

Habersham County Resource Handbook

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Introduction

This Community Resource Handbook has been compiled to assist Habersham Head Start/Pre-K families in gaining access to local and state information. This handbook provides support groups and agencies throughout the county and state that may provide needed support or services desired by families or individuals. These resources are listed by type of service provided, however, an agency may provide more than one resource or service. A complete alphabetical listing is located in the back of the handbook as an additional reference. This is not an “all inclusive” listing and more resources may be available to assist with the need.

If the support or service you are seeking has not been listed in this resource book, please contact your Family Support Partner at the Habersham Head Start/Pre-K office.

Our goal is to help each family succeed and your calls, requests, and concerns are welcomed.



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CHILDCARE

CHILD CARE RESOURCES AND REFERRAL OF NORTH REGION

ADDRESS: 913 N. Tennessee Street Suite 202
Cartersville, GA 30120

TELEPHONE: 1-877-255-4254 (877-ALLGAKids)

SERVICES: Works to ensure children receive excellent care and early learning experiences by helping parents access quality, affordable care for their children.

WEBSITE: www.allgakids.org

DAY CARE CENTERS/PRESCHOOLS

Ark Angels Learning Center

706-778-2270
565 Hoyt St.
Cornelia, GA 30531
Wanda Kinsey

Foundations Academy

706-894-1529
120 Commerce Parkway
Cornelia, GA 30531
Sthar Trotman

Kandy Kane

706-754-4035
1323 Historic Hwy 441 North
Clarkesville, GA 30523
Debbie Loudermilk

Little Dreamer's Academy

706-894-2606
176 Finis Springs Road
Cornelia, GA 30531
Becky Cantrell

Stepping Stones

706-754-7090
197 N Lovell Rd.
Clarkesville, GA 30523
Laverne Jones

The Right Start Development Center

706-894-2402
174 Charlie Batson Rd.
Demorest, GA 30535



BRIGHT FROM THE START (DECAL)
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

TELEPHONE: 1-888-442-7735

CONTACT: Consultant on call

SERVICES: Provides information on Child Care Licensing, Georgia's Pre-K Program, Federal Child and Adult Care Food Program, Head Start Collaboration, and the Standards of Care Program.

WEBSITE: www.dec.al.ga.gov

COUNSELING/SUPPORT GROUPS

ALCOHOLIC'S ANONYMOUS

ADDRESS: First Presbyterian Church
123 Etta Street
Cornelia, GA 30531

TELEPHONE: 706-776-7930

CONTACT: Imogene Palmer, Wellness Coordinator

MEETING TIMES: AA Meetings AL-ANON Meetings
Mondays at 8:00pm Tuesdays at Noon
Thursdays at 8:00pm Thursdays at 8:00pm

PURPOSE: A fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.

WEBSITE: www.AAGA.org

AVITA MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

ADDRESS: 196 Scoggins Drive
Demorest, GA 30535

TELEPHONE: Behavior Health Services: 706-894-3700
Developmental Disability Services: 706-894-3750
After hour crisis service 1-800-347-5827

HOURS: Monday - Friday, 8am-5pm

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PURPOSE: To promote good mental health within the adult, child and family.

SERVICES: Counseling for adults, children and families; psychological testing for children. A child psychiatrist will provide counseling for children with special needs.

- Mental Health, Addictive Diseases, Developmental Disabilities, Crisis Stabilization Unit, and Child and Adolescent- Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Crisis Prevention and Intervention.

FEES: The fee is based on a sliding scale, depending on the amount of income and number of family members. The Medicaid Program pays Medicaid recipient's fee.

WEBSITE: www.avitapartners.org

CHESTATEE COUNSELING CENTER

TELEPHONE: 706-344-8462

PURPOSE: Committed to helping individuals and families create safe, stable and healthy relationships.

WEBSITE: www.chestateecounselingcenter.com

CHILDREN'S CENTER FOR HOPE AND HEALING

ADDRESS: 226 Main Street SW
Gainesville, GA 30501

TELEPHONE: 770-532-6530

SERVICES: Provides no-cost therapeutic treatment for children ages 4-17 who have been the victims of sexual abuse.

WEBSITE: www.hopeandhealingga.org

CORNERSTONES COUNSELING CENTER

ADDRESS: 42 North Ave. #100
Cleveland, GA 30528

TELEPHONE: 706-348-8674

PURPOSE: To improve emotional and mental health through evaluation, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of mental, emotional and behavioral health issues.

F.A.I.T.H.

TELEPHONE: 706-782-1003
24 hour crisis line: 1-888-782-1338

SERVICES: A nonprofit organization which provides free and confidential services to victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault, and child abuse in Northeast Georgia.

WEBSITE: www.faith-inc.org

FAMILY ART THERAPY

ADDRESS: 106 Oak Crescent Circle
Clayton, GA 30525

TELEPHONE: 706-782-0717

SERVICES: Intensive in home family therapy, parenting education skills and support for families at risk. Provide individual, family and group counseling.

GEORGIA TOBACCO QUIT LINE (24/7)

TELEPHONE: 1-877-270-STOP (7867)
Spanish speaking callers call: 1-877-266-3863
Hearing impaired, TTY: 1-877-777-6534

SERVICES: The Georgia Quit Line provides free counseling, a resource library, and support and referral services for tobacco user ages 13 and older. Callers have the opportunity to speak with health care professionals who develop a unique plan for each individual. (All languages are available).

HABERSHAM COUNTY MENTORING PROGRAM

TELEPHONE: 706-778-7978

SERVICES: Matches volunteers with children to provide positive role models.

LAURELWOOD

(Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Center of North Georgia Health Systems)

TELEPHONE: 1-800-848-3649

SERVICES: Offers treatment to individuals with mental illness and or substance abuse issues.

WEBSITE: www.nghs.com

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CARE MANAGEMENT ENTITY/LM CME

ADDRESS: 1875 Fant Drive
Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742

TELEPHONE: 706-806-1260

PURPOSE: Committed to strengthening and empowering families statewide

SERVICES: LM CME is an organizational entity which is funded by the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, to coordinate care for youth with complex behavioral health challenges and who are involved with multiple systems.

WEBSITE: www.LMCME.org

THE MUSTARD SEED COUNSELING SERVICES, INC

TELEPHONE: 706-894-1371 (office hours 10:00am-5:00pm)
Counselors work evening hours for family convenience-after work/school.

CONTACT: Michael Johns, Director

ADDRESS: 2 Habersham locations:
1992 Cannon Bridge Rd, Demorest, GA
319 Madison Street, Clarkesville, GA

PURPOSE: To promote and encourage healthy families through Christian based counseling in these areas:

- Outpatient substance abuse treatment, child adolescent and teen counseling, women counseling, marriage and family counseling, anger management and parenting classes.

FEES: Based on treatment needs, Medicaid accepted for children.
For those that cannot afford standard fees, a sliding scale method is used.
Scholarships may be offered to those who have documentation to prove they cannot pay anything.

WEBSITE: www.mustardseedcounseling.org

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

TELEPHONE: 1-800-559-9503 (24/7)

WEBSITE: www.na.org



NEW BEGINNINGS

ADDRESS: 1258 Greater Hope Road
Martin, GA 30557
TELEPHONE: 706-356-2113
SERVICES: A minimum 12 month Christian ministry for women recovering from drug and alcohol addiction.
WEBSITE: www.newbeginningslife.net

POWERHOUSE FOR KIDS

ADDRESS: 768 Hwy 123
Toccoa, GA 30577
TELEPHONE: 706-886-2290 or 1-888-782-1338 (24/7 Crisis Line)
HOURS: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm
SERVICES: Providing free and confidential services to alleged victims of sexual assault or child abuse. (Trauma Therapy)
PURPOSE: A child friendly environment for the child and non-offending care giver to tell his/her story to trained professionals and to receive the services necessary to reduce trauma on the child.
WEBSITE: www.faith-inc.org

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE HABERSHAM HOTLINE

TELEPHONE: 706-778-3100 or 1-800-CHILDREN (244-5373)
SERVICES: Provides information, referrals, and support for parents, survivors of abuse, professionals, community members, children adolescents, families and educators.
WEBSITE: www.preventchildabusehabersham.org

**RAPE RESPONSE, INC.
HABERSHAM COUNTY**

TELEPHONE: 1-800-721-1999 or (24/7) 770-503-7273
Hearing impaired TTY: 770-503-7208
SERVICES: Provides free and confidential help to survivors of sexual assault, their families and loved ones.
WEBSITE: www.raperesponse.com

SAVING HABERSHAM

TELEPHONE: 706-768-6558 (information and crisis line)

SERVICES: SAVING HABERSHAM is a community coalition that is committed to eliminating substance abuse and violence in Northeast Georgia.
General meeting: 4th Thursday of every 3rd month

WEBSITE: www.savinghabersham.org

TREATMENT RESOURCES

TELEPHONE: 1-888-435-7711 (24/7 crisis line)

PURPOSE: To provide 24-hour resource information to help individuals and professionals find appropriate addiction treatment options and behavioral health resources in your local community, state, nationwide or worldwide.

WEBSITE: www.treatment-resources.com

VICTORY HOME - HELPING HAND, INC.

ADDRESS: 320 Victory Home Lane
P.O. Box 7
Tallulah Falls, GA 30573

TELEPHONE: 706-754-6030

CONTACT: Rev. Richard Pletsch

HOURS: Office: Monday-Friday 9:00am-12:00, 1:00-5:00 (closed Sat/Sun)
Thrift Store: Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm (closed Sat/Sun)

PURPOSE: A Christian non-denominational ministry providing residential care and guidance for men suffering from alcohol and drug addiction.

WEBSITE: www.victoryhome.org



DISABILITY SERVICES

ALPINE PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

ADDRESS: 1300A Athens Street
Gainesville, GA 30507

TELEPHONE: 770-532-9981

CONTACT: Melanie Williams

PURPOSE: ALPINE is a special education school providing services for children with disabilities (special physical, mental, or learning needs)

ARC OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA (Association of Retarded Citizens)

TELEPHONE: 888-401-1581 or 706-776-8023

SERVICES: Provides recreation, support, respite, and other services for the developmentally delayed.

WEBSITE: www.thearcofgeorgia.org

ASSISTING THE NEEDS FOR THE DISABLED, INC

ADDRESS: 203 Gastley Rd
Clarkeville, GA 30523

TELEPHONE: 706-754-5404

CONTACT: Ray and Sue Rowell

SERVICES: To assist in acquiring ramps and grab bars for qualifying individuals.

BABIES CAN'T WAIT

TELEPHONE: 1-888-651-8224

CONTACT: Anna Garfield

SERVICES: A program in Georgia that serves families of very young children, from birth to age three, who have disabilities or significant developmental delays.

WEBSITE: www.dhp.georgia.gov

CHALLENGED CHILD, INC AND FRIENDS

TELEPHONE: 770-535-8372

SERVICES: Provides early intervention services to children ages birth-5 with developmental delays and disabilities or at-risk conditions.

WEBSITE: www.challengedchild.org

PARENT TO PARENT OF GEORGIA, INC

ADDRESS: 3070 Presidential Parkway Suite 130
Atlanta, GA 30340-3712

TELEPHONE: 1-800-229-2038

CONTACT: Debbie Tucker

PURPOSE: A support system for parents who have just learned that their child has a disability. Parent-to-Parent makes contact with referred families only when these families express an interest in talking with a supporting parent.

WEBSITE: www.p2pga.org

PRESCHOOL READINESS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM (PREP)

ADDRESS: Habersham County Schools
PO Box 70
West Stanford Mill Road
Clarkesville, GA 30523

TELEPHONE: 706-754-1234

CONTACT: Jill Maxwell, Director of Special Education Programs

SERVICES:

- Preschool Special Education
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Support Services for parents and all care providers
- Ages 3-12

WEBSITE: www.habershamschools.com



VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCY (GVRA)

ADDRESS: 243 South Main Street, Suite B
Cleveland, GA 30528

TELEPHONE: 1-706-348-4882 (toll free 1-800-846-9634)

PURPOSE: The GVRA operates to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.

WEBSITE: www.gvra.georgia.gov

DOMESTIC/FAMILY VIOLENCE
SHELTERS and HELPLINES

CIRCLE OF HOPE/FAMILY VIOLENCE

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 833
Cornelia, GA 30531

TELEPHONE: Administration: 706-776-3406 (Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm)
Crisis Line: 706-776-4673 (24/7)
1-800-33HAVEN

CONTACT: Caseworker on Call

SERVICES: Provides shelter and support services such as counseling, support groups, and legal services to those affected by domestic violence.

WEBSITE: www.gacircleofhope.org

GATEWAY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER

TELEPHONE: Crisis Line: 770-536-5860
Administration: 770-539-9080

PURPOSE: Shelter for battered women and their children

ELIGIBILITY: A woman must have been physically abused by a spouse within the last seven days. She must be in need of safe, temporary housing for her or her children, and have no other alternatives (family, friends, etc.). She must be physically and mentally able to participate in community-style living at Gateway House. Gateway House cannot accept women currently abusing alcohol/drugs, or male children age 13 or over.

WEBSITE: www.gatewaydvcenter.org

PROJECT SAFE

TELEPHONE: Crisis Line: 706-543-3331
Teen Texting Line: 706-765-8019

SERVICES: Domestic violence education/prevention as well as shelter and assistance for those in domestic violence situations.

WEBSITE: www.project-safe.org

EDUCATION (ADULT)

ADULT EDUCATION - GED

ADDRESS: North Georgia Technical College Adult Learning Center
1500 Hwy. 197 North 166 Commerce Parkway Unit D
Clarkesville, GA 30523 Cornelia, GA 30531

TELEPHONE: 706-754-7700-Clarkesville, 706-776-7323-Cornelia

CONTACT: Shelby Ward

PURPOSE: To provide classes in basic education for individuals who have not completed high school.

SERVICES: Day and night classes. Offered at Toccoa and Athens campuses. GED Testing, GED Certificate, ESL Civics, and ASSET Test.

WEBSITE: www.northgatech.edu

ADULT EDUCATION - TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL

ADDRESS: North Georgia Technical College
1500 Hwy. 197 North
Clarkesville, GA 30523

TELEPHONE: 706-754-7700

CONTACT: Registrar's Office

PURPOSE: To provide technical and vocational education for individuals.

COURSES OFFERED:

1. Automotive Body Repair
2. Auto Mechanics
3. Business Education – Accounting, clerk-typist, secretarial
4. Carpentry - cabinet making
5. Cosmetology
6. Data Processing Technology
7. Drafting and Design
8. Electrical Appliances Servicing
9. Electrical Technology

10. Machine and Tool Design
11. Masonry Trades
12. Certified Laboratory Assistant (Medical)
13. Ornamental Horticulture
14. Photography
15. Plumbing and Heating
16. Practical Nursing
17. Refrigeration and Air Conditioning
18. Small Engine Mechanics
19. Watch Repair
20. Welding
21. Computer Literacy

- STUDENT AID:
1. Basic Grant (BEOG)
 2. Georgia Incentive Scholarship (GIS)
 3. Work Study
 4. The Georgia Guaranteed Student Loan
 5. State Cancelable Loans
 6. Tuition free to residents of Georgia

ELIGIBILITY: Individuals must be 16 years old or older.

WEBSITE: www.northgatech.edu

ADULT READING CLASSES

ADDRESS: 166 Commerce Parkway Unit D
Cornelia, GA 30531

TELEPHONE: 706-776-7323

PURPOSE: To assist adults in improving reading skills.

WEBSITE: www.northgatech.edu

LOCAL COLLEGES

COLLEGE: **University of North Georgia/Dahlonega Campus**
TELEPHONE: 706-864-1400
WEBSITE: www.ung.edu

COLLEGE: **University of North Georgia/Gainesville Campus**
TELEPHONE: 678-717-3639
WEBSITE: www.ung.edu

COLLEGE: **Lanier Technical College**
TELEPHONE: 770-531-6300
WEBSITE: www.laniertech.edu

COLLEGE: **North Georgia Technical College**
TELEPHONE: 706-754-7700
WEBSITE: www.northgatech.edu

COLLEGE: **Piedmont College**
TELEPHONE: 1-800-277-7020
WEBSITE: www.piedmont.edu

COLLEGE: **Interactive College of Technology**
TELEPHONE: 678-450-0550
WEBSITE: www.ict.edu/gainesville

EDUCATION (CHILDREN)

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

ADDRESS: 132 Stanford Mill Road
Clarkesville, GA 30523
TELEPHONE: 706-754-2118
SERVICES: Information about bus route transportation, employment opportunities,
school district, school lunch program and transcript requests.
WEBSITE: www.habershamschools.com

HABERSHAM COUNTY HEAD START/PRE-K

CONTACT: Elizabeth Ann Rogers
ADDRESS: 291 Light Street, Baldwin, GA 30511 (physical)
PO Box 231, Cornelia, GA 30531 (mailing)
TELEPHONE: 706-778-7809 or 706-776-1831
SERVICES: The HEAD START Program is a national program providing comprehensive child development services with a focus on school readiness. These services are provided primarily to low-income families. To help enrolled children achieve their full potential, the Head Start program helps provide health, nutritional, educational, social/emotional and other services. In addition, the Head Start program is required to provide for the direct participation of parents of enrolled children. Parents receive training and education that helps foster better understanding of their children. They also become involved in the development, conduct, and direction of local Head Start program.
ELIGIBILITY: Federal Poverty Income Guidelines determine eligibility; however, 10% of enrolled children may be accepted from families above the guidelines.

PRE-K is a state-funded program for four-year-olds which is funded through the Georgia lottery. The goal of every Georgia Pre-K classroom is to provide our four-year-old children with the learning experiences they need in order to prepare for Kindergarten. In Habersham County, both programs are administered through the Ninth District Opportunity Program and are housed together at the Head Start Center in Baldwin.

ADULT EDUCATION workshops to develop parenting skills in safety and first aid, health, nutrition, child development, referral services and community resources are provided.

All program services are provided for children with disabilities and their families.

MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM

TELEPHONE: 706-754-2110

CONTACT: Rhonda Andrews

ELIGIBILITY: Families who have moved within the past six years across school system lines for the purpose of seeking temporary or seasonal agricultural jobs.

SERVICES: Provides opportunities for children to gain the necessary skills to function as productive members of society. Also provides supplemental academic and social services to help these children succeed in the regular classroom program.

MOUNTAIN EDUCATION CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL (MECHS)

ADDRESS: 901 Fairview School Rd
Demorest, GA 30535

TELEPHONE: 706-754-4461

SERVICES: Offers academic, self-paced, individualized, evening high school that serves students who are seeking a non-traditional school environment and who desire a Georgia high school diploma. MECHS also serves students who need to make-up missed credit from their regular high school, enabling them to stay on academic track and graduate with their peers. MECHS is a year-round high school that offers all Georgia required curriculum courses as well as a variety of vocational courses.

WEBSITE: www.mountaineducationcenter.net



EDUCATION (PARENTING)

CHOICES PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

- ADDRESS:** 434 Green Street Place
Gainesville, GA 30501
- TELEPHONE:** 770-535-1245 (24 hour help line)
- PURPOSE:** Supports women and families facing a crisis pregnancy. Free and confidential services. Parents able to watch parenting skills videos and can attend during the pregnancy and up until their child is 12 months of age. Parents earn points for each visit and can turn the points in and receive free baby items.
- SERVICES:** Free STD testing, free pregnancy tests/ultrasounds, post-abortion assistance
Free Programs offered:
- My Baby Counts Program- Earn baby clothes by watching parenting DVDs.
 - “Encourage Me” group- monthly support group for single moms
 - PAST Class (Post Abortion Support and Treatment)- A 10 week class for women who have had an abortion
 - “Almost a Daddy”- Support for men after abortion
- WEBSITE:** www.choicespregnancy.org

PARENTS AS TEACHERS

- ADDRESS:** 353 Chattahoochee Street
Cornelia, GA 30531
- TELEPHONE:** 706-778-3100
- CONTACT:** Dr. Carol James or Christina Davis
- SERVICES:** PARENTS AS TEACHERS envisions that all children will learn, grow and develop to realize their full potential. Parent educators make home visits to provide the information; support and encouragement that parents need to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life.
- WEBSITE:** www.preventchildabusehabersham.org

FATHERHOOD PROGRAMS/RESOURCES

ALL PRO DADS PROGRAM

- PURPOSE:** The All Pro Dad program strives to help fathers become passionate about their role in their family’s life and provide them every resource needed to rightly train up their children and give them a hopeful future.

WEBSITE: www.allprodad.com

FATHERS ONLINE FORUM

PURPOSE: This online forum is committed to helping create a community of support for new and expectant fathers.

WEBSITE: www.fathersforum.com

NATIONAL CENTER FOR FATHERING

PURPOSE: The National Center for Fathering strives to improve the lives of children and establish a positive fathering and family legacy that will impact future generations by inspiring and equipping fathers.

WEBSITE: www.fathers.com

NATIONAL FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE

PURPOSE: The National Fatherhood Initiative is committed to better outcomes for children by making a positive difference in the relationship between them and their fathers.

WEBSITE: www.fatherhood.org

EMPLOYMENT

GEORGIA DEPT OF LABOR/EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

CORNELIA

ADDRESS: 215 Hodges Street
Suite 205
Cornelia, GA 30531

TELEPHONE 706-776-0811

HOURS: Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm

TOCCOA

ADDRESS: 37 Fore Acre Street
Toccoa, GA 30577

TELEPHONE 706-282-4514

PURPOSE: To help secure employment for people of all ages and backgrounds without charging a fee.

SERVICES: Youth employment - stay in school program, apprenticeship information, bonding assistance, employment services for rural areas, Job Corps, labor mobility - relocation assistance, manpower development and training on job or classroom, new careers, older workers employment assistance, physically/mentally disabled employment service, unemployment insurance, and Work Incentive Program.

WEBSITE: www.dol.state.ga.us

EMPLOYMENT (STAFFING AGENCIES)

AXIOM

ADDRESS: 2251 Jesse Jewell Pkwy
Gainesville, GA 30501

TELEPHONE: 770-534-9490

WEBSITE: www.axiomstaffing.com

ETCON

ADDRESS: 101-A Demorest Square
Demorest, GA 30535

TELEPHONE: 706-776-7636 (Toll free 1-800-442-1011)

ADDRESS: 439 EE Butler Parkway
Gainesville, GA 30501

TELEPHONE: 770-535-0511 (Toll free 1-800-442-1011)

WEBSITE: www.etcon.net

KELLY SERVICES

ADDRESS: 250 John Morrow Pkwy
Gainesville, GA 30501

TELEPHONE: 770-536-8092

WEBSITE: www.kellyservices.com

SELECT STAFFING

ADDRESS: 304 Pearl Nix Parkway
Gainesville, GA 30501

TELEPHONE: 770-536-1122

WEBSITE: www.selectstaffing.com

SPHERION STAFFING

ADDRESS: 2175 Ramsey Road
Gainesville, GA 30501
770-534-9490

WEBSITE: www.spherion.com

FAMILY/CHILDREN SERVICES

ADOPTION REUNION REGISTRY/GEORGIA

TELEPHONE: 1-888-328-0055

PURPOSE: To help adopted persons gain knowledge about their birth histories and to give birth families the opportunity to connect with relatives separated by a Georgia adoption.

WEBSITE: www.ga.adoptionreunion.com

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

TELEPHONE: 1-844-694-2347

PURPOSE: To enhance the well-being of children by assuring that assistance in obtaining support, including financial and medical, is available to them through locating parents, establishing paternity, establishing support obligations and monitoring, enforcing and reviewing support obligations.

WEBSITE: www.dhs.georgia.gov

GA/Child Support Recovery Representative 1-800-607-5437

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES (DFCS)

HABERSHAM COUNTY

ADDRESS: 1045 Grant Street
PO Box 160
Clarkeville, GA 30523

TELEPHONE: 706-754-2148
800-845-5464

CONTACT: Caseworker on Call

PURPOSE: To assist those who need financial and medical assistance or social services.

SERVICES: Medical assistance or aid to families with dependent children, food stamp program (EBT), temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), family planning and homemaker services, day care services, legal aid, work incentive program, aid to the aged, blind and disabled, aid to totally disabled, emergency needs (food, clothing, rent and utilities), foster care, group homes, services to travelers aid, adoptions, and vocational rehabilitation.

WEBSITE: www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov

BANKS COUNTY

ADDRESS: 423 Evans Street
P.O. Box 159
Homer, GA 30547

TELEPHONE: 706-677-2272

HALL COUNTY

ADDRESS: 970 McEver Road Extension
Gainesville, GA 30504

TELEPHONE: 770-532-5233

STEPHENS COUNTY

ADDRESS: 64 N. Boulevard Suite 101
Toccoa, GA 30577

TELEPHONE: 706-282-4615

MY TURN NOW

TELEPHONE: 1-800-603-1322

PURPOSE: Information on children available for adoption in Georgia.

PERSONAL ADVOCATES

TELEPHONE: 1-800-869-1150

SERVICES: Handle complaints and inquires related to TANF, Food Stamps, Medicaid and Child Care.

WEBSITE: www.dhs.georgia.gov

RIGHT FROM THE START (RSM)/MEDICAID PROGRAM

TELEPHONE: 1-800-809-7276

SERVICES: Caller can request an RSM or Georgia Partnership for Caring application, get contact information for the nearest Medicaid Eligibility Specialist, and inquire about PeachCare for Kids and Women’s Health Medicaid.

WEBSITE: www.dhs.georgia.gov

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

ANNUAL CREDIT REPORT

SERVICES: You are entitled to receive one free credit report every 12 months from each of the nationwide consumer credit reporting companies- Equifax, Experian and TransUnion.

WEBSITE: www.annualcreditreport.com

INFOLINK

TELEPHONE: 706-776-2222

CONTACT: Teresa Franklin

HOURS: Monday – Friday 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

SERVICES: Listings of available resources and agencies within the area. Information and referrals on health and human service organizations. Trained staff available to assist.

**NINTH DISTRICT OPPORTUNITY, INC
COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM**

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 coaching/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
- Installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors (Weatherization)

HEALTH

- Assessment/Referral to proper resources for timely immunizations
- 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, general public in December)

WEBSITE: www.ndo.org

BANKS COUNTY

Christy Hill
110 Shortest Street
Homer, Georgia 30547-0144
Phone: (706) 677-3921
Fax: (706) 677-5143

DAWSON COUNTY

Sara Wishour
54 Hwy 53 W
Dawsonville, Georgia 30534-0009

HABERSHAM COUNTY

Linda Shadburn
144 Commerce Pkwy, Suite A
Cornelia, Georgia 30531-0250
Phone: (706) 778-0075
Fax: (706)778-0085

HALL COUNTY

Shanna Cotton
510 West Avenue, Suite 500
Gainesville, Georgia 30501-3402

Community Resource Handbook

Phone: (706) 265-3744
Fax: (706) 265-4555

FORSYTH COUNTY

Pam Morris

133 Samaritan Drive, Suite 112
Cumming, Georgia 30040-2396
Phone: (770) 889-9420
Fax: (770) 889-8429

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Anne V. Marcengill

Franklin Co. Community Center
6885 Highway 145
Carnesville, Georgia 30521
Phone: (706) 384-3495
Fax: (706) 384-5066

RABUN COUNTY

Brandie Potts

1236 Old Hwy 441 South
Clayton, Georgia 30525-0691
Phone: (706) 782-3704
Fax: (706) 782-9602

STEPHENS COUNTY

Vanessa Youngblood

161 Queen Street
Toccoa, Georgia 30577-1402
Phone: (706) 886-0211
Fax: (706) 886-7049

TOWNS COUNTY

Teresa Stephens

1294 Jack Dayton Circle
Young Harris, GA 30582
Hiawassee, Georgia 30546-0042
Phone: (706) 896-4783
Fax: (706) 896-4790

Phone: (770)534-8826
or (770)534-8820
Fax: (770) 534-0698

HART COUNTY

Gail Blackwell

500 N. Richardson Street,
Head Start Center
Hartwell, Georgia 30643-6033
Phone: (706)376-4150
Fax: (706)377-4416

LUMPKIN COUNTY

Marilyn Smiley

75 Enota Street
Dahlonega, Georgia 30533-0544
Phone: (706) 864-4637
Fax: (706) 864-1558

UNION COUNTY

Ann Sullivan

Civic Center
185 Wellborn St., Box 8
Blairsville, Georgia 30512-3550
Phone: (706) 745-6596
Fax: (706) 781-1631

WHITE COUNTY

Yvonne Cruse

Community Center
1331 Helen Highway
Cleveland, Georgia 30528-6938
Phone: (706) 865-6220
Fax: (706) 865-6223

SALVATION ARMY OF TOCCOA

ADDRESS: 306 East Franklin Street
Toccoa, GA 30577
TELEPHONE: 706-886-5293

Thrift Store
715 South Big A Road
Toccoa, GA 30577

HOURS: Thrift Store: Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm

SERVICES: Provides a variety of assistance which includes but is not limited to assistance with payment of utilities, provision of food and clothing, medical needs and holiday assistance.

WEBSITE: www.salvationarmygeorgia.org

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

ADDRESS: Social Security Administration
155 Big A Road
Toccoa, GA 30577

TELEPHONE: 1-800-405-7655

PURPOSE: A compulsory social insurance program providing protection against (1) loss of income due to old age, (2) death of the family provider and (3) permanent & total disability.

WEBSITE: www.ssa.gov

SAFELINK

TELEPHONE: 1-800-SAFELINK (1-800-723-3546)

SERVICES: A government supported program that provides a free cell phone and airtime each month for income-eligible customers.

WEBSITE: www.safelinkwireless.com

TELEPHONE BILL ASSISTANCE/LIFELINE

TELEPHONE: 1-800-501-1754

SERVICES: Offers a program that provides qualified low income households a discount on their monthly local telephone bill.

USDA RECD

(United States Department of Agriculture / Rural Economic and Community Development)

ADDRESS: 555 Monroe St. Unit 83
Box 12
Clarkesville, GA 30523

TELEPHONE: 706-754-6239 ext. 4

CONTACT: Samuel Kirkland

PURPOSE: This agency is a lending agency for Farm Development Operating Loans, purchase and refinance loans for farmers; farm debts, water loans to municipalities, recreation loans, loans on rural dwellings.

SERVICES:

- Loans and grants for farm labor housing
- Farm operating loans
- Ownership loans
- Forestry loans
- Emergency loans
- Low-income rural family loans
- Grading, irrigation and drainage loans
- Low-income mortgage insurance

FOOD/CLOTHING ASSISTANCE

ONE HARVEST FOOD MINISTRIES

TELEPHONE: 877-818-1778 or 770-466-0000

SERVICES: Boxes of food for \$35.00. - 9 Different Choices

PURPOSE: One Harvest is a non-profit faith based organization that is committed to helping families by offering affordable, pre-packaged, high quality food boxes.

WEBSITE: www.oneharvest.com

GET REAL MINISTRIES/GRACE POINT

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 293
Baldwin, GA 30511

TELEPHONE: 706-776-7491

SERVICES: Provides assistance to individuals and families in the area as needed. Call for more information.

WEBSITE: www.getrealnow.org

HABERSHAM COUNTY SOUP KITCHEN

CLARKESVILLE

TELEPHONE: 706-754-3223

HOURS: 11:30am-12:30pm Monday-Saturday

Community Resource Handbook

ADDRESS: 166 Ritchie Street (behind Woods Furniture)
Clarkesville, GA 30523

SERVICES: Provide meals to the hungry.

CORNELIA

HOURS: 11:30am-12:30pm Monday-Saturday

ADDRESS: 236 Level Grove Road (beside United Way)
Cornelia, GA 30531

SHARING AND CARING

PURPOSE: Emergency assistance to Habersham families in need.

ELIGIBILITY: Income and need.

SERVICES: Food pantry, clothing, energy assistance, medication and limited dental assistance

CLARKESVILLE

ADDRESS: 110 Camelot Way
Clarkesville, GA 30523

TELEPHONE: 706-754-6420

HOURS: Thrift Store: Monday-Saturday
10:00am-12:45pm

Food Pantry: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
10:00am- 12:45pm

CORNELIA

ADDRESS: 195 Stovall Street
Cornelia, GA 30531

TELEPHONE: 706-778-2980

HOURS: Thrift Store: Monday-Saturday
10:00am-1:00pm

Food Pantry: Monday - Friday
10:00am- 1:00pm

Dental: Thursdays only

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS/PANTRIES

DISTRIBUTIONS

Glade Creek Baptist Church

706-754-6586

3rd Thursday of every month;
5:00 PM-6:00 PM

The Torch

706-778-4063

1st Saturday of each month at 8:30 AM

Harvest Christian Church

706-754-4704

2nd Wednesday of every month
9:00 AM-12:00 PM

www.harvestchristianchurch.com

Harmony Baptist Church

706-776-3904

2nd Tuesday of every month
10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Alto Congregational Holiness Church

706-778-6143

Mon. 10:00 AM-1:00 PM
Thurs. 2:00 PM-5:00 PM
One box per month.



PANTRIES

Salvation Army

706-886-5293

Mon-Thurs 9:30 AM-3:30 PM-
Closed for lunch 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

Shady Grove Ministry

706-778-5045

Wednesday 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Sharing & Caring

706-754-6420 or 706-778-2980

10:00 AM-12:45 PM

New Vision Worship

706-778-8364

River Point Community Church

706-778-5000

Every Tuesday; 9:30 AM-10:30 AM
(Families can participate every week)

Open Door Food Ministry/The Torch

236 Level Grove Rd, Cornelia Ga
Monday and Saturdays 10:00 AM -12:00 PM,
Wed 5:00 PM-7:00 PM
Can participate every 60 days.

**Availability and distribution dates may vary monthly

HABERSHAM COUNTY INFORMATION/SERVICES

COUNTY WEBSITE : www.habershamga.com

ANIMAL SERVICES

Animal Care and Control

John B. Gesbocker Animal Shelter

ADDRESS: 4231B Toccoa Hwy
Clarkesville, GA 30523

TELEPHONE: 706-839-0195
City of Cornelia: 706-778-8585
City of Baldwin: 706-778-6341

SERVICES: Offers pet adoption, spay/neuter program, animal cruelty control and shelter services for animals.

WEBSITE: www.habershamga.com

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ADDRESS: 668 Historic Hwy 441
Cornelia, GA 30531

TELEPHONE: 706-778-4654

CONTACT: Dr. Judy Taylor, President

SERVICES: Provide cultural activities, promote business, and promote tourism.

WEBSITE: www.habershamchamber.com

CITY AND COUNTY MEETINGS

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

TIME: Third Monday - 6:00 PM
PLACE: Jury Assembly Room- Courthouse, Clarkesville, GA
TELEPHONE: 706-839-0200

CITY COMMISSIONERS:

TIME: 7:00 PM, first Tuesday of each month
PLACE: Cornelia Fire Department
TELEPHONE: 706-778-8585

SCHOOL BOARD:

TIME: Second Monday at 6:00 PM of each month
PLACE: Board of Education, Clarkesville, GA
TELEPHONE: 706-754-2118

WEBSITE: www.habersham.ga

HABERSHAM COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

ADDRESS: 555 Monroe Street Unit 50, Box 13
Clarkesville, GA 30523

TELEPHONE: 706-754-2318

CONTACT: Stephen Patrick, Agriculture Agent

PURPOSE: Coordinating and integrating the resources of the University of Georgia and the U.S. Department of Agriculture on the needs of the citizens of the area.

1. Resource information on all phases of agriculture, landscaping, community development and homemaking.
2. Provide educational and special interest programs.
3. Leadership to 4-H Clubs and other youth programs.

WEBSITE: www.habersham.ga

HABERSHAM COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY/EMA

ADDRESS: 175 EOC Drive
Mt. Airy, GA 30563

TELEPHONE: 706-778-9500

PURPOSE: Responsible for the management of all emergency preparedness program areas within the county.

WEBSITE: www.habershamga.com

HABERSHAM COUNTY RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ADDRESS: 120 Paul Franklin Rd.
Clarkesville, GA 30523

TELEPHONE: 706-839-0234

SERVICES: Provides community recreation for children, youth and adults..

WEBSITE: www.habershamrec.com

HABERSHAM COUNTY UNITED WAY

TELEPHONE: 706-778-0620 (United Way)

HOURS: Volunteer Center: Monday-Friday 9am-1pm
United Way: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

ADDRESS: 236-C Level Grove Road
Cornelia, GA 30531

SERVICES: Place individuals with agencies reflective of their interests and time schedules. Some agencies are: 4-H, Boy Scouts, Challenged Child, Chaplain's Association, Emergency Shelters, Family Relations Program, Girl Scouts, Habersham Christian Learning Center, Homework Centers, Rape Response, Senior Center, Volunteers for Literacy, Volunteer Center of Habersham, Habersham Soup Kitchen, and Gateway House Shelter.

LIBRARIES

Clarkesville Library

ADDRESS: 178 E. Green Street
Clarkesville, GA 30523
TELEPHONE: 706-754-4413 extension 221
HOURS: Monday-Thursday 10am-6pm; Friday 10am-5pm; Saturday 9am-1pm
WEBSITE: www.habershamga.com/libraries

Cornelia Library

ADDRESS: 301 North Main Street
Cornelia, GA 30531
TELEPHONE: 706-778-2635
HOURS: Monday & Tuesday 9am-6pm, Wednesday 9am-5pm,
Thursday 9am-7pm, Friday 9am-5pm, NO WEEKENDS
PURPOSE: To provide the community with books, reading materials, educational resources and films.
WEBSITE: www.habershamga.com/libraries

RADIO SERVICES

WCON (CORNELIA) 706-778-2241
(99.3) (107.7)
WEBSITE: www.wconfm.com
Will announce all local school closings during inclement weather.



HEALTH/MEDICAL SERVICES

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION (GA Chapter)

ADDRESS: PO Box 78423
Atlanta, GA 30357

TELEPHONE: 1-404-237-8771; Hotline: 1-800-933-7023

SERVICES: To assist arthritic patients in the diagnosis and treatment of this disease. The hotline will give immediate response to questions concerning arthritis. An annual camp experience is offered for children with arthritis. Call for dates and information.

ELIGIBILITY: Referral from a doctor may be needed

WEBSITE: www.arthritis.org/georgia

ATHENS NURSES CLINIC

ADDRESS: 496 Reese Street
Athens, GA 30601

TELEPHONE: 706-613-6976

SERVICES: A non-profit health care clinic providing free evaluation, treatment and education for acute and chronic medical and dental conditions to uninsured low and no income residents of Athens and surrounding counties.

WEBSITE: www.athensnursesclinic.org

BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER PROGRAM

TELEPHONE: 1-404-657-3156

SERVICES: Provides access to timely breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services for low-income, uninsured, and underserved women who are between the ages of 40-64 for breast cancer and 21-64 for cervical cancer. Priority is given to never or rarely screened women, those aged 50-64 whose income does not exceed 200% of the federal poverty level.

WEBSITE: www.dph.georgia.gov

CANCER STATE AID PROGRAM (CSA)

TELEPHONE: 404-463-5111

ADDRESS: 2 Peachtree Street
16th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303

Community Resource Handbook

SERVICES: Provides cancer treatment to uninsured and under-insured, low-income Georgians who have cancer and would benefit most from treatment. Applicants must have an income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The cost of treatment is paid through state funding. Physicians donate their services.

WEBSITE: www.dph.georgia.gov

GEORGIA HEALTH PARTNERSHIP (GHP)

TELEPHONE: 1-866-221-0950

HOURS: Monday-Friday (8:00am - 7:00pm)

SERVICES: Medicaid care replacement, change GBHC providers, Medicaid information, and Health Check information.

GRACE GATE

ADDRESS: 1040B Hwy 441
Demorest, GA 30535

TELEPHONE: 706-839-4080

SERVICES: Provides medical care, and pharmaceutical care. Clinic is free for qualified low-income, uninsured adults. Each person must fill out an application, which will determine if they are qualified, then services would be provided as needed.

HOURS: Pick up applications Monday and Wednesday 9-5
Clinic Hours- Tuesdays 12:30-5:00
5:30-last patient seen
Thursdays 12:30-5:00
5:30-last patient seen
(Second and Fourth Thursday Evening)

WEBSITE: www.gracegateinc.com

HABERSHAM HOMECARE

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 668
Demorest, GA 30535

TELEPHONE: 706-754-6575

CONTACT: Leigh Hunnicutt, Department Manager

SERVICES: A nonprofit health care agency that provides care in the home of patients as ordered by the patient's doctor. Services provided include skilled nursing, licensed clinical social worker, physical therapy, speech therapy,

occupational therapy, home health aides, health or nutritional guidance, and limited medical supplies.

ELIGIBILITY: Patients must be receiving care in their home under Medicare and/or Medicaid. Patients must be essentially homebound and in need of skilled care or need physical and/or speech therapy. A doctor must validate approval for such care. For patients NOT under Medicare and/or Medicaid. Care is provided as prescribed by a doctor regardless of homebound status. They serve residents in Habersham, Hall, Banks, Rabun, and White Counties.

COST: No cost for any health care provider under Medicare or Medicaid. Regular cost for patients not under Medicare and/or Medicaid.

HABERSHAM LIFE/TOCCOA LIFE CARE CENTER

ADDRESS: 215 Hodges Street #101
Cornelia, GA 30531

TELEPHONE: 706-776-5225

CONTACT: Brenda Burrell

HOURS: Monday 11:00am – 2:00pm, Tuesday 11:00am- 2:00pm,
Thursday 11:00am – 2:00pm, Friday by appointment only

SERVICES: Free pregnancy tests, 1 free ultrasound, counseling, and practical help and referrals. Also provides material needs for families i.e.: formula, diapers, free children’s clothes closet, etc. Contacts are kept confidential.

TOCCOA LIFE CARE CENTER

ADDRESS: 282 W. Doyle Street
Toccoa, GA 30577

TELEPHONE: 1-800-499-0177

CONTACT: Barbara and John Mattison

HOURS: Monday-Friday 9am-12pm

SERVICES: Free pregnancy tests, 1 free ultrasound, counseling, and practical help and referrals. Also provides material needs for families i.e.: formula, diapers, free children’s clothes closet, etc. Contacts are kept confidential.

HABERSHAM COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER PHYSICIANS REFERRAL SERVICE

TELEPHONE: 706-754-3113 EXT 1417

SERVICES: Provide names of doctors who are accepting new patients in requested fields

HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

HABERSHAM COUNTY

ADDRESS: 185 Scoggins Drive
Demorest, GA 30535

TELEPHONE: 706-778-7156

HOURS: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00am -12:00pm, 1:00pm – 5:00pm
Tuesday 8:00am -12:00pm, 1:00pm – 7:00pm
Friday 8:00am-12:00pm, 1:00 – 3:00pm

SERVICES: Child and Adolescent Health and Dental Care, Women’s Health, Nutritional Services (WIC), Communicable Diseases, Environmental Health and Adult Health.

WEBSITE: www.phdistrict2.org

BANKS COUNTY

ADDRESS: 667 Thompson Street
Homer, GA 30547

TELEPHONE: 706-677-2296

HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:00am -12:00pm, 1:00pm – 5:00pm
(Closed from 12 PM-1 PM for lunch)
1st Thursday of each month, 8:00am -12:00pm, 1:00pm – 7:00pm
1st Friday of each month, 8:00am-12:00pm, 1:00 – 3:00pm

WEBSITE: www.phdistrict2.org

STEPHENS COUNTY

TELEPHONE: 706-282-4507

HOURS: Monday-Friday, 8 AM -5 PM
(Closed 12 PM -1PM for lunch)

ADDRESS: 64 Boulevard; Suite 102
Toccoa, GA 30577

WEBSITE: www.phdistrict2.org

HOSPICE OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

TELEPHONE: 1-888-572-3900/ 770-219-8888

SERVICES: Provide in home health care for terminally ill. Provide counseling services to family members. Provide camp opportunities to children who have lost family members.

WEBSITE: www.nghs.com/hospice

HOSPITALS

CHILDRENS HEALTHCARE AT EGLESTON

TELEPHONE: 1-800-250-5437 or 1-404-785-6000
ADDRESS: 1405 Clifton Road, NE
Atlanta, GA 30322
WEBSITE: wwwchoa.org

CHILDRENS HEALTHCARE AT SCOTTISH RITE

TELEPHONE: 1-800-250-5437 or 404-785-5252
ADDRESS: 1001 Johnson Ferry Road, NE
Atlanta, GA 30322
NURSE ADVICE LINE: (24hr.) 1-404-785-0000 option 1
SERVICES: Provide pediatric and orthopedic services for children. Medical clinics include allergy, language disorders, dental, developmental, diabetes, genetics, nutrition and psychology. Surgical clinics include cleft palate and lip, ear, nose and throat, eye neurosurgery, general pediatric surgery and plastic surgery, urology, orthopedic, food, growth and metabolic, hand, hip, leg, spinal and bone tumor.
ELIGIBILITY: Birth through 18 years. Must be recommended by a Scottish Rite Mason, physician or health department.
FEES: Based on income.
WEBSITE: wwwchoa.org

HABERSHAM COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

ADDRESS: 541 US 441 Business
Demorest, GA 30535
TELEPHONE: 706-754-2161
WEBSITE: www.habershammedical.com

NORTHEAST GEORGIA MEDICAL CENTER

ADDRESS: 743 Spring Street
Gainesville, GA 30501
TELEPHONE: 770-219-0061/1-800-282-0535
WEBSITE: www.nghs.com

**LIONS CLUB OF HABERSHAM
LIONS CLUB LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND**

TELEPHONE: 706-754-6684
CONTACT: Richard Smith
PURPOSE: Promote the welfare of Habersham County residents through eyeglasses and eye bank.

MEDLINK HABERSHAM

ADDRESS: 396 Historic Hwy 441 North
Demorest, GA 30535
TELEPHONE: 706-754-4348
706-754-0731 Fax
SERVICES: Care for acute illnesses, medication assistance, management of chronic diseases (diabetes, asthma, high blood pressure, heart disease, kidney disease), family health services, education services, cancer prevention, diabetes management, family planning and nutrition education.
HOURS: Monday 8:00am – 5:30pm
Tuesday 8:00am – 7:00pm
Wednesday 8:00am – 5:00pm
Thursday 8:00am – 7:00pm
Friday 8:00am – 5:30pm
WEBSITE: www.medlinkga.org

MEDLINK BANKS

ADDRESS: 1244 Historic Homer Hwy
Homer, GA 30547
TELEPHONE: 706-677-4568
706-677-3848 Fax
HOURS: Monday 8:00am – 7:00pm
Tuesday 8:00am – 7:00pm
Wednesday 8:00am – 5:00pm
Thursday 8:00am – 7:00pm
Friday 8:00am – 6:00pm
WEBSITE: www.medlinkga.org

RIGHT FROM THE START (RSM)/MEDICAID PROGRAM

TELEPHONE: 1-800-809-7276

SERVICES: Caller can request an RSM or Georgia Partnership for Caring application, get contact information for the nearest Medicaid Eligibility Specialist, and inquire about PeachCare for Kids and Women’s Health Medicaid.

WEBSITE: www.dhs.georgia.gov

S.I.D.S.
(Sudden Infant Death Syndrome)

TELEPHONE: 404-656-6679

SERVICES: To focus on risk reduction activities related to SIDS and to support families at the time of the death of a child.

WEBSITE: www.sids.org

HOUSING/TEMPORARY HOUSING

HABERSHAM HOMELESS MINISTRIES

CONTACT: Joann Kennedy

ADDRESS: 105 Dove Lane
Clarkesville, GA 30523

TELEPHONE: 706-754-9031

SERVICES: Provides funds to prevent eviction and/or loss of utilities or transportation as well as six different shelter locations where individuals can stay for free for a one-month period while they seek employment and permanent housing.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

ADDRESS: 1085 Rocky Branch Road
PO Box 982
Clarkesville, GA 30523

TELEPHONE: 706-754-5313

CONTACT: Jan Pruitt

HOURS: Store Hours: Thurs, Fri, Sat 9:00am- 3:00pm
Office Hours: call 706-754-5313 ext. 201

LEGAL AID/GEORGIA LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM

ADDRESS: 705 Washington Street, NW
Suite B-1
Gainesville, GA 30503

TELEPHONE: 1-800-745-5717

SERVICES: To provide legal services to the indigent population of 33 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, whatever legal service is required to obtain the desired results for the client will be provided.

ELIGIBILITY: Any person receiving public assistance from the Department of Family and Children Services is eligible.

WEBSITE: www.georgialegalaid.org

MOUNTAIN CIRCUIT CASA

(Court Appointed Special Advocates)

ADDRESS: 221 North Board Street
Toccoa, GA 30577

TELEPHONE: 706-886-1098

PURPOSE: To train community volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children who are in the court system.

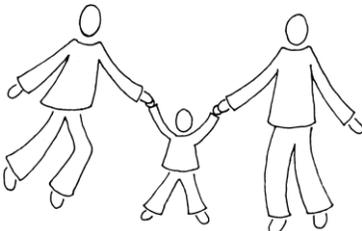
WEBSITE: www.gacasa.org

POVERTY RIGHTS OFFICE

ADDRESS: 1017 Hank Aaron Drive
Atlanta, GA 30315

TELEPHONE: 404-525-5948

PURPOSE: To help needy people and to act as their advocates. They offer information and referrals in the areas of welfare rights, legal rights, social security and veteran's benefits, sub-standard housing and evictions, public housing, lost or stolen welfare checks, emergency assistance, poverty laws, transportation, Medicaid and Medicare. They also publish the Poor People's Newspaper, a free monthly containing news and information relating to the concerns of needy people.



HABERSHAM COUNTY PROBATE COURT

TELEPHONE: 706-754-2013

ADDRESS: 295 Llewellyn Street Suite 24
P.O. Box 876
Clarkesville, GA 30523

SERVICES: The Habersham County Probate Court exercises exclusive, original jurisdiction in the probate of wills, administration of estates, appointment of guardians and involuntary hospitalization of incapacitated adults and other individuals. You can obtain the official birth certificate that is required by Habersham County for your child to enter the school system. This court can also assist in granting guardianship of children or adults.

WEBSITE: www.habershamga.com/probatecourt

PUBLIC SAFETY

HABERSHAM COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

ADDRESS: 1000 Detention Drive
Clarkesville, GA 30523

TELEPHONE: 706-839-1977

TIPLINE: www.habershamsheriff.com



POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Alto	706-778-8028
Baldwin	706-776-5256
Clarkesville	706-754-5390
Cleveland**	706-865-2111
Cornelia**	706-778-4314
Demorest	706-754-7562
Homer	706-677-2248
Mt. Airy	706-894-2986
Tallulah Falls**	706-754-6040

**offers child restraint safety checks

Georgia State Patrol 706-282-4531



FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Alto (Rock Springs)	706-677-4352
Baldwin	706-778-8711
Clarksville	706-754-2024
Cleveland	706-865-3855
Cornelia	706-778-4343
Demorest	706-754-7563
Habersham County	706-754-2822
Hab. Co. Fire Chief	706-839.0570
Homer	706-677-2239
Tallulah Falls	706-754-6040

SENIOR SERVICES

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

TELEPHONE:	1-866-552-4464 (1-866-55Aging)
PURPOSE:	Make reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation of disabled adults or elder person who are NOT residents of nursing or personal care homes.
WEBSITE:	www.dhs.georgia.gov

GEORGIA CARES (AGING)

TELEPHONE:	1-866-552-4464 (1-866-55Aging)
SERVICES:	Information on the Medicare Drug Discount Card, and help with Medicare problems.
WEBSITE:	mygeorgiacares.org

HABERSHAM COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

ADDRESS:	217 Scoggins Drive Demorest, GA 30535
TELEPHONE:	706-839-0260

CONTACT: Mya Greene, Director

PURPOSE: To provide aid to the senior citizens of Habersham County.

SERVICES: Strives to aid the elderly by helping them remain as independent as possible; also provides the Meals on Wheels Program; two meals per day at meal site; provides transportation to doctor appointments, meals on wheels, and recreational activities; wellness programs also available.

WEBSITE: www.habershamga.com/seniorcenter

THE LEGACY LINK INC/AREA AGENCY ON AGING

ADDRESS: 4080 Mundy Mill Road
Oakwood, GA 30566

TELEPHONE: 1-800-845-LINK (1-800-845-5465)

SERVICES: Serve as an Aging and Disability Referral and Resource Center

WEBSITE: www.legacylink.org

**THE LEGACY LINK INC/KINSHIP CARE PROGRAM
(GRANDPARENTS AND RELATIVES RAISING CHILDREN)**

TELEPHONE: 770-535-5433

SERVICES: A program designed to provide information and referrals regarding benefits for children being raised by grandparents, aunts and uncles.

WEBSITE: www.legacylink.org

MEDICARE

TELEPHONE: 1-800-MEDICARE

PURPOSE: Obtain enrollment forms and information on Medicare prescription discount cards.

WEBSITE: www.dhs.georgia.gov



TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

GEORGIA MEDICAID NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORT SOUTHEAST TRANS

TELEPHONE: 1-866-388-9844

SERVICES: Provide transportation to and from medical appointments for those persons receiving Medicaid. At least a three-day advance notice required.

WEBSITE: www.southeastrans.com

HABERSHAM COUNTY TRANSIT

TELEPHONE: 706-768-1982

SERVICES: Transportation to buy groceries, beauty shop, medical appointments and employment. Able to transport wheelchair-bound individuals. Call 24 hrs in advance to schedule a pickup.

WEBSITE: www.habershamga.com

TAXI SERVICES

American Taxi- 706-969-5935
Habersham Taxi- 706-768-6331

Cornelia Taxi- 706-499-1674
Taxi Mexicano- 706-968-9631



VETERAN SERVICES

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION Georgia Department of Veteran's Services

ADDRESS: 6257 Hwy 115
Clarkesville, GA 30523

TELEPHONE: 706-754-4316

CONTACT: William Tucker

PURPOSE: Assist veterans and their dependents in any of their needs

SERVICES: Claims for compensation, pensions, insurance, education assistance, hospitalization and outpatient prescriptions, rehabilitation training, and home loans.

ELIGIBILITY: Veterans, their widows and children.

WEBSITE: www.veterans.georgia.gov



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