**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](mailto: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](mailto: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