

# **COMMUNITY RESOURCE HANDBOOK**

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## **UNION COUNTY HEAD START-PRE K**

This Community Resource Handbook has been compiled to aid the Union County Head Start and Pre-K families in gaining access to community resources to meet family needs. If the support or service you are seeking has not been listed in this resource book, please contact your Family Partner at the Union County Head Start/ Pre-K office. If you are aware of services or agencies not listed in this resource book, please feel free to share that information so it may be listed in the future for other families.

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### **ADULT BASIC EDUCATION**

CONTACT: North Georgia Technical College/  
Shirley Miller Building

TELEPHONE: 706-439-6321

LOCATION: 121 Meeks Avenue/ 285 Blalock Street  
Blairsville, GA 30512

SERVICES: GED Program. Financial aid and work study programs  
are available.

### **AMBULANCE SERVICE**

CONTACT: Union General Hospital Ambulance Service

TELEPHONE: 706-781-3178

LOCATION: 94 Weaver Road  
Blairsville, GA 30512

SERVICES: Qualified services and transportation- 24-hour service.

### **AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**

CONTACT: Reana Pendley

TELEPHONE: 770-297-1176

LOCATION: 2564 Thompson Bridge Road  
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

WEB ADDRESS: [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

SERVICES: Rabun, Towns, & Union

Dressings and bandages, pain relieving drugs,  
transportation for patients unable to get to treatment  
centers and rehabilitation services for some cancer  
patients. Other areas of concern may also be  
addressed. Call with any questions.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS**

CONTACT: Tammy Nicholson

TELEPHONE: 770-532-8453, Northeast Georgia Chapter  
1-800-REDCROSS

LOCATION: P.O. Box 3370  
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

WEB ADDRESS: [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

SERVICES: Emergency loans for servicemen; emergency leaves; collects blood; provides food, shelter, medical aid to disaster victims; conducts water safety programs; organizes high school and Junior Red Cross units.

**ANIMAL SHELTERS & RESCUES**  
**Castaway Critters Pet Rescue, Inc**

TELEPHONE: 706-781-3992

LOCATION: Blairsville, Georgia 30512

SERVICES: Spay & neuter your pets

**Humane Society Mountain Shelter**

TELEPHONE: 706-781-3843

LOCATION: 129 Bowling Gap Circle  
Blairsville, Georgia 30512

SERVICES: Animal Shelter & Care

**ARNE'S AUTO SERVICE**

TELEPHONE: 706-745-4633

LOCATION: 18 Doc Thomas Ridge Road  
Blairsville, Georgia 30512

SERVICES: Auto Repairs

**BLAIR HOUSE DENTAL ASSOCIATES**

TELEPHONE: 706-781-3340  
LOCATION: 3431 Murphy Highway  
Blairsville, GA 30512  
WEB ADDRESS: [www.blairhousedental.com](http://www.blairhousedental.com)  
SERVICES: Full-service dentistry. Accepts Peachcare/Medicaid

**BLUE MOUNTAIN FAMILY PRACTICE**

TELEPHONE: 706-745-4191  
LOCATION: 130 Hospital Circle  
Blairsville, GA 30512  
SERVICES: Medical needs for the family.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION-UNION COUNTY**

CONTACT: Gary Davenport, Chairman  
Gary Steppe - Superintendent  
TELEPHONE: 706-745-2322  
LOCATION: 124 Hughes Street,  
Blairsville, GA 30512  
WEB ADDRESS: [www.ucschools.org](http://www.ucschools.org)  
SERVICES: Provides education for K-12

**BOOKKEEPING & ACCOUNTING**

**H&R Block**

TELEPHONE: 706-745-4855  
LOCATION: 201 Young Harris Street  
Blairsville, Georgia 30512  
SERVICES: Tax Preparation and Filing

**W. Steven Rowe, CPA, CA**

TELEPHONE: 706-745-0722  
LOCATION: 108 A Blue Ridge Hwy  
Blairsville, Georgia 30512  
SERVICES: Accounting services

**BRANAN LODGE AT WESLEY MOUNTAIN VILLAGE**

CONTACT: Rob Murray, Administrator  
TELEPHONE: 706-745-5565  
LOCATION: 1146 Wesley Mountain Drive  
Blairsville, GA 30512  
WEB ADDRESS: [www.brananlodge.org](http://www.brananlodge.org)  
SERVICES: Housing for persons 65 years or older. Section A, governmental assistance provided if eligible. Branan Lodge of Wesley Mountain Village is designed to meet the needs of older persons. Independent living is stressed and persons must be able to care for themselves to be eligible for an apartment. Social, health care and screenings, nutritional and recreational services are available.

**CAMPS & RETREATS**  
**Camp Jabez Retreat Center**

CONTACT: Rachael Spratlin  
TELEPHONE: 706-374-6374  
LOCATION: 7 Split Rock Trail  
Morganton, Georgia 30560  
SERVICES: Retreat center for student ministries.

**Canal Lake Bible Camp**

TELEPHONE: 706-745-6591  
LOCATION: 145 Bible Camp Circle  
Blairsville, Georgia 30512  
SERVICES: Provides weekly summer camps for teenagers.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE-BLAIRSVILLE**

CONTACT: Cindy Williams  
TELEPHONE: 706-745-5789  
877-745-5789  
LOCATION: 129 Union County Recreation Road  
P.O. Box 789  
Blairsville, GA 30512  
WEB ADDRESS: [info@blairsvillechamber.com](mailto:info@blairsvillechamber.com)  
SERVICES: Promotes the business community, address the needs of businesses and industries, and enhance the experience of all who chose Union County as their destination.

**CHILD CARE CENTERS**

**Ms. Julie's Childcare & Learning center**

CONTACT: Julie Hughes  
TELEPHONE: 706-781-1575  
LOCATION: 93 Laurel Ridge Road  
Blairsville, Georgia 30512  
SERVICES: Childcare needs

**Shannon's Kids**

CONTACT: Shannon Nix  
TELEPHONE: 706-745-5437



LOCATION: 1002 Ledford Road  
Blairsville, Georgia 30512

SERVICES: Childcare needs

**CHILD SAFETY SEAT PROGRAM**

CONTACT: Glenda Brown, CSS Technician  
Jennifer Duckworth, CSS Technician

TELEPHONE: 706-745-6292

LOCATION: Tuesday & Wednesday at Union Co. Health Dept.

SERVICES: Provides child safety seat checks, asks questions  
and access safe arrival of the child. Call for  
appointment.

**CHILDREN'S DENTAL PROGRAM- UNION COUNTY**

CONTACT: Glenda Brown

TELEPHONE: 706-745-6292

LOCATION: Union County Health Department

SERVICES: Provides dental examinations and cleanings  
for children who qualify for services.

ELIGIBILITY: Children who meet the income guidelines and  
reside in Union County.

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

CONTACT: Ann Sullivan

TELEPHONE: 706-745-6596

LOCATION: 165 Wellborn Street, Suite 8  
Blairsville, GA 30512

HOURS: 8:15 a.m.- 4:45 p.m., Monday – Friday  
Closed for lunch from 12:00-1:00

SERVICES:

This program has been designed to meet individual needs of lower-income individuals. Various types of assistance may be provided to eligible individuals.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: These services are available on a one-time basis when all other resources have been exhausted for food and medicine.

FOOD PANTRY: Emergency assistance with groceries. Hours of operation: 8:30-4:30.

WEATHERIZATION: Applications are taken for low-income houses that need insulation, weather-stripping and caulking. Priority is given to the elderly and disabled.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE: Provides access to housing resources.

COMMODITY FOODS DISTRIBUTION: Distribution of available surplus foods. Eligibility 130% poverty level.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Once a year assistance with heating. Limited enrollment period.

GATEKEEPER PROGRAM: Follow up on frail elderly to ensure provisions of necessary services.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITY: Services include outreach and referral, guidance on budgeting, nutrition and energy conservation; technical assistance, advocacy and follow up to obtain support, for low income persons.

**CHILDREN FIRST**

CONTACT:

Janice Lance, RN, Public Health Nurse

TELEPHONE:

706-745-6292

LOCATION:

Union County Health Department  
175 Chase Drive  
Blairsville, GA 30512

SERVICES:

The "point of entry" for all of the Children with Special Needs programs. Provides assessment for early identification of children considered to be at high risk for poor health and development and to connect them to a primary health care provider.

**CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES**  
***CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS***

CONTACT: Janice Lance, RN at Union County Health Department

TELEPHONE: 1-706-745-6292

LOCATION: 1856-103 Thompson Bridge Rd.  
Gainesville, GA 30501

SERVICES: Serves children with disabilities.  
Fees: Medicaid, insurance or according to the family's ability to pay.

ELIGIBILITY: Treats children from birth through 21 years of age.  
Must be referred by health department or private physician.

**COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE**

CONTACT: Mickey Cummings

TELEPHONE: 706-439-6030

LOCATION: 1855 Wellborn Street, Box 5  
Blairsville, GA 30512

SERVICES: Coordinates and integrates the resources of the University of Georgia and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Home Horticulture, Community Development and Home Making, provides educational and special interest programs, leadership to 4-H Clubs and other youth programs. Courses available: Estate planning, food preservation, and leadership training sessions.

**CRISIS INTERVENTION**

**S.A.F.E., Inc.**

TELEPHONE: 706-379-1901

LOCATION: P.O. Box 11  
Blairsville, Georgia 30512

SERVICES: Support for abused women and children.

**DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

CONTACT: Enotah Office- Diane Bufford

TELEPHONE: 1-877-423-4746 (Call center)  
1-706-867-2908 (Fax)

LOCATION: 133 Tipton Drive  
Dahlonega, GA 30533

WEB ADDRESS: [www.dcss.dhs.georgia.gov](http://www.dcss.dhs.georgia.gov)

SERVICES: To aid in finding supporters of children who have deserted their families and to regain child support and legal services for \$25 application fee.

**DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES (DFACS)**

CONTACT: Leslie Kelley- Director  
Amy Perryman- Supervisor of Services  
Jennifer Mulkey- Supervisor of Eligibility  
Diane Murphy- Supervisor of Placement

TELEPHONE: 706-781-2381

LOCATION: 163 Blue Ridge Hwy., P.O. Box 220  
Blairsville, GA 30512

SERVICES: To provide social services to families with dependent children including medical assistance and food stamp programs, administers Child Welfare Program which includes protective services, services to unwed parents and their children, family counseling, family planning, and works with community groups making referrals to other agencies in the interest of their clients.

ELIGIBILITY: Families with children with no parental support, child neglect and abuse, family counseling, behavioral problems, emergency financial crisis, and help with food.

**DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES**

CONTACT: Jerry Ivey

TELEPHONE: 404-232-3910 1-800-255-0135

LOCATION: 148 Andrew Young International Blvd. NE  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

SERVICES: Complete diagnostic services including medical examination (general and special as needed), and psychological examinations to determine the need for rehabilitation services and to help evaluate work capabilities, work assessment and adjustment.

ELIGIBILITY: Rehabilitation services are available to any person with a mental or physical disability which limits physical or mental functioning. The individual must require vocational rehabilitation services to prepare for, secure, retain, or regain employment.

**EXTERMINATORS**  
**Arrow Exterminators**

TELEPHONE: 706-745-0550

LOCATION: 108 Blue Ridge Highway  
Blairsville, Georgia 30512

SERVICES: Pest control

**Authorized Pest Solutions**

TELEPHONE: 706-994-1902

LOCATION: 29 Seabolt Lane  
Blairsville, Georgia 30512

SERVICES: Pest control

**FAMILY CONNECTION OF UNION COUNTY**

CONTACT: Tim Grizzle, Coordinator  
Eva Garmon, Family Outreach Leader  
Sharon Devereaux Hood, Family Outreach Leader  
Katie Jones - Mentor Coordinator

TELEPHONE: 706-745-2216, 706-745-5450

LOCATION: 153 Panther Way  
Blairsville, GA 30512

SERVICES: A family outreach program providing a connection between school and home.

**FAMILY PLANNING**

CONTACT: Janice Lance, RN at Union County Health Department

TELEPHONE: 706-745-6292

SERVICES: Assist Union County residents in the planning of their families; provides contraceptive supplies; provides counseling for problem pregnancies, as requested, provides physical exam.

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS/  
GEORGIA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY**

TELEPHONE: 1-404-679-4940

LOCATION: 60 Executive Park South, NE  
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

WEB ADDRESS: [www.dca.ga.gov](http://www.dca.ga.gov)

SERVICES: Helps elderly, disabled, and low-income persons with rent payments.

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

CONTACT: Debra Parson

TELEPHONE: 706-745-6959

LOCATION: 168 Rogers Street  
Blairsville, Ga. 30512

WEB ADDRESS: [www.dol.state.ga.us](http://www.dol.state.ga.us)

SERVICES: Job placement; manpower development and training; unemployment insurance; work incentive program, youth employment for low-income families, grades 9 - 12 or those of high school age; job corps.

**GLENDA GOOCH HOUSE**

CONTACT: Leslie Daniel  
TELEPHONE: 706-745-2050  
ADDRESS: 234 Wallings Road  
Blairsville, Georgia 30512  
WEB ADDRESS: [www.glendagoochhouse.org](http://www.glendagoochhouse.org)  
SERVICES: Family housing for hospitalized patients.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

CONTACT: A.J. Borowski  
TELEPHONE: 706-379-2484  
LOCATION: P.O. Box 270  
Young Harris, GA 30582  
WEB ADDRESS: [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org)  
HOURS: Monday, Wednesday and Friday-9a.m.-12p.m.  
SERVICES: Habitat for Humanity's vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. The mission is to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope.

**HEALING HANDS COMMUNITY CLINIC**

TELEPHONE: 706-994-6768  
LOCATION: 64 Brackett's Way #2  
Blairsville, Georgia 30512  
SERVICES: Healthcare for persons in the area that can't afford health insurance.  
HOURS: Tuesday 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Saturday 8:00 a.m-12:00 p.m.

**HIGH MOUNTAIN HEALTHCARE, LLC**

TELEPHONE: 706-745-2229

LOCATION: 63 Pleasant Hill Road  
Blairsville, GA 3051

SERVICES: Family medical needs and treatment

**HILLCREST FAMILY CARE**

TELEPHONE: 706-745-8790

LOCATION: 294 Highway 515  
Blairsville, GA 30512

HOURS: Monday-Saturday 8:00a.m.-7:00p.m.  
Sunday 1:00- 5:00 p.m.

SERVICES: Family healthcare needs.

**IMMUNIZATIONS**

CONTACT: Janice Lance, R.N.

TELEPHONE: 706-745-6292

LOCATION: Union County Health Department  
Blairsville, GA 30512

SERVICES: Provides immunizations to children and adults

**LAZY R PERSONAL CARE CENTER**

CONTACT: Melba Jackson, Administrator

TELEPHONE: 706-745-6666

LOCATION: 85 Wellborn St  
Blairsville, GA 30512.

SERVICES: Personal care home that takes care of laundry,  
cooking, medicine, cleaning, transports to doctor.  
Have CNA's and nurses on staff. Residents must be  
able to walk.

**LEGAL SERVICES**  
**Patton & Lance Law Firm, LLC**

TELEPHONE: 706-835-1212



LOCATION: 57 Sears Way  
Blairsville, Georgia 30512

SERVICES: Legal issues

**Robbie E. Colwell, P.C.**

TELEPHONE: 706-745-5591

LOCATION: 144 Cleveland Street  
Blairsville, Georgia 30512

SERVICES: Legal issues

**LIBRARY - UNION COUNTY**

CONTACT: Susie Brendle

TELEPHONE: 706-745-7491

LOCATION: 303 Hunt Martin Street  
Blairsville, GA 30512

WEB ADDRESS: [www.mountainregionallibrary.org](http://www.mountainregionallibrary.org)

SERVICES: Books for children to adults, public access to computers, offers tax forms, copy & fax machine service, summer story time and reading program. TV & VCR for public use, movie screen, overhead projector, film strip machine, record player, laminating service and outside book drop.

HOURS: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am -5:00 pm  
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**LIONS CLUB of UNION COUNTY**

CONTACT: Lisa Little- Zone Chairman

TELEPHONE: 706-374-3228

LOCATION: P.O. Box 652  
Blairsville, GA 30514

WEB ADDRESS: [www.edmclion.com](http://www.edmclion.com)

SERVICES: Supportive services for blind persons and for the prevention of blindness; also provides services for the deaf.

**MENTAL HEALTH:**  
**Union County Mental Health/Substance Abuse Center**

CONTACT: Regan Straub – Business Manager  
Steve Sorreles – Site Supervisor

TELEPHONE: 706-896-6263/ 706-745-5911  
EMERGENCY 1-800-347-5827

LOCATION: 76 Hunt Martin Street  
Blairsville, GA 30512

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone

**Avita Community Partners**

CONTACT: Katie Rankin

TELEPHONE: 706-745-5911 or 896-6263  
1-800-525-8751

LOCATION: 41 Hospital St. Suite 100  
Blairsville, GA 30512

SERVICES: Mental Health and Disabilities Services

**Turning Point Treatment Center**

CONTACT: Clinical team

TELEPHONE: 706-781-6987

LOCATION: 20 Commerce Drive  
Blairsville, Georgia 30512

WEB ADDRESS: [www.turningpointblairsville.com](http://www.turningpointblairsville.com)

SERVICES: Provides community-based, outpatient substance abuse treatment, specializing in opioid dependency.

**MOUNTAIN EDUCATION CENTER**

CONTACT: Carol Reid  
TELEPHONE: 706-745-9575  
LOCATION: 218 School Street  
Blairsville, GA 30512  
WEB ADDRESS: [www.mountaineducationcenter.net](http://www.mountaineducationcenter.net)  
SERVICES: Evening School Program/Alternative Program  
and Adult Basic Education

**MEN ON THE MOVE**

TELEPHONE: 706-379-6683  
LOCATION: 7195 Hwy 76 West  
Young Harris, Georgia 30582  
SERVICES: Moving services for families

**NEIGHBOR'S HANDS**

TELEPHONE: 706-400-9719  
LOCATION: 307-C Cleveland Street  
Blairsville, Georgia 30512  
SERVICES: Provide refuse to help our neighbors to restore hope and  
rebuild lives.

**NORTH GEORGIA HEARING AID SPECIALIST**

CONTACT: Connie Duncan  
TELEPHONE: 706-745-1861  
LOCATION: 281 C Young Harris Street  
Blairsville, Georgia 30512  
SERVICES: Sales, Service, Repair and Hearing test

**NORTH GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

CONTACT: Larry Culpepper

TELEPHONE: 706-439-6300

LOCATION: 121 Meeks Avenue  
Blairsville, GA 30512

WEB ADDRESS: [www.northgatech.edu](http://www.northgatech.edu)

SERVICES: The school exists for those persons who desire occupational training. Two types of courses are available:

- 1) Full-time preparatory courses, which are offered during the day in four general areas-- (skilled, business and health occupations).
- 2) Evening extension classes are offered on campus beginning in September, and in some off-area campus locations. Tuition is free to residents of Georgia. Financial aid and work study programs are available.

### **NORTHEAST GEORGIA DERMATOLOGY**

TELEPHONE: 706-781-1600

LOCATION: 114 Kimsey Street  
Blairsville, Georgia 30512

SERVICES: Treatment of skin conditions

### **NURSING HOME - UNION COUNTY**

CONTACT: Doug Davenport, Administrator  
Karen Burchardt, Director of Nursing

TELEPHONE: 706-745-4948

LOCATION: 164 Nursing Home Circle  
Blairsville, GA 30512

SERVICES: Operates in conjunction with Union General Hospital and provides skilled, long-term, twenty-four hour nursing care and close medical supervision.

### **PEDIATRIC DENTISTS:** **Children's Dentistry of Woodstock**

CONTACT: Dr. Todd Asarch

TELEPHONE: 1-678-445-5444

LOCATION: 2230 Towne Lake Parkway, Building 1300 Suite 100  
Woodstock, GA 30189

SERVICES: Children's dental needs

CONTACT: **Kid's Dentistry of North Georgia**  
Dr. Vaughn

TELEPHONE: 1-678-450-7011

LOCATION: 1207 Sherwood Park Drive  
Gainesville, GA 30501

SERVICES: Children's dental needs

**RECREATION-MEEKS PARK**

CONTACT: Kelly Lockaby

TELEPHONE: 706-439-6074

LOCATION: 11 Pool Lane  
Blairsville, GA 30514

WEB ADDRESS: [www.ucrd.net](http://www.ucrd.net)

SERVICES: Sponsors team sports including baseball, basketball, swimming, football, volleyball and tennis. Provides picnic areas, golf instructions and day camps.

**RIGHT FROM THE START MEDICAID/ PEACH CARE**

CONTACT: Mark Knowles

TELEPHONE: 770-532-5233

LOCATION: 375 West Avenue  
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

SERVICES: RMS provides medical coverage for pregnant women and children. Peach Care for Kids is an affordable insurance for working, self-supporting families who don't have access to insurance and/or qualify for Medicaid.

**S.A.F.E.**

TELEPHONE: 706-379-3000 Domestic Abuse Victim Services  
706-835-1637 Child Advocacy  
706-781-6028 Sexual Abuse  
706-379-1901 Administrative Offices

LOCATION: P.O. Box 243  
Blairsville, GA 30514

SERVICES: Provides 24 hour crisis line, safe homes, referrals,  
support groups for family emergencies. Homes for  
abused and battered women.

**SCOTTISH RITE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER**

TELEPHONE: 404-785-2072

LOCATION: 5455 Meridian Marks Rd. NE  
Atlanta, GA 30342

SERVICES: Provides pediatric and orthopedic services for  
children.

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

**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

TELEPHONE: 404-532-7506 or 800-772-1213

LOCATION: 2565 Thompson Bridge Rd.  
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

SERVICES: A compulsory social insurance program providing  
protection against loss of income due to old age,  
death of the family provider, permanent or total  
disability.

**SEPTIC TANK SERVICE**  
**Shamrock Septic Services**

TELEPHONE: 706-492-2028

LOCATION: P.O. Box 277  
Epworth, Georgia 30541

SERVICES: Flushing of septic system

**SPINA BIFIDA ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA, INC.**

TELEPHONE: 770-939-1044

LOCATION: 5072 Bristol Industrial Way  
Buford, Ga. 30518

SERVICES: Information on services available and referrals for disabled persons; awareness and prevention; advocacy.

**TRANSIT SYSTEM OF UNION COUNTY**

TELEPHONE: 706-439-6050

LOCATION: 76 Hunt Martin Street  
Blairsville, Georgia

SERVICES: Offers rides for a nominal fee to and from doctors' appointments, grocery stores, etc. within the county limits.

**TRASH REMOVAL**  
**Tony's Garbage Service**

TELEPHONE: 706-897-6066

LOCATION: 841 Pleasant Hill Road  
Blairsville, Georgia 30512

SERVICES: Trash Removal

**TUTORING**  
**Step Ahead Tutoring**

TELEPHONE: 706-781-7064

LOCATION: 70 Town Square  
Blairsville, Georgia 30512

SERVICES: Tutoring for students

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

CONTACT: Brooke Sosenky, Center Director  
Sherrie Stover, Family Partner  
Joe Wood, Curriculum Director

LOCATION: 226 School Street  
Blairsville, GA 30512

TELEPHONE: 706-745-4200

SERVICES: To provide developmentally appropriate social and educational experiences for children. Head Start/Pre-K is a comprehensive child development program which serves children 3 & 4 years of age and their families. (must turn 3 or 4 years on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> of the program year.) It provides a child-focused curriculum with the overall goal of increasing school readiness of young child. The program also provides services to children with disabilities. Transportation not provided. Contact office for appointment and more information.

**VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION**

CONTACT: Bob Spaulding

TELEPHONE: 404-329-2222 (404) 417-1595  
800-224-4087  
1294 Hwy 515 East Suite 100

LOCATION: Blairsville, GA 30512

SERVICES: Claims for compensation; pension; insurance; hospitalization and outpatient prescriptions; educational assistance; rehabilitation training; home loans.

ELIGIBILITY: Veterans, their widows and children upon acceptance of application.

**V.A. MEDICAL CENTER**

TELEPHONE: 1-404-321-6111  
1-800-224-4087 Local VA services

LOCATION: 1294 Hwy.515 E.Ste.100



Blairsville, Georgia 30512

SERVICES: Access to primary care, social work, nutrition, pharmacy support, phlebotomy, radiology, and mental health services to veterans.

**W.I.C.**

CONTACT: Lauren Melton, L.P.N.  
Sheryl Copeland, Clerk

TELEPHONE: 706-745-6292 (UC Health Department)

SERVICES: Coupons for food that you can take to your grocery store to receive food that provides proper nutrition. W.I.C. is extra food and will not cut down food stamp allotment or keep children out of day care meal programs.

ELIGIBILITY: Pregnant women, women six months postpartum or one year for nursing mothers and children under five years of age. These women, infants and children are eligible if they are certified to be nutritional risks (weight problems, growth problems, anemia, etc.).

**WOMAN'S ENRICHMENT CENTER**

CONTACT: Chris Scoggins

TELEPHONE: 706-835-1252

LOCATION: 11 Patrice Drive, Blairsville, Georgia 30512

WEB ADDRESS: [www.wecaacpc.com](http://www.wecaacpc.com)

SERVICES: Pregnancy testing & ultrasounds, confidential and caring. All services and referrals are free. No appointment necessary, open 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. Parenting classes, childbirth classes, sewing classes, bible study, finance classes, basic Spanish, family conflict classes.

**YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE**

CONTACT: Jay Stroman

TELEPHONE:

706-379-3111

800-241-3754

LOCATION:

1 College Street

Young Harris, Georgia 30582

WEB ADDRESS:

[www.yhc.edu](http://www.yhc.edu)

SERVICES:

Planetarium every Friday night, speakers, musical plays, dining hall (all you can eat) adults \$5.00, children half price.

**\*\*RESOURCE DIRECTORY TELEPHONE NUMBERS\*\***

Aid Atlanta, Atlanta.....	(404)872-0600
Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders, Atlanta.....	(404)728-1181
American Heart Association, Atlanta.....	(770)952-1316
American Cancer Society, Gainesville.....	(770)297-1176
Blood Assurance, Chattanooga.....	(423)756-0966
Boy Scouts of America.....	(972)580-2000
Consumer Credit Counseling Service.....	(404)527-7630
Dept. Of Special Education, Valdosta.....	(229)333-5932
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Atlanta.....	(404)325-6973
Easter Seal Society, Atlanta.....	(404)622-1569
Emory University Switchboard, Atlanta.....	(404)727-6123
Fit For Life, Gainesville.....	(770)535-3399
Georgia Century Rehabilitation Center, Jonesboro.....	(770)473-4436
Division of Georgia Rehabilitation Services, Dalton.....	(706)272-2303
Developmental Disabilities Ministries, Atlanta.....	(770)623-4899
Georgia Council on Child Abuse, Atlanta.....	(404)870-6565
Georgia Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Atlanta.....	(404)299-9500
Georgia Rehabilitation Services, Rome.....	(706)295-6400
Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities for Atlanta.....	(404)657-2126
Helen Keller National Center, Atlanta.....	(404)766-5800
Justice Center of Atlanta, Inc., Atlanta.....	(404)523-8236
GA Lions Lighthouse Foundation.....	(404)636-5549
Mental Health Association of Georgia, Atlanta.....	(404)527-7187
Mental Retardation Services Center, Montezuma.....	(229)472-7697
Muscular Dystrophy Association, Atlanta.....	(770)621-9800
National Head Injury Foundation, Atlanta.....	(404)352-2260
Atlanta Alliance on Development Disabilities.....	(404)881-9777
Ronald McDonald House.....	(630)623-7048
Sickle Cell Foundation of Ga., Inc., Atlanta.....	(404)755-1641
Speech & Language Pathology Services.....	(404)778-5000
American SIDS Institute, Marietta.....	(770)612-1030
United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Atlanta, Atlanta.....	(404)329-9390
U.S. Army Recruiting, Blue Ridge.....	(706)632-2017

## **TOLL FREE NUMBERS**

### ABUSE

800-721-1999 - Rape Response

### ADOPTION

800-TO-ADOPT - National Adoption Center

### AIDS

800-227-8922 - National Sexually Transmitted Diseases Hotline

800-342-AIDS - Public Health Service AIDS Hotline

### ALCOHOLISM

800-848-3649 - Laurelwood

800-662-HELP - National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information

### AMERICAN RED CROSS

1-800-282-1722 Northeast GA Chapter

### AUTISM SPEAKS

1-888-288-4762 Autism Response Team

### BLINDNESS/VISION

800-424-8666 - American Council of the Blind

800-AFBLIND - American Foundation for the Blind

800-248-6701 - Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped, Atlanta

800-562-6265 - National Association for Parents of the Visually Impaired

800-222-EYES - National Eye Care Project Hotline

800-424-8567 - National Library Services for the Blind and the Physically Handicapped

### BURN VICTIMS

800-237-5055 - International Shriners Headquarters; Patient Referral Line

### CANCER

800-525-3777 - AMC Cancer Information Line

800-4-CANCER - National Cancer Institute Information Service

### CAREER COUNSELING

800-848-4815 - ERIC Clearinghouse on Adult Career and Vocational Education

800-54-HEATH - Higher Education and Adult Training of People with Handicaps (HEATH)

800-526-7234 - Job Accommodation Network (JAN)

### CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

800-843-5678

CEREBRAL PALSY

800-872-5827 - UCPA Partnership Development  
800-USA-5UCP - UCPA Public Policy Department

CHILD ABUSE

800-422-4453 - Child Help National Hotline (sexual abuse; victims and families)  
800-532-3208 - Parents Anonymous Hotline

CLEFT PALATE

800-24-CLEFT - Cleft Palate Foundation CLEFTLINE

COMPUTERS

800-732-3131 - Apple Office of Special Education

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

800-638-8255 - American Speech-Language-Hearing Association  
800-221-2483 - National Center for Stuttering

CONSUMER

800-528-2121 - Report Lost or Stolen Credit Cards

DEAFNESS HEARING IMPAIRMENTS

800-237-6213 - Captioned Films for the Deaf  
800-255-0135 - GA Relay Service  
800-522-4582 - John Tracy Clinic on Deafness  
800-521-5247 - National Hearing Aid Society  
800-222-EARS - Occupational Hearing Services (Dial A Hearing Test)

DIABETES

800-413-6765 - Diabetes Center  
800-223-1138 - Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Hotline

DISEASES

800-621-0379 - Alzheimer's Association  
800-543-3131 - American Leprosy Missions  
800-345-4372 - Huntington's Disease Society of America  
800-558-0121 - Lupus Foundation of America  
800-421-8453 - Sickle Cell Disease Association of America  
800-327-4545 - National Parkinson Foundation

DOWN SYNDROME

800-232-NDSC - National Down Syndrome Congress  
800-221-4602 - National Down Syndrome Society

DRUG INFORMATION

800-662-HELP - National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information

EMPLOYMENT

800-526-7234 - Job Accommodation Network (JAN)

EQUIPMENT

800-833-3232 - AT&T National Special Needs Center

EPILEPSY

800-EFA-1000 - Epilepsy Foundation of America

FINANCIAL AID

800-638-0742 - Federal Hill-Burton Free Care Program

800-638-6833 - Health Care Financing Administration

800-537-2329 - Georgia Advocacy Office

GEORGIA STATE GOVERNMENT

1-866-411-7322- Directory Assistance

HEALTH INFORMATION

800-336-4797 - National Health Information Center

800-323-8323 - Health Care Label

IMMUNOLOGY

800-222-5864 - National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

1-800-829-3676

KIDNEY DISORDERS

800-638-8299 - American Kidney Foundation

800-633-2339 - National Kidney Foundation of Georgia

LEARNING DISABILITIES (DYSLEXIA)

800-222-3123 - International Dyslexia Society

LIVER DISORDERS

800-223-0179 - American Liver Foundation

MEDIA

800-321-8708 - Handicapped Media, Inc.

MEDICAL DEVICES

800-638-6725 - Practitioners' Reporting Network

MENTAL RETARDATION

800-433-5255 - Association for Retarded Citizens of the United States (ARC)

MISSING CHILDREN

800-843-5678 - National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

NATIONAL RUNAWAY HOTLINE

800-621-4000

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE

800-422-4453

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE

800-799-7233

NATIONAL POISON CONTROL CENTER

800-222-1222

NATIONAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE HELPLINE

800-662-4357

NEUROLOGICAL IMPAIRMENT/PARALYSIS

800-526-3456 - American Paralysis Association/Spinal Cord Injury Hotline

800-843-2256 - National Headache Foundation

NUTRITION

800-282-5852 - Agriculture Consumer Service Program (directory service)

800-523-6633 - Beech-Nut Nutrition Hotline

800-443-7237 - Gerber Products Co.

ORGAN DONORS

800-528-2971

ORTHOPEDIC PROBLEMS

800-237-5055 - International Shriners Headquarters

PESTICIDES

800-858-7378 - Pesticides Information

POISON CONTROL CENTER

800-222-1222- Poison Control Center

PUBLIC SERVICE

800-282-5813 - Public Service Commission

RARE DISORDERS

800-223-8355 - Cornelia deLange Syndrome Foundation

800-447-NORD - National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)

800-233-7393 - National Reye's Syndrome Foundation  
800-CAL-NTSA - National Tuberos Sclerosis Association

REHABILITATION

800-34-NARIC - National Rehabilitation Information Center

RESPIRATORY DISEASE

800-222-LUNG - National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine Lung Line

SPINA BIFIDA

800-621-3141 - Spina Bifida Hotline

SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (SIDS)

800-221-SIDS - National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Foundation

NATIONAL RUNAWAY SWITCHBOARD

800-621-4000 - National Runaway Switchboard

TOYS

800-638-2772 - Consumer Product Safety Commission

TRAUMA

800-556-7890 - American Trauma Society



### UNION COUNTY OFFICIALS

Clerk of Court:	Judy Odom	706-439-6022
County Commissioner:	Lamar Paris	706-439-6000
Magistrate Judge:	Johnny Garmon	706-439-6008
Probate Judge:	Dwain Brackett	706-439-6006
Sheriff:	Mack Mason	706-439-6066
Superior Court Judge:	Stanley Gunter Raymond E. George Murphy Miller	706-439-6100
Tax Commissioner:	Lee Knight	706-439-6017
Tax Assessor's Office	Susie Phillips	706-439-6011
Blairsville City Mayor:	Jim Conley	706-745-2000
Police Chief:	Johnny Carroll	706-835-1692
Union County Surveyor	Jimmy Alexander	

### STATE OFFICIALS

Representative- Stephen Allison (R)	404-656-0188
State Senator- Steve Gooch	404-656-9221
U.S. Congressman- Doug Collins	770-297-3388
U.S. Congressman- Tom Graves	706-226-5320
U.S. Senator- Johnny Isakson (D)	770-661-0999
Governor -Nathan Deal	404-656-1776
Lieutenant Governor- Casey Cagle	404-656-5030
State Superintendent of Schools- Richard Woods	404-656-2800
Secretary of State- Brian P. Kemp	404-656-2881
Attorney General-Sam Olens	404-656-3300