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Community Resource Guide

Community Resources

The following are community resources that are provided to those students and their families who are in need of help. Please share so that no child goes without basic care.



United Way of Hall County

United Way of Hall County
527 Oak Street
Gainesville, GA 30501
770-536-1121
www.unitedwayhallcounty.org



United Way of Hall County

Contact Information:
communications@unitedwayhallcounty.org
For help with resources, dial **211**.

LIVE UNITED

WHY GIVE TO UNITED WAY

Every day, communities struggle with issues that seem impossible to solve. Limited access to health services. Lack of education. Financial instability.

50.2% of Hall County families are financially burdened, earning \$78,600 or less as a family of 4.	55% of children in Hall County were eligible for free/ reduced lunch for the 2020-2021 school year.	835+ McKinney Vento homeless students in the Gainesville City and Hall County school systems.
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WHY POVERTY MATTERS...



Children in poor families are **4X** as likely to be in poor/fair health



Households below the poverty level experience **2X** the rate of violent crimes



Children in poor families hear **30 million** fewer words by the age of 3 than their affluent peers, leaving them behind before they even enter kindergarten



Students in low-income families are **4X** more likely to drop out of high school than students from higher-income families

United Way fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in every community. We have one life. To live better, we must LIVE UNITED®.



United Way of Hall County

WorkSource Georgia Mountains (WSGM) offers assistance to eligible young adults through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), a federally funded program. WSGM partners with high schools, technical colleges, colleges, and community-based organizations that are committed to the well-being and success of participants, and help to ensure that they are prepared to complete their education and become active members of the workforce.



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College Assistance: Eligible Applicants pursuing college or technical school may receive assistance with the cost of books, tuition, and supplies needed to complete their educational programs. Approved programs should be completed within two (2) years or six (6) semesters. Assistance for transportation and childcare may also be provided.

Credit Recovery Program: Assist youth participants who have dropped out of high school, or have been withdrawn from a credit recovery program, to retrieve credits for diploma completion. Eligible youth receive incentives for each credit recovered and assistance with transportation costs and daycare may also be provided.

GED/Career Pathways Programs: Eligible Applicants ages 16-24, who have dropped out of school, or eligible high school graduates may be offered assistance including obtaining a GED through funding for test fees, works skills/employment training and internships. Assistance for transportation and childcare may also be provided. More information is available through Athens Technical College, Lanier Technical College, and North Georgia Technical College's Success Programs. The Transition to Success program is a collaborative transition program between WSGM, Lanier Technical College Adult Basic Education program, and the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice School System. The program provides GED training and testing to youth who are incarcerated in the Hall County Regional Detention Center.

SHIFT: Eligible Applicants ages 16-24, who are currently incarcerated in the Regional Youth Detention Center, on probation, or under court supervision, are offered specific WSGM services in order to assist them in completing and furthering their educational and employment goals. This collaborative program between WSGM and Goodwill also assists in developing career skills through hands-on training. Assistance for transportation and childcare may also be provided.

Employment Training Program: This program provides eligible participants with exposure to the workforce, career professionals, work practices and expectations, helps clarify career interests and enhances occupational skills. Other Work-based learning opportunities may include On the Job Training, Apprenticeship, and Paid and Unpaid Internships.

Mapping Your Future: This series of workshops is designed for 8th grade students and High School students. The workshops were developed to inform students about the options for their future and to guide students in understanding that good choices early can lead to more success in the future.

Community Resources

Ahimsa House (for animals) 404-496-4038 or 404-452-6248

www.ahimsahouse.org

Contact Info: Myra Rasnick, Executive Director

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

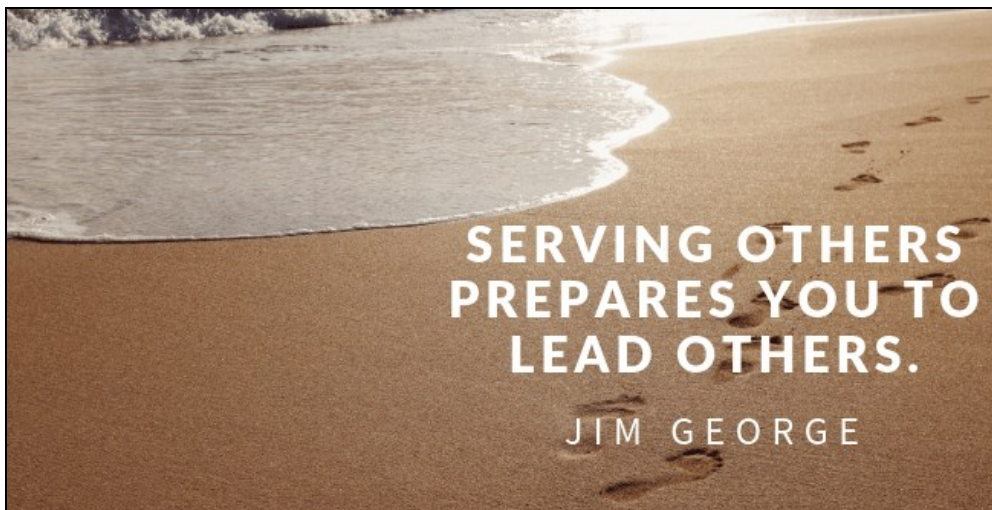
Services Offered: 24-hour statewide crisis line (404-452-6248)- Assistance with including pets in safety planning, listing pets on TPOs/special conditions bonds, establishing proof of pet ownership, referrals to other local agencies and to programs of this type outside

- Emergency Animal Safehouse Services (EASS)- Confidential shelter and veterinary care for animals of any species while owners stay at a domestic violence shelter or other temporary accommodation seeking safety from abuse
- Assistance with transportation of animals throughout their program time
- Funding for forensic veterinary examinations to document non-accidental injury to animals
- Assistance with pet deposits in transitional housing for survivors.
- Professional and community outreach- Outreach to raise awareness about connections between animal abuse and domestic violence; consultation to other agencies on documenting/prosecuting co-occurring animal cruelty and domestic violence.
- Trainings/speakers available at no charge to other agencies and community groups

Backpack Love 773-391-7104 or 678-989-0255

A Ministry of Straight Street Revolution

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



Community Resources

Chattahoochee Baptist Association

Contact Info: **770-532-3371**

1220 McEver Rd Gainesville, Ga 30504

On McEver Rd near Hall County DFCS

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

- **Food Pantry**

Hours of Operation- -Monday 5-7pm, Wednesday and Friday 9-11 am

Individuals who qualify receive a box of food which includes canned fruits, vegetables, soups, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, pasta, pinto beans, rice, macaroni and cheese, tuna, lunch meat, and sausage and bacon. They also receive breads, desserts, and fresh vegetables and fruits. Families must fill out an application to determine need.

- **Furniture Assistance**

Hours of Operation- Monday 5-7pm, Wednesday and Friday 9-11 am

Furniture such as beds, sofas, etc. are available as needed along with appliances, linens, dishes and other household items. Selection varies weekly and items are given on a first-come, first-served basis. Families must have valid residence and must be able to safely haul items.

- **Secret Santa-** Provides toys and clothes for children ages 2 to 12 at Christmas. Parents fill out a registration form for children. Families must meet residency and income requirements.

- **Camp Hope-** Summer camp for underprivileged children in the first through fifth grades.

Clothing & Thrift Stores

Goodwill

770-538-4206

Habitat ReStore

770-718-1070

My Sister's Place Boutique

678-971-4241

The Potter's House

678-330-1400

Waypoint Thrift Store

770-538-7324



**"Not every day is good
but there is something
good in every day."**

ALICE MORSE EARL

THE Healthy

Choices Pregnancy Care Center

Crisis 24/7 hotline/ Clinical appointment # [770-535-1245](tel:770-535-1245)

<https://www.choicespregnancy.org/>

Contact Info: Lee Koz, Executive Director

Location: 225 Forrest Avenue, Gainesville, GA 30501

Monday 11:00am—5:00pm Tuesday—Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm

Mobile Clinic: call for locations. Monday—Wednesday 9:00am—2:30pm

Choices provides free or low-cost medical services, hospital-approved education, earned baby supplies, and emotional and spiritual support for parents contemplating parenthood or adoption, for single moms and for post-abortive women.

Pregnancy Services:

Free Pregnancy Tests

Free STI Tests for pregnant women

Free Ultrasounds

Free Prenatal Vitamins

Options Education - explore every option (abortion, adoption, single parenting, marriage)

Adoption Referrals

Other Medical Services:

Discounted STI Tests for non-pregnant women and all men

Chemical Abortion Reversal Referrals

Support Services:

- Maternity Housing Referrals

- Infant Clothing & Supplies (see “My Baby Counts” Program below)

My Baby Counts Program - You can earn baby clothes / items by watching short parenting videos from your phone or laptop.

PAST Class (Post Abortion Support and Treatment) – A 10-week support and recovery class for women who have had an abortion.

- Opportunities for community and individual volunteers

Community Resources

Dept. of Family and Children Services 770-532-5298

970 McEver Road

Gainesville, GA 30504

Intake 770-532-5288

Afterhours/Weekends- 1-855-GA-CHILD

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

Services Offered:

- **The Georgia Supplemental Nutrition Program (SNAP)**- provides monthly benefits to low-income households to help pay for the cost of food. A household may be one person living alone, a family, or several, unrelated individuals living together who routinely purchase and prepare meals together. Applicants can apply online at www.compass.ga.gov. Income eligibility requirements apply.
- **Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)**- is a monthly cash assistance program for families with children under the age of 18. Income eligibility requirements apply. Adults on TANF must have a job or participate in work experience, etc. TANF is limited to 48 months of assistance.
- **The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)** - is a federal program that helps low-income persons in Georgia (including the elderly) by providing them with food and energy assistance at no cost. Income eligibility requirements apply.
- **The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)**- helps supplement the diets of low income elderly, sixty years of age or older, pregnant women and children up to age 6 in Georgia by providing them with nutritious commodities and nutrition education at no cost. Applicants for CSFP must apply for and meet certain eligibility requirements before being determined to receive CSFP products. Medicaid provides health care services to individuals that meet the requirements for income, resources, and citizenship. Must have a social security card.
- **Right from the Start Medicaid (RSM)**- no-cost health care coverage for children (age 0-19) and pregnant women.
- **Women's Health Medicaid (WHM)**- Healthcare Coverage for eligible uninsured or underinsured women under age 65 who have been screened and affirmatively diagnosed with breast and/or cervical cancer or some precancerous condition of the breast or cervix.
- **Low Income Medicaid (LIM)**- Healthcare Coverage for eligible low-income children (under age 18) and the adult(s) who are responsible for them.
- **Long Term Care (LTC)**- Healthcare Coverage for participants in long term care living arrangements including nursing homes or those utilizing community care service providers.
- **Katie Beckett (KB)**- Healthcare Coverage for children up to age 19 who are eligible for institutionalized care but are receiving home-based care instead.
- **The Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) Program**- assists low-income families to afford quality childcare. Eligibility requirements apply.

Community Resources

Family Promise of Hall County 770-535-0786

www.familypromisehall.org

Contact Info: Lindsey McCamy, Executive Director

info@familypromisehall.org

3606 McEver Rd, Oakwood, GA 30566

Family Promise of Hall County (FPHC) is a registered 501(c)(3) whose mission is to empower low-income individuals and families experiencing homelessness to achieve sustainable independence by providing wrap-around services.

Programs & Services:

- **Diaper Bank:** FPHC is open to the public for diaper distribution on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, from 10am-12pm. Diaper distribution is limited to two bundles per child per month based on supply.
- **Empowerment (Shelter) Program:** FPHC serves families experiencing homelessness and helps them achieve lasting independence by providing shelter, meals, and support services (see requirements below).
- **Family Food Market:** FPHC is open to the public for food distribution on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, from 10am-12pm.
- **The Homestead:** FPHC can provide a "home base" for families in the community seeking services. Our computer resource room and case management services are available to the community by appointment.
- **H.U.M.I.:** FPHC can offer eviction prevention and housing stabilization to eligible families. This program engages families in programs that enhance their skills and abilities to sustain housing in the future.
- **L.I.F.E. Program:** The "Local Initiative for Family Empowerment" program provides life-skills classes for residents of Hall County. The classes cover various topics such as financial literacy, parenting, healthy living, job skills, and career development.

Little Steps Community Daycare (LSCD): FPHC's licensed childcare facility offers free, temporary and permanent childcare options with affordable rates for families referred to us by our community partner agencies.

Empowerment Program Requirements:

1. Must have children. We work exclusively with families with children. Any family or individual applying for our program must have at least one child in their custody.
2. Must be able and willing to work. We are a work-oriented program focused on families regaining independence by finding consistent, reliable employment.
3. Must not have a current situation involving domestic violence. Our facility is not equipped to handle situations with an imminent threat of domestic violence.
4. Must work or seek employment in Hall County. Children must be enrolled in local schools.

Community Resources

Gateway Domestic Violence Center 770-536-5860

Contact Info: Jessica Butler, Executive Director

www.gatewaydvcenter.org

P.O Box 2962

Gainesville, GA 30503

Crises Line/Shelter: 1-800-33-HAVEN

Administration Office: (770) 539-9080

Legal Advocacy: (770) 531-7153

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

Shelter Requirements:

- Hall County residents only
- Victims of domestic violence (physical, emotional, etc) who are in need of safety
- Food, medicine, clothing, and personal items are provided for people and children during their stay

Services Offered:

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

Gainesville Baptist Mission 770-287-9700

669 Main Street

Gainesville, GA 30501

The Gainesville Baptist Mission is a Christ centered ministry serving homeless men 18 years of age and older. Men can stay up to 1 year if they are progressing through the phases of the program. There is no cost for our services.

We provide all meals, clothing, case management, addiction counseling, employment assistance, money management training, Biblical counseling, chapel services and transportation for the men in our program.

We accept applications Monday - Friday from 10am to 3pm.

Our goal is to disciple men and lead them to a life dependent on the Lord, active in church, and living a structured life within their own home and become functioning members of our community.

Community Resources

Georgia Mountain Food Bank 770-534-4111

Contact Info: Rebecca Thurman, Interim Executive Director

Georgia Mountain Food Bank partners with over 40 hunger-fighting organizations to provide food & resources in Dawson, Forsyth, Hall, Lumpkin, and Union counties. Georgia Mountain Food Bank does not provide direct public distribution but works hard to connect individuals with a food pantry or provider closest to them.

L.A.M.P Ministries 678-343-6065

Contact Info: Mary Mauricio

L.A.M.P Ministries is a residential placement option for teens and runaway youth in the Hall County area. There are no specific requirements for admission and length of stay can vary according to individual needs. L.A.M.P ministries offers placement for girls but does have limited space for boys as well. Teens are offered help with GED classes (if applicable), music classes, life-skills training, job placement assistance, counseling, and support. Referrals can be made from the court system, schools, parents, or any community agency.

No fees are required

My Sister's Place 770-503-1181

www.my-sisters-place.org

www.facebook.com/MSPgainesville

Contact Information:

2480 Martin Luther King Blvd., Unit 4

Gainesville, Georgia 30501

770-532-5111-office

770-503-1181-shelter

My Sisters Place is a Christ-centered shelter for homeless women and mothers with children.

Requirements:

- We are a shelter for women and children
- Women must have employment or be actively seeking employment- must be able to work at least 35 hours or more per week. If a client is unemployed, they must be able to find employment within the first 21 days of their stay.
- We are unable to accept anyone who is actively fleeing from a domestic violence situation.
- We do not accept males over 12 years old.
- We are unable to house anyone who is suffering from a severe mental illness, such as schizophrenia.
- We do not accept anyone who has committed violent crimes or crimes against children.
- We do require that our clients attend church services
- Clients must pass a drug test upon entry, and we administer random drug testing throughout their stay.

Community Resources

Mental Health Services

AVITA Community Partners

678-207-2950
avitapartners.org

Center Point

770-535-1050
centerpointga.org

Chattahoochee Child Psychology Services

678-971-5355
chattahoocheechildpsychology.com

Children's Center for Hope & Healing

770-532-6530
hopeandhealingga.org

Disability Resource Center

770-534-6656
disabilityresourcecenter.org

Family Recovery

770-535-1073
familyrecovery.com

NAMI—Hall County

770-225-0804
namihall.org

Professional Counseling Services

678-943-3550
counselingnorthga.weebly.com

Salveo Integrative Health

770-910-9196
salveohealth.org

Still Waters Counseling

770-287-1356
stillwaterscounselingcenter.org

Wellroot Family Services

770-531-3063
wellroot.org

Whispering Angels Youth Ranch

678-725-0735
whisperingangelsyouthranch.org



Community Resources

Ninth District Opportunity 770-532-3191

www.ndo.org

Contact Info:

615 Oak Street, Ste. C

Gainesville, Georgia 30501

For Head Start/GA Pre-K Services contact:

1300 Athens Street

Gainesville, Georgia 30507

770-536-1816

Leadership

is about making others better
as a result of your presence and
making sure that impact lasts in
———— your absence. ————

— Sheryl Sandberg
COO of Facebook

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

Services Provided:

- Early Head Start/Head Start –The Head Start program promotes the school readiness of infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children from low-income families through center-based services.

GA Pre-K – The GA Pre-K program is for four year olds to prepare children for Kindergarten.

- Housing Assistance- Information and referral available for housing assistance to qualified households when funding is available
- Energy Assistance- Financial assistance for low-income households when funding is available
- Weatherization- Qualifying households can receive assistance in making their homes more energy-efficient through conservation measures and minor home repairs.

Northlake Baptist Church 770-536-7338

Contact Info: www.northlakebaptist.org

4823 Thompson Bridge Road

Gainesville, GA 30506

Hours: Saturdays- First-time visitors need to arrive between 8:30 and 9:00 to register. All recipients need to be in the sanctuary by 9:30 am. No proof of need is required.

Community Resources

South Hall Community Food Pantry 678-865-6588

Contact Info:

4211 Walnut Street

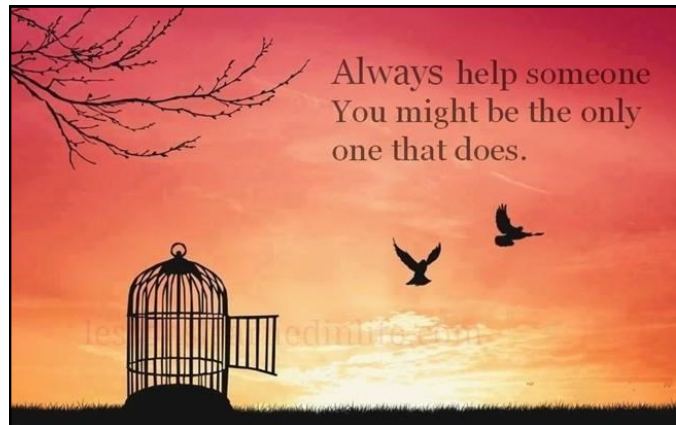
Oakwood, GA 30566

Hours: Monday 3pm – 5pm

Thursday and Saturday- 10am – Noon

Provides food assistance to those individuals in need in Hall County

Call for eligibility requirements



Salvation Army 770-534-7589

Contact Info:

681 Dorsey Street

Gainesville, GA 30501

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

Programs Offered:

- Food Bank- Hours: Monday-Thursdays 2-3:30 pm

Requirements:

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



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