

THE RED BOOK

A Guide to Youth Resources
in Walton County

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I.

**Drugs, Alcohol &
Tobacco
Use and Abuse**

Education and Information:

- **Prime For Life Program**

The Partnership for Families, Children & Youth
P.O. Box 670 Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-207-3175 (Dena Huff - Coordinator)

Prime for Life classes are intended for youth who have experimented or have started to use drugs or alcohol on a regular basis. The goal of this program is education and prevention of alcohol use and abuse. The Fatal Vision component of the program involves wearing the fatal vision goggles, which simulates an intoxicated state while navigating an obstacle course. The classes are held at the Walton Co. Sheriff's Office. Call The Partnership for class schedule. Referral Method: Mandated by School, Court, DJJ or parent referral.

Cost: \$50

- **Addiction...The Demon Within Video**

Drug addiction education in a 23-minute fast-paced, attention getting video.

Order on-line at <http://sharperimagevideo.com/download.htm>

Cost: \$50

- **Adolescent Center for Education and Services (ACES)**

1404 S. Madison Ave. Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-207-4151

Educational library open to the public that includes Pamphlets, Brochures, Videos, and Curriculum for lending on topics ranging from effects and consequences of specific drugs to avoiding peer pressure.

Cost: Free

- **Youth Investigations / DARE Division (School Resource officers)**

Walton County Sheriff's Office
1425 South Madison Avenue Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-266-1514 Capt. Darren Vinson

DARE Program (Drug Awareness Resistance Education)

This program is taught in the fifth grade at all Walton County schools by certified DARE Officers who are also certified Peace Officers.

ADAP Program (Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program)

This program is taught by certified Peace Officers at the Walton County Sheriffs Office once a month. The ADAP program is the state of Georgia's Official program that all teens must pass in order to receive a driver's license. Call in order to enroll and get class schedule.

- **Walton County Public Libraries**

Drug education kits: pamphlets, brochures, videos, and curriculum

Topics: psychological concerns, tobacco, drugs, alcohol and drugs. Available for check-out by general public with a library card.

Cost: Free

Locations:

O'Kelly Memorial Library

363 Conyers Road Loganville,, GA 30052
Phone: 770-466-2895

W.H. Stanton Memorial Library

1045 West Hightower Trail Social Circle, GA 30025
Phone: 770-464-2444

Monroe-Walton County Library
217 W Spring St. Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-2674630

- **Life Skills Training Program**

The Alcove
507 Church Street Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-267-9156

Life Skills is a program designed to help youth and children with vital skills needed for abstaining from drug and alcohol use. The topics include: effective communication, assertiveness, peer pressure, social skills, self-esteem, and self - image. This program is currently being offered in Walton County Public Schools. Referrals are made through the school counselor; however, parent referrals are accepted.

Cost: Free

- **Georgia Access and Crisis Line**

Phone: 1-800-715-4225
Internet: www.mygcal.com

Statewide toll free for any individual in Georgia seeking mental health, addiction, and crisis services.

- **Too Good for Drugs and Violence**

The Partnership for Families, Children, and Youth
P.O. Box 670 Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-883-6881 (Youth Development Coordinator: Emily Russell)

The Too Good program is designed to help high school students form essential skills to aid in drug and violence resistance. The topics include: conflict resolution, media influences, goal setting, communication, drug/alcohol education and self image. Referrals are made through the school counselor; however, parent referrals are accepted

Cost: Free

Drug Testing:

- **Adolescent Center for Education and Services (ACES)**

1404 S. Madison Ave. Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-207-4151

*Urine testing kits are available for purchase at the clinic for parents to administer at home. Kits are available for specific drugs. *Testing is not done in the clinic.*

Cost: \$5.00

- **Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)**

226 Alcovy St. Building G Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-207-4192

Drug tests are administered by juvenile probation officers to juveniles who are currently on probation or on commitment status. The drug tests are administered on a random basis or upon the request of the legal parent(s)/custodian(s)/guardian(s).

- **Clean Play Inc.**
P.O. Box 726 Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 1-866-896-9310 Website: www.cleanplay.org
Private Company dedicated to assisting parents in their efforts to keep students safe from drug abuse and successful in academic and athletic pursuits through randomized drug testing and testing on demand. Student Accountability Program is designed to help students who test positive get back on the right track through education and motivational coaching. Crisis Consulting and Intervention are also provided to clients.
Cost: Based on Monthly Program Selection

Substance Abuse Programs:

- **NA (Narcotics Anonymous)**
Located on McDaniel Street in downtown Monroe behind CVS pharmacy and across the street from the First Baptist Church.
This program is for youth and adults who have an addiction problem. No appointment necessary. Meetings are on Tuesdays and Fridays starting at 8:00 pm.
Cost: Free
- **InnerLight**
Advantage Behavioral Health Systems
834 Highway 11 South Monroe, GA 30655
Monroe – 770-267-8302 or Athens 706-369-6363
Coordinator: Zhe Wang, LPC
This program is specifically for youth with an addiction problem or at great risk of developing an addiction but not in need of residential treatment. The program is twelve weeks long with three individual sessions.
Cost: Sliding scale based on income and insurance is accepted
- **Over-Comers Class**
Lighthouse World Outreach
609 Gene Bell Rd Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 267-4365 (Church Office)
Class Contact: Lonnie Perkins 770-207-1373
This program addresses Life Controlling issues such as substance abuse, gambling, and other addictions from a Christian Perspective. It is a 12 week program that meets consecutively. Those who meet all the requirements of the class are eligible to graduate from the program with a certificate. The class meets Monday night from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Lighthouse Church. This class is for ages 16 and above.
Cost: \$20.00 for program book
- **Reformers Unanimous International Addiction Program**
Corinth Baptist Church
3156 Langley Rd. Loganville, GA
Phone: 770-363-6819
Victory Baptist Church
88 Brand Road Loganville, GA 30052
Phone: 678-294-4769
This program is an addiction recovery program that uses a spiritual approach to develop lifelong sobriety. Meetings are from 7-9PM every Friday at the locations listed above.
Contact: Wayne Sosebee

*The following programs are available outside of Walton County

- **GRN Community Service Board, Newton Mental Health Center**
8201 Hazelbrand Rd Covington, GA 30014
Phone: 770-962-5544 or 800-241-3175 Hotline: 770-962-5544
Website: www.grncsb.com
Outpatient substance abuse treatment for adolescents
Cost: Self pay, Medicaid, Medicare, Insurance, Sliding fee scale is available based on income.
- **Atlanta Family Counseling Center**
190 Cameden Hill Rd. Lawrenceville, GA 30045
Phone: 770-513-8988 Website: www.atlantafamilycounselingcenter.com
Outpatient group counseling on adolescent drug and alcohol counseling and adolescent violence.
Cost: \$75 initial evaluation \$25 per group session.
Payment type accepted: Self pay, Private Insurance and sliding fee scale
- **New Learning Center**
120 East Trinity Place Decatur, GA 30030
Phone: (404) 378- 2300
Outpatient substance abuse treatment for adolescents
Cost: Self-pay, Medicaid and Payment assistance is available at request.

Residential Treatment facilities

*These facilities provide care for adolescents and are within a 50 mile radius of Monroe. For a more complete list you can also look online at www.findtreatment.samhsa.gov

- **Summit Ridge Center for Psychiatry and Addiction Medicine**
250 Scenic Hwy. Lawrenceville, GA 30045
Phone: 678-442-5858 Website: www.gwinnetthealth.org
Substance abuse treatment and Detoxification. Hospital Inpatient, Outpatient, Partial hospitalization and day treatment for adolescents.
Cost: Self-pay, Medicaid, Medicare and Insurance accepted
- **Peachford Behavioral Health Systems**
2151 Peachford Rd. Atlanta, GA 30338
Phone: 770-454-2302 Website: www.peachfordhospital.com
Substance abuse treatment and Detoxification for adolescents. Hospitalization, outpatient, Partial hospitalization and day treatment
Cost: Self-payment, Medicare, private health insurance
- **Laurelwood Hospital**
200 Wisteria Dr. Gainesville, GA 30501
Phone: 770-531-3800 or 800-848-3649 Website: www.nghs.com
Substance abuse treatment and Detoxification for adolescents. Hospitalization, outpatient, Partial hospitalization and day treatment

Cost: Self-pay, Medicaid, Medicare, Private insurance.

- **Ridgeview Institute Adult and Adolescent Addiction Medicine Services**

3995 South Cobb Dr. Smyrna, GA 30080

Phone: 770-434-4567 Website: www.ridgeviewinstitute.com

Substance abuse treatment, Detoxification and half-way house for adolescents. outpatient, Partial hospitalization, day treatment, Residential short-term 30 days or more.

Cost: Self-pay, Medicaid, Medicare, Private insurance.

- **Hartmann Adolescent Center**

119 Powers Ferry Rd. Marietta, GA 30060

Phone: 770-422-0202 Website: www.cobbcsb.com

Substance abuse treatment services. Residential long term treatment (more than 30 days)

Cost: Self-pay, Medicaid, Medicare, Private insurance.

Reporting Illegal Drug Activity

- **Walton County Sheriff's Office**

1425 S. Madison Ave. Monroe, GA 30655

Phone: 770-267-6557 Website: www.waltonsheriff.com

To report illegal drug activity you can call the sheriff's office and ask to speak with Criminal Investigations Unit or visit their website and click on reporting drug activity and fill out the confidential reporting form. To report drug activity in the schools a student or parent may contact the School Resource Officer for their students school.

- **Monroe Police Department**

116 S. Broad St. Monroe, GA 30655

Phone: 770-267-7576 FAX: 770-267-8386

- **Loganville Police Department**

West Walton Government Center

605 Tom Brewer Rd Loganville, GA 30052

Emergency 770-466-6679 Non-Emergency 770-466-8087

- **Social Circle Department of Public Safety**

138 E. Hightower Trail Social Circle 30025

Phone: 770-464-2380 8:00am – 5:00pm after hours call 911

- **Gang Awareness and Suppression Team**

Anonymous Tip Line: 770-266-1687

II.

**Premature Engagement
In Sexual Activity**

Education and Information

- **Adolescent Center for Education and Services (ACES)**
1404 S. Madison Ave. Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-207-4151
Educational library open to the public that includes Pamphlets, Brochures, Videos, and Curriculum for lending on topics ranging from Abstinence to Effective Birth Control methods.
Cost: Free

Sexually Transmitted Infection Testing and Treatment (STI)

- **Adolescent Center for Education and Services (ACES)**
1404 S. Madison Ave. Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-207-4151 Helpline: 1-800-473-HELP
ACES has an R.N. on staff that performs STI testing and treatment.
Cost: \$20 STI test or Medicaid; Free HIV test
- **Walton County Health Department**
1404 S. Madison Ave. Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-207-4125 Helpline: 1-800-473-HELP
The Health Department has a certified nursing staff that are able to perform STI testing and treatment.
Costs: \$40 for STI testing; \$20 for STI Treatment (if it is a separate visit)
\$50 for STI & HIV testing; \$25 for HIV test only
*Medicaid covers all above charges
- **West Walton Clinic**
605 Tom Brewer Rd Loganville, GA 30052
Phone: 770-466-1789 Helpline: 1-800-473-HELP
The Health Department has a certified nursing staff that are able to perform STI testing and treatment.
Costs: \$40 STI test; \$15-27 (for treatment if it is a separate visit)
\$50 STI & HIV test; \$25 HIV test only
*Medicaid covers all above costs

Family Planning Resources

- **Adolescent Center for Education and Services (ACES)**
1404 S. Madison Ave. Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-207-4151 Helpline: 1-800-473-HELP
Provides family planning resources to youth 19 years of age and under including: Oral contraceptives, Depo-Provera Injections, IUD (service is available off site), condoms and other barrier methods.
Cost: Sliding scale based on income

- **Walton County Health Department**
1404 S. Madison Ave. Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-207-4125 Helpline: 1-800-473-HELP
Provides family planning resources to adults including: Oral contraceptives, Depo-Provera Injections, IUD, condoms and other barrier methods.
Cost: Sliding scale based on income
- **West Walton Clinic**
605 Tom Brewer Rd Loganville, GA 30052
Phone: 770-466-1789 Helpline: 1-800-473-HELP
West Walton Clinic provides family planning resources to adults and youth including: Oral contraceptives, Depo-Provera Injections, IUD, condoms and other barrier methods.
Cost: Sliding scale based on income

Reporting Statutory Rape or Sexual abuse

*Statutory Rape is defined in O.C.G.A 16-6-3 of the laws of the State of Georgia as an act of engaging in sexual intercourse with any person under the age of 16 years who is not his/her spouse. **It does not matter if both parties are willing and the sex is consensual.** Both Male and female can be charged with Statutory Rape. Depending upon age difference the charge can range from a Misdemeanor to a Felony charge

- **Walton County Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS)**
1110 W. Spring St . Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-207-4000
- **Walton County Sheriff's Office**
1425 S. Madison Ave. Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-267-6557
*Ask to speak with the Criminal Investigations Division (CID).
You may also speak with any of the School Resource Officers at your student's school.*
- **Monroe Police Department**
116 S. Broad St. Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-267-7576
- **Loganville Police Department**
West Walton Government Center
605 Tom Brewer Rd Loganville, GA 30052
Emergency 770-466-6679 Non-Emergency 770-466-8087
- **Social Circle Department of Public Safety**
138 E. Hightower Trail Social Circle 30025
Phone: 770-464-2380 8:00am – 5:00pm after hours call 911
- **Dial 911**

III.

Teen Pregnancy

Education and Information

- **Adolescent Center for Education and Services (ACES)**
1404 S. Madison Ave. Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-207-4151 Helpline: 1-800-473-HELP
Educational library open to the public that includes Pamphlets, Brochures, Videos, and Curriculum for lending on topics ranging from Pregnancy to Breastfeeding.
Cost: Free
- **TeenAge MomS (TAMS)**
Walton County Extension Office
100 N Broad Street Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-267-1324 (Contact: Molly Kimler)
EFNEP provides an in-home nutritional counseling program with eligible expectant mothers and a school based nutritional program for expectant teen moms or TAMS. The in-home program focuses on appropriate nutritional habits for an expectant mom and her developing fetus. The program also covers appropriate feeding for the baby once it is born. The TAMS program for Teenage Moms focuses on correct nutritional habits for the expectant mom and her developing baby. The TAMS program also incorporates other topics related to being a teen mom. For information on the in-home program contact Molly Kimler for qualifications. To enroll in the TAMS program contact the school counseling office at your school.
Cost: Free
- **Parent Insights Group**
The Partnership for Families, Children, and Youth
P.O. Box 670 Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-267-1324 (Contact: Molly Kimler) or 770-207-6060 (Contact: Rick Baker)
Group which holds monthly meetings with presentations relevant to teenage moms and teenage moms-to-be. Meetings are the 1st Wednesday of every month at 1:00pm at The Partnership for Families, Children, and Youth. Topics covered include: nutrition, car seat safety, SIDS, health of mom, etc.
Cost: Free

Pregnancy Testing

- **Adolescent Center for Education and Services (ACES)**
1404 S. Madison Ave. Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-207-4151
Testing by appointment; walk-ins limited. For ages 19 and Younger
Cost: Free (Must have reasonable cause to think you are pregnant before a test will be given Example: missed period)
- **Walton County Health Department**
1404 S. Madison Ave. Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-207-4125
Walk-ins only no appointments necessary. For all ages.
Cost: \$16 - \$31 (depending on income, bring proof of income with you) or Medicaid

- **West Walton Clinic**
605 Tom Brewer Rd Loganville, GA 30052
Phone: 770-466-1789
Testing by appointment or walk-ins Limited. For all ages.
Cost: \$31 or Medicaid
- **Pregnancy Resource of Walton**
3060 Highway 81 South Loganville, GA 30052
Phone: 770-466-3900 Call for Operating Hours or Appointment
Website: www.waltonpregnancy.com
Christian based center located in Loganville. Services include: Pregnancy testing, counseling and alternatives to abortion, counseling with family members and or partner, help with finding prenatal care, help with life skills needed for supporting you and your baby, help with finding living arrangements and information provided for help with finances and legal aid.
Cost: Free

Help

- **Pregnancy Resource of Walton**
3060 Highway 81 South Loganville, GA 30052
Phone: 770-466-3900 Call for Operating Hours or Appointment
Website: www.waltonpregnancy.com
Christian based center located in Loganville. Services include: Pregnancy testing, counseling and alternatives to abortion, counseling with family members and or partner, help with finding prenatal care, help with life skills needed for supporting you and your baby, help with finding living arrangements and information provided for help with finances and legal aid.
Cost: Free
- **The Partnership for Families, Children, and Youth**
P.O. Box 670 Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-207-6060 Website: www.thepartnershipwalton.org
 - Parent Educator:** Rick Baker, LPC
In-home visits and counseling for teen moms and their families
Cost: Free
 - Wrap-Around Services:** Dena Huff
Provides linkage to resources in services for teen moms
Cost: Free
- **Covenant Care Services**
357 South Milledge Avenue The Butler Building, suite 113 Athens, GA 30615
Phone: 706-546-7267 or 1800-226-5683
Walton County Caseworker Kary L. Kennedy – 1-888-427-1841 (Beeper#)
Website: www.covenantcareadoptions.com

Christian based organization. Services include: Pregnancy Counseling, Foster Care, Adoption Services, and Post-Abortion Counseling.

Cost: Free

- **Faith in Serving Humanity (FISH)**

700 S. Madison Avenue Monroe, GA 30655

Phone: 770-207-4357

Christian based organization supported by Walton County Churches. Services include: financial, food, medications, resource linking , clothes and thrift store.

- **Pregnancy Resource Center of Gwinnett**

501 Crownpoint Way Lawrenceville, GA 30655

Phone: 770-338-1680 Appointments required.

Services: Pregnancy test, Parenting Education Program, baby store for participants, abortion alternatives counseling, and Post-abortion counseling.

Cost: Free

- **Child Support Recovery**

226 Alcovy St. Suite E15 Monroe, GA 30655

Phone: 770-207-4180 Website: www.ocse.dhr.gov

Services: Help with receiving child support for a divorced parent or a parent who is not married. Reviews and modifications of existing cases when justified.

Cost: Free

- **Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS)**

1110 E. Spring Street Monroe, GA 30655

Phone: 770-207-4000

Childcare Assistance Program provides free childcare to those teen moms who are still enrolled in and actively attending school.

Cost: Free

Prenatal Care

Prenatal Care is the care a pregnant mother receives from a health professional, a doctor or mid-wife, before her baby is born. Prenatal Care is vital to the health and safety of the mother and her baby. During a mother's prenatal care a doctor is able to monitor her pregnancy and diagnose any problems if and when they arise.

The first trimester (1st 3 months) is the most critical time in the life of a developing baby. It is also the time when women are usually unaware of their pregnancy. It is very important that if you suspect you are pregnant you take a pregnancy test as soon as possible to make sure you are or are not pregnant. If it is an unplanned pregnancy, it is important not to be in denial or try to hide your pregnancy. Eventually you will begin to show and will not be able to deny or hide the fact you are pregnant and you may do harm to yourself and your unborn child in the meantime. You can receive prenatal care from any OBGYN Doctor. There are several in Walton County; refer to the yellow pages.

IV.

Unruly Child and Behavior Issues

Running Away From Home

- **Reporting A Runaway**

To report a child who is considered to be a “runaway” call 911

OR

Call your local city police (Loganville, Monroe, Social Circle) or the Walton County Sheriff’s Office

- **The Alcove Inc.**

507 E. Church Street Monroe, GA 30655

Phone: 770-267-9156 FAX: 770-207-9162

The alcove is an Emergency Youth Shelter located in Monroe. Services Include: Residential – Parental Placements last up to 15 days and are arranged by the parents for respite care or family crisis stabilization. While at the Alcove the youth receives an assessment and individual, group, and family counseling. Runaways are any youth who are experiencing conflicts at home or who do not feel safe to stay at their home. These youth can come to The Alcove and stay (parents or guardians are notified within 24 hours of their arrival). State Custody Placement Department of Families and Children’s Services and the Department of Juvenile Justice can place a youth in The Alcove for up to 30 days.

Cost: Free

Truancy

- **Walton County Juvenile Court**

Walton County Government Building

303 South Hammond Drive Suite 223 Monroe, GA 30655

Phone: 770-267-1797 Fax: 770-267 8313

Truancy Coordinator: Mike Baldwin

Services: Investigate reported incidents of truancy. The Truancy Coordinator accepts referrals from schools, parents, and citizens. The Truancy Coordinator works under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court.

- **Georgia State Law**

Per O.C.G.A. 20-2-690.1 and 15-11-2 (12)(A), the Georgia compulsory school attendance law mandates that a child must be enrolled in and attend school upon their 6th birthday up until their 16th birthday at which time they have the option to quit school. A student is considered truant from school if they are habitually absent without legal justification.

- **Walton County Board of Education Policy**

A student shall not be absent from school or from any class or other required school hours except for illness or other providential cause, unless with written permission of the teacher, principal, or their duly authorized school official. No student or employee shall encourage, urge or counsel other students to violate this policy. As permitted under state law and State Board of Education policies, pupils may be excused for the following reasons:

- a. personal illness and when attendance in school would endanger their health or the health of others;*
- b. serious illness or death in their immediate family which necessitates absence from school;*
- c. mandated order of governmental agencies, including pre-induction physical examinations for service in the armed forces, or by court order;*
- d. celebration of religious holidays;*
- e. conditions which render attendance impossible or hazardous to their health or safety;*
- f. voter registration or voting, for a period not to exceed one day; and*

prior permission of principal and consent of parent or legal guardian. (It is the responsibility of the student to secure and make up all work for this type of absence, not the teacher).

For perfect attendance purposes, students serving as pages of the Georgia General Assembly shall be counted present on the days missed for this purpose. In addition, students who are present for at least one-half of the instructional day shall be counted present.

*Excuses for absences shall be furnished in writing within **three school days of return to school**, shall be signed by the student's parent or guardian and shall specifically state the reasons for the absence. **The school system will receive any excuses after that period, but will not change the absences to excused.** All excuses will be evaluated by the principal or a designee to determine if the absence is excused or unexcused. **The principal has the authority to require additional proof of the legitimacy of the excuse. For example, the principal may require a doctor's statement justifying the absence of the student, and may require proof that the child's condition rendered the child incapable of attending school.** Students shall be permitted to make up work when absences are excused. Absences due to out of school suspension shall be unexcused. Students may make up final exams missed due to unexcused absences with prior permission of the school principal, but other types of work missed due to unexcused absences may not be made up. Make up work for a one day's absence must be turned in within two days of returning to school. Make-up work for longer absences must be completed within five (5) school days of the student's return to school, unless the school principal or his or her designee allows the student additional time to complete such make-up work.*

*A student **in grades 9 – 12 who has ten (10) unexcused absences in any class shall not receive credit for that class.** The board determines that an essential instructional objective for each class is that students learn the importance of regular and timely attendance at school. The board believes that students must acquire the skill of regular attendance so that students are prepared for post-secondary education or the workplace after school.*

A student who has excessive tardies to school and/or to class shall receive disciplinary action according to the Student Code of Conduct. The principal has the authority to require additional proof of the legitimacy of excessive requests for early checkouts. Students with excessive tardies and/or early checkouts may be referred to the school social worker for educational neglect.

Juvenile Crime

Helpful Definitions:

- **Delinquent Offense** – an act designated a crime by the laws of this state, or by local ordinance.
- **Delinquent Child** -- a child under the age of 17 years who has committed a delinquent act and is in need of treatment or rehabilitation
- **Status Offender** – a child who is charged with or adjudicated (found guilty) of an offense that would not be a crime if an adult had committed it. Offenses include: truancy, violation of curfew, running away from home, incorrigibility (chronic misbehavior that cannot be corrected), and unruly behavior.
- **Unruly Child** – is a child who:
 - a) Is habitually and without justification truant from school

- b) Is Habitually disobedient of the reasonable and lawful commands of his or her parents or guardian
- c) Leaves home without consent of his or her parent or guardian
- d) Disobeys curfew
- e) Patronizes any bar where alcoholic beverages are being sold unaccompanied by parents or guardian or possesses alcoholic beverages
- f) Commits an offense applicable only to a child

Reporting Juvenile Crime

- **Call “911”** and request to meet with a law enforcement officer at your home.
- **Go to the Law enforcement agency headquarters** that serves your residence
- **Walton County Sheriff’s Office**
1425 S. Madison Ave. Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-267-6557 Website: www.waltonsheriff.com
- **Monroe Police Department**
116 S. Broad St. Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-267-7576
- **Loganville Police Department**
West Walton Government Center
605 Tom Brewer Rd Loganville, GA 30052
Emergency 770-466-6679 Non-Emergency 770-466-8087
- **Social Circle Department of Public Safety**
138 E. Hightower Trail Social Circle 30025
Phone: 770-464-2380 8:00am – 5:00pm after hours call 911
- **Gang Awareness and Suppression Team**
Anonymous Tip Line: 770-266-1687

Reporting Unruly Behavior

Filing a juvenile complaint on your child will initiate Court intervention and action. After a complaint is filed the child and legal parent(s)/custodians(s)/guardian(s) will be assigned a court date. To file a Juvenile complaint on your child/ward for being unruly you may:

- **Call “911”** and request to meet with a law enforcement officer
- **Go to the Law enforcement agency** that serves the location where the alleged act occurred

Walton County Sheriff's Office

1425 South Madison Avenue

Monroe, GA 30655

Phone: 770-267-6557 Website: www.waltonsheriff.com

Monroe Police Department

116 South Broad Street

Monroe, GA 30655

Phone: 770-267-7575

Loganville Police Department

West Walton Government Center

605 Tom Brewer Road Loganville, GA 30052

Emergency 770-466-6679 Non-Emergency 770-466-8087

Social Circle Department of Public Safety

138 East Hightower Trail

Social Circle, GA 30025

Phone: 770-464-2380 8:00am – 5:00pm after hours call 911

- **Go to the Walton County Juvenile Court** and meet with an Intake Officer.
Walton County Government Building
303 South Hammond Drive Suite 223 Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-267-1346

V.
Mental Health
Issues

Counseling Services for Depression, Suicidal Thoughts, Violent Behavior and Eating Disorders

- **Advantage Behavioral Health Systems**
834 Hwy. 11 Monroe, GA 30655
Contact: Zhe Wang, LPC Phone: 770-267-8302 (only for individuals who already have an appointment)
Phone: 1-800-715-4225 (new intake or crisis)
Services: Adolescent and adult mental health and substance abuse--individual and family counseling, group therapy, psychiatric medication maintenance.
Cost: Sliding scale fee and insurance accepted
- **Rick Baker, MS, LPC**
The Praise Center
1857 Hwy. 78 Monroe, GA 30656
Cell: 770-316-5793 Call only after 5:30 PM during week or anytime on Friday and weekends
Services: Individual counseling for adolescents and adults and marital counseling.
Cost: Sliding scale range from \$35 – \$75 per 1 hour session.
- **Monroe Counseling Center**
Counselor: Fergus Browning
First Baptist Church 202 McDaniel St Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-267-3176
Services: Individual counseling and marital counseling.
Cost: Sliding Scale (Office Hours Tuesday only)
- **Loganville Community Ministry Village**
678 Tom Brewer Road Loganville, GA 30052
Phone: 770-554-3599 Website: www.lmv4families.org
Services: Individual, family, children, and marriage counseling. Life coaches for kids mentoring program and groups. Foster care support center and supervised visitation center.
Cost: Sliding Scale
- **Tim Schnabel, LMFT**
744 Chimney Trail Monroe, GA
Phone: 770-207-4888
Services: Individual, Marriage and Family counseling
Cost: Sliding Scale; Insurance also accepted
- **EncourageInk Ministries**
P.O. Box 1142 Loganville, GA 30052
Phone: 404-434-5078 Website: www.EncourageInk.org
Contact: Pastors Jill and Tim Halstead, AACC
Faith Based Counseling for individuals and families, topics include: anger, marriage issues, grief/loss, abuse, rejection, fear, and family restoration
Cost: 90 Minute session for \$35
- **Inspired Excursions**
109 Lee Byrd Road Loganville, GA 30052

Phone: 404-387-5740 Website: www.inspiredcounselingexcursions.com

Contact: Annalisa Ellenburg, AACC

Providing relationship workshops, seminars, retreats and counseling. Topics include: Blended Family – Brady Bunch Survival, Empty Nesters, Single Parenting 101, Rekindling The Flame, Mother's & Teen Daughters, and Life After Divorce. Call for latest workshops and schedule.

- **Promedica Psychiatry Group**

2430 Tucker Drive Bldg A Loganville, GA 30052

Phone: 770-554-8812 Website: www.promedicapsychiatrygroup.com

Provides Individual Psychotherapy, Group and Family Therapy, Psychiatric Diagnosis and Assessment and Medication Management. Works with ADHD, Anxiety, BiPolar, Depression, and Schizophrenic Disorders. Serving ages 14 years and up. Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30am-5:00pm.

Cost: Insurance and Medicaid Accepted

- **Carroll Kerr, MA, MEd, LPC**

7738C Hampton Place, Bldg 4 Loganville, GA 30052

Phone: 770-466-7730

Individual counseling for adults and adolescents in various topics such as anxiety, fear, depression, trauma and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

Cost: Sliding Scale; Insurance Accepted

*The following are resources located outside of Walton County

- **The Devereux Georgia Treatment Network**

1291 Stanley Rd NW Po Box 1688 Kennesaw, GA 30156

Phone: 770-427-0147 or 800-342-3357 Website: www.devereuxgeorgia.org

A behavioral Health treatment network for children to young adults who are suffering from severe emotional and physiological challenges. They provide a multidisciplinary approach to treatment from secure intensive unit to open residential treatment. Clients Served are suffering from: Emotional disturbances, behavioral disorders, depression, personality disturbances, neuro-psychological impairment and substance abuse.

- **Stress Care**

1030 Village Dr. Watkinsville, GA

Phone: 706-769-1788

Cost: Insurance accepted

- **Samaritan Counseling Center**

445 North Lumpkin Street Athens, GA 30601

Phone: 706-369-7911 Website: www.samaritannega.org

Cost: Insurance and Sliding Scale

- **Support Group** for those living with depression and bipolar illness

Phone: 770-267-0855, 404-273-2535, 404-457-4974

Bethlehem, GA

Meets every Monday from 6-8PM

Cost: Free

- **Terry Thompson-Horn**
2107 Emory St Covington, GA
Phone: 770-385-0940
Cost: Insurance and Sliding Scale
- **Fletcher McClelland**
700 Sunset Dr. Suite 202 Athens, GA
Phone: 706-353-8188
Cost: Sliding Scale
- **Ridgeview Institute**
3995 South Cobb Drive Smyrna, GA 30080
Phone: 770-434-4567 Website: www.ridgeviewinstitute.com
Services include: Inpatient and Outpatient care for men, women, adolescents and elderly suffering from addictions, eating disorders, depression, anxiety, PTSD and other psychiatric disorders
Cost: Self pay and Insurance Accepted

Domestic Violence

- **Project Renewal**
Located in Rockdale County
Phone: 770-860-1666
Services: Domestic Violence Shelter, Counseling Services, Material Aid, and legal Aid for victims of Domestic Violence.
Cost: Free
- **Victims Assistance Program**
Walton County Sheriff's Office
1425 S. Madison Ave. Monroe , GA 30655
Contact: Julie Silva Phone: 770-266-1527 or 770-267-6557
Services: First responders to victims of any type of crime or accident. Advocacy to help the victim locate available resources, apply for Temporary Protective Orders (TPO), Find legal help, and navigate the legal system.
- **Family Recovery**
166 B West Spring Street Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-535-1073 770-266-4484
Services: Domestic violence program for offender, sex offender program for offender, marriage counseling, family counseling, individual counseling, alcohol/drug evaluations, anger management evaluations, multiple DUI evaluations and individual parenting instruction.
Cost: Fee based, can apply for the half-off hardship discount
- **Georgia Access and Crisis Line**
Phone: 1-800-715-4225
Internet: www.mygcal.com
Statewide toll free for any individual in Georgia seeking mental health, addiction, and crisis services.

- Additional resources can be located at <http://www.aardvarc.org/dv/states/gadv.shtml>

VI.

Health Issues

Obesity

Obesity is not just being over weight; it is a condition of having a body fat of 30% or greater. Childhood obesity is quickly becoming the number one health problem for children in the United States. Obesity is a very serious condition for children and adults, and in some cases, can be fatal if left untreated. Obesity leads to numerous other health conditions and diseases. The best treatment for obesity is proper nutrition and exercise.

- **Walton County Health Department**
1404 S. Madison Ave. Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-207-4125 Helpline: 1-800-473-HELP
Services: The Health Dept. has access to a registered dietitian or nutritionist. Their job is to show the patient a proper and healthy way to lose weight.
Cost: Sliding Scale
- **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**
Phone: 770-207-8870
Two local chapters:
Monroe: located St. Anna's Catholic Church on Tuesday at 5PM
Loganville: located at Loganville City Hall on Friday at 9AM

Sport Physicals

- **Adolescent Center for Education and Services (ACES)**
1404 S. Madison Ave. Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-207-4151
Services: Sport Physicals
Cost: \$35
- **Loganville Medical Center**
3869 Hwy 81 S. Loganville, GA 30052
Phone: 770-554-7626 Website: www.waltonregional.com
Services: Convenient Care Clinic, Internal Medicine, Sports medicine, and Imaging Center
Cost: Direct Pay depending on the service, Insurance Accepted
- **Gwinnet Clinic**
1390 Spring St. Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-266-6191 Fax: 770-266-6707
Services: Full service Clinic. Walk-ins welcome
Cost: Insurance and Direct Pay depending on the service
- **Med Fast Clinic**
902 Hwy. 78 Loganville, GA 30052
Phone: 770-554-5533
Services: Full Service Clinic. Walk-Ins welcome office hours 9-7.
Cost: Insurance, Medicaid, Flat Fee

Immunizations

- **Adolescent Center for Education and Services (ACES)**
1404 S. Madison Ave. Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-207-4151
Cost: Medicaid, or Direct Pay depending on the immunization
- **Walton County Health Department**
1404 S. Madison Ave. Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-207-4125
Walk-ins only no appointments necessary. For all ages.
Cost: Self-Pay, Medicaid
- **West Walton Clinic**
605 Tom Brewer Rd Loganville, GA 30052
Phone: 770-466-1789
By appointment or walk-ins Limited. For all ages.
Cost: Medicaid or Self-Pay

Acute Care

- **Cornerstone Community Healthcare**
Phone: 678
Mobile Health Clinic that serves Walton, Newton, Jasper, and Barrow Counties.
- **Healing Angels Medical Clinic**
226 Alcovy Street Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-266-7647 Website: www.healingangelsclinic.org
Private, Non-Profit clinic providing health care to Walton County residents who do not have health insurance or other resources to pay for medical care. Services include: primary medical care, patient health education, EKG's, Pharmaceutical Patient Assistance Program Registration, Podiatry Referrals.
Cost: Free
- **Loganville Medical Center**
3869 Hwy 81 S. Loganville, GA 30052
Phone: 770-554-7626 Website: www.waltonregional.com
Services: Convenient Care Clinic, Internal Medicine, Sports medicine, and Imaging Center
Cost: Direct Pay depending on the service, Insurance Accepted
- **Gwinnett Clinic**
1390 Spring St. Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-266-6191 Fax: 770-266-6707
Services: Full service Clinic. Walk-ins welcome
Cost: Insurance and Direct Pay depending on the service

- **Med Fast Clinic**
902 Hwy. 78 Loganville, GA 30052
Phone: 770-554-5533
Services: Full Service Clinic. Walk-Ins welcome office hours 9-7.
Cost: Insurance, Medicaid, Flat Fee
- **MED Link**
563 Jefferson Hwy, Winder, GA 30680
Phone: 770-867-6633 Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm
Services: Full service clinic. New patients by appointment only. Establish Patients walk-Ins
Cost: Sliding Scale

Dentist

- **Dental Hygiene Clinic**
Athens Technical College
600 Bldg. 800 U.S. Hwy. 29 Athens, GA
Phone: 706-583-2810
Services: Teeth cleaning, x-rays, sealants and whitening
Cost: Teeth Cleaning & X-Rays \$6 for adults and \$4 for children
Sealants \$3 per tooth
Whitening \$65 for upper arch and \$35 for lower arch
- **Help a Child Smile Mobile Dental Program.**
Phone: 770-760-7900
Dental care for children at school.
Cost: Medicaid accepted

Nutrition

- **Walton County Cooperative Extension Office**
100 N. Broad Street Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-267-1324
Contact: Molly Kimler, Walton County Nutrition Program Assistant
Services: Nutrition information and education, Walk Georgia Program
Cost: Free
- **Dream Center of Walton and Gwinnett**
P.O. Box 2681 Loganville, GA 30052
Phone: 404-387-5740
Services: Nutrition classes and counseling provided through Temple Builders, Inc

Developmental Disabilities

- **F.A.C.E.S. (Families of Autism/Asperger's Syndrome Care, Educate & Support)**
Autism / Asperger's Syndrome Support Group Website: www.georgiafaces.info
Contact: President Sonya Bell at 770-356-6140 or waltonfaces@yahoo.com
Services: Monthly support meetings and advocacy services. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month except June & July at Walton Career Academy, 212 Bryant Rd, Monroe from 7:00-8:30PM
Cost: Free
- **Unlimited Services**
226 Leroy Anderson Road Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-267-8391 FAX: 770-207-4070 Crisis & Access Phone: 1-800-715-4225
Services: For adults (18+) with Developmental Disabilities.
Cost: Free with Regional Board approval. Call 770-267-8391 for assistance with referral.

*The following are resources located outside of Walton County

- **Marcus Autism Center**
1920 Briarcliff Road Atlanta, GA 30329
Phone: 404-785-9400 Website: www.marcus.org
A comprehensive resource for children and adolescents with autism and related disorders. Explore services from school programs and in-home treatment to family support groups, and meet some inspiring patients.

VII.

Teen Driving

Education

- **Youth Investigations / DARE Division (school resource officers)**
Walton County Sheriff's Office
Phone: 770-266-1514 Contact: Capt. Darren Vinson
ADAP Program (*Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program*)
This program is taught by certified Police Officers at the Walton County Sheriffs Office once a month. The ADAP program is the state of Georgia's Official program that all teens must pass in order to receive a driver's license. Call in order to enroll and get class schedule.
- **Traffic Enforcement/HEAT Unit**
Walton County Sheriff's Office
Phone: 770-266-1533 Contact: Sgt Kevin Shultz
Mission: Dedicated to the reduction in the loss of life and property through active enforcement of traffic laws and educating the public on traffic safety.

Services

- **Fatal Vision Program**
Walton County Sheriff's Office
Contact Sgt Kevin Shultz at 770-266-1533.
For ages 15 to adult. This program utilizes the S.I.D.N.E. (Simulated Impaired Driving Experience) Cart and the Fatal Vision Goggles. The S.I.D.N.E. cart allows the driver to experience (simulated) impaired driving by simulating the delay of steering, braking, and acceleration. The Fatal Vision goggles allow the driver to experience their environment through the eyes of someone under the influence of alcohol. This combined experience is available for groups including schools, churches, civic clubs and scouting groups. Suggested class size is 10-25 students.
Cost: Free
- **Joshua's Law**
The Walton County libraries now offer laptop computers specially designated for teenagers to use in order to complete the Joshua's Law requirement to receive their driver's license at age 16. Laptops are available at O'Kelly Memorial Library in Loganville, Monroe/Walton County Library in Monroe, and the W.H. Stanon Memorial Library in Social Circle. For library hours, visit www.uncleremus.org
Cost: Free with Library Membership Card
- **Driver Education – Walton Career Academy**
Contact: Lisa Smith for registration
770-207-3143 or lsmith@walton.k12.ga.us
Includes both classroom and behind the wheel instruction. The course includes 30 hours of classroom instruction, a state of the art classroom complete with driving simulations and six hours of behind the wheel instruction with a licensed instructor.

Driving LAWS

All laws can be found at www.dds.ga.gov

Instructional permit (Class CP): Must be at least 15 years of age. Must present social security number, an original birth certificate, certified copy of the birth certificate (with embossed state seal), certificate of birth registration, certified copy of court records, naturalization records, immigration card or Valid Passport, DDS Certificate of school attendance. Under age 18 & not enrolled in school must provide GED or high school diploma or attendance form from BOE if you are home schooled. Must pass vision & knowledge test. Parent or legal guardian with GA license or ID must sign. When driving, there must be a driver at least 21 years old in the front seat with the driver at all times. Permit is valid for 24 months.

Intermediate License (Class D): Valid learner's license must be held one year and one day from its issuance. Effective January 1, 2007, 16 year olds must comply with Joshua's law (www.dds.ga.gov for more information). Must complete an approved driver's education course (www.ddsga.gov/teens/Dtschools.aspx) and complete a total of 40 hours of supervised driving, 6 hours must be at night. Parent or guardian must verify these requirements have been met. Any GA student who has not completed an approved course must wait until age 17 to be eligible for Class D license. Must still complete a total of 40 hours of supervised driving, 6 hours must be at night. Must present social security number, an original birth certificate, certified copy of the birth certificate (with embossed state seal), certificate of birth registration, certified copy of court records, naturalization records, immigration card or Valid Passport, DDS Certificate of school attendance, Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program (ADAP) card. Under age 18 & not enrolled in school must provide GED or high school diploma or attendance form from BOE if you are home schooled. Must pass vision & knowledge test. Parent or legal guardian with GA license or ID must sign. Vehicle used at the time of testing must be properly insured, registered, have a valid tag and must pass a safety inspection. You may not take the test in a rental car.

Full License (Class C): Granted to drivers 18 years or older who have a Class D license, no major traffic convictions for the previous 12 months.

DUI Law for persons under age 21 – A driver under the age of 21 is considered DUI at the blood alcohol level of .02.

Suspension of a driver under 21 can occur if convicted or adjudicated of any of the following:

- Fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer
- Racing
- Reckless driving
- Hit and run
- Purchase of an alcoholic beverage
- Misrepresenting identity or using false identification for the purpose of purchasing or obtaining any alcoholic beverage
- Any moving violation for which four or more points are assessable
- For drivers under age 18 an accumulation of four or more points in a 12-month period
- A first conviction for DUI in which the driver's blood alcohol concentration is .08 grams or higher will result in a 12 month suspension

School Attendance and Your License

If you are under the age of 18 you may not obtain a class D or C permit unless you are enrolled in public, private, or home school authorized by law or have graduated from high school or received a certificate of completion.

Any student under the age of 18 who has dropped out of school and remained out of school for 10 days or has 10 days or more unexcused absences is subject to a suspension of their permit of license until their 18 birthday.

School Suspension

A student who is suspended from school for one or more of the following offenses will have their license suspended until their 18 birthday:

- Threatening, striking or causing bodily harm to a teacher or other school personnel
- Possession or sale of drugs or alcohol on school grounds
- Possession or use of a weapon on school grounds
- Any sexual offense prohibited under chapter 6 of title 16
- Causing substantial physical or visible bodily harm to or seriously disfiguring another person, including another student.

For more details on teen driving laws and restrictions please contact Governor's Office of Highway Safety 404-656-6996 or on the web at www.gahighwaysafety.org

Where to get a license

We do not have a DDS service center in Walton County. The following are the centers within a 25 mile radius of Walton County. Each center listed is a place to acquire a license for a first time driver.

- **Covington**
8134 Geiger St. Covington, GA 30014
Open Tuesday – Saturday 9a.m.– 5p.m.
- **Conyers**
2206 Eastview Parkway Conyers, GA 30013
Open Tuesday – Saturday 9a.m. – 5p.m.
- **Athens**
1505 US Hwy. 29 North Athens, GA 30601
Open Tuesday – Saturday 9a.m. – 5p.m.
- **Lawrenceville**
310 Hurricane Shoals Lawrenceville, GA 30046
Open Tuesday – Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m
- **Lithonia**
8040 Rockbridge Road Lithonia, GA 30058
Open Tuesday – Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Cost is \$10 per permit.

VIII.
After School
Programs

Mentoring Programs

- **One 2 One Mentoring**

Walton County Chamber of Commerce
Phone: 770-267-4322 Coordinator: Shirley Stone

Provides one to one mentoring, one adult mentor matched with one at-risk youth. One 2 One program serves Middle School students enrolled in Walton County Public Schools and Social Circle City Schools. Referrals are made through school counselors.

Cost: Free

- **Walton County Public Schools Mentoring Programs**

Walton County Board of Education
200 Doublesprings Church Rd Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-266-4484 Coordinator: Rita Dickinson

Many of Walton County Schools have mentoring program available through the school. Call your child's school or the coordinator to find out what is available at your school. Such programs include John C. Robinson's Mentoring program at Walker Park Elementary School, Monroe Elementary Mentoring Program, and ENVOY at Monroe Area High School.

Cost: Free

- **Team Up Mentoring**

P.O. Box 523 Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-316-5735 Coordinator: Anna Blount

Program designed for K5 – 12th grade. This program creates one on one relationships with caring adults for at-risk children. Focus on providing relationship building, life skills, and reading skills.

Cost: Free

- **Life Coaches for Kids**

Loganville Community Ministry Village
Phone: 770-554-3599 Contact: Jess Barnett Website: www.lcmv4families.org

Faith based program that allows adults the opportunity to mentor children who come from single parent families. The program involves work with social skill development, spirituality, school and self esteem for the child, while helping him/her through a difficult time in their life.

Cost: Free

- **"R" Street Team**

Phone: 678-614-1567 Contact: Douglas Fuhr

R Street Team mentors troubled teens from males 13 to 19. With a focus on grade monitoring, Self esteem building to AAU Sports "We feel it's never to late to make a change."

Cost: Free

- **Mentoring Coalition**

The Partnership for Families, Children, and Youth
Phone: 770-883-6881 Website: www.whycantyou.org
Mentoring Coalition Coordinator: Emily Russell

Contact the Mentoring Coalition for more information on Mentoring Programs offered throughout Walton County, how to sign your child up to be in a mentoring program, or how to sign up to be a mentor.

Tutoring

- **21st Century Grant Program**

Carver Middle School, Walton Career Academy, Monroe Elementary School

Phone: 770-266-1045

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers' programs are available to Monroe Area High School, Carver Middle School and Monroe Elementary students and parents. They are able to take advantage of help with professional tutors after school. The help is based upon test scores.

Cost: Free

- **KidZone After School Program**

Monroe Church of God

1204 East Church Street Monroe, GA 30655

Phone: 770-267-4581 Websites: www.monroecog.net or www.journeyforkids.org

Academic and life skills development in a safe Christian environment. Academic mentors available everyday for tutoring and homework assistance. Opportunities for recreation, group activities, Bible study, and community involvement included

Cost: Call for monthly registration rate. Financial Assistance is available.

- **Social Circle City Schools**

Social Circle Board of Education

240 W. Hightower Tr. Social Circle, GA 30025

Phone: 770-464-2526

Tutoring services for SAT, HS graduation exam, 9th grade academy, middle school. Transportation provided.

Cost: Free

Youth Clubs and Organizations

- **Girl Scouts of Northeast Georgia**

185 Newton Bridge Road

Athens, GA 30607

Phone: 706-548-7297

- **Boy Scouts of America, Northeast Georgia Council**

203 Swanson Drive Lawrenceville, GA 30043

Phone: 770-962-2105 Website: www.nega-bsa.org

Contact: Jeffrey C. Brown

- **Boys and Girls Club of Walton County**

Melanie Unchuan, Executive Director

John P. and Joyce C. Stevens Club in Monroe

PO Box 1150, 405 Community Court, GA 30655

Phone: 770-207-6279 Fax: 770-207-6286

Social Circle Club
Director: Krystal Williams
Phone: 770-464-0069 Fax: 770-464-0486

Cost for membership: \$35

- **Walton County 4-H**
Cooperative Extension
100 N Broad Street Monroe, GA 30655
Contact: Judy Ashley
Phone: 770-267-1324
- **The Rock Student Center**
118 N Wayne St Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 404-806-6924 Website: www.RockStudentCenter.com Blogsite: www.howardforman.wordpress.com
Services Provided: After school and weekend Christian based programming for Walton County Teens. Centered around safe place, adults who care, positive entertainment and environment with video games, pool tables, and concerts.
Cost: Free on Thursday Nights
- **Walton Youth Advocacy Board (YAB)**
The Partnership For Families Children and Youth
Phone: 770-883-6881 website: www.yab.wetpaint.com
Contact: Emily Russell, Youth Development Coordinator
The YAB is a group of students from Loganville, Monroe, and Social Circle who have a common goal of being positive peer role models for youth in Walton County. Each student must apply to become a member of the board and undergo an interview process. They are then chosen by adult sponsors and current YAB members to be accepted on to the board. The YAB is responsible for planning and implementing fun, positive, youth activities, serving as a voice for their peers among community leaders, and community service projects. The YAB is a unique opportunity for youth to get hands-on leadership training.
Cost: Free
- **Walton County Sheriff's Explorers**
Walton County Sheriff's Office
1425 S. Madison Ave. Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-266-1517 Contact: Matt Garrett
A group of youth 8th – 10th grade who are interested in learning about a career in law enforcement.
- **Walton County Parks and Recreation**
Phone: 770-267-1483 Fax: 770-267-1369
Director: Jody Johnson Email: jejohnson@co.walton.ga.us
Provides a variety of Team Sports for youth throughout Walton County

IX.
Parenting and
Family Help

Education and Information

- **The Partnership for Families Children and Youth**

P.O. Box 670 Monroe, GA 30655

Phone: 770-207-6060 Fax: 770-207-6062 Website: www.thepartnershipwalton.org

Coordinator: Melinda Quinn E-mail: mquinn@walton.k12.ga.us

The Partnership is a large network made up of Partners from the community that consists of: Parents, government agencies, non-profit organizations, civic organizations, concerned citizens, and local officials that work together to realize the vision that all children will grow to realize their full potential in Walton County. The Partnership is a one-stop shop for families and service providers to gather information on resources and opportunities. They also provide direct services through the Wrap-around Services Coordinator and the Parenting Coordinator. Partnership meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 8:00AM at the Walton Career Academy (old Monroe HS 212 Bryant Rd Monroe) in the Partnership office.

Cost: Free

- **Parenting Coordinator – Rick Baker, LPC**

The Partnership for Families Children and Youth

PO Box 670 Monroe, GA 30655

Phone: 770-207-3176 E-mail: rick.baker@walton.k12.ga.us

The Parenting education program is tailored to the needs of the individual. The educational sessions are conducted in home and are free of charge. Family counseling is offered and is also provided in the participant's home. Both the parenting education and family counseling are solution oriented and are relatively short-term in nature. Referrals are screened using a risk assessment scale to provide needed assistance on a priority basis.

Cost: Free

- **Family Recovery**

166 B West Spring Street Monroe, GA 30655

Phone: 770-535-1073 Contact: Gary Holstad

Services: Individual parenting instruction. Topics include: Anger management and family violence intervention.

Cost: Fee based, can apply for the half-off hardship discount

- **N.A.M.E. - The National Association of Marriage Enhancement**

Lighthouse World Outreach Center

609 Gene Bell Rd. Monroe, GA 30655

Phone: 770-267-4365

Contact: Mike Califf

This program offers couple to couple marriage counseling from a Christian perspective. The goal of marriage counseling at Lighthouse is to help couples who are struggling in their marriage to identify the true spiritual issues involved and set a course of correction based on Scripture in 3-5 sessions.

Cost: Free

- **Title I Parent Involvement Coordinator**

Parent Involvement Coordinator: Teresa Thompson

Phone: 770-207-3154 Email: tmthompson@walton.k12.ga.us

Services include school and community resource information to the parents whose children attend Title I schools. Parent consultations are available that encourage practices that can be implemented to forge a

stronger bond between that of home and school. Services also include informing parents and caregivers of opportunities and resources that are available to promote better parenting, stronger families, support towards greater student achievement and a commitment towards their community schools.

Cost: Free

- **Parent Resource Room**

212 Bryant Road Monroe, GA 30655 300 Hall

Phone: 770-207-3154

Magazines, books, educational toys and games are available for check out to families within Walton County Public Schools. In addition, a computer lab with internet access is also available for parents use with educational games, checking grades online and parenting resources.

Cost: Free

Programs

- **How to Drug Proof Your Kids (DPYK)**

The Partnership for Families Children and Youth

PO Box 670 Monroe, GA 30655

Coordinator: Rick Baker Phone: 770- 207-3176 Email: rick.baker@walton.k12.ga.us

DPYK is a 6-session with each session lasting 2 hours. The second class is a facilitated group discussion that enables participants to invest in solution-oriented discussion. A workbook is provided. Call for enrollment info.

Cost: \$45

- **Project Healthy Grandparents**

Coordinator: Paige Tipple

Athens Council on Aging

63 Lee Street, Winder, GA 30680

Phone: 706-549-4850 Email: waltonhg@accaging.org

This program is for grandparents who are raising one or more grandchildren 17 years of age or younger without either biological parent present in the home. Program participants are eligible for the following services: case management/social work services, health screenings, health counseling, child custody consultation, legal education and services, grandparent support groups, parenting education, mentoring and tutoring for the grandchildren.

Cost: Free

- **Wrap-Around Services**

The Partnership for Families Children and Youth

P.O. Box 670 Monroe, GA 30655

Coordinator: Dena Huff Phone: 770-207-3175 E-mail: dena.huff@walton.k12.ga.us

Wrap Around Services include family support service that works with individuals, service providers, churches, schools, and other individuals/agencies to provide comprehensive aid to individuals and/or families by coordinating service delivery, social support, and family responsibilities. The goal is to assist the individuals/families in reaching self-sufficiency with dignity. Referrals are accepted from service providers or individuals and are served on a prioritized basis. Information and referral services are also provided for those individuals/families not meeting wrap-around criteria.

Cost: Free

- **The Chuck Sarratt Cancer Foundation, Inc.**

109 Lee Byrd Rd. Loganville, GA 30052

Phone: 770-362-4443 or 1-888-861-5211 Website: www.tcscf.org

Contact: Lisa Dittman

Cancer Resource, counseling and assistance for families, "Living with Cancer." Resources include cancer support services, and financial assistance to families who endure economic hardships throughout diagnosis and treatment of cancer. Programs offered: "By His Hands"- financial assistance and resources program, transportation needs, WeCare – caregiver's support program, Hugs-4-Hope – children's program.

Cost: Free

- **GED Program**

Athens Technical College

Walton County Center

212 Bryant Rd. Monroe, GA 30655

Phone: 770-207-3131 or 770-207-3132

Serving underage youth ages 16 to adult. Classes that prepare the student to pass the GED test.

Cost: GED test \$95 or \$19 per section

- **Performance Learning Center (PLC)**

Communities In Schools (CIS)

212 Bryant Rd Monroe, GA 30655

Phone: 770-267-4658 Contact: Angela Yarman

Serves high school students who are not succeeding in a traditional school setting and are at high risk of dropping out of school due to lack of interest, chronic absenteeism, personal challenges, or poor academic achievement.

- **Dream Center of Walton and Gwinnett**

P.O. Box 2681 Loganville, GA 30052

Phone: 404-387-5740 Website: www.dreamcenterwg.org

Contacts: Scott and Tera Burnette

Seeking to meet the needs of the community by aggressively assisting people on an individual basis through the Passion Force Alliance, resource library of non profits and civic organizations, and educational classes and seminars held on site in "The Upper Room." Call for class schedule or more info.

- **Vocational Rehabilitation Services**

Georgia Department of Labor

226 Alcovy St., Suite D14 Monroe, GA 30655

Phone: 770-207-4220

Serves high school students who are juniors or seniors and who have a permanent physical or cognitive disability. Assistance with transitioning into the workforce or secondary education.

- **Life Group – Death Do Us Part**

The Praise Center

Phone: 770-267-7834

Grief support group

Cost: Free

- **Office of Child Support Services**

226 Alcovy St Monroe, GA 30655

Phone: 770-207-4180 Fax: 770-207-4184.

Locating non-custodial parents, establishment of paternity and monetary support obligation, the enforcement of monetary support obligations and medical insurance coverage for children, the review and modification of support obligations, and the prompt and accurate distribution of child support payments.

Cost: For Non TANF recipients there is a fee of \$25.

X. Abuse

Could YOU be a victim of abuse?

Ask yourself these questions.....

Physical Abuse: Has an adult hit you and there was a mark left on your body the next day?

Emotional Abuse: Has an adult harmed your sense of self-worth by calling you names, isolating you, humiliating you or rejecting you?

Sexual Abuse: Has ANYONE forced you to do something sexual with them you didn't want to do?

Sexual Harassment: Has someone made you feel uncomfortable by saying or acting out rude sexual actions or comments?
(it really doesn't matter what their intentions were, it depends on how it made YOU feel)

Does someone try to control you with abusive threats- telling you what to do and how to act? They may also try to control you through physical or mental abuse.

If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, you might be a victim of abuse. It won't stop unless **YOU** do something.

Here are some options to help you out.....

- Tell a trusted teacher or school counselor. They can help.
- Call the Child Abuse Hotline open 24/7 1-800-422-4453
- You can also call the Walton County DFCS office 770-267-4000
- If you feel you are in immediate danger, call 911

XI.
Local
Elected Officials

Walton County Cities

Loganville Mayor Ray Nunally

4385 Pecan Street Loganville, GA 30052
Phone: 770-466-1165 Office 678-410-5800 Cell
Email: rnunley@loganville-ga.gov

Monroe Mayor Greg Thompson

428 Plantation Dr. Monroe, GA 30655
Phone: 770-267-5632 City Hall: 770-267-7536

Social Circle Mayor Jim Burgess

Po Box 310 Social Circle, GA 30025
Phone 770-464-3366 City Hall: 770-464-2953

Walton County Board of Commissioners

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2972 Lake Edmond Rd Loganville, GA 30052

Phone: 404-656-5139 (Leg office) 770-466-3421(home)

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Local Law Enforcement

Walton County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Joe Chapman

1425 S. Madison Ave. Monroe, GA 30655

Phone: 770-267-6557 Website: www.waltonsheriff.com

Monroe Police Department

116 S. Broad St. Monroe, GA 30655

Phone: 770-267-7576

Loganville Police Department

West Walton Government Center

605 Tom Brewer Rd Loganville, GA 30052

Emergency 770-466-6679 Non-Emergency 770-466-8087

Social Circle Department of Public Safety

138 E. Hightower Trail Social Circle 30025

Phone: 770-464-2380 (8:00am – 5:00pm) after hours call 911