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PIERCE AND WARE COUNTY RESOURCE GUIDE



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WARE CHILDREN'S INITIATIVE
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912-816-5317

warechildrensinitiative@gmail.com

www.gafcp.org/ware

The Children's Initiative is the Ware Family Connection collaborative, we bring community partners together to develop, implement, and evaluate plans that address the serious challenges facing Ware County's children and families. Our vision for children and families in Ware County is that each child will be born and grow up healthy, be secure from abuse and neglect, and become literate, productive and economically self-sufficient.

Please join us at our collaborative meetings the third Thursday of the month (August thru May) at 8:30am in Room 210 at Coastal Pines Technical College.

Volunteer! Doing Good for Ware. . .

Our collaborative is a diverse body of representatives from all sectors of our community. However, we are lacking input from parents and members of the business community and we do need it. Please come to our collaborative meetings the third Thursday of the month at Coastal Pines Technical College.

For more information call or email:

Gail Seifert, Coordinator

912-816-5317

warechildrensinitiative@gmail.com

PIERCE COUNTY FAMILY CONNECTION

One of 159 counties in Georgia that make up the Georgia Family Connection Partnership.

Our Vision

We envision a Georgia where all children are healthy, primed for school, and succeed when they get there; where families are stable, self-sufficient, and productive; and where communities are vibrant, robust, and thriving.

Our Mission

Georgia Family Connection connects and convenes key community members committed to improving the well-being of children and families. We connect our partners to the resources they need, coordinate and manage efforts, and empower our communities to craft local solutions based on local decisions.

Our collaborative meetings are the third Wednesday of each month (September thru May). For meeting times and locations please contact us at the email below.

Contact Us

For more information call or email:

Stephanie Bell, Executive Director

912-230-7835

piercefc@gmail.com

WHAT RESOURCES DO YOU NEED?

Adoption/Foster Care

Atlantic Area CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)
Department of Family & Children's Services
Open Door Adoption Services

Alcohol, Drugs, Substance Abuse

Alcoholics Anonymous
Al-Anon
Bethesda House of Mercy
Cord of Three
Unison Behavioral Health

Child Abuse

Department of Family & Children's Services
Satilla Advocacy Services

Child Care/Preschools

Afterschool Care

Concerted Services, Inc – Hazzard Hill Early Head Start
Concerted Services, Inc – Head Start
Daffodil Pre-School (Ware County Schools)
Lollipop Kids, Inc.
Easter Seals Southern Georgia
The Playhouse
Safe Haven Childcare
Son Shine Daycare
Telemon
YMCA

Child Support Services

Division of Child Support Services

Children and Youth Services

Atlantic Area CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)
Boy Scouts of America
Boys to Men
Cord of Three
Consolidated Men's Club
Creative Outreach Solutions
Department of Family & Children's Services

Division of Child Support Services
Girl Scouts Of Historic Georgia
Health Department - Teen
I.M.P.A.C.T. Center
Ware County Board of Education
Ware County Recreation Department
Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
YMCA

City of Blackshear

Blackshear City Hall
Public Works Dept.
Mainstreet Program

City of Offerman

Offerman City Hall

City of Patterson

Patterson City Hall
Public Works Dept.
Recreation Dept.

Community Programs

Amerigroup Community Care
Christian Women's Job Corps
Girl Scouts Of Historic Georgia
Hospice Satilla
Southern Georgia Regional Commission's Area Agency on Aging
Waycross Chamber of Commerce
YMCA

Counseling/Psychiatric Treatment/Therapy Services

Cord of Three
Satilla Advocacy Services
Unison Behavioral Health

Credit Counseling & Tax Preparation

Atlantic Coast Bank - Consumer Credit Counseling Service
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

Disabilities/Disabled Support

Autism Parent Group
Babies Can't Wait
Children's Medical Services
Concerted Services, Inc – Head Start
Diversified Resources
Early Intervention Specialist
Easter Seals Southern Georgia/
Megan's House
Harrell Learning Center
Hooves to Freedom
Georgia Council of Developmental Disabilities
Georgia Department of Labor – Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Georgia Learning Resources System
Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind
Goodwill
Okefenokee Lions Club
Project SEARCH
South Central Georgia Learning Resources System
Southern Georgia Regional Commission's Area Agency on Aging

Education/Literacy

Christian Women's Job Corps
Concerted Services, Inc – Hazzard Hill Early Head Start
Concerted Services, Inc – Head Start
Concerted Services, Inc – Literacy Action Program
Harrell Learning Center
Okefenokee Heritage Center
Okefenokee Regional Library
Pierce County Public Library
South Central Georgia Learning Resources System
Telemon
Ware County Board of Education
Ware First Foundation

Employment Services

Christian Women's Job Corps
Christian Men's Job Corps
Georgia Department of Labor
Workforce Investment Act

Fire Protection

Ware County Fire Department
Waycross Fire Department

Food Pantries/Assistance

Calvary Baptist Church
Concerted Services, Inc. - Ware
County Food Bank
DC Downtown
Department of Family &
Children's Services
First Christian Church
First Presbyterian Church
First United Methodist Church
Mary Street Mission
Pierce County Family
Connection
Pierce County Food Pantry
Salvation Army
St. Joseph Catholic Church –
Loaves & Fishes
Sycamore Tree
Waycross House of Hope
Trinity United Methodist
Church
Winona Park United Methodist
Church

Health Services

Amerigroup Community Care
Bacon County Hospital
D.A.W.G.S. (diabetes support)
Diversified Resources
Georgia Physicians South
Hearing Plus
Hospice Satilla
Kingdom Care
Mayo Clinic Health System –
Waycross
McKinney Medical Center
Pierce County Health Dept.
Satilla Care Center
St. Simons By the Sea
Unison Behavioral Health
Visiting Nurses Association
Ware County Health
Department
Wayne Memorial Hospital

Law Enforcement

Department of Juvenile Justice
Department of Juvenile Justice –
RYDC
Ware County Juvenile Court

Ware County Sherriff
Department
Waycross Police Department
Waycross Probation
Department of Driver Services

Information Referral s

Southern Georgia Regional
Commission's Area Agency on
Aging

Legal Services

Georgia Legal Services

Little Book House**Lending Library****Locations**

Blackshear City Park
Blackshear Presbyterian Church
Eagle Station
Offerman City Memorial Park
Pierce County Rec Dept Ball
Fields Ware ST
Pierce County Senior Center

Medicaid Care**Management
Organizations**

Amerigroup
Peach State Health Plan
WellCare

**Nursing/Personal Care
Homes**

Pierce County Nursing Home
Satilla Care Center

Pierce County**Government Agencies**

PC Board of Commissioners
PC Road Dept.
PC Community Development
(Zoning)
PC Board of Elections
PC Tax Commissioner
PC Tax Assessor
PC Parks & Recreation Dept.
PC Industrial Development
Authority
PC Chamber of Commerce
Pierce County Transit
PC Senior Center

Post Office

Blackshear Post Office
Bristol Post Office
Mershon Post Office
Offerman Post Office
Patterson Post Office

**Post-Secondary
Education**

Coastal Pines Technical College
South Georgia State College

Public Safety

Pierce County Sheriff's Dept.
(Office of)
Blackshear Police Dept.
Blackshear Fire Dept.
Patterson Police Dept.
Patterson Fire Dept.
Pierce County Emergency
Medical Services
Pierce County Emergency
Management Agency and Fire
Dept. Administration
Georgia State Patrol

Pregnancy Support

Amerigroup Community Care
HOPE Circle: Teen
Pregnancy/Parenting Support
Group
Babies Can't Wait

Protective Services

Southern Georgia Regional
Commission's Area Agency on
Aging

Pierce County Schools

Central Office
Pierce County Middle School
Pierce County High School
Blackshear Elementary School
Midway Elementary School
Patterson Elementary School
Parent Mentor Partnership
Family Engagement Program

Senior Adult Services

Southern Georgia Regional
Commission's Area Agency on
Aging

Support Groups

Hospice Satilla (Grief)
Magnolia House (Domestic
Violence)

Transit

Hope Transport
Pierce County Transit
Ware County Transit

Veterans Services

Veteran's Administration

Victim Services

Magnolia House (Domestic
Violence)
Satilla Advocacy Services
(Adult & Child Sexual Abuse)





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AL-ANON

618 Lee Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501
912-283-6916

Al-Anon is designed to help families of alcoholics understand where the alcoholic is coming from and give them some insight about what to do and not do in dealing with an alcoholic. Weekly meetings are held at the following times/places:

- Monday 11:00 AM Al-Anon Club, 618 Lee Avenue
- Tuesday 8:00 PM Al-Anon Club, 618 Lee Avenue
- Saturday 9:30 AM 309 Howe Street, Waycross

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

618 Lee Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501
912-287-8023

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other in order to solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership – they are self-supporting through their own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, religious denomination, politics, organization, or institution; does

not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

- Twelve-step recovery and support group
- Eligibility – anyone with a drinking problem
- Fees – none

ATLANTIC COAST BANK CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICE

505 Haines Avenue / P O Box 1256, Waycross GA 31502
912-284-2261

Consumer Credit Counseling Services (CCCS) are local, non-profit organizations affiliated with the National Foundation for Consumer Credit. We provide education and counseling to families and individuals on personal budgeting and the wise use of credit. CCCSs are supported with contributions from banks, consumer finance companies, credit unions, merchants, and other community services.

We are not lending institutions, charity organizations, or government programs. CCCS should not be confused with debt counseling services, which may charge \$50.00 to \$100.00 per month.

CCCS counseling fees are \$20.00. This agency also provides first time homebuyer education at no cost to the client. HUD pays the fee through a grant to this agency.

AUTISM PARENT GROUP

1301 Bailey Street, Waycross, GA 31501
912-287-2306 ext. 1130
kimgibson@ware.k12.ga.us

Autism Parent Group provides support, information and awareness to those who love someone diagnosed with autism. Meetings are at Memorial Stadium the last Thursday of the month.

AMERIGROUP COMMUNITY CARE

7001 Chatham Center Drive, Suite 2400, Savannah, GA 31405

800-600-4441

912-508-6503

Shenna.jones@amerigroup.com
www.amerigroup.com

Health plan for eligible Medicaid, Peach Care for Kids and Planning for Healthy Babies members in the State of Georgia.

Volunteer! Doing Good for Ware. . .

When hosting an event in the Ware County area, any person can volunteer as a support to the event and receive any letter or signature required for an Amerigroup Representative hosting the event. For more information contact: Shenna Jones at 912-508-6503

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BETHESDA HOUSE OF MERCY

1010 Mary Street, Waycross, GA 31503

912-283-8580

www.bethesdahousewaycross.org

Bethesda House of Mercy operates as a non-profit, multicultural and multi-denominational mission specializing in Christian restoration for women who are seeking to end a lifestyle of chemical dependency or abuse. Participants must be 21 years of

age. Bethesda House is supported by the United Way of Southeast Georgia

- Drug and alcohol recovery
 - Anger management
 - Pastoral counseling
 - Based on biblical principals
 - Minimum 90 days up to 18 months
 - Faith-based ministry; relies on private contributions
- Bethesda House food pantry is located at 1010 Mary Street. Hours of operation are Monday thru Friday, 11:00am —2:00pm. Those requesting food should be referred through a social service agency or have some type of identification. This is a first come first serve ministry as food is available.

BABIES CAN'T WAIT

1123 Church ST Annex B,
Waycross GA 31501
912-284-2552 / 1-800-429-6307

Babies Can't Wait, an Early Intervention Program, is designed to support families of children, ages 0-3 years old, which have certain identified disabilities or significant developmental delays. Evaluation for eligibility and service coordination is provided at no cost to any family. Once determined eligible, families have access to and work with a multidisciplinary team to learn how to best promote their child's development and improve their ability to participate in daily routines and activities. All supports are provided in the child's natural environment. A natural environment is wherever a child lives, plays, and learns. Referrals can be received from families or any community partner and are staffed through Children 1st, Georgia's single point of entry for children and families in need of support and

services. Disabilities/Disabled Support.

BACON COUNTY HOSPITAL

302 South Wayne St.
Alma, Ga.
912-632-8961
www.baconcountyhospital.com

BLACKSHEAR CITY HALL

318 East Taylor St.
Blackshear, Ga.
Phone: 912-449-7000
Fax: 912-449-7002
www.blackshearga.com

BLACKSHEAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

5217 Ga. Highway 121
Blackshear, Ga.
Phone: 912-449-2088
Fax: 912-449-2089
bes.pierce.k12.ga.us



BLACKSHEAR POST OFFICE

327 Main Street
Blackshear, GA 31516
912-449-8348

BLACKSHEAR MAIN STREET PROGRAM

318 East Taylor St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-0847

BLACKSHEAR PRESBYTERIAN CHILD CARE CENTER

432 Main St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-0799

BLACKSHEAR FIRE DEPARTMENT

219 Nichols St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-7011

BLACKSHEAR POLICE DEPARTMENT

219 Nichols St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-7011

BLACKSHEAR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

211 Nichols St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-7008

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA Coastal Georgia Council, Satilla District

Ryan Barnes, District Executive
912-856-5902
Ryanw.barnes@scouting.org

To locate a pack, troop or crew, visit BeAScout.org or call Ryan Barnes at 912-856-5902 or Ken Whitson, District Chair at 912-326-0362.

BOYS TO MEN AND SWANS

912-281-2622
Nathanielanderson881@yahoo.com

Boys to Men is a 501(c)3 non-profit that works with boys and girls ages 8-18 to help them transition into adulthood. The program offers workshops, field trips, and mentoring. Transportation is provided.

BRISTOL POST OFFICE

1983 Ga. Highway 121
Bristol, GA 31518
912-647-2177

BUSINESS LICENSES – WARE COUNTY & WAYCROSS

City of Waycross - 912-287-2900
Ware County - 912-287-4300

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**CALVARY BAPTIST
CHURCH**

1622 Gibbs Street, Waycross,
GA 31501
912-283-5051
www.calvaryitsaboutchrist.org/c
ontact
Clothing closet

**CASA (COURT APPOINTED
SPECIAL ADVOCATE) -
ATLANTIC AREA**
1507 Grove Ave Street,
Waycross, GA 31501
912-722-7672 / 912-876-3816
www.atlanticcasa.org
Contact: Carlos Nelson

The mission of CASA is to speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the courts in Bryan, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Tattnall, Evans, Ware and Pierce counties. We promote and support quality volunteer representation for children to provide each child a safe, permanent, and nurturing home.

***Volunteer! Doing Good for
Ware. . .***

CASA volunteers bring urgency to a child's needs, both in and out of the courtroom, and promote safety, permanency and well-being through independent recommendations. CASA volunteers are specially trained to advocate for each child's best interest. Without volunteers, CASA programs could not exist.

Are you wondering how you can become a CASA volunteer? If you are interested in becoming a CASA volunteer, contact Carlos Nelson at 912-722-7672 or e-mail at cnelson@atlanticareacasa.com.

**CHILD SUPPORT
SERVICES**

215-B Albany Avenue,
Waycross, GA 31501
1-87-423-4746
www.cse.dhr.state.ga.us

The Division of Child Support Services (DCSS) provides child support services to Georgia parents who need assistance. The custodial parent may apply at the office that serves their county. There is an application fee of \$25. The custodial parent is asked to furnish legal documents, if available, and information about the non-custodial parent.

Child Support Services include:

- Locating non-custodial parents
- Establishing paternity
- Establishing and enforcing child support orders
- Establishing and enforcing medical support orders
- Collecting and distributing support payments

Enforcement tools available to DCSS:

Withholding child support from paychecks or unemployment benefits; intercepting federal and/or state income tax refunds to pay child support arrears; Garnishing workers' compensation benefits; Reporting parents owing more than \$1000 in child support payments to credit bureaus; Suspending or revoking driver's, professional, or occupational licenses for failure to pay child support; Reviewing and modifying child support orders periodically; Intercepting lottery winnings of more than \$5,000; Filing contempt of court actions which may result in a jail sentence if the non-custodial parent is found in contempt of court; Filing liens and levy on tangible/intangible property;

Seizing matched bank accounts after notice.

Fatherhood Services Network: The Fatherhood Program helps any non-custodial parent paying child support through DCSS who lacks the economic capacity to do so because they are unemployed or underemployed. The program offers job counseling and placement assistance, provides vocational training, educational assistance and classes on parenting, job interviewing and financial management. Gainful, stable employment enables these parents to provide regular financial support for their children.



**Child Access and Visitation
Program:**

This program addresses the needs of non-custodial parents who want visitation with their children. Research shows that parental contact is related to the payment of child support and the father's involvement improves child's development and self-esteem. The non-custodial parent must have an active case with Child Support Services to be eligible for the program.

Child Support Hotline: In the 404, 678, or 770 area code, call 404-463-8800. In the 229-478, 706, 912 area codes, call 800-227-7993.

Automated Information is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Operators are available 7:00am - 5:30pm Monday-Friday except on state holidays.

Internet Access to Case and Payment Information:
www.cse.dhr.state.ga.us. Click on Constituent Services Portal

and apply for services, view payment information, view the status of your case and update case information.
DCSS does not: Help anyone get a divorce; Find custodial parents; Take legal action about visitation rights or custody; Enforce court ordered payment of unpaid bills not related to child support payments; Help legitimize children.

CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS)

1123 Church ST Annex B,
Waycross, GA 31501
912-285-6304 / 1-800-320-9839


Children's Medical Services (CMS) is a Department of Public Health program that provides or coordinates specialty medical care services for children with chronic medical conditions in Georgia. Examples of these conditions include:

- Burns, cardiac, chronic lung (including asthma & cystic fibrosis)
 - Craniofacial anomalies (including cleft lip and/or palate)
 - Orthopedic & neuromuscular (including cerebral palsy, scoliosis, & amputations), diabetes, gastrointestinal, hearing
 - Spina bifida, neurological and neurosurgical (including epilepsy and hydrocephalus), vision, (cataracts, glaucoma, amblyopia & strabismus)
- Children birth to 21 who live in Georgia, have an eligible medical condition, and meet income criteria are eligible for the CMS program. These services include: medical/diagnostic testing, specialty medical care and treatment, medications and supplies, Care Coordination, and referral to community resources.

Children's Medical Services also provides specialty clinics for children and youth with special health care needs. These may be on-site at the CMS office or through Telemedicine provided by Pediatric medical specialists. Currently, these include: Neurosurgery, Asthma, Hematology, Genetics, Neurology, and Orthopedics.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S JOB CORPS®

First Baptist Church, 670 Main Street, Blackshear, GA 31516
912-548-2147

cwjcg@gmail.com 
Christian Women's Job Corps of Blackshear, GA
Contact: Marian Evans 912-548-2147

Free classes in job preparation, computer basics, math and language skills, money management and Bible study will be offered 3 mornings a week. All women age 18+ from any county are welcome to participate.



COASTAL PINES TECHNICAL COLLEGE

1701 Carswell Avenue,
Waycross, GA 31503
912-287-6584
www.coastalpinetech.edu

A postsecondary technical college offering degree, diploma and certificate programs that prepare graduates to enter the work force. The college also offers continuing education,

customized business training, adult education programs, and GED preparation. Services include career assessment, financial aid counseling, advisement, and placement. Coastal Pines Technical College is a unit of The Technical College System of Georgia. Office hours: Monday-Thursday (8:00am - 9:00pm) and Friday (8:00am - 4:00pm). Information on tuition, fees, financial aid, and programs can be found on the website.

COASTAL PINES TECHNICAL COLLEGE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

1700 Carswell Avenue,
Waycross, GA 31503
912-287-6580 / 912-285-6041

The Adult Education Program at Coastal Pines Technical College offers assistance with basic academic skills and GED preparation for adults. The program offers flexible schedules that can meet the needs of any individual. The Adult Education Program offers services including assessment of present skills, individual academic counseling and advisement, personal attention, special reading instruction, computerized instruction. There is no cost for classes.

Residents of Georgia who receive a GED diploma from GED Testing Services in Georgia receive a \$500 HOPE/GED Grant to be used for expenses when attending Coastal Pines Technical College or another state higher education institution.

**CONCERTED SERVICES,
INC.**

713 Hendry ST. Blackshear,
Ga. 31516
912-449-1438
www.concertedservices.org

2100 Riverside Avenue
P O Box 1965, Waycross, GA
31502
912-285-6083

Concerted Services, Inc. is a private, non-profit charitable organization. The agency is divided into two major areas – Administration and Program Operations. Administration covers equal opportunity, legal, fiscal, grant compliance, contracting, personnel, planning, public relations, clerical, and many others. Program Operations – operates all programs granted to CSI by funding sources. Services provided: Community Care, Community Services, Educational Talent Search, Elderly Services Program, Energy Assistance Program, Literacy Action Program, Ware County Food Bank, Head Start Program, Early Head Start Program Pre-K Program and Weatherization services.



**CONCERTED SERVICES,
INC.**

**WARE COUNTY FOOD
BANK**

960 C. City Blvd., Waycross,
GA 31501
[912-283-8634](tel:912-283-8634)

The food bank is a United Way Agency operated by CSI, Inc. The Ware County Food Bank is dependent on local contributions for operation. The food bank was established to provide emergency food for families in need on a temporary basis. Emphasis is placed on families with small children, elderly persons, and emergencies such as house burnouts or loss of employment. Items needed for appointment: Social security card or printout from social security office showing social security number for everyone in household and proof of income for everyone in household. If there is no income, everyone in household 18 years of age and older must complete an income form.

Call 283-8634 for appointment
Monday-Thursday, 8:00am –
4:30pm

**CONCERTED SERVICES,
INC.**

**HAZARD HILL EARLY
HEAD START**

1403 Pendergast Street,
Waycross, GA 31501
912-490-0201

The Early Head Start program in Ware County is for children ages 6 weeks to 3 years, including expectant families. Pregnant teens will receive services and when the baby is born, and the baby will take the mother's slot as she continues her education. The program includes developmental screenings, breakfast, lunch, snacks, on demand feeding for infants, parent training activities, diapers/formula/baby food provided during care, low child/staff ratio and more. Early Head Start is a free, federally-



funded program. While there are income guidelines, priority is given to children with special needs, as well as homeless and foster children. The program is licensed and Quality Rated.

**CONCERTED SERVICES,
INC.**

**PIERCE AND WARE
COUNTY HEAD START
AND EARLY HEAD START**

Pierce County
619 Grady St,
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-0076

Ware County
1235 McDonald Street,
Waycross, GA 31501
912-285-1844 / 912-284-0369 /
912-285-2092

Head Start is a free federal comprehensive pre-school program for children ages three to four. Applicants must meet established income guidelines. Priority is given to children with special needs as well as homeless and foster children. This program is designed to meet the educational, nutritional, health, social, emotional and psychological needs of the children served to prepare them for school success.. The center is child care licensed by DECAL (Department of Early Care and Learning) and is Quality Rated. Please contact the Family Advocate office at 284-0369 for more information.

**CONCERTED SERVICES,
INC.**

**LITERACY ACTION
PROGRAM**

2100 Riverside Avenue / P O
Box 1965 Waycross, GA 31502
912-285-6083

The Literacy Action Program is
funded in part by the United
Way of South Georgia.

The Literacy Action Program
has three basic roles:

- Encourage and assist persons
to continue their education;
 - Support parents in the role of
being their child's first teacher;
and
 - Increase the family's access to
materials and activities that
promote family literacy
development.
- To do this, the Literacy Action
Program is involved in many
community activities. These
include:
- Referrals to assist individuals
in attaining their GED
 - Referrals for financial
assistance to attend technical
school and college.
- Education/Literacy

**CONSOLIDATED MEN'S
CLUB**

Lee Street Resource Center
559 Ware St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-8800

**CORD OF THREE
COUNSELING**

204 S. Crawford Street,
Waycross, GA, 31503
912-282-0992
www.cotcs.org
info@cotcs.org

Mental Health Counseling
Agency providing Christian
based counseling services to
individuals, couples, and
families.

**CREATIVE OUTREACH
SOLUTIONS**

Lynn Platt
5502 Crescent Loop
Blackshear, GA.
912-282-1400
Lplatt6@yahoo.com
Programs offered:
Money Smart for Youth
Mad City Money
Parent to Parent
And other outreach programs.

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**D.A.W.G.S. (DIABETICS IN
THE AREA OF WAYCROSS
GATHERING FOR
SUPPORT)**

912-283-6086
www.livingwellwithdiabetes.org
Contact: croberts77@gmail.com

Meets at 6:30pm on the first
Thursday evening of every
month in the classroom of the
Satilla Regional Medical Center
Annex building at 1800 Alice
Street, except when announced
otherwise. The purpose of the
Diabetes Support Group is to
help diabetics realize that they
are not alone; to provide
education on diabetes
prevention, management, and
complication issues; and to raise
awareness of the disease in the
community. There is no cost to
participate in this support group.

DC DOWNTOWN

Food and clothing ministry
301 Brunei ST.
Waycross, GA
OPEN Tuesdays (4-8)
All are welcome

**DEPARTMENT OF DRIVER
SERVICES – GEORGIA
Georgia State Patrol
Driver's License**

3029 Memorial Drive,
Waycross, GA 31503
912-285-6296

Open Tuesday-Saturday, 9:00am
- 4:30pm



**DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY
& CHILDREN SERVICES –
PIERCE and WARE
COUNTY**

Pierce County
621 Hendry St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-6624

Ware County
1200 Plant Avenue, Waycross,
GA31502
912-285-6040 / 912-285-6077

The mission of the DFCS is to
enable families and individuals
to provide the care, protection,
and experiences essential to
their well-being through the
following services:

TANF-cash assistance for
families with minor children;
life time limit of 48 months;
based on financial need; benefits
are issued through Electronic
Benefits Transfer (EBT);
requires a personal
responsibility contract; requires
participation in work related
activities (there are some
exceptions to this requirement).

CHILD CARE-helps pay child
care; based on financial need;
sliding scale fee based income;
only available when funds are
available.

FOOD STAMPS-financial
assistance to help with the cost
of food; based on financial need;
benefits are issued through
Electronic Benefits Transfer
(EBT); benefits can only be used
to purchase food items.

MEDICAID/Peachcare/Medicar
e-medical assistance based on

financial need; available for children under age 19, pregnant women, adults with minor children, adults age 65 and over, and adults who meet Social Security, disability or blind requirements.

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES-investigates reports of abuse, exploitation and/or neglect; assesses family's to provide protection and care; ongoing services to ensure the individual's safety and well-being.

FOSTER CARE SERVICES-when families are unwilling or unable to protect their child(ren), DFCS may ask the court for temporary custody and place the child(ren) with relatives or in foster care placement.

ADOPTION SERVICES-When families remain unwilling to provide proper care for their child(ren), the courts may be asked to terminate parental rights. At this point the child(ren) becomes available for adoption.

ADDITIONAL DFCS SERVICES – referral services and community outreach.
HOURS: 8:00am – 5:00pm Monday-Friday.

DFCS collaborate with partner agencies such as the Department of Labor, technical schools, domestic violence shelters, vocational rehab, mental health, etc. which help provide services such as job training, resume writing, work experience, clothing, etc.

DFCS SERVICES:

Adoption
Case Management
Children's Protective Services
Food Stamp Applications
Food Stamps
Foster Care for Dependent Children
Medi-Cal/Medicaid
Medi-Cal/Medicaid Applications

Medicare
Medicare Insurance Supplements
Referral to Physicians Accepting Medi-Cal/Medicaid
Refugee/Entrant Cash Assistance Applications
TANF
TANF Applications

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WAYCROSS JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
306 Albany Ave.
Waycross, Ga.
912-287-4395

DIVERSIFIED RESOURCES, INC. - S.O.U.R.C.E. (SERVICE OPTIONS USING RESOURCES OF COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTS)

147 Knight Avenue Circle / P O Box 1099, Waycross, GA 31502
912-285-3089 / 1-800-283-0041

What services are provided through SOURCE? Depending on the need of the participating member, the following community-based services are available through SOURCE:

- home delivered meals
- respite for caregivers
- personal support for personal care and chore services
- emergency response system
- adult day health services
- home health services such as skilled nursing, physical therapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy.
- personal care homes

While these services are paid for by Medicaid funds, participants who are also eligible for Medicare may continue to receive those services as appropriate. Services are also coordinated with any provided through private insurance. Participants may also receive assistance coordinating transportation, arranging MD

visits, identifying alternative housing as needed, and meeting other needs.

Call (912) 287-5888 or (888) 732-4464 to make a referral to SOURCE.

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EASTER SEALS SOUTHERN GEORGIA
505 Elizabeth Street, Waycross, GA 31501
912-283-4691 / 877-541-7325 /
FAX: 912-283-4692
www.southerngeorgia.easterseals.com

Services for individuals with developmental disabilities including family support funds, a children's respite home (Megan's House), residential options for adults, and vocational training and job placement.

Volunteer! Doing Good for Ware...

To volunteer contact: 912-283-4691



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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
412 McDonald Street,
Waycross, GA 31501
912-283-5818
Food Pantry: Thursday's, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Families may receive food once a month. The only requirement is that they show a valid ID.

**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

410 Williams Street, Waycross,
GA 31501
912-283-2077
Food Assistance Available on
Wednesday Mornings from
9:30-11:00am. Financial
Assistance is dependent upon
funds - call Mrs. Bennett at 283-
2077 for more information.
Clothing may be available, call
283-2077.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

601 Hill Street, Waycross, GA
31501
912-283-5077
Financial assistance Monday
between 10:00 –11:00am.
Minimal groceries available
throughout the week.



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**GEORGIA COUNCIL ON
DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES**

404-657-2122
www.gcdd.org
* The mission of the Georgia
Council on Developmental
Disabilities seeks social and
policy changes that promote
opportunities for persons with
developmental disabilities and
their families to live, learn,
work, play and worship.

**GEORGIA LEARNING
RESOURCES SYSTEM**

1450 North Augusta Ave.
Waycross Ga.

Phone: 912-338-5998

Fax: 912-287-6654

www.glr.org

* A support system for both
teachers and parents of children
with disabilities. It is part of a
nationwide network of 17
centers around Georgia that
provide
training and resources to
educators and parents of
students with disabilities.

**GEORGIA LIONS CAMP
FOR THE BLIND**

5626 Laura Walker Road,
Waycross, GA 31503
912-283-4320

One to two week long camping
sessions are scheduled for
various age groups from
approximately mid-June through
mid-August each year. Ages
served include youth, ages 6-17;
young adults, ages 18-45; and
senior adults, ages 45 and up.
There is a \$25 registration fee.
Campers are sponsored by Lions
Clubs throughout Georgia.
Camp activities include arts and
crafts, gardening, canoeing,
camping, nature quest, fishing,
dramatics, music, horseback
riding, track and field,
swimming, sports, and games.
All buildings are air-
conditioned. Medical personnel
are on duty 24 hours daily.
The camp staff includes
personnel with experience
working with the visually
impaired. An eligible camper
must be legally blind or have a
severe visual loss, a resident of
Georgia, over age 6, and have
some degree of independent
self-help skills in feeding and
dressing themselves. A camper's
primary handicap must be vision
related.

The Georgia Lions Camp
solicits applications regardless
of race, color, religion, sex, or
national origin for participation
or employment in its programs.

**GEORGIA LEGAL
SERVICES**

1607 Union Street, Brunswick
GA 31520

1-877-808-0553

www.glsp.org

Georgia Legal Services
represents clients in 14 counties
which includes Ware County.
Representatives travel to other
counties once a month. Georgia
Legal Services handles a variety
of civil, non-criminal cases
including guardianships for
children, limited defensive
custody, consumer issues/loans,
foreclosures on homes,
housing/evictions, Social
Security/SSI, repossessions,
family violence TPO's and
divorces, health care, public
benefits (TANF, Food Stamps/
Medicaid and Medicare/VA),
family law, work and school
related issues. Wills and Powers
of Attorney for elderly and ill
individuals are also provided, in
addition to basic legal advice.
No fee is charged for any advice
or other services provided by
Georgia Legal Services;
however, you may be asked to
pay for costs charged by the
court or newspaper publication
fees.

**GEORGIA PHYSICIANS
SOUTH**

120 East Carter Ave.
Blackshear, Ga.

912-449-4426

www.gpsdrs.com

**GEORGIA STATE PATROL
– POST 22**

3029 Memorial Drive
Waycross, Ga.
912-287-6500

GIRL SCOUTS OF HISTORIC GEORGIA

110 Pipemakers Circle, Suite
116, Pooler, GA 31322

912-236-1571, 912-988-8658

www.gshg.org

Contact: Kayce Bradbury,
Membership Manager

kbradbury@gshg.org

We're 2.7 million strong – 1.9 million girls and 800,000 adult volunteers who believe girls can change the world. It began over 100 years ago with one woman, Girl Scouts' founder Juliette Gordon "Daisy" Low, who believed in the power of every girl. She organized the first Girl Scout troop on March 12, 1912 in Savannah, Georgia, and every year since, we've made her vision a reality, helping girls discover their strengths, passions, and talents.

Today, as yesterday, we continue the Girl Scout mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. We're the preeminent leadership development organization for girls. And with programs for girls from coast to coast and across the globe, Girl Scouts offers every girl a chance to do something amazing.

Interested in joining Girl Scouts through our many different pathways? Want to volunteer your time and talents to the betterment of girls in our community? Contact us today for more information!

GOODWILL

2101 Memorial Drive
Waycross, Ga.
912-285-4444

* Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire assists people with disabilities and barriers to live

independently and become employed.



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HARRELL LEARNING CENTER

1215 Bailey Street, Suite C,
Waycross, GA 31501
912-285-6191

The Harrell Learning Center is a special day school dedicated to serving children and youth (ages 5-21) with severe emotional and behavioral disorders (SEBD).

The Harrell Center is a public school and serves those children with severe emotional problems who cannot be properly served in traditional special education classes at their home school.

The Harrell Center offers comprehensive services in small, highly structured settings. SEBD children are typically such a very small part of the normal school population that it would be cost prohibitive for small systems to provide as many as four-to-five adults to work with only one or two children.

The Harrell Learning Center serves students from Ware, Atkinson, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Bacon, Brantley and Pierce counties. Students are bussed from their home county and returned home each day.

The Center has 10 classrooms, serving children grades K-12. Class size is limited to ten students, with eight students

being the average class size. Each class has one certified teacher and one para-professional. Additionally, the Center also has a school psychologist, social workers and crisis intervention teachers to deal with students in crisis. The long-range goal is to teach each student sufficient social skills to allow that child to return to their home school.

Students are referred to the Harrell Learning Center through their home school. School personnel, parents, physicians, and/or other service agencies may initiate the referral. Upon referral a social history, psychological (or a psychiatric evaluation) and educational evaluation are completed to help determine the individual needs of the student. The next step is to get the parents, referring school personnel and the Harrell Center staff together to discuss the needs of the child and where those needs might best be met. If all agree that the Harrell Center is the best resource to meet the child's current needs, a placement will be made at that time. The ultimate determining considerations are: Does the child exhibit the presence of a severe emotional disability, over a long period of time and to a marked degree, which adversely affects educational performance?



HEALTH DEPARTMENT – WARE COUNTY

604 Riverside Avenue,
Waycross, GA 31501

1-855-473-4374
www.sehdph.org

Located in each county in Georgia is a local health department. The mission of the Ware County Health Department is to protect and promote health and to prevent disease and injury. Public Health services are provided such as childhood and adult immunizations, travel immunizations, family planning/women's health services, tuberculosis, screening and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, health education, and Medicaid physicals for children. The health department also provides services for pregnant women and children up to age 5 through the WIC Program, a nutritional education program. Birth and death certificates for Ware County are on file at the health department. Also located at the health department are environmentalists who provide restaurant and septic tank inspections, water sampling, and follow-up for dog bites Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 7:30am -5:30pm, Friday: 8:00am – 5:00pm

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT –
WARE COUNTY**
Teen I.M.P.A.C.T. Center
(Implementing More Positive
Alternative Choices for Teens)
604 Riverside Avenue,
Waycross, GA 31501
1-855-473-4374

Public health nurses offer services that include family planning exams, detection and treatment of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), immunizations, nutrition counseling, health referrals to appropriate sources, health education, and care coordination

services to ensure that the teen is getting what is best for her. Services are provided free of charge up to 19 years of age.

Teen activities are provided about three or four times per year. IMPACT also offers hygiene items and other helpful resources. IMPACT has a separate entrance in the back of the building so ring the door bell. Visit our website at impactteencenter.org

HEARING PLUS

1402 Alice Street, Waycross,
GA 31501
912-816-4153
sswain@myhearingplus.com
[http://www.myhearingplus.com/
location/waycross-ga](http://www.myhearingplus.com/location/waycross-ga)

Audiologist provides hearing evaluations, hearing aid checks, hearing aid fittings, custom fit swim plugs, hearing protection, hearing aid batteries, assistive listening devices (i.e., amplified telephones, amplified alarm clocks, amplified smoke detection signaler).
Appointments preferred.



HOOVES TO FREEDOM

6671 Oak Ridge Trail
Blackshear, Ga.
912-550-3608
* We enable individual healing, growth and independence through therapeutic horsemanship. We strive to maintain a Christian atmosphere on the farm, treating the horses, property and other

individuals with the utmost respect.

HOPE CIRCLE

c/o Ware Children's Initiative,
Inc.
P O Box 2801, Waycross, GA
31502-2801
912-816-5317
warechildrensinitiative@gmail.com
www.ware/gafcp.org

The Ware Children's Initiative HOPE Circle is a support group for pregnant teens and teen parents designed to meet the array of issues that teen parents face and to provide them a second chance for success. The support group offers HOPE in the form of professionally presented informational sessions that address: health – for both mother and baby, CPR for infant and toddler, emotional wellbeing, healthy relationships, coping skills for stress management, and proper nutrition; optimism – support and the encouragement needed to ensure that they graduate from high school and that their future can be all that they want it to be; preparation - for both childbirth and parenting; and education - in child care, finance, goal setting and the value of a post-secondary education. The support group is held during the lunch sessions at Ware County High School. The HOPE Circle is a project of the Ware Children's Initiative and the Ware County Board of Education.

HOPE TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATES

552 Ossie Davis Pkwy,
Waycross, GA. 31501
912-285-7111

Special Needs transportation
Please call for scheduling.

HOSPICE SATILLA

808 Evergreen Way, Waycross,
GA 31501
912-285-2340
Contact: Jan Hill.
hospicesatilla@accessatc.net

A nonprofit organization
providing care for terminally ill
patients with a diagnosis of 6
months or less.

Volunteer! Doing Good for Ware. . .

Patient contact (at patients'
homes, nursing home or Hospice
House); bereavement (Grief and
Loss Center); or administrative
(at Administrative Offices).
Requirements: background and
reference checks, health and
PPD (TB) test.

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JUVENILE JUSTICE – GEORGIA DEPARTMENT

1724 Reynolds Street,
Waycross, GA 31501
912-285-6096
www.djj.state.ga.us

The Department of Juvenile
Justice exists to assist the court
system and their communities
with youthful offenders by
providing appropriate services in
secure and non-secure facilities
and/or community settings.

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KINGDOM CARE

800 Beacon Street, Waycross
GA 31501-7104
912-287-4434

Free healthcare clinic for people
who are uninsured or
underinsured (must meet income
eligibility).



KINSHIP CARE PROGRAM

Sharon Paris
Kinship Care Navigator
Division of Family &
Children Services
301 South Jefferson Street
Nashville, GA 31639
Phone: 229-543-2518
Cell: 229-237-2076
Sharon.Paris@dhs.ga.gov

The Kinship Care program
serves as a one stop shop
for information and
referral service to
grandparents, relatives and
other caregivers who are
currently raising a
child/ren.

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LABOR - GEORGIA DEPARTMENT

600 Plant Avenue, Waycross,
GA 31501
912-285-6105

The mission of the Department
of Labor is to work with public
and private partners in building
a world-class workforce system
that contributes to Georgia's
economic prosperity. This
mission is accomplished by •
helping individuals attain their
work goals and increase self-
sufficiency through
employment, training,
comprehensive rehabilitation,
and support services; and

- helping employers meet their
business needs through
employee recruitment and
selection services, workforce
information, and technical
support.

The Department of Labor is
charged with the following areas
of responsibility:

- to assist those who are seeking
jobs in their quest for
satisfactory and productive
placement and to aid employers
in the search for qualified
workers;
 - to refer workers in need of
additional skills into the proper
job training program;
 - to administer the state's
unemployment insurance
program;
 - to administer rehabilitation
services, including providing
physical rehabilitation, job
training, and job placement of
people with disabilities;
 - to gather, maintain, and report
labor market information; and
 - to administer laws relating to
working conditions, employee
safety, and child labor, and to
inspect amusement rides,
elevators, escalators,
dumbwaiters, man lifts, moving
sidewalks, boilers, pressure
vessels, safety glass, and high-
voltage lines to assure that the
public is protected.
- Services Available at No
Charge:
- Local, State and National Job
Listings – over 170,000 job
openings each year
 - Dedicated Staff – ready to
assist Internet Access – for
researching occupations, job
openings, industries, etc.
 - Job Search Techniques
Workshops – latest information
on job seeking strategies
 - Financial Management
Workshops – tips on stretching
your income during
unemployment

- Library – latest books, videos and computer software for job search information and strategies
- Computers, Printers, and Fax – for use to develop and send resumes and cover letters
- Georgia Career Information System – information on occupations, education and training, job search, etc.
- Labor Market Information – employment trends, job outlook, wage information, etc.
- Training and Education – information and referral
- Unemployment Insurance – assistance in filing a claim for unemployment benefits • Testing – to assess clerical skills and job aptitudes.

**LABOR – GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT
VOCATIONAL
REHABILITATION
SERVICES**

2311 Knight Avenue / P O Box
2026, Waycross, GA 31502
912-285-6078
www.vocrehabga.org

Our purpose is to provide opportunities to improve the quality of life for Georgians with disabilities by promoting independence through employment, service, and support. This agency provides assistance to persons with disabilities to enable them to obtain, retain and/or maintain employment. A number of services are available to eligible persons through Vocational Rehabilitation including vocational counseling and guidance.

**LABOR - GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT
WORKFORCE
INVESTMENT ACT (WIA)**
Georgia Department of Labor
Building

600 Plant Avenue, Waycross,
GA 31501
912-287-9943
912-284-2931

WIA Youth Services provides financial assistance for occupational training to eligible young adults, ages 19-21 years of age who have a high school diploma or GED.

**LOLLIPOP KIDS INC.
CHILDCARE**

5218 Ga Highway 121
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-6765

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**MAIN STREET
BLACKSHEAR PROGRAM**

318 East Taylor Street
Blackshear, GA 31516
912-449-0847

**MAGNOLIA HOUSE
SHELTER FOR ABUSED
WOMEN**

PO Box 1824, Waycross, GA
31502
912-285-5850
800-33-HAVEN

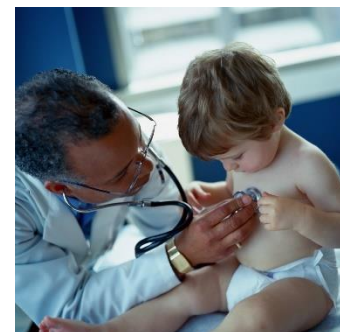
Shelter for women and their children. The shelter is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for those in need. Services offered are free and confidential. Legal Services: help obtaining Temporary Protective Orders, Stalking Orders, education on going through the judicial system, and community education, individual advocacy and support, law enforcement-domestic violence training.

TANF Services: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, financial assistance if qualified and when funds are available, safety planning, client assessments, community education and awareness,

individual support & individual advocacy. Children's & Parenting Services: Parenting classes, referrals, parenting skills, life skills, prevention education, and community education on domestic violence. Rural Domestic Violence & Child Victimization Project: Case management to domestic violence and child abuse victims, individual support & advocacy, direct linkages to community resources & referrals, crisis intervention, emotional support. You do not have to be a resident to receive services. Assessments are confidential. A support group for victims of domestic violence is held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:00-7:00pm at Satilla Regional Medical Center Annex in the telemedicine classroom.

MARY STREET MISSION
517 Mary Street, Waycross, GA
31501
912-338-8940

Mary St. Mission Baptist Church offers benevolence and counseling to those in need (food utilities, medication, rent, gas). Photo ID and copy of the bill required. The Mission is open for benevolence needs on Wed., 1:00-4:00pm. A worship service is held on Sundays at 3:00pm.



MAYO CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM

1900 Tebeau Street, Waycross,
Georgia 31501
Phone: 912-283-3030
For a complete listing of
services, please visit
www.mayoclinichealthsystem.org

MCKINNEY MEDICAL CENTER

218 Quarterman Street,
Waycross, GA 31501
912-287-9140, 912-287-0301

Medical Services Provided:
Family Medicine, Internal
Medicine, Pediatrics, Dental,
Women's Health Services, and
Behavioral Health (SCSB) *
Special Services Provided:
Community Outreach,
GeorgiaCares, DOL One-Stop,
Asthma and Diabetes
Collaborative Care, Patient
Transportation, and Patient
Assistance Program, Senior Day
Care Providing Services To:
Infants, Children, Adolescent,
and Adults Providing Care For:
Acute and Chronic Illnesses
Payment Methods Accepted:
Medicare, Medicaid, Peachcare
for Kids, Private Insurance,
Self-Pay, Sliding Fee Scale
Program, and Promissory
Note**.

*McKinney Medical Center
desires to make healthcare
affordable to everybody.
MMC's sliding scale program is
available for medical as well as
dental services. *The
promissory note is a request by
the individual patient and a
payment plan is discussed with
the patient at the time of
service."

MCKINNEY MEDICAL CENTER

**Nelson Greene Senior Citizen
Center**

1615 Carswell Ave, Waycross,
GA 31501
912-285-9800

**MEDICAID – CMO'S
Care Management
Organizations**

Amerigroup Community Care
is a wholly-owned subsidiary of
Amerigroup Corporation, the
nation's largest company solely
focused on low-income families
and people with disabilities.
Amerigroup is dedicated to
offering Georgia Medicaid
families and PeachCare for
Kids® members the standard
Medicaid benefits plus extra
value-added services.
Amerigroup will provide
effective programs and services
to patients, coordinate quality
healthcare and assist with
important case management and
preventive care services.

You can learn more about
Amerigroup Community Care at
www.amerigroupcorp.com. You
can also download a provider
contract at this web site. To
request a package by mail or a
visit by one of our Georgia
provider representatives, call us
at 1-800-249-0442.

WellCare of Georgia, Inc.

is a leading provider of
government-sponsored health
plans such as Medicare,
Medicaid, State Children's
Health Insurance Programs and
others. It is the largest Medicaid
and Medicare only contractor in
the nation and serves more of
these members in the Southeast
than any other health plan. The
company's headquarters are in
Tampa, Florida.

WellCare prides itself on
providing industry-leading
service to its network of
providers and members.
Founded in 1985, WellCare has
partnered with more than 20,000

physicians to serve members in
six states. Its members are
supported with access to strong
community networks and quality
healthcare benefits and services.
While maintaining access and
enhancing quality of care, the
company works hard to ensure
that providers receive
comprehensive and updated
information. Local provider
relations representatives are
assigned to each provider.

Providers--To reach WellCare
go to georgia.wellcare.com
Questions? Call 1-866-231-1821

Peach State Health Plan

Peach State Health Plan (Peach
State) is a physician-driven,
Georgia-based Medicaid
managed care plan. Backed by
our parent company, Centene
Corporation®, Peach State
draws on financial stability and
national expertise to deliver
local services and programs.
Peach State's mission is to help
our members grow healthy and
stay healthy by providing access
to quality healthcare.

In partnership with Georgia
Families, Peach State will help
educate both the Georgia
Medicaid members and
healthcare providers about the
enhancements to the Medicaid
and PeachCare for Kids
programs.

For more information about
Peach State or how to join our
growing network of providers,
call us at 1-866-874-0633 or
visit our website at
www.pshp.com.

CareSource

is one of the nation's largest
Medicaid managed care plans,
CareSource has been providing
life-changing health care
coverage to people and
communities for nearly 30 years.

As a nonprofit, CareSource is dedicated to clearing a path to health and well-being through innovative products, programs and services. CareSource provides Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids® members and Planning for Healthy Babies® enrollees with extra help and benefits that go beyond health care. With a regional headquarters located in Atlanta, CareSource is ready to welcome new Georgia members and health providers.

To learn more about CareSource, call 1-855-202-0729 or visit our website at CareSource.com/Georgia. For information on contracting as a health partner, call 1-855-202-1058 or visit CareSource.com/providers/Georgia.

MERSHON POST OFFICE
2547 Ga. Highway 32
Mershon, GA 31551
912-647-2262

MIDWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
3244 Midway Church Road
Phone: 912-807-0084
Fax: 912-807-0095
mes.pierce.k12.ga.us



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OFFERMAN CITY HALL
6113 Carter Drive,

Offerman, GA
912-647-1944

OFFERMAN POST OFFICE
7203 U.S. Highway 84
Offerman, GA 31556
912-647-2268

OKEFENOKEE HERITAGE CENTER
1460 N Augusta Ave
Waycross, Georgia
912-285-4260

The Okefenokee Heritage Center is a regional art and history museum located amongst 20 acres of beautiful pine woodlands. For over the past thirty years it has served the surrounding Okefenokee area by promoting an appreciation of the arts and an increased understanding of this region's history, with its exhibits, programs, and activities.

OKEFENOKEE LIONS CLUB
711 Columbus Street / P O Box 673, Waycross, GA 31502
912-285-7282
Assistance with eye exams and glasses for financially needy children

OKEFENOKEE REGIONAL LIBRARY
Waycross-Ware County
Public Library
401 Lee Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501
912-287-4978
www.okrls.org

The library provides free resources, books, DVDs, e-books, and other materials for people of all ages. Georgia residents can get a free library card with proof of current residence and picture ID. We offer free programs for adults and children year-round; a

schedule is available on our website.

Library Hours
Monday 10:00 am – 8:00 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday,
Friday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Thursday 10:00 am – 8:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

AN OPEN DOOR - ADOPTION AGENCY
1-800-868-6339
SAVANNAH
912-352-1500
THOMASVILLE
229-548-5220
VALDOSTA
229-548-5220

Supports adoptive parents and mothers who wish to place their child with adoptive families.

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PATTERSON CITY HALL EAGLE STATION
3507 Williams St.
Patterson, Ga.
Phone: 912-647-5776
Fax: 912-647-5157
thecityofpatterson.com

PATTERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
3414 Drawdy St.
Patterson, Ga.
Phone: 912-647-5373
Fax: 912-647-5523
pes.pierce.k12.ga.us

PATTERSON FIRE DEPARTMENT
3507 Williams St.
Patterson, Ga.
912-647-2117

PATTERSON POLICE DEPARTMENT
3507 Williams St.
Patterson, Ga.
912-647-2117

PATTERSON POST OFFICE
6469 U.S. Highway 84
Patterson, GA 31557
912-647-0575

**PATTERSON PUBLIC
WORKS DEPARTMENT**
3507 Williams St.
Patterson, Ga.
912-449-5776

**PATTERSON RECREATION
DEPARTMENT**
5970 Industrial Blvd.
Patterson, Ga.
912-647-5233

**PEACH STATE HEALTH
PLAN**
1-800-704-1484
A Medicaid provider
Member Rewards include but
are not limited to:
Free Girl Scouts
Free Boy & Girls Club
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Sports Scholarships and MORE



**PERINATAL HEALTH
PARTNERS**
1115 Church St.
Waycross, Ga.
Phone: 912-284-2571
Fax: 912-284-2522
* Perinatal Case Management
is offered to pregnant females
that supports, enhances and
coordinates the health and
services advised for mothers and
babies.

**PIERCE COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS**
312 Nichols St.
Blackshear, Ga.

Phone: 912-449-2022
Fax: 912-449-2024
www.piercecountyga.org

**PIERCE COUNTY BOARD
OF ELECTIONS AND
REGISTRATION**
312 Nichols Street, Blackshear,
GA 31516
912-449-2028

Register to VOTE here

**PIERCE COUNTY
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE**
200 SW Central Avenue
Blackshear, GA 31516
912-449-7044

**PIERCE COUNTY CLERK
OF COURT**
3550 U.S. Highway 84
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-2020

**PIERCE COUNTY
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT (ZONING)**
312 Nichols St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-2037

**PIERCE COUNTY
EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT
AGENCY AND FIRE
DEPARTMENT
ADMINISTRATION**
309 Pierce Industrial Blvd.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-2040

**PIERCE COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICE**
375 Pierce Industrial Blvd.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-2002

**PIERCE COUNTY FAMILY
CONNECTION**
707 Hendry. ST
Blackshear, Ga.

912-230-7835
www.gafcp.org

**PIERCE COUNTY FOOD
PANTRY**
711 Hendry St.
Blackshear, Ga.
* Food distributions are held
Monday, Wednesday and
Friday. Contact the Pierce
County
Department of Family and
Children Services for eligibility.

**PIERCE COUNTY HEALTH
CENTER – WMH**
333 West Carter Avenue
Appointments can be made by
calling the PCHC at 912-807-
7242

Different specialized physicians
will use the center on specific
days. Current specialties include
obstetrics/gynecology, ENT,
general surgery, neurosurgery
and dermatology. All patients
will be seen by appointment
only.

**PIERCE COUNTY HEALTH
DEPARTMENT**
715 Ware St.
Blackshear, Ga.
Phone: 912-449-2033
Fax: 912-449-0409

**PIERCE COUNTY HIGH
SCHOOL**
4850 County Farm Road
Blackshear, Ga.
Phone: 912-449-2055
Fax: 912-449-2061
pchs.pierce.k12.ga.us



**PIERCE COUNTY
HISTORICAL AND
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**
200 SW Central Ave.
Blackshear, Ga. 912-449-7044

**PIERCE COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY**
200 SW Central Ave.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-807-7432

**PIERCE COUNTY
MAGISTRATE COURT**
3550 U.S. Highway 84
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-2027

**PIERCE COUNTY MIDDLE
SCHOOL**
5216 County Farm Road
Blackshear, Ga.
Phone: 912-449-2077
Fax: 912-449-2078
pcms.pierce.k12.ga.us

**PIERCE COUNTY
NURSING HOME**
221 East Carter Ave.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-6631

**PIERCE COUNTY PARKS &
RECREATION
DEPARTMENT**

728 Ware St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-4791

**PIERCE COUNTY PUBLIC
LIBRARY**
785 College Ave.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-7040
okrls.org/pierce

**PIERCE COUNTY
PROBATE COURT**
3550 U.S. Highway 84
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-2029

**PIERCE COUNTY
SCHOOLS**

CENTRAL OFFICE
834 East Main Street
Blackshear, GA 31516 912-449-
2044

**EARLY INTERVENTION
PROGRAM**
Blackshear Elementary School
Amy Peavy-Early Intervention
Specialist
912-449-2088

If you have a child that is
developmental delayed ages 3-5
in the areas of hearing, speaking,
moving, or thinking please call
with questions and next steps.
Children who qualify for
services and have an
IEP (Individualized Education
Plan) are offered a variety of
service options.

**FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
PROGRAM**
912-807-0048

* The Family Engagement
Program works to help parents
find ways to partner at home, at
school and in the community so
that all students can be
successful.

**PARENT MENTOR
PARTNERSHIP**
912-282-2045
* Parent mentors work with

families, educators, staff and the
community, ultimately leading
to greater success for students
with disabilities or students with
specific needs that may hinder
academic achievement.

**PIERCE COUNTY SENIOR
CENTER**
711 Hendry St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-0145



**PIERCE COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT –
OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF**
300 Pierce Industrial Blvd.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-2011
www.piercegaso.org

**PIERCE COUNTY
SOLICITOR GENERAL**
3550 U.S. Highway 84
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-2049

**PIERCE COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**
Nurse Manager - Candi Lee,
BSN
Environmental Health - Tony
Sapp
715 Ware Street
Blackshear, GA 31516-1545
1-855-473-4374
FAX: 449-0409

Hours of operation:
7:30am-5:30pm, Monday-
Thursday
8am-5pm, Friday

**PIERCE COUNTY -
SUPERIOR COURT**
312 Nichols St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-2220

**PIERCE COUNTY TAX
ASSESSOR**

312 Nichols St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-2025

**PIERCE COUNTY TAX
COMMISSIONER**

312 Nichols Street Blackshear,
GA 31516
912-449-2026

PIERCE COUNTY TRANSIT

312 Nichols St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-1825

**PROBATION & PAROLE
OFFICE**

601 Tebeau Street, Waycross,
Ga 31501
912-283-0004

**PIERCE COUNTY ROAD
DEPARTMENT**

4746 County Farm Road
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-2030

**PROBATION
DEPARTMENT**

3019 Memorial Drive,
Waycross, GA 31501
912-285-6028
www.dcor.state.ga.us
Adult offenders placed on
probation.

PROJECT SEARCH

912-287-4113
[gvra.georgia.gov/
vocationalrehab/project-search](http://gvra.georgia.gov/vocationalrehab/project-search)
* The Project SEARCH High
School Transition Program is a
one-year, school-to-work
program for young people with
intellectual and
developmental disabilities.

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SAFE HAVEN CHILDCARE
925 East Main St

Blackshear, Ga.
912-807-0488

SALVATION ARMY

977 Tebeau Street, Waycross,
GA 31501
912-285-7237

Food, clothing, financial
services (depending on
availability of funds) between
8:30am – 2:30pm Monday thru
Thursday (closed 12noon –
1:00pm for lunch). Food and
clothing is available in
emergency situations. To
receive food, person must bring
picture ID, SS number and
statement from DFCS stating if
person receives food stamps.
Clothing is available for people
who have become homeless,
beginning new job, etc.

**SATILLA ADVOCACY
SERVICES**

1900 Tebeau Street, Waycross,
GA 31501
912-285-7355 / 912-283-0987
Anderson.Terry@mayo.edu

Satilla Advocacy Services is our
local rape crisis and child
advocacy center, providing a 24-
hour crisis line and services for
victims of sexual assault, which
include emotional, medical and
legal advocacy. Follow up
counseling and therapeutic
services are also provided.
Prevention education available
for schools and community
groups. SANE Nurse Program.

SATILLA CARE CENTER

1600 Riverside Avenue,
Waycross, GA 31501
912-283-1182

SCC is a 96-bed hospital-based,
skilled nursing center, providing
both short-term rehabilitation
and long-term care. Certified by

Medicare and Medicaid.
Nursing & Personal Care Homes

**SON SHINE KIDS
DAYCARE**

3224 Drawdy Road
Patterson, Ga.
912-647-5900

**SOUTH CENTRAL
GEORGIA LEARNING
RESOURCES SYSTEM**

1450 North Augusta Avenue
Waycross, Georgia 31503
912-338-5998 / FAX: 912-287-
6650
Website: www.sc.glrs.org

The Georgia Learning
Resources System (GLRS) is a
network of 17 regional programs
that provide training and
resources to school district
personnel, parents of students
with disabilities, and other
interested individuals to support
the achievement, graduation
rate, and post-secondary success
of students with disabilities. The
programs are funded by the
Georgia Department of
Education, Divisions for Special
Education Services and
Supports, and are operated in
collaboration with Regional
Educational Service Agencies
and local school districts that
serve as fiscal agents for the
programs. GLRS programs are
funded entirely with federal
discretionary funds made
available through the Individuals
with Disabilities Education
Improvement Act (IDEA).

GLRS staff is specialized in
providing professional learning,
technical assistance and
coaching for school systems on
a variety of topics related to
students with disabilities
including:

- Providing Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) support to school systems.
- Assisting students with disabilities in making AYP.
- Analyzing data.
- Facilitating math and reading projects.
- Implementing drop-out prevention initiatives.
- Supporting transition planning.
- Developing other specialties based on student needs related to indicators in the State Performance Plan.

SOUTH GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE – WAYCROSS CAMPUS

2001 South Georgia Parkway,
Waycross, GA, 31501
912-449-7600

www.sgsc.edu

A two-year unit of the
University System of Georgia.



Southern Georgia Regional Commission's Area Agency on Aging

1725 South Georgia Parkway
West, Waycross, GA 31503
1-888-732-4464

912-287-5888

Fax: 912-287-6697

plwilson@sgrc.us

www.sgrc.us/aaa.html

Our mission is to develop,
provide, coordinate, and
advocate for services that assist

older individuals, at-risk adults,
person with disabilities, their
families and caregivers. The
following programs and services
receive federal and state
funding: Intake and Assistance,
Long-Term Care Ombudsman,
Elderly Legal Assistance
Program, Alzheimer's Adult
Day Care, Money Follows the
Person, Home Modification,
Community CareService
Program, Homemaker/Personal
Care, Caregiver Respite,
Georgia Cares Services, and
Nutrition and Senior Center
Services.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH LOAVES AND FISHES PROGRAM

2011 Darling Avenue,
Waycross, GA 31501
912-283-5221

Food, clothing and financial
assistance Thursdays from
10:00—11:30am

Must call on Mondays for an
appointment.

ST. SIMONS BY THE SEA

2927 Demere Road
St. Simons Island, Ga.
Phone: 912-638-1999

www.ssbythesea.com

* St. Simons by the Sea offers
addiction and mental health
treatment for adults and
adolescents.

THE SYCAMORE TREE

204 NW Central Ave.
Blackshear, Ga.

912-807-HOPE (4673)

*The Sycamore Tree is a
Christian non-profit agency
assisting our Pierce County
neighbors. Support is provided
from local churches and people
to meet community needs.

TELAMON CORPORATION MIGRANT AND SEASONAL HEAD START

1303 S Peterson Avenue / P O
Box 1799, Douglas, GA 31533
912-850-1735 / 912-850-7183

(Español)

www.telamon.org

amartain@telamon.org /

earevalo@telamon.org

Provide educational services for
children ages 6 weeks to
compulsory school age for
qualifying Migrant and Seasonal
families. Our program is open
April-December.



THE PLAYHOUSE CHILDCARE

5519 East Railroad Ave.
Patterson, Ga.
912-647-2042

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUP

912-285-5403

912-285-7994

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1005 Church Street, Waycross,
GA 31501

912-283-5526

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UNISON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

1007 Mary Street, Waycross,
Georgia 31501

912-449-7100

1-800-342-8168 (Scheduling
Unit)

www.unisonbehavioralhealth.com

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Unison Behavioral Health is the leading provider of mental health, substance abuse and developmental disability services in southeast Georgia. As innovative partners in care, we create health and wellness for over 5,900 people each year in Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Pierce and Ware Counties. We envision healthy, vibrant, caring communities where all persons have the opportunity to live productive, meaningful lives. We create health and wellness in our communities by providing quality mental health, substance abuse, and developmental disability services.

Unison Behavioral Health Scheduling Unit

1-800-342-8168 (Scheduling Unit)

Our Scheduling Unit provides faster, more efficient access to specialized services. Anyone in Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Pierce, and Ware County **may access all categories of Unison Behavioral Health by using the toll-free number, 1-800-342-8168.** Services Provided: Behavioral and emotional health, developmental disability, and substance abuse services for children, adolescents, and adults. For an appointment, call 1-800-342-8168 between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday. **A CRISIS COUNSELOR IS AVAILABLE 24/7/365.**

Unison Behavioral Health Child & Adolescent Emotional & Behavior Health Services
1003 Mary Street, Waycross, Georgia 31501

Phone: 449-7150 Fax: 449-7076

Outpatient services are provided to children and adolescents in this service who are from birth through age seventeen. Services are offered in areas of mental illness, emotional disturbance, behavior disorders, and those at risk for hospitalization. Specific services include:

diagnostic assessment, individual therapy, family therapy, group therapy, play therapy, activity therapy, parents' Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Support Group, crisis evaluations, medication monitoring, nursing assessment, case management services, consultation and education, and school-based clinic services.



Unison Behavioral Health Garden Gate

852 Tiffany Lane, Waycross, Georgia 31503
Phone: 912-449-7861 Fax: 912-449-7075

Garden Gate is a long-term Ready for Work (6 months) residential substance abuse treatment program for women and their children. The program serves women in need by providing a safe and structured living environment where they can develop sufficient recovery and life skills. Highest priority is given to women with the least lifetime TANF eligibility and pregnant women.

Unison Behavioral Health

ST. ILLA CENTER CRISIS STABILIZATION PROGRAM

3455 Harris Road, Waycross, GA 31501

Phone: 912-449-

7200 Fax 912-449-7077

Crisis Line: 1-800-342-8168

Counseling and in-house services are available for males and females with substance abuse problems. Also available is a 28-day inpatient program for adults.

The Crisis Stabilization Program offers a residential alternative to inpatient hospitalization and offers psychiatric stabilization and detoxification services. The program provides medically monitored residential services forth purpose of providing psychiatric stabilization and substance detoxification services on a short-term basis.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

705 College Ave.

Blackshear, Ga.

912-449-2034

ugaextension.com/pierce

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

415 Lott Street, Waycross, GA 31501

912-285-6340 / FAX: 912-285-6341

pcorbett@vs.state.ga.us or

sparrish@vs.state.ga.us

Pamela Corbett (VFSO 2, Office Manager); Seymour Parrish (VFSO 1)

Hours: 8am - 4:30pm, Monday-Friday, except on state holidays

VISITING NURSES SERVICES

360 State Street, Waycross, GA 31501

912-283-1262
Home Health & Nurse Services

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

1507 Grove Ave, Waycross, GA 31502

912-550-3345

Carlos Nelson, Coordinator

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program is a free income tax preparation service sponsored by the IRS and operated by a group of certified volunteers trained by the IRS. Electronic filing and rapid refund is offered. Tax preparation is 100% free. The local office is open starting the middle of January until April 15th. Clients are welcomed to stop by Thursdays and Saturdays from 9am to 1pm.



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WARE COUNTY FERST FOUNDATION

PO Box 1064, Waycross, GA 31502

912-288-6684

warechildrenread@gmail.com

www.wareferst.org

Contact: Cindy Hitt

Because early exposure to appropriate books is the number one determinant of literacy

success in school, the Ware County Ferst Foundation seeks to provide books for all Ware County children from birth to 5. Registration forms are provided to day care centers/preschools, Ware Co. Health Department, obstetrician and pediatrician offices, and other location serving children. Assistance is needed in collecting registration forms from those locations. In addition, volunteers are needed to man registration booths at local festivals, fairs, and other community events.

Volunteer! Doing Good for Ware. . .

Public Relations Opportunities: Newsletter editor needed to compile a monthly newsletter mailed to homes with books. Template provided. Additional help needed writing articles for the newspaper or other publications.

Fundraising: Cost per child per year of registration is \$36.00. Any assistance in fundraising efforts is appreciated!"

WAYCROSS HOUSE OF HOPE

109 Thomas Street, Waycross, GA 31501

912-287-0377

Tuesday 9am – 12 noon

Offers financial and food assistance. Picture ID and substantiating papers required

WAYCROSS REGIONAL YOUTH DETENTION CENTER (RYDC)

3275 Harris Road, Waycross, GA 31503

912-287-6680 / 912-287-6684 /

912-287-6024

Provide temporary secure care and supervision to children through age 18 that have been charged with offenses or

adjudicated delinquent and awaiting placement

Volunteer! Doing Good for Ware. . .

Coordinate Advisory Council fund raisers, mentor to youth, share a hobby (like gardening), internships and afterschool tutoring available. Online application, background and reference checks and online training with orientation.

Contact: Beverly Harrell Check out our website to learn more about volunteer opportunities at Waycross RYDC.



WAYCROSS/WARE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

315 Plant Avenue, Suite B, Waycross, GA 31501

912-283-3742

director@waycrosschamber.org

www.waycrosschamber.us

WAYNE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

865 South 1st St.

Jesup, Ga.

912-427-6811

<http://www.wmhweb.com>

WINONA PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

900 N. Augusta Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501

912-283-7793

Canned and dry foods available as needed. Please call church for more information. Picture ID and substantiating papers required.

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**YMCA OF WAYCROSS,
INC. (CHILDER'S FAMILY
YMCA)**

1634 Plant Avenue, Waycross,
GA 31501
912-285-8660
ymcawaycross.com
Rusty Hall, Executive Director

Recreational facility for all ages.
Services include:

- Preschool program
- After school child care program
- Summer day camp
- Youth and adult sports leagues
- Swimming lessons
- Water aerobics
- Adult fitness and exercise programs
- Youth memberships
- Christian mission

Business Hours: 8:00am –

6:00pm (Monday-Friday)

Fitness Center Hours: 24-hour
access (must be member of
YMCA and have access card)

– WARE COUNTY
RESOURCES –

**WARE COUNTY
GOVERNMENT**

800 Church Street, Waycross,
GA 31501
912-287-4300
www.warecounty.com

**WARE COUNTY BOARD OF
REGISTRARS**

Voter Registration
912-287-4363

Voters must be 17 years old to
register to vote and 18 years old
and registered 30 days prior to
the election in which they wish
to vote. Proper identification and
proof of residency should be
taken to the Voter Registration
Office or the Georgia State
Patrol Office.

**WARE COUNTY
EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

3395 Harris Road, Waycross,
GA 31503
912-287-4394

**WARE COUNTY FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

3395 Harris Road, Waycross,
GA 31503
912-287-4460
Emergency: 9-1-1

**WARE COUNTY JUVENILE
COURT**

801 Grove Avenue. Waycross,
GA 31501
912-287-4345

**WARE COUNTY PROBATE
COURT**

Marriage License
912-287-4315



**WARE COUNTY
RECREATION
DEPARTMENT**

2110 Cecil Brown Drive,
Waycross, GA 31503
912-287-4488

www.warecounty.com/recreatio
n.aspx

Contact: Rod Mitchell

All persons are invited to
participate in all programs and
use all facilities of the Ware
County Recreation Department,
regardless of race, color, or
national origin. Registration for
most classes/programs will be
taken one month in advance of
starting date of the class.
Preregistration is necessary. The
Ware County Recreation

Department offers a wide range
of activities for anyone age five
years and older. Basketball,
baseball, football, cheerleading,
and several senior citizens
activities are offered. For more
information regarding these
services, contact the office
between 8am – 5pm.

**WARE COUNTY SHERIFF'S
DEPARTMENT**

3487 Harris Road, Waycross,
GA 31503
912-287-4326
After Business Hours: 912-287-
4325
Emergency: 9-1-1

**WARE COUNTY TAX
COMMISSIONER**

Motor Vehicle Registration
800 Church Street, Room 109,
Waycross, GA 31501
912-287-4305
Open Monday-Friday, 9:00am
to 5:00pm

WARE COUNTY TRANSIT

“...Come Ride With Us...”
912-283-7800

- 24 hour advance reservation
- Local 0-10 miles \$3.00
- Local 11+ miles \$3 + \$.50 per mile
- Per person trip – Seniors and children under 5 are 50% off

– CITY OF WAYCROSS
RESOURCES –

**WAYCROSS CITY
GOVERNMENT – CITY
HALL**

417 Pendleton St. Waycross,
GA 31501
912-287-2900
www.waycrossga.com
Our Mission: “We provide the
professional staff and

supervision necessary to deliver superior municipal services to our community”

**WAYCROSS FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

208 Isabella Street, Waycross,
GA 31501
912-287-2937
Emergency: 9-1-1
www.waycrossga.com/wfd
Fire protection, fire safety
education programs, operation
touch, provide & install free
smoke detectors.

**WAYCROSS POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

512 Oak Street, Waycross, GA
31501
912-287-2921
Chief's Office: 912-287-2927
Criminal Investigation: 912-
287-2929
Emergency: 9-1-1
www.waycrossga.com/wpd



**– WARE COUNTY
BOARD OF
EDUCATION
RESOURCES –**

**WARE COUNTY BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

1301 Bailey Street / P O Box
1789, Waycross, GA 31501
912-283-8656
Jim LeBrun, Superintendent
The Ware County School
System is comprised of one
preschool, 6 elementary schools,
2 middle schools, one high

school, and one alternative
school (Ware County Learning
Center) with an enrollment of
6,205.

Schools:

DAFFODIL Preschool – 287-
2311
Center Elementary – 287-2366
Memorial Drive Elementary –
287-2327
Ruskin Elementary – 287-2325
Wacona Elementary – 287-2362
Waresboro Elementary – 287-
2393
Williams Heights Elementary –
287-2399
Ware County Middle School –
287-2341
Waycross Middle School – 287-
2333
Ware County High School –
287-2351

**WARE COUNTY BOARD OF
EDUCATION - DAFFODIL
PRE-K
(DIVERSIFIED AGENICES
FEELING FINE OVER
DEVELOPING INFANT
LINKAGES)
912-287-2311**

DAFFODIL Pre-K is a
component of the Georgia Pre-K
Program. Georgia's Pre-K
prepares children for school by
providing a developmentally
appropriate preschool program
for four-year-old children. The
program is free and available to
all four-year-olds in Georgia
who are age four by September
1 of the school year in which
they enroll. DAFFODIL Pre-K
provides opportunities for
learning and growth in the
following areas: Reading,
Writing, Math, Science, Social
Studies, and Art/Music/Drama.
DAFFODIL Pre-K operates in
conjunction with the Ware
County Board of Education and
follows the local public school
system calendar.
DAFFODIL Pre-K has three
Resource Coordinators. On a

voluntary basis families are
provided access to services that
promote stability and prepare
the child for kindergarten.
Efforts are made to ensure that
all families reach their optimal
functioning capacity by helping
them decrease their dependence
on public assistance and
increase their involvement in
their child's education. Resource
Coordinators offer opportunities
to parents to actively participate
in their child's educational
process.

**WARE COUNTY BOARD OF
EDUCATION – DAFFODIL
PSSN (PRE-SCHOOL
SPECIAL NEEDS)**

PSSN Classes are offered to
children of ages three, four, or
five who have difficulty seeing,
hearing, speaking, moving, or
thinking. Children are served
according to an Individual
Education Plan (IEP) and may
participate at DAFFODIL two,
three, or four times per week.

**WARE COUNTY BOARD OF
EDUCATION
SCHOOL SOCIAL
WORKERS**

1301 Bailey Street, Waycross,
GA 31501
912-283-8656
The School Social Worker,
under the auspices of the
Student Services Department of
the Ware County School
System, provides non-
instructional services to students
and their families and serves as
a link between school, home and
community. Students may have
special needs and unresolved
problems that interfere with
achieving school
success. The School Social
Worker reaches out to students
and families to search for
solutions. School Social
Workers serve all Ware County

Schools. Any parent can request the services of a school worker by contacting the local school or the coordinator of the School Social Work Program.

**WARE COUNTY BOARD OF
EDUCATION
MIGRANT EDUCATION
PROGRAM**

The Migrant Education Program serves children whose parents or guardians have sought temporary or seasonal employment in agriculture, food processing, dairy and poultry activities, or cultivation and harvesting forest and marine products. Children through age 21 whose families have made a move across state or school district borders for this purpose within the last three years are eligible for services. The program works with teachers, school personnel, and other community resources in meeting student needs.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and provide proof of age. Proof can be established with a birth certificate or valid driver's license. Must also provide legal documentation of divorce pertaining to any previous marriage. Current cost is \$26.



This Community Resource Directory
Is published as a joint project with
Ware Children's Initiative and
Pierce County Family Connection

To add your services to the
Resource Directory,
send the information to
warechildrensinitiative@gmail.com
or
piercefc@gmail.com

