

Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes and Yancey Counties





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### **About Area Agency on Aging**

The High Country Area Agency on Aging is dedicated to improving the lives of older adults, family caregivers and people with disabilities by providing support, education, advocacy and choices throughout their continuum of care.

Our region of focus includes the seven northwestern counties of North Carolina, commonly referred to as the High Country. These counties include Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes and Yancey. The High Country Area Agency on Aging is part of a larger aging network created by the Older Americans Act.

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Family Caregiver Support Program	<ul> <li>In Home Assessments</li> <li>Case Management</li> <li>Education</li> <li>Respite Services</li> <li>Information and Assistance</li> <li>Support Groups</li> </ul>	Contact: Amber Chapman Email: achapman@hccog.org Phone: 828.265.5434 ext. 113
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# **Federal Resources for Seniors**

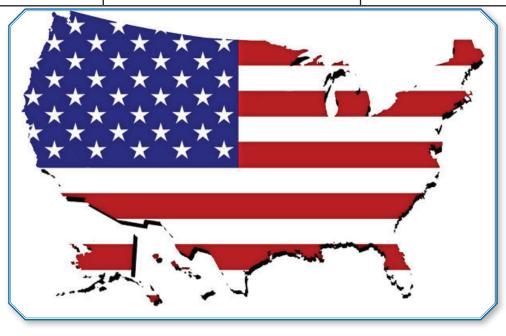
ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION	WEBSITE/PHONE NUMBER
Administration for Community Living	Site contains a wide array of information on pro- grams for older adults and persons with disabilities	Phone: 202.619.0724  Website: https://www.acl.gov/
Alzheimers.gov	This website provides current, comprehensive, unbiased source of information about Alzheimer's Disease.	Phone: 1.800.438.4380  Website: https://www.nia. nih.gov/health/alzheimers
Cancer Information Service	Provides the latest and most accurate cancer information to patients, their families, the public, and health professionals.	Phone: 1.800.422.6294 (1.800.4.CANCER)  Website: https://www.can-cer.gov/contact/contact-center
CFPB - Managing someone else's money	To help financial caregivers, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau released easy-to-understand guides.	Website: https://www.con- sumerfinance.gov/consum- er-tools/managing-some- one-elses-money/
Elder Justice	Find helpful resources to prevent and respond to elder abuse.	<b>Website:</b> https://www.elderjustice. gov
FDA for Older People	FDA has numerous articles, brochures and other publications with information for older people on a wide range of health issues, including arthritis, cancer, health fraud, and nutrition.	Phone: 1.888.INFO-FDA (1.888.463.6332)  Website: https://www.fda. gov/ForConsumers/ByAudi- ence/ucm062130.htm
GovBenefits.gov	This site is the official government benefits website. It is a free, confidential tool that helps individuals find government benefits they may be eligible to receive.	Website: https://www.benefits.gov/

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ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION	WEBSITE/PHONE NUMBER
Guide to Long Term Care for Veterans	The Guide provides infor- mation about long term care options - home and community based, and residential care.	Website: https://www.va.gov/GERI- ATRICS/Guide/LongTerm- Care/index.asp
Healthfinder	Healthfinder provides links to selected online publications, clearing-houses, databases, websites and support and self-help groups, as well as government agencies and nonprofit organizations for seniors and others.	<b>Website:</b> https://healthfinder.gov/
HUD	This site provides infor- mation related to hous- ing options for seniors including information on HUD housing programs.	Website: https://portal.hud.gov/hud- portal/HUD?src=/topics/ information_for_senior_cit- izens
Medicare.gov	The Official U.S. Govern- ment Site for People with Medicare. Provides infor- mation regarding Medi- care and helpful links.	Website: https://www.medicare.gov/
National Center on Caregiving	Provides support and helpful information for family caregivers.	Website: https://www.caregiver.org/ national-center-caregiving
Nursing Home Compare	The primary purpose of this tool is to provide detailed information about the past performance of every Medicare and Medicaid certified nursing home in the country.	Website: https://www.medicare. gov/nursinghomecompare/ search.html?
Nutrition.gov	A federal resource that provides easy access to all online federal government information on nutrition.	Website: https://www.nutrition.gov

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ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION	WEBSITE/PHONE NUMBER
Rosalyn Carter Institute for Caregiving	Information for Caregivers and Educational Resources.	Phone: 229.928.1234  Website: http://www.rosalynncarter. org/
Social Security Administration	The Social Security Administration toll-free number operates from 7AM to 7PM, Monday to Friday. Recorded infor- mation and services are available 24 hours a day. The website contains a wealth of information and resources including on-line databases and publications	Phone: 1.800.772.1213  Website: https://www.ssa.gov/
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	This site provides information on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, including eligibility and application information.	Phone: 703.305.2286  Website: https://www.fns.usda.gov/ snap/supplemental-nu- trition-assistance-pro- gram-snap
Dept of Veterans Affairs	Information on VA benefits and services.	Website: https://www.va.gov/





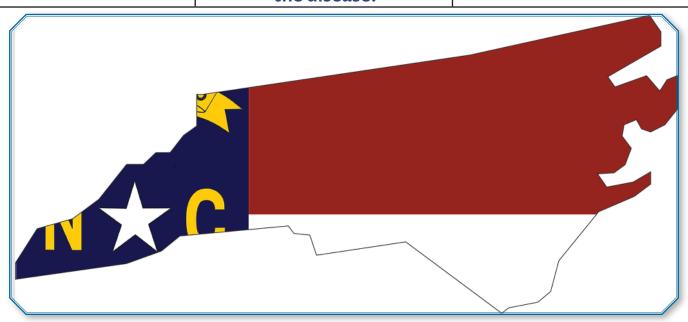
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Alzheimer's North Carolina	Provides Families with support through in-of-fice, phone counseling, support groups, resource referrals, education and empowerments, and emergency respite assistance.	Phone: 919.832.3732  Website: https://dementianc.org/
BCBSNC Institute for Health and Human Services	A database that allows you to search for resources, programs, and services that are available just in our region. Also provides a contact person and contact number for whichever service you need.	Phone: 828.262.7677  Website: https://ihhs.appstate.edu/ directory
Community Resource Finder	A database that allows you to search for pro- grams, events, and re- sources statewide.	Website: https://www.communityre- sourcefinder.org/
Disability Rights of North Carolina	Advocates for the rights of people living with disabilities throughout North Carolina. They handle cases involving discrimination, abuse, and other rights violations.	Phone: 919.856.2195  Website: https://disabilityrightsnc. org/
First in Families of North Carolina	Helps individuals living with disabilities and their families with different forms of support such as computers, home furnishings or modifications, childcare or respite, or repairs to vehicles.	Phone: 919.251.8368  Website: http://fifnc.org/
Healthy Aging NC	A Fall Prevention Re- source Hub to find classes in our region and across the state.	Website: www.healthyagingnc.com

ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION	WEBSITE/PHONE NUMBER
Legal-Aid of North Carolina	Non-profit law firm that provides free legal services in civil matters to low income people to ensure equal access to justice.	Phone: 1.866.219.5262  Website: http://www.legalaidnc.org/
Lifespan Respite	Program that offers respite vouchers to caregivers of those 18-60 years old. An application needs to be sent in by a referring agency.	Website:  https://www.highcountry- aging.org/services/lifes- pan-respite-project
NC 211	A database that allows you to search for resources in your area- these resources include crisis intervention hotlines/ helplines, crisis shelter, electric service payment assistance, food pantries, etc.	Phone: 919.834.5200  Website: https://www.nc211.org/
North Carolina Assistive Technology Program	Assists individuals who are 65+ to help them maintain independence and enjoy quality of life.	Phone: 919.855.3500  Website: https://www.ncdhhs.gov/ divisions/vocational-rehabil- itation-services/north-car- olina-assistive-technolo- gy-program
North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry	Helps individuals living with disabilities and their families with different forms of support such as computers, home furnishings or modifications, childcare or respite, or repairs to vehicles.	Phone: 877.506.2226  Website: https://www.ncbam.org/

ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION	WEBSITE/PHONE NUMBER
North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS)	Provides information on services that are available to you through the Division of Aging and Adult Services and how to contact providers in your region to get the help you need. Also has descriptions of certain programs that may apply to you.	Website: https://www.ncdhhs.gov/ assistance/aging-and- adult-services
NC DAAS-Disability Services	Offers public webinars on dementia and Alzheimer's that provides useful information for those caring for persons with Dementia or Alzheimer's or the persons living with the disease.	Phone: 919.855.4800  Website: https://www.ncdhhs.gov/assistance/disability-services
NC DAAS- Elderly Housing Locator	List of independent hous- ing options for North Carolina Seniors.	Phone: 919.855.3419  Website: https://www.ncdhhs.gov/ assistance/adult-services/ elder-housing-locator
NC Division of Veterans Affairs	Assists veterans with claims, employment, benefits, housing assistance and more.	Phone: 844.624.8387  Website: https://www.milvets. nc.gov/
NC Housing Search	A database that allows you to search for rental housing and resources pertaining to housing in North Carolina	Phone: 1.877.428.8844  Website: http://www.nchousing- search.org/index.html

ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION	WEBSITE/PHONE NUMBER
NC Low Income Energy Assistance Program	Provides a one-time vendor payment to help eligible households pay their heating bills. Only applies to households containing an elderly person age 60 and above or a disabled person receiving services only through the Division of Aging and Adult Services are eligible to potentially receive benefits from 12/1-12/31.	Phone: 919.334.1018  Website: https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/ dss/energy/
NC Services for the Blind	Assists individuals who are blind, deaf-blind and visually impaired to find or keep a job or return to work and reach goals of independence.	Phone: 919.527.6700  Website: https://www.ncdhhs.gov/ divisions/dsb
NC Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Works to ensure that all Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Deaf-Blind North Carolinians can communicate their needs and to receive information easily and effectively in all aspects of their lives, especially their health and wellbeing.	Phone: 919-527-6930 (Voice/TTY)  919.890.0859 (Videophone)  Website: https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/dsdhh
NCSU Cooperative Extension- More food in my basket	Helps reduce hunger by connect North Carolina residents to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)-formerly called Food Stamps.	Phone: 855.240.1451  Website: https://www.morefood.org/ our-programs/more-in-my- basket/
NC Works	Helps individuals find jobs in North Carolina, creating a resume, education and training and unemployment information.	<b>Website:</b> https://www.ncworks.gov/ vosnet/Default.aspx

ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION	WEBSITE/PHONE NUMBER
Project Care	Helps caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's/ Dementia with resources,	Contact Person: Karen Phoenix
	respite care, and home safety plus more.	Phone: 828.485.4267
	/ '	Website: www.wpcog.org
Senior Law Project	Free legal help with housing, consumer rights, benefits, elder abuse and other civil matters. The Senior Legal Helpline provides advice, brief service, as well as referrals to a staff attorney with the senior law project.	Senior Legal Helpline Phone: 1-877-579-7562  Hours: 9 a.m11 a.m. 1 p.m3 p.m. (M-F)  Website: http://www.legalaidnc. org/about-us/projects/se- nior-law-project
Teepa Snow	Offers public webinars on dementia and Alzheimer's that provides useful information for those caring for persons with Dementia or Alzheimer's or the persons living with the disease.	Phone: 877.877.1671  Website: https://teepasnow.com/



**Alleghany County Resources for Seniors** 

ASSISTANCE		
Alleghany in Motion	Transportation Assis-	Contact Person:
	tance for medical and dental purposes. Med- icaid covers the trip but	Tiffany Boyer Phone: 336.372.8747
	they also offer rural gen- eral public raters.	Website: https://alleghanycoun- ty-nc.gov/public_trans- portation.php
Alleghany CARES	Medication assistance program, educational scholarships, community	Contact Person: Vickie Scott
	needs, adult dental pro- gram, and more.	Phone: 336.372.5959
		<b>Website:</b> http://alleghanycares.com/ Home.php
Alleghany Health Department	Offers clinical services, nutrition services, com-	Phone: 336.372.5641
•	munity health services, dental services, and pre- paredness.	Website: https://www.apphealthcare. com/
ASU/Blue Cross Institute for Health and Human	Provides audiologic and speech-language assess-	Phone: 828.262.7677
Services	ments and treatments.	Website: https://ihhs.appstate. edu/about-ihhs/commu- nity-resources/asu-in- stitute-health-and-hu- man-services-communi- ty-outreach-division
Blue Ridge Opportunity Commission	Emergency Financial As- sistance, electric fuel as- sistance, home improve-	Contact Person: Stacy Hawks
	ment	Phone: 336.372.7284
	Eligibility: Must be below federal poverty line.	Website: http://brocinc.com/html/ emergency_assistance.html

# Alleghany County Resources for Seniors ASSISTANCE

Community Alternative Program for Disabled Adults (CAP/DA)	Medicaid funded program promoting home care as an alternative to nursing home care for disabled adults 18 years and older.	Contact Person: Shane Atwood  Phone: 336.372.1445  Email: Shane.atwood@alleghany. nc.gov
Daymark Recover Services	Community Support, Individual Treatment, Group Therapy, Sub- stance Abuse Services, Geriatric Specialty Team, Mobile Crisis Services, 24/7/365 Crisis Services.	Contact Person: Sharon Wilcox  Phone: 336.667.5151  Website: http://www.daymarkrecovery.org/
	aid, Medicare, Insurance based on copay's	
High Country United Way	Community-based orga- nization that develops human and financial re- sources to improve the quality of life of those in	Contact Person: Linda Slade Phone: 828.265.2111
	our region.	Email: info@highcountryunited-
	Eligibility: People of all ages.	way.org
		Website: https://www.highcoun-



# **Alleghany County Resources for Seniors**

## **ASSISTANCE**

	HOOFFITTEE	
Hunger and Health Coalition	Offers a variety of food assistance programs to those in need. Also distributes firewood, clothing, books, snacks and food.	Contact Person: Elizabeth Young  Phone: 828.262.1628  Email: director@hungerand- healthcoalition.com  Website: https://www.hungerand-
		healthcoalition.com/con- tact-us
Northwestern Regional Housing Authority	Provides many kinds of housing opportunities and services to assure affordable, adequate housing. Programs include rental assistance, housing assistance	Phone: 828.264.6683  Website: http://www.nwrha.com/ about
On Track Financial Education and Counseling	Counseling/Education for individuals and families on budgeting and money management, avoiding bankruptcy, reverse mortgages, and debt collection.  Note: Individual counseling appointments are free (excluding bankruptcy)	Contact Person: Celeste Collins  Phone: 828.255.5166  Website: https://ontrackwnc.org/
Pisgah Legal Services	Provides free civil legal aid to very low-income people.	Contact: James A. Barrett  Phone: 828.253.0406  Website: https://www.pisgahlegal. org/free-legal-services/

## **Alleghany County Resources for Seniors**

### **SOCIAL SERVICES**

Department of Social Services

Assistance in locating needed health services; placement services, and guardianship.

Phone: 336.372.1445

Website:

https://alleghanycounty-nc.gov/social\_services.

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### **SENIOR CENTER**

Alleghany Council on Aging Evidence based health promotion programs, In Home Aide Level I & II, Congregate and home delivered meals, transportation and SHIIP Counseling. Phone: 336.372.4640

Website:

https://www.facebook. com/spartaseniorcenter/

### **HOME HEALTH AGENCIES**

Medi Home Health and Hospice	Skilled Nurses, Speech, Occupational and Physi- cal Therapy, Home Health Aides. Medicare/Medic- aid certified.	Phone: 336.372.8018
Generations Home Health Agency	Personal care, medication management, in-home aide.	Phone: 336.372.1755
Living Waters Home Care	In-home aide, medication management, companionship.	Phone: 336.372.5150
Yadkin Valley Home Health	In-home aide, wound care, memory and mental health care, ortho care, PT, OT.	Phone: 336.526.6460

ASSISTANCE			
Ashe Blue Ridge Opportunity Commission	Clothing and household vouchers, one electricity and fuel assistance per 12	Contact Person: Stacy Howell	
	months, weatherization, and Heating appliance	Phone: 828.336.384.4543	
	repair and replacement.  Eligibility: Must be below	Email: brocashe@gmail.com	
	federal poverty guide- lines.	Website: http://www.brocinc.com/ html/emergency_assis- tance.html	
Ashe County Free Medical Clinic	Health and wellness for those who are medically	Phone: 336.846.4649	
	uninsured.	Website: https://www.nafcclinics. org/content/ashe-coun- ty-free-medical-clinic	
Ashe County Health Department	Dental Health, WIC, Nu- tritional Counseling, Health Check. Primary care for diagnosis and treatment of diabetic pa- tients. Community health promotion programs.	Phone: 336.246.9449  Website: https://www.apphealthcare. com/clinical-services/	
Ashe County Sharing Center	Offers cooking and can- ning workshops, food pantries, outreach for older adults as well as children.	Phone: 336.846.7019  Website: http://www.ashesharing- center.net/home.html	
Ashe Outreach	Food Pantry, community meals, mobile meals, Out Grow Hunger and more.	Website: http://www.buzz- file.com/business/ Ashe-Outreach-Minis- tries,-Inc336-385-3663	

ASSISTANCE			
Blue Mountain Center	Psychotherapy, grief and loss counseling, stress reduction, emotional management, and more.	Phone: 828.265.1455  Website: http://bluemountaincen- ternc.com/	
Blue Ridge Opportunity Commission (BROC)	Home delivered meals, congregate meals, home weatherization, and emergency assistance.	Phone: 336.667.7174  Website: http://brocinc.com/index. html	
Byrd Ridge Crisis Center, Food Pantry, and Clothing Closet	Food and clothing to those in need; by ap- pointment only.	Phone: 336.838.5847  Website: https://www.findpeace.to- day/outreach.html	
Christian Outreach Center / First Baptist Church of Boone	Weekly food distribution Mondays 2pm to 6pm to Wilkes, Watauga, and Ashe county residents  Note: Some income guidelines required.	Phone: 828.264.2441  Website: http://www.boonefirstbap- tist.org/missions.php	
Community Care Clinic	Provides health care to low-income persons in our community who do not have health insurance. General medicine, lab testing, nursing, mental health counseling, chiropractic, neurology, PT, and orthopedics.	Phone: 828.2656.8491  Website: http://www.ccclinic.org/	
Community Alternative Program for Disabled Adults (CAP/DA)	Medicaid funded program promoting home care as an alternative to nursing home care for disabled adults 18 years and older.	Phone: 336.246.2461  Website: https://asheaging.com/ docs/brochures/2012Up- dated/CAP-DA%20BRO- CHURE%20080811.pdf	

	ASSISTANCE	
Daymark Recovery Services	Community Support, Individual Treatment, Group Therapy, Substance Abuse Services, Geriatric Specialty Team, Mobile Crisis Services, 24/7/365 Crisis Services.  Note: Accepts Medicaid, Medicare, Insurance based on copay's.	Website: https://www.day- markrecovery.org/loca- tions/ashe-center
Health Check-Ashe County	Transportation Services, WIC, making doctor's appointments, finding a doctor, finding a dentist.	Contact Person: Heather Cox  Phone: 336.246.9449  Website: http://www.apphealthcare. com/Ashe/Index.php
Hunger and Health Coalition	Provides clients with life-sustaining medications (inhalers, insulin, COPD medications and many more  Note: Must provide proof of income/paycheck.	Phone: 828.262.1628  Website: https://www.hungerand- healthcoalition.com/
Northwestern Regional Housing Authority	Provides many kinds of housing opportunities and services to assure affordable, adequate housing. Programs include rental assistance, housing assistance	Phone: 336.667.8979  Website: http://www.nwrha.com/re- gional-offices/wilkes-coun- ty-field-office
Ashe County Habitat for Humanity	Builds safe, affordable, decent housing for those in need.  Eligibility: Must be below the federal poverty line.	Phone: 336.846.2525  Website: http://ashehabitat.org/

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Department of Social Services

In-home aide, placement services, services for the blind, medical transportation, food and nutrition services, and general assistance Phone: 336.846.5719

Website:

http://www.ashecountygov.com/

Social Services Low Income Energy Assistance Program and Crisis Intervention Waiver for installation of materials such as ceiling, wall and floor insulation, community solar, caulking and weather stripping. Also, can install more energy efficient refrigerator, mechanical ventilations fans, and more.

Phone: 336.246.4347

Website:

http://www.ashecountygov.com/

Note: Must be at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

### **SENIOR CENTER**

Ashe Services for Aging, Inc. (ASA)

Evidence based health promotion programs, In Home Aide Level I & II, Home Delivered Meals, and Congregate Meals, Respite care, transportation and SHIIP Counseling.

Also provides an intergenerational day care program that includes adult day care. Can provide fuel/heat assistance in the winter.

Also provides home care for private pay individuals including CAP, VA, LTC, Phone: 336.246.4347

Website:

https://asheaging.com/

HOME HEALTH AGENCIES			
Ashe Home Care Inc.	In-home aide, respite care, Savvy Seniors, every day task assistance.	Phone: 336.846.1345  Website: http://ashehomecareinc. com/services/	
Caldwell Hospice	Hospice and palliative care services provided wherever patients call home, regardless of abili- ty to pay.	Contact Person: Carrie Brown  Phone: 828.754.0101  Email: cbrown@caldwellhospice.org	
		Website: http://www.caldwellhos- pice.org	
Medi Home Health and Hospice	Skilled Nurses, Speech, Physical and Occupation- al Therapy.  Note: Medicaid and Medicare approved.	Phone: 336.246.9023  Website: http://www.msa-corp.com/ companies/medihome- healthhospice.aspx	
Yadkin Valley Home Health	In-home aide, wound care, memory and mental health care, ortho care, PT, OT.	Phone: 336.526.6460	
Senior Companion Program	In-home assistance to prevent and delay the need for institutionalization.	Phone: 336.846.4898  Website: https://asheaging.com/ docs/brochures/volun- teer-brochure-2017.pdf	



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Appalachian Healthcare Project	Provides healthcare for low income, uninsured residents in this county.	Contact Person: Sally Morgan  Phone: 828.737.7725  Website: https://apprhs.org/com-
Avery County Health Department	Adult Health, dental public health and food assistance, child health, family planning.	munity/ Phone: 828.733.6031  Website: http://www.toeriverhealth. org/
Avery County Habitat for Humanity	Housing for low income families, mortgage pay- ment assistance.	Phone: 828.733.1909  Website: http://www.averycohfh.org/
Cannon Memorial Hospital Finance Assistance Program	Reduces cost of medical care, including specialty care for low income and uninsured patient. Note: Requires ER visit first	Contact Person: Elizabeth Hoyt  Phone: 864.898.1149  Website: https://apprhs.org/cannon/
Community Alternative Program for Disabled Adults (CAP/DA)	Medicaid funded program promoting home care as an alternative to nursing home care for disabled adults 18 years and older.	Phone: 828.733.6031  Website: http://www.toeriverhealth. org/CAP.asp



# **Avery County Resources for Seniors ASSISTANCE**

	ASSISTANCE	
Daymark Recover Services	Community Support, Individual Treatment, Group Therapy, Substance Abuse Services, Geriatric Specialty Team, Mobile Crisis Services, 24/7/365 Crisis Services.  Note: Accepts Medicaid, Medicare, Insurance based on copay's.	Website: https://www.day- markrecovery.org/loca- tions/avery-center
Feeding Avery Families	Free boxed food, some clothing and other items available.  Note: Must meet income criteria.	Phone: 828.260.5389  Website: http://www.feedingavery- families.org/
High Country Community Health	Offers primary care medical services, dental services, and substance abuse treatment. All forms of Insurance are accepted and there is a sliding fee scale for anyone who does not have insurance.	Phone: Medical- 828.737.0221 Dental-828.737.0221  Website: http://www.highcountry- communityhealth.com/con- tact-us
Hunger and Health Coalition	Provides clients with life-sustaining medications (inhalers, insulin, COPD medications and many more.  Note: Must provide proof of income/paycheck.	Phone: 828.262.1628  Website: https://www.hungerand- healthcoalition.com/
MANNA Food Bank	Provides direct services on a very limited basis to those struggling with hunger through Food Stamp outreach and a variety of food assistance programs.	Phone: 828.299.3663  Website: https://www.mannafood- bank.org/agency/reach- ing-avery-ministry/

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Northwestern Regional Housing Authority	Provides many kinds of housing opportunities and services to assure affordable, adequate housing. Programs include rental assistance, housing counseling, and housing assistance.	Phone: 828.264.6683  Website: http://www.nwrha.com/
On Track Financial Education and Counseling	Counseling/Education for individuals and families on budgeting and money management, avoiding bankruptcy, reverse mortgages, and debt collection.  Note: Individual counseling appointments are free (excluding bankruptcy).	Contact Person: Celeste Collins  Phone: 828.255.5166  Website: https://ontrackwnc.org/
Pisgah Legal Services	Provides free civil legal aid to very low-income people.	Contact: James A. Barrett Phone: 828.253.0406
Reaching Avery Ministries	Can refer individuals to local charities and non-profit organizations. Programs can offer free or inexpensive clothing, utility cooling or heating bill help, help with rent and/or mortgage assis- tance as well as foreclo- sure prevention advice.	Phone: 828.733.5127  Website: https://www.ramsrack.com/
Williams YMCA of Avery County	Chronic disease prevention and management, evidence-based and other health promotion programs.	Phone: 828.737.5500  Website: http://ymcaavery.org/

Avery County Resources for Seniors			
SOCIAL SERVICES			
Department of Social Services	Intake of Medicaid, CAP/ DA programs, general as- sistance, adult protective services, food stamps.	Phone: 828.733.8230  Website: http://www.averydss.com/	
	SENIOR CENTER		
Avery County Senior Center	Evidence based health promotion programs, In Home Aide Level I & II, Congregate and home delivered meals, trans- portation and SHIIP Counseling.	Phone: 828.733.8220  Website: http://www.averycountync. gov/departments/senior_ services.php	
	HOME HEALTH AGENC	IES	
Kindred at Home	CAP/DA, Personal Care Services, Respite, Sitter Note: Accepts Medicaid, please call about private insurance.	Contact Person: Carolyn Holland  Phone: 828.898.6000  Website: https://www.kindredhealth- care.com/locations/home-	
Pruitt Home Health	Provide catheter and wound care. Help the homebound meet their health care needs. Monitor problems and report findings to the doctor. Teach and counsel patients and their family about health care matters. Collect specimens / labs for physicians.	health/boone-nc-5064  Phone: 828.733.1550  Website: http://www.pruitthealth. com/	
Senior Companion Program	In-home assistance to prevent and delay the need for institutionalization	Website: https://ihhs.appstate.edu/ about-ihhs/community-re- sources/senior-compan- ion-program	

# **Mitchell County Resources for Seniors**

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	ASSISTANCE	
Ave Maria Ministries	Food pantry: Wednesdays from 1-4pm.	Phone: 828.765.2224
		Website:
		https://www.mannafood-
		bank.org/agency/
		ave-maria-ministries/
Bakersville Baptist Church	Food pantry: 1-2 distributions per month.	Phone: 828-688.4817
		Website:
		https://wakespace.lib.wfu.
		edu/handle/10339/36564
Bear Creek Baptist Church	Provides appropriate snacks for nursing home	Phone: 828.688.4331
	patients and shut-ins.	Website:
	•	http://www.bearcreekbap-
		tist.com/
Community Alternative Program for Disabled	Medicaid funded program promoting home care as	Phone: 828.765.5677
Adults (CAP/DA)	an alternative to nursing	Website:
	home care for disabled	https://www.hospice-
	adults 18 years and older	blueridge.com/cap
Grassy Creek Baptist Church	Food pantry: as needed; church hours are Monday	Phone: 828.765-4620
	through Friday 9am-3pm.	Website:
	3 / 1	http://www.grassycreekbc.
		org/
MANNA Food Bank	Provides direct services on a very limited basis	Phone: 828.299.3663
	to those struggling with	Website:
	hunger through Food	https://www.mannafood-
	Stamp outreach and a	bank.org/
	variety of food assistance	
	programs.	
Mitchell County Habitat	Housing for low income	Phone: 828.766.9000
for Humanity	families, mortgage pay-	
	ment assistance. Exterior	https://www.mitchellyanc-
	basic home repairs, ex-	eyhabitat.org/Home
	cept roofs.	

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	ASSISTANCE		
Mitchell County Health Department	Provide adult health, dental health, commu- nicable disease control, vital records registration, and public health labora- tory support.	Phone: 828.688.2371  Website: http://www.toeriverhealth. org/Mitchell.asp	
Mitchell County Shepherd's Staff Food Pantry	Food pantry: Mon, Tue & Thu, 10:00am - 4:00pm (Closed for Lunch, 12:00pm - 1:00pm); Friday, 9:00am - 1:00pm.	Phone: 828.765.5385  Website: https://www.mannafoodbank. org/agency/mitchell-county- shepherds-staff-food-pantry/	
Mitchell County Transportation	Transportation in county to ty and out of county to human service agencies, medical appointments, shopping, bill paying, and work.	Phone: 828.688.4715  Website: https://www.mitchellcounty. org/departments/transporta- tion/	
Mitchell Yancey United Methodist Church Food Pantry	Food pantry: 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month, 10-11:30am.	Phone: 828.385.1131  Website: http://www.umc.org/find- a-church/church/32976	
Mountain Community Health Partnership	Offers preventative and medical care, patient assistance programs, behavioral health, care management, and more.	Phone: 828.688.2104 (Bakersville, Spruce Pine)  828.675.4166 (Celo)  Website: https://www.mchp.care/in- dex.html	
Northwestern Regional Housing Authority	Provides many kinds of housing opportunities and services to assure affordable, adequate housing. Programs include rental assistance, housing counseling, and housing	Phone: 828.688.3744  Website: http://www.nwrha.com/ regional-offices/mitch- ell-county-field-office	

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# **Mitchell County Resources for Seniors**

ASSISTANCE				
Service Center for Latinos	Food pantry: Call for Distribution Hours Se Habla Español.	Phone: 828.385.2309  Website: http://www.toeriverhealth. org/yanceyserivceproviderdiretory.pdf		
The Bridge Church of Western NC	Provides food boxes to SNAP qualified families; twice monthly on 1st & 3rd Saturdays.	Phone: 828.765.2969  Website: http://www.tbcwnc.org/		
W.A.M.Y. Community Action	Garden Voucher Program: provides \$50 in garden supplies. Weatheriza- tion & H.A.R.R.P: Heating appliance repair and re- placement program for low income families to permanently reduce en- ergy bills (200% of pov- erty level).	Phone: 800.571.9269  Website: https://wamycommunityac- tion.org/		

SOCIAL SERVICES			
Department of Social Services	Intake of Medicaid, CAP/ DA programs, general as-	Phone: 828.688.2175	
	sistance, adult protective	Website:	
	services, food stamps.	https://www.mitchellcoun-	
		ty.org/departments/so-	
		<u>cial-services/</u>	

SENIOR CENTER			
Mitchell County Senior Center	Evidence based health promotion programs, In Home Aide Level I, Con- gregate and home delivered meals, transportation.	Phone: 828.688.3019  Website: https://www.mitchellcoun- ty.org/departments/se- nior-center/	

# Mitchell County Resources for Seniors HOME HEALTH AGENCIES

Carolina Home Care	Personal care assistance,	Phone: 828.765.4343
Specialists	home management, med- ication and diet compli- ance, shopping and com- panionship.	Website: https://www.manta. com/c/mb5xsv1/caroli- na-home-care-specialists
	Note: Accepts Medicaid, private pay, and private insurance – no wait list.	·
Pruitt Home Health	Provide catheter and wound care. Help the homebound meet their health care needs. Monitor problems and report findings to the doctor. Teach and counsel patients and their family about health care matters. Collect specimens / labs for physicians.	Phone: 770.279.6200  Website: http://www.pruitthealth. com/



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	ASSISTANCE	
American Legion Post 131 and Disabled American Veterans	Offers transportation to the VA in Johnson City or Asheville, provides free professional assistance to veterans in obtain- ing benefits and services earned through military services.	Phone: 423.727.1955  Website: http://www.davmember- sportal.org/chapters/ nc/90/default.aspx
Alliance Bible Fellowship	Food pantry open daily 8am-4pm. Note: Individuals can participate once a month with no income limits.	Phone: 828.264.8312  Website: http://abfboone.com/
Appalcart Bus System	Public transportation system that offers paratransit transportation and reasonable modifications.	Phone: 828.297.1300  Website:  www.appalcart.com
Casting Bread Ministries	Food pantry 10:30am- 3 pm on Wednesdays & Thursdays. Soup Kitchen: 11:30am- 1pm Wednesdays & Thursdays.	Phone: 828.295.8333  Website: http://www.faithbridgeumc. org/casting-bread-food- pantry.html
Community Care Clinic	Free clinic providing medical care, lab testing, chiropractic, and mental health counseling for low income persons without health insurance.	Phone: 828.265.8591  Website: www.ccclinic.org
Cannon Memorial Hospital Finance Assistance Program	Reduces cost of medical care, including specialty care for low income and uninsured patient.	Contact Person: Elizabeth Hoyt Phone: 864.898.1149
	Note: Requires ER visit first.	Website: http://www.anmedhealthcan- non.org/patient-visitor/finan- cial-assistance/

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	ASSISTANCE		
Community Alternative Program for Disabled Adults (CAP/DA)	Medicaid funded program promoting home care as an alternative to nursing home care for disabled adults 18 years and older.	Phone: 828.733.6031  Website: http://www.wataugacoun- ty.org/App_Pages/Dept/ Aging/cap.aspx	
Daymark Recover Services	Community Support, Individual Treatment, Group Therapy, Substance Abuse Services, Geriatric Specialty Team, Mobile Crisis Services, 24/7/365 Crisis Services.  Note: Accepts Medicaid, Medicare, Insurance based on copay's.	Website: https://www.daymarkrecov- ery.org/locations/avery-center	
First Baptist Church	First Friday monthly senior lunch at 11:30 a.m. Weekly food distribution Mondays 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.  Note: Must show proof of income	Phone: 828.264.2441  Website: http://www.boonefirstbap- tist.org/	
Greenway Baptist Church	Food Pantry: 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. on Thursdays.	Phone: 828.264.7750  Website: https://www.greenwaybap- tist.com/	
High Country Community Health	Offers primary care medical services, dental services, and substance abuse treatment. All forms of Insurance are accepted and there is a sliding fee scale for anyone who does not have	Phone: Medical- 828.262.3886 Dental-828.406.1925  Website: http://www.highcountry- communityhealth.com/con- tact-us	

insurance.

ASSISTANCE			
Hospitality House (Boone)	Bread of Life Meal Daily: Breakfast: 6:30 a.m. Lunch: 11:30 a.m1 p.m. Dinner: 5:30 p.m 6 p.m.	Phone: 828.264.1237  Website: https://www.hosphouse.org/	
Hunger and Health Coalition	Boone Food Pantries and Nutrition Screenings: M-F 8:30-4:30  Generic medication assistance for those without Medicare D.  Note: Must be 200% below federal poverty level.	Website: https://www.hungerand- healthcoalition.com/	
Northwestern Regional Housing Authority	Provides many kinds of housing opportunities and services to assure affordable, adequate housing. Programs include rental assistance, housing counseling, and housing assistance.	Phone: 828.264.6683  Website: http://www.nwrha.com/	
On Track Financial Education and Counseling	Counseling/Education for individuals and families on budgeting and money management, avoiding bankruptcy, reverse mortgages, and debt collection.  Note: Individual counseling appointments are free	Contact Person: Celeste Collins  Phone: 828.255.5166  Website: https://ontrackwnc.org/	
Resort Area Ministries	(excluding bankruptcy).  Provides mission work projects like painting, simple carpentry, repair jobs on porches, decks, steps or interior and more.	Contact Person: Mary Silver  Phone: 828.264.6605  Website: https://ihhs.appstate.edu/ about-ihhs/community-resourc- es/resort-area-ministries	

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Pisgah Legal Services	Provides free civil legal aid to very low-income people.	Contact: James A. Barrett Phone: 828.253.0406 Website:
		https://www.pisgahlegal.org/ pro-bono-legal-services/
Watauga County Health Department	Offers clinical services, nutrition services, com- munity health services, dental services, and pre- paredness.	Phone: 828.264.4995  Website: https://www.apphealthcare.com/
Watauga County Veterans Services Office	Can assist with loans, burial allowances, hos- pitalization, and ser- vice-connected compensation.	Contact Person: April Goodman  Phone: 828.265.8065  Website: http://www.wataugacounty. org/App_Pages/Dept/Vets/ home.aspx
W.A.M.Y. Community Action	Weatherization assistance, heating appliance repair and replacement programs to low income families to permanently reduce energy bills.	Phone: 800.571.9269  Website: https://wamycommunityac- tion.org/
Watauga County Project on Aging	Provides respite for the caregiver and other tasks/duties to assist the older adult throughout the day.	Phone Number: 828.265.8090  Website: http://www.wataugacounty. org/App_Pages/Dept/Aging/ home.aspx



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Department of Social Services	Intake of Medicaid, CAP/ DA programs, general as-	Phone: 828.265.8100		
	sistance, adult protective	Website:		
	services, food stamps.	http://www.wataugacoun-		
		tv.org/		

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	SENIOR CENTER	
Lois E. Harrill Senior Center (Boone)	Evidence based health promotion programs, In Home Aide Level I & II, Congregate and home delivered meals, trans- portation and SHIIP Counseling.	Phone: 828.265.8090  Website: http://www.wataugacoun- ty.org/App_Pages/Dept/ Aging/activities.aspx
Western Watauga Community Center (Cove Creek)	Activities for older adults, evidence-based health promotion programs, congregate meals, home delivered meals, and transportation.	Phone: 828.297.5195  Website: http://www.wataugacoun- ty.org/App_Pages/Dept/ Aging/activities.aspx
	<b>HOME HEALTH AGENC</b>	CIES
Appalachian Home Care	In-home aide.	Phone: 828.963.8233
	Note: Accepts Medicaid, Private Pay, and Private Insurance.	<b>Website:</b> www.appalachianhome- care.com
Bayada Nurses Home Care Specialists	Accepts Medicaid, Private Pay, and Private Insurance.	Phone: 336.846.4898  Website: https://www.bayada.com/
Kindred at Home	CAP/DA, Personal Care Services, home health, safe strides fall preven-	Phone: 828.266.1166 Website:

tion.

Accepts Medicaid- please call for private pay.

https://www.kindredhealth-

care.com/locations/home-

health/boone-nc-5064

# **Wilkes County Resources for Seniors**

	ASSISTANCE	
Alzheimer's Association – Western Chapter	Information and resources for those living with or caring for someone with Alzheimer's or other dementias.	Phone: 828.514.3124  Website: https://www.alz.org/ help-support
Appalachian State / Blue Cross NC Institute for Health & Human Services	Provide audiological and speech-language assess-ments and treatment.	Phone: 828.262.7677  Website: https://ihhs.appstate.edu/
Blue Ridge Opportunity Commission (BROC)	Home delivered meals, congregate meals, home weatherization, and emergency assistance.	Phone: 336.667.7174  Website: http://brocinc.com/index.html
Byrd Ridge Crisis Center, Food Pantry, and Clothing Closet	Food and clothing to those in need; by ap- pointment only.	Phone: 336.838.5847  Website: https://www.findpeace.to- day/outreach.html
Care Connection Pharmacy	Provides prescription assistance drug programs to low-income residents of Wilkes County.	Phone: 336.667.3259  Website: https://wilkesregional.com/ser- vices/support_services/care_con- nection_pharmacy.aspx
Christian Outreach Center / First Baptist Church of Boone	Weekly food distribution Mondays 2pm to 6pm to Wilkes, Watauga, and Ashe county residents. Note: Some income guidelines required.	Phone: 828.264.2441  Website: http://www.boonefirstbap- tist.org/missions.php
Community Alternative Program for Disabled Adults (CAP/DA)	Medicaid funded program promoting home care as an alternative to nursing home care for disabled adults 18 years and older.	Phone: 828.733.6031

# Wilkes County Resources for Seniors ASSISTANCE

	ASSISTANCE	
Daymark Recovery Services	Community Support, Individual Treatment, Group Therapy, Sub- stance Abuse Services, Geriatric Specialty Team, Mobile Crisis Services, 24/7/365 Crisis Services.  Note: Accepts Medic- aid, Medicare, Insurance based on copay's.	Phone: 336.667.5151  Website: https://www.daymarkrecovery. org/locations/wilkes-center
Hunger and Health Coalition	Provides clients with life-sustaining medications (inhalers, insulin, COPD medications and many more.	Phone: 828.262.1628  Website: https://www.hungerandhealth- coalition.com/
	Note: Must provide proof of income/paycheck.	
Northwestern Regional Housing Authority	Provides many kinds of housing opportunities and services to assure affordable, adequate housing. Programs include rental assistance, housing counseling, and housing assistance.	Phone: 336.667.8979  Website: http://www.nwrha.com/region- al-offices/wilkes-county-field-of- fice
Wilkes Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Assistance with devices and communication.	Phone: 336.651.7822  Website: http://wilkesfaithhealth.weebly. com/
Wilkes County Health Department	Annual physical exams, diabetes counseling, lab services, nutrition counseling, recommended screenings, and sick visits.	Phone: 336.651.7450  Website: https://wilkescounty.net/292/ Well-Sick-Care

# **Wilkes County Resources for Seniors**

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	ASSISTANCE	
Wilkes Faith Health	Offers assistance with food, clothing, housing, energy assistance, and other needs.	Phone: 336.715.7922  Website: https://faithhealthnc.org/wil- kes-county/
Wilkes Family YMCA	Chronic disease prevention and management, evidence-based and other health promotion programs.	Phone: 336.838.3991  Website: https://ymcanwnc.org/locations/ wilkes-family-ymca/
Wilkes Habitat for Humanity	Housing for low income families, mortgage pay- ment assistance.	Phone: 336.838.3044  Website: http://wilkeshabitat.org/
Wilkes Ministry of Hope	Food bank, baby closet, woodshed and other out- reach ministries.	Phone: 336.903.1414  Website: https://www.brushymountain. com/adults
	SOCIAL SERVICES	
Department of Social Services	Intake of Medicaid, CAP/ DA programs, general as- sistance, adult protective services, food stamps.	Phone: 336.651.7400  Website: https://www.wilkescounty. net/284/Adult-Services
	SENIOR CENTER	
Wilkes Senior Resources	Evidence based health promotion programs, In Home Aide Level I & II, re- spite care, transportation and SHIIP Counseling.	Phone: 336.667.5281  Website:  http://www.wilkesseniorre- sources.com/

# Wilkes County Resources for Seniors HOME HEALTH AGENCIES

Bayada Nurses	Broad spectrum of nurs- ing, rehabilitation, ther-	Phone: 336.526.1952
	apeutic, and assistive home health care.	Website: https://www.bayada.com/_pub- lic/ClientServices/ClientIn- quiry?specialtyname=Assis- tive%20Care&zip=28607
Kindred at Home	CAP/DA, Personal Care Services, Respite, Sitter, Home Health, Cardio- pulmonary Support, Safe	Phone: 336.667.3389  Website: https://www.kindredhealthcare.
	Strides falls prevention.	com/locations/home-health/wil- kesboro-nc-5065
	Note: Accepts Medicaid, please call about private insurance.	
Lifespan, Inc.	Adult day care, alternative family living, developmental therapy, OT and PT therapy, respite care, personal care, personal assistance, case management.	Phone: 336.852.1495  Website: https://www.lifespanservices. org/day-programs/wilkes-coun- ty-creative-campus-wilkesboro/
Ruby Pardue Blackburn Adult Day Health	Care and supervision during the day, therapy services, respite care.	Phone: 336.667.2541  Website: https://wilkesadultdaycare.org/
Pruitt Home Health and Hospice	Provide catheter and wound care. Help the homebound meet their health care needs. Monitor problems and report findings to the doctor. Teach and counsel patients and their family about health care matters. Collect specimens / labs for physicians.	Phone: 336.368.0220  Website: http://www.pruitthealth.com/

**Wilkes County Resources for Seniors** 

HOME HEALTH AGENCIES			
Senior Companion Program	In-home assistance to prevent and delay the need for institutionalization.	Phone: 336.846.4898	
Yadkin Valley Home Health	In-home aide, wound care, memory and mental health care, ortho care, PT, OT.	Phone: 336.526.6460	
Westwood Hills Nursing and Rehabilitation	Respite, rehabilitation, and long-term care.	Phone: 336.667.9261 Website:	
	Note: Accepts Medicare/ Medicaid, VA, Private In- surance, and Private Pay.	http://www.westwoodhillscare. com/	



# Yancey County Resources for Seniors ASSISTANCE

	ASSISTANCE	
Blue Ridge Medical Center- Yancey Campus	Accepts uninsured, underinsured, insurance, Medicare and Medicaid.	Phone: 828.682.0200  Website: https://missionhealth.org/mem- ber-hospitals/blue-ridge/ medical-center-yancey/
Community Alternative Program for Disabled Adults (CAP/DA)	Medicaid funded program promoting home care as an alternative to nursing home care for disabled adults 18 years and older.  Note: Must be eligible for Medicaid.	Phone: 828.682.7967  Website: http://www.toeriverhealth.org/ CAP.asp
Charity House Mission	Food Pantry: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Contact Person: Jewell Huskins  Phone: 828.678.0726  Website: http://www.toeriverhealth.org/ CAP.asp
First Baptist Church-Burnsville	Offers home repair and assistive devices.	Contact Person: Martha Huskins  Phone: 828.682.2288  Website: http://fbcburnsville.com/
Cry of Child Missions Int'l	Food pantry: 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month.	Phone: 828.682.5481
Grassy Creek Baptist Church	Food pantry: as needed; church hours are Monday through Friday 9am-3pm.	Phone: 828.765-4620  Website: http://www.grassycreekbc.org/

# Yancey County Resources for Seniors ASSISTANCE

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\ Food Bank	Provides direct services	Phone: 828.299.3663	
	on a very limited basis		
	to those struggling with	Website:	

MANNA Food Bank	Provides direct services on a very limited basis to those struggling with hunger through Food Stamp outreach and a variety of food assistance programs.	Phone: 828.299.3663  Website: https://www.mannafoodbank. org/
Mitchell-Yancey County Habitat for Humanity	Housing for low income families, mortgage pay- ment assistance. Exterior basic home repairs, except roofs.	Phone: 828.766.9000  Website: https://www.mitchellyanceyhabi- tat.org/Home
To River Health Department	Provide adult health, dental health, communicable disease control, vital records registration, and public health laboratory support.	Phone: 828.688.2371  Website: http://www.toeriverhealth.org/ Mitchell.asp
Mitchell County Shepherd's Staff Food Pantry	Food pantry: Mon, Tue & Thu, 10:00am - 4:00pm (Closed for Lunch, 12:00pm - 1:00pm); Fri- day, 9:00am - 1:00pm.	Phone: 828.765.5385  Website: https://www.mannafoodbank. org/agency/mitchell-county- shepherds-staff-food-pantry/
Yancey County Transportation	Transportation in county to ty and out of county to human service agencies, medical appointments, shopping, bill paying, and work.	Phone: 828.682.6144  Website: https://yanceycountync.gov/ departments/transportation-au- thority
Mitchell Yancey United Methodist Church Food Pantry	Food pantry: 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month, 10-11:30am.	Phone: 828.385.1131  Website: https://blueridgechristiannews. com/archives/news/2014/Food_ Pantry_12-14.html

# **Yancey County Resources for Seniors**

	ASSISTANCE	
Northwestern Regional Housing Authority	Provides many kinds of housing opportunities and services to assure affordable, adequate housing. Programs include rental assistance, housing assistance.	Phone: 828.688.3744  Website: http://www.nwrha.com/re- gional-offices/mitchell-coun- ty-field-office
Service Center for Latinos	Food pantry: Call for Dis- tribution Hours Se Habla Español.	Phone: 828.385.2309
The Bridge Church of Western NC	Provides food boxes to SNAP qualified families; twice monthly on 1st & 3rd Saturdays.	Phone: 828.765.2969  Website: http://www.tbcwnc.org/
W.A.M.Y. Community Action	Garden Voucher Program: provides \$50 in garden supplies. Weatheriza- tion & H.A.R.R.P: Heating appliance repair and re- placement program for low income families to permanently reduce en- ergy bills (200% of pov- erty level).	Phone: 800.571.9269  Website: https://wamycommunityaction. org/
	SOCIAL SERVICES	
Department of Social Services	Intake of Medicaid, CAP/ DA programs, general as- sistance, adult protective services, food stamps.	Phone: 828.688.2175  Website: https://yanceycountync.gov/de- partments/social-services
Social Services Low Income Energy Assistance Program	Offers heating and cooling assistance for households who have some who is age sixty years and older or those receiving assistance through the division of aging.	Phone: 828.688.2175  Website: https://yanceycountync.gov/de- partments/social-services

# **Yancey County Resources for Seniors**

## **SENIOR CENTER**

Yancey	County	Senior
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Evidence based health promotion programs, In Home Aide Level I & II, Congregate and home delivered meals, transportation and SHIIP Counseling. Phone: 828.682.6011

Website:

http://www.main.nc.us/yancey/ ycsc.htm

#### **HOME HEALTH AGENCIES**

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Carolina Home Care Specialists	Personal care assistance, home management, med- ication and diet compli- ance, shopping and com- panionship.	Phone: 828.765.4343	
	Note: Accepts Medicaid, private pay, and private insurance – no wait list.		
Pruitt Home Health	Provide catheter and wound care. Help the homebound meet their health care needs. Monitor problems and report findings to the doctor. Teach and counsel patients and their family about health care matters. Collect specimens / labs for physicians.	Phone Number: 828.682.7825 Website: http://www.pruitthealth.com/	



## **Common Legal Questions for Older Adults**

#### What is a Will?

• A will is a legal document that directs where you want your property to go at your death. Any person over the age of 18 of sound mind may make a will.

#### What happens if I die without a Will?

• If someone passes without a will, property is distributed through the laws of intestate succession to your heirs in the order that your state's laws direct.

#### What is a Living Will?

- A living will is a legal document that allows you to control the decision about whether your life should be prolonged by certain medical procedures if you are suffering from one of three conditions:
  - 1. Incurable or irreversible condition;
  - 2. Unconsciousness, and to a high degree of medical certainty you will not regain consciousness; or
  - 3. Advanced dementia or another condition which results in a substantial loss of cognitive ability and to a high degree of medical certainty the loss is not reversible.

#### What are Advanced Directives?

Advanced directives are legal documents that help you and your loved ones make decisions if/when
you are unable to do so, including Powers of Attorney, Health Care Powers of Attorney, and Living
Wills.

#### What is a Power of Attorney?

• A Power of Attorney is legal document in which you give someone (known as your agent) the legal authority to take certain actions for you regarding financial decisions.

#### When does a Power of Attorney go into effect?

• A Durable Power of Attorney, according to the 2018 North Carolina Uniform Power of Attorney Act, goes into effect immediately and remains in effect during incapacity or incompetence. A Springing Power of Attorney is effective only once the person becomes incapacitated or incompetent.

#### What powers can I give my Power of Attorney agent?

• You can give your agent power over any of the following: Real Property; Tangible Personal Property; Stocks and Bonds; Commodities and Options; Banks and Other Financial Institutions; Operation of Entity or Business; Insurance and Annuities; Estates, Trusts, and Other Beneficial Interests; Claims and Litigation; Personal and Family Maintenance; Benefits from Governmental Programs or Civil or Military Service; Retirement Plans; Taxes; All preceding subjects.

#### What is a Health Care Power of Attorney?

• A Health Care Power of Attorney is a legal document in which you give someone the power to make medical decisions for you if you are not competent or if you are not able to communicate your wishes.

#### When does a Health Care Power of Attorney come into effect?

 A Health Care Power of Attorney comes into effect only when a physician you have named or your attending physician (if the one that you have named is not available) determines that you lack capacity to make or communicate decisions relating to your health care, unless your Health Care Power of Attorney agreement states otherwise.

#### What authority does my Health Care Power of Attorney agent have?

• The Health Care Power of Attorney Agent has the ability to make and carry out all health care decisions and mental health decisions for you, unless you limit their ability.



## **Evidence Based Fall Prevention Classes**

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#### Who should attend?

The program is for older adults who:

- Are worried about falls
- Have fallen in the past
- Limit activities because of a fear of falling
- Are interested in improving balance, strength, and flexibility
- Live on their own
- Can problem solve

#### What do you learn?

You learn to:

- View falls as controllable
- Set goals for increasing activity
- Make changes to reduce your risk of falling at home
- Exercise to increase strength and balance

#### Who should attend?

The program is for older adults who:

- Want to maintain and improve balance, strength and flexibility
- Want to reduce stress and improve awareness
- Live on their own
- Are interested in meeting new people
- Want to maintain progress made in physical therapy

#### What do you learn?

You learn to:

- Improve balance, strength, flexibility
- Move with ease and awareness
- Improve relaxation
- Decrease pain
- Prevent falls

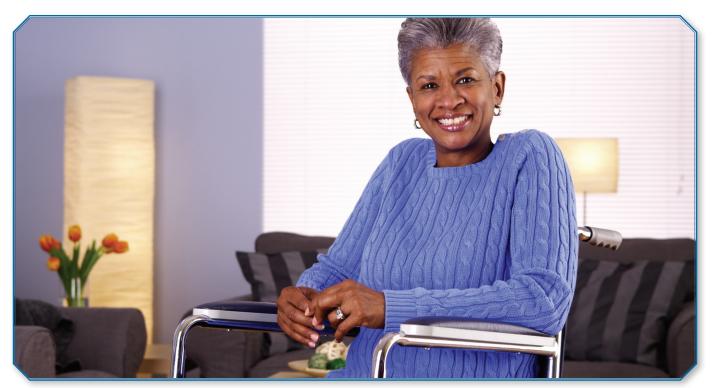
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