

Organizations named in PPA's Statements of Support:

Hands on Northeast Georgia

In October 2006, Community Connection launched Hands On Northeast Georgia, a new volunteer center to provide direct service opportunities for volunteers in the Athens-Oconee Area. Hands On Northeast Georgia will coordinate with agency partners to market service opportunities and recruit, train, and support volunteers. Hands On Northeast Georgia will utilize the www.handsonnortheastgeorgia.org website (starting 3/21/07) as the center for all things volunteering, including a listing of agency partners and a calendar of volunteer opportunities. Through the website, regular orientations, and volunteer expos, the Volunteer Center will constantly work to direct volunteers to the projects in need of their support. For more information, dial 211.

Athens Jobs for Life

Athens' Jobs for Life program provides participants with job training and support enabling them to secure meaningful employment. Participants attend Jobs for Life's 16-session course taught by local ministers and employers. Ministers and employers continue to mentor Jobs for Life graduates as they find jobs and build careers and lives filled with understanding, confidence, self-control, learning, and faith. Interested ministers, employers, and participants should contact Rev. Abraham Mosley, Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, 706-549-3767 or Clay Gilbert, Thornton Brothers, 706-543-5204.

Athens Justice Project

The Athens Justice Project (AJP) combines legal representation with long-term, relationship-based counseling and social work services, including employment assistance, to indigent persons who are stuck in the revolving door of the criminal justice system but who are motivated and committed to change. Through AJP's attorney, licensed clinical social worker, and partners like the Department of Labor's prisoner re-entry program, AJP clients receive services including: counseling (substance abuse, mental health, family), employment assistance (resume preparation, job search and interview coaching, job readiness counseling, counseling to support maintaining employment, and referrals for career counseling), and case management (accessing rehabilitation resources, sources for affordable medication, mental health, medical and dental care, housing, food, clothing, etc.). For more information, see www.athensjusticeproject.com or call 706-613-2026.

Athens Area Food Policy Council

The Athens Area Food Policy Council exists to bring together diverse stakeholders in the community to examine how the local food system is operating and to improve it by making affordable, nutritious food accessible to all people at all times. The Faith Community, health providers, social service agencies, food retailers & producers, and community members are encouraged to join the effort to create food security and entrepreneurship opportunities for all Athenians directly affected by poverty. For more information, email athensfpc@gmail.com or call 706-354-8080.