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WARE CHILDREN'S INITIATIVE

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912-816-5317

warechildrensinitiative@gmail.com

www.gafcp.org/ware

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

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

Volunteer! Doing Good for Ware...

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

For more information call or email:

Gail Seifert, Coordinator

912-816-5317

warechildrensinitiative@gmail.com

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AL-ANON

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

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

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

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

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership – they are self-supporting through their own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, religious denomination, politics, organization, or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

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

ATLANTIC COAST BANK**CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICE**

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

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

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

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

AUTISM PARENT GROUP

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

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

AMERIGROUP COMMUNITY CARE

7001 Chatham Center Drive, Suite 2400, Savannah, GA 31405
800-600-4441
912-508-6503
Shenna.jones@amerigroup.com
www.amerigroup.com

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

Volunteer! Doing Good for Ware. . .

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

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BETHESDA HOUSE OF MERCY

1010 Mary Street, Waycross, GA 31503
912-283-8580
www.bethesdahousewaycross.org

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

- Drug and alcohol recovery
- Anger management
- Pastoral counseling
- Based on biblical principals
- Minimum 90 days up to 18 months
- Faith-based ministry; relies on private contributions

Bethesda House food pantry is located at 1010 Mary Street. Hours of operation are Monday thru Friday, 11:00am —2:00pm. Those requesting food should be referred through a social service agency or have some type of identification. This is a first come first serve ministry as food is available.

BABIES CAN'T WAIT

1057 Grove Avenue, Waycross GA 31501
912-284-2552 / 1-800-429-6307

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

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Coastal Georgia Council, Satilla District

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

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

BOYS TO MEN

912-281-2622
Nathanielanderson881@yahoo.com

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

BUSINESS LICENSES – WARE COUNTY & WAYCROSS

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

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CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

CASA (COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE) - ATLANTIC AREA

1507 Grove Ave Street, Waycross, GA 31501
912-722-7672 / 912-876-3816
www.atlanticcasa.org
Contact: Carlos Nelson

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

Volunteer! Doing Good for Ware. . .

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

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

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

215-B Albany Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501

1-87-423-4746

www.cse.dhr.state.ga.us

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

Child Support Services include:

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

Enforcement tools available to DCSS:

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

Fatherhood Services Network:

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

Child Access and Visitation Program:

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

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

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

Internet Access to Case and Payment Information:

www.cse.dhr.state.ga.us. Click on Constituent Services Portal and apply for services, view payment information, view the status of your case and update case information.

DCSS does not: Help anyone get a divorce; Find custodial parents; Take legal action about visitation rights or custody; Enforce court ordered payment of unpaid bills not related to child support payments; Help legitimize children.

CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS)

1123 Church Street, Waycross, GA 31501


912-285-6304 / 1-800-320-9839

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

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S JOB CORPS®

First Baptist Church, 670 Main Street, Blackshear, GA 31516

912-548-2147

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

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

COASTAL PINES TECHNICAL COLLEGE

1701 Carswell Avenue, Waycross, GA 31503

912-287-6584

www.coastalpin.es.edu

A postsecondary technical college offering degree, diploma and certificate programs that prepare graduates to enter the work force. The college also offers continuing education, customized business training, adult education programs, and GED preparation. Services include career assessment, financial aid counseling, advisement, and placement. Coastal Pines Technical College is a unit of The Technical College System of Georgia.

Office hours: Monday-Thursday (8:00am - 9:00pm) and Friday (8:00am - 4:00pm). Information on tuition, fees, financial aid, and programs can be found on the website.

COASTAL PINES TECHNICAL COLLEGE**ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM**

1700 Carswell Avenue, Waycross, GA 31503

912-287-6580 / 912-285-6041

The Adult Education Program at Coastal Pines Technical College offers assistance with basic academic skills and GED preparation for adults. The program offers flexible schedules that can meet the needs of any individual.

The Adult Education Program offers services including assessment of present skills, individual academic counseling and advisement, personal attention, special reading instruction, computerized instruction. There is no cost for classes.

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

CONCERTED SERVICES, INC.

2100 Riverside Avenue

P O Box 1965, Waycross, GA31502

912-285-6083

Concerted Services, Inc. is a private, non-profit charitable organization. The agency is divided into two major areas – Administration and Program Operations.

Administration covers equal opportunity, legal, fiscal, grant compliance, contracting, personnel, planning, public relations, clerical, and many others. Program Operations – operates all programs granted to CSI by funding sources.

Services provided:

Community Care, Community Services, Educational Talent Search, Elderly Services Program, Energy Assistance Program, Literacy Action Program, Ware County Food

Bank, Head Start Program, Early Head Start Program Pre-K Program and Weatherization services.

CONCERTED SERVICES, INC.**WARE COUNTY FOOD BANK**

960 C. City Blvd., Waycross, GA 31501

912-283-8634

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

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

CONCERTED SERVICES, INC.**HAZARD HILL EARLY HEAD START**

1403 Pendergast Street, Waycross, GA 31501

912-490-0201

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

CONCERTED SERVICES, INC.**WARE COUNTY HEADSTART**

1235 McDonald Street, Waycross, GA 31501

912-285-1844 / 912-284-0369 / 912-285-2092

Head Start is a free federal comprehensive pre-school program for children ages three to four. Applicants must meet established income guidelines.. Priority is given to children with special needs as well as homeless and foster children. This program

is designed to meet the educational, nutritional, health, social, emotional and psychological needs of the children served to prepare them for school success.. The center is child care licensed by DECAL (Department of Early Care and Learning) and is Quality Rated. Please contact the Family Advocate office at 284-0369 for more information.

**CONCERTED SERVICES, INC.
LITERACY ACTION PROGRAM**

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

The Literacy Action Program is funded in part by the United Way of South Georgia. The Literacy Action Program has three basic roles:

- Encourage and assist persons to continue their education;
- Support parents in the role of being their child's first teacher; and
- Increase the family's access to materials and activities that promote family literacy development.

To do this, the Literacy Action Program is involved in many community activities. These include:

- Referrals to assist individuals in attaining their GED
- Referrals for financial assistance to attend technical school and college. Education/Literacy

CORD OF THREE COUNSELING

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

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

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

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF DRIVER SERVICES – GEORGIA

Georgia State Patrol

Driver's License

3029 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA 31503
912-285-6296
Open Tuesday-Saturday, 9:00am - 4:30pm

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES – WARE COUNTY

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

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

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

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

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

MEDICAID/Peachcare/Medicare-medical assistance based on financial need; available for children under age 19, pregnant women, adults with minor children, adults age 65 and over, and adults who meet Social Security, disability or blind requirements.

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL DFCS SERVICES – referral services and community outreach.

HOURS: 8:00am – 5:00pm Monday-Friday.

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

DFCS SERVICES:

Adoption

Case Management

Children's Protective Services

Food Stamp Applications

Food Stamps

Foster Care for Dependent Children

Medi-Cal/Medicaid

Medi-Cal/Medicaid Applications

Medicare

Medicare Insurance Supplements

Referral to Physicians Accepting Medi-Cal/Medicaid

Refugee/Entrant Cash Assistance Applications

TANF

TANF Applications

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

147 Knight Avenue Circle / P O Box 1099, Waycross, GA 31502

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

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

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

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

also receive assistance coordinating transportation, arranging MD visits, identifying alternative housing as needed, and meeting other needs.

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

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EASTER SEALS SOUTHERN GEORGIA

505 Elizabeth Street, Waycross, GA 31501

912-283-4691 / 877-541-7325 / FAX: 912-283-4692

www.southerngeorgia.easterseals.com

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

Volunteer! Doing Good for Ware. . .

To volunteer contact: 912-283-4691

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

412 McDonald Street, Waycross, GA 31501

912-283-5818

Food Pantry: Thursday's, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

410 Williams Street, Waycross, GA 31501

912-283-2077

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

601 Hill Street, Waycross, GA 31501

912-283-5077

Financial assistance Monday between 10:00 –11:00am. Minimal groceries available throughout the week.

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GEORGIA LIONS CAMP FOR THE BLIND

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

One to two week long camping sessions are scheduled for various age groups from approximately mid-June through mid-August each year. Ages served include youth, ages 6-17; young adults, ages 18-45; and senior adults, ages 45 and up. There is a \$25 registration fee. Campers are sponsored by Lions Clubs throughout Georgia.

Camp activities include arts and crafts, gardening, canoeing, camping, nature quest, fishing, dramatics, music, horseback riding, track and field, swimming, sports, and games. All buildings are air-conditioned. Medical personnel are on duty 24 hours daily.

The camp staff includes personnel with experience working with the visually impaired. An eligible camper must be legally blind or have a severe visual loss, a resident of Georgia, over age 6, and have some degree of independent self-help skills in feeding and dressing themselves. A camper's primary handicap must be vision related.

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

GEORGIA LEGAL SERVICES

1607 Union Street, Brunswick GA 31520
1-877-808-0553
www.glsp.org

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

GIRL SCOUTS OF HISTORIC GEORGIA

110 Pipemakers Circle, Suite 116, Pooler, GA 31322
912-236-1571, 912-988-8658
www.gshg.org
Contact: Kayce Bradbury, Membership Manager
kbradbury@gshg.org

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

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

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

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HARRELL LEARNING CENTER

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

The Harrell Learning Center is a special day school dedicated to serving children and youth (ages 5-21) with severe emotional and behavioral disorders (SEBD). The Harrell Center is a public school and serves those children with severe emotional problems who cannot be properly served in traditional special education classes at their home school. The Harrell Center offers comprehensive services in small, highly structured settings. SEBD children are typically such a very small part of the normal school population that it would be cost prohibitive for small systems to provide as many as four-to-five adults to work with only one or two children.

The Harrell Learning Center serves students from Ware, Atkinson, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Bacon, Brantley and Pierce counties. Students are bussed from their home county and returned home each day. The Center has 10 classrooms, serving children grades K-12. Class size is limited to ten students, with eight students being the average class size. Each class has one certified teacher and one para-professional.

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – WARE COUNTY

604 Riverside Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501
1-855-473-4374
www.sehdph.org

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – WARE COUNTY

Teen I.M.P.A.C.T. Center (Implementing More Positive Alternative Choices For Teens)
604 Riverside Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501
912-283-1875

Public Health nurses offer services that include but are not limited to immunizations, scoliosis screenings, nutrition counseling, WIC services, case management services for parenting teens, Health Checks, family planning services, and health referrals to

appropriate sources. Services are provided on sliding scale, Medicaid, PeachCare, or private.

HEARING PLUS

1402 Alice Street, Waycross, GA 31501
912-816-4153
sswain@myhearingplus.com
<http://www.myhearingplus.com/location/waycross-ga>

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

HOPE CIRCLE

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

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

HOSPICE SATILLA

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

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

Volunteer! Doing Good for Ware. . .

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

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JUVENILE JUSTICE – GEORGIA DEPARTMENT

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

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

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KINGDOM CARE

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

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

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LABOR - GEORGIA DEPARTMENT

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

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

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

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

• to assist those who are seeking jobs in their quest for satisfactory and productive placement and to aid employers in the search for qualified workers;

- to refer workers in need of additional skills into the proper job training program;
- to administer the state's unemployment insurance program;
- to administer rehabilitation services, including providing physical rehabilitation, job training, and job placement of people with disabilities;
- to gather, maintain, and report labor market information; and
- to administer laws relating to working conditions, employee safety, and child labor, and to inspect amusement rides, elevators, escalators, dumbwaiters, man lifts, moving sidewalks, boilers, pressure vessels, safety glass, and high-voltage lines to assure that the public is protected.

Services Available at No Charge:

- Local, State and National Job Listings – over 170,000 job openings each year
- Dedicated Staff – ready to assist Internet Access – for researching occupations, job openings, industries, etc.
- Job Search Techniques Workshops – latest information on job seeking strategies
- Financial Management Workshops – tips on stretching your income during unemployment
- Library – latest books, videos and computer software for job search information and strategies
- Computers, Printers, and Fax – for use to develop and send resumes and cover letters
- Georgia Career Information System – information on occupations, education and training, job search, etc.
- Labor Market Information – employment trends, job outlook, wage information, etc.
- Training and Education – information and referral
- Unemployment Insurance – assistance in filing a claim for unemployment benefits
- Testing – to assess clerical skills and job aptitudes.

LABOR – GEORGIA DEPARTMENT

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

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

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

**LABOR - GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA)**

Georgia Department of Labor Building
600 Plant Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501
912-287-9943
912-284-2931

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

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MAGNOLIA HOUSE SHELTER FOR ABUSED WOMEN

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

Shelter for women and their children. The shelter is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for those in need. Services offered are free and confidential.

Legal Services: help obtaining Temporary Protective Orders, Stalking Orders, education on going through the judicial system, and community education, individual advocacy and support, law enforcement- domestic violence training.

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

MARY STREET MISSION

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

Mary St. Mission Baptist Church offers benevolence and counseling to those in need (food utilities, medication, rent, gas). Photo ID and copy of the bill required. The

Mission is open for benevolence needs on Wed., 1:00-4:00pm. A worship service is held on Sundays at 3:00pm.

MAYO CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM

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

MCKINNEY MEDICAL CENTER

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

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

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

MCKINNEY MEDICAL CENTER

Nelson Greene Senior Citizen Center
1615 Carswell Ave, Waycross, GA 31501
912-285-9800

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OKEFENOKEE LIONS CLUB

711 Columbus Street / P O Box 673, Waycross, GA 31502

912-285-7282

Assistance with eye exams and glasses for financially needy children

OKEFENOKEE REGIONAL LIBRARY**Waycross-Ware County Public Library**

401 Lee Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501

[912-287-4978](tel:912-287-4978)www.okrls.org

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

Library Hours

Monday 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Thursday 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

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PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICE

601 Tebeau Street, Waycross, Ga 31501

912-283-0004

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

3019 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA 31501

912-285-6028

www.dcor.state.ga.us

Adult offenders placed on probation.

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SALVATION ARMY

977 Tebeau Street, Waycross, GA 31501

912-285-7237

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

SATILLA ADVOCACY SERVICES

1900 Tebeau Street, Waycross, GA 31501

912-285-7355 / 912-283-0987

Anderson.Terry@mayo.edu

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

SATILLA CARE CENTER

1600 Riverside Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501

912-283-1182

SCC is a 96-bed hospital-based, skilled nursing center, providing both short-term rehabilitation and long-term care. Certified by Medicare and Medicaid. Nursing & Personal Care Homes

SOUTH CENTRAL GEORGIA LEARNING RESOURCES SYSTEM

1450 North Augusta Avenue

Waycross, Georgia 31503

912-338-5998 / FAX: 912-287-6650

Website: www.sc.glrs.org

The Georgia Learning Resources System (GLRS) is a network of 17 regional programs that provide training and resources to school district personnel, parents of

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

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

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

SOUTH GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE – WAYCROSS CAMPUS

2001 South Georgia Parkway, Waycross, GA, 31501

912-449-7600

www.sgsc.edu

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

Southern Georgia Regional Commission’s Area Agency on Aging

1725 South Georgia Parkway West, Waycross, GA 31503

1-888-732-4464

912-287-5888

Fax: 912-287-6697

plwilson@sgrc.us

www.sgrc.us/aaa.html

Our mission is to develop, provide, coordinate, and advocate for services that assist older individuals, at-risk adults, person with disabilities, their families and caregivers. The following programs and services receive federal and state funding: Intake and Assistance, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Elderly Legal Assistance Program, Alzheimer’s Adult Day Care, Money Follows the Person, Home

Modification, Community CareService Program, Homemaker/Personal Care, Caregiver Respite, Georgia Cares Services, and Nutrition and Senior Center Services.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH LOAVES AND FISHES PROGRAM

2011 Darling Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501

912-283-5221

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

Must call on Mondays for an appointment.

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TELAMON CORPORATION MIGRANT AND SEASONAL HEAD START

1303 S Peterson Avenue / P O Box 1799, Douglas, GA 31533

912-850-1735 / 912-850-7183 (Espanol)

www.telamon.org

amartain@telamon.org / earevalo@telamon.org

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

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1005 Church Street, Waycross, GA 31501

912-283-5526

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UNISON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

1007 Mary Street, Waycross, Georgia 31501

912-449-7100

1-800-342-8168 (Scheduling Unit)

www.unisonbehavioralhealth.com

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

**Unison Behavioral Health
Scheduling Unit**

1-800-342-8168 (Scheduling Unit)

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

**Unison Behavioral Health
Child & Adolescent Emotional & Behavior Health Services**

1003 Mary Street, Waycross, Georgia 31501
Phone: 449-7150 Fax: 449-7076

Outpatient services are provided to children and adolescents in this service who are from birth through age seventeen. Services are offered in areas of mental illness, emotional disturbance, behavior disorders, and those at risk for hospitalization. Specific services include: diagnostic assessment, individual therapy, family therapy, group therapy, play therapy, activity therapy, parents' Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Support Group, crisis evaluations, medication monitoring, nursing assessment, case management services, consultation and education, and school-based clinic services.

**Unison Behavioral Health
Garden Gate**

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

Garden Gate is a long-term Ready for Work (6-12 months) residential substance abuse treatment program for women and their children. The program serves women in need by providing a safe and structured living environment where they can develop sufficient recovery and life skills. Highest priority is given to women with the least lifetime TANF eligibility and pregnant women.

**Unison Behavioral Health
ST. ILLA CENTER
CRISIS STABILIZATION PROGRAM**

3455 Harris Road, Waycross, GA 31501
Phone: 912-449-7200 Fax 912-449-7077
Crisis Line: 1-800-342-8168

Counseling and in-house services are available for males and females with substance abuse problems. Also available is a 28-day inpatient program for adults. The Crisis Stabilization Program offers a residential alternative to inpatient hospitalization and offers psychiatric stabilization and detoxification services. The program provides medically monitored residential services forth purpose of providing psychiatric stabilization and substance detoxification services on a short-term basis.

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

415 Lott Street, Waycross, GA 31501
912-285-6340 / FAX: 912-285-6341
pcorbett@vs.state.ga.us or sparrish@vs.state.ga.us
Pamela Corbett (VFSO 2, Office Manager); Seymour Parrish (VFSO 1)
Hours: 8am - 4:30pm, Monday-Friday, except on state holidays

VISITING NURSES SERVICES

360 State Street, Waycross, GA 31501
912-283-1262
Home Health & Nurse Services

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

1507 Grove Ave, Waycross, GA 31502
912-550-3345
Carlos Nelson, Coordinator

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program is a free income tax preparation service sponsored by the IRS and operated by a group of certified volunteers trained by the IRS. Electronic filing and rapid refund is offered. Tax preparation is 100% free.

The local office is open starting the middle of January until April 15th. Clients are welcomed to stop by Thursdays and Saturdays from 9am to 1pm.

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WARE COUNTY FERST FOUNDATION

PO Box 1064, Waycross, GA 31502

912-288-6684

warechildrenread@gmail.com

www.wareferst.org

Contact: Cindy Hitt

Because early exposure to appropriate books is the number one determinant of literacy success in school, the Ware County Ferst Foundation seeks to provide books for all Ware County children from birth to 5.

Registration forms are provided to day care centers/preschools, Ware Co. Health Department, obstetrician and pediatrician offices, and other location serving children. Assistance is needed in collecting registration forms from those locations. In addition, volunteers are needed to man registration booths at local festivals, fairs, and other community events.

Volunteer! Doing Good for Ware. . .

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

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

WAYCROSS HOUSE OF HOPE

109 Thomas Street, Waycross, GA 31501

912-287-0377

Tuesday 9am – 12 noon

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

WAYCROSS REGIONAL YOUTH DETENTION CENTER (RYDC)

3275 Harris Road, Waycross, GA 31503

912-287-6680 / 912-287-6684 / 912-287-6024

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

Volunteer! Doing Good for Ware. . .

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

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

WAYCROSS/WARE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

315 Plant Avenue, Suite B, Waycross, GA 31501

912-283-3742

director@waycrosschamber.org

www.waycrosschamber.us

WINONA PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

900 N. Augusta Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501

912-283-7793

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

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

1634 Plant Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501

912-285-8660

ymcawaycross.com

Rusty Hall, Executive Director

Recreational facility for all ages. Services include:

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

Business Hours: 8:00am – 6:00pm (Monday-Friday)

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

- WARE COUNTY RESOURCES -

WARE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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

WARE COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Voter Registration
912-287-4363
Voters must be 17 years old to register to vote and 18 years old and registered 30 days prior to the election in which they wish to vote. Proper identification and proof of residency should be taken to the Voter Registration Office or the Georgia State Patrol Office.

WARE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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

WARE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

WARE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

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

WARE COUNTY PROBATE COURT

Marriage License
912-287-4315

WARE COUNTY RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2110 Cecil Brown Drive, Waycross, GA 31503
912-287-4488
www.warecounty.com/recreation.aspx
Contact: Rod Mitchell

All persons are invited to participate in all programs and use all facilities of the Ware County Recreation Department, regardless of race, color, or national origin. Registration for most classes/programs will be taken one month in advance of starting date of the class. Preregistration is necessary. The Ware County Recreation Department offers a wide range of activities for anyone age five years and older. Basketball, baseball, football, cheerleading, and several senior citizens activities are

offered. For more information regarding these services, contact the office between 8am – 5pm.

WARE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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

WARE COUNTY TAX COMMISSIONER

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

- CITY OF WAYCROSS RESOURCES -

WAYCROSS CITY GOVERNMENT – CITY HALL

417 Pendleton St. Waycross, GA 31501
912-287-2900
www.waycrossga.com
Our Mission: “We provide the professional staff and supervision necessary to deliver superior municipal services to our community”

WAYCROSS FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

WAYCROSS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

- WARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOURCES -

WARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

1301 Bailey Street / P O Box 1789, Waycross, GA 31501

912-283-8656

Jim LeBrun, Superintendent

The Ware County School System is comprised of one preschool, 6 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, one high school, and one alternative school (Ware County Learning Center) with an enrollment of 6,205.

Schools:

DAFFODIL Preschool – 287-2311

Center Elementary – 287-2366

Memorial Drive Elementary – 287-2327

Ruskin Elementary – 287-2325

Wacona Elementary – 287-2362

Waresboro Elementary – 287-2393

Williams Heights Elementary – 287-2399

Ware County Middle School – 287-2341

Waycross Middle School – 287-2333

Ware County High School – 287-2351

WARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION - DAFFODIL PRE-K

(DIVERSIFIED AGENICES FEELING FINE OVER DEVELOPING INFANT LINKAGES)

912-287-2311

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

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

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

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

WARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS

1301 Bailey Street, Waycross, GA 31501

912-283-8656

The School Social Worker, under the auspices of the Student Services Department of the Ware County School System, provides non-instructional services to students and their families and serves as a link between school, home and community. Students may have special needs and unresolved problems that interfere with achieving school success. The School Social Worker reaches out to students and families to search for solutions. School Social Workers serve all Ware County Schools. Any parent can request the services of a school worker by contacting the local school or the coordinator of the School Social Work Program.

WARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM

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

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