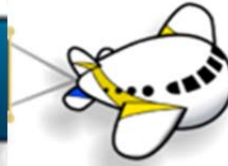
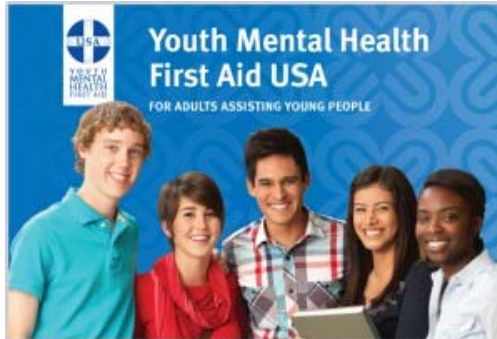


## Interagency NEWS! Week ending Dec. 16, 2016



**Tallatoona CAP Energy Assistance Program** Appointments now accepted and are on a first come first served basis until funds are exhausted. Gordon County residents who qualify will receive either \$310.00 or \$350.00 toward their heating bill (heating source). Schedule an appointment or to request a homebound appointment, visit our website at [www.tallatoonacap.org](http://www.tallatoonacap.org) and click BookNow, or call 770-817-4666.



**YOUTH MEANT HEALTH FIRST AID** Registration is open for FREE training in Calhoun on Thursday, 1/19, from 8:30 – 5:00 pm. Designed to teach parents, families, teachers, school staff, health and human services workers, and others how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. Register: [Roberta@gordonconnection.org](mailto:Roberta@gordonconnection.org) or call 706-602-5139.

**BETTER ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOODS** SNAP program changes balances the need to improve the healthy staple foods available ... while maintaining food access for SNAP recipients. Previously, a retailer could be authorized to participate in the program with a minimum inventory of 12 items. Now, the number of required food items is expanded to a minimum of 84. SNAP is the nation's first line of defense against hunger. SNAP is a vital supplement to the monthly food budgets of about 45 million low-income individuals. Nearly half of SNAP participants are children, 10 percent are elderly and more than 40 percent of recipients live in households with earnings. SNAP plays an important role in reducing both poverty and food insecurity in the United States—especially among children. SNAP is an effective and efficient health intervention for low-income families with a positive impact on children beginning before birth and lasting beyond childhood years, improving health, education, and economic outcomes.

**Affordable Care Act Repeal Risks Health of 1 million Georgians** Eighty-six percent of Georgians with federal marketplace coverage in 2016 received help paying for premiums through advance tax credits. The average credit amounts to \$287 a month, or 75 percent of the total monthly premium for a comprehensive plan. Without this financial assistance, many low- and middle-income workers and families are likely to find coverage unaffordable. Georgia stands to lose \$1.8 billion in federal marketplace subsidies and \$953 million in federal Medicaid money due to projected lower enrollment without the ACA's outreach and enrollment activities. Georgia hospitals already straining to provide uncompensated care to the uninsured will see even more patients who cannot afford to pay for care. <https://gbpi.org/2016/affordable-care-act-repeal-risks-health-1-million-georgians/>

**Report to the Community** Northwest Georgia Health Partnership healthy lifestyle initiatives included Bill Gregory Health Care Classic, Erwin Mitchell Community Health Fair, Readers to Leaders, and Bike Around Murray (BAM) in 2016. Sponsors and partners support the work in communities served – including Gordon County. For more detail - [http://www.nghp.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/NGHP-Annual-Report-2016.pdf?utm\\_source=Fall+Newsletter+2016&utm\\_campaign=Winter+Newsletter&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.nghp.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/NGHP-Annual-Report-2016.pdf?utm_source=Fall+Newsletter+2016&utm_campaign=Winter+Newsletter&utm_medium=email)

**HEALTHY TEEN NETWORK IS HIRING!** We are looking for a Trainer/Instructional Designer - position requires knowledge in the field of adolescent sexual and reproductive health, specifically in evidence-based approaches and programs to prevent teen pregnancy, HIV, and STI. This position also requires demonstrated training and technical assistance experience, demonstrated instructional design capabilities, and ability to travel nationally. **Learn more about this position here.** The deadline to submit your resume and supporting materials is January 7, 2017.

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**Job Openings** MANY positions are available around our area: [www.healthcare-staffing.com](http://www.healthcare-staffing.com) for a complete list. Call or contact 706-624-8335 or email [dveit@healthcare-staffing.com](mailto:dveit@healthcare-staffing.com)

**AmeriCorps VISTA Openings** Northwest Georgia Healthcare Partnership is looking to fill two AmeriCorps VISTA's to be placed at Habitat for Humanity and NGHP. The positions will assist with event coordination and marketing. We are hiring by 01/13/2017 and the start date is 02/21/2017. To learn more about VISTA visit <https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ameri-corps/ameri-corps-vista/joinameri-corpsvista>. Or at website <http://www.nghp.org/?s=vista>

**SAVE THE DATE** Alzheimer's Awareness Day will be Friday, 2/3/17, at the Georgia State Capitol. This is an opportunity to meet hundreds of other advocates from throughout the state. Lunch and a t-shirt are provided. A chartered bus with stops in Dalton, Calhoun, and Cartersville is available. Registration is free, but required. Please email [rdavis@alz.org](mailto:rdavis@alz.org) or call 800.272.3900.



**3rd Annual Polar Bear Plunge** Join the fun on Saturday, December 31, 9 a.m. at Salacoa Creek Park. Join the Coulter Hampton Foundation in raising money to help seriously ill children right here in Gordon County. This is definitely the coolest thing you'll do all year! Register or for more info: [www.coulterhampton.org](http://www.coulterhampton.org)

**A Break From The Hustle & Bustle with Passive Art For All** Monday, 12/19, Tuesday, 12/20, or on Wednesday, 12/21 from 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at the Calhoun-Gordon County Library. Enjoy coloring, word puzzles, and board puzzles for all ages. Teen & adult activities will be in the community room and children's activities will be in the children's area. More Info: (706) 624-1456

**2017 Open Employment Deadlines!** Insure Georgia will help Georgians gain access to and navigate the system for high quality, affordable health coverage. We know that only with access to quality healthcare can the health of Georgia thrive. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services/CMS has designated Insure Georgia as a Marketplace Navigator Organization serving all of Georgia. Because of this Federal funding, all of our work is absolutely free to our clients. The next deadline is January 15, 2017, to have coverage effective on February 1. The last date to enroll for coverage is January 31 with coverage effective on March 1. Go online to [www.insurega.org](http://www.insurega.org) or call 1-866-988-9246.

**Parenting Classes Begin 1/23/17** The next six week session of the Active Parenting and Nurturing Fathers classes will start Monday, January 23, at the Family Resource Center. Contact Angela White for more information at 706-625-3311, x18. Or email [awhite@familyresourcecentergordon.org](mailto:awhite@familyresourcecentergordon.org)

**Parent Certified Peer Specialist (CPS-P) Training** This five-day event is scheduled for the week of February 20 - February 24, 2017. Training is intended for who meet the lived experience expectations outlined in the announcement below –

FROM: Office of Children, Young Adults and Families (OCYF)  
DATE: **February 20<sup>th</sup> – February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
SUBJECT: **Training to Become a Certified Peer Specialist-Parent**

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The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and consumer leadership have worked collaboratively over the past 19 years to build a lived experience workforce supporting Recovery for individuals living with a mental health condition and/or with a substance use disorder. This lived experience workforce of Certified Peer Specialists for mental health and addiction has not only changed

thousands of lives, it has impacted the culture of the behavioral health system, infusing respect, recovery, wellness and empowerment throughout the system. The DBHDD is now invested in expanding this highly valued workforce to include Parents of youth living with Mental Health Conditions, Substance Use Disorder (SUD) or Co-Occurring Behavioral Health (BH) disorders. The goal is to similarly impact the youth-serving systems by supporting family journeys to recovery and wellness.

The Office of Children, Young Adults and Families, and the Office of Recovery Transformation, in partnership with the Office of Federal Grant Programs and Special Initiatives is now accepting applications from parent or guardian enrollees who meet the *lived experience* expectations below and also must meet the following criteria:

1. **Candidates must be the parent or legal guardian of a child living with a mental illness, substance use and/or co-occurring diagnosis;** and one of the following:
2. Currently employed doing Peer Parent Support ; or
3. Currently employed in the public sector Behavioral Health system as a paraprofessional and have the desire to distinguish themselves as a Parent CPS-P; or
4. Have related experience serving youth and families through participation in *community volunteering, support groups, family organizations and/or advocacy.*

This training is scheduled February 20<sup>th</sup> – February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. **Space is limited and in order to be considered for participation in this training please submit the following items:**

- A. *A letter describing your current peer support working experience or experience which meets the criteria listed above, your current title, current employer, and history working as a peer parent support provider OR related experience through participation in community volunteering, support groups, family organizations and any advocacy work that demonstrates your ability to promote wellness, resiliency and family preservation. Please include your ability to commit to attend all 5 days of the training*
- B. *A short description of your lived experience making sure you address these areas;*
  1. *Raising a child who has a Serious Emotional Disorder, Substance Abuse Disorder or Co-Occurring Disorder (this excludes youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder, unless there is also a co-occurring SED,SUD diagnosis)*
  2. *Experience navigating & accessing complex public health & child service systems*
  3. *An attestation that you are serving in a parental role as either;*
    - 1) *The biological parent and caregiver for a child living with a SED,SUD or co-occurring diagnosis*
    - 2) *The legal and permanent guardian for a child living with an SED, SUD or co-occurring diagnosis for a least 2 years (this excludes foster parents).*

Please submit all documentation by **February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

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