

# *Ware Children's Initiative Collaborative Resource Directory*



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*The Ware Children's Initiative Collaborative developed this directory to assist families. We understand this resource directory is not all-inclusive and welcome any additions. Information regarding fees, hours, and programs are subject to change. For more information, please call The Children's Initiative office (912/284-2954).*

Ware Children's Initiative, Inc., a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, serves as the umbrella collaborative and the Family Connection Partnership site for Ware County. The Children's Initiative Collaborative is committed to better results for children and families.

**Ware Children's Initiative, Inc. Goals**

Healthy Children  
School Readiness  
School Success  
Self-Sufficient Families  
Strong Communities

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For more information on Ware Children's Initiative, Inc. visit our website

*<http://www.gafcp.org/fcnetwork/ware/>*

The Children's Initiative Collaborative is open to everyone in the community.

If you are not currently involved, we welcome your participation.

Ware Children's Initiative, Inc.

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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

For more information, call Lynn at 283-6916.

**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

**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**

Ware County Unit  
3011 Hampton Avenue, Suite 361, Brunswick, Georgia 31520  
1-866-227-0797      1-800-ACS-2345      912-262-0773 (fax)  
www.cancer.org

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service. The Ware County Unit of the ACS offers programs designed to help individuals cope with the diagnosis of cancer as well as provide educational support to family members. All programs, services, and materials are offered free to the community. The Society also has programs designed for worksites to improve the overall health of their work staff. The ACS Relay for Life, held annually, is the signature event of the organization. Funds raised by community volunteers allow the Society to be the largest non-profit organization that gives to cancer research.

**AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION**

305 University Drive, Ste. 1  
Valdosta, Georgia 31602  
229-247-1550

**AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION**

2452 Spring Road  
Smyrna, GA 30080  
Phone 1-800-586-4872

**AMERICAN RED CROSS**

610 Elizabeth Street  
Waycross, GA 31501  
Phone: 912-283-7846 Fax: 912-285-7834  
[www.segaredcross.org](http://www.segaredcross.org)

The Red Cross provides classes in swimming, first aid, adult/infant CPR & First Aid Certification, Disaster Services, Certified Nursing Assistant Certification Program, and Lifeguard Program. The American Red Cross also provides community education and outreach for disaster plans and preparedness and training for seniors and seniors with disabilities. The Bloodmobile visits our community monthly to collect blood needed by patients of local medical facilities. Through the services to military families, Red Cross is the connecting link between the family back home and the service man or woman anywhere in the world. The Red Cross Disaster services will assist families who have lost their homes by any form of disaster, such as storms or fire.

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Fees:

Aqua Aerobics: non-member-\$40; member -\$25  
Fitness Center: full membership \$50; joiner fee (one-time charge)  
Senior Citizen rate: \$75 per quarter  
Under 61 years of age: \$90 per quarter.

**BETHESDA HOUSE OF MERCY**

1010 Mary Street

Waycross GA 31503

Phone: 912-284-0071 Fax: 912-285-4836

[www.bethesdahousewaycross.org](http://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.

- 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
- United Way agency of Southeast Georgia

**BIRTHRIGHT**

1509 Alice Street

Waycross, GA 31501

912-283-8333

Twenty-Four Hour Hotline 1-800-550-4900

Birthright Mission Statement: *“It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born.”*

Birthright is a pro-life crisis pregnancy service for anyone who is distressed by an unplanned pregnancy. They offer emotional support, hope, love, information, counseling by trained volunteers, pregnancy tests, maternity and baby clothing and some financial assistance. All services are free and confidential. The goal is to be a positive influence and a friend to the pregnant girl so she will have the courage and support she needs to resolve her problems, improve her self-image, and protect her unborn baby from abortion. Birthright is a non-profit, interdenominational organization with 500 centers throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Hours:	9 a.m. – 12 noon	Monday, Tuesday, Friday
	2 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
	6 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Tuesday

**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

302 Screven Avenue

Waycross, GA 31501

Phone: 912-283-6016 Fax: 912-283-6019

The Okefenokee Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America provides services to youth through its Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Exploring, and Venturing programs. Character development, citizenship training, personal fitness programs, and leadership development are provided for boys and teenage youth.

**BRIGHTER DAYS MINISTRIES, INC.**

1307 State Street  
Waycross, GA 31501  
Phone: 912-338-8888 Fax 912-284-1976  
Toll Free 1-877-301-6473  
E-mail: [brighterdays@wayxcable.com](mailto:brighterdays@wayxcable.com)  
[www.brighterdaysministries.net](http://www.brighterdaysministries.net)

Distribution hours:

9 AM – 3 PM Monday – Friday

Food, clothing, furniture, and financial assistance:

1 PM – 4 PM Monday and Wednesday  
9 AM – 1 PM Friday

**CASA**

(Court Appointed Special Advocate)  
315 Plant Avenue, Waycross  
Phone: 912/283-7326

The mission of CASA is to support and promote court-appointed volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children so that they can thrive in safe, permanent homes. CASA volunteers provide stability and a person who is with that child and for that child every step of the way.

**CHILD CARE, PRESCHOOLS & AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

A.V. Kennedy Child Care Center (Concerted Services, Inc.) – 285-0500  
Child Care Resource & Referral Agency – 285-6380  
Children’s World Day Care Center – 449-3879  
DAFFODIL Preschool - 287-2311  
Kiddy Kollege – 283-9174  
Living Faith Christian Academy & Resource Center – 283-0956  
Noah’s Ark Day Care – 283-1191  
OTC Child Care Center – 284-2567  
Robin’s Nest – 285-8993  
Rochelle’s Day Care Center – 283-7568  
Safe Sitters Class: *This class is provided for teenagers to become certified baby-sitters. It's a great way for teens to learn the basics of childcare. The class is an all-day session held on Saturdays. Call (912) 287-2590 for more information.*  
Second Baptist Church Child Care Center -283-0436  
Seminole Montessori School – 285-9664  
Ware County Head Start (Concerted Services, Inc.) - 285-1844  
YMCA– 285-0500

**CONCERTED SERVICES, INC.**

2100 Riverside Avenue

P.O. Box 1965

Waycross, GA 31502

Phone: 912-285-6083 Fax 912-285-6288

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:**

Food Bank

Child Care Resource & Referral Agency

Community Care

Community Services

Educational Talent Search

Elderly Services Program

Energy Assistance Program

Head Start Program

Early Head Start Program

Out of School Youth Program (ages 16-21)

Residential Services

Retired Senior Volunteers

Senior Employment Program

Transportation

Weatherization

**Concerted Services, Inc.**

**A.V. KENNEDY EARLY HEAD START**

105 Darling Avenue

Waycross, Georgia 31501

Phone: (912) 285-0500 Fax: (912) 285-0462

Early Head Start is a free federal comprehensive child development program for infants and toddlers ages 6 weeks to 36 months of age and pregnant women. Applicants must meet established income guidelines. Priority is given to teen parents and children with special needs. This program is designed to meet the educational, nutritional, health, social, emotional and psychological needs of children to prepare them for school readiness. Services to pregnant women are designed to ensure that they receive adequate prenatal care, parent training and services for the newborn. The program is administered locally by Concerted Services, Inc., a non-profit community action agency. Please contact the Family Advocate office at 285-0500 for more information.

**Concerted Services, Inc.**  
**CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL OF SOUTH GEORGIA**

2100 Riverside Avenue.  
Waycross, Georgia 31501  
912-285-6380

Child Care Resource & Referral of South Georgia is operated under the umbrella of Concerted Services, Inc. and is a non-profit, free child care resource and referral service. Child Care Resource & Referral provides free referrals to licensed child care programs in Ware, Bacon, Atkinson, Charlton, Clinch, Brantley, Pierce, and Coffee counties. They are also here to provide supports to child care providers and parents in search of quality child care for children with special needs. Services include: inclusion, quality improvement for family provider and groups, home start-up and referrals.

**Concerted Services, Inc**  
**LITERACY ACTION PROGRAM**

2100 Riverside Avenue, P.O. Box 1965  
Waycross, GA 31502

Phone: 912-285-6083      Toll Free: 1-800-477-8275      Fax 912-285-6288  
[lc@wayxcable.com](mailto:lc@wayxcable.com)

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:

- Helping individuals attain their GED by paying for the cost of classes, books, and tests;
- Referrals for financial assistance to attend technical school and college;
- Reading is Fundamental free book distributions.

**Concerted Services, Inc.**  
**MAGNOLIA HOUSE SHELTER FOR ABUSED WOMEN**

P.O. Box 1824, Waycross GA 31502

Administrative: 912-285-5840

Crisis: 912-285-5850 (800) 33-HAVEN Fax 912-285-0801

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Satilla Regional Medical Center Annex in the telemedicine classroom.

**Concerted Services, Inc.**  
**OUT OF SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAM**

912/338-5220 912/338-5219

Concerted Services Incorporated, Out of School Youth Program was created to help any youth between the ages of 17-21 become more self-sufficient. The Out of School Youth Program offers intensive case management, career advisement, job search assistance and individualized guidance for anyone who is a high school drop-out desiring to obtain his/her GED or high school diploma. The program is currently active in Bacon, Brantley, Charlton Clinch, Pierce and Ware Counties. New recruitment begins September 1, 2004

**Concerted Services, Inc**  
**WARE COUNTY HEAD START**

1235 McDonald Street, Waycross, GA 31501

Phone: (912) 284-0369/285-2092 Main Office (912) 285-1844

Fax (912) 284-9893

Head Start is a free federal comprehensive pre-school program for children ages three to four. Applicants must meet established income guidelines. To be considered, children must be three (3) by September 1. Priority is given to children with special needs and four (4) year olds. This nine-month 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 program is administered locally by Concerted Services, Inc., a non-profit community action agency. Please contact the Family Advocate office at 284-0369 for more information.

## **CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICE**

### **Financial Credit Counseling**

Atlantic Coast Federal  
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. All services are provided by appointment.

## **DAISY**

**(Diversified Agencies Involved in Serving Youth)**

**Babies Can't Wait/ Children's Medical Services/ Public Health Services  
1720 Reynolds St.  
Waycross GA 31501**

## **BABIES CAN'T WAIT**

912-284-2552 (Outside Ware County: 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 may access a variety of resources, including therapy services, based on the service plan that is developed. All supports are provided in the child's natural environment that is wherever he/she lives, plays, and learns. Referrals can be received from families or any community partner.

## **CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS)**

912-285-6304

The CMS Program strives to provide a community-based, family-focused, coordinated, culturally appropriate, comprehensive system of medical/health care for eligible children, birth to age 21, with chronic medical conditions. Eligibility for CMS is determined by several criteria including age, residency in Georgia, financial, and diagnostic requirements. Clinical providers may also agree to see children who do not meet the CMS eligibility requirements as private patients during their on-site visits. Patients may also continue seeing their own providers and receive case management and other services from CMS. Other services include but are not limited to: hospitalization, physician services, surgical services, durable medical equipment, therapies, care coordination, genetic and nutritional counseling, and pharmaceuticals for chronic conditions.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AT DAISY**

912/285-6301

Public Health services of the Ware County Health Department are located at the DAISY Clinic. Public Health Nurses offer services that include but are not limited to immunizations, scoliosis screenings, nutrition counseling, WIC services, case management services for parenting teens, Health Checks, family planning services, and health referrals to appropriate sources. Services are paid on sliding scale, Medicaid, PeachCare, or private insurance.

### **D.A.W.G.S.**

**Diabetes in the Area of Waycross Gathering for Support** (D.A.W.G.S.) meets at 6:30 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. Call 912-283-6086 or E-mail: *croberts77@gmail.com* with any questions about the Support Group. You can also visit the group's website at <http://www.geocities.com/croberts77/> for more information about the group and future meetings.

## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Southeast Regional Office  
960-A S. City Blvd./PO Box 719  
Waycross, GA 31502-0719  
912/287-4949/888-879-2549  
Fax: 912-285-6367

Provides rental assistance and helps participants to better themselves financially. Participants must be a Section-8 participant and cannot be living in public housing. Participants can stay on the program for five years.

## **DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**

1724 Reynolds Street  
Waycross GA 31501  
912-285-6096  
Fax 912-284-2521

The Department of Juvenile Justice serves the various counties' juvenile courts in a variety of ways: Intake, Probation, Intensive Supervision, Placement, and Parole (Aftercare.) The Waycross Unit of DJJ serves Bacon, Brantley, Charlton, Pierce, and Ware with two offices. The department has jurisdiction when a juvenile is alleged and/or adjudicated to be delinquent or unruly and in need of supervision and/or rehabilitation and is under a court order declaring such. Intake services are provided at the time a youth is taken into custody for a delinquent or unruly act. Probation and parole (aftercare) services are offered in the community with the child living at home, typically. Placement services are provided as a continuum such as RYDC, Wilderness, etc. for youth who meet the criteria and only as a last resort to other measures. Georgia law is very protective of children--- even those who offend!

**DIVERSIFIED RESOURCES, INC.**

**S.O.U.R.C.E.**

**(Service Options Using Resources of Community Environments)**

P.O. Box 1099

147 Knight Avenue Circle, Waycross, Georgia 31502

912-285-3089/1-800-283-0041

Fax- 912-285-0367

Are you at least age 65 or less than 65 and disabled and receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid? Do you have a chronic medical condition that has been affecting you for at least three months? If so, you may be eligible for a new community-based health program designed to assist in the care of eligible individuals with chronic conditions.

SOURCE works by forming a close partnership between an individual's physician, SOURCE case managers, and formal and informal providers of support services delivered in private homes and at other community sites. SOURCE provides eligible individuals with choices for services provided in the community so that:

- the need for nursing home placement can be reduced;
- preventable disability and disease in chronically ill adults can be kept from getting worse;
- services provided in the community will be coordinated smoothly.
- preventable medical complications that can result in unnecessary visits to emergency rooms and unnecessary hospitalizations and nursing home placements will be eliminated.

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 program from these counties: Atkinson, Brooks, Cook, Lowndes, Ben Hill, Charlton, Echols, Pierce, Berrien, Clinch, Irwin, Tift, Brantley, Coffee, Lanier, and Turner.

**EASTER SEALS**

505 Elizabeth Street  
Waycross, Georgia 31501

Phone: 912/283-4691 Fax: 912/283-4692 Toll free: 1-877-541-7325  
*Main office: 1906 Palmyra Rd., Albany, GA 31701, Phone: 1-800-365-4583*  
www.southerngeorgia.easterseals.com

Services provided: Respite care and family support services; vocational training and job placement; independent living and personal supports; Solutions Day Program for young adults with disabilities; “Megan’s House” children’s respite home. Eligibility for services varies by program. Predominantly serve people with development disabilities including mental retardation and autism.

**FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME SUPPORT GROUP**

912-283-5547

This support group is for guardians of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome children.

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**

410 Williams Street  
Waycross GA 31501  
912-283-2077

Offers the following services on Friday mornings:

CLOTHES CLOSET

FOOD PANTRY

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

601 Hill St.  
Waycross, Georgia 31501  
912-283-5977

Financial assistance on Friday between 10:00 –11:00 a.m.

**FOCUS BY THE SEA**  
**Focus Healthcare of Georgia**

2927 Demere Road  
St. Simons Island, GA 31522  
Phone: 912-638-1999/1-800-821-7224  
Fax 912-638-2112

[www.focushealthcare.com](http://www.focushealthcare.com)

**Focus by the Sea** is a full-service psychiatric hospital for Adults, Adolescents and Children. Programs include:

- Inpatient treatment for adolescent psychiatric and chemical dependency diagnoses
- Inpatient psychiatric treatment for children
- Detoxification and rehabilitation program for adults with chemical dependency diagnoses
- Inpatient program for adults with dual diagnoses (combined mental health and chemical dependency)
- Inpatient adult psychiatric treatment
- Emergency evaluation and treatment facility

Commercial insurance, Tricare and Medicare insurance accepted.

**FOOD MINISTRIES**

P.O. Box 1253  
Waycross, Georgia 31502  
912-449-9903

**Who is Food Ministries for? If you eat you qualify!**

The Food Ministries Program is for everyone. We do not ask what your income is nor do we ask how many are in your family. What we do care about is that you are receiving a good value for your money. We encourage everyone, regardless of income level, to participate in Food Ministries.

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

600 Plant Avenue  
Waycross GA 31501  
Phone: 912-285-6105 Fax 912-287-6550

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, manlifts, 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

### **GEORGIA DEPT. OF LABOR** **VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES**

2311 Knight Avenue/P.O. Box 2026

Waycross, GA 31501

Phone: 912-285-6078 Fax 912-287-6698

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, retrain and/or maintain employment. A number of services are available to eligible persons through Vocational Rehabilitation including vocational counseling and guidance, vocational training, job placement, etc.

## **GEORGIA LEARNING RESOURCES SYSTEM**

1215 Bailey Street, Suite B  
Waycross GA 31501  
912-338-5998 Fax 912-287-6654  
www.glr.org

GLRS serves as 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.

The Georgia Learning Resources System:

- provides instructional materials for educators to preview or borrow
- provides a lending library of materials, toys and equipment for loan to child care providers
- provides a model classroom to support early intervention for child care providers
- provides ongoing professional learning (training) to teachers and administrators to assist them in implementing effective instructional strategies to impact the educational performance of students
- provides in-service programs on educational equipment, teaching techniques, and new instructional materials designed to provide students with disabilities appropriate accommodations and support
- sponsors special projects to introduce new ideas regarding exceptional children
- collaborates with other child services providers to sponsor a monthly *Parents as Partners* activity
- provides information and resources to parents on specific disabilities, community resources, and parental rights according to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and No child Left Behind

South Central GLRS serves the following school systems in the Okefenokee Regional Educational Services Agency: Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Pierce, and Ware.

## **GEORGIA LEGAL SERVICES**

1057 Grove Avenue

Waycross GA 3501

Phone: 912/285-6181/1-800-498-9508 Fax 285-6187

Website: [www.glsp.org](http://www.glsp.org)

Georgia Legal Services represents clients in 14 counties (Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Jeff Davis, Glynn, McIntosh, Pierce, Ware, and Wayne). Representatives travel to other counties once a month. Ware, Pierce, and Brantley county appointments are scheduled in Waycross. McIntosh residents should call the Glynn County office for an appointment. 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. We often give basic legal advice on many different topics. 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. The staff consists of four well-trained lawyers, an office manager, private bar coordinator and two legal secretaries. This service is provided as a community service and is an effort to educate applicants to fend for themselves.

## **GEORGIA LIONS CAMP FOR THE BLIND**

P. O. Box 1031

Waycross GA 31502

Phone: 912-283-4320 Fax 912-283-5130

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 PUBLIC BROADCASTING**

### **Ready to Learn Program**

Georgia Public Broadcasting, Education Services  
260 14th Street, NW  
Atlanta, GA 30318-5360

*Please call 404-685-2550 to schedule a workshop with the SE GA representative.*

Thank you for your interest in a Ready To Learn workshop. We are funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Dept. of Education. Our goal is to prepare children for school by combining educational television, free books (through our association with First Book), and parent/caregiver support and training in using a Learning Triangle (View, Do, Read) and other resources. We are primarily aimed at parent/teachers/caregivers of children aged 0-8. The multimedia workshops are for the adults, last approximately 1 hour and help provide caregivers with a variety of pre-literacy activities, which they can use in their home, school, or daycare. We have a variety of workshops from which to choose:

1. Ready To Learn
2. Ready To Learn with Share A Story
3. Ready To Learn with the Web
4. Right From Birth (six sessions, parenting series covering physical, social, and educational developments of children aged birth to 2)
5. Going to School (six sessions, parenting series covering physical, social, and educational developments of preschool aged children.)

## **GEORGIA RESIDENTIAL FINANCE AUTHORITY**

(G.R.F.A.)

P.O. Box 719

560 City Blvd., Waycross, Georgia 31502

912-285-6280

The Rental Assistance Program is a Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) federal program, which is administered by G.R.F.A. The program is designed to assist eligible families secure decent, safe, and sanitary rental housing by paying some or all of their rental cost. This program is not designed to assist resident homeowners pay their mortgage or people renting with option to buy.

Persons eligible to participate in this program includes families of two (2) or more or a single person who is either elderly (age 62 or older), handicapped, or disabled. Income limits are established by federal guidelines. During a time when applications are accepted, eligible persons are certified for 60 days and must locate housing during that time which meets program guidelines. Participants in this program will generally not pay more than 30% of adjusted gross income for housing while the rental Assistance Program pays the rest.

**GIRL SCOUTS**

Girl Scout Council of Savannah GA, Inc.

127 Abercorn Street, Suite 400

Savannah, GA 31401

Phone: 912-236-1571/1-877-306-4700 Fax 912-236-5709

[www.girlscouting.org](http://www.girlscouting.org)

Ware County has a dynamic Girl Scout program for all girls from K–12. New since 2003 is the “*Build a Daisy*” program for preschool girls. Also new is *Studio 2B* for girls ages 11–17 who are not interested in the traditional troop approach. Other activities offered are arts and crafts, choral groups, and high adventure trips such as white water rafting. For information on how to join a troop or just to participate in a Girl Scout-sponsored activity, please call toll free 1-877-306-4700.

**GREATER MOUNT ZION AME PROGRAMS**

1085 State Street

Waycross, Georgia 31501

912-283-3683

**AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**

The After School Enrichment program is for children in grades 3–12. The program provides tutoring, computer sessions, life skills training, food, transportation to the program, and much more. The program is held from 3:00-6:00 pm. Monday-Thursday.

**MALE MENTORING PROGRAM**

Participants in the male mentoring program meet one Saturday a month. Activities include speakers, trips, etc.

**GREENLEAF CENTER**

Crisis Line 1-800-247-2747

Fax 1-229-671-6636

[www.sgmc.org/greenleaf/default.htm](http://www.sgmc.org/greenleaf/default.htm)

Private psychiatric and therapy services for children, adolescents, and adults. Insurance accepted. Offices in Douglas, Valdosta & Tifton.

## **HARRELL LEARNING CENTER**

1215 Bailey Street Suite C

Waycross, GA 31501

Phone: 912-285-6191 Fax 912-287-6652

The Harrell Learning Center, one of twenty-four psycho-educational centers statewide, 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?

## **HEARING PLUS**

1402 Alice Street

Waycross, GA 31501

Phone: 912/284-1254 Fax: 912/284-1294

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. Office Hours: 8:00 am. – 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. No charge for hearing aid cleaning or checks. Insurance typically pays for a diagnostic hearing evaluation.

## **HOME HEALTH & NURSE SERVICES**

Atlantic HomeAid Inc.  
1113 Clifford St., Waycross, 285-9924

Barnes Healthcare Services  
2215 Plant Avenue, Waycross, 284-9191

Care One Home Health Service  
203 Albany Ave., Waycross, 1-800-822-5003

Genesis Durable Medial Equipment  
2501 Plant Avenue, Waycross, 285-5200

Health Department Visiting Nurses  
407 Mary St., Waycross, 283-2823

Med Staff, Inc., 285-4141

MedXpress, 1-800-381-6339

Option Care, 2015 Tebeau St., Waycross, 285-1619

Satilla Life Care, 2007 Tebeau Street, Waycross, 287-2705

Shuman Health Care, 285-5272

Visiting Nurses Service, 360 State Street, Waycross, 283-1262

### **HOSPICE SATILLA**

1921 Alice Street, Suite A-1

Waycross GA 31501

Phone: 912-285-2340/1-888-283-5306

Fax 912-283-0200

Hospice Satilla is a home-based program for the terminally ill in the last few months of life. The patient/family are provided a comprehensive program which includes 24-hour availability for nursing care, psychological and spiritual counseling. Trained volunteers are utilized to provide emotional support, errand running, transportation, and short-term patient sitting to provide relief for the family. Referrals are made by the physician or by family/patient. Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (Available by phone 24/7). Fees are paid by private insurance, Medicaid and Medicare. No one is denied service with Hospice Satilla regardless of ability to pay. Hospice consultations are made with patient and family at no expense. Hospice Satilla supplies durable medical equipment and medications related to the terminal admitting diagnosis.

Hospice offers two grief counseling sessions, one for families and one for adults only. The sessions are held each Thursday at First Baptist Church, Blackshear. Sessions for families are held at 6:00 p.m. and the adult only session is held at 7:00 p.m.

### **JUVENILE COURT JUDGE**

801 Grove Avenue

Waycross GA 31501

Phone: 912-287-4345 Fax 912-287-4347

### **LICENSES & REGISTRATION**

**Business Licenses** – City of Waycross (287-2900), Ware County (287-4300)

**Driver's License** – Georgia State Patrol, 3029 Memorial Drive, Waycross, 285-6296 (Open Tuesday-Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

**Hunting & Fishing License** – Department of Natural Resources, 108 Darling Avenue, Waycross, 285-6093 (Open Monday-Friday 8:00 am. – 4:30 p.m.)

**Marriage License** – Ware County Courthouse – Judge of Probate Court, (912) 287-4315. 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.

**Motor Vehicle Registration** – Ware County Courthouse, 800 Church Street, Room 109 – 287-4305. Open Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Voter Registration** – 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. For more information call the Ware County Board of Registrars at 287-4363.

**MADD**  
**(Mothers Against Drunk Drivers)**

Ware-Pierce Chapter  
P.O. Box 92  
Waycross GA 31502  
Phone: 912-283-9090  
Georgia Chapter State Office - 888-833-6033

**MARY STREET MISSION**

517 Mary Street, Waycross, GA 31501  
912/338-8940.

Mary Street Mission Baptist Church offers benevolence and counseling to those in need. The Missions is open every Wednesday, 1:00-4:00 p.m. A worship service is held on Sunday afternoons at 1:30 p.m.

**MCKINNEY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER**

Medical services offered include Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Women's Health Services, Dental, and Pediatrics.

Outreach services offered include GeorgiaCares, community presentations, education, health screenings, booths/exhibits at community events (health fairs, resource fairs, etc.), and nutritional meals and activities for seniors at the Nelson Greene Senior Center.

Forms of payment accepted are private pay, private insurance, Medicare/Medicaid, and sliding scale (income based).

Transportation is provided for MCHC patients to and from doctor's appointments if needed. Transportation is also provided for seniors who attend the Nelson Greene Senior Center.

**MCHC LOCATIONS:**

**WAYCROSS:** 218 Quarterman Street, Waycross, GA 31501, Administrative Phone: 912/287-0301, Fax: 912/287-0687, Medical & Dental Services: 912/287-9140. **Hours:** Mon., Tues. & Thurs.: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Wed.: 10:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Dental Services:** Monday & Wednesday: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**Outreach Center:** 912/285-5080: Mon.-Thurs.: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Community Outreach Department and GeorgiaCares)

**Nelson Greene Senior Center:** 912/285-9800: Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**BLACKSHEAR:** 912/449-3294. **Hours:** Mon. & Thurs.: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Closed on Tuesday, Wed.: 10:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**FOLKSTON:** 912/496-3426. **Hours:** Mon.-Thurs.: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Closed on Friday.

**NAHUNTA:** 912/462-6222. **Hours:** Mon.-Thurs.: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**ST. GEORGE OFFICE:** 912/843-2124. **Hours:** Mon. & Tues.: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Closed on Wednesday and Thursday.

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

Southeast Georgia Regional Development Center  
Aging Services Division  
1725 South GA Parkway West  
Waycross GA 31503  
Phone: 912-287-5888/285-6097 Fax 912-285-6126

**MEDXPRESS**

1320 S. Madison, Ste 175  
Douglas, Georgia 31533  
Phone: 912-383-7848/1-800-381-6339 (Ext. 6303)

Provides blood glucose meters (all brands), strips and lancets, Diabetic shoes (Medicare approved). Call for in-home appointment. MedXpress bills Medicare, Medicaid and/or private insurance.

**METHODIST HOME FOR CHILDREN**

P.O. Box 5448  
St. Mary's, Georgia 31558  
Phone: 912-882-7770 Fax: 912-882-8077

Waycross Office:  
110 Thomas Street  
Waycross, Georgia 31501  
Phone: 912-338-0050

**MOORE STREET MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY CLINIC**

**210 West Moore Street  
Valdosta, Georgia 31602**  
[www.teach.valdosta.edu/mft/moore\\_street\\_clinic](http://www.teach.valdosta.edu/mft/moore_street_clinic)  
**Phone: (229) 219-1281 Service/Intake and Administration**  
**(229) 219-1280 Fax**

**Services:** Family Counseling  
Counseling Approaches for Transsexuals  
Family Counseling for Transsexuals & Transvestites  
Marriage Counseling

**Hours:** 9:00 am to 9:00 pm Monday through Sunday. Intake hours are between 9:00 am and 11:00 am Monday through Friday.

**Fees:** Straight fee - \$20 per session and \$10 per session for VSU students sliding scale based on income and ability to pay and size of family.

A clinic staffed by advanced master's level graduate students who are supervised by certified VSU faculty therapists.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS**  
**(Day-By-Day)**

Weed & Seed Resource Center  
500 North Nichols Street  
Waycross GA 31501  
**HELPLINE:** 1-800-334-3322

Narcotics Anonymous is a nonprofit fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other in order to solve their common problem... “*We meet regularly to help each other stay clean.*”

Membership is open to all drug addicts, regardless of the particular drug or combination of drugs used. When adapting AA’s First Step, the word “addiction” was substituted for “alcohol,” thus removing drug-specific language and reflecting the “disease concept” of addiction.

Narcotics Anonymous provides a recovery process and support network inextricably linked together. One of the keys to NA’s success is the therapeutic value of addicts working with other addicts. Members share their successes and challenges in overcoming active addiction and living drug-free productive lives through the application of the principles contained within the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of NA. These principles are the core of the Narcotics Anonymous recovery program. Principles incorporated within the steps include:

*admitting there is a problem;*  
*seeking help;*  
*engaging in a thorough self-examination;*  
*confidential self-disclosure;*  
*making amends for harm done; and*  
*helping other drug addicts who want to recover.*

Fees – none

Normal Meeting Times: 8:30-9:30 p.m. daily at 500 Nichols St.

Wednesday Meetings:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month, a newcomers meeting is held at 8:30 p.m.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month is a traditional meeting is held.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month is an "open discussion."
- 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month includes a guest speaker.

Saturday meeting is for open basic text study.

Sunday meeting includes a one-hour closed discussion meeting.

## **NURSING & PERSONAL CARE HOMES**

### **Harvey's Personal Care Home**

506 Pineview Drive, Waycross, 912/283-3020

### **Pierce County Nursing Home, 221 Carter Avenue, Blackshear, GA, (912) 449-6631**

PCNH is a 78-bed hospital-based nursing home serving the area for more than 35 years. Certified by Medicare and Medicaid, the facility provides a comfortable setting and skilled, friendly support for seniors.

### **Satilla Care Center, 1600 Riverside Avenue, Waycross, 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, the center's staff includes physicians and therapists from Satilla Regional Medical Center.

### **Tebeau House Personal Care Home**

2019 Tebeau St., Waycross, 912/285-9303

### **Waycross Health & Rehabilitation Center**

1910 Dorothy Street, Waycross, 912/285-4721

## **OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

215-B Albany Avenue

P.O. Box 1130

Waycross, GA 31502

Phone: 912-285-6061 Fax 912-912-6726

[www.cse.dhr.state.ga.us](http://www.cse.dhr.state.ga.us)

The Office of Child Support Services (OCSS) 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 OCSS:**

- 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 OCSS 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 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday except on state holidays.

Internet Access to Case and Payment Information: [www.cse.dhr.state.ga.us](http://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.

### **OCSS 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

**OKEFENOKEE ALLIANCE FOR KIDS  
OF WARE AND PIERCE COUNTIES**

912/449-6405, 912/285-2527, 912/285-7676

The purpose of O.A.K. is to sponsor projects throughout the year to help educate parents and to teach children to protect themselves by learning safety tips and making good choices.

**OKEFENOKEE LIONS CLUB**

711 Columbus Street  
P O Box 673  
Waycross GA 31502  
Phone: 912-285-7282

Assistance with eye exams and glasses for financially needy children.

**OKEFENOKEE REGIONAL LIBRARY**

401 Lee Avenue  
Waycross GA 31501  
Phone: 912-287-4978 Fax 912-287-4981

The library provides resources and materials for people of all ages. Library membership is free. Proof of current residence must be submitted upon application. Special programs for children include the following:

- Toddler Time – Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. during school year, lap children, toddlers
- Puppet Theatre – Thursday, 10:30 a.m., year round, all ages
- BookArt for Homeschoolers – Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. during school year, all ages. Younger children, 1:00 – 1:30; older readers, 1:30 – 2:30.
- YMCA Kindergarten – Representative visits each Monday, 10:30 a.m.
- OTC Childcare Center – Representative visits each Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 a.m.
- DAFFODIL – visits from volunteer each Monday
- After School Reference -- Monday – Thursday

Also available is a Vacation Reading Program each Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. in June & July. The programs are literature-based storytelling with folk music and feature a Critter Corner “in the Swamp” by Miz Oke Prettypossum and friends.

**Library Hours**

Monday	10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Tuesday	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Wednesday	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**OKEFENOKEE TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

1701 Carswell Avenue

Waycross GA 31503

Phone: 912-287-6584 Fax 912-284-2508

www.okefenokeetech.edu

*A Unit of Georgia's System of Technical Colleges*

A postsecondary technical college offering degree, diploma and certificate programs that prepare graduates to enter the work force. Services include career assessment, advisement, and placement. Offers introduction to computers for seniors as a continuing education class. Office hours: Monday-Thursday (8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.) and Friday (8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) Information on tuition, fees, financial aid, and programs can be found on the website.

**Okefenokee Technical College**  
**ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM**

1700 Carswell Avenue

Waycross, GA 31503

Phone: 912-287-6580 or 912-285-6041 Fax: 287-6582

The Adult Education Program at Okefenokee 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 Okefenokee Technical College or another state higher education institution.

**LOCATION**

**BACON COUNTY**

Alma Technical Center  
426 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Alma, GA 31510  
912-632-6659

**BRANTLEY COUNTY**

125 Bryan St.  
P.O. Box 1120 (mail)  
Nahunta, GA 31553  
912-462-7923

**CHARLTON COUNTY**

500 Kingsland Drive  
Folkston, GA 31537  
912-496-4941

**CLASS SCHEDULE**

Mon. through Thurs.	8:00 am-12:30 pm
Mon. & Wed.	3:00-9:00 pm
Tues. & Thurs.	6:30-9:30 pm (ESL)
Mon. through Thurs.	8:00 am-12 noon
Mon. & Wed.	1:30-4:30 pm
Mon. & Wed.	5:00-9:00 pm
Mon. through Thurs.	8:00 am-12:00 noon
Mon. through Thurs.	12:30-2:00 pm
Mon. & Wed.	4:30-8:30 pm

**CLINCH COUNTY**

101A South College Street  
Room 15  
Homerville, GA 31634  
912-487-5673

Mon. through Thurs.  
Mon. & Wed.

8:00 am-12:30 pm  
2:00-8:00 pm

**PIERCE COUNTY**

253 W. Carter Ave. (location)  
P. O. Box 62 (mail)  
Blackshear, GA 31516  
912-449-8081

Mon. through Thurs.  
Mon. & Wed.  
Mon. & Wed.

8:00 am-12:00 noon  
1:00-4:00 pm  
5:00-9:00 pm

**WARE COUNTY**

OTC Adult Education Center  
1700 Carswell Avenue  
Waycross, GA 31503  
912-285-6041 or 287-6580

Mon. through Thurs.  
Mon., Tues., & Wed.  
Mon. & Wed.  
Mon. & Wed.

8:30 am-1:30 pm  
2:30-5:30 pm  
6:00-9:00 pm  
6:00-9:00 pm (ESL)

Waycross Operation Weed & Seed, 500 N. Nicholls St., Waycross, Mon. & Wed. 5:30-8:30 pm

**Okefenokee Technical College**

**CHILD CARE CENTER**

1710 Carswell Avenue  
Waycross, GA 31503  
Phone: 912-284-2567

The Okefenokee Technical College Child Care Center reflects the needs and developmental characteristics of children six weeks through ten years of age in a safe, nurturing indoor and outdoor environment. Hours of operation are 7:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Cost is as follows:

Infants	\$75/week
Ages 1 – 4 years	\$70/week
Ages 4 – 10 years	\$70/week during summer, \$35/week after-school care

Registration fee is \$40. A supply fee of \$25 must be paid each July. Documents needed for enrollment are birth certificate, immunization record, and social security number. Transportation is provided for after school care.

**PARENT TO PARENT**  
**OF GEORGIA**

Phone: 1-800-229-2038

A support and information source for parents of children with disabilities or special health care needs. All information is kept confidential and there are no fees for services.

**PSYCHIATRISTS**

- 1) Golden Isles Psychiatric Associates  
1421 Lee Street  
Brunswick, Georgia 31520  
912-261-9229
- 2) Janet Mohr, MD  
1421 Lee Street  
Brunswick, Georgia 31520  
912-261-9229
- 3) Charles E. Beck, MD  
7 Saint Andrews Court  
Brunswick, Georgia 31520, 912-267-0774
- 4) Andrew Hurayt, MD  
1421 Lee Street  
Brunswick, Georgia 31520  
912-261-0510
- 5) M.J. Martelli, MD P C & Associates  
7 Saint Andrews Ct.  
Brunswick, Georgia 31520  
912-267-0774
- 6) Charmaine Ramsay Thomas, MD  
2311 Parkwood Dr.  
Brunswick, Georgia 31520  
912-261-0333
- 7) Jeffrey B. Warren, MD  
7 Saint Andrews Ct.  
Brunswick, Georgia 31520  
912-267-0774
- 8) South Georgia Psychiatric & Counseling Center

2704 North Oak Street Building B3  
Valdosta, Georgia 31602  
229-257-0100

9) Valdosta Psychiatric Associates L L C  
3541 North Crossing Circle  
Valdosta, Georgia 31602  
229-244-4200

10) Livingstone Rasalam, MD  
303 Woodrow Wilson Dr.  
Valdosta, Georgia 31602  
229-244-5000

11) Shila Patel, MD  
2704 N. Oak St. BLDG B-3  
Valdosta, Georgia 31602  
229-257-0100

12) Nitin Patel, MD  
2704 N. Oak St. BLDG B-3  
Valdosta, Georgia 31602  
229-257-0100

**RAINBOW PARTNERS**

1718 Reynolds Street Suite 300

P.O. Box 833

Waycross, GA 31502

Phone: 912-287-6728 Fax 912-287-0053

Rainbow Partners is a private, non-profit human service agency of trained volunteers with one purpose: to respond to the AIDS epidemic with services to people with AIDS, people with HIV infections, their family and friends to educate everyone about this disease and its prevention. Rainbow Partners Services are available to all who need them without regard to age, race, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, economic class, or physical limitations. All social services are without charge. Requests for services for a person with AIDS (PWA) must be requested either by the PWA him/herself or by another with PWA's permission. Rainbow Partners is a volunteer organization and accepts financial support from the community. Specific services include intake and needs assessment, buddies/practical support, transportation, pastoral services, Meals on Wheels, outreach, educational materials, referral services, information line, and a speaker's bureau. Services also include prevention education to high-risk individuals, such as teens and people of color.

**REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY (RESA)**

1450 North Augusta Avenue

Waycross GA 31503

Phone: 912-285-6151 Fax 912-287-6650

	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Fax</u>
Atkinson County BOE 506 Roberts Avenue Pearson GA 31642	422-7373	422-7369
Bacon County BOE 601 N. Pierce Street Alma GA 31510	632-7363	632-2454
Brantley County BOE RR 1 Box 3 Nahunta GA 31553	462-6176	462-6731
Charlton County BOE 500 S. Third Street Folkston GA 31537	496-2596	496-2595
Clinch County BOE 119 S. College Street Homerville GA 31634	487-5321	487-5068
Coffee County BOE 1311 S. Peterson Avenue Douglas GA 31533	384-2086	383-5333
Pierce County BOE P.O. Box 349 Blackshear GA 31516	449-2044	449-2046
Ware County BOE 1301 Bailey St. Waycross, Georgia 31501	283-8656	283-8698

**REGIONAL YOUTH DETENTION CENTER (RYDC)**

3275 Harris Road

P.O. Box 142

Waycross GA 31502

Phone: 912-285-6024/287-6680 Fax 912-287-6681

The detention of children found guilty by court order or decision of a court services worker to be status offenders or delinquent. These services are provided to children through age 18.

**RESOURCE CONNECTION FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

Parent of a child with special needs will assist people in finding resources and other information. Call 285-9365 or E-mail at roma@wayxcable.com.

**RETIREMENT & ASSISTED CARE COMMUNITIES**

Baptist Village

2650 Carswell Avenue, Waycross, 283-7050

The Pines Retirement Living

801 Darling Avenue, Waycross, 283-4704

The White House Personal Care

452 State Street, Waycross, 287-9944

**RIGHT FROM THE START MEDICAID**

1766 Memorial Drive, Suite 9

Waycross, GA 31501

Phone: 912-338-5293

Fax: 912/338-5295

604 Riverside Avenue

Waycross, GA 31501

Phone: 912/284-2907

Fax: 912/283-0894

*Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (Office hours may vary- please call if you have questions.)*

RSM provides health coverage for pregnant women and children (children up to 19 years of age) and assistance with other programs (i.e., Georgia Partnership for Caring, Medicine Programs, Women’s Health Medicaid, and PeachCare for Kids). RSM serves Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Glynn, Pierce, and Ware Counties.

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**

2011 Darling Avenue  
Waycross GA 31501  
Phone: 912-283-7700

- Clothes for children and teens  
Assistance given Thursday, 10 a.m. – 12 noon

**SALVATION ARMY**

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

Services:

- Spiritual help
- Clothing for those in need
- Help to families whose homes have burned
- Furniture referrals
- Christmas relief
- Youth meetings
- Summer camps
- Food, shelter and meals to the transient (in some cases)
- Project Share (help with utilities)
- Medical help (prescriptive)

**SALVATION ARMY THRIFT STORE**

969 Tebeau Street  
Waycross GA 31501  
Phone 912-285-9211

**SATILLA ADVOCACY SERVICES**

410 Darling Avenue  
Waycross, Georgia 31501  
(912) 285-7355/285-4471  
Fax: 283-4570

Crisis Line: (912) 283-0987 (24 hour)  
Email: [satillaadvocacy@wayxcable.com](mailto:satillaadvocacy@wayxcable.com)  
National Crisis Line: 1-800-656-4673

Provides 24-hour crisis line and services for victims of sexual assault, which include emotional, medical and legal advocacy. Follow-up counseling and therapeutic services also provided. Prevention education available for schools and community groups. SANE Nurse Program. Child Advocacy Center Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Monday–Friday. No fee for services.

## **SATILLA ARC**

Satilla Arc is an organization for people with disabilities. The group has broadened its focus to include children. Satilla Arc members are both advocates and self-advocates for people with disabilities. The group meets the second Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Catholic Church

## **SATILLA COMMUNITY SERVICES**

1007 Mary Street, Waycross, Georgia 31501

912-285-6142

1-800-342-8168 (Admissions Unit)

[www.satilla.csb.state.ga.us](http://www.satilla.csb.state.ga.us)

The Mission of Satilla Community Service Board is to provide quality, accessible and cost effective behavioral health services to the residents of our service area by empowering our consumers to improve the quality of life based on their individual strengths, needs, abilities, and preferences.

### **Satilla Community Services**

#### **ADMISSIONS UNIT**

Our Admissions 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 Satilla Community Services by using the toll-free number, 1-800-342-8168.** Services Provided: Behavioral and emotional health, mental retardation, and substance abuse services for children, adolescents, and adults. For an appointment, call 1-800-342-8168 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. **IN TIMES OF CRISIS: A CRISIS COUNSELOR IS AVAILABLE EVERY HOUR OF EVERYDAY. INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT THE SAME NUMBER, 1-800-342-8168.**

### **Satilla Community Services**

#### **CHILD & ADOLESCENT EMOTIONAL & BEHAVIOR HEALTH SERVICES:**

1003 Mary Street

Waycross, Georgia 31501

Phone: 285-6308

Fax 287-6571

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.

**Satilla Community Services**

**GARDEN GATE**

852 Tiffany Lane

Waycross, Georgia 31503

Phone: 912-338-5334 Fax: 338-5332

Garden Gate is a long-term Ready for Work (6-12 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.

**Satilla Community Services**

**NICHOLS STREET CHILD & ADOLESCENT DAY PROGRAM**

305 Nichols Street

Waycross GA 31501

Phone: 912-287-4051

**Child & Adolescent Day Treatment program** will provide for children in a structured environment to help make positive changes in their lives. The program is a daily after-school program that consist of tutorial/ scholastic development, recreational and social skills development, individual and group therapy.

**Adolescent Substance Abuse Day Treatment Program** provides a structured program for twelve to seventeen year old adolescents who are experiencing difficulties due to alcohol or drug abuse. The program, based on the twelve steps of AA/NA, is designed to help these adolescents achieve and maintain sobriety. The program is a daily after-school treatment program.

**Satilla Community Services**

**PROJECT S.O.A.R..**

852 Tiffany Lane

Waycross, Georgia 31503

Phone: 912-338-5330 Fax: 912-338-5332

Satilla Project Soar Case Management Services bring the consumer, treatment services, community agencies and other resources together to focus on the issues and needs that are identified as barriers that impede the consumer's progress to employability. The Dept. of Family and Children Services partnered with the Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse for the provision of outpatient services for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) recipients in attempt to reduce barriers to employment. Satilla is committed to empowering consumers to achieve the highest level of awareness, insight, and functioning in their lives. All services are provided in a supportive environment that promotes personal growth and goal achievement. Admission Criteria: consumer meets the TANF definition of a needy family and for whom a mental health/mental retardation issue is a real barrier to employment.

**Satilla Community Services**

**ST. ILLA CENTER**

3455 Harris Road

Waycross GA 31501

Phone: 912-285-4925 Fax 912-287-4923

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.

**Satilla Community Services**

**THERAPEUTIC ADOLESCENT GROUP HOMES**

• **SINCLAIR HOUSE ADOLESCENT GROUP HOME**

1900 Sinclair Street

Waycross, Georgia 31503

Phone: 912-284-2576

• **WALTERTOWN BOYS GROUP HOME**

3795 Old Waltertown Road

Waycross, Georgia 31503

Phone: 912-338-5245

The purpose of the Therapeutic Adolescent Group Home is to provide 24-hour-a-day treatment, in a home-like setting, in order that emotionally disturbed adolescents can experience the benefits of family and community life to augment their specialized treatment needs.

**Population Served:** aged 12-17 with an I.Q. of 70 or above, who are diagnosed as being Severely Emotionally Disturbed, or as having substance abuse issues, or co-occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Illness. All referrals must be in the custody of the Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS), the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), or another referring agency.

**Satilla Community Services**

**W.I.N.G.S.**

**WOMEN INCORPORATING NEW GOALS SUCCESSFULLY**

2033 Bell Street, Waycross, Georgia 31501

Phone: 912-287-5822

**W.I.N.G.S.** targets TANF recipients for whom substance abuse is a barrier to employment. Project **WINGS** provides gender specific substance abuse day treatment services to TANF and other women and dependent children from Region 5. Services empower women to make healthy choices about themselves, their children and their ability to enter the work force.

### **SATILLA DIABETES EDUCATION PROGRAM**

The Satilla Diabetes Education Program is collaboration among Satilla Regional Medical Center, Ware County Health Department, Southeast Health Unit, Pierce County Extension Service and community physicians. Classes are held each quarter for persons living with diabetes or at-risk for diabetes. This educational series is designed to increase participants' knowledge and awareness of diabetes management and emphasizes the need to "Take Charge of Your Diabetes." Classes are held in the Satilla Health Annex Cafetorium and are held in January, April, July, and October. For more information, contact Ware County Health Department (Adult Health) at 912/283-1875 or Satilla Marketing Department at 912/287-2569.

### **SATILLA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

875 Tebeau Street  
Waycross GA 31501  
Phone: 912-285-8552

Assists indigent families in renovation of their homes and in building low-income housing with volunteer help.

### **SATILLA HEALTH SERVICES** **SATILLA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**

410 Darling Avenue  
Waycross, Georgia 31501  
Phone: 912-283-3030  
[www.satilla.org](http://www.satilla.org)

Satilla Regional Medical Center is licensed for 231 beds and is the major medical referral center for the 9-county region it serves in southeast Georgia. Fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, Satilla Regional handles over 7,000 admissions and 700 deliveries annually. The Emergency Department treats over 40,000 patients per year, resulting in approximately 4,000 annual admissions to the hospital.

Major medical and surgical procedures are provided at SRMC including all facets of general practice and internal medicine. The hospital has a staff of over 100 physicians, with 28 medical specialties, including pediatrics, cardiology, gastroenterology, neurology, oncology, orthopedics, ophthalmology, otolaryngology, urology and pulmonology.

### **Satilla Health Services/Satilla Regional Medical Center** **PREGNANCY AND CHILD BIRTH**

**Preparing for Baby:** The following classes are taught by a registered nurse and are offered on a regular basis. Please call the Birthing Center at 287-2686 for more information and to register for the classes. **Childbirth Classes:** The expectant mother and her partner can attend this program that prepares you for the birth of your baby. This class will explain the birthing process from conception to labor and delivery, as well as instructions on how to care for your newborn at home. It will also cover policies and procedures that may be unique to SRMC. This class includes a tour of the Birthing Center to introduce you to your surroundings prior to labor and delivery. The cost of this class is \$20. **Breast Feeding Class:** The expectant mother is given information on the anatomy and physiology of breast-feeding. Instructions and tips will be given to better prepare the mother to feed her baby. The cost is \$15 and includes a breast pump. **Sibling School:** "Soon-to-be" brothers and sisters are prepared for the new baby's arrival in this

class and tour. Parents and children attend together. The class is recommended for children ages three to eight. The cost is \$10 and includes a t-shirt.

**Birthing Center:** The Birthing Center is designed to meet the special health needs of women and newborns. For the expectant mother, SRMC offers maternity care that celebrates the miracle of birth. New moms and their families have the added assurance of a Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit with specially trained nurses and equipment for newborns experiencing difficulties after birth. The Birthing Center is located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the newest wing of the hospital. **We recommend that you pre-admit yourself to the hospital during your seventh month of pregnancy.** This will help speed the registration process when you go into labor. You can go to the main lobby any time Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to pre-admit. You will need to have your insurance information with you.

**Labor and Delivery:** When you arrive at the hospital please go to the Emergency Department to be admitted. The Birthing Center is where you will stay throughout delivery. Only two individuals will be allowed to be in the labor and delivery unit with you. Should you require a Cesarean Section, the physician will be able to deliver your baby without you leaving the area. Your family and friends will be kept informed of your progress. After delivery, your baby will be taken to the nursery for a brief routine exam. A hearing test will also be administered before discharge. You will be given a Baby Passport with your baby's records to take home for future record keeping. After the newborn assessment, you will be given a large private room on the new Birthing Center floor. The mother chooses the visitors she desires. The rooms are bright and cheery, offering comfortable amenities. The newborn can remain with the mother in the room or go the nursery while the mother rests. Meals are served in the room and a menu selection is provided.

**Epidural Anesthesia:** Satilla offers epidural anesthesia at the request of the mother. An anesthesiologist will perform the procedure and monitor the comfort of the mother. If you think you might want an epidural for your delivery, please call the Birthing Center to schedule a time to attend an epidural education class. An anesthesiologist will explain the procedure, discuss the benefits and risks and answer any questions you may have. This can be done anytime during your pregnancy but it is important to be done prior to the beginning of labor. The class will take approximately 30 minutes and there is no charge.

**Neonatal Intensive Care Unit:** The pediatrician will check on your baby while making hospital rounds. If your baby needs special care, the pediatrician may admit him/her to the Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). The NICU staff has special training to monitor and care for your newborn 24 hours a day. Only parents are permitted to visit in the NICU. The pediatrician will determine when it is safe for the baby to be discharged to the mother's care.

**Discharge:** Your nurse will provide instructions on caring for you and your newborn at home. Bathing, feeding, dressing, grooming and follow-up medical care will be discussed. At this time, any questions you may have will be answered. Your physician and pediatrician will give instructions to the nursing staff on any special needs of you and your baby.

### **Satilla Health Services/Satilla Regional Medical Center** **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

The Emergency Department is ready to assist with state-of-the-art emergency medical care, seven days a week, 24 hours a day. SRMC treats about 34,000 patients a year in the Emergency Department for problems ranging from life-threatening heart attacks to broken bones.

The Emergency Department is a JCAHO Level II emergency center. That means that the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations has found us qualified to handle all but the most extreme trauma situations. Those rare cases, such as extensive burns or multiple crushing traumas, are stabilized here and transferred to major urban centers for more highly specialized treatment. The Emergency Department treats people who have medical emergencies. The treatment of routine illnesses and the diagnosis of problems behind troubling, but non-critical, symptoms are best left to your personal doctor. **What to Expect When You Come to the Emergency Department:** Triage is the first service you will receive as an emergency patient. A nurse will do an initial exam that includes taking your blood pressure, temperature and pulse. These simple steps tell us a lot about your medical condition. More important, they help us identify patients who need to see a doctor right away and those whose condition is not as urgent. We realize that your time is important and that waiting can be frustrating when you are uncomfortable or frightened. But patients with more serious problems must be seen first. **Who Will See You:** The Emergency Department has physicians, physician assistants (PAs), and family nurse practitioners (FNPs) on staff. Often, patients with less severe problems are seen by a PA or FNP. If you would rather be seen by a physician, let your nurse know and we will accommodate you, although this may increase your waiting time. When you are a patient or are accompanying a patient, we encourage you to leave children with a responsible adult rather than bring them to the Emergency Department. Waiting in a small, busy area can be a challenge, even for the best-behaved children. Both parents may accompany a child patient 12 or under into the treatment area, but older patients can only be accompanied by one family member. A patient representative is on duty from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily to keep families and patients informed of the status of treatment. **Paying for Your Emergency Department Visit:** SRMC provides Patient Financial Advisors to help you arrange payment for your services. One of these advisors will visit with you during your Emergency Department stay to discuss payment. Our patients participate in a wide range of payment plans, including health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid and self-pay. Whichever of these situations applies to your case, the advisor will let you know what is required now, as well as the various options for paying any outstanding balance.

**Satilla Health Services/Satilla Regional Medical Center**  
**REHABILITATION & THERAPY SERVICES**  
**SATILLA REGIONAL OUTPATIENT THERAPY**

The Satilla Outpatient Therapy Department is located in the Satilla Annex at 1800 Alice Street, across from Satilla Regional Medical Center. Call (912) 287-2761 for more information. SRMC is the only provider in the region offering the full range of outpatient rehabilitation services - **physical, occupational and speech therapy** - under one roof with a very clear goal: preserving and restoring function and optimum recovery for each patient! In outpatient therapy, the therapists customize each patient's program around his or her individualized needs incorporating hands-on therapy with the latest technology. We carefully evaluate the condition and monitor the patient's plan of care and regularly report the progress of treatment to the patient's physician. Our professional staff includes licensed and certified therapists and athletic trainers. They participate in continuing education to keep current with the latest modalities in rehab.

**Satilla Health Services/Satilla Regional Medical Center**  
**SATILLA REGIONAL PHYSICAL THERAPY**

Physical therapy (PT) restores maximum physical functioning and enables the individual to return to an active life as quickly as possible. The aim of a PT program is to restore movement and function, relieve pain, and prevent further illness and injury. Physical therapists evaluate and treat problems with moving, balance, strength, and conditioning. PT can be beneficial for people who have problems caused by burns, cancer, chronic pain, general rehabilitation issues, and balance disorders.

**Satilla Health Services/Satilla Regional Medical Center**  
**SATILLA REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

Occupational therapy (OT) helps the individual maximize independence and safety in daily living in the areas of self-care, leisure, and work. OT is skilled treatment that helps individuals achieve independence in all facets of their lives. Occupational therapy gives people the "skills for the job of living" that are needed for independent and satisfying lives. Services typically include customized treatment programs aimed at improving abilities to carry out the activities of daily living, comprehensive evaluation of home and job environments and recommendations on necessary adaptation, and guidance for family members and caregivers.

**Satilla Health Services/Satilla Regional Medical Center**  
**SATILLA REGIONAL SPEECH/LANGUAGE THERAPY**

Speech and language therapy helps a person improve communication and cognitive abilities as well as build confidence and greater independence. Dedicated to providing quality Speech Therapy Services, the therapists develop individualized programs to meet the needs of each patient. These programs include specialized feeding programs for persons with swallowing problems, language stimulation programs for children with speech and language delays, and language programs to improve speech and articulation through adults exhibiting speech, language, hearing, feeding, voice, fluency and cognitive impairments.

**Satilla Health Services/Satilla Regional Medical Center**  
**SATILLA REGIONAL REHABILITATION INSTITUTE**

SRRI is located at 2500 Satilla Parkway. For more information regarding inpatient intensive rehabilitation therapy, call (912) 284-1230. SRRI provides intensive inpatient therapy to help patients regain function after a stroke, head injury, spinal cord injury, and other neuromuscular or orthopedic problems by combining physical, occupational, speech and recreational therapies. The Institute serves patients suffering from multiple illnesses and injuries, including: total joint surgery, spinal injury or surgery, chronic pain, non-traumatic brain injury, neurological disorders, orthopedic disorders, amputation, stroke. The staff includes nurses, occupational, speech, and physical therapists, and social service workers.

**Satilla Health Services/Satilla Regional Medical Center**  
**SATILLA CARDIAC & PULMONARY REHABILITATION CENTER**

SC&PRC is located at 2004 Pioneer Street. Call 284-2420 for more information. SCP&RC is part of the full range of heart care available through SRMC. All patients are referred by their doctor and face the challenge of heart disease or major lung conditions. If you have had a heart attack, coronary bypass surgery (open heart), a balloon angioplasty, a stent, an

atherectomy or have stable angina, you may benefit from cardiac rehabilitation. If you have asthma, chronic bronchitis, emphysema or bronchiectasis, pulmonary rehabilitation may help you.

**Satilla Health Services/Satilla Regional Medical Center**

**SATILLA CONVENIENT CARE**

1921 Alice Street, Suites 3A & 4A

Waycross, GA 31501

Phone: (912) 283-5616

Convenient Care Services for the **General Public:** Satilla Convenient Care is open seven days a week and on holidays from 1:00 pm until 8:30 pm. A physician, support nurses, and staff provide non-emergency treatment for minor ailments, minor injury, sore throat, colds, flu, earaches, headaches, fever, cuts, and falls.

Convenient Care Services for **Business & Industry:** Satilla Convenient Care's employer-related health services are available for area businesses and industry Monday through Friday, 7:30 am–8:30 pm and on weekends and holidays from 1:00 pm–8:30 pm. Area employers can benefit from a convenient source for routine employment-related health services, including: pre-employment physicals - sports physicals, drug screenings, DOT physical exams, annual physicals, hearing screens, pulmonary functions, breathalyzers, tetanus, flu and hepatitis B vaccines, TB tests, chest X-rays, back evaluations, educational programs for CPR, first aid, body mechanics, and blood borne pathogens, Healthy Directions – a customized wellness program tailored for individual businesses.

**Satilla Health Services/Satilla Regional Medical Center**

**SATILLA LIFE CARE**

2007 Tebeau Street

Waycross, GA 31501

Phone: 285-9153

Fax: 284-9174

Satilla Life Care is a subsidiary business of Satilla Health Services, Inc. that provides home infusion services, home healthcare equipment rental, and therapy services. These services include nutritional therapy, respiratory therapy medications, hydration therapy, antibiotic therapy, pain management, chemotherapy and tube feeding. Satilla Life Care offers free set-up and delivery and 24 hour emergency services in Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Clinch, Charlton, Coffee, Jeff Davis, Long, Pierce Toombs, Wayne and Ware Counties. A pharmacist and respiratory therapist are on staff to handle questions, set-ups, repairs or health concerns. Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance are accepted. Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.– 5:30 p.m. (24 hours support by registered pharmacists. Private insurance, Medicaid & Medicare accepted. Satilla Life Care's services include the following:

**Pharmacy Services:** qualified and trained staff of pharmacists and healthcare professionals are available to support these healthcare treatments: Chemotherapy, Hydration Therapy, Nutritional Therapy, Pain Management, VI Antibiotic Therapy, Respiratory Therapy, Biotechnology.

**Respiratory Services:** Satilla Life Care's certified respiratory therapists provide home respiratory services including: Nebulizer Therapy, Portable Oxygen Systems, Home Oxygen, Equipment, Apnea Monitors, CPAP and Auto CPAP, Bi-Level Systems, Suction Machines and Trach Care, Home Bili-Light Phototherapy, Home Chest Percussion, Overnight Pulse-Oximetry.

**Satilla Health Services/Satilla Regional Medical Center**  
**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**AARP 55 Alive Driver Training:** The SRMC Auxiliary sponsors an AARP sanctioned refresher course for seniors. The fee is \$10. Call Colleen Bennett, Director of Volunteer Services at 287-2572 for more information.

**Cancer Support Group:** Cancer Support Group meetings are held on the second Monday of each month in the Basement Classroom at Satilla Regional Medical Center. For more information, call (912) 338-6016.

**Stroke Survivors Support Group:** A support group for Stroke Survivors meets the third Thursday of each month in the Satilla Health Annex at 5:00 pm. For more information call (912) 287-2761.

**SHUMAN HEALTHCARE**

2015 Tebeau Street, Waycross, GA 31501

Phone: 285-5272      Fax: 283-9575

Provides medical equipment, respiratory services and rehabilitation equipment 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – no appointment necessary. Serving Waycross and Southeast Georgia for over 30 years, Shuman's is Waycross' only locally owned and operated home medical equipment provider.

**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

303 Isabella Street

P.O. Box 977

Waycross GA 31502

Phone: 912-283-9282      Fax: 912-285-1580

Office Hours: 8:30 am. – 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

**Social Security Disability Program** – administered by the Social Security Administration.

**Medical Eligibility Criteria:** severe physical or emotional condition which

- prevents one from working and
- is expected to last (or has lasted) at least 12 months or is expected to result in death.

**Supplemental Security Income (SSI)** is a program that provides monthly payments to disabled persons who have little or no resources.

**SSI Eligibility Criteria:**

- medical – must have a disability condition that is expected to last 12 months or longer.
- Financial – determined by the Social Security Administration (*All SSI recipients are entitled to Medicaid Health Insurance.*)

**Medicare** is a federal health insurance program administered by the Social Security Administration.

Medicare Eligibility:

- everyone at age 65
- disabled – after 2 years of Social Security disability payments

**Medicaid** provides assistance with medical bills for persons within a particular income category.

**SOUTH GEORGIA COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS**

601 Lee Street, PO Box 206 Valdosta, GA 31603-0206

Phone: 229-245-8064 Fax: 229-245-3873

Email: [scghomeless@bellsouth.net](mailto:scghomeless@bellsouth.net) [www.sgceh.org](http://www.sgceh.org)

The purpose of the South Georgia Coalition to End Homelessness is to eradicate the problems causing homelessness. The goals are to support the coordination of homeless service activities within the region, to identify and prioritize needs to homeless and near-homeless populations, and to locate resources meeting those needs to improve the overall quality of life for those living within the service area.

**SOUTHEAST CANCER UNIT, INC.**

410 Pendleton Street/PO Box 2764, Waycross, Georgia 31501, Phone: 912-287-9008

705 College Avenue, Blackshear, GA 31516, Phone: 912-449-9044

PO Box 413, Homerville, Georgia 31634, Phone: 912-487-1236

Providing emotional and financial assistance to those diagnosed with Cancer in Brantley, Clinch, Pierce, and Ware counties.

**SOUTHEAST GEORGIA AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

A Division of the Southeast Georgia Regional Development Center

1725 South Georgia Parkway

Waycross, GA 31503

Phone: 912-285-6097/1-888-732-4464 Fax: 912-285-6126

[www.segardc.org](http://www.segardc.org)

Provides intake, screening and assessment for aging services upon determining appropriate services. Clients are referred to a service provider for a face-to-face assessment from which a care plan is devised. These services are available through contractors, NOT the RDC.

Long term care ombudsman, legal assistance, respite-Alzheimer's, senior community service employment program, personal care, caregiver's in-home respite, home delivered meals, elder abuse prevention/education, Alzheimer's adult day care, community care services program, homemaker, Georgia Cares, wellness program, congregate meals and senior center services, and adult protective services. No fee for services. Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Southeast Georgia Area Agency on Aging**

**KINSHIP CARE PROGRAM**

Grandparents (and other relatives) raising grandchildren meet each month to exchange practical information about community resources and gain skills and confidence in the vital, yet rewarding , work of raising children. Experienced professionals facilitate the groups. Topics for meeting are based on the group's concerns and needs. Guest speakers are invited to address the support group to share their expertise.

**SOUTHEAST HEALTH UNIT CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION INITIATIVE**

**(CDPI)**

1115 Church Street, Suite B

Waycross, GA 31501

Phone: 912-287-6555 Fax: 912-287-6521

The SEHU CDPI is a state appropriated program that aims to improve the health status of people within communities, schools, and worksites by establishing policy and environmental changes to support healthy lifestyles related to chronic disease prevention such as increased physical activity and improved food choices. Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

**SPEECH CLINIC (THE)**

1402 Alice St.

Waycross, GA 31501

Phone: 912-283-0777

Fax: 912-283-7757

E-Mail: [THESPEECHCLINIC@cablevue.net](mailto:THESPEECHCLINIC@cablevue.net)

Private speech services are offered for all age groups through The Speech Clinic. We also offer services in daycare settings. Payment can be Medicaid, private insurance, or private pay. Referrals for evaluation can be made directly to the therapy office.

**SUBSIDIZED HOUSING**

**Waycross Housing Authority**

287-2440

1130 Tebeau Street

Waycross GA 31501

Garlington Heights

Reagan Apartments

Northside Homes

**Blackshear Housing Authority** (Same contact information as Waycross Housing Authority)

Lee Darling Homes

Fannie Gray Homes

Ware Street Homes

235 Housing

**Terrace Garden Apartments**

283-6740

1103 Darling Avenue

Waycross GA 31501

**Ware Manor Apartments**

285-4330

500 Walnut Avenue

Waycross GA 31501

## **SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES**

### **Bridges of Hope, Inc.**

Rt. 2, Box 213  
Homerville, GA. 31634  
(912) 487-2576  
[www.bridgesofhope.org](http://www.bridgesofhope.org)

### **St. Illa Center**

3455 Harris Road  
Waycross, GA. 31501  
(912) 287-4925, Crisis Line: 1-800-342-8168  
[www.satilla.csb.state.ga.us](http://www.satilla.csb.state.ga.us)

### **Turning Point Hospital**

3015 Veterans Parkway  
Moultrie, GA. 31788  
(229) 985-4815 Crisis Line: 1-800-342-1075

### **Willingway Hospital**

311 Jones Mill Road  
Statesboro, GA. 30458  
Crisis Line: 1-800-242-9455  
Waycross: (912) 285-5575  
[www.willingway.com](http://www.willingway.com)

## **SUPPLEMENTAL MISSION**

1901 Gibbs Street  
Waycross, GA 31501  
Phone: 912-283-8080

This non-profit organization was formed to feed the elderly, needy, handicapped, and disabled individuals with special needs. Meals are provided only on weekends and holidays. Some meals are delivered to the homebound. This organization is funded by contributions and there is no charge for meals to individuals.

## **TELEMON CORPORATION**

Gordon Street  
Blackshear, GA 31516  
Phone: 912-449-3016 Fax 912-449-4579

Employment, training and housing for farm worker eligible clients. Includes a Work Experience Program, Classroom Training, and GED preparation classes.

**THE DWELLING PLACE**

203 Tebeau St., Waycross

Phone: 283-9800 Fax: 283-9404

The [dwellingplace@bellsouth.net](mailto:dwellingplace@bellsouth.net)

Non profit organization which helps children, individual families with minor children in need of food, clothing, and other domestic items such as toothpaste, cleaning supplies, soap, over the counter cough medicine, pain and headache medicines, lotion, etc.

**THERAPIST/COUNSELORS**

- 1) Eugene Engen, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist  
1610 Alice Street  
Waycross, Georgia 31501  
912-285-1610  
912-285-2595 FAX
  
- 2) Marc Eaton, Ph.D.  
1227 Alice Street  
Waycross, Georgia 31501  
912-283-6629
  
- 3) W.H. Beckers, Ph.D.  
1408 Alice Street  
Waycross, Georgia 31501  
912-283-1408
  
- 4) David Acker, Ph.D.  
2002 Tebeau Street.  
Waycross, Georgia 31501  
912-283-5676
  
- 5) Kathy Webb, LCSW  
Licensed Clinical Social Worker  
Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist  
502 ½ Gloucester St., #3  
P.O. Box 324  
Brunswick, Georgia 31520  
912-261-1882
  
- 6) Brent Nichols, M.Ed., NCC, Licensed Professional Counselor  
1421 Lee Street  
P.O. Box 1881  
Brunswick, Georgia 31521  
912-262-6080

- 7) Mary Whitney, Licensed Professional Counselor  
1421 Lee Street  
P.O. Box 1881  
Brunswick, Georgia 31521  
912-270-8388 or 262-6080
- 8) Life's Answers Counseling Center  
250 Redfern Village  
St. Simons Island, Georgia  
912-638-1819
- 9) Sapelo Counseling Center, Inc.  
504 Beachview Dr.  
St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522  
912-634-7714
- 10) Dr. Leroy Dumas Counseling Service  
1316 Newcastle Street Suite 101  
Brunswick, Georgia 31520  
912-261-1466
- 11) Coastal Addiction Counseling  
3216 Shrine Road  
Brunswick, Georgia 31520  
912-262-1498
- 12) Still Waters Counseling  
304 West Liberty Street  
Brunswick, Georgia 31520  
912-617-1816
- 13) Stillpoint Counseling Center, Inc.  
228 Redfern Village  
St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522  
912-638-6899
- 14) Focus By the Sea  
2927 Demere Rd.  
St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522  
1-800-821-7224
- 15) Jim Lanier, Licensed Clinical Social Worker  
502 Gloucester St.  
Brunswick, Georgia 31520  
912-264-2369

- 16) Tod Stanley-Lynch  
4109 B Altama Ave  
Brunswick, Georgia 31520  
912-261-1248
  
- 17) Helen Morton, Licensed Clinical Social Worker &  
Licensed Marriage Family Therapist  
620 Mallory  
St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522  
912-634-0318
  
- 18) Valdosta State University  
Counseling Center  
Valdosta, Georgia 31601  
229-333-5940
  
- 19) Ledor Christian Counseling  
2601 Bemiss Road Suite D  
Valdosta, Georgia 31602  
229-219-9919
  
- 20) Marriage & Family Counselors  
1217 West Park Avenue  
Valdosta, Georgia 31602  
229-244-6335
  
- 21) New Day Christian Counseling  
2098 South Sherwood Dr. Apt. A  
Valdosta, Georgia 31602  
229-244-6564
  
- 22) Redirect Counseling Services  
509 North Patterson Street  
Valdosta, Georgia 31601  
229-293-0444
  
- 23) South Georgia Psychiatric & Counseling Center  
2704 North Oak Street Building B3  
Valdosta, Georgia 31602  
229-257-0100
  
- 24) Robin S. Vail, Ph.D. & Associates  
8130 Baymeadows Circle W. Suite 310  
Jacksonville, FL 32256  
904-733-7275

- 25) Dr. Lapp, Psychologist dealing with computer addictions  
931 Cassat  
Jacksonville, FL  
904-388-2828

### **TRAINING/EDUCATION RESOURCES**

ADL Training and Testing Service      338-0668  
501 Knight Avenue  
Waycross GA 31501

E.T.C. Schools      283-3943  
1200 E. Blackshear Avenue  
Waycross GA 31501

Okefenokee Technical College      287-6584  
1701 Carswell Avenue  
Waycross GA 31503

Southeast Georgia JTPA      285-6097  
3395 Harris Road  
Waycross GA 31503

Telemon Corporation      449-3016  
Blackshear GA 31516

Turner Job Corps      1-800-476-5627  
Albany, Georgia

Waycross College      285-6133  
2001 South GA Parkway  
Waycross GA 31503

### **TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

#### **Ambulance Service**

Deep South Ambulance Service      912-284-0620  
1908 Alice Street  
Waycross GA  
(Works out of Lakeland, GA)

Okefenokee Emergency Medical Service      912-284-9111  
611 Riverside Avenue  
Waycross GA

Regional EMS 912-287-1214  
2003 Tebeau Street  
Waycross GA

Ware County Emergency Service 911  
1700 Riverside Avenue  
Waycross, GA 31501

**Taxi Cabs**

JR Cab Service 912-283-0088  
705 S Georgia Prkwy  
Waycross GA

**TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI) SUPPORT GROUP**

912-285-5403 OR 285-7994

This meeting is designed to assist caregivers and loved ones of the TBI survivors.

**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

1005 Church Street, Waycross GA 31501

Phone: 912-283-5526

**HOUSE OF HOPE**

109 Thomas St.

Waycross, Georgia 31501

Phone: 912-287-0377

Offers financial assistance, food pantry and assisting needy families.

Tuesday 9 a.m. – 12 noon

**TURNER JOB CORPS**

Outreach & Admissions

2000 Schilling Avenue, Albany, Georgia 31705-1524

Phone: 1-800-476-5627

Young adults between the ages of 16 and 24 are eligible for enrollment in the Turner Job Corps Center if they:

- are United States citizens or legal residents
- meet income requirements
- are ready, willing and able to participate in program

The purpose of the Turner Job Corps Center is to provide training to unemployed and unskilled youth, ages 16-24. It is funded by the Department of Labor to provide vocational, academic, and employability skills training in a residential setting.

## **211 OF SOUTH CENTRAL GEORGIA**

P.O. Box 206, Valdosta, Georgia 31603-0206

Phone: 2-1-1. (229) 247-8485 or 1-877-211-2230 Fax: (229) 245-3873

E-mail: [scg211@bellsouth.net](mailto:scg211@bellsouth.net)

[www.211scg.org](http://www.211scg.org)

**2-1-1** is the national abbreviated dialing code for free access to health and human services information and referral (I & R). 2-1-1 is an easy to remember and universally recognizable number that makes a critical connection between individuals and families in need and the appropriate community-based organizations and government agencies. 2-1-1 can be dialed from residential and business phones and some pay phones. Cellular phones will be able to dial 2-1-1 in the future.

Dialing 2-1-1 is a quick, easy & confidential way to give and get help. Call for information and referral to food, shelter, rent/utility assistance, medical/dental assistance, job training, adult day care, home health care, family resource centers, school programs, volunteer opportunities, government services, and other local, state and national resources. Resources listed on the 211 database can also be searched via the Internet. Just to [www.211scg.org](http://www.211scg.org) and follow the link to "Search the 211 Database." 211 of SCG serves Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Pierce, Tift, Turner and Ware Counties. 211 SCG is part of a nationwide network. See [www.211.org](http://www.211.org) for other 211 information and referral services throughout the state and the nation.

## **211 VOLUNTEER CONNECTION**

PO Box 206, Valdosta, GA 31603-0206

Phone: 2-1-1, (229) 247-8064, 247-8485 or (877) 211-2230 Fax: (229) 245-3873

Email: [volunteerconnect@bellsouth.net](mailto:volunteerconnect@bellsouth.net)

[www.211scg.org](http://www.211scg.org)

211 Volunteer Connection, a program of 211 of South Central Georgia, is a full service volunteer center. 211 Volunteer Connection offers:

- Volunteer Opportunity Database- A listing of volunteer opportunities in the region. All organizations are invited to list volunteer opportunities in the database.
- Volunteer Matching Service-Individual counseling to help community members find volunteer opportunities compatible with their interests and availability.
- Collaboration with Community Organizations-Assist organizations recruit, train, and recognize community volunteers.
- 211 Care Callers (Telephone Reassurance) Volunteers call seniors and homebound individuals on daily basis.
- The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. Volunteers age 55 and older make an impact on community needs in schools, adult literacy programs, senior centers, soup kitchens, chambers of commerce, nursing homes, and in organizations such as the American Red Cross, Big Brothers Big Sisters, etc. Insurance and other benefits are available to the volunteers.

**UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

3015 State Street, Waycross, GA 31503-0213

Phone: 912/287-2456

Fax: 912/287-2499

The UGA Cooperative Extension Service is a statewide educational organization. Our mission is to respond to the people's needs and interest in agriculture, the environment, families, and 4-H youth in Georgia with unbiased research-based education.

The Ware County 4-H program offers youth the opportunity to participate in numerous educational activities including livestock projects, cotton and consumer boll judging, speech contest, forestry judging and many other district and state events. The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program is housed in the Ware County Extension Office. EFNEP provides a variety of tools and ideas to help families cut food costs and provide healthy meals and snacks. Agricultural and Natural Resources programs provide unbiased-research information to agricultural community on row crop production as well as assisting homeowners in impending disease and insect management programs for the home landscape. The following services are also available through the local extension office: soil sample processing, plant tissue sampling, water sampling (pond & home), disease and weed identification, forage sampling, and others.

**UNITED WAY OF SOUTH GEORGIA**

PO Box 238, Waycross, GA 31501

Phone: 912/283-4461

The United Way's mission is to increase the organized capacity of people to care for one another. The United Way of South Georgia serves Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Pierce, Ware and Wayne Counties.

**VETERANS ADMINISTRATION**

378 State Street

Waycross GA 31501

Phone: 912-285-6340

**WARE CHILDREN'S INITIATIVE, INC.**

Curtis Brantley – Executive Director  
1724A Reynolds Street/P.O. Box 181  
Waycross, GA 31502  
Phone: 912-284-2954 Fax 912-287-6524  
www.childrensinitiative.com

A 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization committed to reaching our goals through collaboration with partner agencies and organizations. Our goals are: *all children in Ware County will earn a high school diploma, all teenage girls in Ware County will remain free of first-time parenthood or repeat births, all children in Ware County will remain free of substantiated incidents of violence and neglect, and every family in Ware county will be economically self-sufficient.* The Children's Initiative is the Family Connection entity for Ware County and serves as the umbrella collaborative.

**WARE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

1200 Plant Avenue/P.O. Box 2048  
Waycross, GA 31502

Phone: (912) 285-6040/285-6077 (912) 287-6626 FAX

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/Medicare**-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; on-going 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:** 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 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

**WARE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

2800 Smith Drive  
Waycross, GA 31502  
Phone: 912/287-4460 Fax: 912/287-4462

**WARE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

604 Riverside Avenue  
Waycross, GA 31501  
Phone: 912-283-1875 Fax: 912-283-0894

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 for such health concerns as childhood and adult immunizations, travel immunizations, hypertension screening, family planning, women's health services, tuberculosis, sickle cell anemia, screening and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, nutrition counseling, case management for prenatales, 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 supplemental food 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 inspections, septic tank inspections, water sampling, and follow-up for dog bites. Health department nurses provide vision, hearing, and dental screenings for all kindergarten students. They also provide scoliosis screening for sixth and eighth graders each year. Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Friday: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Sliding scale fee.

**WARE COUNTY RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

1507 Grove Avenue

Waycross GA 31501

Phone: 912-287-4488 Fax 912-287-4485

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. Pre-registration 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 their office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

**WARE COUNTY SCHOOLS**

1301 Bailey Street

Waycross, GA 31501

Phone: 912-283-8656

The Ware County School System is comprised of one preschool, 6 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, one high school, one magnet school (K-12), and one alternative school (ALPHA) with an enrollment of 6,205.

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 Magnet – 287-2338

Alpha Center (Alternative School) – 284-2053

**Ware County Schools**

**DAFFODIL PRE-K**

(Diversified Agencies Feeling Fine Over Developing Infant Linkages)

701 Morton Avenue

Waycross GA 31501

Phone: 912-287-2311 Fax 912-287-2204

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.

**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 Schools**  
**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.

**Ware County Schools**  
**SCHOOL-BASED CLINICS**  
Ware County Board of Education  
1301 Bailey Street, Waycross GA 31501  
Phone: 912-283-8656

Emotional and behavioral health and health services are available within the school setting for children and adolescents. This includes counseling, basic first aid, and referrals for more extensive services at various agencies. The clinic staff also brings in special programs and personnel for educational purposes. Clinics are available at all schools within the system. Parental consent is necessary for services. Satilla Community Service Board provides emotional and behavioral health services.

**Ware County Schools**  
**SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS**

1301 Bailey Street

Waycross, GA 31501

Phone: 912-283-8656 Fax 912-283-8698

The School Social Worker, under the auspices of the Student Services Department of the Ware County School System, provides noninstructional 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 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

3487 Harris Road

Waycross, GA 31503

Business Phone: 912-287-4326 After Business Hours 912-287-4325

Emergency 911

**WAYCROSS COLLEGE**

2001 South Georgia Parkway

Waycross, GA 31503

Phone: 912-285-6134

[www.waycross.edu](http://www.waycross.edu)

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

**WAYCROSS FIRE DEPARTMENT**

208 Isabella Street

Waycross, GA 31501

Phone: 287-2937 Fax: 287-2904

[www.waycrossga.com](http://www.waycrossga.com)

Fire protection, fire safety education programs, operation touch, provide & Install Free Smoke Detectors. Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

**WAYCROSS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

512 Oak Street

Waycross GA 31501

Business Phone: 912-287-292 , Chief's Office: 287-2927, Criminal Investigation: 287-2929

**WAYCROSS PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

306 Albany Avenue

Waycross GA 31501

912-287-6535

Adult offenders placed on probation.

**WAYCROSS/WARE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

PO Box 137 (located in the Depot Downtown)

Phone: 912/283-3742 Fax: 912/283-0121

**WEED & SEED**

500 Nichols St., P.O. Box 588

Waycross, Georgia 31501

Phone: 912-287-0588 Fax: 912-287-0002

*Operation Weed and Seed*, a U.S. Department of Justice community-based initiative, is an innovative and comprehensive multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and community revitalization.

Operation Weed and Seed is foremost a strategy--rather than a grant program – which aims to prevent, control, and reduce violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity in targeted high-crime neighborhoods across the country. Weed and Seed sites range in size from several neighborhood blocks to 15 square miles. Our local Weed and Seed project area is a 2.20 square mile “L” shaped corridor which begins in the Oak Street area and proceeds south through the Carswell Community connecting with the Hazard Hill Community.

The strategy involves a two-pronged approach: law enforcement agencies and prosecutors cooperate in "weeding out" criminals who participate in violent crime and drug abuse, attempting to prevent their return to the targeted area; and "seeding" brings human services to the area, encompassing prevention, intervention, treatment, and neighborhood revitalization.

Waycross Operation Weed & Seed supports community economic development projects, neighborhood groups, crime prevention, as well as ATOD education and prevention through its sponsored after-school and summer day camp programs. For more information regarding these services, contact their office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

**YMCA OF WAYCROSS, INC.**

1634 Plant Avenue  
Waycross, GA 31501  
Phone: 912-285-8660

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: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Monday-Friday)

Fitness Center Hours: 5:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. (Monday-Thursday)

5:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Friday)

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Saturday)

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Sunday)

**CHURCHES/FAITH COMMUNITY**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>
Antioch First Baptist Church	615 Knight Avenue	Waycross	GA	31501
Assembly of Worship	1818 Lamont Street	Waycross	GA	31503
Astoria Baptist Church	Astoria Road	Waycross	GA	31501
Austin Chapel CME	508 Hamilton Street	Waycross	GA	31503
Be Light Christian Center Church	907 Bea Elbert Drive	Waycross	GA	31501
Bethel Baptist Church	420 Strickland Ave.	Waycross	GA	31501
Bible Baptist Church	2799 Greenbriar Rd.	Waycross	GA	31503
Bible Heritage Church	1414 Albany Avenue	Waycross	GA	31503
Bickley United Methodist Church	2202 Young Street	Waycross	GA	31503
Big Bethel Freewill Baptist Church	1222 Thomas Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Brighter Days Ministries, Inc.	1307 State Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Brooks United Methodist Church	400 Pinehurst Drive	Waycross	GA	31501
Brunel Church of God	1439 Brunel Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Calvary Baptist Church	1622 Gibbs Street	Waycross	GA	31503
Calvary United Church	1606 Isabella St.	Waycross	GA	31503
Central Baptist Church	201 Ava Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Church of Christ	1402 Tebeau Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Church of Christ	618 City Blvd.	Waycross	GA	31501
Church of Christ Written in Heaven	617 Blackwell Avenue	Waycross	GA	31501
Church of Christ Written in Heaven	1137 State Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Church of God of Prophecy	709 N. Garlington Ave.	Waycross	GA	31503
Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints	1000 Central Ave.	Waycross	GA	31501
Church of the Nazarene	2505 Alice Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Community Holiness Church	822 Blackwell Ave.	Waycross	GA	31501
Congregational First Born Church	822 Morton Avenue	Waycross	GA	31501
Cornerstone Church of God	2606 ABC Avenue	Waycross	GA	31501
Crossway Church	315 Plant Avenue	Waycross	GA	31501
Deenwood Baptist Church	1505 Hilliard Avenue	Waycross	GA	31503
Emerson Park Baptist Church	1001 Arizona Ave.	Waycross	GA	31503
Emerson Park Full Gospel	2190 Illinois Avenue	Waycross	GA	31503
Emmanuel Baptist Sovereign Grace	1895 Will Cox Road	Waycross	GA	31503
Faith of God Holiness Church	1509 Louisiana Ave.	Waycross	GA	31503
Faith Temple	600 Riverside Ave.	Waycross	GA	31501
Family Worship Center	631 Izlar St.	Waycross	GA	31503
First Assembly of God	1150 Darling Avenue	Waycross	GA	31501

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First Baptist Church	702 Elizabeth Street	Waycross	GA	31501
First Baptist Preschool	702 Elizabeth Street	Waycross	GA	31501
First Born Church	1120 H. J. Echols Dr.	Waycross	GA	31501
First Christian Church	412 McDonald St	Waycross	GA	31503
First Church of the Living God #2	3328 North Street	Waycross	GA	31503
First Evangelical Methodist Church	2401 Tebeau Street	Waycross	GA	31501
First Presbyterian	601 Hill Street	Waycross	GA	31501
First United Methodist Church	410 Williams Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Fourth Mount Olive Baptist Church	518 S. Yeomans Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Freedom Baptist Church	303 W. Blackshear Ave.	Waycross	GA	31501
Freedom Community Church	206 Screven Avenue	Waycross	GA	31501
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church	417 Wilkerson Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Full Gospel Church of God	410 Brunel Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Gaines Chapel	801 Reynolds Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Gaines Chapel AME Church	801 S. Georgia Parkway, East	Waycross	GA	31501
Gilchrist Park Church of God Prophecy	1710 Hall Street	Waycross	GA	31503
Gilchrist Park United Methodist Church	601 Washington Avenue	Waycross	GA	31503
Gospel Tabernacle	904 Dewitt Street	Waycross	GA	31503
Grace Chapel	1700 Osceola Ave.	Waycross	GA	31503
Grace Episcopal Church	401 Pendleton Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Greater MT. Olive Baptist Church	3690 Griffin Road	Waycross	GA	31503
Greater Mt. Zion AME Church	1085 State Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Greater St. James AME Church	626 Cherry Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist	1110 Pittman Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Haywood Baptist Church	Haywood Church Rd.	Waycross	GA	31501
Hebardville Baptist Church	224 E. Waring Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Hebardville Baptist Church Youth Dept.	418 E. Waring Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Hebardville United Methodist	113 E. Waring Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Hephzibah Baptist Church	4775 Effie Sweat Lane	Waycross	GA	31503
Hosanna Church	500 Tebeau Street	Waycross	GA	31503
House of Prayer & Victory	1000-02 Brunel St.	Waycross	GA	31501
House of Prayer Outreach Ministry	1524 Hampton Ave.	Waycross	GA	31503
Inner City Church of God	1119 Margaret St.	Waycross	GA	31501
Jamestown United Methodist Church	2055 Vann Road	Waycross	GA	31503
Jehovah's Witnesses	1500 S. Georgia Parkway, East	Waycross	GA	31501

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Kettle Creek Church	Carswell Ave. Ext.	Waycross	GA	31501
King Solomon United Methodist	900 Hicks Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Lee Ave. New Congregational Church	1020 Lee Avenue	Waycross	GA	31501
Liberty Free Will Baptist Church	3862 Marvin Strickland Road	Waycross	GA	31503
Liberty Free Will Baptist Church	2106 Mayfair Place	Waycross	GA	31501
Liberty Freewill Baptist Church	129 University Blvd.	Waycross	GA	31503
Life Christian Center Church	2199 Brunswick Hwy.	Waycross	GA	31503
Living Faith Christian Academy	631 Izlar Street	Waycross	GA	31503
Macedonia Baptist Church	702 Arnold McKinney Drive	Waycross	GA	31501
Marantha Baptist Church	Central Avenue Ext.	Waycross	GA	31501
Marantha Seventh Day Adventist	500 North Nichols Street	Waycross	GA	31503
Mary Street Mission	517 Mary Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Mason Temple Church of God	800 Daniel Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Memorial Baptist Church	1305 Alice Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Memorial Drive Elementary School	2580 Ambrose St.	Waycross	GA	31501
Methodist Home for Children & Youth	109 Thomas Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Morton Avenue Baptist Church	822 Morton Avenue	Waycross	GA	31501
New Elizabeth Baptist Church	4320 Bickley Hwy.	Waycross	GA	31503
New Grant Chapel Missionary Baptist	600 Genoa Street	Waycross	GA	31501
New Hope Advent Christian Church	Miles Still Road	Waycross	GA	31501
New Hope Advent Christian Church	Coggins Still Road	Waycross	GA	31501
New Life Assembly of God	2191 Golf Course Rd.	Waycross	GA	31501
New Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church	901 State Street	Waycross	GA	31501
New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	3915 North Moore St.	Waycross	GA	31503
Nicholls Church of God	1007 Atlantic Avenue	Waycross	GA	31501
Northside Church of Christ	1507 MLK Drive	Waycross	GA	31501
Oak Hill Missionary Baptist Church	Central Ave. Ext.	Waycross	GA	31501
Olivet Baptist Church	303 W. Blackshear Ave.	Waycross	GA	31501
Parkway Baptist Church	101 McKinley Road	Waycross	GA	31503
Pebble Hill Baptist Church	5755 Sandhill Road	Waycross	GA	31503
Pineview Baptist Church	4487 Pineview Road	Waresboro	GA	31501
Piney Grove Baptist Church	4298 Glenmore Rd.	Waycross	GA	31503
Pleasant Valley Baptist Church	Central Avenue	Waycross	GA	31501
Power House of Faith	1608 Louisiana Ave.	Waycross	GA	31503
Racepona Church of God	4665 Brandaca Loop	Waycross	GA	31503

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Saint John Missionary Baptist	864 Oak Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Saint Luke AME	202 Archer Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Saint Paul New Life Outreach	1736 Georgia Ave.	Waycross	GA	31503
Saint Peters Baptist Church	300 Fireman Street	Waycross	GA	31503
Second Baptist Church	301 Tomberlin Road	Waycross	GA	31503
Seventh Day Adventist	314 Lee Avenue	Waycross	GA	31501
Shiloh Baptist Church	1700 MLK Drive	Waycross	GA	31501
Shiloh Number	4565 Railroad Ave.	Waycross	GA	31501
Southside Baptist Church	301 Brunel Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Southside Christian School	3439 Knight Avenue	Waycross	GA	31503
Spirit and In Truth	510 Garlington Ave.	Waycross	GA	31503
St. James Holiness Church	805 Summit Street	Waycross	GA	31501
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St. Joseph Catholic Church	2011 Darling Avenue	Waycross	GA	31501
Sunnyside Baptist Church	2009 Neal Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Swamp Road Baptist Church	4490 Swamp Road	Waycross	GA	31503
Sweat Memorial Baptist Church	510 W. Blackshear Ave.	Waycross	GA	31501
Tabernacle-praise Non-Denominational Church	500 Glenmore Avenue	Waycross	GA	31503
Temple Hill Baptist Church	28523 YS Hwy. 80 West	Waycross	GA	31503
The Eagle's Nest Church	355 E. Blackshear Ave.	Waycross	GA	31501
Trinity House of Hope	109 Thomas Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Trinity United Methodist Church	1005 Church Street	Waycross	GA	31501
True Foundation Church of God	1212 Albany Avenue	Waycross	GA	31501
True House of Deliverance Holiness	915 Bertha Street	Waycross	GA	31503
Truth Tabernacle U P C	429 Gordon Street	Waycross	GA	31501
United House of Prayer for All People	1002 Farris Street	Waycross	GA	31501
University Blvd. Church of God	128 University Blvd.	Waycross	GA	31503
Victory Church of God	1904 Russell Road	Waycross	GA	31501
Victory Temple	1804 Albany Avenue	Waycross	GA	31503
Ware Baptist Church	2351 Wadley Road	Waycross	GA	31503
Ware Christian Academy	2351 Wadley Road	Waycross	GA	31503
Waresboro Church of God	4415 Railroad Ave.	Waycross	GA	31501
Waresboro 1 <sup>st</sup> United Methodist	Albany Ave. Ext.	Waycross	GA	31501
Waring Community Church	2272 Riverside Ave.	Waycross	GA	31501
Way of Holiness Church	200 Nelson Street	Waycross	GA	31501
Waycross Christian Academy	1714 Osceola Ave.	Waycross	GA	31503

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Waycross Primitive Baptist	107 Linden Drive	Waycross	GA	31501
Waycross Satilla Missionary Baptist Assoc.	2913 Albany Ave.	Waycross	GA	31503
West Carswell Baptist Church	2236 Carswell Ave.	Waycross	GA	31503
White Hall Freewill Baptist	2975 S. Lakeview Drive	Waycross	GA	31503
Williams Chapel Baptist Church	3220 Central Ave.	Waycross	GA	31503
Wings of Deliverance	1101 Pendleton St.	Waycross	GA	31501
Winona Park United Methodist	900 N. Augusta Ave.	Waycross	GA	31503
Woodard Chapel Church	3710 Brunswick Hwy.	Waycross	GA	31503
World Harvest Church of God	3205 Memorial Drive S.	Waycross	GA	31503
Zachary Holiness Church	1810 Panama Avenue	Waycross	GA	31503