

If you need help in Georgia

People who will pick up the phone. Food, a bed, the power bill, a doctor, a lawyer, someone to talk to at three in the morning. Most of it is free. None of it requires you to believe anything.

IF YOU ARE IN DANGER RIGHT NOW

988

Call or text 988

741741

Text HOME to 741741

911

If someone is badly hurt, in immediate danger, or needs an ambulance right now.

SOMEONE TO TALK TO, RIGHT NOW

All of these are free. None of them will judge you. You do not have to be suicidal to call — "I am not okay" is reason enough.

Georgia Crisis & Access Line (GCAL)

Georgia's own 24-hour line for mental health, substance use, and developmental disability crises. They can send a mobile crisis team to you.

1-800-715-4225 · dbhdd.georgia.gov

Every hour of every day, all year · All of Georgia

Veterans Crisis Line

Staffed by people who understand military service. You do not need to be enrolled in VA care.

988, then press 1 · Or text 838255 · veteranscrisisline.net

Every hour of every day · Nationwide

The Trevor Project

Crisis support for LGBTQ+ young people under 25, by phone, text, or chat.

1-866-488-7386 · Or text START to 678-678 · thetrevorproject.org

Every hour of every day · Nationwide

Trans Lifeline

A peer support line run by and for trans people. They do not call police or emergency services without your consent.

1-877-565-8860 · translifeline.org

Hours vary — check the site for current staffing · Nationwide

Good to know: Volunteer-staffed, so hours are not around the clock and there can be a wait. If you need someone immediately, 988 always answers.

SAMHSA National Helpline

A national line for mental health and substance use. They will refer you to treatment and support near you.

1-800-662-4357 · samhsa.gov

Every hour of every day · Nationwide

NAMI Georgia Helpline

Information, support groups, and help navigating the mental health system from people who have been through it.

770-408-0625 · namiga.org

Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm · All of Georgia

Good to know: This is not a crisis line and is not staffed for emergencies or counseling. Weekdays and business hours only. For a crisis, call 988 or GCAL.

National Human Trafficking Hotline

If someone is forcing you to work, to have sex, or is holding your documents or your pay.

1-888-373-7888 · Or text 233733 · humantraffickinghotline.org

Every hour of every day · Nationwide

SOMEWHERE TO SLEEP TONIGHT

Start with 211 — they know which beds are actually open tonight, which a website cannot tell you. Call early in the day if you can; most shelters fill by evening.

211 (United Way of Georgia)

Dial 2-1-1 and a real person will look up shelter beds, food, and rent help near you.

211 · unitedwayga.org/ga211

Hours vary by region — many locations answer around the clock · All of Georgia

Good to know: Run regionally, so hours and how much they know about your county vary. If 2-1-1 does not connect from your phone, use the site to find your regional number.

211 — Augusta and the CSRA

The regional 211 line for Augusta and the Central Savannah River Area, if the statewide number does not connect you locally.

706-826-1495 · uwcsra.org/211

Monday–Friday, 8:30am–5:00pm · Augusta and the CSRA

Gateway Center

The main front door to shelter and housing services in downtown Atlanta.

404-215-6600 · gatewayctr.org

Sign-up for daily assessment starts at 7:00am; check back at 1:00pm for afternoon openings · 275 Pryor St SW, Atlanta

Good to know: Assessment slots are limited and are taken on a first-come basis starting at 7:00am. Arriving later in the day often means no slot until tomorrow.

Covenant House Georgia

Crisis shelter, food, showers, laundry, and case management for young people 16–24. Everything is free.

404-589-0163 · Youth line: 404-713-0954 · covenanthousega.org

Open 24/7; intake assessments Monday–Friday, 9:00am–4:00pm · 1559 Johnson Rd NW, Atlanta

Good to know: Crisis shelter beds are for ages 18–24 and stays run up to 90 days. Ages 16–24 can use the drop-in center for meals, showers, and laundry without staying.

Lost-n-Found Youth

Housing, food, clothing, and help replacing a lost ID or birth certificate for LGBTQ+ young people.

678-856-7825 · You can call or text this number · Infy.org

Hotline answers 24/7 · Atlanta

Good to know: Housing is a small program — a 6-bed facility plus host homes — so there is often a wait for a bed even when the hotline answers immediately.

HOPE Atlanta

One of the oldest housing agencies in the state. They do not run a shelter themselves, but they know which ones have beds and can refer you.

404-817-7070 · hopeatlanta.org

Greater Atlanta

Atlanta Mission

Meals, shelter, counseling, job training, and recovery programs across four Atlanta locations.

404-588-4000 · atlantamission.org

Four locations in metro Atlanta

Before you go: Emergency shelter and meals are given without conditions. The longer-term recovery and residential programs are explicitly Christian in structure. Ask which track you are being placed in and what it requires of you.

Help Inn Folk

Shared co-living houses — a private bedroom with shared kitchen and living space — for seniors, veterans, people leaving incarceration, students, and low-income adults. They also help set up Social Security, SSDI, and Medicaid.

888-424-4123 · helpinnfolk.com

Fulton and DeKalb counties

Good to know: This is rented housing, not free emergency shelter — there is rent to pay, and it will not solve tonight. It is a route OUT of a shelter or an unstable place, and worth calling early rather than at the last minute.

Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless

The coordinating agency for shelter and housing in Savannah and Chatham County.

912-790-3400 · Main office: 912-977-4864 · homelessauthority.org

Savannah and Chatham County

Good to know: The intake line often takes a message rather than answering live. Leave your callback number and keep the phone with you.

National Call Center for Homeless Veterans

If you served and you have nowhere to go, this line connects you straight to your nearest VA.

1-877-424-3838 · va.gov/homeless

Every hour of every day · Nationwide

Georgia Domestic Violence Hotline

If it is not safe to go home, this line routes you to the nearest domestic violence shelter.

1-800-334-2836 · gcadv.org

Every hour of every day · All of Georgia

FOOD THIS WEEK

Food pantries do not means-test the way benefits offices do. In most cases you can walk in, say you need food, and get food.

Atlanta Community Food Bank — food map

Enter your address and it lists pantries near you with the days and hours they hand out food.

Or text FINDFOOD to 888-976-2232 (Spanish: text COMIDA) · acfb.org/get-help/food-map

Metro Atlanta and north Georgia — 700+ partner pantries

Good to know: The Food Bank's own Community Food Centers require an appointment. The partner pantries on the map generally do not — check each listing.

Feeding Georgia

The statewide network. Find which of the eight regional food banks covers your county, then their pantry list.

feedinggeorgia.org

All of Georgia

SNAP (food stamps) — Georgia Gateway

Monthly money for groceries on a card. Applying is free and takes about 30–60 minutes online.

1-877-423-4746 · gateway.ga.gov

All of Georgia

Good to know: The state has up to 30 days to decide, so this does not solve tonight. Every DFCS office has public computers in the lobby if you do not have internet.

WIC and family food help — PowerLine

A bilingual line that connects pregnant women and families with young children to WIC and other food programs.

1-800-300-9003 · hmbbga.org

All 159 Georgia counties

Meals for older adults — Georgia ADRC

Home-delivered and congregate meals for people 60+, arranged through your Area Agency on Aging.

1-866-552-4464 · aging.georgia.gov

Monday–Friday, 8am–5pm · All 159 Georgia counties

Good to know: Home-delivered meal programs frequently have waiting lists that run months in some counties.

RENT, POWER, AND WATER

Ask before the shutoff or the filing if you possibly can — almost every program has more room to help when the account is behind than after service is cut or an eviction is filed.

LIHEAP — energy bill assistance

A payment made straight to your power or gas company to keep the heat or air on.

dfcs.georgia.gov

All of Georgia, through your local Community Action Agency

Good to know: First-come, first-served until the money runs out, and it runs out. Household income must be at or under 60% of the state median — about \$34,549 for one person and \$77,071 for a household of five. Heating applications open in early January and cooling in spring, with people 65+ and the medically homebound able to apply a month earlier. Call your local Community Action Agency for your area's exact opening date.

211 (United Way of Georgia)

The fastest way to find out which local church, agency, or fund still has rent or utility money this month.

211 · unitedwayga.org/ga211

All of Georgia

The Salvation Army

Emergency help with rent, utilities, food, and clothing through local corps offices across Georgia.

salvationarmyusa.org

Locations across Georgia

Good to know: Each local office sets its own funds, hours, intake days, and paperwork. Call your specific location first — do not assume the one nearest you offers the same help.

St. Vincent de Paul Georgia

Help with rent, utilities, food, and prescriptions through parish-based conferences.

770-458-9607 · svdpgeorgia.org

Across Georgia

Good to know: Help is organized by parish territory, so what is available depends on which conference covers your address and what funds it has that month.

Project SHARE

Emergency help with a power bill, rent, or a medical need, funded by utility customers and run by The Salvation Army. Statewide since 1985.

1-800-257-4273 · georgiapower.com

All of Georgia

Good to know: Funds are limited and distributed through local Salvation Army offices, so what is available depends on your county and the time of year.

Georgia Power Income-Qualified Discount

A standing monthly discount of up to \$33.50 off your power bill — not a one-time grant, an ongoing reduction.

georgiapower.com

Georgia Power customers

Good to know: Household income must be at or under 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. You have to apply — it is not applied automatically, and many eligible households never claim it.

Georgia Legal Services / Atlanta Legal Aid

If you have been served with an eviction, a lawyer may be able to slow it down or stop it. Call the day you are served.

1-833-457-7529 · Metro Atlanta: 404-524-5811 · georgialegalaids.org

Statewide (metro Atlanta uses the second number)

Good to know: Both programs are income-qualified and turn away far more people than they can take. Georgia eviction answers are due fast, so call the same day you are served.

WHEN HOME IS NOT SAFE

You do not have to be sure. You do not have to have proof. You do not have to leave in order to call — these lines will talk through options with you either way. If you think your phone or computer is being monitored, call from somewhere else.

Georgia Domestic Violence Hotline

Connects you to the nearest certified shelter, plus safety planning, counseling, and help in court.

1-800-334-2836 · En español: 770-479-1703 · gcadv.org

Every hour of every day · All of Georgia

National Domestic Violence Hotline

Call, text, or chat with an advocate any hour, from anywhere.

1-800-799-7233 · Or text START to 88788 · thehotline.org

Every hour of every day · Nationwide

RAINN National Sexual Assault Hotline

Confidential support after sexual assault, whether it happened last night or years ago.

1-800-656-4673 · rainn.org

Every hour of every day · Nationwide

Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault (GNESA)

Find your local rape crisis center — 24-hour hotline, someone to go with you to the hospital, counseling, and legal advocacy.

gnesa.org

Centers across Georgia

Good to know: Coverage is uneven — some rural counties are served by a center an hour or more away.

Adult Protective Services

If an older adult or an adult with a disability is being hurt, neglected, or financially exploited.

1-866-552-4464 · georgia.gov/report-elder-abuse

Phone Monday–Friday, 8am–5pm; online reporting any time · All of Georgia

Good to know: The phone line is business hours only. Select your language, then option 3. Nights and weekends, use the online form.

DOCTORS, DENTISTS, AND PRESCRIPTIONS

Being uninsured does not mean going without care. Georgia has more than 100 free and charitable clinics, plus health centers that charge on a sliding scale based on what you make.

Georgia Charitable Care Network

A directory of free and low-cost clinics — medical, dental, mental health, and medication help.

gacharitycare.org

100+ clinics across Georgia

Good to know: Each clinic sets its own eligibility, service area, and hours. Some are volunteer-staffed and open only a few days a week, and many have waiting lists.

Find a Health Center (FQHC finder)

Community health centers that see you regardless of insurance and charge on a sliding scale.

findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov

Nationwide, including all of Georgia

Good to know: Sliding scale means reduced, not always free — bring proof of income if you have it to get the lowest rate.

PowerLine (Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies)

A bilingual line that finds you a doctor who takes Medicaid, a dentist, low-cost care, HIV testing, or WIC.

1-800-300-9003 · hmhbga.org

All 159 Georgia counties

Medicaid and PeachCare — Georgia Gateway

Health coverage for children, pregnant women, and some adults. Applying is free.

1-877-423-4746 · gateway.ga.gov

All of Georgia

Good to know: The state has up to 45 days to decide a Medicaid application.

Before you go: Georgia did not expand Medicaid. Most adults without children, without a disability, and without a qualifying pregnancy do not qualify no matter how low their income. Georgia Pathways is the state's narrow alternative, and it requires documented work or activity hours — see below.

Georgia Pathways to Coverage

Georgia's limited Medicaid pathway for low-income adults who can document 80 hours a month of work, school, or service.

medicaid.georgia.gov

All of Georgia

Before you go: Worth applying for, but go in with your eyes open. Enrollment has stayed near 8,000–11,000 people against a potentially eligible population of roughly 240,000, and applicants have run into portal failures, understaffed help lines, and repeated paperwork to prove the 80 hours. A federal GAO review found the program spent more on administration than on care. If you are denied, ask a legal aid office about appealing.

Good Samaritan Health Center

Medical, dental, vision, and behavioral health for uninsured and low-income people, on a sliding scale.

404-523-6571 · goodsamatlanta.org

Monday–Thursday, 7:45am–4:00pm; phone lines open at 8am · 1015 Donald Lee Hollowell Pkwy NW, Atlanta

Good to know: Closed Fridays. Phone lines open at 8am and appointments go quickly — call right at opening.

Mercy Care

A community health center built around people who are homeless or uninsured — primary care, dental, behavioral health, and street medicine.

mercyatlanta.org

Locations across metro Atlanta

NeedyMeds

Finds programs that cut the cost of a specific prescription, plus a free drug discount card.

1-800-503-6897 · needymeds.org

Nationwide

COUNSELING AND ONGOING CARE

Crisis lines are for the worst hour. This is for the months after — an actual counselor, an actual prescriber, an actual plan.

Georgia Crisis & Access Line (GCAL)

Beyond crisis calls, GCAL is the front door to publicly funded mental health and addiction services in Georgia.

1-800-715-4225 · dbhdd.georgia.gov

Every hour of every day · All of Georgia

Community Service Boards (CSBs)

Georgia's public mental health and addiction clinics. They serve people with Medicaid and people with no insurance at all.

1-800-715-4225 · dbhdd.georgia.gov/locations

All six DBHDD regions

Good to know: Waits for a first therapy or psychiatry appointment can run weeks to months depending on the county. Ask to be put on a cancellation list.

Mental Health America of Georgia

Help figuring out what kind of care you need and who near you provides it.

mhageorgia.org

All of Georgia

Open Path Collective

Therapy at a reduced rate per session with private-practice therapists who set aside sliding-scale slots.

openpathcollective.org

Nationwide, in person and online

Good to know: There is a one-time membership fee, and you still pay per session. Cheaper than full rate, but not free.

NAMI Georgia

Free support groups and education classes for people living with mental illness and for their families.

770-408-0625 · namiga.org

Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm · Chapters across Georgia

DRINKING, DRUGS, AND RECOVERY

You do not have to be ready to quit to call any of these. Staying alive comes first — everything else can follow.

SAMHSA National Helpline

Free, confidential referral to treatment, any hour. They will find options that match what you can pay.

1-800-662-4357 · samhsa.gov

Every hour of every day · Nationwide

FindTreatment.gov

Search treatment programs by your zip code and filter by what kind of care and what payment they take.

findtreatment.gov

Nationwide

Before you go: Listing does not mean vetting. Before committing, ask directly: is this licensed, is it staffed by medical professionals, is unpaid labor part of the program, and can I leave when I want. Some faith-based residential programs are structured as work programs rather than licensed treatment.

Georgia Council for Recovery

Peer support from people in recovery themselves, plus recovery community organizations across the state.

gc4recovery.org

All of Georgia

Georgia Overdose Prevention — free naloxone

Free naloxone (Narcan) mailed to you, usually within about 48 hours. It reverses an opioid overdose.

georgiaoverdoseprevention.org

All of Georgia

Good to know: Mailed while supplies last, so it is not same-day.

Alcoholics Anonymous / Narcotics Anonymous

Free peer meetings almost everywhere in Georgia, most days, including online.

aa.org/find-aa

Across Georgia

Good to know: AA and NA use the language of a higher power. Many people who are not religious use them without difficulty, and secular meetings exist in most metro areas if that framing is a barrier for you.

Celebrate Recovery

A Christ-centered recovery program hosted by churches across Georgia.

locator.crgroups.info

Churches across Georgia

Before you go: Explicitly Christian by design — Scripture and prayer are central to the program, not optional. A good fit if you want that. If you do not, AA, NA, SMART Recovery, or a licensed program will serve you better.

PREGNANCY, BABIES, AND YOUNG CHILDREN

Prenatal care, formula, diapers, car seats, and coverage for your child are all things Georgia has programs for. Start with PowerLine — it is one call for most of it.

PowerLine (Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies)

One bilingual call that connects you to prenatal care, WIC, a Medicaid doctor, dental care, and more.

1-800-300-9003 · hmhbgga.org

All 159 Georgia counties

Help Me Grow Georgia

Free help finding developmental screening, early intervention, and family support for children.

hnhbga.org

All of Georgia

Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids

Health coverage for children and for pregnancy. Children qualify at incomes well above the adult limits.

1-877-423-4746 · gateway.ga.gov

All of Georgia

Planning for Healthy Babies (P4HB)

Georgia Medicaid program covering family planning and, for some women, care between pregnancies.

medicaid.georgia.gov

All of Georgia

A note on "pregnancy resource centers"

Georgia has many centers advertising free ultrasounds and pregnancy help. Some are genuinely helpful for diapers, clothing, and parenting classes.

Before you go: Many are not licensed medical facilities and are not required to meet medical standards or give complete, accurate information about your options. Studies of these centers have found a majority of sites carrying misleading medical claims. Before you go, ask plainly whether licensed medical staff are on site and what the center will and will not discuss. For unbiased medical care, use a licensed clinic, an FQHC, or PowerLine above.

IF YOU SERVED

A bad discharge does not automatically disqualify you, and neither does never having enrolled in VA care. It is worth calling to find out.

Veterans Crisis Line

Confidential support any hour, staffed largely by veterans and their families.

988, then press 1 · Or text 838255 · veteranscrisisline.net

Every hour of every day · Nationwide

National Call Center for Homeless Veterans

Free and confidential, any hour, connecting you to housing help at your nearest VA.

1-877-424-3838 · va.gov/homeless

Every hour of every day · Nationwide

Georgia Department of Veterans Service

Free state help filing for the benefits you earned — disability, pension, education, survivor benefits.

veterans.georgia.gov

Field offices across Georgia

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

Rapid rehousing and eviction prevention for veteran families, delivered by local partners.

va.gov

Providers across Georgia

Good to know: Income-qualified, and delivered by whichever local agency holds the grant in your area.

Georgia DOL Veterans Resource Directory

Employment help, priority job placement, and training for veterans.

dol.georgia.gov

All of Georgia

LEGAL HELP YOU DO NOT PAY FOR

These handle civil matters — eviction, benefits denials, custody, debt, domestic violence protective orders. For criminal charges, ask the court for a public defender.

Georgia Legal Services Program

Free civil legal help in the 154 counties outside metro Atlanta.

1-833-457-7529 · georgialegalaid.org/apply

Georgia outside the five metro Atlanta counties

Good to know: Income-qualified, and demand far exceeds capacity. Apply anyway — they can often give advice even when they cannot take the case.

Atlanta Legal Aid Society

Free civil legal help in Fulton, DeKalb, Clayton, Cobb, and Gwinnett.

404-524-5811 · atlantalegalaid.org

Fulton · DeKalb · Clayton · Cobb · Gwinnett

Good to know: Income-qualified. County lines are separate: Clayton and south Fulton 404-669-0233, Cobb 770-528-2565, DeKalb 404-377-0701, Gwinnett 678-376-4545.

Georgia Senior Legal Aid

Free legal help for Georgians 60 and older.

404-389-9992 · georgialegalaid.org

All of Georgia

GeorgiaLegalAid.org

Plain-language explanations of your rights, plus court forms you can fill out yourself.

georgialegalaid.org

All of Georgia

COMING HOME FROM INCARCERATION

The first weeks are the hardest: an ID, an address, a job, and a record that follows you into all three. These are the places that work on exactly that.

Georgia Justice Project

Free legal help clearing or restricting a record, plus pardons and the practical barriers that come with a record.

gjp.org

All of Georgia

Good to know: Not every charge can be restricted under Georgia law, and eligibility rules are detailed. Georgia broadened First Offender relief for sentences imposed on or after July 1, 2026 — worth asking about even if you were told no before.

Reentry Partnership Housing

Housing for people leaving prison under parole or probation supervision who have nowhere to go.

dcs.georgia.gov

All of Georgia

Good to know: You must be under Department of Community Supervision supervision and have no valid residence plan. Ask your officer to refer you.

Georgia Department of Labor

Job placement and training. Some employers hiring through DOL work specifically with people who have records.

dol.georgia.gov

Career centers across Georgia

211 (United Way of Georgia)

For the immediate things — clothes for an interview, a bus pass, food, a place to sleep.

211 · unitedwayga.org/ga211

All of Georgia

IMMIGRANTS, REFUGEES, AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

Emergency rooms, food pantries, domestic violence shelters, and crisis lines do not ask about immigration status. Some benefit programs do.

New American Pathways

Resettlement support and low-cost immigration legal help for refugees, asylees, and low-income immigrants.

newamericanpathways.org

Metro Atlanta

Catholic Charities Atlanta — Immigration Legal Services

Immigration legal help for people who cannot afford a private attorney. You do not need to be Catholic.

catholiccharitiesatlanta.org

Metro Atlanta

National Immigration Legal Services Directory

Find nonprofit immigration legal providers near you, filtered by what they handle.

immigrationadvocates.org

Nationwide

Before you go: Only a licensed attorney or a DOJ-accredited representative can legally give immigration advice. A "notario" or immigration consultant cannot, and bad filings can cost you your case. Verify accreditation before you pay anyone.

Georgia Domestic Violence Hotline

Domestic violence services in Georgia do not require immigration status, and survivors may have their own immigration options.

1-800-334-2836 · En español: 770-479-1703 · gcadv.org

Every hour of every day · All of Georgia

OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

One number covers most of this. Georgia's ADRC serves all 159 counties and can start almost any of these conversations.

Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)

One call for in-home care, meals, transportation, caregiver support, and benefits counseling.

1-866-552-4464 · aging.georgia.gov

Monday–Friday, 8am–5pm · All 159 Georgia counties

Good to know: Many of the services it connects you to — home-delivered meals, in-home care — carry their own waiting lists.

Adult Protective Services

Report abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation of an older adult or an adult with a disability.

1-866-552-4464 · georgia.gov/report-elder-abuse

Phone Monday–Friday, 8am–5pm; online any time · All of Georgia

Good to know: Select your language, then option 3. Outside business hours, use the online form.

Georgia Senior Legal Aid

Free civil legal help for Georgians 60 and older.

404-389-9992 · georgialegalaid.org

All of Georgia

Georgia Advocacy Office

Georgia's official protection and advocacy agency for people with disabilities — free help defending your rights.

1-800-537-2329 · Local / TDD: 404-885-1234 · thegao.org

All of Georgia

Center for the Visually Impaired

Rehabilitation, training, and daily-living support for people losing or without sight.

404-875-9011 · cviga.org

739 West Peachtree St NW, Atlanta

Georgia Relay

Free statewide phone relay for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, deafblind, or have a speech disability. Dial 711.

711 · georgiarelay.org

Every hour of every day, all year · All of Georgia

Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities

Advocacy, information, and help navigating disability services in Georgia.

gcdd.org

All of Georgia

WORK, ID, AND BENEFITS

An ID unlocks almost everything else — a job, a lease, a bank account, a benefits application. If you are missing one, start there.

Georgia Department of Labor

Career centers across the state for job placement, training, and unemployment claims.

dol.georgia.gov

Career centers across Georgia

Georgia Gateway

One application for SNAP, Medicaid, PeachCare, TANF, and childcare help.

1-877-423-4746 · gateway.ga.gov

All of Georgia

Good to know: Takes 30–60 minutes online. If you have no internet, every DFCS office has public computers in the lobby.

Goodwill of North Georgia

Free career centers — résumé help, computer access, interview clothes, and job training in trades like welding and healthcare.

goodwillng.org

Career centers across north Georgia

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA)

Pays for training, equipment, and job placement for people whose disability is a barrier to working.

gvs.georgia.gov

Offices across Georgia

Good to know: Requires a referral and an eligibility determination through your local GVRA office, funding is limited, and training seats fill quickly. Start the referral before you need the seat.

Georgia birth certificate (Vital Records)

Order a certified copy of a Georgia birth certificate — usually the first document you need to get an ID.

dph.georgia.gov/vitalrecords

All of Georgia

Good to know: There is a fee, and you generally need photo ID to get the document that helps you get photo ID. A legal aid office or a homeless services agency can often help you break that loop.

211 (United Way of Georgia)

Ask specifically for help with ID replacement, bus passes, work clothes, or tools — local funds exist for all of it.

211 · unitedwayga.org/ga211

All of Georgia

IF YOU WANT TO TALK TO A CHURCH

Only if you want to. Everything above works whether or not you ever set foot in a church, and nothing on this page is conditioned on believing anything.

The Salvation Army

Practical help — rent, utilities, food, clothing, disaster relief — through local corps across Georgia.

salvationarmyusa.org

Locations across Georgia

Good to know: Funds, hours, and intake days are set locally. Call your specific location first.

Catholic Charities Atlanta

Counseling, immigration legal services, refugee resettlement, and family support. You do not need to be Catholic.

catholiccharitiesatlanta.org

Metro Atlanta

St. Vincent de Paul Georgia

Parish-based help with rent, utilities, food, prescriptions, and furniture.

770-458-9607 · svdpgeorgia.org

Across Georgia

Good to know: Organized by parish territory — what is available depends on which conference covers your address.

A word about faith-based help generally

Churches and faith-based agencies do an enormous share of the direct help in Georgia, and most give it freely with no strings.

Before you go: A few condition help on attending a service, a class, or a program. That is worth knowing before you go, not after. It is always fair to ask on the phone: "Do I have to attend anything to receive help?" A good answer is a straight one.

About this list. Every number was checked against the provider's own site or the responsible state agency on August 24, 2026. Things change — funds run out, hours move, programs close. **If a number here does not work, dial 211** and a real person will look up what is open today. Where we know about a catch — a waiting list, an income limit, a program that requires you to attend something — we said so. Euangelion does not run any of these programs. This sheet is information, not medical, legal, or financial advice. Copy it, fold it, hand it to someone. The current version always lives at euangelion.app/seeking-help-georgia