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## **Bartow**

- **Bartow Community Services Office- Department of Juvenile Justice**
  - Phone: (770) 387-3745
  - Website: [www.djj.state.ga.us](http://www.djj.state.ga.us)
    - Holds youthful offenders, up to age 21, accountable for their actions through probation supervision and secure detention
    - Provides youth with medical and psychological treatment, as well as specialized programs designed to equip them with the social, intellectual, and emotional tools they will need as adults
    - Offers youth in custody the opportunity to earn a high school diploma from a system accredited by both the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Correctional Education Association (CEA).
- **Bartow County College and Career Academy**
  - Dr. Paul Sabin: CEO, Principal
  - Email: [paul.sabin@bartow.k12.ga.us](mailto:paul.sabin@bartow.k12.ga.us)
  - Phone: (770) 606-5182
  - Website: [www.bartow.k12.ga.us](http://www.bartow.k12.ga.us)
    - Offers dual enrollment for rising sophomores and juniors in Bartow County Schools
    - Programs offered: Engineering, Health Care, Public Safety, Metals, Video Broadcasting, and Marketing
    - Students participating in these programs will have opportunities to participate in internships, job shadowing, and learning specific job skills related to both student interest and aptitude
- **Bartow County Division of Family and Children Services**
  - Brooke Ford: Interim County Director
  - Direct Phone: (770) 387-3900
  - Website: [www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov](http://www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov)
    - Offers multiple services to children, teens, and families
    - Youth services:
      - ◆ Afterschool Care Program- Provides opportunities for youth to establish positive relationships with peers and caring adults during traditional non-school day hours
      - ◆ TeenWork- Provides youth in foster care, ages 16-21, with career preparatory training, meaningful workplace skills, and internship opportunities
- **Bartow County School System**



- Phone: (770) 606-5800
- Website: [www.bartow.k12.ga.us](http://www.bartow.k12.ga.us)
  - Call or visit the website to find more information about schools and programs offered
- **Boys & Girls Club of Bartow County, Inc.**
  - Cartersville Phone: (770) 382-2552
  - Adairsville Phone: (770) 773-7333
  - Website: [www.bcbgclubs.org](http://www.bcbgclubs.org)
    - Education and Career Programs:
      - ◆ Diplomas to Degrees (d2D)- New college readiness program; helps club members work toward high school graduation and prepare for post-secondary education and career success
      - ◆ CareerLaunch- Prepares teens for the world of careers and work; helps teens 13-18 explore possible vocations, make sound educational decisions, and find success in the world of work
    - Character and Leadership Programs:
      - ◆ Keystone-Youth, age 14-18, participate in activities in and out of the club in three focus areas: academic success, career preparation, and community service
- **Career Center Goodwill of North Georgia**
  - Phyllis Bunch
  - Email: [pbunch@ging.org](mailto:pbunch@ging.org)
  - Phone: (770) 276-7036
  - Website: [www.goodwillng.org](http://www.goodwillng.org)
    - Offers:
      - ◆ Job Postings- Goodwill posts weekly listings of job openings to help connect job seekers with employment opportunities
      - ◆ Computers- Free use of computers with internet access and resume writing software for job seekers
      - ◆ Resource Library- Offers materials to help job seekers prepare for and secure employment
      - ◆ Other Resources- Interview tips, coaching, and other resources designed to help you stand out in front of potential employers
- **Cartersville Career Center-Georgia Department of Labor**
  - Sharon Holliday: Manager
  - Phone: (770) 387-3760
  - Website: [www.dol.georgia.gov/location/cartersville](http://www.dol.georgia.gov/location/cartersville)
    - Areas Served:

- ◆ Bartow
  - ◆ Paulding
  - Pamphlets, books, videos, computers, and printers available to help people with job searching
  - Summer employment opportunities and other employment opportunities available throughout the school year
- **Cartersville City School System**
  - Phone: (770) 382-5880
  - Website: [www.cartersville.k12.ga.us](http://www.cartersville.k12.ga.us)
    - Social Services: Paula Womack ([pwomack@cartersville.k12.ga.us](mailto:pwomack@cartersville.k12.ga.us)) Maria Hoffman ([mhoffman@cartersville.k12.ga.us](mailto:mhoffman@cartersville.k12.ga.us))
      - ◆ Paula Womack Phone: (770) 387-4722 Maria Hoffman Phone: (770) 387-4723
    - Call or visit the website to find more information about schools and programs offered
- **Chattahoochee Technical College**
  - Main Phone: (770) 884-4749
  - Website: [www.chattahoocheetech.edu](http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu)
  - Services include:
    - GED Prep
      - ◆ Ellijay Learning Center: (706) 276-1185
        - Libby Branch: ([lbranch@chattahoocheetech.edu](mailto:lbranch@chattahoocheetech.edu))
      - ◆ Appalachian Campus (Jasper): (706) 253- 4527
        - Amy Denney: ([adenney@chattahoocheetech.edu](mailto:adenney@chattahoocheetech.edu))
      - ◆ Cartersville (Summer Hill Complex): (770) 387-4038
        - [bwilliams@chattahoocheetech.edu](mailto:bwilliams@chattahoocheetech.edu)
    - ESL Classes
      - ◆ Cartersville (Bartow County Library): (770) 382-4203
    - Tutoring, study skills training instruction, and dropout prevention strategies:
      - ◆ Appalachian Campus (Jasper)
- **Goodwill of North Georgia**
  - Phone: (770) 276-7036
  - Website: [www.goodwillng.org](http://www.goodwillng.org)
    - On the job training opportunities
- **Kennesaw State University**
  - Judy Slator
  - Phone: (470) 578-6000
  - Website: [www.kennesaw.edu](http://www.kennesaw.edu)

- Internships and Job Shadowing
- **Mountain Education Charter High School (Opening in January 2017)**
  - Phone: (770) 606-5185
  - Website: [www.mymec.org](http://www.mymec.org)
  - See **Mountain Education Charter High School** under Fannin County for description of school
- **NAMI Bartow Skills for Living**
  - Dr. Bob Poston
  - Phone: (678) 986-1702
  - Website: [www.namiga.org](http://www.namiga.org)
    - Services include:
      - ◆ Anger Management Classes
      - ◆ Mental Illness Assessments
      - ◆ Skills for Living Course
      - ◆ Small Group Counseling
      - ◆ Parenting Classes
      - ◆ Veterans Services
- **Paxen Learning Center**
  - Courtney Rouse: Program Manager ([crouse@paxen.com](mailto:crouse@paxen.com))
  - Phone: (470) 274-5231
  - Website: [www.paxen.com](http://www.paxen.com)
  - Programs available:
    - Academic Skills: GED Preparation Training
    - Life Skills-
      - ◆ About Face!: Provides in-school students ages 13-17 with key academic and life skills instruction that propels them to grade-level gains and healthy, responsible choices. Learners develop skills in areas of critical thinking, computer literacy, and personal responsibility.
    - Workforce Development-
      - ◆ Forward March: Prepares young people- high school dropouts and unemployed graduates- to enter the workforce. Provides young adults (ages 16-24+) with key work-readiness instruction in critical areas such as computer literacy and critical thinking, enabling learners to acquire and develop skills vital to strong candidacies and lasting success in the workplace.
- **Supporting Kids on the Road to Excellence (SKORE)**
  - Scott Sherwin
  - Email: [scott.sherwin@dhs.ga.gov](mailto:scott.sherwin@dhs.ga.gov)

- Phone: (404) 556-1603
- Website: [www.skorebartow.com](http://www.skorebartow.com)
  - Education Services:
    - ◆ Georgia Virtual School Program: providing schools and students, 12-17, with options and opportunities to supplement public, private, and home school course offerings
    - ◆ GED Prep and GED Test through Chattahoochee Tech
    - ◆ GED Prep Classes: Cartersville
    - ◆ GED Prep Classes: Adairsville (770) 877-1550 (Leave a message and someone will call back to make an appointment)
- **University of Georgia Extension**
  - Paul Pugliese: County Extension Coordinator
  - Allison Perkins: 4-H Agent
  - Email: [uge1015@uga.edu](mailto:uge1015@uga.edu)
  - Phone: (770) 387-5142
  - Website: [www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/bartow](http://www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/bartow)
    - Extending lifelong learning from the University of Georgia to the everyday lives of Georgians through current, researched-based education in agriculture, the environment, communities, youth, and families
    - 4-H Youth Development Program:
      - ◆ Youth and adults learning, growing, and working together to experience and accomplish the extraordinary
- **Woodright Industries**
  - Steve Solomon
  - Email: [dmalicote@aol.com](mailto:dmalicote@aol.com)
  - Phone: (770) 387-3730
    - On the job training opportunities, supported employment, sheltered workshop, early intervention

## **Catoosa**

- **Catoosa Community Services Office-Department of Juvenile Justice**
  - Phone: (706) 935-4637
  - Website: [www.djj.state.ga.us](http://www.djj.state.ga.us)
    - Holds youthful offenders, up to age 21, accountable for their actions through probation supervision and secure detention

- Provides youth with medical and psychological treatment, as well as specialized programs designed to equip them with the social, intellectual, and emotional tools they will need as adults
  - Offers youth in custody the opportunity to earn a high school diploma from a system accredited by both the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Correctional Education Association (CEA).
- **Catoosa County Department of Family and Children Services**
  - Jonathan Sloan: County Director
  - Direct Phone: (706) 866-3546
  - Website: [www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov](http://www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov)
    - Offers multiple services to children, teens, and families
    - Youth services:
      - ◆ Afterschool Care Program- Provides opportunities for youth to establish positive relationships with peers and caring adults during traditional non-school day hours
      - ◆ TeenWork- Provides youth in foster care, ages 16-21, with career preparatory training, meaningful workplace skills, and internship opportunities
- **Catoosa County School System**
  - Phone: (706) 965-2297
  - Website: [www.catoosa.k12.ga.us](http://www.catoosa.k12.ga.us)
    - Call or visit the website to find more information about schools and programs offered
- **Catoosa Online Academy**
  - Dr. Rhyne: Program Director
  - Phone: (706) 965-0675 or contact school's guidance counselor
  - Website: [www.catoosa.k12.ga.us](http://www.catoosa.k12.ga.us)
    - Provides students with an array of choices in their educational journey
    - Provides an alternative environment to students who cannot, or choose not, to attend the traditional high school but still want to earn a Georgia high school diploma
- **Catoosa Performance Learning Center**
  - Phone: (706) 861-2772
  - Website: [www.catoosa.k12.ga.us](http://www.catoosa.k12.ga.us)
    - To help students behind in credits or at risk of not graduating
- **Georgia Northwestern Technical College**
  - Phone: (866) 983-4682
  - Website: [www.gntc.edu](http://www.gntc.edu)

- Provides accessible, high quality technical education and workforce development opportunities that lead to careers in technology, business, health, and public services
- Education programs lead to certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees
- Educational programs focus on the development of technical competence and critical thinking skills as well as social, personal, and intellectual values
- **University of Georgia Extension**
  - Email: [uge1047@uga.edu](mailto:uge1047@uga.edu)
  - Phone: (706) 935-4211
  - Website: [www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/catoosa](http://www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/catoosa)
    - Extending lifelong learning from the University of Georgia to the everyday lives of Georgians through current, researched-based education in agriculture, the environment, communities, youth, and families
    - 4-H Youth Development Program:
      - ◆ Youth and adults learning, growing, and working together to experience and accomplish the extraordinary

## **Chattooga**

- **Boys & Girls Club Chattooga County Unit**
  - Email: [dstowe@bcgcmw.org](mailto:dstowe@bcgcmw.org)
  - Phone: (706) 859-1080
  - Website: [www.bcgcmw.org](http://www.bcgcmw.org)
    - Programs include:
      - ◆ Diplomas to Degrees (d2D)- New college readiness program; helps club members work toward high school graduation and prepare for post-secondary education and career success
      - ◆ CareerLaunch- Prepares teens for the world of careers and work; helps teens 13-18 explore possible vocations, make sound educational decisions, and find success in the world of work
      - ◆ Keystone-Youth, age 14-18, participate in activities in and out of the club in three focus areas: academic success, career preparation, and community service
- **Chattooga Community Services Office-Department of Juvenile Justice**
  - Phone: (706) 857-0803
  - Website: [www.djj.state.ga.us](http://www.djj.state.ga.us)
    - Internships and Job Shadowing Opportunities
    - Leadership Development Opportunities

- Holds youthful offenders, up to age 21, accountable for their actions through probation supervision and secure detention
- Provides youth with medical and psychological treatment, as well as specialized programs designed to equip them with the social, intellectual, and emotional tools they will need as adults
- Offers youth in custody the opportunity to earn a high school diploma from a system accredited by both the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Correctional Education Association (CEA).
- **Chattooga County Chamber of Commerce**
  - Phone: (706) 857-4033
  - Website: [www.chattoogacounty.org](http://www.chattoogacounty.org)
    - Call or visit the website to find out more information about the Chattooga County Chamber of Commerce
- **Chattooga County Department of Family and Children Services**
  - Kim Ballard Humphrey: County Director
  - Direct Phone: (706) 866-3546 or (706) 857-0809
  - Website: [www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov](http://www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov)
    - Offers multiple services to children, teens, and families
    - Youth services:
      - ◆ Afterschool Care Program- Provides opportunities for youth to establish positive relationships with peers and caring adults during traditional non-school day hours
      - ◆ TeenWork- Provides youth in foster care, ages 16-21, with career preparatory training, meaningful workplace skills, and internship opportunities
- **Chattooga County Family Connection**
  - Victoria VanPelt: Coordinator ([chattoogafamcon@windstream.net](mailto:chattoogafamcon@windstream.net))
  - Phone: (706) 857-7917
  - Susan Stephens: Chair ([sstephens@chattoogacountylibrary.org](mailto:sstephens@chattoogacountylibrary.org))
  - Phone: (706) 857-1806
  - Website: [www.chattooga.gafcp.org](http://www.chattooga.gafcp.org)
    - Improving the well-being and health conditions of families through a collaborative system of physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual supports
    - Goals are focused on improving child and family well-being in these areas:
      - ◆ Healthy children
      - ◆ School readiness
      - ◆ School success
      - ◆ Self-sufficient families

- ◆ Strong communities
- **Chattooga County School System-WIOA**
  - Phone: (706) 857-3447
  - Contact: Ginger McWhorter ([gmcwhorter@chattooga.k12.ga.us](mailto:gmcwhorter@chattooga.k12.ga.us))
  - Office Phone: (706) 857-2402 Cell: (706) 331-4594
  - Website: [www.chattooga.schoolfusion.us](http://www.chattooga.schoolfusion.us)
    - Crossroads Program for tutoring, study skills, and dropout prevention
    - GED Program: Alternative secondary school services and financial literacy education
    - Call or visit the website to find more information about schools and programs offered
- **Georgia Career Information Center**
  - Markita J. Grant: Director
  - Email: [grant@gsu.edu](mailto:grant@gsu.edu)
  - Phone: (404) 413-1730
  - Website: [www.gcic.peachnet.edu](http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu)
    - A research and outreach center located at Georgia State University partnering with various public, private, state, and national agencies to provide career management information and services for students, counselors, career advisors, administrators, and industry professionals
- **Trion City School System**
  - Phone: (706) 734-2363
  - Website: [www.trionschools.org](http://www.trionschools.org)
    - Call or visit the website to find more information about schools and programs offered
- **University of Georgia Extension**
  - Email: [uge1055@uga.edu](mailto:uge1055@uga.edu)
  - Phone: (706) 857-0744
  - Website: [www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/chattooga](http://www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/chattooga)
    - Extending lifelong learning from the University of Georgia to the everyday lives of Georgians through current, researched-based education in agriculture, the environment, communities, youth, and families
    - 4-H Youth Development Program:
      - ◆ Youth and adults learning, growing, and working together to experience and accomplish the extraordinary



## **Dade**

- **Dade Community Services Office-Department of Juvenile Justice**
  - Phone: (706) 657-6056
  - Website: [www.djj.state.ga.us](http://www.djj.state.ga.us)
    - Holds youthful offenders, up to age 21, accountable for their actions through probation supervision and secure detention
    - Provides youth with medical and psychological treatment, as well as specialized programs designed to equip them with the social, intellectual, and emotional tools they will need as adults
    - Offers youth in custody the opportunity to earn a high school diploma from a system accredited by both the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Correctional Education Association (CEA).
- **Dade County Department of Family and Children Services**
  - Kathy Ragon: County Director
  - Direct Phone: (706) 866-3546
  - Website: [www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov](http://www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov)
    - Offers multiple services to children, teens, and families
    - Youth services:
      - ◆ Afterschool Care Program- Provides opportunities for youth to establish positive relationships with peers and caring adults during traditional non-school day hours
      - ◆ TeenWork- Provides youth in foster care, ages 16-21, with career preparatory training, meaningful workplace skills, and internship opportunities
- **Dade County School System**
  - Phone: (706) 657-4361 or (706) 657-4359 or (706) 657-3548
  - Website: [www.dadecountyschools.org](http://www.dadecountyschools.org)
    - Call or visit the website to find more information about schools and programs offered
- **University of Georgia Extension**
  - Email: [uge1083@uga.edu](mailto:uge1083@uga.edu)
  - Phone: (706) 657-4116
  - Website: [www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/dade](http://www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/dade)
    - Extending lifelong learning from the University of Georgia to the everyday lives of Georgians through current, researched-based education in agriculture, the environment, communities, youth, and families
    - 4-H Youth Development Program:

- ◆ Youth and adults learning, growing, and working together to experience and accomplish the extraordinary

## **Fannin**

- **Blue Ridge Career Center- Department of Labor**
  - Sharon Spurling: Manager
  - Phone: (706) 632-2033
  - Website: [www.dol.georgia.gov/location/blue-ridge](http://www.dol.georgia.gov/location/blue-ridge)
    - Areas Served:
      - ◆ Fannin
      - ◆ Gilmer
      - ◆ Pickens
- **Fannin County Chamber of Commerce**
  - Jan Hackett
  - Phone: (706) 632-5680
  - Website: [www.blueridgemountains.com](http://www.blueridgemountains.com)
    - Leadership development opportunities, including community service and peer-centered activities encouraging responsibility and other positive and civic behaviors
- **Fannin County Department of Family and Children Services**
  - Kathy Henson: County Director
  - Direct Phone: (706) 866-3546
  - Website: [www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov](http://www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov)
    - Offers multiple services to children, teens, and families
    - Youth services:
      - ◆ Afterschool Care Program- Provides opportunities for youth to establish positive relationships with peers and caring adults during traditional non-school day hours
      - ◆ TeenWork- Provides youth in foster care, ages 16-21, with career preparatory training, meaningful workplace skills, and internship opportunities
- **Fannin County Family Connections, Inc.**
  - Sherry Morris: Executive Director
  - Email: [sherrymorris@etcmail.com](mailto:sherrymorris@etcmail.com)
  - Phone: (706) 632-6063
  - Website: [www.fannin.gafcp.org](http://www.fannin.gafcp.org)

- Provides community collaboration, strategic planning and strategy development, technical assistance and training, data-driven decision making, and research and evaluation
- Goals are focused on improving child and family well-being in these areas:
  - ◆ Healthy children
  - ◆ Children ready to start school
  - ◆ Children succeeding in school
  - ◆ Stable, self-sufficient families
  - ◆ Strong communities
- **Fannin County School System-WIOA**
  - Phone: (706) 632-3771
  - Contact: Patricia DuBois ([pdubois@fannin.k12.ga.us](mailto:pdubois@fannin.k12.ga.us)) and Katheryn Harris ([kharris@fannin.k12.ga.us](mailto:kharris@fannin.k12.ga.us))
  - Phone: (706) 632-2013
  - Website: [www.fannin.k12.ga.us](http://www.fannin.k12.ga.us)
    - Fannin County High School CTAE Program
      - ◆ Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education Program
      - ◆ Educational pathways include: Agriculture; Architecture, construction, communications, and transportation; Business and computer science; Engineering and technology; Family and consumer sciences; Healthcare science; Work-based learning program; Career, technical student organizations; Certifications; National technical honor society
    - Call or visit the website to find more information about schools and programs offered
- **FLAG Adult Education**
  - Amanda Callihan
  - Phone: (706) 946-3524
  - Website: [www.blueridgemountains.com](http://www.blueridgemountains.com)
    - Free GED Prep, reading and math improvement, and ESL for adults
- **Mountain Education Charter High School**
  - Dr. Wayne Lovell: Superintendent
  - Phone: (706) 632-6100
  - Website: [www.mymec.org](http://www.mymec.org)
    - An academic, self-paced, individualized, evening high school that serves students who are seeking a non-traditional school environment and who desire a Georgia high school diploma

- A collaborative effort between Elbert, **Fannin**, Forsyth, **Gilmer**, Lumpkin, **Pickens**, Rabun, Towns, Union, and White County School Systems
- **North Georgia Technical College-Fannin County Location**
  - Donna Earl
  - Phone: (706) 946-3524
  - Website: [www.northgatech.edu](http://www.northgatech.edu)
  - Services include:
    - Adult Education and GED: Education classes are taught free of charge for adults 16 and older. This program helps adult learners refresh their reading, writing, and math skills to re-enter the job market after a layoff; preparing for the GED to qualify for a job that requires a high school diploma; learning English as their second language; working towards a personal educational goal
    - GED Prep: To get a GED from NGTC, you: must be 16 or older, cannot be currently enrolled in a high school/home school program, cannot have graduated from an accredited high school, and cannot have received a high school diploma or its equivalent. The test fee is \$160 total, or \$40 per section (<https://northgatech.edu/adult-education/ged-preparation>)
- **University of Georgia Extension**
  - Email: [uge1111@uga.edu](mailto:uge1111@uga.edu)
  - Phone: (706) 632-3061
  - Website: [www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/fannin](http://www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/fannin)
    - Extending lifelong learning from the University of Georgia to the everyday lives of Georgians through current, researched-based education in agriculture, the environment, communities, youth, and families
    - 4-H Youth Development Program:
      - ◆ Youth and adults learning, growing, and working together to experience and accomplish the extraordinary

## **Floyd**

- **Floyd Community Services Office-Department of Juvenile Justice**
  - Phone: (706) 295-6256
  - Website: [www.djj.state.ga.us](http://www.djj.state.ga.us)
    - Offers internships and job shadowing
    - Holds youthful offenders, up to age 21, accountable for their actions through probation supervision and secure detention

- Provides youth with medical and psychological treatment, as well as specialized programs designed to equip them with the social, intellectual, and emotional tools they will need as adults
- Offers youth in custody the opportunity to earn a high school diploma from a system accredited by both the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Correctional Education Association (CEA).
- **Floyd County College and Career Academy**
  - Phone: (706) 236-1860
  - Website: [www.floydboe.net](http://www.floydboe.net)
    - Offers dual enrollment for criminal justice, certified nursing assistant, cosmetology, emergency medical responder, and robotics/engineering
    - Offers pathways for students to help them focus on a specific career path for after graduation. Some pathways offered:
      - ◆ Carpentry
      - ◆ Welding
      - ◆ Graphics Design
      - ◆ Teaching as a Profession
      - ◆ Networking
      - ◆ Entrepreneurship
      - ◆ Human Resources Management
      - ◆ Nutrition and Food Science
- **Floyd County Department of Family and Children Services**
  - Lindsey Howerton: County Director
  - Direct Phone: (706) 295-6509
  - Website: [www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov](http://www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov)
    - Offers multiple services to children, teens, and families
    - Youth services:
      - ◆ Afterschool Care Program- Provides opportunities for youth to establish positive relationships with peers and caring adults during traditional non-school day hours
      - ◆ TeenWork- Provides youth in foster care, ages 16-21, with career preparatory training, meaningful workplace skills, and internship opportunities
- **Floyd County Education Center-Performance Learning Center**
  - Phone: (706) 236-1884
  - Website: [www.floydeducationcenter.sharpschool.net](http://www.floydeducationcenter.sharpschool.net)
    - The Performance Learning Center serves students who, for a variety of reasons, are not successful in the traditional high school setting

- Students work at their own pace and may graduate upon completion of graduation requirements
- **Floyd County School System**
  - Phone: (706) 234-1031
  - Website: [www.floydboe.net](http://www.floydboe.net)
    - After School Tutoring is offered for students at all Floyd County High Schools. Graduation Interventionists to support at risk students are located at all Floyd County High Schools. Credit recovery programs, Saturday School, Summer School, and night school programs are offered at all Floyd County High Schools.
    - Internship opportunities are available for students in the Floyd County School System.
    - GED Program and Transitional Academies
    - Call or visit the website to find more information about schools and programs offered
- **Georgia Highlands College**
  - Rome Location Phone: (706) 802-5000
  - Cartersville Location Phone: (678) 872-8000
  - Paulding Location Phone: (678) 946-1100
  - Website: [www.highlands.edu](http://www.highlands.edu)
    - Services include:
      - ◆ Entrepreneurial Skills Training (Rome Location)
      - ◆ 2+2 Program with Kennesaw State University (Paulding Location)
      - ◆ Internships and Job Shadowing (Cartersville Location)
        - Juliana Breithaup Phone: (678) 872-8000
- **Georgia Northwestern Technical College**
  - Phone: (706) 291-3350
  - Contact: Vince Stalling ([vstalling@gntc.edu](mailto:vstalling@gntc.edu)) and Tammy Pence ([tpence@gntc.edu](mailto:tpence@gntc.edu))
  - Phone: (706) 764-3726
  - Website: [www.gntc.edu](http://www.gntc.edu)
    - Provides accessible, high quality technical education and workforce development opportunities that lead to careers in technology, business, health, and public services
    - Education programs lead to certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees
    - Educational programs focus on the development of technical competence and critical thinking skills as well as social, personal, and intellectual values
    - Offers include occupational skill training with priority consideration for training programs that lead to recognized post-secondary credentials

- **WIOA Youth Success Academy**- Offers programs including:
  - ◆ GED: Ages 16-24; classroom instruction and support by dedicated professionals; full payment of GED testing; college and career counseling; a check for coming to class; leadership and survival skills
  - ◆ ITA (Individual Training Account): Ages 18-24-first time college students; helps with college expenses; tuition paid for the student (whatever HOPE doesn't cover); get paid to go to college; books and supplies purchased for the student; major must be in an approved demand occupation; leadership and survival skills
  - ◆ Work Experience: Ages 18-24; out-of-school youth (with H.S diploma or GED); gain work experience; learn fundamental work ethics; develop communication and teamwork skills; get paid minimum wage by the YSA; work up to 40 hours a week; work in work experience program for four months; may lead to potential employment; leadership and survival skills
  - ◆ Short Term Training: Ages 18-24; tuition costs paid by YSA; get paid to go to college; books and supplies purchased for the student; training program must be approved by the YSA; leadership and survival skills
- **North Broad Youth Center**
  - Phone: (706) 622-7648
  - Website: [www.northbroadyouthcenter.com](http://www.northbroadyouthcenter.com)
    - A mentoring, training, educational, and cultural center providing a better quality of life for the youth and young adults of Rome
    - The center will focus on providing technology, training, and mentorship in an effort to promote youth development, leadership skills, etiquette, and community involvement
- **Northwest Georgia Regional Commission**
  - Phone: (706) 295-6485
  - Website: [www.nwgrc.org](http://www.nwgrc.org)
    - Youth Services:
      - ◆ Youth Success Academy- Provides opportunities for youth who have dropped out of school or for youth 14 to 21 who need additional education or work related assistance; limited number of scholarships available for youth 19 or older who are recent high school graduates; youth interested in this scholarship should contact the NWGRC
      - ◆ Individual Training Account- Young people ages 19 to 21 may be eligible for the ITA program; ITA is similar to a bank account where a sum of money is set aside to assist in paying for an individual's training; pays for training in a specific occupation or program of study

- ◆ GED Program- Youth ages 16 to 21 who have dropped out of high school can obtain their GEDs; during the program, youth will receive other specialized services that will help with further career training and finding employment; offered through Endless Opportunities (located in Whitfield County) and Northwest Technical College (located in Walker County)
  - ◆ Youth Apprenticeship- Allows junior and senior high school students to explore the career area of their choice before making college, technical school, and fulltime employment decisions; establishes a “career pathway” to the real world so that students can make connections between classroom study and applying those skills to work
- **Rome Career Center-Department of Labor**
  - Julie Hayman-Turner: Manager
  - Phone: (706) 295-6051
  - Website: [www.dol.georgia.gov/location/rome](http://www.dol.georgia.gov/location/rome)
    - Areas Served:
      - ◆ Floyd
      - ◆ Gordon
- **Rome City School System-WIOA**
  - Phone: (706) 236-5050
  - Contact: Dwight Henderson ([dhenderson@rcs.rome.ga.us](mailto:dhenderson@rcs.rome.ga.us))
  - Phone: (706) 235-9653
  - Website: [www.rcs.rome.ga.us](http://www.rcs.rome.ga.us)
    - Performance Learning Center offers tutoring, study skills training instruction, dropout prevention, and recovery strategies
    - GED Program and Transitional Academies
    - Call or visit the website to find more information about schools and programs offered
- **Rome-Floyd Communities in Schools**
  - Phone: (706) 802-5740
  - Website: [www.cisrome-floyd.org](http://www.cisrome-floyd.org)
    - Dedicated to keeping kids in school and helping them succeed in life
    - Assessing students’ needs and provide resources to help them succeed in the classroom and in life
- **South Rome Boys & Girls Club and Teen Center**
  - Sherwin Seifert: Unit Director for the Club
  - Phone: (706) 234-4565
  - Website: [www.bgcnwga.org](http://www.bgcnwga.org)
  - Eric Turner: Director of Teen Services for the Teen Center



- Phone: (706) 234-4863
  - Summer employment opportunities and other employment opportunities available throughout the school year
    - ◆ Education and Career Development- Enable youth to become proficient in educational disciplines, set goals, explore careers, prepare for employment, and embrace technology to achieve success in a career
- **University of Georgia Extension**
  - Email: [uge1115@uga.edu](mailto:uge1115@uga.edu)
  - Phone: (706) 295-6210
  - Website: [www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/floyd](http://www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/floyd)
    - Extending lifelong learning from the University of Georgia to the everyday lives of Georgians through current, researched-based education in agriculture, the environment, communities, youth, and families
    - 4-H Youth Development Program:
      - ◆ Youth and adults learning, growing, and working together to experience and accomplish the extraordinary
- **West Rome Boys & Girls Club**
  - Lawrence Simonson: Unit Director
  - Phone: (706) 234-0594
  - Website: [www.bgcnwga.org](http://www.bgcnwga.org)
    - Summer employment opportunities and other employment opportunities throughout the school year
    - Core Area Programs:
      - ◆ Education and Career Development- Enable youth to become proficient in educational disciplines, set goals, explore careers, prepare for employment, and embrace technology to achieve success in a career

## **Gilmer**

- **Gilmer Community Services Office-Department of Juvenile Justice**
  - Phone: (706) 276-2371
  - Website: [www.djj.state.ga.us](http://www.djj.state.ga.us)
    - Holds youthful offenders, up to age 21, accountable for their actions through probation supervision and secure detention
    - Provides youth with medical and psychological treatment, as well as specialized programs designed to equip them with the social, intellectual, and emotional tools they will need as adults

- Offers youth in custody the opportunity to earn a high school diploma from a system accredited by both the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Correctional Education Association (CEA).
- **Gilmer County Chamber of Commerce**
  - Paige Green
  - Phone: (706) 635-7400
  - Website: [www.gilmerchamber.com](http://www.gilmerchamber.com)
    - Leadership development opportunities, including community service and peer-centered activities encouraging responsibility and other positive social and civic behaviors
- **Gilmer County Department of Family and Children Services**
  - Jennifer Farmer: County Director
  - Direct Phone: (706) 272-2834
  - Website: [www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov](http://www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov)
    - Offers multiple services to children, teens, and families
    - Youth services:
      - ◆ Afterschool Care Program- Provides opportunities for youth to establish positive relationships with peers and caring adults during traditional non-school day hours
      - ◆ TeenWork- Provides youth in foster care, ages 16-21, with career preparatory training, meaningful workplace skills, and internship opportunities
- **Gilmer County Family Connection**
  - Merle Howell-Naylor: Executive Director
  - Phone: (706) 276-2319
  - Website: [www.gilmer.gafcp.org](http://www.gilmer.gafcp.org)
    - Provides community collaboration, strategic planning and strategy development, technical assistance and training, data-driven decision making, and research and evaluation
    - Goals are focused on improving child and family well-being in these areas:
      - ◆ Healthy children
      - ◆ Children ready to start school
      - ◆ Children succeeding in school
      - ◆ Stable, self-sufficient families
      - ◆ Strong communities
- **Gilmer County School System-WIOA**
  - Phone: (706) 276-5000
  - Contact: Brenda P. Davis ([brendap.davis@gilmerschools.com](mailto:brendap.davis@gilmerschools.com))

- Phone: (706) 276-5080
- Website: [www.gilmerschools.com](http://www.gilmerschools.com)
  - Gilmer High School CTAE Program
    - ◆ Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education Program
    - ◆ Educational pathways include:
      - Agriculture: Food Animal Systems; Forestry/Wildlife Systems; Agricultural Mechanics Systems; Plant and Landscape Systems; Ag Mechanics and Metal Fabrication
      - Business: Entrepreneurship; Web and Digital Design
      - Construction: Carpentry; Electrical; Masonry
      - Education: Teaching as a Profession
      - Engineering and Technology: Engineering; Engineering Drafting and Design; Architectural Drawing and Design; Audio and Video Technology and Film
      - Family and Consumer Sciences: Nutrition and Food Science
      - Transportation: Automobile Maintenance and Light Repair
  - Call or visit the website to find more information about schools and programs offered
- **Mountain Education Charter High School**
  - Phone: (706) 229-4444
  - Website: [www.mymec.org](http://www.mymec.org)
  - See **Mountain Education Charter High School** under Fannin County for description of school
- **Mountain Innovation Program**
  - James P. Jones: Director
  - Phone: (706) 276-5007
  - Website: [www.gilmerschools.com](http://www.gilmerschools.com)
    - APEX:
      - ◆ Provides students standard-based academic curriculum courses that include interactive direct instruction, guided practice, and formative assessments that provide direct feedback to both students and teachers.
    - USA Test Prep:
      - ◆ Reviews are used to reinforce classroom instruction and help students prepare for a wide range of testing scenarios including weekly tests, six-week tests, semester tests, end of course tests, and graduation tests
- **University of Georgia Extension**
  - Email: [uge1123@uga.edu](mailto:uge1123@uga.edu)
  - Phone: (706) 635-4426

- Website: [www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/gilmer](http://www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/gilmer)
  - Extending lifelong learning from the University of Georgia to the everyday lives of Georgians through current, researched-based education in agriculture, the environment, communities, youth, and families
  - 4-H Youth Development Program:
    - ◆ Youth and adults learning, growing, and working together to experience and accomplish the extraordinary

## **Gordon**

- **Boys & Girls Club Calhoun Unit & Teen Center**
  - Email: [scorpiodenmon@bgcgmw.org](mailto:scorpiodenmon@bgcgmw.org)
  - Phone: (706) 629-9751
  - Website: [www.bgcgmw.org](http://www.bgcgmw.org)
    - Programs include:
      - ◆ Diplomas to Degrees (d2D)- New college readiness program; helps club members work toward high school graduation and prepare for post-secondary education and career success
      - ◆ CareerLaunch- Prepares teens for the world of careers and work; helps teens 13-18 explore possible vocations, make sound educational decisions, and find success in the world of work
      - ◆ Keystone-Youth, age 14-18, participate in activities in and out of the club in three focus areas: academic success, career preparation, and community service
- **Calhoun City School System**
  - Phone: (706) 629-2900
  - Website: [www.calhounschoools.org](http://www.calhounschoools.org)
    - Tracks, such as medical, agricultural, technical, and child development, are available for students in the city schools
    - Comprehensive guidance and counseling available
    - Call or visit the website to find more information about schools and programs offered
- **Georgia Cumberland Academy**
  - Phone: (706) 629-4591
  - Website: [www.gcasda.org](http://www.gcasda.org)
    - Off-campus jobs are available to help students learn to work
      - ◆ Gordon Hospital- Students assist in admitting patients
      - ◆ Nursing Home Project- Outreach ministry for the elderly of the community

- ◆ American Imaging- A school uniform store, including sales and school logo embroidering
- **Georgia Northwestern Technical College**
  - Phone: (706) 624-1100
  - Website: [www.gntc.edu](http://www.gntc.edu)
    - Provides accessible, high quality technical education and workforce development opportunities that lead to careers in technology, business, health, and public services
    - Education programs lead to certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees
    - Educational programs focus on the development of technical competence and critical thinking skills as well as social, personal, and intellectual values
    - Offers include occupational skill training with priority consideration for training programs that lead to recognized post-secondary credentials
    - Offers GED Program
- **Gordon Community Services Office-Department of Juvenile Justice**
  - Phone: (706) 624-1169
  - Website: [www.djj.state.ga.us](http://www.djj.state.ga.us)
    - Holds youthful offenders, up to age 21, accountable for their actions through probation supervision and secure detention
    - Provides youth with medical and psychological treatment, as well as specialized programs designed to equip them with the social, intellectual, and emotional tools they will need as adults
    - Offers youth in custody the opportunity to earn a high school diploma from a system accredited by both the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Correctional Education Association (CEA).
- **Gordon County College and Career Academy**
  - Phone: (706) 879-5370
  - Website: [www.gcbe.org](http://www.gcbe.org)
    - Training high school students for high skill, high wage, and high demand occupations in an effort to create a viable 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce for Gordon County and surrounding communities
    - Programs being added to GCCCA:
      - ◆ Networking and Programming
      - ◆ Logistics
      - ◆ Engineering, Drawing, and Design
      - ◆ Graphic Arts/Design
      - ◆ Robotics and Automation

- ◆ Environmental Systems/Alternative Energy Systems
  - ◆ Marketing
  - Dual Enrollment:
    - ◆ Criminal Justice/Public Safety
    - ◆ CNA/Nursing
    - ◆ Academic Core
- **Gordon County Department of Family and Children Services**
  - Meaghan Bryant: County Director
  - Direct Phone: (706) 866-3546
  - Website: [www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov](http://www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov)
    - Offers multiple services to children, teens, and families
    - Youth services:
      - ◆ Afterschool Care Program- Provides opportunities for youth to establish positive relationships with peers and caring adults during traditional non-school day hours
      - ◆ TeenWork- Provides youth in foster care, ages 16-21, with career preparatory training, meaningful workplace skills, and internship opportunities
- **Gordon County School System**
  - Phone: (706) 629-7366
  - Website: [www.gcbe.org](http://www.gcbe.org)
    - Tracks, such as medical, agricultural, technical, and child development, are available in the county schools
    - Comprehensive guidance and counseling available
    - Call or visit the website to find more information about schools and programs offered
- **Ombudsman Educational Services**
  - Phone: (706) 642-1077
  - Website: [www.ombudsman.com](http://www.ombudsman.com)
    - Alternative education programs available for middle and high school students who have dropped out or are at risk of dropping out of school
    - A flexible schedule with morning, afternoon, and some evening classes is available
    - Offers academic, social, and behavioral support so students can earn their high school diplomas and are prepared to make positive choices about the future
- **University of Georgia Extension**
  - Email: [uge1129@uga.edu](mailto:uge1129@uga.edu)
  - Phone: (706) 629-8685

- Website: [www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/gordon](http://www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/gordon)
  - Extending lifelong learning from the University of Georgia to the everyday lives of Georgians through current, researched-based education in agriculture, the environment, communities, youth, and families
  - 4-H Youth Development Program:
    - ◆ Youth and adults learning, growing, and working together to experience and accomplish the extraordinary

## **Haralson**

- **Bremen City School System**
  - Phone: (770) 537-5508
  - Website: [www.bremencs.com](http://www.bremencs.com)
    - Call or visit the website to find more information about schools and programs offered
- **Haralson Community Services Office-Department of Juvenile Justice**
  - Phone: (770) 824-5231
  - Website: [www.djj.state.ga.us](http://www.djj.state.ga.us)
    - Holds youthful offenders, up to age 21, accountable for their actions through probation supervision and secure detention
    - Provides youth with medical and psychological treatment, as well as specialized programs designed to equip them with the social, intellectual, and emotional tools they will need as adults
    - Offers youth in custody the opportunity to earn a high school diploma from a system accredited by both the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Correctional Education Association (CEA).
- **Haralson County Department of Family and Children Services**
  - Libby Smith: County Director
  - Direct Phone: (706) 295-6509
  - Website: [www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov](http://www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov)
    - Offers multiple services to children, teens, and families
    - Youth services:
      - ◆ Afterschool Care Program- Provides opportunities for youth to establish positive relationships with peers and caring adults during traditional non-school day hours
      - ◆ TeenWork- Provides youth in foster care, ages 16-21, with career preparatory training, meaningful workplace skills, and internship opportunities
- **Haralson County School System**

- Phone: (770) 574-2500
- Website: [www.haralson.k12.ga.us](http://www.haralson.k12.ga.us)
  - Call or visit the website to find more information about schools and programs offered
- **University of Georgia Extension**
  - Email: [uge2143@uga.edu](mailto:uge2143@uga.edu)
  - Phone: (770) 646-2026
  - Website: [www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/haralson](http://www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/haralson)
    - Extending lifelong learning from the University of Georgia to the everyday lives of Georgians through current, researched-based education in agriculture, the environment, communities, youth, and families
    - 4-H Youth Development Program:
      - ◆ Youth and adults learning, growing, and working together to experience and accomplish the extraordinary

## **Murray**

- **Boys & Girls Club**
  - **Chatsworth Unit:** [tcausby@bgcgmw.org](mailto:tcausby@bgcgmw.org)
  - Phone: (706) 980-8303
  - **Bagley Unit:** [tcausby@bgcgmw.org](mailto:tcausby@bgcgmw.org)
  - Phone: (706) 980-8301
  - Website: [www.bgcgmw.org](http://www.bgcgmw.org)
    - Programs include:
      - ◆ Diplomas to Degrees (d2D)- New college readiness program; helps club members work toward high school graduation and prepare for post-secondary education and career success
      - ◆ CareerLaunch- Prepares teens for the world of careers and work; helps teens 13-18 explore possible vocations, make sound educational decisions, and find success in the world of work
      - ◆ Keystone-Youth, age 14-18, participate in activities in and out of the club in three focus areas: academic success, career preparation, and community service
- **Murray Community Services Office-Department of Juvenile Justice**
  - Phone: (706) 422-1922
  - Website: [www.djj.state.ga.us](http://www.djj.state.ga.us)
    - Holds youthful offenders, up to age 21, accountable for their actions through probation supervision and secure detention



- Provides youth with medical and psychological treatment, as well as specialized programs designed to equip them with the social, intellectual, and emotional tools they will need as adults
  - Offers youth in custody the opportunity to earn a high school diploma from a system accredited by both the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Correctional Education Association (CEA).
- **Murray County Department of Family and Children Services**
  - Jennifer Brogdon: County Director
  - Direct Phone: (706) 272-2834
  - Website: [www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov](http://www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov)
    - Offers multiple services to children, teens, and families
    - Youth services:
      - ◆ Afterschool Care Program- Provides opportunities for youth to establish positive relationships with peers and caring adults during traditional non-school day hours
      - ◆ TeenWork- Provides youth in foster care, ages 16-21, with career preparatory training, meaningful workplace skills, and internship opportunities
- **Murray County School System**
  - Phone: (706) 695-4531
  - Website: [www.murray.k12.ga.us](http://www.murray.k12.ga.us)
    - Call or visit the website to find more information about schools and programs offered
- **Pleasant Valley Innovative School**
  - Phone: (706) 517-5355
  - Website: [www.pvis.murray.k12.ga.us](http://www.pvis.murray.k12.ga.us)
    - Offers a small group educational setting for at-risk students who may have a need for small class sizes, individualized instruction, and higher achievement opportunities
- **University of Georgia Extension**
  - Email: [uge1213@uga.edu](mailto:uge1213@uga.edu)
  - Phone: (706) 695-3031
  - Website: [www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/murray](http://www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/murray)
    - Extending lifelong learning from the University of Georgia to the everyday lives of Georgians through current, researched-based education in agriculture, the environment, communities, youth, and families
    - 4-H Youth Development Program:
      - ◆ Youth and adults learning, growing, and working together to experience and accomplish the extraordinary

## **Paulding**

- **New Hope Education Center**
  - Phone: (770) 445-2656
  - Website: [www.paulding.k12.ga.us](http://www.paulding.k12.ga.us)
    - Programs include:
      - ◆ ALFAS (Alternative Learning for Academic Success): Call for more information
      - ◆ Paulding Virtual Academy: Providing an individualized blended learning program to serve students in a non-traditional, focused environment emphasizing career skill development and building post-secondary connections required for future success; offering students the opportunity to use teacher supported, technology-based courses to earn new high school credit, recover credit, continue coursework, or accelerate their progression through high school and into college level courses
      - ◆ Work Based Learning: A structured experience that connects the student's career goal and classroom learning with a productive work environment; students will be able to participate in two field trips designed to prepare them for post-secondary success
- **Paulding Community Services Office-Department of Juvenile Justice**
  - Phone: (770) 443-7855
  - Website: [www.djj.state.ga.us](http://www.djj.state.ga.us)
    - Holds youthful offenders, up to age 21, accountable for their actions through probation supervision and secure detention
    - Provides youth with medical and psychological treatment, as well as specialized programs designed to equip them with the social, intellectual, and emotional tools they will need as adults
    - Offers youth in custody the opportunity to earn a high school diploma from a system accredited by both the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Correctional Education Association (CEA).
- **Paulding County Boys and Girls Club**
  - Kevie Dixon: Executive Director
  - Phone: (678) 363-8570
  - Website: [www.bgcma.org](http://www.bgcma.org)
    - Programs include:
      - ◆ Education and Career Development: Literacy, Math, and Science Skills; Tutoring and Homework Assistance; College and Career Preparation; Learning Centers, Computer Labs, and Technology Curriculum

- **Paulding County Department of Family and Children Services**
  - James Provost: County Director
  - Direct Phone: (706) 295-6509
  - Website: [www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov](http://www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov)
    - Offers multiple services to children, teens, and families
    - Youth services:
      - ◆ Afterschool Care Program- Provides opportunities for youth to establish positive relationships with peers and caring adults during traditional non-school day hours
      - ◆ TeenWork- Provides youth in foster care, ages 16-21, with career preparatory training, meaningful workplace skills, and internship opportunities
- **Paulding County School System**
  - Phone: (770) 443-8000
  - Website: [www.paulding.k12.ga.us](http://www.paulding.k12.ga.us)
    - Call or visit the website to find more information about schools and programs offered
- **University of Georgia Extension**
  - Email: [uge2223@uga.edu](mailto:uge2223@uga.edu)
  - Phone: (770) 443-7616
  - Website: [www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/paulding](http://www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/paulding)
    - Extending lifelong learning from the University of Georgia to the everyday lives of Georgians through current, researched-based education in agriculture, the environment, communities, youth, and families
    - 4-H Youth Development Program:
      - ◆ Youth and adults learning, growing, and working together to experience and accomplish the extraordinary

## **Pickens**

- **Chattahoochee Technical College-Appalachian Campus**
  - Website: [www.chattahoocheetech.edu](http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu)
  - See **Chattahoochee Technical College** under Bartow County
- **Mountain Education Charter High School**
  - Phone: (706) 253-1750
  - Website: [www.mymec.org](http://www.mymec.org)
  - See **Mountain Education Charter High School** under Fannin County for description of school
- **Pickens Community Services Office-Department of Juvenile Justice**

- Phone: (706) 692-4555
- Website: [www.djj.state.ga.us](http://www.djj.state.ga.us)
  - Holds youthful offenders, up to age 21, accountable for their actions through probation supervision and secure detention
  - Provides youth with medical and psychological treatment, as well as specialized programs designed to equip them with the social, intellectual, and emotional tools they will need as adults
  - Offers youth in custody the opportunity to earn a high school diploma from a system accredited by both the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Correctional Education Association (CEA).
- **Pickens County Department of Family and Children Services**
  - Connie Branam: County Director
  - Direct Phone: (706) 866-3546
  - Website: [www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov](http://www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov)
    - Offers multiple services to children, teens, and families
    - Youth services:
      - ◆ Afterschool Care Program- Provides opportunities for youth to establish positive relationships with peers and caring adults during traditional non-school day hours
      - ◆ TeenWork- Provides youth in foster care, ages 16-21, with career preparatory training, meaningful workplace skills, and internship opportunities
- **Pickens County Family Connections, Inc.**
  - Jacqueline Elwarner: Coordinator
  - Phone: (706) 253-2319
  - Website: [www.pickens.gafcp.org](http://www.pickens.gafcp.org)
    - Provides community collaboration, strategic planning and strategy development, technical assistance and training, data-driven decision making, and research and evaluation
    - Goals are focused on improving child and family well-being in these areas:
      - ◆ Healthy children
      - ◆ Children ready to start school
      - ◆ Children succeeding in school
      - ◆ Stable, self-sufficient families
      - ◆ Strong communities
- **Pickens County School System**
  - Phone: (706) 253-1700
  - Website: [www.pickens.k12.ga.us](http://www.pickens.k12.ga.us)

- Call or visit the website to find more information about schools and programs offered
- **University of Georgia Extension**
  - Email: [uge1227@uga.edu](mailto:uge1227@uga.edu)
  - Phone: (706) 253-8840
  - Website: [www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/pickens](http://www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/pickens)
    - Extending lifelong learning from the University of Georgia to the everyday lives of Georgians through current, researched-based education in agriculture, the environment, communities, youth, and families
    - 4-H Youth Development Program:
      - ◆ Youth and adults learning, growing, and working together to experience and accomplish the extraordinary

## **Polk**

- **Cedartown Boys & Girls Club**
  - April Sams: Site Director
  - Phone: (770) 749-0869
  - Website: [www.bgcnwga.org](http://www.bgcnwga.org)
    - Core Area Programs:
      - ◆ Education and Career Development- Enable youth to become proficient in educational disciplines, set goals, explore careers, prepare for employment, and embrace technology to achieve success in a career
- **Cedartown Career Center-Department of Labor**
  - Terrance Hale: Manager
  - Phone: (770) 749-2213
  - Website: [www.dol.georgia.gov/location/cedartown](http://www.dol.georgia.gov/location/cedartown)
    - Areas Served:
      - ◆ Haralson
      - ◆ Polk
- **Georgia Northwestern Technical College**
  - Phone: (770) 684-5696
  - Website: [www.gntc.edu](http://www.gntc.edu)
    - Provides accessible, high quality technical education and workforce development opportunities that lead to careers in technology, business, health, and public services
    - Education programs lead to certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees

- Educational programs focus on the development of technical competence and critical thinking skills as well as social, personal, and intellectual values
- Offers include occupational skill training with priority consideration for training programs that lead to recognized post-secondary credentials
- **Polk Community Services Office-Department of Juvenile Justice**
  - Phone: (770) 749-2210
  - Website: [www.djj.state.ga.us](http://www.djj.state.ga.us)
    - Holds youthful offenders, up to age 21, accountable for their actions through probation supervision and secure detention
    - Provides youth with medical and psychological treatment, as well as specialized programs designed to equip them with the social, intellectual, and emotional tools they will need as adults
    - Offers youth in custody the opportunity to earn a high school diploma from a system accredited by both the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Correctional Education Association (CEA).
- **Polk County College and Career Academy**
  - Cedartown Location Phone: (770) 748-0490
  - Rockmart Location Phone: (770) 684-5432
  - Website: [www.polk.k12.ga.us](http://www.polk.k12.ga.us)
    - Offering 38 different career pathways in the areas of career, technical, and agricultural education and advanced academics in an effort to emphasize the importance of college and career readiness
    - Requires all students, as part of the graduation requirement, to complete a career pathway
    - Preparing students for high-skill, high-demand, and high-wage careers while also meeting the workforce needs of local business and industry
    - Pathway Clusters include:
      - ◆ Agriculture Food and Natural Resources Cluster; Business, Management, and Administration Cluster; Human Services Cluster; Education and Training Cluster; Finance Cluster; Information Technology Cluster; and more.
    - Dual Enrollment/Move On When Ready (MOWR)
      - ◆ Offered at Cedartown High School and Rockmart High School
      - ◆ Allows students, grades 9-12, to take college-level courses and earn credit toward a high school diploma and a college degree at no cost to the student
- **Polk County Department of Family and Children Services**
  - Libby Smith: County Director
  - Direct Phone: (706) 295-6509

- Website: [www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov](http://www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov)
  - Offers multiple services to children, teens, and families
  - Youth services:
    - ◆ Afterschool Care Program- Provides opportunities for youth to establish positive relationships with peers and caring adults during traditional non-school day hours
    - ◆ TeenWork- Provides youth in foster care, ages 16-21, with career preparatory training, meaningful workplace skills, and internship opportunities
- **Polk County School System**
  - Phone: (770) 748-3821
  - Website: [www.polk.k12.ga.us](http://www.polk.k12.ga.us)
    - Call or visit the website to find more information about schools and programs offered
- **University of Georgia Extension**
  - Email: [uge2233@uga.edu](mailto:uge2233@uga.edu)
  - Phone: (770) 749-2142
  - Website: [www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/polk](http://www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/polk)
    - Extending lifelong learning from the University of Georgia to the everyday lives of Georgians through current, researched-based education in agriculture, the environment, communities, youth, and families
    - 4-H Youth Development Program:
      - ◆ Youth and adults learning, growing, and working together to experience and accomplish the extraordinary

## **Walker**

- **Chickamauga City School System**
  - Phone: (706) 382-3100
  - Website: [www.chickamaugacityschools.org](http://www.chickamaugacityschools.org)
    - Call or visit the website to find more information about schools and programs offered
- **Georgia Northwestern Technical College**
  - Phone: (706) 764-3510
  - Contact: Vince Stalling ([vstalling@gntc.edu](mailto:vstalling@gntc.edu)) and Tammy Pence ([tpence@gntc.edu](mailto:tpence@gntc.edu))
  - Phone: (706) 764-3726
  - Website: [www.gntc.edu](http://www.gntc.edu)

- Provides accessible, high quality technical education and workforce development opportunities that lead to careers in technology, business, health, and public services
- Education programs lead to certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees
- Educational programs focus on the development of technical competence and critical thinking skills as well as social, personal, and intellectual values
- Offers include occupational skill training with priority consideration for training programs that lead to recognized post-secondary credentials
- **WIOA Youth Success Academy-** Offers programs including:
  - ◆ GED: Ages 16-24; classroom instruction and support by dedicated professionals; full payment of GED testing; college and career counseling; a check for coming to class; leadership and survival skills
  - ◆ ITA (Individual Training Account): Ages 18-24-first time college students; helps with college expenses; tuition paid for the student (whatever HOPE doesn't cover); get paid to go to college; books and supplies purchased for the student; major must be in an approved demand occupation; leadership and survival skills
  - ◆ Work Experience: Ages 18-24; out-of-school youth (with H.S diploma or GED); gain work experience; learn fundamental work ethics; develop communication and teamwork skills; get paid minimum wage by the YSA; work up to 40 hours a week; work in work experience program for four months; may lead to potential employment; leadership and survival skills
  - ◆ Short Term Training: Ages 18-24; tuition costs paid by YSA; get paid to go to college; books and supplies purchased for the student; training program must be approved by the YSA; leadership and survival skills
- **LaFayette Career Center-Department of Labor**
  - Judy Holcomb: Manager
  - Phone: (706) 638-5525
  - Website: [www.dol.georgia.gov/location/lafayette](http://www.dol.georgia.gov/location/lafayette)
    - Areas Served:
      - ◆ Chattooga
      - ◆ Walker
- **University of Georgia Extension**
  - Email: [uge1295@uga.edu](mailto:uge1295@uga.edu)
  - Phone: (706) 638-2548
  - Website: [www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/walker](http://www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/walker)



- Extending lifelong learning from the University of Georgia to the everyday lives of Georgians through current, researched-based education in agriculture, the environment, communities, youth, and families
  - 4-H Youth Development Program:
    - ◆ Youth and adults learning, growing, and working together to experience and accomplish the extraordinary
- **Walker Community Services Office-Department of Juvenile Justice**
  - Phone: (706) 638-5546
  - Website: [www.djj.state.ga.us](http://www.djj.state.ga.us)
    - Holds youthful offenders, up to age 21, accountable for their actions through probation supervision and secure detention
    - Provides youth with medical and psychological treatment, as well as specialized programs designed to equip them with the social, intellectual, and emotional tools they will need as adults
    - Offers youth in custody the opportunity to earn a high school diploma from a system accredited by both the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Correctional Education Association (CEA).
- **Walker County Department of Family and Children Services**
  - Teresa Towery Hughes: County Director
  - Direct Phone: (706) 866-3546
  - Website: [www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov](http://www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov)
    - Offers multiple services to children, teens, and families
    - Youth services:
      - ◆ Afterschool Care Program- Provides opportunities for youth to establish positive relationships with peers and caring adults during traditional non-school day hours
      - ◆ TeenWork- Provides youth in foster care, ages 16-21, with career preparatory training, meaningful workplace skills, and internship opportunities
- **Walker County School System**
  - Phone: (706) 638-1240
  - Website: [www.walkerschools.org](http://www.walkerschools.org)
    - Call or visit the website to find more information about schools and programs offered

## Whitfield

- **Boys & Girls Club**
  - **Carl Rollins Unit & Dalton Teen Center:** [sparrish@bgcgmw.org](mailto:sparrish@bgcgmw.org)
  - Phone: (706) 226-2582
  - **Beaverdale Extension:** [stomas@bgcgmw.org](mailto:stomas@bgcgmw.org)
  - Phone: (706) 508-8187
  - Website: [www.bgcgmw.org](http://www.bgcgmw.org)
    - Programs include:
      - ◆ Diplomas to Degrees (d2D)- New college readiness program; helps club members work toward high school graduation and prepare for post-secondary education and career success
      - ◆ CareerLaunch- Prepares teens for the world of careers and work; helps teens 13-18 explore possible vocations, make sound educational decisions, and find success in the world of work
      - ◆ Keystone-Youth, age 14-18, participate in activities in and out of the club in three focus areas: academic success, career preparation, and community service
- **Crossroads Academy**
  - Phone: (706) 271-2495
  - Website: [www.cra.whitfield.k12.ga.us](http://www.cra.whitfield.k12.ga.us)
    - Increasing student learning by providing students with meaningful, challenging, and engaging academic and social experiences in a safe and supportive alternative environment
    - Providing an alternative to long term out of school suspension for serious behavior infractions and to give students who have been unsuccessful at their home school campus a second chance at success. Students are given the opportunity to further their education as well as their personal development
    - Students participate in group counseling sessions and other individual/group activities. Students are provided opportunities and tools to practice more effective coping skills when dealing with problems
- **Dalton Career Center-Department of Labor**
  - Chris Upchurch: Manager
  - Phone: (706) 272-2301
  - Website: [www.dol.georgia.gov/location/dalton](http://www.dol.georgia.gov/location/dalton)
    - Areas Served:
      - ◆ Catoosa

- ◆ Dade
- ◆ Murray
- ◆ Walker
- ◆ Whitfield
- **Dalton City School System**
  - Email: [info@dalton.k12.ga.us](mailto:info@dalton.k12.ga.us)
  - Phone: (706) 876-4000
  - Website: [www.daltonpublicschools.com](http://www.daltonpublicschools.com)
    - Call or visit the website to find more information about schools and programs offered
- **Georgia Northwestern Technical College**
  - Phone: (706) 272-2966
  - Website: [www.gntc.edu](http://www.gntc.edu)
    - Provides accessible, high quality technical education and workforce development opportunities that lead to careers in technology, business, health, and public services
    - Education programs lead to certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees
    - Educational programs focus on the development of technical competence and critical thinking skills as well as social, personal, and intellectual values
    - Offers include occupational skill training with priority consideration for training programs that lead to recognized post-secondary credentials
- **Junior Achievement of Georgia**
  - Phone: (706) 278-9180
  - Website: [www.georgia.ja.org](http://www.georgia.ja.org)
    - The Junior Achievement Academy rethinks traditional education to make it more relevant, experimental, and authentically connected to the complexities of the real world
    - Removes the silos of traditional education to bring relevance and application to every subject
    - Infuses professional concepts and expertise into everyday learning
    - Provides students with the knowledge and motivation to pursue post-secondary education and enter the workforce with the skills and capacity to navigate a thriving career
- **Northwest Georgia College and Career Academy**
  - Phone: (706) 876-3600
  - Website: [www.ngca.whitfield.k12.ga.us](http://www.ngca.whitfield.k12.ga.us)

- Helping high school students achieve success through an individualized program of study that includes rigorous and relevant instruction in academic and career/technical courses, planned and structured work based learning opportunities, and a seamless transition to post-secondary education and the workforce
- NWGCCA will:
  - ◆ Create an innovative curriculum that will focus on the integration of core academics and advanced career-technical education programs
  - ◆ Strive to improve student achievement, create a stronger sense of affiliation, and better prepare students for post-secondary and career choices
  - ◆ Help direct students to focus on their future and to help students apply academic and technical skills and abilities into career experiences
  - ◆ Link education with economic and workforce development to support the Northwest Georgia region
- **Northwest Georgia Regional Commission**
  - Phone: (706) 272-2300
  - Website: [www.nwgrc.org](http://www.nwgrc.org)
  - Youth Services:
    - ◆ Youth Success Academy- Provides opportunities for youth who have dropped out of school or for youth 14 to 21 who need additional education or work related assistance; limited number of scholarships available for youth 19 or older who are recent high school graduates; youth interested in this scholarship should contact the NWGRC
    - ◆ Individual Training Account- Young people ages 19 to 21 may be eligible for the ITA program; ITA is similar to a bank account where a sum of money is set aside to assist in paying for an individual's training; pays for training in a specific occupation or program of study
    - ◆ GED Program- Youth ages 16 to 21 who have dropped out of high school can obtain their GEDs; during the program, youth will receive other specialized services that will help with further career training and finding employment; offered through Endless Opportunities (located in Whitfield County) and Northwest Technical College (located in Walker County)
    - ◆ Youth Apprenticeship- Allows junior and senior high school students to explore the career area of their choice before making college, technical school, and fulltime employment decisions; establishes a "career pathway" to the real world so that students can make connections between classroom study and applying those skills to work
- **University of Georgia Extension**

- Email: [uge1313@uga.edu](mailto:uge1313@uga.edu)
- Phone: (706) 278-8207
- Website: [www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/whitfield](http://www.ugaextension.org/county-offices/whitfield)
  - Extending lifelong learning from the University of Georgia to the everyday lives of Georgians through current, researched-based education in agriculture, the environment, communities, youth, and families
  - 4-H Youth Development Program:
    - ◆ Youth and adults learning, growing, and working together to experience and accomplish the extraordinary
- **Whitfield Community Services Office-Department of Juvenile Justice**
  - Phone: (706) 272-2343
  - Website: [www.djj.state.ga.us](http://www.djj.state.ga.us)
    - Holds youthful offenders, up to age 21, accountable for their actions through probation supervision and secure detention
    - Provides youth with medical and psychological treatment, as well as specialized programs designed to equip them with the social, intellectual, and emotional tools they will need as adults
    - Offers youth in custody the opportunity to earn a high school diploma from a system accredited by both the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Correctional Education Association (CEA).
- **Whitfield County Department of Family and Children Services**
  - Danny Nuckolls: County Director
  - Direct Phone: (706) 272-2834
  - Website: [www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov](http://www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov)
    - Offers multiple services to children, teens, and families
    - Youth services:
      - ◆ Afterschool Care Program- Provides opportunities for youth to establish positive relationships with peers and caring adults during traditional non-school day hours
      - ◆ TeenWork- Provides youth in foster care, ages 16-21, with career preparatory training, meaningful workplace skills, and internship opportunities
- **Whitfield County School System**
  - Phone: (706) 217-6780
  - Website: [www.whitfield.k12.ga.us](http://www.whitfield.k12.ga.us)
    - Call or visit the website to find more information about schools and programs offered
- **WIOA Endless Opportunities**
  - Brandy Johnson and Chris Johnson ([eo2007@aol.com](mailto:eo2007@aol.com))

- Phone: (706) 275-0545
- Website: [www.endlessopportunities.org](http://www.endlessopportunities.org)
  - EMSN: Educated Male support Network
    - ◆ Assisting young Black and Latino men, age 13-17, to complete high school and transition on to college or vocational training
    - ◆ Developing natural given strengths used to maximize true potential
    - ◆ Creating community youth ambassadors to help serve and lead their communities, schools, and families
    - ◆ Providing service to community through developing volunteer opportunities within the program

## **Websites**

- [www.GetMyFuture.org](http://www.GetMyFuture.org)
  - A one-stop resource to help anyone age 16-24 plan and achieve their career, education, and employment goals
  - Offers easy to use tools, information, videos, links to resources, and more to help young adults explore career options, learn about education and training opportunities, and find a job
  - Services include:
    - Exploring Careers: learning about careers; choosing a career; setting career goals
    - Education: finishing high school/high school equivalency; apprenticeships; learning about and applying to college; paying for school
    - Employment: ideas for first jobs; getting work experience; finding job openings; job applications, resumes, and interviews
    - Finding Support: banking and credit; transportation; parenting; getting food, money, and other support