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2010 List of Organizations

Board of Commissioners

Chairman: Mark Chastain, 1 Broad Street, Ellijay 30540, (706) 635-4361
Commissioner (Post 1): Will Beatty, 1 Broad Street, Ellijay 30540, (706) 669-2898
Commissioner (Post 2): J. C. Sanford, 1 Broad Street, Ellijay 30540, (706) 635-4361
Attorney: David Clark, 84 River St., Ellijay 30540, (706) 635-1010
County Clerk: Diana Buttram, 1 Broad Street, Ellijay 30540, (706) 635-4361 ex. 29
Chief Registrar: James Fredrickson, P.O. Box 394, Ellijay 30540
Financial Officer: Faye Harvey, 1 Broad Street, Ellijay 30540, (706) 635-4361 ex. 23

City of Ellijay

Contact: (706) 635-4711, 197 North Main Street, Ellijay, GA 30450, weekdays 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Gilmer County Chamber of Commerce

President: Paige Green, 368 Craig Street, East Ellijay, 30539, P.O. Box 505, Ellijay, 30540
(706) 635-7400, Fax (706) 635-7410, e-mail: chamber@ellijay.com

Gilmer County Parks and Recreation

Park Director: Robby Newton, Assistant Director, Kevan White, 1561 South Main Street, Ellijay
(706) 635-7700

Public Safety

Emergency Fire and Rescue: 911
Gilmer County Station No. 1: 1561 South Main, Ellijay 30540, (706) 635-1333
[Gilmer](#) County Sheriff's Office: Sheriff Stacy Nicholson, 106 Brett Dickey Memorial Drive, Ellijay
(706) 635-4625
Georgia Bureau of Investigation: (404) 244-2600

Gilmer Schools and Educational Services

Board of Education

Members: Mike Bramlett – Chairman, Kathy W. Jones - Vice Chairman, Michael Parks, Foster M. Ronald Watkins, (706) 276-5000

Chattahoochee Technical College

Contact: (706) 253-4500, Appalachian Campus, 100 Campus Drive, Jasper, GA 30143; (706) 276-5000, Ellijay Learning Center – GED program; (706) 253-4515, Economic Development, Appalachian Campus. Campuses also available at Marietta, North Metro, Paulding County, South Cobb, Mountain View, and Woodstock: www.ChattahoocheeTech.edu

Services: Offering day, evening and on-line courses, Chattahoochee Technical College provides employment-driven education in associate degrees, diplomas, and technical certificates for today's existing and emerging career fields. Through Economic Development programs individuals and businesses may obtain professional development training, customized training for employees, enrichment courses to help meet both professional and personal educational goals. The Georgia Ready Program is available through Economic Development as well. For adult basic education the College's Learning Centers offer assessment and instruction for the GED.

Crossroads Alternative School

Contact: (706) 276-5007, Fax: (706) 276-5058, 136 North Avenue, Ellijay, GA 30540; e-mail: jjones@gilmerschools.com

Services: Crossroads Alternative School is a last chance public school opportunity for students who have been assigned to us because of disruptive, illegal, or inappropriate behaviors at their regular schools. Students are served in a small, structured, nurturing, individualized setting that seeks to help each student achieve the academic, social, and emotional growth necessary to successfully re-enter a regular school. Crossroads also serves students who are excessive in their absenteeism and for one reason or another feel more comfortable and safe and perform better in a setting such as Crossroads. Service Area: Fannin, Gilmer, and Pickens Counties

Dalton State College – Gilmer County Center

Contact: (706) 635-1260; Fax: (706) 635-1265; Sandy Ott, Director, or Tracey May, Administrator, Dalton Street, Ellijay, GA 30540; website: www.daltonstate.edu

Services: Dalton State College-Gilmer County Center is located in downtown Ellijay. All credit courses offered at the Gilmer County Center carry the same academic credit as the equivalent courses

the main campus in Dalton. We are proud of our record of academic excellence here at Dalton College, and our extended campus courses are normally taught by full time faculty members. Dalton State College also offers general education courses at DSC Gilmer County Center, in Ellijay. These classes include courses from Areas A-F of the Core Curriculum as well as Learning Support classes. Please check the DSC schedule of classes for dates, times and course offerings.

Gilmer Christian Learning Center

Contact: (706) 635-7100, 183 Bobcat Trail, Ellijay, GA 30540

Services: Counseling for high school students with domestic problems. We are a release time ministry. We are located off campus and must have parental permission,

Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., closed Saturday and Sunday (following school calendar)

Funding: Local churches, businesses, and private contributions.

Gilmer County Head Start

Contact: Beth McArthur, (706) 635-4045, 305 Calvin Jackson Drive, Ellijay 30540

Services: Head Start is a comprehensive pre-school program. The family is served as well as child. Head Start children receive medical and dental services, which include exams and follow up. Breakfast and lunch are provided at no cost. Social services referrals and advisement are provided for each eligible family. Head Start provides a well-rounded education curriculum for 3- to 4- year old children. All services are also provided for children with special needs.

Funding: Federally funded program.

Gilmer County Pre-K

Contact: Stephanie Burnett, (706) 636-2064

Services: A comprehensive pre-school program. Social services and referrals provided for eligible families.

Funding: State Lottery Funds.

Gilmer County Public Schools

Superintendent of Schools: Randy Parson, (706) 276-5000, Fax: (706) 276-5005

Clear Creek Middle: Principal, David Ueltzen, 1020 Clear Creek Road, Ellijay, 30536, (706) 276-5000; counselor – Doris Sanford; graduation coach – Denise Griggs

Crossroads Alternative School: Principal, James Jones, 136 North Avenue Ellijay, GA 30540, (706) 276-5007, Fax: (706) 276-5058; counselor – Carl Day

Ellijay Elementary School: Principal, Sandy Layman, 32 McCutchen Street Ellijay, 30540, (706) 276-5022; counselor – Bonnie Arnold

Ellijay Primary School: Principal, Mrs. Sandra Davenport, 196 McCutchen Street, Ellijay, 30540, (706) 276-5010, Fax: (706) 276-5013; counselor – Jamie Weeks

Gilmer High School: Principal, Erick Hofstetter, 408 Bobcat Trail, Ellijay, 30540, (706) 276-5080, (706) 276-5088; counselors – Tammy Welch, Joseph Sullivan, and Gwen Calhoun, graduation coach – Kerley

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Gilmer Middle School: Principal, Jason Kouns, 1860 South Main Street, (706) 276-5030, Fax: (706) 276-5035; counselor – Gina Nichols; graduation coach - Brad Jenkins

Gilmer Pre-K / Head Start: Director of Gilmer Pre-K, Stephanie Burnett, Principal of Head Start, McArthur; 305 Calvin Jackson Drive, Ellijay, 30540, (706) 636-2064
Mountain View Elementary: Principal, Kim Cagle, 350 Calvin Jackson Drive, Ellijay 30540, (706) 636-2064
counselor – Tina Watkins
Oakland Elementary School: Principal, Greg Burrell, 8264 Highway 52 East, Ellijay, 30536, (706) 636-2064
Fax: (706) 276-5041; counselor – Jennie Harper

Gilmer County School System Safe and Drug Free Program

Contact: (706) 276-5000; Superintendent's Office; Title IV, Safe and Drug Free Coordinator.
Services: This mandated program provides Scientifically Researched Drug and Alcohol prevention programs to all students K-12 in Gilmer County schools. Trained instructors provide instructional support services to the students across the grade levels.
Funding: Federally funded program.

Gilmer High School Guidance Department

Contact: (706) 276-5080, Fax: (706) 276-5088, 408 Bobcat Trail, Ellijay, GA 30540
Services: Counseling, scheduling, RTI/Student Support Team, college, financial aid counseling, Parent/Teacher Conferences, graduation coach, and student records.
Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Gilmer Learning Center, Inc.

Contact: (706) 276-1110, 30 Southside Church Street, Ellijay, GA 30540
Services: Gilmer Learning Center serves adults from beginning reading and math up to preparing for entrance tests to local colleges or technical schools, as well as students wanting to learn English as a second language and adult citizens wanting to improve their academic skills and prepare for the workforce.
Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Funding: Corporate grants and local donations only.

Mountain Education Center High School

Contact: (706) 276-5002, 136 N. Avenue, Ellijay, GA 30540, Director, Mitchel Barrett; e-mail: mbarrett@mountaineducationcenter.net; website: <http://www.mountaineducationcenter.net>.
Services: Credit Recovery and High School Diploma. Night school designed to assist the in-school student to make up failed courses, remain in their high school and graduate with their peers. A program provides a high school for the dropped out student to return to high school, complete the graduation requirements and graduate.
Hours: Monday – Thursday, 4:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., (12 month program)
Funding: State funding and course fees.

Judicial System Information

Appalachian Family Law Information Center (AFLIC)

Contact: Kayann West, Staff Attorney and Director, Jacque Elwarner, Program Coordinator (706) 299-1444 or (706) 299-1425; 1 Broad Street, Suite 102 A, Ellijay, GA 30540; website:

www.appfamilylawcenter.com

Services: The Appalachian Family Law Information Center (AFLIC) was developed to assist residents of Pickens, Gilmer, and Fannin Counties who wish to represent themselves in domestic legal matters and educate themselves about domestic issues. AFLIC has legal form packets and instructions available to assist in the following areas (some of which are available on-line): divorce (both with and without children), contempt, legitimation, child custody and visitation modifications, modification of child support, and name changes. See the website for more information.

Drug Court

Brenda S. Weaver, P.O. Box 545, Jasper, 30143, (706) 253-8729, Fax: (706) 253-8734

Larry Clemmons, Drug Court Coordinator, P.O. Box 654, Jasper, GA 30143, (706) 633-3702

Julia Panter, Drug Court Probation Officer, P.O. Box 654, Jasper, GA 30143, (706) 299-1364

Joe Hendricks, Drug Court Prosecutor, 50 North Main Street, Jasper, GA 30143, (706) 253-3511

Stacy McClure, Drug Court Information Specialist, P. O. Box 545, Jasper, GA 30143 (706) 253-8734

Contact: Julia Panter, (706) 299-1364, Drug Court Probation Officer, P.O. Box 654, Jasper, GA 30143

Services: The drug court is a specialized court operating as a division of the Superior Court. The purpose of the drug court is to stop abuse of drugs and alcohol and related criminal activity. The participants must complete the requirements of the program in order to graduate. All participants are enrolled in the program for a minimum of 24 months. The program includes treatment, random drug screens, and attendance of NA/AA meetings and regular court appearances.

Clients: Drug court is specifically designed to facilitate the treatment and rehabilitation of non-violent felony drug defendants who meet entrance criteria established by the drug court steering committee. Clients are accepted by the drug court team. It is intended for those who are addicted to or are abusing drugs and alcohol and wish to change.

Family Drug Court

Contact: Julie Lasley, (706) 299-1364, PO Box 545, Jasper, GA 30143

Services: The Appalachian Family Drug Court is a program designed to facilitate the treatment and rehabilitation of parents whose children have been or are in danger of being removed from the home due to unresolved substance abuse issues. The Family Drug Court serves Fannin, Gilmer, and Pickens counties and is a voluntary, intensive two-year program. The court utilizes bi-monthly judicial reviews, weekly counseling, and random drug screening in the detection and prevention of illegal drug use by parents enrolled in the program. The Family Drug Court Team consists of the Juvenile Court Judge, Family Drug Court Coordinator, Special Appointed Attorney General, Attorney for the parents, Case Manager, and Treatment Providers. The mission of the Family Drug Court is to stop abuse of drugs and alcohol, while at the same time, preserving and reuniting families.

Juvenile Drug Court

Contact: John Worcester-Holland, Chief Judge, Frank Fulford, Judge, PO Box 2043, Blue Ridge, GA 30513; (706) 276-2371, Ellijay, GA 30540

Services: The Appalachian Juvenile Drug Court is a program designed to assist youths under the age of seventeen make successful choices free of the influence of drugs or alcohol. The Juvenile Drug Court serves Fannin, Gilmer, and Pickens counties and is an intensive, eighteen to twenty-four month program aimed at treatment and rehabilitation of youth charged with delinquent acts involving drugs and alcohol. The Court utilizes bi-monthly judicial reviews, weekly counseling, random drug screening, and compliance officers in the detection and prevention of illegal drug use by the youth enrolled in the program. The Court awards incentives for compliant behavior and imposes sanctions for non-compliance.

behavior. The Drug Court Team consists of the Juvenile Court Judge, Drug Court Coordinator, Attorney, Public Defender, Probation Department and Treatment Providers.
Clients: Youth involved in the Juvenile Justice System who have committed a delinquent or unruly act prior to their 17th birthday and are court ordered to participate in services provided.

Magistrate Court

Judge Roger Kincaid, Chief Magistrate, 1 Broad Street, Suite 203, Ellijay, 30540, (706) 635-2515, 635-7756

Judge Joseph F. Murphy, 53 Sand Street, Ellijay, 30540, (706) 635-2515, Fax: (706) 635-7756

Mental Health Court

Contact: Julia Lasley, (706) 299-1364; PO Box 545, Jasper, GA 30143

Services: The Mental Health Court is a specialized court operating as a division of the Superior Court. The goals of Mental Health Court are to: 1) divert non-violent offenders out of the traditional criminal justice track in order to address the underlying mental illness/co-occurring substance abuse; 2) reduce the length of confinement for offenders and address the criminal case quickly; 3) improve public safety by monitoring the stability of participants; 4) improve the quality of life and success rate of participants as they are connected with resources such as mental health providers, housing, and employment; 5) form a collaborative and open line of communication between mental health providers and the criminal justice system; and 6) relieve jail overcrowding.

Probate Court

Judge Anita Mullins, 51 Sand Street, Ellijay, 30540, (706) 635-4763, Fax: (706) 635-4761

Superior Court

Brenda S. Weaver, Chief Judge Superior Court and Drug Court, P.O. Box 545, Jasper, 30143, (706) 253-8729, Fax: (706) 253-8734

Roger E. Bradley, Superior Court Judge, 1 Broad Street, Ellijay, 30540, (706) 515-2027, Fax: (706) 515-2027

State Representatives

David Ralston: Senate District 51

Capitol Address: Legislative Office Building, Room 324, Atlanta, GA 30334

Capitol Telephone: (404) 656-6559

District Address: P.O. Box 1196, Blue Ridge, GA 30513

District Telephone: (706) 632-2221

Chip Pearson: Senate District 51

Capitol Address: 321 B Coverdell Office Building, Atlanta, GA 30334

Capitol Telephone: (404) 656-9221

Capitol Fax: (404) 657-3248 District Address: P.O. Box 38 Dawsonville, GA 30534

District Telephone: (770) 886-6971

Nathan Deal: Congressional District 9

2437 Rayburn House Office Building

Washington, DC 20515-1009

Telephone: (202) 225-5211, Fax: (202) 225-8272

Family, Community Services, & Support Groups – Quick Reference

Food, clothes, money, counseling

Adult Protective Services (Adult Abuse): 1 (888) 774-0152
Angel Food Ministries: (706) 636-2200
American Work: (706) 301-1061
Appalachian Children's Center: (706) 273-2225
Bread-N-Bowl Ministries: (706) 698-2620
Cares, Inc.: (706) 253-4777
Cherry Log Christian Church Clothing Closet: (706) 632-1048
Child Support Recovery: (706) 276-2364
Churches United in Service - Reverend Joseph Murphy: (706) 635-2594
Community Action Agency: (706) 635-5858
Craddock Center: (706) 632-1772
Department of Family and Children Services: (706) 635-2361
Domestic Violence against Women Unit: (706) 253-3515
Faith, Hope and Charity Thrift Store: (706) 635-3035, opens at 9:00 a.m.
First Baptist Church of Ellijay Georgia: (706) 635-5611
Gilmer County Extension – University of Georgia Cooperative Extension: (706) 635-4426
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Gilmer County Food Pantry: (706) 273-3663, Emergency (706) 273-7009
Habitat for Humanity: (706) 374-4128
Hope for the Hungry: (706) 632-5741, 10 AM to 2 PM Wednesday – no application/1 box of food
New Beginnings Family Church: (706) 636-2200
NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness): (706) 636-4527; Jean Smiley
North GA Mountain Crisis Network, Inc.: (706) 632-8401; 24 Hour Hotline (706) 632-8400 or (800) 33HAVEN (42836)
The Joy House: (706) 253-7569
State of GA HIV/AIDS Hotlines: (800) 551-2728, (800) 344-7432 (Spanish)
Westcare: (706) 235-1313

Housing

Austin Place Apartments: (706) 273-2727
Brooks Hill Apartments: (706) 276-6566
Ellijay East Apartments: (706) 635-3900
Ellijay Housing Authority: (706) 635-4644
Holly Faith Apartments, Inc.: (706) 635-1501
Mountain Ridge Apartments: (706) 276-2567
USDA Rural Development: (706) 692-6417

Medical Services, Prescriptions, and Mental Health

\$4 Generic Prescriptions are available at Wal-Mart and Target: www.Walmart.com, www.Target.com
Bilingual Child Care Specialist: (687) 792-3505
Clear View Recovery Center Inc.: (706) 698-4360
Daniel Serritella, Ph.D. PC: (706) 635-2640
Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids - Lions Club: (706) 276-2501

Georgia Crisis Line for Mental Health: 1 (800) 715-4225
Georgia Highlands Center/Mental Health Services: (706) 276-2076
Georgia Immunization Program: (404) 657-3158
Georgia Mountain Dental: (706) 258-3384
Georgia Mountains Health: (706) 635-6898
Gilmer County Health Department: (706) 635-4363
Highland Rivers Mental Health: (706) 276-2024
Laurel Medical Center: (706) 635-1400
Morganton Baptist Association - Ellijay (706) 635-2360; Blue Ridge (706) 632-5741; free medical open 1st Tuesday of each month.
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Needymeds.com
North Georgia Medical Center: (706) 276-4741
North Georgia Mountain Crisis Network: (706) 632-8401
Mental Health Services (Child and Adolescent): (706) 276-2076**PeachCare: 1 (877) GA-PEACH**
Publix Super Markets: limited list of free oral antibiotics (770) 345-5389
Renew Counseling of North Georgia: (706) 276-6018
Safe Choice Medical Care Center: (706) 276-1945

Community Services, Support Groups, Job Find

Alanon/Alateen: 1 (888) 425-2666 www.al-anon.alateen.org
Alcoholics Anonymous: (706) 636-4022
Alzheimer's Support Group: (706) 273-2280
Appalachian Lifeline Center – Substance Abuse Support Groups: (706) 889-1324
Champs Program: (706) 635-7430
Child Support Enforcement: (706) 276-2364
Cocaine Anonymous: (706) 635-5353
Crystal Meth Anonymous: (404) 454-3637; www.crystalmeth.org
Department of Labor: (706) 632-2033
Domestic Violence Task Force: (800) 789-7233.
DUI School: (706) 635-7000
Gilmer County Daycare: (706) 635-5693
Georgia State Wide Helpline and Referral Services: 1 (800) 338-6745; www.recoveryconsultants.com
Gilmer Transit System: (706) 276-6287
Goodwill Industries of North Georgia - Career Center: (706) 276-4722
Meals on Wheels: (706) 635-7688
Narcotics Anonymous: (706) 635-5353 (Gilmer)
Narcotics Anonymous: 1 (888) 313-7887 (northwest Georgia) www.na.org
NW Georgia Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging: (706) 295-6485
Pickens Outreach Office: (706) 253-2747
The Refuge: (706) 635-5353
Senior Center: (706) 635-7688

Civic Organizations

4-H Club: (706) 635-4426, 1123 Progress Road, Ellijay, 30540

AARP: Meets second Monday 2:00 p.m. at the United Community Bank, (706) 635-2402 or (706)

Alzheimer's Support Group: Meets 3rd Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. at the North Georgia Medical Center (service provided), (706) 276-2047.

American Heart Association: For more information, contact (888) 352-3824 ext. 2013.

Apple Country Auto Club: Meets 4th Thursday each month. For more information, contact (706) 276-1875.

Apple Country Quilters: Meets Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. First United Methodist Church, (706) 276-3000.

Big Creek Fire Station Association: Meets 7:00 p.m. 1st Tuesdays, Fire Station 9534 Big Creek, (706) 276-3000.

Book Review Group: Meets 4th Tuesdays at Gilmer County Public Library at 5:30, (706) 635-8900.

Boy Scouts: For more information, meeting location & times, contact (706) 276-4456.

Community Action Agency: Meets 7:00 p.m. 1st Mondays, Senior Center, (706) 635-5858.

Coosawattee River Resorts Association: Board of Directors meets 1:00 p.m. 2nd Saturdays, (706) 276-1060.

Coosawattee River Resort Good Neighbor Club: Meets 6:30 1st Friday of every month at the Water Tower, (706) 276-2178, Pat Carlson.

Coosawattee Shrine Club - Meets 7:00 p.m. 3rd Mondays, (706) 276-3514.

Dedicated Ellijay Merchants Association (DEMA): Meets 3rd Tuesday's, 6:30 p.m. (706) 635-5900
www.downtownellijay.org

Ellijay Amateur Radio Society (E.A.R.S.): Meets 7 p.m. 2nd Thursday, United Community Bank, (706) 276-4043.

Ellijay Chapter #150 Royal Arch Masons: Meets 7:30 p.m. 3rd Tuesdays, Oak Bowery Lodge, (706) 276-2564, e-mail: info@oakbowery.org; web-site: <http://www.oakbowery.org>

Ellijay Lions Club: Meets 7:00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at the Lions Club facility, (706) 635-5900
e-mail: ellijaylions@hotmail.com or information@ellijaylionsclub.com

Friends of the Library: Meets monthly, Gilmer County Library at (706) 276-4528.

Gideons International: Meets 6:30 p.m. 1st Thursdays, Bobcat Den & 7:00 a. m. Saturdays, Del Rio, (706) 636-5291.

Gilmer Arts & Heritage Association (G.A.H.A.): (706) 635-5605 or e-mail us at: gaha@ellijay.com

Gilmer County Home Builders Association: P.O. Box 1781, Ellijay, GA 30540, Executive Office Hudson, (706) 276-1781.

Gilmer County Retired Educators Association: Meets 12:00 p.m. 2nd Wednesdays of March, June, September, December, (706) 635-4447.

Gilmer County Saddle Club: For more information contact, (706) 635-5497.

Gilmer Garden Club of Ellijay: Meets 1st Wednesday of the month at 12:30, e-mail: info@gilmergardenclub.org or call (706) 636-4056.

Gilmer Historic Preservation Advisory Council: 4th Thursday, 5:30 p.m. (706) 273-3730.

Gilmer Genealogical Society: Thursday at 3:00 p.m. at the Gilmer Library, (706) 273-3730.

Girl Scouts: Meets at the Scout Hut, Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. (706) 276-1823.

Hospital Auxiliary: For more information call (706) 635-8869.

Habitat for Humanity: For more information contact (706) 632-6337.

Mothers of Preschoolers: (706) 698-MOPS (6677); website: www.ellijaymops.org

Oak Bowery Lodge #81: Meets 7:30 p.m. 1st Tuesdays & 3rd Fridays, (706) 635-4185.

Oakland Community Club: Meets 6:30 p.m. 1st Tuesdays, Oakland Club House, (706) 276-3865

Rotary Club: Meets each Monday at noon in the Albert Harrison Community Room, (706) 276-8

Walnut Mountain Property Owners Association: Meets January, April, July & October, Walnut (706) 635-2565.

Service Organizations

Aging Nutrition Program

Contact: 111 Gilmer Street, Ellijay, GA 30540, (706) 635-7688

Services: Senior citizens are served nutritious meals; enjoy arts and crafts, games, recreation, etc. Transportation is provided to and from the site for those in need. Programs of interest are provided. No cost to clients.

Eligibility: All senior citizens 60 or more years young and/or their spouse.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Contact: (706) 636-4022; (706) 276-3765; (706) 276-1561; (706) 276-2085

Location: 33 Dalton Street

Hours: Saturday 8:00 p.m.; Thursdays 10:30 a.m.; closed meeting Tuesday 8:00 p.m.

Alzheimer's Support Group

Contact: (706) 273-2280, Gilmer Senior Center every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Services: If you are caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or know a family that needs more support, these meetings provide information about the disease and local help agencies.

American Red Cross

Contact: (706) 276-8057(work), (706) 273-6708 (cell); Ken Brown, Gilmer County DAT (Disaster Team); e-mail: KLBrown@apab.com; website: www.negaredcross.org

Angel Food Ministries

Contact: (706) 636-2200

Services: Assisting qualified people and families with food.

Appalachian Children's Center

Contact: Sue Kilburn, Director, (706) 273-2225, Fax: (706) 273-2250; 293 Progress Road, P.O. Box 1066, Ellijay, GA 30540 acc@ellijay.com

Services: A non-profit organization designed to serve abused and neglected children ages 3-17 on a referral only. The mission of the ACC is to be an advocate for the safety of all children and to reduce the trauma of child abuse victims and their families by facilitating a multidisciplinary team approach to the prevention, detection, investigation, prosecution and treatment of child abuse in the Appalachian Circuit.

Eligibility: Services at the Appalachian Children's Center are provided free of charge, to any child and family in need.

Hours: We are open 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. For emergencies, please call our mobile phone for instructions.

Funding: ACC is a not-for-profit organization which depends on grants, as well as federal, state, philanthropic and volunteer support. The ACC works with individual donors, charitable foundations, corporations to enhance services and programs and to help care for children. The ACC relies on the volunteers who donate their time and energy in support of the ACC, both at the center and throughout the community.

Appalachian Lifeline Center

Contact: (706) 889-1324; Steve or Ruth Fallin, 123 N. Main Street, Ellijay, 30540

Services: Christ-centered Support Groups, Addiction Support Group, Family Support Groups, Language Support Groups, Counsel and Prayer Ministry by appointment, Referral Center, and more for anyone looking for faith-based services.

Hours: Lifeline Addiction Support Group, Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.; Lifeline Bible Studies, Thursdays 7:00 p.m. and Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

Funding: Donations – a tax-deductible, non-profit organization.

Appalachian Wilderness Camp Outdoor Therapeutic Program

Contact: (706) 865-3141; Fax: (706) 865-1970; 294 OTP Drive, P.O. Box 1066, Cleveland, GA 30515

Services: The Outdoor Therapeutic Program is a state operated long-term residential program for troubled youth, operated by the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

Bilingual Child Care Specialist

Contact: (678) 792-3505, Leslie Cabello, Quality Care for Children, Inc.

Services: Child Care Resource & Referral of N.W. GA.

The Boys & Girls Club

Contact: (706) 669-7740, P. O. Box 326, Ellijay, GA, 30540; email: BGCGilmercounty@yahoo.com

Services: Inspire and enable young people to realize their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. This program has been proven to enhance self esteem, helping girls and

Bread-N-Bowl Ministries

*Contact: (706) 698-2620; 304 Southside Church Street, Ellijay, 30540, (behind the hospital)
Services: Home made lunch served Monday – Friday 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. No questions asked for anyone facing hard times: seniors, families, kids, and teens.*

Caring Closet

*Contact: Senior Center: (706) 635-7688
Service: The Gilmer County Caring Closet, located in the Gilmer County Senior Center, dispenses incontinence products free of charge to families caring for loved ones with dementia in the home on a first-come, first-serve basis. Each eligible family may visit the Caring Closet once a month to pick up available items.
Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

Cameron Hall of Ellijay, Assisted Living Center

*Contact: (770) 720-0290; 144 Penland Street, Ellijay, GA
Services: Residential assisted living, senior activities, meals, management of medications.*

Cartecay Baptist Church

*Contact: (706) 635-1090; 118 Riverwood Road, Ellijay, GA 30536
Hours: Wednesdays and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

CASA of the Appalachian Judicial Circuit

*Contact: (706) 276-2272; P.O. Box 2134, Ellijay, 30540; e-mail: dkenny@appalachiancasa.com
Services: Advocates of abused and neglected children taken into DFACS custody (appointed by the Judge) to represent the child's best interest in court.
Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Funding: Grants.*

Cave Spring Rehabilitation Center

*Contact: Joe Holcombe, Director; (706) 777-2341; P.O. Box 303; Cave Spring, GA 30124; email: Joe.Holcombe@dol.state.ga.us
Services: Our mission is to assist people with disabilities to work, so they can develop good work self-discipline, work ethics, and marketable job skills, so they can become successfully employed and supporting, and assets to their communities.*

Cherry Log Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Contact: Rev. Chris Michael, (706) 632-1048, 186 Fred Craddock Drive, Cherry Log, GA

Services: We provide funds for emergency assistance at the church. Our Clothes Closet is located at the Craddock Center at 947 Cherry Log Street in Cherry Log.

Hours: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Thursday afternoons.

Churches United in Service

Contact: (706) 635-2594; 1123 Progress Road, Ellijay, GA 30540, Rev. Joseph Murphy

Services: Provides assistance with utilities, food, and gas.

Hours: Mondays and Fridays, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Clear View Recovery Center Inc.

Contact: (706) 698-4360, (877) 517-9988, Fax: (770) 517-5027, 572 Maddox Drive Ste. 209, East Ellijay, GA 30540

Services: Substance abuse counseling, family violence intervention program, parenting for family recovery, assessments, anger management, relapse prevention, life skills, nurturing parenting help clients in drug court, family drug court, probation, ASAM drivers license reinstatement.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Funding: SAMHSA, local donations, and grants

Comfort Keepers

Contact: 1 (866) 550-0499, or (770) 704-6007; 10150 Ball Ground Highway, Suite 101, Ball Ground, GA 30107; e-mail: cherookee2fannin@comfortkeepers.com; website: www.comfortkeepers.com

Services: We serve adults of any age, but we specialize in senior in-home care. Our services include light housekeeping, meal preparation, transportation, and personal care services. We also offer choice personal emergency response systems.

Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Funding: Private pay, LTC insurance, VA

Community Action Agency

Contact: (706) 635-5858, Community Civic Center

Services: Emergency food, clothes and money.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Coosa Valley Agency on Aging

Contact: 1 (800) 759-2963 or (706) 802-5506, Fax: (706) 802-5508; P.O. Box 1793, Rome, GA 30016

Services: Serving senior citizens, ages 60 and older by providing nutrition services, in-home services for frail elderly, and services that protect the rights of older persons.

Funding: Funded by the Older Americans Act, and federal, state, private and local sources.

The Craddock Center

Contact: (706) 632-1722, P.O. Box 69, Cherry Log, GA 30522, e-mail: craddockcenter@tds.net

Services: The Craddock Center is a service organization that offers programs to enrich the lives of people in Southern Appalachia through programs of education, cultural enhancement and service. We have a furniture ministry, the Story Express bookmobile that provides children with new books, assistance, lectures, medical equipment, Rainbows grief program for children and families, pre-natal workshops, and the Children's Enrichment Program in Head Start/Pre-K Centers in Gilmer and Polk counties. The Children's Enrichment Program brings music, storytelling and movement to approximately 1400 3-5 year olds.

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Funding: Donations and grants

Daniel Serritella, Ph.D., P.C.

Contact: (706) 635-2640, Toll free (888) 471-8494, Drseritella@yahoo.com Suite 5, 89 Hospital Rd., Ellijay, GA 30540

Services: Marriage and family therapy, couple therapy, individual therapy, general counseling, approved alcohol and drug counseling (ASAM Level 1), state approved alcohol and drug evaluation, state approved provider and evaluation of sex offenders, EAP services and referrals.

Clients: Ages 6 and up

Hours: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Funding: Insurance, private pay, sliding scale.

East Ellijay Baptist Church

Contact: Pastor Stephen Fields, sfields@ellijay.com, Youth minister Eric Colson, epcolson@hotmail.com; (706) 635-4390, 672 Yukon Rd. Ellijay, GA 30536

Services: Sunday school 10 a.m., Sunday services 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday services with children's programs during school year.

Office Hours: Monday- Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Friday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

E.J. Fernandez, MD, Clinic

Contact: (706) 276-4000; 572 Maddox Drive, Suite 218, Ellijay, GA 30540

Services: General Family Practice and minor surgery. Bi-lingual services.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Ellijay Church of Christ

Contact: (706) 635-2950, 351 North Main Street, Ellijay, GA 30540; website: www.ellijaychurchofchrist.com

Services: Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Bible class, Worship 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. June and July. We also provide funds for emergency assistance at the church. We also have a clothes closet and food pantry at the building. Applications for assistance are taken on Wednesdays.

from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Hours: Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Ellijay First United Methodist Church

Contact: (706) 635-2555, Fax: (706) 273-2555; P.O. Box 472, or 75 McCutchen St. Ellijay, GA 30540
Gil McGinnis, pastor, e-mail: office@fumcellijay.org
Services: Freezer food for temporary help; meals for shut-ins; children, youth, and adult family programs; GRASP (Gilmer Relief and Service Project in the summer); Youth Ministry; Preschool Program; members actively involved with the Gilmer County Food Pantry and Faith Hope and Charity Recycle Store.
Hours: Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Friday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00.

Ellijay Housing Authority

Contact: Naomi Pickelsimer, (706) 635-4644, 29 Green Circle, Bldg 200, Ellijay, GA 30540
Services: Housing for low income families.
Clients: Anyone within income limits with acceptable references (applicants must submit to a background check).
Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Funding: Rent and HUD subsidy.

Ellijay Lions Club

Contact: (706) 635-5900, Recorded information line: (706) 635-5901, P.O. Box 746, Ellijay, GA 30540
contact Bill Leinmiller at (706) 276-3480, 239 Trails End Court, Ellijay 30536, e-mail: snowman@etcmail.com
The Ellijay Lions Club meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at the Ellijay Lions Club Facility in the main building at 7:00 p.m.
Services: The Lions Club is a service oriented group that strives to uphold our motto "We Serve". Many community projects are our way of giving back to our community. Special projects include Cane Day for the blind, hearing aids, eyeglasses, sight-saving surgeries, White Christmas for needy families and local fair in August for all citizens, Apple Festival in October for all citizens, and parking drives. Provides services for the blind, sight and hearing-impaired. Provides assistance and programs for Gilmer County children.
Eligibility: Candidates must be sponsored by a Lions Club member.
Service Area: Gilmer County.
Funding: Receipts from Apple Festival and County Fair.

Ellijay Wildlife Rehab Sanctuary

Contact: (706) 276-2980, 435 Cougar Lane, Ellijay, GA 30540
Services: Receives injured or orphaned animals, summer camps for children and their families, program from one hour up to two weeks. Group camping available, bunk houses and teepee program, team building obstacle course along with pioneer living skills, and authentic Native American program.
Purpose: To teach outdoor education through wildlife rehabilitation.
Eligibility: Open to the public.

EMS (Emergency Management Service)

Contact: (706) 635-4652, 375 South Main Street, Ellijay, GA 30540

Services: Emergency medical care and transport to hospitals, free blood pressure checks, free EMS facility.

Hours: 24 hours / 7 days per week.

Funding: County taxes and billing for services.

Service Area: Gilmer and surrounding counties.

ETC Lifeline and Link-Up

Contact: (800) 660-6826, 224 Dalton St., Ellijay, GA or 1646 Hwy 68, Ducktown TN

Services: Assists qualifying low-income individuals with charges for their telephone services. part of the Federal Universal Service Fund program instituted by the Federal Communications Commission. Lifeline provides discounts, call for more information if believe you may qualify for services.

Faith, Hope and Charity Recycle Store, Inc.

Contact: (706) 635-3035 store, Assistance Office (706) 635-3045 Tammy Marks, Director; 449 Inland Blvd., Suite 120, Ellijay, 30540; e-mail: tjmarks317@yahoo.com

Services: Grants, scholarships, financial assistance to people in need, clothing, school supplies

Hours: Store hours Wednesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Assistance Office hours on Tuesday and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Finish Line Open Arms Ministries

Contact: (706) 889-5399, 12 Hefner Street, Suite 109, Ellijay, GA 30540, angelmae_95@hotmail.com

Services: Live music, dance, drama and fellowship for teens and college students.

Hours: Friday nights 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Ellijay Georgia

Contact: Linda K. Hoek, linda@fbcellijay.com (706) 635-5611, 164 Dalton St., Ellijay, GA 30540

Services: Emotional, spiritual, financial help to those in need.

Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Fraternal Order of Police – Appalachian Lodge 500

Contact: Stacey Nicholson, Captain, (706) 6635-4646, P. O. Box 814, Ellijay, GA 30540

Services: Crime prevention and free fingerprint kits to local families with children.

Purpose: To provide services to local law enforcement agencies and assistance to families in need during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Eligibility: By invitation only.

Funding: Local donations.

Service Area: Fannin, Gilmer and Pickens.

GenCare of Georgia, Inc.

Contact: Chassidy Buffington, Executive Director, (706) 636-5679 ext. 2530, Fax: (706) 636-5688
address: P.O. Box 1659, East Ellijay, GA 30539; **physical address:** 11 Kiker Street, Ellijay, GA 30539
mail: chassidy@gencare.org; **website:** www.gencare.org

Purpose: A non-profit organization dedicated to providing transitional services for divided families.
Services: Off-site supervised visitation as recommended by the visitation center or court order; alcohol testing, parent education classes, co-parenting classes, advocacy, counseling, and referral to other resources for other services as needed.

Service Area: Statewide.

Georgia Cares

Contact: 1 (800) 669-8387, P.O. Box 1798, Rome, GA 30162-1798, website: <http://aging.dhr.georgia.gov>

Services: Medicare counseling and problem resolution; health insurance and other health insurance options; long term care options; Medicare supplements (Medigap and Medicare Advantage).

Georgia H.O.P.E.

Contact: (706) 301-1061, Fax: (706) 301-1068, 501 N. Main Street, Suite B, Jasper, GA 30143

Services: Behavioral Health Services are free, and available to children and adolescents ages 5-18 (if they are still in school) with mental health, substance use, or co-occurring disorders (dual diagnosis) which causes significant problems with safety and/or ability to function in the home and/or community. Services are available on either a brief or ongoing basis in the home (no transportation necessary), days, nights and weekends, based on need. Our services include community support, individual, family and group counseling, family and group training, psychiatric care, and nursing assessment care.

Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday

Funded: Medicaid and state grants and aid. Services are free to people uninsured, or have Medicaid (non-CMO), Medicaid Disability, and Medicaid Adoption Assistance.

Georgia Department of Labor Rehabilitation Services

Contact: (706) 777-2341, Fax: (706) 777-2366; Denise Puckett or Michelle Pierce; Cave Springs Rehabilitation Center, P.O. Box 303, Cave Spring, GA 30124

Services: To assist individuals with disabilities in developing good attitudes, self-discipline, work habits, and marketable job skills so they may become successfully employed, self-supporting, and contributing to their communities.

Georgia Immunization Program

Contact: (404) 657-3158, www.health.state.ga.us/programs/immunization

Services: Information of immunization, information on who should be immunized and when the immunizations are due.

Georgia Legal Services

Contact: (770) 745-5717 or (770) 535-5717

Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Monday – Friday

Services: Free legal services are available to low-income clients in your area. Services are based on income type and eligibility.

Georgia Mountains Health

Contact: (706) 635-6898, 526 Maddox Drive, Suite 101, Ellijay, GA 30540

Services: Georgia Mountains Health Services, Inc provides primary and preventative medical and dental services to meet the needs of our community, and an extensive Prescription Drug Assistance Program free of charge for low-income patients. Georgia Mountains Health provides services in a manner that delivers quality care, which is accessible and affordable to all.

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Funding: Georgia Mountains Health is a non-profit organization providing medical and dental services as well as free prescriptions for patients. As a federally funded health center, the primary focus is on patient care. Fees for primary services by full-time staff of Board Certified physicians and nurses are based on a sliding scale related to a patient's income.

Those patients wishing to apply for the sliding fee program must provide proof of income. Georgia Mountains Health participates with most insurance programs including Medicare, Medicare Advantage, United Health, Blue Cross, Wellcare, Amerigroup, and others.

Georgia Mountains Hospice

Contact: (706) 253-4100, after hours number is: (800) 692-7199, 70 Caring Way, Jasper, GA 30135

Services: Ongoing care for both the patient and family. Guidance in patient care. Special expertise in pain control and symptom management. Nursing support and 24 hour/7 day availability. Assistance with personal care, medical equipment, supplies and medication related to admitting diagnosis. Emotional support, resource assistance and counseling services for the patient and family. Addressing the spiritual needs of the patient and family members. Dietician, OT, PT Speech therapists available. Georgia Mountains Hospice offers bereavement and grief support to the families/friends of GMH patients for a minimum of thirteen months after the death.

Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Compassionate Friends: Meets 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Stancil Room

Gilmer Arts and Heritage Association

Contact: (706) 635-5605; 207 Dalton Street, Ellijay, GA 30540

Services: Classes, workshops, demonstrations, community theater performances, community band and band.

Purpose: To offer quality events and programs in the literary performing and visual arts and to encourage our community's cultural heritage.

Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., closed Saturday and Sunday

Gilmer County Chamber of Commerce

Contact: (706) 635-7400, Fax: (706) 635-7410, 368 Craig Street, East Ellijay, Georgia 30539

*Services: Tourist information, local and state maps, local events and activities.
Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

Gilmer County DFCS

*Contact: (706) 635-2361, Fax; (706) 276-2367, 54 Kiker Street, Ellijay, Georgia 30540
jkbrogdon@dhr.state.ga.us*

Services: Temporary Public Assistance Program (TANF); Food Stamps; Medicaid eligibility determination; Child Care Subsidy; Child Protective Services; Foster Care services to children and families; adoption for special-needs children in state custody; information and referral services to families in crisis.

Foster Parents Information: (877) 210-KIDS (5437) Information for people interested in becoming foster parents.

Hours: Monday - Friday core hours 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. (Service staff on call holidays, nights and weekends for child abuse referrals - call 911 center.)

Gilmer County Extension - University of Georgia Cooperative Extension /4-H Club

Contact: (706) 635-4426, 1123 Progress Road, Ellijay, Georgia 30540

Services: Family and Consumer Sciences - provides programming and information in the area of safety, nutrition, housing, financial management, child and family development, 4-H and youth programming. Agriculture and Natural Resources - provides programming in the area of community agriculture, horticulture and natural resource management. In addition, provides soil testing, water testing and forage testing services.

Service Area: Open to the public.

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., closed 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

Gilmer County Family Connection

Contact: (706) 276-2319 Fax: (706) 273-2320, 497 Bobcat Trail, Ellijay, GA 30540

Services: Family Connection works collaboratively with many member agencies to provide a variety of family and children's services throughout the community. Most agencies listed in this resource are members of the Gilmer County Family Connection Collaborative.

Purpose: Community working together to improve results for its families and children.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Funding: State grants and community donations.

Gilmer Community Food Pantry

*Contact: Judy Farmer, (706) 273-3663, 1298 Old Hwy 5 North, P.O. Box 1982, Ellijay, GA 30540;
e-mail: kifarmer@ellijay.com*

Services: Food.

Hours: Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Funding: Donations.

Gilmer County Health Department

Contact: (706) 635-4363, 28 South Side Church Street, Ellijay, GA 30540

Services: Family Planning, Women's Health, Immunizations, WIC, Hypertension program for inner city clients, Prenatal Case Management Services, Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening, Dental services for ages 3-18, Dentist on site every Thursday.

Hours: Monday – Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Funding: State, Federal and County funds. Donations are accepted.

Gilmer County Home Builders Association

Contact: (706) 276-1781, P.O. Box 1781, Ellijay, GA 30540, Executive Officer, Jayne Hudson.

Services: The Gilmer County Home Builders Association has approximately 300 members representing various industries associated with building. Our members consist of Builders, Developers, Financial Institutions, Plumbers, Electricians, Security and Home Safety, Architects and many other companies involved in building and remodeling. Our focus is to bring businesses related to the building industry together to have a common voice in construction related issues. The building industry is one of the largest and most productive in Gilmer County.

Purpose: We provide contributions, scholarships, and in-kind-services for the betterment of our community. Recent projects that were completed are the Restrooms at the County Park, the Security Guard Booth, the outside Classroom at the Ellijay Elementary School and the Kiosk being built in the square.

Eligibility: Membership to the association is open to any person, firm, partnership, or corporation engaged in the business of building and who is of good character and business reputation. Members must agree to abide by the provisions of this Association, meet with the approval of the Board of Directors, abide by the Code of Ethics of the Association and have been in the building industry for two years or more.

Funding: The Association is a non-profit organization. Membership fees, website advertising, contributions, classes, fund-raising events and activities are our sole means of support.

Gilmer County Library

Contact: (706) 635-4528; Ellijay, GA 30540

Services: The Gilmer County Public Library is a modern facility with over 20,000 volumes, audio equipment, computers, internet access, CD-ROM, and microfilm, all for public use. A children's librarian provides a variety of children's programs including preschool story time, after-school programs, and Summer Reading Club. A member of the Sequoyah Regional Library System, the library boasts fully automated circulation and catalog. The facility also houses a special collections room for genealogy and local history. A public meeting room is available which will seat up to 50 people.

Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Gilmer Parks and Recreation

Contact: (706) 635-7700, 1561 South Main Street, Ellijay, Georgia 30540

Services: Park pavilion (reservation only), civic center for individual and community events (rental), walking trail, public swimming pool, tennis courts and various recreational programs.

Funding: Program registration fees and donations.

Good Samaritan Catholic Church

Contact: (706) 636-2772, 55 Church Street, Ellijay, GA 30540; St. Vincent de Paul Good Samaritan Conference (the unit that assists the needy) (706) 636-2773 or (706) 636-2772.

Services: Confessions, counseling, first communion, baptism, baptism classes, weddings, children's Bible classes, trips, parties, hospital and nursing home visits, services and classes for Spanish-speaking congregations. Assists the needy with rent, utilities, fuel, prescriptions, gasoline, and food.

Hours: Masses are Monday and Wednesday at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday and Friday at 6:00 p.m., Saturday at 5:00 p.m., Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Spanish mass is Saturday at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 p.m.

Goodwill Industries of North Georgia

Contact: (706) 276-4768, 1123 Progress Road, Ellijay, GA 30540

Services: Career Center- Work Connections (individual job search & support) and business counseling (support for small business start-ups), free basic computer classes, employment skill workshops, fairs, and classes.

Clients: Over 17 years of age

Hours: Monday – Wednesday & Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Funding: Vocational Rehabilitation Department of DOL, private pay, insurance, other funds.

Habitat for Humanity – Home Mart

Contact: (706) 374-4128,

Services: Restoring revenue, building materials, home furnishings and more.

Hours: Thursday & Friday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Highland Rivers Community Service Board

Contact: (706) 635-2739, Fax: (706) 635-2744; 18090 Highway 515 North, Ellijay, GA 30540; e-mail: referrals@highlandrivers.org

Services: Child and adolescent mental health and substance abuse clinic offering intake assessment, individual and family counseling, and CSI (community-based service providing case management and skill development).

Clients: Children and adolescents with mental health or substance abuse needs (and their families) who live in Gilmer or Fannin county.

Funding: Income-based sliding scale, Medicaid, PeachCare, Magellan, Amerigroup, Cenpatco.

Highland Rivers Mental Health

Contact: (706) 276-2024, 323 Roland Road, Jasper, GA 30143; (706) 946- 1175, 809 East Main Street, Ridge GA, 30513

Services: Individual counseling, family counseling, day supports, partial hospitalization, individual and community support, psychiatric doctor visits.

Funding: Medicaid, insurance, and private pay.

Hope for Homeowners

Contact: 1 (800) 225-5342

Services: This is a program that offers assistance for those who are having difficulty making payments on their mortgages. Please check the eligibility requirements for HOPE for Homeowners by visiting <http://www.hud.gov/hopeforhomeowners/>

Hope for the Hungry

Contact: (706) 635-7504, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, 115 Pleasant Grove Road, P.O. Box 777, Ellijay, GA 30540, e-mail: pgbc@ellijay.com

Services: One box of food. No application or proof of need.

Hours: Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m..

HUD Credit Counseling

Contact: Ben Davis, (770) 386-3393, Cartersville, GA

Services: Provides a list of Georgia-specific foreclosure assistance programs. The website provides an entire list of counseling agencies in the state: <http://www.hud.gov/local/ga/homeownership/foreclosure.cfm>

Isaiah House

Contact: (706) 635-5353, Fax: (706) 635-5352; P.O. Box 2241, Ellijay 30540; e-mail: isaiahhouse@etcmail.com; www.isiahhousega.com

Services: Transitional housing for men in drug and alcohol recovery. Provides support for sobriety, and addresses spiritual, physical and mental health, promotes Godly manhood, and addresses educational and employment needs, as well as money management. 12- Step meetings, Narcotics Anonymous and Cocaine Anonymous.

Hours: 24/7, Proclaim Liberty, a 12-step ministry meeting, Thursday 8:00 p.m., NA Monday 8:00 p.m., Meetings Wednesday 8:00 p.m.

Josephine Edwards Christian School

Contact: (706) 635-4479, 12472 Highway 515 N, Ellijay, GA 30540

Services: Grades K-8

Funding: Tuition fees and local church.

The Joy House

Contact: (706) 253-7569, Fax: (706) 253-7570, P.O. Box 247, Jasper, GA 30143, www.thejoyhouse.org

Services: Serving ages 12 to 17 with substance abuse issues that are beyond their parents or guardians control, adjudicated teens-we are an alternative placement for teens with minor offenses. The Joy House provides a healing environment that leads to reconciliation of teen and parent for future success.

and restores teens and families through Christ.

Kids Ferst

Contact: Judy Ivey, (706) 635-1529; P.O. Box 105, Ellijay, 30540

Services: Improve early literacy by providing up to 60 books to all preschool children in need and to families. A parent guide is sent with each book.

Hours: Cowan's Book Nook, Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Gilmer County Food Pantry Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

KidsNet

Contact: (706) 889-1484 Amy Windham or (706) 502-5867 Lynette Goswick, (706) 276-2391; 449 Blvd., Ellijay, 30540

Services: KidsNet is a targeted expansion of a successful System of Care strategy to improve care for youth with severe emotional disturbances who are involved with multiple agencies and are in an out-of-home placement. KidsNet emphasizes community-based care with youth and families as essential partners collaborating with child-serving agencies.

Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Funding: Government Grant.

Laurel Medical Center

Contact: (706) 636-1106, 97 Hefner Street, Ellijay, GA 30540

Services: Oncology, Hematology, Internal Medicine, Addiction Medicine

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Funding: Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance.

Lighthouse Child and Adolescent Residential Program

Contact: (706) 802-5870, Fax: (706) 802-0654; 1705 Dean Avenue, Rome GA 30161

Services: The Lighthouse is a community-based short-term, structured residential program for children and adolescents who have symptoms of a mental health and/or substance abuse disorder.

Funding: Department of Human Resources.

Morganton/Mountain Baptist Association

Contact: Ellijay (706) 635-2360; Blue Ridge (706) 632-5741, 64 Tammen Drive, P.O. Box 1167, Blue Ridge, GA 30513

Services: Free medical clinic, exams and some medicines are provided for those who have no means. Spiritual counseling is also available.

Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. (open the first Tuesday of each month).

Mountain Wisdom, Inc.

Contact: Jay Zipperman, (706) 276-2595, 131 Wind Wing Way, Ellijay, GA 30536; e-mail: <mailto:zipperman@ellijay.com> website: www.mountainwisedominc.org

Services: Rites of Passage Camp for girls and boys, 12 – 17 years of age. One week wilderness adventure during summer break.

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

Contact: (706) 636-4527, Jean Smilie

Service: A support group for families and friends of the mentally ill, and Connections, a support group for those 18 and older living with mental illness. The two groups meet at the same time and place simultaneously. Serves people from all counties.

Hours: 2nd and 4th Sundays at Ellijay First Methodist Church, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

New Beginnings Family Church

Contact: Stephen Smith, Senior Pastor, or e-mail admin@newbeginningsfc.net, (706) 636-2200
515 North, Ellijay, GA 30540 (we are located beside Gilmer Golf Courses, just south of Super Wal-Mart)

Services: Sundays 11:00 a.m., cell groups Wednesdays 7:00 p.m., Friday night prayer 7:00 p.m. We assist people with food, clothing, and financial assistance for utilities. We host a Narcotics Anonymous class on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. We host Angel Food Ministries – quality, low cost meals at a reduced cost.

Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Nine Mile United Methodist Church

Contact: (706) 276-2069, Pastor Mark McClendon

Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Church Services: Sunday 11:00 a.m.

North Georgia Community Action, Inc

Contact: (706) 632-5623, ngca-jonathan@yahoo.com 1344 Talking Rock Rd, Jasper, GA 30143

Services: Weatherization, community food bank, meals on wheels, parent aide, early childhood education, energy assistance, rent assistance, transportation, medical assistance.

Clients: Low income, elderly, homebound, handicapped.

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

Funding: Federal, State, and Local government, donations, grants.

North Georgia Health District

Contact: (706) 272-2791, 100 W Walnut Avenue, Suite 92, Dalton, GA 30720 www.nghd.org

Services: Youth development services and referrals, educational HIV/AIDS outreach.

Clients: Youth ages 13-24 and their parents.

Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday by appointment.

Funding: GIA (Grant in Aid).

North Georgia Medical Center

Contact: Susan Yates, (706) 276-4741; P. O. Box 2239, 1362 South Main Street, Ellijay, GA 30540
e-mail: info@northgeorgiamedicalcenter.com
Hours: Administrative Office Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

North Georgia Mountain Crisis Network, Inc.

Contact: (706) 632-8400 or 24-hour hotline 1 (800) 334-2836 (33-HAVEN), Fax: (706) 492-3838, P.O. Box 1249 Blue Ridge, GA 30513, e-mail: ngmcnsa@etcmail.com
Services: 24-hour crisis line, medical and legal advocacy, counseling, community education and support groups.
Clients: Men, women and children
Hours: Domestic violence 24 hours, Sexual assault 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Funding: Donations.

Northwest Georgia Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging

Contact: 1 (800) 759-2963, (706) 802-5506, Fax: 706-802-5508; P.O. Box 1793, Rome GA 30162-1793
website: www.northwestga-aaa.org
Services: Information and referral for 15 counties in Northwest Georgia; resources for the frail and disabled individuals; screening for the Community Cares Service Program and Home Based Services; congregate meal sites and home-delivered meals; respite care and caregiver support; long-term care rights advocacy; Medicare counseling and fraud prevention; and Aging and Disability Resource Connection.
Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday.
Funding: Funds come from a combination of federal, state, private, and local sources.

Promise Land Ministries Church of the Narrow

Contact: (706) 635-3107, 573 Weeks Rd., Ellijay, GA 30540
Services: Residential men's treatment ministry for drug and alcohol abuse. The facility houses thirty-five men.

Quality Care for Children

Contact: (678) 792-3503, (678) 721-6676 Fax: (800) 308-1825, 913 N Tennessee Street, Suite 202, Cartersville, GA 30120, megan.byrd@qualitycareforchildrennwga.org www.qualitycareforchildrennwga.org
Services: Child care and school age referrals, lending library (toys & books) with Toy mobile, information and assistance for those interested in opening a childcare center or program in their home, technical assistance and state approved trainings for child care providers, bilingual and inclusion services.
Funding: Non-profit organization working primarily through public donations.
Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Lending library is also open on some Saturdays.

The Refuge

Contact: Isaiah House (706) 635-5353

Services: A secure residency home for women in need of safe economical housing. No drugs allowed. No men permitted on premises. Counseling and structure provided on an individual basis. Women with children considered on an individual basis.

Funding: The cost is \$80.00 per week.

Renew Counseling of North Georgia

Contact: (706) 276-6018, Ann F. Hofstadter, 89 Hospital Circle, Suite 5, Ellijay, 30540, e-mail: annhprof@ellijay.cpm; drug evaluations offered by doctor Daniel Serritella (706) 635-2640; main address: 1444 Zion Hill Road, Ellijay, 30540

Services: Alcohol and drug evaluation and treatment, counseling for family violence and anger management.

Hours: Drug and alcohol classes, Tuesdays 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.; Women's Domestic Violence 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.; Men's Domestic Violence: Saturdays 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.; Intakes 5:30 p.m.

Funding: All classes are \$25.00 per session.

Safe Choice Pregnancy Care Center

Contact: Ellijay: clients- (706) 276-TEST (8378), business- (706) 276-1945, Fax: (706) 276-1744, Drive, Ellijay, GA 30540; Blue Ridge: clients - (706) 946-TEST (8378), business – (706) 946-8379 Main Street, Blue Ridge, GA 30153; Debbie Smith, Director, e-mail: director@safechoicepcc.com penny@safechoicepcc.com; websites: business: www.safechoicepcc.com, clients- <http://www.safechoicepregnancy.com>

Services: Clients served are women or couples facing an unplanned pregnancy, or parents in need of baby items assistance. We provide free confidential pregnancy testing, limited ultrasound, optional counseling, parenting/infant care education, miscarriage support, Bible study, budgeting classes, STD/abstinence education, post abortion support, and material assistance with baby items.

Hours: Mondays, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays available by phone.

Funding: Donations from churches, individuals, businesses and other organizations.

Senior Center

Contact: (706) 635-7688, 375 South Main Street, Ellijay GA 30540

Services: Meals, information and referral, recreational activities, contact staff for schedule of activities and any eligibility requirements.

Small Business Credit Counseling

Contact: (404) 331-0100. SBA's website: <http://www.sba.gov/helpingmainstreet/index.html>

Service: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) provides credit counseling services as well as loan programs designed to help small firms in this economy.

Source

Contact: 1 (800) 632-2101

Service: SOURCE serves elderly and disabled Georgians who are eligible for SSI and Medicaid. Many services such as: adult day care, personal care, cleaning, bathing, errands, shopping, transportation to doctor's appointments, caregiver respite, and coordination of outpatient therapy.

Unihealth Solutions

Contact: (706) 632-9263, 5004 Appalachian Highway, Blue Ridge, GA 30513

Services: Light housekeeping, personal care and helping to ensure medications are taken appropriately toward keeping individual at home.

Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday.

Funding: Individual must be on Medicaid to receive services through Unihealth Solutions.

USDA Rural Development

Contact: (706) 692-6417, 36 West Church Street Ste 119, Jasper, GA 30143

Services: Direct home ownership loans, home repair and improvement loans.

Eligibility: Very low-income applicants, (less than 115% of the median area income).

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Victim Witness Assistance

Contact: (706) 635-5122, Box 4, Ellijay Court House, Ellijay, GA 30540

Services: Liaison between the victims and the legal process. This office ensures the victim is informed concerning what is going on if he/she chooses to be informed.

Service Area: Appalachian Judicial Circuit

Funding: Grant

Visitation Center

Contact: Valerie Harper, Coordinator, Gilmer County; (706) 669-3968

Services: The mission of the Visitation Center is to provide a safe, secure, and structured alternative to the exchange and/or visitation of children between custodial and non-custodial parents in a neutral environment that promotes healthy interaction between members and prevents the victimization of any person. Children and families are referred to the Center's services by the Gilmer Department of Social Services and Children's Services (DFCS) or as the result of Gilmer County Superior Court mandating supervised visitation between custodial and non-custodial parents. In addition, DFCS and the Juvenile Court in Gilmer County often orders supervised parental visits between biological parents and their children who are in foster care because of neglect and abuse. These visits also target siblings and allow them to interact with one another. The Center also conducts drug screens, offers parenting classes, and drug/alcohol assessments.

Weatherization

Contact: (706) 635-5858, Community Services Center, Gilmer County Courthouse, Main Street, 541, Ellijay GA 30540

Services: Through this program homes are repaired, insulated and weatherized. First priority homeowners and elderly persons. Must meet CSA guidelines.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

WellCare of Georgia, Inc.

Contacts: Tonya Croft, tonya.croft@wellcare.com, Lindsey Parramore lindsey.parramore@wellcare.com, 329 Oak Street, Gainesville, GA 30501, (770) 532-6334, (866) 791-0270

Services: A care management organization that works with Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Westcare

Contact: (706) 235-1313, Fax: (706) 235-115, 2201 Shorter Avenue, Rome, GA 30165

Services: Free Methamphetamine adult intensive outpatient services, adult assessment and re ASAM certified psychiatrist, Meth education programs, family and patient education and support services, weekly random drug screens, 12 step meeting participation, case management, crisis family intervention services, individual and family counseling, adult outpatient substance abuse utilization of evidence-based matrix model treatment approach, aftercare and follow up services court services available, random drug test, services provided by certified addiction counselors

Willow Creek Adolescent Life Skills Center

Contact: (706) 636-2692, Fax: (706) 636-2694, 10 Kiker Street, Ellijay, GA 30540, Larry Hooks.

Services: We work with adolescents between the ages of 12-17. Most of our clients are sent to the Appalachian Juvenile Drug Court from Fannin, Gilmer, and Pickens counties. We offer our opportunity to learn enhanced skills for living a healthy, productive life. Better decision making learned and discussions center on positive thinking and adapting to a life without chemical alt Offers individual and group Anger Management classes.

Hours: Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Anger Management classes, Monday 6:00 p.m. –
Funding: We accept most insurance and Medicaid. 12 sessions at \$30.00 per session. All assessments are free.

Women of Hope Ministries

Contact: (706) 635-5234 (home), Fax: (706) 635-7244, (706) 889-0108 cell; Connie Herring; 8091 South, Talking Rock, GA 30175; e-mail: thehopehouse@yahoo.com; website: www.womenofhopemin.com

Services: A safe place where women who want a new beginning, who seek regeneration and hope chance to start over and begin to rebuild their lives. We are a Christ-centered, 18-month, 12-step Substance Abuse Program for women promoting healing, deliverance, wholeness, independence



*structure and family restoration.
Hours: 24/7, NA meeting Tuesdays, 8:00 p.m.*

Youth Challenge Academy

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