

COMMUNITY RESOURCE HANDBOOK

HART COUNTY EARLY HEAD START/ HEAD START/PRE-K

2015 -2016

This Community Resource Handbook has been compiled to aid the Hart County Head Start / Early Head Start / Pre-K families in gaining access to community resources. This handbook is a guide to agencies listing contact persons, telephone numbers, location, website information and services provided and eligibility information.

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**ALPINE PROGRAM
THE GAINESVILLE CENTER OF THE
GEORGIA PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL CENTER NETWORK**

CONTACT: Stacey Benson, Director
Patty Adkins, Coordinator
Lisa Shurtleff, School Counselor

TELEPHONE: 706-384-4824

ADDRESS: 280 Busha Road
P.O. Box 276
Carnesville, Georgia 30521

SERVICES: To serve emotionally disturbed and behavior disordered children and provide diagnostic services, developmental assessments, educational, psychological, and or psychiatric evaluations. Services are provided to the school, as well as parent services. Referral information provided upon request.

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

ELIGIBILITY: Children from preschool up to age 14 are eligible;
Adolescents program for ages 15-18

AMBULANCE SERVICE

CONTACT: Mr. Terrell Partian, Director

TELEPHONE: 706-376-3930

WEBSITE: www.hartcountyga.gov

ADDRESS: 800 Chandler Street
Hartwell, Georgia 30643

SERVICES: Transporting patients to hospital in other cities, transporting patients from accidents, emergencies, and from home to hospital, etc.

ELIGIBILITY: Ambulance services based on procedures performed.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

CONTACT : Andrea Gray

TELEPHONE: 888-227-6333
706-549-4893

WEBSITE: www.cancer.org

ADDRESS: 1684 Barnett Shoals Road
Athens, Georgia 30605

SERVICES: Helps with transportation. Special assistance for support services and referrals, information and educational programs available.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

CONTACT: Christy Beck

TELEPHONE: 800-257-6941 ext. 6050

ADDRESS: 1720 Epps Bridge Parkway Suite 108-383
Athens, GA 30606

SERVICES: To reduce, where possible, proven illness and death resulting diseases of the heart and blood vessels. Sponsors heart clinic services including consultation, diagnostic procedures, surgery, medication, dietary prescriptions and nutrition consultations.

AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION

CONTACT: Ateya Wilson – Spokesperson

TELEPHONE: 1-800-LUNG-USA (1-800-586-4872)

WEBSITE: <http://www.lungga.org>

ADDRESS: State Office
2452 Spring Road
Smyrna, Georgia 30080

SERVICES: Smoking Cessation Clinics, Worksite Smoking Programs, Health Fairs, School Health Education, Legislature and Volunteering opportunities

AMERICAN RED CROSS

CONTACT: Laura Allen - Executive Director

TELEPHONE: 1-706-353-1645 - Athens

WEBSITE: www.eastgeorgia.redcross.org

ADDRESS: 490 Pulaski Street
Athens, Georgia 30601

SERVICES: Emergency loan and leave for servicemen, collects blood, food, shelter, and medical aide to disaster victims, provides nursing services when needed, conducts first aid programs, provides safety training for small crafts, conducts water safety programs, organizes high school and junior Red Cross units, helps provide college for some young people, and works internationally when services are needed in other areas.

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION GEORGIA CHAPTER

TELEPHONE: 1-800-933-7023 Toll Free
1-800-283-7800 National Office
Local - 404-237-8771

WEBSITE: www.arthritis.org/georgia

ADDRESS: 2970 Peachtree Rd. NW
Suite 200
Atlanta, Georgia 30305

SERVICES: Will provide information to those with arthritis. Activities include a Marathon & Arthritis Walk. Has an empowerment program & self-help program that helps manage daily activities & issues.

HOURS: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

ATHENS AREA CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL

TELEPHONE: 1-706-546-9713 (Please call before coming to the office)

WEBSITE: www.pcaathens.org

ADDRESS: 1551 Jennings Mill Rd,
Suite 700A
Bogart, Georgia 30622

SERVICES: Chartered Councils on Child Abuse - Local citizen based councils implement a variety of prevention, education and treatment programs.

“First Steps” - Early Prevention Programs - Hospital based program provides parenting information and support to new parents.

Help line Information and Crisis Counseling - Statewide, toll-free 24 hours 1-800-244-53736
Nurse hotline- 1-800-447-6032- A helpline to answer health questions.

Survivor Support Groups - Adult survivors of physical, emotional and sexual abuse receive counseling and support in groups led by specially trained volunteered professionals.

Prevention Programs - GCCA staff and volunteers provide education programs such as personal safety, puppet shows and plays for children, workshops, training for professionals, educators and community groups.

Resource Library - comprehensive library of films, tapes, curricula, and printed materials is available to volunteers.

Curriculum – “Don’t Shake the Babies”

AVITA COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- CONTACT:** Roger Scott - Director
Joe Stapp – Deputy Director of Behavioral Health
Rob Hill – Deputy Director Developmental Disabilities
- TELEPHONE:** 706-376-4002
1-800-525-8751
- WEBSITE:** www.avitapartners.org
- ADDRESS:** 228 North College Ave.
Hartwell, Georgia 30643
- SERVICES:** Individual Therapy - Day Treatment Group meets 4 to 5 days weekly. Hot meals and field trips are provided. Through the Drug Abuse Program, clients learn to trust each other, help people work things out without turning to artificial experiences or support. Clients learn to relate effectively, listen, interact compassionately and honestly and will be able to deal more effectively with their own lives and problems.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Determined through appointment. Charges based on income. Medicaid accepted.

Babies Can't Wait (Children with Special Needs)

- CONTACT:** Patricia Dru Thomas
- TELEPHONE:** 770-535-6907
800-204-8731
- ADDRESS:** 1856-103 Thompson Bridge Road
Gainesville, GA 30501
- SERVICES:** Early intervention program that serves children birth - 3 years who have developmental delays or disabilities and their families, regardless of income. Services are available to anyone who has a diagnosed condition that could cause a delay in development. A comprehensive evaluation determines specific services needed for children and their families. Home visits and assistance in obtaining medical care and therapy is available.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CONTACT: Nikki, President
TELEPHONE: 706-376-8590
WEBSITE: www.hart-chamber.org
ADDRESS: 31 East Howell St.
P.O. Box 793
Hartwell, Georgia 30643
SERVICES: To promote the economic and cultural welfare of the community.

CHILD SUPPORT RECOVERY UNIT

CONTACT: Mary Adams, Office Supervisor
TELEPHONE: 1-877-423-4746
WEBSITE: www.georgia.gov
ADDRESS: 11 Seaboard St.
P.O. Box 6400
Elberton, Georgia 30634
SERVICES: To aid in locating absent parents, establish child support and enforce legal support obligations.
AREAS SERVED: Hart, Franklin, Madison, Oglethorpe and Elbert Counties

CITY AND COUNTY MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL: Hartwell
Meets 1st Monday, at 7:00 p.m. in the Court Room at City Hall
TELEPHONE: 706-376-4756
COUNCIL MEMBERS: Brandon Johnson, Mayor / 706-376-4756
Tray Hicks / 706-436-9695
Bill Griggs / 706-376-4756
Mike MacNabb / 706-376-2976
Tony Haynie / 706-376-8397
Arthur Craft / 706-436-9818
Billy Ethridge / 706-376-7291

COUNTY **Hart County**
COMMISSIONERS: Meets on 2nd Tuesday at 5:30 and 4th Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the courthouse conference room.

TELEPHONE: 706-376-2024

COMMISSIONERS: R.C. Oglesby / Dist. 1 / 706-376-3801 / rco@hartcom.net
Dan Reyen / Dist. 2 / 706-376-1216
Brandon Johnson / Dist. 3 / 706-436-2739
William Meyers / Dist. 4 / 706-377-2486
Joey Dorsey / Dist. 5 / 706-376-4224 / joeydorsey@yahoo.com

SCHOOL BOARD: Meets on 2nd Monday at 6:00 in the Board of Education conference room.

BOARD MEMBERS: Stephanie Burton / Dist. 1 / 706-436-2006
Paul Abernathy / Dist. 2 / 706-376-5272
Greg Fleming / Dist. 3 / 706-376-6635
Justin Corbett / Dist. 4 / 706-376-5896
Angie McGee / Dist. 5 / 706-436-6661

TELEPHONE: 706-376-5141

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

CONTACT: Ms. Gail Blackwell

TELEPHONE: 706-376-4150

ADDRESS: 500 North Richardson Street
P.O. Box 1033
Hartwell, Georgia 30643

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
- 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
- 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 December)

CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICE (CCS)

TELEPHONE: For office nearest you call toll free
1-800-251CCCS (2227)
706-613-1847 (Athens)

SERVICES: Consumer Credit Counseling Service is a nonprofit, community service agency with three primary purposes.

1. CCCS provides individual budget counseling, free of charge to the public.
2. CCCS provides education programs throughout the community for financial education programs.
3. CCCS provides debt management services for people who are over extended with debt.

COUNCIL ON BATTERED WOMEN (Heart Haven)

- TELEPHONE:** 1-800-334-2836 (hotline)
706-376-7111
- WEBSITE:** www.hearthavenonline.org
- ADDRESS:** P.O. Box 814
Hartwell, Georgia 30643
- SERVICES:** Provides temporary refuge, a last resort for women threatened by violence in their homes. Provides a safe place for women and children to stay while they regain strength and develop plans. 24 hour crisis line. Referral services and legal advocacy available. Support groups also available. There is no cost for these services.

COURT SYSTEMS

AGENCY: **DEPT. of CHILDREN and YOUTH SERVICES
HART COUNTY JUVENILE COURT**

CONTACT: Crystal Teasley- Juvenile Program Manager

TELEPHONE: 706-856-2666
706-318-1910 (cell phone)

ADDRESS: 130 E. Howell St.
Hartwell, Georgia 30643

- SERVICES:**
1. Intake, screen, and process for Juvenile Court all states, delinquent, and traffic offenses for youth under 17 years of age,
 2. Carry out orders of the Juvenile Court by providing:
 - a. Probation services,
 - b. Placement services to youth committed by the court for serious offenses,
 3. Unofficial probation - a non-judicial adjudication which provides three months of probation and counseling for unruly behavior for selected clients.
 4. Community conflict mediation for problems deemed unsuitable for court.
 5. Counseling and referral to other helping agencies.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

CONTACT: Parks White, District Attorney

TELEPHONE: 706-376-3128

ADDRESS: 118 W. Johnson Street
Hartwell, Georgia 30643

SERVICES: Prosecution of criminal cases for the State in Hart, Elbert, Franklin, Madison, and Oglethorpe counties.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

CONTACT: Connor McGill, Public Defender

TELEPHONE: 1-706-246-9320

ADDRESS: 846 Church St.
Royston, Georgia 30662

SERVICES: Indigent legal service in criminal cases only. Juvenile hearings, representation of indigent parents in temporary custody and parental rights termination cases brought by DFCS. All civil cases are referred to attorneys in private practice or to Georgia Legal Services.

**STATE PROBATION OFFICE
(Division of Dept. Of Corrections)**

CONTACT: Kelvin Allen - Chief Probation Officer

TELEPHONE: 706-856-2711

ADDRESS: 331 Memorial Road
Hartwell, Georgia 30643

SERVICES: Probation services for Hart and Franklin County Court systems.

HART COUNTY CLERK of COURT

CONTACT: Frankie Gray

TELEPHONE: 706-376-7189

LOCATION: Hart County Courthouse Annex
185 W Franklin Street
Court House Annex Room 1

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 386
Hartwell, Georgia 30643

SERVICES: Serves Superior and Juvenile Courts by filing and recording all courthouse documents. Real Estate Recording- (Deeds and Liens). Uniform Commercial Code- (Reporting Collateral). Draws juries. Process passport applications. Notary application.

HART COUNTY MAGISTRATE COURT

CONTACT: Honorable Joseph Haley, Magistrate Judge
Honorable Thomas Jordan, Magistrate Judge

TELEPHONE: 706-856-5345

ADDRESS Hart County Courthouse
165 W Franklin Street
P.O. Box 698
Hartwell, Georgia 30643

SERVICES: Issue criminal warrants and search warrants.
Jurisdiction and misdemeanor bad check charges.
Hold preliminary hearings on felony charges.
Civil claims up to \$15,000.00.

HART COUNTY PROBATE COURT

CONTACT: Honorable Merry Kirk
Merry Kirk, Chief Clerk

TELEPHONE: 706- 376-2565

ADDRESS: Hart County Courthouse Annex
185 W. Franklin Street
Hartwell, Georgia 30643

SERVICES: Hear estate matters (validate wills).

Appoint guardian for minors and incapacitated adults.
Issue marriage licenses.
Issue fire arm permits.
Issue affidavits to GMHI for mental illness, alcoholism,
and drug abuse.
Birth certificates and records.
Death certificates and records.
Oversee County Elections.
Handle misdemeanor traffic citations and DUI.

HART COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

CONTACT: Frankie Gray, Clerk of Court

TELEPHONE: 706- 376-7189

ADDRESS: Hart County Court House
185 W. Franklin Street
Court House Annex

CONTACT: Honorable John H. Bailey, Chief Judge
P.O. Box 645
Elberton, Georgia 30635

TELEPHONE: 1-706-283-2046

CONTACT: Honorable Jeffery Malcom
P.O. Box 709
Carnesville, GA 30521

TELEPHONE: 706-384-4377

CONTACT: Honorable Thomas L. Hodges, Judge
P.O. Box 950
Hartwell GA 30643

TELEPHONE: 706-376-7151

SERVICES: Hear civil and criminal Superior Court cases for
Hart County.

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

CONTACT: Bryant Rogowski, Director
TELEPHONE: 770-532-5233 or Fax: 770-344-5950
ADDRESS: 267 E. Johnson Street
P.O. Box 518
Hartwell, Georgia 30643

COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF SERVICES (DFACS)

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE for NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) - Program provides financial and medical assistance to meet basic needs of families and maintain children in their homes. Medicaid is an automatic benefit for TANF recipients.

ELIGIBILITY: Must have child(ren) in the household less than 18 years of age, meet resource limit and income limit set by Georgia Legislature.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) - provides monthly benefits in the form of food coupons to low income families to help pay for the cost of food.

ELIGIBILITY: Meet resource limits and income limit which is based on the Federal poverty level.

TANF-RELATED MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM, (ARM), provides programs through which financially needy individuals (pregnant women and /or children under 18 years of age) may obtain medical assistance. Major Medicaid program is

RIGHT FROM THE START MEDICAID, (RSM), for pregnant women ages 19 and under, and/or children up to one month.

ELIGIBILITY: Meet income limits (according to the program), which are based on TANF limits of the federal poverty level.
Must meet resource limits which vary according to the program.

OTHER MEDICAID: provides assistance to adults and children who need nursing home care, in home care, and to the aged, blind, and/or disabled individuals (most classes of Medicaid have both an income and resource test for approval.)

FOSTER CARE SERVICES: Temporary placement of children in approved agency facility, while working with birth parents to reunite family.

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES: To report suspected abuse, neglect or sexual exploitation of children. Role of Agency to make assessment, identify risk, and provide services to correct the maltreatment.

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES: To report suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult, in a domestic setting, in a nursing home or personal care home.

HOMEMAKER SERVICES: Specialized services to maintain individuals and families in their own homes by assisting with maintenance and management.

SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE: The purchase of child care services for participants in the State's, education/training programs, and other income eligible families who are working, in school, or job training.

ADOPTION: Permanent placement of children legally free for adoption.

SHELTER SERVICES for BATTERED WOMEN: To make referrals for victims of domestic abuse to go to one of three shelters located within close proximity.

EMERGENCY ENERGY ASSISTANCE: To provide assistance in paying a past due utility bill, when cutoff is imminent, if income guidelines are met. Available only once in a twelve month period.

MEDICAID TRANSPORTATION: To assist Medicaid eligible clients in finding providers to transport to medical appointments.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: Limited assistance with prescriptions for income eligible individual not covered by Medicaid, and who cannot pay for medicine.

SHARE: Energy Assistance Program operated in conjunction with the Georgia Power Company. The Salvation Army administers this program statewide. Will assist with energy bills one time only. Circumstances that prevent an individual from paying their utility bill must exist.

SPECIAL SERVICES: The process for **CHILD SUPPORT RECOVERY** can be initiated locally at this office.

NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY attempts to provide better vision for the low-income person by providing all or part of the cost for glasses. Does not pay for the examination.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

CONTACT: Mary Wareham, Unit Supervisor

TELEPHONE: 1-770- 535-5468, Regional Office
Fax 770-535-5994

WEBSITE: gvra.georgia.gov

ADDRESS: 2756 Atlanta Highway
Gainesville, Georgia 30504

COUNSELORS: Joann Lannan, Blind and Visually Impaired
Gwen Frothin – School Counselor
Jeff Allen – School Counselor
Cathy Arrins – School Counselor
Doreen Ventus – School Counselor
Amanda Storey – School Counselor

SERVICES: Help eligible persons with disabilities prepare for, start and maintain competitive employment, thus becoming productive and independent citizens in their communities. VR has 15 regional offices statewide as well as more than 50 local offices with expert teams who work in the community and have in-depth knowledge of both the marketplace and the support services available. Customers are therefore able to benefit from opportunities tailored to their specific needs.

EAST GEORGIA EASTER SEALS SOCIETY

CONTACT: Lynn Smith, Executive Director

TELEPHONE: 1-706-667-9695, Fax: 706-667-8831

WEBSITE: www.eastersealseastgeorgia.com

LOCATION: 1500 Wrightsboro Rd.
Augusta, Georgia 30904

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 2441
Augusta, Georgia 30903

SERVICES: Homebound Evaluation - Trained staff visit the home and improve and upgrade the functioning ability of the severely disabled, mentally or physically disabled.
Prevocational-vocational testing of students in special education classes in 41 counties in the CSRA.
Vocational Evaluation - All types of disabled people are given an opportunity to try various jobs to see what kind of work potentials they have.
Workshop - The disabled are employed and paid while they learn good work habits.

EMERGENCY CALLS

TELEPHONE: 911

SERVICES: To report any fire, accident or sickness in the county or city that would require assistance from emergency officials, police or state patrol services.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES and EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

CONTACT: Terrell Partain, EMS-EMA Director

TELEPHONE: 911 for Emergency, 706-376-3930 Non-Emergency

ADDRESS: 800 Chandler St.
Hartwell, Georgia 30643

SERVICES: Provides treatment and transportation for the sick and injured in the pre-hospital phase. Serves as central dispatch for Hart County Fire Department. Disaster Preparedness: Involved in disaster planning for the county, serves as the Central Communication Center for the disaster operations. Serves as a liaison between the National Weather Service and all Emergency Agencies in Hart County and those businesses with the largest number of employees. Provides monthly Community Education Classes in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ETCON, INC.

CONTACT: Kim Irish, Office Manager
Bonnie Wood (Owner)

TELEPHONE: 1-706-886-7747

WEBSITE: etcon.net

ADDRESS: 3837 GA Highway 17
Eastanollee, Georgia 30538

SERVICES: Temporary and permanent job placement. Counties served are Hart, Stephens, Franklin, and Elbert.

EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF AMERICA, GEORGIA CHAPTER

CONTACT: Lloyd Brown, Director of Client Services

TELEPHONE: 1-800-527-7105 or 404-527-7155

WEBSITE: www.epilepsyga.org

ADDRESS: 6065 Roswell Road
Suite 715
Atlanta, Georgia 30328

SERVICES: Counseling to individuals with epilepsy, group therapeutic sessions, prevocational counseling, employment consultation, training, placement, information, referral, consultation services, in-service training sessions. Literature and film presentation, public information programs for schools, colleges, civic groups, etc., emergency medical ID tags and cards, pharmacy service, life and health insurance information.

EXTENSION SERVICES

CONTACT: Brandi Shiflet: Interim County Extension Coordinator

TELEPHONE: 706- 376-3134

WEBSITE: www.caes.uga.edu/extensionhart/

ADDRESS: 200 Arthur Street
Hartwell, Georgia 30643

SERVICES: The purpose of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension in Hart County is to provide non-biased research based on educational information to the people of Hart County. We are a direct link to the researchers and specialists of the University of Georgia and its many experiment stations. Programs consist of three main areas: 4-H and Youth, Agriculture, Nature Resources, and Home Economics. We are here to provide programs and answer questions as quickly and efficiently as possible.

**FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION, USDA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

CONTACT: William Eschbach, Area Specialist
Mario Delgado, USDA Rural Development, Area Specialist

TELEPHONE: 706-754-6239
855-514-3349 (fax)

WEBSITE: www.rurdev.usda.gov

ADDRESS: **Elberton Location, Wednesday 8:00am – 5:00 pm**
333 Heard Street
Elberton, Georgia 30635

Clarksville Location, Monday – Friday 8:00am – 4:45 pm
555 Monroe Street
Unit 83
Clarksville, Georgia 30523

SERVICES: 502 Rural Housing Loans. Payments are based on income. Maximum income limits apply.

Must have good credit and repayment ability

504 Loans at 1% Interest. Must own property and have very low income. Repairs only. No cosmetics.

504 Grants. Must be 62 or older, own property and have very low income repairs only. No cosmetics.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

CONTACT: Mr. Terry Vickery, City Fire Chief

TELEPHONE: 911 – Emergency
706-856-3228
706-376-4756 General Information

ADDRESS: City Hall
456 E. Howell Street
Hartwell, Georgia 30643

SERVICES: To provide protection and service to people in the city of Hartwell. Three men are on duty during the day, and two men are on duty at night. It is supported by taxation. There is no cost for the services. Services available 24 hours a day.

CONTACT: Mr. Jerry Byrum, Hart County Fire Chief

TELEPHONE: 706- 376-8515 (Fire Dept.)
706- 856-5325 office/headquarters

ADDRESS: Hart County Fire Department
800 Chandler Street
Hartwell, Georgia 30643

SERVICES: To offer assistance and protection to the people of Hart County (24 hour service). Serves Reed Creek, Goldmine, Shoal Creek, Bowersville, and Nancy Hart (127 men, all volunteers, located in these communities).

GATEWAY HOUSE

CONTACT: Jessica Butler - Director

TELEPHONE: 1-770-536-5860
1-800-33-HAVEN

WEBSITE: www.gatewaydvcenter.org

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 2962
Gainesville, Georgia 30503

SERVICES: Shelter for battered women and their children. Purpose is to provide shelter for women in crisis situations. Support services include counseling, referrals and support groups.

ELIGIBILITY: No charge, but contributions are encouraged.
18 years or emancipated
There must have been physical abuse by partner or recent physical threat within the last two weeks.
The woman must want and need shelter.

GEORGIA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME AND FAMILY MINISTRIES, INC.

CONTACT: Kimber Scott, Intake Director

TELEPHONE: 770-463-6240
888-545-8299

WEBSITE: www.gbchfm.org

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 329
Palmetto, Georgia 30268

SERVICES: Provide consultation, education and inspirational retreats, workshops, conferences and programs with a Christian perspective to individuals or groups. Programs include parenting skills, communications, positive discipline, teen pregnancy, teen self-esteem, and substance abuse.

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT of VETERAN SERVICES

CONTACT: Michael Partlow, VA. Benefits Counselor

TELEPHONE: 706-376-4461
706-856-2737 (fax)

EMAIL ADDRESS: isphartwell@vs.state.ga.us

ADDRESS: 194 Cade Street, Suite B
Hartwell, Georgia 30643

SERVICES: To assist veterans and their dependents in any of their needs. Claim for compensation, pensions, insurance, and education assistance, hospitalization and outpatient prescriptions, rehabilitation training, home loans and driver's licenses.

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

GEORGIA LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM

- CONTACT:** Intake Worker
- TELEPHONE:** 1-770-535-5717
1-800-745-5717
- WEBSITE:** www.legalaid-ga.org
- ADDRESS:** PO Box 1337
Gainesville, Georgia 30503
- SERVICES:** Cases handled: Repossessions, housing, evictions, foreclosures, and hospital/health issues. A lawyer or paralegal can also help you in the areas of welfare (TANF), Medicare, Social Security, Veterans Benefits, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Vocational Rehabilitation. This office provides representation in certain types of divorce, custody cases and assistance to elderly clients (those over 60) with certain types of legal needs.
- HOURS:** 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday – Thursday
Friday – Emergency Calls Only
- ELIGIBILITY:** Based on income guidelines. No fee to those who are eligible.
- COMMENTS:** A staff person will be in Hart County on the second Wednesday of each month, at the Senior Center on 139 Clay Street. Must call the above number to make an appointment.

GEORGIA LIONS LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION INCORPORATED

- CONTACT:** Anna Kinippel - Hearing Program Director
- TELEPHONE:** 1-404-325-3630
1-404-636-5549 (fax)
- WEBSITE:** www.lionslighthouse.org
- ADDRESS:** 5582 Peachtree Road
Shamblee, Georgia 30341
- SERVICES:** Assist in providing surgery, eye glasses & hearing aids.

OTHER SERVICES: **LIONS CLUB**

CONTACT PERSON: Any local Lions Club Member

ADDRESS: 121 3rd Street
Hartwell, GA 30643

SERVICES: Motto: To serve. Their project is sight conservation.
They provide eye examination and glasses if needed.
As a civic club, they assist other organizations. Meetings
2nd & 4th Mondays. Applications can be picked up
from Harry Sudhers at Hartwell CVS Store.

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
Work Force Investment Act (WIA)

CONTACT: John Phillips (Director)

TELEPHONE: 770-538-2727
770-538-2730 (fax)

WEBSITE: www.gmrc.ga.gov

ADDRESS: 2481 Hilton Dr. Suite 8
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

SERVICES: Prepare youth and unskilled adults for entry into labor
force and job training to those economically disadvantaged
individuals and others facing serious barriers to employment.

Assessment and career counseling services.

On-the-Job-Training - Employers are reimbursed
for training expenses up to 50% of the eligible
clients' salaries during a pre-negotiated training period.

Training at area vocational-technical school.

Specialized employability development and on-the-
job-training programs for disabled persons and offenders.

Job assistance and training for veterans and persons 55 plus.

Short term training in specialized areas such as office
technology and truck training.
Summer youth program offering work experience with public
and private nonprofit organizations.

GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CONTACT: Deborah Flannagan - Director

TELEPHONE: 1-404-656-4501
1-404-656-2341 (fax)

WEBSITE: www.psc.state.ga.us

ADDRESS: 244 Washington St. 1st Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SERVICES: Provides an avenue of complaint for persons who are not satisfied that their electric bills are correct and in all areas of public service. Provides an outlet for consumers to air their views.

HOURS: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am - 4:30 p.m.

GEORGIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (EMPLOYMENT)

CONTACT: Athens Office
Phyllis Winfrey

TELEPHONE: 1-706- 583-2550

WEBSITE: www.dol.state.ga.us

ADDRESS: 150 Evelyn C. Neely Drive
Athens, Georgia 30601

CONTACT: Toccoa Office
Gregg Pitts, Manger

TELEPHONE: 1-706- 282-4514

WEBSITE: www.dol.state.ga.us

ADDRESS: 37 Foreacres Street
Toccoa, GA. 30577

SERVICES: Job Placement Services, unemployment insurance, job placement services for Veterans, referral to Job Corps and weekly workshops.

ELIGIBILITY: Free of charge. Do not have to be unemployed to receive job placement services.

GOVERNMENT: GOVERNOR, U.S. SENATORS and REPRESENTATIVES

CONTACTS: **Governor Nathan Deal**

ADDRESS: 203 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

TELEPHONE: 1-404-656-1776 1-404-657-7332 (Fax)

WEBSITE: www.georgia.gov

Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle

ADDRESS: 240 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

TELEPHONE: 1-404-656-5030 1-404-656-6739 (Fax)

WEBSITE: www.ltgov.georgia.gov

Secretary of State Brian Kemp

ADDRESS: 214 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

TELEPHONE: 1-404-656-2881 1-404-651-0513 (Fax)

WEBSITE: www.sos.state.ga.us

Attorney General Sam Olens

ADDRESS: 40 Capitol Square, SW
Atlanta, GA 30334

TELEPHONE: 1-404-656-3300 1-404-657-8733 (Fax)

WEBSITE: www.ganet.org/ago

U.S. Senator David Perdue

ADDRESS: 840D Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C., 20510

TELEPHONE: 1-202-224-3521 1-202-224-0103 (Fax)

WEBSITE: www.perdue.senate.gov

U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson

ADDRESS: 131 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C., 20510

TELEPHONE: 1-202-224-3643 1-202-228-0724 (Fax)
1-770-661-0999 (GA) 1-770-661-0768 (Fax)

WEBSITE: [www:isakson.senate.gov](http://www.isakson.senate.gov)

U.S. Representative Jody Hice

ADDRESS: 1516 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C., 20515-1009

TELEPHONE: 1-202-225-4101 1-202-226-0776 (Fax)

WEBSITE: www.hice.house.gov

U.S. Congress John Lewis (D)

ADDRESS: 343 Cannon House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515

TELEPHONE: 1-202-225-3801 1-202-225-0351 (Fax)

WEBSITE: www.johnlewis.house.gov

LOCAL: State Representative Allen Powell

ADDRESS: 613-B Coverdell Legislative Office Bldg.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

TELEPHONE: 404-463-3793

WEBSITE: alanpowell23@hotmail.com

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

CONTACT: Darlene Nixon

TELEPHONE: 706-436-0741

EMAIL: information@harthabitat.org

ADDRESS: PO Box 146
Hartwell, GA 30643

HOURS: Monthly meeting 3rd Thursday of each month
at the 1st Presbyterian Church Fellowship at 7:30 p.m.

ELIGIBILITY: Make reasonable monthly payments
and be in need of good housing.

HART CARE CENTER (NURSING HOME)

CONTACT: Ms. Kathryn Meeks McCurley, Administrator

TELEPHONE: 706-376-7121

EMAIL: kmccurley@hartcarecenter.org

ADDRESS: 261 Fairview Avenue
Hartwell, Georgia 30643

SERVICES: To provide care of convalescent, chronic, aged and retired
people.

ELIGIBILITY: Private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare or cash deposit if no
insurance.

HART COUNTY ADULT LEARNING CENTER

CONTACT: Betty Hulsey - Director
Tina Curry – GED Instructor
Beth Kay – GED Instructor
Cheri Griggs – Work Force Readiness Instructor

TELEPHONE: 706-856-2655-GED
706-376-3000 – Learning Center

WEBSITE: www.hartliteracy.com

ADDRESS: 110 Benson St.
Hartwell, Georgia 30643

SERVICES: For persons who have not graduated from high school. A person can attend and work toward a certificate (GED) that represents the equivalent of a high school diploma. Areas of study are Social Science, Mathematics, Literature, and Language.

HOURS: Literacy council hours are 8 am to 1 p.m. Monday-Thursday.
GED hours vary-call for hours.

ELIGIBILITY: To enroll, a person must be 16 or older. No cost to students.

HART COUNTY CLOTHES CLOSET-FOOD PANTRY

TELEPHONE: 706-376-2022

CONTACT: Mrs. Sarah Hoell - Manager
Ms. Lisa Kolkovich - Director

ADDRESS: Corner of Colfax & Richardson Streets
175 Colfax St. Hartwell, Georgia 30643

SERVICES: To provide emergency clothing and food.

HOURS: Monday - 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Closed
Wednesday - Intake Day only.
Thursday - 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Friday - 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Saturday - 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sunday - Closed

ELIGIBILITY: All requests for clothing or food requires a referral from local DFCS Office, or a local Pastor. Burnout Victims must have a note from one of the local Fire Departments. Other emergency situations will be addressed as given.

HOSPITAL

Ty Cobb Regional Medical Center

- TELEPHONE:** 706- 356-7800
- WEBSITE:** tycobbhealthcare.com
- ADDRESS:** 367 Clear Creek Parkway
Lavonia, GA 30553
- SERVICES:** Among the services provided are: Medical/
Surgical, Surgery-Outpatient or inpatient, Social Services,
Laboratory, Physical Therapy, Respiratory Therapy, Intensive
Care Unit, Community Relations, Radiology, CT Scan,
Cardiology (Echo, Stress, EKG), 24 Hour Emergency Services
and Educational Services.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Private insurance, Medicaid/Medicare or cash deposit if
uninsured.

HART COUNTY SCHOOLS

Hart County Board of Education

284 Campbell Drive
Hartwell, GA 30643
706-376-5141 706-376-7046 Fax
Student Support Services: 706-376-4209

WEBSITE: www.hart.k12.ga.us

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: Hartwell Elementary

147 S. College Ave.
Hartwell, Georgia 30643
706-376-4425

South Hart

121 E & M Dairy Rd.
Hartwell, Georgia 30643
706-856-7383

North Hart

124 Ankerich Rd.
Bowersville, GA 30516
706-856-7369

MIDDLE SCHOOL: **Hart County Middle School** (Grades 6,7,and 8)
176 Powell Road
Hartwell, GA 30643
706-376-5431

HIGH SCHOOL: **Hart County High School**
59 Fifth Street
Hartwell, GA 30643
706-376-5461 706-856-7237 Fax

Vocational Department
706-376-5461

Hart County Academy (High School campus)
59 Fifth Street
Hartwell, GA 30643
706-856-7346 706-856-7288 (Fax)

SERVICES: To provide an education for every person. The high school has academic and vocational courses. Adult classes in general education and in vocational areas are taught at night.

HART COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

CONTACT: Rhonda Dyar, Nurse Manager
Jill Garland, Office Manager
David Leard, Environmental Health Manager

TELEPHONE: 706-376-5117

WEBSITE: www.phdistrict2.org

ADDRESS: 64 Reynolds Street
Hartwell, Georgia 30643

SERVICES: General Clinic - Tuesday and Thursday
8:30-10:30 a.m. & 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

- Immunizations - Tuesday and Thursday.
- Blood Pressure check - no fee
- Tuberculin skin test (for employment) Tuesdays only.
- Blood Test – Tuesday and Thursday
- Flu shots – Tuesday and Thursday
- Water sample – Monday - Friday
- Contact sanitation regarding fee for sewage permits and restaurant operation.
- Family planning clinics – Wednesday & Friday

- Perinatal Case Management – Tuesday
- STD clinic every – Call for an appointment
- WIC clinic for pregnant women, infants, and children 0-5 years of age who meet criteria. Call for an appointment
- Children’s Medical Service applications are taken by appointment for referrals of children with crippling defects.
- AIDS Program – Hall County
- Cancer Detection Program – Wednesdays & Friday
- Dental Health - If eligible for free or reduced lunches, then eligible for dental program.
- Environmental Health Services - Call for appointment
- Genetics/Sickle Cell program - Tuesdays and Thursdays
- SHAPP (Stroke and Heart Attack Prevention Program) - Tuesdays and Thursdays.

HART COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

CONTACT: Tracey Patrick, Director

TELEPHONE: 706-376-3975

WEBSITE: hartcountyga.org/seniorcenter.html

ADDRESS: 139 Clay Street
Hartwell, Georgia 30643

SERVICES: Include but are not limited to the following:
Meals on Wheels, congregate meals, transportation,
legal services, Medicaid / Medicare counseling,
employment and extracurricular activities.

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

ELIGIBILITY: Adults and spouse, 60 years or older

HART - LIFE

CONTACT: Tammy Frye (Director)

TELEPHONE: 706-376-1700
1-800-499-0177 (24 hour hotline)

ADDRESS: 317 West Franklin Street
P.O. Box 344
Hartwell, Georgia 30643

WEBSITE: www.hartlife.net

SERVICES: (Branch of Toccoa Life) - Free pregnancy test and counseling/education, (individual and group). Confidential counseling for crisis pregnancy, and post abortion syndrome. Parenting classes offered. Marriage counseling available.

HOURS: Monday - 10:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.
Tuesday - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Thursday - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00p.m.

HEAD START / EARLY HEAD START / PRE-K

CONTACT: Vivian A. Craft, Center Director

TELEPHONE: 706-376-9355
706-376-6907

WEBSITE: www.ndo.org

ADDRESS: 500 Richardson Street
P.O. Box 956
Hartwell, Georgia 30643

SERVICES: Comprehensive pre-school experience for 3 & 4 year olds, services for infants, toddlers, and pregnant mothers. Children with special needs are welcome. Efforts are made to meet the needs of the total child - educational, physical, emotional, nutritional, and also special needs. Meals are provided. The center is day care licensed thru DECAL and accredited by National Association of Young Children.

Hart County Head Start/EHS/Pre-K works in a collaborative effort with the local school board and the public school System in administering the Pre-K program.

For additional information please contact Vivian Craft or the Family Support Staff at Head Start/EHS/Pre-K.

ELIGIBILITY: Early Head Start: Must meet income guidelines. Parents must be working or attending school full time.
Head Start: Must meet income guidelines. Three or four years old on or before September 1st.
Pre-K: First come, first serve. Four years old on or before September 1st.

**HARTWELL HEALTH & REHAB. CENTER
(NURSING HOME)**

CONTACT: Danny Lord, Administrator
TELEPHONE: 706-856-6992
WEBSITE: www.ethicahealth.org
ADDRESS: 94 Cade Street
Hartwell, Georgia 30643
SERVICES: Provide care for convalescent, chronically ill, aged and retired people as recommended by Doctor. Medicare/Medicaid certified.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

CONTACT: William C. Spears, Executive Director
TELEPHONE: 706-376-3153
ADDRESS: 116 W. Franklin Place
Hartwell, Georgia 30643
SERVICES: Provides homes for low-income families at rent they can afford to pay. Assist tenant groups to plan and promote recreational programs and some welfare services. Families are assigned to units based on the size and composition of the family. Gas and water are included.
ELIGIBILITY: Families of low-income whose net assets together with the net income of the family is insufficient for to obtain and maintain adequate accommodations of the private market. Families, who are displaced, living substandard, paying more than 50% of their income for rent, or about to be displaced through government action are given preference. The total family income determines the amount of monthly rent. (Usually 30% of the gross income.)

HYDRA OF HART COUNTY, INC

CONTACT: Catrina Hicks - Director

TELEPHONE: 706-376-8899

WEBSITE: www.hartcountyga.gov/hydra.html

ADDRESS: 200 Clay St.
Hartwell, Georgia 30643

Located in the Hart County Recreation
Department on Howell Road

SERVICES: One-On-One Program - local version of Big Brother/
Big Sister Program. This program targets young people
Ages 5 to 17.

Juvenile Law Education Classes are held twice
a year at the Hydra Teen Center. These classes
are available to sixth grade through twelfth grade
students. This course runs for 10 weeks. There is no
charge. This program is coordinated through HYDRA
and juvenile court services. This course covers such
topics as juvenile law, dangers of the occult, drug
and alcohol effects, peer interaction, family interactions,
and job seeking skills.

Information on Hart Partners Family Connections site
is available through Hydra.

HYDRA IMPACT Counseling Program - This program is
available to preschool - adults, that is "at risk".
Referrals are made by contacting the HYDRA office.
This program offers individual, family, and group counseling.

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

TELEPHONE: 1-770-536-2235 - Gainesville, Ga.

WEBSITE: www.irs.gov

ADDRESS: 329 Oak St.
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

SERVICES: Assist taxpayers in completing IRS returns. Auditing of tax returns.

HOURS: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Closed for lunch from 12:00-1:00)

LEGACY LINK

CONTACT: Pat Freeman, Director Area Agency on Aging

TELEPHONE: 1-770-538-2650
1-800-845-5465

WEBSITE: www.legacylink.org

ADDRESS: 4080 Mundy Mill Road
Oakwood, Georgia 30566

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 provided through contacts include personal care aide, senior centers, congregate and home delivered meals, outreach Information, referrals, counseling, transportation, legal services, nursing home, minor home repair. Employment program for workers aged 55 plus and retired senior citizens, volunteer program are operated directly by GMRDC.

The Georgia Mountains A.A.A. also serves as the lead agency in the 13 county regions for the Community Care program for elderly funded by Medicaid.

LIBRARY

- CONTACT:** Richard Sanders, Director
- TELEPHONE:** 706-376-4655 706-376-1157 Fax
- WEBSITE:** www.hartcountylibrary.com
- ADDRESS:** 150 Benson Street
Hartwell, Georgia 30643
- SERVICES:** Besides having an excellent book collection, the library also has records, cassette tapes, magazines, and paperbacks available to patrons. There is equipment and materials for the blind or persons who cannot hold a book. Large print books are available in part due to a liaison with Athens Liberation for Blind and Physically Challenged Individuals. Children's programs available during the summer months. Meeting rooms available for community groups. Space furnished for Literacy Volunteers of America. Please call ahead to arrange group meetings or visits.
- HOURS:** Monday, Tuesday and Friday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Thursday - 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Patrons must register for a library card at the front desk, parents must sign for children from 6 - 18 years, must have picture ID and SS security card.
Library material is checked out for 2 weeks.

LIFELINK OF GEORGIA

- CONTACT:** Kathleen Lilly, Executive Director
- TELEPHONE:** 1-800-544-6667
- WEBSITE:** www.lifelinkfound.org
- ADDRESS:** 2875 Northwoods Parkway
Norcross, Georgia 30071
- SERVICES:** Organ and Tissue recovery, Issues Donor Cards, Referrals to Eye Bank and body donation at Emory.

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA HOSPITAL AND CLINICS

- TELEPHONE:** 1-706-721-0211
- WEBSITE:** gru.edu.org
- ADDRESS:** 1120 15th Street
Augusta, Georgia 30912
- SERVICES:** The Medical College of Georgia Hospitals and Clinics are centers of primary as well as specialty care. Among the specialties available are a comprehensive pediatric program including intensive care for newborns, critically ill and injured children; open heart surgery; special care for high risk mothers, kidney transplant surgery; an epilepsy diagnosis and surgery program; trauma program for patients with multiple critical injuries.
- HOURS:** Clinics - 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Hospital and emergency facilities - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- ELIGIBILITY:** A doctor's referral is needed. Medicare/Medicaid accepted, Private insurance or income verified to determine if family qualifies for assistance.

MENTAL HEALTH

- CONTACT:** Avita Community Partners
Joe Stapp – Deputy Director
- TELEPHONE:** 706- 376-4002
- WEBSITE:** www.avitapartners.org
- ADDRESS:** 228 N. College Ave.
Hartwell, Georgia 30643
- SERVICES:** Counseling, psychotherapy with individuals, families, and groups, crisis intervention, diagnostic assessment, psychiatric assessment and treatment.
- HOURS:** Monday - Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Anyone in the area. Fees are based on income.

MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM / REGION
Georgia Department of Education

- CONTACT:** Alice Matthews, Region 3 Coordinator
- TELEPHONE:** 404-656-2800
800-311-3627
404-651-8737 (fax)
- WEBSITE:** <https://www.gadoe.org/School-Improvement/Federal-Programs/Pages/Migrant-Education-Program.aspx>
- EMAIL:** askdoe@gadoe.org
- ADDRESS:** 1414 Twin Towers West
205 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive SE,
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
- SERVICES:** Area of Coverage: 75 School Districts in North Georgia
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.
- QUALIFICATIONS:** 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 GA DOE MEP definition), or the child/youth has a parent, spouse, or guardian who is a migratory agricultural worker or a migratory fisher (by GA DOE 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.

NEWSPAPER (The Hartwell Sun)

CONTACT: Mark Hynds, Editor

TELEPHONE: 706-376-8025
706- 376-2222 706-376-3016 - FAX

WEBSITE: www.thehartwellsun.com

ADDRESS: 8 Benson Street
P.O. Box 700
Hartwell, GA 30643

SERVICES: Serving upper Savannah River Valley for more than 117 years to keep citizens abreast of government, civic, religious, school, social, and community news/events, advertising and printing division for publications.

NORTHEAST GEORGIA COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

CONTACT: Katherine Reusing, Director

TELEPHONE: 706-376-7111 (24 Hour Hotline) Collect calls are accepted
1-800-33-HAVEN
706-377-4141 (Administrative)

WEBSITE: www.negacdvt.org

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 814
Hartwell, GA 30643

SERVICES: Provides shelter for women in crisis situations. Services include 24 hour, 365 days a week hotline, 24 hour emergency shelter, community outreach, referrals, support groups, legal advocacy, residential and non-residential programs, children's program, volunteer program, and thrift store. Primary service areas are Hart, Franklin and Elbert counties, however, services and referrals are provided to anyone in need.

ELIGIBILITY: There must have been recent abuse and / or threat of abuse and fear of safety. Persons answering the hotline will assess situation and offer resources if shelter is not available at the time of the call. Callers must be willing to abide by guidelines set by agency. There is no charge for any services provided by the agency.

NORTHEAST GEORGIA GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL, INC.

CONTACT: Vicki Raymondo - Membership Specialist

TELEPHONE: 770-536-8656
770-532-8775 (fax)

WEBSITE: www.gshg.org

ADDRESS: 906 Interstate Ridge Drive / Suite E
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

SERVICES: The Girl Scouts help girls ages 5 - 17 grow and develop as creative, responsible individuals through the following four guidelines:

- Deepening awareness of self-worth.
- Learning to develop constructive relationships with others.
- Encouraging girls to contribute creatively to their communities.
- Developing a value system of their own.

Girls can join as individuals or be members of troops/groups.

HOURS: Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Opened 1st Saturday of each month, 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

NORTH GEORGIA CENTER OF THE GEORGIA LEARNING RESOURCES SYSTEM

CONTACT: Pam Kirkpatrick

TELEPHONE: 706-865-2141
706-865-6748 (fax)

WEBSITE: www.north.glr.org

ADDRESS: 1342 Highway 254
Cleveland, Georgia 30528

SERVICES: GLRS is a support service for parents and teachers of children with disabilities. Services include: Staff development, referral services, information dissemination, special needs library, and diagnostic services.

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone can access GLRS services on behalf of a child with disabilities ages birth through 21.

NORTHEAST GEORGIA SPEECH AND HEARING CENTER

CONTACT: Dianne Brower, CCC-SLP

TELEPHONE: 770-534-5141

WEBSITE: www.northeastgeorgiaspeechcenter.com

ADDRESS: 604 Washington Street
Suite B-2
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

SERVICES: Provides evaluation and treatment for speech problems of all types and routine hearing screening. Lip reading and auditory training for deaf and hard of hearing.

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

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone with or suspected of having a speech, language, or hearing problem. Fee based on ability to pay. Sliding scale for fee reduction, Medicaid/Medicare clients accepted. Also, patients with doctor referrals.

OTHER SERVICES: **THERAPEUTIC LANGUAGE FOR CHILDREN**
Preschool Speech and Language Program designed to prepare the speech/language delayed child for the school experience. Program environment is appropriate for the preschool child in providing maximum opportunity for development of communication skills. T.L.C. staff consists of qualified, state licensed and ASHA certified speech/language pathologists experienced in preschool and early childhood populations and a teacher with a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education.

ELIGIBILITY: Children ages 3 -5 that have been pre-diagnosed with a speech and/or language disorder. (Hearing impaired and ADD children accepted. An oral approach will be used with hearing impaired.) Children meeting these above eligibility standards may be referred by the parent/guardian, primary physician, preschool/daycare teacher, appropriate school or agency personnel or another individual concerned about the child's communicative disorder.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CONTACT: Dispatcher at local police department
Anthony Davis, Chief of Police

TELEPHONE: 706-376-3111
706-856-3226

ADDRESS: Hartwell Police Station
456 E. Howell Street
Hartwell, Georgia 30643

SERVICES: Crisis Line for: Alanon, AA, Cancer, MADD, suicide and rape.

HOURS: Available 24 hours a day.

PROJECT SAFE

CONTACT: Joan Prittie, Director
Tangela Beard, Associate Director

TELEPHONE: 706-543-3331(Hotline)
706-549-0922 (Business)
706-354-6161 (fax)

WEBSITE: www.project-safe.org

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 7532
Athens, Georgia 30604

SERVICES: Support Groups, legal advocacy and court accompaniment.

HOURS: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Shelter open 24 hours a day. Hot line 24 hours.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

CONTACT: Tracy Patrick

TELEPHONE: 706-376-3975

ADDRESS: 139 Clay Street
Hartwell, Georgia 30643

SERVICES: Provides transportation Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.-
4:00 p.m. 24 hours advanced notice requested.
Call for rates

QUALITY CARE FOR CHILDREN

TELEPHONE: 1-404-479-4200

WEBSITE: www.qualitycareforchildren.org

ADDRESS: 2751 Buford Hwy, Suite 5015
Atlanta, Georgia 30324

SERVICES: Better nutrition for children in family day care, including
provider's children below age 13. Membership in network of
family day care providers. Training in nutrition for providers.
Increased net income to providers. Registered with the
Department of Human Resources.

HOURS: Atlanta Office - Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
You may call Area Coordinator:
7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Saturday

RADIO STATION

CONTACT: Bryan Hicks, Station Manager
Mike Atkins, News Director

TELEPHONE: 706-376-2233
706-376-3100 (Fax)

WEBSITE: wklyradio@hartcom.net

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 636,
2235 Bowersville Hwy.
Hartwell, Georgia 30643

SERVICES: WKLY was established in 1947 and serves the community in various ways: news, weather, sports, and school news, free community announcements, some free advertising, such as lost and found; highlights different activities going on in the community, interviews people of interest in the community and cooperates with Civil Defense in event of natural disasters.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

CONTACT: Jim Owens, Director

TELEPHONE: 706-376-8528

WEBSITE: hartcountyga.gov
Facebook @ hart county recreation department

ADDRESS: 200 Clay St.
Hartwell, Georgia 30643

SERVICES: The following are offered locally: Youth-Football, Cheerleading, Basketball Classes

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

CONTACT: Beth Howell, President and CEO

TELEPHONE: 404-315-1133
404-315-7873 (fax)

WEBSITE: www.armhc.org

CONTACT: Catherine Lewis

TELEPHONE: 678-704-8098

ADDRESS: 795 Gate Wood Road NE – (Serves Egleston Area)
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

ADDRESS: 5420 Peachtree
Dunwoody Road NE – (Serves Scottish Rite Area)
Atlanta, Georgia 30342

TELEPHONE: 404-847-0760
404-250-4992 (fax)

SERVICES: To provide low cost housing, comfort and support to families with critically ill children. Some are outpatients receiving treatment for childhood cancer or leukemia.

HOURS: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. / 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays

SALVATION ARMY SHELTER

CONTACT: LT. Carlos Cantu - Administrator
LT. Val Cantu - Administrator
Mary Rosser - Social Worker

TELEPHONE: 706-543-5350

WEBSITE: www.salvationarmyathens.org

ADDRESS: 484 Hawthorne Ave
Athens, Georgia 30606

SERVICES: Dinner served at 5:00 p.m. for anyone.
Breakfast provided for residents of shelter only.

SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN (Children's Healthcare of Atlanta)

TELEPHONE: 1-404- 785-5252

WEBSITE: www.choa.org

ADDRESS: 1001 Johnson Ferry Road, N.E.,
Atlanta, Georgia 30342

SERVICES: Provides pediatric and orthopedic services for children. Medical clinics include allergy, language disorders, dental, developmental, diabetes, genetics, nutritional and psychology. Surgical clinics include cleft palate and lip, ear, nose and throat, eye neurosurgery, general pediatric surgery, plastic surgery, urology, orthopedic, food, growth, and metabolic disorders, hand, hip, leg, spinal, and bone tumor.

ELIGIBILITY: Ages birth through 18 years. Must be recommended by a Scottish Rite Mason, physician or health department.

FEES: Based on income. Medicaid, private insurance, and child care fund are accepted payment types.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

CONTACT: Mike Cleveland - Sheriff

TELEPHONE: 706-376-3114

WEBSITE: www.hartsheriff.com

ADDRESS: 890 Vickery Street
P.O. Box 886
Hartwell, GA 30643

SERVICES: Provides 24 hour protection and service to Hart County residents. In addition to protecting the citizens of Hart County the following services are available - escort any church activity, escort for funerals, workshops and provide security for all churches.

SHRINERS

CONTACT: Ramona Garcia

TELEPHONE: 1-813-281-0300

ADDRESS: Lake Hartwell Shrine Club
P.O. Box 448
Hartwell, Georgia 30643

WEBSITE: www.shriners hospitalforchildren.org

SERVICES: Medical service to orthopedic and burned children.

HOURS: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

SICKLE CELL FOUNDATION OF GEORGIA, INC.

TELEPHONE: 1-404-755-1641
1-800-326-5287
Fax: 1-404-755-7955

WEBSITE: www.sicklecellga.org

ADDRESS: 2391 Benjamin E. Mays Jr. Drive, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30311

SERVICES: To provide services to local as well as state residents in educational, screening and counseling programs. Counseling at-risk couples, patient service, summer camp (ages 7-17) and employment assistance within the state of Georgia.

HOURS: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Monday – Thursday

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICES

TELEPHONE 1-877-405-7655

ADDRESS: 155 Big A Road
Toccoa, GA 30577

WEBSITE: www.socialsecurity.gov

TELEPHONE: 706- 227-1195 / 866-964-3294

ADDRESS: 1650 Prince Avenue
Athens, Georgia 30606

SERVICES: To pay Social Security benefits to those who qualify. A compulsory social insurance program providing protection against loss of income due to old age, death of the family provider or permanent and total disability.

HOURS: Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 p.m.

TUGALOO HOME HEALTH

- CONTACT:** Angel Jones (Director of Operations)
- TELEPHONE:** 706-376-4591
866-862-8534
- WEBSITE:** www.amedisys.com
- ADDRESS:** 308 East Howell Street
Suite 100
Hartwell, Georgia 30643
- SERVICES:** Nonprofit health care agency which provides care in the homes of patients when ordered by the patient's doctor. Services provided are: 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; be in need of skilled nursing care or physical therapy or speech therapy; and be 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.

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS AND REGIONAL OFFICE

- TELEPHONE:** 1-800-827-1000 (toll free)
- WEB SITE:** www.va.gov
- ADDRESS:** 1700 Clairmont Rd.
Decatur, Georgia 30033-4032
- SERVICES:** Answers questions about benefits available to veterans and their families who are residents of Georgia.
- HOURS:** Monday – Friday – 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

DIRECTORY TELEPHONE NUMBERS / WEBSITE ADDRESS

AADD Atlanta Alliance of Developmental Disabilities	404-881-9777 www.aadd.org
Aid Atlanta	404-870-7700 www.aidatlanta.org
Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders	800-272-3900 www.alz.org
American Cancer Society, Atlanta	404-320-3333 www.cancer.org/donate
American Diabetes Association	800-342-2383 www.diabetes.org
American Heart Association, Atlanta	678-224-2000 www.heart.org
Arthritis Foundation, Atlanta	404-237-8771 www.arthritis.org
Child Support Recovery Unit	844-694-2347 dcss.dhs.georgia.gov
Disability Resource Center, Inc.	770-534-6656 www.disabilityresourcecenter.org
Easter Seal Society, Augusta	706-667-9695 ga.ea.easterseals.com
Emory University Switchboard, Atlanta	404-727-6123 www.emory.edu
Georgia Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf	703-838-0030 www.garid.org
Goodwill Industries, Columbus	706-324-4366 www.goodwill.org
Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities	404-657-2126 www.gcdd.org
Justice Center of Atlanta, Inc., Atlanta	404-523-8236 www.justicecenter.org
Library for the Blind	404-657-1452 http://nlb.org/
Lighthouse for the Blind (Lions Club)	706-376-4879 www.blindness.org lionslighthouse.org
Lupus Foundation of America	770-333-5930 www.lupus.org

Muscular Dystrophy Association, Atlanta	770-850-0533 www.mda.org
Northeast Georgia Speech & Hearing Center	770-534-5141 www.georgiahearingcenter.com
National Society for Children and Adults with Autism	770-904-4474 www.autism-society.org
Parent to Parent of Georgia, Inc., Atlanta	800-229-2038 http://p2pga.org
Post Polio Syndrome, Atlanta	404-350-7631 www.atlantapostpolio.com
Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia, Inc.	404-755-1641 www.sicklecellga.org
Spinal Bifida and Dermatology Clinic of Atlanta	404-785-4593 www.spinalbifidaassociation.org

TOLL FREE NUMBERS / WEBSITE ADDRESS

ADOPTION

National Adoption Center	800-236-7846 www.adopt.org
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AIDS

CDC Information on Disease Control and Prevention	800-232-4636 www.cdc.gov
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ALCOHOLISM

Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration Treatment referral routing Services	800-662-HELP www.samhsa.gov
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BLINDNESS/VISION

American Council of the Blind	800-424-8666 acb.org
American Foundation for the Blind	800-232-5463 www.afb.org
Georgia Library for Accessible Services	800-248-6701 georgialibraries.org
National Eye Care America	877-887-6327 www.aao.org
National Library Services for the Blind and the Physically Handicapped	888-NLS-READ www.lovetov.gov

BURN VICTIMS

Shriners Hospital for Children 800-237-5055
ww.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org

CANCER

AMC Cancer Fund 800-321-1557
www.amc.org

National Cancer Institute Information Service 800-4-CANCER
www.cancer.gov

CAREER COUNSELING

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

CEREBRAL PALSY

United Cerebral Palsy Association, Inc. 800-872-5827
ucp.org

CHILD ABUSE

Child Help National Hotline (sexual abuse victims and family) 800-4 A CHILD
www.childhelp.org

CLEFT PALATE

American Cleft Palate Educational Foundation/CLEFTLINE 800-24-CLEFT
www.acpa-cpf.org

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association 800-638-8255
www.asha.org

National Center for Stuttering 800-221-2483
www.stuttering.com

CONSUMER

Report Lost or Stolen Credit Cards 800-528-2121
www.consumer.ftc.gov

DEAFNESS HEARING IMPAIRMENTS

Captioned Films for the Deaf 800-237-6213
www.dcmp.org

John Tracy Clinic on Deafness 800-522-4582
www.jtc.org

International Hearing Society 800-521-5247
www.insinfo.org

Occupational Hearing Services (Dial a Hearing Test) 800-222-3277
www.heartinservicessc.net

DIABETES

Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Hotline 800-223-1138
www.jdf.org

DISEASES

American Leprosy Missions 800-543-3131
www.leprosy.org

Huntington's Disease Society of America 800-345-4372
www.hdsa.org

Lupus Foundation of America 800-558-0121
www.lupus.org

National Association for Sickle Cell Disease, Inc. 800-421-8453
www.sicklecelldisease.org

National Parkinson Foundation 800-327-4545
www.parkinson.org

DOWN SYNDROME

National Down Syndrome Congress 800-232-6372
ndscenter.org

National Down Syndrome Society 800-221-4602
www.ndss.org

DRUG INFORMATION

Federal Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services 800-662-4357
www.samhsa.gov

Administrations Treatment Referral Routing Services 800-662-4357
www.samhsa.gov/treatment

EDUCATION

National Committee for Citizens in Education 800-NETWORK

EMPLOYMENT

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

EQUIPMENT

AT&T National Special Needs Center 800-833-3232
800-233-1222
www.att.com/disability

EPILEPSY

Epilepsy Foundation of America's National Information Center 800-332-1000
www.epilepsyfoundation.org

FINANCIAL AID

Health Care Financing Administration – Medicare 800-633-4227
www.cms.gov

National Health Information Center (NHIC) 800-336-4797
www.health.gov/nhic

IMMUNOLOGY

National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine 800-222-5864
www.nationjewish.org

KIDNEY DISORDERS

National Kidney Foundation, Atlanta 800-633-2339
www.kidney.org

National Office of American Kidney Fund 800-638-8299
www.kidneyfund.org

LEARNING DISABILITIES (DYSLEXIA)

Educators Publishing Service, Inc.,
Specific Language Disabilities (Dyslexia) 800-225-5750
ps.schoolspecialty.com

Horton Dyslexia Society 800-222-3123
www.interdys.org

MAINSTREAMING INTO THE COMMUNITY

Disability Resource Center 888-534-7144
www.easterseals.com

MEDIA

Disability Media, Inc. 800-321-8708

MEDICAL SERVICES

Institute for Safe Medication Practices 800-638-6725
www.ismp.org

Children's Health Care of Atlanta 800-250-5437
www.choa.org

MENTAL RETARDATION

American Association on Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities 800-424-3688
www.aaid.org

Association for Retarded Citizens of the United States (ARC) 800-433-5255
www.thearc.org

MISSING CHILDREN

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children 800-843-5678
www.missingkids.com

NEUROLOGICAL IMPAIRMENT/PARALYSIS

National Headache Foundation 800-843-2256
www.headaches.org

NUTRITION

Georgia Dept. of Agriculture Commission 800-282-5852
agr.georgia.gov

Agriculture Consumer Service Program (directory service) 800-282-5852
agr.georgia.gov

Beech-Nut Nutrition Service Program 800-233-2468
www.beechnut.com

Gerber Products Company 800-443-7237
www.gerberlife.com

ORGAN DONORS

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

ORTHOPEDIC PROBLEMS

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

PESTICIDES

Pesticides Information 800-858-7378
npic.orst.edu

POISON CONTROL CENTER

Poison Control Center 800-222-1222
www.aapcc.org

PUBLIC SERVICE

Public Service Commission 800-282-5813
www.psc.state.ga.us

RARE DISORDERS

Cornelia DeLange Syndrome Foundation	800-223-8355 www.cdlsusa.org
National Reye's Syndrome Foundation	800-233-7393 www.reyessyndrome.org
National Tuberous Sclerosis Association	800-225-6872

REHABILITATION

National Rehabilitation Information Center	800-346-2742 www.naric.com
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RESPIRATORY DISEASE

National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine Lung Line	800-222-5864 www.nationaljewish.org
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SPINA BIFIDA

Spina Bifida Hotline	800-621-3141 www.spinabifidaassociation.org
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SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME

1 st Candle	800-221-7437 www.firstcandle.org
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RUNAWAY SWITCHBOARD

National Runaway Switchboard	800-786-2929 www.1800runaway.org
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TOYS

Consumer Product Safety	800-638-2772 www.cpsc.org
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TRAUMA

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