



Mental Health Resources

County: JACKSON

Advantage Behavioral Health 383 Stan Evans Rd 706-367-5258	Freedom Bound Counseling 78 Washington St 770-733-2705	Helms Pastoral Counseling 62 Washington St 678-326-4352
Integrity Counseling 83 Athens St 706-387-0573	Jackson Co Mental Health 383 General Jackson Rd 706-367-5258	Jefferson Counseling 50 Professional Dr 770-286-0120
The Bridge: Center for Psychoeducational Evaluation 979 Old Forge Ln 706-438-2272	The Toolbox: Clinical Life Coaching 122 Washington St, Unit 3 770-561-6084	

If you or someone else is experiencing a mental health crisis, call 988.

The mental health resources provided on this list are for informational purposes only and are not intended to replace professional advice or treatment. It is important to note that every individual's mental health needs are unique and may require a personalized approach. While we have made every effort to ensure the accuracy and quality of the information provided, we do not endorse or guarantee any of the organizations or services listed. We strongly encourage individuals to conduct their own research and seek professional guidance before utilizing any of the resources on this list.



Southern Ag Exchange Network

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family resources

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JACKSON COUNTY FAMILY CONNECTION:

Jackson County Family Connection is a collaborative organization that links businesses, agencies, and citizens together for the betterment of children and families in Jackson County.

Family Connection is the largest statewide network of communities in the United States. Each of the 159 counties in the state of Georgia are a part of the network and have made a commitment to improve results for families and children.

Jackson County Family Connection is a community based partnership of public and private leaders, agencies and organizations, businesses, local government, the faith community, families, and youth. The partnership provides an opportunity for organizations to work together to improve the lives of citizens in Jackson County through collaboration.

Jackson County Family Connection is not a service provider; rather, it is a formal process of collaboration, promoting results-focused planning and local decision making.

The collaborative has created a strategic annual operating plan to guide its efforts to improve conditions for Jackson County families. Embedded in this plan are goals to ensure that all children are healthy, start school ready to learn, succeed in school, and have strong, self-sufficient families.

Jackson County Family Connection is a private 501(c)3 organization run by a volunteer board of directors that employ an Executive Director.

COLLABORATIVE MEETINGS:

Please join us on the 4th Thursday of each month at 8:30am for our collaborative meetings. This is a round table meeting open to all to discuss the needs of our families and children. We attempt to fill the needs, prevent the duplication of services and to offer ways for you to help and volunteer. No commitment, just sharing of information. (3rd Thursday in November and no meeting in December). Currently meeting via ZOOM. Link on website: www.jcfamilyconnection.com

JACKSON COUNTY FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS AND RESOURCES:

Jackson County:

Jackson County, Georgia Government
67 Athens St
Jefferson, GA 30549

Phone: (706) 367-1199

<http://www.jacksoncountygov.com/>

Local Municipalities

Jackson County has nine different municipalities. The county seat is Jefferson. To view where these cities are located open the [Jackson County Basemap \(PDF\)](#).

- City of Arcade: 706-367-5500 [website](#)
- Town of Braselton: 706-654-3915 [website](#)
- City of Commerce: 706-335-3164 [website](#)
- City of Hoschton: 706-654-3034 [website](#)
- City of Jefferson: 706-367-5121 [website](#)
- City of Maysville: 706-652-2274 [website](#)
- City of Nicholson: 706-757-3408 [website](#)
- City of Pendergrass: 706-693-2494 [website](#)
- City of Talmo: 706-693-2325 [website](#)

Schools

- Jackson County Schools: 706-367-5151 [Website](#)
- Commerce City Schools: 706-335-5500 [Website](#)
- Jefferson City Schools: 706-367-2880 [Website](#)
- Foothills Charter Schools: 706-423-5110 [Website](#)
- EMPOWER College and Career Center: [Website](#)
- Easter Seals Head Start. 706-367-1060. [Website](#)

Transit

Jackson County Transit offers three 10-passenger vans, equipped with lifts. This system provides rural public transportation services designed to allow convenient, dependable, accessible transportation for Jackson County residents.

This is a Shared-Ride Service, meaning that several individuals may be on-board the vehicle and in route to their destination.

Fares:

\$4.00 - One way in county

\$8.00 - Round trip in county

\$9.00 - One way out of county

\$18.00 - Round trip out of county

Service is available anywhere inside of Jackson County and from Jackson County to Athens- Clarke County. To schedule a ride, call 706-367-7433

Utilities

Power:

There are three providers of electricity in Jackson County. Georgia Power, Jackson EMC, and the City of Commerce. If you are unsure of your provider look at the power meter at your location. If it is Georgia Power it will say Southern Company on it, if it is Jackson EMC it will say Jackson EMC on the meter, and if it is Commerce it should say Commerce Power on it.

- [City of Commerce](tel:706-335-3314): 706-335-3314
- [Georgia Power](tel:888-660-5890): 888-660-5890
- [Jackson EMC](tel:706-367-5281): 706-367-5281

Water:

There are seven different providers of water in Jackson County. The municipalities of Braselton, Commerce, Hoschton, Jefferson, Maysville, and Nicholson have their own water systems; however the Jackson County Water and Sewerage Authority is the largest provider of water in the county and serves most of the unincorporated areas of the county including the municipalities of Arcade, Pendergrass, and Talmo.

- [Town of Braselton](tel:706-654-3915): 706-654-3915
- [City of Commerce](tel:706-335-3164): 706-335-3164
- [City of Hoschton](tel:706-654-3034): 706-654-3034
- [City of Jefferson](tel:706-367-5121): 706-367-5121
- [City of Maysville](tel:706-652-2274): 706-652-2274
- [City of Nicholson](tel:706-757-2230): 706-757-2230
- [Jackson County Water and Sewer Authority](tel:706-367-1741): 706-367-1741

Natural Gas:

Much of Jackson County has no natural gas service. The City of Commerce does provide natural gas service in a limited area. Three other providers provide limited service throughout the county.

- [Atmos Energy](#): 888-824-3434
- [City of Commerce](#): 706-335-3164
- [Scana Energy](#): 877-467-2262
- Vigas, Inc.: 770-867-6015

Sanitation / Trash Services

Municipalities generally provide or contract out the sanitation services within their city limits. If you live within the incorporated boundaries of a city you will want to contact your city hall to find out how to start service. Listed below are other sanitation companies to contact for services:

- County solid waste/transfer station: 706-367-5253.
<http://www.jacksoncountygov.com/344/Solid-Waste>
- American Waste: 706-714-3400
- Garbage Hound: 706-658-2679
- Jones Sanitation: 706-789-2376
- Madison Sanitation: 706-546-8428
- Rolloff Systems: 770-725-7655
- Stan's Cans: 770-314-1346
- Waste Management: 706-677-4868
- Waste Pro: 706-227-3222

Libraries

There are eight libraries located in Jackson County:

- Arcade Public Library: 706-367-5500. <http://arcade.prlib.org>
- Braselton Public Library: 706-654-1992 <http://braselton.prlib.org>
- Commerce Public Library: 706-335-5946. <http://commerce.prlib.org>
- Harold S Swindle Library (Nicholson): 706-757-3577 <http://nicholson.prlib.org>
- Jefferson Public Library: 706-367-8012 <http://jefferson.prlib.org>
- Maysville Public Library: 706-952-2323m <http://Maysville.prlib.org>
- Pendergrass Public Library: 706-693-4450. <http://pendergrass.prlib.org>
- Talmo Public Library: 706-693-1905. <http://talmo.prlib.org>

Parks and Recreation

- Jackson County Parks and Recreation 706-367-6350 www.jacksonrec.com
- Commerce Recreation Department 706-335-3236
www.commercega.org/departments/parks_recreation
- Jefferson Recreation Department 706-367-5136 www.jeffersonrec.com

Fire Services

Fire services are provided by eleven different independent fire departments. EMS and Rescue services are provided by Jackson County EMS/911. To see which department provides your fire services open the [Jackson County Fire District Map \(PDF\)](#). **Please note** that the Commerce Fire Department provides fire services for the East Jackson Fire District.

- Commerce Fire Dept.(Non Emergency): 706-335-2190
- Jefferson Fire Dept. (Non Emergency): 706-367-2343
- West Jackson Fire Dept.(Non Emergency): 706-654-2500
- Jackson County EMS HQ (Non Emergency): 706-367-5202
- Jackson County E911 (Non Emergency): 706-367-1911

Sheriff's Office

555 Stan Evans Drive, Jefferson, GA 30549
Phone:706-367-8718. Emergency Phone: 911
[Email Sheriff's Office](#) Link: [Sheriff's Office Website](#)
Anonymous Tip Line 706-367-3784

Public Health

Jackson County Health Department (Commerce)

Medical and medical education

623 S. Elm Street, Commerce, GA 30529. 706-335-3895 706-621-1245 (teen text)
706-335-6307 Medical services with or without insurance; medical education; family planning.
<http://publichealthathens.com/wp/clinics/health-departments/jackson-county/>

Jackson County Health Department (Jefferson)

Medical and medical education

341 Stan Evans Drive, Jefferson, GA 30549. 706-367-5204 706-621-1245 (teen text)
706-376-9023. Only open on Monday and Tuesday from 8 am until 5 pm; Medical services with
or without insurance; medical education; family planning
<http://publichealthathens.com/wp/clinics/health-departments/jackson-county/>

AGENCY and FAMILY RESOURCES

AUTISM SERVICES:

ABA Autism Services at Advantage Behavioral Health

abautismservices@advantagebhs.org 706-410-8600

Marcus Center Autism

1920 Briarcliff Rd, Atlanta, GA 30329

404-785-9400 Assessment & Diagnosis 404-785-9068 Administration

404-785-9025 Therapy and services for autistic children

<http://www.marcus.org/>

Dr. Ashley Pettoni Autism ABA therapy

485 Huntington Rd - Suite 201, Athens, GA 30606

706-546-8440 Therapy for autistic children - ABA certified

Michelle Herron Autism ABA therapy

Bogart, GA 30622 619-494-3455 Therapy for autistic children - ABA certified

AGING SERVICES:

Jackson County Senior Center

The program will strive to reach the frail, elderly, isolated, handicapped; help the elderly that are sixty years and older maintain their dignity in their own homes; inform the Senior Citizens of Services and Resources available to them--such as Mental Health, County Health Department, Department of Family and Children Services, Food Stamps, SSI, Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare, Community Care, Home Health Care, etc. We will provide Nutrition and Exercise Programs. 151 Stan Evans Drive, Jefferson, Ga 30549

Phone: (706)-367-5101. Participant Hours: 9:00am -2:00pm. Office Hours: 7:00am-3:30pm

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

706-549-4850 (Through Community Council on aging). Case management, caregiver support groups, children support groups, parent education, transportation, information and referrals. <https://www.accaging.org/services/caregiver-support/grandparents-raising-grandchildren/>

Legacy Link Senior case management

4080 Mundy Mill Rd PO BOX 1480 Oakwood, GA 30566

800-845-5465 or 770-538-2650

SOURCE program for Seniors over 65 with chronic health conditions

<http://www.legacylink.org/>

Elder Care Senior services
800-677-1116 Assistance locator for seniors.
<https://eldercare.acl.gov/Public/Index.aspx>

Northeast GA Area Agency on Aging Senior services
305 Research Drive, Athens, GA 30605
800-474-7540 Assistance for Seniors www.georgiaadrc.org

AARP – Georgia
866-295-7281 <https://local.aarp.org/jefferson-ga/>

Athens Community Council on Aging
Phone: (706)549-4850 [website](#)
Adult day health, Center for Active Listening, GeorgiaCares, Geriatric Care Management, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Long Term Care Ombudsman, Meals on Wheels, Senior Community Service Employment Program, Senior Corps, and Transportation

Adult Protective Services
1-866-55AGING (1-866-552-4464). Press 3
Online reporting <https://aging.georgia.gov/adult-protective-services-aps>

Aging Resource Center
706-583-2546 <https://www.georgiaadrc.com>

Aging and Disability Resource Connection
866-552-4464. <http://georgiaadrc.com>

Elder Legal Assistance Program
706-369-7147. <https://aging.georgia.gov/tools-resources/elderly-legal-assistance-program>

Source Care Management
706-543-8460. <http://www.nextstepcare.org/AboutUs>

ALCOHOL and SUBSTANCE ABUSE:

Potter's House Substance Abuse Recovery
655 Potters House Road, Jefferson, GA 30549. 706-543-8338
Men's substance abuse treatment/recovery center

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Substance Abuse Recovery
12 step program for those struggling with drugs
<https://grscna.com/north-sub-region/>

Penfield Addiction Recovery Substance Abuse Recovery
3 locations: 2 men's campuses (Union Point), 1 women's campus (Lavonia)
706-453-7929 Men and Women's substance abuse treatment/recovery centers.
Christian-based. Affiliated with GA Dept. of Community Health and the GA Baptist Association
<http://www.paminc.org/>

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Substance Abuse Recovery (alcohol)
12 step program for those struggling with alcohol. 877-759-5919.
<https://meetingsearch.org/> <https://www.aageorgia.org/>

Alanon Substance Abuse recovery (family support)
12 step support program for those who have been negatively impacted by someone else's drinking
<https://www.ga-al-anon.org/>

Alcohol and Drug Helpline:
800-252-6465. <http://adcare.com>

Advantage Behavioral Health
706-369-6363 <https://www.advantagebhs.org/addictive-disease.cms>
Emergency Crisis Line: 800-715-4225

Laurel Wood
800-848-3649. <https://www.nghs.com/behavioral-health/laurelwood/>

Acceptance Recovery Center
706-308-8860. info@arc-ga.org <https://arc-ga.org/>

ReBoot Jackson
706-708-2259. 102 Cloverleaf Circle, Jefferson, Ga 30549. <https://rebootjackson.com/>

Summit Ridge Center for Behavioral Health
770-822-2200 <https://summitridgehospital.net/>

Project Adam
770-867-8003. <http://www.projectadam.org/>

Georgia Council on Substance Abuse

404-523-3440. info@gasubstanceabuse.org <https://gasubstanceabuse.org/>

Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

770-725-1837. https://www.livedrugfree.org/home/?no_cache=1

Recovery Centers of America

877-287-4876. <https://recoverycentersofamerica.com/addiction-evaluation-assessment/>

Georgia Crisis Line

800-715-4225 <https://www.valueoptions.com/referralconnect/doLogin.do?e=Z2FjbSAg>

Addictions Evaluations, Inc.

770-426-7511

American Addiction Centers

877-233-2034. <https://americanaddictioncenters.org/>

Stop Addiction.us

877-578-6624. <https://www.stopaddiction.us>

Narcotics Anonymous

818-773-9999. <https://www.na.org/>

MADD – Mothers Against Drunk Driving

706-369-6363 <https://www.madd.org/>

Help.org

877-600-3767. <https://www.help.org/>

CLOTHING ASSISTANCE:

Fostering Hope Clothes Closet

Clothes Closet fosteringhopecc@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/FosteringHopeCC/>

The Arbors of Jefferson

First Saturday each month 9a-1p at Crossroads Community Church
25 Hawkins Lane, Jefferson (behind Dairy Queen)

Maysville Baptist Church – Hands UP Ministries
Clothes Closet First Thursday each month from 10a-12p

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

Advantage Behavioral Health Systems Developmental Disability Services – Jackson Creative

106 Industrial Parkway, PO BOX 316, Commerce, GA 30529

706-335-5379 706-335-5275

Supports for Intellectual and Development Disabilities

<https://www.advantagebhs.org/jackson-county.cms>

Vocational Rehabilitation Program (Ga DOL)

706-354-3900. Assists people with disabilities to locate employment

<http://gvra.georgia.gov/vocational-rehabilitation-division>

DBHDD Developmental Disability Services

3405 Mike Padgett Hwy Bldg 3, Augusta, GA 30906

Intake and evaluation: 877-551-4897 or 706-792-7742

Regional office: 866-380-4835 or 706-792-7733

Supports for Intellectual and Development Disabilities

<https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/>

Multiple Choices Center for Independent Living

Disability support services

145 Barrington Drive, Athens, GA 30605

706-850-4025 or 877-549-1020 706-850-4044

Disability services that focus on helping a qualifying individual to become independent

<https://www.multiplechoices.us/home.html>

Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC)

770-491-9014 <http://www.fodac.org/> Provides refurbished equipment and services for disabled adults and children to improve their overall quality of life. Provides free or low-cost wheelchairs and other durable medical equipment, vehicle and home adaptations. Located in Stone Mountain.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE and VICTIMS SERVICES:

Peace Place Shelter Domestic Violence Victim Services

PO BOX 948 Winder, GA 30680

770-586-0927 (hotline) 770-307-3633 (admin) 770-586-0957

Emergency shelter for domestic violence victims; provides support services for victims

of physical, emotional, or sexual abuse; provide public awareness on family violence
PeacePlace@PeacePlaceInc.org www.peaceplaceinc.org

Tree House, Inc. Victim Services

675 S. Elm Street, Commerce, GA 30529

Provides services for child victims of abuse and their non-offending family members; provides counseling, education, and visitation; also does community outreach and education
www.thetreehouseinc.org

Piedmont Rape Crisis Center Victim Services

197 Towne Center Pkwy, Hoschton, GA 30548 770-586-5423

Support services for adult victims of sexual assault in the Piedmont Judicial Circuit
kwilliams@piedmontrapecrisis.org <https://www.piedmontrapecrisis.org/>

Project SAFE Domestic Violence Victim Services

PO BOX 7532, Athens, GA 30604

706-543-3331 (hotline) 706-549-0922 (admin) 706-765-8019 (teen text) 770-586-0957

Emergency shelter for domestic violence victims; provides support services for victims of physical, emotional, or sexual abuse; provide public awareness on family violence
<http://www.project-safe.org/>

Adults Protecting Children, Inc.

Provides training that gives parents and organizations the tools they need to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. 770-789-3879. <http://adultsprotectingchildren.org>
<http://d21.org>

The Cottage

Crisis hotline: 706-353-1912 or 800-363-1912. <http://www.northgeorgiacottage.org/>

706-546-1133. Provides services to sexual assault survivors in Northeast Georgia

EDUCATION:

COMMERCE CITY SCHOOLS

Dr. Joy Tolbert, Superintendent

270 Lakeview Drive

Commerce, GA 30529

District Phone: 706-335-5214. <http://www.commercecitieschools.org>

JEFFERSON CITY SCHOOLS

Dr. Donna R. McMullan, Superintendent

345 Storey Lane

Jefferson, GA 30549

District Phone: 706-367-2880. <https://www.jeffcityschools.org/>

JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Dr. April Howard, Superintendent
1660 Winder Highway
Jefferson, GA 30549
District Phone: 706-367-5151. <https://www.jacksonschools.ga.org/>

FOOTHILLS EDUCATION CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Sherri Gibney—Sherman, Superintendent
Jackson County Foothills Site Directors: Rachael Parr and Mary Ann Hale
1435 Hoods Mill Road
Commerce, GA 30529
Phone: 706-423-5110. <https://www.foothillscharter.org/>

LANIER TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Mr. Tim McDonald, President
Jackson Campus:
631 S. Elm Street
Commerce, GA 30529
Jackson campus Phone: 706-335-1931 - 770-535-6270. <https://www.laniertech.edu/>

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES:

TANF (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES).

<http://dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/jackson-county-dfcs-office> This program helps families move from assistance to self sufficiency. 706-367-3000

Vocational Rehabilitation Program (Ga DOL)

706-354-3900. Assists people with disabilities to locate employment
<http://gvra.georgia.gov/vocational-rehabilitation-division>

Jackson County Area Chamber of Commerce

270 Athens Street, Jefferson, Ga 30549. 706-387-0300. <http://www.jacksoncountygga.com>

FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Jackson County Family Connection

456 Athens Street, Jefferson, Ga 30549. 706-266-7345
linda@jcfamilyconnection.com <http://www.jcfamilyconnection.com>
Collaborative non-profit that works with all agencies, schools, churches and other organizations to fill the gap of need and prevent the duplication of services

Legacy Youth Mentoring Program

Friendship-based, in school, youth mentoring program for Jackson County, Jefferson City, and Commerce City School Systems. We train and match volunteers with students who will benefit from the encouragement and guidance of mentors.
706-367-3503. <http://legacyyouthmentoring.org/>

Lanier Tech Adult Education

631 S. Elm Street, Commerce, GA 30529
GED; Adult Literacy; ESOL; Tech school and trades
<http://www.laniertech.edu/>

Boys and Girls Clubs of Jackson County

412 Gordon Street, Jefferson, GA 30549 706-367-8553. Director
jdaniels@bgcjcga.org
126 Ridgeway Street, Commerce, GA 30529 706-335-5133 Director
Sramsey@bgcjcga.org Provide all types of programs for youth, usually low-income, to help them be positive people in their communities Ksims@bgcjcga.org CEO

Jackson County DFCS Family Services

456 Athens Street Jefferson, GA 30549. 706-367-3000
Government provided family services such as TANF, SNAP, and Medicaid
<https://gateway.ga.gov/access/>

Local Interagency Planning Team (LIPT) Family Services

LIPT is a group of agencies in Jackson County that will help find appropriate resources for families with children in crisis Contact DFCS, DJJ, school counselor or social worker or other provider for assistance or referral

United Way 211. 211 Listing of services in the area <http://www.211.org>

Project FREE Family Support

UGA extension office Jackson/Walton County 770-267-1326
Parenting classes for couples, single parents, and foster caregivers
bdlove@uga.edu <https://www.fcs.uga.edu/hmre/projectfree-families>

WIC Program Health Department. 706-335-3895.

<http://publichealthathens.com/wp/clinics/healthdepartments/jackson-county/>
Provides nutritional education, food vouchers (supplements) and referrals to health care providers for eligible pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants and children up to age 5

Hope Pregnancy Resource Center Pregnancy/Family Support

Commerce, Ga 706-335-0025 Pregnancy resources along with items for small children like diapers; classes for families with children <http://hoperesourcecenter.webs.com/>

Salvation Army

784 N Chase Street (Church) 484 Hawthorne Ave (Shelter, soup kitchen and thrift store). Athens, GA 30601
706-543-5350. <http://www.salvationarmyathens.org/>

Red Cross

691 Meriweather Drive, Suite 103, Watkinsville, GA 30677
706-353-1645
675 White Sulphuric Road Suite 230 Gainesville Ga 30501
770-353-0127
website <https://www.redcross.org/local/Georgia/about-us/locations/northeast-Georgia.html>

FAMILY: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Ark Family - Financial Assistance

243 Washington Street, Jefferson, GA 30549 706-367-8365
Open Wednesdays 9 - 10:30. Serves eligible families in the case of emergency loss of income with possible financial or other assistance.

ACTION Inc Financial assistance/Education

67 Athens Street, Jefferson, GA 30549
706-367-9599 706-367-4364
Open Mondays and Tuesdays 8:30 - 4:30.
Educational support services through application and acceptance; based on eligibility requirements <https://www.actionathens.org/>

St. Vincent de Paul Georgia Family Support. Housing – Utilities

(Thrift Store) 200 Homer Rd, Commerce, GA 30529
706-336-5963. Family support services such as direct aid or food recovery
www.svdpgorgia.org

Ninth District Opportunities Family Support Housing – Utilities

Homer, GA 706-677-3921 Services for housing, education, utilities, and homeless women with children
<https://www.ndo.org/web/services.html>

GA Project Share - Salvation Army Utilities

800-257-4273 Assistance with utility bills
https://www.utilitybillassistance.com/html/georgia_project_share.html

Commerce First Baptist Church
Commerce, GA 30529 706-335-6084

Utilities
Commerce residents only

FOOD ASSISTANCE:

Food Stamps

Assistance program that acts as a food supplement for families. Apply at DFCS
<https://dfcs.georgia.gov/location/jackson-county>

Banks-Jackson Emergency Food Bank

111 Atlanta Ave. PO BOX 25 Commerce, GA 30529 706-335-5143
Food bank open from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and 6 pm to 7 pm on Monday nights

First Baptist Church of Jefferson Food Bank

246 Washington Street PO BOX 395 Jefferson, GA 30549 706-367-8322
Food bank open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Friday from 1 pm to 3 pm; proof of residence required office@fbcjefferson.org www.fbcjefferson.org/foodbank

iServe Ministries

Mobile food bank and Bags of Love; Mobile food pantry 2nd Saturday of every month - 631 South Elm Street in Commerce (Lanier Tech Campus) and 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Pendergrass Flea Market
iserveministries@gmail.com www.iserveministries.com

God's Cupboard

103 Thyatira Community Chapel Rd, Jefferson, GA 30549 706-768-9255
Food bank

Braselton Tabernacle of Praise

2260 Davenport Rd, Braselton, GA 30517 678-898-1144 Food bank

Christian Outreach

2183 North Elm Street, Commerce, GA 30529 706-335-6084 Food bank

Freedom Church of God

3428 Neese Commerce Rd, Commerce, GA 30530 706-335-7032 Food bank

Neal's Grove Baptist Church

900 Sims Bridge Rd, Commerce, GA 30530 706-491-3813 Food bank

New Beginnings Worship

708 State Street, Commerce, GA 30529 706-335-3240 Food bank

Mercy's Call Ministries

11385 US HWY 129,N, Talmo, GA 30575 706-693-2644 Food bank

Maysville Baptist Church

8875 HWY 82 Spur, Maysville, GA 30558 706-652-2228 Food bank

Grip of Hope Living Word

23 Spinner Drive, Jefferson, GA 30549 706-367-9631 Food bank

Mountain Creek Baptist Church

1116 Mt. Creek Church Rd., Pendergrass, GA 30567 706-693-255 Food bank

Sardis Presbyterian Church

652 Gordon Street, Jefferson, GA 30549 706-367-8974 Food bank

Warren Chapel UMC

468 Homer Rd, Commerce, GA 30529 706-367-0752 Food bank

Miracles Ministries Food Bank - Mulberry Baptist Association Food

3388 HWY 53 Suite B, Hoschton, GA 30548

9 am to 12 pm on 1st, 2nd, and 4th Tuesdays mulberrybaptist@windstream.net

Jackson County Senior Center - Meals on Wheels

151 Stan Evans Drive, Jefferson, GA 30549 706-367-5101. Food for homebound seniors

<https://www.jacksoncountygov.com/339/Senior-Center>

HEALTH SERVICES:

Jackson County Health Department (Commerce)

Medical and medical education

623 S. Elm Street, Commerce, GA 30529. 706-335-3895 706-621-1245 (teen text)

706-335-6307 Medical services with or without insurance; medical education; family

planning. <http://publichealthathens.com/wp/clinics/health-departments/jackson-county/>

Jackson County Health Department (Jefferson)

Medical and medical education

341 Stan Evans Drive, Jefferson, GA 30549. 706-367-5204 706-621-1245 (teen text) 706-376-9023. Only open on Monday and Tuesday from 8 am until 5 pm; Medical services with or without insurance; medical education; family planning

<http://publichealthathens.com/wp/clinics/health-departments/jackson-county/>

MedLink Jefferson

248 Winder Highway, Jefferson, GA 30549. 706-367-4455

<https://www.mlqfhc.org/Home/LocationDetails?locationId=96>

Offers Family Health Services, educational services, family planning and birth control

MedLink Commerce Dental

226 Steven B. Tanger Blvd, Commerce, Ga 30529. 706-423-9291

<https://www.mlqfhc.org/Home/LocationDetails?locationId=58>

GA Department of Community Health Medical and medical education

Atlanta, GA 30303 404-656-4507. Responsible for Medicaid, PeachCare, SHBP, Healthcare Facility Regulation, Health Information Technology

<https://dch.georgia.gov/>

Athens Nurses Clinic Medical and medical education

240 North Avenue, Athens, GA 30601 706-613-6976

Medical services for low and no income families; WITHOUT ANY INSURANCE INCLUDING MEDICAID/MEDICARE/VETERANS BENEFITS; medical education; will take walk-ins Monday thru Thursday from 8:30 to 10:00; by appointment - 8:30 to 3:00

paige.athesnursesclinic@gmail.com <http://athesnursesclinic.org/wp/>

Athens Neighborhood Health Center - Athens 706-546-5526

<http://athensneighborhoodhealth.com/> Provide affordable health care to people in medically underserved areas. Cost: Sliding fee scale.

HEALTH SERVICES - MENTAL:

National Suicide Hotline 800-784-2433 <http://www.suicide.org/index.html>

Advantage Behavioral Health Systems: Jackson County

383 Stan Evans Drive. Jefferson, GA 30549 Phone (855) 333-9544

Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Adult Mental Health Outpatient, Adult Substance Abuse Outpatient, C&A Mental Health Outpatient, Doctor, Nurse, and Medication Management are the services we provide. We

offer Open Access Intake for new patients daily between the hours of 8:30 to 12:30 on a first come first serve basis.

Georgia Crisis & Access Line

For access to services and immediate crisis help, call the [Georgia Crisis & Access Line](#) (GCAL) at **1-800-715-4225**, available 24/7.

Mobile Crisis Services

24/7 mobile response provides immediate on-site crisis management through assessment, de-escalation, consultation and referral with post crisis follow up to assure linkage with recommended services. These services may be accessed by calling the toll-free Georgia Crisis & Access Line at 1-800-715-4225.

Integrity Counseling

83 Athens Street, Jefferson, GA 30549 706-387-0573
Mental Health services for individuals and families; Group therapy and Support Groups
integrity.counseling@yahoo.com <http://www.integrityofjefferson.com>

Pathways Transitional Programs

120 East Trinity Place. Decatur, Ga 30030
404-378-2300. referral@pathwaystp.com <http://pathwaystransitionprograms.com>

Lifetime Counseling

139 Park Ave. Suite 214, Winder, Ga 30680.
678-425-9007. Lifetimecounseling@gmail.com

Social Empowerment Center

2775 Cruse Rd Suite 2601, Lawrenceville, GA 30044 770-925-2095 Mental
health services; Does have an office in Jefferson
<https://www.socialempowermentcenter.com/>

Family Counseling Services, Inc.

1435 Oglethorpe Ave., Athens, GA 30606 706-549-7755 706-549-0428
Individual and family counseling; Drug Court Programs; Services located in Athens or
Winder ContactUs@FCSAthens.com www.fcsathens.com

Healing Grace Ministries - (Christian-based Counseling)

115 Towne Center Pkwy - Suite105, Hoschton, GA 30548 678-528-9495
Not state licensed - Provides counseling services for a wide variety of things. Christian-
based counseling <https://hgmint.org/>

Youth Village Inner Harbour Campus 770-852-6300

<http://www.youthvillages.org/> One of Georgia's largest psychiatric residential treatment
programs for seriously emotionally disturbed children and youth. Treats youth 5-18,
located in Douglasville, GA.

Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health

1291 Stanley Road NW, Kennesaw, GA 30152 (229) 224-1250 We are a 110 bed, coed Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility. Treat youth ages 10-21.

Positive Outcomes - Athens 706-546-8440 <http://positive-outcomes.com/>

Individual counseling, play therapy, behavioral consultations/parent training, group counseling, family therapy, crisis intervention and psychological evaluations.

HEALTHCARE SPECIALIZED:

Babies Can't Wait

706-369-6101 678-313-3557 <https://www.bcw-bibs.com/>

Disability testing and early intervention services for children younger than 3.

Children First

800-822-2539 <http://www.childrenfirst-inc.org/>

Assists with child development, immunizations, and health care referrals. Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Powerline

Northeast Georgia Speech Center

770-534-5141 <http://www.northeastgeorgiaspeechcenter.com/>

Provides diagnostic evaluations and therapy for individuals with communication disorders. Offers preschool language program for children (age 3-5) with communication disorders. Referral required from primary physician. Accepts Medicaid, private insurance and private pay

Health Information Line 800-4PD-HELP

<http://publichealthathens.com/wp/aboutus/contact-us/>

Nurses 24 Hour Helpline 404-250-KIDS Visit <http://cmg-pc.com/after-hours.php>

Quick Doctor Directory <http://www.webmd.com/>

National Suicide Hotline 800-784-2433 <http://www.suicide.org/index.html>

American Foundation for the Blind

800-232-5463 <http://www.afb.org/default.aspx> Information and referral to persons who are blind or vision impaired.

Center for the Visually Impaired

800-558-5451 <http://www.cviga.org/> Client services include: professional counseling, support groups, audio bulletin board providing current information on events, diabetes, low vision clinic.

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation 404-325-3630 Visit <https://lionslighthouse.org/>
Services: Provides vision and hearing care to individuals in financial need. Care includes eye exams, eyeglasses, eye surgeries, low vision aids, artificial eyes and hearing aids. Applications available from local Lions Clubs, health department and DFCS.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE:

Jackson County Habitat for Humanity Housing (homeownership, ramps, repairs, Aging in Place) 661 South Elm Street, Commerce, Ga 30529 for safety/security needs and provide ramps on current homeowner-occupied homes
<https://jacksoncountyhfh.org/>

Commerce City Housing Authority

706-335-3611. 100 Willoughby Homes, Commerce, Ga 30529

Jefferson City Housing Authority

706-367-8311. 29 Jefferson Terrace, Jefferson Ga 30549

Fair Housing Resources

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/fair_housing_resources

Section 8 Housing Resources

<https://findfinance.org/eligibility-for-section-8-housing-in-the-u-s/>

Heritage Crossing Apartments

100 Crossing Pl
Commerce, GA 30529. (877) 350-7125. [Website](#)

Heritage Hills Apartments

100 Heritage Hills Dr
Commerce, GA 30529. (877) 748-8302. [Website](#)

Hardin Terrace Apartments

346 Storey Lane
Jefferson, Ga 30549. 706-367-8809. [Website](#)

HOMELESS RESOURCES:

Athens Area Homeless Shelter Homeless Mothers and their Children
620 Barber Street, Athens, GA 30601 706-354-0423
Up to 90 day homeless shelter for mothers with their children; weekly meetings about progress on housing search

Interfaith Hospitality Network Homeless Shelter
393 W Hancock Ave. #1, Athens, GA 30601 706-425-1881 706-425-1878
Homeless shelter for families with community services serve@ihnathens.org
<http://www.ihnathens.org/>

NEGA Homeless Veterans Shelter Homeless Shelter
80 MLK Jr. Drive, Winder, GA 30680 770-377-2842
Homeless shelter for vets with community services <http://www.neghvs.org/>

Advantage Behavioral Services
Jammie Reed - Homeless Case Manager, Jackson County
Jjennings@advantagebhs.org 706-340-7074

Advantage Homeless Day Service Center
240 North Avenue Athens, GA 30601
Phone: (706) 354-1154
Hours: Monday thru Friday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Family Promise of Athens
Day Center: 355 Pulaski Street, Athens, Ga 30601
706-425-1881. <https://www.familypromiseathens.org/about>

Salvation Army – Athens
Telephone: 706.543.5350
Contact: <https://salvationarmygeorgia.org/athens/>
Website: <http://www.salvationarmyathens.org>

Salvation Army – Gainesville
681 DORSEY ST, GAINESVILLE, 30501
Telephone: 770.534.7589. Website: <http://www.salvationarmygainesville.org>

Good News Shelter

979 Davis St, Gainesville, GA · (770) 503-1366. [Website](#)

My Sister's Place

610 Davis St, Gainesville, GA · (770) 532-5111 [Website](#)

My Sisters Place

2480 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, #4, Gainesville, GA · (770) 503-1181. [Website](#)

Fountain of Hope Ministry

Alto, GA · (678) 548-090

HOTLINES:

Alcohol & Drug Abuse Referral Line	1-800-252-6465
Alcohol Treatment Center/Focus on Recovery	1-800-787-7505
Arson Hotline	1-800-392-7766
Battered Women Intervention/Shelter	1-800-831-6863
Chemical Dependency 24-Hour Helpline	1-800-234-0420
Child Find America	1-800-426-5678
DFS Food Stamp Info	1-800-392-1261
DFS Insurance Info	1-800-392-0938
Girl and Boys Town National Hotline	1-800-448-3000
Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse/Dept of Justice	1-800-851-3420
Medicaid Automated Line	1-800-633-4227
Medicaid Services	1-800-392-2161
Missing Children/Child Pornography	1-800-843-5678
National Abortion Federation	1-800-772-9100
National Child Safety Council	1-800-222-1464
National Clearinghouse for Alcohol & Drug Info	1-800-729-6686
National Maternal & Child Health Clearinghouse	1-888-434-4624
National STD & AIDS Hotline	1-800-342-2437 In Spanish 1-800-344-7432
National Suicide Hotline	1-800-784-2433
Parent Link	1-800-552-8522
Parental Stress Help Line	1-800-367-2543
Poison Control	1-800-392-9111
Pregnancy Hotline	1-800-848-5683
Runaway Hotline	1-800-231-6946
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	1-800-227-8922 TTY 1-800-243-7889
Youth Crisis	1-800-448-4663

INSURANCE:

Amerigroup Community Care 800-600-4441 www.myamerigroup.com/ga

CareSource 1-855 202-0729 TTY: 1-800-255-0056 or 711

CareSource.com/Georgia CareSource is the first Non-profit health care plan chosen to serve Georgia Medicaid, Peachcare for Kids, and Planning for Healthy Babies members enrolled in Georgia Families. Our mission is people over profits, and we are committed to providing even more enhanced benefits to help improve the health and wellbeing of our members.

Georgia Healthy Families

888-423-6765 http://www.georgiafamilies.com/GASelfService/en_US/home.htm

Peach Care for Kids

877-427-3224 Visit <https://www.peachcare.org/> Services: Healthcare for children not eligible for Medicaid and not covered by other insurance. Applications can be picked up at Health Department or through website.

Peach State Health Plan 866-874-0633 Visit <http://www.pshpgeorgia.com/>

WellCare 866-765-4390 Visit <https://www.wellcare.com>

PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE:

Rx Outreach 800-769-3880 <http://rxoutreach.org/>

Scripts4Less 304-546-3772 Visit <http://www.scripts4less.com/> Prescription drug discount card

United Way of NE Georgia

Discount Prescription Drug Plan www.UnitedWayNEGA.org

Medicare Solutions [website](#) 877-315-0307. TTY user 711

SUPPORT GROUPS:

Alzheimer's Association of Greater Georgia 800-272-3900

<http://www.alz.org/georgia/> Provides information and referral on Alzheimer's disease. Offers support group information and resources for caregivers. Safe Return Program - Nationwide ID System.

American Cancer Society - Athens 706-549-4893 <http://www.cancer.org/>
Public education, emotional support to individuals with cancer and their families.

American Parkinson Disease Association 404-325-2020
<http://www.apdaparkinson.org/> Georgia Chapter – Provide information on Parkinson Disease.

Autism Society of America Northeast Georgia Chapter 706-208-0066
<http://negac-autsoc.tripod.com/>

Domestic Violence Support Group for Teens – Peace Place 770-307-3633 <http://www.peaceplaceinc.org/>

Down's Syndrome Association of Atlanta 404-320-3233
<http://www.dsaatl.org/> Meeting: Monthly Parent Support Group for parents of children with Down Syndrome.

Eating Disorders Recovery Center of Athens 706-552-0450
<http://www.eatingdisordersrecoverycenterofathens.com/> Outpatient treatment center for eating disorders offering group therapy, individual counseling, and nutrition assessment and counseling. Sliding fee scale.

Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC) 770-491-9014
<http://www.fodac.org/> Services: Provides refurbished equipment and services for disabled adults and children to improve their overall quality of life. Provides free or low-cost wheelchairs and other durable medical equipment, vehicle and home adaptations. Located in Stone Mountain.

Georgia Asperger's Organization 770-307-0672
<http://www.georgiaaspergersorganization.org/> Individuals and families with Asperger's Syndrome and High Functioning Autism.

Georgia SIDS Alliance 800-822-2539 <http://sids.org/> Bereavement support following the death of an infant, peer support, information and referral, books for parents and siblings coping with grief. Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Powerline

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren 706-549-4850
<http://www.accaging.org/grg/> Case Management, Caregiver Support Group, Children Support Groups, Parent Education, Transportation, Information and Referral, Nursing Services and Emergency Aid.

Samaritan Center for Counseling and Wellness - Athens 706-369-7911 Visit <http://www.samaritanega.org/> Mission: Incorporate the elements of mind, body, spirit and community into counseling, psychotherapy, education, wellness and consultative services for all who seek emotional wellbeing without regard for ability to pay

HEROS, Great and Small 770-868-1900 <http://www.thetreehouseinc.org/>
Services: Emotional support and education group for children (ages 5-12) that have been affected by sexual abuse. Please call the Tree House for more information.

Project F.R.E.E www.ugaprojectfree.com 706-542-9004
Project F.R.E.E. (Fostering Relationship and Economic Enrichment) provides free relationship education programs for couples and single parents (who are pregnant or have at least one child 0-17) that focus on enhancing healthy couple and coparenting relationships and financial capacity.

TRANSPORTATION:

Jackson County Transit

Jackson County Transit offers three 10-passenger vans, equipped with lifts. This system provides rural public transportation services designed to allow convenient, dependable, accessible transportation for Jackson County residents.

This is a Shared-Ride Service, meaning that several individuals may be on-board the vehicle and in route to their destination.

Fares:

\$4.00 - One way in county

\$8.00 - Round trip in county

\$9.00 - One way out of county

\$18.00 - Round trip out of county

Service is available anywhere inside of Jackson County and from Jackson County to Athens- Clarke County. To schedule a ride, call 706-367-7433

National Senior Transportation 866-528-6278 Visit <http://www.seniortransportation.net/>

Northeast Georgia Regional Commission - Athens 706-369-5650
Elder Care 706-583-2546 Visit <http://www.negrc.org/aging.php>

Resource Elder Care Agency 800-677-1116
<http://www.eldercare.gov/eldercare.net/public/resources/topic/Transportation.aspx>

DHR Coordinated Transportation (TANF Clients) 706-227-5306

<http://dhs.georgia.gov/office-facilities-supportservices> Services: provides non-medical transportation for those receiving TANF. Trip order must be submitted to caseworker at 24 hours in advance. Vehicles are wheelchair accessible.

Logisticare, Inc./Southeast Transportation East Region

888-224-7988 North Region 866-388-9844 <http://www.pshpgeorgia.com/> Provides non-emergency medical transportation for Medicaid recipients only. Reservations must be made 3 working days before their appointment to schedule a ride.

VETERANS SERVICES:

Department of Veterans Services

855 Sunset Dr Suite 19, Athens, GA 30606 706-369-5630/5631 Veterans only

Northeast Georgia Homeless Veterans Shelter

678-963-0790. <Http://www.facebook.com/neghvs/>