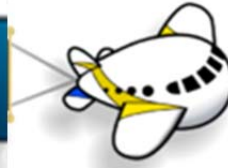


## Interagency NEWS! Week ending Dec. 2, 2016



**SECRET SANTA FOR FOSTER CHILDREN** You can be a Secret Santa and shop for a child or make a monetary donation to Gordon County DFCS/ Secret Santa Fund, 619 Mauldin Road, Calhoun, GA 30701. Contact [garrett.pierce@dhs.ga.gov](mailto:garrett.pierce@dhs.ga.gov) for more information! Gift drop off is Friday, 12/16, from 8AM to 7PM at CrossFit Oscar Mike (111 Jones Rd Calhoun).

**BUS CRASH TRAGEDY** Anyone interested in helping Woodmore Elementary School, Chattanooga, donations can be made to the Community Foundation or to United Way of Greater Chattanooga. <http://connect.chattanooga.gov/woodmore-donation/>

**Area Agency on Aging/AAA Job Opportunity** seeking a Wellness Coordinator Submit resume and cover letter. Application forms available at [www.nwgrc.org](http://www.nwgrc.org) or by calling 706-295-6485.

**Mandated Reporting of Child Abuse in GA: Your Role in Recognizing and Responding to Suspicion of Maltreatment** Thursday, 12/8, at 1:00 – 2:30. Significant changes were made to the Mandated Reporting Statute (19-7-5) in this 2016 legislative session, including adding child endangerment to the list of reporting requirements. Registration: [https://choawebinars.adobeconnect.com/mandrept1216/event/event\\_info.html?campaign-id=Email](https://choawebinars.adobeconnect.com/mandrept1216/event/event_info.html?campaign-id=Email)

**Finals season can be a difficult time for college students.** As part of MHA's 2016 Life on Campus public education campaign, we've created a new resource to help students manage a heavy course load. The webpage, [The Most Stressful Time of the Semester – Finals](#), has useful tips for handling the stress and pressure that finals can bring. For questions about Life on Campus, please contact Danielle Fritze at [dfritze@mentalhealthamerica.net](mailto:dfritze@mentalhealthamerica.net).

**Ugly Sweater 5K** Tomorrow, 12/3, at 9 a.m. at the Calhoun Rec Yellow Park. Early registration \$20, kids 10 & under \$10, day of registration \$25/\$15. Registration forms can be picked up and dropped off at Calhoun Recreation Dept. Free t-shirt for registrants. Donations for canned foods will be collected on race day for Blewer Foods. Questions: 678-986-6347 or email [charles.rhodes99@gmail.com](mailto:charles.rhodes99@gmail.com)

**“Hairspray LIVE!”** on December 7th, at 8 pm ET. Hairspray’s core message is one of positive self-image, self-acceptance, and spreading the word of love and progressive thinking for people of all sizes, backgrounds, or ethnicities. Additionally, check out [Hairspray Study Guide](#) “with activities students can use to stage a 60’s day in your classroom, and to sing and dance along with their families as they watch the show.” [http://b.3cdn.net/glsen/03ecdc93a740e911e2\\_mlbrsty11.pdf](http://b.3cdn.net/glsen/03ecdc93a740e911e2_mlbrsty11.pdf)

**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.

**Alzheimer's Cafe** This Thursday, 12/8, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Calhoun Depot. Does require registration. Lunch/dinner is provided. Please call 800.272.3900 to register.

**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.

For questions, contact Family Connection of Gordon County Coordinator Roberta Charbonneau.  
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