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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ALPINE CENTER PSYCHO EDUCATIONAL CENTER

CONTACT: Patty Adkins, Site Coordinator
ADDRESS: 280 Busha Road
Carnesville, Georgia 30521
TELEPHONE: (706) 384-4824
https://sites.google.com/a/pioneerresa.org/thefuturesprogram/Locations
HOURS: 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
SERVICES: Alpine Center was established to serve severely emotionally disturbed and behaviorally disordered children and their families through psycho educational therapeutic intervention.
ELIGIBILITY: Referrals for the program are made through the student's local educational agency.

AMEDISYS HOME HEALTH CARE

CONTACT: Central Home Health Care
ADDRESS: 53 Rock Drive
Toccoa, Georgia 30577
TELEPHONE: (706) 886-5442
www.amedisys.com
SERVICES: Nonprofit health care agency who provides care in the home of patients as ordered by the patient’s doctor. Services provided include: Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Home Health Aides, Health and Nutritional Guidance and Limited Medical Supplies.
ELIGIBILITY: Patients receiving care in their home under Medicare and/or Medicaid must be essentially homebound, in need of skilled nursing care, physical therapy or speech therapy, and approved for such care by a doctor. For patients not under Medicare and/or Medicaid, care is provided as prescribed by a doctor regardless of homebound status.
FEES: Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance may cover all or part of the fees.
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
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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

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 am - 4:30 pm.

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 am – 5:00 pm. Monday through Friday
        9:00 am – 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 Clairmond 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
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**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**


**TRAUMA**

American Trauma Society 800-556-7890  www.amtrauma.org
STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS

CONTACT: President Barak Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, US 20500
1-202-456-1414
www.whitehouse.gov

Vice President Joe Biden
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, US 20500
1-202-456-1414
www.whitehouse.gov

Governor Nathan Deal
203 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
1-404-656-1776
www.georgia.gov

Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle
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Atlanta, Georgia 30334
1-886-351-0001
1-404-656-6739 (Fax)
www.georgia.gov

Secretary of State Brian Kemp
214 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
1-404-656-2881
1-404-656-0513 (Fax)
www.georgia.gov

Commissioner Amy Jacobs
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2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 754 East Tower
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
1-404-656-5957
1-888-442-7735
www.decal.ga.gov

Attorney General Sam Olens
40 Capitol Square, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
1-404-656-3300
1-404-657-8733 (Fax)
www.georgia.gov
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B40D Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
1-202-224-3521  
http://www.perdue.senate.gov/  

U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson  
131 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
1-202-224-3643  
(770) 661-0999 (Georgia)  
www.isakson.senate.gov  

U.S. Representative Doug Collins  
1504 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515  
1-202-225-9893  
www.dougcollins.house.gov  

State Senator John Wilkinson  
P.O. Box 2227  
Toccoa, Georgia 30577  
(706) 886-1898 (Office)  
(404) 463-5257 (Capitol)  
www.senate.ga.gov  

State Representative Dan Gasaway  
P. O. Box 700  
Homer, Georgia 30547  
(404) 656-0325 (Capitol)  
www.house.ga.gov
BANKS COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS

www.co.banks.ga.us

Probate Judge Betty Jean Thomas
144 Yonah Homer Road
Homer, Georgia 30547
706-677-6250

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

County Commissioners
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
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Water Safety

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National Recreation and Parks Association
American Red Cross
National Water Safety Program
US Coast Guard
Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Poison Safety

Georgia Poison Center
Poison Prevention Week Council
National Alliance to End Childhood Lead Poisoning
Healthy Homes Initiative
American Association of Poison Control Centers
Georgia Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
Environmental Protection Agency

Home Safety

Home Safety Council
Safe Sitter

Infant Safety

American Academy of Pediatrics
Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine
First Candle
National SIDS and Infant Death Project IMPACT
The National Sudden Infant Death Resource Center
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Sports Safety

National Athletic Trainer's Association
American College of Sports Medicine
American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons
National Youth Alliance for Youth Sports

Farm Safety

Farm Safety 4 Just Kids
John Deere
National Children's Center for Rural/ Agricultural Health/Safety