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Introduction

The Community Resource Guide for Hall County has been compiled to assist families in the Hall County area. This guide includes telephone numbers, website addresses, locations, and services of each agency.

To request additions, deletions, or changes to the Community Resource Guide, please contact Hall County School System Student Services at 770-967-5846 or by email laura.terrell@hallco.org

Alphabetical Listing

Action Ministries Gainesville	770-531-0144
Ahimsa House	404-496-4038 or 404-452-6248
American Red Cross	770-532-8543
AVITA Community Partners	678-207-2950
Backpack Love.....	678-425-5000 or 678-617-3794
Boys and Girls Club of Hall County.....	770-532-8102
Brenau Center	770-297-5959
Center Point	770-535-1050
Challenged Child and Friends.....	770-535-8372
Chattahoochee Baptist Association.....	770-532-3371
Children with Special Needs.....	770-535-6907
Children's Center for Hope and Healing	770-532-6530
Choices Pregnancy Care Center.....	770-535-1245
Community Service Center.....	770-503-3340
Dept. of Family and Children Services.....	770-532-5298
Disability Resource Center, Inc.	770-534-6656
Eagle Ranch	770-967-8500
Family Promise	770-535-0786
Family Recovery.....	770-535-1073
Family Ties	770-287-3071
Family Ties, Inc	678-460-0345
Focus Counseling.....	770-516-1050
Free Chapel Food Pantry	678-677-8300
Gainesville City Baptist Rescue Mission.....	770-287-9700
Gainesville/Hall Alliance for Literacy.....	770-531-4337

Gainesville Housing Authority	770-536-1294
Gateway Domestic Violence Center	770-539-9080
Georgia Mountain Food Bank	770-967-0075
Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, Inc.	770-536-8656
Good News at Noon (food).....	770-503-1366
Good News at Noon (men’s shelter).....	770-503-1366
Good News Clinic.....	770-297-5040
Goodwill Career Center	770-538-4209
Green Street Counseling	770-561-1641
Habitat for Humanity Restore.....	770-718-1070
Hall Area Transit.....	770-503-3333
Hall County Habitat for Humanity	678-450-5998
Hall County Health Department	770-531-5600
Hall County Family Connection Network	770-534-1080 ext 212
Hall-Dawson CASA Program.....	770-531-1964
Health Access Initiative	770-287-0785
Hospice of Northeast Georgia Medical Center	770-219-8888
Joe’s Place at Riverbend	770-287-1619
Laurelwood	770-219-3800
Legacy Link, Inc	770-538-2650
Lifeline Church	678-638-9578
MEDLINK	770-287-0290
More than Enough.....	770-539-4800
My Sister’s Place	770-532-5111
Ninth District Opportunity	770-534-8826
Ninth District Opp., Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing.....	770-534-8826

Northeast Georgia Physicians Group.....	770-531-5654
Northlake Baptist Church	770-536-7338
Our Neighbor, Inc.	770-535-1000
Professional Counseling Services	678-943-3550 or 706-344-9827 or 770-654-5090
Rape Response, Inc.....	770-503-7273
Round Table Counseling Services	770-287-4927
Salvation Army	770-534-7589
SOURCE.....	770-538-2650
South Hall Community Food Bank.....	770-532-6704
Southeastern Transportation	1-866-388-9844
Still Waters Counseling	770-287-1356
Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Inc	770-535-7066
Three Dimensional Life	770-869-3551
United Methodist Children's Home.....	770-531-3063
United Way 2-1-1	770-534-0617 or 2-1-1
WomenSource.....	770-503-9060

Cross References

Basic Needs Assistance

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Chattahoochee Baptist Association.....	770-532-3371
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Salvation Army	770-534-7589
United Way 2-1-1	770-534-0617 or 2-1-1

Child Care

Challenged Child and Friends.....	770-535-8372
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Children/Teen Services

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Counseling (Individual, Group, Family)

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Education

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Gainesville/Hall Alliance for Literacy	770-531-4337

Employment Resources

Goodwill Career Center	770-538-4209
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Emergency Assistance

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United Methodist Children's Home	770-531-3063 or 770-531-3062

Expectant Mothers/Fathers, Babies, Pregnancy

Challenged Child and Friends	770-535-8372
Children with Special Needs	770-535-6907
Choices Pregnancy Care Center	770-535-1245
Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Inc.	770-535-7066

Food Resources

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Northlake Baptist Church	770-536-7338
Salvation Army	770-534-7589
South Hall Community Food Bank	770-532-6704

Housing/Shelters

Ahimsa House (for animals)	404-496-4038 or 404-452-6248
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My Sister's Place	770-532-5111
Salvation Army	770-531-0135

Individuals with Developmental Delays/Disabilities

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Our Neighbor, Inc	770-535-1000

Medical Services

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Referral Information/General Information

Hall County Family Connection Network	770-534-1080 ext 212
United Way 2-1-1	770-534-0617 or 2-1-1
WomeSource.....	770-503-9060

Senior Services

Community Service Center.....	770-503-3340
Legacy Link, Inc	770-538-2650

Action Ministries Gainesville

www.gainesville.actionministries.net

Contact Info:
Rev. Steve Napier, Director
1 First Street, Gainesville GA 30504
770-531-0144

Gainesville Action Ministries is a non-profit organization that provides shelter, food, children's services, emergency assistance, resources, and basic needs assistance to homeless and needy individuals across North Georgia.

Programs offered:

- **Emergency Financial Assistance Program** – rent and utility aid are given to those people who would fall into homelessness without such assistance. This program works with over 20 area churches that are able to provide potential clients.
- **Families in Action** – gives at-risk families more specific, in-depth help. This program provides long-term assistance as the participants are challenged to develop independent ways of living. This goal is achieved through the development of budgets, identifying employment barriers, finding educational prospects, and executing a regular savings plan.
- **Transitional Housing Program** – provides homeless families with children with supportive housing to help them become self-sufficient.
- **Emergency Food Assistance** – provided to individuals and families through direct aid or referrals to local food pantries.
- **Smart Lunch, Smart Kid** - Action Ministries statewide initiative that provides children who receive free or reduced-price lunches during the school year with lunch during the summer.

Ahimsa House, Inc.

www.ahimsahouse.org

Contact Info: Maya Gupta, Executive Director

Admin Line: (404)496-4038

24-Hour Crisis Line: (404) 452-6248

Perpetrators of domestic violence often hurt family pets to control and intimidate their victims. Ahimsa House, Inc. - a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose name means "nonviolence" - is dedicated to helping the human and animal victims of domestic violence across Georgia reach safety together.

Services Offered:

- **24-hour statewide crisis line (404-452-6248)**- Assistance with including pets in safety planning, listing pets on TPOs/special conditions bonds, establishing proof of pet ownership, referrals to other local agencies and to programs of this type outside Georgia
- **Emergency Animal Safe house Services (EASS)**- Confidential shelter and veterinary care for animals of any species while owners stay at a domestic violence shelter or other temporary accommodation seeking safety from abuse. Assistance with transportation of animals to safety. Funding for forensic veterinary examinations to document non-accidental injury to animals. Assistance with pet deposits in transitional housing for survivors.
- **Professional and community outreach**- Outreach to raise awareness about connections between animal abuse and domestic violence; consultation to other agencies on documenting/prosecuting co-occurring animal cruelty and domestic violence. Trainings/speakers available at no charge to other agencies and community groups.

American Red Cross, Northeast GA Chapter

www.negaredcross.org

Contact Info:

675 White Sulphur Rd.
Suite 230
Gainesville, GA 30501
770-532-8453

After hours calls will be directed to After Hours Duty Officer

The American Red Cross of North Georgia provides relief to victims of disasters. In addition, The Red Cross assists citizens in the North Georgia area prepare for and respond to emergencies. The thirteen counties served by the Red Cross are Dawson, Fannin, Forsyth, Gilmer, Habersham, Hall, Lumpkin, Pickens, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, and White.

Services Offered:

- **Blood and Platelet Donation**

- ◆ *Where to donate:* Gainesville Donor Center- 311 Jesse Jewell Parkway

- ◆ *Hours:*

DAYS TO DONATE	TIMES
Monday	12pm – 7pm
Tuesday	12pm – 7pm
Wednesday	12pm – 7pm
Thursday	8am – 3pm
Friday	8am - 3pm
Saturday	8am – 3pm
Closed Sundays	

For more information call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (448-3543) or 770-532-8453 x 15.

- **Disaster Services**

- ◆ Immediate response to a variety of disasters including house or apartment fires, hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and other natural and man-made disasters.

Immediate Needs	Recovery Needs
◆ <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Food▪ Clothing▪ Shelter/Temporary Housing▪ Emotional Support▪ Replacement of Prescription Medicines and essential health supplies▪ Emergency Communications between family members who have lost contact due to disaster	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Disaster Health Services▪ Mental Health Services▪ Emotional Support for Family▪ Referrals to our Partner Agencies▪ Assist in the Disaster Recovery Stages

- **Service to the Armed Forces (SAF)**

- ◆ Sends messages on behalf of family members who are facing emergencies or other important events to members of the U.S. Armed Forces serving all over the world.

- **Health and Safety Education Programs**

- ◆ *CPR/First Aid/AED Training*
- ◆ *Lifeguarding and Swimming Training*
- ◆ *Caregiving and Babysitting Training*

AVITA Community Partners

www.avitapartners.org

Contact Info:

915 Interstate Ridge Road, Suite G
Gainesville, GA 30501

Children and Adolescents 678-207-2950

Avita Community Partners is a community agency that helps individuals and families affected by mental illness, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases. There is a fee for some of Avita's services. Peachcare and Medicaid are accepted. Sliding scale fees are available for some services.

Services Offered:

• **Adult Behavioral Health Programs**

Psycho-educational Services teach living skills, medication management, anger management, anxiety, phobia symptoms management, self-esteem enhancement, and depression recovery techniques.

Medication Management Services provide physician, nursing, and pharmacy services for persons with severe mental illnesses.

Individual & Group Counseling Services provide supportive psychotherapy for persons with mental illness and addictive disease, and brief therapy for persons experiencing a crisis related to an emotional or adjustment disorder.

Peer Support Program is provided by a Certified Peer Specialist individual who has progressed through their own recovery and now can offer help to other adults with severe and persistent mental illness.

Community Support Individual Services provide outreach, case management, and rehabilitation services to assist persons with severe and persistent mental illness. Clients maintain a safe and stable community housing as well as, independent living skills and access to other community services.

Crisis Stabilization Unit provides adults with short-term residential care for psychiatric stabilization and alcohol/drug detoxification on a 24-hours a day, 7-days a week basis. The Crisis Stabilization Unit provides a cost-effective, less restrictive alternative to hospital care for persons in crisis due to mental health or addictive disorders.

• **Developmental Disability Services**

Family Support Services assist families in obtaining specialized medical supplies, equipment, and other assistance that focuses on helping families with difficulties.

Respite Services are individuals or families who can give short-term relief to family members and other caretakers who need a break by caring for their loved ones with special needs on a temporary basis.

Host Home Providers are caring families who welcome persons with a developmental disability into their home and support him or her with care, dignity, and respect and provide a safe living environment.

Residential Services assist individuals with developmental disabilities or mental illnesses live on their own home or with a host family. For individuals living in their own residences, Avita employees assist with activities such as shopping, paying bills, and cooking.

Supported Apartment Program provides support 7-days a week to help individuals maintain optimal independent living in their community.

Supported Employment Program assists persons with behavioral health or developmental disability with locating, receiving, and maintaining a job. To accomplish this, Avita partners with area employers to identify opportunities, provides training, and ongoing supports that enable success.

• **Child and Adolescent Services**

Outpatient Mental Health Treatment Services provide psychiatric treatment and counseling for youth and their families. Licensed clinicians work with children and adolescents to enhance their mental, emotional, and social functioning.

Adolescents Substance Abuse Outpatient Treatment Services provide early intervention and counseling for youth and their family.

Adolescent Clubhouse is a unique program that provides recreational alternatives as well as counseling services for at risk youth in a safe and supportive environment.

• **Ambulatory Detoxification Programs**

Intensive Outpatient Addiction Treatment Program (IOP) A 12 week program that offers individual counseling and groups that meet three times per week. This is a cost effective alternative to hospital or residential treatment for persons with an addictive disease. IOP services are provided by Certified Addiction Counselors and licensed clinicians.

HIV Early Intervention HIV counselors provide testing for HIV and sexually transmitted diseases. Counseling services and education related to HIV and STDs are also available.

Backpack Love

A Ministry of Straight Street Revolution

Contact Info:

Brandon BridgeFarmer, 678-425-5000

Trey Hildebrant, 678-617-3794

The Backpack Love ministry gives backpacks of food to children in the Hall County area schools. These backpacks go home with the children on Friday afternoons. Each backpack will have enough food for approximately 5 people and will cover dinner Friday night, 3 meals Saturday and 3 meals on Sunday. Counselors at each school serve as the contact person and ensure that the backpacks are given to the students. In addition, counselors refer students to the program.

Boys and Girls Club of Hall County

www.boysgirlsclub.com

Contact Info:

1 Positive Place
Gainesville, GA, 30501
(behind Fair Street Elementary)
770-532-8102

The Boys and Girls Club of Hall County work with youth from all backgrounds to help each child develop into responsible citizens and leaders. Participants must be residents of Hall County. Many of the schools in the area offer transportation to the center.

Cost: Varies according to location

Hours of operation:

During the school year-*Monday-Friday 2:30-6:30 pm* for ages 6 to 11. The Teen Center is open from 4:00-8:00 pm

Programs offered:

- **Sports/Fitness/Recreation-** Sports leagues, Falcons Fitness Zone and Triple Play
- **Arts Core Program-** Includes fine arts, photography, creative writing, poetry and performing arts
- **Character and Leadership Development Core Program-** There are 4 different clubs in this area that allows students to support and influence their Club and community, sustain meaningful relationships with others, develop a positive self-image, participate in the democratic process, and respect their own and others cultural identities.
- **Education and Care Development-** Allows students to focus on educational success through different programs such as Power Hour and Goals for Graduation
- **Health and Life Skills-** Help students with goal setting and decision-making with programs such as Street SMART, SMART Girls, SMART Moves, and ACT Smart.

Brenau Center for Counseling and Psychological Services

Contact Info:

423 Brenau Avenue
Gainesville, GA 30501
(770) 297-5959

Brenau Center for Counseling and Psychological Services offers individual, couples, family, and child/adolescent counseling. In addition, psychological assessment and testing for all ages is also available. Counseling is provided by second year, graduate students of Clinical Counseling Psychology. These student counselors are supervised by licensed professional counselors or licensed psychologists. Sessions last approximately 50 minutes and occur weekly.

FEES: \$25 for the first session, \$20 for each visit after. Brenau students, faculty and alumni receive a discounted rate
Psychological Assessments: \$500
Sliding fee scale based on income is available

Hours: Monday 12-7 pm, Tuesday 9-5 pm, Wednesday 1-7 pm, Thursday 9-5 pm Friday 9-3 pm

Center Point

www.centerpointgainesville.com

Contact Info: David Smith, Executive Director

1050 Elephant Trail
Gainesville, GA 30501
(across the street from Gainesville High School)
770-535-1050

Center Point is a faith-based, non-profit youth developmental program. Mentoring, counseling, and other indirect and direct services offered.

Services Offered:

- **Counseling Services-** Center Point utilizes fully licensed professionals, associate licensed professionals, and counselors-in-training. Interns from area colleges work with students in Gainesville City and Hall County School Systems. Aetna is the only insurance accepted and services are provided on a sliding scale.
- **Release-time education-** Students from Gainesville have the opportunity to take classes in ethics, literature, the new and old testaments, media, and values for elective credit.
- **Mentoring-** School based program available to students in the city and county schools. Offering adults to provide support and friendship to area students.
- **Prevention education-**
 - ◆ **Power Teams-** Participation in local-area middle schools. Students participate in leadership training.
 - ◆ **SWAT Teams-** SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco) Teams are comprised of middle and high school students who educate the public concerning the dangers of alcohol and tobacco.
 - ◆ **Media Literacy-** Media Literacy trains students to identify how the media target youth in their advertising of alcohol and tobacco.

Challenged Child and Friends

www.challengedchild.org

Contact Info: LeeAnn Nixon, Program Director

2360 Murphy Blvd.

Gainesville, GA 30504

(near Gainesville Bowling Alley)

770-535-8372

Challenged Child and Friends is a non-profit childcare agency for both special needs and typically developing children. Challenged Child and Friends provides educational, therapeutic, nursing, and family support services to children with disabilities. Children in the Northeast Georgia area are eligible. Referrals are received from Babies Can't Wait, medical offices, school systems, and self-referrals. *Services are available on a sliding scale fee and scholarships are offered*

Programs Offered:

- On-site occupational, speech, and physical therapy. The center bills individual insurance providers, including Medicaid, for therapy services
- Preschool education is specific to a child's needs and developmental abilities
- On-site family counselor
- Registered and practical nurses available
- Teachers with early childhood, special education, and/or child development credentials
- Learning plans specific to the individual needs of a child

Chattahoochee Baptist Association

Contact Info:

1220 McEver Rd.
Gainesville, Ga 30504
On McEver Rd. near Hall County DFCS
770-532-3371

The Chattahoochee Baptist Association serves residents in the Hall County area. Families must be in the Hall County area and must provide social security card, proof of residency and picture i.d. when requesting assistance.

Services offered:

- **Food Pantry-**

- **Hours of Operation-** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9-11 am

- Individuals who qualify receive a box of food which includes canned fruits, vegetables, soups, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, pasta, pinto beans, rice, macaroni and cheese, tuna, lunch meat, sausage and bacon. They also receive breads, desserts and fresh vegetables and fruits.

Families must fill out an application to determine life needs

- **Furniture Assistance-**

- **Hours of Operation-** M, W, F 9-11 am

- Furniture such as beds, sofas, etc. are available as needed along with appliances, linens, dishes and other household items. Selection varies weekly and items are given on a first come, first served basis.

Families must have valid residence and must be able to safely haul items

- **Secret Santa-** Provides toys and clothes for children ages 2 to 12 at Christmas. Parents fill out registration form for children. Families must meet residency and income requirements.
- **Camp Hope-** Summer camp for underprivileged children in the first through fifth grades.

Children with Special Needs

Contact Info:
1856 Thompson Bridge Road
Gainesville, GA 30503
770-535-6907

Children with Special Needs is a program for children from birth to age 21 with either developmental delays, chronic illnesses, or at high risk to develop medical or developmental disabilities. There are four programs underneath Children with Special Needs. Each program targets a specific age group and has services coordinated for this population.

Programs:

Babies Can't Wait

Babies Can't Wait is an early intervention program for children from birth to three years old. Babies Can't Wait provides services to the following counties: Banks, Dawson, Hall, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union and White. The program serves children with disabilities or developmental delays and their families. Services include: Assistive technology, Audiology, Family training, counseling and home visits, Nutrition counseling, Occupational therapy, Physical therapy, Psychological services, Service coordination, Social work services, Special instruction, and Speech language therapy.

Children 1st

Children 1st serves as an assessment and referring agency for identifying newborns who have or are at risk for poor health and development. Children ages 0-21 that have established medical conditions or biological/ environmental risk factors are eligible for enrollment. An in-home assessment is completed by staff to identify any needs that the family may have. Children 1st links families with healthcare providers in the area, as well as offers referrals to other resources. This is a free program for all who choose to participate. There are no financial eligibility requirements.

High Risk Infant Follow-up (HRIFU)

HRIFU is for infants who may be at an increased risk for morbidity or mortality because of a diagnosed health or medical condition. Services include in-home case management and coordination with healthcare providers as need. There are no financial eligibility requirements.

Children's Medical Services (CMS)

CMS provides medical care for children birth to twenty-one years old that have a chronic disease or disability. Eligibility for CMS is based on income, type of medical condition, and the age of the child. PeachCare, Medicaid and SSI recipients are accepted. Families with or without insurance are also accepted and may (depending on their income) be required to pay a portion of cost based on a sliding fee scale. Children receive long-term, specialized care, medical equipment, physical, occupational, and/or speech therapies, and nursing services.

THE MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: cerebral palsy, spina bifida, scoliosis, seizures, neurological disorders, immune disorders, hydrocephalus, hearing conditions, Down syndrome, craniofacial disorders, cleft lip and palate, orthopedic disorders, cardiac conditions, chronic lung conditions, vision disorders (other than corrective lenses), diabetes, urinary tract disorders, gastrointestinal disorders, and genetic disorders.

Children's Center for Hope and Healing

(Formerly the Family Relations Program)

www.hopeandhealingga.org

Contact Info:

Emily McMath, Director of Development

Gainesville Office

(Main office)

226 Main Street SW

Mailing: PO Box 907401

Gainesville, GA 30501

770-532-6530

F. 770-532-7111

Office Hours: M-Th. 9-8

Therapy Hours: M-Th. 9- 8

Cumming Office

327 Dahlonega St, Suite 103A,

Cumming, GA 30040

770-889-8819

All three programs available

Therapy Hours:

M – Th. by appointment only

Winder Office

Barrow County

Dept. of Juvenile Justice

32 Lee Street

Winder, GA 30680

Project Pathfinder only

Therapy Hours: Mondays only 4:00

- 8:00 p.m.

Habersham Office

C/o AVITA Community Partners

196 Scoggins Dr.

Demorest, GA 30535

Therapy Hours: Fridays only 2 pm – 8 pm

Children's Center for Hope and Healing offers services to families dealing with childhood sexual abuse. Children who are victims of childhood sexual abuse and their families, adult female survivors of childhood sexual abuse, sexually reactive children and adolescents, and adolescent offenders are eligible for services. Assistance is offered to families residing in the following counties: Banks, Barrow, Dawson, Forsyth, Habersham, Hall, Jackson, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, and White. Referrals can be made by school system, DFCS, court system, and by individuals and families.

Services Offered:

Victim Services- No-cost therapy offered to children ages 4-17 who are victims of child sexual abuse. Through a wide range of techniques from play therapy, art therapy, and cognitive behavioral therapy in individual, group, and family therapy sessions children experience healing and find a safe place to talk about the abuses they have suffered.

Women's Services- Individual and Group therapy offered to women who are survivors of childhood sexual abuse or mothers of the children receiving our services. Cost is free for these women.

Project Pathfinder- Specializes in working with children who have sexual behavior problems, often adjudicated by the court. Short-term and long –term therapy available depending on case. There is a fee for Pathfinder services but those are provided on a sliding scale.

Prevention: Our staff is trained to provide "Good Touch, Bad Touch" for children, and the "Stewards of Children" training for adults. Stewards of Children training teaches adults to recognize the signs of sexual abuse and take steps to protect their children. Also provides guidelines for reporting. Cost is \$15 and is available by request.

Choices Pregnancy Care Center

(Formerly Gainesville Care Center)

www.choicespregnancy.org

Contact Info: Ann Gainey, Executive Director

South Hall

4591 Winder Highway
Flowery Branch, 30142

Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m

Downtown Gainesville

434 Green Street Place
Gainesville, GA 30501

Hours:

- Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon for pregnancy tests and "My Baby Counts" appointments.

24-Hour Hotline- 770-535-1245

Choices Pregnancy Care Center is a Christian-based pregnancy resource center that offers free and confidential services to women with crisis pregnancies as well as support groups for men, women, and teens. Through education, the center informs clients of her options and guides women through the decision-making process. **All services are free of charge. Appointments are recommended.**

Services Offered:

- **STD and Pregnancy Tests**
- **Ultrasounds on an as needed basis**
- **Options Education-** every option is explored including abortion, adoption, single parenthood, and marriage.
- **Adoption Referrals**
- **Post Abortion Trauma Education**
- **Maternity and Housing Referrals**
- **“My Baby Counts” Program-** Expectant mother receives points for watching videos about child safety and other children’s issues to use towards baby clothes/items
- **“Encourage Me” Group-** Monthly support for single mothers
- **“PAST” (Post Abortion Support and Treatment)-** Support group for women who have had a past abortion. Group lasts for 10 weeks.
- **“Almost a Daddy”-** Support group for men after a decision of abortion.

Community Service Center

<http://www.gainesville.org/community-service-center>

Contact Info:

430 Prior Street SE
Gainesville, GA 30501

(across the street from Northeast Georgia Medical Center)

770-503-3340

The Community Service Center coordinates programs and services for residents in Gainesville City and Hall County.

Programs Offered:

Senior Services-

- **Senior Life Center-** Facility open to residents of Hall County ages 60 and over. The center operates Monday-Friday. As a wellness and nutrition site, the Senior Life Center features a cardio fitness room, weekly exercise classes, blood pressure screenings, and a nutritious hot lunch. Daily activities include arts and crafts classes, day trips, cards, games, senior clubs and entertainment. Although most activities are free of charge to participants, a fee for some trips and special activities may apply. As a participant, transportation services are available to and from the Senior Life Center, grocery stores and other special locations.
- **Meals on Wheels-** One hot meal provided 5 days a week to senior citizens and individuals who are homebound.
- **Telephone Reassurance Program-**Volunteers call daily to frail seniors living in Hall County and referrals are made if services are needed.
- **Assistance-** Emergency Assistance helps seniors who are having difficulty paying for utilities and Prescription Medication Assistance helps seniors who are having difficult paying for medication.

Financial Services- The **Center For Family Prosperity (CFP)** is a collaboration of the City of Gainesville, Hall County Government, Brenau University, Gainesville Housing Authority and the United Way of Hall County and is designed to help working families improve their financial position. This program offers the following:

- **Financial Emergency Assistance** is available to eligible families.
- **Financial Education Courses**
- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Sites (VITA)– free income tax preparation-**This program is a national initiative of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that offers FREE tax help to low- to moderate-income families. IRS certified and trained volunteers help prepare basic tax returns and help working families access special tax credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Credit for the Elderly for which they may qualify. VITA sites are generally located at convenient locations. Each location offers free electronic filing.

Department of Family and Children Services

Contact Info: Jill Rice, Director

970 McEver Road

Gainesville, GA 30504

770-532-5298

Intake 770-532-5288

Afterhours/Weekends- 1-855-GA-CHILD

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Services Offered:

- **Food Stamps-** provides monthly benefits to low-income households to help pay for the cost of food. A household may be one person living alone, a family, or several, unrelated individuals living together who routinely purchase and prepare meals together. Applicants can apply online or in person. Income eligibility requirements apply.
- **Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)-** is a monthly cash assistance program for families with children under the age of 18. Adults on TANF must have a job or participate in work experience, etc. TANF is limited to four years of assistance.
- **The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)-** is a federal program that helps low income persons in Georgia (including the elderly) by giving them with food at no cost. Income eligibility requirements apply.
- **Medicaid-** provides health care services to individuals that meet the requirements for income, resources and citizenship. Must have social security card.
 - **Right from the Start Medicaid-** no cost health care coverage for children and pregnant women
 - **Women's Health Medicaid-** a program that pays for cancer treatments for women who have been diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer and cannot afford to pay for treatment. Women must be under the age of 65, cannot have health insurance that pays for cancer treatments or currently receiving Medicaid or Medicare.
 - **Emergency Medical Assistance-** Assistance available for paying emergency medical bills for persons who are ineligible for Medicaid due to citizenship or other reasons This includes the cost of labor and delivery.
- **The Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) Program-** assists very low-income families afford quality childcare.

Disability Resource Center, Inc

www.disabilityresourcecenter.org

Contact Info:
Bob McGarry, Executive Director
470-A Woodsmill Road
Gainesville, Georgia 30501
(down the street from old Gainesville Middle School)
770-534-6656

Disability Resource Center, Inc, is a non-profit organization offered to individuals in the North Georgia area with disabilities. Disability Resource Center assists individuals in the following counties: Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, and White. Disability Resource Center offers support to individuals with disabilities and assists in these individuals living a more independent life.

Services Offered:

- **Advocacy-** Assists clients by education, self-empowerment, and work for systematic change.
- **Independent Living Skills Training-** Provides assistance to individuals with disabilities to develop or increase their skills and knowledge in order to live more independently. In addition, individuals are also referred to other community agencies and resources needed to live independently.
- **Information and Referral -** Assists with linking individuals to community, state, and national resources serving people with disabilities. In addition, many resources on independent living are available for loan from the center.
- **Peer Support-** Through one-on-one mentoring, group contact, and information sharing, persons are given support, assistance and understanding.
- **Assistive Devices-** Assistance in locating and possibly purchasing devices. In addition, there is equipment available for loan while an individual is waiting for their own devices.
- **Computer and Assistive Technology Training-** CATT is available for individuals to try out assistive devices to see if they will work for a particular disability. In addition, computer and software training for devices is also available.
- **Other Services offered:**
 - **Home Modifications**
 - **Homelessness Prevention (HPRP)**
 - **Nursing Home Transition Program**
 - **Support Groups**
 - **Youth Transition Program**

Eagle Ranch

www.eagleranch.org

Contact Info:
Anna Cowan, Referral Coordinator

5500 Union Church Rd
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

770-967-8500

Eagle Ranch offers a Christ-centered home for boys and girls aged 8-18. Children with mild to moderate emotional and/or behavioral problems are accepted. However, children with an I.Q. score of below 70, have recent homicidal or suicidal ideations, have history of sexually offending behaviors or perpetration, or who are currently drug/alcohol dependent are not eligible. Child must have health insurance and the family must live within 80 miles of the facility. The average stay for a child is between 12 and 24 months. Fees are based on a sliding scale. Admission forms can be downloaded from the website or available by calling the above number.

Description of Services:

Home Environment- There are six homes for boys and four homes available for girl residents.

Counseling- Individual, group, and family counseling is available. In addition to traditional counseling services, the Ranch offers a therapeutic horse program for girls and play therapy for younger children.

Education- On-campus schooling for grades six through nine. Low student/teacher ratio. Children in elementary or high schools attend local public schools.

Family Promise

www.familypromisehall.org

Contact Info:

Lindsay McCamy, Affiliate Director

946 Lanier Avenue
Gainesville, GA 30501

770-535-0786

Family Promise of Hall County is a nonprofit organization that helps homeless children and their families.

Components of Service:

- **Congregations-** The hosting of families rotates weekly among a minimum of 13 host congregations. In turn, each congregation provides lodging, three meals, and hospitality 3-4 times a year. Support congregations do not host families but instead assist a host congregation when they host families.
- **Day Center-** Guests use a local day center from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm, where a professional social worker provides case management services. There, guests pursue employment, tend pre-school children, shower, and do laundry. The day center provides guests with a mailing address and a base for housing and employment searches.
- **Volunteers-** Volunteers come from host and support congregations. They cook and serve meals, play and help children with homework, interact with guests and provide overnight security.
- **Transportation-** A 15 passenger van is used to transport our guests between the host congregation and the day center.

Family Recovery

www.familyrecovery.com

Contact Info:

703 Grove Street
Gainesville, GA 30501

770-535-1073

Family Recovery offers a wide range of counseling programs. Family Recovery offers a wide variety of counseling services provided by licensed or license eligible clinicians who provide individual, family, addiction, and behavioral counseling. However, participants of groups must be age 17 or older. Offices are also located in Monroe and Lawrenceville.

Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursday 8am-5pm and Fridays 8am-3pm.

Services Offered:

Personal and Family- Professionals provide confidential and respectful individual, couple and family counseling that work to improve troubled relationships and personal struggles.

Alcohol and Drug & Clinical Evaluations- Family Recovery provides professional outpatient evaluation and treatment intended to promote recovery from substance abuse or dependency. Counselors approved to provide court order substance abuse treatment, including specialized services for DUI offenders. Drug screen monitoring is also available by trained staff members.

Sex Offender Therapy- Individual evaluations and group therapy is provided to sexual offenders. Programming focuses on primary goals which reflect deep respect for victim issues and a determination to decrease the likelihood of any further offending behavior.

Anger Management/Family Violence- Family Recovery is equipped to provide services for both Anger Management and Family Violence. Skilled counselors are able to provide services which are intended to address both general anger, and anger issues specific to family violence interventions.

Sexual Addiction- Family Recovery's counselors have been trained to provide specialized and confidential programming to address sexual addictions for both the individual and family members.

Smoking Cessation- Family Recovery is approved by the State of Georgia to offer a 4 hour course in smoking cessation. Offered to both groups and individuals, this course is approved by the State's health benefits plan to qualify for an elimination of the current smoking surcharge. Completing this course may also allow you to qualify for a discount on any health insurance plan.

Additional Services

- Victim Impact Panel (substance abuse & family violence)
- Stress Management
- Values Clarification Course
- Drug Screening

Family TIES, Gainesville

www.familytiesgainesville.org

**Contact Info:
DeeDee Mize
770-287-3071**

Family TIES, Gainesville is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping families provide a safe, nurturing and positive environment for their children and teenagers. Programs are for parents who have children up to age 18 or who are expecting. Referrals come from DFCS, the court system, incarcerated parents, and any parent who want to learn parenting skills. \$20 assessment fee is the only cost incurred by participants.

Programs Offered:

- **Positive Parenting** – For parents of pre-natal to age 9. Day and evening classes are available.
- **Arriba Hispanic Parenting Program** – For Hispanic parents with children aged pre-natal to age 18. Thursday night classes are available.
- **Equine Therapy**- Equine therapy for teens is available
- **Parenting class for parents with children with mental illness**- For parents who have children with mental illness.
- **Empower Parents** – For parents of teens from age 10 to 18. Day and evening classes available.
- **Teen Group**- meets on Monday nights while parents are attending the Empower Parents class. This class is aimed at helping teenagers with issues involving anger management, self esteem, drugs, alcohol and character development.
- **Hall County Detention Center Program**- Parenting program for parents who are currently incarcerated.
- **After School Anti-Bullying and Character Building**- Classes offered through after school YMCA in the elementary schools.

Family Ties Inc.

www.familytiesinc.com

Contact Info:
678-460-0345

Family Ties Inc., offers extensive therapy for children and family. Family Ties Inc., offers a wide variety of mental health services for youth and their families. In addition, Family Ties provides services for local DFCS offices that are designed to keep children in the home. Referrals are made by DFCS, as well as courts, school staff and self-referrals. Children with Medicaid, Peach Care, Well Care, and no insurance can be referred. **Amerigroup is no longer accepted.** There is no out of pocket expense for families.

Referrals can now be made directly through the website

Description of Services:

Core Services- Core Services are an array of mental health services available for youth age 4 to 18 with emotional and behavioral issues. Services can be initiated by Parents, Juvenile Probation DJJ, DFCS Workers, School Counselors, Residential Facilities, CBAY, Relatives, Community Partners, etc. Through diagnostic assessment, which is completed by a multidisciplinary team, a child's level of care and immediate service needs are determined and they are matched with services that will help them achieve their treatment goals and may include:

*24-Hour Crisis Intervention	*Medication Monitoring
*Behavior Modification	*Nursing Assessment
*In-Home Individual & Family Therapy	*Parenting Skills Development
*Community Linkage	*Positive Peer Interactions
*Group Counseling	*Psychiatric Services
*Counseling and Support	*Psychological Services
*Educational Support	*PRTF Referral Services
*Independent Living Skills	*Substance Abuse Counseling
*PRTF Step Down	*Pre-Adjudication Monitoring

DFCS Services

- CPS and On-Going Services
- Assessments and Screenings
- Wrap-Around Services

Focus Counseling

www.focuscounseling.org

Contact Info:

Beth Brock LCSW, Owner

9876 Main Street, Suite 100

Woodstock, Georgia 30188

770-516-1050

Focus Counseling offers a wide variety of services for children and family. Focus Counseling offers counseling in the home. In addition, Focus Counseling provides services for local DFCS offices that are designed to keep children in the home. Referrals are made by DFCS, as well as courts, school staff and self-referrals. Children with Medicaid, Peachstate, PeachCare, WellCare and Amerigroup can be referred. There is a sliding scale fee for families without insurance and some families will not have to pay based on income.

Referral forms are available on website

Description of Services:

Mental Health Counseling- Counseling available to children and their families that include 24-hour crisis intervention, individual and family therapy. In addition, help is available for behavioral issues and psychiatrists and nurses are also available.

Group Counseling- a wide variety of group sessions are available.

Substance Abuse- assessments, individual and group therapy are available to adults and adolescents. In addition, Community Support Individual (CSI) is available for adolescents with substance abuse issues.

Psychiatry and Nursing- Focus Counseling has their own psychiatrist and nurses available for children and adolescents.

Family Training- a wide variety of services to enable the children to remain in the home and for parents to get support and gain knowledge and skills.

- Parenting
- Behavioral Assistance
- Community Support Individual (CSI)
- Group Counseling

DFCS Services

- Home evaluations
- IMPACT classes and home studies
- Supervised visitation
- Comprehensive child and family assessments

Free Chapel Food Pantry

**Contact Info:
678-677-8300**

Hours: First and third Thursday 5 pm- 6 pm

Every Sunday 11 am- 1 pm

Provides food assistance to those individuals in need in Hall County. Prior approval is needed in order to receive assistance.

Gainesville City Baptist Rescue Mission

Contact Info: Ken Pullen

669 Main Street SW
Gainesville, GA 30501

770-287-9700

678-200-9285 (cell of Mr. Pullen)

Check in begins: 5:00 pm - 7 pm

Check out: 8 am

Gainesville City Baptist Rescue Mission is a homeless shelter for men ages 18 and older in the Hall County area. There is no smoking or alcohol allowed on the premises. No sex offenders allowed.

Services offered:

- Dinner is served daily, breakfast is served the following morning
- Shelter has a capacity of 28 beds
- Men can stay 7 days free of charge, after that it is \$7/night or \$42/week
- There is no time limit on how long individuals can stay as long as they still meet requirements
- No children allowed, although older sons may be allowed on an individual basis.

Gainesville/Hall County Alliance for Literacy

www.allianceforliteracy.org

Contact Info: Dorothy W. Shinafelt, Executive Director

4 ½ Stallworth Street

Gainesville, GA 30501

770-531-4337

The mission of the Alliance is “To increase the literacy rate in our area by promoting education for adults in basic skills, reading, English as a Second Language, and GED preparation, as well as aiding other organizations and individuals in their efforts to promote literacy.” The Alliance is committed to breaking the cycle of family illiteracy in our community.

The Adult Learning Center (ALC) **770-531-6410** provides free educational programs for adults 16 and older, who have not graduated from high school or whose native language is not English. Services provided include literacy instruction, basic skills, GED preparation, GED testing and English as a Second Language courses. The subjects offered are Basic Literacy (serves the adult reader at a 0-4th grade reading level) Literacy classes (serves the adult reader at a 5-8th grade reading level), GED prep including math, language arts, essay writing, and data interpretation, and ESL classes.

Hours of operation: 8am-8pm Monday-Thursday.

Class times: 8-1:15 and 6-8 with the labs open from 1:30-6. Classes vary by time and day.

Gainesville Housing Authority

Contact Info:
Judith Escamilla, Executive Director

750 Pearl Nix Parkway
Gainesville, GA 30503
770-536-1294

Housing Authority of the City of Gainesville manages housing for those who meet certain eligibility requirements. Interested individuals need to bring their completed application to the Admissions and Occupancy Office between the 15th and the 20th of any month during regular business days between 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Requirements:

- Completed application
- Birth certificates of all potential household members
- Verification of all income
- Social Security cards of all potential household members
- Marriage license or divorce decree (if applicable)
- Pregnancy Verification (if applicable)
- Must live in or work in Hall County

The Housing Authority has the following ranking preferences for applicants:

Category 1

1. Working family with at least one family member (head of household or spouse) full time employed (9 months of documented earnings),
2. Elderly or disabled individuals
3. Those who have been Involuntarily Displaced due to Federally Declared Disaster

Category 2

Working family with a family member who has worked for 12 months part-time

Category 3

1. Referrals from Gateway, Family treatment court, foster children who have aged out of the system
2. Veteran's or veteran's families.

Category 4

All other applicants

Gateway Domestic Violence Center

www.gatewaydvcenter.org

Contact Info:

Jessica Butler, Executive Director

P.O. Box 2962

Gainesville, GA 30503

Administration Office: (770) 539-9080

Crisis Line/Shelter: (770) 536-5860 or 1-800-33-HAVEN

Legal Advocacy: (770) 531-7153

Gateway Domestic Violence Center provides telephone crisis intervention, support groups, short-term individual counseling, shelter, legal advocacy, children's program, life's skills training, and referrals to women and children who are domestic violence survivors. All services are available in both English and in Spanish. Community education and school curriculum is also provided to educate the community on domestic violence. There is no charge for services.

Shelter Requirements:

- Hall County residents only
- Victims of physical abuse who are in need of safety
- No drug or alcohol use in the past 24 hours.
- Food, medicine, clothing, and personal items are provided for women and children during their stay.

Services Offered:

- **Shelter**-Gateway offers emergency shelter for battered women and their children. Transitional housing for clients is also available.
- **Classes and Support Groups for Women**- Gateway offers three programs each week. On Monday evenings, a group we call "Women Seeking Change" is offered. The group teaches participants about the dynamics of domestic violence and allows participants to seek support from peers. On Wednesday mornings emotional support groups are offered. On Thursday evenings, "Life Skills Training" is offered.
- **Programs for Children**- Childcare is offered for infants and toddlers while mothers attend groups. Gateway offers innovative programs for children ages 4-11 that help children who have witnessed abuse at home. These groups teach children about safety and give them an outlet to express their fears and concerns. Teens have their own group as well.
- **Occupational Therapy**- Gateway uses Occupational Therapists to help victims of domestic violence thrive.
- **Legal Advocacy**- Gateway offers assistance filling temporary protective orders. Legal Advocates are housed in the 4th floor of the Hall County Courthouse.

Georgia Mountain Food Bank

**Contact Info: Kay Blackstock, Executive Director
(770) 967-0075**

Georgia Mountain Food Bank partners with 44 hunger fighting organizations to provide food & resources to in a 5 county service area. Georgia Mountain Food Bank does not provide direct public distribution but works hard to connect individuals with a food pantry of provider closest to them.

Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, Inc.

www.gshg.org

Contact Info:

906 Interstate Ridge Dr., Suite E
Gainesville, GA 30501

770-536-8656

Fax: 770-532-8775

Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$12 a year, membership is open to girls ages 5-17; women and men over 17 can join as adult members

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts is the largest girl-serving organization in the country and the premier leadership organization for girls. Through the Girl Scout Leadership Development Experience, girls discover more about themselves and their values, connect with others, and take action to make the world a better place. Girls discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together. Girl Scouting is for every girl, everywhere---where today's girls can become tomorrow's leaders. Girl Scouts offers a variety of programs to meet the needs of the individual girl.

Programs offered:

- **STEM-** Girls participate in activities related to science, technology, engineering and math.
- **Financial Literacy and Entrepreneurship-** Through the Girl Scout Cookie Program, girls learn how to set goals, decision-making, money management, people skills and business ethics.
- **Healthy Living-**Through the Uniquely ME! Program girls learn how to make healthy choices in the areas of physical and emotional health.
- **Environmental Leadership-** Girl Scouts combines environmental education with community action where girls can help tackle issues such as water conservation, noise pollution, global warming and soil contamination.

Good News at Noon (Food Assistance)

Contact Info:

979 Davis Street
Gainesville, 30501

770-503-1366

Hours: Thursdays evenings 6pm

Assists families in the Gainesville area by providing lunch every day of the year as well as distributing groceries to needy families on Thursday evenings. Other items are distributed as needed.

Requirements:

No specific requirements.

Good News at Noon (Men's Shelter)

Contact Info:

979 Davis Street
Gainesville, GA 30501

770-503-1366

Good News at Noon Men's Shelter provides homeless shelter for men. The capacity is for 20 men.

Requirements:

- Picture I.D.
- Social Security
- Men need to working/looking for a job
- Attend church
- Weekly fee is \$60

Good News Clinic

Contact Info:

810 Pine St
Gainesville, GA 30501

770-297-5040

770-503-1369

Good News Clinic provides non-emergency primary care including dental and medical care to patients without private insurance, Medicaid or PeachCare. Referrals are made for those who need specialized care. In addition, there are requirements that individuals and families must meet in order to receive care.

Requirements:

- Picture I.D.
- Birth Certificates (for children)
- Fill out an application
- Proof of residence in Hall County
- Proof of income for all household members
- No social security is required for services

Hours: *Monday- Friday 8:30am-5:00pm*

Services:

- **Sam Poole Medical Clinic-** Provides healthcare services for people with a variety of needs. New patients attend an orientation class including patient education with a focus on healthy lifestyle. During their first appointment, patients receive medical and laboratory screenings to identify any areas of concern. The information is then carefully reviewed by the medical staff to determine patient needs and choose the appropriate physician volunteer for follow-up appointments.
- **Green Warren Dental Clinic-** The Green Warren Dental Clinic provides acute dental care including extractions and fillings. A prevention program is conducted for all new patients explaining proper brushing and flossing techniques, and nutrition for oral health. Following the class each patient receives a dental exam including x-rays and an appointment with a dentist. Children are scheduled for sealant and fluoride treatments.
- **Good News Clinics Dispensary-** All patients who qualify are signed up for PAP (Patient Assistance Programs) assistance during their first appointment. Pharmaceutical samples are the source of many medications dispensed by the GNC dispensary. The medications that cannot be obtained through samples or PAP program are purchased with donor funds.

Goodwill of North Georgia Career Center

www.goodwillng.org

Contact Info: Johnny Varners, Career Center Manager

**3715 Mundy Mill Road
Oakwood, GA 30566**

770-538-4209

Hours of Operation: 9 am - 5 pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9 am - 7 pm Thursday
9 am - 4 pm Friday
10 am - 2 pm Saturday

Goodwill Career Center is located inside the Goodwill Store in Oakwood. It is open to all persons who are looking for employment who are over the age of 16. At the Career Center, one has to first register, and then they are allowed to use the computers, fax machines, and phones for job hunting purposes. They offer many recruitment fairs, resume writing workshops, and much more. Bilingual staff is available. A calendar of events is available on the Goodwill website.

Services Offered:

- **Equipment Use-** After registration a person is allowed access to computers, fax machines and phones for job hunting.
- **Recruitment Fairs-** Many potential employers sponsor job fairs at the Career Center to screen and interview prospective employees.
- **Workshops-** Frequent workshops are held to enhance an applicant's knowledge and skill base in relation to their job search

Green Street Counseling

www.greenstreetcounseling.com

Contact Info:
Jeffrey Wilson, LPC
770-561-1641
Jennifer Brown, LCSW
917-494-1410

505 Green Street
Gainesville, GA 30501

Green Street Counseling is a therapeutic counseling center for families, individuals, children, and couples. Fees are \$150 per 50 minute session. Reduced fees are available on a limited basis. Insurance is accepted as an out-of network benefit only.

Description of Counseling Services:

- Depression / Grieving
- Anxiety
- Addiction & Recovery
- Eating Disorders / Self-Harm
- Conflict Resolution
- Alcohol/Drug Abuse
- Child and Adolescent Issues
- Parenting Support
- Moving/Relocating Adjustment
- Work and Career issues
- School Adjustment
- Court-Mandate

Habitat for Humanity Restore

www.habitathallcounty.org

Contact Info:
restore@habitathallcounty.org

1612 Skelton Road SW
Gainesville, GA

770-718-1070

Habitat for Humanity Restore offers discounted building supplies and home furnishings for individuals and families. In addition, materials (used or surplus) can be donated to the Restore.

Products Available:

- Appliances – Washers, Dryers, Stoves, Refrigerators, Freezers, TVs
- Cabinets – Kitchen, Bathroom
- Counter Tops
- Doors – Interior, Exterior
- Sinks
- Tubs & Showers
- Toilets
- Plumbing Fixtures & Accessories
- Windows
- Mirrors & Glass
- Lighting – Interior, Exterior
- Fans & Ceiling Fans
- Flooring – Tile, Hardwood, Laminate, Vinyl, Carpet, Rugs
- Hardware
- Tools
- Sheetrock, Lumber, Trim & Molding
- Roofing Materials
- Paint
- Furniture
- Gardening Supplies
- Black Oil Sunflower Seed
- Bird Feeders & Bird Baths
- Unique Gift Items

Hall Area Transit

(Part of the Community Service Center)

www.gainesville.org/hall-area-transit

Contact Info:

hat@gainesville.org
430 Prior Street SE
Gainesville, GA 30501
(across the street from Northeast Georgia Medical Center)
770-503-3333

Services Provided:

- **Red Rabbit-** Provides transportation with bus stops located along major roads in Gainesville and Oakwood. Buses operate five days a week from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.
 - One-way Admission**
 - \$1.25 for Adults ages 19-59
 - \$1.00 for Youth ages 7-18 with valid student I.D.
 - \$0.00 for Children up to age 6 who are no taller than 42 inches in height
 - \$0.60 for Seniors age 60 or older
 - \$0.60 for Persons with Disabilities with valid I.D.
 - \$0.60 for Persons with a red & blue Medicare Card
- **Mobility Bus-** For riders with disabilities, a ride directly to their destination is available. ADA eligibility requirements must be met.
- **Dial-A-Ride-** Riders can call ahead 48+ hours to reserve curb-side van service for a direct ride to a destination. Fare starts at \$2.00 and increases with each additional mile traveled.

Hall County Habitat for Humanity

www.habitathallcounty.org

**Contact Info:
(678) 450-5998**

Hall County Habitat for Humanity is a Christian nonprofit grassroots organization dedicated to the elimination of poverty and substandard housing worldwide. Habitat for Humanity builds or renovates houses in partnership with families who qualify for homeownership based on three criteria:

1. Need
2. Willingness to partner with HFH
3. Ability to repay a no-interest mortgage

Hall County Health Department

Contact Info: 1290 Athens Street, Gainesville, GA 30507

770-531-5600 (General)

770-531-5650 (Dental)

678-696-2261 (WIC)

Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday- 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

Friday- 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

* Closed for lunch everyday from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Open at 9:30 am the first Wednesday of every month. Call for walk in clinic times. Some services require an appointment.

The Hall County Health Department provides services for: family planning/OB, teen clinic, well child health checks, dental, WIC, immunizations, STDs, and educational services to the citizens of Hall County.

Services Offered:

- **Child Health program-** routine and periodic checkups for children receiving PeachCare and Medicaid benefits as well as fee for service. Children, birth to 21 years old are eligible. Call to make an appointment 770-531-4522.
- **Dental Health Program-** Identifies and corrects infectious oral disease in children ages 2 to 20. Priority is given to children enrolled in Medicaid and PeachCare. Applicants must come to the office to complete application.
- **Family Planning/OB-** health care services for women throughout their reproductive years and into menopause. Prenatal care throughout the pregnancy (does not include delivery). Call to make an appointment 770-531-4522.
- **Immunizations-** for all ages, hearing, vision and dental certificates and Immunization certificates for school and daycare are offered. Walk in clinic. Call General number for more information.
- **Infectious Disease Clinic/TB Clinic/Ryan White Program-** Treatment of a variety of infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and HIV/AIDS. Call to make an appointment 770-531-5600.
- **International Travel Clinic** – vaccines and medications available for world-wide travel. Call to make an Appointment 770-531-5600.
- **Laboratory Services** – a full range of lab services are available including pregnancy testing. Most lab tests require a written order from your physician. Call for more information 770-531-5600.
- **Teen Clinic** – walk-in clinic the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month starting at 3:00 pm. Females/Males age 13-19. Services include family planning, vaccines, STD education/testing, peer support and health screenings. Visit will be confidential. Call for more information 770-531-5600.
- **Vital Records** – all recorded births and deaths that have occurred in Georgia since 1919 are available. Must show a picture ID to purchase. Cost is \$25.00 for first copy and \$5.00 for each additional copy. Call for more information 770-531-5674.
- **WIC-** dietary supplementation for mothers, infants, and children at nutritional risk up to child's fifth (5) birthday. Services include breastfeeding and nutritional education. Must meet income qualification, show proof of identification and residency. Call to make an appointment 678-696-2261.

***Some services are based on a sliding scale with proof of income. Some services are strictly fixed fee.**

Hall County Family Connection Network

www.hcfcn.org

Contact Info:

Elizabeth E. Fielden, Coordinator

(Located in the Central Office of Hall County School System)

711 Green Street

Gainesville, GA 30501

770-534-1080 ext. 212

The Hall County Family Connection Network (HCFCN) is a collaborative which serves as the local decision-making body, bringing community partners together to develop, implement, and evaluate plans that address the serious challenges facing the children and families in our county.

- The Network continually monitors the status of well-being of children and families in Hall County.
- The Network provides a place where open discussion can take place about the needs of children and families in Hall County.
- The Network gathers, shares, and uses up-to-date information, research and effective tools to make well-informed and accurate decisions about improving services to children and families in the Gainesville/Hall County community.

Hall-Dawson CASA

Program

Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children

www.halldawsoncasa.org

Contact Info: **Lisa McCarthy, Advocacy
Coordinator**

casaofhall@bellsouth.net

P.O. Box 907471

Gainesville, Ga. 30501-0908

770-531-1964

Court Appointed Special Advocate is a non-profit organization with the mission to ensure abused and neglected children have the right to a safe and permanent home. CASA provides trained, screened and supervised volunteers to advocate for the best interest of children requiring court intervention.

Health Access Initiative

www.healthaccessinitiative.com

Contact Info:

1116 South Enota
Gainesville, GA 30504

770-287-0785

The Health Access Initiative is designed to help Hall County residents who are at or below 150% of the federal poverty level. This is for adults in the Hall County Area. Health Access Initiative is not a healthcare provider. They help qualified persons by referring to physicians through a network of partnerships.

Requirements:

- Residency in Hall County
- Total household income below 150% Federal Poverty Level
- No private insurance, Medicaid or Veteran's Benefits
- No other pharmaceutical coverage
- Must be referred by a primary care physician who is a member of the physician network. **No self-referrals accepted**
- Injury or illness is not involved in any pending legal issues or work related.

Services Provided:

- Special referrals to physicians who provide care
- Medication assistance to fill prescriptions
- Ancillary services such as x-rays and lab work
- Facilitation of translation services, improved medical information exchange
- Special assistance in helping patients obtain referrals for other programs they may qualify for
- Case management
- Outreach Education

Hospice of Northeast Georgia Medical Center

www.nghs.com/hospice

**Contact Info:
770-219-8888**

Hospice of Northeast Georgia Medical Center provides bereavement support for children and families in Union, White, Lumpkin, Habersham, Hall, Stephens, Banks, Franklin, Jackson, Barrow, Gwinnett, Forsyth, and Dawson Counties.

Bereavement Services Offered for Youth and Teens:

- **Camp Braveheart-** Camp Braveheart is a day camp for children and teens that have experienced the death of a close friend or family member. This camp is FREE and available to any youth in the community who has experienced a significant death.
- **School-based Grief Support Groups-** Braveheart counselors can guide a grief support group at your child's school with a referral and help from a school counselor. Counselors understand children's natural resiliency and can help them navigate their feelings based on individual emotional and developmental needs.
- **Braveheart Family Workshop-** Workshop about healthy grieving for the whole family and learn to move forward while keeping a loved one's memory alive.
 - Grades K-12 plus parents/guardians
 - Using art and other activities
 - Guided by counselors and a licensed art therapist

Joe's Place at Riverbend

Contact Info:
joesplace@rbbc.net

1715 Cleveland Hwy.
Gainesville, GA 30501
(located next to Riverbend Baptist Church)

770-287-1619

Joe's Place at Riverbend assists individuals in the community with referrals and free services.

Hours of Operation: Tuesdays 9 am-1 pm

Services Offered:

- Coffee & Refreshments
- Food Distribution after Devotion
- Personal Care Items*
- Free Haircuts
- Job Board & Resource Referrals
- Clothing Referrals*
- Showering Facilities
- Laundering Facilities for Homeless Friends
- Red Rabbit Tickets* (Limited)
- Free Notary Service

*First time guests and homeless friends

Laurelwood

www.nghs.com/mental-health-services

Contact Info:

200 Wisteria Drive
Gainesville, GA 30501

(on main campus of Northeast Georgia Medical Center)

(770) 219-3800

Laurelwood offers treatment and stabilization for adults and adolescents (ages 12-17) who have substance abuse or emotional/behavioral issues. Laurelwood provides different levels of care based on patients' needs that include detoxification, inpatient treatment, day partial treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, and aftercare support. The initial assessment is free.

Hours: Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Services Offered:

- **Substance Abuse Treatment-** Provides medical monitoring and treatment during the detoxification process as well as provides recovery assistance using the 12-step philosophy and a team of healthcare providers. On occasion, the patient's family may be asked to participate in a family session.
- **Mental Health Services-** Provides various levels of care to assist with issues related to various mental health needs.

Legacy Link, Inc.

www.legacylink.org

Contact Info:

508 Oak Street
Gainesville, GA 30503
(in same building as Gainesville City School BOE)
770-538-2650

Legacy Link, Inc, is the local Area Agency on Aging for the Department of Human Resources. Legacy Link offers assistance to seniors in order to reduce social isolations and to prevent premature institutionalization.

Income and age eligibility requirements for some services

Programs Offered:

- Community Care Services Program (CCSP)- Assists persons who are elderly or persons who are functionally impaired to continue living at home. Services include emergency response system (ERS) which provides two-way verbal communication to individuals, home delivered meals, respite care, personal support services, home health services, adult day health, and alternative living services (for those unable to remain in their homes).
- GeorgiaCares- educates and helps seniors apply for all available low cost prescription drug assistance programs. Referrals are made when necessary.
- The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)- helps individuals age 55 and older link to community agencies that can benefit from their experience and life skills through volunteerism.
- Long-Term Care Ombudsman- An ombudsman works to improve the quality of life of the residents of long-term care facilities such as nursing homes, and personal care facilities.
- Gateway to Aging Services- 1-800-845-LINK provides referrals and assistance for seniors, family members, and persons with disabilities.
- Elderly Legal Services- assistance and counseling through Georgia Legal Services for persons over the age of 60.
- Alzheimer's Care Consultation Program- Free, telephone based information and support for adults and friends and family
- Employment Training for Mature Workers (SCSEP)- Adults over the age 55 on the Community Service and Employment Program can be placed in part-time positions in order to be trained for entry into the workplace
- Kinship Care Programs- information and referrals regarding benefits for relatives raising children. In addition, Kinship Care Support Groups are available.
- Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)- program helps older adults to maintain their lifestyle at home.

Lifeline Church, Full House Ministries

www.lifelinenow.org

Contact Info:

Wanda Atkins, Director

Rocky Pridgen, Co-director, Pastor

1607 Calvary Church Road

Gainesville, GA 30507

678-638-9578

Full House Ministries is an initiative of Lifeline Church that provides many no cost services to the community.

Services Offered:

- **Help Feed The Need-** a ministry arm of FH Ministries, Inc. that provides such things as food, clothing, school supplies, personal care products and such tangible items. In addition, financial training, emotional counseling, and spiritual encouragement is also provided.
 - **Backpack blessing-** School supplies, backpacks, clothing, and food for students at the beginning of the school year.
- **New Again-** Clothing ministry that provides clothing for students.
- **Out of the Box-** Faith-based puppet shows that combine humor and skits to outreach events.
- **Something more-** Ministry for those suffering from addiction, depression or other life issues.

MEDLINK

www.medlinkga.org

Contact Info:

528 Broad Street SE, Ste. B
Gainesville, GA 30501

770-287-0290

Medlink is a family medical practice that offers affordable medical assistance. Medlink accepts most insurance; Medicare, Medicaid, PeachCare. Fees are based on income and household size for those who fill out an application and provide documentation. Referrals to specialists are also made when necessary. There are offices throughout the state of Georgia. No one is refused due to lack of insurance

Requirements:

- Picture I.D.
- Proof of income for all the adult members in the home

Hours: Monday 8:30-7:00

Tuesday 8:30-5:00

Wednesday 8:30-7:00

Thursday 8:30-5:00

Friday 8:30-5:00

Office Services:

- Care for acute illness
- Management of chronic diseases
- Well Child examinations and immunizations
- Testing for: pregnancy, cholesterol, diabetes, HIV, and sexually transmitted diseases, annual PAP tests for cervical cancer, and anemia (Iron Deficiency)
- Medication Assistance
- Minor injury – laceration repair
- Physical Exams
- Drug Testing
- Biopsy
- EKGs
- Vision and Hearing Screening
- Worker's Compensation
- Family Planning
- Immunizations
- Nebulizer Treatments
- IV Fluids
- Referrals to Specialty Care

More than Enough

Contact Info:

1730 MLK Dr.

Suite 1 & 2

Gainesville, GA 30501

770-539-4800

Hours: Tuesdays 12:00-4:00 p.m.

More than Enough provides food assistance to individuals and families who meet certain criteria. Persons are eligible for assistance once a month. No social security number is required.

Requirements:

- Meet income limit
- Verification of rent, house payments and utilities
- Picture i.d is required

My Sister's Place

www.my-sisters-place.org

Contact Information

Brandee Thomas

610 Davis Street
Gainesville, GA 30501

770-532-5111

My Sisters Place is a Christ-centered home for homeless women and children. Shelter capacity is up to 10 people. Referrals for food, clothing (if needed), and emergency medical and dental care are provided.

Requirements:

- Valid I.D. is required.
- Everyone must attend church on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings
- Women must look for a job.
- No boys over 11 years old are allowed
- Families can stay in the shelter approximately 90 days.
- Referrals are accepted through churches and various community agencies. Self-referrals are accepted. There is an interview process prior to acceptance. This consists of two interviews with one over the phone and one face-to-face interview.

Ninth District Opportunity

Contact Info:

510 West Avenue, Ste. 600
Gainesville, Georgia 30501
770-534-8826

Ninth District Opportunity assists low-income families with a variety of services. In addition, Ninth District Opportunity promotes access to opportunities to become self-reliant, self-development, and self-determination.

Services Provided:

- **Housing Assistance-** Information and referral available for housing assistance.
- **Energy Assistance-** Financial assistance available on a one-time basis to help offset winter heating costs. Verification of income, ages of all in the household, and recent bill are required. Call the office for availability.
- **Weatherization-** Qualifying households can receive assistance in making their homes more energy efficient through conservation measures and minor home repairs. These measures may include air sealing in attic areas, insulation (up to R-38), caulking, window repair, replacement of broken window panes, dense-pack wall insulation, door repair, weather stripping and door sweeps. Each household receiving assistance through the Weatherization program also receives energy conservation counseling services.
- **Indigent Medication Assistance-** Ninth District Opportunity provides qualifying households with assistance in obtaining free or reduced priced medications from pharmaceutical programs. In life threatening situations, households may qualify for a one-time assistance with the purchase of certain medications. Please call the office to verify eligibility
- **Crisis Assistance-** Assistance available for families going through a crisis (laid off, etc.) which is no fault of their own. Must be able to show that you can pay bills moving forward. This money can be for rent or utilities. Must call office for availability and requirements.
- **Food Assistance-** Ninth District Opportunity provides food assistance to households in need of temporary nutritional supplementation through emergency pantries and food cards (when available). Households receiving assistance may be required to participate in a case management plan, created in partnership with the agency, in an effort to map out a path to self-sufficiency. Verification of social security numbers for all household members and all household income for the past 30 days are some of the requirements that must be met to receive this assistance.

Ninth District Opportunity, Inc. HPRP

Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program

Contact Info:
770-534-8826

Ninth District Opportunity, Inc., HPRP Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program assists families that are homeless or facing homeless due to recent economic difficulties. Applicants will be assessed to determine eligibility. Once enrolled, a case management plan and financial services will be provided to families in accordance with program guidelines. Available in Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, and White Counties.

Eligibility Requirements:

- ***Housing Status***
 - Homeless by definition of the program (living with friends/family, living in a shelter, or living in a place not meant for human habitation)
- ***Resources***
 - Must meet income eligibility guidelines
 - Must have experienced a loss of income due to no fault of their own
 - Must have utilized all other resources prior to assistance (i.e. savings accounts, retirement, and cannot own any other assets)
- ***Future Ability***
 - If the client can work, they must be seeking employment and be able to be self sufficient upon exiting the program
 - If the client is disabled, they must already be approved for disability pay and show proof.

Services Provided:

- **Case Management**
 - Financial Management and Budgeting Counseling
 - Employment Counseling and Resume Assistance
 - Family Development Counseling
- **Financial Assistance**
 - Rent Payments
 - Utility Deposits and Payments
 - Limited Relocation Assistance
- **Referrals/Partnerships**

Northeast Georgia Physicians Group

Contact Info:

1292 Athens St
Gainesville, GA 30507

770-531-5654

Hours: Monday, -Friday- 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Northeast Georgia Physicians Group provides primary medical assistance for low income families. This entity is not part of the health department but is located at the same location. There are 2 doctors and 1 nurse practitioner

Requirements:

- Picture I.D.
- Proof of address (utility bill, etc.)
- Undocumented residents need to have an i.d. from their respective countries consulate stating that they live in Georgia.
- Families need to call office with an appointment time.
- Minimum payment is \$30 per a visit. Remainder amount due is based on income and fees are negotiated with the financial office. Flexible payment arrangements are made.
- For families that do not have Medicaid or Peachcare and adults without insurance.

Northlake Baptist Church

www.northlakebaptist.org

Contact Info:

4823 Thompson Bridge Road
Gainesville, GA 30506

770-536-7338

Hours: Saturdays- First time visitors need to arrive between 8:30 and 9:00 to register. All recipients need to be in the sanctuary by 9:30 am

Our Neighbor, Inc

www.ourneighbor.org

**Contact Info: Mary Margaret Calvert, Executive
Director**

marymargaret@ourneighbor.org

P.O. Box 107

Gainesville, GA 30503

770-535-1000

Our Neighbor, Inc. (ONI) is a nonprofit organization that provides housing, job training, and life skills to young adults with disabilities. The primary goal of ONI is to encourage and assist each resident in reaching their maximum level of independence. Residents are on Medicaid and/or any other type of assistance. The cost of housing, feeding, transporting, and caring for clients is subsidized by ONI fundraising initiatives, direct donations, and grant monies. A potential resident is never turned away based on financial reasons.

Services Offered:

- **Independent Housing-** ONI has five fully wheelchair accessible housing units that can hold up to 14 full time residents.
- **The Next Chapter Book Store-** provides job training and resume building for residents and those in the community who are disabled.

Professional Counseling Services

www.counselingnorthga.weebly.com

Contact Info:

Lisa Clement, LPC

678-943-3550; lisalpcga@gmail.com

Marie Lingle, LPC

706-344-9827

Renee Strickland, LPC

770-654-5090

311 Green Street, Suite 402

Gainesville, GA 30501

Fees:

Fees vary. Please call individual counselor for fee rate.

Hours:

Hours are flexible; evening and weekend appointments are available

Services Offered:

Professional Counseling for Individuals, Families, Couples, Groups, Children and Adolescents

- PTSD/Trauma resolution
- Physical, Sexual, Verbal, Emotional Abuse
- Sexual Assault
- Couples/Marital/Premarital
- Divorce/Co-parenting
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Grief and Loss
- Stress management
- Family of origin issues
- Life transitions
- Play therapy
- Anger management
- ADHD
- School adjustment

Rape Response, Inc.

Contact Info:

Jeanne Buffington, Executive Director

P.O. Box 2883

Gainesville, GA 30503

(770) 503-7273

Outside Hall County: 1-800-721-1999

www.raperesponse.com

Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday –Friday

Crisis line support and hospital accompaniment are available 24/7

Rape Response provides comprehensive crisis intervention services to adolescent and adult survivors of sexual assault in a five county service area (Hall, Dawson, Habersham, Lumpkin and White). Crisis intervention services are available whether or not the sexual assault was reported and regardless of when the assault occurred. All services are free and confidential.

Services Offered:

- 24/7 crisis hotline
- Crisis intervention
- Emergency room response and support for survivors
- Support throughout the legal process for survivors
- Community education with professionals, schools and colleges
- Medical aftercare in collaboration with local health departments
- Information and referrals

Round Table Counseling Services

**Contact Info:
Michael C. Oberbillig LPC**

1730 Thompson Bridge Road
Gainesville, GA 30501

770-287-4927

Round Table Counseling Services offers counseling for men including adolescent males.

Description of Services:

- **Individual Counseling**
- **Support Groups**

Salvation Army

Contact Info:

681 Dorsey Street
Gainesville, GA 30501

770-534-7589

Salvation Army is an organization that provides basic needs assistance to families including food, clothing emergency financial assistance, and shelter.

Programs Offered:

- **Food Bank-** Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursdays 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Requirements:

- Residents of Hall, Banks, Barrow and Jackson counties
 - Picture I.D.
 - Social security card for everyone in household
 - Applicant can provide a valid government issued document from another country
 - Families can receive food *every six months*
- **Transitional Lodge- Lodge Administrator 770-531-0135**
Short-term housing for men and women. Lodge consists of one big room with 9 beds for men, 6 beds for women, 1 emergency room that can be used for handicapped and 6 family rooms (2 beds and 1 sleeper sofa). Individuals can stay at the lodge for a seven-day period, every 90 days, without meeting any further requirements. Individuals can stay up to 90 days if they have a job and pay \$50 for program service fees. The rule is waived if the wind chill factor drops below 32 degrees or the nighttime heat index is above 95 degrees. Check in begins at 4:30 and ends at 10:00 pm. Lights are out at 10:30pm. Supper is served at 6 pm and breakfast is at 6 am. The lodge is empty at 8 am. If space is available a person can stay for one night without identification. Intoxicated individuals are not allowed in the lodge.
 - **Transitional apartments-** Short-term housing for men and women with children. Requires that a person have a job and budget.
 - **Emergency Financial Assistance-** Help is offered paying rent, utilities, water, and prescriptions. Persons seeking help need to contact Salvation Army for more information and requirements.
 - **Clothing Vouchers-**
 - When a family comes in to fill out paperwork for food or other services, they can get a voucher for clothing if there is a need.
 - This voucher is valid for the day given out only at one of the stores.

Service Options Utilizing Resources in Community Environments (SOURCE)

**Contact Info:
Legacy Link, Inc.
770-538-2650**

The SOURCE program provides in-home case management and care to people with chronic illnesses. SOURCE is offered by the Department of Community Health through Legacy Link, Inc. SSI/Medicaid is required. Applicants must be over **65 years of age** with a chronic medical condition or under 65 years of age and disabled. In addition, applicants must meet intermediate Nursing Home level of care criteria.

Services Include:

- **Primary Medical Care- Patients must choose SOURCE as their primary care provider**
 - Initial physical exam to develop a primary care plan
 - Treatment of minor illness or injury by participating primary care providers
 - Access to a 24-hour phone line for medical advice or triage
 - Coordination of other medical services, including specialist or hospital care
- **Community Services**
 - Home Delivered Meals
 - Personal Support (Personal Care/Chore Services)
 - Respite for Caregivers
 - Adult day health services
 - Emergency response system
 - Home health services
 - Personal care homes
- **Case Management**
 - **Assessment** – performed at each member’s home – to gather relevant information on the medical, functional, cognitive and social status of enrollees.
 - **Care path development** – To design a framework for service delivery that addresses needs or risks identified at assessment, supplementing available family/informal support
 - **Care Path Implementation** – A dynamic, interactive process whereby the case manager supports goals of the **SOURCE** member and caregivers, promoting optimal health and independence.

South Hall Community Food Bank

Contact Info:

3591 Mills St
Oakwood, GA 30566
770-532-6704

Hours: Monday 3pm - 5pm
Thursday and Saturday- 10am - Noon

Provides food assistance to those individuals in need in Hall County. The pantry is located on the grounds of Oakwood 1st United Methodist Church directly behind Oakwood City pool.

Requirements:

- For first visit only picture i.d. is needed
- Photo Id (**from any other state or country- no social security number is required**),
- Referral from certain churches or agencies (this information given at first visit)
- 30 days between visits.

Southeastern Transportation

Contact Info: 1-866-510-4600

Transportation provided to doctor appointments for individuals on Medicaid (any type) and Peach Care. Individuals must call 3 days in advance to arrange pick-up but can be made as far in advance as 30 days. There is no out of pocket expense. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent. Must have Medicaid/Peach Care number when calling. Doctor visits within home community are preferred unless Medicaid approves otherwise.

Still Waters Counseling

www.stillwaterscounselingcenter.org

Contact Info:

621 Washington St., Suite 1

Gainesville, GA 30501

(770) 287-1356

Still Waters Counseling Center provides individual, couple, family, and group therapy. Each psychologist is individually working for the organization.

Specializations:

- addiction
- children and adolescent issues
- marital issues
- other family issues
- consultation
- school problems
- domestic violence
- anger management

Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Inc.

www.tppinc.org

Contact Info:

615-F Oak Street
Gainesville, GA 30501
(770)535-7066

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Inc is committed to addressing the issue of teenage pregnancy and its prevention by providing comprehensive and age appropriate prevention programming, counseling and support services, and community education and awareness programs.

All Services are free and all programming happens in the schools during the school day. Most program participants are referred by school guidance counselor. Any pregnant or parenting teen enrolled in a Hall County or Gainesville City School Systems can participate in the program for pregnant/parenting teens.

Programs Offered:

- **Smartgirls/WiseGuys-** Group for at-risk teens, referred by school guidance counselors.
- **Pregnant & Parenting Support and Education-** Offered to any pregnant or parenting student in a Hall County or Gainesville City School.
- **Prevention Programs-** Such as Kids on the Block, Baby Think it Over, and Choosing the Best programs
- **Individual and Family Counseling-** Available free of charge to clients and their families as needed
- **Crisis Intervention**

Three Dimensional Life

www.threedimensionallife.com

Contact Info: Greg Brooks, Executive Director

greg@threedimensionallife.com

**4131 Old Cornelia Hwy
Gainesville, GA 30501**

770-869-3551

Three Dimensional Life is a Christian based, nine-month (minimum) residential program for troubled teenage boys (ages 14-19). 3D Life is located on a 55-acre farm in rural North Georgia. 3D Life is also in partnership with the drug court of Forsyth County to provide treatment for teenage boys. This program utilizes curriculum, character building adventures and diversified work program to assist in recovery.

Services Offered:

- **Curriculum-** A four-phase process that focuses on past circumstances that led the teenager to where they are.
- **Character-Building Adventures-** Character-Building Adventures coincide with different aspects of the curriculum. 3D Life offers a variety of activities for participants.
- **Academics-** Schooling is offered through Faith Academy.
- **Diversified Work Programs-** Various projects offered onsite to improve work ethic and skill development.
- **Family Recovery and Visitation-** Classes offered to the youth and family to develop and cultivate meaningful relationships that continue to grow once the youth has graduated the program.
- **Follow-up Program-** Plans are developed with families to continue the progress gained at 3D Life. An internship program is also available to participants who demonstrate leadership and a desire to serve.

United Methodist Children's Home

www.umchildrenshome.org

Contact Info:

Sondra Rogers (Supervisor)

Physical Address:

604 Washington Street N.W. Suite A6
Gainesville, GA 30501

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 1746
Gainesville, GA 30503

770-531-3063

Office Hours: 8:30-5:00 Monday-Friday

The United Methodist Children's Home is a program that offers financial assistance and parenting classes to persons in the Hall County area.

Services Offered:

Financial Assistance- Assistance is offered to anyone in the Hall County area with children. You must be able to show a birth certificate or guardianship papers of child(ren). Parents must show a picture i.d. and social security card (extraordinary exceptions can be made). No walk-ins, must call for aid. Help is offered for water, power, natural gas, rent, childcare or medical bills. \$75 is offered towards these bills. In addition, further assistance can be given in emergencies, such as fire, domestic violence and other extraordinary situations.

Parenting Classes- Classes to parents and other caregivers that cover the basic topics of parenting children from infancy to late teens.

Counseling- Individual/family, goal-oriented, counseling, provided on a sliding scale. The initial assessment conference is offered free of charge. Sessions can be made after normal business hours but not on weekends.

Foster Care- Working with the local DFCS office, foster homes are available for children under the age of 18. In addition, foster parent recruitment services are also provided.

Diaper Closet- Diapers are distributed to families with an emergency need. 20 diapers are given out at a time, and this service can only be utilized once a month. Families must call before coming in to use the Diaper Closet.

United Way 2-1-1

www.211uwhc.org

**Contact Info:
770-534-0617**

United Way 2-1-1 offers information and referrals to individuals in the Hall County area. United Way 2-1-1 has a database of various agencies in the Gainesville area that assist individuals with a variety of services. The call is free and confidential. United Way 2-1-1 can also be accessed by going to the website.

Referral Resources Offered:

- Health Care-physical and mental
- Basic needs assistance
- Employment assistance
- Volunteer opportunities
- Services for elderly individuals
- Services for individuals with disabilities
- Counseling
- Translation services also provided

WomenSource

www.womensource.info

Contact Info: Laura Haynes, Program Coordinator

PO Box 684

Gainesville, GA 30503

770-503-9060

WomenSource provides coordination and expansion of existing programs in the Hall County Area. WomenSource serves women of ALL ages, backgrounds, races, and socioeconomic levels in the Gainesville-Hall County community.

Programs Offered:

- **Brown Bag Lunch Series-** The Brown Bag Lunches are an educational series held the first Thursday of each month at 11:45 a.m. at the Frances Meadows Aquatic & Community Center. Brown Bag Lunch topics and speakers range from inspirational to informative. The cost to attend is \$5 for Founding & Annual Members and \$6 for Non-members. The cost includes lunch. Attendees do not need to be members of WomenSource, however because lunch is provided, reservations are required. WomenSource partners with area agencies serving women and/or children to help increase awareness and give attendees the opportunity to show their support. A networking table is available for attendees to display information about their business or organization.
- **Financial Series-** WomenSource offers a free annual series to help women take control of their finances in a variety of situations. Past topics have included setting goals, understanding your credit score and how to improve it, setting up a plan to pay off debt, opening and managing a checking account, and setting up a support system to be successful.
- **Health Series** - Another free series offered by WomenSource is the Women's Health Series. Past topics have included breast health and breast feeding, hormone replacement therapy, heart disease, bone density and osteoporosis, vascular health, and how to avoid middle-age weight gain.
- **Girl Power-** A WomenSource event for teens and the women who love them. This special one-day, free event celebrates young women. The goals of the event are to help young women: *Explore* ways to better their self-esteem; *Encourage* them to lead a confident, healthy lifestyle; and *Empower* them to take charge of their future.
- **Iron Jawed Angels - Movie Screening-** The movie Iron Jawed Angels tells the true story of two courageous young women and political activists, Alice Paul and Lucy Burns, who put everything on the line, including their lives, to help change American history by giving women the right to vote.
- **Legal Series-** WomenSource offered their first, free legal series in the Fall of 2012, entitled "*Legal Issues Facing Women & Their Families.*" The series focused on the following topics: "The Latest Weapon in Divorce...Email, Facebook, & Twitter," "Legal Issues Facing Teens & Their Parents," and "Anatomy of Estate Planning."
- **Power of the Purse-** Power of the Purse is the annual fundraising event celebrating women's philanthropy. This signature event is a fun evening featuring a fashion show, dinner, designer purse raffle, and a vendor marketplace.

Other Important Information

Help Lines

**Al-Anon Contract Help Line Hall
County**
770-534-0617

**Missing Children Information
Clearing House**
1-888-356-4774

Alcohol Treatment Center Help Line
770-590-9323

Poison Control Center
1-800-282-5846

Alcoholics Anonymous Help Line
770-534-0617

Rape Crisis Center
770-503-7273

Chemical Dependency Help Line
1-800-234-0617

Suicide Prevention Hotline
1-800-273-8255

Child Abuse Reporting (8:00-5:00)
770-532-5288

**Child Abuse Reporting After Hours
and Weekends**
1-855-GA-CHILD

**Cocaine Abuse and Crisis
Intervention**
1-800-234-0246

Drug Help Line
1-800-378-4435

Drug Hot Line
770-531-6883

Gateway Domestic Violence Center
770-536-5860

**Gainesville Care Center: Pregnancy
Hotline**
770-535-1245

Hall County Drug Hotline
770-297-6267

Help Line Georgia
1-800-338-6745

Housing and Shelter Resources

My Sister's Place	770-532-5111
Salvation Army	770-531-0135
Good News at Noon (men)	770-503-1366
Gainesville City Baptist Rescue Mission	770-287-9700
Gainesville Housing Authority	770-536-1294
Family Promise of Hall County	770-535-0786
Habitat for Humanity	678-450-5998
Ninth District Opp., Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing	770-534-8826

Hall County School System

711 Green Street N.W.
Gainesville, GA 30501
770-534-1080

Will Schofield, Superintendent

www.hallco.org

High Schools

Chestatee High School

Principal: Suzanne Jarrard
Phone: (770) 532-1162
3005 Sardis Road
Gainesville, GA 30506

East Hall High School

Principal: Jeff Cooper
Phone: (770) 536-9921
3534 East Hall Road
Gainesville, GA 30507

Flowery Branch High School

Principal: Dr. Mark Coleman
Phone: (770) 967-8000
6603 Spout Springs Rd.
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Johnson High School

Principal: Stan Lewis
Phone: (770) 536-2394
3305 Poplar Springs Rd
Gainesville, GA 30507

Lanier Career Academy

Principal: Dr. Cindy Blakley
Phone: (770) 531-2330
2723 Tumbling Creek Road
Gainesville, GA 30504

North Hall High School

Principal: Joe Gheesling
Phone: (770) 983-7331
4885 Mt. Vernon Road
Gainesville, GA 30506

West Hall High School

Principal: Dr. Greg Williams
Phone: (770) 967-9826
5500 McEver Road
Oakwood, GA 30566

Middle Schools

C. W. Davis Middle

Principal: Eddie Millwood
Phone: (770) 965-3020
4450 Hog Mt. Road
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Chestatee Academy of Inquiry and Talent Development

Principal: David Robles
Phone: (770) 297-6270
2740 Fran Mar Drive
Gainesville, GA 30506

East Hall Middle

Principal: Dr. Vickie Tribble
Phone: (770) 531-9457
4120 East Hall Road
Gainesville, GA 30507

North Hall Middle

Principal: Dr. Brad Brown
Phone: (770) 983-9749
4856 Rilla Road
Gainesville, GA 30506

South Hall Middle

Principal: Paula Stubbs
Phone: (770) 532-4416
4335 Falcon Parkway
Flowery Branch, GA 30504

West Hall Middle

Principal: Dr. Karla Swafford
Phone: (770) 967-4871
5470 McEver Road
Oakwood, GA 30566

Da Vinci Academy at South Hall Middle

Principal: Paula Stubbs
Phone: (770) 533-4004
3215 Poplar Springs Road
Gainesville, GA 30507

WLA Intermediate Campus

Principal: David Moody
Phone: (770) 533-4004
3215 Poplar Springs Road
Gainesville, GA 30507

Elementary Schools

Chestnut Mt. Creative School of Inquiry

Principal: Wade Pearce
Phone: (770) 967-3121
4841 Union Church Rd
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Chicopee Woods Elementary

Principal: Dr. Hank Ramey
Phone: 770-536-2057
2029 Calvary Church Road
Gainesville, GA 30507

Flowery Branch Elementary

Principal: Susan Miller
Phone: (770) 967-6621
5544 Radford Road
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Friendship Elementary

Principal: Berry Walton
Phone: (770) 932-1223
4450 Friendship Road
Buford, GA 30518

Lanier Elementary

Principal: John Wiggins
Phone: (770) 532-8781
4782 Thompson Bridge Rd
Gainesville, GA 30506

Lula Elementary

Principal: Matthew Alexander
Phone: (770) 869-3261
6130 Chattahoochee St
Lula, GA 30554

Lyman Hall Elementary

Principal: Robert Wilson
Phone: (770) 534-7044
2150 Memorial Park Rd
Gainesville, GA 30504

Martin Technology Academy

Principal: Tamara Etterling
Phone: (770) 965-1578
4216 Martin Road
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

McEver Arts Academy

Principal: Dr. Catherine Rosa
Phone: (770) 534-7473
3265 Montgomery Drive
Gainesville, GA 30504

Mount Vernon Elementary

Principal: Connie Daniels
Phone: (770) 983-1759
4844 Jim Hood Road
Gainesville, GA 30506

Myers Elementary

Principal: Beth Hudgins
Phone: (770) 536-0814
2676 Candler Road
Gainesville, GA 30507

Oakwood Elementary

Principal: Dr. Shane Rayburn
Phone: (770) 532-1656
4500 Allen Road
Oakwood, GA 30566

Riverbend Elementary

Principal: Dr. Debra Smith
Phone: (770) 534-4141
1742 Cleveland Hwy
Gainesville, GA 30506

Sardis Enrichment School

Principal: Neil Yarrington
Phone: (770) 532-0104
2805 Sardis Road
Gainesville, GA 30506

Spout Springs School of Enrichment

Principal: Steven McDaniel
Phone: (770) 967-4860
6640 Spout Springs Rd.
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Sugar Hill Elementary

Principal: Beth Skarda
Phone: 770-503-1749
3259 Athens Highway
Gainesville, GA 30507

Tadmore Elementary

Principal: Robin Gower
Phone: (770) 536-9929
3278 Gillsville Hwy
Gainesville, GA 30507

Wauka Mountain Multiple Intelligences Academy

Principal: Dr. Jo Dinnan
Phone: (770) 983-3221
5850 Brookton-Lula Rd
Gainesville, GA 30506

White Sulphur Elementary

Principal: Betsy Ainsworth
Phone: (770) 532-0945
2480 Old Cornelia Hwy
Gainesville, GA 30507

World Language Academy

Principal: David Moody
Phone: (770) 967-5856
4670 Winder Hwy
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Gainesville City School System

508 Oak Street
Gainesville, GA 30501
770-536-5275

Merrienne Dyer, Superintendent
www.gcssk12.net

Centennial Elementary School

852 Century Place
Gainesville, GA 30501
Principal: Charlene Williams
Phone: 770-287-2044

Wood's Mill High School

715 Wood's Mill Drive
Gainesville, GA 30501
Directors: Dr. Lisa Sheehy and Sheryl Williams
Phone: 770-287-2021

Enota Multiple Intelligences Academy

1340 East Enota Avenue
Gainesville, GA 30501
Principal: Matt Maynor
Phone: 770-532-7711

Gainesville High School

830 Century Place
Gainesville, GA 30501
Principal: LaCrisia Larkin
Phone: (770)536-4441

Fair Street Elementary School

715 Wood's Mill Road
Gainesville, GA 30501
Principal: William Campbell
Phone: 770-536-5295

Gainesville Exploration Academy

1145 McEver Road Extension
Gainesville, GA 30504
Principal: Renee Boatright
Phone: 770-287-1223

New Holland Core Knowledge

170 Barn Street
Gainesville, GA 30501
Principal: Pam Wood
Phone: 770-287-1095

Gainesville Middle School

1581 Community Way
Gainesville, GA 30501
Principal: overall principal- Ken Martin, 6th grade-
Donna Allen, 7th grade- Chad Crumley, 8th grade-
Audrey Simmons
Phone: 770-534-4237

Important Websites

Georgia Health Partnership- find doctors that accept Medicaid and Peachcare in any area with any specialty <https://www.ghp.georgia.gov>

DFCS- Apply for Medicaid <http://www.dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov>

Apply for Food Stamps <https://compass.ga.gov/selfservice/>

PeachCare for Kids- Apply for PeachCare <http://www.peachcare.org/>