays, 404 780-6777. [Gainesville VR Office | Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency](#)

**Gainesville Housing Authority: Dr. Tammy Howard.** <https://gainesvillehousing.org/> Gainesville Housing connects individuals and families to affordable housing in Hall County, GA. The goal is to create new housing opportunities and improve existing housing conditions through remodeling and rehabilitation of properties.

**DFCS/GACREW: Kelly Williams,** [Kelly.Williams@dhs.ga.gov](mailto:Kelly.Williams@dhs.ga.gov) Youth Employment Services Program. Need Career Partners in Community to host foster children 14-21 yrs. For volunteer, job shadowing, and internship opportunities.

**The Palmour Group, LLC** [thepalmourgroupp.com](http://thepalmourgroupp.com) 706 455-8401 <https://wellroot.org/> Wellroot is planning triple (classes starting in January 2026. For more information, call 770 524-7932 (Wellroot, Gainesville.)

**Gainesville City Schools: Natalie Smith,** <https://ghsweb.gcscsk12.net/> Linking students to career paths and work-based learning.

**North Georgia Black Business Alliance: Angela Middleton.** [Atmiddleton32@gmail.com](mailto:Atmiddleton32@gmail.com) Provides business support, networking opportunities, economic empowerment program for the people of North Georgia.

**My Sister's Place: Erica McCabe,** <https://www.my-sisters-place.org/> Shelter for women and children located in Hall County. 770 532-5111.

**Hall County Library: Ronda Sanders** [www.hallcountylibrary.org](http://www.hallcountylibrary.org) Ronda reported that access to The Atlanta-Journal Constitution – issues from 1883-current date are available to individuals with a Hall County Library Card. Go to library website, click on “Services”, then “Genealogy” for this valuable resource. Local branches continue to provide employment related services for area residents.

**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:**

**Our next meeting will be Tues., November 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the One-Stop Training Room.**

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