

## **RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES IN CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA**

### **Alcohol and Drug**

- AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) Support: (912) 356-3688
- Al-anon: Hope and Help for families and friends of alcoholics (912) 356-3688
- Alateen: (912) 356-3688
- Savannah Area Behavioral Health Collaborative (SABHC): (912) 355-1440
- Helpline Georgia: (800) 338-6902
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) State Number: (770) 615-3737
  - Chatham Co: (912) 355-6902
  - Bryan Co: (912) 756-3603
- Assisted Recovery Center of Georgia (Naltrexone): 912-352-2425
- Meth Strike Force (enforcement): 1-800-466-6806
- Recovery Place
- Willingway Foundation (912) 489-7288
  - Center for Addiction Recovery

### **Child Molestation/Child Abuse/Neglect**

- Child Abuse Reporting/ Lifeline for Children Hotline: (912) 651-2110
  - NOTE: This is a busy hotline. You may wait 1 hour on the phone before they talk with you. But don't give up. If you leave a message, it may take a few days for them to call back.
- Coastal Children's Advocacy Center: 912-236-1401/ Fax: 912-236-0228
- Prevent Child Abuse GA (Resource and Referral) 1-800-532-3208
- CASA (advocate for abused/neglected children) (912) 447-8908 or [info@savannahcasa.org](mailto:info@savannahcasa.org)
- Faith Trust Institute (Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence): 206-634-1903
- The Sex Offender Registry maintained by the GBI:  
[http://gbi.georgia.gov/00/channel\\_modifieddate/0,2096,67862954\\_87983024,00.html](http://gbi.georgia.gov/00/channel_modifieddate/0,2096,67862954_87983024,00.html)
  - Or call (404) 270-8465

### **Financial Assistance and Debt Management**

- Consumer Credit Counseling 912-691-2227
- Department of Family and Children's Services Emergency Assistance (912) 651-2216 or FAX (912) 651-2050
- Economic Opportunity Authority (EOA) (912) 238-2960
- Medicare Information 1-800-633-4227
- Pentecostal Miracle Deliverance Center: (912) 356-9220
- Radiant Life Christian Fellowship: (912) 354-1780
- Royal Church of Christ: (912) 233-1224
- Salvation Army (Project Share): (912) 651-7420 OR 1-800-25-SHARE
- Savannah United Ministries: (912) 234-0330
- St. Pius X Family Resource Center: (912) 651-6815

- Social Apostolate (utilities only): (912) 233-1877
- Wesley Community Center: (912) 232-0965
- Wesley Monumental Church: (912) 232-0191
- White Bluff Presbyterian: (912) 927-1731
- Windsor Forest Baptist Church: (912) 925-8650

### **Hotlines**

- Domestic Violence Safe Shelter (24 hour) 1-800-799-7233
- Drug Abuse: National Alcohol and Substance Abuse Information Center: 800-784-6776
- Family Crisis: National Parent Helpline: 855-4APARENT (855-427-2736) 10AM-7PM (PST) on weekdays
- National Alliance on Mental Illness: 800-950-NAMI (800-950-6264)

### **Mental Health, Stress and Family Crises**

- Barnabas Center for Counseling: 912-352-7638
- Celebrate Recovery: 912-660-1934
- Center for Psychological Services, PC: 912-351-9944
- Coastal Harbor Treatment Center 912-354-3911
- Coastal Psychology 912-352-2992
- Full Circle Grief and Loss Center: 912-355-2289
- Full Circle Growth Center (Richmond Hill): 656-5317
- Gateway Child & Adolescent: 912-355-3590
- Hope Line (Memorial Health's 24-hour mental health information and referral): 912-350-4673
- Latin American Service Organization: 912-692-1000
- Parent and Child Treatment Developmental Center 912-238-2777
- Pathway Counseling: 912-355-7988
- SABHC (Savannah Area Behavioral Health Collaborative): 351-6688
- SAFE Shelter: 912-692-8888
- Savannah Care Center, Inc.: 912-236-1030
- Savannah Counseling: 912-351-3508
- Savannah Psychotherapy Center: 912-236-3712
- The Mindspring Center [Pooler] 912-748-6463
- Union Mission Behavioral Health (homeless): 912-495-8887

### **Elder Care Assistance**

- Senior Citizens, Inc. 912-236-0363
- Living Independence for Everyone, Inc. (LIFE) 912-920-2414
  - Home modifications for the handicapped
- Easter Seals Southern Georgia 912-355-4906
  - Respite Care-Family Support/Residential Services/Independent Care/Adult Day Care
- Candler Source/Georgia Infirmary 912-234-2186
  - Housework, bathing, respite, primary medical care, meal assistance

- Natural Gas and Energy Education- University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Services 912-652-7992
  - Energy assistance programs for seniors
  - [www.ugaextension.com/chatham](http://www.ugaextension.com/chatham)
- Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center 800-580-6860
  - Area Agency on Aging
- Georgia Legal Services Elderly Legal Assistance Program 888-220-8399

### **Community Healthcare Resources**

- Community Health Mission 912-692-1451
  - Provides free primary healthcare to uninsured adults
- St. Mary's Health Center 912-443-9409
  - Offers free primary healthcare for qualifying, uninsured adults
- The Good Samaritan Clinic 912-964-4326
  - Offers free primary healthcare for qualifying, uninsured adults
- Community Cardiovascular Council 912-232-6624
  - Provides blood pressure check, prescription assistance, nutrition counseling and disease management to uninsured adults. Services provided on sliding scale.
- Georgia Department of Public Health 912-356-2441
  - Healthcare services and wellness programs for Adults, Children and Women's health
- Savannah Volunteer Dental Clinic 912-429-8368
  - Free Children's Dental Clinic at Savannah Technical College
- Curtis V. Cooper Health Center 912-527-1000
  - Pharmacy 912-527-1111
  - Dental 912-527-1000
- Small Smiles Dental Clinic of Savannah 912-443-6013

### **Georgia Legal Services**

(912) 651-2180

**Priority Areas:** Family/Domestic Violence, Housing, Public Benefits, Consumer, Healthcare, Education, Employment

**Services:** Advice and counsel for civil cases, Brief service, Representation in administrative hearings and court, Other legal assistance, Educational programs, Referrals to private attorneys and to other services Homeless Legal Assistance Project, Legal Assistance for Victims of Elder Abuse, Legal help for relatives caring for children to whom they are related [kinship care]

### **United Way Agencies**

- **America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia** (912-236-6750) Distributes food in 31 counties to 425 agencies with on-site feeding centers and emergency pantries. (B, C, E, L). United Way Funded Programs: Agency Food Distribution, Brown Bag for Elderly, Community Kitchen, Kid's Cafe.
- **Coastal Children's Advocacy Center** (912-236-1401) Provides a confidential, child-friendly site where child victims of sexual and severe physical abuse are

interviewed on videotape, preventing them from having to repeatedly talk about the abuse to representatives of different agencies. (C, E). United Way Funded Program: Advocacy, Forensic Videotaping Crisis Intervention.

- **Consumer Credit Counseling** (912-691-2227) Provides confidential financial counseling, debt management, housing counseling and consumer credit education to all segments of the community, regardless of ability to pay. (B, C, E, L). United Way Funded Program: Financial Literacy.
- **Court Appointed Special Advocates, Atlantic Area** (912-876-3816) Provides confidential financial counseling, debt management, housing counseling and consumer credit education to all segments of the community, regardless of ability to pay. (B, C, E, L). United Way Funded Program: Financial Literacy.
- **Georgia Legal Services** (912-651-2180) Provides free civil (non-criminal) legal assistance to low-income individuals. (B, C, E, L). United Way Funded Program: Elder Rights Project.
- **Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire** (912-354-6611) Provides independent living skills, training and employment assistance to persons with disabilities and other vocational barriers to live independently and become employed. (B, C, E, L). United Way Funded Programs: Second Chance - Acquired Brain Injury Program, Workforce Development Services.
- **Greenbriar Children's Center** (912-234-3431) Provides housing and care for neglected, abused or abandoned youth ranging from infancy to young adulthood. (C, E). United Way Funded Programs: Children's Shelter, Family Preservation, Independent Living Program, Residential Shelter, Wendy's Child Development Program.
- **Hodge Memorial Daycare Center** (912-233-8421) Offers quality daycare for preschool children of mothers who are working, attending school or enrolled in vocational training. (C). United Way Funded Program: Daycare & Early Childhood Development.
- **Hope House of Savannah** (912-236-5310) Provides transitional shelter to single mothers and their children while assisting in developing independence and self-sufficiency. (C). United Way Funded Programs: Peeler House, Second Chance.
- **Kicklighter Resource Center** (912-355-7633) Improves the quality of life of children and adults with developmental disabilities through advocacy, family support, community education and direct programs. (C, B, E). United Way Funded Programs: Advocacy, Community Education/Prevention, Kicklighter Academy, Residential Program.
- **MedBank Foundation** (912-356-2898) Makes prescription medications available to persons with chronic health conditions on fixed incomes. (B, C, E). United Way Funded Program: Education Outreach Program, Medication Program.
- **Mediation Center of Coastal Georgia** (912-354-6686) Provides conflict resolution services to parties involved in disputes through trained mediators. United Way Funded Program: Mediation Program.
- **Rape Crisis Center** (912-233-3000) Offers counseling services including a 24-hour crisis line, escort to hospital emergency room, court advocacy, counseling for rape/child sexual abuse victims and "Good Touch/Bad Touch" prevention programs. (B, C, E, L). United Way Funded Programs: Rape Education, Rape Relief.
- **Royce Learning Center** (912-354-4047) Provides diagnostic testing, counseling and tutoring for children and adults with learning disabilities. Also offers literacy programs.

(C). United Way Funded Programs: Adult & Community Learning at Royce, One-To-One Tutorial.

- **St. James Community Center** (912-884-3016) Provides tutoring, organized sports and other recreational activities, summer camp and meals in a Christian setting for school age children. (L). United Way Funded Programs: After School Program, Summer Program, Kid's Cafe.
- **The Salvation Army** (912-651-7420) Serves young people through educational, recreational and character-building activities. Offers families financial, emotional and spiritual assistance. Provides emergency shelter for homeless and displaced families or individuals. (B, C). United Way Funded Programs: Emergency Assistance Program, Social Development.
- **Savannah Area Family Emergency** (S.A.F.E.) Shelter (912-629-8888) Provides emergency shelter for battered women and children and a 24-hour crisis line. The agency offers individual counseling, support groups, referral services, legal advocacy as well as preventive education. (C). United Way Funded Programs: Emergency Shelter Program.
- **Senior Citizens, Inc.** (912-236-0363) Actively advocates for the area's senior community. Promotes independence through Meals on Wheels, Senior Companions, Ruth F. Byck Adult Day Care Center, Community Centers and Transportation programs. (C, E, L). United Way Funded Programs: Effingham Adult Daycare Center, Family Advocates, In-Home Support Services, Meals on Wheels, Ruth Byck Daycare Center, Senior Companion Program, Transportation.
- **Tri-County Protective Agency** (912-368-8668) Provides a safe shelter and support services for victims of domestic violence and their children.  
United Way Funded Program: Shelter Program.
- **Union Mission** (912-236-7423) Provides shelter for men, women, and families, short and long term housing assistance, health and dental care, family and individual counseling, behavioral counseling, substance abuse programs, lifeskills training, job training and employment assistance. (C, E). United Way Funded Programs: Behavioral Health Center, Emergency Shelter, Employment & Training Center, Parent & Child Family Counseling, J.C. Lewis Health Center, Transitional Housing.
- **Wesley Community Centers of Savannah** (912-236-4226) Promotes the economic, educational and spiritual growth of women, children and youth. Provides recreational and educational programs, day care for children and support programs for women and families in crisis. (C). United Way Funded Programs: Early Childhood Education & Development, Lady Bamford Childcare Center, Transportation Services, Women's Center, Youth Arts Project.
- **YMCA of Coastal Georgia** (912-354-5480) Serves families by providing childcare, day camps, teen clubs, fitness courses, youth aquatics and sports leagues. Provides counseling and adult leadership programs. (B, C, E, L). United Way Funded Programs: Childcare, Day Camp, Physical & Instruction Recreation, Pryme Tyme, Y on Wheels, Youth Education & Sports (YES).
- **Youth Futures Authority** (912-651-6810) Directs a community-wide collaborative that provides a variety of child-focused activities, such as after-school and pre-school programs, school-to-work training, adolescent health and mental health services. Operates the Family Resource Center and Neighborhood Outreach. (C). United Way Funded Program: St. Pius Family Resource Center.

## **Websites**

[www.legalaid-ga.org](http://www.legalaid-ga.org) The Georgia Legal Aid site offering information and forms on a variety of issues important to Georgia families.

<http://www.gcadv.org/> Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence

<http://www.georgiacourts.org/csc> This website provides child support worksheets in a variety of forms.

[http://gabar.org/communications/consumer\\_pamphlet.series/](http://gabar.org/communications/consumer_pamphlet.series/) This Georgia Bar Association site offers brochures on a wide variety of topics, including divorce.