



**GEORGIA VOCATIONAL
REHABILITATION AGENCY**

Georgia's Business Enterprise Program (BEP) provides work opportunities to persons who are legally visually impaired or blind as certified by an ophthalmologist or optometrist pursuant to the federal Randolph-Sheppard Act of 1936.

The BEP, one of six divisions in the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA), was authorized by the federal Randolph-Sheppard Act of 1936 and was established in Georgia in 1944. It is recognized as the State Licensing Agency (SLA) and has priority for operating businesses on federal property and may also operate sites on other properties. Sites include snack bars, cafes, cafeterias, coffee bars, food courts, gift and sundry shops, military dining facilities, vending routes, interstate rest areas and welcome centers.

If you are an agency or business interested in providing your customers and/or employees with a convenient on-site food, vending or beverage service, the BEP would be happy to discuss our various levels of service based on customer specifications. It will be our responsibility to assist in the design and layout of the service you request, provide all equipment and merchandise inventory, as well as select a licensed blind vendor manager to service your location.

As a host organization, you will have the satisfaction of providing quality service to your customers and employees while providing a viable employment opportunity for a Georgian who is blind. For more information on the advantages of partnering with the BEP, please call our main office number in Tucker, GA at (770) 724-6590. You may also reach your local BEP Counselor, Thomas Simpson, at thomas.simpson@gvs.ga.gov.

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Benefits to You

- All start-up costs associated with equipment, products and structural design are managed by the BEP.
- All equipment is tested and managed to provide reliable service.
- BEP can assist with meeting your diversity employment goals.
- BEP managers have been providing professional, ethical, and reliable food services since 1936. The managers of the BEP are dedicated to the success of the program and in return have an industry low turn-over rate.
- Every manager in the BEP has access to a team of Business Counselors for assuring the overall success of the business.



- **Do you have an empty spare room in your house?**
- **Do you have some extra time and energy?**
- **Have you ever wanted to make a difference?**

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- We provide specialized foster care for children in DFCS custody
 - Children placed are from all over the state of Georgia
 - We place children from ages 0-18
 - Sibling, Teen and Referral incentives offered

WE ALSO OFFER:

Special Needs Training
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Monthly Foster Parent Training

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What: Mom's Connection! Mom's Connection is a chance for moms to get together and receive/offer support and encouragement to each other. We get together in groups to share with each other about various topics involved in parenting! We will also look at what the Bible says about these same topics! During our meetings we enjoy a snack, work on a craft project, and win some door prizes. FREE Child care will be provided for each meeting.

When: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 24th from 9:30am to 11:30 am. Late arrivals will join in the program where we are, we will not be able to go back and catch people up on what they have missed!

Where: Park Avenue Methodist Church 100 E Park Ave (If you have difficulty finding us, please call 229-234-7427)



Valdosta Police Department Opens Prescription Drug Drop Off Box

Valdosta Police Department Press Release:

The Valdosta Police Department now has a Consumer Drug Take-Back Program. The department has contracted with a drug disposal company and has placed a Drug Drop-Box in the outer lobby at Valdosta Police Headquarters. This lobby is open 24 hours a day to our citizens.

The type of drugs which can be dropped off include Schedule II-V controlled substances which include all prescription and medicinal-related drugs for human and pet consumption. The box is very similar to a US Postal Mail Box in that you open the top drawer, place medication inside, and close the drawer. There is no fee or documentation requirements for our citizens. Simply drop the prescription drugs in the box; that's it. Once per month, the discarded drugs are disposed of properly by the outside company following federal guidelines for disposal of Schedule II-V Drugs.

"In light of the issues with opioids and other prescription drugs in our country, this Drug Drop-Off box gives our citizens a way to discard unused prescription drugs safely and to avoid them ending up in the wrong hands", stated Chief Brian Childress.



Housing the Homeless

with Mental Health and Substance Abuse Issues

To Register:

<https://housingthehomeless-benchmarkcommunitycollaborative.eventbrite.com>

Recovery from mental illness and addiction can only occur when basic needs are met. Paradoxically, severe and persistent mental illness can cause individuals to become unable to maintain housing and causes individuals to become isolated from their support systems. This increases their risk for homelessness and makes it unlikely that they can engage in treatment and begin their journey to wellness. Join us to learn about the collaborative effort between DBHDD and DCA to increase ease of access to housing for these individuals. Learn how to access housing and eligibility criteria, and where to refer individuals in need. We will also hear from the local homelessness task force about community efforts being made to combat homelessness.

Friday
April 20, 2018

11:00am-1:00pm
(Registration begins at 10:30am)

Location:
James H. Rainwater Conference
Center: 1 Meeting Place, Valdosta

Sponsored by:

**Benchmark Human Services
and Region 4 DBHDD**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EASTER	2 Greenleaf Group @ 1 Set up booth at Greenleaf for the month	3 Take Back The Night 4PM and 7PM	4 Shelter Group @ 5	5 Pines Group 10:30-11:30 Civic Round Table 12PM The Egg & 1	6 Yes Center 9-10:30 Lowndes CO. TF @ 10AM	7
8	9 GreenLeaf Group @ 1 VSU Clothes Line Project- 9 AM (Booth All Week) Mom's Night Out @ 6PM	10 Echlos CO. FC @ 9 PCA @ 12 The Mix % Night 4-8PM	11 Shelter Group @ 5 Buffalo Wild Wings Percentage Day @ 11AM	12 Exchange Club @ 12	13 Yes Center 9-10:30	14 Moody AFB Baby Shower 10-12:30
15	16 Greenleaf Group @ 1	17 "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" @ VSU Meet & Greet with Remerton @ 11AM Atkinson FC @ 9AM	18 Echols Co. Meet and Greet @ 10AM Shelter Group @ 5	19 BUNCO	20 Yes Center 9-10:30	21
22	23 "What was She Wearing" VSU @ 9AM (Booth all Week) Greenleaf group @ 1	24 Meet & Greet with Brooks Co. @ 10 AM Lanier Co. FC @ 12PM Clinch Co HS CNA @ 145	25 Moody Presentation @ 4:30	26 Job Fair at Rainwater 10-1PM Speak Out Event @ 6 Softball Event Lanier Co.	27 J4J Day Yes Center 9-10:30	28
29	30 Lanier Co Luncheon	1 Mellow Mushroom % night 5-9PM	2			

- April 2: Greenleaf Group-Taylor
April 2: Set up booth at Greenleaf for the month-Taylor
- April 3: "Take Back the Night"- 4:00 Beth, Kim, Lola
7:00 Cassandra, Lola
- April 4-Shelter Group-Taylor
- April 5: Pines Group-Taylor
- April 5: Civic Round Table- Beth
- April 6: Yes Center-Taylor
Lowndes Co. TF- Beth
- April 9: Clothes Line Project-Cassandra, Beth, Shelter Staff and Volunteers
- April 9: Greenleaf Group-Taylor
- April 9: Mom's Night Out- Cindy
- April 10: Echlos Co. FC-Beth
PCA-Taylor
The Mix-Lola
- April 11-Greenleaf Group-Taylor
- April 12: Exchange Club- Cassandra
- April 13: Yes Center-Taylor
- April 14: Moody AFB Baby Shower-Shelter Staff
- April 16: Greenleaf Group-Taylor
- April 17: Atkinson FC-Beth
"Walk a Mile in her shoes"-Beth, Shelter Staff
Remerton M&G- Taylor (Bethany if not in court)
- April 18: Echols Co. Meet and Greet-Beth (Bethany if not in court)

April 18: Shelter Group-Taylor

April 19: BUNCO-Beth, Taylor, Karen, Lola

April 20: Yes Center-Taylor

April 23: "What was she wearing?" - Cassandra, Taylor, Beth, volunteers

April 23: Greenleaf Group-Taylor

April 24: Brooks Co M&G-Kim, Cassandra (Bethany if not in court)
Lanier Co. FC-Beth
Clinch Co. HS CNA Class-KIM

April 25: Moody Presentation-Taylor

April 26: Job fair-Shelter Staff
Speak Out Event-Cassandra, Taylor, Lola
Softball Event Lanier Co.-Cindy

April 27: Yes Center-Taylor

April 27: J4J Day-All Staff Wear Shirts

April 30: Lanier Co Luncheon-Taylor

May 2: Mellow Mushroom-Beth set up booth
Lola take down booth

Service Overview



Emergency Shelter — Provides a safe place for victims of domestic violence to stay with their children. The program has a 22 bed capacity and offers a 4-6 week stay. While in our shelter clothing, food, and transportation are provided.

Case Management — This program assesses the current needs of the clients and will help them set goals to complete while at the shelter. These goals may include job and/or housing searches.

Rapid Rehousing — Working with the landlords and other housing options, clients may qualify for our rapid re-housing program if permanent housing is a goal. In this program clients will receive temporary assistance for obtaining housing. Follow-ups will be conducted for up to six months after leaving the shelter to ensure the client is able to maintain housing.

Therapy — The Haven provides all of our clients with counselling services. Our therapist works with domestic violence, sexual assault for residential and outreach clients to provide them with discussions on emotions and experiences to help improve their overall mental health.

Children's Program — Works with the children in the shelter by offering them support groups, taking them on field trips, and doing arts and crafts. Our children's advocate helps the children get enrolled in school and teaches parenting classes. Parenting classes and other supports are also offered to the mother's.

Outreach — Works with victims in the community to ensure they are safe and offers them the same services victims in the shelter would receive. The outreach advocate can act as a link between child protective services and the victim by coordinating case plans. They also offer domestic violence assessments.

Legal — Provide victims of domestic violence and sexual assault with guidance through the legal system. Our legal advocate can assist with getting Temporary Protective Orders (TPO) and accompany victims to court. The legal advocate acts as a liaison between the judges and law enforcement to serve the needs of the victim.

Rape Crisis Center — Our sexual assault center is one of three free-standing centers in Georgia. We provide victims of sexual assault with on site forensic exams conducted by a sexual assault nurse examiner (S.A.N.E.).

Prevention Education — The purpose of prevention education is to promote healthy relationships and risk awareness with the hope of preventing dating violence and sexual assault to adolescents and young adults.

Volunteer — Seeks dedicated individuals with a passion for volunteer work and a commitment to The Haven and its mission. This program is to allow the community to contribute to our cause through direct and indirect volunteering.

All Services are free and confidential and provided 24/7.

Local Crisis Hotline 229-244-1765

Living Bridges Ministry Spring Clothing Exchange

Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 9:00am -12:30pm

Sponsored by Living Bridges Ministry at Park Avenue Methodist Church

100 E Park Avenue, Valdosta



1. This event is first come, first served. We will allow people to begin picking out clothing at 9:00AM.
2. We will close at 12:30pm OR when we run out of clothing whichever happens first.
3. Each family that comes may get 10 tickets per family member who is in attendance for clothing without bringing any clothing to exchange.
4. To receive more than 10 items of clothing you must bring clothing to exchange. To exchange clothing, you may turn in items of gently used clothing that your family no longer needs/wants. For each item you bring that meets the guidelines below, you will be given a ticket to select any item of clothing.
5. We do not accept any used underwear in any of our donations.
6. Clothing must be clean; not dirty or stained.
7. Clothing should be gently used; no rips/tears or holes. All buttons, zippers, snaps, etc on the garment.
8. Because all of our clothing has been donated, we have no control over sizes/quantities. Some sizes may not be available.

Date: 4-5-18

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Valdosta Civic Roundtable
Sign-In Sheet
Please Print!

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