Resources for Transition – Exhibitors, Speakers, & Community Resources NWGA Transition Academy 2012



ARC of Chattooga County

Contact: Vikki Entrekin, Christie Entrekin

233 Pintail Drive, Trion, GA 30753 706-346-3527 arcofchattooga@charter.net http://arcofga.org

Support for those dealing with developmental disabilities. Applying to become a service provider in 2012.

ARC of Tennessee

PO Box 4153 Smithville, TN 37166

Contact: Loria Richardson Irichardson@thearctn.org http://thearctn.org

Disability Advocacy, Secondary Transition & Self Determination/Self Advocacy Training

Autism Society of America - East Tennessee Chapter

2890 Alcoa Highway Knoxville TN 37920

(865) 247-5082 (Main Phone) Brook Dickerson, Executive Director E-Mail address: asaetc@gmail.com

Website: http://asaetc.org/

Our mission is to provide support, services, advocacy, education, and public awareness activities for all individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families as well as educators and other professionals.

Autism Support Group (Now LifeLine FamilyShare - NWGA)

Second Baptist Church of Lafayette

Contact: Alisha Moore

Phone: 706-638-2732 or email: secondbaptist@windstream.net

Bachman Academy

414 Brymer Creek Road McDonald, TN 37353 423.479.4523 (p) 423.472.2718 (f) info@bachmanacademy.org www.bachmanacademy.org

Bachman Academy is boarding and day school serving intelligent students in grades 6-12 who have language-based learning differences like Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Dyscalculia, Nonverbal Learning Disorder, and students with Attention Deficit Disorder and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

Benefits to Work

Tennessee Disability Coalition

955 Woodland Street Nashville, TN 37206 Phone: (615) 383-9442 Fax: (615) 383-1176

Contact: Alice Owens-Gatlin

If you are hesitant about pursuing work goals because of concerns about your benefits, Benefits to Work can help at absolutely no charge to you!

Camp Koinonia

Clude M York 4-H Training Center, Crossville, TN Phone: 865-974-4363/865-974-1288

Week long residential outdoors education program for children ages 7-22 with multiple disabilities. Vist website for further information about this program and other programs and events offered by Camp Koinonia. There is cost, but scholarships may be available.

www.thecampkoinonia.org

Capital Financial Group, LLC

7213 Noah Reid Road, Suite 102 Chattanooga, TN 37421

Phone: 423-266-7400 Fax: 423-266-3018

Contact: Jeffrey Turner Email: jmturner@finsvcs.com

Website: http://www.capitalfinancialgroup.net/

CARTA/Siskin Rehabilitation Travel Trainer

Contact: Valerie Thompson

Siskin Hospital One Siskin Plaza Chattanooga, TN 37403

Phone: 423-634-1576 Fax: 423-634-1491

Career & Technical Education Department of Hamilton County Department of Education

Contact: Briggs Smith, Director

Phone: 423-209-8626

Email: Smith briggs@hcde.org

Catoosa County DFCS

Contact: Gregg Bowling

700 City hall Drive, Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742 706-866-1740 ggbowling@dhr.state.ga.us

http://dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/portal/site/DHS-DFCS/

Office of Family Independence provides financial supports to eligible individuals for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP – Formerly Food Stamps), Medicaid, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Office of Child Welfare provides safety to children through investigation, family support, foster care, and adoption services. Recruitment for foster and adoptive families also is included in this office.

Chambliss, Bohner, and Stophel

Contact: Dana Perry

1000 Tallan Building Two Union Square Chattanooga, TN 37402

P (423) 756-3000 F (423) 265-9574

Dana Contact: P (423) 757-0228 F (423) 508-1228

dperry@cbslawfirm.com www.cbslawfirm.com

Chattanooga Autism Center

Phone: 423.260.1115

3097 Broad Street, Chattanooga, TN 37408 chattanoogaAutismCenter@gmail.com buck.dave@gmail.com

www.chattanoogaautismcenter.org

Free autism workshop series, parent mentor program, annual community conference on autism, Greater Chattanooga Aspies social and support group, Parent/Advocate Collaboration Team (PACT), Networking and connecting with other parents or service providers

Chattanooga Brain Injury Association

Contact: Danielle Hooper

Email: chattanoogabraininjury@gmail.com Phone: 423-634-1572.

Injury Association is to improve the quality of life for persons with a brain injury and their families. The Service

Coordinator will assist with "filling in the gaps."

www.cabiatn.org

Chattanooga Down Syndrome Society

Contact: Cynthia.young8@gmail.com

CHATTANOOGA DOWN SYNDROME SOCIETY is made up of people who have Down syndrome, their family members, and others who care about them in the Chattanooga metropolitan area (including Northwest Georgia) www.chattanoogadownsyndrome.org

Chattanooga State Technical Community College

Contact: Kathy Lutes, Assistant Vice President, Counseling & Educational Support

Disabilities Support Services/Student Affairs

Chattanooga State, 4501 Amnicola Highway Chattanooga, TN 37406 Office: S-113 Phone: 423/697-3105 Fax: 423/697-2693 kathy.lutes@chattanoogastate.edu

City of Chattanooga Parks & Recreation Services

1254 East Third Street Chattanooga, TN 37404 423-697-1345
Email: adams_e@chattanooga.gov www.chattanooga.gov
Leisure and recreation opportunities for individuals of all ages with a variety of disabilities.

Cumberland Trust

600 Republic Centre 633 Chestnut Street Chattanooga, TN 37450

(423) 664-9746 phone (423) 634-0887 fax

Contact: Betsy Brown

Cumberland Trust is an independent trust company that allows clients to retain their own investment advisors. We have provided professional, comprehensive trust and estate administration services for more than a decade and have been named executor and/or trustee by many families searching for an alternative to naming a family member.

Dalton State College - Disability Support Specialist

Disability Support Services (DSS) are provided through Academic Resources to meet the needs of students with disabilities. DSS facilitates the application process and coordinates the provision of appropriate accommodations. DSS also serves as an advocate for students with disabilities by educating faculty, staff, and students about issues that impact persons with disabilities. In addition, DSS supports students with disabilities who are learning how to serve as their own personal advocates. For more information, contact: Andrea Roberson Academic Resources Dalton State College Lower Level, Pope Student Center 650 College Drive Dalton, GA 30720 706-272-4429

Department of Juvenile Justice

Contacts: Amy Hall, Kyle Clarkson, Bruce Taub 7195 Nashville Street, Ringgold, GA 30736 706-935-4637 brucetaub@djj.state.ga.us www.djj.state.ga.us Drug Awareness

Elder Law Practice of David L. McGuffey

Representative Name(s): Dave Hastey

Address: 105 North Pentz Street | Dalton | GA | 30720 | US | Phone Number:: (706) 428-0888

Email Address: dhastey@mcguffey.net Website: http://www.mcguffey.net

Services Provided: David L. McGuffey is in private practice with the Elder Law Practice of David L. McGuffey, LLC, located in Dalton, Georgia. David limits his practice to Elder Law. This means he helps individuals who are elders or who have special needs, as well as their caregivers. Much of David's practice is devoted to helping individuals with chronic health conditions find, get and pay for good long-term care.

David is a member of the Special Needs Alliance, a group of attorneys dedicated to the practice of disability and public benefits law. Practice Areas Include:

- Medicaid Planning. Get assistance with Medicaid eligibility and with the Medicaid application process.
- Family Wealth Planning. Family wealth planning doesn't just happen. The Elder law Practice can help you put together an estate plan that protects your loved ones and those they care about.
- Special needs protection. Protect disabled loved ones and get informed advice on these important estate planning issues.
- Guardianships/Conservatorships. Getting court assistance in making decisions for and caring for loved ones who cannot care for themselves.
- Wills. Prepare a Will or other document to outline your wishes regarding where your property goes after you pass away.
- Trust preparation and administration. Create a Trust customized to address all of your family's unique needs, take into account the Medicaid trust rules and receive guidance when a family member passes away.
- Estate planning. Receive consultation and planning to ensure that your estate is distributed according to your wishes.
- Asset protection. Receive guidance on protecting your legacy.
- Retirement planning. Working in consultation with your financial advisor, we can help you ensure that your tax-deferred accounts are properly structured to give your family the greatest tax advantages possible.
- Probate assistance. Get the assistance you need when someone with or without a will passes away.

Disability Law & Advocacy Association (DLAC)

9050 Executive Park Drive, Suite A-220 Knoxville, TN 37923

Phone: 865.670.2944 Fax: 865.470.7028

1.800.342.1660 Advocacy Assistance Unit or email GetHelp@DLACTN.org

Disability Law & Advocacy Center of Tennessee (DLAC) advocates for the rights of Tennesseans with disabilities to ensure that they have an equal opportunity to be productive and respected members of our society.

Disability Resource Center

900 E. Hill Ave., Suite 120, Knoxville, TN 37915 Phone (865) 637-3666, Fax (865)637-5616 drc@drctn.org TTY: (865) 637-6976 http://www.drctn.org/

Division of Rehabilitation Services

Contact: Reecie Teague

311 East MLK Boulevard, Suite 301 Chattanooga, TN 37403

Email: reecie.teague@tn.gov

Vocational Rehabilitation provides services to individuals with disabilities to enable them to go to work. Training,

guidance, and counseling.

Eagles Rest Ranch

Contact: Ginger Brown PO Box 350 690 Eagle Cliff Drive, Flintstone, GA 30725 ginger@eaglesrestranch.com

423-421-3205

Easter Seals

Mt. Juliet, TN

Contact: Tam Adams Phone: 615-444-2829

One week camp for children/adults with autism or developmental delays

Email: escamp@bellsouth.net www.tn.easter-seals.org

Exceptional Parent Magazine

Magazine providing information on all types of disabilities, specifically geared for parents.

www.eparent.com

Family Support

Contact: Robin Phillips

Located at the TEAM Centers, Inc. Medical Towers, Suite 100 1000 East 3rd Street, Chattanooga, TN 37403 Phone: 423-

622-0500

Provides funding for specific health/disability related needs, respite care, specialized programs or equipment. Also

home and vehicle modifications. Child must be affected in 3 or more areas of activities of daily living.

Family Voices of Tennessee

Contact: Julie Sullivan

955 Woodland Street Nashville, TN 37206

615-383-9442; EXT 13

In-state toll free number for families 1-888-643-7811

Fax: 615-383-1176

Self Advocacy for Medical & Health Benefits

Georgia Advocacy Office

Independent, Federally-Mandated Protection and Advocacy System for People with Disabilities in GA

150 E. Ponce de Leon Avenue Suite 430 Decatur, Georgia 30030

Phone: 404-885-1234 800-537-2329 (voice or TDD) 404-378-0031 (FAX)

iinfo@thegao.org

http://www.thegao.org/

Georgia H.O.P.E. - Healthy Opportunities for Personal Enhancement

Contact: Nikki Raymond

P.O. Box 863 Dalton, GA 30722-0863 Phone 706.279.0405 / Fax 706.279.4190 1414 Dug Gap Road Dalton, GA 30720 Phone 706.279.0405 / Fax 706.279.4190

Provides mental health and substance abuse services, including assessment and counseling, for adults and children – and fees are income based. Georgia H.O.P.E. provides an integrated network of social services, behavioral health services, and substance abuse services throughout Northwest Georgia.

Georgia Legal Services

Contact: Katherine Bennett

Atlanta Central Office 104 Marietta Street, Suite 250 Atlanta, Georgia 30303

(404) 206-5175 or 1-800-498-9469

The mission of Georgia Legal Services Program[®] is to provide access to justice and opportunities out of poverty for low-income Georgians.

Georgia Northwestern Technical College

Michael Walters, Instructor of Social Sciences & ADA Coordinator Walker County Campus

Office: 209

Email: mwalters@gntc.edu Campus: Walker County Campus

Department: College Life, General Education & Learning Support

Georgia Rehabilitation Services

Lafayette Unit

202 W Villanow Street Lafayette, GA 30728 Contact: Tamika Wright/Matt Henderson www.vocrehabga.org

Goodwill - Employment

Main Office: Goodwill Chattanooga 3500 Dodds Ave. Chattanooga, TN 37407

Phone: 423-629-2501 423-629-5339 (TTY) 423-622-0840 (FAX)

Goodwill Industries is one of the world's largest and most successful providers of employment and training services for people with disabilities and other disadvantages.

http://goodwillchatt.org/programs/jobs/

Greater Chattanooga Aspies

is a support/social group for adults with officially diagnosed High Functioning Autism/Asperger's Syndrome in the Greater Chattanooga area. GCA will begin meeting once a month on the 3rd Tuesday or every month. Meetings go from 6-8 pm, with a speaker for the first hour and support group time in the second hour.

Contact Scott Kramer at GCAspies@gmail.com.

http://www.meetup.com/G-C-As

Habitat International Inc.

8811 Production Lane, Chattanooga, TN 37363-6511

Phone: (423) 238-3500 Fax: (423) 238-3509

E-mail: dmorris@habitatint.com http://www.habitatint.com/

Hamilton County Department of Education

3074 Hickory Valley Road Chattanooga, TN

Phone: 423-209-8400

Contact: Mitzi Delker – Exceptional Education Supervisor (Formerly Transition Coordinator for County)

Harvest Deaf Ministries -

Harvest Deaf Camp/Harvest Christian Academy for the Deaf/Harvest Deaf Bible College/Harvest Baptist Church of Deaf

1314 Old Three Notch Road Ringgold, GA 30736

Phone: 706-375-7107 Video Phone: 1-866-761-2538 Fax: 706-375-7093

E-mail: contact@harvestdeaf.org

Camp, Church, Christian School and Bible College training the Deaf to serve in the Christian ministry.

www.Harvestdeaf.org

HDS Vans & Mobility (formerly Handicapped Driver Services)

1325 Mackey Branch Drive, Chattanooga, TN

(Other locations in Marietta, Nashville, Jacksonville, Birmingham)

Phone: 1-877-437-8267

HDSVANS & Mobility - Handicapped Driver Services is a specialized team of adaptive equipment professionals. Our compassionate and committed workforce is dedicated to providing increased vehicular mobility and independence to individuals not fully served by the traditional automotive market. Our team provides innovative solutions and superior mobility products to assist each client in obtaining the highest quality of life possible.

IRS Tax Consultant - VITA Program (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)

Contact: Joseph Kotsis

423-290-5319

joseph.j.kotsis2@IRS.gov

JONI & FRIENDS Family Retreat

focuses on extending Christian ministry to people affected by a disability. Clyde York 4-H Center, Crossville, TN (and other areas around the country) Contact: Juanita Long at (865) 660-3324 www.joniandfriends.org.

Juice Plus+ and Tower Garden by Juice Plus+

Contact: Lori Dove

2614 Arbor Creek Way, Hixson, TN 37343 423-504-8205 <u>dove_iplus@epbfi.com</u> <u>http://www.doves4juiceplus.com</u>
Juice Plus+ is whole food nutrition in capsule or soft chewable. It is made from 17 fresh, high quality, vine ripened fruits and vegetables. Simple and convenient, it can be used for general health or can be helpful for those with limited nutritional access.

The Tower Garden by Juice Plus+ is a healthier, smarter, and easier way to grow your own fruits and vegetables without getting messy in the dirt. Produce tastes better and smells better. It is easy to assemble and maintain with no soil, no weeds, and no ground pests. It is both environmentally and economically smarter, using less land and less water, waving you money immediately.

Juice Plus+ is dedicated to educating and helping families take steps to a healthier lifestyle for themselves.

LaFayette High School

Contact: Gwen Gregory 100 Rambler Drive, Lafayette, GA 30728 706-638-2342 gwengregory@walkerschools.org http://walkerschools.org/lhs

High school graduation requirements, HOPE scholarship information, College Requirements

Lee's Tae Kwon Do Education Center

810 N. Main Street LaFayette, GA 30728 <u>masterjunglee@hotmail.com</u> 706-638-0502

LifeLine, Inc.

Main Office:

LifeLine - Chattanooga 1400 McCallie Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37404

Phone: 423-622-4007 info@lifelinefamilies.org Www.LifeLineFamilies.org

LifeLine's goal is to help caregivers thrive, not just survive. LifeLine's three basic purposes are to provide support, information, education, and resources to families who have a member living with a chronic or temporary, medical or educational, physical or emotional disability. Parent, professional, and educator training. Special Needs Ministry Church Training. ParentLink Parent Mentor Program. Mentor Certification Training. Support Groups. Medical Equipment Exchange.

Lookout Mountain Community Services

Ancor North 1427 Lee Clarkson Chickamauga, GA 30707 (706) 375-2142

As Executive Director of Lookout Mountain Community Services (LMCS), I welcome you to our web site. LMCS has been providing mental health, substance abuse, mental retardation or developmental disabilities services to individuals since 1965. LMCS provides services to the four most northwest counties of Georgia: Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade, and Walker. We provide these services regardless of one's ability to pay by using an adjusted fee scale based on one's income. While everyone is expected to pay something for services rendered, we are able to serve those individuals who do not have insurance or the funds to pay full fee.

LMCS serves adults, children, and adolescents with a wide range of problems. Not only do we have traditional services such as psychiatric evaluations, medication monitoring, individual and group therapy, we also offer community-based services in homes, in schools and at the work site to facilitate improved functioning in those settings. In addition, the agency operates an extensive transportation program which transports consumers to our various programs.

Madison Financial Group

Contact: Keith Hallman

Hallman Walters Wealth Management Group

4151 Ashford Dunwoody Road, Suite 500 Atlanta, GA 30319

Phone: 404.704.3165 or 404.704.3170

Fax: 404.255.8314

www.keithhallman.metlife.com

khallman@metlife.com/jawalters@metlife.com

Keith Hallman has specific experience with estate planning for families with special needs. He serves families in GA/AL.

Modern Woodmen of America

Insurance options for those with disabilities.

Find an agent online at www.modern-woodmen.org

Orange Grove Centers

615 Derby Street, Chattanooga, TN 37404 Phone: 423-629-1451

Adult comprehensive training, children's services, development office, employment supports, habilitation center, health care services, human resources, intermediate care residential, nutrition services, recycling center, residential services, outpatient speech, occupational, and physical therapy. www.orangegrovecenter.com

Parent to Parent of Georgia

3805 Presidential Parkway, Suite 207 Atlanta, GA 30340

Telephone: 770-451-5484 or 1-800-229-2038 Fax: 770-458-4091

Parent to Parent of Georgia offers a variety of services to Georgia families of children with disabilities.

www.p2pga.org

Peach State Health Plan

Contact: Gary Silvers

3200 Highlands Parkway SE Suite 300, Smyrna, GA 30082 404-782-8854 gsilvers@centene.com www.pshp.com

Peach State Health Plan provides medical services to the Medicaid Population of Georgia.

Pierce Attorney at Law

Contact: Martin Pierce

4513 Hixson Pike, Suite 109 Hixson, TN 37343 423-698-4303

Wills, Trusts, Elder Law, Conservatorships, Guardianships, Planned Giving, Asset Protection, Wealth Preservation, COBRA, Financial Planning and related Law Practice

Project AFFIRM - Caregivers Planned Respite Program

Physical Address: 420 Bell Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37405 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4028, Chattanooga, TN 37405

Contact: Melanie Richmond Email: mrichmond@vbhcs.org

Phone: 423-634-8884 Fax: 423-634-0813

Planned Respite Program of Johnson Mental Health Center...a FREE program designed to strengthen families of children with severe mental or behavioral disturbances through immediate relief (respite), while empowering them with the skills and expertise to locate and train respite providers to meet their future needs.

Sam's Gifts, Inc.

Phone: 423-290-3948

Samantha Gilley was always "all about" giving. She loved making things with her hands and giving them away. To honor her memory, family and friends have started the non profit, Sam's Gifts, Inc. to help keep her memory alive along with doing something for our community. In this endeavor, we will be making rag quilts for children in crisis. Contributors,

Donors, and Volunteers always welcome!

Contact: Susie Gilley

Email: susiegilley@yahoo.com

Website www.samsgifts.org coming soon.

Signal Centers

Contact: Mitzi Davenport, Steve Powell, Diana Moreland, Ezra Reynolds

109 North Germantown Road Chattanooga, TN 37411 Phone: 423-698-8525

Email: powell@signalcenters.org www.signalcenters.org

Assistive technology services for home, community, workplace, and education. Assistive technology demonstration, assessment, training, loan, and reutilization, and design. We provide the opportunity for students to discover, try, and learn about various technologies designed to help those with disabilities through the transitions they face.

Social Security Administration

1290 Premier Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37421

Phone: 1-800-772-1213

Apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or Tenn-Care Medical Coverage

Speech & Hearing Centerg

600 N. Holtzclaw Avenue Suite 200 Chattanooga, TN 37404

Phone: 423-622-6900

http://www.speechhearing.com/

STEP, Inc. - Support & Training for Exceptional Parents, Inc.

712 Professional Plaza Greeneville, TN

Phone: 1-800-280-STEP

Email: Karen.harrison@TNstep.org

www.tnstep.org

Empowering parents to become effective partners with professionals in planning appropriate educational programs for their children.

Tennessee Area Agency on Aging & Disability

The Southeast Tennessee Area Agency on Aging and Disability The Information and Assistance Program is available to assist callers with locating resources and services in the following counties:

•Bledsoe • Bradley • Grundy • Hamilton • Marion • McMinn • Meigs • Polk • Rhea • Sequatchie

1-866-836-6678

The goal of Southeast Tennessee Area Agency on Aging and Disability is to advocate for and to strive to achieve a system of services that allows older persons and persons with disabilities the opportunity for an independent and productive lifespan. This is accomplished through three primary areas of emphasis: Advocacy, Service, and Planning. http://www.setaaad.org/www

Tennessee Career Center

Contact: Erskine Oglesby, Disability Program Navigator 5600 Brainerd Road, Suite A-5, Chattanooga, TN 37411

Phone: 423-894-5354 Fax: 423-894-2758 Direct: 423-643-2328

www.secareercenter.org

Tennessee Division of Intellectual Disability Services

Contact: Susan Moss, Assistant Director of Consumer Services

Phone: 615-253-4632 Fax: 615-532-9940 susan.moss@tn.gov http://tn.gov/didd/

Multiple Resources can be found here: http://tn.gov/didd/consumer_services/index.html

The Center for Hope

Contact: Alicyne Roth, Coordinator

Main Office: 500 North Thomas Road Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742 Phone: 706-866-0917 Fax: 706-866-0947 www.thecenterforhope.org Providing mental health services to those who are unable to afford them.

The Horizons School

Contact: Dawn White 2018 15th Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35205 205-322-6606 <u>dwhite@horizonsschool.org</u> www.horizonsschool.org

Post secondary, "college-like" experience, for students 18-26 with learning differences. Students gain personal, social and career independence skills while they practice self determination.

Tri-State Therapeutic Riding - Reinbow Riders

Tri-State Exhibition Center, P.O. Box 1371, Cleveland, TN 37364

Office Phone: 423-476-9310 423-339-2517 Fax: 423-476-7181 reinbowriders@gmail.com www.reinbowriders.org

Contact: Denise

TSTRC's lessons include ground work (grooming, tacking, mounting) and mounted work (exercise, riding skills, games). Lessons are year round. TSTRC is dedicated to providing therapeutic horseback riding activities for individuals who are physically, mentally, or emotionally challenged ages 2 and older. Participants learn riding skills, receive therapy, and enjoy the freedom of movement on horseback. Therapy incorporates activities that will help develop motor skills, improve balance, coordination, and muscle control. In addition, students show marked improvement in self-confidence and social skills Tri-State primarily serves individuals in Hamilton, Bradley, Polk and Whitfield Counties. For children and adults with all abilities, pending doctor's approval. Cost is \$15 per hour session, some scholarships available.

Trousdale School

3171 Hewitt Street SE Cleveland, TN 37323

Phone: 423-479-7130 www.trousdaleschool.org

Trousdale is a resource for high functioning adults, 22 years of age or older, with mental disabilities to continue their education after high school. Our goal is to fill that gap through the creation of an atmosphere of creative learning, encouragement and education. Our curriculum, currently offered through a day program, includes mathematics, reading

and writing skills, language and computer development as well as world studies and science enrichment. Because we believe in nourishing the spirit as well as the mind, sports, creative arts and social events are also a vital part of Trousdale.

UniHealth SOURCE

Contact: Marianne Tomashefski 39 Three Rivers Parkway Rome, Georgia 30161 404-550-7199 mthomashefski@comcast.net www.uhs-pruitt.com

SOURCE – Service Options Using Resources in Community Environments is a Medicaid SSI program prvoding long term health services to seniors, disabled and low income persons in order to delay or avoid institutional placement. Personal support services include assistance with bathing, dressing, medication reminders; and assistance with meals, light housekeeping, transportation, and/or an emergency call button.

University of Tennessee @ Chattanooga

Contact: Michelle Rigler, Office of Disability Management, Office for Students with Disabilities 102 Frist Hall Dept 2953 615 McCallie Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37403 Telephone (423) 425 4006 Fax (423) 425 2288 Mail Code 2953 http://www.utc.edu/Administration/OfficeForStudentsWithDisabilities/

University of Tennessee - Center on Disability & Employment

Self Determination Trainer – Crystal Godwin 308 Conference Center Building Knoxville, TN 37996-4132 V/TDDD:865-974-3970 Fax 865-974-9180 Email: cgodwin1@utk.edu

UTK FUTURE Program

Contact: Liz Fussell @ University of Tennessee FUTURE Program 430 Claxton Complex 1122 Volunteer Blvd. Knoxville, TN 37996-3452

Phone: (865) 974-9176

Email: futureut@utk.edu http://futureut.utk.edu/

The University of Tennessee FUTURE Postsecondary Education Program is designed as a 2-year nonresidential program culminating in a University of Tennessee FUTURE Program Vocational Certificate and job placement. The program will provide individualized academic, social, vocational, and independent living skills to students ages 18-29 with intellectual disabilities and autism in eastern Tennessee who completed high school without earning a regular high school diploma. Participation in the FUTURE Program will provide students with a local or regional option for continuing their education beyond high school to increase employment opportunities. The FUTURE Program will feature an individualized schedule for each student based on personal career aspirations achieved through a person-centered planning process.

Vanderbilt Next Steps Postsecondary Education Program

Next Steps at Vanderbilt University is a 2-year certification program for students with intellectual disabilities, providing individualized Programs of Study in the areas of education, social skills, and vocational training. http://kc.vanderbilt.edu/site/nextstep/default.aspx

Vocational Rehabilitation Program - Work & Benefits Coordinator

Contact: Doris Patty

Suite 210 450 Riverside Drive, Rome, GA 30161 706-295-6407 doris.patty@gdol.state.ga.us www.dol.state.ga.us Information about work incentives available to SSA disability benefits recipients.

Volunteers in Medicine, Chattanooga, Inc. (VIM Chattanooga)

is a primary care medical clinic. It provides medical services to financially eligible individuals and families of Hamilton County who otherwise have no access to health care.

Mailing Address: VIM Chattanooga P.O. Box 81057 Chattanooga, TN 37414 Physical Address: VIM Chattanooga 5705 Marlin Road Chattanooga, TN 37411

Phone: (423) 855-8220 http://www.vim-chatt.org/

Walker County Department of Education

Special Education Director – Angie Ingram Parent Mentor – Michal Jones Email: michaljones@walkerschools.org www.walkerschools.org

Do you know of a resource that should be on this list? Did you find a mistake in someone's contact information? Would you please let us know? We want our resources to be as up-to-date and accurate as possible.

<u>Lisa.mattheiss@lifelinefamilies.org</u> or call 423-622-4007. The Staff of LifeLine