**Northeast Georgia Physicians Group**

**Lumpkin County Resource Guide**

Senior Services

**Legacy Link – Area Agency on Aging**
P.O. Box 1480
4080 Mundy Mill Road
Oakwood, GA 30566
Phone: (770) 538-2650 or 1 (800) 845-5465

**Lumpkin County Senior Center**
266 Mechanicville Road
Dahlonega, GA 30533
Phone: (706) 864-2358
Fax: (706) 864-1335
<http://www.lumpkincounty.gov/senior-center/>

* Hours: Monday-Friday 8AM-5PM
* Services provided: Art classes, fitness classes, entertainment, square dancing, hiking club, Tai Chi, etc.

Disability

**Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC)**4900 Lewis Road
Stone Mountain, GA 30083
Phone: (770) 491-9014

* Provides donated wheelchairs and equipment to individuals for free
* There is a waiting list, please call to be added to the waiting list
* Monday – Friday from 9AM-5PM

**Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Program**
Cumming Unit
100 Colony Park Drive, Suite 204
Cumming, GA 30040
Phone: (770) 781-6781 or 1 (888) 781-6781
Fax: (706) 781-6785

* Provides a variety of individual services to persons with disabilities in preparation for their employment in the competitive labor market
	+ Counseling and guidance
	+ Assistive technology
	+ Job placements
	+ Vocational assessments
	+ Work adjustments
	+ Medical evaluations
	+ Certain physical restoration services

Financial Assistance

**Community Helping Place**1127 GA-52
Dahlonega, GA 30533
(706) 867-9621
<https://communityhelpingplace.org/>

* Services provided: medical and dental clinic, food pantry, baby pantry, emergency financial assistance, thrift shops (check online for store locations), and referral support services
* Must have photo ID and be Lumpkin County Resident

**Georgia Department of Community Affairs**1061 Dowdy Road, Suite 201
Athens, GA 30606
Phone: (706) 369-5636
[www.georgiahousingsearch.org](http://www.georgiahousingsearch.org)

* Hours: Monday-Friday 8AM-5PM
* Services provided: assistance with rent in eligible housing and rent is paid directly to the landlord
* Services are also offered statewide to people with special needs and disaster relief housing

**Ninth District Opportunity – Main Office**
510 West Ave #500
Gainesville, GA 30501
Phone: (770) 534-8826
[www.ndo.org/web/](http://www.ndo.org/web/)

 **Lumpkin County Community Resource Center**
 Marilyn Smiley, *Community Resource Coordinator*
 99 Courthouse Hill, Suite G
 Dahlonega, Georgia 30533
 Phone: (706) 864-4637
 Fax: (706) 864-1558
 lumpkin@ndocsbg.org

* Services provided:
	+ Community resource coordination
	+ Crisis rent and utility assistance
	+ Emergency food assistance
	+ Family development counseling (case management)
	+ Income management counseling (case management)
	+ Employment counseling (case management)
	+ Work experience placement
	+ SSI advocacy (SOAR Certified)
	+ Education counseling and referral services
	+ Transportation assistance
	+ Indigent medication assistance
	+ SNAP applications
	+ Heating assistance
		- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program assists qualifying households a one-time payment of up to $350 to their primary heating vendor
		- For appointment, call (855) 636-3108 or visit [www.ndo.org/eap](http://www.ndo.org/eap)

Temporary Assistance

**Food Assistance**

**Community Helping Place**1127 GA-52
Dahlonega, GA 30533
Phone: (706) 867-9621, x309
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10AM-1PM

* Note: On first visit, they require photo ID – must be Lumpkin County resident
	+ Ongoing visits: Photo ID, be Lumpkin County resident, 150% of poverty guidelines
* Other services provided: free medical and dental clinic, baby pantry, emergency financial assistance (rent, utilizes, etc.), and referral support services

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* Please review website for services provided

**Under the Bridge Ministries – Lumpkin Co.**
523 Ben Higgins Road
Dahlonega, GA 30533
(678) 451-2082
Third Saturday of each Month 9AM-12PM

* Note: USDA guidelines – name, address, and income required

Transportation

**Lumpkin County Transit**
Phone: (706) 864-6900
Available Monday-Friday from 8AM-4PM

* Note: Available by appointment on a first come, first serve basis
* For pricing, visit: <http://www.lumpkincounty.gov/site/uploads/transitratescheduleregulations_030609_161309.pdf>

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Prescription Assistance

**Georgia Drug Card**
<http://www.georgiadrugcard.com/index.php>

* Georgia’s Prescription Assistance Program (PAP). Use website to create and print out a free **discount** prescription drug card coupon.
* **Savings** **of** **up to 75%** at selected pharmacies (please see comprehensive list on website)

**GoodRx**[www.goodrx.com](http://www.goodrx.com)

* Compares prices of medications collected from pharmacies, drug manufacturers, and other sources for the best deal
* GoodRX will provide prices, coupons, discounts, and savings tips on prescriptions at pharmacies in the area
* Offers a discount savings card

**Patient Access Network (PAN) Foundation**Phone: 1 (866) 316-7263<https://www.panfoundation.org/index.php/en/>

* PAN Foundation is an independent, national 501©(3) organization dedicated to helping federally and commercially insured people living with life-threatening, chronic, and rare diseases with the out-of-pocket costs for their prescribed medications
	+ Patients must meet the following **criteria** to be eligible for PAN assistance
		- Patient must be getting treatment for the disease named in the assistance program to which he or she is applying
		- Patient must have health insurance that covers his or her qualifying medication or product
		- Patient’s medication or product must be listed on PAN’s list of covered medications
		- Patient’s income must fall at or below 400% or 500% of the Federal Poverty Level depending on fund-specific guidelines
		- Patient must reside and receive treatment in the United States or U.S. territories. (U.S. citizenship is not a requirement)

**Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA)**
<http://www.pparx.org>

* A program created to make it easier for uninsured and underinsured patients to get free or nearly free prescription medicines through existing patient assistance programs

**Rx Cut**
[www.4rxcard.com](http://www.4rxcard.com)

* Provides a convenient search tool to find the lowest price for medication at their local pharmacies
* Provides free prescription savings card for **savings** **up to 87%**

Support Groups

**Lumpkin County Family Connection**
Family Advocacy Program, Mondays 9:30AM-11AM at Dahlonega UMC

* Services:
	+ Active Parenting Now Classes
	+ Anger and Stress Management
	+ Adult Support Group
	+ Life Skills

**Young Men’s Sexual Recovery Support Group**Access Grace
40B Public Square South
Dahlonega, GA 30533
Contact: Jeffrey Stull at (770) 983-6503

* 16-week class using cognitive behavioral therapy for young men (age 14-19) who would like to pursue recovery and learn how to master their sexuality
	+ Issues include unwanted attractions, child/adolescent improprieties, body image issues, abuse recovery, etc.
	+ Cost of sessions: $20-$40

**Divorce**

*Find help and healing for the hurt of separation or divorce. A friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life’s most difficult experiences.*

\*\* Please visit [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org) for alternative group locations

* **Cleveland Seventh Day Adventist Church***Roy Ash Building*
East Jarrad Street
Cleveland, GA 30528
Contact: Dennese Stringfellow at (210) 287-3269
	+ **Tuesdays**, 6:30PM-8:00PM in Conference Room (left of the entrance at the end of the hall)
	January 31, 2017 – April 25, 2017
	+ Registration Fee: $25 (includes workbook, scholarships available)
	+ No child care available
* **Lakewood Baptist Church**2235 Thompson Bridge Road
Gainesville, GA 30501
Contact: Stacey Reece at (678) 717-1000
	+ **Wednesdays**, 6:30PM-8:00PM in Room 111
	January 11, 2017 – April 19, 2017
	+ Registration Fee: $20 (includes workbook, scholarships available)
	+ Child care available
* **Mountain Lake Church**3105 Dahlonega Highway
Cumming, GA 30040
Contact: Mike Maron at (770) 235-9656
	+ **Mondays**, 6:00PM-8:00PM at **Greystone Apartment Clubhouse in Cumming**

May 8, 2016 – May 1, 2017

* + Registration Fee: $15 (includes workbook, scholarships available)
	+ Child care available

**Grief**

*A friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life’s most difficult experiences. You don’t have to go through the grieving process along.*

\*\* Please visit [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) for alternative group locations

* **Cleveland Worship Center**529 East Kytle Street
Cleveland, GA 30528
Contact: Rhea McKinley at (706) 865-4413
	+ **Fridays**, 10:30AM-12:30PM in Cleveland Worship Center, East Entrance
	December 16, 2016 – March 10, 2017
	+ Registration Fee: $20 (includes workbook, scholarships available)
	+ No child care available
* **First Baptist Church**
269 Blue Ridge Street
Blairsville, GA 30512
Contact: Shelby McPherson at (706) 745-2469
	+ Sundays, 3:00PM-5:00PM at 215 Blue Ridge Street, Suite C
	January 15 – April 9, 2017
	+ Registration fee: $15 (includes workbook, scholarships available)
	+ No child care available
* **First Baptist Church**
751 Green Street NW
Gainesville, GA 30501
Contact: Kurt Schuler at (770) 533-4505
	+ **Wednesdays**, 6:00PM-7:30PM in Room 205
	January 4 – May 10, 2017
	+ Registration fee: $0 (includes workbook)
	+ No child care available

**Substance Use**

Alcoholics Anonymous

* **Gratitude Group**Lumpkin County Library
342 Courthouse Hill
Dahlonega, GA 30533
	+ Meetings on **Monday, Wednesday, Friday** at 12:00PM (open discussion)
* Please visit <http://www.aageorgia.org/16a-meetings.html> for more groups in this area

Medical Supplies

**Dental**

**Affordable Dentures**
287 Stephen B. Tanger Boulevard
Commerce, GA 30529
Phone: (706) 335-7728

* Provides a full “economy” set of dentures for $325 for one set and $555 for both upper and lower
	+ Does not do extractions
* Does not accept insurance or Medicaid, private pay only
* Monday – Friday from 8AM-5PM

**Diabetes**

* **Abbott Diabetes Care**Abbott Diabetes Care, Inc.1360 South Loop Road
Alameda, CA 94502 USA
Phone: 1 (888) 522-5226
Fax: (202) 337-8314
	+ Provides **free glucose meters** to those with diabetes
		- <https://www.myfreestyle.com/get-a-free-meter>
* **ACCU-CHEK Patient Assistance Program**Roache Diagnostics Corporation
9115 Hague Road
Indianapolis, IN, 46250
Phone: 1 (800) 858-8072
	+ Provides limited supply of ACCU-CHEK Aviva test strips to community clinics to distribute to low-income and uninsured patients with diabetes, please call for more information as to where to get test strips
* **The BD Insulin Syringe Assist Program**The BD Insulin Syringe Assist Program
1 Becton Drive
Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417
Phone: 1 (866) 818-6906
	+ Offers a patient assistance program for people who use BD Ultra-Fine Insulin Syringes
	+ Must meet financial and other program-specific criteria to be eligible for assistance (i.e. low-income or no health insurance)
	+ Those who receive Medicare or Medicaid benefits **do not qualify**

**Hearing** **Programs**

* **American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)**American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
2200 Research Blvd.
Rockville, MD 20850-3289
Phone: (301) 897-5700
actioncenter@asha.org
	+ Provides information on insurance coverage of hearing aids and related services
	+ ASHA is up-to-date on changes in coverage of hearing health care expenses by private insurance, Medicaid, and Medicare
* **Audient**Audient
3191 W. Temple Ave. Suite 200
Pomona, CA 91768
Phone: 1 (866) 956-5400 x2
Fax: (626) 435-0188
<http://www.audientalliance.org/>
	+ **Must fill out an application**
	+ Audient is a nationwide program that helps those in need obtain hearing aids at a reduced cost
	+ Available to households earning up to 250% above the national poverty level
	+ No age qualification, children and seniors are accepted
* **Georgia Council for Hearing Impaired (GACHI) – GA Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (GATEDP)**Georgia Telecommunication Equipment Distribution Program
4151 Memorial Drive, Suite 103-B
Decatur, GA 30032
Phone: (404) 297-9461
Fax: (404) 297-9461
	+ GATEDP provides **free** Telecommunication equipment to qualified applicants who have hearing or speech impairment
	+ GACHI is responsible for administering the program, distributing the equipment, and providing training sessions
* **Georgia Hearing Aid Distribution Program**5582 Peachtree Road
Atlanta, GA 30341
Phone: (404) 325-3630
Fax: (404) 636-5549
	+ Enacted by the Georgia Legislature, the Georgia Hearing Aid Distribution Program provides hearing aids to Georgians, subject to eligibility requirements
* **Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation**
5528 Peachtree Road
Atlanta, GA 30341
Phone: (404) 325-3630
Fax: (404) 636-5549
<https://lionslighthouse.org/services/hearing-aids/>
	+ **Must fill out an application first**
	+ Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation provides hearing aid assistance for approximately 1000 low-income Georgia Residents
	+ The cost of the hearing aid package is based on a **sliding scale**
	+ The client’s household size, income, and type of hearing aid needed will determine the cost of the package (ranges from $95-$260 per aid)
		- Georgia residency for at least one year
		- Income within 200% of Federal Poverty guidelines
		- Current hearing test (less than 6 months old)
		- Georgia ID
	+ Hearing tests are not covered
	+ Hearing aid package includes:
		- Up to 2 digital hearing aids
		- A 3 year service warranty per aid
		- A 1 year loss and damage warranty per aid
		- One set of ear molds
		- Four appointments with approved Lighthouse Provider

**Vision**

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5528 Peachtree Road
Atlanta, GA 30341
Phone: (404) 325-3630
Fax: (404) 636-5549
<https://lionslighthouse.org/services/eye-exams-and-glasses/>
	+ **Must fill out application first**
	+ **Athens**
	Mercy Health Center
	700 Oglethorpe Avenue
	Athens, GA 30606
	Phone: (706) 425-9445
		- Hours: Monday-Friday from 8:30AM-4:30PM
		- Please contact individual clinic for more information