

GHA – RESIDENT SERVICES

The Resident Opportunity and Supportive Services Program (ROSS) supports public housing residents by linking them with valuable community resources to obtain economic self-sufficiency, independence, improved quality of life, and in some cases help individuals maintain stable housing as they age.

RESIDENT SERVICES – LIST OF PROGRAMMING

Gainesville Housing Authority partners with area organizations to offer many opportunities for residents:

ADULTS

- Case management
- Job search, resume writing, job skills building and mentoring
- Parenting classes in partnership with CenterPoint
- English as Second Language Classes
- Free Income Tax Filing Assistance
- LIFE (Local Initiative for Family Empowerment) Classes (off-site at Family Promise – 1001 Riverside Drive, 30501)
 - New Beginnings Financial Literacy
 - Parenting Group, Life Coaching, Prevention
 - Jobs Skills and Career Development

OLDER ADULTS

- Tuesday BINGO @ Tower Heights
- Thursday Lunch Bunch with service referrals
- Case management

TEENS

- College Bound
- RISE Summer Program – paid summer internships available
- Golden Ticket
- Job Skills classes
- Free Chapel Art Club

CHILDREN

- Afterschool Reading and Homework help programs
 - Boys and Girls Club at Melrose (M-F)
 - Shine at Harrison Square (T/TH)
 - Kids Nest Tutoring at Harrison Square (M/W)
- BLING (Building Leaders in North Georgia), girls only 4th-11th grade
 - Harrison Square (T)
 - Melrose (M/T)
- RISE, curriculum-based programming
 - Spring Break
 - Summer
- YES! Entrepreneurship Program
- Chattahoochee River Keepers
- Free Chapel Art Club @ Melrose

FOR ADULTS...

ENGLISH CLASSES @ MELROSE

Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30pm
Pearl Nix Parkway, Computer Room

English as a second language classes for GHA residents.

While the parents are in class, we offer a kids "Reading Club", a literacy-based programming for kids, at the same time. Includes snacks and a free book for the children each visit! Contact: Olga Burch, olga_burch@yahoo.com

FAMILY LIFE PROGRAMMING @ FAMILY PROMISE

LIFE (Local Initiative for Family Empowerment) Classes

- New Beginnings Financial Literacy - Tuesdays 10-12
- Parenting Group, Life Coaching, Prevention - Saturdays 10-12
- Jobs Skills and Career Development - Mondays 9-12

Location: 1001 Riverside Drive (transportation stipends available from GHA)

Child Care provided for all classes.

All are open to Public- no Charge.

Drawing for gift card at beginning of each class.

Attend 8 and receive \$100 Gift Card and Day passes for family to Frances Meadows Aquatic Center.

Contact: Laura, laura@familypromisehall.org, 770-535-0786

VITA (VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE)

In partnership with Gainesville Action Ministries, GHA will be offering free tax assistance in March. IRS certified volunteers will prepare your taxes and help you gain wealth. See our home page, gainesvillehousing.org for more information.

CASE MANAGEMENT – ROSS (RESIDENT OPPORTUNITY AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM)

Need a personal assistant to reach your goals? Maria Calkins, ROSS Coordinator, can assist with any of the needs listed below.

Contact: mcalkins@gainesvillehousing.org

- GED/College Preparation
- Adult Computer Classes
- Childcare
- Credit Issues
- Community Services
- Educational Goals
- Employment Readiness
- Financial Literacy
- Housing
- Home-ownership Counseling
- Disability Counseling
- Support Services
- Nutrition
- Healthcare
- Accessible Resources
- Taxes
- Senior Employment Volunteer Opportunities

- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Counseling
- Youth Development Programs
- Parent Education
- Transportation

** GHA residents who are working towards education and/or employment goals may be eligible for financial and technical assistance to help with their efforts

FOR TEENS...

COLLEGE BOUND

For all GHA high school students.

Assistance and mentoring by Resident Services Coordinator, Maria Calkins. Resources include: helping with FAFSA, searching for scholarships, college planning, after-school and summer job search. Contact: mcalkins@gainesvillehousing.org

JOB SKILLS CLASSES

Schedule to be announced Spring 2017

In partnership with WorkSource, GHA will be offering soft skills, mock interviews, resume writing and job prep training for teens. Contact: mcalkins@gainesvillehousing.org

RISE SUMMER PROGRAM

GHA teenage residents, 16-18 years old, are invited to apply for paid summer jobs as assistant teachers. The job lasts for 6 weeks and assistant teachers are expected to be at RISE 5 days a week, 8:30am-2:30pm at either Melrose's Innovation Station or Fair Street School. Transportation, 2 meals a day and a snack are provided. See risesummerprogram.com for application.

Contact: mcalkins@gainesvillehousing.org

GOLDEN TICKET

Usually the week after Spring Break (see GHA calendar) at GHS, T-W-Th, 3:45-5pm
Dinner and transportation home provided.

In partnership with Gainesville High School and WorkSource, a program for juniors and seniors where they plan for the future: education, job training, work. Contact: Maria, mcalkins@gainesvillehousing.org

FREE CHAPEL ART CLUB FOR TEENS – INVITATION ONLY

Saturdays, once a month, to be announced (check calendar at gainesvillehousing.org)

Middle and High School students

Free Chapel Art Club is a monthly opportunity to continue the relationships built during Free Chapel's four year service to the students who resided at the Atlanta Street (Green Hunter) apartments, as well as create additional opportunities for creative development and future success. Other local students will be invited to be a part of this special group.

Students will be afforded field trips and interactions with local artists. Students will also participate in service opportunities throughout our community. Contact: Salissa, sjglutting@gmail.com

FOR SENIOR CITIZENS...

SENIOR LUNCH BUNCH @ TOWER HEIGHTS

Tuesdays, 11am-1pm: Sponsored by In His Name Church, residents are invited to join us for a short Bible Study, singing, BINGO and lunch. All free of charge for Gainesville Housing Authority residents. Contact: jonmhuebner@gmail.com.

Thursdays, 11-1pm: Join us for lunch and programming, as requested by the residents. Referrals and assistance with services are available.

CASE MANAGEMENT

Need assistance with updating your health insurance or finding community resources to meet your needs so that you can continue living at Gainesville Housing Authority? Maria Calkins, ROSS Coordinator, can assist mcalkins@gainesvillehousing.org, 404-358-3558.

FOR KIDS....

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

RISE

Spring Break

The week of Gainesville City School's Spring Break, usually the first full week of April. Monday – Friday, 3:00-5:30. Sites will be announced later. Curriculum-based programming, Monday – Thursday, provided by paid teaching staff, to address literacy and reading so that children are best prepared for school testing later in April. If the students attend class M-TH, they are rewarded with a field trip on Friday. This program is free of charge and a snacks are provided every day. Contact: mcalkins@gainesvillehousing.org

Summer Program

Each summer, Gainesville Housing Authority sponsors, in partnership with Brenau University and United Way, a 6-week curriculum-based summer program, to address summer learning loss, for rising 1st-7th graders. RISE sites are Melrose's Innovation Station and Fair Street School. The program is free of charge, breakfast, lunch and a snack are provided daily. Transportation is provided by Gainesville City Schools for students who live in the City of Gainesville. Go to risesummerprogram.com for more information and registration materials. Contact: mcalkins@gainesvillehousing.org

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMING

MELROSE:

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Monday – Friday, 3:00-5:30 at Innovation Station
K-5th grade

Tutoring, activities and field trips offered free for Melrose residents. Contact: Kerve, kjca777@gmail.com

FREE CHAPEL MELROSE

Thursdays during Boys and Girls Club at Innovation Station
K-5th grade

Art class at Innovation Station during Boys and Girls' Club. Others are invited to attend, not just BGC kids...

CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER KEEPER

Last Tuesday of the month, 3:30-5:30
K-5th grade

Once a month, Chattahoochee River Keeper provides an environmental education program for the kids who attend Boys and Girls Club at Melrose.

BLING

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:00-5:30pm (follows Gainesville City Schools calendar)
Computer Room at Pearl Nix Parkway office
Girls-only club, 10-17 years old

Join us for fun, activities and field trips. Contact: Lisa Chester, lisachester27@yahoo.com

HARRISON SQUARE

SHINE

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30-5:30
Harrison Square playground or community center when weather is bad.
For children, K-5th grade

After-school program that provides homework assistance, art projects, holiday parties, fellowship and fun! Also, special Saturday activities: arts and crafts, movies, holiday parties! Contact: Amy and Jack Bentley, occband.jb@gmail.com

AWANA

Wednesdays, 5:30 – 7pm
For children, K-5th

Bible Study sponsored by In His Name Church for K-5th graders. Contact: jonmhuebner@gmail.com

YES!

Thursdays, 5:30-7:00. Follows Gainesville City Schools calendar.
For students, 6th-12th grades

The goal of the club is to prepare young GHA residents to be young entrepreneurs through direct training, field trips and meeting local successful people in a variety of businesses. Classes are about developing business ideas and then implementing those ideas for presentation before a 'Shark Tank'-like committee. Students create business plans, business cards, proto-types, take field trips to area businesses, meet local innovators, hear motivational speakers and participate in skill-building exercises. Contact: Jim Chapman, jchapman@gainesvillehousing.org

BLING (Building Leaders in North Georgia)

Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm (follows Gainesville City Schools calendar)
Girls-only club, 10-17 years old

Join us for fun, activities and field trips. Contact: Emily Cohen emily_in_nica@yahoo.com

KIDS' NEST ACADEMY

Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:30-5:00pm (follows Gainesville City Schools calendar)

2nd and 3rd graders only

After-school tutoring for 2nd and 3rd graders only. Contact: Paula, pgulick2@charter.net