

FRANKLIN COUNTY

COMMUNITY RESOURCE HANDBOOK

2015-2016

This Community Resource Handbook has been compiled to assist Franklin County families in gaining access to local and state information. This handbook provides support groups and agencies throughout the county and state that may provide needed support or services desired by individuals or families.

If the support or service you are seeking has not been listed in this resource book, please contact your Family Partner at the Franklin County Head Start/Pre-K office. If you are aware of services or agencies not listed in this resource book, please feel free to share that information so it may be listed in the future for other families.

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

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AGING

Affordable Dentures - Commerce

287 Stephen B. Tanger Blvd, Commerce, GA 30529
706-335-7728

Serves the general public. Provides an “economy” full set of dentures for \$225.00, payable in advance. Usually the dentures are ready the same day. Price does not include extractions. Office performs extractions and dentures/ partials only. Appointment not necessary for dentures. Does not accept insurance or Medicaid. Private pay only. Hours: Monday - Friday, 8am-5pm.

Alzheimer’s Association Chapter Office

41 Perimeter Center East Suite 550 Atlanta, GA 30346
404-728-1181
1-800-272-3900

www.alz.org

Provides information, support, and assistance on issues related to Alzheimer’s disease. Provides information on nearest chapter and on support groups.

Franklin County Senior Center

6885 Highway 145 Carnesville, GA 30521/ P.O. Box 462
706-384-2500

Most senior centers operate as a multipurpose center offering clothing, congregate meal services, outreach, visitation, telephone, reassurance, transportation to and from the senior center, shopping and doctor’s appointments, education, social, and recreation activities for older adults.

Life-Line

1225 Old Alpharetta Ste 260 Alpharetta, GA 30005
1-800-543-3546
Fax - 770-548-7695

An emergency response system offering immediate medical assistance to homebound individuals. Will accept Medicaid (after application has been approved) for coverage of some of the bill. Serves the state of Georgia. Also accepts private pay with no restrictions.

Medicare Counseling

800-669-8387

Available on the fourth Thursday of each month from 10:00 – 11:00 am at the Franklin County Senior Center at 6885 Highway 145, Carnesville, GA 30521. Appointments are encouraged.

Social Security Administration

155 Big A Rd. N Toccoa, GA 30577
1-877-405-7655
1-800-772-1213

www.socialsecurity.gov

Information line providing both personal and automated telephone service, 24 hours a day. Services enable you to obtain new, or replacement Social Security cards, a record of your earnings, and an estimate of future benefits, proof of payments received from SS and /or SSI programs, retirement, and disability benefits, benefits for the spouse of a individual with

disabilities, retired or deceased worker, Medicare and Qualified Medicare Beneficiary programs, benefits for individuals with HIV infection, benefits for children with disabilities.

TCE Tax – Aide

706-356-8202

A volunteer program sponsored by AARP Foundation and the Internal Revenue Service Tax Counseling for the Elderly. Assists older taxpayers of low to moderate income who would otherwise try to complete their own tax returns because they feel they cannot afford professional tax assistance. Services are free and confidential. Sites are open weekly from February 1 through April 15. Located at the Lavonia Community Center on Poole Street.

Nursing Homes & Personal Care Homes

Abundant Living Personal Care Home

883 Roy Wood Rd, Comer, GA 30629

706-783-3542

Offering respite care, wheelchair access, and dementia unit. Transportation, special diets, medication monitoring, and social activities provided. Mostly females and some couples. Accept private pay, CCSP. Also offers sliding scale. Offering private and semiprivate rooms.

Care South

Northeast Georgia Health Services

Toccoa Office (Serves Franklin County)

602 Skyview Lane Toccoa, GA 30577

706-297-7159

Hartwell Office

180 Athens St. Hartwell, GA 30643

706-376-6130

Home health care services offer skilled medical and supportive care to homebound individuals in their own home. Services may include Nursing Services - administering injectable or intravenous medications, observing signs and symptoms of impending or potential health problems, patient or caregiver instructions, care and treatments, changing dressings, physical, speech and occupational therapies. Personal care and support services - bathing, transferring, ambulation, feeding and grooming. Nutrition guidance and medical supplies - durable medical equipment or oxygen. Alternative living arrangements or nursing home placement. Accepts Medicaid/Medicare, private insurance or pay. Offers a medical alert system service.

Cobb Center Apartments

Ty Cobb Health Care System

234 Turner St, Royston, GA 30662

706-245-4323 Jenny Vaughn, Cobb Memorial Hospital

Affordable apartment for person over 62 years of age, rent is based on income and includes utilities. Two apartments are wheelchair accessible.

The Gables @ Cobb Village

12 Cobb Village Dr, Royston, GA 30662

706-246-1790 - Joyce Bryant

Provides assisted daily living, respite care if space permits, and wheelchair access. Provides transportation, special diets, medication monitoring, housekeeping, laundry, beauty shop and social activities. Allows personal furniture. No pets. Designed outdoor smoking area. Accepts men, women, and couples. Private pay only. Capacity 48.

Ty Cobb Healthcare Systems - Brown Memorial Convalescent Center

577 Franklin Springs St / PO Box 589 Royston, GA 30622

706-245-1902

Long term care, skilled nursing facility. Offers rehabilitative therapies, i.e., hospice, and ventilator care. Accepts dementia patients. Capacity: 144. Accepts Medicaid, Medicare, private pay, and private insurance.

Ty Cobb Healthcare Systems - Cobb Terrace Personal Care Center

577 Franklin Springs Street
PO Box 589 Royston, GA 30662
706-245-1335
Fax - 706-245-1245

Provides assisted daily living, respite care if space permits, and wheelchair access. Accepts Alzheimer's clients (early stages). Provides transportation, special diets, medication monitoring, housekeeping, laundry, beauty shop and social activities. Allows personal furniture. No pets. Designated outdoor smoking area. Accepts men, women and couples. Private pay only. Capacity 18.

Vickery Place Personal Care Home

5410 Vickery Street, Lavonia, GA 30553
706-356-5551

www.vickeryplacepch.com

Personalized senior care with fun, social activities planned, home-cooked meals and housekeeping services included.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children with Special Needs

Babies Can't Wait / Children First / Children's Medical Services/High Risk Infants

Department of Human Resources, District 2

1856-103 Thompson Bridge Rd, Gainesville, GA 30501

770-535-6907

1-800-204-8731

Babies Can't Wait: A statewide early intervention program that serves children birth - 3 years, who have developmental delays or disabilities and their families, regardless of income. Services are available to anyone who has had a diagnosed condition that could cause a delay in normal development. A comprehensive evaluation determines specific services needed for children and their families. Family counseling, home visits and assistance in obtaining medical care, and therapy is available.

Children First: Serving children with environmental or medical risk. Provides in-home assessment and try to link families of any income level. Enrollment would involve monitoring progress of child age 4.

Children's Medical Services: Serves children with chronic health problems and / or developmental disabilities, including children on S.S.I and Medicaid, birth - 21 years. Children must be residents of Georgia and be income eligible. Outpatient clinics are provided such as: Attention Deficit & Hyperactivity Disorder support, orthopedic, neurological, hearing, plastic surgery, genetics, vision, chronic lung / cystic fibrosis, genitor - urinary meningococcal, cardiac, burn, neurosurgical, crania - facial, and amputee. Also provides medical / surgical care in hospitals or physicians' offices if indicated. Hearing aids, braces, special shoes, x-rays, lab tests, casts, CAT scans, PT / OT, and speech therapy can also be obtained.

Serves all counties in Health District 2, including Franklin County.

High Risk Infants (HRI): Serves as an initiative, focusing on children between the ages of birth and one year who have been identified as "at risk" either medically and/or developmentally. Infants with serious or severe socio-environmental risk conditions that have the potential to impact their physical health will also be served.

Community Connection of Northeast Georgia - Children

1695 Old West Broad St. Athens, GA 30606

706-353-1313 or 211

1-800-924-5085

Community Connection - Childcare Resource & Referral is provided for child care options including family home day care, child care centers, pre-kindergarten programs, summer camp listings and training for providers and parents in Northeast Georgia.

Day Care Centers

Bright Promises Center – Day Care

Lynn Kirk, Director

112 Floyd St, Royston, GA 30662

706-245-5782

Faith Christian Day Care- Day Care

Carol Hanley, Director
6475 Hwy. 145 Carnesville, GA 30521
706-384-5050

First Steps Learning Center - Day Care

Patty Pulliam, Director
61 Grizzle St, Royston, GA 305662
706-245-7170

Happy Dayz Child Care Learning Center – Day Care

Kristie Westbrook, Owner / Director
166 Bartson, St. Lavonia, GA 30553
706-356-9818

Little People Learning Center

Directors/Owners: Tonnie Merritt
5853 Vickery St, Lavonia, GA 30553
706-356-8803

Department of Family and Children Services

Contact: Mark Alridge, Director
Hull St, Carnesville, GA 30521
706-384-4521

Comprehensive Listing of Services:

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families:

Program provides financial and medical assistance to meet the basic needs of families and maintain children in their homes. Medicaid is an automatic benefit for TANF recipients. Eligibility: have children in the household less than 18 years of age and meet resource limits and the income limit, which is based on the Federal Poverty Level.

Food Stamps:

Provides monthly benefits in the form of food coupons to low income families to help pay for the cost of food. Eligibility: meet resource limits and income limit, which is based on the Federal Poverty Level.

TANF-Related Medical Services Program (ARM):

Provides programs through which financially needy individuals (pregnant women and or children under 18 years of age) may obtain medical assistance. Major Medicaid program is Right from the Start Medicaid (RMS), for pregnant women and or children born on or after 10/1/83. Eligibility: meet income limits (according to program), which are based on TANF or the Federal Poverty Level, meet resource limits which vary according to program

Other Medicaid:

Provides assistance to adults and children who need nursing home care or in-home care. Also serves the elderly, blind, and/or otherwise disabled individuals.

Foster Care Services: Temporary placement of children in approved agency facility, while working with birth parents to reunite family.

Child Protective Services:

Handles reports of suspected abuse, neglect, or sexual exploitation of children. The role of this agency is to assess families, identify risks, and provide services to alleviate maltreatment.

Adult Protective Service:

Handles report of suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult in a domestic setting, in a nursing home or personal care home.

Homemaker Services:

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

Subsidized Child Care:

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

Adoption:

The permanent legal transference of all parental rights and responsibilities to a non-biological party.

Shelter Services for Battered Women:

To make referrals for victims of domestic abuse to go to one of three shelters located within close proximity.

Emergency Energy Assistance:

To provide assistance in paying a past due utility bill, when cut off is imminent, if income guidelines are met. Available only once in a 12 month period.

Medicaid Transportation:

To assist Medicaid-eligible clients in finding providers to transport to medical appointments.

Medical Emergencies:

Limited assistance with prescriptions for income eligible individuals not covered by Medicaid, and who cannot pay for medicine.

Department of Juvenile Justice

Contact: Crystal Teasley
130 East Howell St, Harwell, GA 30643
706-856-2666

Formerly Franklin County Division of Children & Youth Serves. Provides juvenile delinquency crime prevention through family counseling, information and referral, advocacy, foster care and alternative programs. Also offers a program for sexual offenders.

Franklin County FERST Foundation for Childhood Literacy

P.O. Box 99
Carnesville, GA 30521
<https://www.facebook.com/franklinferst>

Local Community Action Team for the FERST Foundation, which is a public 501 (c) 3 non-profit with the mission to “provide books for local communities to prepare all Georgia preschool children for reading and learning success.” Children registered for the FERST Foundation literacy program receive an age-appropriate book mailed to them every month until their fifth birthday. Enrollment is birth through child’s fifth birthday.

Franklin County Recreation Department

557 Rocky Ford Road, Carnesville, GA 30521
706-384-7275

Located at Rocky Ford Park, it hosts fast-pitch and slow-pitch softball, youth football, soccer, cheerleading, basketball and other sports.

Georgia Baptist Children’s Home & Ministries

Atlanta Central Office - 2930 Flowers Rd, Atlanta, GA 30341-5532
770-451-3596

Services offered include campus residential care for children and youth, age 6-18 years, group home residential care located in other communities, emergency care for children of all ages that require immediate placement, foster care in a family environment, client family role clarification, and referrals to legal, employment, and financial aid resources, adoption services, family life education and enrichment services, residential maternity care for mothers to be, diagnostic assessments and Camp Hawkins, a residential camp for children and young adults with developmental disabilities. The Developmental Disabilities Ministry operates group homes to provide care for adult men and women with mental retardation.

Harmony House

228 Dovetown Rd. / P.O. Box 133 Royston, GA 30662
706-245-8700

harmonyhousecac@bellsouth.net

A child friendly facility designed to serve children who have been victims of abuse in the Northern Judicial Circuit of Georgia, which will utilize a multidisciplinary team approach to the investigation, prosecution, and treatment of abused children.

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Atlanta & North Georgia

1903 Powers Ferry Rd, Suite 150 Atlanta, GA 30339
770-916-9474

Dedicated to granting the wishes of children, ages 2-18 years, who suffer from life threatening illnesses.

Northeast Georgia Council Boy Scouts of America

PO Box 399 Jefferson, GA 30549

706-693-2446

1-800-699-8806

Serves Barrow, Elbert, Franklin, Jackson, Morgan, and Walton counties.

Northeast Georgia Girl Scouts Council

1276 Jesse Jewel Parkway #11 Gainesville, GA 30501

770-536-8656

1-800-300-4475

Provides leadership skills and growth for young women using the outdoors and other educational tools. Fees are full charge and sliding scale in some cases.

Northeast Georgia Health Services - Hand in Hand Hospice

2150 Limestone Hwy. Gainesville, GA 30501

706-886-7705 Toccoa Office

1-800-822-4892

Offers hospice services and Camp Heartmender, a camp for children, age 6-12 years, who have lost a loved one. Each child will be guided through a week of structured activities, art, music, and play by counselors trained in the area of bereavement care. The camp is free of charge and registration is limited to 30 children. Also offers "Braveheart", a camp for youth 13-17 years, who have experienced the death of a loved one. Each teenager will be guided through a weekend of structured activities, art, music, and bereavement care. The camp is free of charge and registration is limited to 20 teenagers. Serves Franklin County.

Northeast Regional Office Council on Child Abuse

1720 Peachtree St, NW Suite 600 Atlanta, GA 30309

404-870-6565

1-800-244-5373

Provides information on parenting classes, and child abuse prevention services including the First Steps Program in Franklin County.

Parent to Parent of Georgia, Inc.

2872 Woodcock Boulevard Atlanta, GA 30341

1-800-229-2038

Provides support and information to individuals with disabilities through a statewide database of information and referrals to local community resources. Services are free of charge. Parent to Parent also operates SHARE Exchange, which is an information and referral service for people who have developmental disabilities, their family members, and professionals assisting people with disabilities.

Peach Care for Kids

P.O. Box 2583 Atlanta, GA 30301-2583

1-877-427-3224 (1-877-GA-PEACH)

Fax - 630-964-4338

www.peachcare.org

Georgia's CHIP program. Provides health insurance similar to Medicaid for families who do not qualify for Medicaid and whose income is too low to allow them to purchase private insurance. Eligibility is based on income and family size.

Sexual Assault Center of Northeast Georgia

3019 Lexington Rd, Athens, GA 30605

706-353-1912 Crisis Line

Specially trained volunteer nurses conduct examinations for child survivors of sexual assault and rape, for the collection of forensic evidence. Examinations are at private locations. The program can also provide victims with clothing after the medical exam, crisis support for the child and his/her family, and assistance in finding shelter for the night. Also provides after care for child victims and their families who would like to talk about their feelings and experiences with a trained volunteer or staff person. Provides accompaniment and advocacy for victims and their families through medical, legal and court procedures and also offers Court School for victims who are preparing to testify.

Wee Care Pediatric Rehabilitation

Ty Cobb Health Care System

521 Franklin Springs St, Royston, GA 30662

706-245-1822

A complete team of pediatric physical therapists, pediatric speech therapists and pediatric occupational therapists provide outpatient rehabilitation to help children achieve maximum independence. Located in the Ridgeway Center (adjacent to the old Cobb Memorial Hospital).

CIVIC

Boy Scouts (local area troops)

Lavonia contacts: David Howell – 706-491-8881; George Garriss – 706-356-8376
Royston/Franklin Springs contact: 706-245-4124

Carnesville Woman's Club

Contact: Lavone Smith
706-245-9663

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, September to May, at 12:00pm at the Carnesville City Hall.

Franklin County AARP

President – Norm Gladish
706-356-4336

Meets on the first Monday of the month at Shoney's at 11 am.

Franklin County Association of Educators

Contact: Cheryl Hammock
706-356-5119

Meetings are held once or twice a year.

Franklin County BRIG-AIDS

Contact: Peggy Berryman
P.O. Box 312 Royston, GA 30662
706-245-8652

To provide ongoing AIDS, STD, and family information, programming from other youth (peer education) and adults to promote positive behavior change. Any minority youth from Franklin or adjoining counties are eligible.

Franklin County Chamber of Commerce

Aida Reynolds, Director
165 Athens St./P.O. Box 151
Carnesville, GA 30521
706-384-4659
Fax - 706-384-5112

Franklin County Cooperative Extension Service

Cole Building, Highway 145 Royston Rd.
P.O. Box 307 Carnesville, GA 30521
706-384-2843

Offers information, and educational classes on agribusiness, the environment, family finances, food, safety, nutrition, wellness, parenting classes, waste management, water quality, conservation, life skills, youth and 4-H programs.

Franklin County Junior League

Lisa Baskins, President – 706-246-0894

Rachael Howington – 706-384-3523

Meets at the Lavonia Community Center on the third Monday at 6:45 pm

Franklin County Parks

Tugaloo State Park

Gumlog Rd, Lavonia, GA 30553

706-356-4362

Victoria Bryant State Park

1105 Bryant Park Rd, Royston, GA 30662

706-245-6270

Franklin County Pilot Club chapters

Lavonia

706-356-8087

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Lavonia Community Center.

Royston/Franklin Springs

706-245-2614

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at Royston Baptist Church.

Franklin County Rotary Club

Meets every Tuesday at noon in the Joe A. Adams Professional Building, 461 Cook St., Royston.

Franklin County Young Farmers Association

Contact: Owen Thomason

706-384-4463

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. Call for meeting locations.

Lavonia Chamber of Commerce

1269 East Main Street, Lavonia

706-356-8202

Luncheon meeting every fourth Thursday of the month.

Lavonia Downtown Development Authority

706-356-8202

Meets on the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 at the Lavonia Welcome Center

Lavonia Friends of the Library

706-356-4307

Hosts book clubs, book sales, Workforce Development, Summer Reading programs, and Preschool Story Time.

Lavonia Garden Club

706-356-8202

Meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, September – May, at 2pm at the Lavonia Community Center.

Lavonia Historic Preservation

706-356-8202

Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 2 pm at the Depot.

Lavonia Quilt & Chat Guild

706-356-1562

Meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 10:00 am at Ola's Quilt Shop in downtown Lavonia.

Lavonia VFW # 5897 & Ladies Auxiliary

144 East Main Street, Lavonia, GA 30553

706-356-1781

Meets every third Thursday of the month at 7 pm.

Lavonia Welcome Neighbor

Contact: Allen Johnson

706-356-1411

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, from September to April, at 6:30 pm at the Lavonia Community Center on Poole Street.

Royston/Franklin Springs Lions Club

706-245-0591

Meets first and third Thursday each month at noon at the Roystonian Restaurant.

Tugaloo Arts Guild

Contact: Betty Jones

P.O. Box 329, Lavonia, GA 30553

706-356-1076

Meets every Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am at the Lavonia Community Center on Poole St.

Untitled Daughters of the Confederacy - Lavonia Chapter No 216

706-356-1502

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month, September to June, at 12:00 pm at Shoney's in Lavonia.

DISABILITIES

American Diabetes Association - Georgia Chapter

3 Corporate Square, Suite 120, Atlanta, GA 30329

404-320-7100 or 1-888-342-2383

Fax: 404-320-0025

www.Diabetes.org

Promotes the prevention and cure of diabetes and help to improve the life of any diabetes patient and their families.

Athens Area Alcoholics Anonymous

P.O. Box 5641, Athens, GA 30601

706-543-0436 (answering service)

Answering service offers information on Alcoholics Anonymous, Alanon, Alateen, Narcotics Anonymous, Cocaine Anonymous, Overeaters Anonymous, and Gamblers Anonymous meeting times and locations. AA support group for individual recovery and fellowship. Alanon provides an opportunity for adult family members, loved ones and friends of alcoholics to come together. Alateen support group for teenagers and young people through age nineteen who have a parent, sibling or loved one who is an alcoholic, or recovering alcoholic. Serves Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Franklin, Greene, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe and Walton counties.

Babies Can't Wait/Children First/Children's Medical Services/High Risk Infants

For more information, please see page 12.

Canine Assistants

3160 Francis Road, Alpharetta, GA 3004

770-644-7178 - Judy Moore Padgett

1-800-771-7221

Fax - 770-664-7820

www.canineassistants.org

Rescues and trains service dogs to assist children and adults who have physical disabilities. Offers educational programs on the service animals and on people with disabilities. Services are free of charge.

Community Developmental Services

770-531-6570

P.O. Box 1317, Gainesville, GA 30503

Offers services to children and adults with developmental disabilities. Services include day services-rehabilitation, work activities, and supported employment. Residential services offers assistance with independent living and respite care. Clinical services include social work, behavior management, and psychological services. Coordination and referrals to other agencies is also available. Serves Franklin County.

Extra Special People, Inc.

189 VFW Drive / P.O. Box 615, Watkinsville, GA 30677
706-769-9333
Fax - 706-546-0002

Programs of leisure activities and education are offered to children and young adults with developmental disabilities and to their families. Offers a summer day camp for children, age 5 years and older, and year-round programming for children age birth and older. Also offers a one-week inclusion residential camping experience. Serves Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Franklin, Greene, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe, and Walton counties.

Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC)

4900 Lewis Rd, Stone Mountain, GA 30083
770-491-9014

Provides donated wheelchairs and equipment to individuals with disabilities for free. There is a waiting list. They will accept donated equipment. Hours are Monday – Friday, 9am - 5pm.

Georgia AIDS Information Line - AIDS Atlanta

1438 West Peachtree St, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30309
1-800-551-2728

Call for information on nearest AIDS health care facilities and support services in the caller's area.

Georgia Baptist Children's Homes & Ministries

For more information, please see page 15.

**Helen Keller National Center for the Deaf & Blind
Southeastern Regional Office**

1005 Virginia Avenue Suite 104, Atlanta, GA 30354
404-766-9625 - Voice
404-766-2820 - TTY
Fax: 404-766-3447
www.helenkeller.org

Provides consultation/technical assistance to state and local organizations and agencies, information & referral, client advocacy, in-service training and professional development.

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Atlanta & North Georgia

1903 Powers Ferry Rd, Suite 150, Atlanta, GA 30339
770-916-9474
Fax: 770-916-0222
www.wish.org

Dedicated to granting the wishes of children, ages 2-18 years old, who suffer from life threatening illnesses.

Parents Educating Parents

404-929-0401
PO Box 43663 Atlanta, GA 30336

A federally funded, statewide project of ARC Georgia. Established to provide parents with children with disabilities information and training on Public Law. It has grown and expanded to keep pace with changing laws, families' needs, and a changing society. Parents Educating Parents staff are also available to assist professionals, educators, doctors, and other service providers in their quest toward a better future for children with disabilities.

University of Georgia - Program on Human Development & Disabilities, a University Affiliated Program

850 College Station Rd,
Athens, GA 30605
706-542-3457

Program assists people with disabilities who want to work or do research in the area of disabilities. Some financial assistance may be available.

Vision Rehabilitation Services

3830 South Cobb Drive, Smyrna, GA 30080
770-432-7280
Fax-770-432-5457

Provides health services, counseling, social work services, self-help groups, basic educational services, rehabilitation service, recreational services, employment training and counseling, and computer training for individuals who are visually impaired, legally blind or totally blind. Accepts cash, check, Medicare. Service area: Cobb County and north to Tennessee, west to Alabama.

EDUCATION

Alpine Program

280 Busha Rd. Carnesville, GA 30521

706-384-7244

Alpine serves severely emotional disturbed, disordered children and their families. The program provides diagnostic services, developmental assessments, educational, psychological and/or psychiatric evaluations. Services are provided to the local school as well as parent services.

Athens Regional Library System - Franklin County Library

Lavonia Carnegie Library

28 Hartwell Rd. Lavonia, GA 30553

706-356-4307

Royston Library

684 Franklin Springs St, Royston, GA 30662

706-245-6748

Consumer Credit Counseling Service

100 Edgewood Ave, NE, Suite 1500 Atlanta, GA 30303

404-527-7630

1-800-251-2227

Provides free credit counseling for consumers and offers debt repayment plans. Telephone counseling available seven days a week and online counseling available at web site. Also, provide educational programs/seminars about budgeting and consumer credit and newsletters. *Client News*. Services are available at 11 branches throughout Georgia, including Athens. A Department of Housing & Urban Development certified counselor is available.

Franklin County Cooperative Extension Service

Cole Building, Hwy 145 / P.O. Box 307 Carnesville, GA 30521

706-384-2843

Offers information, and education classes on agribusiness, the environment, family finances, food, safety, nutrition, wellness, parenting classes, waste management, water quality, conservation, life skills, youth and 4-H programs.

Franklin County Head Start/Pre-K

Contact: Brooks C. Hogan, Center Director

84 Hartwell Rd / P.O. Box 519 Lavonia, GA 30553

706-356-3546

Fax 706-356-1516

Head Start is built upon the premise that all children share certain needs and that children of low income families in particular can benefit from a comprehensive program to meet those needs. The program provides services to meet their educational, social, nutritional, health, emotional, and psychological needs. It also provides medical and dental screenings for children who do not have a personal health/dental provider, as well as providing appropriate social services and referrals for the family. Both Head Start and Pre-K programs strive to develop the children's self-confidence and ability to relate to others, to increase their verbal and conceptual skills, and

promote healthy lifestyles through physical activity and proper nutrition. Breakfast and lunch are served; limited transportation from the Carnesville and Royston areas is provided by the Franklin County Board of Education. Head Start and Pre-K also serve children with disabilities. The Pre-K program has one classroom housed in the Carnesville Elementary-Primary School.

The Franklin County Learning Center

Step of Faith Outreach – Patsy Watkins
84 Hartwell Rd, Lavonia, Ga. 30553
706-491-3820 or 706-356-8486

Offers extended education programs, GED classes, ESL classes, after school tutoring, computer lab, workshops, parenting classes and baby massage classes. Call for more information.

Franklin County Schools

Lavonia Elementary - 706-356-8209 – Darrel McDowell – Principal
Royston Elementary - 706-245-9252 – David Gailer - Principal
Carnesville Elementary-Primary - 706-384-4523 – Susan Robertson - Principal
Carnesville Elementary-Intermediate - 706-384-7326 – Karen Correia – Assistant Principal
Franklin Co. Middle School - 706-384-4581 - Lucy Floyd - Principal
Franklin Co. High School - 706-384-4525 – Brad Roberts - Principal
Franklin Co. Board of Education - 706-384-4554 - Dr. Ruth O’Dell – Superintendent
www.franklin.k12.ga.us

Food Bank of Northeast Georgia

861 Newton Bridge Road/ P.O. Box 48857, Athens, GA 30604-8857
706-354-8191
Fax: 706-354-8666
Contact: Pam White

Solicits, receives, stores, and distributes surplus food and supplies to member nonprofit agencies to feed their clients. Hours of operation are Monday from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm and Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. The Brown Bag Program delivers supplemental food to income eligible home bound older adults and individuals with disabilities in Clarke County only. Supplements are available to other counties if they provide volunteers to deliver items. The Feed Program offers surplus food to all low income individuals, sites include Bethel Homes, Broad Acres, East Athens Satellite Office - every Wednesday, Nellie B, Rocksprings - every Monday at 2:00 pm and Emmanuel Holy Deliverance Church - first and third Tuesday each month. Food is distributed weekly at site community centers. Conducts nutrition workshops. Serves Banks, Barrow, Clarke, Franklin, Jackson, Madison, Oconee and Oglethorpe counties.

Genus Credit Management

1-888-818-5037
www.genus.org

A nonprofit community service organization offering confidential and professional credit counseling, debt management and financial education programs. Dedicated to providing free services that help financially distressed families and individuals effectively manage their personal finances.

HOPE Scholarship Program (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally)

2082 East Exchange Place, Suite 100, Tucker, GA 30084
404-414-3085 - Georgia Student Finance Commission
1-800-546-4673

www.hope.org

H.O.P.E. Scholarship Program - funded by the Georgia Lottery for Education, providing qualified students with financial assistance in degree, diploma or certificate programs at any eligible Georgia public or private college, university or technical fields. Eligible students may receive forgivable loans during their junior and senior years, in addition to the H.O.P.E. assistance they may already be receiving to complete their Baccalaureate Degree. H.O.P.E. Teacher Scholarship Program offers forgivable loans to teachers, school counselors and individuals seeking advanced degrees in critical fields of study. G.E.D. Vouchers - replacement vouchers are available to Georgians who received their G.E.D. after June 30, 1993.

Northeast Georgia Technical College

North Georgia Technical College
1500 HWY 197
Clarksville, GA 30523
Contact: Shelby Ward, Dean of Adult Education
Telephone: 706-754-7700, 706-754-7781

Local Contact:

Pamla Lawson
706-356-8486

Boyd-Outz Learning Center
84 Lavonia Highway

Classes held on Tuesdays/Thursdays: 8 am - 12:30 pm; and 4 - 8 pm.

Services: The North Georgia Technical College Adult Education program is designed for adults who have different needs, backgrounds, and skill levels. They provide a full range of services for adults who need to acquire or improve basic reading, math, and/or written communication skills in order to prepare them to enter and succeed in the workplace or postsecondary educational programs.

Adult education classes taught at NGTC are free of charge to adults 16 years and older. Instruction is available in basic skills, GED ® Test preparation, EL/Civics, English as a Second Language, and ASSET and Compass Test preparation. There is no charge for books or materials used in adult education classes.

Northeast Georgia TRIO Program - Northeast Georgia Education Opportunity Center

480 N. Thomas St, Athens, GA 30602-5550
404-894-8000
Fax - 706-369-5925

The Educational Opportunity Center encourages and assists mainly adults (and youth) to enroll in a post-secondary institution. Offers free G.E.D. Preparation classes from 9:00am - 12:00pm Monday - Thursday at Thomas Lay Park and the east Athens Community Center. Serves

Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Franklin, Greene, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe, and Walton counties.

Northeast Regional Office Georgia Council on Child Abuse

1720 Peachtree St. NW Suite 600, Atlanta, GA 30309

1-800-532-3208 - Atlanta

Fax - 706-548-2196

Provides information on parenting classes and child abuse prevention services including the first Steps Programs in Barrow, Elbert, Franklin, Greene, Jackson, Morgan, Newton, Walton, and Wilkes counties.

Piedmont Migrant Education Agency

Region 3 Migrant Program Office

Georgia Department of Education

1414 Twin Towers West, 205 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive SE,

Atlanta, GA 30334

Toll Free: (800) 648-0892

Alice Matthews, Region 3 Coordinator

<http://www.gadoe.org/School-Improvement/Federal-Programs/Pages/Migrant-Education-Program.aspx>

Area of Coverage: 75 School Districts in North Georgia

QUALIFICATIONS: A child is a “migratory child” and is eligible for MEP services if all of the following conditions are met: The child/youth is at least three years of age and not older than 21 years of age; *and* the child/youth is entitled to a free public education (through grade 12) under state law or is below age of compulsory school attendance; *and* the child/youth has a parent, spouse, or guardian who is a migratory agricultural worker or a migratory fisher (by GaDOE MEP definition); *and* the child/youth moved within the preceding 36 months in order to seek or obtain qualifying work, or to accompany or join the migratory agricultural worker or migratory fisher, in order to seek or obtain qualifying work; *and* the child/youth has moved from one school district to another in this process. The Georgia Department of Education determines program eligibility for children and youth in Georgia.

SERVICES: On a supplemental, as needed basis, when available, eligible migrant children/youth may receive school readiness or K-12 academic tutoring; post-secondary prep assistance; emergency medical, dental, vision, hearing services; and/or the opportunity to participate in local, state, and national summer programs. Migrant dropouts/out-of-school youth may be eligible for academic support: English language acquisition programs and/or GED/high school grad prep and testing. NOTE: All migrant students enrolled in Georgia’s Public Schools are eligible for free lunch.

Special Needs Intervention Programs (SNIP)

Contact: Dr. Tammy Foster, Director Special Services

706-384-4554

Teacher: Dr. Mimi Heath

706-356-1060

The classroom is located at Carnesville Elementary-Primary School. This program is designed to serve the special needs of three, four, and five year old children. To receive services, eligibility must be determined and an Individual Education Plan written. SNIP is a program which serves the following disabilities: Speech and Language Impairment, Mentally Handicapped, Emotional Behavioral Disordered, Visually Impaired, Learning Disabled, Orthopedically Disabled, and other health impairments. SNIP provides center-based, home-based and community-based and special education services. Types of services include speech and language, educational, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and support services for parents and all care providers.

Ty Cobb Museum

461 Cook Street, Royston, GA 30662

706-245-1826

Fax - 706-245-1831

www.tycobbmuseum.org

A nonprofit educational institution. Provides information about the life and career of Ty Cobb as well as information about baseball history during his era.

University of Georgia - Program on Human Development & Disabilities, a University Affiliated Program

850 College Station Rd, Athens, GA 30605

706-542-4845

706-542-3457

Fax - 706-542-4815

Program assists people with disabilities who want to work or do research in the area of disabilities. Some financial assistance may be available.

University of Georgia - Athens Area Business Outreach Service/Small Business Development Center

Chicopee Building, 1180 E. Broad St, Room 2033, Athens, GA 30602-5412

706-542-6776 or 706-542-7436

Fax - 706-542-6803

www.sbdc.uga.edu

Assists business owners with the operation and management of their business. Offers one-on-one consulting by appointment and programs on starting and managing a business. Services include Minority Business Enterprise - working to ensure minority business achieves and maintains a competitive advantage in the economic arena. Offers workshops, seminars, forums, and research. Serves Banks, Clarke, Elbert, Franklin, Greene, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Taliaferro, Walton, and Wilkes counties.

EMPLOYMENT

Community Developmental Services

Georgia Mountain Community Services

2318 Brown's Bridge Rd, Gainesville, GA 30503

678-207-1180

Offers services to children and adults with developmental disabilities. Services include day services - rehabilitation, work activities, and supported employment, Residential services - offers assistance with independent living and respite care. Clinical services - social work, behavior management and psychological services, Coordination and referrals to other agencies is also available. Serves Franklin County.

Department of Labor

112 N. Alexander St, Toccoa, GA 30577

706-282-4514

Offers employment training and testing services, unemployment insurance, Job Corps, veteran services, Job Information Search - J.I.S., job referrals/placement, labor market information, computers, and laser printers to create a resume and cover letters, out of area job search, relocation assistance, claimant assistance, and displaced workers program. Serves Franklin Co.

Division of Rehabilitation

530 Broad St, SE / P.O. Box 677 Gainesville, GA 30503

Franklin County contact: 770-535-4568 (Jerry Dawkins)

Provides vocational rehabilitation to individuals with disabilities. Services include diagnostic services, vocational counseling and guidance, prevocational and adjustment training, technical and on the job training, job placement and follow-up, and equipment such as hearing aids and eyeglasses to increase work ability.

Drugs Don't Work in Georgia

235 Peachtree St, Suite 900 Atlanta, GA 30303

404-223-2277

1-800-241-2286

A program of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. Assists businesses in achieving drug free certification through the State Board of Workers Compensation. This qualifies businesses for a 7.5 % discount on their Workers Compensation premium. The program takes about 60 days and consists of five steps: establishing a substance abuse policy, drug testing of employees, employee education, supervisor training and the establishment of an employee assistance program or a referral list for employees to use. Local chambers of commerce sometimes provide these programs or state office can train them to do it. Services are free of charge although the company must pay for the drug testing of employees (a discount is available).

Etcon

3837 GA Hwy 17, Rt. 2 Box 455K Toccoa, GA 30577

706-886-7747 or 1-800-442-1011

Temporary and permanent job placement for Stephens, Franklin, Hart, Elbert counties.

Georgia Baptist Children's Home & Ministries

For more information, please see page 15.

Georgia Department of Veteran Services - Franklin County

Georgia Dept. of Veteran Serves, 102 W. Tugaloo St,
Courthouse Annex, Room 100, Toccoa, GA 30577
706-282-4525

Provides eligible veterans and their dependents with and advocate when applying for many of the Veterans Administration benefits. Also offers vocational rehabilitation programs to assist veterans with service disabilities to obtain employment, pensions, hospitalization, outpatient treatment and loans. Serves Franklin County.

Georgia Mountain Regional Development Center

1310 W. Ridge Rd. / P.O. Box 1720, Gainesville, GA 30503
770-538-2626

The Regional Development Center (R.D.C.) of Georgia was established through the enactment of the Georgia State Planning Act of 1989, commonly known as House Bill 215. The planning act required that a more coordinated planning process be implemented throughout the state. The newly created R.D.C. was given responsibility of serving the public interests of the state by promoting and implementing the comprehensive planning process. Offers a job-training program for eligible participants.

Job Corps

239 West Lake Ave. NW
Atlanta, GA 30314
404-794-9512

Pays a stipend on a monthly basis for students, age 16-24 years, to learn a job skill. Courses range from 6 months to 2 years. There are several training sites throughout the southeastern region. Travel expenses are paid for through the program, and food, medical, and dental care are also provided.

Phillips Staffing

11909 Augusta Rd. #1
Lavonia, GA 30553
706-356-5820

Temporary & permanent job placement for Stephens, Franklin, Hart, Elbert counties.

Rehabilitation Industries of Northeast Georgia

930 Athens St, / P.O. Box 151, Gainesville, GA 30503
770-535-7464

Offers vocational evaluation, work adjustment, and sheltered employment to individuals with disabilities, ages 16 years and older. Serves Franklin County.

Success Track

Formerly "Employment Line" explores the current and future job market in Georgia. Offers advice on how to get a job, change jobs and move ahead in your career. Airs every Thursday at 7:00 pm and Sunday at 1:30 pm on Georgia Public Television.

Vision Rehabilitation Services

3830 South Cobb Drive, Smyrna, GA 30080

770-432-7280

Fax - 770-432-5457

Provides health services, counseling, social work services, self-help groups, basic educational services, rehabilitation service, recreational services, and rehabilitation service. Recreational services, employment training and counseling, and computer training for individuals who are visually impaired, legally blind or totally blind.

FINANCIAL

Consumer Credit Counseling Service

100 Edgewood Ave. NE, Suite 1500, Atlanta, GA 30303

404-527-7630

1-800-251-2227

Provides free credit counseling for consumers and offers debt repayment plans. Telephone counseling available seven days a week and online counseling available at web site. Also, provides educational programs/seminars about budgeting and consumer credit and newsletter, *Client News*. Services are available at 11 branches throughout Georgia, including Athens. A Department of Housing & Urban Development certified counselor is available.

Fannie Mae

950 E. Paces Ferry Rd. #1900 Atlanta, GA 30326-1161

404-398-6000

1-800-732-6643

Fannie Mae's mission is to provide financial services to increase the availability and the affordability of housing for low, moderate, and middle income Americans.

Franklin County Department of Family & Children Services

For more information, please see page 13-14.

Genus Credit Management

For more information, please see page 25.

Georgia Tools for Life

2 Peachtree Street, VW, Suite 35 - 415, Atlanta, GA 30303-3142

404-657-3084

404-657-3085 TDD

1-800-497-8665

Fax - 404-657-3086

www.gatfl.org

Part of the Department of Human Resources rehabilitation services and the Federal Assistive Technology Assistance program. Offer tips on locating and identifying different funding sources for individuals with disabilities for the purpose of obtaining products, services, and adaptive equipment. The program has seven technology resource centers which offer, among other services, short term equipment loans so you can try before you buy. Also offer a recycling center where they recycle computers (486 and up) and turn them into assistive computer systems for persons with disabilities. Donations are accepted. They will also do systems change work to include more assistive technology.

Habitat for Humanity - Franklin County

1560 East Main Street, Lavonia, GA 30553

706-356-5479

Fax - 706-376-9865 Connie Bowers

Facilitates the building of low cost housing at no interest or profit. Requirements for eligibility are \$500.00 down, and \$200.00 a month until the property is paid off. Homeowners are also

required to participate in the building of future homes for new habitat homeowners. Small Projects Group works on roofs, front porches, stair repairs and wheelchair ramps. Qualified homeowners provide all materials and some labor assistance. A Habitat Thrift Store, located in Toccoa, GA, accepts donated building, and remodeling materials for resale.

HOPE Scholarship Program (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally)

For more information, please see page 26.

Shriner's Hospitals for Children

2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607-1460

813-281-0300

1-800-237-5055

Offer free medical care to children up to their 18th birthday who suffer from orthopedic problems, severe burns, and spinal cord injuries.

Social Security Administration - Franklin County

For more information please, see page 8.

TCE Tax - Aide

For more information, please see page 9.

University of Georgia - Athens Area Business Outreach Services/Small Business Development Center

For more information, please see page 28.

FOOD SERVICES

Agriculture Consumer Line

1-800-282-5852

To answer questions about agriculture products and allows consumers an outlet for complaints. Provides assistance in food buying and using products more effectively.

Cornerstone Ministries

P. O. Box 556 Carnesville, GA 30521

706-384-4870 - Gail Maxwell

706-384-4336 – Virginia Whitsitt

Cornerstone is a nonprofit Christian ministry of local churches reaching out to needy families.

Mission is to provide food, clothing Serves Franklin County. Hours of Operation:

Thursday 6-8 pm.

East Georgia Chapter American Red Cross

790 Pulaski St, Athens, GA 30601

706-353-1645

1-800-435-7669 - financial donations

Fax - 706-353-4701

Offers health education programs including community C.P.R. Consists of adult & infant/child C.P.R., C.P.R. For the professional trainer, C.P.R. recertification, standard first aid - consists of adult C.P.R. & first aid, community first aid - consists of adult C.P.R. & infant/child & first aid, first aid recertification, C.P.R. & first aid instructor class, water safety, nutrition, and HIV/AIDS education. Provides food, clothing and shelter for immediate emergency needs in natural disasters and manmade disasters. Provides communications between families and military personnel. Also operates a blood center. International tracing also. Serves Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Franklin, Banks, Hart, Greene, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee and Oglethorpe counties.

Food Bank of Northeast Georgia

For more information see page 25.

Franklin County Department of Family & Children Services

For more information see page 13-14.

Franklin County Senior Center

6885 Highway 145, Carnesville, GA 30521

706-384-2500

A multipurpose center offering congregate meal services, outreach, visitation, telephone reassurance, transportation to and from the senior center, shopping. Education, social, and recreation activities for older adults. Free legal services through Georgia Legal Services, a foot clinic, blood pressure checks, and homemaker services. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday 8:00 am until 4:30 pm.

Ninth District Opportunity, Inc. Community Action Agency

For more information see pages 51-52.

Rainbow Pantry

339 Church St. / P.O. Box 12

Royston, GA 30662

706-245-0965

Contact: Lavone Smith

Offers emergency food assistance to individuals in Franklin County.

Stephens County Salvation Army

306 East Franklin St, Toccoa, GA 30577

706-886-5293

Fax: 706-886-0742

Provides emergency financial, clothing, referrals to food pantries and fire victim assistance to individuals in Franklin County.

HEALTH CARE

American Lung Association of Georgia

2452 Spring Road, Smyrna, GA 30080

1-800-586-4872

Fax - 770-319-0349

Serves Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Franklin, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe, and Walton counties,

Provides education, research, fund raising and training programs for communities, employees, school and civic groups, as well as research. Offers support and assistance to victims of lung disease and their families. The work is divided into 4 primary areas: asthma, smoking or health, school education and lung disease. Serves a 21 county area. There is a charge, but sliding scales are available.

American Red Cross Blood Service - Atlanta

404-253-5448

Paternity testing only.

Arthritis Foundation

404-872-7100

1-800-933-7023 - Toll Free Atlanta Office

1-800-283-7800 National Office, see above for Atlanta's toll free number

Fax - 404-237-8153

Supports research to find the cure for and prevention of arthritis and to improve the quality of life for those affected by arthritis. Provides information on exercise classes and special events.

Athens Regional Home Health Services

1199 Prince Ave, Athens, GA 30606

706-475-7000 - ARMC

706-475-5500 – Home Health

Houses in the Athens Regional Medical Center, Home Infusion provides I.V. medications in the home. I.V. Services are typically offered in conjunction with home health/skilled nursing care.

Home Infusion will coordinate I.V. Services with a home health provider in your county.

Accepts private insurance and Medicaid.

Cobb Center Apartments – Ty Cobb Healthcare System

For more information see page 10.

Franklin County Department of Family & Children Services

For more information see page 13-14.

Franklin County Health Department

6955 Highway 145 South/P.O. Box 546, Carnesville, GA 30521

706-384-5575

Fax - 706-384-4217

Health care services for individuals, ages birth to geriatric, including AIDS information, Breast Test Program - women, 50 years and older, who have not had a mammogram or Pap test for one

year, who have no insurance, or whose insurance is inadequate may qualify for a free screening for breast and cervical cancer, financially eligible women between 40 and 50 years old also qualify if they have a family history of breast cancer, adult health services include physicals, hepatitis vaccinations, cervical, breast, rectal and prostate screenings for cancer and diabetes screenings, blood pressure/hypertension monitoring and treatment, car seat for newborns program, children's medical care, cancer screening, dental screenings, environmental health services - sewage, septic tank, water, radon and lead, epidemiology (infectious disease), family planning, food services permits, foster care inspection genetic screening, hearing tests, hepatitis screening, HIV testing, immunizations, lead screening, metabolic screening, newborn assessments, nutritional education, premarital testing, pregnancy testing, prenatal care, rabies testing, sexually transmitted disease screening, scoliosis screening, tuberculosis screening, vision examinations, Women, Infants & Children Program - W.I.C. Sliding scale fees are available.

Walk-in services, fees based on income, and Medicaid is accepted.

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-5:00 pm.

Extended hours available on the first Thursday of each month from 8:00 am-7:00 pm

Reduced hours on the first Friday of each month from 8:00 am -3:00 pm.

Franklin Life Pregnancy Resource Center, Inc.

7747 Royston Rd, Carnesville, GA 30521

706-384-5081-24 hour help line

Franklin Life is a Christian, charitable organization that offers a wide range of services including: 24 hour helpline, free confidential pregnancy testing, free ultrasounds available, information on options of an unexpected pregnancy, care items during pregnancy: such as maternity clothes, etc... care items for baby: such as cribs, strollers, bottles, diapers, wipes, baby clothes, blankets, etc... referrals to doctors, Medicaid, food, clothing, WIC, childbirth & parenting classes, shelter, etc... abstinence education & resources, one on one or group bible studies: post abortion mentoring, mentoring on sexually traumatic experiences such as rape, incest or promiscuity, miscarriage or child loss after birth

Georgia Better Health Care - Member Services

2 Peachtree St, NW Atlanta, GA 30303

404-656-4507

1-888-423-6765

A program developed by the Department of Medical Assistance that matches Medicaid recipients to a primary care physician or provider.

Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (HIPP)

HIPP Unit Attn: PVI

5660 New North Side Dr. Suite 750 Atlanta, GA 30328

678-564-1162 ext. 131

You can only apply if you have a private insurance that pays before Medicaid does. Not everyone who applies will be accepted; the state looks at each case individually and decided whether or not it would be cost-effective for Medicaid to your premiums.

Life Alarm

114 Sharton Dr, Augusta, GA 30907
1-800-780-5433

A 24-hour emergency response system providing home bound individuals with immediate medical assistance. Web site includes online order form (www.life-alarm.com). Serves the state of Georgia. Accepts CCSP and private pay.

Medicare

2 Peachtree St. N.W. Atlanta, GA 30303-3159
1-800-633-4227 - Medicare information/Q&A

Medicare is a health insurance program designed to serve anyone, age 65 years or older, and individuals with disabilities. Services are not based on income, and are available regardless of financial need.

PeachCare for Kids

For more information see page 16.

Right From the Start Medicaid - Franklin County

Franklin County Health Department

6955 Highway 145 South/P.O. Box 546, Carnesville, GA 30521
706-384-5575 - Health Dept.
706-384-4521 - Department of Family and Children Services
Fax - 706-384-4217

Designed to help working, income-eligible women get assistance for prenatal and postnatal care (from conception, through delivery and up to two months after delivery). Services are available to women and children. Additional coverage includes health screenings, preventative care, hospital and physician's bills, eye care, some dental and mental health services. Sponsored by the Department of Family & Children Services, but not limited to T.A.N.F. recipients. Appointments may be scheduled during evening hours and on weekends. Serves Franklin County.

Sexual Assault Center of Northeast Georgia

For more information please see page 16-17.

Shriner's Hospitals for Children

2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607-1460
813-281-0300
1-800-237-5055

Offer free medical care to children up to their 18th birthday who suffer from orthopedic problems, severe burns, and spinal cord injuries.

Social Security Administration - Franklin County

For more information please see page 8.

Social Security Administration - Supplemental Security Income

1-800-772-1213

www.socialsecurity.gov

Provides monthly payments to older adults, and individuals with disabilities who have a limited income and assets. Children are also eligible.

St. Mary's Wellness Center

2470 Daniels Bridge Rd. Building 300 Athens, GA 30606
706-613-9355

A mobile unit offering free blood pressure screenings. Also offers cholesterol, glucose and hearing checks. Massage therapy membership, health fitness classes, personal trainers. Fees are charged. Serves Barrow, Clark, Elbert, Franklin, Green, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oglethorpe and Walton counties.

St. Mary's Hospital – Prenatal Registration Line

1230 Baxter Street, Athens, GA 30606-3791
706-389-3389
1-800-491-4677

Answers questions about St. Mary's Hospital services

St. Mary's Hospital - Hospice Services

1150 Dearing Street Extension, Athens, GA 30606
706-389-2273 - General Information
706-389-2255 - Intake
1-800-822-3381
Fax - 706-389-2298

Offers support services to individuals with a terminal illness concentrating on improving the quality of life, with special attention to effective pain management and symptom control 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Registered nurses are on-call. Services include nurses, social workers, home health aides, volunteers, physicians and ministerial assistance. Accepts Medicare, Medicaid, private health insurance, veterans administration, worker's compensation, CHAMPUS, and private pay. Maintains a sliding fee scale. Serves Banks, Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Franklin, Greene, Hart, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe and Walton counties.

Starlight Children's Foundation

3645 Marketplace Blvd., Suite 130-107
East Point, Ga. 30344
404-429-4273

www.starlight.org/georgia

The Starlight Foundation grants wishes to seriously, chronically and terminally ill children, aged 4 through 18 years. Also provides state of the art audiovisual entertainment programs and excursions as an outlet for children suffering from pain and the depression created by stress and isolation. Outpatient programs include Kids Activity Network outings and wish granting. Inpatient programs include Fun Centers, Starlight Rooms, clown programs and hospital parties.

Toccoa Life

282 W. Doyle St, Toccoa, GA 30577
706-776-5225
1-800-499-0177

Provides free pregnancy testing, clothes closet including maternity clothes, baby clothes, furniture, and diapers, abstinence counseling, bible study, support group for post-abortion, and parenting classes. Serves Franklin County.

Habersham Life

Hillside Baptist Church

Level Grove Rd, Cornelia, GA
706-776-5225

Hart Life

121 Vickery St, Hartwell GA 30643
706-376-1700

Ty Cobb Health Care System

367 Clear Creek Parkway / P.O. Box 788
Lavonia, GA 30553
706-356-7800

A private non-profit health care organization. Services include Cobb Memorial Hospital, Hart County Hospital, Brown Memorial Convalescent Center, Cobb Health Care Center, Hartwell Health Care Center, Home Based Health Services, Cobb Terrace Personal Care Center, Healthworks, Wee Care Pediatric Rehabilitation, Ty Cobb Rehabilitation, Physician Practices, Ty Cobb Kidney Care, Cobb Center, Inc and Ty Cobb Museum.

Ty Cobb Healthcare System - Cobb Memorial Hospital

367 Clear Creek Parkway
Lavonia, GA 30553
706-356-7800

A medical and surgical hospital. Services include outpatient, sleep disorder lab, Life Line Emergency Response System, Emergency Room, and sub-acute/swing bed program.

Ty Cobb Healthcare System - Home Base Health Services

609 Cook St,
Royston, GA 30662
706-245-1246

Offers durable medical equipment for sale or rent, respiratory home care, infant apnea monitoring services, IV home infusion services, and Lifeline personal response system. Nutritionally balanced, diet specific meals are available for pickup at \$2.50 / plate through C.A.R.E. Catering. Accept Medicaid, Medicare, private pay, and insurance.

Ty Cobb Healthcare System – Dialysis Center

367 Clear Creek Parkway / P.O. Box 788
Lavonia, GA 30553
706-356-7800

Dialysis Center located in the Ridgeway Center (adjacent to old Cobb Memorial Hospital).

Ty Cobb Healthcare System - Wee Care Pediatric Rehabilitation

521 Franklin Springs Street/P.O. Box 589

Royston, GA 30662

706-245-1822

A complete team of pediatric physical therapists, pediatric speech therapists, and pediatric occupational therapists provide outpatient rehabilitation to help children achieve maximum independence. Located in the Ridgeway Center (adjacent to old Cobb Memorial Hospital).

Weight Watchers of Northeast Georgia, Inc.

1-800-651-6000

For locations and times across Northeast Georgia.

IN-HOME HEALTH CARE

Athens Regional Home Infusion

1199 Prince Ave, Athens, GA 30606
706-475-700 - ARMC
706-475-5500

Housed in the Athens Regional Medical Center, Home Infusion provides IV Medications in the home. IV services are typically offered in conjunction with home health/skilled nursing care. Home Infusion will coordinate IV services with a home health provided in your county. Accepts private insurance and Medicaid.

Hand in Hand Home Health - Caresouth

Northeast Georgia Health Services

For additional information and locations, see page 10.

Hiawassee

584 Bell Creek Rd, Hiawassee, GA
1-866-218-8046

Home health care services offer skilled medical and supportive care to homebound individuals in their own home. Services may include Nursing Services- administering injectable or intravenous medications, observing signs and symptoms of impending or potential health problems, patient or caregiver instructions, care and treatments, changing dressing, physical, speech and occupational therapies. Personal care and support services-bathing, transferring, ambulation, feeding and grooming. Nutrition guidance and medical supplies-durable medical equipment or oxygen. Alternative living arrangements or nursing home placement. Accepts a medical alert system service. Serves Franklin County.

Odyssey Hospice

2350 Prince Avenue, Suite 5, Athens, GA 30606
706-549-5736
Fax – 706-208-1530

Hospice care serves Banks, Barrow, Clarke, Dawson, Elbert, Franklin, Greene, Gwinnett, Hall, Hart, Jackson, Jasper, Madison, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Putnam, Taliaferro, and Walton Counties.

St. Mary's Hospital - Home Health Care Services

1230 Baxter St, Athens, GA 30606
706-389-2273 - General Intake Person
1-800-822-3381

Provides care to persons in their home. Services include nursing, physical, occupational and speech therapies, home health aides, medical social work, and nutritional guidance.

Tugaloo Home Health Agency, Inc

12915 Jones St, Lavonia, GA 30553
706-356-8480
706-356-2928 - Fax

Home health care services offer skilled medical and supportive care to homebound individual in their own home. Services may include Nursing Services-administering injectable or intravenous

medications, observing signs and symptoms of impending or potential health problems, patient or caregiver instructions, care and treatments, changing dressings, physical, speech and occupational therapies. Personal care and support services-bathing, transferring, ambulation, feeding and grooming. Nutrition guidance. Durable medical equipment or oxygen. Alternative living arrangements or nursing home placement. Accepts Medicaid, Medicare, private pay or insurance. Serves Banks and Franklin.

HOUSING

Cobb Center Apartments

For more information see page 10.

Fannie Mae Foundation

950 E. Paces Ferry Rd. #1900, Atlanta, GA 30326-1161

404-398-6000

1-800-732-6643

Fannie Mae's mission is to provide financial services to increase the availability and the affordability of housing for low, moderate, and middle income Americans.

Georgia Department of Community Affairs – Athens Rental Assistance

1061 Dowdy Rd. Suite 201 Athens, GA 30607

706-369-5636

1-800-318-0354

www.dca.ga.gov

Formerly Georgia Housing & Finance Authority provides financial assistance for affordable housing for income eligible older adults, individuals with disabilities, and low income clients.

Habitat for Humanity – Franklin County

For more information see page 32.

Housing Authority - Franklin County

Lavonia - Ricky Whitworth

706-356-8224

Royston – Charity Hallford

706-245-7277

Provides affordable housing for income eligible individuals. Fees are charged on a sliding scale based on income.

Ninth District Opportunity, Inc.

For more information see page 51.

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

800-225-5342

Provides information about reverse mortgages, low-cost or free housing counseling agencies, and lists of HUD approved lenders.

LEGAL

Child Support Enforcement

11 Seaboard St, Elberton, GA
1-877-423-4746

Assists in tracing the whereabouts of parents who are not paying child support. When the parent is located they are provided with assistance in setting up a payment plan for past and future payments of child support.

Chamber of Commerce

Services: Economic development and community organization.

Franklin County

706-384-4659

Lavonia

706-356-8202

City and County Meetings

Franklin Co. Board of Commissioners 706-384-2483. Meets on 1st Monday of each month at 5:00p.m. and the 3rd Monday of each month at 2:00p.m. at Franklin County Courthouse.

Franklin County Board of Education 706-384-4554. Meets on 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:00p.m. at the school board office in Carnesville.

Lavonia City Council 706-356-8781. Meets on 1st Monday of each month at 5:30 pm at Lavonia City Hall.

Canon City Council 706-245-8155. Meets on 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at Canon City Hall.

Carnesville City Council 706-384-3905. Meets on 1st Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm at Carnesville City Hall.

Franklin Springs City Council 706-245-6957. Meets on 2nd Thursday of each month at 4:30 pm at Franklin Springs Hall

Royston City Council 706-245-7232. Meets on 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at Royston City Hall.

Department of Juvenile Justice

130 East Howell St, Hartwell, GA 30643
706-856-2666

Formerly Clarke County Division of Children & Youth Services. Provides juvenile delinquency/crime prevention through family counseling, information and referral, advocacy, foster care and alternative programs. Also offers a program for sexual offenders.

Disability Representative Services

4094 S. Apple Valley Rd, Commerce, GA 30529
706-335-3309

Practicing non-attorneys. Specialize in Social Security & Supplemental Security Income. Only disability law cases are considered. Will do home visits and provide any assistance necessary to resolve the case.

Emergency Call

911

To report any fire, any accident or sickness in the county or city. Ambulance service is available. Also for Police and State Patrol service.

Franklin County Sheriff's Department

Sheriff: Steve Thomas

706-384-7111

Services include functioning in civil criminal cases by providing services for Superior, State, and Juvenile courts. Also provides criminal investigations in Franklin County.

Georgia Association for Women Lawyers

Spalding Bluff Dr. Norcross, GA 30092

770-446-1517

770-446-7721 - Fax

A professional organization. Provides referrals. Publishes a newsletter.

Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys

P O Box 4381 Atlanta, GA 30302

678-825-5675

A professional organization. Provides referrals. Meets third Tuesday of each month.

Georgia Hispanic Bar Association

P O Box 77205 Atlanta, GA 30357

404-733-5726

Professional organization. Provides referrals. Promotes Hispanic businesses and events and helps the Hispanic community at large. Meets quarterly.

Georgia State Patrol - Toccoa DDS

Post Commander: SFC Stan Eller

706-282-4821

1-866-754-3687

678-413-8400

www.dds.ga.gov

Services include issuing Driver's license, Tuesday-Saturday, traffic control, assist other law enforcement as necessary.

Immigration and Naturalization Service

1-800-375-5283

Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Building, 77 Forsyth St. Ground Floor Atlanta, GA 30303

Provides information on designated Fingerprinting Services, Welfare Reform Act, immigration, citizenship, and naturalization policies and procedures, asylum, State Department policies, procedures and penalties, Cuban migration. Information available in English and Spanish.

Public Defender's Office

846 Church St, Royston, GA 30662

706-246-9320

Provides legal representation for indigent criminal defendants in Elbert, Hart, Franklin, Madison and Oglethorpe counties. Services are free of charge to qualified applicant. Also represents criminal clients in juvenile court. Does not handle simple traffic offenses involving no arrest or city court cases. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 9:00a.m. Until 5:00p.m.

Victim Information and Notification Everyday

See description

Designed to bridge the gap between crime victims and the criminal justice system by electronically linking the Georgia Department of Corrections booking system with VINE's National Call Center. To check on the status of an inmate on the Georgia prison system, call 1-800-593-9474. To register for victim notification in order to be notified of the change in status of an inmate, call the Georgia Department of Corrections at 1-888-656-7660.

MENTAL HEALTH

Avita Community Partners /Hartwell Mental Health

228 North College Street Hartwell, GA 30646

706-376-4002

1-800-347-5827 - after hours emergency/crisis line

Provides services in the areas of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and substance Abuse, Health Services - Medical, Nursing, Pharmaceutical, therapy Referrals and aftercare. Psychological Services - Crisis Intervention, Assessments, Intake Evaluations, Individual and Group Counseling, Behavior Management and Referrals. Case Management - coordination of services, Development and Implementation of individualized service plan for each client, referrals and follow-up. Prevention - Community Development, Collaboration, Education, Support, Training and Technical Assistance. Adult Mental Health - Day Treatment, Activity Therapy, Supported Employment, Residential Services, Crisis Intervention, Consumer and Family Education. Child & Adolescent Mental Health - In school day treatment, In -home Crisis Team, Therapeutic Foster Care, Respite Services. Substance Abuse Services - Intensive Day Treatment, Sub-acute Detoxification, Short-term Residential Recovery and Prevention. Accepts Medicaid, Peach Care, and private insurance. Offers sliding scale fees based on income.

Rape Response

422 Brenau Avenue / P.O. Box 2883, Gainesville, GA 30503

770-503-7273

1-800-721-1999 - Crisis Line

Fax - 770-503-7208

Offers crisis intervention, hospital and court support, education and advocacy. Serves Franklin County.

Project Adam

112 Lanthier / P.O. Box 2, Winder, GA 30680

770-867-3935

An alcohol and other drug residential rehabilitation program for adult men, age 21-59 years, Fees are full charge. Serves Franklin County.

SHELTER

Habersham Circle of Hope, Inc.

P.O. Box 833, Cornelia, GA 30531

706-776-4673 - Crisis Line

706-776-3406 – Administrative

1-800-334-2836

Provides temporary shelter to survivors of domestic violence, sexual, mental, and physical abuse, and their children. Offers weekly a support group to residents and nonresidents. Provides court assistance, and temporary protective order information. Serves Franklin County. Collect calls accepted.

Project Adam

112 Lanthier Street / P.O. Box 2, Winder, GA 30680

770-867-8003

An Alcohol and other drug residential rehabilitation program for adult men, age 21-59 years. Fees are full charge. Serves Franklin County.

Safe House Ministries

1333 Washington Highway / P.O. Box 6336, Elberton, GA 30635

706-213-7657 - Local Sheriff's Department

A short term emergency shelter for homeless individuals or victims of domestic violence. Offers a three night stay and can house a maximum of ten people. Also assists clients in finding longer term solutions to their problems that led them to Safehouse. Serves Franklin County.

Ty Cobb Health Care System

706-245-5071

Domestic violence support and referrals.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Alcoholics Anonymous

Lavonia: *Lavonia Group* meets on Thursdays at 8:00 pm at the Lavonia Community Center.

Royston: *Pass It On Group* meets on Wednesdays at 8:00 pm and Saturdays at 6:00 pm at the Connections for Special Parents House next to Subway.

Cancer Support

706-245-9246

Meets second Friday of each month from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm at Pennington Chapel in Sandy Cross.

Caregiver Support Group

706-356-5551

Open to all who care for the elderly. Meets 2nd Tuesdays from 7:00 - 8:00 pm at Vickery Place Personal Care Home, 5410 Vickery Street, Lavonia, GA 30553.

Celebrate Recovery

Meets Mondays at 6:30 pm at Lavonia First Baptist Church, 95 Bowman Street. A support group for anyone dealing with hurts, habits, or hangups.

Department of Family and Children Services

For more information see page 12

Franklin County Habitat for Humanity

11927 Augusta Rd. Lavonia, GA 30553

706-356-5479

Offers a consignment store for affordable clothing for lower income families. Also see pages 31-32 for additional information.

HEARTS 4 Families

P.O. Box 385, Snellville, GA 30078

770-972-3664 (fax) 770-978-2217

To support the concept of nurturing through providing training and technical assistance in the Nurturing Parenting Programs in Georgia and to develop, consult, and train other related programs which build nurturing parenting skills in families thereby, preventing and treating child abuse and neglect and substance abuse.

Narcotics Anonymous

1-888-313-7887

Callers receive information on narcotics anonymous meetings nearest them. Serves Northeast Georgia.

NE Georgia Council on Domestic Violence, Support Group for Battered Women

706-376-7111 Hotline (can be reached 24/7)

706-377-4884 Office

Educational support groups are provided weekly for adults and both teens & children groups are held at the same time. All services are free and confidential. Please call the office or Hotline for more information.

Ninth District Opportunity, Inc – Community Services Program

Contact: Ann Marcengil - Franklin County Community Service Center

6885 Hwy 145, Carnesville, GA 30521

706-384-3495

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

The following services are provided by the agency pending availability for funds. Target population includes, families with young children, elderly and or disabled. All individuals must meet the income eligibility guidelines as set forth by the funding source (125% to 200% of poverty).

Case Management Services

- Assessment, counseling services and family enrichment services
- Development of individualized case plans
- Enrollment in special community projects
- Coordination of clothing, furniture or other personal care items

Employment Services

- Job Readiness Training/referral/placement
- Assistance with obtaining child support and other resource benefits, ie, child care

Budget Counseling & Development

- Counseling/Referral to credit counseling services
- Money management training and budget counseling

Housing Assistance

- Homeless Prevention and Re-location assistance
- Weatherization Services for the Home
- Water Heater and Heating Replacement (vendor specific)
- Installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors (Weatherization)

Health

- Dissemination of information regarding health information and resources
- Coordination of health awareness and promotion activities (Health Fairs)
- Purchase of prescription medicine
- Assistance for free/reduced rate prescription medicine (non-insured)

Nutrition Assistance

- Provision of food assistance and other special feeding initiatives
- Application assistance for SNAP benefits

Energy Assistance

- Arranging for payment for past due utility

- Referral for other energy related services
- SCANA Regulated Referral to establish utility service
- Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (opens to 65+ and homebound in November, general public December)

Overeaters Anonymous

706-356-2066

Meets each Sunday from 1:30 – 2:30 pm at the Health and Nutrition Center in Lavonia.

Prenatal Loss Support Group

Gainesville, GA

770-535-3210

Offers in-hospital and follow-up support to parents who have experienced the loss of a child as a result of miscarriage, still birth, or neonatal death. Call for meeting location and time.

Tri - County - Grief Support Group

Chase Hinson

Lavonia, GA

706-356-0271

706-599-4119

Provides support to families and individuals who are dealing with the loss of a child, parents, or other loved one. The classes meet every 3rd Monday at 7:00p.m. at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Classes are free. Assistance from trained counselors is available.

Weight Watchers of Northeast Georgia, Inc.

For more information, see page 40.

Whispering Pines

100 E. Paces Dr, Athens, GA 30605

706-354-0644

706-354-0803

Providing full range of services: ADL, dementia, respite care, wheelchair access, transportation, special diets, medication monitoring, social activities. Accepts male and female residents. Allows pets and personal furniture. Private pay only. Capacity: 15

TRANSPORTATION

Franklin County Senior Center

Contact: Becky Wilbanks
6885 Highway 145 Carnesville, GA 30521
706-384-2500

A multipurpose center offering congregate meal services, outreach, visitation, telephone reassurance, transportation to and from the senior center, shopping and doctor's appointments, education, social and recreation activities for older adults, free legal services through Georgia Legal Services, foot clinic, blood pressure checks, and homemaker services. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday 8a.m. til 4p.m.

Mastercare

P. O. Box 302
Franklin Springs, GA 30639
706-245-9815
1-800-807-5030 Logisti Care

Mastercare Inc. offers transportation to Medicaid patients for medical appointments (dentist, doctor, etc). Mastercare Inc. Does not serve Medicaid patients that have an A or Q after the number. You must call Logisti Care for an appointment. You must call at least 3 business days before your appointment to reserve a ride. If they cannot serve you they will notify you within 24 hours. Please have the information below ready to give the customer service representative when they answer your call. Please be aware that you will be put on hold when you call. They will tell you approximately how long your wait will be and the information to have ready.

Things needed when calling:

Name
Medicaid number
Phone number
Date and time of appointment
Time you expect appointment will be completed
Doctor's name
Street address of the place you are going

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