

Community Organizations

Salvation Army -Gwinnett County Service Unit 770-963-8802 to learn about the assistance programs they offer. This branch of the Salvation Army provides community resources, financial aid for bills and worship services. Services offered include financial assistance, Electric Service Payment Assistance, adult bible study, homework help program, youth enrichment activities, Mortgage Payment Assistance, Rent Payment Assistance, and Water Bill Payment Assistance.

Lawrenceville Cooperative Ministry, Inc. The non-profit charity organization provides grants and financial assistance for prescription and utilities expenses, in addition to operating offering food assistance from a food pantry for families and individuals in need of short term help. Phone (770) 339-7887.

Catedral De Fe Ministries, Inc. - Cafe Community Center is an agency that focuses on the Hispanic community but will serve all clients, regardless of race, in the Metro Atlanta area. Services offered by the non-profit include a food pantry with non-perishable and perishable items; utility and electric bill help, ESL classes, GED preparation, and other outreach programs. Call the Lawrenceville Georgia agency at (770) 236-8604.

Gwinnett County Jewish Career and Family Services can provide help, referrals, and human services. Some programs are for people of all religions. Not only is job placement assistance and career counseling available, but the location may have cash assistance, short term loans, or grants for emergency needs.

- Dunwoody Office of JF&CS, 4549 Chamblee, Dunwoody Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30338, call 770.677.9300
- Cobb Office, 1501 Johnson Ferry, Road Suite 100, Marietta, GA 30062, 770.933.0081
- Fulton County, 700 Fourteenth, Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30318, call 404.881.1858

Social Services

Transitional Housing

Private organizations and the government operate shelters and short term apartments or homes. Clients will usually need to show a willingness for self-sufficiency. What may be offered, depending on location and resources, includes: (Click here for more details)

- Vouchers for temporary lodging.
- Free meals, clothing, or personal hygiene items.
- Help in locating affordable permanent housing and paying the rent and deposits on it.
- Information on job training programs and educational resources in the region.

Ninth District Opportunity provides referrals and some basic services from an office in Duluth. NDO can

administer Head Start, offer information on government benefits, and other social services for the poor and less fortunate. **North Gwinnett Cooperative Ministry** provides food, clothing and financial assistance to residents in a limited area. (770) 271-9793

Action Ministries, the transitional housing aims to end homelessness, with their Supportive Housing Program. Click [here](#).

Basic needs including clothing - If you need [clothing](#) for your child, diapers for your baby, new work attire, or similar items, then charities can help. Agencies offer so called basic needs, referrals, and support to the low income.

Social Services - While mainly focused on seniors, the Norcross Human Services Center as well as a helpline can direct individuals to financial assistance and low income programs. Learn about health care, financial aid for paying bills, get referrals and information on government assistance. The Buford Human Services Center offers a very diverse and wide array of human services and health care programs. Information on grants and financial assistance programs can also be provided to individuals, families, and seniors to help them pay bills, housing, and other expenses. Find where to get free medications or public health care in the region.

- Norcross Human Services Center**, Primary address is 5030 Georgia Belle Ct, Norcross Georgia 30093-2667, Main telephone number - 770.638.5660
- Centerville Community Center**, location is 3025 Bethany Church Road, Snellville Georgia 30039, call 770.985.4713
- Buford Human Services Center**, Address is 2755 Sawnee Ave, Buford GA 30518-2560, Call the center at 770.614.2400

Other resources are widely available in the county. Some examples of the public aid is as follows. However call Human Services for more details or referrals. The main phone numbers are above.

Medical bills assistance is available as part of Medicaid. This is the main federal programs for the uninsured and very low income. Staff will also usually have information on local Gwinnet County clinics as well.

Job training and educational services are for unemployed and residents looking to acquire new skills. The training services are available from professional staff and counselors.

Food vouchers are available from the publicly funded SNAP food stamps or the TEFAP (Emergency Food Assistance Program). Very low income families, seniors, and children can receive free healthy food for their basic needs.

Grants and cash for bills and basic needs is available from TANF and programs such as LIHEAP. This tend to be the highest demand public aid programs so only a small number of applications are fulfilled.

Lilburn Cooperative Ministry- This agency provides free food, clothing and toiletries, along with the operation of a thrift shop, as well as limited financial assistance. Lilburn Georgia. (770) 931-8333

Department of Financial Services - runs the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program

(HPRP), which offers rent help. Dial (770) 822-5190. Lawrenceville Georgia based.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul - St. Marguerite d'Youville is based in Lawrenceville. A number of social services, case management, and emergency aid may be offered. This includes a food pantry, GED instruction and life skills education, and limited amounts of financial assistance for bills and housing. Call (770) 381-7855 for information on this charity.

Gwinnett County Division of Family and Children Services Resources help unemployed and low income families in the region. Federal and State of Georgia resources, including job training, food stamps, child care expenses, energy bill assistance, TANF and more. Various grants for the working poor may be available. 2211 Beaver Run Rd. Ste. 130, Norcross, GA 30071, dial (770) 441-8800.

Non-profit rent help

Gwinnett Housing Resource Partnership (GHRP) – Offers transitional housing and emergency shelter. May be able to direct people to emergency rent, security deposits, and landlord/tenant mediation. Phone 678-808-4477

Department of Family and Children Services (DFACS) – Gwinnett County social services organization. They run various housing programs, including section 8 and housing for the disabled. They are also a great place for referrals. Office is 446 W. Crogan Street, Lawrenceville, phone number 678 518-5500

Partnership for Community Action – Assistance includes clothing, rent, and utilities. Financial aid is very limited, and is mostly from referrals. They may have information on zero interest loan programs for paying rental costs or details on other public benefits. Call 404-929-2500 to apply for help.

St. Vincent De Paul – Partnership of local churches. Call for help with rent, electric bills, clothing, and other aid. 770 339-7997

Gwinnett County Department of Financial Services - They run the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program. Grants and funds can help pay rent. The program also offers eviction prevention services. Lawrenceville, Georgia 30045, (770) 822-5190

Georgia Legal Services Program can provide free legal aid for housing and other issues to qualified low income families. Attorneys can also help with eviction prevention, landlord concerns, and housing discrimination. Call (404) 206-5175.

H.O.P.E., Inc. assists single parents in Gwinnett County. Subsidized housing/apartments, information on grants for paying security deposits or rent, and other social services are offered. The Duluth non-profit can be reached at (678) 623-3628.

Duluth Cooperative Ministries - Hands of Christ may have emergency financial aid, information on shelters, and more, including loan programs for paying bills or rent. Call at (770) 623-9563.

St. Oliver Plunkett offers social services, financial help with rent or security deposits, utilities, and homeless prevention services. They can also help the working poor, low income or seniors apply for government aid, such

as HUD section 8 vouchers. Snellville Georgia based. (770) 979-2500

Salvation Army– The local branch of the national charity organization. Stop by for emergency financial assistance, shelter, grants for rent and homeless prevention, furniture (as available) and other support. Help is provided regardless of religion or background. 4760 Lawrenceville Hwy, Lilburn, GA, call 678 380-9424

AID Gwinnett, Inc.- Eligibility for this rent assistance program is HIV or AIDs patients. Duluth, Georgia 30096, call (770) 962-8396

Lawrenceville Housing Authority– This is the local government agency that works with community organizations to ensure residents have access to safe and affordable homes and apartments. The main address is 502 Glenn Edge Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30046, and dial 770-963-4900.

Debt and mortgage help

Two different places to turn to for assistance include **IMPACT! Group 678-808-4477** as well as **Gwinnett Village Financial Services Center 770-449-6515**. Both of these non-profits provide various debt and mortgage programs. Services offered may include, but are not limited to, debt settlement programs, a computer lab, seasonal tax assistance, debt management, and various workshops and classes on job readiness, budgeting, home ownership, foreclosure prevention, mortgage programs, and credit counseling. These agencies can help lower the interest rate on people's mortgage, waive fees and/or set up a loan modification to bring their mortgage current. The HUD agencies focus on free foreclosure intervention, counseling, home buying and home ownership. See also these:

Credibility - Greater Atlanta branch

Address - 270 Peachtree St., NW Ste. 1800

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Phone number - (404) 527-7630

This may be the leading non-profit organization in the city of Atlanta, and a extensive number of debt, credit, and mortgage assistance programs are administered.

Home-Free USA

85 Peachtree Pl., NW

Atlanta, Georgia 30309

(404) 607-0800

Runs mostly housing programs. Receive free or low cost foreclosure prevention, information on down payment and home loans, and details on government mortgage assistance programs.

Jehovah Jireh Edutainment Ministry Group, Inc.

Address: 3540 N. Camp Creek Pkwy.

Thomasville Recreation Center

Atlanta, Georgia 30331

Phone number - (404) 438-0292

CredAbility - Greater Atlanta (Cobb County)

3100 Interstate North Cir., SE 3rd Floor

Atlanta - Cobb, GA 30339

Main phone number - (404) 527-7630

This locations focuses on the Cobb County area of Atlanta.

No Limits Community Development Corporation

Stop by the office at 3203 Benjamin E. Mays Drive

Atlanta, GA 30311

Phone number - 678-973-2739

A New Thing Ministries International

1683 W. Caribaea Trail, SE Ste. 2B

Atlanta - DeKalb, GA 30316

Dial (404) 212-7900 for hours or to make an appointment to speak to a counselor. Find details on the free credit programs run from this non-profit.

CredAbility- DeKalb County 160 Clairmont Ave. Ste. 120 Decatur, Georgia 30030 (404) 527-7630

CredAbility - Douglas County 3400 Chapel Hill Rd. Douglasville, GA 30135 (404) 527-7630

CredAbility-Gwinnett County 3473 Satellite Blvd. Ste. 212N Duluth, Georgia 30096 (404) 527-7630

Food Assistance

New Life Fellowship, Inc. - Bread of Life Food Ministries 770- 513-1007 is an organization that offers free food pantry to the unemployed, working poor families and individuals four days a week in the community.

In addition to that food pantry, there are several other non-profits, churches, and food banks across the county that offer meals, groceries, and help to the needy. Find the full [listing of food banks in Gwinnett](#) and get information on the assistance programs they run.