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COMMUNITY RESOURCE HANDBOOK

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

CONTACT PERSON: Junior Hagin
Alan Davis

TELEPHONE: 770-479-3212- Junior
770-926-2074- Alan

ADDRESS: 367 Claude Petit Drive
Canton, Georgia 30114

WEB ADDRESS: www.alcoholics-anonymous.org

PURPOSE: To help alcoholics who cannot stop drinking by associating him or her with sober alcoholics.

SERVICES: Meetings and fellowship each Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00pm-9:00pm at Grace Baptist Church and on Sunday at Lady of La Sallette Catholic Church from 8:00pm-9:00pm.

ELIGIBILITY: A desire to stop drinking

FEES: None

ALZHEIMER/DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

CONTACT PERSON: Atria in Woodstock

ADDRESS: 1000 Professional Way
Woodstock, Ga. 30188

TELEPHONE: 770-926-0119

SERVICES: To provide support for families who have family members who have Alzheimers and/or Dementia. Meets first Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Atria in Woodstock.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS

CONTACT PERSON: Kathleen Garner

TELEPHONE: 770-479-8899

ADDRESS: 246 Hearthstone Trail
Canton, Georgia 30114

PURPOSE: Provides social activities for members.

SERVICES: Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at Ryan's in Canton, 11:30 am. Activities include planned trips, Sponsors 55 Alive and Drivers training for 55 and over.

ELIGIBILITY: Age 50 and Over

FEES: National- \$12.00 per year
Local- \$5.00 per year

AMICALOLA ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

CONTACT PERSON: Any Customer Service Representative

TELEPHONE: 706-253-5200

ADDRESS: 544 Highway 515 South
Jasper, Georgia 30143

WEB ADDRESS: www.amicalolaemc.com

SERVICES: Energy audits, Weatherization program for members, Weatherization and Heat-pump Loan program, Water heater program and Water Heater tenance program for \$1.49 a month, Educational programs for adult and youth groups, Washington Youth Tour Contest, Walter Harrison Scholarship program and Amicalola EMC Scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY: Persons in Cherokee and Pickens County serviced by Amicalola Electric Membership Corp

FEES: Free Energy audit

ANXIETY SUPPORT GROUP APPALACHIAN FAMILY SERVICES, INC.

CONTACT PERSON: Anyone

ADDRESS: 201 Hospital Road
Canton, Ga. 30114

TELEPHONE: 770-592-6515

SERVICES: Offers a free support group for individuals with anxiety, panic and phobia. Meets second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Northside Hospital-Cherokee in Canton.

APPALACHIAN TECH

CONTACT PERSON: Dr. Sanford Chander, President
Joan Thompson, Vice President Student Services
Kelly Kingry, Director of Admissions

TELEPHONE: 706-253-4500 (Jasper) 678-454-1800 (Woodstock)

ADDRESS: 100 Campus Drive
Jasper, Georgia 30143

WEB ADDRESS: www.appalachiantech.edu

SERVICES: Provide Post Secondary Education, Adult Basic Education and GED Preparation, GED Testing, Career Resource Center-One Stop Shop, Offer Degrees, Diplomas and Technical Certificates.

ELIGIBILITY: Post Secondary Education: must have a High School Diploma or GED. Adult Basic Education and GED Preparation: must be 16 years of age.

FEES: Post Secondary Education Classes: One time application fee of \$15, Quarterly fees of vary per credit hour, \$16 Activity fee, \$26 Registration fee; Financial Aid is available
Adult Basic Education and GED Preparation Classes: FREE
GED Testing: \$55

AUTISM PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

CONTACT PERSON: Sharon Jones
TELEPHONE: 770-345-6551
ADDRESS: Cherokee County Community Services Center
SERVICES: Provides support to families with autistic children. Meets second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Cherokee County Community Service Center.

BABIES CAN'T WAIT

CONTACT PERSON: Debbie Coleman, R.N.
TELEPHONE: 706-272-2219
ADDRESS: North Georgia Health District
100 West Walnut Ave.
Dalton, GA 30720
SERVICES: Coordinate and locate early intervention services for special needs children, and their families, as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part H. These children may be experiencing developmental delays or are at risk for delays due to an array of problems. Children between the ages of birth to three are serviced.
ELIGIBILITY: Children between the ages of birth to three with developmental delays or who are at risk for delays due to an array of problems. State and Federal Program guidelines for determining eligibility apply in all instances.
FEES: Evaluations are Free of Charge; Service Fees are based on family size and income.

BELLSOUTH LIFELINE

CONTACT PERSON: Any Customer Service Representative
TELEPHONE: 1-888-757-6500
1-888-726-3223 fax
ADDRESS: 117 Caracas Drive
Woodstock, Georgia 30188
WEB ADDRESS: www.bellsouth.com
SERVICES: Discount off monthly Bellsouth telephone bill.
ELIGIBILITY: Must have telephone service through Bell South. May be eligible for assistance if you currently receive income-based benefits such as Food Stamps, Medicaid, Supplement Security Income (SSI), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

(TANF) or Senior's low income discount programs from electric or gas companies.

FEES: None

BOYS AND GIRL'S CLUB

CONTACT PERSON: Jeff Brooks, Executive Director

TELEPHONE: 770-720-7712

ADDRESS: REFER TO WEBSITE AND TELEPHONE FOR CONTACT INFORMATION

WEB ADDRESS: www.bgcma.org

SERVICES: Youth Development Services; Scholarships available, based on family needs.

ELIGIBILITY: For Children ages 6-18

FEES: \$25.00 School Year Membership
\$200.00 Summer Membership

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP OF TOWNE LAKE

CONTACT PERSON: Elizabeth Crook

TELEPHONE: 770-928-0470

LOCATION: TBA

SERVICES: Provides support for those with Breast Cancer. Meetings held monthly. Call for times and location.

CANTON LIONS CLUB

CONTACT PERSON: Dr. Joyce Nations

TELEPHONE: 770-479-4481

ADDRESS: Cherokee Eye Group
591 E. Main Street
Canton, Georgia 30114

SERVICES: Provide Eye Exams and Eyeglasses

ELIGIBILITY: Based on Income

FEES: None if approved

CHEROKEE CHAPTER AARP

CONTACT PERSON: Any Member
TELEPHONE: 770-479-3081
LOCATION: Meets second Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at Ryan's Steakhouse in Canton

CHEROKEE COUNTY CHILDREN & ADULTS WITH ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDERS (CHADD)

CONTACT PERSON: Any Member
TELEPHONE: 770-381-8687
ADDRESS: 700 Grimes Bridge Road
Roswell, Ga.
SERVICES: Monthly support group for parents and their children. Meets at the above
on the fourth Monday at 7 p.m.

CHEROKEE COUNTY AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

CONTACT PERSON: Kkanika Nyerer 770-429-0089
TELEPHONE: National Hotline 1-800-227-2345 (24 hr., 7 days)
ADDRESS: 1825 Barrett Lakes Blvd, Suite 28
Kennesaw, Georgia 30144
WEB ADDRESS: www.cancer.org
SERVICES: Serve patients with cancer; raise funds for research and to educate the public to
the dangers of cancer. Our main goal is to wipe out cancer in your lifetime. Also,
provides some transportation, medications and supplies.
ELIGIBILITY: Diagnosis of Cancer
FEES: None

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONTACT PERSON: Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo, Superintendent

ADDRESS: 110 Academy Street
Canton, Georgia 30114

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 769
Canton, Georgia 30169

TELEPHONE: 770-479-1871

WEB ADDRESS: www.cherokee.k12.ga.us

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CHEROKEE COUNTY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

CONTACT PERSON: Mora Hill Smith

TELEPHONE: 770-592-9779

ADDRESS: 824 Santa Fe Trail
Woodstock, Georgia 30189

WEB ADDRESS: www.cherokeeadvocates.org

SERVICES: The Children's Advocacy Center is a centralized, child-friendly location where children who have been physically or sexually abused are taken to begin the healing process after abuse has occurred. At the center, a multidisciplinary team works in harmony to investigate the abuse, prepare for prosecution of the offender and treat the child victim and non-offending family members. Call for more information on KID Services, Making the World Safer for Kids, Parents HELP, First Steps, Warmline, and Speakers Bureau.

ELIGIBILITY: Must be referred through Family and Children Services, District Attorneys Office or Law Enforcement.

FEES: None

CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER

CONTACT PERSON: Donna Bryan

TELEPHONE: 770-345-6531

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 534
Canton, Georgia 30169

SERVICES: Home based family support program, weatherization program, and outreach for school programs. Transportation will be provided for some services; contact Nell Childers.

ELIGIBILITY: Referral by DFCS or School System or client call in

FEES: None For Outreach Programs; All other Services are based on income and family size.

CHEROKEE COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

CONTACT PERSON: Trudy Christopher, County Extension Director

TELEPHONE: 770-479-0418

ADDRESS: 130 East Main Street, Suite 200
Canton, Georgia 30114

WEB ADDRESS: <http://cescherokee.org>

SERVICES: To distribute useful and practical information on subjects relating to agriculture, home economics, soil testing, plant disease analysis, 4-H and rural development, training and education programs.

ELIGIBILITY: Must be in 5th grade or higher for 4-H; anyone is eligible for all other services.

FEES: None

**CHEROKEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY
AND CHILDREN SERVICES**

CONTACT PERSON: Any Eligibility Worker
TELEPHONE: 770-720-3610
ADDRESS: 105 Lamar Haley Parkway
Canton, Georgia 30114
MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 826
Canton, Georgia 30169
WEB ADDRESS: www.dhr.state.ga.us
SERVICES: Assist individuals who are in physical, mental, social, vocational and/or economic distress; Support individual and family distress; Applications are taken Monday thru Friday at 7:30am.
ELIGIBILITY: Based on Income and Family Size
FEES: None

CHEROKEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILVE JUSITCE

CONTACT PERSON: Cheryl Drane
TELEPHONE: 770-720-3556
ADDRESS: 130 East Main Street, Suite 203
Canton, Georgia 30114
SERVICES: Works with the juvenile court in probation supervision and state custody.
ELIGIBILITY: Below 17 Years of Age
FEES: None

CHEROKEE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER

CONTACT PERSON: Sarah Hoskins, Special Education Director
TELEPHONE: 770-479-1871
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 769
Canton, Georgia 30169
SERVICES: Helps students with disabilities in the school system and makes referrals.
ELIGIBILITY: Any Person Who is Disabled and 3 -21 Years of Age
FEES: None

CHEROKEE COUNTY HEAD START

CONTACT PERSON: Dr. Mary Ursits
TELEPHONE: 770-479-4744
ADDRESS: 400 Belletta Drive
Canton, Georgia 30114
WEB ADDRESS: www.cherokee.k12.ga.us/ralphbunchecenter
SERVICES: Head Start is a comprehensive preschool program that serves income-eligible children 3 and 4 years of age. Head Start services provided to the child and his/her family includes education, health, social services, parent involvement, nutrition, volunteers and services for disabled children.
ELIGIBILITY: Meets poverty guidelines or agency referral criteria
FEES: None

CHEROKEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

CONTACT PERSON: Delores Benzel
TELEPHONE: 770-345-7371
ADDRESS: 1219 Univeter Road
Canton, Georgia 30115
WEB SITE: www.ph.dhr.state.ga.us
SERVICES: Immunizations child health programs, Children's Medical Service, Family Planning, Genetics Clinic, School Health, STD Community Health Education, WIC- Nutrition Program, Prenatal Clinic, Dental Service Clinic and HIV Testing.
ELIGIBILITY: Based on Specific Program Guidelines
FEES: Call for fee information; most fees are based on family size and total family income. **SERVICES CANNOT BE DENIED DUE TO INABILITY TO PAY!**

CHEROKEE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

CONTACT PERSON: Sue Filiberto
TELEPHONE: 678-493-6241
ADDRESS: 90 North Street, Suite 240
Canton, Georgia 30114
SERVICES: Liaison between the court, public and other agencies; Make referrals.
ELIGIBILITY: Deprived Children and Delinquent Offenders
FEES: None

CHEROKEE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICE

CONTACT PERSON: Olene Hamilton Darby, Community Resource Specialist

TELEPHONE: 770-345-5312

ADDRESS: 1001 Univeter Road
Canton, Georgia 30115

SERVICES: Provided hot nutritious meals and support social services for older people; some transportation provided; Information and referrals provided. Home delivery meals/family caregiver program.

ELIGIBILITY: Must be 60 years of age; Priority given to those who live alone and/or those who have great needs; The Meals on Wheels program is provided for elderly, handicapped persons unable to prepare meals for themselves.

FEES: None, contributions are accepted

CHEROKEE DAY TRAINING CENTER, INC

CONTACT PERSON: Steven D. Haggard, CMSW/Administrator
Flondell Thompson, Case Coordinator

TELEPHONE: 770-345-5821
770-345-5758 (Fax)

ADDRESS: 133 Univeter Road
Canton, Georgia 30114

SERVICES: Provide array developmental and/or vocational services for children with mental retardation. Social services and transportation services provided. Day Habilitation Services and Supported Employment (typically a minimum of 20 hours per week at minimum wage or above in integrated/ community based settings). Respite Services and Family Support Services. Emphasis for all programs- to promote independence and increase self-sufficiency. Stresses community based options whenever possible.

ELIGIBILITY: 22 Years Old and Up

FEES: None

CHEROKEE FAMILY VIOLENCE CENTER

CONTACT PERSON: Meg Rogers

TELEPHONE: 770-479-1804
770-479-1703 (24 HOUR HOTLINE)
770-720-7050 (SPANISH HOTLINE)

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 489
Canton, Georgia 30169

WEB SITE: www.cfvc.org

SERVICES: Provides shelter for women who are in imminent danger. Counseling is offered to help women regain control of their lives. The shelter is intended to

accommodate battered women and their children. All contacts remain confidential. Maximum stay is ninety day. The support group meets weekly.

ELIGIBILITY: Battered Women and their Children
FEES: None

CHEROKEE LEARNING CENTER

CONTACT PERSON: Linda Baskow
TELEPHONE: 770-720-1685
ADDRESS: 130 East Main Street, Room 211
Canton, Georgia 30114
WEB ADDRESS: www.applachiantech.edu
SERVICES: Preparation for the GED test; Reading Skills; Math Skills; Computer Skills;
Typing Skills; English Literacy Program (ESL).
ELIGIBILITY: Anyone
FEES: None

CHEROKEE RECREATION AND PARKS AUTHORITY

CONTACT PERSON: Keith Hammond
TELEPHONE: 770-924-7768
ADDRESS: 7545 Main Street, Building 200
Woodstock, Georgia 30188
WEB ADDRESS: www.crupa.net
SERVICES: Promote physical fitness and recreation programs in Cherokee County. Plans fitness courses and athletic programs, including tennis teams, aerobics, dance class, tumbling class, and a variety of trips and special events.
ELIGIBILITY: Residents of Cherokee County, All Ages
FEES: Vary According to Program

CHILD SUPPORT RECOVERY UNIT

CONTACT PERSON: Jerry Whitman
TELEPHONE: 770-720-3581
MAILING ADDRESS: 321 Lamar Haley Pkwy.
Canton, Georgia 30114
WEB ADDRESS: www.cantoncse@dhr.ga.gov
SERVICES: Help clients to establish, enforce and collect monies for repayment of child support.
ELIGIBILITY: Residents of Cherokee and Forsyth Counties

FEES: \$25.00 Application fee; Fee is waived if referred by Family and Children Services.

CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES

CONTACT PERSON: Pat Elrod
TELEPHONE: 1-706-272-2219
ADDRESS: 100 West Walnut Avenue, Suite 92
Dalton, Georgia 30720
SERVICES: Provide medical services to qualifying children; Provides to the following clinics: Hearing, ENT, Diabetes, Epilepsy, Seizure, Orthopedic, MDA, and Genetics.
ELIGIBILITY: Residents in Cherokee, Fannin, Gilmer, Murray, Pickens and Whitfield Counties.
FEES: None- based on income eligibility

COMMUNITY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF NORTHSIDE CHEROKEE HOSPITAL

CONTACT PERSON: Donna Chandler
TELEPHONE: 770-720-5154
ADDRESS: 201 Hospital Road
Canton, Georgia 30114
SERVICES: CPR, Child Birth and Breast feeding Classes are scheduled regularly; Blood pressure checks daily from 9:00am until 3:00pm; Nutrition assessments for a fee; Anger Management Workshops; Depression Workshops; Coping with Stress Workshops; CALL FOR TIME AND DATES.
ELIGIBILITY: None
FEES: Vary According to Program; Support Groups are No Charge.

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE (CASA)

CONTACT PERSON: Deidre Hollands
TELEPHONE: 770-345-3274
770-345-3275 (Fax)
ADDRESS: 130 East Main Street, Suite 202
Canton, Georgia 30114
WEB ADDRESS: www.casaforchildren.org
SERVICES: Advocate for children in foster care.
ELIGIBILITY: Children in Foster Care
FEES: None

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

CONTACT PERSON: Any Member
TELEPHONE: 770-732-3985
SERVICES: Provides support to all with and dealing with a family member or friend with diabetes.

DOL- VOCATION REHABILITATION PROGRAM

CONTACT PERSON: Karen Lynn Dominy
TELEPHONE: 770-720-3570
770-720-3577 (Fax)
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 4188
Canton, Georgia 30114
WEB ADDRESS: www.dol.state.ga.us
SERVICES: Assist people with disabilities to work.
ELIGIBILITY: Must Meet Disability Requirements
FEES: None

EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS

CONTACT PERSON: Kim S.
TELEPHONE: 678-445-1058
SERVICES: A support group that is dedicated to helping people work toward recovering from emotional difficulties. Meets every Tuesday and Friday at 7:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Call for further information.

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR COBB/CHEROKEE FIELD SERVICE OFFICE

CONTACT PERSON: Willie Johnson
TELEPHONE: 770-528-6100
ADDRESS: 465 Big Shanty Road
Marietta, Georgia 30066
WEB ADDRESS: www.dol.state.ga.us
SERVICES: Job Placement; Work Experience programs; File Unemployment Claims; Veteran Services Training and Re-employment.
ELIGIBILITY: Unemployed Persons
FEES: None

GEORGIA HIGHLANDS MEDICAL SERVICES

CONTACT PERSON: Sue Groh, R.N.

TELEPHONE: 678-807-1050
678-807-1055 (FAX)

ADDRESS: 220 Oakeside Lane
Canton, Georgia 30114

SERVICES: A family practice consisting of two doctors and one nurse practitioner. They take Medicaid and Peachcare. If no insurance fee is \$25.00. Must have proof of insurance. Patients with chronic illnesses can get assistance in medications if they qualify.

HIGHLAND RIVERS CENTER

CONTACT PERSON: Cheryl Lewis

TELEPHONE: 770-704-1603
770-704-1610 (Fax)

ADDRESS: 191 Lamar Haley Pkwy.
Canton, Ga. 30114

SERVICES: Family Counseling, Individual Counseling, ADHD Evaluations, Medication/Psychiatrist, Group Counseling, Activity Therapy, and Crisis Intervention.

ELIGIBILITY: Desire to Improve Mental Health

FEES: Sliding Fee Scale, based on income and family size. Accept Medicaid, Peachcare.

GEORGIA LEARNING RESOURCES SYSTEMS

CONTACT PERSON: Pam Glasgow

TELEPHONE: 706-276-1111
706-276-1108 (Fax)

ADDRESS: 4731 Old Highway 5 South
Ellijay, Georgia 30540

WEB ADDRESS: www.northcentralglrs.org

SERVICES: The Georgia Learning Resources Systems is a teacher support system for special educators and people who work with exceptional children. Materials for special projects, teacher and parent training and information interchange.

ELIGIBILITY: Any Educator, Home-schooler or Parent

FEES: None

GEORGIA POWER COMPANY

CONTACT PERSON: Belinda Young
TELEPHONE: 770-704-5340
1-888-660-5890
ADDRESS: 1037 Marietta Highway
Canton, Georgia 30114
WEB ADDRESS: www.southernco.com
SERVICES: Customers are offered information about new and old heating and cooling systems and all other phases of efficient electrical living; Offer information on the wise and efficient use of electricity; Present programs to both adult and youth groups; Provides residential marketing and energy audits; GateKeeper Program for Elderly; Budget Billing.
ELIGIBILITY: Must be a Georgia Power Customer
FEES: Varies According to Services

GEORGIA SENATORS/REPRESENTATIVES/US GOVERNMENT/CHEROKEE COUNTY AND SURROUNDING AREAS

CONTACT PERSON: Sen. Saxby Chambliss
TELEPHONE: 770-763-9090 Local
202-225-6531 Capitol
EMAIL: Saxby_chambliss@chambliss.senate.gov

CONTACT PERSON: Rep. John Linder
TELEPHONE: 770-232-3005 Local
202-225-4272 Capitol
EMAIL: www.linder.house.gov

CONTACT PERSON: Sen. Johnny Isakson
TELEPHONE: 404-347-2202 Local
202-225-4501 Capitol
EMAIL: <http://isakson.senate.gov>

CONTACT PERSON: Rep. Tom Price
TELEPHONE: 770-321-7900 Local
EMAIL: tom@tomprice.com

CONTACT PERSON: President George W. Bush
TELEPHONE: 202-456-1414 Capitol
EMAIL: president@whitehouse.gov

GEORGIA STATE GOVERNMENT

CONTACT PERSON: Governor Sonny Perdue
TELEPHONE: 404-652-7003

CONTACT PERSON: Senator Chip Rogers
TELEPHONE: 404-656-0188
EMAIL: ChipRogers2@comcast.net

CONTACT PERSON: Bill Stephens
TELEPHONE: 404-651-7738
EMAIL: bstephens@legis.state.ga.us

CONTACT PERSON: Charlice Byrd
TELEPHONE: 404-557-5069

CONTACT PERSON: Chuck Scheid
TELEPHONE: 770-516-8179
EMAIL: chuckscheid@msn.com

GEORGIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICE

CONTACT PERSON: Rita Barnhert, Veterans Benefit Coordinator

TELEPHONE: 770-720-3538

ADDRESS: 400 East Main Street
Canton, Georgia 30114

WEB ADDRESS: www.va.gov

SERVICES: Provide counseling on veterans benefits assist in filing claims for VA compensation, pension, hospitalization, education, insurance and other VA benefits for veterans and their dependents.

ELIGIBILITY: Varies for each benefit, veteran must meet certain active duty military requirements.

FEES: None

CHEROKEE COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

CONTACT PERSON: Laura Sevino

TELEPHONE: 770-345-1879

ADDRESS: 551 Marietta Rd.
Canton, Georgia 30114

SERVICES: Provide adequate housing for families that meet eligibility requirements.

ELIGIBILITY: Call For More Information

FEES: Call For More Information

HEARING IMPAIRED, PROGRAM FOR THE

CONTACT PERSON: Pam Ballatto

TELEPHONE: 770-479-1871

ADDRESS: Education Service Center, 250 Barrett Rd.
Canton, Georgia 30115

SERVICES: Provide services for hearing impaired children in Cherokee County.

ELIGIBILITY: Children Ages 3-21

FEES: None

HIGHLAND RIVERS CSB

CONTACT PERSON: Joan Keenan, Service Coordinators

TELEPHONE: 770-704-1600

ADDRESS: 191 Lamar Haley Parkway
Canton, Georgia 30114

SERVICES: Provided treatment for persons with emotional problems, Alcoholism or drug dependence; consultation with other service providers; prevention of Mental illness; Increasing Community awareness of Mental Health

ELIGIBILITY: Desire to improve mental health

FEES: Based on Income and Family Size

HIGHLAND RIVERS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

CONTACT PERSON: Carmen Shepherd

TELEPHONE: 1-706-270-5050 Ext. 104

ADDRESS: 407 North Thornton Avenue, Suit 4
Dalton, Georgia 30720

SERVICES: Clinical: Comprehensive evaluation, speech, physical and occupational therapies, medical and nursing services, individual, family and group counseling, psychological services, behavior management and consultation. Also respite cares services. Client and family will be linked with all available support services.

Residential Services: These services provided the necessary support to allow adults with developmental disabilities to live in their community. Our goal is to empower the consumers with as much control over his/her own environment as they can manage. Qualified staff work with the consumer offering them training and supervision needed to assure their success, health, and safety. Each consumer's living arrangement is designed to meet his or her individual needs. Contact Vicki Adair

ELIGIBILITY: People ages 3 and up with an IQ of 70 or below

FEES: Accept Medicaid, Insurance and Private Pay based on Income and Family Size.

HOPE CENTER

CONTACT PERSON: Kareen VanDemar, Director

TELEPHONE: 770-924-0864
678-238-0472 (Fax)

ADDRESS: 9740 Main Street, Suite 120
Woodstock, Georgia 30188

WEB ADDRESS: www.hopectr.com

SERVICES: Offer Free Pregnancy Testing, Free Counseling; will refer for professional counseling if needed, Child Birth Classes, Parenting Classes, (one child under age of 2), Mentoring Classes for Fathers, Maternity Clothes, Baby Clothes, and Baby Furniture, Adoption Support and Bible Study.

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone

FEES: None

HOUSING AUTHORITY, CITY OF CANTON

CONTACT PERSON: Sherri Adkins

TELEPHONE: 770-479-4969

ADDRESS: 1400 Oakside Drive, Apt 76
Canton, Georgia 30114

SERVICES: Furnish housing for the elderly, low to moderate income families and disable persons; and to the general public.

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone who meets income requirements

FEES: No Application Fee
\$200 Deposit

JUVENILE DIABETES FAMILY NETWORK GROUP

CONTACT PERSON: Michele Parker

TELEPHONE: 770-924-9957

SERVICES: Provides support to families facing this chronic disease. Meets bi-monthly, first Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Hillside United Methodist Church. Call for directions and information.

MERIMOS MINISTRY

CONTACT PERSON: Sandy Reed

TELEPHONE: 770-479-9462

ADDRESS: 8024 East Cherokee Drive
Canton, Georgia 30115

WEB ADDRESS: www.bethanyplacehome.org

SERVICES: Social Services; Housing for Women and Children; Occasional Emergency Food.

ELIGIBILITY: Desire to Improve Life

FEES: None

**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA COUNCIL ON
ALCOHOL AND DRUGS**

CONTACT PERSON: Leanne Mulherin
TELEPHONE: 770-239-7442
770-239-7443 (Fax)
ADDRESS: 6045 Atlantic Blvd
Norcross, Georgia 30071
WEB ADDRESS: www.livedrugfree.org
SERVICES: Call For More Information
ELIGIBILITY: Any
FEES: Varies According to Program

MOUNTAIN AREA TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (MATS)

CONTACT PERSON: Nell Childers
TELEPHONE: 770-345-6238
ADDRESS: 1229 Univeter Road
Canton, Georgia 30115
MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 554
Canton, Georgia 30115
SERVICES: Provided Transportation within Cherokee County.
ELIGIBILITY: Any
FEES: \$1.50 for the first 5 miles, then \$.30 per mile; \$1.50 per stop \$3.85 (wheelchair first 10 miles..\$.42 a miles after that)

MOUNTAINBROOK PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

CONTACT PERSON: Linda Spicer, Administrator
TELEPHONE: 770-479-2645
ADDRESS: 8 Glenwood Street
Canton, Georgia 30114
SERVICES: Therapeutic Classes and Related Services; Diagnostic and Consultation
Services are designed to help children learn appropriate developmental skills in
behavior, communication, socialization and academics.
ELIGIBILITY: Serve children birth through 21 years of age, who have severe behavioral and
emotional problems.
FEES: None

MUST CHEROKEE

CONTACT PERSON: Kim Loesing
Megan Dorris

TELEPHONE: 770-479-5397

ADDRESS: 141 B W. Marietta Street
Canton, Georgia 30114

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1696
Canton, Georgia 30169

SERVICES: Provide groceries for hungry families; Assistance with heat and electricity in winter months; Clothes Closet. Emergency/Financial help is limited to one time only! Open Monday-Friday 10:00am-2:00pm. Assistance is limited to funds available.

ELIGIBILITY: Must have a valid form of Identification for each person in the family

FEES: None

NARROW WAY FELLOWSHIP

CONTACT PERSON: Any Member

TELEPHONE: 770-924-3225

ADDRESS: 471 Arnold Mill Road
Woodstock, Ga. 30188

SERVICES: This is a support group for drug and alcohol addicts. Meets every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Room at Praise Cathedral.

NEW CONNECTIONS

CONTACT PERSON: Sandy Ott

TELEPHONE: 706-253-4591

ADDRESS: 100 Campus Drive
Jasper, Georgia 30143

SERVICES: Single Parent and Displaced Homemaker Program; Workshops on Goal-setting, Decision-making, Time Management, Money Management and Stress Management; Career Counseling; Career Assessments. Job search/Resume assistance.

ELIGIBILITY: Call For More Information

FEES: None

NORTH METRO TECH

CONTACT PERSON: Pat Hollis
TELEPHONE: 770-975-4000
ADDRESS: 5198 Ross Road
Acworth, Georgia 30102
WEB ADDRESS: www.northmetrotech.edu
SERVICES: Provide Post Secondary Education, Non-Credit and Credit Classes, Adult Basic Education and GED Preparation, GED Testing, Career Counseling, and Job Placement.
ELIGIBILITY: 16 Years of Age and Over
FEES: Varies according to program selected

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

CONTACT PERSON: Rev. Lydia Ayala
TELEPHONE: 678-231-0866 770-720-0812
ADDRESS: 385 Crisler Street
Canton, Georgia 30114
SERVICES: Provide services to Hispanic families; English Classes, Adult Literacy, Immigration Advice and More.
ELIGIBILITY: Call For More Information
FEES: Call For More Information

PAPA'S PANTRY

CONTACT PERSON: Lynne Saunders
TELEPHONE: 770-591-4730
SERVICES: Helps provide food for needy families in Cherokee County. Call for information.

PARENTS EDUCATING PARENTS AND PROFESSIONALS

CONTACT PERSON: Candy Youngblood, Human Resources-Chief Information Director
TELEPHONE: 770-577-7771 800-322-7065
770-577-7774 (Fax)
ADDRESS: 3680 Kings Hwy.
Douglasville, Georgia 30135
WEB ADDRESS: www.peppinc.org

SERVICES: Provide information and training for parents of disabled children regarding federal and state laws.

ELIGIBILITY: Must be a parent of, or work with, a disabled child.

FEES: None

PARENT TO PARENT OF GEORGIA, INC

CONTACT PERSON: Any Coordinator

TELEPHONE: 770-451-5484

ADDRESS: 3805 Presidential Parkway, Suite 207
Atlanta, Georgia 30340

WEB ADDRESS: www.parenttoparentofga.org

SERVICES: One on one parent support for parents of disabled children, Offer Referrals and Information.

ELIGIBILITY: Must be a parent of, or work with, a disabled child.

FEES: None

PIEDMONT MIGRANT EDUCATION AGENCY

CONTACT PERSON: Any Coordinator

TELEPHONE: 1-800-648-0892

ADDRESS: 317 Spring Street
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

WEB ADDRESS: info@piedmontmea.com

SERVICES: Migrant Education is a national program that provided supplemental education and support services to migrant children.

ELIGIBILITY: To qualify a migrant child must have moved within the past 36 months across state or school district lines to enable the child, the child's guardian or member of the family to obtain temporary employment in an agricultural/fishing activity.

FEES: None

POVERTY RIGHTS OFFICE

CONTACT PERSON: Meta Broadmax

TELEPHONE: 404-523-2856
404-521-3635 (Fax)

ADDRESS: 1017 Hank Aaron Drive S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30315

SERVICES: Help low-income families and act as their advocates; Information and referral in the areas of welfare rights, legal rights, social security and veterans benefits, substandard housing and evictions, public housing, lost or stolen welfare checks, emergency assistance, poverty rights, Medicaid and Medicare and consumer affairs.

HOURS: 9:00am-2:00pm Monday-Thursday

ELIGIBILITY: No Restrictions, All Areas Served

FEES: None

POWER LINE PROJECT

CONTACT PERSON: Any Information Referral Specialist

TELEPHONE: 1-800-822-2539 770-451-5501

ADDRESS: 3562 Habersham at North Lake
Building J, Suite 3
Tucker, Georgia 30084

WEB ADDRESS: www.hmhbga.org

SERVICES: Locate health care providers in your area that are currently accepting new Medicaid patients.

ELIGIBILITY: Must be a Medicaid Recipient

FEES: None

PRESCHOOL SPECIAL NEEDS INTERVENTION PROGRAM

CONTACT PERSON: Pam Ballato, Coordinator

TELEPHONE: 770-479-1871

ADDRESS: 3921 Holly Springs Parkway
Holly Springs, Georgia 30142

MAILING ADDRESS: Cherokee County Board Of Education
P.O. Box 769
Canton, Georgia 30169

SERVICES: Offer a range of educational opportunities to children with developmental delays.

ELIGIBILITY: Children between the ages of 3 and 4

RED CROSS

CONTACT PERSON: Any

TELEPHONE: 770-428-2695

ADDRESS: 324 Victory Drive
Marietta, Georgia 30060

WEB ADDRESS: www.redcross.org

SERVICES: Community Services; Disaster relief service to military families; Water Safety; Blood Service; Health and Safety Education

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone in need of assistance within the scope of above services.

FEES: Free and Nominal Fees, depending on service

REINHARDT COLLEGE

CONTACT PERSON: Dr. J. Thomas Isherwood, College President
Julie Cook, Director of Admissions
Donna Hunt, Director of North Fulton Branch

TELEPHONE: 770-720-5600

ADDRESS: 7300 Reinhardt College Circle
Waleska, Georgia 30183

WEB ADDRESS: www.reinhardt.edu

SERVICES: 4-Year Higher Learning College

ELIGIBILITY: High School Diploma or GED

FEES: Varies According to Program

RIGHT FROM THE START MEDICAID

CONTACT PERSON: Debbie Rakestraw

TELEPHONE: 770-928-0133 Ext. 119

ADDRESS: 7545 North Main Street, Suite 100
Woodstock, Georgia 30188

SERVICES: Provides Healthcare Assistance to Pregnant Women, Family Planning, WIC Program and work physicals.

ELIGIBILITY: Based on Income and Family Size

FEES: \$20.00 Office Visit; Cost based on Family Size and Income

SERENITY AT SEVEN AL-ANON MEETING

CONTACT PERSON: Any Member
TELEPHONE: 770-592-1473
ADDRESS: Hillside United Methodist Church
4474 Towne Lake Pkwy., Room 2210
Woodstock, Ga. 30189
SERVICES: A support group for alcohol addicts. Meets every Monday at 7:30 p.m.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

CONTACT PERSON: Any Customer Service Rep
TELEPHONE: 1-800-772-1213
ADDRESS: 1395 South Marietta Parkway, Suite 130
Building 100, Marietta, Georgia 30067
WEB ADDRESS: www.ssa.gov
SERVICES: Administration of the Social Security Act providing for retirement, survivor, disability, Medicare and supplemental security income benefits; Processing applications for initial and replacement social security numbers, taking and adjudicating claims and answering questions on the programs administered by the Social Security Administration.
ELIGIBILITY: Varies According to Program
FEES: None

SOUTH CHEROKEE OPTIMIST CLUB

CONTACT PERSON: Any Optimist Member
TELEPHONE: 770-926-3522
ADDRESS: 1003 Towne Lake Hills East
Woodstock, Ga. 30189
SERVICES: The Optimist Club is dedicated to service the needs of children in the community. A meeting is held every Friday at 7:30 a.m. at Featherstone's at Towne Lake Hills.

TOPS: THE WOODSTOCK CHAPTER OF TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

ADDRESS: Woodstock Church of Christ
219 Rope Mill Road
Woodstock, Ga. 30188
SERVICES: Provides support for those dedicated to losing weight sensibly.
Meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Woodstock Church of Christ.

UNITED WAY OF CHEROKEE COUNTY

CONTACT PERSON: Carrie Budd
TELEPHONE: 770-345-1290
770-345-3715 (Fax)
404-614-1000 (24 Hour Call Center)
ADDRESS: 121 East Marietta St.
Canton, Georgia 30114
WEB ADDRESS: www.unitedwayatlanta.org
SERVICES: Referral Service for Resources
ELIGIBILITY: Anyone
FEES: None

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

CONTACT PERSON: Harold A. Purvis
TELEPHONE: 706-692-6417
ADDRESS: 55 A. Dixie Street
Jasper, Georgia 30143
SERVICES: Provides rural housing to low income families with good credit.
ELIGIBILITY: Based on number of people in the family, total gross income and a resident of Cherokee, Gilmer, Pickens, Fannin, Cobb, Gordon and Murray Counties.
FEE: \$30.00 for Single Persons / \$40.00 for Married Persons

VOCATIONAL TRANSITIONS- A DIVISION OF GOOD WILL INDUSTRIES

CONTACT PERSON: Tina Watkins, Site Manager
TELEPHONE: 770-874-0901
ADDRESS: 9425 Hwy 92, Suite 142
Woodstock, Ga. 30188
WEB ADDRESS: www.ging.org
SERVICES: Putting people to work in Fannin, Gilmer, Pickens, Cherokee, Murray, Whitfield, Forsyth and Gordon Counties.
ELIGIBILITY: Individuals 16 years & older with disabilities or other obstacles of unemployment
FEES: None

NORTH GEORGIA COMMUNITY ACTION

CONTACT PERSON: Robin Satterfield

TELEPHONE: 770-345-6531 707-692-2804 (fax)

1-800-440-1642

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 760

Jasper, Georgia 30143

SERVICES: Rent, utilities, some funding for low income financial aid, and commodity foods when available.

ELIGIBILITY: Poverty Guidelines

FEES: None

RESOURCE DIRECTORY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Aid Atlanta	404-872-0600
Alzheimer's Association.....	404-728-1181
Atlanta Alliance on Developmental Disabilities	404-881-9777
American Cancer Society	404-816-7800
American Heart Association	770-952-1316
Arthritis Foundation	404-872-7100
Child Support Recovery Unit, Gainesville	770-535-5735
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	404-325-6973
Easter Seal Society	404-633-9609
Emory University.....	404-727-6123
Georgia Baptist Children's Home, Inc & Developmental Disabilities Ministries	770-463-3800
Georgia Heart Association.....	770-730-8440
Georgia Immunization Program.....	404-657-3158
Georgia Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf	404-657-2126
Georgia Society to Prevent Blindness, Inc	404-266-0071
Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities for Atlanta	404-657-2126
Helen Keller Foundation	404-766-9625
Hemophilia of Georgia, Inc	770-518-8272
Justice Center of Atlanta, Inc.....	404-523-8236
Juvenile Diabetes Foundation	404-420-5990
Lighthouse for the Blind(Lions Club)	404-325-3630
Muscular Dystrophy Association	770-621-9800
National Kidney Foundation of Georgia	770-452-1539
National Society for Children and Adults with Autism	770-451-0954
Northeast Georgia Speech Center	770-534-5141
Parent to Parent of Georgia, Inc.....	770-451-5484
Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation	706-655-5000
Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia	404-755-1641
Spinal Bifida Association of Atlanta	770-454-7600
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome	770-612-1030
United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Atlanta	404-329-9390
United Way of Atlanta	404-527-7200

TOLL FREE NUMBERS

AIDS

National Sexually Transmitted Diseases Hotline..... 1-800-227-8922

ALCOHOLISM

National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information

1-800-662-HELP

BLINDNESS/VISION

American Council of the Blind

1-800-424-8666

Library for the Blind & Physically Disabled

1-800-248-6701

National Association for the Parents of the Visually Impaired.....

1-800-562-6265

National Eye Care Project Hot Line

1-800-222-EYES

National Library Services for the Blind and Physically Disabled

1-800-424-8567

CANCER

AMC Cancer Information Line

1-800-525-3777

National Cancer Institute Information Service

1-800-4-CANCER

CAREER COUNSELING

Higher Education and Adult Training People with Handicaps1-800-54-HEALTH
Job Accommodation Network (JAN).....1-800-526-7234

CEREBRAL PALSY

UCPA Affiliate Relations Division1-800-872-5827
UCPA Community Services Division1-800-USA-5UCP

CHILD ABUSE

Child Help Hot line (sexual abuse victims and families).....1-800-422-4453
Georgia Child Abuse Council1-800-532-3208

CLEFT PALATE

American Cleft Palate Educational Foundation (CLEFTLINE)1-800-24-CLEFT

COMPUTERS

Apple Office of Special Education1-800-959-2775

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.....1-800-638-8255
National Center for Stuttering1-800-221-2483

CONSUMER

American Express-Report Lost or Stolen Card1-800-528-2121

DEAFNESS HEARING IMPAIRMENTS

Captioned Films for the Deaf1-800-237-6213
John Tracy Clinic on Deafness.....1-800-522-4582
Occupational Hearing Services(Dial a Hearing Test).....1-800-222-EARS

DIABETES

Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Hot line1-800-223-1138

DISEASES

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders1-800-621-0379
Huntington's Disease Society of America1-800-345-4372
Lupus Foundation of America.....1-800-558-0121
National Association for Sickle Cell Disease, Inc1-800-421-8453
National Cystic Fibrosis Foundation1-800-344-4823
National Organization for Rare Disorders1-800-999-6673
National Parkinson Foundation1-800-327-4545

DOWN SYNDROME

National Down Syndrome Congress1-800-232-NDSC
National Down Syndrome Society1-800-221-4602

DRUG INFORMATION

Center For Substance Abuse Treatment, National Drug Line.....1-800-662-HELP
National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information1-800-729-6686

EMPLOYMENT

Job Accommodation Network(JAN).....1-800-526-7234

EPILEPSY

Epilepsy Foundation of America1-800-EFA-1000

FINANCIAL AID	
Federal Hill-Burton Free Care Program	1-800-638-0742
GROWTH DISORDERS	
Human Growth Foundation	1-800-451-6434
HEALTH INFORMATION	
National Health Information Center	1-800-336-4797
Health Care Label.....	1-800-323-8323
HUD Hot line.....	1-800-767-4483
IMMUNOLOGY	
National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine.....	1-800-222-5864
KIDNEY DISORDERS	
American Kidney Foundation	1-800-638-8299
Kidney Foundation.....	1-800-633-2339
LEARNING DISABILITIES	
Educators Publishing Service, Inc & Specific Language Disabilities(Dyslexia).....	1-800-225-5750
Horton Dyslexia Society	1-800-222-3123
LIVER DISORDERS	
American Liver Foundation.....	1-800-223-0179
MEDIA	
Handicapped Media, Inc.....	1-800-321-8708
MEDICAL DEVICES	
Practitioner's Reporting System	1-800-638-6725
Medicare Hot line.....	1-800-638-6833
MENTAL RETARDATION	
American Association on Mental Retardation	1-800-424-3688
Association for Retarded Citizens of the United States (ARC)	1-800-433-5225
MISSING CHILDREN	
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.....	1-800-843-5678
NEUROLOGICAL IMPAIRMENT/PARALYSIS	
National Headache Foundation	1-800-843-2256
NUTRITION	
Agriculture Consumer Service Program (directory service)	1-800-282-5852
Beech-Nut Nutrition Hot line	1-800-233-2468
Gerber Products Company.....	1-800-443-7237
ORGAN DONORS	
The Living Bank.....	1-800-528-2971
ORTHOPEDIC PROBLEMS	
International Shriners Headquarters	1-800-237-5055
PESTICIDES	
Pesticides Information	1-800-858-7378

POISON CONTROL CENTER

Poison Control Center1-800-282-5846

RARE DISORDERS

Cornelia deLange Syndrome Foundation.....1-800-223-8355

National Organization for Rare Disorders(NORD)1-800-999-6673

National Reye's Syndrome Foundation1-800-233-7393

National Tuberous Sclerosis Association1-800-CAL-NTSA

RESPIRATORY DISEASE

National Jewish Center for Immunology
and Respiratory Medicine Lung Line1-800-222-LUNG

SPINA BIFIDA

Spina Bifida Hot line1-800-621-3141

SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (SIDS)

National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Foundation.....1-800-221-SIDS

NATIONAL RUNAWAY SWITCHBOARD

National Runaway Switchboard.....1-800-621-4000

TOYS

Consumer Product Safety Commission.....1-800-638-2772

TRAUMA

American Trauma Society1-800-556-7890