



Housing Justice League Resource Document

The **Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority (FACAA)** assists families and individuals of Fulton County and Atlanta by offering them various resources and programs that enable them to emerge from economic despair, help pay energy bills, stop evictions, prevent homelessness, and overall improve their living conditions.

Emergency Assistance - This program offered by FACAA provides grants and funds to help people make it thru a crisis, such as a job loss, medical emergency, foreclosure or eviction proceedings, or some other emergency. Some of the programs and assistance offered includes :

- Grants for energy assistance to prevent disconnection from their utility service
- Assistance and money to help someone avoid evictions and stop a foreclosure
- Resources and benefits to ensure shelter or housing with goal-oriented case management and counseling
- Emergency food assistance
- There are even services and resources for currently homeless families and individuals
- Find additional resources for [government mortgage help](#).

Georgia Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

This will help low and moderate income people pay their winter heating bills as well as summer cooling bills through home heating energy assistance grants and crisis grants. It is run by the Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority. Crisis grants help those people who are in an emergency situation. You do not need to have an unpaid bill to receive home heating or cooling energy assistance. This program is available at designated times throughout the year, such as November and during the late spring. More on the [low income energy assistance program](#).

Job Guidance, Employment and Counseling

The employment services offered by the Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority has undergone a change in which a shift of services has occurred within FACAA. Now their services have been steered to a more creative approach to assisting the unemployed. The FACAA organization now provides scheduled workshops, job finding assistance, and individual counseling in the following areas:

Workshops provide those who need help include:

- Job Application and Resume Creativity
- Career Choices
- Perseverance when all seems hopeless
- Dressing For The Job Interview
- The Mock Interview Process and Practice
- Job Acceptance
- Dealing with Difficult Supervisors
- Keeping your job even when you don't like it anymore
- Entrepreneurial Training: Try Being Your Own Boss!
- Debt reduction, help paying loans, and credit counseling. They partner with various non-profit organizations. More on [Atlanta credit counseling agencies](#).

Contact the **Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority** at one of its locations. Buckhead (Main Office) Phone: 404.320.0166, South Fulton Phone: 404-559-6040 , East Atlanta Phone: 404-370-7060. In addition to those services, the non-profit offers other aid, guidance and support for those seeking self-sufficiency. [More Fulton Atlanta Community Action programs](#).

Financial assistance for hardships

Another local agency to turn to for aid is the **North Fulton Community Charities**. This agency also offers several different programs and access to funds for short term expenses. Last year they provided almost 25,000 food items, they provided over \$1.2 million in cash grants and financial assistance for bills and housing expenses, and they provided clothing to over 2,000 families.

One of the main goals of the non-profit North Fulton Community Charities (NFCC), which is a so called human service agency, is to prevent people from being evicted, stop homelessness, and utility service disconnections. The agency is committed to preventing homelessness of individuals in Atlanta and Fulton County. The NFCC agency assists individuals and families by providing for basic needs such as food, utility bill assistance and rent, and even high quality clothing. They focus the aid on people facing a short term emergency. (770) 640-0399

Fulton County Georgia non-profits and assistance programs that are offered across the entire state

Some resources and programs provide aid for the entire state, Atlanta as well as Fulton County. Get help with rent, foreclosure prevention, utility bills, and other financial assistance.

- [Georgia foreclosure and mortgage help](#)
- Georgia free legal aid. [Read more](#)
- [Georgia HUD foreclosure prevention](#)
- Georgia utility bill assistance. [Click here](#)
- [Georgia food banks and pantries](#)
- [Georgia dental care centers](#)
- Georgia section 8. [Find details.](#)
- [Georgia community clinics](#)

Emergency aid for women

Atlanta Urban Ministries provide financial assistance to children and women and children who are experiencing financial challenges, such as potential homelessness, food shortages, or loss of utility service. They focus on keeping families together. Call (404) 881-1991

Crisis programs

Another local resource to turn to for help is the **Atlanta and Fulton County Salvation Army**. The agency provides emergency, crisis, and life-sustaining assistance. they do this by providing low income, unemployed, and other needy people with money for paying rent/mortgage, food aid, clothing, utility bill help, school supplies, furniture, and household supplies to families and individuals who are facing a financial crisis or short term hardship. They run a family service center in Atlanta. 404-486-2710.

People applying for help from the Salvation Army do need to meet a number of conditions, and funding is limited and always stretched thin. Many programs rely on donations and contributions from members of the community. We have phone numbers and more details on the Salvation Army financial assistance programs. [Click here](#) for details.

Cooling bill assistance is also administered by the Salvation Army centers across the Atlanta region. Resources can provide people with fans, gently used air conditioners, or money to pay cooling bills. Centers are also opened around Fulton County that people can stop by at for water, ice cream, and a place to stay cool. [More details.](#)

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The Urban League focuses on employment, rent, and mortgage issues. They help low income and disadvantaged families in Atlanta. While direct financial aid is limited, staff from the HUD approved agency can help both homeowners and tenants apply for programs. This can include foreclosure counseling, grants for paying rent, and more. The center also offers job training, free use of computers, Step Up and workforce development for unemployed Atlanta residents. More on [programs from Urban League Atlanta](#).

The **Fulton County Georgia Division of Family and Children Services** is arguably the leading government organization to call for financial assistance, advice, and referrals. Several resources offered can help with paying for immediate basic needs and bills, and also provide longer term self-sufficiency.

Some of the programs include, but are not limited to, job finding services and training. Medical bills and needs can be met by Medicaid and other health care programs. Other services include cash assistance, food stamps, and rental assistance vouchers. [Read more](#) on the Fulton County family services programs.

Sullivan Center, Inc. - This non-profit organization facilitates an array of services that were created to assist low income clients overcome temporary hardships. Many volunteers work at this location. 643 Dill Ave., SW, Atlanta, GA 30310, (404) 753-0531

Housing and employment services from **Clifton Sanctuary** are for homeless males only in Atlanta. The charity runs shelters and low income apartments as part of Joe's Place. There is also job training from a free computer lab, work clothes (such as suits and dresses) as part of Dress for Success, as well as emergency food and hot meals. [Click here](#).

Atlanta based Jewish Family and Career Services - They are a resource for seniors, the disabled, and low income in Fulton County. Some assistance is available regardless of faith or religion, and some resources are focused on those of Jewish faith. They may have emergency financial aid for rent or bills. Self-sufficiency and job search programs include support from Career Services of Atlanta. There are also free food pantries and other resources. More on [Jewish Family and Career Services of Atlanta programs](#).

Atlanta Rescue Mission and thrift store - The focus is on basic needs. The center offers food, clothing, shelter, and transitional housing. Case managers can also help people by providing information on Fulton County job and employment programs. Call them for information on housing programs such as the Potter's House and other housing support. [Read Atlanta Mission](#).

Fulton County holiday programs - At each major holiday, including Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, qualified low income families can receive help. What may be provided includes free food, meals, gifts and toys for children, and companionship for senior citizens. More on [holiday assistance in Atlanta](#).

Catholic Charity - Several offices and churches in the Fulton County and Atlanta region administer services for the working poor and low income. Many of the resources they provide are referrals to government and public assistance, such as LIHEAP, food stamps, or section 8 housing rent vouchers. However they do provide direct assistance in some cases, including for housing, legal aid for immigrants, and other support. [Click here](#).

Caring for Others (CTO) provides everything from emergency funds to pay rent or energy bills (to stop homelessness) to basic needs and referrals. Staff will also help people apply for

government benefits, such as SSI disability or food stamps. Other services from CTO in Fulton County include a holiday giving center, free food pantry and a community thrift store. More on [Atlanta Caring for Others](#).

Dunwoody Baptist Church - Benevolence Assistance Ministry - Church offers financial assistance, food pantry, job information, career counseling and counseling. Dunwoody, Georgia 30338, phone (770) 280-1240

Georgia Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty - Helps with landlord/tenant disputes and housing discrimination assistance. Some of the financial resources may be SSDI applications, unemployment insurance filing or rent payment / security deposit assistance. Other free legal aid may be available as well, including to prevent an eviction. Address is 100 Edgewood Ave., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Dial (404) 681-0680. More on [Georgia Law Center housing programs](#).

Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless partners with non-profits and the government on rent and housing issues. The primary services are as follows.

- Grants for utility bills including electric, water, or heating.
- Rent and security deposit help.
- A representative payee program as well as budgeting and credit repair.
- Other support, such as shelter and help in obtaining identification, is also arranged from the Day Center. Find [details on Metro Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless programs](#).

Lift Community Development offers many emergency and social services. It may be a free food pantry, transitional housing, clothing bank, veteran benefits assistance, tutoring for children and other family services. College Park based in Fulton County. Phone: (770) 997-6363

Community Assistance Center (CAC) - Helps pay for basic needs and homeless prevention, so rent help. Also CAC offers financial assistance, free food, clothing, holiday food baskets and Christmas and holiday gifts for children during the December holidays. CAC serves residents of the cities of Sandy Springs, GA (in Fulton County) and Dunwoody GA (in DeKalb County). 1130 Hightower Tr., Sandy Springs, Georgia 30350, dial (770) 552-4015

Atlanta Midtown Center, Inc. will strive to prevent homelessness and hunger during periods of crisis. The non-profit will provide emergency assistance to the working poor of Midtown and Downtown Atlanta in Fulton County. The housing programs will come mostly in the form of referrals to financial aid, including grant programs or maybe a loan for paying overdue rent.

Other services from MAC can include free clothes for those seeking employment. They can also help people obtain a Breeze Card or maybe identification. Other assistance is food from churches

and more. 30 Porter Pl., NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30308, call (404) 681-5777. More on [help from Midtown Assistance Center](#).

Housing Authorities will try to address the need for safe, affordable, and clean housing in the region. Low income and working poor families can learn about public housing and the section 8 program. The government agency will also have details on senior housing as well.

- The Fulton County location is at 4273 Wendell Dr., Atlanta, Georgia 30336, call (404) 588-4950
- Housing Authority of the City of College Park is based out of an office at 2000 Princeton Ave., College Park, GA 30337. Call (404) 761-2805

Cascade Community Services, Inc. – Non-profit offers an array of services and assistance programs including, but are not limited to, tutoring, financial assistance for low income families and individuals, as well as a free clothing closet. 3144 Cascade Rd., SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30311, dial (404) 691-4360

Gateway Center - Focuses on emergency shelter, transitional housing, and employment services for the homeless and individuals in Atlanta facing poverty. The non-profit will triage clients through the Client Engagement Center and use other resources. They also provide help to veterans in Fulton County. [Click Gateway Center programs](#).

Local churches in Fulton County help the poor, Latinos and/or Spanish speakers, homeless, and hungry. Whether it is a piece of clothing from a family store, food from the pantry, or a few dollars to pay electric bill or rent in a crisis, there are dozens of churches that may help people regardless of their religion. The hours are limited, but find how to apply. Locate [Atlanta church assistance programs](#).

Atlanta Legal Aid Society provides free support in Fulton County. The pro-bono firm can help with various civil matters. Examples of services include attorneys offer eviction prevention from the Home Defense Program. Immigrants or the disabled can get help with filing for government benefits and other assistance. Advice is also offered to low income families in Atlanta for applying for government benefits, such as SSI disability or SNAP food stamps. The non-profit is focused on ensuring full access to representation for those that are less fortunate. More on [Atlanta Legal Aid Society services](#).

Clothing, household good and basic needs - Dozens of charities, churches, and non-profit clothing closets provide items to needy families. Centers distribute items such as free coats, shoes, suits, diapers, work attire, furniture and more. [Get information Atlanta clothing closets](#).

Discounts and **financial aid for water bills** is provided to seniors and low income customers who are faced with a crisis situation. Additional assistance can be provided for repairs and maintenance of pipes and plumbing. Find more information on [water bill assistance in Atlanta](#).

Non-profit and government **assistance for rental and housing expenses** are targeted at families facing homelessness. Most agencies have limited funding and need proof that the applicant can sustain the future payments on their own. But when qualified, there may be everything from grants for back rent, legal aid, motel vouchers, deposit help, and more. Get a listing of additional [Atlanta rent assistance programs](#).

Atlanta Urban Ministries runs several services, with a focus on housing and hunger prevention. The staff can direct clients to transitional housing, shelter, and a food pantry. This is also done while the client pursues education and job training for stability. The number is 404-881-6744, or [click more information](#).

Atlanta free foreclosure counseling

While many homeowners may not realize it, **Catholic Charities** has a foreclosure assistance program for Atlanta and Fulton County homeowners. They help people of all faiths and religions. The agency employs certified housing counselors who are available to provide expertise and mortgage assistance to homeowners who are in mortgage default (or undergoing a foreclosure) or approaching mortgage default. Programs are even available to help someone buy a new home, or refinance a mortgage. Dial 770-790-3112 for an appointment.

Another HUD approved counseling agency is **CredAbility - Atlanta Office**. This non profit credit, foreclosure assistance, and debt agency provides assistance with consumer education, credit counseling, foreclosure prevention, homeowner/home purchase counseling, predatory lending awareness program, bankruptcy counseling, HUD counseling agencies, low income home loans and mortgages, personal financial management, and mortgage company complaints. (800) 251-2227

Atlanta based **Home Owner Mortgage Education, Inc.** offers a wide variety of services and resources including mortgage review, loan modification, foreclosure prevention and counseling, and loss mitigation. Dial (404) 452-1976.

Non-profits - Both HUD approved agencies and attorneys from organizations such as Atlanta Legal Aid Society and Georgia Legal Services provide counseling and free advice. Whether you are behind on paying your home loan, or have received a foreclosure notice, then these organizations are worth contacting. [Learn more](#).

Churches and Buckhead Christian Ministry may be able to help with basic needs in a crisis situation. Housing assistance may include funds for paying rent or utility bills. For those in their transitional housing programs, financial aid may be offered to pay the security deposit when moving. Other resources from the ministry include free food, Christmas and Thanksgiving assistance, money management, and additional case management services. [Click details](#).

Home-Free USA is a HUD-approved housing counseling agency that focuses on foreclosure prevention. Counselors work to lower the rate on a homeowners mortgage and/or set up a loan modification with their bank or lender to help bring their account and mortgage payment current. (404) 607-0800

Another option is a mortgage help center that was opened by **Fannie Mae**. It provides free foreclosure and counseling services. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Emergency financial aid

If you need help for a crisis situation, such as funds to stop an eviction or to keep your utility service from being disconnected, try these places. **Society of St. Vincent De Paul, Atlanta** ((678) 892-6164) provides financial assistance, a food bank, GED programs, and other services. They range from a thrift store, job training, clothing closet, and referrals. For example, case workers from the Fulton County St. Vincent De Paul can help people apply for public assistance like health care, food stamps, or LIHEAP. [Get additional details](#).

The **Salvation Army - Fulton** also offers emergency assistance and money to aid persons in a crisis situation in the areas of food, clothing, lodging and housing, rent and utility bill assistance. (404) 486-2710.

Rent and housing assistance, as well as eviction prevention

If you are facing an eviction from your home or apartment, need money to pay a security deposit, or are just behind on your regular monthly rent payments, some of the non-profit agencies and charities to turn to for housing assistance in Atlanta and Fulton County include:

- **Atlanta Urban Ministries** (phone (404) 881-6744) - Financial assistance and services are offered for housing and other expenses.
- **Midtown Assistance Center, Inc.** - This agency offers rent help, and even free food and groceries. (404) 681-5777.
- **Achor Center, Inc.** - Runs the federal government Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program.(404) 349-9151.
- **Buckhead Christian Ministry, Inc.** is another local agency that provides rent help, and they as well administer the federal government Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Fund. Call (404) 239-0038.

Federal government HUD sponsored grants also pay for other resources for **stopping evictions**. Agencies in Fulton County use the money to provide everything from legal aid to rent help, assistance with moving costs, deposits, and emergency hotel/motel vouchers. [Locate eviction help in Fulton County](#).

Transitional housing services are available across Atlanta and the greater Fulton County area. Numerous non-profits and government funded programs assist qualified families that were

evicted and/or the currently homeless. Participants will have access to a place to live while they regain self-sufficiency through services such as job training, credit counseling, and while they process applications for low income housing. Some centers may have information on rental or security deposit assistance as well. More on [Fulton County Georgia housing programs](#).

Fulton County Georgia health care and community clinics

City of Refuge, Inc. is an Atlanta agency that provides affordable and accessible high quality primary medical and health care to medically underserved and at risk individuals in the Fulton County Georgia area. Dial (404) 564-7749.

Another health care clinic is **Saint Joseph's Mercy Care Services, Inc.** This facility offers numerous medical programs including primary health and dental care, free pediatric service and checkups for children who do not have health coverage, dental assistance, and referrals. Dial (678) 843-8600, or learn about other [free health care](#) programs.

With tens of thousands of families lacking health insurance in the area, the demand for high quality, yet low cost medical care has never been greater. There are other options out there that can help meet the health and dental care of the low income, unemployed, and people who may be struggling. Locate [more Fulton County Georgia clinics](#), which are in addition to the two locations above.

Food, clothing, household items in Fulton County

Ben Hill United Methodist Church - Runs a food pantry and a clothing closet. Atlanta GA. (404) 344-0618

Calvary United Methodist Church - Food pantry. (404) 753-8151

Greater Mission Works, Inc. - Distributes food, and is also a food stamping facility. (404) 881-6700

True Church of God Outreach Ministry, Inc. - Provides clothes and free food. (404) 753-2890

Free diapers in Atlanta - A couple local non-profit organizations provide free diapers to Fulton County and Atlanta families. Learn more on [free diapers](#) and how to apply.

There are a few **dozen other primary food banks**, churches and pantries located across Atlanta and the county. Some also provide financial assistance and/or clothes. Read more on [Fulton County food banks](#).

City of Atlanta Georgia

There are other services that cover both Atlanta and Fulton County. [Learn more](#) on the city of Atlanta assistance programs.

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