

Pierce County Resource Guide

Compiled by Pierce County Family Connection • Stephanie Bell, Executive Director



Use this handy listing as a starting point for information about local offices and resources for diverse needs.

Start here with some frequently asked questions for people new to the community.



I live in the city.
Where can I get my water turned on?

Blackshear City Hall
318 East Taylor Street
Blackshear, GA 31516
912-449-7000

Patterson City Hall
3507 Williams Street
Patterson, GA 31557
912-647-5776

Where can I check about enrolling my child in school?

Pierce County Schools Central Office
834 East Main Street
Blackshear, GA 31516
912-449-2044

Where do I go to pay my car tag and property taxes?

Pierce County Tax Commissioner
312 Nichols Street
Blackshear, GA 31516
912-449-2026

I want to vote in this county.
Where should I register?

Pierce County Board of Elections and Registration
312 Nichols Street
Blackshear, GA 31516
912-449-2028

What are sources for information on local businesses and services?

Chamber of Commerce **Main Street Program**
200 SW Central Avenue 318 East Taylor Street
Blackshear, GA 31516 Blackshear, GA 31516
912-449-7044 912-449-0847

Where can I update my driver's license with my new address?

Georgia Department of Driver Services
3029 Memorial Drive
Waycross, GA 31501
912-285-6296

Where is the post office located?

Blackshear
327 Main Street
Blackshear, GA 31516
912-449-8348

Patterson
6469 U.S. Highway 84
Patterson, GA 31557
912-647-0575

Offerman
7203 U.S. Highway 84
Offerman, GA 31556
912-647-2268

Bristol
1983 Ga. Highway 121
Bristol, GA 31518
912-647-2177

Mershon
2547 Ga. Highway 32
Mershon, GA 31551
912-647-2262

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Always dial **911** in case of an emergency. Phone numbers below are non-emergency business lines.

Office of the Sheriff
300 Pierce Industrial Blvd.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-2011
www.piercegaso.org

Blackshear Police Department
219 Nichols St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-7011

Blackshear Fire Department
219 Nichols St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-7011

Patterson Police Department
3507 Williams St.
Patterson, Ga.
912-647-2117

Patterson Fire Department
3507 Williams St.
Patterson, Ga.
912-647-2117

Pierce County Emergency
Medical Service
375 Pierce Industrial Blvd.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-2002

Pierce County Emergency
Management Agency and
Fire Department Administration
309 Pierce Industrial Blvd.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-2040

Georgia State Patrol - Post 22
3029 Memorial Drive
Waycross, Ga.
912-287-6500

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

**Pierce County
Board of Commissioners**
312 Nichols St.
Blackshear, Ga.
Phone: 912-449-2022
Fax: 912-449-2024
www.piercecountyga.org

Road Department
4746 County Farm Road
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-2030

Community Development
Department (Zoning)
312 Nichols St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-2037

Board of Elections
and Registration
312 Nichols St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-2028

Tax Commissioner
312 Nichols St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-2026

Tax Assessor
312 Nichols St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-2025

Parks & Recreation Department
728 Ware St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-4791

Development Authority
200 SW Central Ave.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-807-7432

Chamber of Commerce
200 SW Central Ave.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-7044

County Transit
312 Nichols St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-1825

Senior Center
711 Hendry St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-0145

CITY OF BLACKSHEAR

Blackshear City Hall
318 East Taylor St.
Blackshear, Ga.
Phone: 912-449-7000
Fax: 912-449-7002
www.blackshearga.com

Public Works Department
211 Nichols St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-7008

Main Street Program and Office of
Economic Development
318 East Taylor St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-0847

CITY OF PATTERSON

Patterson City Hall
3507 Williams St.
Patterson, Ga.
Phone: 912-647-5776
Fax: 912-647-5157
thecityofpatterson.com

Public Works Department
3507 Williams St.
Patterson, Ga.
912-449-5776

Recreation Department
5970 Industrial Blvd.
Patterson, Ga.
912-647-5233

CITY OF OFFERMAN

Offerman City Hall
6113 Carter Drive,
Offerman, Ga.
912-647-1944

GENERAL HEALTH

Mayo Clinic Health System
1900 Tebeau St.
Waycross, Ga.
912-283-3030
www.mayoclinichealthsystem.org

Wayne Memorial Hospital
865 South 1st St.
Jesup, Ga.
912-427-6811
<http://www.wmhweb.com>

Bacon County Hospital
302 South Wayne St.
Alma, Ga.
912-632-8961
www.baconcountyhospital.com

Pierce County Nursing Home
221 East Carter Ave.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-6631

Blackshear Family Practice
20 East Carter Ave.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-4426
<http://www.yourbfp.com>

Pierce County
Health Department
715 Ware St.
Blackshear, Ga.
Phone: 912-449-2033
Fax: 912-449-0409

Pierce County Health Center
3345 Highway 84
The Cotton Exchange
Blackshear, Ga.
912-807-7242
www.wmhweb.com

SCHOOLS

**Pierce County Schools
Central Office**
834 East Main St.
Blackshear, Ga.
Phone: 912-449-2044
Fax: 912-449-2046
pierce.k12.ga.us

Pierce County High School
4850 County Farm Road
Blackshear, Ga.
Phone: 912-449-2055
Fax: 912-449-2061
pchs.pierce.k12.ga.us

Pierce County Middle School
5216 County Farm Road
Blackshear, Ga.
Phone: 912-449-2077
Fax: 912-449-2078
pcms.pierce.k12.ga.us

Blackshear Elementary School
5217 Ga. Highway 121
Blackshear, Ga.
Phone: 912-449-2088
Fax: 912-449-2089
bes.pierce.k12.ga.us

Midway Elementary School
3244 Midway Church Road
Phone: 912-807-0084
Fax: 912-807-0095
mes.pierce.k12.ga.us

Patterson Elementary School
3414 Drawdy St.
Patterson, Ga.
Phone: 912-647-5373
Fax: 912-647-5523
pes.pierce.k12.ga.us

Parent Mentor Partnership
912-449-2088
* Parent mentors work with families, educators, staff and the community, ultimately leading to greater success for students with disabilities or students with specific needs that may hinder academic achievement.

Family Involvement Program
912-807-0048
* The Family Involvement Program works to help parents find ways to partner at home, at school and in the community so that all students can be successful.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Pierce County Public Library
785 College Ave.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-7040
okrls.com/pierce

Pierce County Family Connection
200 SW Central Ave.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-8480
piercecountyfamilyconnection.com

Consolidated Men's Club
Lee Street Resource Center
559 Ware St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-8800

Boys to Men & SWANS
at the Edward "Bud" Newton
Community Center
3124 Tyre Bridge Road
Patterson, Ga.
912-285-7115
* For boys and girls ages 8-18

Pierce County Historical and
Genealogical Society
200 SW Central Ave.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-7044

University of Georgia
Cooperative Extension
705 College Ave.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-2034
ugaextension.com/pierce

Georgia Department of Labor
Career Center
600 Plant Ave.
Waycross, Ga.
Phone: 912-285-6105
Fax: 912-287-6550

Workforce Investment Act
Youth Services
600 Plant Ave.
Waycross, Ga.
Phone: 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.

Southern Georgia Area
Agency on Aging (AAA)
1725 South Georgia Parkway,
Waycross, Ga.
Phone: 1-888-732-4464
Fax: 912-285-6126
www.sgrc.us/aaa

COURTS AND LEGAL

Pierce County Clerk of Court
3550 U.S. Highway 84
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-2020

Superior Court,
Pierce County Office
312 Nichols St.

Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-2220

Magistrate Court
3550 U.S. Highway 84
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-2027

Probate Court
3550 U.S. Highway 84
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-2029

District Attorney's Office
Waycross Judicial Circuit
306 Albany Ave.
Waycross, Ga.
912-287-4395

Pierce County Solicitor General
3550 U.S. Highway 84
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-2049

Department of Juvenile Justice
1724 Reynolds Street
Waycross, Ga.
Phone: 912-285-6096
Fax: 912-284-2521

Georgia Legal Services
1607 Union St.
Brunswick, Ga.
Phone: 1-877-808-0553
Fax 912-262-2312
www.glsr.org
* Legal Services handles a variety of
civil, non-criminal cases, often giving
legal advice on topics.

CHILD CARE/PRE-SCHOOL

Blackshear Presbyterian
Child Care Center
432 Main St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-0799

Concerted Services,
HeadStart and Early HeadStart
619 Grady St,
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-0076

Lollipop Kids, Inc.
5218 Ga Highway 121
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-6765

Safe Haven Child Care
925 East Main St
Blackshear, Ga.
912-807-0488

Son Shine Kids Daycare
3224 Drawdy Road
Patterson, Ga.
912-647-5900

The PlayHouse
5519 East Railroad Ave.
Patterson, Ga.
912-647-2042

YMCA of Waycross
(Childers Family YCMA)
1634 Plant Ave.
Waycross, Ga.
912-285-8660

ASSISTANCE FOR THE NEEDY OR ABUSED

Department of Family and
Children Services (Pierce County)
621 Hendry St.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-6624

Department of Family and
Children Services (Main Office)
1200 Plant Ave.
Waycross, Ga.
912-449-2232

The Sycamore Tree
204 NW Central Ave.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-807-HOPE (4673)
*The Sycamore Tree is a Christian
non-profit agency assisting our
Pierce County neighbors. Support
is provided from local churches and
people to meet community needs.

Pierce County Food Pantry
711 Hendry St.
Blackshear, Ga.
* Food distributions are held
Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
Contact the Pierce County
Department of Family and
Children Services for eligibility.

The Magnolia House
Shelter for the Abused (Office)
1601 Alice St., Suite A
Waycross, Ga.
Phone: 912-285-5840
24-Hour Crisis: 912-285-5850

Concerted Services, Inc.
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-1438
www.concertedservices.org

Kingdom Care
800 Beacon St.
Waycross, Ga.
912-287-4434
* Kingdom Care is a non-profit
providing free healthcare to
uninsured people who meet
eligibility requirements.

Satilla Advocacy Services
410 Darling Ave.
Waycross, Ga.
Phone: 912-285-7355 or

912-285-4471
Fax: 283-4570
24-Hour Crisis Line: 912-283-0987
* Provides services for victims of
sexual assault such as emotional,
medical and legal advocacy.

Court Appointed
Special Advocate (CASA)
1200 Colley St.
Waycross, Ga.
912-283-7326

* CASA supports court-appointed
volunteer advocacy for abused and
neglected children so that they can
thrive in safe, permanent homes.

Bethesda House of Mercy
(Food Pantry)
1010 Mary St.
Waycross, Ga.
Phone: 912-283-8580
Fax: 912-284-0071

www.bethesdahousewaycross.org
*The Bethesda House of Mercy
food pantry operates Monday
through Friday. Contact in advance
for distribution information.

The Dwelling Place
203 Tebeau St.
Waycross, Ga.
Phone: 912-283-9800
Fax: 283-9404

* Non-profit organization helping
children, individual families with
minor children in need of food,
clothing, and domestic items.

ALCOHOL, DRUGS OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE AID

Alcoholics Anonymous
912-647-0206
912-287-8023
* Alcoholics Anonymous is a
fellowship of men and women who
share experience, strength, and
hope to solve their common
problem and recover from alcoholism.

Al-Anon
Waycross, Ga.
912-283-6916
* Al-Anon is designed to help
families of alcoholics.

Bethesda House of Mercy
1010 Mary St.
Waycross, Ga.
Phone: 912-283-8580
Fax: 912-285-4836
www.bethesdahousewaycross.org
* Bethesda House of Mercy is a
non-profit, multi-denominational
mission specializing in Christian
restoration for women age 21 and
up who seek to end a lifestyle of
chemical dependency or abuse.

ALCOHOL, DRUGS OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE AID

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
Support Group
912-283-5547

* A support group for guardians
of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome children.

MADD
Mothers Against Drunk Driving
Ware-Pierce Chapter
912-283-9090
State Office: 888-833-6033

Narcotics Anonymous
Weed & Seed Resource Center
500 North Nichols St.

Waycross, Ga.
1-800-334-3322

* Narcotics Anonymous is a
fellowship of men and women who
share experience, strength, and
hope with each other to solve their
common problem. Membership is
open to all drug addicts, regardless
of the particular drugs used.

Unison Behavioral Health
Garden Gate
852 Tiffany Lane
Waycross, Ga.
Phone: 912-449-7861
Fax: 912-449-7075

* Garden Gate is a long-term
Ready for Work residential
substance abuse treatment program
for women and their children. The
program provides a structured
environment to develop recovery
and life skills.

St. Simons by the Sea
2927 Demere Road
St. Simons Island, Ga.
Phone: 912-638-1999
www.ssbythesea.com
* St. Simons by the Sea offers
addiction and mental health
treatment for adults and adolescents.

LIVING WITH DISABILITIES

Unison Behavioral Health
1007 Mary St,
Waycross, Ga.
912-449-7100
1-800-342-8168 (Scheduling)
www.unisonbehavioralhealth.com

UBH Child and Adolescent Emo-
tional and Behavioral
Health Services
1003 Mary St.
Waycross, Ga.
Phone: 912-449-7150
Fax: 449-7076

Unison Behavioral Health
St. Illa Center Crisis
Stabilization Program
3455 Harris Road
Waycross Ga.
Phone: 912-449-7200
Fax: 912-449-7077
Crisis Line: 1-800-342-8168
* The Crisis Stabilization Program
offers a residential alternative to
inpatient hospitalization and offers
psychiatric stabilization and
detoxification services.

Autism Parent Group
912-287-2306
* Meets the last Thursday of the
month in Waycross at Memorial
Stadium in the Community Room.

Diversified Resources, Inc.
147 Knight Ave.
Waycross, Ga.
Phone: 912.285.3089
Fax: 912.285.0367
Toll Free: 1-800-283-0041

Georgia Council on
Development Disabilities
404-657-2122
www.gcdd.org
* The mission of the Georgia
Council on Developmental
Disabilities seeks social and policy
changes that promote opportunities
for persons with developmental
disabilities and their families to live,
learn, work, play and worship.

Georgia Department of Labor
Vocational Rehabilitation Program
Phone: 912.285.6078
Fax: 912.287.6698

Megan's House & Easter Seals
Phone: 912-283-4691
Fax: 912-283-4692
Toll Free: 1-877-541-7325
* Respite care and family support
services; vocational training and job
placement; independent living and
personal supports; Solutions Day
Program for young adults with
disabilities; children's respite home.

Children's Medical Services
912-285-6304
1-800-320-9839
* CMS strives to provide a
community-based, family-focused,
coordinated, culturally-appropriate,
comprehensive system of health
care for eligible children, birth to
age 21, with chronic medical
conditions. Eligibility is determined
by several criteria including age,
residency in Georgia, financial, and
diagnostic requirements.

Project SEARCH
912-287-4113
gvra.georgia.gov/
vocationalrehab/project-search
* The Project SEARCH High School
Transition Program is a one-year,
school-to-work program for young
people with intellectual and
developmental disabilities.
SaddleUp Therapeutic
Riding Center, Inc.
6844 Tanglewood Drive
Blackshear, Ga.
912-449-0634
booann38@atc.cc
* SaddleUp offers therapeutic riding
activities for children and young
adults with physical and mental
disabilities in a safe, Christian
environment.

Hooves to Freedom
P.O. Box 362
Blackshear, Ga.
912-550-8221
* We enable individual healing,
growth and independence through
therapeutic horsemanship. We
strive to maintain a Christian
atmosphere on the farm, treating
the horses, property and other
individuals with the utmost respect.

Cord of Three
Counseling Services
5920 Reese St.
Patterson, Ga.
912-282-0992
www.cotcs.org
* Cord of Three is a professional
mental health counseling agency
offering comprehensive Christian
clinical services.

Satilla Arc
912-550-1160
* Satilla Arc is an organization for
people with disabilities. The group
has broadened its focus to include
children. Satilla Arc members are
both advocates and self-advocates
for people with disabilities.

Georgia Learning Resources System
1450 North Augusta Ave.
Waycross Ga.
Phone: 912-338-5998
Fax: 912-287-6654
www.glr.org
* A support system for both
teachers and parents of children
with disabilities. It is part of a
nationwide network of 17 centers
around Georgia that provide
training and resources to
educators and parents of students
with disabilities.

Goodwill
2101 Memorial Drive

Waycross, Ga.
912-285-4444
* Goodwill Industries of the
Coastal Empire assists people with
disabilities and barriers to live
independently and become employed.

Harrell Learning Center
1215 Bailey St., Suite C
Waycross, Ga.
Phone: 912-285-6191
Fax: 912-287-6652
* The Harrell Learning Center, one
of 24 psycho-educational centers
statewide, is a special day school
serving children and youth (ages
5-21) with severe emotional and
behavioral disorders who cannot
be properly served in traditional
special education classes at their
home school. It serves Ware,
Atkinson, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee,
Bacon, Brantley and Pierce counties.

Traumatic Brain Injury
Support Group
912-285-5403
912-285-7994

SPEECH Pathology Associates of
Southeast Georgia
2976 U.S. Highway 84
Blackshear, Ga.
912-807-8255

PREGNANCY SUPPORT

Birthright
1509 Alice St.,
Waycross, Ga.
912-283-8333
24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-550-4900
* Birthright is a pro-life crisis
pregnancy service for anyone
distressed by an unplanned pregnancy.
Services are free and confidential.

Babies Can't Wait
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.

Perinatal Health Partners
1115 Church St.
Waycross, Ga.
Phone: 912-284-2571
Fax: 912-284-2522
* Perinatal Case Management
is offered to pregnant females that
supports, enhances and coordinates
the health and services advised for
mothers and babies.