

COMMUNITY RESOURCE HANDBOOK

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DAWSON COUNTY HEAD START/PRE-K

This Community Resource Handbook has been compiled to aid the Dawson County Head Start/Pre-K families in gaining access to community resources to meet family needs. This handbook is a guide which provides listings for the contact person, telephone number, location, services provided, and eligibility for each individual agency. In order to be accurate, a handbook needs to be continuously updated; therefore, feel free to update this book as the need arises.

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EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Sheriff-----911
Fire Department-----911
Ambulance----911

ADULT LITERACY CENTER

TELEPHONE: (706) 265-1690
LOCATION: Adult Literacy Center
388 Hwy 9 North
Dawsonville, GA 30534
SERVICES: Morning and evening classes available. Tutors available for help with reading. Information about programs in other counties (1-800-743-6344). Helps prepare adults for GED test; basic reading available also.
ELIGIBILITY: Adults over 18 years of age/Available for study 16 & up.
Website –email: <http://www.laniertech.edu/AdultEducation/AdultEducation-locations.aspx>

AGING

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

TELEPHONE: (706) 344-3700
LOCATION: P.O. Box 598, 201 Recreation Rd.
Dawsonville, GA 30534
SERVICES: To plan and implement a comprehensive program to reduce social isolation and prevent premature institutionalization of the 60 and over population in the Georgia Mountains Area. Services include homemaker-home health aide, nutrition (hot meals), outreach, information, referral, counseling, transportation escort and public transportation, medication program, Alzheimer's respite care program (nurse available 2 days per week.)
ELIGIBILITY: Adults and spouse, 60 years or older.
Website-email: www.gmrc.ga.gov/

ALCOHOLISM PROGRAM

CONTACT: National Council of Substance Abuse
TELEPHONE: 1-800-662-4357,
Website –email: drugabuse.com/usa/alcohol-abuse/dawsonville-ga/

ALPINE PROGRAM
THE GAINESVILLE PROGRAM OF THE GEORGIA
PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL PROGRAM NETWORK

CONTACT: Anna Arthur
TELEPHONE: (770) 532-9981
LOCATION: 715 Woods Mill Rd
P.O. Box 2459
Gainesville, GA 30503

SERVICES: Alpine is a part of the Georgia Public School System. It is funded through the Georgia Department of Education, Division of Exceptional Children. It serves the following school systems: Gainesville City, Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union and White Counties. Alpine is a school for children with severe emotional and behavioral problems. Children are usually referred to Alpine. Services will be provided for the child who meets eligibility criteria. The amount of time per day at Alpine is determined at a placement committee meeting.

ELIGIBILITY: Children ages 0-21 years
Website –email: <http://www.pioneerresa.org/Alpine.php>

AMBULANCE SERVICE

CONTACT: Dawson County EMT Service
TELEPHONE: 911 Emergency or 706-344-3666
Website –email: <http://dawsoncounty.org/departments/dawson-county-emergency-services/emergency-medical-services-division/>

AMERICAN RED CROSS

CONTACT: Laura Allen – Direct line (706-353-1645)
TELEPHONE: 678-947-9900 – Red-cross
LOCATION: 133 Samaritan Dr., Cumming GA 30040
SERVICES: Disaster relief, training of volunteers, training in first aid, water safety and small craft, Red Cross Youth, service to families of the Armed Forces, services to Veterans and families, blood programs, nursing services, 24-hour emergency service for servicemen. HIV/AIDS program.

ELIGIBILITY: Military servicemen and their families, veterans (service connected disability) and their families, victims of disaster.

Website –email: www.redcross.org/

AREA TRANSIT

TELEPHONE: 706-344-3603 (Monday-Friday 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$2.00 each way)
Website –email: dawsoncounty.org/departments/dawson-transit/

BABIES CAN’T WAIT

CONTACT: Tonya Newsom
TELEPHONE: 770-538-2778 (Amber for Spanish – 770-538-2781)
SERVICES: Provides children at risk of, or with developmental delays due to a diagnosed condition, and their parents, with a variety of services to assist the child in achieving developmental progress. Other services also provided, depending upon the needs of the child and/or family.
Website –email: <https://www.bcw-bibs.com/>

BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONTACT: Dr. Damon Gibbs, Superintendent
TELEPHONE: (706) 265-3246
LOCATION: P.O. Box 209, Dawsonville, GA 30534
SERVICES: Formulates and adopts policies for the operation of the public school system; seeks means for financing and provides suitable buildings and equipment; through the superintendent, administers the schools under those policies and carries out such other duties as required by law.
Website –email: www.dawsoncountyschools.org/

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CONTACT: Christy Haynes
TELEPHONE: (706) 265-6278
LOCATION: P.O. Box 299, Dawsonville, GA 30534
Website –email: www.dawson.org/

CHARITY - HILL BURTON

CONTACT: Hospital Business or Admitting Office
TELEPHONE: 1-800-638-0742 or Office of hospital used.
SERVICES: Medical care at partial or no cost. A hospital that receives Hill-Burton Funds cannot refuse services because you cannot pay.
ELIGIBILITY: Persons with little or no income.
Website –email: www.hrsa.gov/gethealthcare/affordable/hillburton/

CHILD CARE BLOCK GRANT

TELEPHONE: (706) 265-6598 (DFCS) 1-877-423-4746
LOCATION: P.O. Box 867, Dawsonville, GA 30534
SERVICES: Assists parents in paying child care cost.
ELIGIBILITY: Parents have to be working, attending school, or enrolled in training program. Contact local Department of Family and Children Services for other eligibility requirements.
Website –email: <http://dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/>

CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL AGENCY OF NE GEORGIA AT GAINESVILLE STATE COLLEGE

TELEPHONE: 706-864-1993
LOCATION: Gainesville and Dahlonega
SERVICES: Offers training and technical assistance for all programs and individuals offering child care. Assists individuals in becoming registered with the state to start day care center. Offers resource and referrals to group homes, day care centers, moms day out, after school care, summer camps and respite care, non-traditional work hours, special needs care and low income care.
DESCRIPTION: Telephone referral service for parents looking for child care.
Website –email: www.ung.edu/

CHILD SUPPORT RECOVERY UNIT

TELEPHONE: 770-535-5735
LOCATION: 465 EE Butler Pkwy., Gainesville, GA 30503
SERVICES: To aid in finding supporters of children who have deserted their families. To regain and give legal advice on child support payments and administer paternity tests.
Website –email: dcss.dhs.georgia.gov/

CHILDREN FIRST

CONTACT: Tonya Newsom
TELEPHONE: 770-538-2778
SERVICES: This is the entry point for all families/children needing services provided by any of the programs described under Children With Special Needs. All referrals are sent here first and a decision is made as to which program(s) can best serve the child's needs. The child's progress is tracked from here and families are linked with resources.
Website –email: www.childrenfirst-inc.org/

CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES

CONTACT: Angie Williams
TELEPHONE: 770-535-6907
LOCATION: 440 Prior St. SE, Gainesville, GA 30501
SERVICES: Provides medical care to children with disabling conditions or chronic disease.
ELIGIBILITY: Prefers referral through health department or child's physician. Treats children with Medicaid or financially eligible.
Website –email: <https://dph.georgia.gov/cms-parents-caregivers>

CITY OF DAWSONVILLE

CONTACT: James Grogan (Mayor)
TELEPHONE: (706) 265-3256
LOCATION: P.O. Box 6, Dawsonville, GA 30534
SERVICES: To administer City Government. Provides police protection, fire protection, water, and sewer services, collects fees and taxes, and provides street maintenance.
Website –email: www.dawsonville-ga.gov

**COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM
NINTH DISTRICT OPPORTUNITY**

TELEPHONE: 706-265-3744 Website –email-www.ndo.org

SERVICES: The following services are provided by the agency pending availability of funds. 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).

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)

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

CONTACT: Clark MacAllister
TELEPHONE: (706) 265-2442
LOCATION: Dawson Co. Agriculture Ctr., 298 Academy Ave., Dawsonville, GA 30534
SERVICES: Provides information on all phases of agriculture, landscaping, community development and homemaking, leadership to 4-H Club and other programs.
Website –email: www.caes.uga.edu/extension/dawson

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

CONTACT: Christy Hudson
TELEPHONE: (706) 344-3501
LOCATION: Dawson County Courthouse, 76 Howard Ave. E. St. 120, Dawsonville, GA
SERVICES: Information, road and highway maintenance, election procedures, special County Commissioners meetings and county government inquiries, tax collections.
Website –email: www.dawsoncounty.org/

CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION

CONTACT: Scott Rittenbaum, Executive Director
TELEPHONE: (404) 325-6973
LOCATION: 2302 Parklake Drive, Suite 210, Atlanta, GA 30345
SERVICES: Raise funds for a cure for cystic fibrosis victims and counseling and education to parents.
Website –email: www.cff.org/

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS GAINESVILLE PROBATION OFFICE

CONTACT: Tarra Jackson, Chief Probation Officer
TELEPHONE: (770) 535-5710
LOCATION: 1002 Aviation Blvd. Gainesville, GA 30501
SERVICES: Supervision of probationers directed by the court. Investigations for the court.
ELIGIBILITY: Adult offenders who are sentenced through the Superior Court
Website –email: http://www.hallcounty.org/judicial/jud_probation.asp

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

TELEPHONE: 1-877-423-4746
LOCATION: P.O. Box 867, Dawsonville, GA 30534
SERVICES: Provides adult education and job training programs.
ELIGIBILITY: Contact local Department of Family and Children Services office.
Website –email: dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/dawson-county-dfcs-office

FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

TELEPHONE: (706) 265-6598, 1-877-423-4746
LOCATION: P.O. Box 867, Dawsonville, GA 30534
SERVICES: Aid to families with dependent children, social services, food stamps and Medicaid.
Website –email: dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/dawson-county-dfcs-office

FAMILY CONNECTION/COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

CONTACT: Nancy Stites, Coordinator
TELEPHONE: (706) 265-1981
LOCATION: P.O. Box 872, Dawsonville, GA 30534
SERVICES: The Family Connection is a collaborative partnership between the school system, county government, state agencies, community organizations, and families. This collaborative body is the accepted Authority in the community for families and children working towards a safe and nurturing community that values children and families, encouraging purposeful community involvement, providing advocacy for improved quality of life for children and families; including comprehensive wellness services, inc recreational and enrichment resources and promoting an entire community that values education.

Website –email: <http://dawsoncounty.org/departments/other-departments-and-agencies/dawson-county-family-connection/>

FAMILY HAVEN

CONTACT: Millie Irizarry
TELEPHONE: (770) 889-6384 crisis 770-887-1121
LOCATION: P.O. Box 1160, Cumming, GA 30028

SERVICES: Provides supportive services to battered women and their children.

Website –email: www.family-haven.org

GAINESVILLE ADJUSTMENT/DAY REPORTING CENTER

CONTACT: Shannon Hilliard
TELEPHONE: (770) 535-5724
LOCATION: 1002 Aviation Blvd., Gainesville, GA 30501
SERVICES: Provides resocialization of male and female adult offenders into the community through counseling, employment and educational referrals.

Website –email: <http://www.dcor.state.ga.us/Divisions/Corrections/Corrections.html>

GAINESVILLE STATE COLLEGE University of North GA

CONTACT: Dr. Bonita Jacobs - President
TELEPHONE: 678-717-3610 General Information
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1358, Gainesville, GA 30503
SERVICES: The purpose of Gainesville College, a two year unit of the University System of GA, is to offer educational, cultural, and developmental experiences appropriate to the needs of its students and the citizens of Northeast Georgia.

ELIGIBILITY: Usual college requirements
Website –email: www.ung.edu

GAINESVILLE JAYCEES VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER, INC

CONTACT: Paula Phillips
TELEPHONE: (770) 535-7464
LOCATION: 930 Athens Street, Gainesville, GA 30501 rehabindustries.org
SERVICES: Vocational evaluation, counseling, training and/or work adjustment, job placement and follow-up services for rehabilitating the physically and mentally handicapped persons.

ELIGIBILITY: Referrals from Georgia Department of Human Resources.

Website –email: <https://www.gainesvillejaycees.org/>

GATEWAY HOUSE, INC.

CONTACT: Jessica Butler, Director
TELEPHONE: (770) 536-5860, Crisis 770-536-5860
LOCATION: P.O. Box 2962, Gainesville, GA 30503
SERVICES: Supportive services to battered women and their children. Gateway House does not require its guests to pay for room or board.
ELIGIBILITY: Physically abused or threatened by partner or former partner.

SERVICES: A comprehensive service which focuses on increasing the number of healthy babies born in Northeast Georgia. Genetic screenings are provided to families at high risk.

ELIGIBILITY: Families must meet income eligibility guidelines
Website –email www.gatewaydvcenter.org/

GEORGIA REGIONAL HOSPITAL

CONTACT: Clinical Director
TELEPHONE: (404) 243-2100
LOCATION: 3073 Panthersville Rd., Decatur, GA 30034
SERVICES: 3 adult care units and one adolescent unit. Mental health emergency, inpatient, and evaluations.
Website –email <https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/georgia-regional-hospital-atlanta>

GEORGIA SENIOR LEGAL HOTLINE

TELEPHONE: 1-888-257-9519
HOURS: Monday - Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
SERVICES: A telephone service staffed by attorneys who take calls from older Georgians and their families. Hotline attorneys give legal advice, brief service and referrals to other attorneys or services when necessary.
ELIGIBILITY: This service is available to Georgians sixty years old and older. There is no charge.
Website –email <http://www.atlantalegalaid.org/>

**HEAD START/PRE-K PROGRAM
NINTH DISTRICT OPPORTUNITY, INC**

CONTACT: Barbara S. Padgett-Kirkland, Center Director
TELEPHONE: (706) 265-2980 FAX: (706) 265-4808
LOCATION: P.O. Box 357, 407 Allen St., Dawsonville, GA 30534
Website –email: www.ndo.org or barbara.padgett@ndohs.org

SERVICES: Head Start is a comprehensive child development program which serves children 3 & 4 years old and their families. The services provided to the child and his/her family includes education, health, social services, parent involvement, and nutrition. The program also provides services to children with disabilities.

The children are provided with a developmentally appropriate environment. They are supported and encouraged to reach their full potential. The program provides a child-focused curriculum with the overall goal of increasing school readiness of young children. All of our classrooms are equipped with a variety of materials and hands on experiences for the children.

ELIGIBILITY: **Head Start** – This program is funded by the federal government. The child must be 3 or 4 years of age by Sept. 1 of school year for which he/she is applying, and meet income criteria.

Pre-K/Partnership – This program is funded by the state lottery. The child must be 4 years of age by Sept. 1 of the school year for which he/she is applying and meet income criteria as required by the Head Start Program.

The following documentation needs to be provided by the parent:

- *Child's Birth Certificate
- *Immunization Form 3231
- *Insurance (if available).
- *Proof of Income
- *Proof of Residency

Transportation – None provided. Referrals are available.

How to apply: Contact the office for an appointment and information.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

CONTACT: Janelle Wilson
TELEPHONE: (706) 265-2611 or (706) 265-3223
LOCATION: 54 Hwy 53 E, Dawsonville, GA 30534
Website –email: dawsoncounty.org/departments/dawson-county-public-health-department
SERVICES: **Child Health:** Includes immunizations, hearing, vision, dental screening and nursing appraisals; these services are available to all children and include recognizing health problems and referring children for proper diagnosis and treatment.
Family Planning: Services are available to anyone wishing to space their children so that every child will be wanted and loved. Counseling and discussion of all types of contraceptives are offered. Prenatal care, maternal services, problems and high risk pregnancies are discussed. Physical examinations, pap test and the teaching of self breast examination are offered and taught by trained personnel.
Sanitarian: Can issue permits to install septic tanks and inspect them. He also is available to help you locate wells and to take water samples to determine the bacterial content of your water. He can submit animal specimens for rabies testing. He inspects institutions, food handling facilities and tourist accommodations.
Dental: Services are available. Eligibility is determined by income.
W.I.C.: Provides coupons for nutritional foods that are redeemable at a grocery store; W.I.C. is extra food and will not cut down on food stamps or keep toddlers out of day meal programs. Eligibility: Pregnant women; women after having a baby up to six months old; postpartum or one year for nursing mothers; children under five years of age and income eligible. These women, infants and children are eligibility if they are certified to be nutritional risks, growth problems, anemic, etc.

HOMELESS LIAISON – DAWSON COUNTY

CONTACT Jennifer Newkirk
TELEPHONE: 706-216-5801 ext: 1804
LOCATION: Dawson County School System
SERVICES: Provides information and referrals for homeless families
Website –email: <http://www.homelesshelterdirectory.org/cgi-bin/id/city.cgi?city=Dawsonville&state=GA>

**HOUSING & FINANCIAL AUTHORITY
RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

CONTACT Nancy Dove, Office Director
TELEPHONE: (706) 369-5636 or 1-888-318-0354
LOCATION: 1061 Dowdy Rd, Suite 201, Athens, GA 30606
www.georgiahousingsearch.or
SERVICES: To assist low-income families with rent in eligible housing (No public or substandard housing).
Website –email: www.dca.state.ga.us/housing/RentalAssistance

**INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE TAX ASSISTANCE**

TELEPHONE: 1-800-829-4477, Fax 1-800-829-4059, Tax information.
LOCATION: Internal Revenue Building, Gainesville, GA 30501
SERVICES: Assists taxpayers in filling out IRS returns; auditing of tax returns.
Website –email: www.irs.gov/

JUVENILE COURT SERVICES

TELEPHONE: (770) 531-6927
LOCATION: Hall County Courthouse, P.O. Box 311, 225 Spring St. Gainesville, GA
SERVICES: To provide social services to children (and to parents of children) charged with acts of delinquency.
Website –email: http://dawsoncounty.org/government/dawson-county-courthouse/juvenile-court/

LANIER AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL

CONTACT: Office of Student Personnel Services
TELEPHONE: (770) 531-6300 or 706-216-5461
Website –email: https://www.laniertech.edu//

LOCATION: 89 Tiger Circle Dawsonville, GA 30534
SERVICES: (1) Diploma Programs & Technical Certificate
(2) Continuing Education and Professional Upgrade Programs
(3) Developmental Studies Program
(4) Career Exploration Services
(5) Student Development Services
(6) Minority Services
(7) Business & Industry Services
(8) Institutional Effectiveness Program
(9) Adult Literacy
(10).Renewal Education Services

**LEGAL AID
GEORGIA LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM**

TELEPHONE: (770) 535-5717 or 1-800-745-5717
LOCATION: 705 Washington St. NW Suite B1, Gainesville, GA 30503
Website –email: www.georgialegalaid.org/

SERVICES: To provide legal services to the indigent population of 24 counties of north Georgia in non-criminal matters; if the client is eligible and the civil case is not fee-generating, i.e.: a private attorney could not collect a fee from the opposite party, we provide whatever legal services are required to obtain the desired results for the client. No private landlord issues.

ELIGIBILITY: Contact Legal Aid office for eligibility requirements.

LIBRARY

CONTACT: Dawson County Public Library/Chestatee777 Regional
TELEPHONE: (706) 344-3690
LOCATION: 342 Allen Street, Dawsonville, GA 30534
HOURS: Mon, Wed, Thurs: 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Fri & Saturday: 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
SERVICES: General library services. Internet access.

Website –email: www.chestateelibrary.org

LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

TELEPHONE: 800-248-6701
LOCATION: 1150 Murphy Avenue, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30310

SERVICES: Provides library services for persons unable to read regular printed materials. Provides tapes and Braille.

Website –email: www.georgialibraries.org

LIONS CLUB

LOCATION: 31 Apple Ridge #1, Dawsonville, GA 30534
TELEPHONE: (706) 344-3931
SERVICES: Glasses, smoke alarms, hearing aids, help with the costs for medicines, crutches and wheelchairs.
Website –email: www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/dawsonville

**MARCH OF DIMES
North GA Division**

TELEPHONE: 770-977-3114
LOCATION: 1775 The Exchange Suite 24S, Atlanta GA 30309
SERVICES: Provides grants for implementation of community based programs designed to prevent infant mortality and birth defects. Educational materials, literature, videos, addressing pre-natal care, well baby care, pre-pregnancy planning, etc. to anyone requesting it.
Website –email: www.marchofdimes.com/

MENTAL HEALTH

TELEPHONE: (706) 864-6822 or Emerg. 1-800-347-5827
LOCATION: 150A Johnson St., Dahlonega, GA 30533
SERVICES: Provides the full range of mental health services including out-patient, partial hospitalization, in-patient, emergency services and consultation-education to adults and children; special services for alcoholics include in-patient and ambulatory detoxification, education and supportive group therapy; group home services available for the developmentally disabled (adult females) as well as day training programs.
Website –email: <http://treatment-facilities.findthebest.com/l/12311/Avita-Community-Partners>

NOA'S ARK SHELTER

CONTACT: Cara Ledford
TELEPHONE: Crisis 706-864-1986 or 911
LOCATION: P.O. Box 685, Dahlonega, GA 30533
Website –email: www.womenshelters.org/det/noas-ark-inc

NORTHEAST GEORGIA SPEECH CENTER

CONTACT: Diane Brower
TELEPHONE: (770) 534-5141
LOCATION: 604 Washington St, Gainesville, GA 30501
SERVICES: The speech program for children includes evaluation and treatment for speech problems of all types. The types of programs available include a preschool therapeutic language program, infant stimulation program, and li'l bud speech program.
ELIGIBILITY: Any child having, or suspected of having a speech or language problem is eligible for the services of the center. Acceptance is dependent upon the severity of the problem and ability to learn, desire to improve and the willingness of the family to cooperate, clinic time available, etc. problem is eligible for the services of the center. Acceptance is dependent upon the severity of the problem and ability to learn, desire to improve and the willingness of the family to cooperate, clinic time available, etc.

PARKS AND RECREATION

CONTACT: Lisa Henson
TELEPHONE: 706-344-3600 or 706-344-3646 Rock Creek
LOCATION: Veterans Park, 186 Recreation Rd, Dawsonville, GA 30534
SERVICES: Provides the citizens with year round wholesome fun and recreational activities for the enrichment of mind and body.
Website –email: dawsoncounty.org/departments/dawson-county-parks-and-recreation

PAROLE OFFICE

TELEPHONE: (706) 383-9194
LOCATION: 26 River Terrace, Ste. 201, Ellijay, GA 30540
SERVICES: Supervises parolees when released. Office does post sentencing and social investigations. Helps parole board make responsible decisions on release of parolees. Provides federal parole services for adults and juveniles under US District court and US Board of Parole. Assists victims. Pilot program “Restore to Justice” - Parolees given community services.
Website –email: http://www.50states.com/georgia/government_offices.htm?show=P

PEACHCARE FOR KIDS

TELEPHONE: 1-877-GA PEACH (1-877-427-3224), www.peachcare.org
LOCATION: P.O. Box 2583 Atlanta, GA 30301-2583
Website –email: <https://www.peachcare.org/>
SERVICES: PeachCare is a health coverage program for Georgia’s children. It pays for a full range of services including care for accidents, chronic illnesses, and checkups every year. PeachCare covers checkups and vaccines, vision and dental care, emergency room treatment, hospitalization, prescription medicines, and care for chronic conditions like asthma and diabetes.
ELIGIBILITY: Georgia families who cannot afford private health insurance. Children must not be eligible for Medicaid or enrolled in another healthcare plan. Income guidelines must be met.

PIEDMONT MIGRANT EDUCATION AGENCY

TELEPHONE: (800) 648-0892
LOCATION: 1414 Twin Towers West
205 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive SE, Atlanta, Georgia 30334
Website –email: <http://www.gadoe.org/School-Improvement/Federal-Programs/Pages/Migrant-Education-Program.aspx>
SERVICES: On a supplemental, as-need basis, when available, eligible migrant children/youth may receive school readiness or K-12 academic tutoring; post-secondary prep assistance; emergency medical, dental, vision, hearing services; and/or the opportunity to participate in local, state, and national summer programs. Migrant dropouts/out-of-school youth may be eligible for academic support: English language acquisition programs and /or GED/high school grad prep and testing. NOTE: All migrant students enrolled in Georgia’s Public Schools are eligible for free lunch.
ELIGIBILITY: A child is a “migratory child” and is eligible for MEP services if all of the following conditions are met: The child/youth is at least three years of age and not older than 21 years of age; *and* the child/youth is entitled to a free public education (through grade 12) under State law or is below the age of compulsory school attendance; *and* the child/youth is a migratory agricultural worker or a migratory fisher (by GaDOE MEP definition), or the child/youth has a parent, spouse, or guardian who is a migratory agricultural worker or a migratory fisher (by GaDOE MEP definition); *and* the child/youth moved within the preceding 36 months in order to seek or obtain qualifying work, or to accompany or join the migratory agricultural worker or migratory fisher, in order to seek or obtain qualifying work; *and* the child/youth has moved from one school district to another in this process. The Georgia Department of Education determines program eligibility for children and youth in Georgia.

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE GEORGIA

TELEPHONE: 706-265-1981 Dawson County
LOCATION: PO Box 103, Dawsonville Ga 30534
SERVICES: Provides support to abusive parents. Holds group therapy sessions for parents having problems coping with the stress of parenting. No fees charged.
Website –email: www.preventchildabuse.org/

REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY (RESA)

TELEPHONE: 706-865-2141, 1-866-812-7372, 404-870-6565
LOCATION: P. O. Box 1789, Cleveland, GA 30528
SERVICES: Provides consultative services to 14 school systems in Northeast Georgia; provides aids to the participating school systems.
Website –email: <http://www.pioneerresa.org/index.php>

RIC RAC (RESOURCE INTERACTION COUNCIL)

CONTACT: Angie McKinize
TELEPHONE: (706) 265-1371
LOCATION: 829 Hwy. 9N., Dawsonville, GA 30534
HOURS: Monday - Friday 10:00 – 5:00 Saturdays 10:00 - 5:00
SERVICES: Houses clothing, food and household items at a very low cost or at no cost to those recommended by agencies and organizations.
Website –email: www.ric-rack.org/

RURAL ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

TELEPHONE: (706) 754-6239
LOCATION: 555 Monroe St., Unit 83 Box 12, Clarkesville, GA 30523
SERVICES: Loans to rural, private homeowners. Low-interest loans for business and public housing; operating loans, community services loans. Grants available for age 62 years and older in an eligible area for home repairs related to health.
ELIGIBILITY: Low-income families and the elderly.
Website –email: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ProgramsAndOpportunities.html>

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE

TELEPHONE: 1-800-772-1213 Or (770) 532-7506
LOCATION: 1856 Thompson Bridge Rd, NE Suite 107, Gainesville, GA 30501
Website –email: <http://www.ssa.gov/>
SERVICES: To pay Social Security benefits to those entitled, when payments are due; to pay Supplemental Security Income to those entitled; to assist persons in claiming Medicare benefits; to furnish information regarding the above programs; to furnish assistance in filing claims for any of the above benefits, to assist in administering all programs under the Social Security Act, as a representative of the United States Department of Health and Human Services; to furnish assistance, counsel and referral services in all areas of human needs and problems as possible and practical; to assist in securing Social Security numbers, both original and replacement.
ELIGIBILITY: Eligibility requirements for regular Social Security benefits require a certain amount of work in employment covered by the Social Security law. Eligibility requirements for Supplemental Security Income - age 65, blind or disabled and have limited income, resources and assets (be in need). Eligibility requirements for Medicare - age 65 or are entitled to Social Security disability benefits for more than 24 months. Special Medicare benefits possible for most persons with severe disabilities.

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

CONTACT: Board of Education
TELEPHONE: (706) 265-3246 or (706) 265-2777
LOCATION: P.O. Box 208, Dawsonville, GA 30534
SERVICES: Provides special education services for children with disabilities.
ELIGIBILITY: Children ages 3-21 with a disability that are enrolled in Dawson County Schools.
Website –email: www.dawsoncountyschools.org

STATE AID FOR CANCER

CONTACT: National Cancer Information Center
TELEPHONE: 1-800-227-2345
SERVICES: Provides financial assistance forms for medical care of low-income families.
ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must meet income criteria and a referral from the patient's physician
Website –email: <http://www.cancer.org/>

UNITED WAY

Dawson County – Community Outreach

TELEPHONE: 770-781-4110
Website –email: www.unitedway.org

SERVICES: United Way – mission is to be available to all people in a non-judgmental way, 24 hours per day, through telephone listening, providing information, referrals, and other human services. We strive to help our callers realize their human potential, self-worth, and inner resources in order to help resolve problems or issues affecting their well-being.

VETERANS SERVICE

TELEPHONE: 1-800-827-1000
LOCATION 1700 Clairmont Rd., Decatur, GA 30033
Website –email: www.va.gov
SERVICES: To provide information and expedite claims for all benefits veterans are eligible for, such as pensions, disability, education, home loans, etc.
ELIGIBILITY: Wartime service, or 181 days active duty and honorable discharge.

Resource Directory- Agency Telephone Numbers

Adult Literacy/Even Start, GED Program	706-265-1690
Aging (GMPDC)	706-344-3700
Alcoholism Program	800-662-4357
Alpine Program	770-532-9981
Ambulance Service	911 or 344-3666
American Red Cross	678-947-9900
Area Transit	706-344-3603
Babies Can't Wait	770-538-2778
Board Of Education	706-265-3246
Chamber Of Commerce	706-265-6278
Charity-Hill Burton	800-638-0742
Child Care Block Grant	706-265-6598
Child Care Resource	706-864-1993
Child Support Recovery Unit	770-535-5735
Children First	770-535-2778
Children's Medical Services	770-535-6907
City of Dawsonville	706-265-3256
Community Services Program(Ninth District Opportunity)	706-265-3744
Cooperative Extension Service	706-265-2442
County Commissioners Office	706-344-3501
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	404-325-6973
Department of Corrections	770-535-5710
Employment Services	877-423-4746
Family and Children Services	706-265-6598
Family Connection/Community Partnership	706-265-1981
Family Haven	770-889-6384
Gainesville Adjustment/Diversion Center	770-535-5724
Gainesville College	678-717-3610
Gainesville Jaycees Vocational Rehabilitation	770-535-7464
Gateway House	770-536-5860
Georgia Regional Hospital	404-243-2100
Georgia Senior Legal Hotline	888-257-9519
Head Start/Pre-K Program (Ninth District Opportunity)	706-265-2980
Health Department	706-265-2611
Homeless Liaison – (706-216-5801 ext:1804)	
Housing & Financial Authority, Rental Assist. Program	706-369-5636
Internal Revenue Service	800-829-4477
Juvenile Court Services	770-531-6927
Lanier Area Vocational-Technical School	770-531-6300
Legal Aid	770-535-5717
Library	706-344-3690

Library For The Blind And Physically Handicapped	800-248-6701
Lions Club	706-344-3931
March Of Dimes	770-977-3114
Mental Health-Mental Retardation Center	706-864-6822
NOA's Ark Shelter	706-864-1986
Northeast Georgia Speech Center	770-534-5141
Parks And Recreation	706-344-3600
Parole Office	706-383-9194
Peach Care for Kids	877-427-3224
Piedmont Migrant Education Agency	800-648-0892
Prevent Child Abuse Georgia	706-265-1981
Regional Educational Service Agency	706-865-2141
Ric Rac (Resource Interaction Council)	706-265-1371
Rural Economic & Community Development	706-754-6239
Social Security Office	800-772-1213
Special Education Department	706-265-3246
State Aid for Cancer	800-227-2345
United Way – Community Outreach	706-781-4110
Veterans Service	800-827-1000

**UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT INFORMATION**

Governor Nathan Deal (R), 203 Georgia State Capitol,
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
404-656-1776

Lt. Governor Casey Cagle 404-656-5030

Georgia Public Service Commission
1-800-282-5813

Senate Secretary
404-656-5040

Rep. 607 Legislative Off. Building, Atlanta, Georgia 30334
Capitol Phone – 404-656-5943, District Phone – 706-632-2221

Senator 321-A Legislative Office Building, Atlanta, Georgia
30334
Capitol Phone – 404-656-9221, District Phone – 770-886-6971

TOLL FREE NUMBERS

800-282-5852 - Agriculture Consumer Service Program
800-872-7245 - Amtrak Rail Passenger Service
800-933-7023 - Arthritis Hotline
800-525-3777 - Cancer Information Hotline
800-638-2772 - Consumer Product Safety
800-555-1212 - Government Agencies (telephone directory)
800-323-8323 - Health Care
800-633-2339 - Kidney Foundation (Atlanta)
800-248-6701 - Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped
800-282-0535 - North Georgia Medical Center (Gainesville)
800-858-7378 - Pesticides Information
800-282-5846 - Poison Control Center
800-282-5813 - Public Service Commission