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Training Registration

Open for the new OneUSG Connect HR/Payroll System

OneUSG Connect Training Registration is now open and available for the first round of webinar and in-person training courses, scheduled for November 2018 – December 2018. Registration for both in-person and online training is available from the OneSource Training Resources page at bit.ly/OneSourceTraining.

Go-Live Numbers to Know

UGA OneSource Help Desk: 706-542-0202
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Find the holiday words hidden upwards, downwards and diagonally. Good luck!

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