

COMMUNITY RESOURCE **HANDBOOK**

2015 - 2016

BANKS COUNTY **HEAD START/PRE-K**

This Community Resource Handbook has been compiled to aid the Banks County Head Start and Pre-K families in gaining access to community resources to meet family needs.

This handbook is a guide to agencies listing the contact person, telephone number, location, services provided, and eligibility requirements for each resource.



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AMERICAN RED CROSS – NORTHEAST GEORGIA CHAPTER

ADDRESS: 675 White Sulphur Rd., Suite 230
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

TELEPHONE: (770) 532-8453 or 1-800-282-1722
<http://www.redcross.org/local/georgia/locations/northeast-georgia>

SERVICES: Disaster relief; water safety; blood services; health and safety education.

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone in need of assistance within the scope of above services.

FEES: Free or nominal fees, depending on service.

ATLANTA VETERAN’S CENTER

CONTACT: Keith Harris

ADDRESS: 1800 Phoenix Blvd, Building 400, Suite 404
Atlanta, Georgia 30349

TELEPHONE: (404) 321-6111 (ext. 5910) or 1-877-927-8387
www.atlanta.va.gov

HOURS: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Evening hours available.

SERVICES: Provides counseling and support services to all combat veterans.

BABIES CAN’T WAIT

CONTACT: Dru Thomas

ADDRESS: 1856-3 Thompson Bridge Road
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

TELEPHONE: 1-800-204-8731
<http://www.phdistrict2.org/bcw.htm>

SERVICES: Coordinates early intervention services for special needs children and their families.

ELIGIBILITY: Children between the ages of birth to three with developmental delays and who meet state and federal program guidelines for determining eligibility.

FEES: Evaluations are free; service fees are based on family size and income.

BANKS COUNTY ADULT LEARNING CENTER

- CONTACT:** Lisa Prescott, Adult Education
- ADDRESS:** 127 Hudson Valley Dr.
Homer, Georgia 30547
- TELEPHONE:** (706) 677-4302
www.laniertech.edu/coc/adultliteracy.html
- HOURS:** Monday, Wednesday 8:30 a.m- 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday 12:00 p.m- 8:00 p.m.
- SERVICES:** The program serves individuals whose lack of basic educational background impairs their ability to find employment. It prepares adults to take the GED test.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Adults over 16 years of age. Anyone under 18 years of age must have a parent signature and withdrawal papers from school.

BANKS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

- CONTACT:** Stan Davis, Superintendent
Tondra Boswell (Early Intervention Coordinator)
- ADDRESS:** 102 Hwy 51 South
Homer, Georgia 30547
- TELEPHONE:** (706) 677-2224
www.banks.k12.ga.us
- HOURS:** 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
- SERVICES:** Public school system, grades K - 12

BANKS COUNTY CHAMBER CVB

- CONTACT:** Alicia Andrews, Director of Member Services
- ADDRESS:** P.O. Box 57
Homer, Georgia 30547
- TELEPHONE:** (877)-389-2896
<http://www.bankscountyga.biz/>
- HOURS:** 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday
- SERVICES:** Promotes the economic, civic and cultural welfare of the Community. The program strives for business retention, expansion, recruitment and promotion. It also sponsors newcomer welcome packages and provides visitor information.

BANKS COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

CONTACT: Bob Waldorf, County Agriculture Agent
Caitlin Bennett, County Extension Agent, 4-H

ADDRESS: 413 Evans Street
Homer, Georgia 30547

TELEPHONE: (706) 677-6230
www.caes.uga.edu/extension/banks

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

SERVICES: Extends lifelong learning to Georgia citizens through unbiased, research-based education in agriculture, the environment, communities, youth and families.

BANKS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY & AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

CONTACT: Mark Akridge, Director
Libby Doran, Supervisor for Services

ADDRESS 423 Evans Street
Homer, Georgia 30547

TELEPHONE: (706) 677-2272
dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/banks-county-dfcs-office

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

SERVICES: Provides protective services to neglected or abused children as well as social services, such as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, food stamps, foster care, and adoptions.

ELIGIBILITY: Families with children deprived of parental support, families neglecting or abusing children, people who are experiencing emergency financial crisis and need short term help and families with inadequate income to purchase food.

BANKS COUNTY HEAD START/PRE-K - NINTH DISTRICT OPPORTUNITY, INC

- CONTACT:** Jan B. Bertrang, Center Director
- ADDRESS:** 335 Evans Street
Homer, Georgia 30547
- TELEPHONE:** (706) 677-2963 Fax (706) 677-4329
www.ndo.org/web/banks.html
- HOURS:** 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- SERVICES:** Head Start and Georgia Pre-K are comprehensive pre-school programs that serve eligible 3- and 4-year-old children. The services provided to the children and their families include education, health, social services, parent involvement, nutrition, volunteer opportunities and services for children with disabilities. The program is NAEYC accredited.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Must meet age criteria. Head Start must meet income criteria. Georgia Pre-K is first come, first served.

BANKS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- CONTACT:** Ashley Smith, Office Manager
Jan Poole, Nurse Manager
Dale Carter, Environmental Health
- ADDRESS:** 667 Thompson Street
Homer, Georgia 30547
- TELEPHONE:** (706) 677-2296
www.phdistrict2.org/banks%20county.htm
- HOURS:** Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Closed noon – 1:00 P.M.)
First Thursday of each month, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
First Friday of each month, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- SERVICES:** Environmental Sanitation Unit: Foods, industrial and solid wastes, sewage disposal, etc.
Family Planning Unit: Counseling, contraceptive supplies, pregnancy testing, fertility counseling, etc.
Health Program Representative: Adult Health, Immunizations, etc.
Nursing and Health Education Unit: Prevention of communicable diseases, rehabilitation nursing, maternal and child health clinics, case finding, screening for vision, dental, congenital defects, home health, primary health care, and W.I.C.

BANKS COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

- CONTACT:** Joe Gailey, Director
- ADDRESS:** 706 Thompson Street
Homer, Georgia 30547
- TELEPHONE:** (706) 677-4407
www.bankscountyrec.org
- HOURS:** Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- SERVICES:** Provides a safe and productive environment that enables children to learn and apply the principles of sportsmanship, teamwork, character, strength and dedication.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Participation is open to all boys and girls in Banks County.
- FEES:** Vary – Call for details or check online

BANKS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

- CONTACT:** Stacy Krumnow, Librarian
- ADDRESS:** 226 Highway 51 South
Homer, Georgia 30547
- TELEPHONE:** (706) 677-3164
www.bcpl.us
- HOURS:** 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Wednesday
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Friday
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Saturday
- SERVICES:** General library services, plus Internet, FAX, photocopier, laminating, scanning/copying, and computers with printer. Banks County Public Library is a member of the PINES library system in Georgia. Georgians with a PINES library card have access to materials beyond what is available on their local shelves and enjoy the benefits of a shared collection of 9.6 million books and other materials that can be delivered to their home library free of charge.

BANKS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM PARENT MENTOR PARTNERSHIP

- CONTACT:** Melinder Caudell, Parent Mentor
- ADDRESS:** 266 Highway 51 South
Homer, Georgia. 30547
- TELEPHONE:** (706) 677-2355
- SERVICES:** Coordinates and locates early intervention services for special needs children and their families, as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part H. These children may be experiencing developmental delays or are at risk for delays due to an array of problems.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Children between the ages of birth to three with developmental delays or who are at risk for delays due to an array of problems. State and federal program guidelines for determining eligibility apply in all instances.
- FEES:** Evaluations are free of charge; service fees are based on family size and income.

BANKS COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

- CONTACT:** Tracy Hammond, Director
- ADDRESS:** 700 Thompson Street
Homer, Georgia 30547
- TELEPHONE:** (706) 677-3275
<http://co.banks.ga.us/dept-senior-services.html>
- HOURS:** 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
- SERVICES:** Provides, in a comfortable and friendly setting--social, educational, nutritional, and recreational programs that will enrich the lives and overall well-being of seniors throughout the community.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Adults and spouse, 60 years or older.

CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL AGENCY OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

CONTACT: Victoria Hawkins, Director

ADDRESS: 3706 Atlanta Highway, Suite 1
Athens, Georgia 30606

TELEPHONE: (706) 543-6177 or 1-877-ALL-Georgia-KIDS (Toll free)
www.qualitycareforchildren.org

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

SERVICES: Telephone referral service for parents looking for child care (family child care, child care centers, mom's day out, after school care, summer care and respite care, and special need's care). Offers training and technical assistance for programs and individuals offering child care.

CHILD SUPPORT RECOVERY

CONTACT: Stacey L Hubbard

ADDRESS: 28 Lee Street
Winder, Georgia 30680

TELEPHONE: 1-877-423-4746 or Local (770) 868-4180; Fax (770) 868-4183
dcss.dhs.georgia.gov

SERVICES: Aids in finding parents of children who have deserted their families and regain child support payments.

ELIGIBILITY: Parents and/or guardians seeking child support.

CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES

CONTACT: Angie Williams, RN

ADDRESS: 1856 Thompson Bridge Rd.
Gainesville, Georgia 30503

TELEPHONE: 770-531-6341
phdistrict2.org/cms.htm

SERVICES: Provides care through outpatient clinics for children with certain chronic medical problems or disabling conditions.

ELIGIBILITY: Children birth through 21 years of age with a CMS eligible diagnosis. Medicaid, PeachCare and SSI are accepted. Referrals can be made by any agency or service provider.

CIRCLE OF HOPE

- CONTACT:** Any Staff
- ADDRESS:** Address in Northeast Georgia is undisclosed for the safety of those who seek refuge. Call if shelter is needed.
- TELEPHONE:** (706) 776-HOPE (4673) Toll Free: 1-800-33 HAVEN
www.gacircleofhope.org
- SERVICES:** Providing services for victims of domestic violence in Northeast Georgia.

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE (CASA)

- ADDRESS:** Jackson County Courthouse
5000 Jackson Parkway Suite 210
Jefferson, Georgia 30549
- TELEPHONE:** (706) 387-6375
www.piedmontcasa.org or www.casaforchildren.org
- SERVICES:** Helps foster children with CASA volunteers who will advocate for them in Juvenile Court proceedings.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Children in foster care.
- FEES:** None

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

- CONTACT:** Suzanne Burns RD, LD, CDE
- ADDRESS:** Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Gainesville Georgia 30501
- TELEPHONE:** (770) 219-0966
www.nghs.com/diabetes-support-group
- SERVICES:** To provide diabetes patients with a wealth of information, knowledge and support.

FAMILY CONNECTIONS

- CONTACT:** Carol Williams
- ADDRESS:** 712 Thompson Street
Homer, Georgia 30547
- TELEPHONE:** (706) 677-2277 (Ext. 1174) or (706) 716-0620
gafcp.org/fcnetwork/banks
- HOURS:** 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- SERVICES:** Serves as the local decision-making body, bringing community partners together to develop, implement, and evaluate plans that address the serious challenges facing Georgia's children and families.

GATEWAY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER

- CONTACT:** Any Staff
- ADDRESS:** Confidential location in Gainesville, Georgia 30503. Call if shelter is needed.
- TELEPHONE:** (770) 536-5860 or 1-800-33HAVEN
www.gatewaydvcenter.org
- HOURS:** 24 hours per day - crisis situations
8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. - regular situations
- SERVICES:** Provides shelter and free counseling for battered women and their children.

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR **GEORGIA MOUNTAINS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

- ADDRESSES:** Georgia Department of Labor Georgia Mountains Workforce Investment Board
37 Foreacre Street 2481 Hilton Drive, Suite 8
Toccoa, Georgia 30577 Gainesville, Georgia 30501
- TELEPHONE:** (706) 282-4514 (770) 538-2727; (770) 538-2730 FAX
www.dol.state.ga.us
- HOURS:** 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
- SERVICES:** Provides education and training to eligible individuals to enhance their current skills or learn a new trade.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Adults and dislocated workers who are determined suitable for Workforce Development-funded Adult services by a Workforce Development staff member or knowledgeable GDOL Career Center staff member.

GEORGIA RESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- CONTACT:** Linda Dean, Office Manager
Georgia Department of Community Affairs
- ADDRESS:** Athens Regional Office, DCA
1061 Dowdy Rd
Athens, Georgia 30606
- TELEPHONE:** (706) 369-5636 or (888) 318-0354
www.dca.state.ga.us
- SERVICES:** Assists low-income families with rent in long-term, eligible housing.

GRACE POINT RANCH / COMMUNITY CARE CENTER

- CONTACT:** Kelly McDuffie
- ADDRESS:** 5899 Old Highway 441 North
Baldwin, Georgia 30511
- TELEPHONE:** (706) 776-7491
www.gracepointnow.org
- SERVICES:** Connects people and builds community through relationships, discipleship and outdoor activities that offer opportunities of hope, healing and grace. Grace Point Community Care Center is a once-monthly opportunity for families to receive a hot meal, bag of food and clothing. The care center is always held on the third Tuesday of the month.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

- CONTACT:** Jenna Charles, Director of Housing Management
- ADDRESS:** 437 South Pond Street
Toccoa, Georgia 30577
- TELEPHONE:** (706) 886-9455
- HOURS:** In Banks County every Tuesday; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- SERVICES:** Provides homes for low-income families at rent they can afford; cooperates with local agencies; assist tenant groups to plan and promote recreational programs and some welfare services and jobs for community service
- ELIGIBILITY:** Sliding scale based on income, available apartment size and number in family.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE - UNITED STATES TAX ASSISTANCE

ADDRESS: Federal Building,
329 Oak Street
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

TELEPHONE: (770) 536-2235
www.irs.gov

HOURS: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday

SERVICES: Assists taxpayers in filling out IRS returns and auditing of tax returns.

JUVENILE COURT

CONTACT: Judge Kevin Guidry

ADDRESS: Banks County Courthouse
144 Yonah Homer Road
Homer, Georgia 30547

TELEPHONE: (706) 677-6243
<http://www.jacksoncountygov.com/Index.aspx?page=98>

SERVICES: Hears petitions brought before the Juvenile Court in the Piedmont Judicial Circuit and renders decisions in those cases and works closely with other agencies dealing with juveniles.

LANIER TECHNICAL COLLEGE

CONTACT: Office of Admissions

ADDRESS: 2990 Landrum Education Drive
Oakwood, Georgia 30566

TELEPHONE: 770-533-7000
www.laniertech.edu

HOURS: 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday- Thursday

SERVICES: Workforce development resource by providing the following:

- career-technical education programs leading to associate degrees, diplomas, and technical certificates of credit;
- customized business and industry training and economic development services;
- continuing education for technical and professional development; and
- adult education services;
- counseling, job placement, and financial aid.

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone meeting eligibility requirements.

LEGAL AID GEORGIA LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM

- ADDRESS:** 705 Washington Street NW, Suite B1
Gainesville, Georgia 30501
- TELEPHONE:** (770) 535-5717 or 1-800-745-5717
www.glsp.org
- HOURS:** 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Monday-Thursday (Intake calls for services)
- SERVICES:** Provides legal services to the indigent population in non-criminal matters.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Must meet income guidelines.

MENTAL HEALTH/BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES (AVITA COMMUNITY PARTNERS)

- CONTACT:** Janice McAllister, Service Director
- ADDRESS:** 196 Scoggins Drive
Demorest Georgia 30535
- TELEPHONE:** (706) 894-3700 (Behavioral Health Services)
(706) 894-3750 (Developmental Disability Services)
www.gamtns.org
- HOURS:** 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
- SERVICES:** Provides the full range of mental health services, include out-patient and consultation/education to adults and children. Special services provided for alcoholics include ambulatory detoxification, education and supportive group therapy.
- ELIGIBILITY:** No restrictions.
- FEES:** Fees for mental health and alcohol rehabilitation determined by ability to pay.

NINTH DISTRICT OPPORTUNITY, INC. COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM

CONTACT: Christy Hill, Community Resource Coordinator

ADDRESS: 110 Shortest Street
Homer, Georgia 30547

TELEPHONE: (706) 677-3921, Fax (706) 677-5143
www.ndo.org/web/banks.html

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

SERVICES: Services are provided by the agency pending availability of funds.

CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

- Assessment, counseling services and family enrichment services
- Development of individualized case plans
- Enrollment in special community projects
- Coordination of clothing, furniture or other personal care items

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

- Job Readiness Training/referral/placement
- Assistance with obtaining child support and other resource benefits, i.e.; child care

BUDGET COUNSELING & DEVELOPMENT

- Counseling/Referral to credit counseling services
- Money management training and budget counseling

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

- Homeless Prevention and Re-location assistance
- Weatherization services for the Home
- Water Heater and Heating Replacement (vendor specific)
- Installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors (Weatherization)

HEALTH

- Dissemination of information regarding health information and resources
- Coordination of health awareness and promotion activities (Health Fairs)
- Purchase of prescription medicine
- Assistance for free/reduced rate prescription medicine (non-insured)

NUTRITION ASSISTANCE

- Provision of food assistance and other special feeding initiatives
- Application assistance for SNAP benefits

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

- Arranging for payment for past due utility
- Referral for other energy related services
- SCANA Regulated Referral to establish utility service
- Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (opens to 65+ and homebound in November; for general public December)

ELIGIBILITY: Target population includes, families with young children, elderly and or disabled. All individuals must meet the income eligibility guidelines as set forth by the funding source (125% to 200% of poverty).

NORTHEAST GEORGIA MEDICAL CENTER

- ADDRESS:** 743 Spring Street, NE
Gainesville, Georgia 30501
- TELEPHONE:** (770) 219-9000
www.nghs.com
- HOURS:** Offices: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday
24 hour emergency
Quick Care 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- SERVICES:** Full range in-patient diagnostic and treatment facilities;
outpatient services and surgery; chemical dependency unit;
emergency room services; patient representatives; patient education.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Physician referral necessary except to emergency room.
Application procedures should be handled through the attending
physician.
- FEES:** Questions regarding fees should be referred to the hospital.

NORTHEAST GEORGIA SPEECH CENTER

- CONTACT:** Diane Brower, Director
- ADDRESS:** 604 Washington Street, Suite B2
Gainesville, Georgia 30501
- TELEPHONE:** (770) 534-5141
- HOURS:** 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday
- SERVICES:** Speech and Language. TLC (preschool) Program.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Any child or adult having, or suspected of having, a speech,
language or hearing problem.
- FEES:** Medicaid accepted.

NORTHRIDGE MEDICAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER

CONTACT: Larry Ebert, Chief Operating Officer

ADDRESS: 70 Medical Center Drive
Commerce, Georgia 30529

TELEPHONE: (706) 335-1000
www.northridgemc.com

HOURS: 24 hours a day

SERVICES: Emergency services, x-ray, laboratory, operating room, general hospital services, plus a 167-bed skilled nursing home.

FEES: Accepts Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance.

PARENT TO PARENT OF GEORGIA, INC

ADDRESS: 3070 Presidential Parkway Suite 207
Atlanta, Georgia 30340

TELEPHONE: Toll Free: 1-800-229-2038
www.p2pga.org

HOURS: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

SERVICES: Provides support and information for parents of children with all types of disability or chronic illness.

ELIGIBILITY: Parents with children with disabilities or chronic illnesses.

PEACE PLACE, INC

CONTACT: Dr. Nikki Tobias, Executive Director

ADDRESS: Winder, Georgia 30680

TELEPHONE: Toll Free: 1-800-33-HAVEN or (770) 586-0927
www.peaceplaceinc.org

SERVICES: 24-hour crisis line, emergency shelter, transitional housing, outreach services, legal assistance, counseling, and support.

ELIGIBILITY: Victims and survivors of domestic violence.

PIEDMONT RAPE CRISIS CENTER

- CONTACT:** Susan Cash, Director
- ADDRESS:** 197 Towne Center Parkway
Hoschton, Georgia 30548
- TELEPHONE:** (770) 586-5423
www.piedmontrapecrisis.org
- SERVICES:** Providing confidential support to sexual assault victims, while helping to identify their options, advocating for the rights of survivors to be in control of the decisions that affect them, and by supporting the decisions made by survivors.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Adults over 18 who are victims of sexual assault.
- FEES:** Free

POTTER'S HOUSE THRIFT STORE – ATLANTA MISSION

- ADDRESS:** 1416 South Broad Street
Commerce, Georgia 30529
- TELEPHONE:** (706) 357-9241
www.atlantamission.org
- HOURS:** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday
- SERVICES:** Provides clothing, furniture and appliances at a minimal cost.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Anyone may make purchases at the Potter's House.

POTTER'S HOUSE ALCOHOL RECOVERY CENTER

- ADDRESS:** 655 Potters House Road
Jefferson, Georgia 30549
www.atlantamission.org
- TELEPHONE:** (706) 543-8338
www.atlantamission.org
- SERVICES:** Program for the rehabilitation of chemically addicted males.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Applicant must be sober and sign statement for commitment to a one year minimum stay.

REGIONAL YOUTH DETENTION CENTER

- CONTACT:** Charles Hewett, Director
- ADDRESS:** 450 Crescent Drive
Gainesville, Georgia 30501
- TELEPHONE:** (770) 535-5465
www.djj.state.ga.us
- SERVICES:** Referral and detention, diagnosis of juveniles referred by court.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Juveniles up to 17 years of age must be referred by court staff and/or police.

REHABILITATION INDUSTRIES OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

- CONTACT:** Paula Phillips, Executive Director
- ADDRESS:** 930 Athens Street
Gainesville, Georgia 30503
- TELEPHONE:** (770) 535-7464
www.rehabindustries.org
- HOURS:** 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday; 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Friday
- SERVICES:** Provides vocational services to individuals with disabilities to reach independence and self-sufficiency through training, support and advocacy.

RONALD McDONALD HOUSES

- CONTACT:** Beth Howell, President & CEO
- ADDRESS:** 795 Gatewood Road
Atlanta, Georgia 30329
- TELEPHONE:** (404) 315-1133 (Information)
www.armhc.org
- SERVICES:** A "home away from home" for families of children who are hospitalized.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Families of children who are being treated at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and other area hospitals. Services on an "as needed" basis.
- FEES:** \$20 contribution per night if individual's financial situation permits.
- HOW TO APPLY:** Requests for Ronald House are made through the hospital admitting office.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

CONTACT: Marlin Holis, Loan Specialist

ADDRESS: 555 Monroe St
Clarkesville, Georgia 30523

TELEPHONE: (706) 754-6239
www.rurdev.usda.gov/GAHome.html

HOURS: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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

SALVATION ARMY

CONTACT: Lt. Ruth Kenyon

ADDRESS: 306 East Franklin Street
Toccoa, Georgia 30577

TELEPHONE: (706) 886-5293
www.salvationarmy-georgia.org

HOURS: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Saturday

SERVICES: Thrift store, rent assistance, utilities assistance, clothing and food assistance, disaster relief services, youth character building programs.

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE

ADDRESS: 2565 Thompson Bridge Road, Suite 210,
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

TELEPHONE: Toll Free: 1-866-331-2309
www.socialsecurity.gov

HOURS: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Wednesday

SERVICES: Assists in administering all programs under the Social Security Act, as a representative of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

ELIGIBILITY: Requirements vary by program.

THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

ADDRESS: 1684 Barnett Shoals Road
Athens, Georgia 30605

TELEPHONE: (706) 549-4893
www.cancer.org

HOURS: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SERVICES: Serves patients with cancer; to raise funds for research; to educate the public to the dangers of cancer; to provide transportation, medications and supplies.

ELIGIBILITY: Diagnosis of cancer

FEES: None

THE TREE HOUSE INC

CONTACT: Becky Lee, Executive Director

ADDRESS: 173 Highland Drive
Winder, Georgia 30680

TELEPHONE: (770) 868-1900
www.thetreehouseinc.org

SERVICES: The Tree House, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to reduce the impact and occurrence of child abuse through counseling, educating, support, and nurturing children and families.

TRANSPORTATION: TRANS-A-VAN

CONTACT: Tracy Hammond, Banks Co. Senior Center

ADDRESS: 700 Thompson Street
Homer, Georgia 30547
www.co.banks.ga.us

TELEPHONE: (706) 677-1835

SERVICES: Provides travel to doctor's appointments, grocery stores, pharmacies and other important business both within and outside of Banks County.

ELIGIBILITY: Banks County residents only. Please provide 24 hours notice.

FEES: Call for rates.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

- ADDRESS:** Gainesville Campus
3820 Mundy Mill Rd.
Oakwood, Georgia 30566
- TELEPHONE:** 678-717-3639
www.ung.edu
- HOURS:** 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday- Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Friday
- SERVICES:** The University of North Georgia was formed through the consolidation of North Georgia College & State University and Gainesville State College. The university offers more than 100 programs of study ranging from certificate and associate's degrees to professional doctoral programs.

USDA FARM SERVICE AGENCY

- CONTACT:** Director, John W. Jackson
- ADDRESS:** 1458 Ila Road
Commerce, Georgia 30530
- TELEPHONE:** (706) 335-8111
www.fsa.usda.gov/GA
- HOURS:** 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
- SERVICES:** Financial assistance for soil conservation practices on farms.
Price support for farm commodities and disaster programs.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Farm owners and operators.

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS AND REGIONAL OFFICE

- ADDRESS:** 1700 Clairmont Rd.
Decatur, Georgia 30033
- TELEPHONE:** 1-800-827-1000 (toll free)
www.va.gov
- SERVICES:** Answers questions about benefits available to veterans and their families who are residents of Georgia.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

- CONTACT:** Mary Wareham, Rehab. Unit Manager
- ADDRESS:** 2756 Atlanta Hwy,
Gainesville, Georgia 30504
- TELEPHONE:** (770) 535-5930 or 1-800-630-5468
www.gvra.georgia.gov
- HOURS:** 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- SERVICES:** Provides a variety of individual services to persons with disabilities in preparation for their employment in the competitive labor market and to employers seeking to retain valuable employees with disabilities or hire qualified individuals for their workforce.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Any person with a mental or physical disability which constitutes a substantial handicap to employment.
- FEES:** Based on income.

RESOURCE DIRECTORY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

* Please note that these are not toll free numbers.

AID Atlanta	404-870-7700	www.aidatlanta.org
Georgia Chapter. of the Alzheimer's Assoc.	404-728-1181	www.alz.org
American Cancer Society	404-816-7800	www.cancer.org
American Diabetes Association	404-320-7100	www.diabetes.org
American Heart Association	770-952-1316	www.heart.org
Arthritis Foundation	404-872-7100	www.arthritis.org
Autism Society of America –NE Georgia Chapt.	706-208-0066	autismsocietynortheastgeorgia.webs.com
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	404-325-6973	www.cff.org
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta	404-250- 5437	www.choa.org
Emory Healthcare	404-778-7777	www.emoryhealthcare.org
Georgia Baptist Children's Home, Inc.	770-463-3800	www.gbchfm.org
Helen Keller Foundation	404-766-9625	www.helenkellerfoundation.org
Hemophilia of Georgia, Inc.	770-518-8272	www.hog.org
Georgia Lions Lighthouse	404-325-3630	www.lionslighthouse.org
Muscular Dystrophy Association	770-621-9800	www.mda.org
National Kidney Foundation of Georgia	770-452-1539	www.kidneyga.org
Parent to Parent of Georgia, Inc.	770-451-5484	www.p2pga.org
Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia Inc.	404-755-1641	www.sicklecellga.org
United Cerebral Palsy of Georgia	770-676-2000	www.ucpga.org

TOLL FREE NUMBERS

ALCOHOLISM

Federal Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services 800-729-6686 www.samhsa.gov

ALZHEIMER'S

Alzheimer's Association 800-272-3900 www.alzfdn.org

BLINDNESS/VISION

American Council of the Blind 800-424-8666 www.acb.org
American Foundation for the Blind 800-232-5463 www.afb.org
Georgia Library for Accessible Services 800-248-6701 www.facebook.com/georgialibrariesglass
Eye Care America 800-222-3937 www.eyecareamerica.org
National Library Services for the Blind and
the Physically Handicapped 800-424-8567 www.loc.gov/nls

BURN VICTIMS

International Shriners Headquarters 800-237-5055 www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org

CANCER SUPPORT GROUPS

Bosom Buddies of Georgia Inc. 888-441-CURE www.gacancerfoundation.org
Reach Out Breast Cancer Support Group 770-538-2010 www.longstreetclinic.com/support-groups
Cancer Support Group 770-535-3559 www.longstreetclinic.com/support-groups

CAREER COUNSELING

Job Accommodation Network (JAN) 800-526-7234 www.askjan.org

CEREBRAL PALSY

UCPA Affiliate Relations Division 800-872-5827 www.ucp.org

CHILD ABUSE

Child Help National Hotline (Sexual Abuse Victims) 800-422-4453 www.childhelp.org

CLEFT PALATE

Cleft Palate Foundation (CLEFTLINE) 800-242-5338 www.cleftline.org

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

American Speech-Language-Hearing Assoc. 800-638-8255 www.asha.org
National Center for Stuttering (NCS) 800-221-2483 www.stuttering.com

DISEASES/DISORDERS

American Kidney Foundation 800-638-8299 www.kidney.org
American Leprosy Missions 800-543-3131 www.leprosy.org
Brain Injury Association of America 800-444-6443 www.biausa.org
Human Growth Foundation for Growth Disorders 800-451-6434 www.hgfound.org
Huntington's Disease Society of America 800-345-4372 www.hdsa.org
International Dyslexia Society 800-222-3123 www.interdys.org
Juvenile Diabetes Foundation 800- 533- 2873 www.jdrf.org
National Kidney Foundation of Georgia 800-633-2339 www.kidneyga.org
Lupus Foundation of America 800-558-0121 www.lupus.org
National Jewish Health Center 877-225-5654 www.njhealth.org
National Association for Sickle Cell Disease 800-421-8453 www.sicklecelldisease.org
National Cancer Institute Information Service 800-422-6237 www.cancer.gov
National Cystic Fibrosis Foundation 800-344-4823 www.cff.org
National Down Syndrome Congress 800-232-6372 www.ndscenter.org
National Down Syndrome Society 800-221-4602 www.ndss.org
National Organization for Rare Disorders 800-999-6673 www.rarediseases.org
National Parkinson Foundation 800-473-4636 www.parkinson.org
Spina Bifida Hotline 800-621-3141 www.spinabifidaassociation.org
The ARC (for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities) 800-433-5255 www.thearc.org

DRUG INFORMATION

Center For Substance Abuse 800-662-4357 www.samhsa.gov
National Institute on Drug Abuse 301-443-1124 www.drugabuse.gov

HEALTH SERVICES FINANCIAL AID

U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration 877-464-4772 www.hrsa.gov
Medicare 800-633-4227 www.medicare.gov

HEALTH INFORMATION

National Health Information Center 800-336-4797 www.health.gov

MISSING CHILDREN

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children 800-843-5678 www.missingkids.com
National Runaway Switchboard 800-786-2929 www.1800runaway.org

NUTRITION

Georgia Dept. of Agriculture Consumer Service 800-282-5852 www.agr.georgia.gov
Beech-Nut Nutrition 800-282-5853 www.beechnut.com

ORGAN DONORS

The Living Bank 800-528-2971 www.livingbank.org

PESTICIDES

National Pesticides Information Center 800-858-7378 www.npic.orst.edu

POISON CONTROL CENTER

Georgia Poison Control/Poison Control Center 800-222-1222 www.georgiapoisoncenter.org

SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (SIDS)

CDC Sudden Infant Death Syndrome 800-232-4636 www.cdc.gov/SIDS/

TOYS

Consumer Product Safety Commission 800-638-2772 www.cpsc.gov

TRAUMA

American Trauma Society 800-556-7890 www.amtrauma.org

STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS

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www.senate.ga.gov

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144 Yonah Homer Road
Homer, Georgia 30547
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Tax Commissioner Becky Carlan
144 Yonah Homer Road
Homer, Georgia 30547
706-677-6204

District Attorney Brad Smith
144 Yonah Homer Road
Homer, Georgia 30547
706-677-6205

Clerk of Superior Court Tim Harper
144 Yonah Homer Road
Homer, Georgia 30547
706-677-6243

Magistrate Court Judge Ivan Mote
144 Yonah Homer Road
Homer, Georgia 30547
706-677-6270

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Banks County Courthouse Annex
150 Hudson Ridge, Suite. 1
Homer, Georgia 30547
706-677-6800

Jimmy Hooper -- Chairman
David Duckett -- Member
Danny Maxwell -- Member
Sammy Reece -- Member
Charles Turk -- Member

Sheriff Carlton Speed
160 Windmill Farm Road
Homer, Georgia 30547
706-677-2248

SAFE KIDS RESOURCE PAGE

General Safety

Safe Kids USA	www.safekids.org
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta	www.choa.org
Georgia Department of Community Health	www.dch.georgia.gov
CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention/ Control	www.cdc.gov
Emory Center for Injury Control	www.emorycenterforinjurycontrol.org
Georgia Division of Public Health	www.health.state.ga.us
Children's Safety Network	www.childrenssafetynetwork.org
National Safety Council	www.nsc.org
Georgia Safe Routes to School	www.dot.state.ga.us
American Academy of Pediatrics	www.aap.org
Consumer Federation of America	www.consumerfed.org
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission	www.cpsc.gov
My Family Health Spot	www.myfamilyhealthspot.org

Motor Vehicle Safety

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	www.nhtsa.dot.gov
Governor's Office of Highway Safety	www.gohs.state.ga.us
Georgia Traffic Injury Prevention Institute	www.ridesafesgeorgia.org
National Transportation Safety Board Child Seat Safety	www.nts.gov
American Academy of Pediatrics-Car Seat Guide	www.aap.org
Motor Vehicle Occupant Injury: The Community Guide	www.thecommunityguide.org
Buckle Up America	www.buckleupamerica.org
SafetyBeltSafe USA	www.carseat.org
Kids in Cars	www.kidsincars.org
Kids and Cars	www.kidsandcars.org
Car Seat Check Listings	www.seatcheck.org

Bike and Pedestrian Safety

National Center for Bicycling and Walking	www.bikewalk.org
Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute	www.helmets.org
Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center	www.bicyclinginfo.org
Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals	www.apbp.org
Georgia Department of Transportation	www.dot.state.ga.us
Walk Your Child to School Day	www.walktoschool-usa.org
Georgia Safe Routes to School	www.dot.state.ga.us

Fire Safety

National Fire Protection Agency	www.nfpa.org
U.S. Fire Administration	www.usfa.fema.gov/kids
Sparky the Fire Dog	www.sparky.org
FIREPROOF Children	www.fireproofchildren.com
Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation	www.gfbf.org

Water Safety

National Safe Boating Council	www.safeboatingcouncil.org
National Recreation and Parks Association	www.nrpa.org
American Red Cross	www.redcross.org
National Water Safety Program	www.watersafety.usace.army.mil
US Coast Guard	www.uscgboating.org
Georgia Department of Natural Resources	www.gadnr.org

Poison Safety

Georgia Poison Center	www.gpc.dhr.georgia.gov
Poison Prevention Week Council	www.poisonprevention.org
National Alliance to End Childhood Lead Poisoning	www.aeclp.org
Healthy Homes Initiative	www.hud.gov
American Association of Poison Control Centers	www.aapcc.org
Georgia Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	www.health.state.ga.us
Environmental Protection Agency	www.epa.gov

Home Safety

Home Safety Council	www.homesafetycouncil.org
Safe Sitter	www.safesitter.org

Infant Safety

American Academy of Pediatrics	www.aap.org
Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine	www.bfmed.org
First Candle	www.firstcandle.org
National SIDS and Infant Death Project IMPACT	www.sidsprojectimpact.com
The National Sudden Infant Death Resource Center	www.sidscenter.org
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission	www.cpsc.gov

Sports Safety

National Athletic Trainer's Association	www.nata.org
American College of Sports Medicine	www.acsm.org
American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons	www.orthoinfo.aaos.org
National Youth Alliance for Youth Sports	www.nays.org

Farm Safety

Farm Safety 4 Just Kids	www.fs4jk.org
John Deere	www.deere.com
National Children's Center for Rural/ Agricultural Health/Safety	www3.marshfieldclinic.org/NCCRAHS