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📍 About La Guía

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La Guía (The Hispanic Resource Guide) is a resource guide for the Hispanic community. It provides a resource of critical information on the following key issues: food, clothing, shelter, education, healthcare, immigration, and much more.

Background – The McAfee Group owns and operates 11 Sonic Drive-in restaurants in and around Gwinnett County. The Hispanic population of the area is ~18%... and possibly higher around many McAfee Sonic locations (e.g. Tech Drive and Jimmy Carter). Sonic is a community driven company, and the McAfee Group realizes we can do more to help the Hispanic families in our neighborhoods.

After conducting focus groups and having those findings confirmed by local church and related organizations, there are three major issues faced by the Hispanic Community: Education (ability to read/write/speak the English language), Healthcare (uninsured), and Family Services (food, clothing and housing).

Many resources are available to handle these issues... but unfortunately no one source of information is available so many families go without or follow erroneous “word-of-mouth” information.

Working with Samuel Sanchez Ministries and a host of other contributors, The McAfee Group created La Guía as a tool for the Hispanic Community to utilize when anyone in the community is in need!

Mission Statement – Serve, Share, and Network

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Contributors – The McAfee Group Sonic Drive-in locations, Ministerios Fortaleza, Gwinnett County Public Library, The Gwinnett Coalition, and Coca-Cola.

Additional Resources and Referrals – The Gwinnett Helpline 770-995-3339



Go to **www.TMG-Sonic.com** for the most up-to-date copy of La Guía, and to learn how you can help support La Plaza Comunitarias “Samuel Sanchez Ministries”!

For greatest benefit, please seek language assistance from you local church.



📍 **Church (Ministerios Fortaleza)**

- Plaza Comunitaria "Samuel Sanchez Ministries"
- Mexican Consulate
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Plaza Comunitaria Samuel Sanchez Ministries

Welcome!

PLAZA COMUNITARIA "SAMUEL SANCHEZ MINISTRIES"

In our Plaza Comunitaria, we are convinced that the needs of our Hispanic community are the most important thing. All our team members put their dedication to provide practical solutions to the demands of our students and thus their educational needs.

The community Plaza hosted by **Fortress Ministries** offers the opportunity for you to start or continue your studies. Here you will find an educational space designed for people 15 years and older. Our education offerings range from Elementary, Middle through High School. The Plaza Comunitaria program is an educational resource created by the Government of Mexico and promoted by means of its consular network in the United States and Canada.

All these programs are designed and supported by the Government of Mexico (SEP, INEA, CONEVYT and COBACH). Certificates awarded to the students that have completed these three levels are official and validated by the Government of **Mexico**. You can validate these certificates so they are recognized in the **United States**. Go to www.CONEVyT.org.mx or www.bachilleratosead.net

We know that each person has a unique talent, a different learning style and their own personality. Our teachers and staff work within the individual comfort level to ensure the best educational results. In this way, individuals improve themselves and in their social relationships. Classes have a small number of students and fill quickly. It would be an honor to earn your trust.

For more information, call 678-728-0050 today!

Mexican Consulate – services provided, among others, protection and assistance to Mexicans, issue of passports, license plates and cards, registering births and marriages, granting powers of attorney, and issuance of visas into Mexico to foreigners. You'll also find activities through the Program of Mexican Communities Abroad, which includes the educational, sports and culture among Mexicans living in our district. Also you can view relevant information, local and Mexico, we disseminate through our consular weekly newsletter as well as data from the various events organized by the Consular Representation. For more information, please call 404-266-2233.

Hispanic Church Locations

We believe the church is the foundation. And as families in need go to their Pastor's for help, we want them to have copies of La Guía available to reference and give to their congregations as needed. Below is the initial list of churches where you'll find La Guía.

Title	Name	Church	Address	City	Zip	Telephone
Pastor	Samuel Sanchez	Ministerios Fortaleza	1605 Lakes Pkwy	Lawrenceville	30043	678-728-0050
Rev.	Pablo y Gadys Nervegna		207 Omega Drive	Lawrenceville	30044	770-567-1777
Pastor	Mario Rivera		256 Kingston Dr	Lawrenceville	30045	770-338-8775
Pastor	Roque Barrios	Catedral De Fe	675 Buford Dr Suite 21	Lawrenceville	30045	770-962-9624
Rev.	Henry Araya	Pentecostal M.M.M	6400 Atlanic Blvd.	Norcross	30071	770-617-2971
Pastor	Luis Juarez	Pentecostal Bethel	6095 Northbelt Dr	Norcross	30071	678-409-1350
Pastores	María E.y Manuel Zamora	Ministerio Internacional La Cosecha	1895 Mitchell Road	Norcross	30071	770-796-9169
Rev.	Mario Reyes	Pentecostal El Tabernaculo De Atlanta	6394 Buford Hwy.	Norcross	30071	770-592-9100
	Gamaliel Gomez	United Chaplain State Georgia Inc.	PO Box 2252	Norcross	30091	
Pastor	Eric Millarc	Iglesia De Cristo Ministerios Llamados Final Centro De Aviamiento	5680 Oakbrook Parkway #132 y 165	Norcross	30093	770-263-7929
Pastores	Gaston Y Ruth Silva	Movimiento Cristiano Internacional Ancia de Salvacion	5320 Jimmy Carter Blvd.	Norcross	30093	404-207-4667
Pastores	Isidro y Carmen Medrano	Pentecostal El Tabernaculo De Fuego	441 Britt Road	Norcross	30093	404-508-0879
Pastor	Jose Ely Chavez	Monte Sinai Asamblea del Principe de Paz	5500 Oakbrook Parkway Suite 280	Norcross	30093	404-454-9271
Pastor	Leonel Mejia	Ministerios Elim Iglesia De Cristo	4275 Phil Neiko Parkway	Norcross	30093	770-963-5806
Pastor	Raul y Miriam Pino	Centro Cristiano Vision De Fe	6119 Oakbrook Parkway	Norcross	30093	678-698-2701
Pastor	Tony Garcia	Calvary Christian Fellowship Ministerio Hispano	3116 Main Street	Duluth	30093	770-623-4285
Pastor	Hernanado Ortegon	Metropolitan Church of God	4830 River Green Parkway	Duluth	30096	770-476-1615
Pastor	Guillermo Rodrigues	Iglesia De Dios Cristo Reina	4289 North Express Way (1941)	Hampton	30228	770-707-1937
Pastor	Edwin y Carmen Osorio	El Tabernaculo De La Paz	1-A Georgia Ave.	Gainesville	30501	678-450-1987
Pastor	Filadelfo Montes	Iglesia De Dios Comunidad Cristina	301 Keith Circle	Gainesville	30501	770-962-9090
Pastora	Ruth Rodriguez	Iglesia Pentecostal Triunfantes de Jesucristo	794 Jesse Jewel Parkway	Gainesville	30501	770-503-0374
Rev.	Demetrio Y Pilar Villacorta	Centro Cristiano Jesus Mi Amogo	622 Shallowford Road	Gainesville	30504	770-287-7086
	Richard Miranda	Emet Torah Educational & Training Ministry	4672 Eucalyptus Way	Flowery Branch	30542	770-965-6221
Pastora	Maria L. Carreon	Ministerio Hispano Hiawasee Church of God	PO Box 62	Hiawasee	30545	



Family Services

- Food, Clothing, and Housing
- Family and Children Services
- Cultural Centers

Food, Clothing, and Housing

Angel Food Ministries

Samuel Sanchez Ministries has been awarded "Host" site recognition by Angel Food Ministries. Soon you'll be able to process orders directly through Samuel Sanchez Ministries and partnering churches. Call **678-728-0050** and ask about the new Hispanic box!

For some background, Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing food relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States.

Angel Food is available in a quantity that can fit into a medium-sized box at \$30 per unit. Generally, one unit of food assists in feeding a family of four for about one week or a single senior citizen for almost a month. The food is all the same high quality one could purchase at a grocery store. There are no second-hand items, no damaged or out-dated goods, no dented cans without labels, no day-old breads and no produce that is almost too ripe.

There are no qualifications, minimums, income restrictions, or applications. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Some churches even encourage participants to apply the money they saved to help someone else in need.

City	Host Site	Phone
AUBURN	First Baptist Carl	770-363-5598
		770-867-9588
BETHLEHEM	Bethlehem First Baptist Church	770-867-3577
BRASELTON	Zion Baptist Church	706-654-3205
BUFORD	Community of Faith Family Church	770-945-4199
	Feed My Flock Ministries	770-945-5865
	Poplar Hill Missionary Baptist Church	770-945-6131
CUMMING	Cumming New Life Church	770-889-6919
	Shiloh United Methodist Church	770-887-8075
DACULA	Hamilton Mill United Methodist Church	770-271-8855
DULUTH	Eagle Christian Church	770-843-2974
	Friendship Baptist Church	770-497-8227
	The Phoenix Community of Atlanta	770-884-1496
FLOWERY BRANCH	Prince of Peace Catholic Church	770-945-2244 x161
GAINESVILLE	Chicopee Baptist Church	770-531-1467
	Lanier Hills Baptist Church, Inc.	770-297-4673
	New Hope United Methodist Church	770-889-7440 x501
	St Paul United Methodist Church	770-532-2977
	THE HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	770-262-5586
GRAYSON	Chestnut Grove Baptist Church	770-963-7051
HOSCHTON	Crossview Church	678-425-9831
LAWRENCEVILLE	Christ The Lord Lutheran Church	770-963-4499
	Colonial Woods Baptist Church	770-921-6681
	Hind sight 2020 Inc	678-900-7136
		770-513-2348
	McKendree United Methodist Church, Inc.	770-313-5723
	Oak Hill Baptist Church	770-513-4423
	The Bridge Church Atlanta	678-985-7270
	Trinity Life Church	678-376-1668
		678-376-1668
LILBURN	Berkmar UMC	770-381-2926
		770-923-1403
	New Mercies Christian Church	770-925-8600 x105
	Salem Missionary Baptist Church	770-923-3936 x120
LOGANVILLE	Grace Pointe Church of the Nazarene	678-990-3954
	Loganville UMC	770-466-8511
MONROE	Ermanuel Praise Church	770-267-6865
	First Congregational Holiness Church	770-207-1450
NORCROSS	BSA Troop 251	770-448-5475
	Samuel Sanchez Ministries, Inc.	678-728-0050
	Victory World Church	770-849-9400
OAKWOOD	Oakwood Church of God	770-533-9083
		770-983-0791
SNELLVILLE	Annistown Road Baptist Church	770-979-2422
	Holy Fellowship Church of God In Christ	770-736-0207
	Hope & Life Fellowship	770-979-1595
	New Jerusalem Baptist Church	770-972-2324
		404-307-5208
	Shiloh Baptist Church	770-979-3265
SOCIAL CIRCLE	Corinth Missionary Baptist	770-385-0909
	First Baptist Church of Social Circle	770-464-3491
		770-464-4039
SUGAR HILL	River's Edge Baptist Church	770-831-5550
SUWANEE	Suwanee Station Family Life Church	404-502-6484
		770-237-8909
TUCKER	True Christ Outreach Ministries	770-270-0123
WINDER	A Hope For Tomorrow	678-618-7671
		678-425-0278

How it works: Orders and distribution are handled by church host sites. Orders are collected by the host sites during the first part of each month. These orders are then turned in to the Angel Food main office in Monroe, Georgia, on a predetermined date. Several days later, in the same month, the host site picks up the food from Angel Food's warehouse to fill the orders on Distribution Day.

Plaza Comunitaria

The Plaza Comunitaria, Samuel Sanchez Ministries has been awarded "Host" site recognition. Soon you'll be able to process orders directly through the Samuel Sanchez Ministries and partnering churches. In the interim period, call **678-728-0050**, and someone will assist you with placing your order through an existing partner site.

Contact Angel Food Ministries

Call our *new 24-hour hotline* for answers to common questions, including menu information and host site contact information: **1-877-FOOD-MINISTRY (1-877-366-3646)**

Gwinnett County Cooperative Ministries

The following Faith Based ministries provide food, clothing, financial assistance and spiritual support for those in need.

What can they help you with?

- Food and Personal Care Items are supplied to the Co-op through the churches, merchants and local drives from civic and community organizations. Amount and frequency may vary.
- Rent, Utilities and Prescription Medications are provided only when funds are available through the generosity of our churches and civic groups. Payments are made payable directly to the service provider.
- Baby Items and Clothing Vouchers are available for families in need.
- Assistance with job referrals.
- Prescription Drugs.

What should you bring?

Always bring Picture ID (Drivers License) and proof of your residence (current utility bill or mail in your name).

Providers are listed by city/area. You'll find city/area covered, address, and hours of operation for each provider.

Cross Pointe Church Food Pantry & Clothes Closet: 678-812-4500

City/Area of coverage: Gwinnett County

<u>Address</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>
1800 Satellite Blvd. Duluth, Georgia 30097	Wednesday 10AM-2PM Saturday 10AM-Noon (Clothes Closet Saturday only)

North Gwinnett Cooperative Ministry: 770-271-9793

City/Area of coverage: Buford, Suwanee, and Sugar Hill communities.

<u>Address</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>
North Gwinnett Cooperative 70 Wiley Drive Buford, Georgia 30518	Monday 6-8PM Wednesday 10AM-Noon Friday 10AM-Noon

Hands of Christ-Duluth Cooperative Ministry: 770-623-9563

City/Area of Coverage: Duluth

Address
Hands of Christ
3395 Fox St. Bldg 101
Duluth, GA 30096
Office: 770-232-7454
Email: duluthcoop@peoplepc.com

Hours of Operation
Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. Please call for an appointment.

Lilburn Cooperative Ministry: 770-931-8333

City/Area of Coverage: Lilburn, Stone Mountain and parts of Tucker.

Address

Lilburn Cooperative Ministry, Inc.
5329 Five Forks Trickum
Lilburn, GA 30047
(770) 931-8333 Main
(770) 931-6583 Lily's Cloak
(770) 931-0392 Fax
email: kay@lilburncoop.org

Ministry/Donations Hours:
Monday–Friday, 9–5
Lily's Cloak Hours:
Monday–Friday, 10–8
Saturday 10–5

Lawrenceville Cooperative Ministry: 770-339-7887

City/Area of Coverage: Lawrenceville and Dacula

Address

Lawrenceville Co-Op Ministry
176 Church street PO BOX 1328
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

Hours of operation

Monday 6pm-8pm (food only) Friday 10am-2pm
Wednesday 10am-2pm Saturday 10am-Noon (Food only)

Norcross Cooperative Ministry: 770-263-8268

City/Area of Coverage: Norcross and surrounding areas of Gwinnett County

Mailing Address

Norcross Cooperative Ministry
PO Box 1489
Norcross, GA 30091

Street Address

2275 Mitchell Road
Norcross, GA 30071

Southeast Gwinnett Cooperative Ministry: 770-985-5229

City/Area of Coverage: Snellville, Loganville and Grayson

Address

Southeast Gwinnett Cooperative Ministry
1200 Athens Highway
Grayson, GA 30017

Hours of operation

Monday 10am to 2pm
Thursday 3pm to 7pm
Friday 10am to 2pm

Housing

Need housing or shelter? Want to avoid foreclosure? Below are some agencies that can help – to people fleeing domestic violence as well as housing for children, elderly and the disabled.

The IMPACT! Group invests in community. The IMPACT! Group offers comprehensive housing counseling and homeownership education. The organization has assisted more than 900,000 people, including children, through direct services and referrals, information, and educational programs in the county.

The IMPACT! Group
2825 Breckinridge Boulevard, Suite 160, Duluth, GA 30096
678-808-4477
www.theimpactgroup.org

The Buford, Lawrenceville and Norcross Housing Authorities provide low rent housing on a sliding scale to the elderly, disabled and others in need of shelter.

Buford Housing Authority

2050 Hutchins Street, Buford, GA 30518
770-945-5212

Lawrenceville Housing Authority

502 Glenn Edge Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30045
770-963-4900
www.lawrencevilleha.org

Norcross Housing Authority

19 Garner Street, Norcross, GA 30071
770-448-3668



Gwinnett Habitat for Humanity

Gwinnett Habitat for Humanity plans to build its 90th house in Gwinnett County by the end of 2007. The organization builds throughout Gwinnett County. With volunteers and donations from the community, the organization creates affordable housing in partnership with selected low-income families in Gwinnett county.

Each family purchases their home via an interest-free mortgage and is required to put in 300 to 400 hours of "sweat equity" before closing on their home.

For information on how to apply to be a Habitat homeowner, or how to volunteer to help build a Habitat house, contact Gwinnett County Habitat for Humanity, Inc., P.O. Box 870408, Stone Mountain, GA 30087, phone 770-931-8080, or visit the Web site www.habitatgwinnett.org

Gwinnett Children's Shelter

The Gwinnett Children's Shelter is a private, non-profit, 501(c) (3) agency that grew out of a volunteer effort involving the PTA, business and community leaders and countless individuals who became aware of the growing need for services for the abused and abandoned children of Gwinnett County. Planning and development began in 1986 and the first child was served in the fall of 1987.

Currently, the Gwinnett Children's Shelter serves 300-500 children and their families every year. The Youth We Serve Through Crisis and Stabilization Services Are:

- Aged five through seventeen
- Referred by state agencies
- Runaway and/or homeless youth
- Placed by their guardian for respite services
- Suffering from abuse, neglect, abandonment or family crisis

Services include: Emergency Shelter, Life Skills Training, Respite Care for Youth with Families in Crisis, Comprehensive Child and Family Assessments, Individual and Group Counseling : The Gwinnett Children Shelter has services available 24 hours, 365 days a year to children in crisis and in need of a place to stay.

Educational Services – The Gwinnett Children’s Shelter is fortunate to have the strong support of the Gwinnett County Public School System (www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us). The staff of the Gwinnett Children’s Shelter and Gwinnett County Schools works together to ensure the youth’s educational needs is being met.

Other services include: Recreational Activities, Family Counseling, and Coordination of Services with Referring Agencies. To access any of our services or to find out more information regarding available services, please contact us at **678-546-8770**.

Family & Children Services

Family and Children Services is a division of the State of Georgia's Department of Human Resources. It deals with child abuse, foster homes, and support services for low-income and troubled families.

The Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) is responsible for welfare and employment support, protecting children, foster care and other services to strengthen families.

Services offered:

- The Adoption unit is a part of the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS).
- Afterschool Services DHR funds summer and afterschool programs which include academic enrichment activities, health education, physical activity and teen employment opportunities.
- Child Protection Services investigates reports of child abuse or neglect and provides services to protect the child and strengthen the family.
- The Education and Training Services section is committed to improving the knowledge, skills, attitudes and practice of new and veteran staff and to influencing organizational barriers that affect retention of effective employees.
- Emergency Food Assistance - A federal program that helps supplement the diets of low income persons in Georgia.
- Food Stamps supplement the food budget for eligible families.
- Information on applying for Medicaid, the Right from the Start Medicaid program and PeachCare for Kids program.
- The IMPACT Continuum of Service directs how foster and adoptive parent inquiries are managed and tracked and also represents the Division of Family and Children Services' newly developed pre-service training.
- Refugee Resettlement is a federally funded program that provides assistance to refugees.
- Subsidized Child Care - The child care program helps Georgia families afford the cost of quality early childhood and school age care programs.
- TeenWork provides summer job opportunities for youth in foster care ages 16-21, in addition TeenWork helps to transition participating youth into successful, independent young adults by offering real world work experiences.
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families - (TANF), or welfare, is cash assistance for poor children and their caretakers.

Gwinnett County DFCS Offices

One Justice Square
446 W. Crogan Street
Lawrenceville, Georgia 30045

(678) 518-5500
FAX (678) 518-5505

Satellite Offices

Note: Satellite offices may serve specific geographic areas within the county. Please contact the county DFCS office to determine which location serves your area:



- 1) **Norcross**
2211 Beaver Ruin Road, Suite 130
Norcross, Georgia 30071
770-441-8800
- 2) **Buford**
By Appointment
2755 Suwanee Avenue
Buford, Georgia 30518
770-614-2500

Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services

The Gwinnett Coalition provides information and references for family problems, emergency shelters, health services, child care, substance abuse, employment, food, legal services, senior services, counseling and more. **Call 770-995-3339, or go to www.gwinnettcoalition.org**

Cultural Centers

About the Latin America Association

The Latin American Association's mission is to help Latino individuals and families achieve their aspirations for academic, social and economic advancement.

Established in 1972, the LAA is a 501 C3 nonprofit organization that serves more than 50,000 individuals annually. Our goal is to help Latinos achieve self-sufficiency, put down roots, build a better life for themselves and their families, and contribute to strong, thriving communities.

You can contact the Latin American Association at any of the following Gwinnett locations:

Atlanta Outreach Center

2750 Buford Hwy.
Atlanta, GA 30324
Tel: (404) 638-1800
Fax: (404) 638-1806

Norcross Outreach Center

128 Lawrenceville St.
Norcross, GA 30071
Tel: (678) 205-1018
Fax: (678) 205-1027

Atlanta Hours of Operation:

Monday – Friday
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Norcross Hours of Operation:

Monday – Friday
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



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Gwinnett County Public School Readiness

Getting your children ready for school, specifically to those new to Gwinnett, can be a difficult task.

When and where do I register my child for school?

Registration for newcomers is held weekdays, year-round, at all elementary, middle, and high schools. To find out which school your child will attend, call the Planning Dept at **678-301-7085**.

What paperwork do I need to register my child?

The following documents are required for school enrollment:

- **An official document showing proof of birth date.** (*Required for kindergarten and 1st grade registration only.*) Examples include an original birth certificate or birth registration, or an official state or federal form with date of birth, or passport. By state law, kindergarten and 1st grade students entering a Georgia public school for the first time must be age five on or before September 1 to enter kindergarten and age six on or before September 1 to enter 1st grade. Parents of students coming to 1st grade from private kindergartens or out-of-state schools should call their local school for information about registration and evaluation.
- **Academic transcript/Discipline record.** (*Grades 7-12 only.*) Prior to admission, transfer students in grades 7-12 must provide a certified copy of their academic transcript and discipline record from prior school **or** a parent/guardian must authorize release of all records from the previous school.
- **Proof that you live in the attendance zone.** Examples include a non-contingent sales contract, lease, or deed. A lease or deed must be accompanied by at least one utility bill (excluding telephone bills) with the same address. A contingency contract is not acceptable. If you live with a friend or family member and need information about verifying your residency, call your local school.
- **Evidence of vision, hearing, and dental exams obtained in the past year.** This information should be on Georgia Form #3300, available from the health department or your physician and dentist. Letters from appropriate healthcare professionals and out-of-state certificates are acceptable, if completed within the last 12 months and stapled to the state form. International certificates are not acceptable.
- **A Georgia certificate of immunization.** State Form #3231 must be completed by the health department or your private physician. A valid Form #3231 must be marked in the box with either "Complete for School Attendance" or a current "Date of Expiration." By state law, a valid immunization form or immunization exemption (for medical or religious reasons) is required for enrollment. A medical exemption should be noted on Form #3231 with a current expiration date. You may request a religious exemption form from your school.
- **Proof of custody/guardianship, if not the birth parent.** Proof of Guardianship is required for registration if the enrolling adult is not the birth parent. For more information, contact Gwinnett County Probate Court at 770-822-8265.
- **The child's social security number.** State law requires that schools ask for this number at the time of enrollment. Students will be enrolled, even if the number is not provided. However, parents will be asked to sign a waiver.
- **A photo ID.** The school may ask the enrolling adult to present a photo ID.

What shots are required for my child?

All students entering a Georgia school for the first time, including those moving from another state or country and those returning to a Georgia school after an absence of one or more school years, must have Georgia Form #3231 (revised March 2007), the Georgia Department of Human Resources Certificate of Immunization. **State Form #3231 must be completed by one of the Georgia health departments or a private Georgia physician.** A fee may be charged for completing paperwork or for administering required immunizations.

Required shots include the series for Hepatitis B, DPT, and Polio; an MMR shot, plus additional mumps and measles shots or a second MMR, or healthcare provider documentation of illness; and two doses of the varicella (Chicken Pox) vaccine or documentation of illness. A valid Form #3231 must be marked in the box with either "Complete for School Attendance" or "Date of Expiration." By state law, a valid immunization form or immunization exemption (for medical or religious reasons) is required for enrollment. You may request an exemption from your school.

Students also must have evidence of vision, hearing, and dental exams obtained in the past year. This information must be on Georgia Form #3300, available from the health department or from most Georgia physicians and dentists. Letters from appropriate healthcare professionals and out-of-state certificates are acceptable, if completed within the previous 12 months and stapled to the state form. These exams are available at Georgia health departments for a fee.

Where do I go to get immunization and medical forms?

Both the immunization form (Georgia Form #3231) and the medical form (Georgia Form #3300) are available from the health department and through most Georgia doctors and dentists.

For Georgia Form #3300, letters from appropriate healthcare professionals and out-of-state certificates are acceptable, if completed within the previous 12 months and stapled to the state form. These exams are available at Georgia health departments for a fee.

There are three health department offices in Gwinnett County:

Buford Health Dept.
2755 Sawnee Ave.
Buford, GA 30518
(770) 614-2401

Lawrenceville Health Dept.
455 Grayson Hwy., Suite 300
Lawrenceville, GA 30045
(770) 339-4283

Norcross Health Dept.
5030 Georgia Belle Ct.
Norcross, GA 30071
(770) 638-5700

English as Second Language (ESL)

Literacy Gwinnett is a program whose purpose is to facilitate collaborative efforts that address the county adult literacy needs with the goal of increasing the literacy levels of the adult residents of Gwinnett County.

Literacy Gwinnett will accomplish this by:

- Identifying adult literacy needs and resources
- Setting adult literacy service priorities
- Informing and motivating the community to address adult literacy issues
- Sponsoring adult education instructional programs
- Facilitating collaboration among adult literacy service providers
- Referring those in need of literacy services to appropriate resources

Here is a list of locations offering ESL...

City	Address	Sponsor	Levels	Costs	Schedule	Registration	Information
Buford	3680 S.Bogan Rd.	North Gwinnett Hispanic Ministries	1,2,3	FREE	Tu & Thur 7-9p	In person	678-482-1571
Buford	4550 Hamilton Mill Rd	First Baptist Church of Buford	1,2,3	Call for \$\$	Wed 6-7:30p	In person	770-945-9705
Dacula	202 Hebron Church Rd	Hebron Baptist Church	1,2,3	FREE	Wed 10am-Noon & 6:30-8:30pm	In person	770-962-3671#337
Duluth	2205 Pleasant Hill (Barnes & Noble)	Literacy Vol.of Amer.& Barnes & Noble	1,2,3	FREE	Wed 7-8:30p	In person	770-495-7200
Duluth	Gwinnett Place Mall, 2100 Pleasant Hill Rd	Gwinnett Tech Cont.Educ.	Beg to Advanced	Call for \$\$	Call for info	In person at mall, Int Ed.Cntr	678-226-6758
Duluth	2908 Duluth Hwy 120	1st Baptist Church Duluth	1,2,3	FREE	WED 6 - 7:45pm	In person	770-476-3788
Duluth	5975 State Bridge Rd	Parkway Baptist Church	12		Wed., 7:30-9pm	In person	770-476-4441x222
Duluth	3480 Duluth Park Lane	Gwinnett Library Duluth	ESL Conversation Group	FREE	Sat 10:15-11:15am	In person	770-978-5154
Lawrenceville	2351 Sunny Hill Rd	Mountain View Community School	1,2,3,4,5,6	FREE	Mon & Wed 6-9pm	In person	678-226-6662
Lawrenceville	165 Clayton St.	Lawrenceville Baptist Church	1,2,3	FREE	Tues 7-9p	In person	770-963-5121
Lawrenceville	150 Rock Springs Rd	Centro Bautista Hispano	1	Call for \$\$	Tue & Thur 7-9pm	In person	678-482-1571
Lawrenceville	150 Rock Springs Rd	Iglesia Bautista Resurreccion	1			In person	678-482-1571
Lawrenceville	129 S. Clayton St	Lawrenceville Church of God	1			In person	770-963-4858
Lawrenceville	Library, 1001 Lawrenceville Hwy	Gwinnett County Library	ESL Conversation Group	FREE	Fri, 10:15-11:15am	In person	770-978-5154
Lawrenceville	5150 Sugarloaf Pkwy	Gwinnett Tech. Coll.Adult Educ.	1 through 6	FREE	Varied check website	In person	678-226-6401
Lawrenceville	675 Buford Dr,Suite 21	Catedral de Fe	1,2,3,4,5,6	Free	Mon/Wed OR Tue/Thur 9am to Noon	In person	678-226-6662
Lawrenceville	2780 Five Forks Trickum Rd	Gwinnett Library- Five Forks	ESL Conversation Group	FREE	Saturdays 2:30-3:30p	In person	770-978-5154
Lilburn	4875 Lilburn-Stone Mtn Rd	Parkview Baptist Church	1,2	Call for \$\$	Tue 9:30-11a & 11:30a-1p	In person	770-279-1929
Lilburn	405 Pleasant Hill Rd	Berkmar Community School & Gwinnett Tech Adult Ed.	1,2,3,4,5,6	FREE	Mon & Wed; 6-9pm	In person; 1st Tues of month	770-806-3703
Lilburn	285 Main St.	Lilburn First Baptist Church	1,2,3	call for \$\$	Sun 4-6p; Tues 9:30-11:30a; Wed 6:30-8p	In person	770-921-1220
Lilburn	Lilburn Library, 788 Hillcrest Rd	Gwinnett County Libraries	ESL Conversation Group	FREE	Call for info	In person	770-978-5154
Lilburn	788 Hillcrest Rd NW	Gwinnett Library - Mountain Park	ESL Conversation Group	FREE	Sat 11am-Noon	In person	770-978-5154
Norcross	4845 Jimmy Carter Blvd.	St. James Lutheran Church	1,2,3	FREE	Sun 3-6pm	In person	770-448-5370
Norcross	5905 Brook Hollow Pkwy	Victory World Church	1 through 6	FREE	Tue & Thur 6:30-9:30p	In person	678-226-6401
Norcross	706 North Peachtree	Norcross First Baptist Church	1,2,3	FREE	Tue 10a-Noon; Wed 6:30-8p	In person	770-448-2716
Norcross	4480 Peachtree Corners Cr.	Peachtree Corners Baptist Church	1,2,3	FREE	Wed 6:20-7:45p	In person	770-448-1313
Norcross	5030 Georgia Belle Ct	Asian American Resource Center	1 through 6	FREE	2 days per week	Call 770-270-0663	770-270-0663
Norcross	1012 Rockbridge Rd	Faith Baptist Church	1		Sat 9:30am - Noon	In person	404-697-2016
Norcross	5300 Williams Rd	New Jerusalem Baptist Church	1,2	FREE	Wed 7:30 - 9pm	In person	770-638-8388
Norcross	Norcross Library, 6025 Buford Hwy	Gwinnett Co. Libraries	ESL Conversation Group	FREE	Sat 11am-Noon	In person	770-978-5154

Gwinnett County Public Library (GCPL)

English Conversation: Let's Talk – a program offered by the Gwinnett Public Library



Practice conversational English in a relaxed setting. Registration not required. Class time and availability vary from branch to branch. Please call the library help line for details. **Library Help Line 770-978-5154.**

Want a personal library card?

Library cards are available at no charge to the following:

- Residents of Gwinnett County
- Property or business owners in Gwinnett County
- Employees of schools in Gwinnett County
- Employees of Gwinnett County government or city government agencies in Gwinnett County
- Students, faculty, and staff of Georgia Gwinnett College and Gwinnett Technical College

To get a library card you will need to present proof of residency, such as a valid driver's license, utility bill, lease or rental agreement. If you apply for a temporary card online you will have 7 days to come into a branch to complete the registration process.

PLAZA COMUNITARIA "SAMUEL SANCHEZ MINISTRIES" has an organizational library card which can be used to check out materials borrowed by Plaza Comunitaria from the library.

For more information about how the GCPL can serve you with FREE children's and family programs, such as the Summer Reading Program call 770-978-5154 or visit website www.gwinnettpl.org

Branch	Address	City, State, Zip
Buford-Sugar Hill Branch	2100 Buford Highway	Buford, GA 30518-6035
Centerville Branch	3025 Bethany Church Road	Snellville, GA 30039-6109
Collins Hill Branch	455 Camp Perrin Road	Lawrenceville, GA 30043-2408
Dacula Branch	265 Dacula Road	Dacula, GA 30019-2131
Duluth Branch	3480 Duluth Park Lane	Duluth, GA 30096-3257
Elizabeth H. Williams (Snellville) Branch	2740 Lenora Church Road	Snellville, GA 30078-3226
Five Forks Branch	2780 Five Forks Trickum Road	Lawrenceville, GA 30044-5865
Grayson Branch	700 Grayson Parkway	Grayson, GA 30017-1208
Hamilton Mill Branch	3690 Braselton Highway	Dacula, GA 30019
Lawrenceville Branch	1001 Lawrenceville Highway	Lawrenceville, GA 30046-4707
Lilburn Branch	788 Hillcrest Road NW	Lilburn, GA 30047-6827
Mountain Park Branch	1210 Pounds Road SW	Lilburn, GA 30047-6744
Norcross Branch	6025 Buford Highway	Norcross, GA 30071-2408
Peachtree Corners Branch	5570 Spalding Drive	Norcross, GA 30092-2501
Suwanee Branch	361 Main Street	Suwanee, GA 30024-2233



Health Services

- Medical
- Dental
- Prescriptions
- Senior Services

Medical

Gwinnett Medical Center is a not-for-profit healthcare network providing a wide array of high-quality services and facilities to Gwinnett and the surrounding area. Two locations:

Lawrenceville

1000 Medical Center Blvd
Lawrenceville, GA 30046
Phone: 678-312-1000

Duluth

3620 Howell Ferry Rd
Duluth, GA 30096
Phone: 678-312-6800

Emory Eastside Medical Center

1700 Medical Way
Snellville, GA 30078
Telephone: (770)979-0200
www.emoryeastside.com

Georgia Department of Community Health

Frequently Asked Questions

MEDICAID

1. How do I apply for Medicaid?

You can go to your county Department of Family and Children Services Office and they will assist you.

2. How can I tell if I qualify for Medicaid?

Go to the Georgia Health Partnership (GHP) www.ghp.georgia.gov, and that will give you eligibility information.

3. What if I have questions about my Medicaid eligibility?

You can go to the GHP website or call the number on the back of your Medicaid card—770-570-3373 or 770-570-3300.

4. I am pregnant and need Medicaid. What is the best way for me to apply?

Go directly to your county Health Department—you can apply and if you are eligible, you receive coverage the same day.

5. What do I do about my Medicaid coverage if I've moved?

Call the Metro Change Center at 404-635-2173 or 1-888-295-1769, and let them know

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6. How can I choose another doctor?

Call the Powerline at, 404-881-8038 or 1-800-822-2539, give them your Medicaid number and request at least three choices for the type of new doctor you are looking for.

7. I am not Medicaid eligible, but I do receive Social Security benefits that do not pay for my prescriptions. How can I get low or no cost medications?

Ask your doctor to sign you up for the Prescription Drug Patient Assistance Program, 1-800-762-4636 or you can call Georgia Partnership for Caring Foundation (GPCF), 1-800-982-4723, to see if you are eligible.

8. I am Medicaid-eligible, but not for prescription assistance. Is there any help for me? Who do I call?

Call the Georgia Department of Community Health at 404-656-4496.

9. If I have Medicaid and I have an accident and Medicaid paid my medical bills, do I have to reimburse them?

Yes, once you are awarded settlement, your lawyer would need to call Public Consulting Group, 770-980-9777, to arrange repayment to Medicaid.

10. I was once a Medicaid member and am now receiving medical bills from years ago. What do I do?

If you had notified the provider that you were Medicaid-eligible at the time of service, you must show proof to them. If you had not made notification in a reasonable amount of time, you might be required to pay the bill. For further information, call 404-656-4496.

11. How can I find out if my prescription requires a prior authorization or is not on the list of approved medications for Medicaid? *Call 404-656-4496 for assistance.*

12. One of the medications I take now requires a prior authorization. What do I have to do about that?

Your doctor must call and request prior authorization for your prescription.

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PEACHCARE FOR KIDS

17. How do I apply for PeachCare for Kids™?

Go to the GHP website, and click on PeachCare for Kids™ information. You can also call 1-877-427-3224.

18. One of the medications I take now requires a prior authorization. What do I have to do about that?

Your doctor must call and request prior authorization for your prescription.

STATE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN (SHBP)

19. I have a question about my State Health Benefits. Where can I call?

Call State Health Benefits Eligibility at: 800-610-1863, or if in Atlanta, 404-656-6322.

20. How can I find out if my prescription requires a prior authorization or is not on the list of approved medications for Medicaid? *Call 404-656-4496 for assistance.*

Children 1ST

The Mission of Children 1st

The mission of Children 1st is to identify children who are at risk for poor health and developmental outcomes, so that needed interventions can be made to ensure the optimal health and development of the child.



The Overview of Children 1st

Children 1st is the “Single Point of Entry” to a statewide collaborative system of public health and other prevention based programs and services. This system helps parents provide their young children with a healthy start in life. It allows at-risk children to be identified early and gives them a chance to grow up healthy and ready for school. Participation is voluntary and there are no financial requirements for enrollment into the program.

Contact Info: Comprehensive Child Health Services (404) 656-6679

Good Samaritan Gwinnett

Together with community partners such as the UNITE! Churches of Gwinnett, the Norcross Cooperative Ministry, the Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services, Gwinnett Medical System, and many other community organizations, Good Samaritan Gwinnett was established to fulfill that which Jesus taught His disciples: to demonstrate their faith by caring for the less fortunate, the sick, the naked, the hungry, the homeless, the imprisoned and the destitute.

Good Samaritan Health Center of Gwinnett offers a holistic approach to health care that includes comprehensive, family-centered services to address non-emergency health and wellness needs. Good Samaritan Gwinnett provides the following services for the uninsured:

- Adult and pediatric primary care
- Dental (*limited based on the availability of volunteer dentists*)
- Optometry (*limited and based on the availability of volunteer optometrists*)
- Counseling
- Patient Education
- Laboratory
- Imaging referrals

Hours of Operation:

Monday - 8:30am to 5:00pm
Closed for lunch 12:00 to 1:00pm

Tuesday - 8:30:00am to 5:00pm
Closed for lunch 12:00 to 1:00pm

Wednesday - 8:30am to 5:00pm
Closed for lunch 12:00 to 1:00pm

Thursday - 11:00am to 8:00pm
Closed for lunch 2:30 to 3:30pm

Friday - 8:30am to 12:00pm

Address:

3700 Club Drive
Lawrenceville, GA 30044

(located east of I-85 between Steve Reynolds Blvd
and Pleasant Hill Road)

Tel: (678) 280-6630

Fax: (678) 280-6635

Health Centers

Many Gwinnett County health providers provide excellent service at reduced fees and some on a sliding scale.

Four Corners Primary Care Center

5030 Georgia Belle Court
Norcross, GA 30093
770-806-2928
Fax: 770-806-4151

Hours 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

Environmental Health Center

455 Grayson Highway, Suite 600
Lawrenceville, GA 30045
770-963-5132
Fax: 770-339-4282

Hours 7:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

Buford Health Center

2755 Sawnee Avenue
Buford, GA 30518
770-614-2401
Fax: 770-614-2449

Hours 8:00 am - 7:00 pm, Monday and Thursday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday

Lawrenceville Health Center

455 Grayson Highway, Suite 300
Lawrenceville, GA 30045 **770-339-4283**

Hours 7:30 am - 6:30 pm, Monday through Thursday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Friday

Lilburn WIC Clinic

5342 Lawrenceville Highway, Suite A
Lilburn, GA 30047
678-924-1546
Fax: 678-924-9302

Hours 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

Norcross Health Center

5030 Georgia Belle Court
Norcross, GA 30093
770-638-5700
Fax: 770-279-5883

Hours 8:00 am - 6:00 pm, Monday through Thursday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm on Friday

Other Free or Low Cost Clinics: For an updated search, go to <http://www.gfcn.org/>

Hebron Community Health Center

195 Chestnut Street, Lawrenceville, GA
770-277-4675 www.hebronchurch.org

Healing Angels Medical Center

226 Alcovy Street Suite D-11, Monroe, GA
770-266-7647

Dental

The Georgia Dental Association offers a web site (www.gadental.org) where you can go and find a dentist by Name, City, Zip Code, or County. There you'll find a listing of over 280 dentists in Gwinnett County.

Georgia Dental Association

7000 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd NE
Suite 200 Building 17
Atlanta GA 30328-1655
(800) 432-4357

in State
(404) 636-7553 Phone
(404) 633-3943 Fax



Other Services

- Insurance/Financial/Tax
- Legal
- Public Transportation
- Important Numbers

Insurance/Financial/Tax

LEM Services, Inc.

Our specialization is to satisfy the Hispanic community. We are part of a network of companies whose common objective is to support our community. Our paralegals have years of experience in legal and immigration matters, and also have alliance with lawyers that help if necessary. Some of our services include: immigration, FBI check, and business start up, accounting, document preparation, taxes, payroll and translations. We are not licensed lawyers and cannot give legal advice or charge for it. Members of AIPB and NACPB.

Call Luz E. Monge at 404-246-9228 today, and let her help with your new business.

Center for Family Resources – *Provide temporary financial assistance, housing, education and training to families in crisis.* Marietta 770-428-2601 www.thecfr.org

Champions for Children – *Families of medically fragile and special needs children across Georgia are now able to apply for and receive direct financial assistance and support services from a state-wide nonprofit collaborative to help cover the costs of caring for their children at home.* 1-800-365-4583 www.championsforchildrenga.org

Department of Family & Children Services Emergency Assistance Covington 770-784-2490

Myles-a-Part – *The Myles-A-Part Foundation exists to provide financial and emotional support to families facing Autism.* www.mylesapart.org 678-575-0014

North Gwinnett Co-op – *Serving residents of Buford, Suwanee and Sugar Hill.* 770-271-9793
www.northgwinnettcoop.org

Partnership for Community Action – *Heating assistance. May offer some financial assistance.*
Gwinnett County 770-564-1702 Rockdale County 770-760-8750 www.pcaction.org

Salvation Army – Lawrenceville, GA / 770-963-8802

Social Security Administration – www.ssa.gov / 1-800-772-1213

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Gwinnett County – 770-622-9533 / Rockdale County – 770-483-3660

United Way 211

Outside Metro Atlanta 404-614-1000 / www.211.org

Primerica

Dedicated to delivering common sense solutions to families' financial challenges, Primerica focuses on the underserved middle-market that has been neglected and often ignored by traditional financial services companies. While other companies focus on the affluent, Primerica's mission is to help families become properly protected, debt free and financially independent.

Primerica is about education. We believe that there are no "secrets" to financial security... and financial education isn't just for the wealthy. Primerica's goal is to educate hardworking families — just like you — on simple concepts that can change your financial future forever.

Primerica is conducting FREE seminars at the Plaza Comunitaria... call 678-728-0050 for more information. Call Joe Redd at 864-901-5637, or go to www.primerica.com/joereddj

Legal

US Citizenship and Immigration

For Citizenship and Immigration law... go to
<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>



Green Card (Permanent Residence)

- Green Card Through Family - Many people become permanent residents (get a green card) through family members. The United States promotes family unity and allows U.S. citizens and permanent residents to petition for certain relatives to come and live permanently in the United States. You may be able to get a green card as an immediate relative or as a family member in a preference category if your U.S. citizen relative files a Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative, for you.
- Green Card Through a Job - Many people become permanent residents through a job or offer of employment. Most categories require an employer to get a labor certification and then file a Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker, for you.

- Green Card through Refugee or Asylee Status - If you are a refugee, you must apply for a green card 1 year after you are admitted to the United States. If USCIS granted you asylum status, you are eligible to apply for a green card (permanent residence) 1 year after receiving your grant of asylum. Your spouse and children are also eligible to apply for a green card if they were admitted to the United States as asylees or were included in your grant of asylum. To apply for a green card as a refugee or asylum, you need to file Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent or Adjust Status.
- Other Ways to Get a Green Card - Although most immigrants come to live permanently in the United States through a family member's sponsorship, employment, or a job offer, there are many other ways to get a green card (permanent residence). These special adjustment programs are limited to individuals meeting particular qualifications and/or applying during certain time frames.
- After a Green Card is granted - A green card is issued to all permanent residents as proof that they are authorized to live and work in the United States. If you are a permanent resident age 18 or older, you are required to have a valid green card in your possession at all times. Current green cards are valid for 10 years, or 2 years in the case of a conditional resident, and must be renewed before the card expires. A green card can be used to prove employment eligibility in the United States when completing the Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification. It can also be used to apply for a Social Security Card and a state issued driver's license. A green card is valid for readmission to the United States after a trip abroad if you do not leave for longer than 1 year. If your trip will last longer than 1 year, a reentry permit is needed.

Working in the US - The United States welcomes thousands of foreign workers in multiple occupations or employment categories every year. These include artists, researchers, cultural exchange participants, information technology specialists, religious workers, investors, scientists, athletes, nurses, agricultural workers and others. All foreign workers must obtain permission to work legally in the United States. Each employment category for admission has different requirements, conditions and authorized periods of stay. It is important that you adhere to the terms of your application or petition for admission and visa. Any violation can result in removal or denial of re-entry into the United States.

Citizenship - If you decide to apply to become a U.S. citizen, you will be showing your commitment to the United States and your loyalty to its Constitution. In return, you are rewarded with all the rights and privileges that are part of U.S. citizenship. You may become a U.S. citizen either at birth or after birth. Individuals who are born in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and individuals born in certain territories or outlying possessions of the United States are citizens at birth. Also, individuals born outside the United States may be citizens at birth if their parent or parents were citizens at the time of birth and other requirements are met. Additionally, you may become a U.S. citizen after birth either through your parents, known as "derived" or "acquired" citizenship, or by applying for naturalization on your own.

- Citizenship Through Naturalization - Permanent residents (green card holders) age 18 or older who meet eligibility requirements for naturalization may submit a Form N-400
- Citizenship Through Parents - If eligible, you can "acquire" or "derive" U.S. citizenship through a qualifying U.S. citizen parent(s).
- The Naturalization Test - Most naturalization applicants are required to take a test on English, and U.S. history and government.
 - USCIS has a range of study materials available for the new naturalization test. These include the 100 civics (history and government) questions and answers in

- English and Spanish.
- All study materials are available for free online at <http://www.uscis.gov/newtest>. Hard copies of the Civics Flash Cards for the New Naturalization Test are also available for purchase from the U.S. Government Printing Office by calling 1-866-512-1800 (toll free) or by visiting <http://bookstore.gpo.gov>.
 - The civics test content follows a basic U.S. history and government curriculum and focuses on fundamental principles within three categories: American government, American history, and integrated civics. The test is still administered orally and an applicant must still answer six out of 10 questions correctly to pass.
 - There are three components of the English test: speaking, reading, and writing. Applicants must read 1 out of 3 items correctly to pass the reading test. Applicants must write 1 out of 3 items correctly to pass the writing test. To increase the meaningfulness of the reading and writing tests, the content of the reading and writing questions are civics-based.

Family - Your status determines which relatives (or future relatives such as a fiancé (e) or prospective adopted child) may be eligible to receive immigration benefits.

In order to help a family member immigrate to the United States, you must be a:

- U.S. citizen
- Permanent resident (green card holder)
- Refugee admitted as a refugee within the past 2 years or Asylee granted asylum within the past 2 years
 - Family of U.S. Citizens
 - Family of Green Card Holders
 - Family of Refugees & Asylees

Other important links...

To check Priority dates: http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/bulletin/bulletin_1360.html

Federal Poverty Guidelines: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/09poverty.shtml>

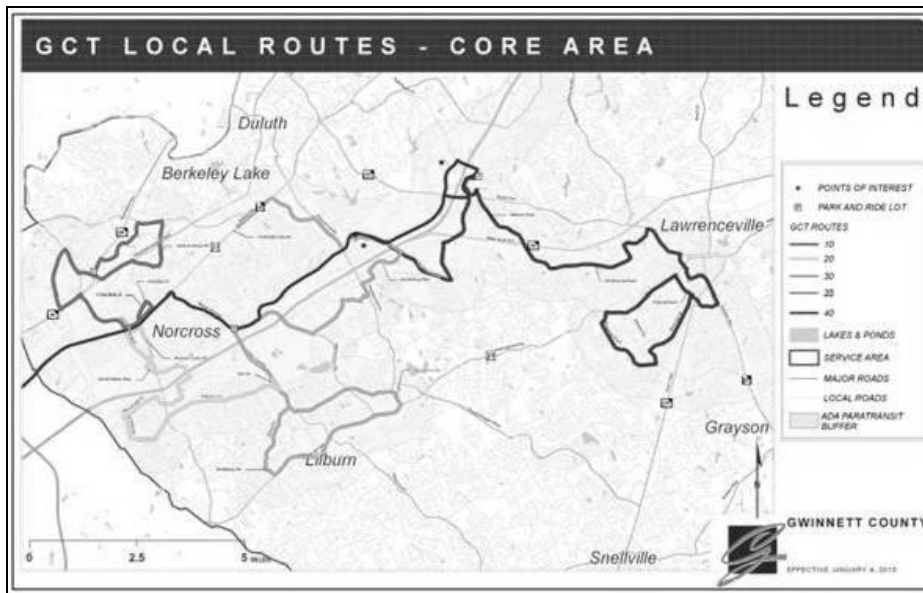
Immigration Poverty Guidelines: <http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/i-864p.pdf>

Public Transportation – Gwinnett County

Gwinnett County Transit was formed in 2000 to provide express, local and paratransit services for the people of Gwinnett County.

Express bus service operates Monday through Friday and includes six routes using the HOV lanes on I-85. Park and ride lots at I-985, Discover Mills, and Indian Trail have been built or upgraded to provide free and convenient parking for bus riders.

Local bus service operates five routes Monday through Saturday connecting neighborhoods and businesses to Gwinnett County's many cultural, shopping and educational opportunities. Paratransit service for qualifying persons with disabilities operates in conjunction with the local bus service.



For all bus routes, go to...

<http://www.gwinnettcountry.com/portal/gwinnett/Departments/Transportation/GwinnettCountyTransit/RoutesandSchedules>

Customer service 770.822.5010 is available Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Important Numbers

Emergency – 911

American Red Cross –	770.963.9208 or 404.296.0505
Department of Family Services (DFCS) –	770.518.5500
Environmental Health –	770.963.5132
Georgia Labor Department	770.840.2200
Georgia Poison Control –	404.616.9000
Georgia State Patrol –	404.699.4368
Gwinnett County Police –	770.513.5100
Gwinnett Coalition Hotline –	770.995.3339
Gwinnett County Senior Services Helpline –	678.377.4150
Gwinnett Health Department –	770.339.4260
United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta –	211 or 404.614.1000