

McMinn and Meigs Counties Community Advisory Boards Resource Manual

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NOTE: [FB] after org. name = self described Faith Based organization

ADOPTION SERVICES/PREGNANCY NEEDS

Bethany Christian Services [FB] Adoption agency
4719 Brainerd Rd Chattanooga TN 37411
(423) 622-7360
5816 Kingston Pike Knoxville TN 37919
(865) 588-5283

Notes:

Bethel Bible Village Children’s Home

3001 Hamill Road, Hixson TN, 37343
423-842-5757 Ext 222

www.bethelbiblevillage.org

Enrollment contact David Shinn.

Provides a temporary home for school-age children (5 to 17) of families who are in crisis. Parents or guardians enroll their child privately with Bethel. Families are asked to pay something, but it is based on a sliding scale depending on the family’s ability to pay.

Bethel also has one home for teen-moms with child, or expectant moms.

Children enrolled at Bethel are taught age-specific life skills and normally attend local public schools in Hixson, TN. Bethel also has state-approved educational services for children who need more individual attention.

Notes:

Foster Parent Association (TN PFCA Board)

638 CO. Rd. 105 Athens, TN 37303
(423) 745-2049

Notes:

Full Circle Women’s Services [FB]

202 Hicks Street Athens TN 37303
(423) 744-3005

Free pregnancy test, referrals, counseling, post-delivery goods/services/mentoring, post abortion counseling; earn-while-you-learn classes in parenting, and grief counseling.

Notes:

Holston United Methodist Home for Children, Inc.- Greenville [FB]

P.O. Box 188; 404 Holston Dr. Greenville, TN 37743
(423) 638-4717

<http://www.holstonhome.org>

Services include residential treatment for children ages 11-18, community-based group homes for adolescents, supervised apartment living for youth ages 17-22 who are not ready to live independently, residential care and treatment for developmentally disabled females ages 14-22, foster care, therapeutic foster care, medically fragile foster care, special needs adoptions, intensive family preservation (in-home services), family reunifications, family counseling and parenting education. The agency is approved for 3rd party payments. Licensed clinical professionals are on staff. Counties served include McMinn and Meigs.

Notes:

New Hope Center [FB]

4526 Mouse Creek RD, NW Cleveland, TN 37320-5183
(423) 479-6683 24 hour a Day Hotline

New Hope Center East

1075 Blythe Ave. Suite 10 Cleveland, TN 37312
(423) 479-7960

www.newhopepcc.org

Material needs, Free Pregnancy Test, Referrals, Adoption referrals, Counseling, Physical Needs met.

Notes:

Tennessee Baptist Children’s Home [FB]

6623 Lee Highway Chattanooga TN

(423) 892-2722

6628 Central Ave Knoxville TN 37912

(865) 686-0601

<http://www.tbch4kids.org>

Provides Residential care for children ages 5 to 18 from families in crisis. Counseling services and Adoption-related services are available (do not do independent adoptions). Government funding not accepted so children can be taught Christian values without restriction. Provide Family-style residential homes with house parents. Other East Tennessee locations: Knoxville, Johnson City, Kingsport, and Oakdale.

Notes:

CHILDREN’S SERVICES

9th Judicial District Child Advocacy Center

P.O. Box 928

Lenoir City, TN. 37771

865-986-1505 Fax: 865-986-1547

cacexdir@esper.com

Chris Evans, Executive Director

Serving: Meigs, Roane, Loudon, Morgan

Our services include: Forensic Medical Examinations, Forensic Interviews, Victim Services, Family Advocacy for the drug endangered child, Therapy for clients and family members, Support groups for adult survivors of child abuse, Parenting Classes for the communities in which we serve, community education and a school- based curriculum (SCAN) which uses education as a means of intervention and prevention for children aged 5-14 years to increase reporting numbers and to intervene in situations in which there is a question of inappropriate behavior. Our services are free of charge and by referral only.

Notes:

10th Judicial District Children’s Advocacy Center

PO Box 1561 Athens, TN 37371

(423) 744-0599 Fax: (423)744-8284

Grantt99@comcast.net

Teresa Grant, Executive Director

Serving: Bradley, McMinn, Monroe, and Polk

Children’s Advocacy Center, Forensic Interviews, Forensic Medical Exams, Counseling, Family Advocacy, Child Abuse Prevention Presentations. No charge necessary for service. No insurance necessary. By referral only.

Notes:

Advent Home Youth Services

900 CO. Rd. 950 Calhoun, TN 37309

(423) 336-5052 fax (423) 336-8224

home counseling for youth

Notes:

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Notes:

Child Support Athens Office

123 1/2 N. Jackson St. N2 Athens, TN 37303

(423) 744-2819 Recorded information line 800-838-6911

Legal aid to collect child support from absent mothers or fathers. Court assistance is provided in locating absent parents and in reinstating child support or in establishing paternity.

Notes:

DCS Central Intake

Athens, TN 37303

(423) 744-2819 (877) 237-0004

Provides a variety of basic social services for eligible residents of the county. Provides child protective services, Foster Care and adoptions.

Notes:

Family Resource Agency Inc.

3680 Michigan Ave. NE Cleveland, TN 37323

423-479-4210 800-359-8953

Childcare, head start, domestic/family violence, rape, and sexual assault.

Notes:

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Notes:

Tennessee Department of Children's Services
320 North White St. Athens, TN 37303
(423) 744-2804

Notes:

Tennessee Department of Human Services
1008 Knight St. Athens, TN 37303
(423) 744-2800

Notes:

CHILD CARE

Athens Lutheran Preschool
Athens Lutheran Church
710 Forrest Ave. Athens, TN 37303
(423) 745-9419

Notes:

Bright Beginnings Preschool
521 S. Congress Pkwy. Athens, TN 37303
(423) 745-5437

Notes:

Christian Children’s Center- First Presbyterian Church [FB]

581 Hillcrest Circle Etowah, TN 37331

(423) 263-3470

Notes:

First Baptist Preschool

302 Washington St. Athens, TN 37303

(423) 745-5441

Notes:

Head Start

Athens Head Start

625 Green St. Athens, TN (423) 745-5287

Athens Head Start Business Office

1044 Co. Rd. 172 Athens, TN (423) 745-2911

Athens Head Start Business

202 Hicks Ave. Athens, TN (423) 745-7108

Etowah/Englewood Head Start Office

151 Circle Dr. Etowah, TN (423) 263-1646

Head Start

9494 State Hwy. 58 S. Decatur, TN (423) 334-4931

Head Start-Cedar Valley

9485 State Hwy. 58 S. Decatur, TN (423) 334-3252

Head Start-Delano

119 Carolina Ave. Delano, TN (423) 263-0171

Head Start- Etowah

145 Co. Rd. 627 Etowah, TN (423) 263-1065

Just Four Pre School

625 Matlock Ave. Athens, TN (423) 745-0912

Restoration Pre School Academy

3115 Hwy. 39 W. Athens, TN (423) 744-7701

School readiness program for children ages 3-5.

Notes:

Kids and Kompany

602 Old Riceville Rd. Athens, TN 37371
(423) 745-2244

Notes:

Meigs Co. Teen Learning Center Day Care

105 Abel Ave. Decatur, TN 37322
(423) 334-4467

Notes:

Meigs Co. Schools Pre-Kindergarten

Meigs North Elementary
9638 State Highway 58 S. Decatur, TN 37322
(423) 334-5454

Meigs South Elementary
22015 State Highway 58 N. Decatur, TN 37322
(423) 334-5444

Notes:

Signal Center

710 Ohio St. Athens, TN 37303
(423) 745-4673

Early intervention program for handicapped children age birth- 3 years old. Offers support services in Speech and Language therapy and physical therapy.

Notes:

YMCA

205 Knoxville Ave. Athens, TN 37371
(423) 745-4904

Notes:

CLOTHING AND APPAREL SERVICES

Better Living Center [FB]

407 New Englewood Rd.

(423) 744-7325

Emergency aid, clothing and general household goods sold at low cost or donated to those in extreme need and to burn out victims. Open Tuesday's only.

Notes:

Coordinated Charities of Athens [FB]

1217-A Congress Parkway Athens, TN 37371

(423) 745-9625

Offers financial assistance with utilities, rent, food, medicine, transportation and shelter.

Notes:

Full Circle Women's Services [FB]

202 Hicks Street Athens TN 37303

(423) 744-3005

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Notes:

Goodwill

934 Decatur Pike Athens, TN 37303

(423) 746-0611

Donated clothing, shoes, household items, etc. sold at reduced prices.

Notes:

Meigs County Ministries [FB]

18364 State Hwy. 58 N Decatur, TN 37322
(423) 334-1071

Provides emergency assistance with rent, electric bills, and food pantry.

Notes:

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Association of American Business Women

2108 Congress Pkwy. S. Apt. 406 Athens, TN 37303
(423) 744-7006

An organization of professional women who work to provide scholarships to young women to attend a college of their choice. Recipients must maintain a 2.5 grade average to be eligible.

Fees: \$50.00 for the first year and \$50.00 after the first year, \$12.00 chapter fee.

Time/Place: Second Monday at 6:30 at Western Sizzling

Affiliation: National Business Women’s Association

Notes:

Athens Animal Shelter

1209 Alford St. Athens, TN 37303
(423) 744-2747

Notes:

Athens Area Council for the Arts

320 North White St. Athens, TN 37371-0095
(423) 745-8781

Serves as an umbrella organization representing the combined efforts of artists and patrons of the arts. Brings an annual performing series of quality entertainment & sponsors artists in residence in the public schools. Events: Season of live performances, arts education for city & county schools, Christmas Tour of Homes, Children’s Theater Camp, Art Market. Open Membership served in McMinn County

Fees: Donations solicited and ticket sales

Time/Place: Board of Directors meets 2nd Thurs at 5:30 pm at 1 N. Jackson

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 10-5

Notes:

Athens Area Amateur Radio Club

514 Congress Pkwy. Athens, TN 37303
(423) 745-8538 Evan Ray: (423) 263-9300

Services: Recreation and Hobbies: the amateur radio club works to promote amateur radio as a hobby in the Athens area and will assist emergency preparedness in the case of emergencies and disasters, and provides training and testing of new amateur radio operators. Annual Events that are featured: Amateur Radio Field Day scheduled annually for the last weekend in June. Anyone in the Athens Area are welcome-No Geographic Restriction. Fees: 12.00/year

Time/Place: Athens Municipal Building- 2nd Mon. Night of each month at 7 pm

Notes:

Athens Civitan Club

115 Co. Rd. 434 Athens, TN 37303
(423) 745-2467

Volunteer service organization of men and women interested in promoting good citizenship on local, national, and international levels. Dedicated to serving individual and community needs with an emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities. Financial aid to Tri-County Center, Signal Center for special children, and Morningstar Ministries. Sponsors Athens Junior Civitan Club. Membership is open to men and women 18 years or older. Served in McMinn & Meigs Counties. Events consist of Sponsors local Special Olympics, Sweetheart Dance, Foster Kids party BBQ Fundraiser, & Senior Center Support

Fees: \$20 initiation fee & 18 per quarter dues.

Time/Place: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at noon at the Athens Diner in Athens

Notes:

Athens Ministerial Association

Allen Memorial United Methodist Church
800 Decatur Pike Athens, TN 37303
(423) 745-1560

Notes:

Athens (City) Parks and Recreation

P.O. Box 849 Athens, TN 37303
(423) 744-2704

Notes:

Boy Scouts of America (UNAKA district)

(865) 588-6514

Notes:

Chilhowee Shriners Club

530 Sunset Dr. Athens, TN 37303
(423) 745-8846

Notes:

Civitan Club (Nocatula Group)

1910 Ute St. Athens, TN 37303
(423) 745-8643

Notes:

Claxton Homemakers Club

172 Co. Rd. #759 Riceville, TN 37370
(423) 336-8643

Notes:

Girl Scouts of Moccasin Bend Council Inc.

P.O. Box 15969

1936 Dayton Blvd Chattanooga TN 37415

(423) 877-2688 Fax: (423) 877-5587

<http://www.mbgsc.org>

Counties Served: Bledsoe, Bradley, Grundy, Hamilton, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Polk, Rhea, Sequatchie, & VanBuren

Offers an informal educational program to girls ages 5-17. The program is based on ethical and moral values and seeks to help girls reach their full potential under the guidance of caring, adult volunteers. Girls may participate in troops, interest groups or as individuals. Programs include arts, science, math, and career mentoring and life skills, among others.

Notes:

Kiwanas Club of Athens

P.O. Box 614 Athens, TN 37371

(423) 745-0341

meets every Friday at Tennessee Wesleyan College

Notes:

Lion's Club

McMinn

Address

Phone #

Meigs

Courthouse complex Hwy 58 Decatur, TN 37322
(423) 334-3560

Englewood

249 Co. Rd. 464 Englewood, TN 37329
(423) 887-5614

Etowah

514 Ohio Ave. Etowah, TN 37331
(423) 263-0513

Niota

640 Pond Hill Rd. Athens, TN 37826
(423) 568-2289

Notes:

Rotary Club

Athens

P.O. Box 313 Athens, TN 37371
(423) 745-5509

Etowah

P.O. Box Etowah, TN 37331
(423) 263-0002

Notes:

CONSUMER ASSISTANCE

McMinn County Agricultural Extension Services

107 E. College St. Athens, TN 37303

(423) 745-2852

Athens Office

Service offers out-of-school educational programs for youth and adults, including 4-H. This agency provides services to farmers, families, processors, youth community leaders, handlers, consumers, and other who may benefit from Agricultural and Home Economics research.

Notes:

Low Income Home Energy Assistance

(877) 882-1280

Assists low income families/individuals, elderly, or handicapped persons with energy needs.

Assistance may be provided in electric, natural gas, fuel, oil, kerosene, wood and coal. Payment is made directly to energy or fuel supplier.

Notes:

Social Security Administration

(800) 772-1213

TTY: (423) 479-5501

National Help line (800) 772-1213

Provides SS Disability, SS Disability Insurance (SSDI) pays benefits if individual has worked long enough and paid SS taxes, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) pays benefits based on financial need, Application takes 90 to 120 days to process, All languages have interpreters. For eligibility, a disability must be considered total and expected to last one year or longer. Required Documents: SS Card, Birth Certificate, Picture ID, Med-Psych Records, Proof of Income, Proof of Residence, Employment History. National Hotline available Mon. – Fri., 7:00AM to 7:00PM Eastern Time. Office Hours: MONDAY – FRIDAY, 8:30AM to 3:30PM.

Notes:

SETHRA (Southeast Tennessee Human Resources Agency)

P.O.Box 1174 Athens, TN 37371

(423) 745-8095

Provides public transportation, emergency rent, utility assistance, etc..)

Notes:

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Better Living Center [FB]

407 New Englewood Rd.

(423) 744-7325

Emergency aid, clothing and general household goods sold at low cost or donated to those in extreme need and to burn out victims. Open Tuesday's only.

Notes:

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1217-A Congress Parkway Athens, TN 37371

(423) 745-9625

Offers financial assistance with utilities, rent, food, medicine, transportation and shelter.

Notes:

Englewood Associated Charities (FEMA)

126 County Rd. 460

(423) 887-5278 (John Middleton)

Food, utility, rent vouchers only

Notes:

Etowah Associated Charities (FEMA)

500 Athens Pike Etowah, TN 37331
(423) 263-2202 (City Managers Office, Margaret Cheek)
Food, utility, rent vouchers only

Notes:

Etowah Utility Board

1313 Tennessee Ave. Etowah, TN 37331
(423)263 9441

Notes:

Meigs County Ministries [FB]

18364 State Hwy. 58 N Decatur, TN 37322
(423) 334-1071
Provides emergency assistance with rent, electric bills, and food pantry.

Notes:

COURT RELATED SERVICES

Athens Police Department

P.O. Box 649 Athens, TN 37371
(423) 744 2731
Dispatch: (423) 745 3140
Fax: (423) 744 8868

Notes:

Child Support Athens Office

123 ½ N. Jackson St. N2 Athens, TN 37303

(423) 744-2819 Recorded information line 800-838-6911

Legal aid to collect child support from absent mothers or fathers. Court assistance is provided in locating absent parents and in reinstating child support or in establishing paternity.

Notes:

H.O.P.E. Center INC.

PO Box 1561 Athens, TN 37371

(423) 744-0599 Children’s Advocacy Center

(423) 745-5289 24 hour Hotline number

Fax: (423) 744-8284 Grantt99@comcast.net

Provides services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Services include a domestic violence shelter, non-residential services, weekly support group, referrals, court advocacy, transportation, and community education. No insurance needed, also no charge for services. No translators. Services can be accessed by calling the 24 hour hotline (423) 745-5289

Notes:

Legal Services (Southeast Tennessee)

85 Central Avenue, NW Cleveland, TN 37311

(423) 479-8577 800-445-3219

Free legal assistance to low-income persons. Legal services do not handle criminal matters unless court appointed. Legal assistance to seniors that is not income based. Hours: mon-fri. 8:30Am-5:00Pm. Lunch 12:00-1:00.

Notes:

McMinn County Juvenile Services

130 Washington Ave. Athens, TN 37303

(423) 745-8782

Larry Rhodes- Director

Juvenile probation services, Case management, Community service, Juvenile detention center, Truancy and Juvenile court.

Notes:

McMinn County Office of Clerk

Courthouse

(423) 745-4440

www.state.tn.us/safety/licen32.html

Provides Disability Parking Placard, Application must be completed by physician and is available on the TN, Dept of Safety website listed above, Permanent handicap placard and license plate is \$21.50, and Temporary placard is \$10.00. You must be a Tennessee resident drivers or passengers confined to a wheelchair, able to walk only with difficulty or uncertainty or with vision of not more than 20/200 with corrective lenses. Hours: MON-FRI. 8:30AM-4:30PM; FRI 8:30AM - 5:00PM

Notes:

McMinn County Sheriff

P.O. Box 649 Athens, TN 37371

1319 S White St, Athens, TN 37303

(423) 745 5622 Dispatch: (423) 745 3140 Fax: (423) 744 0771

Notes:

McMinn County District Attorney General

203 E. Madison Ave. Athens, TN 37303

(423) 744-2830

Notes:

Public Defender

P.O. Box 1453 Cleveland, TN 37364
(423) 478 0348

Serves as the court appointed legal representative for indigent defendants involved in criminal cases in Bradley, McMinn, Monroe, and Polk Counties.

Notes:

DISABILITY SERVICES

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Notes:

Siskin Children's Institute

1101 Carter Street Chattanooga TN 37402
(423) 648-1700 Fax: (423) 648-1739

Siskin School provides a quality early childhood education to children with special needs and disabilities. Siskin Training and Resource Center provides disability information and support to families, trainees and professionals through a dynamic array of outreach programs. The center offers a free lending library, family support, specialized training for educators and health professionals, and playground education to help organizations create play spaces for children of all abilities.

Notes:

Signal Center

710 Ohio St. Athens, TN 37303
(423) 745-4673

Early intervention program for handicapped children age birth- 3 years old. Offers support services in Speech and Language therapy and physical therapy.

Notes:

TEIS (Tennessee Early Intervention System Knox Co. Region)

1215 W. Cumberland Room 428 Knoxville, TN 37996
800-852-7157 www.state.tn.us/education/teishome.html

Provides services to families of young children with special needs.

Notes:

TIPS (Tennessee Infant Parent Services)

540 McCallie Ave. Ste.420 Chattanooga 37402
(423) 634-7115

Fax: (423) 634 6006

Pam.france@state.tn.us

Home based family education and special instruction for infants and toddlers with special needs.

No cost necessary, no insurance needed. Can translate Spanish and Sign Language

Notes:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Chattanooga Room in the Inn [FB]

230 N. Highland Park Ave Chattanooga TN 37404
(423) 624-6144 Fax:(423) 624-6061

Temporary (up to 90 days) shelter for homeless women and children/goal oriented programs & services

Notes:

Harbor Safe House

Cleveland
(423) 476-3886

Emergency shelter for women & children (2 to 4 weeks), food, transportation/support groups/one on one counseling/24 hr. staff/specialized counseling for rape & sexual assault

Notes:

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Notes:

Serenity Shelter [FB]

A ministry of Knox Area Rescue Mission
418 N Broadway Knoxville TN 37917
(865) 673-6540 or (865) 971-4673 (after 4 PM) Fax:(865) 673-6556
www.karm.org

Notes:

Partnership for Children and Families

1800 McCaullie Ave. Chattanooga, TN
(800) 459-2227

Provides family and individual counseling, education, and prevention services. Crisis and Emergency Services, youth services for abused, neglected, homeless youth. Specialized support services for adults and aged.

Notes:

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire, Police, Ambulance call 911

American Red Cross, Hiwassee Chapter

304 20th St. SE Cleveland, TN 37311
(423) 472-1595

<http://www.redcross.org/>

Hours: 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday

Provide services to the military and veterans and their families, disaster preparedness, relief and community education, instruction in water safety, CPR, first aid, baby-sitting, and nursing assistant. International services including language bank, hospital volunteers, youth involvement, and HIV/AIDS education. Provides immediate/temporary needs for families after house fires.

Notes:

Department of Human Services

950 Starvue Dr, Cleveland, TN 37311
(423) 478-0300 Fax: (423) 559-4986

William.Goldston@state.Tn.us

Family Assistance Benefits: Food Stamps, TennCare, Families First. Medicare H Clients may contact us directly at 478-0300 or come in to our office to apply. No insurance necessary.

Notes:

Habitat for Humanity of McMinn County [FB]

P.O. Box 1556 Athens TN 37371

(423) 829-5263 amgentry@netscape.com

Provides affordable housing for families with a financial need. Assistance is based on an ability to make low monthly payments and a willingness to participate in the program. Part of the selection process is examining the existing structure the family resides and making the determination that it can be considered a sub-standard house.

Notes:

McMinn County Rescue Squad

808 Congress Parkway Athens, TN 37371

(423) 745-6666

Notes:

Med-Trans of Tennessee

3 Davidson Rd. Athens, TN 37371

(423) 745-0467

ambulance service

Notes:

Meigs County Emergency Services, E.M.S., Fire and Rescue

P.O. Box 85 Decatur, TN 37322

(423) 334-3211 business phone

Director, Tony Finnell

Teaching C.P.R. and First Aid.

Notes:

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1800 McCallie Ave. Chattanooga, TN
(800) 459-2227

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Notes:

Ronald McDonald House

200 Central Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37403
(423) 778-4300

Temporary housing and meals for families of children 0-18 years old or full-time college students receiving treatment in the Chattanooga area. Operates a day-room inside Children’s Hospital for patient family members in Erlanger, Siskins, or Children’s Hospital. Day-room staffed by volunteers and provides showers, laundry facilities, food and respite care.

Notes:

SETHRA (Southeast Tennessee Human Resources Agency)

P.O.Box 1174 Athens, TN 37371
(423) 745-8095

Provides public transportation, emergency rent, utility assistance, etc..)

Notes:

United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties

111 Church St. Athens, TN 37371
(423) 745-9606 www.uwcmminn-meigs.com

Provides Information and Referral, Public Awareness and Community Education, Conducts annual fundraising campaign which goes to support various local programs. Directory of community services on web site. No Additional Languages provided. Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00am to 4:00 p.m.

Notes:

Ranstad

(423) 746-9501

2618 Decatur Pike Athens, TN 37303

Notes:

Southeast TN Career Resource Center

1105 E. 10th St. Chattanooga, TN 37403

(423) 894-2758

901 N. Congress Parkway Athens, TN 37303

(423) 745-2028

Job services, career plan development, and skills improvement.

Notes:

Southeast TN Development District

1105 E. 10th Street Chattanooga, TN 37403

(423) 643-2330

Fax: (423) 894-2758

jcate@sedev.org

Workforce development job services training services to adults and young adults age 16-21. For anyone trying to find a job, also career counseling. For referrals Contact Career Center staff in Bradley County at 478-0322 ext. 114, Hamilton County 894-5354 or 424-4214 (all counties in southeast Tennessee) area code is 1-423.

Notes:

Vocational Rehabilitation

(423) 745-3197 ext. 1008

Notes:

FAMILY SERVICES

Adult Basic Education-Athens

199 Clark Street Athens TN 37303

(423) 745-5111 (Hotline)

Education. Preparing for the GED Test, Upgrading Skill, & ESL. Classes to Expand Academic Skills. Levels range from the non-reader to the GED Level. GED graduation in June of every year. \$55 fee for GED test, test is given once a month on Saturdays. You have to be at least 18 years of age.

Office Hours: 8:00am-4:00pm

Notes:

CONTACT USA [FB]

(423) 745 9111

24 hour help line. Volunteers listen and talk with those in need or in crisis. Volunteers are not licensed professionals, but are able to refer to outside resources as needed.

Notes:

Department of Human Services

950 Starvue Dr, Cleveland, TN 37311

(423) 478-0300 Fax: (423) 559-4986

William.Goldston@state.Tn.us

Family Assistance Benefits: Food Stamps, TennCare, Families First. Medicare H Clients may contact us directly at 478-0300 or come in to our office to apply. No insurance necessary.

Notes:

Englewood Associated Charities (FEMA)

126 County Rd. 460

(423) 887-5278 (John Middleton)

Food, utility, rent vouchers only

Notes:

Etowah Associated Charities (FEMA)

126 Eighth St. Etowah, TN 37331
(423) 263-2202 (City Managers Office, Margaret Cheek)
Food, utility, rent vouchers only

Notes:

Family Engagement (McMinn County Board of Education)

216 N. Jackson St. Athens TN 37303
Wayne Williams, Coordinator
(423) 745 1612 Fax: (423)744 1643 williamsw@k12tn.net
Involving the whole family in the educational needs of their children

Notes:

Habitat for Humanity [FB]

P.O. Box 1556 Athens TN 37371
(423) 829-5263 amgentry@tva.gov
Provides affordable housing for families with a financial need. Assistance is based on an ability to make low monthly payments and a willingness to participate in the program. Part of the selection process is examining the existing structure the family resides and making the determination that it can be considered a sub-standard house.

Notes:

Partnership for Children and Families

1800 McCallie Ave. Chattanooga, TN
(800) 459-2227
Provides family and individual counseling, education, and prevention services. Crisis and Emergency Services, youth services for abused, neglected, homeless youth. Specialized support services for adults and aged.

Notes:

Public Libraries:

Calhoun Public Library

P.O. Box 115 Athens, TN 37309
(423) 336-2348

Carnegie Public Library

723 Ohio Ave. Etowah, TN 37331
(423) 263-9475

Englewood Public Library

103 Carroll St. Englewood, TN 37329
(423) 887-7152

E.G. Fisher Public Library

1289 Ingleside Ave. Athens, TN 37371
(423) 745-7782

Resume resources and searches, computer training, material, audio, media, specialized reference resources, Children’s summer Reading Program, Baby Book Worm Program, Four Feet for Reading Program, Book Mobile, free internet services, online books, local history research, Book Buddies Program.

Meigs Decatur Public Library

120 E. Memorial Dr. Decatur, TN 37322
(423) 334-3332

Notes:

Reach Out Family Life Resources [FB]

100 Crestview Dr. Calhoun TN 37303
(423) 716-3683

Family/Financial Coaching, Life Skills Mgt, and Relational Skills

Notes:

Ronald McDonald House

200 Central Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37403
(423) 778-4300

Temporary housing and meals for families of children 0-18 years old or full-time college students receiving treatment in the Chattanooga area. Operates a day-room inside Children’s Hospital for patient family members in Erlanger, Siskins, or Children’s Hospital. Day-room staffed by volunteers and provides showers, laundry facilities, food and respite care.

Notes:

Teen Challenge of the Mid-South (Chattanooga) [FB]

1108 W. 33rd Street Chattanooga TN 37410

(423) 756-5558

A 15 month residential discipleship program (men or women) dealing with drug and alcohol addiction

Notes:

Teen Challenge of Knoxville [FB]

3128 Linden Ave Knoxville TN 37914

(865) 546-8933

A 24 hr referral agency with a ladies only crisis center

Notes:

TIPS (Tennessee Infant Parent Services)

540 McCallie Ave. Ste.420 Chattanooga 37402

(423) 634-7115

Fax: (423) 634 6006

Pam.france@state.tn.us

Home based family education and special instruction for infants and toddlers with special needs.

No cost necessary, no insurance needed. Can translate Spanish and Sign Language

Notes:

Utilities Department of Etowah

1313 Tennessee Ave. Etowah, TN 37331

(423) 263-9441

Notes:

FOOD ASSISTANCE

Angel Food Ministries [FB]

Christ Community Church
14 S. Congress Parkway Athens TN 37303
(423) 7458185 or 745-8555

New Life Bible Church
155 S. Ocoee St Cleveland, TN 37311
(423) 479-5445 or (423) 479-5434 Ext 112

Eagles Landing Worship Center
111 Industrial Way SW Cleveland, TN 37312
(423) 728-0999

Grace Assembly of God
1976 Westland Drive Cleveland, TN 37311
(423) 423-7729 or (423) 650-3901

New Horizons Community Church
5105 Hwy 11 Calhoun, TN 37309
(423) 479-4643 or (423) 336-6994

angelfoodministries.com

Low prices for bulk frozen foods. Accepting Food Stamps, cash, or money order. Must bring a large box to pick up food. Different dates and times for food distribution. Please contact the local church.

Notes:

Better Living Center [FB]

407 New Englewood Rd.
(423) 744-7325

Emergency aid, clothing and general household goods sold at low cost or donated to those in extreme need and to burn out victims. Open Tuesday's only.

Notes:

Coordinated Charities of Athens [FB]

1217-A Congress Parkway Athens, TN 37371
(423) 745-9625

Offers financial assistance with utilities, rent, food, medicine, transportation and shelter.

Notes:

Department of Human Services

950 Starvue Dr, Cleveland, TN 37311

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Williamgoldston@state.Tn.us

Family Assistance Benefits: Food Stamps, TennCare, Families First. Medicare H Clients may contact us directly at 478-0300 or come in to our office to apply. No insurance necessary.

Notes:

East View Baptist Church, Etowah [FB]

See newspaper for details of this once/month Saturday food ministry

Notes:

Etowah Associated Charities (FEMA)

126 Eighth St. Etowah, TN 37331

(423) 263-2202 (City Managers Office, Margaret Cheek)

Food, utility, rent vouchers only

Notes:

FOODSOURCE (RSVP Office)

351 River Rd. Decatur, TN 37322

(423) 334-4270

Notes:

Helping Hands Ministry

2423 Clearwater Rd. Athens, TN 37303
(423) 507-0808

Provides food or clothing to those in need.

Notes:

Indigent Fund

814 Topoca Trail Athens, TN 37303
(423) 744-8342

Modest funding through Mayors Office

Notes:

McMinn County Health Department -WIC

393 Co. Rd. 554 Athens, TN 37370
(423) 745-7431

Primary Care services will be provided for adults, 19-64, which do not have health insurance, including those who have lost TennCare coverage. Primary Care services offer limited pharmacy and basic lab services; a limited drug formulary has also been established. Medications listed on the formulary are available. Basic care and treatment is given. Basic lab services are available and will be ordered as appropriate based on the current standards of care and on the most cost effectiveness to the patient. For children-immunizations, Well Child/EPSTD screens, WIC Nutrition services and Children’s Special Services; For Adults-breast and cervical cancer screening, family planning services, HIV counseling and testing , and communicable disease control. Basic medical services are offered on a sliding fee scale based on income, with a \$5.00 minimum fee for each visit. We also include AIDS Information (423)476 0568. Hours 9-11 am, 1-3 pm Mon-Fri (By appointment only.)

Notes:

McMinn Co. Senior Citizens Center Inc.

Meals-on-Wheels and senior meals

205 McMinn Ave Athens, TN 37303

(423) 745-6830

Notes:

Meals on Wheels of Etowah- Etowah Senior Center

435 Cooper St. Etowah, TN

(423) 263-0230

Notes:

Meigs County Health Department

389 River Rd. Decatur, TN 37322

(423) 334-5185

Notes:

Meigs County Ministries [FB]

18364 State Hwy. 58 N Decatur, TN 37322

(423) 334-1071

Provides emergency assistance with rent, electric bills, and food pantry.

Notes:

Wesleyan Memorial Methodist Church

923 Ohio Ave. Etowah, TN 37331

(423) 263 2087

A food ministry reaching only those with a “263” (Etowah) telephone prefix.

Tues, Thurs, & Fridays, 10 AM ‘til noon

Notes:

HEALTH EDUCATION

Alzheimer's Association

735 Broad Street, Suite 300 Chattanooga, TN 37402
(423) 265-3600

Hours: 8:30am to 5pm, Monday through Friday

Provides support, education, and assistance to person's with Alzheimer's and related disorders, their families, and caregivers. Specific services include: Newsletter, Help Line, Family Assistance Program, Support Groups and Programs, Workshops, and professional care giving training.

Notes:

American Cancer Society

154 Co. Rd. 6000 Athens, TN
(423) 745-6314 (423) 744-9872

Cleveland Chapter (423) 559-8949

National 800-4-CANCER

Notes:

American Diabetes Association-East Tennessee

900 East Hill Avenue #240 Knoxville, TN 37915

Contacts: 1-888-DIABETES (3 4 2 2 3 8 3 7)

Services: Healthcare

Areas of emphasis include research, education, and advocacy. This association provides no financial assistance, but is a good source of information on diabetes. Anyone is eligible.

Notes:

American Heart Association

519 East 4th St. Chattanooga, TN 37403
(423) 265-3466

Notes:

Cedar Springs FCE (Family Community Education) Club

345 Co. Rd. 170 Athens, TN 37303

(423) 745-6959

Notes:

Office on Aging

(423) 266-5781

Notes:

HEALTH SERVICES

Amedisys Home Health

1128 W Madison Ave Athens, TN 37371-1309

Contacts: (423) 744-8404

Services: Health Care, Skilled nursing, home health aides, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, medical social services, specialty nursing programs, private pay nursing, home infusion, medical equipment, and respiratory therapy.

Notes:

American Cancer Society

850 Ft. Wood Street Chattanooga, TN 37403

1 (423) 267-8613

<http://www.cancer.org/>

Provide medication for pain or nausea or for comfort of the cancer patient that is not covered under any other payment sources such as private insurance or TennCare. Assistance with travel and lodging expense for treatment, wigs, bras, prosthesis, etc. The “Look Good Feel Better” program provides licensed cosmetologist who provide make over, make-up tips, and other services to raise self-esteem. The “Reach To Recovery” program offers emotional support for those who have had mastectomies and an opportunity to share with others who have had similar problems. Also give referrals to other available related resources.

Notes:

American Cancer Society-McMinn County Chapter

P.O. Box 1365 Athens, TN 37371-1365

1 800-227-2345

Fax: (423) 266-8494

Provides services to cancer patients, caregivers and anyone interested in cancer issues through research, education, advocacy and services to eliminate cancer as a major health program. Guidance to resources such as cancer information, wigs, prosthesis, travel for treatment and support groups can be obtained through the 1 800 ACS 2345 or www.cancer.org.

Eligibility: McMinn County Residents

Time/Place: Noon on the last Wednesday of each month at Allen Memorial United Methodist Church, 800 Decatur Pike, Athens.

Notes:

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Contacts: 1 888 DIABETES (3 4 2 2 3 8 3 7)

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Notes:

Athens Regional Medical Center

1114 W Madison Ave NW Athens, TN 37303
(423) 745-1141

Notes:

Birth Defects Center

Erlanger Health System
975 East 3rd Street Chattanooga, TN 37403
(423) 778-2222

<http://www.boehmbdc.com/>

Offers medical care, financial assistance, and social support to those individuals who are born with a congenital birth defect of the central nervous system. Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus are two of the most common.

Notes:

Chattanooga Cares

13 Kent St. W Chattanooga, TN 37405
(423) 265-2273

1-800-960-AIDS Hotline

Provides comprehensive primary health care including substance abuse, mental health, adherence counseling, patient education, nutritional services, and HIV/AIDS specialty medical services in a single clinic setting. Provides comprehensive case management for persons infected with HIV/AIDS, including counseling, referrals, claims assistance, appointment transportation, advocacy, and emergency assistance for rent, utilities and food. Provides HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted disease and alcohol and drug prevention/education. Programs are free and tailored to audience needs. Rapid HIV testing is also available at no charge, although appointments are encouraged. A variety of support groups are also available for those living with HIV and/or AIDS.

Notes:

Chilhowee Shriners Club

530 Sunset Dr. Athens, TN 37303
(423) 745-8846

Notes:

Epilepsy Foundation

744 McCallie Ave Doctors Building, Suite 517 Chattanooga, TN 37403
(423) 756-1171

Direct service and assistance to individuals and/or families affected by seizures. Including intake, assessment, and coordination of services to meet individual needs (e.g. medical, psychological, employment, disability, and more). Limited emergency assistance with anti-convulsing medication and blood level testing. Educational Services are also offered in this program.

Notes:

Good Faith Clinic

P.O. Box 1517 Athens, TN 37303
Temporary Physical Address: Christ Community Church
Congress Parkway Athens, TN 37303
(423) 744-7585

Meets primary medical needs for uninsured people.

Notes:

Good Samaritan Medical Clinic [FB]

Corner of 8th and Walker Streets NE
P.O. Box 3330 Cleveland, TN 37320
(423) 478-7469 or 478-7037

For patients that DO NOT have TennCare or private insurance. Physicians, nurses and social workers will evaluate clients for medical and counseling needs. All clients and receive free medical care. Clients are responsible for medications and lab tests. Hours are 5:30-8PM on Thursdays.

Notes:

Hearing Aid Bank, Sertoma Club

2414 Chambliss Av. NW Cleveland, TN 37311
(423) 472-6581

Provision of hearing aids that are purchased new and collection of used aids for distribution to those in need. The Sertoma Club is not operating the Cleveland Sertoma Speech and Hearing Clinic. Speech therapy provided two days a week. Limited financial aid for needy clients available.

Notes:

In His Name (recycled medical equipment)

P.O. Box 1707 Athens, TN 37371
(423) 744-8010

Loan medical equipment free of charge.

Notes:

Kidney Foundation of Chattanooga

1400 McCallie Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37403
(423) 265-4397

Services: Aid to individuals with kidney disease consists of the following: Transportation, medication, basic necessities, rent, utilities, phones, food, information, etc. There is a maximum of \$300 cash pay out for each patient.

Notes:

Life Care of Athens

1234 Frye St. Athens, TN 37371
(423) 745-8181

long term health care services

Notes:

Lifeline Personal Response and Support Services

3775 Georgetown RD Cleveland, TN 37312

Memorial Hospital (423) 870-6128

Memorial Home Health (423) 745-2461

A personal, caring connection 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Affordable, easy to use personal response service just a button push away, available on the pendant or wristband, which automatically dials the Lifeline Response Center.

Notes:

Lion’s Club

McMinn

Address

Phone #

Meigs

Courthouse complex Hwy 58 Decatur, TN 37322

(423) 334-3560

Englewood

249 Co. Rd. 464 Englewood, TN 37329

(423) 887-5614

Etowah

514 Ohio Ave. Etowah, TN 37331

(423) 263-0513

Niota

640 Pond Hill Rd. Athens, TN 37826

(423) 568-2289

Glasses supplied to those in need as determined by application. Affiliated with Lions district 12-0 Eye Bank and Sight Services located at the Miller eye clinic at Erlanger Hospital for surgical assistance. Also sponsors Seeing Eye dogs

Notes:

Med-Trans of Tennessee

3 Davidson Rd. Athens, TN 37371

(423) 745-0467

ambulance service

Notes:

McMinn Area Cancer Relief Fund

719 Cook Dr. Suite 110 Athens, TN 37303

(423) 745-2344 www.macrf.org

Notes:

McMinn County Health Department

393 Co. Rd. 554 Athens, TN 37370

(423) 745-7431

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Notes:

Meigs County Health Department

389 River Rd. Decatur, TN 37322

(423) 334-5185

Notes:

Nancy’s House

P.O. Box 5086 Cleveland, TN 37320-5086

(423) 559-8592 Toll free: 800 454-3316 nancyshouse.org

Confidential support groups for those infected and affected with HIV/AIDS, case management, client activities, resource library, speaker’s bureau, consultation and advocacy. Emergency financial assistance

Notes:

Signal Center

710 Ohio St. Athens, TN 37303

(423) 745-4673

Early intervention program for handicapped children age birth- 3 years old. Offers support services in Speech and Language therapy and physical therapy.

Notes:

HOUSING

Section 8 Housing (Project Based): Housing Authority

McMinn

716 Clark St. Athens, TN 37303-3110 (423) 745-0341

400 Hillside Ln. Athens, TN 37303-3843 (423) 263-2674

Rhea, Meigs, Bledsoe

270 Railroad St. Dayton, TN 37321-1690 (423) 775-1871

345 River Rd. Decatur, TN (423) 334-9193

Rental properties are provided based on income. Vacancies are filled from a waiting list.

Notes:

Cleveland Emergency Shelter

745 Wilwood Ave. Cleveland, TN 37320

(423) 412-1458 (423) 478-1458 ext. 103

Notes:

Habitat for Humanity [FB]

P.O. Box 1556 Athens TN 37371
(423) 829-5263 amgentry@tva.gov

Provides affordable housing for families with a financial need. Assistance is based on an ability to make low monthly payments and a willingness to participate in the program. Part of the selection process is examining the existing structure the family resides and making the determination that it can be considered a sub-standard house.

Notes:

Reality House/Halfway House (Hiwassee Mental Health)

1855 Executive Park Northwest Cleveland, TN 37312
(877) 567-6051, (423) 479-0403

Transitional residence for those recovering from substance abuse. A program of Volunteer Behavioral Care Corporation.

Notes:

LIFE SKILLS/EDUCATION

Adult Basic Education-Athens

199 Clark Street Athens TN 37303
(423) 745-5111 (Hotline)

Education. Preparing for the GED Test, Upgrading Skill, & ESL. Classes to Expand Academic Skills. Levels range from the non-reader to the GED Level. GED graduation in June of every year. \$55 fee for GED test, test is given once a month on Saturdays. You have to be at least 18 years of age.

Office Hours: 8:00am-4:00pm

Notes:

Agricultural Extension Services (Family Consumer Science)

McMinn County

107 College Street Athens TN 37303

(423) 745-2852

Develops out-of-school, informal education programs, communicating & demonstrating agriculture & home economics research findings & other useful information to farmers, families, processors, youth community leaders, handlers, consumers, & all others who can benefit from such a program

Notes:

American Red Cross, Hiwassee Chapter

304 20th St. SE Cleveland, TN 37311

(423) 472-1595

<http://www.redcross.org/>

Hours: 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday

Provide services to the military and veterans and their families, disaster preparedness, relief and community education, instruction in water safety, CPR, first aid, baby-sitting, and nursing assistant. International services including language bank, hospital volunteers, youth involvement, and HIV/AIDS education. Provides immediate/temporary needs for families after house fires.

Notes:

Athens Education Association

City Park School

203 Keith Lane Athens, TN 37303

(423) 745-3862

Notes:

Cleveland State Community College

3535 Adkisson Dr. NW Cleveland, TN 37312
2580 Ingleside Avenue Athens, TN, 37303
(423) 745-8486 Athens Campus (423) 472-7141 Cleveland Campus
www.clevelandstatecc.edu

Janie Evans, Athens Site Director
Education Institute for a two-year degree. GED Testing, financial aid for education, and counseling.

Notes:

Christian Women’s Job Corps

350 Congress Parkway Athens, TN 37303
(423) 506-3047

CWJC is a life management and job readiness ministry that brings dignity and hope to women trapped in despair. CWJC is designed to equip women to become what God intends them to be, through one-on-one mentoring, Bible Study, and various classes that help them learn self-sufficiency.

Notes:

Family and Community Education Club (FCE) of McMinn Co.

107 E. College St. Athens, TN 37303
(423) 745-2852

Notes:

Family Engagement (McMinn County Board of Education)

216 N. Jackson St. Athens TN 37303
Wayne Williams, Coordinator
(423) 745-1612 Fax: (423) 744-1643

williamsw@k12tn.net

Involving the whole family in the educational needs of their children

Notes:

Girl Scouts of Moccasin Bend Council, Inc.

P.O.Box 15969

1936 Dayton Blvd. Chattanooga, TN 37415

(423) 877-2688 Fax: (423) 877-5587

Mon 11:30am-8: 30pm, Tues-Thurs. 8:30am-6pm, Fri. 8:30am-12: 30pm

<http://www.mbgsc.org>

Counties Served: Bledsoe, Bradley, Grundy, Hamilton, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Polk, Rhea, Sequatchie, VanBuren

Offers an informal educational program to girls ages 5-17. The program is based on ethical and moral values and seeks to help girls reach their full potential under the guidance of caring, adult volunteers. Girls may participate in troops, interest groups or as individuals. Programs include arts, science, math, and career mentoring and life skills, among others.

Notes:

Kids on the Block

2573 Georgetown Rd NW Cleveland TN 37311

(423) 478-5437 Fax: (423) 339-0253 e-mail: ckob@charterinternet.net

Provides programs for children and adolescents dealing with AIDS, asthma, blindness, Cerebral Palsy, divorce, cultural and medical differences, drug and alcohol abuse, fire safety, deafness, learning disabilities, Leukemia, literacy, mental retardation, ostomy, physical and sexual abuse, healthy snacking, Spina Bifida, teenage pregnancy, safety on wheels, water safety, Arthritis, organ donation and transplant, and also deals with teen pregnancy.

Notes:

McMinn Co. Association for the Education of Young Children

P.O. Box 39 Athens, TN 37371

(423) 745-4544

Notes:

McMinn Co. Board of Education

216 N. Jackson St. Athens, TN 37303

(423) 745-1612

Notes:

McMinn Co. Education Association
150 Sherwood Ave. Calhoun, TN 37309
(423) 336-2974

Notes:

McMinn Co. Education Foundation

P.O. Box 2 Athens, TN 37371
(423) 744-8324

Notes:

McMinn Co. Vocational Rehabilitation

2215 S. Congress Pkwy Athens, TN 37303
(423) 745-3197

Notes:

Opportunity for Adult Reading (OAR)

833 N Ocoee St. Cleveland TN 37311
(423) 478-1117

Teaching those who want to read or improve their reading skills and basic math to the sixth grade level. Family Literacy services including tutoring for school aged children, provided by America Reads Vista Worker.

Notes:

Public Libraries:

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(423) 263-9475

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103 Carroll St. Englewood, TN 37329
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1289 Ingleside Ave. Athens, TN 37371
(423) 745-7782

Resume resources and searches, computer training, material, audio, media, specialized reference resources, Children’s summer Reading Program, Baby Book Worm Program, Four Feet for Reading Program, Book Mobile, free internet services, online books, local history research, Book Buddies Program.

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(423) 334-3332

Notes:

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(423) 716-3683

Family/Financial Coaching, Life Skills Mgt, and Relational Skills

Notes:

Star Lite Ministries [FB]

2251 N. Ocoee St. Cleveland TN 37311
(423) 476-2727 Fax: (423) 476-2829

e-mail: info@starliteministries.org

They have College aged girls who are trained to become mentor's to girls in middle and high school. It is a one day a week after school program. The teens keep a journal and are provided journal time once a week with the mentor. the mentor takes the journals home and read them and makes comments in them. They have special events once a semester like a 12 hour all night sleep over where they a make over and provide free food. The director is Amy Beth.

www.starliteministries.org/home.php

Notes:

Sylvan Learning Center

614 N. Congress Parkway Athens, TN 37303
(423) 744-0204

Notes:

Tennessee Technology Center at Athens

(423) 744-2814 Office
(423) 744-2817 Fax
Monday – Friday 7:30am to 4:00pm
www.athens.tec.tn.us

Training in the following specialty areas: Automotive Technology, Business Systems Technology, Computer Electronics, Practical Nursing, Machine Tool Technology, Industrial Maintenance, Industrial Electricity, and Welding.

Notes:

TIPS (Tennessee Infant Parent Services)

540 McCallie Ave. Ste.420 Chattanooga 37402
(423) 634-7115 Fax: (423) 634-6006

Pam.france@state.tn.us

Home based family education and special instruction for infants and toddlers with special needs. No cost necessary, no insurance needed. Can translate Spanish and Sign Language

Notes:

YMCA

205 Knoxville Ave. Athens, TN 37371
(423) 745-4904

Notes:

Young Adult Enrichment Services

TN. Career Center at Athens
901 Congress Pkwy. Athens, TN 37303

Sandy Kirby, Young Adult Specialist

(423) 745-2028 ext. 1016

skirby@sedev.org

Serving McMinn and Meigs Co.

Provides young adults (ages 17-21) with assistance finding employment, obtaining GED, or acquiring further education in school or training.

Notes:

MEDICAL

Alhambra Shrine

1000 Alhambra Dr. Chattanooga, TN 37921

(423) 882-0223

National Hotline for Orthopedic: 800-237-5055

National Hotline for Burned Victims: 800-875-8580

Helping crippled and burned children under the age of 18 with needs and services. Referrals made to a local Shriner member.

Notes:

American Cancer Society

850 Ft. Wood Street Chattanooga, TN 37403

(423) 267-8613

<http://www.cancer.org/>

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Eligibility: McMinn County Residents

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Acute Care Hospital

Notes:

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975 East 3rd Street Chattanooga, TN 37403

(423) 778-2222

<http://www.boehmbdc.com/>

Offers medical care, financial assistance, and social support to those individuals who are born with a congenital birth defect of the central nervous system. Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus are two of the most common.

Notes:

Copper Basin Medical Center

144 Medical Center Drive Copperhill, TN 37317
(423) 496-5511 (Acute Care Hospital)

Notes:

Children’s Hospital in Knoxville

2018 Clinch Ave. Knoxville, TN
(865) 541-8000

Notes:

Epilepsy Foundation

744 McCallie Ave. Doctors Building, Suite 517 Chattanooga, TN 37403
(423) 756-1171

Direct service and assistance to individuals and/or families affected by seizures. Including intake, assessment, and coordination of services to meet individual needs (e.g. medical, psychological, employment, disability, and more). Limited emergency assistance with anti-convulsing medication and blood level testing. Educational Services are also offered in this program.

Notes:

Erlanger Bledsoe

128 Wheelertown Rd Pikeville, TN 37367 (Bledsoe)
(423) 447-2112 (Acute Care Hospital)

Notes:

Good Samaritan Medical Clinic [FB]

Corner of 8th and Walker Streets NE P.O. Box 3330 Cleveland, TN 37320
(423) 478-7469

Services: For patients that DO NOT have TennCare or private insurance. Physicians, nurses and social workers will evaluate clients for medical and counseling needs. All clients and receive free medical care. Clients are responsible for medications and lab tests. Hours are 5:30-8PM on Thursdays.

Notes:

Hearing Aid Bank, Sertoma Club

2414 Chambliss Av. NW Cleveland, TN 37311
(423) 472-6581

Provision of hearing aids that are purchased new and collection of used aids for distribution to those in need. The Sertoma Club is not operating the Cleveland Sertoma Speech and Hearing Clinic. Speech therapy provided two days a week. Limited financial aid for needy clients available.

Notes:

Kidney Foundation of Chattanooga

1400 McCallie Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37403
(423) 265-4397

Services: Aid to individuals with kidney disease consists of the following : Transportation, medication, basic necessities, rent, utilities, phones, food, information, etc. There is a maximum of \$300 cash pay out for each patient.

Notes:

Lifeline Personal Response and Support Services

3775 Georgetown RD Cleveland, TN 37312
Memorial Hospital (423) 870-6128
Memorial Home Health (423) 745-2461

A personal, caring connection 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Affordable, easy to use personal response service just a button push away, available on the pendant or wristband, which automatically dials the Lifeline Response Center.

Notes:

McMinn County Health Department

393 Co. Rd. 554 Athens, TN 37370

(423) 745-7431

Primary Care services will be provided for adults, 19-64, which do not have health insurance, including those who have lost TennCare coverage. Primary Care services offer limited pharmacy and basic lab services; a limited drug formulary has also been established. Medications listed on the formulary are available. Basic care and treatment is given. Basic lab services are available and will be ordered as appropriate based on the current standards of care and on the most cost effectiveness to the patient. For children-immunizations, Well Child/EPSTD screens, WIC Nutrition services and Children’s Special Services; For Adults-breast and cervical cancer screening, family planning services, HIV counseling and testing , and communicable disease control. Basic medical services are offered on a sliding fee scale based on income, with a \$5.00 minimum fee for each visit. We also include AIDS Information (423)476 0568. Hours 9-11 am, 1-3 pm Mon-Fri (By appointment only.)

Notes:

Meigs County Health Department

389 River Rd. Decatur, TN 37322

(423) 334-5185

Notes:

Nancy’s House

P.O. Box 5086 Cleveland, TN 37320-5086

(423) 559-8592 Toll Free: 800-545-3316

Confidential support groups for those infected and affected with HIV/AIDS, case management, client activities, resource library, speaker’s bureau, consultation and advocacy. Emergency financial assistance.

Notes:

Rhea Medical Center

7900 Rhea County Hwy Dayton, TN 37321

(423) 755-1121 (Acute Care Hospital)

Notes:

Ronald McDonald House

200 Central Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37403
1-423-778-4300

Temporary housing and meals for families of children 0-18 years old or full-time college students receiving treatment in the Chattanooga area. Operates a day room inside Children's Hospital for patient family members in Erlanger, Siskins, or Children's Hospital. Day room staffed by volunteers and provides showers, laundry facilities, food and respite care.

Notes:

SkyRidge Medical Center (formerly Bradley Memorial)

2305 Chambliss Avenue Cleveland, TN 37311
(423) 559-6000
(423) 559-6183 (E.R.)

Notes:

SkyRidge Medical Center, Westside Campus (formerly Cleveland Community)

2800 Westside Dr. NW. Cleveland, TN 37312
(423) 339-4100
(423) 339-4131 (E.R.)

Notes:

TC Thompson's Children's Hospital

910 Blackford St. Chattanooga, TN
(423) 778-6107

Notes:

Woods Memorial Hospital District

886 Highway 411 N Etowah, TN 37331
(423) 263-3600

Notes:

Doctors:

Pediatric Center of Cleveland

2850 Westside Drive, Suite G Cleveland, TN 37312

(423) 472-6551 Fax: (423) 472-3802

Provider #: 2003744

Notes:

Breeden, Kimberly T. [FB]

705 Cook Drive #200 Athens, TN 37303

(423) 744-8755

Provider #: 0203447

Notes:

Damshala, Nalini

Pediatric Center of Cleveland

2850 Westside Drive, Suite G Cleveland, TN 37312

(423) 472-6551 Fax: (423) 472-3802

Provider #: 3045876

Notes:

Devane, Jolee M.

764 Old Chattanooga Pike SW Cleveland, TN 37364

(423) 472-5268

Provider #: 4012706

Notes:

Fernando, Felicito

Cleveland Pediatrics

435 25th St NW Cleveland, TN 37311

(423) 479-9733

Provider #: 0128254

Notes:

Gopinathan, Saji K.

111 Epperson Ave Athens, TN 37303

(423) 745-5955

Provider #: 4030931 Accepting Existing Patients only

Notes:

Inankur, Yuksel A.

Cleveland Pediatrics

435 25th St NW Cleveland, TN 37311

(423) 479-9733

Provider #: 3153896

Notes:

Kelly, Wayne S.

Cleveland Pediatrics

435 25th St NW Cleveland, TN 37311

(423) 479-9733

Provider #: 3098879

Notes:

Murphy, Bill H.

Cleveland Pediatrics

435 25th St NW Cleveland, TN 37311

(423) 479-9733

Provider #: 0050979

Notes:

Murphy, John A.

Cleveland Pediatrics

435 25th St NW Cleveland, TN 37311

(423) 479-9733

Provider #: 2000450

Notes:

Snider, Iris

111 Epperson Ave Athens, TN 37303

(423) 745-5955

Provider #: 2001064

Notes:

Other Doctors: www.bcbst.com

MENTAL HEALTH/ SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Alcoholics Anonymous

<http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org/>

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There are no age or education requirements. Membership is open to anyone who wants to do something about his or her drinking problem.

Meetings are held...

Wednesday at 7pm at Bradley Memorial Hospital, (423) 559-6000 (423) 472-3465

Notes:

Alcoholics Anonymous -Athens/Sweetwater Group

PO Box 344 Athens, TN 37371-0344

(423) 745-1479

Open only to those prepared to admit that they have a problem with alcohol and have a desire to stop drinking.

Meets every Wed & Sat night at 8:00 pm at 11 Long Street at Jim Bob Construction. It is closed discussion.

Notes:

Alcoholics Anonymous- Charleston

Charleston Municipal Building

(423) 745-1042 (Helpline)

Alcoholics anonymous, Substance abuse, Support Groups

International fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with others that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover form alcoholism and achieve sobriety.

Eligibility: Anyone with the desire to stop drinking

Time/Place: Open meetings, Sunday at 6:00 PM, Charleston Municipal Building

Notes: For a complete listing of AA meetings in McMinn County and the surrounding communities, call Contact Helpline or AA’s Chattanooga Central Office at

(423) 499-6003.

Notes:

AL-ANON Family Group

<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/>

Provides an opportunity for sharing experiences of living with the problems of alcohol to gain hope and strength to maintain a healthy frame of mind and gain insight into this problem.

Meetings are held...

Wednesday at 7pm at Bradley Memorial Hospital, 1 (423) 559 6000

Thursday at noon at St. Therese Catholic Church, 1 (423) 476 8123

Notes:

Behavioral Research Institute

2292 Chambliss Avenue, Suite C1 & C2 Cleveland, TN 37311

(423) 479-1590

Fax: (423) 479 5679

Director: Dr. Tom Biller

Provides child abuse prevention classes, parent stress training, anger management for adolescents and adults, parenting skills, and general stress management techniques. Spouse abuse treatment program form court referrals.

Notes:

Behavioral Medicine Center

2150 N. Ocoee Street, Suite 1 Cleveland, TN 37311

(423) 476 1933 Fax: (423) 476 3534

dr.sharma@mindpub.com

Provides employment, mental health services, and supported employment program for individuals with mental health and emotional problems. Pvt Insurance and TennCare are taken. Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00AM - 5:00PM. Additional Language: Hindi, Eligibility: All ages

Notes:

Bradford Health Services

1600 Clingan Ridge Dr NW Cleveland, TN 37312-3652

(423) 473-0021 Fax: (423) 473-7694 866-246-3216 (After hours) www.bradfordhealth.com

Chemical Dependency Services include: Adult/Adolescent Care, Free Emergency Consultations Services 24-7, Family Programs, Detox-Stabilization, Residential Care and Partial Hospitalization, Addiction Therapy for Pain Management Patients, Extended Care, Healthcare Professional Program, Intensive Outpatient Program, Continuing Care, Assess to Recovery program (ATR) geared to Meth and Cocaine use.

ELIGIBILITY: Commercial Insurance, TennCare, private pay, and TN State Funded Program (ATR only)

OFFICE HOURS: 24-7 at toll-free number, Cleveland, 9AM – 5PM, Monday - Friday

OPERATION HOURS:

Adult/Adolescent Groups held nightly 5PM – 8 PM, Monday – Thursday

Adult Group Day Session held 10AM –1PM, Monday – Thursday

Family Session Required for Adults in Program held 10AM – 1PM, Saturday’s only

Notes:

CADAS- Council for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services

207 Spears Ave. Chattanooga, TN 37045

(423) 756-7644

www.cadas.org

substance abuse treatment, day treatment, outpatient, inpatient, detoxification, rehabilitation, counseling, and prevention programs. DUI school.

Notes:

Camelot Care Centers, INC. Chattanooga

391 Broad St. #NW Cleveland, TN 37311

(423) 476-3799 1 800 732-1124 Fax: 1 (423) 476 3795

Chattanooga@camelotcare.com

www.camelotcare.com

Provides Behavior Resources, Mental health services, Home-based treatment program, 24-hour crisis intervention, Full behavioral assessment, Residential treatment facility in Kingston, TN. TennCare and PVT are taken, Hours: MON-FRI. 8:00AM-5:00PM.

Notes:

Chattanooga Cares

13 Kent St. W Chattanooga, TN 37405

(423) 265-2273

1-800-960-AIDS Hotline

Provides comprehensive primary health care including substance abuse, mental health, adherence counseling, patient education, nutritional services, and HIV/AIDS specialty medical services in a single clinic setting. Provides comprehensive case management for persons infected with HIV/AIDS, including counseling, referrals, claims assistance, appointment transportation, advocacy, and emergency assistance for rent, utilities and good. Provides HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted disease and alcohol and drug prevention/education. Programs are free and tailored to audience needs. Rapid HIV testing is also available at no charge, although appointments are encouraged. A variety of support groups are also available for those living with HIV and/or AIDS.

Notes:

Cumberland Hall Hospital

7351 Standifer Gap Road Chattanooga, TN 37421

(423) 499-9007

Fax : (423) 894-3045

Notes:

Dakota Place

423 Old Riceville Rd. Athens, TN 37371

(423) 744-9540

Notes:

Fortwood MHC

1028 East Third Street Chattanooga, TN 37403
(423) 266-6751

Notes:

Green Valley Outreach

PO Box 29 Cleveland, TN 37320-0029

Phone #

Outreach Organization, Mental Health Services, Local outreach social worker assists in residential placement in appropriate referrals for the mentally retarded. Valley Developmental Center focuses on residential treatment of the profoundly retarded. Hours 8:30 AM-5:00 PM, Monday-Friday

Notes:

Grief Support Group (Bradley Memorial)

2305 Chambliss Ave Cleveland, TN 37311
(423) 559-6000

Susan Harper, (706) 866-9854, Series of Education

Ongoing group: sponsored by Jim Rush Funeral Homes

Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at the Holiday Inn (2400 Executive Park Dr. Cleveland, Tn. 1 (423) 472 1504) Dining room from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The Rev. Dr. Susan Harper (chaplain/nurse) facilitates. For information call the funeral home at 1 (423) 472 4555 or Susan at 1 (423) 284 1386 or 1 (706) 858 2123. This group is a round table discussion on grief issues in a community setting over a meal.

Notes:

Hiwassee Mental Health Center

Behavioral Health Services

Hiwassee, Athens

1805 Ingleside Ave Athens, TN 37303
(423) 745-8802 Fax: (423) 744-7064

Hiwassee, Cleveland

1855 Executive Park Drive NW Cleveland, TN 37312
(423) 479-5454 (800) 704-2651 Fax: (423) 339-3421

Provides outpatient evaluation and treatment of persons with emotional problems, after-care medication for persons discharged from hospitals, community consultation and education, alcohol and drug abuse evaluation and treatment, children and youth services, geriatric services, limited, short-term inpatient services via admission to area hospitals. 24-hour emergency services, psychological evaluations, and in-home individual and family counseling. Flexible Funding for Families: Provides services to children and families using several models and interventions such as intensive home based services (low to moderate), symptom management, education on parenting, stress management, anger control, advocacy, and counseling.

Notes

Johnson Mental Health

420 Bell Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37405
(423) 634-8884 Fax : (423) 634-0813
7200 Rhea County Highway Dayton, TN 37321
(423) 570-0077 Fax: (423) 775-3815

Notes:

Lakeshore

5908 Lyons View Pike Knoxville, TN 37919
(865) 584-1561

Notes:

McMinn County Citizens for the Mentally Retarded

P.O. Box 367 Englewood, TN 37329

Phone #

Support group-mental health

Notes:

Miracle Lake [FB]

182 Co Rd 498 Etowah TN 37331
(423) 263-2583

A discipleship residential program for men with legal/addictive problems

Notes:

Morning Star Ministries [FB]

1720 Yale Rd. Athens, TN 37303

(423) 744-8481

mental health services. Meet 10:00-12:00 Mondays and Wednesdays at First Baptist Church.

Notes:

Mountain Valley Mental Health

PO Box 610

215 Hickman Road Jasper, TN 37347

(423) 942-3961 Fax: (423) 942-6895

Notes:

NAMI- Families In Touch (National Alliance for the mentally ill)

P.O. Box 1313 Athens, TN 37371

(423) 745-7809

Notes:

Narcotics Anonymous

<http://www.na.org>

NA is a nonprofit support group of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. They meet regularly to help each other stay clean.

Meetings are held...

Sunday at 7pm at Bradley Memorial Hospital, (423) 559-6000

Notes:

North Cleveland Church of God [FB]

1200 Magnolia Ave. Northeast Office Cleveland, TN 37311

(423) 476 5513 or (423) 284 1386

sharper@hutcheson.org

Grief sessions meeting at least twice a month or more. The Video-education program Grief Share is used. Also, other grief support is offered by various groups socially and spiritually.

Notes:

Partnership for Children and Families

1800 McCaullie Ave. Chattanooga, TN
(800) 459-2227

Provides family and individual counseling, education, and prevention services. Crisis and Emergency Services, youth services for abused, neglected, homeless youth. Specialized support services for adults and aged.

Notes:

Pine Ridge

2800 Westside Drive NW Cleveland, TN 37312
(423) 339-4166 Fax: (423) 339-4350 Hope Line: (423) 479-4673

Notes:

Pinnacle Psychiatric

2765 Executive Park Drive NW Cleveland, TN 37312
(423) 559-8989
Fax: (423) 559-8984

Notes:

Reality House/Halfway House

2700 Executive Park Cleveland, TN 37320
(423) 476-9103
Substance Abuse

Notes:

Rush Funeral Home

2603 Ocoee St. N. Cleveland, TN 37311
(423) 559-6092 or (423) 284-1386

Educational grief group meets for a six week session during spring and fall. These sessions are educational in nature and feature various speakers. Generally the meetings are in the educational department of Bradley Memorial Hospital and occur on Tuesday evenings around the dates of late September and October or mid March and April. The Rev. Dr. Susan Harper (chaplain/nurse) facilitates these meetings.

Notes:

TEAM Centers Inc.

600 North Holtzclaw Avenue, Suite 100 Chattanooga, TN 37404
(423) 622-0500

TEAM Centers helps children and adults who have handicaps, developmental challenge, or are at-risk; maximize their potential by providing diagnostic, referral and follow-up service. The family support program improves the quality of the lives of the families who have a member with a severe disability by providing funding for respite, medical equipment and supplies, etc. that they need to reside in their natural home.

Notes:

Teen Challenge of the Mid-South (Chattanooga) [FB]

1108 W. 33rd Street Chattanooga TN 37410
(423) 756-5558

A 15 month residential discipleship program (men or women) dealing with drug and alcohol addiction

Notes:

Teen Challenge of Knoxville [FB]

3128 Linden Ave Knoxville TN 37914
(865) 546-8933

A 24 hr referral agency with a ladies only crisis center

Notes:

Tri County Center

3030 Lee Highway Athens, TN 37303
(423) 745-7785

Notes:

Valley Hospital

2200 Morris Hill Road Chattanooga, TN 37421
(423) 894-4220 (423) 499-2339 Fax: (423) 499-2343

Notes:

Valley Outpatient

2775 Executive Park Drive NW, Suite 2 Cleveland, TN 37312
(423) 472-1999 Fax: (423) 472-6667

Notes:

Women at the Well Ministries [FB]

881 Co Rd 655 Athens, TN 37303
(423) 475-0010

women@tds.net

Robin Nation, Executive Director

Addiction Treatment, Substance Abuse, Residential Program, Christian Discipleship Program for women. Open to any woman 18 years of age or older with substance abuse issues.

FEES: \$30 application fee, \$275 / month housing fee (sliding scale available)

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM – 5PM, Monday – Friday **Rush Funeral Home**

2603 Ocoee St. N. Cleveland, TN 37311

(423) 559-6092 or (423) 284-1386

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Notes:

OUT OF HOME CARE/RESPITE CARE

Bachman Memorial Home

414 Brymer Creek Road McDonald, TN 37353

(423) 479-4523

<http://www.bachmanacademy.org/>

Provides residential treatment facility and school for boys with ADD, ADHD, as well as other learning and behavioral difficulties.

Notes:

Bethel Bible Village Children's Home

3001 Hamill Road, Hixson TN, 37343

423-842-5757 Ext 222

www.bethelbiblevillage.org

Enrollment contact David Shinn.

Provides a temporary home for school-age children (5 to 17) of families who are in crisis.

Parents or guardians enroll their child privately with Bethel. Families are asked to pay something, but it is based on a sliding scale depending on the family's ability to pay.

Bethel also has one home for teen-moms with child, or expectant moms.

Children enrolled at Bethel are taught age-specific life skills and normally attend local public schools in Hixson, TN. Bethel also has state-approved educational services for children who need more individual attention.

Notes:

New Life Maternity Home [FB]

4865 Freewill Road Cleveland, TN 37312

Norvel Hayes, Founder; Gina Howell, Director

(423) 478-5351 fax (423) 478-5351

Residential care, counseling, spiritual guidance and medical services to young women who find themselves pregnant, unwed and in need of services. Some placement assistance is also available for after the birth of the baby.

Notes:

Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes [FB]

6623 Lee Highway Chattanooga, TN 37421
800-624-8591 (423) 892-2722 Fax 855-1304
1324 Timbergrove Dr. Knoxville, TN 37919
(865) 769-5323 www.tbch4kids.org

Provides Residential care for children ages 5 to 18 from families in crisis. Counseling services and Adoption-related services are available. Government funding not accepted so children can be taught Christian values without restriction. Provide Family-style residential homes with house parents. Other East Tennessee locations: Knoxville, Johnson City, Kingsport, and Oakdale.

Notes:

SENIOR SERVICES

AARP (Association of Retired Persons)

3050 Hawthorne St. Athens, TN 37303
(423) 744-8629

Notes:

Alzheimer's Support Group

714 Cartwright St. Athens, TN 37303
(423) 744-7520 800-616-1922
meet 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at ARMC- Physicians Dining Room.

Notes:

Arthritis Support Group

735 Broad St. Suite 203 Chattanooga, TN 37402
(423) 265-1227

Notes:

Etowah Senior Center

435 Cooper Etowah, TN 37331
(423) 263-1209

Notes:

McMinn County Senior Citizens, Inc.

205 McMinn Ave. Athens, TN 37303
(423) 745-6830

Notes:

SCHOOLS

Bryan College

721 Bryan Dr. Dayton, TN 37321
(423) 775-2041

Notes:

Cleveland State Community College [Athens Site]

2580 Ingleside Avenue
Athens, TN, 37303
(423) 745-8486 (423) 472-7141 (Cleveland Campus)

www.clevelandstateecc.edu

Charles Woodward, Athens Site Director
Education Institute for a two-year degree. GED Testing, financial aid for education, and counseling.

Notes:

Fairview Christian Academy

261 Co. Rd. 439 Athens, TN 37303
(423) 745-6781

Christian Education K-12

Notes:

Family Engagement (McMinn County Board of Education)

216 N Jackson Ave Athens TN 37303 Wayne Williams, Coordinator
(423) 745-1612 Fax: (423) 744-1643 williamsw@k12tn.net

Involving the whole family in the educational needs of their children.

Notes:

LUDIC, Lee University Developmental Inclusion Classroom

1700 Parker St NE Cleveland TN 37312

(423) 614-8190 Fax: (423) 614-8180

LUDIC is a school for Autistic or developmental disabled children from ages 3 to 12. Children can be referred to the program by Cleveland or Polk County school systems or there is also a private pay option.

Notes:

Siskin Children's Institute

1101 Carter Street Chattanooga, TN 37402

(423) 648-1700 Fax: (423) 648-1739

Siskin School provides a quality early childhood education to children with special needs and disabilities. Siskin Training and Resource Center provides disability information and support to families, trainees and professionals through a dynamic array of outreach programs. The center offers a free lending library, family support, specialized training for educators and health professionals, and playground education to help organizations create play spaces for children of all abilities.

Notes:

Tennessee Wesleyan College

204 E. College St. Athens TN 37303

(423) 745-7504

Notes:

McMinn Schools (City and County)

<p>Athens Junior High 200 Keith Lane Athens, TN 37303 (423) 745-1177 LEA - 5410005</p>	<p>McMinn County High School 2215 Congress Parkway Athens, TN 37303 (423) 745-4142 LEA – 5400045</p>
<p>Calhoun Elementary 150 Sherwood Avenue Calhoun, TN 37309 (423) 336-2974 LEA – 5400010</p>	<p>Mountain View Elementary 145 County Road 627 Etowah, TN 37331 (423) 263-2498 LEA – 5400050</p>
<p>City Park Elementary 203 Keith Lane Athens, TN 37303 (423) 745-3862 LEA - 5410010</p>	<p>Niota Elementary 418 Burn Road Niota, TN 37826 (423) 568-2465 LEA – 5400055</p>
<p>E K Baker Elementary 1044 County Road 172 Athens, TN 37303 (423) 745-2760 LEA – 5400025</p>	<p>North City Elementary 1601 Palos Street Athens, TN 37303 (423) 745-4210 LEA - 5410025</p>
<p>Englewood Elementary PO Box 47 108 College Englewood, TN 37329 (423) 887-5260 LEA - 5400030</p>	<p>Riceville Elementary 3592 Highway 11 Bypass Riceville, TN 37370 (423) 462-2294 LEA – 5400060</p>
<p>Ingleside Elementary 200 Guille Street Athens, TN 37303 (423) 745-3671 LEA - 5410020</p>	<p>Rogers Creek Elementary 137 County Road 82 Athens, TN 37303 (423) 745-2123 LEA - 5400065</p>
<p>McMinn Central High 145 County Road 461 Englewood, TN 37329 (423) 263-5541 LEA - 5400015</p>	<p>Westside Elementary 700 Westside Street Athens, TN 37303 (423) 745-4721 LEA - 5410030</p>
<p>McMinn County Board of Education 216 North Jackson Street Athens, TN 37303 (423) 745-1612 Fax – (423) 744-1641</p>	

Meigs County Schools

<p>Meigs High School 105 Abel Ave. Decatur, TN 37322 (423) 334-5797</p> <p>Meigs Middle School 564 N. Main St. Decatur, TN 37322 (423) 37322</p>	<p>Meigs South Elementary 9638 State Hwy. 58 S. Decatur, TN 37322 (423) 344-5444</p> <p>Meigs North Elementary 22015 State Hwy. 58 N. Decatur, TN 37322 (423) 334-5454</p>
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SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous- Cleveland

Bradley Memorial Hospital
(423) 559-6000

<http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org/>

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Thursday at noon at St. Therese Catholic Church, 1 (423) 476 8123

Notes:

Alzheimer’s Support Group

C/O Linda Garza, Tennessee Wesleyan College,

P.O. Box 40, Athens, TN 37371-0040

(423) 746-5212 Association 1-800-616-1922 (423) 744-7520

A support group for family members of Alzheimer’s patients. Educational information available to assist family members in coping with the Alzheimer’s disease process. Affiliated with the SE Tennessee Alzheimer’s Association and the Chattanooga Chapter.

Annual Events: Memory Walk each October at Athens Regional Park.

Area Served: McMinn and Surrounding Counties

Time/Place: 2nd Tuesday each month at 7 pm in the conference room at Athens Regional Medical Center.

Notes:

Arthritis Support Group

735 Broad St. Suite 203 Chattanooga, TN 37402

(423) 265-1227

Notes:

Autism Support Group of McMinn Co.
1520 Ridgeway CircleAthens, TN 37303
(423) 744-0870

Notes:

Breast Cancer Support Group
822 Hwy 39 E. Athens, TN 37303
(423) 745-0184

Notes:

Bruised Souls Support Group
Watts Bar Church of God
1517 State Hwy. 68 West Decatur, TN 37322
(423) 334-9823

Notes:

Cancer Support Group
645 Louisiana Ave. Etowah, TN 37331
(423) 263-7847

Notes:

Child Support Self Help Group
1103 Linda DR, SE Cleveland, TN 37311
(423) 478-3797

Counseling and support of custodial parents in regard to gaining child support and needs on visitation, guidance and direction in child psychology.

Notes:

COPE Breast Cancer Survivors (Bradley Memorial Hospital)

2305 Chambliss Avenue Cleveland, TN 37311

(423) 559-6000

Support Group that meets every fourth Tuesday of the month 5:30 to 8:30

Notes:

Diabetes Support Group

Athens Regional Center

1114 W. Madison Ave. Athens, TN 37371

(423) 744-3249

Notes:

Dystonia Medical Research Foundation (Support Group)

191 County Rd. 849 Etowah, TN 37331

(423) 263-9650

Notes:

Erlanger Health System

975 East 3rd Street Chattanooga, TN 37403

(423) 778-2222 <http://www.boehmbdc.com/>

Offers medical care, financial assistance, and social support to those individuals who are born with a congenital birth defect of the central nervous system. Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus are two of the most common.

Notes:

Forever Angels (Bradley Memorial Hospital)

2305 Chambliss Avenue Cleveland, TN 37311

(423) 559-6000 <http://www.mindspring.com/~rledford/angels.htm>

A parent support group that meets at the Women's Center of Bradley Memorial Hospital. The primary goal of *Forever Angels* is to work with the parents and families through the loss of their babies from miscarriages or stillbirths. Meetings are held at the Women's Center on the fourth Thursday of every month from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

Notes:

Grief Support Group

744 Tell St. Suite 100 Athens, TN 37303
800-951-2561 (423) 507-8755

Notes:

Grief Support Group (Bradley Memorial Hospital)

2305 Chambliss Avenue Cleveland, TN 37311

(423) 559-6000

Susan Harper, 1 (706) 866 9854, Series of Education

Ongoing group: sponsored by Jim Rush Funeral Homes

Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at the Holiday Inn (2400 Executive Park Dr. Cleveland, Tn. 1 (423) 472-1504) Dining room from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The Rev. Dr. Susan Harper (chaplain/nurse) facilitates. For information call the funeral home at (423) 472-4555 or Susan at (423) 284-1386 or (706) 858-2123. This group is a round table discussion on grief issues in a community setting over a meal.

Notes:

Harbor Safe House

PO Box 367 Cleveland, TN 37364

(423) 479-9339

Hotline (423)-476-3886,

Support Group Information (423) 479-9339 Ext.15

Support Group Every Monday From 6:30-7:30 P.M. Child care up to age 12. Head Start Information for Children. Office Hours 8AM-4:30PM Mon-Fri.

Notes:

Lifeline Personal Response and Support Services

3775 Georgetown Rd. Cleveland, TN 37312

(423) 870-6128

Notes:

Lupas Support Group

430 N. Tennessee Ave. Etowah, TN 37331
(423) 263-2926

Notes:

MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving)

1100 Kermit Dr. Suite 022 Nashville, TN 37217
800-544-6233 (615) 360-8055

Notes:

McMinn County Citizens for the Mentally Retarded

P.O. Box 367 Englewood, TN 37329

Phone #

Notes:

NAMI- Families In Touch (National Alliance for the mentally ill)

P.O. Box 1313 Athens, TN 37371
(423) 745-7809

Notes:

North Cleveland Church of God [FB]

1200 Magnolia Ave. Northeast Office Cleveland, TN 37311
(423) 476 5513 or (423) 284 1386

sharper@hutcheson.org

Grief sessions meeting at least twice a month or more. The Video-education program Grief Share is used. Also, other grief support is offered by various groups socially and spiritually.

Notes:

Post Polio Support Group

312 E. Farrell St. Apt # 21 Niota, TN 37826
(423) 568-3237 or Nancy Yarbrough (423) 745-1863

Notes:

Rush Funeral Home

2603 Ocoee St. N. Cleveland, TN 37311
(423) 559-6092 or (423) 284-1386

Educational grief group meets for a six week session during spring and fall. These sessions are educational in nature and feature various speakers. Generally the meetings are in the educational department of Bradley Memorial Hospital and occur on Tuesday evenings around the dates of late September and October or mid March and April. The Rev. Dr. Susan Harper (chaplain/nurse) facilitates these meetings.

Notes:

Support Group for Victims of Domestic Violence

HOPE Center 130 Washington Ave. Athens, TN 37371
(423) 745-5289

Notes:

TRANSPORTATION

Med-Trans of Tennessee

3 Davidson Rd. Athens, TN 37371
(423) 745-0467

ambulance service

Notes:

SETHRA

800-522-6033 (423) 745-8095 <http://www.setnhra.org>

Provides public transportation to rural residents of all ages, giving first priority to elderly, handicapped and economically disadvantaged with medical needs. It provides low-cost transportation for those meeting eligibility guidelines. TennCare patients must call TennCare five days in advance in for TennCare to pay for the stops. Other individuals must call 24-hours prior to the trip and pay\$.75 per stop.

Fares: \$.75 per stop within the county \$ 4.00 each way to Chattanooga \$ 2.00 each way to neighboring counties.

Chattanooga trips are \$8.00 per round trip and are for Doctor Appointments only. Ambulatory and wheelchair patients welcome. An adult must accompany children

Transportation throughout the county is available from 7:30 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. Transportation to Chattanooga is available 5 days a week except on holidays and inclement weather days.

Notes:

HOTLINE NUMBERS

AIDS Hotline:

English Speaking 800-342-2437

Spanish Speaking 800-344-7432

TTY for Deaf 800-243-7889

<http://www.ashastd.org/>

Alcohol and Substance Abuse Hotline: 800-784-6776,

800-234-1253, 800-274-2042, 800-222-0469

<http://www.addictioncareoptions.com>

Association for Retarded Citizens (423) 624-6887

Arthritis Hotline: 800-283-7800

Asthma and Allergies Hotline: 800-727-8462

Cancer Hotline: 800-227-2345,

<http://www.cancer.org>

Child Abuse Hotline: 800-422-4453

Contact Helpline [FB]

(423) 476-2250, (423) 745-1042

Crisis Intervention, Information and Referral, Hotline

Contact is a confidential, non-judgmental tele-ministry referral service available to callers every day to help them realize their human potential, self-worth, and inner resources to resolve problems or issues affecting their well being. Contact Helpline serves as a suicide intervention line, and an informational referral agency. The Contact –A-Friend Program brings us into the schools of our service areas by way of bookmarks and presentations. This service is intended for children who are home alone, lonely, frightened, or in need of a listening ear.

Helpline: 24-hours service.

CONTACT USA [FB]

(423) 745-9111

24 hour help line. Volunteers listen and talk with those in need or in crisis. Volunteers are not licensed professionals, but are able to refer to outside resources as needed.

Crisis Emergency Services (Mental Health): 800-704-2651

Department of Human Services Hotlines

Families First: 800-863-6178

Child Support: 800-838-6911

TNCARE, Food Stamps/ Family Assistance Office: 800-669-1851

EBT Card: 800-997-9444

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Hotline: 800-861-6864

EBT (benefit Security Card): 888-997-9444

Family Resource Agency: 800-359-8953

TTY for Deaf 800-243-7889

<http://www.ashastd.org/>

Harbor Safe House Hotline (423)-476-3886,

Headache Hot Line 800-843-2256

Health Options Hotline 888-486-9355

Hearing Hot Line 800-222-3277

Hearing screening done over the phone Monday – Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM

Heart Hot Line 800-242-8721

Meat Safety Hotline 800-535-4555

Middle Tennessee Poison Center

Hotline: 1-800-222-1222

24-hour toll free access to emergency information about poisonous substances from a poison information specialist who will offer first aid information or referral to doctor or emergency room of the local hospital.

Money Problems Hotline 800-388-2227

New Hope Center [FB] (423) 479-6683

Material needs, Free Pregnancy Test, Referrals, Adoption, Counseling, Physical Needs met.
24 hour a Day Hotline

Safety Hotline 800-621-7619

TNCARE

General Hotline 800-669-1851

Customer Service Lines: Blue Care: 800-468-9775; John Deere Health Care: 800-224-6601

PHP Health Care: 800-747-0008

Tennessee Adult Protective Services In-take Hotline 888-277-8366

Tennessee Child Abuse and Neglect 24-hr Hotline 800-237-0004

Tennessee Department of Family Assistance 866-311-4287

Tennessee State Health Insurance Assistance Program 877-801-0044

Uninsured of Tennessee 888-486-9355 www.TNHealthOptions.org

Uninsured Pharmaceutical Assistance

www.rxoutreach.com

www.NeedyMeds.com

www.pparx.org

www.rehope.com

www.xubex.com

www.TogetherRxAccess.com

www.FreeMedicineFoundation.com

www.PharmaAssist.com

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