NINTH DISTRICT OPPORTUNITY, INC.

TOWNS COUNTY HEAD START



Community Resource Handbook

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COMMUNITY RESOURCE HANDBOOK

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TOWNS COUNTY HEAD START/GEORGIA PRE-K



This Community Resource Handbook has been compiled to aid the Towns County Head Start/Georgia Pre-K families in gaining access to community resources to meet family needs.

This handbook is a guide to agencies listing contact persons, telephone numbers, locations, services provided, and eligibility.

If at any time you need assistance or have problems obtaining information, please contact our Family Partner or Center Director @ (706) 896-4131 (option 4).

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

LOCATIONS: Hiawassee Group: Red Cross Building; 1298 Jack Dayton Circle, Young Harris
Meetings: Thursday at 7:00 PM, Big Book Discussion and Sundays 7:00 PM: Open Discussion.

Blairsville Group: Mountain Presbyterian Church
3831 Highway 515 E, Blairsville
Meetings: Monday 7:00 PM Big Book Study
Wednesday 7:00 PM, 12 Step Study and Saturday 8:00 a.m. – Open discussion

Blairsville: Brothers in Sobriety (men only)
All Saints Lutheran Church
83 Earl Shelton Rd., Blairsville
Tuesdays @ 7 PM and Thursdays at 9 AM

Mountain Serenity Group: Hiawassee United Methodist Church
1139 US 76 W Hiawassee, GA 30546
Wednesday 12:00 PM Open Discussion

ELIGIBILITY: A sincere desire to stop drinking

WEB SITE: www.aageorgia.org

AL-ANON/ALATEEN

PURPOSE: To help families/friends of alcoholics. Open to anyone who has been affected by another person's drinking.

LOCATIONS: Sharp Memorial United Methodist Church
1114 Main Street (Highway 76/515). Young Harris, Room 105
Meetings: Tuesday 12:00 PM

WEB SITE: www.ga-al-anon.org

PHONE: 478-254-3414 (HELP-LINE)

AMERICAN RED CROSS/TOWNS COUNTY DISASTER ACTION TEAM

EMERGENCY: 911 (Operators will notify someone on call.)

PURPOSE: The Northeast Georgia Chapter American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by a partnership of staff and volunteers. Provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies through services consistent with its congressional charter and principles of the International Red Cross.

WEB SITE: http://www.redcross.org

AVITA COMMUNITY PARTNERS

PHONE: 706-745-5911 1-800-525-8751

LOCATION: 76 Hunt Martin Street, Suite A, Blairsville, Georgia 30512

SERVICES: Child, Adolescent, Adult Counseling

FEES: Based on income, PeachCare, Medicaid, Medicare and Private Insurance

WEBSITE: www.gamtns.org and www.avitapartners.org

BASIC ADULT EDUCATION CENTER

LOCATION: Shirley Miller Building, 38 Blalock Street, Blairsville

SERVICES: Provides services to Towns and Union County residents in GED preparation, Work Ready certification, ASSET test preparation, computer literacy, basic skills instruction, and reading tutoring.

Students should call ahead to reserve a space and must bring a picture ID to register.

PHONE: 706-439-6321

LOCATION: Towns County Old Recreation Center
900 Main Street North, Hiawassee

North Georgia Technical College GED® Testing Centers recently converted to the Pearson Vue Computer-Based GED testing format as part of a state-wide implementation of this system.

PHONE: 706-754-7717

First-Time Testers

If you have never taken the GED® test before, you MUST take it on the computer. Test candidates register, schedule, and pay for test with a credit card by going to www.online-ged.com or by calling

1-877-EXAM GED (392-6433) (open 7 a.m., - 7 p.m. CST).
You will need an active email address to register
Computer-based testing in Blairsville is once a month (mid-month—dates vary). The dates for the Blairsville tests are posted on Pearson Vue's website.
The paper based GED test will be offered every other month on the Clarkesville Campus until October 2013. For more information about taking the GED® test, please contact 706-754-7781 or your local learning center.

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN EMC

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PHONE: 800-292-6456

ADDRESS: 875 Main Street, Young Harris, Georgia 30582

SERVICES: Distributor of electricity, Safety programs for schools, participant in School Career Day, Energy Right New Home, Basic New Home, heat pump financing, electric water heaters, 3-year rate guarantee, specializes in heat pump installation, Internet Service.

WEB SITE: www.brmemc.com

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Towns County School System

CONTACT: Dr. Darren Berrong, Superintendent

PHONE: 706-896-2279 School Number: 706-896-4131

LOCATION: Community Services Building (lower level)

ADDRESS: 67 Lakeview Circle, Unit C Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

SERVICES: The Towns County Comprehensive School provides free public education for students in kindergarten through 12th grade in Hiawassee.

ELIGIBILITY: Residents of Towns County

HOURS: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Superintendent
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Schools

WEBSITE: www.towns.k12.ga.us

CHATUGE REGIONAL NURSING HOME

CONTACT: Michael Kephart, Administrator
Janet Curns, Director of Nursing

PHONE: 706-896-2231

ADDRESS: 386 Bel Air Drive, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL NORTH REGION
QUALITY CARE FOR CHILDREN

ADDRESS: 3 Corporate Blvd. NE Suite 230 Atlanta, GA 30329

PHONE: 706-543-6177, 877-255-425, Fax Number: 706-543-3077

SERVICES: Telephone referral service for parents looking for child care for Hall, Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, and White counties.
Offers training and technical assistance for all programs and individuals offering child care.
Assists individuals in becoming registered with the state to start day care centers.
Offers resource and referrals to group homes, day care centers, moms day out, after school care, summer camps and respite care, non-traditional work hours, special needs care and low income care.

WEB SITE: https://www.qualitycareforchildren.org

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

LOCATION: Child Support/Recovery
222 Highland Crossing South, Suite 200, Ellijay

PHONE: 1-844-MY-GADHS (1-844-694-2347)
877-423-4746

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

FEE: $25.00 paid in the form of a money order. There is *no fee* for applicants who receive TANF or some forms of medical assistance.

WEBSITE: www.childsupport.georgia.gov

CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE OF ATLANTA

Scottish Rite Children's Medical Care &
Egleston Children's Healthcare System

LOCATIONS:

Children's at Scottish Rite
1001 Johnson Ferry Road NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30342-1600
404-785-5437

Arthur M. Blank Hospital
2220 North Druid Hills Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30329
404-785-5437

Center for Advanced Pediatrics
2174 N. Druid Hills Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30329
404-785-5437

Children's at Hughes Spalding
35 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive SE, Atlanta, Georgia 30303
404-785-5437

Children's at Town Center
625 Big Shanty Road NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144
404-785-5437

Children's at Chamblee-Brookhaven
5080 Peachtree Boulevard, Suite 100, Chamblee, Georgia 30341
404-785-5437

Children's at Cherokee
1558 Riverstone Parkway, Suite 100, Canton, Georgia 30114
404-785-5437

Children's at Forsyth
410 Peachtree Parkway Suite 300, The Collection at Forsyth, Cumming, Georgia 30041
404-785-5437

Children's at Hamilton Creek
2240 Hamilton Creek Parkway, Suite 600, Dacula, Georgia, 30019
404-785-5437

Children's at North Point
3795 Mansell Road, Alpharetta, Georgia 30022
404-785-5437

Children's at Satellite Boulevard
2660 Satellite Boulevard, Duluth, Georgia 30096
404-785-5437

PHONE: 1-404-785-KIDS (1-404-785-5437)

SERVICES: Provides all levels of care for children with their combined services, including Asthma, Brachial Plexus, Cancer and Blood Disorders, Craniofacial, Cystic Fibrosis, Critical Care, Diabetes, Heart, Facial Nerve, Gastrointestinal, General Surgery, Genetics, Immediate Care, Neurosciences, Orthopedics, Orthotics & Prosthetics, Radiology, Rehabilitation, Respiratory, Sleep Disorders, Spine Center, Sports Medicine, Transplant, Urology, and Wellness & Safety.

ELIGIBILITY: Ages birth through 21 years. Must be recommended by a Scottish Rite Mason, Physician or Public Health Department.

FEES: Based on income.

WEB SITE: www.choa.org/

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

PHONE: 770-535-6907

ADDRESS: 440 SE Prior Street, Gainesville, Georgia 30501

Babies Can't Wait

CONTACT: Coordinator: Shari Whiting

WEBSITE: dph.georgia.gov/babies-cant-wait

PHONE: 770-535-6907

ELIGIBILITY/
SERVICES: The BCW Program is available for children ages birth to three years of age who have a significant developmental delay or children who are at risk for delay due to a specific diagnosed medical condition. They provide evaluation and assessment, at no cost to families, to determine eligibility and the scope of services needed. BCW also provides service coordination at no cost to families, which assists families in accessing services and identifying resources to help pay for services.

Children First

CONTACT: Coordinator Tonya Newsom

PHONE: 770-535-6907

ELIGIBILITY/

SERVICES: Children First Program is the point of entry for all of Children With Special Needs programs. Children First program ensures early identification of children considered to be at risk for poor health and/or development and connects them with a primary health care provider. Children ages birth to 60 months (5 years) who have established medical conditions or biological/environmental risk factors are eligible for enrollment and the program is free for those who choose to participate. Children First staff provide in-home assessments and general health care information.

Children's Medical Services

CONTACT: Coordinator Angie Gillstrap

PHONE: 770-535-6907

ELIGIBILITY/
SERVICES: CMS Program provides medical care to children ages birth to 21 years who have disabling conditions or chronic diseases. CMS can provide long-term specialized care, medical equipment, physical therapy, hospitalization, occupational therapy, nursing services, family education, social services and case coordination. Eligibility for CMS is based on income, type of medical condition, and the age of the child.

CITY HALL OFFICES

Hiawassee

PHONE: 706-896-2202 / 706-896-2203/Fax 706-896-4991

LOCATION: 50 River Street, On the Square, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

CONTACTS:

Mayor	Jay Chastain (mayor@hiawasseega.gov)
City Clerk	Bonnie Kendrick (clerk@hiawasseega.gov)
Police Chief	Jeremy Parker (jparker@hiawasseega.gov)
Traffic Ticket Fines	706-896-2202 ext. 2
Utility	706-896-2885

Young Harris

PHONE: 706-379-3171/Fax 706-379-3172

LOCATION: 50 Irene Berry Drive, Young Harris, Georgia 30582

CONTACTS:

Mayor	Andrea Gibby(andreagibby@cityofyoungharris.com)
Deputy City Clerk	Nicolette Wade (nicolettewade@cityofyoungharris.net)
Public Works Supervisor	Dean Stanley(deanstanley@youngharris.net)

Water problems 706-835-7963(emergency)

706-379-3171(billing questions)

WEBSITE: www.youngharrisga.net

CONSIGNMENT AND THRIFT STORES

Christ the King Furniture Thrift
PHONE: (706) 896-9203
LOCATION: 474 South Main Street, Hiawassee, GA 30546

Helping Hands Thrift Store
PHONE: (706)970-7835
LOCATION: 1378 US-76 E, Hiawassee, GA 30546

Humane Society's Mountain Thrift Store
PHONE: (706) 745-0033
LOCATION: 125 Wellborn Street, Blairsville, GA 30512

SAFE Again Thrift Store
PHONE: (706) 896-1700
LOCATION: 4134 Bonny Hills Drive, Young Harris, GA 30582

SAFE Thrift Store
PHONE: (706) 781-3451
LOCATION: 27 South Pine Brook Drive Blairsville, GA 30512

Tata on Main
PHONE: 706-896-0567
LOCATION: 401 S. Main Street, Hiawassee, GA 30546

VFW Thrift Store
PHONE: (706) 896-1953
LOCATION: 60 Berrong Street Hiawassee, GA 30546

COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICES

CONTACT: Jacob Williams, County Extension Agent (jacob.williams@uga.edu)
Kerri Bradshaw, 4H Youth (kerri.bradshaw@uga.edu)
PHONE: 706-896-2024/Fax 706-896-8523

LOCATION: Community Services Building, Lower level

ADDRESS: 67 Lakeview Circle, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

SERVICES: Coordinates and integrates the resources of the University

of Georgia and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Landscaping, Community Development and Homemaking. Also provides educational and special interest programs. Courses available: Estate Planning, Food Preservation, Leadership Training Sessions, Sewing Techniques and Christmas Foods.

WEBSITE: www.extension.uga.edu/county-offices/towns.html

COUNTY PUBLIC OFFICES

Clerk Of Court

CONTACT: Eric Barrett (cecil.dye@sccca.org)

ADDRESS: Courthouse: 48 River Street, Suite E, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

PHONE: 706-896-2130, Fax 706-896-5694

Commissioner

CONTACT: Cliff Bradshaw

ADDRESS: Courthouse: 48 River Street, Suite B, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

PHONE: 706-896-2276 Fax 706-896-4628

EMAIL: tccommissioner@yahoo.com

Sheriff

CONTACT: Anthony Coleman

ADDRESSES: Detention Center/Administration Offices:
4070 State Highway 339, Young Harris, Georgia 30582
Courthouse: 48 River Street, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

PHONE: 706-896-4444/Fax 706-896-3349
Non-emergency dispatch – 706-896-7460

PROGRAMS: School Resource Officer, C.H.A.M.P.S Program – Bryan Forsyth

Tax Commissioner

CONTACT: Michael Anderson

ADDRESS: Courthouse Annex, 48 River Street, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

PHONE: 706-896-2267/Fax 706-896-6980

EMAIL: tctcstaff@hotmail.com

Tax Assessor

CONTACT: Sonya Young (taxassessor@townscountyga.com)

ADDRESS: Courthouse Annex, 48 River Street, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

PHONE: 706-896-3984, Fax 706-896-6980

DAY CARE - CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

CONTACT: Jessica Ledford, Director

ADDRESS: 1112 Jack Dayton Circle, Young Harris, Georgia 30582

PHONE: 706-896-2992 or 706-896-4040

SERVICES: To provide daily child care for working parents.
After school child care also provided.

HOURS: Monday – Friday 6:30 AM-5:30 PM

FEES: Sliding scale based on income.

WEBSITE: www.townscountyga.org/child-development.html

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

CONTACT: Tina Teater, Director

LOCATION: 1620 Highway 76 West, Suite 4, Hiawassee

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 156, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

PHONE: 706-896-3524

GEORGIA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCY

PHONE: 706-348-4882/ 844-367-4872

ADDRESS: 243 South Main Street, Cleveland, Georgia 30528-1404

LOCALLY: Georgia Department of Labor, Towns County Public Library, Towns County High School (call to schedule time and place)

SERVICES: Assist people with disabilities in getting training for a job goal and obtaining employment. Very individualized services.

ELIGIBILITY: Rehabilitation services are available to any person with a mental or physical disability which constitutes a substantial handicap to employment. There must also be a reasonable expectation that after receiving rehabilitation services, the person will become gainfully employed.

WEBSITE: www.gvs.georgia.gov

DIVORCE CARE SUPPORT GROUP

CONTACT: Tish Bryant, Leader ($10, includes workbook)

PHONE: 706-745-2469

LOCATIONS: First Baptist Church Blairsville
296 Blue Ridge Street, Blairsville

CONTACT: Teresa McClure, Church Secretary ($20, includes workbook)

LOCATION: Hayesville United Methodist Church
989 Highway 64 Business, Hayesville, NC

PHONE: 828 389-8413

SERVICES: A series of support groups and seminars for separated and divorced families.
Divorce Care for Kids: Divorce recovery ministry for children ages 5-12

EMS (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE)

CONTACT: Ken Nicholson

ADDRESS: West Station: 1400 Jack Dayton Circle, Young Harris
PHONE: 706-896-6254; fax: 706-896-1069

East Station: 1505 State Hwy. 76, Hiawassee
706-435-0509; fax – 706-435-0510

SERVICES: Emergency 911, Three A.L.S., 24 Hour Service, Rescue of lost persons, CPR Classes, First Aid Classes, Scuba Diving, Repelling. All emergencies except law-enforcement and fire. Towns County EMS also provides car seats for infants and toddlers. This service is based on availability. Each person receiving a seat will have a form to fill out, a short session on Georgia law, and instruction on proper installation of the seat.

ENOTAH CASA, INC.

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

PHONE: 706-864-0300/ Fax 706-864-0302

ADDRESSES: Main Office: 56 Short Street, basement
Dahlonega, Georgia 30533
Local Office: 41 Hospital Street, # 121 Blairsville, Georgia 30512
Phone and Fax: 706-835-1892

SERVICES: Non-profit agency provides trained, screened & supervised community volunteers to advocate for the best interests of children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. CASA volunteers are appointed by the Juvenile Court Judge to serve as the Guardian ad Litem in deprivation cases, ensuring that the child's best interest is represented throughout the legal and social service system.

WEB SITE: www.enotahcasa.org

BUTTERFLY HOUSE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

PHONE: HOTLINE AVAILABLE 24/7: 706-379-3000
Office: 706-835-1637

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 243, Blairsville, Georgia 30514

104 Pleasant Hill Rd, Blairsville

SERVICES: Provides a safe place where kids who have been hurt can go to talk to someone about what happened. A non-profit children's advocacy center serving Towns and Union counties. Their purpose is to provide immediate support and assistance to child victims and their families.

EMAIL: info@safeservice.org
Video/audio taping of forensic interviews
Victim/Family Advocacy support
Coordination of forensic medical exams
Coordination of MDT
Case Tracking
Therapeutic services referrals
Training on child maltreatment for MDT Members
Community Prevention and Awareness Programs

FAMILY CONNECTION OF TOWNS COUNTY

CONTACT: Angela Hunnicutt, Director

PHONE: 706-896-4131 ext. 1233

LOCATION: 1400 U.S. Hwy. 76 East, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

PURPOSE: To improve the lives of families and children in Towns County

SERVICES:

Towns County Mentor Program

CONTACT: Lynne Abernathy, Mentor Coordinator
PHONE: 706-896-4131, ext. 1235
Eligible: Grades Head Start/Pre-K through 12
Purpose: One on one, adult to child, school based program. Students meet with Mentors at least one hour per week during the school year. Mentors must attend training & have background and finger print checks. Students may be referred by school administration, parent/guardian, or self. All students must have parent permission to take part in th program. Funded through the Council on Alcohol and Drugs

Youth Development Program

CONTACT: Lynne Abernathy, Youth Development Coordinator
PHONE: 706-896-4131 ext. 1235

The Youth Development Program is a case management approach that targets middle school students to provide wrap around services for the student and their family in an effort to increase academic success, decrease disciplinary referrals, and promote good attendance.

FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SERVICE CENTER

CONTACT: Christa Grizzle (christa.grizzle@usda.gov

PHONE: 706-745-2012

ADDRESS: 165 Wellborn Street, Box 6, Blairsville, Georgia 30512

SERVICES: Loans to rural families for home ownership. Low interest loans for moderate low-income persons for home ownership. Low interest loans for home repair. Grants available for age 62 and over for home repairs related to health. Low interest loans to farmers and business loans for public housing and farm ownership, operative loans and community service loans.

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

LOCATION: 223 Wellborn St., Blairsville

PHONE: 877-709-8185

HOURS: Wednesdays only 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Closed for lunch

LOCATION: 946 Appalachian Highway, Blue Ridge
PHONE: 877-709-8185
TTY/TTD: 706-632-0528
Fax: 706-605-2205

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

SERVICES: General services include: Unemployment Insurance Benefits, local, state, and national job search workshops on job seeking strategies; resume assistance; resource library housing up-to-date computer based information on job search techniques, employment counseling; labor market information; financial management workshops; referral to education and training; Veterans Services; Federal Bonding Program, Rehabilitation Services.

ELIGIBILITY: Offers a wide range of services to both job seekers and employers.
FEES: None
WEBSITE: dol.georgia.gov

GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION

CONTACT: Blake Melton (bmelton@gfc.state.ga.us

PHONE: 706-781-2398/Fax 706-781-2399

CONTACT: Forester Benjamin Cobb (bcobb@gfc.sate.ga.us)
706-295-6021

LOCATION: 1556 Pat Colwell Road, Blairsville, Ga 30512

SERVICES: Daily burning permits and yearly permits available, forester available to help with tree problems, helps homeowners decide if they need to keep certain types of trees, assists landowners in finding programs to help buy trees for forestry or wildlife, provides programs on fire prevention, sets out trees, works with school for Fire Safety. Smokey the Bear appearance at the Georgia Mountain Fair.

GEORGIA LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM
GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL OFFICE

PHONE: 770-535-5717 / 1-833-457-7529

LOCATION: 705 Washington Street NW, Suite B1, Gainesville, GA 30501

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1337, Gainesville, Georgia 30503

WEB SITE: www.glsp.org

HOURS: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Monday – Friday
(A good time to call for assistance is between the hours of 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM) Intakes for new clients 9:00 AM-11:00 each day.

SERVICES: Free legal services to low-income people in civil matters only.
The office does not handle criminal cases or fee-producing cases.
Lawyers are available to help people experiencing problems in the areas of:

Divorce	Housing/Evictions
Mental Commitments	Jail Conditions
Repossessions	Hospital/Health Issues
Consumer Issues	Consumer Loans
Foreclosures on Realty	Custody

A lawyer or paralegal available to help with problems in areas of:

Welfare (TANF)	Medicaid
Food Stamps	Social Security
Veterans' Benefits	EPSDT
Vocational Rehabilitation	Medicare
Supplemental Security Income	WIC

ELIGIBILITY: 1. **Financial:** Household with gross income below a standard set by Legal Services.

2. **Priorities:** Certain types of cases are handled for financially eligible persons. Priorities are set by Legal Services.

GEORGIA PEACH CARE FOR KIDS

PHONE: 877-GA-PEACH (877-427-3224)
866-211-0950 - To replace a lost or stolen Peach Care or Medicaid card, or to change the name of provider:
877-423-4746 – To file an appeal

WEB SITE: www.dch.georgia.gov/peachcare-kids

SERVICES: Peach Care for Kids provides care from a doctor for sick children and preventive services such as immunizations and regular check-ups. Peach Care for Kids provides specialist care, dental care, vision care (including vision screenings and eyeglasses), hospitalization, emergency room services, prescription medications, and mental health care.

Requirements

*U.S. citizens, certain qualified legal residents, refugees, or asylees who reside in Georgia
*Uninsured
*Age 18 and under (Eligible until 19th birthday)
* Family income less than or equal to 247% of federal poverty level

Your child may be ineligible if:

*Your child is eligible for Medicaid. If your child is potentially eligible for Medicaid, PeachCare for Kids will forward your application to the Medicaid agency and your child will be enrolled.
*Your child has access to health insurance through a parent's employment with the State of Georgia, even if the parent has not purchased the state coverage
If you are determined ineligible for PeachCare for Kids, you may qualify for other health benefit programs with the State of Georgia or with the Health Insurance Marketplace under the Affordable Care Act. Your information may be forwarded to those programs for review.

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GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CONTACT: Consumer Affairs Section

PHONE: 800-282-5813
Fax: 404-656-2341

ADDRESS: 244 Washington St., SW Atlanta, Georgia 30312

SERVICES: The Consumer Affairs Section mediates complaints between

customers and regulated utilities. PSC representatives work to ensure that utilities are charging correct rates and comply with Commission rules. The Commission works to resolve quality and availability of service and billing questions, as well as answer general consumer inquiries.

ELIGIBILITY: Georgia residents.

WEB SITE: psc.ga.gov

EMAIL: gapsc@psc.ga.us

GIRL SCOUTS OF HISTORIC GEORGIA

PHONE: 706-548-7297

ADDRESS: 185 Newton Bridge Road, Athens Georgia 30607

PHONE: 770-536-5656 (Appointment only)

LOCATION: 535 Spring Street SE, Gainesville, GA 30501

MEETINGS: Girl Scout troops meet in Hiawassee and Young Harris.

ELIGIBILITY: Girls Kindergarten to 12th Grade

WEB SITE: www.gshg.org

HOME HEALTH CARE

Enhabit Home Health

PHONE: 706-896-5037; Fax 706-896-1471

LOCATION: 349 Towne Place, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546 (open 24/7)

Care South Health System

PHONE: 706-896-5037

LOCATION: 584 Bell Creek Road, Hiawassee, GA 30546

Comfort Keepers

ADDRESS: 1489 Blue Ridge Highway Suite D & E, Blairsville, Georgia 30512

PHONE: 706-835-2607

Tugaloo Home Health Agency, an Amedisys company

ADDRESS: 417 Blue Ridge Street, Suite K, Blairsville, Georgia, GA 30512

PHONE: 706-781-1093 (on-call 24/7)

HOSPICE

Regency Southern Care

ADDRESS: 350 South Main Street, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

PHONE: 1-888-436-8482; 706-89-1251
Nurse on call 24/7

WEBSITE: www.regencysoutherncarehospice.com

Traditions Health Hospice

ADDRESS: 426 Cleveland Street, Suite A1, Blairsville, GA 30512

PHONE: 706-835-3960; fax: 706-745-0684
Open 24/7

WEBSITE: traditionshealth.com

HOSPITALS AND LOCAL MEDICAL SERVICES

Chatuge Regional Hospital

PHONE: 706-896-2222; fax; 706-439-6816

ADDRESS: 110 South Main Street, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

SERVICES: Emergency Services, Outpatient Services, Rehabilitation Services, Women's Health, Radiology, Respiratory Therapy, Laboratory Services, Endoscopy, Surgery Center.

WEBSITE: uniongeneralhealthsystem.com/facility/chatuge-regional-hospital/

Union General Hospital

PHONE: 706-745-2111

LOCATION: 35 Hospital Road, Blairsville, GA 30512

SERVICES: Emergency Services, Outpatient Services, Rehabilitation Services, Women's Health, Radiology, Respiratory Therapy, Laboratory Services, Endoscopy, Surgery Center.

WEBSITE: www.uniongeneralhealthsystem.com

HILL BURTON ACT

PHONE: 1-800-638-0742

THIS IS NOT A SERVICE AVAILABLE AT CHATUGE REGIONAL HOSPITAL OR UNION GENERAL HOSPITAL

SERVICES: Medical care at partial or no cost. The hospital cannot refuse service because you cannot pay.

ELIGIBILITY: If a problem with obtaining service from participating hospitals occurs, contact Georgia Legal Services (770-535-5717),
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-105
Rockville, Maryland 20857.
Email: DFCROMM@hrsa.gov
Hospitals participating in providing free or low-cost care in North Georgia are:

- Wellstar MCG Health Medical Center
  1120 15th Street, Building 2086,
  Augusta, Georgia 30912
  706-721-3929

Erlanger Express Care

PHONE: 828-389-3608

LOCATION: 146 Hwy 64 E. Hayesville, NC 28904

HOURS: Monday – Saturday: 8 AM – 7 PM and Sunday: 10 AM – 6 PM

SERVICES: Urgent care services. Wellness services including sports and pre-employment physicals, STD screenings, vaccinations, TB screenings and more. Occupational health services, DOT physicals, pulmonary function testing, drug screening, respiratory medical clearance evaluations.

Edwards Medical Practice

CONTACT: Tracy Edwards, M.D.

PHONE: 706-896-6701

LOCATION: 86 Seasons Drive Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

HOURS: Monday – Thursday: 9 AM – 4 PM and Friday: 9 AM to 12 PM

Hiawassee Family Practice

CONTACT: Robert Stahlkuppe M.D.
Shirley Youngblood, FNP
Ray Townsend, PA-C

PHONE: 706-896-2289

LOCATION: 56 Hospital Street, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546
(Behind Chatuge Regional Hospital.)

HOURS: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 AM – 5 PM, Tuesday: 9 AM – 1 PM

Hillcrest Walk-In Clinic

PHONE: 706-745-8790

LOCATION: 15 Earnest Street, Blairsville, Georgia 30512

HOURS: Monday – Friday: 8 AM – 7 PM; Saturday: 8 AM – 4 PM;
Sunday: 10 AM – 4 PM

WEBSITE: hillcrestwalkin.com

North Georgia Allergy Asthma & Immunology

CONTACT: Dr. Anita Shvarts

PHONE: 1-855-656-6673; 877-811-4863 (fax)

LOCATION: 85 Seasons Lane, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

WEBSITE: www.ngaallergy.com

North Georgia Family Medicine

CONTACT: Dr. Jonathan Lawrence

PHONE**:** (706) 896-7858

LOCATION: 229 Chatuge Way, Hiawassee, GA 30546

PHONE: 706-745-9417

LOCATION: 346 Deep South Farm Road, Suite A, Blairsville, GA 30512

WEBSITE: www.northgeorgiafamilymedicine.com

Serendipity Clinic: Cash Pay Urgent & Direct Care

CONTACT: Dr. Kilee Smith, Board certified physician

PHONE: 706-970-1154

LOCATION: 620 Bell Creek Road, Suite B, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

HOURS: **By appointment**
Mondays 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Tuesdays 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Wednesdays 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Walk-ins will be worked in

SERVICES: Urgent and direct care, and also see infants and children. Do not file insurance claims, which means they can offer lower cost care than other facilities in the Hiawassee area.

WEBSITE: www.urgentcarehiawassee.com

King's Hometown Walk-In Clinic

PHONE: 706-400-2056

LOCATION: 214 Young Harris Street, Suite B, Blairsville, GA 30512

HOURS: Monday – Friday: 8 AM – 3:30 PM

WEBSITE: kingshometownwalkin.godaddysites.com

SERVICES: A locally owned and operated medical walk-in clinic. No appointment necessary

Synergy Health, Inc.

CONTACT:	Samuel “Le” Church, M.D., MPH contact@synergymd.org
PHONE:	706-896-0505 866-796-2502 (fax)
LOCATION:	85 Seasons Lane, Hiawassee, Georgia
HOURS:	8:00 AM-5:00 PM Monday-Friday
WEBSITE:	synergymd.org
SERVICES:	Primary Care, Women’s Health, Pediatrics, Adult Care, Health Care Billing Services, Wellness Services, Community Health, Practice Management Consulting. Most insurance policies welcome.

Union General Hospital Young Harris Clinic

PHONE:	706-439-6873, Fax 706-439-6874
LOCATION:	1155 Main street, Young Harris, Georgia
HOURS:	Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Closed daily 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
	Services include, but are not limited to: Well adult visits, Sick visits (2 years & up), Physicals, Immunizations, Flu Shots

Union General Women’s Health

PHONE:	706-835-2222, Fax 706-835-2221
CONTACT:	Cheryl L Buchwalter MD, FACOG Janet Wilkins, DNP, WHNP-BC Cindy Mercer, MD Benjamin Harris, MD Kimberly Denton, MD
LOCATION:	19 Doctor’s Way, Blairsville, Georgia 30512
HOURS:	Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Closed daily 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
PHONE:	706-745-9220

LOCATION: 77 Weaver Road, Suite A, Blairsville, Georgia 30512

SERVICES: Routine and High Risk Obstetrics, Infertility Treatment, Advanced Gynecologic Surgery, Menopausal Care, Annual Exams, Urinary Incontinence Treatment, Laparoscopic Hysterectomy, Endometrial Ablation, Cervical Cancer Vaccination, 3D-4D Ultrasound

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

PHONE: 770-536-2235 / 1-800-829-1040

LOCATION: UGA Hall County Extension, 734 E. Cresent Drive, Gainesville, GA 30501

HOURS: Monday-Friday 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Call for appointment times

SERVICES: Assists taxpayers in filling out IRS returns, auditing of tax returns and collecting delinquent taxes.

WEB SITE: www.irs.gov/ *or* Georgia Department of Revenue: www.dor.georgia.gov

MEDICAID/GEORGIA HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

PHONE: 404-657-5468; 877-423-4746

WEBSITE: www.medicaid.georgia.gov

HOURS: Monday – Friday: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

MOUNTAIN EDUCATION CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

CONTACT: Campus Principals – Brandon Bradburn and Jennifer Ludlum

PHONE: 706-745-9575, Fax 706-745-3588

LOCATION: 218 School Street, Blairsville, Georgia 30512

HOURS: 4:00 PM – 9:30 PM Monday-Thursday
Summer: 4:00 PM-8:00 PM

PURPOSE: An individualized, self-paced, accredited evening high school for students who have not completed high school. All coursework is based on mastery learning and is facilitated by accredited teachers.

FEES: None if enrolled only in Mountain Education Charter High School. For students enrolled jointly in Mountain Education Charter High School and a regular day school: one-half unit is $75. One unit (block) is $150.

WEBSITE: www.mymec.org

MOUNTAIN REGIONAL LIBRARY

CONTACT: Heath Lee, Director

EMAIL: director@mountainlibrary.com

LOCATION: 698 Miller Street, Young Harris, Georgia 30582

PHONE: 706-379-3732; fax: 706-379-2047

HOURS: Monday – Friday: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

SERVICES:

Books in print
E-books
CD's
Audio books
DVD's
Computer classes
Fax services
Workshops
Test proctoring
Reference services
Chromebooks/Chrome boxes
Inter-library loans
Photo copies
Printing from computers
Laminating
Notary service
Tax forms
Services for the visually impaired
The use of computers and the internet
Children's summer reading program
Wireless internet access
Used book store

WEBSITES: mountainlibrary.com

NEW HOPE COUNSELING

CONTACT: Troy Beaver

LOCATION: 76 Hunt Martin Street, Blairsville, Georgia

PHONE: 706-745-4066, Fax 706-745-0668

SERVICES: Provides an outpatient program for the treatment of addictive diseases, domestic violence, and related personal mental behavior concerns. Their goal is to facilitate growth and change for those desiring it, and a place to gain self-acceptance.
*Clinical Evaluations
*Level 1 Treatment for DUI's
*Alcohol and Drug Evaluations and Education classes

*Anger Management Evaluations and Classes
*Family Violence Intervention Program Provider (State Certified)
*Individual Counseling
*Urine Drug Screening
*Pretrial Recommendations
Victim Impact
Monthly Update Reports to Referral Sources

WALK-IN'S WELCOME

HOURS: Monday: 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Tuesday: 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Thursday: by appointment only

FEES: Sliding scale fees

EMAIL: tbnewhope@yahoo.com

WEBSITE: http://www.newhopecounselingofblairsville.com

Ninth District Opportunity, Inc.

ADDRESS: 308 Spring ST. SE, Gainesville, GA 30501

PHONE: 770-532-3191 / Fax: 770-534-0548
1-800-822-0179

WEBSITE: www.ndo.org

HOURS: Monday-Friday 9:00 – 4:00 / Lunch 12:00 – 1:00

SERVICES: The following services are provided by the agency pending on availability of funds and client qualification. Target population includes; homeless, families with young children, individuals with HIV, elderly, disabled. All individuals must meet the income eligibility guidelines as set forth by the funding source (125% - 200% poverty)

- **Case Management** – Assessment, counseling and family enrichment services, individualized case plans, enrollment in special community projects, coordination of clothing, furniture, and other personal care items
- **Employment Services –** Job readiness training/ referral/ placement, assistance with obtaining child support and other resource benefits
- **Budget Counseling and Development** – Counseling/referral to credit counseling services, individualized budgeting
- **Housing Assistance** – Housing stabilization and eviction prevention, rapid rehousing, hotel/motel vouchers, Housing Assistance for People With AIDS (HOPWA)
- **Weatherization** – Provides greater energy efficiency and safer homes
- **Nutrition Assistance** – Food assistance and special feeding initiatives
- **Energy Assistance** – Direct payments to client's utility providers to offset the high cost of heating and air

NDO COMMUNITY SERVICES FIELD OFFICE SITES

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NORTH GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

WEBSITE: www.northgatech.edu

LOCATIONS: Clarkesville Campus (Main Campus)
PO Box 65, 1500 Hwy. 197 N, Clarkesville, GA 30523
706-754-7700

Blairsville Campus
121 Meeks Avenue, Blairsville, GA 30512
706-439-6300 / Fax: 706-439-6301

Currahee Campus
9238 Hwy 17 S, Toccoa, GA 30577
706-779-8100

SERVICES: North Georgia Technical College uses the ASSET Placement Test to identify academic skills and needs. The test includes sections on reading comprehension, writing skills, and basic math. Algebra is required for some programs. Applicants without a high school diploma or a GED Certificate are required to demonstrate an "Ability to Benefit" by making designated scores on the ASSET Placement Test in order to receive federal financial aid. In lieu of ASSET, the SAT, ACT, or CPE scores may be used if less than five years old. Postsecondary level Math and/or English with a grade of C or better may be used in lieu of the ASSET. Applicants who have a disability and need special testing accommodations should contact the Director of Special Services at 706-754-7729 to make arrangements.

NORTHEAST GEORGIA SPEECH CENTER

CONTACT: Clinical Director: Tae Richmond

PHONE: 770-534-5141

EMAIL: office@negasc.com

WEBSITE: www.negasc.com

ADDRESS: 604 Washington Street Northwest, Suite B2
(P.O. Box 1482) Gainesville, Georgia 30501

HOURS: Monday: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Tuesday – Thursday: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Friday – 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

SERVICES: **Speech and Language:** Speech program for children and adults includes evaluation and treatment for speech problems of all types: stuttering, articulation, delayed speech and language, speech problems resulting from cleft palate, cerebral palsy and hearing loss, voice problems, aphasia (language problems resulting from strokes or accidents), laryngectomies

(people with no larynx or vocal cords), various lingual deformities, including absence of tongue.
Hearing: The hearing program includes routine hearing screenings using up-to-date technical equipment, lip-reading and auditory training for deaf and hard of hearing.

ELIGIBILITY: Any child or adult having or suspected of having a speech, Language, or hearing problem. Center serves people of Hall County and surrounding counties. Acceptance is dependent upon the severity of the problem, ability to learn, desire to improve and the willingness of the family to cooperate, as well as the availability of clinic time.

FEES: The Center is a nonprofit organization founded by the Junior Service League of Gainesville. Where fees cannot be paid in full, each person will be requested to pay that portion of the full fee that he/she can, according to the Center's sliding scale. Those persons eligible for third party payments should make approximate inquires or contact the Center. Medicaid and Medicare payment is acceptable.

PARENT TO PARENT OF GEORGIA, INC.
TOWNS/UNION COUNTY NAVIGATOR TEAM

CONTACT: Debra S. Tucker, Chief Executive Officer

PHONE: 1-800-229 -2038/770-451-5484/Fax 770-458-4091

ADDRESS: 3070 Presidential Parkway, Suite 130, Atlanta, Georgia 30340

HOURS: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Monday – Friday

SERVICES: To provide support and information to parents of children with all types of disability or chronic illness. Services include:
*Special training for parents who wish to offer support to others
* Information about specific disabilities and conditions.
*Current listing of local, state, and national resources and services.

WEB SITE: www.p2pga.org/

S.A.F.E. (SUPPORT IN ABUSIVE FAMILY EMERGENCIES)
FAMILY VIOLENCE SHELTER

PHONE: 706-379-1901/ Fax 706-379-1910
Crisis Hotline: 706-379-3000
Visitation and Family Support Center (706) 835-1637
Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-334-2836

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

SERVICES: For women who are battered or abused. SAFE offers support

groups, referral to other agencies, legal and advocate services, children's programs, and crisis intervention.

FEES: None

EMAIL: info@safeservices.org

WEBSITE: https://safeservices.org

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE

PHONE:
Toll Free: 1-800-772-1213

LOCATIONS: 2565 Thompson Bridge Road, NE, Suite 210, Gainesville, Georgia 30501
866-331-2309; Fax – 833-950-2862
TTY – 770-531-0263

155 Big A Road, Toccoa, Georgia 30577
877-405-7655; Fax – 833-950-3455
TTY: 706-886-6411

HOURS: Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m-4:00 pm
Except Federal Holidays

SERVICES: To pay Supplemental Security income to those entitled, and assist persons in claiming Medicare benefits. To furnish information regarding the above program and furnish assistance in filing claims for any of the above benefits. To assist in administering all programs under the Social Security Act as a representative of the United States Department of Health and Human Services and furnish assistance, counsel and referral services in all areas of human need and problems insofar as possible and practicable. To assist in securing Social Security numbers.

ELIGIBILITY: **Regular Social Security:** Benefits require certain amount of employment covered by Social Security Law. Requirement for Medicare: Age 65, or entitled to Social Security disability benefits for more than 24 months. Special Medicare benefits possible for persons with severe kidney disease.
Supplemental Income Benefits: Age 65 or over, blind or disabled and have very limited income and resources.

WEB SITE: www.ssa.gov/

STATE AID FOR CANCER

CONTACT: Local Department of Family and Children Services

PHONE: 706-896-3524 (Towns) or 404-463-5111

WEBSITE: www.dph.georgia.gov/cancer-aid

SERVICES: Provides financial assistance for the medical care of low-income patients requiring diagnostic and/or treatment services for cancer.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must meet income criteria along with a referral from the patient's physician.

TOWNS COUNTY BOY SCOUTS, CUBS, AND TIGER CUBS

CONTACT: Michael Turner, Chattahoochee Sr. District Executive

PHONE: 706-693-2446, ext. 116

PURPOSE: To provide for boys and young adults an effective educational program designed to train in the responsibilities of useful citizenship and to provide for growth in moral strength and character and to enhance the development of physical, mental and emotional fitness.

ELIGIBILITY:
Lion Cubs: Kindergarten
Tiger Cubs: Boys in first grade. Program calls for equal participation with the boy and an adult partner.
Bob Cat Rank: In the first grade
Wolf Rank: In the second grade
Bear Rank: In the third grade
Webelos Rank: In the fourth and fifth grade
Boy Scouts: through 20 years of age
Venturing and Exploring for **Girls** age 14-20

WEB SITE: www.scouting.org and www.nega-bsa.org/

TOWNS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

PHONE: 706-896-4966/800-984-1543/Fax 706-896-5441

EMAIL: lcchamberpres@gmail.com

ADDRESS: 1411 Jack Dayton Circle, Young Harris, Georgia 30582

SERVICES: Works for interests of county business. Information available on food, lodging, real estate and business. Community Calendar of activities and tourist information is available.

HOURS: Monday – Friday: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

WEB SITE: www.golakechatuge.com

TOWNS COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

CONTACT: Teresa Stephens

PHONE: 706-896-4783, 706-896-0040 / Fax 706-896-4790

EMAIL: towns@ndocsbg.org

LOCATION: 1294 Jack Dayton Circle, Young Harris, Georgia

HOURS: Food Distribution Days are every other Wednesday 2:00 PM-5:00 PM
Emergency food distributions are Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and other times by appointment.
The office is closed when school is closed due to inclement weather and food distribution will resume on the next distribution date.

TOWNS COUNTY HEAD START/GEORGIA PRE-K

CONTACT: TJ Cabe, Center Director

LOCATION: Towns County Elementary School
1150 Konahetah Road, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

PHONE: 706-896-4131, option 4 / Fax 706-896-1959

Ninth District Opportunity, Inc., Towns County Head Start/Georgia Pre-K is a pre-school program that is accredited by NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children), Quality Rated and State Day Care licensed. Ninth District Opportunity, Inc. is a National Head Start Association Program of Excellence. Head Start/Georgia Pre-K also serves children with disabilities. Service is provided for all children who qualify, regardless of race, sex, national origin or religion.

HEAD START SERVICES:

- Head Start assists three and four year old children in building the confidence and skills they need to succeed in school and to become leaders and productive citizens of the future.
- Provides experiences for children that are vital to achieving our nation's first education goal-that all children enter school ready to learn. Provides children with an environment which is conducive to learning and encourages curiosity, exploration, problem solving and self-expression.
- Assists parents in securing immunizations, regular medical and dental screenings and follow-up services for their child.
- Assists children in developing a positive self-image by providing many opportunities for success and promoting good health and nutrition. Provides breakfast and lunch daily.
- Provides children with developmentally appropriate educational experiences and activities to meet the individual needs of the child.
- Provides opportunities for parents to acquire the necessary skills for them to become strong partners in their child's growth, development and learning experiences.

- ❖ Provides opportunities for parents to participate in the decision-making process.
- ❖ Provides opportunities through collaborative efforts, for community agencies, community leaders and parents of enrolled children to develop partnerships in order to meet the needs of individuals.
- ❖ Provides for a successful transition into the Head Start program and into kindergarten and/or into the next educational setting.

FEES: There are no fees for a child to enter the Head Start Program/Georgia Pre-K Program. Head Start is federally funded. The Georgia Pre-K Program is state funded.

AGE ELIGIBILITY: Head Start children must be three or four years old on or before: September 1 of the current school year.

MISSION STATEMENT: To advocate for families in need and to promote access to opportunities which will facilitate movement towards self development, self-reliance and self-determination.

GEORGIA PRE-K SERVICES:

- ❖ Georgia's Pre-K Program provides appropriate activities and learning experiences that help prepare young children for school. The term *school readiness* means that children are socially, emotionally, physically, and cognitively prepared for continued success in kindergarten.
- ❖ Georgia's Pre-K Program helps children become independent, self-confident, enthusiastic learners. Participation in the program encourages children to develop good habits and daily routines.
- ❖ Georgia's Pre-K Program encourages teachers to adopt child-centered instructional practices based on the interests and the development skill levels of each child. Child-centered instruction allows teachers to facilitate learning in a rich environment that fosters children's initiative, exploration, and collaborative interaction with peers and adults.
- ❖ Georgia's Pre-K Program helps to ensure a smooth transition to kindergarten. Children with special needs will be referred to the proper agencies for access to and coordination of health and other services. Families are also provided with information and assisted in gathering required documentation necessary for their child's enrollment in kindergarten.
- ❖ Georgia's Pre-K Program serves children who are residents of Georgia and that are four years old by September 1 of the current school year to be eligible for participation. Acceptable proof of age must be on file the day the child begins the Pre-K Program.

TOWNS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

CONTACT: Christiana Chinkhan – Office Manager
Lisa Burks, RN, RRT

TELEPHONE: 706-896-2265/Fax 706-896-1816

ADDRESS: 1104 Jack Dayton Circle, Young Harris, Georgia 30582

HOURS: 8:00 AM-12:30 PM / 1:00-5:00 PM (Mon., Wed., Thurs.)
8:00 AM-12:00 PM / 1:00-7:00 PM (Tuesday)
8:00 AM-12:00 PM (Friday)

SERVICES: Immunizations, Child Health Screenings, Dental Care for children who meet income guidelines, Prenatal Care, Family Planning, Adult Health, Blood Pressure Screening, Minor First Aid, Routine Lab Work, Children's Medical Services Medicaid and Non-Medicaid Child Health Program, WIC Program, Mental Health, Vocational Rehabilitation, TB and Diabetes Screening, Environmental Health Services, AIDS Testing.

WEBSITE: www.phdistrict2.org/towns-county-health-department/

TOWNS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

CONTACT: Jessica Tibbetts, Branch Manager

LOCATION: 99 S. Berrong Street, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

PHONE: 706-896-6169 Fax: 706-896-2309

WEBSITE: library@mountainregionallibrary.org

HOURS: Tuesday – Friday: 10 AM-6:00 PM

SERVICES:

- DVD's
- CD's
- Photocopies (Black/white)
- Fax services
- Tax forms
- Children's vacation reading program
- Used bookstore
- Audiobooks
- Wireless internet access
- Printing from computers
- Laminating
- Notary services
- Test proctoring
- Chrome boxes and Chromebooks

TOWNS COUNTY LIONS CLUB

CONTACT: Danny Meeks, President

PHONE: 706-896-4191

MEETINGS: Anderson Music Hall, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546, 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 6:00 PM

SERVICES: Eye examinations and glasses for local, needy applicants, hearing aids for those unable to provide for themselves. Infant restraining car seats for needy babies.

Give A Christmas Program provides toys and clothing for needy children

Star Student and Honor Student Programs

Natural Resource Conservation Workshop for local high school students

WEBSITE: www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/townscounty/

TOWNS COUNTY RECREATION AND COMMUNITY CENTER

CONTACT: Stuart Nichols

EMAIL: tcrecreation2600@gmail.com

WEBSITE: http://www.townscountyrec.com

PHONE: 706-896-2600

ADDRESS: 150 Foster Park Road, Young Harris, just off Mining Gap Trail

HOURS: Monday – Friday: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

SERVICES: A state-of-the-art center with modern amenities: workout room, walking track, basketball courts, pickle ball courts, and a community room with kitchen area.

FEES: Registration and fees are based on activity.

TOWNS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Elementary School

PRINCIPAL: Dr. Crystal Beach ASST. PRINCIPAL: Candice Thompson

LOCATION: 1150 Konahetah Road, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

PHONE: 706-896-4131

Middle School

PRINCIPAL: Dr. James Epps

LOCATION: 1400 U.S. Highway 76 East, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

PHONE: 706-896-4131

High School

PRINCIPAL: Bryan Thomason ASST. PRINCIPAL TBD

LOCATION: 1400 U.S. Highway 76 East, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

PHONE: 706-896-4131

Special Education Department

CONTACT: Michelle Pyrlik, Director

PHONE: 706-896-4131, Extension 1050

Board Of Education

SUPERINTENDENT: Dr. Darren Berrong

LOCATION: 67 Lakeview Circle, Suite C, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

PHONE: 706-896-2279

Mckinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

McKinney-Vento is the primary piece of federal legislation dealing with the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness in U.S. public schools. It was reauthorized as Title X, Part C, of the No Child Left Behind Act in January 2002.

CONTACT: Erica Chastain

LOCATION: 1400 U.S. Highway 76 East, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

PHONE: 706-896-4131, ext. 1134

WEBSITE: www.gadoe.org

TOWNS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

PHONE: 706-896-4372; fax: 706-896-7350

WEBSITE: townswater.com

ADDRESS: 1224 Jack Dayton Circle, P.O. Box 8, Young Harris, Georgia 30582

SERVICES: Public Water Service

HOURS: Monday – Friday: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

CONTACT: Traci Vaught, State Director

PHONE: 706-546-2162, Fax 855-452-0956
Toll Free: 1-800-338-5975
TDD: 706-546-2034

HOURS: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM Monday – Friday

ADDRESS: 355 E. Hancock Avenue, Athens, Georgia 30601

SERVICES: Provides very low income to moderate income housing loans, grants, and repair loans.

ELIGIBILITY: Income eligibility and credit approval.

WEB SITE: www.rd.usda.gov/ga

YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE

PHONE: 706-379-3111 / 800-241-3754

ADDRESS: 1 College Street, Young Harris, Georgia 30582

Divisions and Programs:

Division of Education
Division of Fine Arts
Division of Humanities
Division of Mathematics & Science and Technology
Division of Professional Studies
Division of Social & Behavioral Sciences
Interdisciplinary Programs
Pre-Professional Programs

ACTIVITIES: Planetarium, Speakers, Musical Programs, Children's Plays.

WEBSITE: www.yhc.edu

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206 Washington St. SW
Atlanta, GA 30334
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240 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334
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214 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334
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www.sos.ga.gov

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40 Capitol Square SW
Atlanta, GA 30334
404-458-3600 / Fax: 404-657-8733
www.law.georgia.gov

State School Superintendent, Richard Woods
205 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive SE
Atlanta, GA 30334
1-800-311-3627 / 404-656-2800 / Fax: 404-651-8737
www.doe.k12.ga.us

Commissioner of Agriculture, Tyler J. Harper
19 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW
Atlanta, GA 30334
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Tyler.harper@agr.georgia.gov

President Donald Trump
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.20500
202-456-1414/Fax 202-456-2461
www.wh.gov

PHONE NUMBERS AND WEB SITES

ABUSE

404-815-5261 Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault www.gnesa.org
855-427-2736 Parents Anonymous Hotline www.parentsanonymous.org

ADHD

631-369-9340 The Feingold Association of the U.S. www.feingold.org

ADOPTION

215-735-9988 National Adoption Center www.adopt.org

AIDS

800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) Centers for Disease Control & Prevention www.cdc.gov/hiv

1-800-442-0440 Department of Health and Human Services AIDS/HIV hivinfo.nih.gov

800232-4636 National Sexually Transmitted Diseases Hotline www.ashastd.org

ALCOHOLISM

770-219-3800 Laurelwood Alcohol and Drug Treatment Facility
800-848-3649 www.nghs.com/behavioral-health/laurelwood

667-262-2869 National Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence, Inc. www.ncaddnational.org

877-873-4221 Hopelinks www.hopelinks.net

ANEMIA

212-279-8090 Cooley's Anemia Foundation www.cooleysanemia.org

ASTHMA/ALLERGY

8007ASTHMA Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America www.aafa.org
800-727-8462

BLINDNESS/VISION

800-683-5555 Foundation Fighting Blindness www.fightingblindness.org
800-424-8666 American Council of the Blind www.acb.org
212-502-7600 American Foundation for the Blind www.afb.org
323-664-2153 Blind Children's Center www.blindchildrenscenter.org
603-903-5855 National Organization of Parents of Blind Children www.nopbc.org
877-887-6327 Eye Care America-Online Referral Center aao.org/eyecare-america/patients
888-657-7323 National Library Services for the Blind and the Physically Handicapped www.loc.gov/nls

CANCER

855-858-2226 American Childhood Cancer Organization www.acco.org
770-96-9474 Make a Wish Foundation www.wish.org

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

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
800-526-7234 Job Accommodation Network (JAN) www.askjan.org
212-502-7600 Job Opportunities for the Blind www.afb.org/research-and-initiatives/employment

CAREER COUNSELING
918-663-7060 National Career Development Association www.nda.org

CEREBRAL PALSY
800-872-5827 United Cerebral Palsy www.ucp.org

CHILDREN/YOUTH
888-789-8835 Caring Hospice Institute www.chionline.org

845-331-4336 National Association for the Dually Diagnosed www.thenadd.org

CLEFT PALATE
919-933-9044 American Cleft Palate Craniofacial Association www.acpacares.org

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS/SPEECH
800-638-8255 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association www.asha.org

800-221-2483 National Stuttering Association www.westutter.org
800-992-9392 Stuttering Foundation of America www.stutteringhelp.org

CRIME
800-VICTIMS National Center for Victims of Crime www.victimsofcrime.org

CYSTIC FIBROISIS
800-344-4823 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation www.cff.org

DEAFNESS / HEARING IMPAIRMENTS
800-237-6213 Described and Captioned Media Program www.dcmp.org
864-585-1778
213-748-5481 John Tracy Clinic on Deafness www.jtc.org
800-521-5247 Hearing Aid Helpline www.ihsinfo.org/consumers/healring-health
800-222-EARS Occupational Hearing Services (Dial A Hearing Test)
800-638-8255 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)
Hearing and Speech Hotline open M-F 8:30-5:00
www.asha.org

DIABETES
800-533-2873 Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Hotline www.breakthrought1d.org

DISEASES
800-543-3135 Hope Rises International www.hoperises.org
800-345-4372 Huntington's Disease Society of America www.hdsa.org
800-558-0121 Lupus Foundation of America www.lupus.org

800-344-4867 National Multiple Sclerosis Society www.nmss.org
800-683-5555 Foundation Fighting Blindness www.fightingblindness.org
800-473-4636 National Parkinson Foundation www.parkinson.org
800-421-8453 Sickle Cell Disease Association of America www.sicklecelldisease.org
800-621-3141 Spina Bifida Association of America www.spinabifidassociation.org

DOWN SYNDROME
800-232-6372 National Down Syndrome Congress www.ndsccenter.org
800-221-4602 National Down Syndrome Society www.ndss.org

DRUG/ALCOHOL INFORMATION
888-425-2666 Al-Anon/Alateen www.al-anon.org
800-559-9503 *or* Addiction Treatment Center www.addictiontreatmentcenter.com
988 Addiction Hotline for Georgia
800-258-2766 "Just Say No" International www.justsayno.org
800-622-2255 National Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence, Inc. www.ncaddnational.org
877-726-4727 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration www.samhsa.gov

EDUCATION
800-946-9433 Georgia GED Testing Program www.tcsg.edu

EPILEPSY
800-332-1000 Epilepsy Foundation of America www.epilepsy.com

EQUIPMENT
866-241-6568 AT&T's National Center for Customers with Disabilities (NCCD) www.wireless.att.com
888-584-8332 National Audiovisual Center https://classic.ntis.gov/products/nac

FINANCIAL AID
800-638-0742 Federal Hill-Burton Free Care Program www.hrsa.gov/get-health-care/affordable/hill-burton/index.html
800-537-2329 Georgia Advocacy Office www.thegao.org

GENERAL INFORMATION
312-642-9130 American Burn Association www.ameriburn.org
800-245-2691 HUD User www.huduser.org
800-221-6827 National Easter Seal Society www.easterseals.com
800-772-1213 Social Security Administration www.ssa.gov
888-866-8773 Visiting Nurse Association of America www.vnaa.org

GROWTH DISORDERS
800-451-6434 Human Growth Foundation www.hgfound.org

HEADACHES
888-643-5552 National Headache Foundation www.headaches.org

HEALTH INFORMATION
800-336-4797 National Health Information Center www.health.gov/nhic

HOSPICE
800-658-8898 National Hospice Organization www.nhpco.org

IMMUNOLOGY
414-272-6071 American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology www.aaaai.org

KIDNEY DISORDERS
800-638-8299 American Kidney Fund www.kidneyfund.org
800-622-9010 National Kidney Foundation of Georgia www.kidney.org

LEARNING DISABILITIES (DYSLEXIA)
410-296-0232 International Dyslexia Association www.dyslexiaida.org

LIVER DISORDERS
786-864-1100 American Liver Foundation www.liverfoundation.org

MAINSTREAMING INTO THE COMMUNITY
646-505-1191, Ext. 122 National Organization on Disability www.nod.org

MENTAL HEALTH
800-273-8255 Mental Health America www.mentalhealthamerica.net
800-374-2721 American Psychology Association www.apa.org
800-433-5255 The Arc www.thearc.org

MISSING CHILDREN
800-THE-LOST National Center for Missing and Exploited Children www.missingkids.com

NEUROLOGICAL IMPAIRMENT/PARALYSIS
718-803-3782 United Spinal Association https://unitedspinal.org
800-225-0292 Christopher Reeve Organization www.christopherreeve.org
800-643-5552 National Headache Foundation www.headaches.org

NUTRITION
800-284-9488 Gerber Products Company www.gerber.com
USDA Choose My Plate www.choosemyplate.gov

ORTHOPEDIC PROBLEMS
800-237-5055 International Shriners Headquarters www.shrinershq.org

PARENT INFORMATION
800-532-3208 Parents Anonymous – Questions for Parents www.parentsanonymous.org
800-637-7974 Parents without Partners www.parentswithoutpartners.org

PESTICIDES

800-858-7378	National Pesticide Information Center	www.npic.orst.edu

POISON CONTROL CENTER

800-222-1222	Georgia Poison Center	www.georgiapoisoncenter.org

PUBLIC SERVICE

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

RARE DISORDERS

800-223-8355	Cornelia deLange Syndrome Foundation	www.cdlsusa.org
800-233-7393	National Reye's syndrome Foundation	www.reyessyndrome.org
800-CAL-NTSA	Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance	www.tsalliance.org

REHABILITATION

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

RESPIRATORY DISEASE

877 CALL NJH	National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine	www.nationaljewish.org

NATIONAL RUNAWAY SWITCHBOARD

800RUNAWAY	National Runaway Safeline	www.1800runaway.org

SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (SIDS)

800-221-7437	First Candle/Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Alliance	www.firstcandle.org
239-431-5425	American SIDS Institute	www.sids.org
770-488-8167	National SIDS & Infant Death Project IMPACT	www.sidsprojectimpact.com

TOYS

800-638-2772	U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission	www.cpsc.gov

TRAUMA

800-556-7890	American Trauma Society	www.amtrauma.org
800-962-9629	National Spinal Cord Injury Association	www.spinalcord.org
800-444-6443	Brain Injury Association of Georgia	www.braininjurygeorgia.org
800-273-2876	Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation	www.gfbf.org
919-602-6023	Burn Survivor Resource Center	www.burnsurvivor.org
800-888-2876	The Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors, Inc.	www.phoenix-society.org

MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTANT

Cammie Neal is the Child Development Specialist
contracted by Ninth District Opportunity, Inc. to work with Towns and Union Counties Head Start Programs. The Child Development Specialist will come to the center and observe the classroom environment. She will meet with staff and parents to consult and provide referrals as needed. Cammie will also present workshops to parents and staff in positive discipline and guidance or any other requested areas.

Cammie currently lives in the North Georgia Mountains in Helen with her husband. She enjoys antiquing and reading. She has over 30 years in education, including teaching experience ranging from the elementary level to adult ESL and GED instruction. She has served as a school psychologist in multiple school systems with a focus on interventions (both behavioral and academic) and as a mental health coordinator. One of her favorite roles is consulting with teachers and parents to brainstorm strategies for students. Perhaps her best learning experience has been with her own four children who are now grown. More recently, she has been blessed with two grandchildren who help to keep her learning. She is excited about working with NDO in this role.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS



Emergency Medical Technicians (Ambulance)….911/706-896-6254

Fire Department……911/706-896-2090

Sheriff's Department……911
Administrative Offices……706-896-4444
Courthouse Office……..706-896-8343

Towns County Police Department……..706-896-2888

Chatuge Regional Hospital……..706-896-2222

Union General Hospital……706-745-2111

Poison Control……1-800-222-1222



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