



**HENRY COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
VETERANS TREATMENT COURT
PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK**

Accountability Court Offices
333 Phillips Dr
McDonough, GA 30253

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Stockbridge, GA 30281

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DSP II Waypoint

770-415-0859

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Griffin GA 30223

VSG, Inc.

770-284-3306

32 Jonesboro Rd

McDonough GA 30253

Veterans Crisis Line– 1-800-273-8255 (Press 1)

ADMISSION

You have been admitted into the Henry County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) Program. This Handbook is designed to provide general information about the program. As a participant, you will be expected to follow the instructions given in Court by the Judge and other members of the team and to comply with the treatment plan developed for you by the treatment team.

This Handbook will detail some of what is expected of you as a participant. It will review general program information. It can by no means answer each and every situation which may arise. It is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to ask questions for clarification when you are unsure of something. All phases of the program include changes in your lifestyle, in addition to substance abuse and mental health treatment with judicial oversight. For any questions about expectations, please ask the Coordinator or your Case Manager.

OVERVIEW

The VTC is a minimum 20 month*, five-phase intensive intervention program. This program will consist of court appearances before the Judge, law-enforcement supervision, weekly drug testing, treatment, verifiable employment or community service, and attendance at community-based support meetings. Additionally, you will have Veteran support interactions and groups. In order to advance through the phases and ultimately graduate you must maintain sobriety and all competencies must be met. Any failure to do so will result in sanctions which will slow your progress in the program or a general delay in graduation. There may be a period of time in the Maintenance Phase after completing the active portion of competencies that you will continue to call the screen line and report to any drug/alcohol screening up until the day of graduation.

**In some cases, single count misdemeanors or non-dual diagnosed cases may be handled in a shorter time frame*

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the VTC is to provide to Veteran offenders who are dealing with the effects of substance abuse, mental illness and trauma associated with or exacerbated by service in the military.

The purpose of this program is to enhance public safety, reduce recidivism rates and reduce taxpayer costs associated with this category of offender. The offender's addiction, family, and social environment will be addressed with the goals of returning a sober, productive person to society, reuniting families, and reducing the role of public assistance.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Federal and State law requires your identity and privacy be protected for medical treatment. In response to these regulations, the VTC has developed policies and procedures that guard your privacy. You will be asked to sign a Consent for Disclosure of confidential substance abuse and/or mental health treatment information. This disclosure of information is for the sole purpose of hearings and reports concerning your specific VTC case. You are expected to respect others privacy in your group and court sessions. Violations of this policy will be immediately sanctioned.

Please note that due to confidentiality of other participants, it is not proper for your family members or friends to call or come to any VTC facility unless they are coming for a court session or scheduled meeting. It is not appropriate to have others contact the staff on your behalf to make appointments, reschedule appointments or convey any other information.

THE COURT TEAM

After sentencing, the Judge will make all subsequent decisions regarding your participation in the program with input from the VTC Team. In addition to the Judge, the Court Team consists of the following members:

- Director and/or Coordinator
- Assistant District Attorney
- Assistant Public Defender
- Treatment Provider(s)
- Case Manager
- Law Enforcement
- Probation/Parole Officer
- Veteran Mentor
- Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist

DRUG COURT TEAM ROLES

Judge's Role

The Judge has knowledge of the impact of criminally addictive thinking and mental illness on the court system, your individual lives, and the entire community. Therefore, the Judge is committed to the program's mission and works as a lead partner to ensure its success. In the courtroom, the Judge develops a professional, working relationship with you while monitoring your progress. However, the Judge is not your case manager, personal attorney or legal advisor. Other than in court sessions, information provided to the Judge from you or your family must go through the Coordinator or Defense Counsel. The Judge is the final decision-maker and is responsible for monitoring your progress in the program. To do this, the Judge will award incentives and impose sanctions to guide your behavior to be a more productive member of society.

Coordinator's Role

The Coordinator has extensive knowledge and experience in the criminal justice system, court procedure, substance abuse and mental health treatment, and Veteran needs. The Coordinator acts as the primary contact person in connection with all operations of the Court. Additionally, the Coordinator's Office coordinates, monitors, evaluates and provides oversight for treatment and case management services. The Coordinator attends all scheduled court sessions, probation revocation hearings, staff meetings, and is responsible for collection of statistical information, compiling reports, and being the liaison between the Court and the rest of the VTC team members. The Coordinator conducts the initial orientation for all participants or assigns this task to a case manager and may assist in a veteran pre-screening to determine eligibility for the program.

Case Manger's Role

The Case Manager is the primary contact for the participant. The Case Manager supports the participant's entrance into and day to day adherence to the program rules, regulations, and functions. Case management plans are developed with the participant and monitored and updated for success. The Case Manger manages all data in the data base system. All coordination of calendars, orientation, as well as establishing connection to ancillary and community resources are

handled by the Case Manager in conjunction with the Mentor and Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist. The Case Manager attends all scheduled court sessions, staff meetings, and is responsible for collection of statistical information, and compiling reports for other members of the team. The Case Manager conducts the initial orientation for all participants.

District Attorney's Role

The District Attorney assigns an Assistant District Attorney (ADA) to the VTC Team. The ADA evaluates each eligible offender for referral to the VTC. The ADA presents each case to the Judge and facilitates entry into the program. Additionally, the ADA attends staffing to discuss possible candidates for the program, determine appropriate sanctions and incentives for current participants, and presents evidence to the Court in all hearings.

Behavioral Health Clinician Role

Your treatment provider is a clinical behavioral specialist who is trained and educated in the treatment of alcohol and substance abuse and persistent and severe mental health disorders/dual diagnosis as well as PTSD and trauma related disorders. The Clinician will determine the best treatment program for each participant. Your treatment provider will attend staffing to discuss your progress in the treatment process.

Public Defender's Role/ Attorney's Role

The Public Defender assigns an Assistant Public Defender (APD) to the Court Team. The APD is an integral part of the VTC team and, as it is the objective of the Court to respect your legal rights at all times, the APD will assist in participant waivers, contracts, and effectiveness of client care by advising the Client of rights and responsibilities. Additionally, the Assistant Public Defender attends staffing and is integral in team decisions concerning your progress and success.

Law Enforcement's Role

Law Enforcement provides accountability in the community during your participation in this program. They may conduct random searches of your home and person and will provide surveillance to the Court. One of our goals is to build positive rapport between Law Enforcement and participants. Law Enforcement is also responsible for informing the VTC Team of any contact you have with law enforcement agencies in the community while you are a participant in the program.

Community Supervision Role

Community Supervision (CS) will keep track of compliance with the sentence imposed by the Court. This is accomplished by surveillance of you, your living environment and other areas of your life. You will be required to report to your CS Officer as directed and provide proof of compliance in each phase of the program. You will pay your fines and supervision fees as ordered by the Court under direction of CS unless otherwise suspended. You will be drug screened by a CSO as well as other VTC service providers. Your CSO attends staffing to report progress and will be in constant communication with other court team members about your progress throughout the program.

Mentor and Mentor Coach Role

One of the unique and most effective components of the VTC is the Veteran Mentor and Mentor Coach. The Mentor is similar to a sponsor for NA or AA but much more available and supportive and is a Veteran. What a Mentor is NOT: a counselor, lawyer, boss, employee, Drill Instructor or problem solver. A Mentor is just that- a mentor. Somebody that you can call to support you, help problem solve, make recommendations, support you in court and be an encourager to your growth and healthy success in the program and in life. A Mentor has lived, served, and experienced the military experience and can help you in your program. The Mentor Coach oversees the mentors and the training and coordination for mentors.

STAFFING

Prior to each court session, the VTC Team will meet to familiarize themselves with your progress so that the Judge may discuss your progress with you during the court session. The Judge is informed of your drug testing results, attendance, participation and cooperation in the treatment program, account status, employment or other requirements. The Judge may ask you questions about your progress and discuss any problems you may be having. If you are doing well, you may be rewarded with incentives. If your progress reports show you are not doing well, the Judge will discuss this with you and determine future action, which could include a sanction in order to motivate you to meet the goals of the program.

COURT DRESS & BEHAVIOR

You are required to attend EVERY scheduled Court session. The Court will be in session as directed by the Judge. If you do not appear, a warrant will be issued for your arrest. If you have questions about any of your court appearances, you must contact the Coordinator or case manager.

Your behavior from the time you leave your automobile until you arrive in the courtroom should reflect positively on you and the VTC program.

You should wear appropriate clothing, which does NOT include shorts, plain white t-shirts, tank tops, halter tops, hats, sunglasses or excessively baggy clothing. Clothing which advertises alcohol/drug use or products, or has offensive language is NOT allowed.

You must be on time. When you are late, you are to remain outside the courtroom, to be brought before the Judge after the regular session ends. Being late can subject you to sanctions. In the courtroom, once Court is in session, there will be NO talking, unless you are being addressed by the Judge or other Court Team members.

When you are called up to see the Judge, stand at parade rest while being addressed by the Judge.



You may not sleep, read, write or use electronic equipment of any kind, including text messaging, while in Court. Absolutely NO cell phones, pagers or other electronic equipment shall be allowed in the courtroom unless it is turned completely OFF. Vibration mode is NOT acceptable. Confiscation of your equipment will occur and sanctions can be imposed for violations of this policy.

You must remain seated while in the courtroom at all times unless directed otherwise. Loud talking or inappropriate behaviors are NOT permitted. Public displays of affection are not permitted. Smoking is prohibited on grounds near the entrances of courthouses. Smoke at corners of parking areas near street. **During virtual court/class refer to virtual protocol rules given during your orientation**.

Other info:

NO NEW TATTOOS while in the program

COURT PHASES

All values and lengths of times are minimums and may be increased at the discretion of the Judge and VTC Team.

Orientation Phase I 2-3 months

Case Management:

- Meet with Case Manager 1x per week to discuss case management plan objectives.
- 20 hours per week employment, job training/job search, community service, GED classes, college or vocational school. (10 hours if certain unemployable disability criteria are met). Hours must be verified by stubs or other accepted documentation.
- Ensure all fees are paid
- Create “MyhealththeVet” account with VA; apply for or bring DD214.
- When assigned a Veteran Mentor have weekly contact.

Treatment:

- Attend scheduled groups per schedule.
- Attend 1 Individual Counseling Session per week and cannot miss a session within 30 days prior to phasing up.
- Complete all homework assignments from counselor.
- Completed phase up requirements turned in 1 week prior to phasing up.
- 12 Step and/or other community-based/self-help/Veteran support meetings: 3x per week, strongly encouraged to have sponsor

Supervision and monitoring:

- Drug Testing: Call screen line 7 days a week
- Court Attendance: all scheduled court dates
- Curfew: 6PM (exceptions must be verified in writing and pre-approved); random surveillance home or work
- Provide weekly reports to Case Manager Wednesday by 8:45 AM

Phase change transitions can be delayed if participant is sanctioned in the last 30 days. If sanctioned, Treatment will meet with participant to examine root causes and formulate action plan. This will be monitored for 2 weeks to gauge progress and determine if more time is needed prior to phasing up.

Phase II- 3 Months

Case Management:

- Meet with Case Manager at least 2 x per month to discuss case management plan objectives.
- Attend 3 Verifiable Sober Social Events.
 - Ex. Veteran Group events, GRTNA mtgs, 12-Step events, group events, etc.
- 20 or more hours per week of employment, GED, job training, college or vocational school. (10 hours if certain unemployable disability criteria are met)
- Ensure all fees are paid
- When assigned a Veteran Mentor have weekly contact.

Treatment:

- Attend scheduled groups per schedule
- Attend one (1) Individual Counseling Session per week and cannot miss a session within 30 days prior to phasing up.
- 12 Step and/or other community based/self-help/Veteran support meetings: 3x per week
- Complete all homework assignments from counselor.
- Completed phase up requirements turned in 1 week prior to phasing up.

Supervision and monitoring:

- Drug Testing: Call screen line 7 days a week
- Court Attendance: all scheduled court dates
- Curfew: 7pm (exceptions must be verified in writing and pre-approved) random surveillance home or work
- Provide weekly reports to Case Manager Wednesday by 8:45 AM
- Minimum 1 time per week interaction with mentor

Phase change transitions can be delayed if participant is sanctioned in the last 30 days. If sanctioned, Treatment will meet with participant to examine root causes and formulate action plan. This will be monitored for 2 weeks to gauge progress and determine if more time is needed prior to phasing up. No positive screen within 30 days of phase up.

Phase III- 3 Months

Case Management:

- Meet with Case Manager at least 2x per month to discuss case management plan objectives.
- Attend 3 Verifiable Sober Social Events.
 - Ex. Veterans support groups, 12-Step events, approved outings, etc.
- 20 or more hours per week of employment, GED, job training, college or vocational school. (10 hours if certain unemployable disability criteria are met).
- Ensure all fees are paid

Treatment:

- Attend at least (2) Individual Counseling Session per Month and cannot miss a session within 30 days prior to phasing up.
- Attend and participate in all scheduled groups and individual sessions.
- 12 Step and/or other community based/self-help/Veteran support meetings: 3x per week
- Complete all homework assignments from counselor.
- Complete and present Comprehensive Relapse Prevention Plan.

Supervision and monitoring:

- Drug Testing: Call screen line 7 days per week
- Court Attendance: all scheduled court dates
- Curfew: 9pm (exceptions must be verified in writing and preapproved) random surveillance home or work
- Provide weekly reports to Case Manager Wednesday by 8:45 AM
- Minimum 1 time per week interaction with mentor

Phase change transitions can be delayed if participant is sanctioned in the last 30 days. If sanctioned, Treatment will meet with participant to examine root causes and formulate action plan. This will be monitored for 2 weeks to gauge progress and determine if more time is needed prior to phasing up. No positive screen within 60 days of phase up.

Phase IV- 6 Months

Case management:

- Meet with Case Manager at least 1x per month to discuss case management plan objectives.
- Attend 3 Self Help/ Mutual Help/Veteran or 12 Step Meetings
- Attend 3 Verifiable Sober Social Events.
 - Ex. Veterans support groups, 12-Step events, approved outings, etc.
- 29 hours or more of employment, job training, college FT or vocational school. (Certain unemployable disability criteria can modify this requirement).
- Ensure all fees are paid

Treatment:

- Attend Individual Counseling minimum 1x per Month.
- Attend and participate in all scheduled groups.
- Complete Relapse Prevention.
- Complete Phase Up Project two weeks prior to phasing up. Tell story to Phase I participants.
- Share story at court

Supervision and monitoring:

- Drug Testing: 2-3x per week
- Court Attendance: all scheduled court dates
- Curfew: 11 PM.
- Provide weekly reports to Case Manager Wednesday by 8:45 AM
- Minimum 1 time per week interaction with mentor

Phase change transitions can be delayed if participant is sanctioned in the last 30 days. If sanctioned, Treatment will meet with participant to examine root causes and formulate action plan. This will be monitored for 2 weeks to gauge progress and determine if more time is needed prior to phasing up. No positive screen within 90 days of phasing up.

Maintenance Phase V- 6 Months

Case management:

- Working fulltime or enrolled full time in school. (Certain unemployable disability criteria can modify this requirement).
- Ensure all fees are paid

Treatment:

- Attend Individual Counseling as determined by treatment provider
- Meet with counselor/case manager 2 months prior to graduation to discuss if program criteria have been met or is on target and exit interview.

Supervision and monitoring:

- Attend 3 Self Help/ Mutual Help/Veteran or 12 Step Meetings
- Drug testing: call screen line 7 days/week until graduation ceremony
- Court Attendance: all scheduled court dates
- Curfew: None.
- Minimum 1 time per week interaction with mentor
- Graduation can be delayed if participant is sanctioned in the last 120 days. This includes missing scheduled appointments with Case Manager and Counseling groups. No positive screen within 120 days of graduation.

FEES

Each participant will be required to pay a weekly fee of \$30. Fee should be paid no later than Wednesday by 8:45 AM. Only money orders will be accepted, **no cash or checks**. Unpaid fees can result in sanctions and prevent progress to the next phase.

ATTENDANCE AND EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION POLICY

Attendance at all scheduled meetings and appointments is a fundamental requirement of participating in VTC. Lack of transportation is not an acceptable excuse for missing any appointment. It is expected that you will attend all scheduled activities, court, group and probation meetings, and other appointments required by the VTC Team.

Henry County Veterans Treatment Court On-Call Policy

The purpose of this policy is to provide continuum of care for our participants regarding specific issues that may arise in which the participant requires immediate guidance from case manager/counselors during non-business hours.

**If you are in crisis, you can call GA Crisis Line at 800-715-4225, 911 or
Veterans Crisis Line– 1-800-273-8255 (Press 1)**

You are required to contact your counselor and/or other court staff via their direct phone lines during regular business hours. If a message is left for counselors and/or staff, a return call will be made to you as soon as counselors and/or staff are available. In the event that you need immediate attention (non-emergency), you should leave a detailed message including your name, circumstances, and a call back number where you can be reached. The case manager will notify appropriate personnel immediately of any emergency calls that cannot be resolved via telephone contact. Also, call your Veteran Mentor and Surveillance.

PLEASE NOTE: Calling after hours is not for checking on, changing, or rearranging appointments with any counselor, staff, or supervision officer; to inquire if group is scheduled; or other non-emergency matters to include last minute curfew extensions. These kinds of non-emergency calls will be sanctioned.

During business hours:

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| <i>Britni Stephens</i> | <i>770-288-7592/ 678-476-2068</i> |
| <i>Keeanna Powell</i> | <i>770-288-6225/ 404-909-5317</i> |
| <i>Donna McDonald</i> | <i>770-288-7591/404-883-5886</i> |
| <i>Dep. Wilson</i> | <i>770-314-2776</i> |

- Even if you are unable to reach anyone, messages should be left to show intent.
- You must call unless it can be confirmed later that you were physically disabled and unable to make the call.

- Calls received from individuals unknown or unauthorized by a Release of Information on your behalf will not be accepted.
- Any “no show” will be deemed as “non-compliance”.
- All absences will be reviewed by the VTC Team.
- Verification in writing must be presented at next contact visit from appropriate source confirming an emergency situation.
- Absences can result in sanctions and late arrivals to appointments can be considered as an absence. You have 30 minutes to return a team member’s call from the time they attempt to reach you. Failure to do so could be deemed “non-compliance”.
- If Staff calls you and you do not answer, a message will be left and you have to return the call within 1 hour.

COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER SERVICE

In conjunction with treatment requirements, if unemployed, you are required to perform community/volunteer service hours each week. You will be provided a list of approved community/volunteer service opportunities by the case manager. Verification of community/volunteer service hours should be turned in weekly to case management.

CURFEW

You will have an assigned curfew time to be at your place of residence. Times will be determined by program phase and individual circumstances. Law Enforcement or staff can at any time check on your compliance with curfew. Failure to comply will result in sanctions and/or jail time.

COMMUNITY BASED SUPPORT GROUPS

You will be required to attend NA/AA/12-step groups during 1st Phase (if substance abuse is part of your program). You can suggest an alternative for approval by 2nd Phase. You may be required and encouraged to go to a Veterans support group if available. Throughout the entire program you will attend a minimum of three community based support/self-help/12-step/Veteran groups per week. Once in the program, you will be strongly encouraged to maintain an accountability partner/sponsor/mentor. Weekly attendance sheets (Phase 1) should be turned in to Case Manager every week.

FRATERNIZATION

Unless given approval by the Court or a VTC Team member, participants are strictly prohibited from the following that involves any felon or other Accountability Court (Drug, DUI, Resource) program participants and/or staff and Mentors:

- any romantic or sexual involvement.
- not allowed to provide transportation to other participants without prior approval.
- not allowed to hang out in automobiles, homes or other locations with participants without prior approval.
- not allowed to loan to or ask for money, clothing or other personal items.
- are not allowed to perform, offer to perform or solicit professional, technical, or vocational services or involvement in attempts at or actual criminal activity.
- are not allowed to be employed as a direct subordinate or to employ others.

ALCOHOL/ DRUG TESTING

The VTC requires all participants to undergo random, observed drug testing on a consistent basis throughout the entire program. The frequency of drug testing may vary according to treatment phases and/or sanctioning.

“On-call” requests will be required to present to the program office within 1 hour of request. The drug screen line is to be called 7 days per week between 5:00-8:00 am. The number and unique personal code will be provided during orientation. **Testing times are 8:00-11:00 M-F, Weekends and Holidays you are to report at 8:00 AM ONLY.**

In the event the screening lab is closed due to weather, or if there are screen line issues, participants are expected to call the emergency phone line for instructions.

TOP TEN THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

- 1) During any of the program phases, a noted “Positive” on drug screen results may prevent progress to the next phase.
- 2) You will be observed by same-sex, court-approved personnel when producing a specimen.
- 3) Any attempt to dilute, modify, substitute, or alter specimens will be considered a positive test result.
- 4) A missed test will count as a positive test result.
- 5) Positive tests will result in sanctions.

- 6) Disputed positive results will be sent out for further confirmation. If the results are positive, you will be required to pay the drug testing fee.
- 7) At any time, probation, treatment staff, surveillance officers or any other team member may conduct an on the spot instant result drug screen. Refusal will be considered a positive.
- 8) Anyone suspected of water loading or trying to dilute their specimen may be required to remain at the screener's location an additional hour, at which time they will be re-tested.
- 9) Failure to submit a specimen within 20 minutes of request can count as positive (time begins when you arrive for the screen).
- 10) Alcohol, Kratom, and other "legal" substances, which include supplements, vitamins are prohibited and you will be tested and sanctioned for use. See list from Case Manager.

COMMUNITY SUPERVISION

As a participant in the program, you are required to submit your person, vehicle, place of residence or area to search and seizure of narcotics, drugs, alcohol or other contraband at any time of the day or night with or without a search warrant, with or without prior notice, and with or without probable cause by any peace officer or probation officer. Any law enforcement officer who observes a current participant in the program in any of the following circumstances is required to report that individual to the Court:

- Warrantless arrest with probable cause.
- Ingesting a controlled substance including alcohol.
- Being under the influence of a controlled substance, including alcohol.
- Possessing a controlled substance, paraphernalia or alcohol.
- Being in the presence of a person in possession of a controlled substance(s) where a reasonable person in a like position would conclude that drugs may be or are present.
- Not present at place of residence at time of curfew.

Participants detained in jail after arrest will be brought before the Judge for a hearing.

INCENTIVES, SANCTIONS and TERMINATION

As part of the VTC protocol, you will be closely supervised for compliance with all VTC policies and requirements. Compliance with these requirements will result in incentives, praise or individual “rewards” to acknowledge progress. Non-compliance with these requirements will result in sanctions, negative consequences imposed by the Judge. If a participant repeatedly exhibits any non-compliance with treatment they can be terminated from the program.

Incentives

Upon the recommendation of the VTC Team, you may be given rewards or incentives for compliant behavior. Common incentives are as follows (but not all inclusive):

- Promotion to next phase
- Credit towards community service hours
- Certificates of Graduation
- Curfew extensions

Minimum Sanctions

Sanctions differ from punishment. Generally, sanctions are applied as a reinforcement technique to redirect negative behavior. Some techniques used by the Court are as follows:

- Periods of incarceration
- Written assignments ordered by the Court
- Increase in community service hours
- Increase in probation report dates
- Stricter curfew times
- Addressing violation in court session
- Increase in frequency of alcohol/drug testing

Any Court Team member may suggest a sanction for a particular behavior. However, it is ultimately the Judge who will make the final determination and deliver the sanction.

Termination

Failure to comply with the program requirements may result in your termination from the program. If you are terminated from the program, you will appear before the Judge and your original sentence will be imposed.

Non-Compliance violations, which could result in termination, include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Missing and/or positive drug tests; altering/tampering with sample
- Repeated lack of program compliance, including failure to remain abstinent from alcohol and/or drugs
- Violence, threats or intimidation
- Failure to keep payments up to date
- New criminal/traffic offenses
- Any warrants or arrests

GRADUATION

Once you have successfully completed *all* requirements of the five phases of treatment, with no outstanding fees, and by recommendation of the VTC Team, the participant will be eligible for graduation from the Henry County Veterans Treatment Court Program.

MEDICATIONS

No drug of any kind is to be taken without prior notice and approval of the VTC Team. This includes prescription, over the counter meds, vitamins, supplements, energy drinks, etc. You must bring all prescriptions to the office prior to filling or taking. A list of medications that are strictly prohibited will be given to the participant at orientation. This list is not all inclusive and communication is required at all times if medications are sought or prescribed by a qualified physician. If you are taking mental health medication, you are required to take as prescribed. You must tell your physicians, dentists, pharmacists, and all other persons that will be involved in the dispensing of medications to you that you are in recovery. You will be given a form to provide to your medical professional to sign acknowledging your participation in an addiction program.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Alcoholics Anonymous Central Office

127 Peachtree St. Suite 1310

Atlanta, GA 30303

(404) 525-3178

(404) 525-0047 fax

<http://www.atlantaaa.org>

Georgia Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

P.O. Box 420615

Atlanta, GA 30342-0615

(770) 451-7373

www.grscna.com

CONNECTING HENRY

Barbara Coleman, Director

770-288-6230

Adult Education (GED):

Henry County High School

770-229-3176

in Partnership with Griffin Tech

Connecting Henry, Inc.

770-288-6230

Domestic Violence Hotline

770-954-9229

Henry County DFCS

770-954-2014

Pregnancy Resource Center

770-957-8288

Food Resources:

Feed My People

678-565-7800

Helping In His Name Food Pantry

678-565-6135

Medical/Mental Health Resources:

Hands of Hope

770-507-1344

Henry County Health Department

770-288-6136

Henry County Counseling Center

770-898-7400

Henry Medical Center

678-604-1000

