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AGING, DISABILITY and CAREGIVING
SERVICES RESOURCE GUIDE

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ADULT DAY CARE

Charles House Eldercare Center.................................................919-967-7570
109 Hillcrest Avenue
Carrboro, NC 27510
http://charleshouse.org

Christian Healthcare.............................................................919-775-5610
507 N. Steele Street
Sanford, NC 27330

Wes Care Senior Life Center.....................................................919-742-1362
618 N. Third Avenue
Siler City, NC 27344

ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

NC Assistive Technology Resource Centers..............................919-684-2721
2301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2301

NC Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing............919-874-2212
2301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2301
Web: dsdhh.dhhs.state.nc.us

NC Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Independent Living Services
.................................................................919-560-6815
Home Repair and Modification
4312 Western Park Place
Durham, NC 27705
Project Proud Families, Inc.........................................................919-742-5525
225 Still Waters Drive
Siler City, NC 27344
Email: holly@projectproud.org
www.projectproud.org

Triangle Radio Reading Services...............................................919-832-5138
211 East Six Forks Road, Suite 103
Raleigh, NC 27609

ALZHEIMER’S RESOURCES

Alzheimer’s and Related Disorders Association-Eastern Chapter……..800-228-8738
400 Oberlin Road, Suite 220
Raleigh, NC 27605
http://www.alznc.org/

Caregiver Support Group, Chatham County Council on Aging..........919-542-4512
PO Box 715
365 Highway 87 N
Pittsboro, NC 27312
http://www.chathamcouncilonaging.org

Cross Road Retirement Community (David Schwartz)………………..336-629-7811
1302 Old Cox Road
Asheboro, NC 27205
http://www.cross-road.org

Duke Neurological Disorders Clinic..............................................919-668-2846
932 Morreene Road
Durham, NC 27705
http://neurology.mc.duke.edu
  • Appointments...............................................................919-668-7600
  • Family Support............................................................919-668-2836

Safe Return Program (alert bracelets/registry)..............................888-572-8566
2323 Colorado Avenue
Turlock, CA 95382
www.alz.org/we_can_help_medicalert_safereturn.asp
BEREAVEMENT/SUPPORT SERVICES

Cary and Ruth Henderson Pt./Caregiver..............................................919-286-7299

Chatham County Council on Aging.....................................................919-542-4512
PO Box 715
365 Highway 87 N
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.chathamcouncilonaging.org

Daughters and Aging Relatives..........................................................800-672-4213

Husbands, Sons and In-laws...............................................................919-660-7510

UNC Hospice of Chatham County......................................................919-542-5545
PO Box 1077
Pittsboro, NC 27312

BLIND/VISION-IMPAIRED—APPLIANCES AND SERVICES

North Carolina Assistive Technology Project......................................919-850-2787
1110 Navaho Drive, Suite 101
Raleigh, NC 27609
www.ncatp.org

North Carolina Division of Services for the Blind.................................919-715-0249
309 Ashe Avenue-Fisher Building
Raleigh, NC 27699
www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dsb

North Carolina Library for Blind.......................................................888-388-2460
1841 Capital Boulevard
Raleigh, NC 27635
http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/lbph/Lbph.htm

Technology Resource/Rehab Center..................................................919-733-5897
2601 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2601

Chatham County Health Department
Monday/Tuesday...............................................................919-718-4690 x. 5248
Wednesday.................................................................919-642-6986 x. 397
Thursday/Friday.................................910-947-2436 or 910-947-7497 (message)
Chatham County Rehabilitation Counselor ........................................ 800-422-1897

Lion’s Club—Pittsboro
Tommy George ................................................................. 919-542-4742

Lion’s Club—Siler City
Lee Harvey ................................................................. 919-742-4081

Triangle Radio Reading Service .............................................. 919-832-5138
211 E Six Forks Road, Suite 103
Raleigh, NC 27609-7743
www.trianglereadingservice.org

CASE MANAGEMENT & ASSISTANCE

Community Care of Central Carolina ....................................... 919-542-0526
41 Fayetteville Street
Pittsboro, NC 27312
vepps@ncaccesscare.org
www.communitycareofcentralcarolina.org

Piedmont Health Services, Inc ................................................. 919-537-7479
299 Lloyd St.
Carrboro, NC 27510
mirandah@piedmonthealth.org

DIABETES EDUCATION/CARE/SERVICE

Chatham County Health Department ....................................... 919-742-5641
1000 S 10th Avenue
Siler City, NC 27344
www.chathamnc.org/Index.aspx?page=124

Chatham Hospital Diabetes Management Program .................. 919-799-4000
475 Progress Boulevard
Siler City, NC 27344
www.chathamhospital.org/service/diabetes.shtml
Diabetes Support Group, Chatham County Council on Aging.........919-542-4512
PO Box 715
365 Highway 87 N
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.chathamcouncilonaging.org

DRIVER SAFETY/REHABILITATION

AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety........................................800-993-7222
www.seniordrivers.org/home

Driver Rehabilitation Services.............................................336-697-7841
605 Cabaret Road
McLeansville, NC 27301
www.driver-rehabnc.com

55 Alive Driver Safety Classes..............................................919-542-4512
(AARP, Chatham County Council on Aging)
PO Box 715
365 Highway 87 N
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.chathamcouncilonaging.org

First Health of the Carolinas Driver Rehabilitation Service..........910-215-1637
PO Box 3000
Pinehurst, NC 28374

MADD NC.................................................................919-787-6599
5104 Western Boulevard, Suite B
Raleigh, NC 27606
www.madd.org/NC

North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles............................919-715-7000
3148 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-3148
www.ncdot.org/dmv/driver_services
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
(Including bill payment assistance for utilities, rent, prescriptions)

American Red Cross—Lee County.....................................................919-774-6857
507 N Steele Street #H212
Sanford, NC 27330
www2.trianglearc.org

American Red Cross—Orange County..............................................919-942-4862
101 Ephesus Church Road
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
www.ocncredcross.org

Chatham County Council on Aging.................................................919-542-4512
PO Box 715
365 Highway 87 N
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.chathamcouncilonaging.org

Chatham County Department of Social Services (limited).................919-542-2759
PO Box 489
102 Camp Drive
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.chathamnc.org/Index.aspx?page=130

JOCCA (Joint Orange Chatham Community Assistance)......................919-542-4781
PO Box 22
35 Chatham Street West
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Salvation Army, Pittsboro Office...................................................919-542-1593
PO Box 752
200 Sanford Avenue, Suite 2
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Salvation Army, Siler City Office..................................................919-663-0443
136 N Chatham Avenue
Siler City, NC 27344

United Way of Chatham County....................................................919-542-1110
PO Box 1066
72 Hillsboro Street
Pittsboro, NC 27312
EMERGENCY FOOD AND FOOD ASSISTANCE

Alston Chapel United Holy Church……………………………………………….919-542-4111
2012 Alston Chapel Road
Pittsboro, NC 27312
Hours: 10:30-11:00 Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Chatham County Council on Aging………………………………………………..919-542-4512
PO Box 715
Eastern Chatham Senior Center
365 Highway 87 N
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.chathamcouncilonaging.org
(Emergency, congregate, frozen, home-delivered meals, nutrition supplements)
Hours: 8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Friday

Chatham County Council on Aging………………………………………………….919-742-3975
Western Chatham Senior Center
112 Village Lake Road
Siler City, NC 27344
(Emergency, congregate, frozen, home-delivered meals, nutrition supplements)
Hours: 8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Friday

Chatham County Department of Social Services………………………………919-542-2759
PO Box 489
102 Camp Street
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.chathamnc.org/Index.aspx?page=130
(EBT card, emergency food referrals)
Hours: 8:00 – 5:00 Monday - Friday

Chatham Outreach Alliance (CORA)………………………………………………...919-542-5020
PO Box 1326
40 Camp Drive
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.corafoodpantry.org
Hours: 10:00-2:00 Monday-Friday

Evergreen United Methodist Church …………………………………………..919-968-0198
11098 N Hwy 15-501
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
www.evergreen-umc.org
Hours: 5:30-6:30 Third and Fourth Tuesdays
Salvation Army, Pittsboro Office..................................................919-542-1593
PO Box 752
200 Sanford Avenue, Suite 2
Pittsboro, NC 27312
Hours: 9:00-3:00 Tuesday and Thursday

Salvation Army, Siler City Office..................................................919-663-0443
136 N Chatham Avenue
Siler City, NC 27344
Hours: 9:00-3:00 Monday and Wednesday

West Chatham Food Pantry..........................................................919-742-3111
548 Village Lake Road
Siler City, NC 27344
www.fly-pegasus.com/foodpantry
Hours: 4:30-6:00 Monday and 12:30-2:00 Wednesday and Friday

**EMERGENCY SHELTERS**

Alamance County Battered Women Shelter.................................336-226-5985
142 South Lexington Avenue
Burlington, NC 27215 (call for specific location)
www.familyabuseservices.org/

Allied Churches of Alamance County Shelter............................336-229-0881
206 N Fisher Street
Burlington, NC 27217
www.alliedchurches.org

Chatham County Family Violence/Rape Crisis Shelter..................919-542-5445
PO Box 1105
Pittsboro, NC 27312
24 Hour Crisis Line 919-545-0224
www.fvrc.org/links.htm

Durham Crisis Response Center...............................................919-403-9425
206 N Dillard Street
Durham, NC 27701
24 Hour Crisis Line 919-403-6562
www.durhamcrisisresponse.org/
Friend to Friend (Moore County)……………………………………24 Hour Crisis Line 910-947-3333
PO Box 1508
111 McNeill Street
Carthage, NC 28327
www.moorefriends.org/services.html

HAVEN (Lee County)……………………………………24 Hour Crisis Line 919-774-8923
PO Box 3191
160 Charlotte Avenue
Sanford, NC 27331
www.haveninleecounty.org/

Interfaith Council Shelter/Community Kitchen/Food Pantry…………………919-929-6380
110 W Main Street
Carrboro, NC 27510
www.ifcweb.org/

Silk Hope Catholic Worker (single women/families)………………………………919-663-4334
3355 Woody Store Road
Siler City, NC 27344

HEALTH INSURANCE/COVERAGE

AARP (American Association of Retired Persons)…………………………………866-389-5650
1511 Sunday Drive
Raleigh, NC 27607
www.aarp.org/statepages/nc.html

Chatham County Department of Social Services (Medicaid)…………………919-542-2759
PO Box 489
102 Camp Drive
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.chathamnc.org/Index.aspx?page=130

North Carolina State Insurance Commissioner………………………………919-733-7349
Consumer Services Division…………………………..NC Residents Only 800-546-5664
North Carolina Department of Insurance
1201 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1201
www.ncdoi.com/contact.asp

Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP)…………………………919-542-4512
Chatham County Council on Aging
PO Box 715
365 Highway 87 N
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.chathamcouncilonaging.org
SHIIP-State.............................................................................................................919-733-0111
800-443-9354

Social Security Administration-National.........................................................800-772-1213
www.ssa.gov

Social Security Administration, Sanford Office (Medicare)......................919-775-1561
Riverbirch Shopping Center
1013 Spring Lane
Sanford, NC 27330

HEARING-IMPAIRED—APPLIANCES AND SERVICES

Hear Now.............................................................................................................800-684-4327
1245 South Main Street, Suite 200
Grapevine, TX 76051
www.sotheworldmayhear.org

Lion’s Club—Goldston.................................................................919-898-4937
e-mail: bldenkins@embarqmail.com

Lion’s Club—Pittsboro
Tommy George.................................................................919-542-4742

Lion’s Club—Siler City
Lee Harvey.................................................................919-742-4081

North Carolina Div. of Services for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing...919-874-2212
DSDHH Administrative Office
Voice/TTY 1-800-851-6099
Woodoak Building, GL-3
1100 Navaho Drive
Raleigh, NC 27609
http://dsdhh.dhhs.state.nc.us/
HIV SERVICES

Piedmont HIV Health Care Consortium.................................919-682-3998
331 W Main Street, Suite 405
Durham, NC 27701
www.phicas.org/

Chatham County Health Department .................................919-542-8271
PO Box 130
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.chathamnc.org/Index.aspx?page=124

HOME REPAIRS

Chatham County Council on Aging.................................919-542-4512
PO Box 715
365 Highway 87 N
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.chathamcouncilonaging.org

First United Methodist Church, Siler City............................919-742-2722
PO Box 212
1101 W Raleigh Street
Siler City, NC 27344

JOCCA (Joint Orange Chatham Community Assistance)........919-542-4781
PO Box 22
35 Chatham Street West
Pittsboro, NC 27312

NC Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Independent Living Services
................................. 919-560-6815
Home Repair and Modification
4312 Western Park Place
Durham, NC 27705
HOUSING – INDEPENDENT LIVING

Braxton Manor Apartments......................................................919-663-1877
101 S Third Avenue
Siler City, NC 27344
Fax: 919-663-1879
Office Hours: 10:00-3:00 Monday-Thursday

Chatham County Housing Authority........................................919-542-3742
PO Box 637
190 US Hwy 15-501 South
Pittsboro, NC 27312
Hours: 8:30-5:00 Monday-Friday (Closed to public on Fridays)

Creekside Apartments..........................................................919-542-4821
25 Creekside Circle
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.freemanapartments.com/pittsboro.html

North Glenn Apartments......................................................919-742-2395
1221 W 11th Street
Siler City, NC 27344

Pine Glade Apartments.......................................................919-663-3464
509 Pine Glade Avenue
Siler City, NC 27344

Pittsboro Village Apartments.................................................919-542-5410
400 Honeysuckle Drive
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Powell Spring Apartments....................................................919-542-5410
600 Millbrook Road
Pittsboro NC 27312
Sheffield Manor Apartments.................................................................919-742-4058
802 Sheffield Drive
Siler City, NC 27344
Fax: 919-742-4058

Twin Rivers Independent Senior Community Apartments..................919-545-0149
25 Rectory Street
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Walnut Grove Apartments...............................................................919-542-2669
321 N. Rectory Street
Pittsboro, NC 27312
Fax: 919-542-2684

INCOME SUPPORT

Employment Security Commission.....................................................919-733-4329
700 Wade Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27605
www.ncces.com/splash.asp

JOCCA (Joint Orange Chatham Community Assistance).........................919-542-4781
PO Box 22
35 Chatham Street West
Pittsboro, NC 27312

North Carolina Department of Revenue.............................................919-733-7211
PO Box 25000
Raleigh, NC 27640-0640
1-877-252-3052
www.dornc.com

North Carolina Division of Veteran Affairs......................................919-733-3851
Physical Address: Mailing Address:
1325 N. Salisbury Street 1315 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27601 Raleigh, NC 27699-1315
www.ncveterans.net/index.htm

Social Security Administration-National...........................................800-772-1213
www.ssa.gov
Social Security Administration, Sanford Office……………………………919-775-1561
Riverbirch Shopping Center
1013 Spring Lane
Sanford, NC 27330
www.ssa.gov

Vocational Rehabilitation Services………………………………………...919-663-2544
104 Village Lake Road
Siler City, NC 27344
http://dvr.dhhs.state.nc.us/index.htm

INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCES

Chatham County Council on Aging………………………………………..919-542-4512
PO Box 715
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Chatham County Department of Social Services…………………………919-542-2759
PO Box 489
Pittsboro, NC 27312

IN-HOME CARE SERVICES

Personal Care Services

Chatham County Council on Aging………………………………………..919-542-4512
PO Box 715
365 Highway 87 N
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.chathamcouncilonaging.org

Caring Hands Health Services……………………………………………..919-232-3697
4900 Waters Edge Drive
Raleigh, NC 27606
Fax: (888)234-2028

Community Home Care and Hospice………………………………………..919-663-1244
1414 E 11th Street
Siler City, NC 27344
www.communityhch.com
Fax: 919-663-1485
First Choice Home Care……………………………………………….919-663-1188
1754 E 11\textsuperscript{th} Street, Suite B
Siler City, NC 27344
www.firstchoicehomecare.com
Fax: 919-663-1799

Home Instead Senior Care (Northern Chatham Co. & Chapel Hill)……919-933-3300
1289 Fordham Boulevard, Suite E5
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
www.homeinstead.com/home.aspx
Fax: 919-933-3324

Homewatch Care Givers of the Triangle………………………………..919-960-6038
1004 Mount Carmel Church Road
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
www.homewatchcaregivers.com
Fax: 919-933-0901

Keston Care…………………………………………………………….919-967-0507
Chatham Crossing
11312 US Hwy 15-501 North, Suite 400
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
www.kestoncare.org
Fax: 919-967-1371

Maxim Home Healthcare…………………………………………...800-318-6121
2634 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd., Suite 210
Durham, NC 27707
www.maximhomecare.com
Fax: 919-419-1681

Parkview In-Home Aide Service…………………………………………919-775-1475
PO Box 4057
Sanford, NC 27330

Pelham Home Health…………………………………………………..919-718-0388
2501 Fayetteville Street
Sanford, NC 27332
www.pelhamhomehealth.org/pelhamhomehealth/iindex.html
Fax: 919-718-1629

Sister to Sister Solution…………………………………………………919-742-4223
156 Scotton Matthews Drive
Siler City, NC 27344
Total Life Care.................................................................919-776-0352
824 S Horner Boulevard
Sanford, NC 27330
Fax: 919-718-1629

UNC Hospice of Chatham County.................................919-542-5545
PO Box 1077
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Village Caregivers..........................................................877-844-3877
1902 Sandhills Blvd
Suite D
Aberdeen, NC 28315
Phone: 910-725-0340
Fax: 910-725-0368

**Skilled Care Services**

Amedisys Home Health..................................................919-401-3000
120 Providence Road, Suite 200
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
www.amedisys.com

Community Home Care and Hospice..............................919-663-1244
1414 E 11th Street
Siler City, NC 27344
www.communityhch.com
Fax: 919-663-1485

UNC Home Health Agency.............................................919-966-4915
1101 Weaver Dairy Road, Suite 200
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
www.unchealthcare.edu/site/Nursing/servicelines/homehealth
Fax: 919-966-4843

UNC Hospice of Chatham County.................................919-542-5545
PO Box 1077
Pittsboro, NC 27312
LEGAL SERVICES

Chatham County Clerk of Court.............................................919-545-3500
PO Box 369
12 East Street
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.nccourts.org/County/Chatham/Staff/Clerk.asp

Chatham County Magistrates:
Pittsboro Office.................................................................919-542-2811 x. 236
Chatham County Sheriff’s Department
295 West Street
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Siler City Office...............................................................919-663-2612
Siler City Police Department
311 N 2nd Avenue
Siler City, NC 27344

Justice Center (Carlene McNulty).........................................919-856-2161
224 S Dawsohn Street
Raleigh, NC 27601
www.ncjustice.org

Legal Aid of North Carolina...............................................919-542-0475
PO Box 1728
959 East Street, Suite A&B
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.legalaidnc.org
Fax: 919-545-0735

LONG-TERM CARE LIVING

Adult Care Homes / Assisted Living Facilities

Cambridge Hills.....................................................................919-545-9573
140 Brookstone Lane
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Careview..............................................................................919-742-3832
2701 Moon Lindley Road
Snow Camp, NC 27349
Coventry House…………………………………………………………………………919-742-4052
260 Village Lake Road
Siler City, NC 27344
www.coventryassisted.com

Hill Forest……………………………………………………………………………919-837-2493
PO Box 220
9141 US Hwy 421 South
Goldston, NC 27252

Pittsboro Christian Village………………………………………………………919-542-3151
1825 East Street
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.pcvnc.org

Family Care Homes

Liselotte……………………………………………………………………………919-542-3089
3035 Silk Hope Gum Springs Road
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Group Homes

Chatham County Group Homes………………………………………………919-742-2510
PO Box 207
217 E Beaver Street
Siler City, NC 27344

Nursing/Rehabilitation Homes

Laurels of Chatham………………………………………………………………919-542-6677
72 Chatham Business Park Drive
Pittsboro, NC 27312

North Carolina State Veterans Nursing Homes (Fayetteville)………………910-630-4257
214 Cochran Avenue
Fayetteville, NC 28301
www.doa.state.nc.us/vets/nursinghomes.htm

North Carolina State Veterans Nursing Homes (Salisbury)………………….704-638-4200
PO Box 599
1601 Brenner Avenue, Bldg. 10
Salisbury, NC 28145
Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation of Siler City...........................................919-663-3431
PO Box 789
900 W Dolphin Street
Siler City, NC 27344

MEDICAL / HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

Cardiac Rehabilitation

Chatham Hospital ................................................................. (919)799-4000
163 Medical Park
Siler City, NC 27344

Dentists

Chatham Dental Care.......................................................... 919-663-4000
100 Village Lake Road
Siler City, NC 27344

Family Dental Care.......................................................... 919-688-4100
3608 University #104
Durham, NC 27707
www.wemakencsmile.com

Howard James................................................................. 919-775-7253
PO Box 1261
1404 Woodland Avenue
Sanford, NC 27330

Jeffrey Love................................................................. 919-774-3707
1400 Greenway Court
Sanford, NC 27330

Piedmont Health Services—Moncure Community Health Center........919-542-1641
7228 Pittsboro-Moncure Road
Moncure, NC 27559
www.piedmonthealth.org/english/moncurepage.htm

Piedmont Health Services – Siler City Community Health Center........919-663-1744
224 South 10th Avenue
Siler City, NC 27344
www.piedmonthealth.org/siler-city-community-health

Pittsboro Family Dentistry..............................................................919-545-9500
987 East Street, Suite H
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.korendentistry.com

Carrboro Community Health Center............................................919-942-8741
301 Lloyd Street
Carrboro, NC 27510
www.piedmonthealth.org/english/carrboro.htm

Sanford Dental Care......................................................................919-774-1993
2617 S. Horner Blvd.
Sanford, NC 27330
www.lanedds.com

UNC School of Dentistry..............................................................919-966-1161
CB #7450, Manning Drive and Columbia Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7450
www.dent.unc.edu

Dialysis

Carolina Dialysis Center..............................................................919-742-2140
806 W Fourth Street
Siler City, NC 27344
Fax: 919-663-2067

Carolina Dialysis Center..............................................................919-545-0019
480 Hillsborough Street, Suite 300
Pittsboro, NC 27312
Fax: 919-545-2919

Eye Care

Alamance Eye Center.................................................................800-858-7905
1016 Kirkpatrick Road
Burlington, NC 27215
www.alamanceeye.com

Pittsboro Family Eye Center (Dr. Connelly).................................(919)542-2020
485 West Street
Pittsboro, NC 27312
Roscoe Optometric Clinic .........................................................919-663-3033
14215 US Hwy 64 West
Siler City, NC 27344

**Geriatric Assessment/Evaluation**

Duke Geriatric Evaluation and Treatment Clinic .........................919-620-4070
4020 N Roxboro Road
Durham, NC 27704
www.geri.duke.edu/service/get.html

UNC Center for Aging and Health ............................................919-966-5945
CB #7550, 141 MacNider Building
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7550
www.med.unc.edu/aging

**Hearing**

Avada Audiology and Hearing Care .........................................919-742-3640
514 E Third Street, Suite B
Siler City, NC 27344
Fax: 919-742-3650, www.avada.net

Bright Audiology and Hearing Care ...........................................919-774-3277
211 Carbonton Road
Sanford, NC 27330
www.brightaudiology.com
Fax: 919-774-1643

UNC Hearing and Communication Center .................................919-493-7980
6015 Farrington Road, Suite 103
CB #7524
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
www.med.unc.edu/ahs/sphs/clinical-services
Fax: 919-493-7985

**Hospitals**

Central Carolina Hospital ......................................................919-774-2100
1135 Carthage Street
Sanford, NC 27330
www.centralcarolinahosp.com/CWSContent/centralcarolinahosp
Chatham Hospital………………………………………………………919-663-2113
PO Box 649
475 Progress Boulevard
Siler City, NC 27344
www.chathamhospital.org

Duke University Medical Center………………………………………..919-684-8111
PO Box 3659
Erwin Road
Durham, NC 27710
www.dukehealth.org

Durham VA Medical Center......................................................919-286-0411
508 Fulton Street
Durham, NC 27705
www.durham.va.gov

First Health Moore Regional.................................................910-715-1000
PO Box 3000
155 Memorial Drive
Pinehurst, NC 28374
www.firsthealth.org/About%20FirstHealth/Moore%20Regional/index.htm

Moses Cone Hospital..............................................................336-832-7000
1200 N Elm Street
Greensboro, NC 27401
www.mosescone.com

Rex Health Care.................................................................919-784-3100
4420 Lake Boone Trail
Raleigh, NC 27607
www.rexhealth.com

UNC Hospitals.................................................................919-966-4131
101 Manning Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
www.unchcare.org/site

Pharmacies

Chatham CARES Community Pharmacy.................................919-663-0177
127 East Raleigh Street
Siler City, NC 23744
www.chathamcares.com
CVS Pharmacy………………………………………………………………919-929-5664
Chatham Crossing/Cole Park Plaza
11314 US Hwy 15-501
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
www.cvspharmacy.com

CVS Pharmacy………………………………………………………………919-663-3331
1506 E 11th Street (Hwy 64 W)
Siler City, NC 27344
www.cvspharmacy.com

Food Lion Pharmacy………………………………………………………919-742-9969
109 Food Lion Plaza
Siler City, NC 27344
www.foodlion.com/pharmacyhealth

Kerr Drugs……………………………………………………………………919-542-1661
321 East Street
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.kerrdrug.com

Piedmont Health Services Moncure Community Clinic………………919-542-2850
7228 Pittsboro-Moncure Road
P.O. Box 319
Moncure, NC 27559

Piedmont Health Services Siler City Community Clinic Pharmacy……919-663-0348
224 South 10th Avenue
Siler City, NC 27344

Pittsboro Discount Drugs………………………………………………….919-542-7283
628 East Street
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Siler City Pharmacy…………………………………………………………919-663-5541
202 East Raleigh Street
Siler City, NC 27344
www.silercitypharmacy.com

UNC Hospitals Pharmacy (Main Hospital)……………………………919-966-2482
101 Manning Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
ACC Building; 919-966-7695/919-966-7694/919-966-7675
Neurosciences Hospital: 919-966-8739

Walmart Pharmacy.................................................................919-663-6001
14215 Hwy 64 W
Siler City, NC 27344
www.walmart.com/pharmacy

**Prescription Assistance**

AARP Member’s Choice..........................................................800-439-4457

Chatham CARES Community Pharmacy...............................919-663-0177
127 East Raleigh Street
Siler City, NC 23744
www.chathamcares.com

Chatham County Council on Aging.....................................919-542-4512
Eastern Chatham Senior Center
PO Box 715
365 Highway 87 N
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.chathamcouncilonaging.org

Chatham County Council on Aging.....................................919-742-3975
Western Chatham Senior Center
112 Village Lake Road
Siler City, NC 27344
www.chathamcouncilonaging.org

Lilly Answers Program.......................................................877-795-4559

Novartis Care Card..............................................................866-974-2273

North Carolina Senior Care Hotline....................................866-226-1388

Senior Health Insurance Information Program.....................800-443-9354
www.ncdoi.com/Consumer/Ship/Ship.asp

UNC Hospitals Pharmacy Assistance Plan............................919-966-2482
101 Manning Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Primary Care Physicians/Specialists

Carolina Family Practice, Keith McManus..........................919-663-0085
801 W Third Street
Siler City, NC 27344

Chatham Crossing Medical Center.................................919-960-6094
11312 US Hwy 15-501 N, Suite 308
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
www.unchealthcare.org/site/aboutus/communitypractices/chatham_crossing

Chatham Medical Specialists........................................919-633-3360
PO Box 689
421 N Holly Avenue
Siler City, NC 27344

Chatham Primary Care...................................................919-742-6032
PO Box 567
311 N Fir Avenue
Siler City, NC 27344

Community Family Medicine and Obstetrics..................919-542-2731
East Chatham Medical Center
75 Old Graham Road
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Community Family Medicine and Obstetrics (Sanford)......919-776-6000
2412 Wilkins Drive
Sanford, NC 27330

Dr. John Dykers (Family Practice).................................919-663-2931
PO Box 565
401 N Ivey Avenue
Siler City, NC 27344

Dr. William Garlick Family Medicine............................919-545-0580
200 E Salisbury Street
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Moncure Community Health Center (Piedmont Health Services)......919-542-4991
PO Box 319
7228 Pittsboro-Moncure Road
Moncure, NC 27559
www.piedmonthealth.org/english/moncurepage.htm
Pittsboro Family Medicine.................................................................919-545-0911
855 East Street
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.unchealthcare.org/site/aboutus/communitypractices/pittsboro_family

Siler City Community Health Center (Piedmont Health Services........ (919)663-1744
224 South 10th Avenue
Siler City, NC 27344
Pharmacy Number (919)663-0348
Dentist Number (919)663-1744 Ext. 237

Physical Therapy

Chatham Hospital Physical Therapy Clinic................................. (919)799-4000
Chatham Hospital
Siler City, NC 27344

Mobile Rehab LLC.................................................................919-636-2423
365 Hwy 87 North
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.mobilerehabnc.com

Podiatry

Greensboro Podiatry Associates (Thursdays only).......................919-742-2630
806 W 4th Street
Siler City, NC 27344
www.greensboropodiatry.com

Dr. Rao Kothapalli.................................................................919-663-3161
315 E 3rd Street
Siler City, NC 27344

Urology

Chatham Urology Clinic.............................................................919-663-3317
401 N Ivey Avenue
Siler City, NC 27344
Fax: 919-663-2751

Dr. Henry Purvis (Thursdays only)...........................................919-663-2494
421 N Holly Avenue
Siler City, NC 27344
MENTAL HEALTH/COUNSELING

ACCESS to Care (S.T.A.R.)
Call Center for Orange – Person – Chatham Area Program for Mental Health
.................................................800-233-6834
..................................................919-913-4100 or 919-913-4120

Chatham County Family Violence/Rape Crisis Center......................919-542-5445
PO Box 1105
200 East Street
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.fvrc.org/links.htm

Chatham Wellness Center..............................................................919-542-6868 x.1
PO Box 1351
199 W Salisbury Street
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Coalition for Family Peace............................................................919-742-7320
144 N Chatham Street
Siler City, NC 27344
www.fvrc.org/coalition.htm

Cognitive/Behavioral Research/Treatment Program.......................919-684-8411
Duke University Medical Center
2213 Elba Street
Durham, NC 27705
http://psychiatry.mc.duke.edu/Research/CBRTP

Central Regional Hospital (John Umstead Hospital)......................919-575-7211
300 Veazey Road
Butner, NC 27509
www.dhhs.state.nc.us/mhddsas/Umstead.htm

Murdoch Center.................................................................919-575-1000
PO Box 3000
1600 East C Street
Butner, NC 27509
www.murdochcenter.org

Nights/Weekends 919-575-1550

National Suicide Prevention Center..............................................800-273-8255
www.sprc.org

UNC Hospice of Chatham County........................................919-542-5545
PO Box 1077
Pittsboro, NC 27312

UNC Hospitals (South Wing)...........................................919-966-4131
101 Manning Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
www.unchartcare.org

MOBILITY/INDEPENDENCE AIDS

Supplies/Assistive Equipment

American Home Patient.................................................800-682-8351
1209 N Fayetteville Street
Asheboro, NC 27203
www.americanhomepatient.com
Fax: 336-625-1423

Chatham County Council on Aging...................................919-542-4512
PO Box 715
365 Highway 87 N
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.chathamcouncilonaging.org

HASTEN Help Systems..................................................336-271-6395/93
301 Creek Ridge Road
Greensboro, NC 27416

Home Medical Equipment of Chatham County...................919-663-3554
1409 N 2nd Avenue
Siler City, NC 27344
www.cchomemedical.com/home.html

Interim In-Touch (Lifeline) Program (no new installation)......919-663-2113
Chatham Hospital
PO Box 649
475 Progress Boulevard
Siler City, NC 27344

Life Alert Systems.....................................................800-344-4533 x.518
16027 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 400
Encino, CA 91436

Medical Supply Superstore……………………………………………………919-960-8100
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Quality Home Healthcare, Inc……………………………………………………919-775-2001
106 Park Avenue
Sanford, NC 27330

Quality Home Healthcare, Inc……………………………………………………919-542-0722
1089 A East Street
Pittsboro, NC 27312

UNC Healthwatch Personal Response System…………………………919-966-4793
UNC Hospital Volunteer Services
101 Manning Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

**Home/Vehicle Modifications**

American Ramp System………………………………………………………919-697-7568

Center for Universal Design………………………………………………919-515-3082
North Carolina State University School of Design 800-647-6777
PO Box 8613
Raleigh, NC 27695
[www.design.ncsu.edu/cud](http://www.design.ncsu.edu/cud)

Freedom Mobility ……………………………………………………………336-766-8520
205 Cedar Lane
Clemmons, NC 27012
Fax: 815-642-4308

Triad Mobility Center…………………………………………………………336-992-6122
1202-H East Mountain Street
Kernersville, NC 27284
Fax: 336-992-6123
[www.triadmobility.com](http://www.triadmobility.com)
OMBUDSMAN

Regional Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program .......................919-558-2711
PO Box 12276 1-800-310-9777
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709
www.ltcombudsman.org/static_pages/memex/NorthCarolina.cfm

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES—SUPPORT AND REFERRALS

Project: Proud Families.................................................................919-742-5525
225 Still Waters Drive
Siler City, NC 27344

The Arc of Chatham County (Children) .................................919-542-2368
PO Box 623
362 West Street
Pittsboro, NC 27312
janet.groce@ncmail.net

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Alcoholic Anonymous Hotline..................................................919-933-3877
www.aa.org

Freedom House Recovery Center...........................................919-942-2803
104 New Stateside Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
www.rtpnet.org/freedom

TRANSLATION AVAILABLE (Hispanic)

Coalition for Family Peace.......................................................919-742-7320
144 N Chatham Avenue
Siler City, NC 27344
www.fvrc.org/coalition.htm

Family Resource Center.........................................................919-663-5867
223 Chatham Square
Siler City, NC 27344
www.frcchatham.org
Hispanic Liaison………………………………………………………..919-742-1448
105 E Second Street
Siler City, NC 27344
www.hispanicliaison.org

St. Julia Parish (Catholic Church)……………………………………….919-742-5584
210 Harold Hart Road
Siler City, NC 27344
www.saintjulia.org

Spanish Translation
(online)..........................................................................................www.freetranslation.com

TRANSPORTATION

Chatham County Council on Aging (medical).................................919-542-4512
PO Box 715
365 Highway 87 N
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.chathamcouncilonaging.org

Chatham County Department of Social Services (Medicaid recipients)…919-542-2759
PO Box 489
102 Camp Drive
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.chathamnc.org/Index.aspx?page=130

Chatham Transit Networks...........................................................919-542-5136
480 Hillsborough, Bldg. F, Suite 110
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.chathamtransit.org

Sister to Sister Solution...............................................................919-742-4223
807 13th Street
Siler City, NC 27344

VETERANS SERVICES

Durham Veterans Administration Medical Center/Hospital.............919-286-0411
508 Fulton Street
Durham, NC 27705
www.durham.va.gov
North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs…………………………..919-560-6672
115 Market Street, Suite 205
Durham, NC 27701
www.ncveterans.net/index.htm

North Carolina State Veterans Nursing Homes of Fayetteville………..910-630-4257
214 Cochran Avenue
Fayetteville, NC 28301
www.doa.state.nc.us/vets/nursinghomes.htm

North Carolina State Veterans Nursing Homes of Salisbury……………704-638-4200
1601 Brenner Avenue, Bldg. 10
Salisbury, NC 28144
www.doa.state.nc.us/vets/nursinghomes.htm

Veterans Salute Programs………………………………………………….919-960-6038
Homewatch Care Givers of the Triangle
1004 Mount Carmel Church Road
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
www.homewatchcaregivers.com

VOCATIONAL SERVICES

Chatham Trades………………………………………………………………919-663-3481
PO Box 511
909 Alston Bridge Road
Siler City, NC 27344

Independent Living, Vocational Rehabilitation Services………………919-560-6815
4312 Western Park Place
Durham, NC 27705
Fax: 919-560-6815

Vocational Rehabilitation Services (Siler City)…………………………919-663-2544
104 Village Lake Road
Siler City, NC 27344
Fax: 919-663-5503
CARE FOR CAREGIVERS

SIGNS OF CAREGIVER STRESS:

Stress has different symptoms for different people. Be on the lookout for significant changes in behavior or emotion. A normally calm, patient person may become irritable or weepy when things go wrong, or a usually neat person may become disorganized. Following are some behavior changes that are very common in caregivers experiencing stress.

- Frequently feeling angry at the person you are caring for.
- Overreacting to minor frustrations with doctors, paid caregivers or other service providers.
- Being unusually irritable with family members.
- Feeling overwhelmed all the time.
- Withdrawing from contact with family or friends.
- Feeling anxious or worried all the time.
- Feeling depressed or hopeless.
- Feeling that you are alone and that no one understands your situation.
- Problems sleeping even though you are physically tired.
- Worsening of chronic health conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, or headaches.
- Being unable to concentrate, forgetful, or unusually disorganized.

COPING STRATEGIES FOR CAREGIVERS:

What if you do observe many of these changes in yourself or someone you love? Again, the solutions must be tailored to the individual. Here are some strategies that many caregivers have found helpful. Start by trying to add just one at a time—don’t make this list another source of stress!

- Physical exercise.
- Healthy eating.
- Getting the information you need to make good caregiving decisions and feel more in control.
- Social support (support groups, counselors, or friends).
- Meditation, prayer or just quiet time alone.
- Participation in a faith community.
- Recreational or social activities that are satisfying and nourishing
- Finding positive ways to think about your caregiving responsibilities and the time that you spend with your loved one.
- Remember to enjoy and laugh with the person who you are caring for.
- Time off from your caregiving responsibilities!
CARE FOR CAREGIVERS:

TEN TIPS FOR CAREGIVERS:

1. Take one day at a time. Caregiving is a roller coaster ride. There will be good days and bad days. Taking each day as it comes and being careful not to look too far into the future for yourself or the care recipient can lower your stress level.

2. Get adequate rest. Fatigue is the enemy of effective caregiving. It can lead to everything from a breakdown in your immune system to making mistakes when giving medications to the care recipient. If possible, take short combat naps when opportunities present themselves.

3. Identify your stressors. Different caregiving activities stress different people. Maybe you can arrange for someone else such as a family member, friend or professional to perform the tasks that you find stressful. If not, find ways to perform the task and reward yourself afterward.

4. Use your support system. The key to building a positive support system is to know what type of specific support you need…and then ask for it or create a plan to get it. When family and friends offer support, tell them exactly what you need. Don’t expect them to read your mind.

5. See your physician. Ask him or her how the stresses of caregiving may affect chronic conditions you may be experiencing. Also, realize that accepting the offer of medication that helps you deal with stress and anxiety is not weakness…just be careful not to overmedicate yourself.

6. Keep things in perspective. Care recipients seldom try to make your life more difficult. They are often in pain, fearful, confused or unable to distinguish between reality and fantasy. Also, ask yourself if you have realistic expectations of your caregiving experience. What are your expectations of the condition (present and future) of the care recipient; what do you expect from family members; what do you expect from service organizations? Unrealistic expectations that are not met increase stress dramatically.

7. Learn as much as you can. Take advantage of all the information resources from associations, government agencies, the media, the Internet, local libraries, support group and other caregivers. Create a notebook or file (paper and computer) with all the information you gather. Also, be familiar with financial and legal implications of your caregiving role. You may be able to find an attorney and/or accountant in your area who specializes in issues related to caregiving.

8. Simplify, simplify, simplify. Let’s face it; caregiving creates a different life for you. Caregiving experts suggest that you retain the life activities that make you feel like yourself, but you won’t be able to do everything. Try to simplify your life in terms of activities, duties and obligations as much as possible. By clearing some of your schedule, you provide more time for caregiving activities and rest.

9. Be good to yourself. Give yourself credit for the good that you do instead of being hard on yourself when you get frustrated, impatient, sad or angry. Give yourself tangible rewards for getting through a difficult day or situation. Plan ahead for rewards at significant dates such as the end of a year or your monthly or yearly anniversary as a caregiver.

10. Realize that your sense of humor may be your #1 coping tool. Look for opportunities to laugh, both inside and outside the caregiving activities. Any opportunities to laugh and find a lighter heart with the care recipient are bonuses. Laughter creates better health and reduces stress.
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

DISASTER SUPPLY CHECKLIST:

A basic Disaster Supply Kit is essential in preparing for any natural or manmade disaster. Make sure you have these items available in your home at all times, and check your list at least twice a year—before hurricane season and before the onset of winter weather. Check again when bad weather is predicted.

- First Aid Kit and essential medications.
- Battery-powered radio.
- Flashlight(s).
- Extra batteries for radio and flashlights.
- Canned food and can opener.
- Bottled water (at least 3 gallons per person).
- Clothing, including outdoor gear.
- Blankets or sleeping bags.
- Supplies of special items needed for elderly or disabled, such as incontinence products or medical supplies.

WINTER STORM

Prepare a Winter Storm Plan:

- Check your Disaster Supply Kit.
- Have extra blankets on hand.
- Ensure that each member of your household has a warm coat, gloves or mittens, hat and water resistant boots.
- Assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit for your car, too.
- Have your car winterized before winter storm season.

Stay Tuned for Storm Warnings:

- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio and your local radio and TV stations for updated storm information

Know What Winter Storm WATCHES and WARNINGS Mean:

- A winter storm WATCH means a winter storm is possible in your area.
- A winter storm WARNING means a winter storm is headed for your area.
- A blizzard WARNING means strong winds, blinding wind-driven snow and dangerous wind chill are expected. Seek shelter immediately!
When a Winter Storm WATCH is Issued:

- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio, local radio, and TV stations for further updates.
- Be alert to changing weather conditions.
- Avoid unnecessary travel.

When a Winter Storm WARNING is Issued:

- Stay indoors during the storm.
- If you must go outside, several layers of lightweight clothing will keep you warmer than a single heavy coat.
- Gloves (or mittens) and a hat will prevent loss of body heat. Cover your mouth to protect your lungs.
- Understand the hazards of wind chill, which combines the cooling effect of wind and cold temperatures on exposed skin. As the wind increases, heat is carried away from a person’s body at an accelerated rate, driving down body temperature.
- Walk carefully on snowy or icy sidewalks.
- After the storm, if you shovel snow, be extremely careful. It is physically strenuous work, so take frequent breaks.
- Avoid overexertion.
- Avoid traveling by car in a storm, but if you must:
  - Carry a Disaster Supplies Kit in the trunk.
  - Keep your car’s gas tank full for emergency use and to keep the fuel line from freezing.
  - Let someone know your destination, your route, and when you expect to arrive. If your car gets stuck along the way, help can be sent along your predetermined route.
- If you do get stuck:
  - Stay with your car. Do not try to walk to safety.
  - Tied a brightly colored cloth (preferably red) to the antenna for rescuers to see.
  - Start the car and use the heater for about 10 minutes every hour.
  - Keep the exhaust pipe clear so fumes do not back up in the car.
  - Leave the overhead light on when the engine is running so that you can be seen.
  - As you sit, keep moving your arms and legs to keep blood circulating and to stay warm.
  - Keep one window away from the blowing wind slightly open to let in air.

HURRICANE

Prepare for a Hurricane Emergency:

- Check your Disaster Supply Kit.
- Make sure you have raingear and clothing for warm weather.
- Make sure you have a road map in your car in case of evacuation.
Know What Hurricane WATCH and WARNING Mean:

- **WATCH:** Hurricane conditions are possible in the specified area of the Watch, usually within 36 hours.
- **WARNING:** Hurricane conditions are expected in the specified area of the Warning, usually within 24 hours.

Prepare a Personal Evacuation Plan:

- Identify ahead of time where you could go if you are told to evacuate. Choose several places—a friend’s home in another town, a motel, or a shelter. Give a copy of the list to out of town family members so they will know where you plan to go.
- Keep handy the telephone numbers of these places as well as a road map of your locality. You may need to take alternative or unfamiliar routes if roads are closed or clogged.
- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or local radio or TV stations for evacuations instructions. If you are advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

Prepare for High Winds Ahead of Time:

- Install hurricane shutters or precut ¾” marine plywood for each window of your home. Install anchors for the plywood and pre-drill holes in the plywood so that you can put it up quickly.
- Make trees more wind resistant by removing diseased or damaged limbs, then strategically removing branches so that wind can blow through.

Know What to do When a Hurricane WATCH or WARNING is Issued:

- Listen to the advice of local officials, and leave if they tell you to do so.
- Complete preparation activities.
- Pack basic Disaster Supplies in your car if evacuation seems imminent. Be sure to take any essential medications.
- If you are not advised to evacuate, stay indoors, away from windows.
- Be aware, the calm “eye” is deceptive; the storm is not over. The worst part of the storm will happen once the eye passes over and the winds come from the opposite direction. Trees, shrubs, buildings, and other objects damaged by the first winds can be broken or destroyed by the second winds whose force is opposite the first winds.
- Be alert for tornadoes. Tornadoes can happen during and after a hurricane passes over. Remain indoors, in the center of your home, in a closet or bathroom without windows.
- Stay away from flood waters. If you come upon a flooded road, turn around and go another way. If waters are rising rapidly around you, get out of the car and climb to higher ground.
Know What to do After a Hurricane is Over:

- Keep listening to NOAA Weather Radio or local radio or TV stations for instructions.
- If you evacuated, return home when local officials tell you it is safe to do so.
- Inspect your home for damage.
- Use flashlights in the dark; do not use candles.

TORNADO

Prepare a Home Tornado Plan

Pick a place where family members could gather if a tornado is headed your way. It could be your basement or, if there is no basement, a center hallway, bathroom, or closet on the lowest floor. Keep this place uncluttered. If you are in a high-rise building, you may not have enough time to go to the lowest floor. Pick a place in a hallway in the center of the building. Conduct periodic tornado drills so everyone remembers what to do when a tornado is approaching.

Stay Tuned for Storm Warnings:

- Listen to your local radio and TV stations for updated storm information.

Know what a tornado WATCH and WARNING means:

- A tornado WATCH means a tornado is possible in your area.
- A tornado WARNING means a tornado has been sighted and may be headed for your area. Go to safety immediately.

When a tornado WATCH is Issued:

- Listen to local radio and TV stations for further updates.
- Be alert to changing weather conditions.
- Blowing debris or the sound of an approaching tornado may alert you. Many people say it sounds like a freight train.

When a tornado WARNING is Issued:

- If you are inside, go to the safe place you picked to protect yourself from glass and other flying objects. The tornado may be approaching your area.
- If you are outside, hurry to the basement of a nearby sturdy building or lie flat in a ditch or low-lying area.
- If you are in a car or mobile home, get out immediately and head for safety (as above).
After the tornado passes:

- Watch out for fallen power lines and stay out of the damaged area.
- Listen to the radio for information and instructions.
- Use a flashlight to inspect your home for damage. Do not use candles at any time.

**DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: MEDICATIONS**

**Running out of Medications during a Hurricane or an Ice Storm….That would be a disaster!!!** During natural disasters—hurricanes, floods, winter storms—the last thing anyone would want is to run out of medications. Don't take a chance; take a few easy steps today that may save your life tomorrow.

- Always fill prescriptions before they run out.
- Most insurance plans allow you to refill monthly medications 3-7 days in advance. If possible refill early once or twice a year to create an extra supply for emergency situations.
- If you take medications that require a prescription each time, such as Percocet and Ritalin, ask your doctor about writing a special prescription marked for use only during a declared state of emergency in your home area, then store the prescription with your emergency documents.
- Everyone should keep a small Grab & Go Bag, ready to take with you in an emergency. Store your extra medications there, including over-the-counter items such as pain relievers and vitamins, in waterproof zippered bags. Keep each item in its original container and be sure to update twice a year—checking for expired or discontinued medications.
- Everyone should have a detailed list of medications, how they are taken, and who prescribed them. This list should be updated at least twice a year and kept waterproof in your Grab & Go Bag. You should also give a copy of this list to your emergency contact person. Work with your pharmacist or doctor using the guidelines on the back of this page.
- During disaster events, call CARE-LINE at 1-800-662-7030 or 1-877-452-2514 (TTY) for information about emergency services and shelters in your area.
- If you have pets, be sure to include their medications, records, and photos in your Grab & Go Bag.
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