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Tift County 2015

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Arts
Wayne Jones  
Executive Director
ABAC Arts Connection  
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College  
2802 Moore Hwy ABAC 45  
Tifton, GA 31793  
Phone: (229) 391-4820  
Fax: (229) 391-5071  
Email: wjones@abac.edu  
Website: www.abac.edu/more/arts-connection
Services: Cultural Resource Center, ABAC’s Campus and Community Arts Office.

Joyce Mims  
Director
MIM’s Kids, Inc.  
223 E. 2nd Street, Suite A  
Tifton, GA 31794  
Phone: (229) 387-7575  
Email: lmims@friendlycity.net
Services: Cultural & arts enrichment program for youth ages 3-18.

Child Abuse Prevention
Annie Clark  
Director
Department of Family & Children Services  
Child Abuse and Neglect Reports  
410 West 2nd Street  
Tifton, GA 31793  
Phone: (229) 386-3388
To make A CPS Report: 1-855-GA-CHILD (1-855-422-4453)  
Regional Customer Service Support: (229) 245-2400 or (912) 632-1023  
Fax: (229) 386-7236 or (229) 391-2582 (Services)
Services: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF-Cash), Food Stamps, Medicaid for Children & Adults, Employment Services, Child Protective Services, Foster Care, Adoptions, Information & Referral, and Child Care Assistance.
Kelly Shoniker  
President
**Tift County Council on Child Abuse**  
P.O. Drawer 1048  
Tifton, GA 31793  
Phone: (229) 382-5172  
**Services:** All volunteer agency that provides child abuse prevention awareness programs in the community including the “It’s Okay to Tell” puppet show to all 3rd graders. New members welcome.

**Kristin Morrison**  
Executive Director  

**Coastal Plain CASA**  
126 1st Street  
P.O. Box 2587  
Tifton, GA 31793  
Phone: (229) 386-9765  
Fax: (229) 386-9766  
Email: kmorrison@cpcasa.org  
Website: www.cpcasa.org  
Facebook: www.facebook.com/coastalplaincasa  
**Services:** Advocate for abused/neglected children in the juvenile court system when assigned by judges.

**Nancy Bryan**  
Executive Director  

**Tifton Judicial Circuit Shelter, Inc.**  
DBA Ruth's Cottage and The Patticake House  
Administrative Offices: 108 E. 4th Street  
P.O. Box 2727  
Tifton, GA 31793  
Phone: (229) 397-9697  
Fax: (229) 397-8800  
Email: adminassist@rcpch.net  
Website: www.stopthehurtga.org  
Facebook: Ruth's Cottage & The Patticake House  
**Services:** Family violence prevention services including outreach and education on family violence.  

**Ruth's Cottage Domestic Violence Prevention Program**  
**Molly Fowler**  
Shelter Manager  
**Domestic Violence Hotline:** (229) 388-1541. Office 387-9664  
Shelter Manager:  
Email: sheltermanager@rcpch.net  
Fax: (229) 388-1565  
**Services:** Emergency DV Shelter, 24/7 Crisis Line, Legal Advocacy  

**Patticake House Child Advocacy Center**  
**Melissa Wood**  
CAC Manager  
Phone: (229) 382-4141  
Fax: (229) 382-4224
Email: forensicinterviewer@rcpch.net
Services: Forensic interviews and support services for child abuse victims and families. Outreach and education regarding child abuse.

Lillie McEntyre
Executive Director
Tift County Commission on Children & Youth
Family Connection Site
418 North Ridge Avenue.
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 388-1000
Fax: (229) 388-0741
Email: tc3y@friendlycity.net
Website: www.gafcp.org/fcnetwork/tift
Facebook: Tift County Commission on Children and Youth
Services: A private non-profit organization that organizes and coordinates collaboration of the community focusing on children and youth services in Tift County. Holds monthly meetings for the public for the purpose of collaboration to improve the lives of children and their families. Provides a community resource guide and other community resource information to the community.

Child Care & Preschool
Julie Gibbs
Executive Director
Renee Camarillo
Chief Financial Officer
Kid's Advocacy Coalition
P.O. Box 243
1402 Newton Drive
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 382-9919
Fax: (229) 382-3749
Website: http://www.kac-ccrr.org
Email: jgibbs@kac-ccrr.org or rcamarillo@kac-ccrr.org
Services: Provides after school childcare for students in Tift County public schools, Pre-K through 6th grade.

Soraya Kimbrel-Miller
Director
Child Care Resource and Referral of Southwest Georgia at Albany
Darton College
2429 Gillionville Road
Albany, GA 31707
Phone: (229) 317-6834 or 1-866-833-3552
Fax: (229) 317-6968
Email: soraya.kimbrel@darton.edu  
Website: ccrd.darton.edu

**Services:** Provides childcare referrals to parents or guardians. Provides training and technical assistance to childcare programs for Quality Rated. Provides inclusion services to childcare providers.

### Janice Patrick  
**Director**  
**The Potter's House Childcare Center**  
"WE OFFER QUALITY CARE IN A CHRISTIAN ATMOSPHERE."  
1800 N. Central Avenue  
Tifton, GA 31794  
Phone: (229) 382-4418  
Fax: (229) 382-4662  
Email: pottershousechil@bellsouth.net  
Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/pages/Potters-House-Childcare-Learning-Center/326388477494145](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Potters-House-Childcare-Learning-Center/326388477494145)  
**Services:** Hours: 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Ages: infants, toddlers and preschool. After school care for middle school age. Summer day camp.

### Diane Bargeron  
**Director**  
**First Methodist Preschool**  
107 W. 12th Street  
Tifton, GA 31794  
Phone: (229) 382-6100 Ext. 108  
Fax: (229) 382-4092  
Email: diane@bargeron.com  
Website: [http://www.tiftonfumc.org](http://www.tiftonfumc.org)  
**Services:** Various programs for infants to 4 years. Snacks must be provided by parents. 9:00 a.m.-noon. Center only open to coincide with school calendar.

### Sharon Bryant  
**Director**  
**High Hopes Child Development Center**  
2732 South Central Avenue  
P.O. Drawer 367  
Tifton, GA 31793  
Phone: (229) 387-0687  
Email: highhopescenter@bellsouth.net  
**Services:** Hours: 5:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Mon-Fri. Preschool curriculum taught by trained professionals. Socialization and well rounded activities which include art, exercise and educational field trips. Ages: Infant-12 years old.

### Jennifer Ezekiel  
**Director**  
**Maggie Campbell's Gingerbread House Early Learning Center**  
719 South Ridge Avenue  
P.O. Box 625  
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 388-9494
Email: maggiecampbells@bellsouth.net
Services: Hours: 6:00 am – 6:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri. Breakfast, lunch, and snack provided. Ages: Infant-12 years old. Georgia Lottery Funded Pre K for ages 4 and 5 years old. Transportation provided for after school care.

**Lucille Coleman**
Owner & Director
**Love Unlimited**
609 Timmons Drive
P.O. Box 2171
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 382-2968
Services: Hours 6:30 a.m.-12:00 midnight. Infant-12 years old. After school and summer programs available.

**Mary Jackson and Rose Jacobs**
Directors
**Miss Daisy's Darlings**
3004 Hwy 41 South
P.O. Box 7104
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 387-7172
Email: daisydarlings2@att.net
Services: Hours 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Ages 6 weeks – 12 years. Georgia Lottery Funded Pre K for 4-5 years old.

**Lynn Ross**
Owner
**Mother's Love Child Care and Learning Centers**
*Jackie Daughtrey, Director*
1925 Whiddon Mill Road
Phone: (229) 382-0675
**Mother's Love, Too!**
*Staci Griffin, Director*
3148 Fulwood Road
Phone: (229) 382-5588
Tifton, GA 31794
Fax: (229) 387-6751
Email: mlccinc@bellsouth.net
Website: www.motherslovetifton.com
Services: Hours: 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri. Ages Infant-12 years old. After school pick-up. Learning programs for all ages. Lottery funded Pre K. Summer camp program.

**Shirley Frederick**
Director
**Mother Goose Kindergarten**
2609 Camellia Drive
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 382-6243

**Services:** Ages: 4-5 years old. Call for space availability. Center only open to coincide with school calendar.

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**Renee Daniel**  
Director  
**Northside Baptist Weekday Education Program**  
4605 Murray Avenue  
Tifton, GA 31794  
Phone: (229) 386-2558  
Website: [http://www.nbctifton.org](http://www.nbctifton.org)  
**Services:** Half day preschool for ages 1-4; Half day kindergarten for age 5.

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**Margaret Bard**  
**Peace Lutheran Church Preschool**  
604 Tennessee Drive  
Tifton, GA 31794  
Phone: (229) 387-0333  
Email: peacelc@friendlycity.net  
**Services:** Combined program for 3 & 4 yr olds. Mon.-Fri., 7:45 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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**Teresa Davis**  
**Center Supervisor**  
**R.L. Mack Headstart**  
64 Tifton-Eldorado Road  
Tifton, GA 31794  
Phone: (229) 382-5110  
Fax: (229) 387-6770  
Website: [http://www.coastalplaineoa.org](http://www.coastalplaineoa.org)  
Email: tdavis@cpheadstart.org  
**Services:** A federally funded comprehensive preschool program for ages 3-5 years old. Focuses on the child and their family. Develops socialization skills in addition to learning activities.

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**Craig Sowell**  
Director  
**Tift County Recreation Department**  
401 N. Victory Drive  
P.O. Box 6  
Tifton, GA 31793  
Phone: (229) 382-3262  
Fax: (229) 382-7246  
Email: craig.sowell@tiftcounty.org  
Website: [http://www.tiftcounty.org/tift.rec'index%20homehtm](http://www.tiftcounty.org/tift.rec'index%20homehtm)  
Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/tiftcountrecreationga](https://www.facebook.com/groups/tiftcountrecreationga)  
**Services:** Provides Day Camp during summer (approved DFCS Vendor Children ages 5-12),
TCRD strives to provide comprehensive year-round recreational experiences, which contribute to the physical, social, emotional, creative and educational growth and development of Tift County Citizens.

**Pat Wilson Robinson**  
*Director*  
**Roots And Wings Learning Center**  
**Beulah Hill Baptist Church**  
512 West 23rd Street  
P.O. Box 7088  
Tifton, GA 31793  
Phone: (229) 382-0968  
**Services:** Hours: 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Mon-Fri. Implementation of child development theories and practices in a safe place with age appropriate activities for children. Ages Infant-12 years old.

**Children & Adults with Special Needs**

**Kevin Robinson**  
*Community Representative*  
**Special Olympics**  
Tifton, GA 31794  
Phone: (229) 848-1632  
Email: kevinrobinson61@yahoo.com  
**Services:** Children with disabilities. Local and State competition held annually. Competition designed to build self-esteem by competing with their peers.

**Judy L. Threlkeld**  
*Early Intervention Coordinator*  
**Marsha S. Browning**  
*Service Coordinator Supervisor*  
**Babies Can't Wait**  
Tifton County Health Department  
P.O. Box 715  
Tifton, GA 31793  
Phone: (229) 386-8373 Ext 131  
Referral Number: (229) 245-6565 (800) 247-6538 Valdosta  
**Services:** A voluntary program that coordinates early intervention services for families, regardless of income, with a child birth—3, who is significantly developmentally delayed or has a diagnosed medical condition that places them at risk for delay. Services are provided in natural environment.

**Marion Curry**  
*Director*  
**Diversified Enterprises**  
192 S. Virginia Avenue, Suite 100  
Tifton, GA 31794  
Phone: (229) 386-3560
Fax: (229) 386-7156
Email: mcurry@diversifiedent.com
Website: www.diversifiedent.com/
Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/DiversifiedEnterprises

**Services:** Recognizes and addresses the need to empower families in Tift County who have adults with developmental disabilities. Employment support services available.

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**Sarah Willis**
Certified Rehabilitation Counselor

**Georgia Department of Labor Vocational Rehabilitation Program**
820 C Love Avenue
P.O. Box 1629
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 386-3522
Fax: (229) 386-7325
Website: http://gvra.georgia.gov/vocationalrehab/

**Services:** 8:00a.m - 4:30p.m. Assisting people with disabilities to go to work. Service area for this office: Tift County, Turner County, Ben Hill County, Irwin County, Cook County, and Coffee County.

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**December Smith**
Respite and Family Support Coordinator

**Easter Seals of Southern GA**
Serving the following counties: Tift, Irwin, Turner, Ben Hill, Wilcox, Berrien, Brooks, Cook, and Lowndes
610 N. Patterson Street, Suite A
Valdosta, GA 31601
Phone: 1-866-875-4670 or (229) 247-6912
Email: dsmith@swga.easterseals.org
Website: www.southerngeorgia.easterseals.com

**Services:** Adults or children with developmental disabilities. Respite and family support. Adult day services, residential services, vocational rehab and advocacy. 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

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**Wanda Veazey**
Director

**Pre School Intervention Program**
506 W. 12th Street
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 387-2455
Fax: (229) 386-1051
Email: wveazey@tiftschools.com

**Services:** Children with severe developmental delays, as determined by age appropriate assessments by Tift County School Psychologists are served in this program. 3-5 years old can be assessed. Usually referred by Babies Can’t Wait, a pediatrician, DFCS, daycare or sometimes by parents. Parent will need to call or go to the preschool intervention office to get a referral form. The form should be completed and returned to preschool office.
Clothing

Mark Stone
Director
Brother Charlie’s Thrift Store
170 Love Avenue
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 382-5540
Services: Clothing and household items for sale.

Cynthia M. Paulk
Coordinator
Community Action Agency
Coastal Plain Area EOA, Inc
2737 S. Central Avenue Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 382-2960
Fax: (229) 387-0754
Email: tift@coastalplain.org
Services: Weatherization, commodities, minor home repair, low-income home energy assistance, emergency food & clothing, prescription drug assistance, job readiness training, and budgeting information & classes.

Susie Chitwood
Director
Salvation Army
1205 Hwy 82 East
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 386-1503
Email: susie_chitwood@uss.salvationarmy.org
Services:

Crisis Services

Cheryl Edwards
Disaster Program Manager
American Red Cross Southwest Ga Chapter
3024 Tift Avenue North
Tifton, Ga 31793
Phone: (229) 382-3133
Fax: (229) 387-7700
Cell: (229) 402-2283
Email: cherly.edwards@redcross.org
Services: Office hours: 9:00 a.m.-5:00p.m. On call 24 hours, 7 days a week. Assist military and their families. Blood drives, assist with directed donations, CPR, first aid, water safety and international tracing.
Michael Norman, LMSW, C-SSWS  
School Social Worker and Treasurer  
**Tift County Needy Children’s Fund**  
**Tift County Board of Education**  
207 North Ridge Avenue  P.O. Box 389  
Tifton, GA  31793  
Phone:  (229) 392-5639  
Email:  mnorman@tiftschools.com  
**Services:** Helps families keep children in school by financially assisting with needs.

Mark Stone  
**Director**  
**Brother Charlie’s Rescue Center**  
326 Beech Street  
Tifton, GA  31794  
Phone:  (229) 382-0577  
**Services:** Crisis services, addiction treatment, emergency shelter for men, and food.

Cynthia M. Paulk  
**Coordinator**  
**Community Action Agency**  
**Coastal Plain Area EOA, Inc**  
2737 S. Central Avenue  
Tifton, GA  31794  
Phone:  (229) 382-2960  
Fax:  (229) 387-0754  
Email:  tit@coastalplain.org  
**Services:** Weatherization, commodities, minor home repair, low-income home energy assistance, emergency food & clothing, prescription drug assistance, job readiness training, and budgeting information & classes.

Nancy Bryan  
**Executive Director**  
**Tifton Judicial Circuit Shelter, Inc.**  
**DBA Ruth’s Cottage and The Patticake House**  
Administrative Offices:  108 E. 4th Street  
P.O. Box 2727  
Tifton, GA  31793  
Phone:  (229) 397-9697  
Fax:  (229) 397-8800  
Email:  adminassist@rcpch.net  
Website:  www.stopthehurtga.org  
Facebook:  Ruth's Cottage & The Patticake House  
**Services:** Family violence prevention services including outreach and education on family violence.
Ruth's Cottage Domestic Violence Prevention Program
Molly Fowler
   Shelter Manager
Domestic Violence Hotline: (229) 388-1541. Office 387-9664
Shelter Manager:
Email: sheltermanager@rcpch.net
Fax: (229) 388-1565
Services: Emergency DV Shelter, 24/7 Crisis Line, Legal Advocacy

Patticake House Child Advocacy Center
Melissa Wood
   CAC Manager
Phone: (229) 382-4141
Fax: (229) 382-4224
Email: forensicinterviewer@rcpch.net
Services: Forensic interviews and support services for child abuse victims and families. Outreach and education regarding child abuse.

Martine J. Hill
   Executive Director
The Bridge of Tiftarea, Inc.
DBA Christian Women's Job Corp Training Center
602 W. 3rd St.
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 396-5990
Email: thebridge_cwj@att.net
Website: cwjctifton.org
Services: Guiding women to better future: teaching GED classes, job training, computer skills and bible study. Building relationships, mentoring and giving them the tools to be successful and independent. Open Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:45

Darlene Barber
   Executive Director
Women's First Choice
104 8th Street Building 2
P.O. Box 7186
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 382-4491 or
Patient Line: (229) 848-6778
Email: info@pctiftarea.org
Website: www.firstchoicetift.com
Services: Pregnancy Testing, Ultrasound Exams to confirm pregnancy, STI Testing, Pregnancy Options Consultation, and Patient Resource List which provides a roadmap to community referrals and helpful information. Open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.-1:00.
Economic Development

Brian Marlowe  
President/CEO  
Tifton-Tift County Chamber of Commerce  
100 Central Avenue  
P.O. Box 165  
Tifton, GA 31793  
Phone: (229) 382-6200  
Fax: (229) 386-2232  
Email: bmarlowe@tifton.chamber.org  
Website: www.tiftonchamber.org  
Services: The Mission of the Tifton-Tift County Chamber of Commerce is to enhance the quality of life of our citizens by promoting community and economic development.

Education

Javier Gonzalez  
Director  
Office of Multicultural Educational Programs  
ABAC 22 2802 Moore Hwy  
Tifton, GA 31793-2601  
Phone: (229) 391-4877  
Fax: (229) 391-4881  
Email: jgonzalez@abac.edu  
Jean Oliver-Burks  
Associate Director/Classic Upward Bound  
Classic Upward Bound  
Phone: (229) 391-5143  
Email: joliver-burks@abac.edu  
James L. Lewis  
Associate Director/Tiftarea Upward Bound  
Tiftarea Upward Bound  
Phone: (229) 391-5144  
Email: jlewis@abac.edu  
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College  
ABAC 26 2802 Moore Hwy  
Tifton, GA 31793-2601  
Phone: (229) 391-5150  
Fax: (229) 391-5151  
Email: bgraham@abac.edu  
Website: www.abac.edu/UpBound/  
Services: Support services to academically and financially disadvantaged students pursuing higher education.
Olga Contreras-Martinez  
Associate Director  
High School Equivalency Program (HEP)  
ABAC 22  
2802 Moore Hwy  
Tifton, GA 31793-2601  
Phone: (229) 391-4878  
Fax: (229) 391-4881  
Email: ocontreras-perez@abac.edu  
Website: www.abac.edu/camp  
Services: A GED program for all migrant and seasonal farmworkers, provided in English or Spanish.

Gina Cox  
Homeless Liaison  
Education of Homeless Children and Youth  
Tift County Public Schools  
207 North Ridge Avenue  
P.O. Box 389  
Tifton, GA 31793  
Phone: (229) 387-2400  
Fax: (229) 386-1052  
Email: gcox@tiftschools.com  
Website: www.tiftschools.com/Student_and_Parent_Resources/Student_Services/Homeless_Services/index.asp  
Services: Enroll and support supplemental educational services for school age children of homeless families. Helps families keep children in school by financially assisting with needs. For more information please visit our web site.

Scott Haskins  
Principal  
Northeast Campus, TCHS  
Tift County Public Schools  
3021 Fulwood Road  
Tifton, GA 31794  
Phone: (229) 387-2450  
Fax: (229) 386-1038

Kim Seigler  
Principal  
Tift County High School  
Tift County Public Schools  
One Blue Devil Way  
Tifton, GA 31794  
Phone: (229) 387-2475  
Fax: (229) 386-1022
Chad Stone
Principal
Eighth Street Middle School
Tift County Public Schools
700 West 8th Street
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 387-2445
Fax: (229) 386-1036

Jason Clark
Principal
Matt Wilson Elementary
Tift County Public Schools
510 West 17th Street
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 387-2440
Fax: (229) 386-1043

Jamie Penoncello
Principal
J.T. Reddick Elementary
Tift County Public Schools
404 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 387-2435
Fax: (229) 386-1041

Tammy Corbin
Principal
Charles Spencer Elementary
Tift County Public Schools
1401 Lower Brookfield Road
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 387-2430
Fax: (229) 386-1040

Victoria Melton
Principal
Omega Primary/Elementary
Tift County Public Schools
1506 College Ave.
P.O. Box 68
Omega, GA 31775
Phone: (229) 528-4293
Fax: (229) 528-6298
Kelly Pearson
Principal
Northside Primary
Tift County Public Schools
1815 Chestnut Avenue
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 387-2425
Fax: (229) 386-1049

Richard Fisher
Principal
Len Lastinger Primary
Tift County Public Schools
1210 Lake Drive
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 387-2420
Fax: (229) 386-1048

Dr. Jamie Dawson
Principal
G.O. Bailey Primary
Tift County Public Schools
1430 Newton Drive
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 387-2415
Fax: (229) 386-1046

Stephanie Morrow
Principal
Annie Belle Clark Primary
Tift County Public Schools
1464 Carpenter Road
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 387-2410
Fax: (229) 386-1044

Dr. Tom Mark
Principal
Sixth Street Academy
Tift County Public Schools
805 West 6th Street
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 387-2485

Bonnie Sayles
Director
Literacy Volunteers of Tifton Tift County
Southern Regional Technical College, Tifton Campus
52 Tech Drive  Room A 118A
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 392-2527
Email: tiftlv@gmail.com
Website: www.tiftlv.org

Services: No fee. Matches tutors one-on-one to students over age 16 needing help with reading. Teaches and supports students age 16 & over in preparation for the GED. Assistance with High School Graduation Test for holders of High School Attendance Certificate. Works with ESL students. Tutor Training. Tutors and students make their own appointment times.

Sandra Griffin
Instructor
Adult Education Program
Southern Regional Technical College Tifton Campus
52 Tech Drive
Tifton, GA  31794
Phone:  (229) 391-2615
Fax: (229) 391-2625
Email: sgriffin@southernregional.edu
Website: www.southernregional.edu
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/srteedu
Twitter: https://twitter.com/srteedu

Services: Support and preparation in basic skills, GED test preparation and testing, COMPASS test preparation, and the English as a Second Language program for participants 16 years and older. Classes are free.

Clara Gray
Executive Director
PLIGHT, Inc.
P.O. Box 7651
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone:  (229) 402-2532
Fax:
Email: plightinc@friendlycity.net

Services: No fees. Work with children 8 yrs. to 21 yrs. old Provide tutoring, mentoring, summer work placement, Saturday workshops and enrichment programs.

Patrick Atwater
Superintendent
Tift County Public Schools
207 N. Ridge Avenue
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone:  (229) 387-2400
Services: Administration. Open Monday-Friday.
Wanda Veazey
Director
Pre School Intervention Program
506 W 12th Street
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 387-2455
Fax: (229)
Email: wveazey@tiftschools.com
Services: Children 3-5 years old can be assessed. Parent will need to call or go to the preschool intervention office to get a referral form to complete and return to preschool office.

Wanda Veazey
Director
Tift County Pre–K Center
Tift County Public Schools
506 W. 12th St.
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 387-2455
Fax: (229) 386-1055
Email: wveazey@tiftschools.com
Services: A full-day developmentally appropriate education program provided for eligible four year olds with emphasis in language and social developments. Nutritious meals are served daily.

Howard Duvall
Coordinator
Horizon Academy
Comprehensive Psycho-Ed Services
1815 ½ Chestnut Avenue
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 386-7097
Fax: (229) 386-7264
Email: hduvall@tiftschools.com
Services: No fees. Provide services to children from preschool to 21 years old with behavioral, emotional and developmental problems. Closed during the summer.

Tammie Smith
Coordinator
Migrant Education Program
207 N. Ridge Avenue
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 387-2400
Email: tsmithe@tiftschools.com
Services: Provide necessary information and referrals to help children of migrant workers attend and succeed in school. Call for appointment.
Diane Womack  
Headmaster  
Debbie Young  
Elementary Principal  
Tiftarea Academy  
3144 Hwy 41 North  
Chula, GA 31733  
Phone: (229) 382-0436  
Email: dwomack@tiftarea.org or dyoung@tiftarea.org  
Website: www.tiftareaacademy.com  
Services: Pre K-12th grades. Open Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Victoria Horst  
Head Librarian  
Tifton-Tift County Public Library  
245 Love Avenue  
Tifton, GA 31794  
Phone: (229) 386-7148  
Fax: (229) 386-7205  
Website: http://www.cprl.org/ttcpl.html  
Services: No fee. Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., opens from 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Tuesday & Thursday 9:00a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; closed on Sunday. 85 periodicals and 2 newspapers. Large print books, adult literacy books, DVDs, books on CD, internet access, children’s story programs and reference services.

Tammie Smith  
Director  
Title 1-Parent Involvement  
Tift County Public Schools  
207 N. Ridge Avenue  
Tifton, GA 31794  
Phone: (229) 387-2400  
Fax: (229) 386-6529  
Services: Must be referred by teacher. Parent Involvement Center is designed to provide additional reading and math materials to children in grades K-3.

Lynn Ross  
Owner  
Mother’s Love Child Care & Learning Centers  
Jackie Daughtrey, Director  
1925 Whiddon Mill Road  
Phone: (229) 382-0675

Mother’s Love, Too!  
Staci Griffin, Director  
3148 Fulwood Road  
Phone: (229) 382-5588  
Tifton, GA 31794
Fax: (229) 387-6751  
Email: mlccinc@bellsouth.net  
Website: www.motherslovetifton.com

**Services:** Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Hours: 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri. Ages Infant-12 years old.

Learning programs for all ages. Lottery funded Pre K. Morning delivery, Afterschool pickup and Afterschool & Holiday activities for the School age child. Summer camp program.

**Melanie Lester**  
Chief Executive Officer  
South Tifton Learning Center, Inc.  
2304 Dorminey Street  
Tifton, GA 31794  
Phone: (229) 388-1515  
Fax: (229) 388-1515  
Email: southtiftonlearningcenter@gmail.com  
Website: www.southtiftonlearningcenter.org

**Services:** Our mission is to empower at risk youth through character development and education to become strong leaders. Our program consist of professional educators and educational consultants to better serve our community in a professional manner.

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**Elderly**

**Social Security Administration**  
732 W. 2nd Street  
Tifton, GA 31794  
Phone: 1-877-635-3542 or 1-800-772-1213  
Website: www.socialsecurity.gov

**Services:** Assists in filing claims for surviving family of retirees, disabilities and Medicare under the Social Security Act. Administers the SSI program by processing & paying claims for aged, blind/disabled persons in need.

**Fran Kinchen**  
Director  
Leroy Rogers Senior Citizen Center  
315 W. 2nd Street  
Tifton, GA 31794  
Phone: (229) 391-9299  
Email: fkinchen@tifton.net

**Services:** Hours 8:00am-5:00pm. Recreational activities, seminars, special events and nutritional meals for senior citizens.

**Rita Hudson**  
Administrator
Rehabilitation Center of South Georgia
P.O. Box 1668
2002 Tift Avenue
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 382-7342
Email: rjidspm@cmm-rcsg.com
Services: Medicaid, Medicare or private pay. Physician referral necessary. Patients taken on space available basis. Emergencies considered on a case by case basis. Provide physical, occupational and speech therapy and respite care. Long term skilled and short term rehab.

Frances Faulk  
Executive Director
Golden Living Center
1451 Newton Drive
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 382-1665
Fax: (229) 382-1748
Email: mary.faulk@goldenliving.com
Website: www.goldenliving.com
Services: Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance, Hospice and private pay accepted. Physician referral required. Long term skilled and short term rehab.

Lorilynn Daniel  
Paralegal & PAI Coordinator
Georgia Legal Services Program, Inc.
131 W. Oglethorpe Blvd
Albany, GA 31702
Phone: 800-735-4271 or (229) 430-4261
Fax: (229) 430-4434
Website: www.galegalaid.org
Services: Civil cases only focusing on issues of importance to clients 60 and older such as public benefits, wills, advance directives, consumer issues and some homeowner tenant issues.

John Leonard  
Executive Director
Southeast Georgia Area Agency on Aging
1725 South Georgia Parkway West
Waycross, GA 31503
Phone: (888) 732-4464
Fax: (912) 287-6697
Email: wtttaft@sgrc.us
Website: www.sgrc.org
Services: Alzheimer’s Daycare and Respite Care Programs; Community Care Program-Medical, Homemaker & Personal Support; Congregate & Home Delivery Meal Programs; Elderly Legal Assistance Program; Long Term Care Ombudsman Program.
Employment/Job Skills

**Starling Bussey**
Career Center Manager
**Georgia Department of Labor**
**Tifton Career Center**
310 South Tift Avenue
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 386-3322
Fax: (229) 386-7188
Web Address: [http://www.dol.state.ga.us](http://www.dol.state.ga.us)

**Services:** Our goal is to advance workforce development and economic growth by offering a wide range of employment services for job seekers and employers. Some of the services provided are: local, state and national job listings, job search assistance and workshops, a resource library, labor market and occupational information, unemployment insurance benefit claim processing, Veterans’ service and Federal Bonding Program.

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**Marion Curry**
Director
**Diversified Enterprises**
192 S. Virginia Avenue, Suite 100
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 386-3560
Fax: (229) 386-7156
Email: mcurry@diversifiedent.com
Website: [www.diversifiedent.com/](http://www.diversifiedent.com/)
Facebook Page: [https://www.facebook.com/DiversifiedEnterprises](https://www.facebook.com/DiversifiedEnterprises)

**Services:** Recognizes and addresses the need to empower families in Tift County who have adults with developmental disabilities. Employment support services available.

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**Cynthia M. Paulk**
Coordinator
**Community Action Agency**
**Coastal Plain Area EOA, Inc**
2737 S. Central Avenue Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 382-2960
Fax: (229) 387-0754
Email: tift@coastalplain.org

**Services:** Weatherization, commodities, minor home repair, low-income home energy assistance, emergency food & clothing, prescription drug assistance, job readiness training, and budgeting information & classes.
Cathy Daniels  
Center Manager  
**Southern Georgia Regional Commission Job Training Program**  
**Workforce Investment Act Program (WIA)**  
52 Tech Drive—MTC Economic Development Building  
Tifton, GA 31794  
Phone: (229) 386-7461  
Fax: (229) 386-7459  
**Services:** Designed to assist eligible customers with their Job Training needs (occupational skills training, basic skills training, basic skills/aptitude testing, educational scholarships/training supplies, transportation, etc.) Serving 18 Counties: Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Pierce, Tift, Turner and Ware.

Cathy Daniels  
Program Coordinator  
**Job Training Scholarship Program**  
52 Tech Drive—MTC Economic Development Building  
Tifton, GA 31794  
Phone: (229) 386-7461  
Fax: (229) 386-7459  
**Services:** Designed to assist area residents with financial help for attending area colleges and tech colleges. Program may help with books, training supplies, childcare assistance and transportation.

Family Connection  

Lillie McEntyre  
Executive Director  
**Tift County Commission on Children & Youth**  
**Family Connection Site**  
418 North Ridge Avenue.  
Tifton, GA 31794  
Phone: (229) 388-1000  
Fax: (229) 388-0741  
Email: tc3y@friendlycity.net  
Website: [www.gafcp.org/fcnetwork/tift](http://www.gafcp.org/fcnetwork/tift)  
**Services:** A private non-profit organization that organizes and coordinates collaboration of the community focusing on children and youth services in Tift County. Holds monthly meetings for the public for the purpose of collaboration to improve the lives of children and their families. Provides a community resource guide and other community resource information to the community.

Food  

Betty Willis  
Coordinator
Tifton Soup Kitchen
P.O Box 2203
2737 S. Central Avenue
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 382-8438
Fax: (229) 382-1009
Services: Serve meals to the less fortunate. Hours: 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Diane Cowart
Contact Person
Meals on Wheels
P.O. Box 2053
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 831-6635
Services: Mon.-Fri./Lunch Only. This service is available to any person who lives alone and is unable to prepare their lunch. Meal delivery is done on a volunteer basis. Field representative will interview applicants for eligibility and fee based on income.

Cynthia M. Paulk
Coordinator
Community Action Agency
Coastal Plain Area EOA, Inc
2737 S. Central Avenue Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 382-2960
Fax: (229) 387-0754
Email: tift@coastalplain.org
Services: Weatherization, commodities, minor home repair, low-income home energy assistance, emergency food & clothing, prescription drug assistance, job readiness training, and budgeting information & classes.

Susie Chitwood
Director
Salvation Army
1205 Hwy 82 East
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 386-1503
Fax: (229) 386-1507
Email: susie_chitwood@uss.salvationarmy.org
Services:

Mark Stone
Director
Brother Charlie’s Rescue Center
326 Beech Street
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 382-0577
Services: Prepared dinner meal served at 5:00 p.m. at the center.
Sandi Newman  
Program Coordinator  
**Society of St. Andrew Gleaning Network**  
P.O. Box 712  
Tifton, GA 31793  
Phone: (229) 386-5800  
Email: gleanga@endhunger.org  
Website: www.endhunger.org  
Facebook: www.facebook.com/societyofSt.AndrewGeorgia  
**Services:** National non-profit hunger organization with local program coordinator that organizes volunteers and coordinates “gleaning” or harvesting of fresh produce for free distribution to food banks, soup kitchens, food pantries and individuals. The coordinator works with farmers with produce to donate, connection them with churches, civic groups, scout troops, homeschoolers and others to volunteer a few hours during the week and on weekends to harvest food fresh from the fields to feed others in need.

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**Government State & Local**

**Juvenile Program Manager**  
**Department of Juvenile Justice**  
225 Tift Ave. N., Room 119  
Tifton, GA 31793  
Phone: (229) 386-3331  
Fax: (229) 386-3554  
Email: Dennisday@djj.state.ga.us  
Website: www.djj.state.ga.us  
**Services:** For juvenile delinquents who go before the court. Intake, probation, placement of committed youth, aftercare of committed youth. Court determined.

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**Annie Clark**  
Director  
**Department of Family & Children Services**  
410 West 2nd Street  
Tifton, GA 31793  
Phone: (229) 386-3388  
To make a CPS Report: 1-855-GA-CHILD (1-855-422-4453)  
Regional Customer Service Support: (229) 245-2400 or (912) 632-1023  
Fax: (229) 386-7236 or (229) 391-2582 (Services)  
**Services:** Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF-Cash), Food Stamps, Medicaid for Children & Adults, Employment Services, Child Protective Services, Foster Care, Adoptions, Information & Referral, and Child Care Assistance.

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**Larissa Vickers**  
Veteran Field Service Officer
**Georgia State Department of Veterans Services**  
222 Chestnut Avenue  
Tifton, GA 31793  
Phone: (229) 386-3856  
Fax: (229) 391-6956  
Email: lvickers@vs.state.ga.us  
Website: [www.sdvs.georgia.gov](http://www.sdvs.georgia.gov)  
**Services**: Assist veterans, their dependents and survivors in filing for benefits to which they might be entitled or authorized under laws administered by the Veterans Administration.

**Starling Bussey**  
Manager  
**Georgia Department of Labor**  
**Tifton Career Center**  
310 South Tift Avenue  
Tifton, GA 31793  
Phone: (229) 386-3322  
Fax: (229) 386-7188  
Web Address: [http://www.dol.state.ga.us](http://www.dol.state.ga.us)  
**Services**: Our goal is to advance workforce development and economic growth by offering a wide range of employment services for job seekers and employers. Some of the services provided are: local, state and national job listings, job search assistance and workshops, a resource library, labor market and occupational information, unemployment insurance benefit claim processing, Veterans’ service and Federal Bonding Program.

**Health**  
**Christie Moore, RN, MN, CHPN**  
Director  
**Hospice of Tift Area**  
A Service of Tift Regional Medical Center  
618 N. Central Avenue  
P.O. Drawer 747  
Tifton, GA 31793  
Phone: (229) 353-6330 or 800-704-1403  
Fax: (229) 353-6338  
Email: christie.moore@tiftregional.com  
Website: [http://www.hospice-of-tiftarea.com](http://www.hospice-of-tiftarea.com)  
**Services**: Home care services for terminally ill patients and their families include 24 hour on-call services, nursing services, social work & counseling services, home care aides (CNA), pastoral services, trained volunteers, and bereavement support group (open to the community).

**Merry Johnson**  
Medicaid Eligibility Specialists
Right from the Start Medicaid  
Tift County Health Department  
305 E. 12th Street  
P.O. Box 715  
Tifton, GA 31793  
Phone: (229) 386-7335  
Fax: (229) 386-5075  
Email: mjohnson5@dch.ga.gov  
Services: A caseworker determines eligibility for healthcare programs for children, women & adults including Medicaid for pregnant women and children, Peachcare for Kids, and Georgia Partnership for Caring. Please call before coming as workers are in and out throughout the week doing outreach.

I'm A Big Kid Now  
Tift Regional Medical Center  
P.O. Drawer 747  
901 East 18th Street  
Tifton, GA 31793  
Phone: (229) 353-7605  
Website: www.tiftregional.com (Check Calendar of Events)  
Services: I'm A Big Kid Now, free class for children ages 3-10 who are preparing for the arrival of a new baby in their family.

Traci Mullis, RN  
Nurse Manager  
Tift County Health Department  
305 East 12th Street (P.O. Box 715)  
Tifton, GA 31793  
Phone: (229) 386-8373 Ext. 125  
Fax: (229) 386-5075  
Email: thmullis@dph.ga.gov  
Services: Family planning, employee physicals, sports physicals, well child physicals, STD, Perinatal Case Management, breast test & more, WIC, Cancer State Aid, Right From The Start Medicaid, Tuberculosis Screening & follow-up. Abnormal pap follow up, abnormal mammogram follow up and scoliosis screening for all 6th and 8th grades. Fees are based on a sliding scale.

Brenda Bell  
Director  
WIC Program  
Tift County Health Department  
305 East 12th Street (P.O. Box 715)  
Tifton, GA 31793  
Phone: (229) 386-9373  
Email: Brenda.Bell@dph.ga.gov  
Fax: (229) 386-5075  
Services: Provides supplemental food and nutritional information to women, infants & children.
Dorcel Rockmore, RN  
Nurse Case Manager  
**Perinatal Case Management Program**  
**Tift County Health Department**  
305 East 12th Street (P.O. Box 715)  
Tifton, GA 31793  
Phone: (229) 386-8373 (Dorcel Ext. 103)  
Fax: (229) 386-5075  
**Services:** Provide RSM Medicaid-perinatal care, Doctor referrals, WIC referrals, translation, home visits and post-partum visits.

Tom Kraemer, PA  
Director  
**Tift Community Health Center**  
2735 South Central Avenue  
Tifton, GA 31794  
Phone: (229) 353-5690  
**Services:** Offers treatment of chronic, non-acute health problems for those who are economically disadvantaged and serves as an access point for community resources. Appointments are required.

Darian Peavy  
CEO  
**Tiftarea YMCA**  
1657 S. Carpenter Rd.  
Tifton, GA 31793  
Phone: (229) 391-9622  
Fax: (229) 387-9690  
Email: dpeavy@tiftareaymca.org  
Website: www.tiftareaymca.org  
**Services:** Fitness center for whole family devoted to youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Youth sports programs; aerobics, yoga, & group exercise; women’s only program; child watch; youth sports programs; summer camp; pool; swimming lessons; and health and wellness programs.

**Prepared Childbirth Class**  
**Tift Regional Medical Center**  
901 E. 18th Street  
P.O. Drawer 747  
Tifton, GA 31793  
Phone: (229) 353-7605  
Website: www.tiftregional.com (Check Calendar of Events)  
**Services:** Free class covers general topics related to labor, delivery and basic care for a baby. We request that mothers be at least 28 weeks but it is not required.
Breastfeeding Class
Tift Regional Medical Center
901 E. 18th Street
P.O. Drawer 747
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 353-7605
Website: www.tiftregional.com (Check Calendar of Events)
Services: Free class covers breastfeeding decision-making, preparation, instruction and helpful tips.

Housing
Glenda Whitehead
Site Manager
Brookfield Mews
99 Tifton Eldorado Road
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 382-6278
Fax: (229) 382-4474
Email:
Services: Rent based on income. Deposit based on income with minimum of $50.

Mark Stone
Director
Brother Charlie’s Rescue Center
326 Beech Street
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 382-0577
Website: www.brothercharlierescue.org
Services: Crisis service and emergency shelter for men.

Thad Paulk
President
Habitat for Humanity
P.O. Box 377
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 392-2175
Email: tpaulk@century21tifton.com
Services: Raises money and recruits personnel to construct inexpensive but sound homes for responsible low-income families.

Shaundra Clark
Executive Director
Tifton Housing Authority
15 East 16th Street
P.O. Box 12
Services: Provides safe and affordable housing based on income. An application process is required. No emergency housing available. Special housing for elderly and disabled.

Brenda Gambrel
Manager
Meadow Crossing Apartments
125 Spinks Drive
Omega, GA 31775
Phone: (229) 528-4881
Fax: (229) 528-4881
Services: $25 application fee, $150 deposit. Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Friday 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Water, sewage, garbage, pest control and kitchen appliances furnished. Equal Housing Opportunity.

Jamie Pritchett
Manager
Meadow Wood Apartments
2800 Tift Avenue
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 382-2124
Fax: (229) 382-0002
Services: $25 non-refundable application fee. Mon.-Fri, 8:00am-4:00pm. Rent based on income. Water, garbage & sewage, stove, and refrigerator furnished.

Horace Belk
Manager
Tift Towers
311 East 2nd Street
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 386-8911
Email: tifttower3@gmail.com
Services: Housing for the elderly, 55 and older, who are capable of independent living. Rent based on income. Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 pm.

Joyce McMillan
Manager
Magnolia Place Apartments
# 4 Pertilla Place Apt. #1
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 382-1344
Fax: (229) 382-1344
Email: magnoliaplace@invmgt.com

Services: $15 application fee. Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Water, sewage, garbage, pest control and kitchen appliances furnished. Equal Housing Opportunity.

Wanda Robinson
Manager
Wildwood Apartments
1220 Sussex Drive
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 386-2178
Fax: (229) 388-0501

Services: $25 nonrefundable application fee. Subsidized housing. Apartment rental fees are based on income (assisted and sliding fee scales). 24 hour security monitoring. On site management.

Legal

Melissa Gray
Office Manager
Child Support Enforcement
246 East 2nd Street Suite 2
P.O. Box 7610
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: 1-877-423-4746
Fax: (229) 387-8810
Email: TiftonCSE@dhr.state.ga.us
Website: http://dcss.dhs georgia.gov/

Cheryl Griffin
Managing Attorney
Georgia Legal Services Program, Inc.
131 W. Oglethorpe Blvd
Albany, GA 31702
Phone: 800-735-4271 or (229) 430-4261
Fax: (229) 430-4434
Website: www.georgialegalaid.org

Services: Assist in civil cases only and Family Law. All applicants for services will be screened for eligibility.

Lorilynn Daniel
Paralegal & PAI Coordinator
Georgia Legal Services Program, Inc.
131 W. Oglethorpe Blvd
Albany, GA 31702
Phone: 800-735-4271 or (229) 430-4261
Fax: (229) 430-4434  
Website: www.georgialegalaid.org

Services: Civil cases only focusing on issues of importance to clients 60 and older such as public benefits, wills, advance directives, consumer issues and some homeowner tenant issues.

Georgia Legal Services—Farmworker Division  
104 Marietta St. NW, Suite 250  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
Phone: (800) 537-7496  
Fax: (404) 463-1623  
Website: www.glsp.org

Services: Farm worker law only. Legal assistance to farm workers regarding employment conditions, discrimination, and work place rights. For all other legal aids needed can contact the Albany office at 1-800-735-4271.

Mental Health/Counseling Services

Junetta Watson  
Director  
Behavioral Health Services of South Georgia  
334 Tifton Eldorado Road  
Tifton, GA 31793  
Phone: (229) 391-2300  
Fax: (229) 386-3221  
Email: jwatson@bhsga.com

Services: Fees vary. The treatment of mental health and addictive diseases for children, adolescents and adults. Referrals are made to 1-800-715-4225 for appointments. Walk-In crisis assessments are available daily.

Howard Duvall  
Coordinator  
Horizon Academy  
Comprehensive Psycho-Educational Services  
1815 ½ Chestnut Avenue  
Tifton, GA 31794  
Phone: (229) 386-7097  
Fax: (229) 386-7264  
Email: hduvall@tiftschools.com

Services: No fees. Provide services to children from preschool to 21 years old with behavioral, emotional and developmental problems. Closed during the summer.

A.J. Ramirez, ED.D;LPC;NCC;CPCS  
Howard Duvall  
Executive Director  
L.E.A.F. Therapy Services LLC
L.E.A.F. Therapy Services LLC, Live Explore Assist Facilitate, is a mental health counseling practice in Tifton, GA. We assist clients with concerns that may include, but are not limited to: anxiety, depression, relationship and family problems, school problems, parenting difficulties, divorce and separation adjustment, career and personal decisions, childhood abuse, bereavement, and life transitions.

Mentoring

**Cassandra Thomas**
Coordinator

**Youth Apprenticeship Program**
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: 229-387-2495
Email: cthomas@tiftschools.com

**Services:** Focusing on the Future by involving high school students 16 years and older in careers with a mentor in the community.

Mary Beveridge
Membership Specialist

**Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, Inc.**
515 Pine Avenue
Albany, GA 31701
Phone: (229) 432-9188 or (800) 448-4762
Fax: (229) 432-7044
Email: mbeveridge@gshg.org
Website: [www.gshg.org](http://www.gshg.org)

**Services:** $12 per year for national membership dues. Troops or individual membership. Girls in Kindergarten–12th Grade.

Roland McCarthy
District Executive

**Boy Scouts of America**
**South Georgia Council**
1841 Norman Drive
Valdosta, GA 31601
Phone: (229) 436-7226 or (229) 343-1615
Fax: (229) 436-7228
Email: Roland.McCarthy@scouting.org
Website: [www.sgcbsa.org](http://www.sgcbsa.org)
Services: Programs for boys 7-20 years old and girls 14-18 years old.

Clara Gray
Executive Director
PLIGHT, Inc.
P.O. Box 7651
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 386-4360
Fax: (229) 386-4360
Email: plightinc@friendlycity.net
Services: No fees. Work with children 8 yrs. to 18 yrs. old. Provide tutoring, mentoring, summer work placement, Saturday workshops and enrichment programs.

Akeria Lockett
President
Pearls of Wisdom
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 326-4238
Email: akerialockett@gmail.com
Services: A non-profit organization providing mentoring services for young girls from grades 3-12, by way of spending time socially, academically including involvement in school activities, etc. The group works to empower young ladies, nurture, educate and have a positive impact on “at risk” or underprivileged girls from adolescence into adulthood.

Sara Smith
Program Director
G.I.R.L. Talk
(God In Real Life)
First United Methodist Church Program
107 W. 12th Street
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 382-6100
Email: sara_eve@friendlycity.net
Services: Program for middle school girls that focuses on topics that are pertinent to girls of this age including puberty and other life changes that occur at this age. Meets every Thursday from 4:00-5:30.

Parenting Education
LaRae Moore
Executive Director
South Georgia Ministries dba Lifehouse Ministries
P.O. Box 252
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 396-5433 or Cell: (229) 402-3794
Email: larae@sgmlifehouse.org
Website: www.sgmlifehouse.org

Services: Building stronger families by mentoring and providing free classes on: parenting, job skills training, life lessons, GED Tutoring, ESOl, marriage, Fatherhood, Bible Studies and much more.

Recreational Services

Craig Sowell
Director

Tift County Recreation Department
401 N. Victory Drive
P.O. Box 6
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 382-3262
Fax: (229) 382-7246
Email: craig.sowell@tiftcounty.org
Website: http://www.tiftcounty.org/tift.rec/index%20home.htm
Facebook: Https://www.facebook.com/groups/tiftcountrecreationga

Services: TCRD strives to provide Comprehensive year-round recreational experiences, which contribute to the physical, social, emotional, creative and educational growth and development of Tift County Citizens. Fee if applicable. Provides programs, classes and a year round staff for organized indoor and outdoor activities for all age groups including programs for senior citizens.

Resource & Referral

Lillie McEntyre
Executive Director

Tift County Commission on Children & Youth
Family Connection Site
418 North Ridge Avenue.
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 388-1000
Fax: (229) 388-0741
Email: tc3y@friendlycity.net
Website: www.gafcp.org/fcnetwork/tift

Services: A private non-profit organization that organizes and coordinates collaboration of the community focusing on children and youth services in Tift County. Holds monthly meetings for the public for the purpose of collaboration to improve the lives of children and their families. Provides a community resource guide and other community resource information to the community.

Pat McKinnon
Executive Director

United Way of South Central Georgia
The mission and purpose of UWSCG is to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of people and communities to create lasting changes.

Soraya Kimbrel-Miller
Director
Child Care Resource and Referral of Southwest Georgia at Albany
Darton College
2429 Gillionville Road
Albany, GA 31707
Phone: (229) 317-6834 or 1-866-833-3552
Fax: (229) 317-6968
Email: soraya.kimbrel@darton.edu
Website: ccrr.darton.edu
Services: Provides childcare referrals to parents or guardians. Provides training and technical assistance to childcare programs for Quality Rated. Provides inclusion services to childcare providers.

Nancy Bryan
Executive Director
Tifton Judicial Circuit Shelter, Inc.
DBA Ruth’s Cottage and The Patticake House
Administrative Offices: 108 E. 4th Street
P.O. Box 2727
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 397-9697
Fax: (229) 397-8800
Email: adminassist@rcpch.net
Website: www.stopthehurtga.org
Facebook: Ruth’s Cottage & The Patticake House
Services: Family violence prevention services including outreach and education on family violence.

Ruth's Cottage Domestic Violence Prevention Program
Molly Fowler
Shelter Manager
Domestic Violence Hotline: (229) 388-1541. Office 387-9664
Shelter Manager:
Email: sheltermanager@rcpch.net
Fax: (229) 388-1565
Services: Emergency DV Shelter, 24/7 Crisis Line, Legal Advocacy
Patticake House Child Advocacy Center
Melissa Wood
CAC Manager
Phone: (229) 382-4141
Fax: (229) 382-4224
Email: forensicinterviewer@rcpch.net
Services: Forensic interviews and support services for child abuse victims and families. Outreach and education regarding child abuse.

Kathy Sutton
Regional Coordinator
Parent to Parent of Georgia
A Statewide Organization
c/o Easter Seals
1906 Palmyra Road
Albany, Georgia 31701
Phone: (229) 439-7061 Ext 234
Fax: (229) 435-6278
Email: kathy@parenttoparentofga.org
Website: www.parenttoparentofga.org
Services: Support and information source for parents of children with disabilities or special health care needs.

Substance Abuse
Alcoholics Anonymous
P.O. Box 1471
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 386-1600
Services: AA is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hopes with each other so that they may solve their common problem and help others recover from alcoholism. Call for meeting times.

Junetta Watson
County Manager
Behavioral Health Services of South Georgia
334 Tifton Eldorado Road
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 391-2300
Email: jwatson@bhsga.com
Services: Fees vary. The treatment of mental health and addictive diseases for children, adolescents and adults. Referrals are made to 1-800-715-4225 for appointments. Walk-In crisis assessments are available daily.

Addiction Treatment Center
Support Group

**Gail Fleming**  
**Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation**  
1497 Kennedy Road  
Tifton, GA 31794  
Phone: (229) 382-3322  
Email: gail@ntsboutique.com  
Website: [www.bcafoundation.com](http://www.bcafoundation.com)  
**Services:** Non-profit organization to help breast cancer patient going thru treatment with every day living expenses. Do not pay for hospitals, doctors or exams.

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**Christie Moore, RN, MN, CHPN**  
**Director**  
**Hospice of Tift Area**  
A Service of Tift Regional Medical Center  
**Reflections Support Group**  
**Reflections for Kids Support Group**  
618 N. Central Avenue  
P.O. Drawer 747  
Tifton, GA 31793  
Phone: (229) 353-6330 or 800-704-1403  
Fax: (229) 353-6338  
Email: christie.moore@tiftregional.com  
Website: [http://www.hospice-of-tiftarea.com](http://www.hospice-of-tiftarea.com)  
**Services:** Home care services for terminally ill patients and their families include 24 hour on-call services, nursing services, social work & counseling services, home care aides (CNA), pastoral services, trained volunteers, and bereavement support group (open to the community).
Cancer Support Group
Tift Regional Medical Center
Oncology Center
1623 Madison Avenue
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 386-1300
Website: www.tiftregional.com (Check Calendar of Events)

Services: Open to any cancer patient or person providing care to a cancer patient. Meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at Oncology Center.

Diabetes Support Group
Tift Regional Medical Center
P.O. Drawer 747
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 353-6753
Website: www.tiftregional.com (Check Calendar of Events)

Services: Open to people seeking support in diabetes. Meets last Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Tift Regional Medical Center Dining Room.

Nancy Bryan
Executive Director
Tifton Judicial Circuit Shelter, Inc.
DBA Ruth’s Cottage and The Patticake House
Administrative Offices: 108 E. 4th Street
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Patticake House Child Advocacy Center
Melissa Wood
CAC Manager
Phone: (229) 382-4141
Fax:  (229) 382-4224
Email: forensicinterviewer@rcphc.net
Services: Forensic interviews and support services for child abuse victims and families. Outreach and education regarding child abuse.

Transportation

**Mary Cromer**
Building Manager
**Tift Lift Transit**
2737 S. Central Avenue
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 382-8438
Fax: (229) 382-1009
Services: Transportation by reservation. Must call ahead for scheduled appointments. First come, first served basis. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 am.-5:00 pm.

University of Georgia Extension

**Tift County Extension Coordinator**
**Ag & Natural Resources**
**UGA Tift County Extension**
1468 Carpenter Road, South
P.O. Box 7548
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 391-7980
Fax: (229) 391-7999
Email:
Services: Provides information and assistance in Agriculture & Natural Resources development.

**Roxie Price**
Tift County Extension Agent
**Family and Consumer Sciences**
**UGA Tift County Extension**
1468 Carpenter Rd, South
P.O. Box 7548
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 391-7980
Fax: (229) 391-7999
Email: roxieb@uga.edu
Services: Family and Consumer agents offer researched-based education for families, individuals and groups to help them become healthy and productive. They connect the University of Georgia and its resources to help Georgians in the process of child development, nutrition and health education, food safety and financial literacy.

Ashley Davis
Tift County Extension Agent
UGA Tift County Extension
4-H Program
1468 Carpenter Rd, South
P.O. Box 7548
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 391-7980
Fax: (229) 391-7999
Email: aedavis@uga.edu
Services: Coordinates the 4-H and Youth program for Tift County. Provides activities in educational leadership, community service, project competition for 4-H members and, conducts 4-H meetings in the school system.

Utilities
City of Tifton
204 Ridge Avenue
P.O. Box 229
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 391-3949
Fax: (229) 391-3877
Website: www.tifton.net
Services: Water, sewer, gas, and garbage pick-up.

Colquitt Electric Membership Corporation
P.O. Box 244
1612 King Road
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 386-2278 or (800) 342-8694
Website: www.colquittemc.com/
Services: Deposit and membership fee

Georgia Power Company
1001 Love Avenue
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (888) 660-5890
Website: www.georgiapower.com
Youth Services and Activities

Debra Jackson
Youth Coordinator

Youth Crime Prevention Program
A Tifton Housing Authority Sponsored Program
15 East 16th Street
P.O. Box 12
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229)-382-5434
Fax: (229) 382-1327
Email: thaddorsey@bellsouth.net
Website: www.tifton.net/tiftonhousingbd.html
Services: Components of this program include a junior police academy course, conflict resolution workshops, tutorial sessions and cultural & recreational activities.

Debra Jackson
Youth Coordinator

Youth Abstinence Program
A Tifton Housing Authority Sponsored Program
15 East 16th Street
P.O. Box 12
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229)-382-5434
Fax: (229) 382-1327
Email: thaddorsey@bellsouth.net
Website: www.tifton.net/tiftonhousingbd.html
Services: Ages 15-19. Components of the program include an abstinence curriculum, career prep classes, health seminars and cultural activities.

Darian Peavy
CEO
Tiftarea YMCA
1657 S. Carpenter Rd.
Tifton, GA 31793
Phone: (229) 391-9622
Fax: (229) 387-9690
Email: dpeavy@tiftareaymca.org
Website: www.tiftareaymca.org
Services: Fitness center for whole family devoted to youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Youth sports programs; aerobics, yoga, & group exercise; women’s only program; child
watch; youth sports programs; summer camp; pool; swimming lessons; and health and wellness programs.