

Dawson County Community Collaborative  
ZOOM Meeting  
May 5, 2020

Below are entries made in the Zoom chat box by collaborative partners during the May meeting that include information and resources. We'll provide the Chat transcript from future Zoom meetings so feel free to use this feature.

We're asking that when you sign in to our next Zoom meeting, please include your full name, agency and contact information. If you're working from home and using a different number other than your office, don't forget to include that, too.

**From Karmen Pharris :** Good Morning!! **Wee Books** has not slowed down in mailings to children their books. All is well with that but we did have to cancel our 2 biggest fundraisers. We will get back to it when this is all over.

To sign a child up: We do not have a phone number but they can email information to [info@ferstreaders.org](mailto:info@ferstreaders.org) Must be resident of Dawson county, parents or guardians name, address, phone number, child's name and date of birth  
Wee Books of Dawson County, Karmen Pharris, 770-561-3593, [karmenpharris3@gmail.com](mailto:karmenpharris3@gmail.com), or [info@ferstreaders.org](mailto:info@ferstreaders.org)

**Laura S. Pike, Marketing Rep for Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health.** We are a PRTF for youth (coed) ages 10-21. We are located in Kennesaw GA. I'm happy to be with you today. Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health is still accepting admissions for coed youth ages 10-21.

Our web site is [www.devereuxga.org](http://www.devereuxga.org)

The "About Us" tab provides detail about the program as well as videos.

The "Admissions" tab gives details on how to apply & feel free to contact me if you have questions!

Laura S. Pike | Marketing Representative

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**From Tommy Vowell :** **WIN Georgia CME** has continued to serve families Statewide through High-Fidelity Wraparound Care. Our criteria are a mental and/or behavioral diagnosis and at risk for leaving their home community (To DFCS, DJJ, or CSU/PRTF Placement). OR youth coming home after placement in a facility. Anyone can place a referral to us 24/7/365 at our agency website of [www.WINGeorgia.com](http://www.WINGeorgia.com). For further information, contact Tommy Vowell at [ThomasV@LMCS.org](mailto:ThomasV@LMCS.org). [www.wingorgia.com](http://www.wingorgia.com) Thank you all for your amazing work!

**From Shilloy Bates : Amerigroup Georgia Families**

Pharmacy Updates: If you have a medicine with no refills left and your doctor can't be reached by your local pharmacy to approve the refill, you will be able to get a one-time 90-day supply of your medicine. The use of the 90-day emergency approval will be determined by the pharmacist and doesn't apply to prescriptions for certain controlled substances. For training needs, we are offering free online training for anyone who needs training hours. Visit our training calendar for all upcoming trainings. Amerigroup Georgia Families 360<sup>SM</sup>

Training Calendar [ps://amerigroup-ga.zoom.us/calendar/list](https://amerigroup-ga.zoom.us/calendar/list)

For any questions or special requests for training, reach out to [carol.bates@anthem.com](mailto:carol.bates@anthem.com)

Amerigroup Website

<https://www.myamerigroup.com/ga/your-plan/georgia-families-360.html>

**From Ellen Ward :** For more information on **Next Generation** or to find information on how youth might enroll email me at [ellen@nxtgenerationga.org](mailto:ellen@nxtgenerationga.org)

**From Cynthia Lopez Goodwill Career Center:** Free Job Search Assistance, email [careerconnector.org](mailto:careerconnector.org) for more information on registering for virtual job fair. May also contact Tara or Cynthia at the Dawsonville location, [dawsonvillecc@ging.org](mailto:dawsonvillecc@ging.org). Visit [careerconnector.org](http://careerconnector.org) for more information or [goodwillng.org](http://goodwillng.org)  
We had to clear our resource board at the Dawsonville Career Center, if anyone has flyers to drop off, updated flyers- we would love some to refresh our board, please only bring 2 because we will be limiting handouts. Feel free to call 706-344-3409 if you do. Goodwill Career Services is also hosting free webinars with everything from resume tips, conversational Spanish, job search tips, addressing gaps in resumes and much more!

**From : Gale Adams with Rape Response, Inc.** website: [www.raperesponse.com](http://www.raperesponse.com)  
Phone: 770-503-7273 Email: [gale@raperesponse.com](mailto:gale@raperesponse.com)

**From: Allison O'Shields, LCSW with Learn & Grow Family Counseling, LLC.** I offer individual and group counseling for children ages 4-10 years old and their parents. My specialty is working with children who have behavior problems and school issues such as ADHD, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, and Conduct Disorder. My phone number is 404-405-6269 and my website is [www.learnandgrowfamilycounseling.com](http://www.learnandgrowfamilycounseling.com)

From Angela : I have another meeting I need to get to, so I am logging off. It has been great to be with all of you this morning - **Angela Dikes, Bald Ridge Lodge** ([adikes@baldridgelodge.org](mailto:adikes@baldridgelodge.org))

**From Lydia Johnson GA Mountain Food Bank:** Dawson County Food assistance reflecting COVID-19 updates. This website is continually updated.  
<https://www.gamountainfoodbank.org/dawson-county/>

**From Blake Boyer DHS Foster Care :** If you or anyone you know is interested in being a foster parent in Dawson County, Please reach out to me at [blake.boyer@dhs.ga.gov](mailto:blake.boyer@dhs.ga.gov)

**From Jennifer Los: Georgia's Division of Family and Children Services Kinship Navigator program** is still at work. We have 9 Kinship Navigators located regionally across the state. The North District has 4 Kinship Navigators. **Ellen Dillinger is the Kinship Navigator for Region 2 counties.** Ellen can be reached at [Ellen.Dillinger@dhs.ga.gov](mailto:Ellen.Dillinger@dhs.ga.gov) C: 762 210-9589. Staff are teleworking but still assisting families the best they can. We are partnering with community members to obtain resources, mostly tangible items to get them to kin caregivers. We want to encourage community partners as they come across kinship caregivers to share our information. A referral can be made through accessing our web at: <https://dhs.georgia.gov/kinship-navigator-program-referral-form>

**From Kay Parrish :** Good Shepherd Clinic of Dawson Co. providing medical care, mental health counseling and free medication for adults in Dawson Co. without insurance in the 200% poverty level. Vision will open in June. 706-429-9914 [goodshepherdclinicdawson@gmail.com](mailto:goodshepherdclinicdawson@gmail.com) open on Thursday afternoons during the pandemic.

**From tiffany.davis :** Sorry to have to leave the meeting...Tiffany Davis, Dawson County Schools Central Office- [tiffanydavis@dawson.k12.ga.us](mailto:tiffanydavis@dawson.k12.ga.us) or 706-265-3246 ext 1039. It's Teacher Appreciation Week, so be sure to thank a teacher!!

**From Karla Brookreson-Owens, Hospice of NGMC :** Good morning everyone. Karla Brookreson-Owens, LMSW Hospice of NGMC. Here to support families and patients who are facing a life limiting/end of life diagnosis. In addition, hospice care we have a NEW in-home palliative care program for patients who are homebound may benefit from care coordination with our Nurse Practitioner and

our social service team. Hospice: 770-219-8888 In-Home Palliative Care: 770-219-3226  
Also, be on the lookout for zoom grief support groups and caregiver support groups.  
[www.nghs.com/events](http://www.nghs.com/events). I am also available to assist with the completion of Advance Directives and/or provide information sessions. I can speak with families and patients about goals of care or just would like more information about hospice and in-home palliative care.  
Karla Brookreson-Owens, LMSW Hospice of NGMC [Karla.Owens@nghs.com](mailto:Karla.Owens@nghs.com) 678-858-9977  
Thank you all for being here this morning! Take care of yourselves-- be well.

**From Allison Lange :** Hey everyone! Victoria Dunston with NOA just let me know her computer died and she doesn't have access to her charger at the moment. She apologizes and is so appreciative of every single one of you!

**From Tranh Nguyen, Northside Hospital :** I'm here but I'm not sure what is going on with my phone ;(. I want to update everyone about Northside Wednesday wellness webinar. If you are interested to learn about COVID-19 directly from healthcare provider, please join our Facebook to learn. I will forward the information to Rebecca so she can share with everyone.

**From Sarah Pedraza : Sarah Pedraza with Amerigroup Community Care.** As mentioned, if you have or know of any foster children in need of Chromebook for online school for current session please contact me at [Sarah.pedraza@amerigroup.com](mailto:Sarah.pedraza@amerigroup.com) 404-548-1589.

For the Chromebooks families can contact their Care Coordinator with Amerigroup directly.

Thank you so much for your continued support, and for joining our Amerigroup Georgia Facebook group. Our hopes is this will help our members, community partners and providers have a central place to go to retrieve information, discuss or share useful content during the Coronavirus outbreak. If you have not had the chance to join, please click the below link to gain access.

Steps to join:

- Go to our Amerigroup Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/AmerigroupCorporation/>
- Click on "Groups" on the left hand side of the home page and request to join the group.

**From Jenna Parmer: Evolve Program with Avita Community Partners** assisting individuals who are between 16 and 26 years old, with mental health diagnoses or in need of a diagnosis. If you know someone who can benefit from services/resources to increase their independence, please email me at: [jenna.parmer@avitapartners.org](mailto:jenna.parmer@avitapartners.org)

**From Brittany Currans :** I'm the **Coordinator for the Dawson County Treatment Court (Drug, D.U.I, & Mental Health Courts)**. We have moved mostly to telemental health services and are working on continuing to provide resources to our participants within the community so this has been wonderful! I apologize for leaving but I need to attend an appointment with participant. If you have any questions about our program, feel free to contact me at [bcurrans@dawsoncounty.org](mailto:bcurrans@dawsoncounty.org) or 706-265-8425.

**From Savannah :** Hey everyone! **Savannah Turk from District 2 Public Health**, my email is [savannah.turk@dph.ga.gov](mailto:savannah.turk@dph.ga.gov) and my cell is 706-621-1012. Please let me know of any COVID questions or testing questions you may have or of any adolescent programs that we could collaborate on! Our new Instagram page will be giving away goodies in the coming days it is @d2covidfight Looking forward to working with you all soon :)

**From Kay Parrish Good Shepherd Clinic:** Thank you to all those members who have stayed for the full meeting. I appreciate the time you devoted to the County and have not just given your personal report and left. This meeting is needed to reach all those who might need help from the multiple resources available. There is an abundance of new information to be learned in this unusual time.

From **Erika** : I have to leave. But thank you all. It was nice to hear what you all have been doing lately. Nancy, I just sent the flyers with all information about testing sites for District 2Ph. Like I said it is for Hall, Franklin and Towns county for now.

From **Elida Lopez Care Source**: Elida.lopez@caresource.com 404-694-8904 CareSource.com  
800# 855-202-0729

From **Tony White Georgia Dept. of Community Supervision, Reentry Services Division, Senior Lead Community Coordinator-Northeastern Region** Cell: 470-728-6940 Email: [tonya.white@dcs.ga.gov](mailto:tonya.white@dcs.ga.gov)  
I am working from home to help the men and women getting out of prison until at least the 30th of this month. Most needs are food, housing and employment. Hardest thing to help with is if someone does not have internet access they are pretty much cut off at this time. The DCS office is currently only open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 2pm. Anyone can call our phone number for the office regular business hours Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm. On May 14th the office hours will be Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm and I will know further details of how the office will be manned after Tuesday the 12th. Our hours will be normal but not sure how everything else will be. As I said I won't be back in the office until at least May 30th. Please let me know if you have any further questions.