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Introduction

The Community Resource Guide for Hall County has been compiled to assist families in the Hall County area. This guide includes telephone numbers, website addresses, locations, and services of each agency.

To request additions, deletions, or changes to the Community Resource Guide, please contact Hall County School System Student Services at 770-967-5846 or by email laura.terrell@hallco.org

Alphabetical Listing

A Hope to Dream.....	www.ahopetodream.com
Action Ministries Gainesville.....	770-531-0144
Adults Protecting Children.....	770-789-3879
Affiliated Psychological and Medical Consultants, LLC.....	770-535-1284
Ahimsa House.....	404-496-4038 or 404-452-6248
American Red Cross.....	770-532-8543
AVITA Community Partners.....	678-207-2950
Backpack Love.....	770-561-1744
Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County.....	770-532-8102
Brenau Center.....	770-297-5959
Carroll Counseling Center.....	770-597-5805
Center Point.....	770-535-1050
Challenged Child and Friends.....	770-535-8372
Chattahoochee Baptist Association.....	770-532-3371
Chattahoochee Child Psychology Services.....	678-971-5355
Children with Special Needs.....	770-535-6907
Children's Center for Hope and Healing.....	770-532-6530
Choices Pregnancy Care Center.....	770-535-1245
Community Service Center.....	770-503-3330
Dept. of Family and Children Services.....	770-532-5298
Diana Kinard, LCSW.....	770-366-4171
Disability Resource Center, Inc.....	770-534-6656
Dr. Clark, PhD, Psychology.....	770-538-4800
Eagle Ranch.....	770-967-8500
Family Promise.....	770-535-0786

Family Recovery.....	770-535-1073
Family Ties	770-287-3071
Family Ties, Inc	678-460-0345
Focus Counseling.....	770-516-1050
Gainesville City Baptist Rescue Mission.....	770-287-9700
Gainesville/Hall Alliance for Literacy	770-531-4337
Gainesville Housing Authority	770-536-1294
Gary H. Bible, PhD.....	770-945-6669
Gateway Domestic Violence Center	770-536-5860
Georgia Legal Services.....	770-535-5717 or 1-800-745-5717
Georgia Mountain Food Bank	770-534-4111
Georgia Mountains Workforce Development.....	770-538-2727
Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, Inc.	770-536-8656
Good News at Noon (food).....	770-503-1366
Good News at Noon (men’s shelter).....	770-503-1366
Good News Clinic.....	770-503-1369
Goodwill Career Center	770-538-4209
Green Street Counseling	770-561-1641
Habitat for Humanity of Hall County	678-450-5998
Hall Area Transit.....	770-503-3333
Hall County Family Connection Network	770-534-1080 ext 212
Hall County Head Start/Early Head Start/GA Pre-K.....	(770) 536-1816
Hall County Health Department	770-531-5600
Hall-Dawson CASA Program.....	770-531-1964
Hospice of Northeast Georgia Medical Center.....	770-219-8888
Joe’s Place at Riverbend	770-287-1619

L.A.M.P Ministries	770-783-1272
Laurelwood	770-219-3800
Legacy Link, Inc	770-538-2650
Lifeline Mission Center	678-638-9578
Lindsey Martin, LCSW.....	(334) 398-0022
MEDLINK	770-287-0290
More than Enough.....	770-539-4800
My Sister's Place	770-503-1181
Ninth District Opportunity	770-534-8826
North Georgia Psychological Services	770-534-5262
Northeast Georgia Physicians Group.....	770-531-5654
Northlake Baptist Church	770-536-7338
Our Neighbor, Inc.....	770-535-1000
Planning for Healthy Babies	888-744-2102
Professional Counseling Services.....	678-943-3550 or 706-344-9827 or 770-654-5090
Rape Response, Inc.....	770-503-7273
Robyn Pichler, PsyD.....	770-536-1360
Salvation Army	770-534-7589
Salveo Integrative Health.....	770-910-9196
SOURCE.....	1-855-266-4283
South Hall Community Food Bank.....	678-865-6588
Still Waters Counseling	770-287-1356
Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Inc	770-535-7066
The Arts Council.....	770-534-2787
The Guest House.....	770-535-1487
The Potter's House.....	678-330-1400

Three Dimensional Life	770-869-3551
United Methodist Children's Home.....	770-531-3063
United Way of Hall County Information and Referral Line.....	770-534-0617
Whispering Angels Youth Ranch	678-725-0735
WomenSource.....	770-503-9060
Yonah Counseling Associates.....	(800) 287-4802

Cross References

Basic Needs Assistance

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Child Care

Challenged Child and Friends	770-535-8372
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Children/Teen Services

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Counseling (Individual, Group, Family)

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Education

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Employment Resources

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Chattahoochee Baptist Association.....	770-532-3371
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Expectant Mothers/Fathers, Babies, Pregnancy

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Hall County Head Start/Early Head Start/GA Pre-K.....	(770) 536-1816
Hall County Health Department	770-531-4522
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Food Resources

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Northlake Baptist Church	770-536-7338
Salvation Army.....	770-534-7589
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Housing/Shelters

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Individuals with Developmental Delays/Disabilities

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Disability Resource Center, Inc.	770-534-6656
Our Neighbor, Inc.....	770-535-1000

Medical Services

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Good News Clinics	770-503-1369
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Other

Georgia Legal Services.....	770-535-5717 or 1-800-745-5717
Hall Area Transit.....	770-503-3333
The Arts Council.....	770-534-2787

Parenting

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United Methodist Children's Home.....	770-531-3063

Referral Information/General Information

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Ninth District Opportunity.....	770-534-8826
United Way of Hall County Information and Referral Line.....	770-534-0617 or 2-1-1
WomenSource.....	770-503-9060

Senior Services

Community Service Center.....	770-503-3330
Legacy Link, Inc	770-538-2650
The Guest House.....	770-535-1487

A Hope to Dream

Contact Info:

www.ahopetodream.com

questions can be submitted to: ahopetodream@ashleyfurniture.com

A Hope to Dream by Ashley Furniture HomeStore seeks to provide children in need of a twin mattress set that is essential to a good night's sleep. Anyone can submit a referral online for children ages 3-16. Parents do not have to be the one to submit the application. If selected, a family will have 30 days to respond. A faster method of referral is to fax a completed form to 770-964-3533. A copy of the referral form is included in the back of this resource guide.

Action Ministries Gainesville

www.gainesville.actionministries.net

Contact Info:

Terri Armour, Program Director

1 First Street, Gainesville GA 30504

770-531-0144

Gainesville Action Ministries is a non-profit organization that provides shelter, food, children's services, emergency assistance, resources, and basic needs assistance to homeless and needy individuals across North Georgia.

Programs offered:

- **Emergency Financial Assistance Program** – rent and utility aid are given to those people who would fall into homelessness without such assistance. This program works with over 20 area churches that are able to provide potential clients. Intake Assistance number 770-531-1440. Clients **MUST** call for appointment.
- **Families in Action** – gives at-risk families more specific, in-depth help. This program provides long-term assistance as the participants are challenged to develop independent ways of living. This goal is achieved through the development of budgets, identifying employment barriers, finding educational prospects, and executing a regular savings plan.
- **White Christmas**- This program enables local children to have a brighter holiday by providing low income families with toys, food and other necessities during the Christmas season.
- **Emergency Food Assistance** – provided to individuals and families through direct aid or referrals to local food pantries.
- **Smart Lunch, Smart Kid** - Action Ministries statewide initiative that provides children who receive free or reduced-price lunches during the school year with lunch during the summer.

Adults Protecting Children

www.adultsprotectingchildren.com

Contact Info:
7433 Spout Springs Rd. Ste 101-PMB 48
Flowery Branch, GA 30542
770-789-3879

Adults Protecting Children is a 501(c)3 that gives parents and youth serving organizations the tools and courage they need to prevent the sexual abuse of children. Adults Protecting Children is working in North Georgia to bring about in each county a prevention initiative to help eliminate child sexual abuse. In addition, Adults Protecting Children provide the training program Stewards of Children by Darkness to Light to various groups and organizations

Affiliated Psychological and Medical Consultants, LLC

Contact Info:

200 W. Academy St. NW, Suite A
Gainesville, GA 30501
(770) 535-1284

Affiliated Psychological and Medical Consultants provides marriage and family therapy, children and adolescent therapy, individual psychotherapy for adults, children and families, and EEG Neurofeedback training. Self-referrals are welcome.

Dr. David Bailey has a general practice of clinical psychology, and works with children, adolescents, adults, and is also a Neuropsychologist using EEG neurofeedback to treat children and adults. Dr. Jan Hughes works with children, adolescents, adults and families, marital, women's grief, geriatric, health, and medical issues using Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. Dr. Trish McCoy is also a Cognitive Behavioral Therapist specializing in the treatment of adults, families, and couples.

Our self pay fee is \$175.00 per hour session fee but we accept many insurances, including Medicare. No sliding scale or reduced fee services.

Hours: 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday thru Friday.

Services Provided:

- clinical child and adult psychology
- attention deficit disorder (Hyperactivity)
- childhood behavior problems
- academic under-achievement
- eating disorders
- divorce/re-marriage
- neuropsychological therapy
- women's issues
- drug/alcohol therapy
- medical/health issues
- grief counseling

Ahimsa House, Inc.

www.ahimsahouse.org

Contact Info: Myra Rasnick, Executive Director

Admin Line: (404)496-4038

24-Hour Crisis Line: (404) 452-6248

Perpetrators of domestic violence often hurt family pets to control and intimidate their victims. Ahimsa House, Inc. - a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose name means "nonviolence" - is dedicated to helping the human and animal victims of domestic violence across Georgia reach safety together.

Services Offered:

- **24-hour statewide crisis line (404-452-6248)**- Assistance with including pets in safety planning, listing pets on TPOs/special conditions bonds, establishing proof of pet ownership, referrals to other local agencies and to programs of this type outside Georgia
- **Emergency Animal Safe house Services**- Confidential shelter and veterinary care for animals of any species while owners stay at a domestic violence shelter or other temporary accommodation seeking safety from abuse. Assistance with transportation of animals to safety. Funding for forensic veterinary examinations to document non-accidental injury to animals. Assistance with pet deposits in transitional housing for survivors.
- **Professional and community outreach**- Outreach to raise awareness about connections between animal abuse and domestic violence; consultation to other agencies on documenting/prosecuting co-occurring animal cruelty and domestic violence. Trainings/speakers available at no charge to other agencies and community groups.

American Red Cross, Northeast GA Chapter

www.redcross.org/ga/gainesville

Contact Info:

675 White Sulphur Rd.
Suite 230

Gainesville, GA 30501

770-532-8453

After hours calls will be directed to After Hours Duty Officer

The American Red Cross of North Georgia provides relief to victims of disasters. In addition, The Red Cross assists citizens in the North Georgia area prepare for and respond to emergencies. The counties served by the Northeast GA Chapter of the Red Cross are Towns, Rabun, White, Habersham, Lumpkin, Dawson, Pickens, Stephens, Hall, Banks, Franklin, Hart, Elbert, Jackson, Madison, Walton, Oconee, Clarke, Oglethorpe, Greene, Forsyth, Morgan and Barrow counties.

Services Offered:

- ***Blood and Platelet Donation***
For more information call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (448-3543) or 770-532-8453 x 15.
- ***Disaster Services***
 - ◆ Immediate response to a variety of disasters including house or apartment fires, hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and other natural and man-made disasters.
- ***Service to the Armed Forces (SAF)***
 - ◆ Sends messages on behalf of family members who are facing emergencies or other important events to members of the U.S. Armed Forces serving all over the world.
- ***Health and Safety Education Programs***
 - ◆ *CPR/First Aid/AED Training*
 - ◆ *Lifeguarding and Swimming Training*
 - ◆ *Caregiving and Babysitting Training*

AVITA Community Partners

www.avitapartners.org

Contact Info:

915 Interstate Ridge Road, Suite C

Gainesville, GA 30501

Child and Adolescent 678-207-2950

Avita Community Partners is a community agency that helps individuals and families affected by mental illness, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases. There is a fee for some of Avita's services. Peachcare and Medicaid, Medicaid CMO and Blue Cross Blue Shield are accepted. Sliding scale fees are available for some services.

Services Offered:

Child and Adolescent Services

- **Outpatient Mental Health Treatment Services** provide psychiatric treatment and counseling for youth and their families. Licensed clinicians work with children and adolescents to enhance their mental, emotional, and social functioning.
- **Adolescents Substance Abuse Outpatient Treatment Services** provide early intervention and counseling for youth and their family.
- **Adolescent Clubhouse** is a unique program that provides recreational alternatives as well as counseling services for at risk youth in a safe and supportive environment.

Adult Behavioral Health Programs

- **Psycho-educational Services** teach living skills, medication management, anger management, anxiety, phobia symptoms management, self-esteem enhancement, and depression recovery techniques.
- **Medication Management Services** provide physician, nursing, and pharmacy services for persons with severe mental illnesses.
- **Individual & Group Counseling Services** provide supportive psychotherapy for persons with mental illness and addictive disease, and brief therapy for persons experiencing a crisis related to an emotional or adjustment disorder.
- **Peer Support Program** is provided by a Certified Peer Specialist individual who has progressed through their own recovery and now can offer help to other adults with severe and persistent mental illness.
- **Community Support Individual Services** provide outreach, case management, and rehabilitation services to assist persons with severe and persistent mental illness. Clients maintain a safe and stable community housing as well as, independent living skills and access to other community services.
- **Crisis Stabilization Unit** provides adults with short-term residential care for psychiatric stabilization and alcohol/drug detoxification on a 24-hours a day, 7-days a week basis. The Crisis Stabilization Unit provides a cost-effective, less restrictive alternative to hospital care for persons in crisis due to mental health or addictive disorders.

Developmental Disability Services

- **Family Support Services** assist families in obtaining specialized medical supplies, equipment, and other assistance that focuses on helping families with difficulties.
- **Respite Services** are individuals or families who can give short-term relief to family members and other caretakers who need a break by caring for their loved ones with special needs on a temporary basis.
- **Host Home Providers** are caring families who welcome persons with a developmental disability into their home and support him or her with care, dignity, and respect and provide a safe living environment.
- **Residential Services** assist individuals with developmental disabilities or mental illnesses live on their own home or with a host family.
- For individuals living in their own residences, Avita employees assist with activities such as shopping, paying bills, and cooking.
- **Supported Apartment Program** provides support 7-days a week to help individuals maintain optimal independent living in their community.
- **Supported Employment Program** assists persons with behavioral health or developmental disability with locating, receiving, and maintaining a job. To accomplish this, Avita partners with area employers to identify opportunities, provides training, and ongoing supports that enable success.

Ambulatory Detoxification Programs

- **Intensive Outpatient Addiction Treatment Program (IOP)** A 12-week program that offers individual counseling and groups that meet three times per week. This is a cost effective alternative to hospital or residential treatment for persons with an addictive disease. IOP services are provided by Certified Addiction Counselors and licensed clinicians.
- **HIV Early Intervention** HIV counselors provide testing for HIV and sexually

Backpack Love

A Ministry of Straight Street Revolution

Contact Info:

770-561-1744

The Backpack Love ministry gives backpacks of food to children in the Hall County area schools. These backpacks go home with the children on Friday afternoons. Each backpack will have enough food for approximately 5 people and will cover dinner Friday night, 3 meals Saturday and 3 meals on Sunday. Counselors at each school serve as the contact person and ensure that the backpacks are given to the students. In addition, counselors refer students to the program.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County

GREAT FUTURES START [HERE](#).

www.boysgirlsclubs.com

Contact Info:
1 Positive Place
Gainesville, GA 30501
770-532-8102

The *mission* of the Boys & Girls Club of Hall County is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

The Club offers afterschool, summer, and sports programs at very minimal cost that varies upon location. Costs are kept low to grant all youth the opportunity to take advantage of world class programming. No child is turned away due to inability to pay.

A diverse assortment of programming provides knowledge and support in the Club's three priority outcomes - academic success, good character & citizenship, and healthy lifestyles.

A few programs offered by the Club:

- **Academic Success:** Certified tutoring, homework help, Engineering for Kids, technology programs
- **Good Character & Citizenship:** Youth of the Year Program, Torch Club, Community Service
- **Healthy Lifestyles:** Ballet, Kung Fu, Healthy Habits program, Triple Play, basketball, soccer

Brenau Center for Counseling and Psychological Services

Contact Info:

423 Brenau Avenue
Gainesville, GA 30501
(770) 297-5959

Brenau Center for Counseling and Psychological Services offers individual, couples, family, and child/adolescent counseling. In addition, psychological assessment and testing for all ages is also available. Counseling is provided by second year, graduate students of Clinical Counseling Psychology. These student counselors are supervised by licensed professional counselors or licensed psychologists. Sessions last approximately 50 minutes and occur weekly.

FEES: \$25 for the first session, \$20 for each visit after. Brenau students, faculty and alumni receive a discounted rate
Psychological Assessments: \$600
Sliding fee scale based on income is available

Hours: Monday 1-7 pm, Tuesday 9-5 pm, Wednesday 1-7 pm, Thursday 9-5 pm Friday 9-3 pm

Carroll Counseling Center

www.carrollcounselingcenter.com

Contact info:

2550 Hamilton Mill Rd Suite 13

Buford GA 30519

(770) 597-5805

pcipc@carrollcounselingcenter.com

Carroll Counseling Center provides individual, family, and couples counseling. Each patient is charged based on income with sliding scale fees and most insurance is accepted.

Hours: Monday-Thursday 2:00pm-8:00pm

Friday 9:00am-3:00pm

Services include:

- Marriage counseling
- Family counseling
- Child/adolescent counseling
- Solution focused therapy
- Cognitive behavioral therapy

Center Point

www.centerpointga.org

Contact Info: David Smith, Executive Director

1050 Elephant Trail
Gainesville, GA 30501
(Across the street from Gainesville High School)
770-535-1050

Center Point is a faith-based, non-profit youth and family development program. Mentoring, counseling, Religious Education, Drug and Alcohol Prevention and other indirect and direct services offered.

Services Offered:

- **Counseling Services:** Center Point utilizes fully licensed professionals, associate licensed professionals, and counselors-in-training. Bilingual therapist available.
 - **Center Point Counseling:** Provides professional therapy with children and families. Play therapy is utilized with children. Accepting most insurance plans.
 - **Wilheit Counseling:** Counselors-in-training and associate licensed professionals provide therapy on a sliding scale fee that is based on income and dependents.
 - **Wilheit Student Services:** Counselors-in-training provide therapy at no cost to students in the Gainesville City and Hall County School Systems.
- **Release-time Education:** Gainesville High School students and others have the opportunity to take classes in Ethics, Old and New Testament Literature, Comparative Religion, and current issues.
- **Mentoring:** School based program available to students in the city and county schools as well as Boys and Girls Clubs of Hall County. Offering adults to provide support and friendship to area students.
- **Prevention Education**
 - **Power Teams** - Participation in local-area middle schools. Students participate in leadership training.
 - **SWAT Teams** – SWAT Teams are comprised of middle and high school students who educate the public concerning the dangers of alcohol.
 - **SPEED (Students Putting Extra on Decisions) at Gainesville High School** – Emphasis on prevention of underage drinking and impaired driving.
 - **Media Literacy** – Media Literacy trains students to identify how the media target youth in their advertising of alcohol and tobacco.
 - **Alcohol Prevention** for Underage Drinking

Challenged Child and Friends

www.challengedchild.org

Contact Info: Monique Jackson, Principal

2360 Murphy Blvd.

Gainesville, GA 30504

(near Gainesville Bowling Alley)

770-535-8372

Challenged Child and Friends is a non-profit childcare agency for both special needs and typically developing children. Challenged Child and Friends provides educational, therapeutic, nursing, and family support services to children with disabilities. Children in the Northeast Georgia area are eligible. Referrals are received from Babies Can't Wait, medical offices, school systems, and self-referrals. *Services are available on a sliding scale fee and scholarships are offered*

Programs Offered:

- On-site occupational, speech, and physical therapy. The center bills individual insurance providers, including Medicaid, for therapy services
- Preschool education is specific to a child's needs and developmental abilities
- On-site family counselor
- Registered and practical nurses available
- Teachers with early childhood, special education, and/or child development credentials
- Learning plans specific to the individual needs of a child

Chattahoochee Baptist Association
Good Samaritan
Ministries of Northeast
Georgia, LLC

Contact Info:

1220 McEver Rd.
Gainesville, Ga 30504
On McEver Rd. near Hall County DFCS

770-532-3371

The Chattahoochee Baptist Association serves residents in North Georgia. Only requirement for assistance is a picture i.d.

Services offered:

• **Food Pantry-**

- **Hours of Operation-** Monday evenings, 5:00-7:00 PM, Wednesday and Friday's 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
 - Individuals who qualify receive a box of food which includes canned fruits, vegetables, soups, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, pasta, pinto beans, rice, macaroni and cheese, tuna, lunch meat, sausage and bacon. They also receive breads, desserts and fresh vegetables and fruits.

Families must fill out an application to determine life needs

• **Furniture Assistance-**

- **Hours of Operation-** Monday evenings 5:00-7:00 PM, Wednesday and Friday's 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM.
 - Furniture such as beds, sofas, etc. are available as needed along with appliances, linens, dishes and other household items as available. Selection varies weekly and items are given on a first come, first served basis.

Families must have valid residence and must be able to safely haul items

- **Secret Santa-** Provides toys and clothes for children ages 2 to 12 at Christmas. Parents fill out registration form for children. Families must meet residency and income requirements.

- **Camp Hope-** Summer camp for underprivileged children in the first through fifth grades.

Chattahoochee Child Psychology Services, LLC

www.chattahoocheechildpsychology.com

Contact Info:

430 Prior Street NE
Gainesville, GA 30501
(678) 971-5355

Chattahoochee Child Psychology Services offers clinical child and adolescent psychology. United Behavioral Health, Amerigroup, and Georgia Medicaid are accepted. Insurance co-pays and any other fees are due in advance or at the time of services. Fees vary according to service. Well Care is not accepted

Hours: by appointment

Services Offered:

- Individual Psychotherapy
- Psychological Assessment
- Irlen Syndrome Screening

Specialty Areas:

- Disruptive Behavior/Conduct Problems
- Opposition/Defiance
- ADHD
- Social Skills Training
- Depression
- Bipolar Disorder
- Anxiety/Fears/Nervousness
- Identity Issues
- Anger/ Frustration Issues
- Grief and Loss
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder/ Acute Stress Reactions
- Sexual Trauma
- Adjustment Issues
- Parenting/ Parent-Child Relations
- Differential Diagnosis
- Psychological Assessment
- Irlen Syndrome Screening

Children with Special Needs

Contact Info:

440 Prior Street, SE
Gainesville, GA 30501
770-535-6907

Children with Special Needs is a program for children from birth to age 21 with either developmental delays, chronic illnesses, or at high risk to develop medical or developmental disabilities. There are four programs underneath Children with Special Needs. Each program targets a specific age group and has services coordinated for this population.

Programs:

Babies Can't Wait

Babies Can't Wait is an early intervention program for children from birth to three years old. Babies Can't Wait provides services to the following counties: Banks, Dawson, Hall, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union and White. The program serves children with disabilities or developmental delays and their families. Services include: Assistive technology, Audiology, Family training, counseling and home visits, Nutrition counseling, Occupational therapy, Physical therapy, Psychological services, Service coordination, Social work services, Special instruction, and Speech language therapy.

Children 1st

Children 1st serves as an assessment and referring agency for identifying newborns who have or are at risk for poor health and development. Children ages 0-21 that have established medical conditions or biological/ environmental risk factors are eligible for enrollment. An in-home assessment is completed by staff to identify any needs that the family may have. Children 1st links families with healthcare providers in the area, as well as offers referrals to other resources. This is a free program for all who choose to participate. There are no financial eligibility requirements.

High Risk Infant Follow-up (HRIFU)

HRIFU is for infants who may be at an increased risk for morbidity or mortality because of a diagnosed health or medical condition. Services include in-home case management and coordination with healthcare providers as need. There are no financial eligibility requirements.

Children's Medical Services (CMS)

CMS provides medical care for children birth to twenty-one years old that have a chronic disease or disability. Eligibility for CMS is based on income, type of medical condition, and the age of the child. PeachCare, Medicaid and SSI recipients are accepted. Families with or without insurance are also accepted and may (depending on their income) be required to pay a portion of cost based on a sliding fee scale. Children receive long-term, specialized care, medical equipment, and case management services.

THE MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: cerebral palsy, spina bifida, scoliosis, seizures, neurological disorders, immune disorders, hydrocephalus, hearing conditions, Down syndrome, craniofacial disorders, cleft lip and palate, orthopedic disorders, cardiac conditions, chronic lung conditions, vision disorders (other than corrective lenses), diabetes, urinary tract disorders, gastrointestinal disorders, and genetic disorders.

Children's Center for Hope and Healing

www.hopeandhealingga.org

Contact Info:

Betty Guilfoile, Executive Director

Gainesville Office

(Main office)

226 Main Street SW

Mailing: PO Box 907401

Gainesville, GA 30501

770-532-6530

F. 770-532-7111

Office Hours: M-Th. 9-8

Therapy Hours: M-Th. 9- 8

Therapy Hours:

M – Th. by appointment only

Cumming Office

327 Dahlonega St, Suite 103A,

Cumming, GA 30040

770-889-8819

All three programs available

Jackson County

83 Athens Street

Jefferson, GA

By appointment only

Habersham Office

C/o AVITA Community Partners

196 Scoggins Dr.

Demorest, GA 30535

By appointment only

Please call main Gainesville office with all referrals

Children's Center for Hope and Healing offers services to families dealing with childhood sexual abuse. Children who are victims of childhood sexual abuse and their families, adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse, sexually reactive children and adolescents, and adolescent offenders are eligible for services. Assistance is offered to families residing in the following counties: Banks, Barrow, Dawson, Forsyth, Habersham, Hall, Jackson, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, and White. Referrals can be made by school system, DFCS, court system, and by individuals and families.

Services Offered:

Victim Services- No-cost therapy offered to children ages 4-17 who are victims of child sexual abuse. Through a wide range of techniques from play therapy, art therapy, and cognitive behavioral therapy in individual, group, and family therapy sessions children experience healing and find a safe place to talk about the abuses they have suffered.

Adult Services-Individual and Group therapy offered to adults who are survivors of childhood sexual abuse or parents/caretakers of the children receiving our services. Cost is free

Project Pathfinder- Specializes in working with children who have sexual behavior problems, often adjudicated by the court. Short-term and long –term therapy available depending on case.

Prevention: Our staff is trained to provide "Speak Up, Be Safe" for children, and the "Stewards of Children" training for adults. Stewards of Children training teaches adults to recognize the signs of sexual abuse and take steps to protect their children. Also provides guidelines for reporting. Cost is \$15 and is available by request.

Choices Pregnancy Care Center

www.choicespregnancy.org

Contact Info: Ann Gamey, Executive Director

South Hall
4591 Winder Highway
Flowery Branch, 30542

Hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Walk-in's welcome-for pregnancy tests and My
Baby Counts appointments in both locations.

Downtown Gainesville
434 Green Street Place
Gainesville, GA 30501

Hours:

• Monday, Wednesday, Thursdays
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

24-Hour Hotline- 770-535-1245

Choices Pregnancy Care Center is a faith-based, non-profit pregnancy resource center offering free and confidential services to women with crisis pregnancies in a compassionate environment. Free pregnancy tests, STD tests (males and females), post abortion recovery classes as well as other support groups for women, men and teens. The center educates clients on pregnancy options and guides women through the decision-making process. **All services are free of charge. Appointments are recommended.**

No Cost/Confidential Services Offered:

- **Pregnancy Tests**
- **STD Tests for males and females** – Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Syphilis, HIV, HSV2
- **Ultrasounds**
- **Options Education-** every option is explored including abortion, adoption, single parenthood, and marriage.
- **Adoption Information**
- **Post Abortion Trauma Education**
- **Maternity and Housing Information**
- **“My Baby Counts” Program-** Expectant mothers and fathers or parents of children under the age of eighteen months are eligible to participate in program. Parents receive mommy money and daddy dollars for watching parenting educational DVDs from pre-natal care to toddler age. Clients can shop in our Baby Boutiques using earned Mommy Money/Daddy Dollars. Mom & dad receive double points if both participate.
- **“Encourage Me” Group-** Monthly support for single mothers.
- **“PAST” (Post Abortion Support and Treatment) -** Support group for women who have had a past abortion. Group lasts for 10 weeks.
- **“Almost a Daddy”-** Support group for men after a decision.

Community Service Center

<http://www.gainesville.org/community-service-center>

Contact Info:

430 Prior Street SE
Gainesville, GA 30501

(across the street from Northeast Georgia Medical Center)

770-503-3330

The Community Service Center coordinates programs and services for residents in Gainesville City and Hall County.

Programs Offered:

Senior Services-

- **Senior Life Center-** Facility open to residents of Hall County ages 60 and over. The center operates Monday-Friday. As a wellness and nutrition site, the Senior Life Center features a cardio fitness room, weekly exercise classes, blood pressure screenings, and a nutritious hot lunch. Daily activities include arts and crafts classes, day trips, cards, games, senior clubs and entertainment. Although most activities are free of charge to participants, a fee for some trips and special activities may apply. As a participant, transportation services are available to and from the Senior Life Center, grocery stores and other special locations.
- **Meals on Wheels-** One hot meal provided 5 days a week to senior citizens and individuals who are homebound.
- **Telephone Reassurance Program-**Volunteers call daily to frail seniors living in Hall County and referrals are made if services are needed.

Financial Services- The **Center For Family Prosperity (CFP)** is a collaboration of the City of Gainesville, Hall County Government, Brenau University, Gainesville Housing Authority and the United Way of Hall County and is designed to help working families improve their financial position. This program offers the following:

- **Financial Emergency Assistance** is available to eligible families.
- **Financial Education Courses**
- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Sites (VITA)– free income tax preparation-**This program is a national initiative of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that offers FREE tax help to low- to moderate-income families. IRS certified and trained volunteers help prepare basic tax returns and help working families access special tax credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Credit for the Elderly for which they may qualify. VITA sites are generally located at convenient locations. Each location offers free electronic filing.

Department of Family and Children Services

Contact Info: Holly Campolong, Director

970 McEver Road

Gainesville, GA 30504

770-532-5298

Intake- 1-855-GA-CHILD

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Services Offered:

- **The Georgia Supplemental Nutrition Program (SNAP)**- provides monthly benefits to low-income households to help pay for the cost of food. A household may be one person living alone, a family, or several, unrelated individuals living together who routinely purchase and prepare meals together. Applicants can apply online at www.compass.ga.gov. Income eligibility requirements apply.
- **Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)**- is a monthly cash assistance program for families with children under the age of 18. Income eligibility requirements apply. Adults on TANF must have a job or participate in work experience, etc. TANF is limited to 48 months of assistance.
- **The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)**- is a federal program that helps low income persons in Georgia (including the elderly) by providing them with food and energy assistance at no cost. Income eligibility requirements apply.
- **The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)**- helps supplement the diets of low income elderly, sixty years of age or older, pregnant women and children up to age 6 in Georgia by providing them with nutritious commodities and nutrition education at no cost. Applicants for CSFP must apply for and meet certain eligibility requirements before being determined to receive CSFP products.
- **Medicaid**- provides health care services to individuals that meet the requirements for income, resources and citizenship. Must have social security card.
 - **Right from the Start Medicaid (RSM)**- no cost health care coverage for children (age 0-19) and pregnant women.
 - **Women's Health Medicaid (WHM)**- Healthcare Coverage for eligible uninsured or underinsured women under age 65 who have been screened and affirmatively diagnosed with breast and/or cervical cancer or some precancerous condition of the breast or cervix.
 - **Low Income Medicaid (LIM)**- Healthcare Coverage for eligible low-income children (under age 18) and the adult(s) who are responsible for them.
 - **Long Term Care (LTC)**- Healthcare Coverage for participants in long term care living arrangements including nursing homes or those utilizing community care service providers.
 - **Katie Beckett (KB)**- Healthcare Coverage for children up to age 19 who are eligible for institutionalized care but are receiving home-based care instead.
- **The Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) Program**- assists low-income families afford quality childcare. Eligibility requirements apply.

Diana Kinard, LCSW

Contact Info:

3809 Sardis Church Road
Buford Ga 30519
(770) 366-4171

Diana Kinard, LCSW provides individual, group, and family therapy to community members ages 6 through adult. Some insurance is accepted and a sliding scale fee schedule is offered for those who qualify.

Disability Resource Center, Inc

www.disabilityresourcecenter.org

Contact Info:

Angie Lance, Office Manager

470-A Woodsmill Road

Gainesville, Georgia 30501

(down the street from old Gainesville Middle School)

770-534-6656

Disability Resource Center, Inc, is a non-profit organization offered to individuals in the North Georgia area with disabilities. Disability Resource Center assists individuals in the following counties: Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, and White. Disability Resource Center offers support to individuals with disabilities and assists in these individuals living a more independent life.

Services Offered:

- **Advocacy-** Assists clients by education, self-empowerment, and work for systemic change.
- **Independent Living Skills Training-** Provides assistance to individuals with disabilities to develop or increase their skills and knowledge in order to live more independently. In addition, individuals are also referred to other community agencies and resources needed to live independently.
- **Information and Referral -** Assists with linking individuals to community, state, and national resources serving people with disabilities. In addition, many resources on independent living are available for loan from the center.
- **Peer Support-** Through one-on-one mentoring, group contact, and information sharing, persons are given support, assistance and understanding.
- **Assistive Devices-** Assistance in locating and possibly purchasing devices. In addition, there is equipment available for loan while an individual is waiting for their own devices.
- **Computer and Assistive Technology Training-** CATT is available for individuals to try out assistive devices to see if they will work for a particular disability. In addition, computer and software training for devices is also available.
- **Other Services Offered:**
 - **Home Modifications**
 - **Homelessness Prevention (HPRP)**
 - **Nursing Home Transition Program**
 - **Support Groups**
 - **Youth Transition Program**

Dr. Clark, Ph.D

Psychology

Contact Info:

615 Green Street
Gainesville, GA 30501
(770) 538-4800

Dr. Clark provides adult, children, adolescents, and family therapy. In addition, Dr. Clark provides psychological, psycho-educational, and custody assessments. All fees are based on the service provided and the physician. Most insurance plans and Medicaid accepted.

Hours of operation vary according to clinician. Please contact the office for more information.

Services Include:

- Psychotherapy
- child development
- attention and concentration problems
- learning and conduct disorders

Eagle Ranch

www.eagleranch.org

Contact Info:

Tundi Massey, Referral Marketing Coordinator

5500 Union Church Rd
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Office: 770-967-8500

Eagle Ranch provides children and their families' much-needed support and guidance through our therapeutic residential program. We help families experiencing ongoing conflict resulting from a multitude of life events; death, divorce, absent parent, parental and/or marital issues, problems in communication, broken relationships, depression, anxiety, continued disrespect, defiance, trouble in school, outbursts and anger.

Description of Services:

Campus- A Christ-centered program we are located 45 minutes northeast of Atlanta in Chestnut Mountain, GA. The campus includes 6 boys' homes and 4 girls' homes, counseling center, athletic center, lake, an equine therapy program, and other extra-curricular resources.

Home Environment- Children stay on campus in one of our homes during the week and every other weekend to work on behaviors that have negatively impacted his/her family, school performance and personal growth. They go home every other weekend and on holidays to give families an opportunity to put into practice the skills and knowledge gained during Ranch time. The average length of the program is 12-24 months.

Counseling- Children and their families work with a married houseparent couple, assistant counselor and a licensed professional counselor that help facilitate individual, group and family counseling on a regular basis.

Education- Children in grades 6-9 attend our private SACS accredited on-campus school, while younger and older children attend nearby Hall County schools.

Program Intake Requirements-

- Boys and girls, 8-16 at admission (average intake age 11-14).
- Minimum IQ of 70.
- No active suicidal or homicidal behaviors.
- No current drug or alcohol dependencies.
- No history of sexual offending behavior or sexual perpetration.
- Lives within 80 miles of the Ranch campus.
- Child must have health insurance for medical coverage. However, fees are based on a sliding scale.

Family Promise

www.familypromisehall.org

Contact Info:

Lindsey McCamy, Affiliate Director

946 Lanier Avenue
Gainesville, GA 30501

770-535-0786

info@familypromisehall.org

Family Promise of Hall County is a community response to family homelessness.

Components of Service:

- **Congregations-** A network of 11 to 13 host congregations houses the families for one week at a time, providing lodging, meals, and hospitality 3 to 4 times a year.
- **Day Center-** This facility serves as the administrative headquarters for our staff and a home base for our guests, providing laundry facilities, computer access, a mailing address, case management services, and more.
- **Volunteers-** These servant-hearted individuals cook dinners, stay overnight with guests at the church, help with administrative tasks in the office, play with children, and build relationship with parents.
- **Transportation-** A 15 passenger van is used to transport our guests between the host congregations and Day Center.

Client Requirements for Eligibility:

1. Must have children. We work exclusively with families with children. Any family or individual applying for our program must have at least one child in their custody.
2. Must be able and willing to work. We are a work-oriented program focused on families regaining independence by finding consistent and reliable employment. Anyone on disability or applying for disability is not eligible for our program.
3. Cannot have any domestic violence involved in their situation. Our facility, congregations, and volunteers are not equipped to handle any situations with an imminent threat of domestic violence.
4. Must have lived in Hall County for at least 30 days. Our demographic focuses on families in Hall County, so we work specifically with residents of this area. Anyone out of state or county who applies may not be eligible for the program.
5. Must be willing to comply with our Guest Contract and Guidelines. We require that our families comply with a basic code of conduct and meet specific expectations. For example, we do not tolerate any kind of drugs, alcohol, or violence. Requirements and expectations will be outlined for our families when they apply for the program.

Family Recovery

www.familyrecovery.com

Contact Info:

703 Grove Street
Gainesville, GA 30501
770-535-1073

Family Recovery offers a wide variety of counseling services provided by licensed or license eligible clinicians who provide individual, family, addiction, and behavioral counseling.

Services Offered:

PERSONAL COUNSELING-Confidential and Respectful Therapy in a Comfortable Office Setting

INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING

- Stress Management
- Sexual Assault
- Pornography
- Life Transition
- Depression/Anxiety
- Miscarriage / Infertility
- Addiction
- Childhood Abuse
- Grief and Loss
- Motivational Weight Loss

Marriage/Relationship COUNSELING

- Communication
- Premarital/Divorce
- Financial Mediation
- Sexual Dysfunction/Infidelity

Family Counseling

- Parenting
- Family Addiction Intervention
- Conflict Resolution

Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

- Individual Counseling
- 1 Hour Confidential Sessions
- Multiple Locations

MANDATED COUNSELING-

Family Violence Intervention Program

- Group Therapy
- 24 Weeks/90 Minute Sessions
- Domestic Violence Counseling
- Certified Georgia Commission on Family Violence Treatment Provider

Anger Management Therapy

- Group or Individual Therapy
- Conflict Resolution Counseling
- 12 Weeks/60 Minute Sessions

SEX OFFENDER THERAPY

- Psychosexual Evaluations
- Group & Individual Therapy
- Pre/Post Conviction
- Sexual Interest Testing
- Expert Witness Testimony
- Certified GA Department of Corrections and Board of Pardons and Paroles Treatment Provider

DUI Intervention Program

- Group or Individual Therapy
- Clinical Evaluations
- ASAM Treatment Services
- Certified Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Clinical Evaluator and Treatment Provider

Alcohol and Drug Program

- Group or Individual Therapy
- Substance Use Disorder Evaluations
- Outpatient & Confidential
- Certified Department of Family and Children Services Treatment Provide

Parenting Program

- Group or Individual Counseling
- Basic 4 hour or Intensive 8 hour Programs
- Certified Department of Family and Children Services Treatment Provider

Family TIES, Gainesville

www.familytiesgainesville.org

**Contact Info:
DeeDee Mize
770-287-3071**

Family TIES is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping families provide a safe, nurturing and positive environment for their children and teenagers. Programs seek to educate prenatal parents and parents with children up to age 18. Family Ties serves families who are wishing to improve their parenting skills as well as families who are incarcerated or mandated by DFCS or the court system. Programs are also offered for teenagers whose parents are enrolled in our Empower Parents class, and for middle school students in the YMCA afterschool program. These classes are aimed at helping teens deal with issues of bullying, drugs, self esteem, anger management, and character building.

Programs Offered:

- **Positive Parenting Skills Class**—a group for parents of prenatal to age nine, providing intervention and education services in order to prevent and break the cycle of child abuse and neglect
- **Empowering Parents**—a group for parents of children ages 9 to 18, providing intervention and education services in order to prevent and break the cycle of child abuse and neglect
- **Hopeful Futures**—a whole family approach to helping adolescent parents develop parenting skills and achieve academic success
- **Adolescent Group**—focusing on building self-esteem, anger management, and decision-making skills
- **Arriba Hispanic Parenting Program**—a group for Hispanic parents with children prenatal to age 18
- **Hall County Detention Center Programs**—a weekly meeting for women and men who are incarcerated
- **YMCA Afterschool Anti-bullying & Character Building**—a class offered to elementary students through the YMCA afterschool programs
- **Equine Therapy**—helping adolescents develop bonding and trust, as well as developing leadership skills.
- **Parents of Children With Mental Health Issues**—a support and educational group for parents of children effected by mental health issues

Family Ties Inc.

www.familytiesinc.com

Contact Info:
678-460-0345

Family Ties Inc., offers extensive therapy for children and family. Family Ties Inc., offers a wide variety of mental health services for youth and their families. In addition, Family Ties provides services for local DFCS offices that are designed to keep children in the home. Referrals are made by DFCS, as well as courts, school staff and self-referrals. Children with Medicaid, Peach Care, Well Care, and no insurance can be referred. There is no out of pocket expense for families.

Referrals can now be made directly through the website

Description of Services:

Core Services- Core Services are an array of mental health services available for youth age 4 to 18 with emotional and behavioral issues. Services can be initiated by Parents, Juvenile Probation DJJ, DFCS Workers, School Counselors, Residential Facilities, CBAY, Relatives, Community Partners, etc. Through diagnostic assessment, which is completed by a multidisciplinary team, a child's level of care and immediate service needs are determined and they are matched with services that will help them achieve their treatment goals and may include:

*24-Hour Crisis Intervention	*Medication Monitoring
*Behavior Modification	*Nursing Assessment
*In-Home Individual & Family Therapy	*Parenting Skills Development
*Community Linkage	*Positive Peer Interactions
*Group Counseling	*Psychiatric Services
*Counseling and Support	*Psychological Services
*Educational Support	*PRTF Referral Services
*Independent Living Skills	*Substance Abuse Counseling
*PRTF Step Down	*Pre-Adjudication Monitoring

DFCS Services

- CPS and On-Going Services
- Assessments and Screenings
- Wrap-Around Services

Focus Counseling

www.focuscounseling.org

Contact Info:

Referral Coordinator

9876 Main Street, Suite 100

Woodstock, Georgia 30188

770-516-1050

referrals@focuscounseling.org

Focus Counseling offers a wide variety of services for children and family – counselors will go to the child/family in the community (school, home, after school program, etc). In addition, Focus Counseling provides services for local DFCS offices. Referrals are made by DFCS, as well as courts, school staff and self-referrals. FOCUS accepts the following insurance for children and adults: SSI Medicaid, Adoptive Medicaid, Peachstate (CMO), Wellcare (CMO) Amerigroup (CMO) and Amerigroup 360 (CMO), FFS for children only. FOCUS offers sliding scale rates for adults with no insurance.

Referral forms are available on website and can be emailed or faxed to 770-516-1300

Hours of Operation

- MONDAY 9-7
- TUESDAY 9-7
- WEDNESDAY 9-8
- THURSDAY 9-7
- FRIDAY 9-6
- SATURDAY-by appointment only
- SUNDAY-by appointment only
- In Home Counseling Available

Description of Services:

Core Child, Adolescent & Adult Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services

- Diagnostic Assessment/Psychological Evaluations
- Outpatient Individual and Family Therapy including Play Therapy
- Group Therapy
- Family Training
- Group Training
- Community Support Individuals (behavioral aid, skills building & community linkage)
- Psychiatrist and Nurse
- Crisis Intervention

Other Services Offered

- Safe Care
- Parenting Classes
- Drug Screens (hair, urine)
- Paternity Tests
- Home Evaluations
- Domestic Violence Assessments & Therapy
- FVIP certified groups and Anger Management groups
- Substance Abuse Evaluations Substance Abuse Therapy

Gainesville City Baptist Rescue Mission

Contact Info: Ken Pullen

669 Main Street SW
Gainesville, GA 30501

770-287-9700

678-200-9285 (cell of Mr. Pullen)

Check in begins: 5:00 pm - 7 pm

Check out: 8 am

Gainesville City Baptist Rescue Mission is a homeless shelter for men ages 18 and older in the Hall County area. There is no smoking or alcohol allowed on the premises. No sex offenders allowed.

Services offered:

- Dinner is served daily, breakfast is served the following morning
- Shelter has a capacity of 28 beds
- Men can stay 7 days free of charge, after that it is \$7/night or \$42/week
- There is no time limit on how long individuals can stay as long as they still meet requirements
- No children allowed, although older sons may be allowed on an individual basis.

Gainesville/Hall County Alliance for Literacy

www.allianceforliteracy.org

**Contact Info: Dorothy W. Shinafelt, Executive Director
770-531-3358**

The mission of the Alliance is “To increase the literacy rate in our area by promoting education for adults in basic skills, reading, English as a Second Language, and GED preparation, as well as aiding other organizations and individuals in their efforts to promote literacy.” The Alliance is committed to breaking the cycle of family illiteracy in our community.

The Adult Education Center (English as Second Language (ESL) Services)
**4 ½ Stallworth Street
Gainesville, GA 30501
770-531-3370**

Provides free educational programs for adults 16 and older whose native language is not English. Services provided include English as a Second Language courses.

Wood’s Mills Adult Education Center
**719 Woodsmill Road
Gainesville, GA 30501
770-531-3356**

Provides free educational programs for adults 16 and older, who have not graduated from high school. Services provided include literacy instruction, basic skills, GED preparation, and GED testing. The subjects offered are Basic Literacy (serves the adult reader at a 0-4th grade reading level) Literacy classes (serves the adult reader at a 5-8th grade reading level), GED prep including math, language arts, essay writing, and data interpretation.

Hours of operation: 8am-8pm Monday-Thursday.
Class times: 8-1:15 and 6-8 with the labs open from 1:30-6. Classes vary by time and day.

Gainesville Housing Authority

www.gainesvillehousing.org

Contact Info:

750 Pearl Nix Parkway
Gainesville, GA 30503

770-536-1294

(fax) 770-536-5150

Housing Authority of the City of Gainesville manages housing for those who meet certain eligibility requirements. Individuals interested in applying may apply online or fax/mail in the completed application.

There are five eligibility requirements for admission to public housing:

- Qualifies as a family
- Has an income within the income limits
- Meets citizenship/eligible immigrant criteria
- Provides required documentation including Social Security numbers
- Signs consent authorization documents.

Waiting List Process

1. Apply for Housing-After you turn in your application, your name will be added to the waiting list(s) you selected. Position on the waiting list is based on date and time of your application as well as your preference type and waiting list(s) selected. Every property is part of a waiting list that varies in length and age.

Placement on the waiting list does not indicate that an applicant is eligible for housing assistance. You should not make any plans to move or end your present tenancy until you receive a written offer of housing from The Gainesville Housing Authority.

2. Full Application Interview-You will be screened for suitability and eligibility when your name is close from reaching the top of the waiting list. At this time we will notify you in writing regarding an appointment for you to come and complete an initial interview.

You will be required to provide a list of documents showing your eligibility for the preference you selected as well as proof of the number of household members. Please refer to your appointment letter for complete list of documents that you will need to provide for this appointment.

3. Approval or Denial

Upon successful completion of the screening process, if your application is approved your name will be placed on the ELIGIBLE list. You will be contacted for a unit when your name is reached and a unit is available based on the size and the location that you require. If your application is denied we will notify you in writing and you will have the opportunity to appeal.

Gary H. Bible, PhD

Contact Info:

359 Peevy Street
Buford, GA 30518

(770) 945-6669

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

Dr. Bible provides psychological testing/evaluation and assists with attention deficit disorder, school related problems, and child/adolescent/family problems. Dr. Bible specializes in child/adolescent/family assessments and treatment. Fees for services are \$100 per hour and most insurance payments are accepted including Medicaid, Peachcare, Aetna, United Healthcare, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and others.

Gateway Domestic Violence Center

www.gatewaydvcenter.org

Contact Info:

Jessica Butler, Executive Director

P.O. Box 2962

Gainesville, GA 30503

Crisis Line/Shelter: (770) 536-5860 or 1-800-33-HAVEN

Administration Office: (770) 539-9080

Legal Advocacy: (770) 531-7153

Gateway Domestic Violence Center provides telephone crisis intervention, support groups, short-term individual counseling, shelter, legal advocacy, children's program, life's skills training, and referrals to women and children who are domestic violence survivors. All services are available in both English and in Spanish. Community education and school curriculum is also provided to educate the community on domestic violence. There is no charge for services.

Shelter Requirements:

- Hall County residents only
- Victims of domestic violence (physical, emotional, etc.) who are in need of safety
- Food, medicine, clothing, and personal items are provided for women and children during their stay.

Services Offered:

- **Shelter**-Gateway offers emergency shelter for battered women and their children. Transitional housing for clients is also available.
- **Classes and Support Groups for Women**- Gateway offers three programs throughout the week. On Monday evenings, a group we call "Women Seeking Change" is offered. The group teaches participants about the dynamics of domestic violence and allows participants to seek support from peers. On Wednesday mornings emotional support groups are offered. On Thursday evenings, "Life Skills Training" is offered. In addition, Art therapy is also offered. "Women seeking change" groups (Monday evenings) help women understand the basic dynamics of domestic violence. Arts groups (Thursday evenings) help survivors learn strategies through the arts to cope with anxiety and other symptoms. Life skills groups (Thursday evenings) cover topics such as parenting, finances, and stress management. All of these groups are offered in English and Spanish.
- **Programs for Children**- Childcare is offered for infants and toddlers while mothers attend groups. Gateway offers innovative programs for children ages 4-11 that help children who have witnessed abuse at home. These groups teach children about safety and give them an outlet to express their fears and concerns. Teens have their own group as well,
- **Occupational Therapy**- Gateway uses Occupational Therapists to help victims of domestic violence thrive.
- **Legal Advocacy**- Gateway offers assistance filling temporary protective orders. Legal Advocates are housed in the 4th floor of the Hall County Courthouse.

Georgia Legal Services Program

Gainesville Regional Office

Contact Info:

P.O. Box 1337

Gainesville, GA 30501

770-535-5717

1-800-745-5717

The Gainesville Regional office of the Georgia Legal Services Program serves the following counties (the counties in italics are also part of the elderly legal services grant: Barrow, *Banks*, *Cherokee*, Clarke, *Dawson*, Elbert, Fannin, *Forsyth*, Franklin, Gilmer, Greene, *Habersham*, *Hall*, *Hart*, Jackson, *Lumpkin*, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Pickens, *Rabun*, *Stephens*, *Towns*, *Union*, Walton, *White*. Georgia Legal Services represents clients in civil matters only. Some exceptions to the Case Acceptance Criteria can be made if a case is unusual or a widespread issue. A bilingual attorney is available to work with the Latino community. In addition, homebound and disabled clients can also be assisted.

General Types of Cases Handled:

- Temporary Protective Orders for family violence victims
- Public Benefits-Social Security, Food Stamps, Medicaid, Medicare, TANF, unemployment compensation
- Some divorce and custody cases
- Some corrections on birth certificates and some name changes
- Home ownership, foreclosure issues and problems in subsidized rental property
- Help with medical providers who are sending bills when Medicaid should have paid
- Advance Directives and wills for persons at least 60 years old or persons in hospice care
- Elderly abuse, financial abuse of the elderly
- Terminating or changing guardianships for elderly or disabled
- Nursing home discharges or denials
- School disciplinary issues

Eligibility Guidelines:

- Clients must be below 125% of the poverty guidelines set by the federal government (some deductions can be made, all perspective clients should check with Georgia Legal Services Program to determine eligibility).
- Clients must not have assets over set asset limit (all perspective clients should check with Georgia Legal Services Program to determine eligibility).
- Clients who live in the counties covered by the Elderly Legal Assistance Program who are at least 60 years old have no income limits or asset limits.
- Clients must be citizens of the United States or be documented in some way or be battered spouses/children or victims of trafficking. There are different types of immigration documents that will satisfy this requirement, check with Georgia Legal Services Program to see if a person or family qualifies. In addition, children who are U.S. citizens can sometimes be represented even if their parents are not.

Intake Procedures:

- Perspective clients can call Monday-Thursday between 9 and 4:30 pm and speak with an intake worker. The intake worker will determine case and financial eligibility. If criteria is met, the client is given an appointment with an attorney or paralegal. This appointment can be in the Gainesville office, a satellite office or by phone. Clients may be asked to fax documents prior to the appointment with an attorney or paralegal.

Georgia Mountain Food Bank

**Contact Info: Kay Blackstock, Executive Director
770-534-4111**

- Georgia Mountain Food Bank partners with 58 hunger fighting organizations to provide food & resources to in a 5 county service area. Georgia Mountain Food Bank does not provide direct public distribution but works hard to connect individuals with a food pantry of provider closest to them. A list of participating organizations providing food distribution with their distribution days and times is available on the website <http://www.gamountainfoodbank.org> or individuals can contact 770-534-4111 for a nearby location.

Georgia Mountains Workforce Development

A program of the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission

www.gmrc.ga.gov

Contact Info:

2481 Hilton Drive, Suite 8
Gainesville, GA 30501
(770) 538-2727

Georgia Mountains Workforce Development is a federally funded program that wants to ensure that every student develops the necessary knowledge and skills to graduate from high school then pursue and earn a college degree and/or become successful in the workforce. This program connects low-income, at-risk youth to learning experiences outside the traditional high school classroom to expand and develop the personal social and emotional skills essential for college and career success. The following counties are a part of the program: Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, and White.

Program Eligibility for the Georgia Mountains Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Area:

Out-of-school youth must be aged 16-24, not attending any school, and meet one or more additional conditions, which could include:

- School dropout
- Within age of compulsory attendance but has not attended for at least the most recent complete school year calendar quarter
- holds a secondary school diploma or recognized equivalent and is low-income and is basic skills deficient or an English language learner
- subject to the juvenile or adult justice system
- homeless
- runaway
- in foster care or aged out of the foster care system, eligible for assistance under Section 477, Social Security Act, or in out-of-home placement
- pregnant or parenting
- an individual with a disability
- low income person who requires additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure and hold employment

Out of School — Youth Services Programs:

College Tuition Assistance - Assist youth attempting higher education in a two or four year, or technical college for a maximum of two years. Youth must be in an approved course. WIOA may provide supportive services including travel and daycare for those youth with children. WIOA also helps pay some tuition, books, and other fees.

GED - Assist youth attempting to obtain the General Education Diploma. Youth must attend classes 12 hours a week. WIOA will pay the costs of the GED Test up to three times and may also provide supportive services including travel and daycare .

In-school youth must be aged 14-21, attending school, low income, and meet one or more additional conditions, which could include:

- Basic skills deficient
- English language learner
- an offender
- homeless
- runaway
- in foster care or aged out of the foster care system
- pregnant or parenting
- an individual with a disability
- person who requires additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure and hold employment

In School Youth— Services Programs:

Summer Work Experience- A 6 week program where youth are assisted in obtaining work experience in area businesses. Offers practical career readiness assistance and provides job seeking, job retention, and career advancement services through case management.

Y.E.A.R. (available only in select counties)- A work-study program for students who are recommended and selected by their school. Students are given a subsidized work experience and are released early from school to go to work. WIOA provides wages for students in this program.

Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, Inc.

www.gshg.org

Contact Info:

906 Interstate Ridge Dr., Suite E
Gainesville, GA 30501

770-536-8656

Fax: 770-532-8775

Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Friday 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$15 a year, membership is open to girls in grades K-12; women and men over 18 can join as adult members

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts is the largest girl-serving organization in the country and the premier leadership organization for girls. Through the Girl Scout Leadership Development Experience, girls discover more about themselves and their values, connect with others, and take action to make the world a better place. Girls discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together. Girl Scouting is for every girl, everywhere---where today's girls can become tomorrow's leaders. Girl Scouts offers a variety of programs to meet the needs of the individual girl.

Programs offered:

- **STEM-** Girls participate in activities related to science, technology, engineering and math.
- **Financial Literacy and Entrepreneurship-** Through the Girl Scout Cookie Program, girls learn how to set goals, decision-making, money management, people skills and business ethics.
- **Healthy Living-**Through the Girl Sports Program girls learn how to make healthy choices in the areas of physical and emotional health.
- **Environmental Leadership-** Girl Scouts combines environmental education with community action where girls can help tackle issues such as water conservation, noise pollution, global warming and soil contamination.

Good News at Noon (Food Assistance)

Contact Info:

979 Davis Street
Gainesville, 30501

770-503-1366

Hours: Thursdays evenings 6pm

Assists families in the Gainesville area by providing lunch every day of the year as well as distributing groceries to needy families on Thursday evenings. Other items like clothing are distributed as needed. This Christian ministry was founded in 1987 by Gene and Margie Beckstein. Director: Thomas Ramirez, Pastor: Fletcher Law.

Requirements:

No specific requirements.

Good News at Noon (Men's Shelter)

Contact Info:

979 Davis Street
Gainesville, GA 30501

770-503-1366

Good News at Noon Men's Shelter provides homeless shelter for men. The capacity is for 20 men. This is a Christian mission established to "lift Jesus Up!" by serving those in need. Founded in 1987 by Gene and Margie Beckstein.

Requirements:

- Picture I.D.
- Social Security
- Men need to working/looking for a job
- Attend church
- Weekly fee is \$60

Good News Clinics

Contact Info:

810 Pine St
Gainesville, GA 30501
770-503-1369

Good News Clinic provides non-emergency primary care including dental and medical care to Hall County residents without private insurance, Medicaid or PeachCare. Referrals are made for those who need specialized care. In addition, there are requirements that individuals and families must meet in order to receive care.

Requirements:

- Picture I.D.
- Proof of residence in Hall County
- Proof of income for all household members, total household income must be within 150% of the federal poverty level
- No social security is required for services

Hours: *Monday- Friday 8:30am-5:00pm*

Services:

- **Sam Poole Medical Clinic-** Provides healthcare services for people with a variety of needs. New patients attend an orientation class including patient education with a focus on healthy lifestyle. During their first appointment, patients receive medical and laboratory screenings to identify any areas of concern. The information is then carefully reviewed by the medical staff to determine patient needs and choose the appropriate physician volunteer for follow-up appointments.
 - **Health Access-** Provides specialty care referrals for GNC patients and referrals from other practices serving uninsured patients whose income is within 150% of the federal poverty level.
- **Green Warren Dental Clinic-** The Green Warren Dental Clinic provides acute dental care including extractions and fillings. A prevention program is conducted for all new patients explaining proper brushing and flossing techniques, and nutrition for oral health. Following the class each patient receives a dental exam including x-rays and an appointment with a dentist. Children are scheduled for sealant and fluoride treatments.
- **Good News Clinics Dispensary-** All patients who qualify are signed up for PAP (Patient Assistance Programs) assistance during their first appointment. Pharmaceutical samples are the source of many medications dispensed by the GNC dispensary.

Goodwill of North Georgia Career Center

www.goodwillng.org

**Contact Info: Johnny Varner, Career Center Manager
Tabitha McGowan, Lead Facilitator**

**3715 Mundy Mill Road
Oakwood, GA 30566**

770-538-4209

Hours of Operation: 9 am - 5 pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9 am - 7 pm Thursday
9 am - 4 pm Friday
10 am - 2 pm Saturday

Goodwill Career Center is located inside the Goodwill Store in Oakwood. It is open to all persons who are looking for employment who are over the age of 16. At the Career Center, one has to first register, and then they are allowed to use the computers, fax machines, and phones for job hunting purposes. They offer many recruitment fairs, resume writing workshops, and much more. Bilingual staff is available. A calendar of events is available on the Goodwill website.

Services Offered:

- **Equipment Use-** After registration a person is allowed access to computers, fax machines and phones for job hunting.
- **Recruitment Fairs-** Many potential employers sponsor job fairs at the Career Center to screen and interview prospective employees.
- **Workshops-** Frequent workshops are held to enhance an applicant's knowledge and skill base in relation to their job search

Green Street Counseling

www.greenstreetcounseling.com

Contact Info:

**Jeffrey Wilson, LPC
770-561-1641**

**Jennifer Brown, LCSW
917-494-1410**

505 Green Street
Gainesville, GA 30501

Green Street Counseling is a therapeutic counseling center for families, individuals, children, and couples. Fees are \$115 per 50 minute session. Reduced fees are available on a limited basis. Insurance is accepted as an out-of network benefit only.

Description of Counseling Services:

- Depression / Grieving
- Anxiety
- Addiction & Recovery
- Eating Disorders / Self-Harm
- Conflict Resolution
- Alcohol/Drug Abuse
- Child and Adolescent Issues
- Parenting Support
- Moving/Relocating Adjustment
- Work and Career issues
- School Adjustment
- Court-Mandate

Habitat for Humanity of Hall County

www.habitathallcounty.org

Ann Nixon, Executive Director

executivedirector@habitathallcounty.org

Homeownership Program:

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope. We build houses in partnership with qualifying families. Habitat is not a hand out, but a hand up. Zero percent interest mortgage loans over 20 years keep the homes affordable. Habitat makes no profit and mortgage payments are used to build more homes. We build simple, decent, energy efficient homes. The homes are sold to qualified families at building cost – typically 30-40% lower than market value. Qualified applicants must meet requirements for a need for better housing, have the financial ability to repay the mortgage and be willing to partner with Habitat.

Contact: Andi Harmon, Director of Operations, at 678.450.5998 or operationsdirector@habitathallcounty.org

ReStore Retail Store:

Habitat for Humanity ReStore offers discounted building supplies, pet goods and home furnishings for individuals and families. In addition, materials (gently used or surplus) can be donated to the ReStore. Used items typically sell for 30% of original prices and new items typically sell for 50% of original prices. New items arrive daily! Available items include:

- Appliances – washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, freezers
- Cabinets & counter tops
- Sinks, tubs & showers
- Doors – interior and exterior
- Toilets, plumbing fixtures and accessories
- Windows, mirrors & glass
- Lighting – interior & exterior
- Heaters, fans & AC units
- Flooring – tile, hardwood, laminate, vinyl, carpet, rugs
- Tools & Hardware
- Sheetrock, lumber, trim & molding
- Paint – interior & exterior
- Furniture & home goods
- Kitchen wares – dishes, pots, pans, utensils, small appliances
- Gardening supplies, bird feeders & bird baths
- Antiques, fine china & silver
- Unique gift items & holiday merchandise

Contact: Johnny Ledford, ReStore Manager, at 770.718.1070 or restoremanager@habitathallcounty.org

Hall Area Transit

**(Part of the Community Service Center
but located at a different address)**

www.gainesville.org/hall-area-transit

Contact Info:

hat@gainesville.org
687 Main Street
Gainesville, GA 30501
(2 blocks south of Jesse Jewell near CVS)

770-503-3333

Services Provided:

• **Gainesville Connection** - Provides transportation with bus stops located along major roads in Gainesville, Oakwood and parts of unincorporated Hall County. Buses operate Monday through Friday from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

One-way Admission

\$1.00 for Persons Age 8 and older. \$3.00 Daily Bus Passes are also available for purchase.

\$0.00 Free for Children age 7 and younger (child must be less than 42 inches in height)

\$0.00 Free for Persons with Permanent Disabilities with valid I.D. Persons with permanent disabilities who purchase a \$3.00 *Reduced Fare Card* from Hall Area Transit after presenting a red, white and blue Medicare card. *If you cannot present this card, your bus fare will be \$1.00*

• **Mobility Plus**- Riders with disabilities that cannot safely navigate the streets to access Red Rabbit bus stops can call Hall Area Transit and receive a ride directly to their desired destination or directly to the Gainesville Connection service. Persons wishing to use this service must complete a certification process to ensure that they meet ADA eligibility requirements.

• **Dial-A-Ride**- Riders can call ahead 48+ hours to reserve curb-side van service that comes directly to them and takes them directly to where they want to go. The fare for this service starts at \$2.00 and increases with each additional mile traveled.

Hall County Family Connection Network

www.hcfcn.org

Contact Info:

Elizabeth E. Fielden, Coordinator

(Located in the Central Office of Hall County School System)

711 Green Street

Gainesville, GA 30501

770-534-1080 ext. 212

The Hall County Family Connection Network (HCFCN) is a collaborative which serves as the local decision-making body, bringing community partners together to develop, implement, and evaluate plans that address the serious challenges facing the children and families in our county.

- The Network continually monitors the status of well-being of children and families in Hall County.
- The Network provides a place where open discussion can take place about the needs of children and families in Hall County.
- The Network gathers, shares, and uses up-to-date information, research and effective tools to make well-informed and accurate decisions about improving services to children and families in the Gainesville/Hall County community.

Hall County Head Start/Early Head Start/GA Pre-K

Operated by: Ninth District Opportunity

www.hallcountyheadstart.weebly.com

Contact Info:

**1300 Athens Street Gainesville, GA 30507 (Butler Center)
(770) 536-1816**

Ninth District Opportunity, Inc. Early Head Start/Head Start is built upon the premise that all children share certain needs and that children of low-income families, in particular, can benefit from a comprehensive program to meet those needs. Early Head Start/Head Start provides children with a comprehensive program to meet their educational, social, nutritional, health, emotional, and psychological needs. This program is for pregnant women and children aged 0-4 years old. Services are offered free of charge. There are multiple locations in Hall County for the Head Start and GA Pre-K program. Early Head Start and the Pregnant Women Program is only offered at the Butler Center location.

Programs Offered:

Early Head Start- is a federally funded community-based program for low-income families with pregnant women, infants, and toddlers 6 weeks to age 3. Parents must be enrolled in school full-time or working at least 30 hours a week.

Head Start- is a federal program that promotes the school readiness of children ages birth to 5 from low-income families by enhancing their cognitive, social and emotional development.

GA Pre-K Program- is a state lottery funded educational program for all age eligible four-year-old children in Georgia. The purpose of Georgia's Pre-K Program is to prepare children for success in Kindergarten and later school years.

Pregnant Women Program- offers workshops and one-on-one sessions, as well as education of what to do at the different stages of pregnancy. In addition, FREE quality care for your child, so that you can continue to work and/or go to school. Free diapers, formula, and food for your baby. Priority given to placement in Early Head Start with completion of program. Applicants must be enrolled in school full-time or working at least 30 hours a week.

Hall County Health Department

Contact Info: 1290 Athens Street, Gainesville, GA 30507

770-531-5600 (General)

770-531-5650 (Dental)

678-696-2261 (WIC)

Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday- 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

Friday- 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

* Closed for lunch everyday from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Open at 9:30 am the first Wednesday of every month. Call for walk in clinic times. Some services require an appointment.

The Hall County Health Department provides services for: family planning/OB, teen clinic, well child health checks, children's dental services, WIC, immunizations, and STDs.

Services Offered:

- **Child Health program-** routine and periodic checkups for children receiving PeachCare and Medicaid benefits as well as fee for service. Children, birth to 21 years old are eligible. Call to make an appointment 770-531-4522.
- **Dental Health Program-** Identifies and corrects infectious oral disease in children ages 2 to 20. Priority is given to children enrolled in Medicaid and PeachCare. Applicants must come to the office to complete application.
- **Family Planning/OB-** health care services for women throughout their reproductive years and into menopause. Prenatal care throughout the pregnancy (does not include delivery). Call to make an appointment 770-531-4522.
- **Immunizations-** for all ages, hearing, vision and dental certificates and Immunization certificates for school and daycare are offered. Walk in clinic. Call General number for more information.
- **Infectious Disease Clinic/TB Clinic/Ryan White Program-** Treatment of a variety of infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and HIV/AIDS. Call to make an appointment 770-531-5600.
- **International Travel Clinic** – vaccines and medications available for world-wide travel. Call to make an Appointment 770-531-5600 ext. 5658.
- **Laboratory Services** – a full range of lab services are available including pregnancy testing. Most lab tests require a written order from your physician. Call for more information 770-531-5600.
- **Vital Records** – all recorded births and deaths that have occurred in Georgia since 1919 are available. Must show a picture ID to purchase. Cost is \$25.00 for first copy and \$5.00 for each additional copy. Call for more information 770-531-5674.
- **WIC-** dietary supplementation for mothers, infants, and children at nutritional risk up to child's fifth (5) birthday. Services include breastfeeding and nutritional education. Must meet income qualification, show proof of identification and residency. Call to make an appointment 678-696-2261.

*Some services are based on a sliding scale with proof of income. Some services are strictly fixed fee.

Hall-Dawson CASA

Program

Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children

www.halldawsoncasa.org

**Contact Info: Lisa McCarthy, Program
Coordinator**

**casaofohall@bellsouth.net
P.O. Box 907471
Gainesville, Ga. 30501-0908
770-531-1964**

Court Appointed Special Advocate is a non-profit organization with the mission to ensure abused and neglected children have the right to a safe and permanent home. CASA provides trained, screened and supervised volunteers to advocate for the best interest of children requiring court intervention.

Hospice of Northeast Georgia Medical Center

www.nghs.com/hospice

**Contact Info:
770-219-8888**

Hospice of Northeast Georgia Medical Center provides bereavement support for children and families in Union, White, Lumpkin, Habersham, Hall, Stephens, Banks, Franklin, Jackson, Barrow, Gwinnett, Forsyth, and Dawson Counties.

Bereavement Services Offered for Youth and Teens:

- **Camp Braveheart-** Camp Braveheart is a day camp for children and teens that have experienced the death of a close friend or family member. This camp is FREE and available to any youth in the community who has experienced a significant death.
- **School-based Grief Support Groups-** Braveheart counselors can guide a grief support group at your child's school with a referral and help from a school counselor. Counselors understand children's natural resiliency and can help them navigate their feelings based on individual emotional and developmental needs.
- **Braveheart Family Workshop-** Workshop about healthy grieving for the whole family and learn to move forward while keeping a loved one's memory alive.
 - Grades K-12 plus parents/guardians
 - Using art and other activities
 - Guided by counselors and a licensed art therapist

Joe's Place at Riverbend

Contact Info:

joesplace@rbbc.net

1725 Cleveland Hwy.

Gainesville, GA 30501

(located next to Riverbend Baptist Church)

770-287-1619

Joe's Place at Riverbend assists individuals in the community with referrals and services.

Hours of Operation: Tuesdays 9 am-12 pm

Services Offered:

- Coffee & Refreshments
- Food Distribution after Devotion
- Personal Care Items*
- Free Haircuts
- Job Board & Resource Referrals
- Clothing Referrals*
- Showering Facilities
- Laundering Facilities*
- Free Notary Service

*First time guests and homeless friends

L.A.M.P Ministries

Contact Info:

Mary Mauricio, Executive Director

851 Main St. SW
Gainesville, Ga. 30501

678-343-6065

770-783-1272

L.A.M.P Ministries is a residential placement option for teens and runaway youth in the Hall County area. There are no specific requirements for admission and length of stay can vary according to individual needs. L.A.M.P ministries offers placement for girls but does have limited space for boys as well. Teens are offered help with GED classes (if applicable), music classes, life-skills training, job placement assistance, counseling, and support. Referrals can be made from the court system, schools, parents, or any community agency. No fees are required.

Laurelwood

www.nghs.com/mental-health-services

Contact Info:

200 Wisteria Drive

Gainesville, GA 30501

(on main campus of Northeast Georgia Medical Center)

(770) 219-3800

Laurelwood offers treatment and stabilization for adults and adolescents (ages 12-17) who have substance abuse or emotional/behavioral issues. Laurelwood provides different levels of care based on patients' needs that include detoxification, inpatient treatment, day partial treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, and aftercare support. The initial assessment is free and is provided at Northeast Georgia Medical Center, next to the Emergency Room.

Hours: Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Services Offered:

- **Substance Abuse Treatment-** Provides medical monitoring and treatment during the detoxification process as well as provides recovery assistance using the 12-step philosophy and a team of healthcare providers. On occasion, the patient's family may be asked to participate in a family session.
- **Mental Health Services-** Provides various levels of care to assist with issues related to various mental health needs.

Legacy Link

Contact Info:

4080 Mundy Mill Road
Oakwood, GA 30566

770-538-2650

website: legacylink.org

We are your Area Agency on Aging designated by the Department of Human Services in the North East Georgia Mountains. The AAA is responsible for advocacy for seniors, planning, and administration of programs, coordination and monitoring services in the area.

Programs Offered:

Gateway to Aging Services: Legacy Link's toll free number **(855-266-4283)** accesses the Gateway to Aging Services. Trained intake specialists provide anonymous and/or confidential access to information, assistance and referral concerning services for seniors, family members and persons with disabilities. Callers are assisted in locating resources and services in the region, in Georgia and across the United States.

Community Care Services Program (CCSP): serves low-income, frail persons of all ages in the 13 county service region. The program assists people who are elderly and/or functionally impaired to continue living in their homes and communities by offering personal support services, such as, adult day health, caregiver support, respite care, home delivered meals, emergency response systems, and basic personal care. The individual or family members along with the CCSP nurse and care coordinator will develop a care plan to prolong independence and avoid nursing home placement. **(855-266-4283)**

Nursing Home Transition to Community Living (Money follows the Person - MFP): assists with transitioning individuals from nursing home care back into the community. Transition Counselors meet with residents and families in the nursing home to assess their options/barriers and develop a care plan for successful re-entry to community living. **(855-266-4283).**

Alzheimer's Care Consultation Program: A free, telephone-based information and support service for adults with memory impairment, including Alzheimer's and dementia, and friends or family who care for them. Care Consultation provides, particularly to caregivers, ongoing help to find practical solutions to concerns about health and care as well as coaching and support. Clients do not have to be enrolled in any other Legacy Link programs to be eligible to participate in Care Consultation. **(855-266-4283)**

TCARE: A caregiver support program which, upon request, will arrange for a certified caregiver specialist to visit the CCSP client's primary caregiver in the home. Together they design a plan that supports the caregiver's desired lifestyle. Plans can include, but are not limited to, resource referrals, personal time activities, stress reduction, family and friend inclusion, caregiver support groups, legal and financial considerations. There are no fees for TCARE service. **(855-266-4283)**

HCBS: Home Care agency provides services such as light housekeeping; personal assistance with bathing, dressing, and grooming; home delivered meals or caregiver respite for persons who are homebound. **(855-266-4283)**

Senior Centers: Multi-purpose senior centers receive funding from Legacy Link in 12 counties. These centers provide services to older citizens such as hot noon meals, home delivered meals, recreation, transportation, wellness and educational programs to help older persons remain independent in their homes.

Wellness Programs: Wellness Program Addresses social, emotional, physical, mental, and intellectual well-being of adults 60 years or older, including but not limited to: nutrition and health education, fitness and physical activity, health screenings, art classes, computer classes, and other educational opportunities. For more information about what is available in your area, contact your local senior center. **(770-538-2650)**

Kinship Care Program: Provides information for grandparents and other relatives raising children. Services offered include: • Support groups • Information and referrals regarding benefits • Resource information • Social activities • Celebrations • Community education • Help is available to deal with many issues of being a caregiver. **(770-538-2650)**

Retired & Senior Volunteer Program: RSVP, a national Senior Corps program, matches adults age 55+ with volunteer service opportunities at public and non-profit agencies in 10 counties. Funding is provided by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), a federal agency. **770-538-2650**
www.nationalservice.gov

Employment and Training for Mature Workers (SCSEP): Persons aged 55+ on the Senior Community Service and Employment Program are placed in part-time positions in public and non-profit agencies for training to enable them to enter the workforce. Funded by the National Council, assistance is provided to residents of these 23 North Georgia counties: Banks, Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Dawson, Fannin, Floyd, Forsyth, Franklin, Gilmer, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Murray, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, White, Walker and Whitfield Counties. **(770-538-2650)**

Caregiver Educational Program: "Powerful Tools for Caregivers" is a free six-week educational program designed to help family caregivers. It will provide you with tools and skills you need to take care of yourself while caring for a relative or friend. The class meets once a week for six weeks and is available in both English and Spanish with class locations throughout Northeast Georgia. **(770-538-2718)**

Georgia Cares Program: Medicare Counseling – Staff and trained volunteers make presentations to groups and counsel individual beneficiaries and assist in enrollment in all Medicare Programs. Eligibility screenings and assistance are provided for those qualifying for help paying Medicare costs, including Part D prescription plans. Counseling is available regarding fraud, abuse and scams related to Medicare and other health benefit programs. **(770-538-2650)**

Long Term Care Ombudsman: Ombudsman staff provides advocacy services to nursing home and personal care home residents and family members in 13 counties. **(770-538-2685)**

Georgia Legal Services for assistance and counseling for persons aged 60 and above. **(770-535-5717)**

Lifeline Mission Center

www.lifelinenow.org

Contact Info:

Wanda Atkins, Director

Rocky Pridgen, Co-director, Pastor

1607 Calvary Church Road

Gainesville, GA 30507

678-638-9578

Full House Ministries is an initiative of Lifeline Church that provides many no cost services to the community.

Services Offered:

- **Help Feed The Need-** a ministry arm of FH Ministries, Inc. that provides such things as food, clothing, school supplies, personal care products and such tangible items. In addition, financial training, emotional counseling, and spiritual encouragement is also provided.
 - **Backpack blessing-** School supplies, backpacks, clothing, and food for students at the beginning of the school year.
- **New Again-** Clothing ministry that provides clothing for students.
- **Out of the Box-** Faith-based puppet shows that combine humor and skits to outreach events.
- **Something more-** Ministry for those suffering from addiction, depression or other life issues.

Lindsey Martin, LCSW

Contact info:

200 Broad Street SW Suite 207
Gainesville, GA 30501
(334) 398-0022 (cell)

Lindsey Martin, LCSW provides counseling services to community members with insurance as well as self-pay referrals on a sliding scale basis.

Hours: by appointment

MEDLINK

www.medlinkga.org

Contact Info:

528 Broad Street SE, Ste. B
Gainesville, GA 30501

770-287-0290

Medlink is a family medical practice that offers affordable medical assistance. Medlink accepts most insurance; Medicare, Medicaid – including Amerigroup, PeachState, and WellCare, PeachCare, TriCare, most major insurance, State Health Benefit Plans, and offer payment on a sliding fee schedule. Referrals to specialists are also made when necessary. There are offices throughout the state of Georgia. No one is refused due to lack of insurance

Hours:

Monday 8:30-7:00

Tuesday 8:30-5:00

Wednesday 8:30-7:00

Thursday 8:30-5:00

Friday 8:30-5:00

Office Services:

- Care for acute illness
 - Colds, sore throat, and other sudden on-set illnesses
- Management of chronic diseases
 - Diabetes
 - Asthma
 - Blood Pressure
 - Heart Disease
 - Kidney Problems
- Well Child examinations and immunizations
- Testing for
 - Pregnancy
 - Cholesterol
 - Diabetes
 - HIV and sexually transmitted diseases
 - Annual PAP tests for cervical cancer
 - Anemia (Iron Deficiency)
- Medication Assistance
 - Partnership with Walgreens for 340B program pharmaceuticals
 - Pharmacy Manufacturer's Indigent Medication Programs
 - Injectable antibiotics
- Minor injury – laceration repair
- Physical Exams
 - DOT
 - Employment
 - Sports
 - Camp
- Drug Testing
- Biopsy
- EKGs
- Vision and Hearing Screening
- Worker's Compensation
- Family Planning
- Immunizations
 - Children
 - Adults
 - Annual Flu Shots
 - Pneumonia Shots
 - Whooping Cough (Pertussis) Booster Shots
- Nebulizer Treatments
- IV Fluids
- Referrals to Specialty Care
 - MedLink Georgia's centers provide primary medical care. Practitioners treat most common illnesses, minor injuries, and conditions. If patients need care from a specialty physician (orthopedics, cardiology, endocrinology, pain management) a referral will be made. Many times on-going care can be managed in concert with specialists.

More than Enough

Contact Info:

1730 MLK Dr.

Suite 1

Gainesville, GA 30501

770-539-4800

Hours: Tuesdays 12:00-4:00 p.m.

More than Enough provides food assistance to individuals and families. Persons are eligible for assistance once a month. No social security number is required.

My Sister's Place

www.my-sisters-place.org
www.facebook.com/MSPgainesville

Contact Information

2480 Martin Luther King Blvd., Unit 4
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

770-532-5111-office

770-503-1181-shelter

My Sisters Place is a Christ-centered shelter for homeless women and mothers with children.

Requirements:

- State issued picture I.D.
- Everyone must attend church on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings
- Women must look for a job.
- No boys over 11 years old are allowed
- Referrals are accepted through churches and various community agencies. Self-referrals are accepted. There is an interview process prior to acceptance. This consists of two interviews with one over the phone and one face-to-face interview.

Ninth District Opportunity

Contact Info:
615 Oak St, Ste C
Gainesville, Georgia 30501
770-534-8826

Ninth District Opportunity assists low-income families with a variety of services. In addition, Ninth District Opportunity promotes access to opportunities to become self-reliant, self-development, and self-determination.

Services Provided:

- **Housing Assistance-** Information and referral available for housing assistance to qualified households when funding is available.
- **Energy Assistance-** Financial assistance for low income households when funding is available.
- **Weatherization-** Qualifying households can receive assistance in making their homes more energy efficient through conservation measures and minor home repairs. These measures may include air sealing in attic areas, insulation (up to R-38), caulking, window repair, replacement of broken window panes, dense-pack wall insulation, door repair, weather stripping and door sweeps. Each household receiving assistance through the Weatherization program also receives energy conservation counseling services.
- **Indigent Medication Assistance-** Ninth District Opportunity provides qualifying households with assistance in obtaining free or reduced priced medications from pharmaceutical programs. In life threatening situations, households may qualify for a one-time assistance with the purchase of certain medications. Please call the office to verify eligibility
- **Crisis Assistance-** Assistance available for families going through a crisis (laid off, etc.) which is no fault of their own. Must be able to show that you can pay bills moving forward. This money can be for rent or utilities. Must call office for availability and requirements.
- **Food Assistance-** Ninth District Opportunity provides food assistance to households in need of temporary nutritional supplementation through emergency pantries and food cards (when available). Households receiving assistance may be required to participate in a case management plan, created in partnership with the agency, in an effort to map out a path to self-sufficiency. Verification of social security numbers for all household members and all household income for the past 30 days are some of the requirements that must be met to receive this assistance.

North Georgia Psychological Services

Contact Info:

P.O. Box 720
Gainesville, GA 30503
1566 Thompson Bridge Road
Gainesville, GA 30506
(Across the street from Roper Park)
(770) 534-5262

Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00am-6:00pm

North Georgia Psychological Services provides Psycho-Educational, Psychological/Emotional Evaluation, Psychotherapy (individual and family, assessments for court issues, child, adolescent, and adult services. North Georgia Psychological Services specializes in couples, family, and individual counseling, individual and family psychotherapy, psychological, and educational evaluations with an emphasis on child and adolescent intervention, parental fitness evaluations, ADHD, school and juvenile court assessments, co-parenting training and general counseling. Dr. Jordan is registered custody evaluator and published author.

Fee structure is as follows: \$135.00 per hour for individual therapy, \$135.00 per hour for family therapy: testing and consultation rates vary

We are open Monday thru Thursday 8.00 AM – 6.00 PM.

Northeast Georgia Physicians Group

Contact Info:

1292 Athens St
Gainesville, GA 30507

770-531-5654

Northeast Georgia Physicians Group provides primary medical assistance for low income families. This entity is not part of the health department but is located at the same location.

Northlake Baptist Church

www.northlakebaptist.org

Contact Info:

4823 Thompson Bridge Road
Gainesville, GA 30506

770-536-7338

Hours: every Saturday morning to anyone in need of assistance. No proof of need is required. New recipients should arrive between 9:00 am and 9:20 am to register and all recipients should be in the sanctuary by 9:30 am.

Our Neighbor, Inc

www.ourneighbor.org

**Contact Info: Mary Margaret Calvert, Executive
Director**

marymargaret@ourneighbor.org

P.O. Box 107

Gainesville, GA 30503

770-535-1000

Our Neighbor, Inc. (ONI) is a nonprofit organization that provides housing, job training, and life skills to young adults with disabilities. The primary goal of ONI is to encourage and assist each resident in reaching their maximum level of independence. ONI is a private pay facility that will work with clients who receive SSI, SSDI and other social services. The cost of room, board, transportation, and caregiving for clients is subsidized by ONI fundraising initiatives, direct donations, and grant monies. A potential resident is not denied admittance based on financial means.

Services Offered:

- **Independent Housing-** ONI has five fully wheelchair accessible housing units that can hold up to 14 full time residents.
- **The Next Chapter Book Store-** provides job training and resume building for residents and those in the community who are disabled.

Planning for Healthy Babies

www.planning4healthybabies.org

Contact Info:

P.O Box 1810
Atlanta, GA 30301-1810
888-744-2102

Planning for Healthy Babies provides no cost family planning services to eligible women in Georgia. Eligible women can apply online or applications can be picked up at the local health department or DFCS office.

Programs Available:

- Family Planning
- Resource Mother- provides assistance to women who deliver a baby weighing less than 3 pounds, 5 ounces
- Inter-pregnancy care (IPC)- only for women who deliver a baby weighing less than 3 pounds, 5 ounces and includes family planning and resource mother services

What's Covered?

- Family planning initial or annual exams (one per year)
- Contraceptive services and supplies
- Patient education and counseling
- Follow up family planning visits
- Counseling and referrals to:
 - Social services
 - Primary health care providers
- Family planning lab tests:
 - Pregnancy tests
 - Pap Smear
- Testing for STD(s)
- Treatment and follow up for STD(s), except HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis
- Antibiotic treatment for STD(s)
- Treatment for limited infections identified during routine family planning visit
- Sterilization
- Family Planning pharmacy visits
- Prescriptions for vitamins/folic acid
- Select immunizations for participants 19 and 20. Participants age 18 receive vaccines at no cost.
- Access to a Resource Mother (case management service) for women who have delivered a VLBW on or after January 1, 2011. Some of the services provided by the Resource mother include, but is not limited to home visits, coordination of services, and linkage to community resources

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a U.S. citizen or person with qualified proof of citizenship
- Be a woman between the ages of 18 and 44
- Be a Georgia resident
- Not be eligible for any other Medicaid program or managed care program
- Meet family gross income requirements of no more than 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL).
- Losing Medicaid pregnancy coverage at the conclusion of 60 days postpartum who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- If you meet the above requirements, you are eligible for the Family Planning Only component of the Planning for Healthy Babies (P4HB) Program. If you meet the above requirements and you have also delivered a VLBW baby (less than 1,500 grams) on or after January 1, 2011, you will qualify for the Interpregnancy Care (IPC) component of the P4HB program. If you currently receive Medicaid and delivered a VLBW baby on or after January 1, 2011, you will qualify for the Resource Mother Only component of the P4HB Program.

Professional Counseling Services

www.counselingnorthga.weebly.com

Contact Info:

Lisa Clement, LPC

678-943-3550; lisalpcga@gmail.com

Marie Lingle, LPC

706-344-9827

Renee Strickland, LPC

770-654-5090

Emily Shoaf, LPC

648-936-5049

311 Green Street, Suite 200

Gainesville, GA 30501

Fees:

Reasonable rates, vary according to the counselor. Please call for more information

Hours:

Hours also vary according to the counselor. Evening and weekend appointments often available

Services Offered:

Individual, couple, adolescent, children, group, and family therapy

- PTSD/Trauma resolution
- Physical, Sexual, Verbal, and Emotional/Mental Abuse
- Sexual Assault
- Couples/Marital/Premarital
- Divorce/Co-parenting
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Grief and Loss
- Complicated grief
- Stress management
- Anger management
- Family of origin issues
- Life transitions
- Play therapy
- Anger management
- ADHD
- School adjustment

Rape Response, Inc.

Contact Info:

Jeanne Buffington, Executive Director

P.O. Box 2883

Gainesville, GA 30503

(770) 503-7273

Outside Hall County: 1-800-721-1999

www.raperesponse.com

Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday –Friday

Crisis line support and hospital accompaniment are available 24/7

Rape Response provides comprehensive crisis intervention services to adolescent and adult survivors of sexual assault in a six county service area (Hall, Dawson, Habersham, Lumpkin, Forsyth and White). Crisis intervention services are available whether or not the sexual assault was reported and regardless of when the assault occurred. All services are free and confidential.

Services Offered:

- 24/7 crisis hotline
- Crisis intervention
- Emergency room response and support for survivors
- Support throughout the legal process for survivors
- Community education with professionals, schools and colleges
- Medical aftercare in collaboration with local health departments
- Information and referrals

Robyn Pichler, PsyD.

www.robypichler.com

Contact Info:

**973 Enota Avenue NE
Gainesville, GA 30501**

678-696-5851

Robyn J. Pichler, Psy.D.

Psy.D.

Licensed Psychologist

Psychotherapy is provided for adults 21 and over. Testing is not provided. Individual psychotherapy is the specialty and most insurance is accepted. Fees for cash payment is \$125 per hour. There is no sliding scale.

Salvation Army

Contact Info:

681 Dorsey Street
Gainesville, GA 30501

770-534-7589

Salvation Army is an organization that provides basic needs assistance to families including food, clothing emergency financial assistance, and shelter.

Programs Offered:

- **Food Bank-** Hours: Monday-Thursdays 2-3:30 pm.

Requirements:

- Residents of Hall, Banks, Barrow and Jackson counties
 - Picture I.D.
 - Social security card for everyone in household
 - Applicant can provide a valid government issued document from another country
 - Families can receive food *every 30 days*
- **Transitional Lodge- Lodge Administrator 770-531-0135**
Short-term housing for men and women. Lodge consists of one big room with 9 beds for men, 6 beds for women, 1 emergency room that can be used for handicapped and 6 family rooms (2 beds and 1 sleeper sofa). Individuals can stay at the lodge for a seven-day period, every 90 days, without meeting any further requirements. Individuals can stay up to 90 days if they have a job and pay \$50 for program service fees. The rule is waved if the wind chill factor drops below 32 degrees or the nighttime heat index is above 95 degrees. Check in begins at 4:30 and ends at 10:00 pm. Lights are out at 10:30pm. Supper is served at 6 pm and breakfast is at 6 am. The lodge is empty at 8 am. If space is available a person can stay for one night without identification. Intoxicated individuals are not allowed in the lodge.
 - **Transitional apartments-** Short-term housing for men and women with children. Requires that a person have a job and budget.
 - **Emergency Financial Assistance-** Help is offered paying rent, utilities, water, and prescriptions. Persons seeking help need to contact Salvation Army for more information and requirements.
 - **Clothing Vouchers-**
 - When a family comes in to fill out paperwork for food or other services, they can get a voucher for clothing if there is a need.
 - This voucher is valid for the day given out only at one of the stores.

Salveo Integrative Health

www.salveohealth.org

Contact Info:

7316 Spout Springs Rd. Suite 202

(770) 910-9196

The Salveo Staff believes in the integration of services to care for the mind, body, and spirit in order to reach wholeness and healing. The psychiatrists, psychiatric nurse practitioners and licensed therapists on staff are highly-trained, specializing in all areas of mental health treatment in order to meet your individualized outpatient needs.

Many insurances are accepted, including private, Medicaid, Medicaid CMOs and Medicare. Self-pay fee is \$120 per session.

Services Provided:

- Individual therapy
- Family therapy
- Child and adolescent therapy
- Couples therapy
- Psychiatry services
- Medication Management services

Service Options Utilizing Resources in Community Environments (SOURCE)

**Contact Info:
Legacy Link, Inc.
855-266-4283**

SOURCE Program serves individuals who meet nursing home level of care and are SSI Medicaid recipients. Personal support services are arranged with the individual, physician and care management team to reduce emergency room visits, hospitalizations and improve quality of life while living in the community. In addition to the 13 county service region, Source is also offered by Legacy Link in Barrow, Cherokee, Clarke, Elbert, Gwinnett, Jackson and Madison counties.

South Hall Community Food Bank

Contact Info:

4211 Walnut St.

Oakwood, GA 30566

www.shcfp.org

678-865-6588

Hours: Monday 3pm - 5pm

Thursday and Saturday- 10am - Noon

SHCFP seeks to feed food insecure Hall County residents in body and spirit by providing 3-4 days of nutritious food and basic hygiene items.

Eligibility Requirements:

No appointment required. Come any time during hours of operation. Call 678-865-6588 in case of immediate need during non-operation hours.

Bring the following documents to 1st visit:

- Proof of Hall County Residency
- Picture ID card
- Social Security Card for members of household

Bring the following for each subsequent visits:

- Referral from a community organization that is working with the client. This can be any church, DFCS, Gainesville Action Ministries, Salvation Army, Ninth District Opportunity, Legacy Link, hospital, school, etc.
- Picture ID
- Any info not provided on 1st visit

Clients may return once every 30 days

Still Waters Counseling

www.stillwaterscounselingcenter.org

Contact Info:

621 Washington St., Suite A-2
Gainesville, GA 30501

(770) 287-1356

Still Waters Counseling Center provides individual, couple, family, and group therapy. Each psychologist is individually working for the organization. Still Waters Counseling Center offers Christian-based counseling services and the primary treatment modality is family systems counseling. In addition, Still Waters Counseling Center works with individuals, couples, and groups.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Inc.

www.tppinc.org

Contact Info:

615-F Oak Street
Gainesville, GA 30501
(770)535-7066

Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Inc. is committed to addressing the issue of teenage pregnancy and its prevention by providing comprehensive and age-appropriate prevention programming, counseling and support services, and community education and awareness programs.

All services are free and all programming happens in the schools during the school day. Most program participants are referred by school guidance counselors. Any pregnant and/or parenting teen enrolled in a Hall County or Gainesville City School can participate in the program for pregnant/parenting teens.

Programs Offered:

- **SmartGirls/WiseGuys-** Support group for teens; referred most often by school guidance counselors; offered to Hall County, Gainesville City and Lakeview Academy students
- **Pregnant & Parenting Support & Education-** Offered to any pregnant and/or parenting student in a Hall County or Gainesville City School
- **Prevention Programs-** Baby Think it Over and 9th Grade Education programs offered to Hall County, Gainesville City and Lakeview Academy students
- **Individual and Family Counseling-** Available free of charge to clients and their families as needed
- **Crisis Intervention**

The Arts Council

www.TheArtsCouncil.net

Contact Info:

Gladys Wyant, Executive Director

331 Spring St SW
Gainesville, GA 30501

770-534-2787

The Arts Council serving Northeast Georgia is to educate, enhance and expand public interest in the arts.

The Arts Council serves children, individuals and families from early childhood to senior adults,

The Guest House Senior Day Health and Activity Center

www.theguesthouse.org

770-535-1487

Facebook: the guest house Gainesville Ga.

A Private, Non-Profit Agency, The Guest House was established in 1985. Comprehensive Supportive Medical Care is provided in a warm, caring environment to older adults who have Dementia, Alzheimer's, Diabetes, Stroke, Parkinson's or other medical conditions which keep them from living independently. There is a capacity of 25 guests with a daily average attendance of 19. Guests can attend one or two days per week, or the full week. Costs are supplemented with grants and fundraising, so that services remain affordable to all.

Hours of Operation Monday – Friday all year long from 7:30AM to 5:00PM.

Fees are determined by a Sliding Scale, based on each Guest's Income

Services Provided:

- A good, fresh breakfast, hot lunch and PM snack.
- Activities Professionals lead Music of all kinds, Pet Therapy, Art, Wood Working Shop, Card Games, Bingo, Devotionals, Volunteer Performances, Trivia Games, Picnics, Holiday Celebrations, Karaoke, Fun with Food, and weekly Music Therapy. There is routine, while Guests are engaged and safe.
- Guests are assessed by an RN every morning and supervised by RNs, LPNs and CNAs. If anyone would like to rest, they may do so comfortably while remaining close to staff and volunteers.

The Potter's House Family and Children Treatment Center

www.thepottershouseinc.org

Contact Info:

2300 West Park Place Blvd, Suite 135
Stone Mountain, Georgia 30087
678-330-1400

The Potters' House Family and Children Treatment Center specializes in providing services to families who are struggling with troubled youth. Therapists and community support individuals come to the home and provide services, as well as behavior aids to assist in the schools with youth struggling in a learning environment. The Potter's House also services adults who may be struggling with parenting as well as social skills.

Services Offered:

- **Christian Therapeutic Program-** The Christian Program presents a Christ Centered, biblical approach to professional counseling, treatment, healing, and recovery.
- **Traditional Therapeutic Program-** The Potter's House Family and Children Treatment Center provides high quality, comprehensive mental and behavioral health services to Georgia's children and their families. These services address the effects of victimization, homelessness, abuse, neglect, traumatic events, mental illness, and other challenges in early childhood and adolescent development.
- **Therapeutic Behavioral Services**
 - Cognitive therapy
 - Cognitive-behavior therapy
 - Dance/Movement Therapy
 - Music Therapy
 - Dialectical behavior therapy
 - Exposure therapy
 - Interpersonal therapy
 - Play therapy
 - Psychodynamic psychotherapy
 - Psychoeducation
- **Sexual Trauma Enrichment Program (S.T.E.P.)-**The needs of abused and offending youth are addressed through:
 - Structure
 - Supervision
 - Therapeutic Individual, group and family therapy
 - Case management
 - Recreation therapy
 - Medication management
- **Therapeutic Adventure Program (Child and Adolescents)-** The Therapeutic Adventure Program (TAP) is an exciting program that was created to meet the needs of consumers and their families in a therapeutic setting.
- **Intensive Family Intervention-** Intensive Family Intervention (IFI) Services are intended to improve family functioning by clinically stabilizing the living arrangement, preventing the child or adolescents' out of home therapeutic venues (i.e. psychiatric hospital, therapeutic foster care, residential intervention services), and promoting reunification for the identified child or adolescent.
- **Nursing Services-** The Potter's House Family and Children Treatment Center offers comprehensive nursing services to consumers. A RN works to identify and coordinate the supports needed by each consumer to reside safely in the community.
- **Medication Management Services-** The Potter's House understands the importance of accurately diagnosing and treating mental health issues in children and adults. As part of our multi-disciplinary treatment approach a full range of psychiatric services are offered , including psychiatric consultation and ongoing medication management for a range of concerns.
- **Community Support Services-** Provides support to the families at home, school, and within the community. The Community Support Service Department provides therapy, skills training (individual and family), behavioral modification and reinforcement.
- **Consumer Family Assistance-** The Potter House provides a friendly community base on-site resource center that links our consumers to community resources that offer an opportunity for independence.
- **Behavioral Modification/Positive Reinforcement: Token Economy-** A token economy is a system of behavior modification based on the systematic reinforcement of target behavior. The reinforcers are symbols or "tokens" that can be exchanged for other reinforcers. A token economy is based on the principles of operant conditioning and can be situated within applied behavior analysis (behaviorism). Consumers within the program can earn Potter's House Bucks to purchase items within The Potter's House Store.

Three Dimensional Life

www.threedimensionallife.com

Contact Info: Jon Hester, Executive Director

jon@threedimensionallife.com

4131 Old Cornelia Hwy
Gainesville, GA 30501

770-869-3551

Three Dimensional Life is a Christian based, nine-month (minimum) residential program for troubled teenage boys (ages 14-19). 3D Life is located on a 55-acre farm in rural North Georgia. 3D Life is also in partnership with the drug court of Forsyth County to provide treatment for teenage boys. This program utilizes curriculum, character building adventures and diversified work program to assist in recovery.

Services Offered:

- Curriculum- A four-phase process that focuses on past circumstances that led the teenager to where they are.
- Character-Building Adventures- Character-Building Adventures coincide with different aspects of the curriculum. 3D Life offers a variety of activities for participants.
- Academics- Schooling is offered through Faith Academy.
- Diversified Work Programs- Various projects offered onsite to improve work ethic and skill development.
- Family Recovery and Visitation- Classes offered to the youth and family to develop and cultivate meaningful relationships that continue to grow once the youth has graduated the program.
- Follow-up Program- Plans are developed with families to continue the progress gained at 3D Life. An internship program is also available to participants who demonstrate leadership and a desire to serve.

United Methodist Children's Home

www.umchildrenshome.org

Contact Info:

**Ami Montoya (Foster Care Worker), Karen Allen
(Foster Care Worker), Cheryl Taylor (Case
Aide), or Sondra Rogers (Supervisor)**

604 Washington Street N.W. Suite A6
Gainesville, GA 30501

770-531-3062, 770-531-3063, or 770-534-7154

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm,
Closed 12:00pm-1:00pm for lunch

The United Methodist Children's Home was established in 1871 to provide redemptive, healing services that bring meaningful change to the lives of children and families. We work to heal children, unite families, and change lives. We provide services to families and children in the following counties: Banks, Northern Gwinnett (Sugar Hill, Buford, Suwanee), Habersham, Hall, Jackson, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, White, Forsyth and Dawson.

Services Offered:

Financial Assistance- We provide one-time financial aid to families that are unable to pay their rent or utilities. These emergency funds help them maintain a stable household for their children, avoiding eviction or utility cutoff.

Parenting Classes- Parents are taught essential skills and provided with information to be confident and effective parents. We provide education using evidence-based curriculum.

Family Education Counseling- We provide one-on-one and family guidance to assist families with life skills and situational crisis. Families and individuals are strengthened and more prepared to handle life's challenges.

Foster Care and Adoption- The United Methodist Children's Home is looking for foster parents willing to open their homes as a temporary living arrangement for children in need of loving families. If you feel called to this challenging and rewarding task of caring for a child in need of a temporary, safe place to stay, we want to talk to you!

Diaper/Children's Clothes Closet- Diapers are distributed to families with an emergency need. Families should call before coming in to use the Diaper Closet to make sure we have the sizes needed. Gently used clothes for children are distributed to families whenever available. Families should call before coming in to make sure we have ample clothes in sizes needed.

United Way of Hall County Information and Referral Line

www.211uwhc.org

**Contact Info:
770-534-0617**

United Way offers information and referrals to individuals in the Hall County area. United Way has a database of various agencies in the Gainesville area that assist individuals with a variety of services. The call is free and confidential. United Way can also be accessed by going to the website.

Referral Resources Offered:

- Health Care-physical and mental
- Basic needs assistance
- Employment assistance
- Volunteer opportunities
- Services for elderly individuals
- Services for individuals with disabilities
- Counseling

Whispering Angels Youth Ranch

www.whisperingangelsyouthranch.org

Contact Info:

4549 Clarks Bridge Rd
Gainesville, GA 30506

678-725-0735

Whispering Angels Youth Ranch is a faith-based non-profit that is dedicated to providing hope, healing, love, and acceptance to young minds through the spirit and love of a horse, in a nurturing farm environment. The ranch facilitates healing to children that are facing challenging circumstances in their lives.

Sessions can be scheduled by visiting the website at
<http://whisperingangelsyouthranch.org/scheduling-a-session>

Requirements for Participation:

- Open to all children ages 5-18
- Willingness to participate
- Parents must remain at the facility for the duration of the session
- Cost is free to all participants

Session Components:

- **Chores-** Every child and leader pair will complete a small chore at the beginning of the session. This time is designated to teach the importance of serving others by giving through the work of your own hands. Often this opportunity empowers children in knowing that their efforts can make a difference to those around them. It enables leaders to better understand each child, each day, and gain perspective for the best use of time to follow.
- **Working with horses-** The majority of children who come to WAYR are drawn to the ranch because of the horses. These children will learn to correctly handle, groom, ride, round pen and even vet horses during their sessions. Again, each session depends on the needs of the child and of the horse on any given day.
- **Crafts-** For those who do not wish to spend time with the horses or for inclement weather, the ranch has some wonderful craft options for a child and leader to use.
- **Play-** Often the most valuable time in a child's life is to allow and encourage them to be a kid by playing. Many children choose to spend their entire session just playing games.
- **Serenity Garden-** Some children prefer to sit quietly and/or talk to their session leader. The serenity garden offers the privacy and quiet solitude that some may need.

Sessions can include one or many of the above components, or even sometimes something entirely unique.

WomenSource

www.womensource.info

Contact Info:

Cheryl Brown, Program Coordinator

PO Box 684
Gainesville, GA 30503
770-503-9060

WomenSource is a 501c3, non-profit organization whose mission is to encourage personal and professional success for women of all ages and backgrounds in Northeast Georgia. WomenSource also serves as a resource of services available for women in the Gainesville/Hall County community.

Programs Offered:

- **Power Lunch Series-** The Power Lunches are an educational series held the first Thursday of every other month, beginning in February, at 12 noon. Power Lunch topics and speakers range from inspirational to informative. The cost to attend includes lunch and the program. Attendees do not need to be members of WomenSource, however because lunch is provided, reservations are required. WomenSource partners with area agencies serving women and/or children to help increase awareness and give attendees the opportunity to show their support. A networking table is available for attendees to display information about their business or organization.
- **Evening Series** - WomenSource offers several free annual series on topics which are of importance to all women.
 - **Financial Series** - Past topics have included setting goals, understanding your credit score and how to improve it, setting up a plan to pay off debt, opening and managing a checking account, setting up a support system to be successful, financial planning for women, filling the retirement income gap, and getting the most from your social security.
 - **Health Series** - Past topics have included breast health and breast feeding, hormone replacement therapy, heart disease, bone density and osteoporosis, vascular health, how to avoid middle-age weight gain, diabetes, and depression.
 - **Legal Series** - WomenSource offered their first, free legal series in 2012, entitled "**Legal Issues Facing Women & Their Families.**" The series focused on the following topics: "The Latest Weapon in Divorce...Email, Facebook, & Twitter," "Legal Issues Facing Teens & Their Parents," and "Anatomy of Estate Planning."
- **Girl Power** - A WomenSource workshop for middle school and high school girls and the women who love them. This free ½ day workshop celebrates young women. The goals of the event are to help young women: *Explore* ways to better their self-esteem; *Encourage* them to lead a confident, healthy lifestyle; and *Empower* them to take charge of their future.
- **Movie Screenings** – WomenSource offers screenings of movies that are important to Women’s History and/or current events. Past screenings have included: *Iron Jawed Angels*.
- **Power of the Purse** – The Power of the Purse is an annual fundraising event celebrating women’s philanthropy. Funds raised from this event assist WomenSource in its mission. This signature event is a fun evening featuring a fashion show, buffet dinner, luxury purse/accessory raffle, and a vendor marketplace.

Yonah Counseling Associates

Contact Info:

**10 S. Brook Street, Suite 4
Cleveland, GA 30528
(800) 287-4802**

Yonah Counseling Associates provides individual counseling for adolescents and adults, couples therapy, family therapy for child and adolescent concerns, and group counseling. Dr. Mark Griffin, LPC, is a network provider on certain insurance plans and will serve as an out of network provider on other plans. Emily Presley-Pitts, M.S., LAPC provides services out-of-network as well as receives private pay. Services are typically provided in the office but sessions with children and adolescents may be scheduled at school with proper consent from parents and school officials.

Fees vary depending on the provider but generally run in the \$60.00-\$80.00 per hour range. Fee adjustments may be made on a case-by-case basis.

Hours: Monday-Friday by appointment. Evening appointments are available.

Services Provided:

- Child and adolescent behavior and adjustment problems
- Academic underachievement
- Behavioral intervention for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- Individual therapy with adolescents and adults
- Abuse and Neglect
- Juvenile Justice Related concerns
- Marital/couples and pre-marital counseling
- Divorce/remarriage
- Anxiety and depression
- Trauma recovery
- Career and vocational concerns
- Personal growth and development
- Substance-related problems
- Self-harm
- Suicidal ideation
- Life transitions
- Trauma Recovery

Other Important Information

Help Lines

Al-Anon

1-800-344-2666

Alcohol Abuse and Crisis Intervention

1-800-234-0246

Alcoholics Anonymous

<http://www.aageorgia.org/>

Child Abuse Reporting

1-855-GA-CHILD

National Cocaine Hotline

1-800-COCAINE (262-2463)

Drug Help Line

1-800-662-HELP (4357)

Gateway Domestic Violence Center

770-536-5860

Choices Pregnancy Care Center

770-535-1245

Missing Children Information

1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678)

Poison Control Center

1-800-222-1222

Rape Response

770-503-7273

Suicide Prevention Hotline

1-800-273-8255

Housing and Shelter Resources

Ahimsa House (for animals).....	404-496-4038 or 404-452-6248
Family Promise	770-535-0786
Gainesville City Baptist Rescue Mission.....	770-287-9700
Gainesville Housing Authority	770-536-1294
Good News at Noon (men’s shelter).....	770-503-1366
Habitat for Humanity of Hall County	678-450-5998
L.A.M.P Ministries	770-783-1272
My Sister’s Place	770-503-1181
Ninth District Opportunity	770-534-8826
Salvation Army	770-534-7589

Food Pantries

List provided by Georgia Mountain Food Bank

A New Walk

673 Bradford Street Gainesville, GA 30501
770-654-8823

Community Food Pantry

615 Oak Street Suite E Gainesville, GA 30501
678-450-0077
Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 12:00pm-1:30 pm

Enon Baptist Church

7321 Cornelia Hwy Alto, GA 30510
706-939-0206
3rd Saturday of the month, 9:30am-11:30am

Good Samaritan Food Bank

1220 McEver Road Ext Gainesville, GA 30504
770-532-3371
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9:00am-11:00am

His Harvest House at Free Chapel

1290 McEver Road Ext SW (North Campus) Gainesville, GA 30504
678-677-8300
Sundays 11:00am-1:30pm and Thursdays 5:00pm-6:00 pm
People can apply for assistance Mon.-Fri. 9am-4pm at the North Campus office

Joe's Place at Riverbend

1725 Cleveland Hwy Gainesville, GA 30501
770-287-1619
Tuesdays 9:00am-12:00pm

John Paul II Training Center

221 Highland Terrace Gainesville, GA 30501
Tuesdays 6:00pm-7:00pm, Thursdays 10:00am-12:00pm,
Saturdays 10:00am-12:00pm

Loaves & Fishes at Liberty Baptist Church

7439 W. County Line Road Lula, GA 30554
706-677-2803
4th Saturday of the month 8:30am-10:00am

Lula Connection at Lula Church

6455 Main Street Lula, GA 30554
770-869-7334
1st Saturday of the month, 8:30am-10:00am

Manna Life Ministries at Living Waters Outreach

5833 Bark Camp Rd Murrayville, GA 30564
1st Saturday of the month at 10:00am

Pentecostal Church Triumphants of Jesus

794 Jesse Jewell Parkway Gainesville, GA 30501
2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month 1:00pm-3:00pm

Raven Ministries at Lula Assembly of Praise

6158 Carter Street Lula, GA 30554

Rescate 2000

2920 Florence Drive Gainesville, GA 30504

Salvation Army

681 Dorsey Street Gainesville, GA 30501
770-534-7589
Please call for requirements. Mondays-Thursdays 2:00pm-3:30pm

Shared Blessings/Lula United Methodist Church

P.O Box 439 Lula, GA 30554

South Hall Community Food Bank

4315 Allen Street Oakwood, GA 30566
678-865-6588
Mondays 3:00pm-5:00pm, Thursdays 10:00am-12:00pm,
Saturdays 10:00am-12:00pm

Spirit of Joy

5526 Hog Mountain Rd Flowery Branch, GA 30542
678-316-9230
2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, 9:00am-12:00pm

St. John's Baptist Church

741 EE Butler Pkwy Gainesville, GA 30501
770-532-0511
Love Kitchen, Wednesdays 7:00am-10:00am and Soup and Sandwich 2:00pm-6:00pm

Healthcare Resources

provided by Northeast Georgia Medical Center

Evaluation and Referral Resources

- **Nurseline** : Staffed by registered nurses, helps callers determine if emergency care is needed based on doctor-approved guidelines. Can help direct callers to alternate, less expensive sources of care if emergency care is not needed. Free Service.
770-219-INFO (4636)
9 a.m. – 1 a.m. 7 days a week

Community Resources for Non-Emergency Healthcare Needs

- **Private Physicians:** Contact your personal physician if emergency care is not needed.
- **Northeast Georgia Diagnostic Clinic:**
1240 Jesse Jewell Parkway
Suite 500
Gainesville, GA 30501
office: 770-536-9864
www.ngdc.com
- **The Longstreet Clinic:**
725 Jesse Jewell Parkway
Gainesville, Georgia 30501
Phone 770-718-1122
www.longstreetclinic.com
- To find a physician on staff at Northeast Georgia Medical Center, visit www.nghs.com/doctors or for a free printed directory, call 770-219-3840.
- **Urgent Care:** Provides treatment for minor illnesses and injuries for adults and children.
No appointment needed.
Hours: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m., 7 days a week
Gainesville (formerly Quick Care): 597 S. Enota Drive | 770-219-7777
Braselton: Medical Plaza 1 | 5875 Thompson Mill Rd., Hoschton | 770-848-6195
Buford: 4889 Golden Pkwy., Ste. 100 | 678-714-3217
Cleveland: 2578 Helen Hwy, Cleveland | 706-865-1234
Dacula: 852 Dacula Rd., Dacula | 770-848-9380
Dawsonville: Medical Plaza 400, 108 Prominence Court, **706-344-6940**
Fees: Accepts most insurance plans (including Medicare), cash and all major credit cards.
www.ngpg.org/urgentcare
- **Good News Clinics:** Provides medical and dental services for Hall County residents without insurance or resources to pay for healthcare services. Appointments preferred; walk-ins accepted. Individuals must complete an application to determine eligibility for services.

Hours: Mon – Fri, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. | 770-503-1369

Fees : No insurance, Medicare or Medicaid are accepted. Services are free to patients and paid for by community donations.

- **Northeast Georgia Physicians Group at the Hall County Health Department:** Managed by Northeast Georgia Health System and staffed by NGPG physicians, Northeast Georgia Physicians Group at the Hall County Health Department accepts walk-ins and schedules same-day appointments.
Hours: M., W., Th. and F. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuesday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.
1292 Athens St., Gainesville | 770-531-5654
Fees: Accepts patients with Medicare, Medicaid and PeachCare. Fees are based on ability to pay.
www.ngpg.org/healthdepartment
- **Prenatal Care Program at the Hall County Health Department:** Low cost prenatal care program for pregnant women who are residents of Hall County or District 2 Public Health counties that do not offer an OB program.
Hours: M-F by appointment
1290 Athens St., Gainesville | 770-531-5600
Fees: Accepts Medicaid. Non-Medicaid patients can pay on a cash basis; payment arrangements available.
- **MedLink Gainesville:** Community health center staffed with doctors, nurses and other caregivers that provides primary health care for adults and children. Appointments preferred; walk-ins accepted.
Hours: Mon. – Thurs. 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday 8:30 a.m. – noon (by appointment only)
528 Broad St. Ste B, Gainesville | 770-287-0290
Fees: Accepts patients with Medicare, Medicaid, Peachcare and commercial insurance.
Fees and payment plans for uninsured, low-income patients are based on ability to pay.
- **VA (Veterans Affairs) Outpatient Clinic – Oakwood:** Provides primary care and mental health services to eligible veterans living in northeast Georgia. Patients who need specialty care are referred to the VA Medical Center in Atlanta.
4175 Tanner’s Creek Dr. Oakwood | 404-728-8210
- **Guilford Immediate Care:** For illness or injury, Guilford Clinics can schedule same-day appointments and accepts walk-ins.
Hours: Mon. – Sat. 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Gainesville: 1250 Jesse Jewell Pkwy., Ste. 400 | 770-532-0800
Oakwood: 3885 Mundy Mill Rd., Unit 114 | 770-532-0820
Fees: Medicaid and most insurance accepted. Major discounts offered for those who are not insured

Other:

- **Northeast Georgia Medical Center**
www.nghs.com
743 Spring Street
Gainesville, Georgia 30501
(770) 219-9000

Northeast Georgia Health System (NGHS) is a not-for-profit community health system dedicated to improving the health and quality of life of the people of Northeast Georgia.

Through the services of a medical staff of more than 500 physicians, the residents of Northeast Georgia have access to the state's finest and most comprehensive medical services.

Is it really an emergency? Did you know?

One out of every three patients at Northeast Georgia Medical Center's Emergency Room is treated for non-emergency conditions such as sore throat, mild sunburn or minor cuts and scrapes. Emergency Room treatment is the most expensive type of health care and is not needed for many illnesses and minor injuries. To find out if you need to see a doctor or visit the Emergency Room, call the Nurseline, a free helpline staffed by a registered nurse, at 770-219-INFO (4636).

Medical Screening & Treatment in the Emergency Department

A medical screening is provided for **all patients**. Emergency conditions are treated regardless of patient's ability to pay. Patients with non-emergency conditions will be expected to pay prior to services being rendered or may be referred to a non-emergency facility.

Northeast Georgia Medical Center's Charity Care Policy supports the provision of care for indigent patients, regardless of their ability to pay. To learn more, visit www.nghs.com/charity-care-policy or call 770-219-1898 (Financial Assistance)

- **Northeast Georgia Physicians Group**

www.ngpg.org

601 South Enota Dr., Suite P, Gainesville, GA 30501

770-219-8400

Northeast Georgia Physicians Group (NGPG) is one of the largest multi-specialty groups in North Georgia. NGPG brings together more than 250 talented physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners, along with other clinical staff, at more than 80 locations.

For specialties and services provided, call 770-219-8400 or go to www.ngpg.org.

- **Weight Loss Services at Northeast Georgia Medical Center**

<http://www.nghs.com/bariatric-weight-loss-services>

770-219-0446

The Bariatric Weight Loss Center at Northeast Georgia Medical Center offers both surgical weight loss and non-surgical weight loss options. Trained staff will work with you to create a customized weight loss or weight management plan to fit your lifestyle and specific needs.

- **Diabetes Services at Northeast Georgia Medical Center**

<http://www.nghs.com/diabetes-services>

770-219-0887

The Diabetes Education Program at Northeast Georgia Medical Center is recognized by the American Diabetes Association for quality self-management education. A comprehensive range of educational programs is offered to people with diabetes and their families by certified diabetes educators, registered nurses, and registered dietitians.

Diabetes Education Program:

For those diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes or Type 2 Diabetes, both individual and group sessions are available to aid participants in understanding and managing their diabetes. The program includes:

- An assessment of individual education needs
- An individual session with the registered dietitian for a personalized meal plan
- Instruction in blood glucose monitoring
- Information on medication and teaching of insulin administration
- Group classes covering all areas of diabetes management
- Follow up counseling until personal goals are met

Physician referral is required.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please call 770-219-0887 or email diabetes.website@nghs.com.

Individual Medical Nutrition Therapy

Our dietitian will work closely with you to create a personalized meal plan. Therapy includes education about:

- Healthy eating
- Understanding nutrition labels
- Weight loss
- Carbohydrate counting
- Meal planning
- Optimizing current insulin therapy through diet

For more information, please call 770-219-0887 or email diabetes.website@nghs.com.

Gestational Diabetes Class

This is a class for expectant mothers who have been diagnosed with gestational diabetes. A diabetes educator/dietitian will complete an individual assessment with each participant.

A group or individual class is also conducted to teach the women and their families:

- effective meal planning
- blood glucose monitoring
- how to control blood glucose during their pregnancies

For more information about dates and times, please call 770-219-0966 or email diabetes.website@nghs.com.

Insulin Pump Program

Northeast Georgia Medical Center Diabetes Education Center offers insulin pump training and follow-up education for those requiring insulin pump therapy.

This program includes:

- An assessment of individual education needs
- Carbohydrate counting
- Hands-on insulin pump training
- Follow-up training

Physician referral is required. For more information, or to register, please call Suzanne Burns RD, LD, CDE at 770-219-0966.

Pre-Diabetes Education

The Diabetes Education and Self-Management Program at Northeast Georgia Medical Center (NGMC) is offering a low-cost pre-diabetes class to the community. Classes are held at Lanier Park.

NGMC offers this lifestyle intervention program to help educate the community on pre-diabetes and metabolic syndrome; identify risk factors for pre-diabetes; and promote strategies for meal planning, weight loss and exercise.

This class is designed for those with a family history of diabetes or other risk factors; those whose blood sugar is “a little elevated;” or those who want to learn how to prevent or delay type 2 diabetes.

The cost of the class is only \$10 per person or \$20 per family, and no physician referral is needed to participate. Call 770-219-0966 to register or for more information about upcoming classes.

Diabetes Support Group at NGMC

The goal of the Diabetes Education and Self-Management Program at NGMC is to provide our diabetes patients with a wealth of information, knowledge and support. Here you will find informative topics on the most current diabetes care.

We also offer a time of fellowship and education through our FREE Diabetes Support Group, which meets the third Thursday of most months.

Morning Group – meets at 11 a.m. in the Blue Ridge Room at Lanier Park (675 White Sulphur Rd).

Evening Group – meets at 6 p.m. in the Diabetes Classroom at Lanier Park

For more information, or to receive the newsletter via email, please call Suzanne Burns RD, LD, CDE at 770-219-0966.

- **Heart Care at Northeast Georgia Medical Center**

<http://www.nghs.com/heart-services>

770-219-5416

Northeast Georgia Medical Center (NGMC) has earned national recognition and a distinguished reputation for its comprehensive range of heart services.

In addition to offering emergency cardiac care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, NGMC also offers:

- Acute Inpatient Care
- Intervention Services
- Advanced Diagnosis
- Cardiac Rehabilitation
- Cardiac Surgery

including minimally invasive heart valve reconstructions

The Ronnie Green Heart Center offers comprehensive cardiac surgical and inpatient coronary care. In addition to a state-of-the-art coronary care unit, the Heart Center's highly experienced physicians and staff provide a full range of open heart surgery including valve replacement and/or repair, coronary artery by-pass and off-pump by-pass procedures, and repair of thoracic aortic aneurysms.

For more information, call the Heart & Vascular Services department at **(770) 219-5416**

For **emergencies**, ALWAYS call 911.

Cardiac Rehabilitation at Northeast Georgia Medical Center

<http://www.nghs.com/cardiac-rehabilitation>

770-219-8290

Certified by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR), the Cardiac Rehabilitation (also known as Cardiac Rehab) program at Northeast Georgia Medical Center uses education, exercise and emotional support to support a patient after a cardiac event to the best possible recovery.

The program is comprised of progressive exercise and education for people who have experienced, or who are at high risk for, a heart attack, heart surgery or cardiac intervention such as angioplasty or stent placement.

Cardiac Rehab is divided into phases, with Phase I occurring during the patient's hospital stay and the other phases beginning after an individual has been discharged from the hospital, or any time upon a physician's referral.

Financial Information

Phase I is offered free of charge. Many health insurance plans will reimburse much of the cost of the Phase II program. The Cardiac Rehab staff and the Financial Counseling Department, will work with the patient and the insurance company to determine the extent of coverage prior to patient participation. Please speak to the rehab staff about financial information for Phase III.

Home Exercise Consultation

This will consist of a one-hour consult with an Exercise Physiologist. He/She will discuss the benefits of adhering to an exercise prescription and review the safety guidelines for your heart with you. This service is not covered by insurance. Please call 770-219-8290 for pricing.

Mended Hearts Support Group

Mended Hearts, Inc. is a nationwide support organization for individuals with heart disease, including persons recovering from heart attacks, angioplasty or open heart surgery.

This support group meets the third Thursday of each month in the Auxiliary Conference Room on the campus of Northeast Georgia Medical Center at 10:30 a.m.. Call 770-219-8932 for more information.

- **Cancer Services at Northeast Georgia Medical Center**

The Cancer Center at Northeast Georgia Medical Center (NGMC) is accredited with commendation from the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer as a Comprehensive Community Cancer Program.

Comprehensive Cancer Care

The Cancer Center at Northeast Georgia Medical Center cares for more than 1,600 newly diagnosed cancer patients each year as well as recurrent cancer patients with ongoing treatment needs.

Locations

Main Campus

The Cancer Center at Northeast Georgia Medical Center (NGMC)
743 Spring Street NE
Gainesville, GA 30501
770-219-8800

Toccoa Cancer Center (TCC)

1640 Falls Rd

Toccoa, GA 30577

706-297-7023

* Services offered at the TCC include radiation therapy, chemotherapy, cancer education and clinical trials. For more information about services available at the Cancer Center, call 770-219-8800.

Cancer Support Groups for Patients, Families and Caregivers

(770) 219-8815

Referral and access to hospital and community support groups

- Cancer support groups
- Breast cancer support groups
- Individual counseling
- Bereavement classes and summer bereavement camps for children

Cancer Information Line (NGMC)- 1(800) 466-5416

- A free telephone service for northeast Georgia communities
- Provides information, education and resources to cancer patients, family members and the general public

Important Websites

Georgia Health Partnership- find doctors that accept Medicaid and Peachcare in any area with any specialty <https://www.ghp.georgia.gov>

DFCS- Apply for Medicaid <http://www.dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov>

Apply for Food Stamps <https://compass.ga.gov/selfservice/>

PeachCare for Kids- Healthcare insurance for eligible children (age 0-19) who are not eligible for Medicaid on the basis of family income- may be eligible for PCK. Families pay a premium for children who are 6-19. There is no premium for children under 6. Apply for PeachCare <http://www.peachcare.org/>

Affordable Colleges Online: Hispanic Student's Guide to College Affordability- a guide dedicated to helping Hispanic students navigate the often-challenging world of college affordability, financial aid, and scholarships.
<http://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/spotlight/making-college-affordable-online-guide-for-hispanic-students/>

Coast2CoastRx- Coast2CoastRx is a free discount prescription card program that can save families on dental, vision, veterinary, hearing, diabetic equipment/supplies, lab and imaging services and up to 75% on prescriptions. Go online to www.coast2coastrx.com for more information, search for a provider, and to print out a card.

Hall County School System

711 Green Street N.W.
Gainesville, GA 30501
770-534-1080

Will Schofield, Superintendent

www.hallco.org

High Schools

Chestatee High School

Phone: (770) 532-1162
3005 Sardis Road
Gainesville, GA 30506

East Hall High School

Phone: (770) 536-9921
3534 East Hall Road
Gainesville, GA 30507

Flowery Branch High School

Phone: (770) 967-8000
6603 Spout Springs Rd.
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Johnson High School

Phone: (770) 536-2394
3305 Poplar Springs Rd
Gainesville, GA 30507

Lanier Career Academy

Phone: (770) 531-2330
2723 Tumbling Creek Road
Gainesville, GA 30504

North Hall High School

Phone: (770) 983-7331
4885 Mt. Vernon Road
Gainesville, GA 30506

West Hall High School

Phone: (770) 967-9826
5500 McEver Road
Oakwood, GA 30566

Lanier Charter Career Academy at the Oaks

Phone: (770) 532-3161
2719 Tumbling Creek Road
Gainesville, GA 30504

Middle Schools

C. W. Davis Middle

Phone: (770) 965-3020
4450 Hog Mt. Road
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Chestatee Academy of Inquiry and Talent Development

Phone: (770) 297-6270
2740 Fran Mar Drive
Gainesville, GA 30506

East Hall Middle

Phone: (770) 531-9457
4120 East Hall Road
Gainesville, GA 30507

North Hall Middle

Phone: (770) 983-9749
4856 Rilla Road
Gainesville, GA 30506

South Hall Middle

Phone: (770) 532-4416
4335 Falcon Parkway
Flowery Branch, GA 30504

West Hall Middle

Phone: (770) 967-4871
5470 McEver Road
Oakwood, GA 30566

Da Vinci Academy at South Hall Middle

Phone: (770) 533-4004
3215 Poplar Springs Road
Gainesville, GA 30507

WLA Intermediate Campus

Phone: (770) 533-4004
3215 Poplar Springs Road
Gainesville, GA 30507

Elementary Schools

**Chestnut Mt. Creative
School of Inquiry**

Phone: (770) 967-3121
4841 Union Church Rd
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

**Chicopee Woods
Elementary**

Phone: 770-536-2057
2029 Calvary Church Road
Gainesville, GA 30507

Flowery Branch Elementary

Phone: (770) 967-6621
5544 Radford Road
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Friendship Elementary

Phone: (770) 932-1223
4450 Friendship Road
Buford, GA 30518

Lanier Elementary

Phone: (770) 532-8781
4782 Thompson Bridge Rd
Gainesville, GA 30506

Lula Elementary

Phone: (770) 869-3261
6130 Chattahoochee St
Lula, GA 30554

Lyman Hall Elementary

Phone: (770) 534-7044
2150 Memorial Park Rd
Gainesville, GA 30504

**Martin Technology
Academy**

Phone: (770) 965-1578
4216 Martin Road
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

McEver Arts Academy

Phone: (770) 534-7473
3265 Montgomery Drive
Gainesville, GA 30504

**Mount Vernon
Exploratory School**

Phone: (770) 983-1759
4844 Jim Hood Road
Gainesville, GA 30506

Myers Elementary

Phone: (770) 536-0814
2676 Candler Road
Gainesville, GA 30507

Oakwood Elementary

Phone: (770) 532-1656
4500 Allen Road
Oakwood, GA 30566

Riverbend Elementary

Phone: (770) 534-4141
1742 Cleveland Hwy
Gainesville, GA 30506

Sardis Enrichment School

Phone: (770) 532-0104
2805 Sardis Road
Gainesville, GA 30506

Spout Springs School of Enrichment

Phone: (770) 967-4860
6640 Spout Springs Rd.
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Sugar Hill Elementary

Phone: 770-503-1749
3259 Athens Highway
Gainesville, GA 30507

Tadmore Elementary

Phone: (770) 536-9929
3278 Gillsville Hwy
Gainesville, GA 30507

**Wauka Mountain Multiple Intelligences
Academy**

Phone: (770) 983-3221
5850 Brookton-Lula Rd
Gainesville, GA 30506

**White Sulphur
Elementary**

Phone: (770) 532-0945
2480 Old Cornelia Hwy
Gainesville, GA 30507

World Language Academy

Phone: (770) 967-5856
4670 Winder Hwy
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Gainesville City School System

508 Oak Street
Gainesville, GA 30501
770-536-5275

Dr. Wanda Creel, Superintendent
www.gcssk12.net

Centennial Arts Academy

852 Century Place
Gainesville, GA 30501
Phone: 770-287-2044

Enota Multiple Intelligences Academy

1340 East Enota Avenue
Gainesville, GA 30501
Phone: 770-532-7711

Fair Street, an IB School

695 Fair Street
Gainesville, GA 30501
Phone: 770-536-5295

Gainesville Exploration Academy

1145 McEver Road
Gainesville, GA 30504
Phone: 770-287-1223

New Holland Knowledge Academy

170 Barn Street
Gainesville, GA 30501
Phone: 770-287-1095

Gainesville Middle School

1581 Community Way
Gainesville, GA 30501
Phone: 770-534-4237

Academy at Wood's Mill

715 Wood's Mill Drive
Gainesville, GA 30501
Phone: 770-287-2021

Gainesville High School

830 Century Place
Gainesville, GA 30501
Phone: (770)536-4441

