

## MS Gulf Coast Family Resources

### Advocacy Support

#### **CASA -Jackson County**

Phone: (228) 762-7370

Address: 4903 Telephone Road - Pascagoula, MS 39567

Website: [www.jccasa.net](http://www.jccasa.net)

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Provides legal advocates for abused/neglected children.

#### **CASA - Harrison County**

Phone: (228) 865-7078

Address: 47 Maples Drive - Gulfport, MS 39507

Website: [www.casaharrisoncounty.org](http://www.casaharrisoncounty.org)

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Provides legal advocates for abused/neglected children.

#### **CASA - Hancock County**

Phone: (228) 344-0419

Address: 412 Hwy 90 Suite 3 -Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

Website: [www.casahancockcounty.org](http://www.casahancockcounty.org)

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Provides legal advocates for abused/neglected children.

#### **Disability Rights MS**

(601) 968-0600

Toll-Free: 1-800-772-4057

5 Old River Place, Suite 101, Jackson, MS 39202

*By appointment only.*

<http://www.drms.ms>

[info@drms.ms](mailto:info@drms.ms)

Provides advocacy services — free of charge — to Mississippians with disabilities. Our agency has helped improve the lives of thousands of our state's most vulnerable population by championing their rights. DRMS is the only disability advocacy agency in Mississippi with attorneys on staff to pursue legal remedies if necessary. Our mission is to promote, protect and advocate for the legal and human rights of all people with disabilities, and to assist them with full inclusion in home, community, education and employment.

#### **What to Expect When You Contact DRMS:**

- 1) DRMS follows an intake process to determine if a case meets our agency's criteria for services. Contacting DRMS does not create a contract or an attorney-client relationship.
- 2) First, contact DRMS to begin the intake process. We will take your contact information, a brief summary of your situation, and set up a time for you to complete intake proceedings with DRMS' Intake Coordinator.
- 3) Our Intake Coordinator will take information regarding the specifics of your situation; DRMS will use this information to determine if our agency can take your case. We will contact you to

let you if we can offer you advocacy and/or legal services. If we cannot take your case, we will attempt to connect you within our referral network.

### **Mississippi Access to Care**

Phone: (228) 868 - 2312

Alternate Phone: (844) 822-4622

Address: 9229 Highway 49 -Gulfport, MS 39503

Website: [www.MississippiAccessToCare.org](http://www.MississippiAccessToCare.org)

Hours of Operation: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Free, Discounted or Income- based services offered to the public in Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, George, Stone and /or Pearl River Counties: MAC Specialists help people understand and evaluate various options available to them regardless of income or eligibility for publicly funded long-term care. Additional Services: MAC centers are welcoming and accessible places located across the State where people can obtain unbiased information and assistance in locating services and support: provide reliable and objective information about a broad range of programs and services.

### **Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project**

Phone: (601) 960-9577

Website: [www.mvlp.net](http://www.mvlp.net)

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Provides legal services to Mississippians of low-income and limited means through direct legal assistance and legal clinics.

## **Clothing**

### **Goodwill Industries Of South Mississippi, Inc. - Main**

Phone: (228) 863 - 2323

Address: 2407 31st Street -Gulfport, MS 39501

Website: [www.goodwillsms.org](http://www.goodwillsms.org)

Hours of Operation: Main: Mon. - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Stores: Mon. - Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Offers clothing vouchers only.

### **Manna Ministries Inc.**

Phone: (601) 799-2121

Address: 120 Street Suite A -Picayune, MS 39466

Website: <http://mannaministry.net>

Hours of Operation: Tuesday & Thursday 9 a.m. -12 p.m. - Tuesday & Thursday 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Free Medical Clinic - Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Eligibility Requirements: Must Be Uninsured

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Offers clothing on Tuesdays only, a free medical clinic, and prescription drug assistance program to individuals in need.

## Education

### Daycare/Preschool

#### **Harrison County Child Development Center**

Phone: (228) 863 - 0583

Address: 94 29th Street -Gulfport, MS 39507

Website: [www.harrison.k12.ms.us](http://www.harrison.k12.ms.us)

Eligibility Requirements: School District's referral, evaluation, and testing.

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Offers an educational program for children who require individualized learning materials and specially trained teachers.

#### **Moore Community House**

Phone: (228) 436 - 6601

Address: 684 Davis St. -Biloxi, MS 39530

Website: <http://MooreCommunityHouse.org>

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Child Care: Offers Early Head Start, Pre-School, After School Care, and Summer Programs, and Community Advocacy Programs.

#### **Child Care Certificate Program**

Application is online:

<https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/early-childhood-care-development/child-care-certificate-program/>

The Child Care Certificate Program is a federally funded program designed to provide parents with assistance with child care tuition. Parents may choose any type of child care while participating in this program.

Parents who meet the income and work requirement for participation in the Certificate Program will be responsible for paying their child care provider a monthly co-payment fee. In addition, parents will be responsible for published tuitions rates. For example, if a parent has a child enrolled in AZQ Preschool and the preschool's published tuition rates are \$390 per month and the Child Care Certificate Program pays \$300 per month, the parent is responsible for paying the \$90 difference to the child care provider in addition to their monthly co-payment.

#### **Priority Groups**

##### **1. Referred clients**

Referred Clients include parents served by TANF, TCC, Foster or Protective Services, Healthy Families Mississippi, or Homeless agencies. Eligibility for child care services for referred clients is determined by the referring agency which may include the appropriate MDHS Division or DECCD-approved community partners. Referred clients must comply with all requirements as set forth by the referring agency, and failure to do so will result in termination of child care certificates.

##### **2. Special or at-risk populations**

These clients include children with special needs, single parents with special needs, and parents deployed in the MS National Guard or Reserve. Parents at this priority level are served up to 85% of the State Median Income.

##### **3. Very low-income, at risk of going on TANF**

These clients include teen parents as well as parents who are working or in an approved educational program. In order to qualify for full-time child care, the parent must be working at least twenty-five (25) hours per week, or be enrolled full-time in an approved educational program. Documentation must be provided on a case by case basis. In a two-parent family, each parent must be working at least twenty-five (25) hours per week, and/or enrolled in school full time. The family's gross income must be at 50% or below the State Median Income.

**4. Low-income, at risk of going on TANF**

Based on the availability of funding, children of parent(s) in an approved full-time educational program and/or working the required twenty-five (25) hours per week whose income falls between 50% and 85% of the State Median Income.

**GED**

**GED Prep Classes & Testing Info**

**PRCC:** 601-554-5551

<http://www.prcc.edu/community/ged>

**JCJC:** 601-477-4164

<http://www.jcjc.edu/workforcecollege/abe.php>

**College**

**Jones County Junior College**

601-477-4000

900 South Court Street Ellisville, MS 39437

[www.jcjc.edu](http://www.jcjc.edu)

**Pearl River Community College**

601-403-1000

101 Highway 11 North Poplarville, MS 39470

[www.prcc.edu](http://www.prcc.edu)

**PRCC Forrest County Campus**

601-554-5555

5448 Highway 49 Hattiesburg, MS 39401

[www.prcc.edu](http://www.prcc.edu)

**University of Southern Mississippi**

601-266-1000

118 College Drive Hattiesburg, MS 39406

[www.usm.edu](http://www.usm.edu)

**William Carey University**

601-318-6051  
710 William Carey Parkway Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
www.wmcarey.edu

## Family Services

### **Mississippi Families for Kids**

1-800-241-KIDS (5437)

info@mffk.org

Mississippi Families for Kids' primary goal is to promote family support and consistent casework services to increase the growth and development of families and children. The children whom we target are those aging out of foster care, children with special needs, sibling groups, and those who have been abandoned, neglected, and abused. MFFK provides an array of services around adoption, outreach and support services, development, training, parent education, and mental health. MFFK programs include:

#### **Wendy's Wonderful Kids**

This program seeks to dramatically increase the number of adoptions of children in North America waiting in foster care. We work closely with the child and the child's caseworker to gain first-hand knowledge to develop an effective, child-focused recruitment plan prioritizing the child's individual history, experiences, and needs in order to find the appropriate adoptive family.

#### **Incredible Years DINA Therapeutic Program**

This is an innovative program for children ages 3-5 designed to help children learn the appropriate ways to resolve common conflicts, promote appropriate classroom behaviors, and enhance positive social skills. This service is provided in an effort to treat potentially debilitating behaviors, reactions, and conduct before children begin elementary school. In doing so we implement a positive-based curriculum that encourages desirable behaviors in order to redirect the children.

#### **Relatives Raising Other Children (ROC)**

The ROC program is primarily led by grandparents and other relative caregivers who are ready for change as it relates to their needs being met to better care for the children in their homes. ROC includes information to help in raising children, referrals to take care of basic needs, access to a clothes closet, assistance with school supplies, meet others that have similar experiences in caring for relatives, resources for meeting children's emotional and educational needs, and workshops on legal rights, custody issues, and visitation.

#### **Rated (PG) Positive Girls**

Rated Positive Girls is a unique preventative program for girls ages 9-12. Through open dialogue, training, and mentorship, the program is designed to develop young, impressionable adolescents into beautiful, happy, mature, and well-adjusted teenagers. The meetings include group discussions and presentations on adolescent development and other related topics. Monthly support group meetings are held at local community centers and at the local office.

#### **REAL FLY Guys**

Realizing Excellence Among Leaders/ Future Leading Youth (**REAL FLY**) is a unique support group to enhance social skills in young boys. This group will help them construct positive choices in

decision-making. The goal of Fly Guys is to provide young male mentors to help young men have a better experience at school and home and to reduce emotional stress sometimes felt by children. REAL FLY Guys welcomes male mentors who are willing to consistently work with our youth.

### **Respite Care**

Respite care is a temporary service that allows parents/guardians who care for a child with a developmental disability to have a break. Parents of children with special needs can burnout quickly from extreme daily caregiving required to take care of their child and family. Respite Care Services are provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year to parents of special needs children 0-21. Respite is limited to 20 hours per month per child for two consecutive months. Families can appoint a provider or choose an agency-appointed provider.

### **Mental Health Awareness and Support**

Ages & Stages Screening

Professions Healthy Minds Dialogue Sessions

ACE Screenings

Adult Depression Screening

Adult Anxiety Screening

These services are FREE!

Screening Hours:

10am-2pm & 4pm-6pm Every Monday in May!!

### **Day Treatment Program**

Transforming lives through early detection, prevention, and intervention.

Ages: 3-5

Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM

407 Briarwood Drive

Suite 210

Jackson, MS 39206

### **Afterschool Program**

Transforming lives through early detection, prevention, and intervention.

Ages: 5-11

Monday - Friday from 2:30 PM- 5:30 PM

407 Briarwood Drive

Suite 210

Jackson, MS 39206

### **FACES**

Family and Child Emotional Support

Mississippi Families for Kids is offering an 18-to-24-week curriculum that will focus on promoting positive self-esteem and social emotional competence. This program will bring children together in a small group format to emphasize coaching in skills such as emotional literacy, empathy, or perspective thinking, positive communication skills, problem-solving strategies, anger management, and appropriate school behaviors.

The goal of this 18-to-24-week curriculum is engage the children with interactive activities with puppets, videos, and games to help children have a better experience at school and home and to reduce emotional stress sometimes felt by children.

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## **TANF- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families**

601-554-4350

1604 West Pine Street Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Provides assistance to needy families with children up to age 18.

## **Financial**

### **Consumer Credit Counseling Services - A Division of Money Management International**

Phone: (800) 850-2227 Alternate Phone: (866) 889-9347

Address: 2598 Pass Road Suite G -Biloxi, MS 39531

Website: <http://www.moneymanagement.org/Credit-Counseling/Financial-Help.aspx>

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Offers financial education classes. HUD approved foreclosure prevention and reverse mortgage counseling.

### **Hancock Resource Center**

Phone: (228) 463 - 8887

Address: 454 Hwy 90, Ste B -Waveland, MS 39576

Website: <http://www.hancockhrc.org>

Hours of Operation: Monday 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. -

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Provides homeless, Veteran, and survivors of domestic violence/sexual assault services; home rehab and repair for elderly and/ or disabled homeowners; home buyers education, home maintenance education, budget counseling, credit counseling, basic computer, resume writing, and basic employment skills classes free of charge. Additional Services: Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) - Veteran's Administration; Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program (HVRP) - Dept of Labor; Abused Women's Stabilizing Housing Assistance Program (AWSHA) - Dept of Justice. Kindergarten preparation, renters and life skills classes.

### **United Healthcare Children's Foundation**

[www.uhccf.org](http://www.uhccf.org)

UHCCF's mission is to help fill the gap between what medical services/items a child needs and what their commercial health benefit plan will pay for. UHCCF grants provide financial help/assistance for families with children that have medical needs not covered or not fully covered by their commercial health insurance plan.

**Eligibility:**

Child must be 16 years of age or younger at the time of application.

Child must have a Social Security Number issued by the Social Security Administration. TIN numbers are not accepted.

Family must not exceed maximum eligible family income as documented on IRS Tax Form 1040.

- \$55,000 or less for a family of 2
- \$85,000 or less for a family of 3
- \$115,000 or less for a family of 4
- \$145,000 or less for a family of 5 or more

Primary coverage for the child must be by a commercial health plan, either through an employer or individually purchased. Secondary insurance through Medicaid or CHIP is permissible.

Child is under the care of a licensed medical professional and family is applying for treatments/equipment/services prescribed by a Medical Doctor (M.D.), Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) or Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) for hearing conditions.

Exclusions apply. See exclusions at <https://www.uhccf.org/apply-for-a-grant/grant-exclusions/>

## **Food**

### **Back Bay Mission**

Phone: (228) 432 - 0301

Address: 1012 Division Street -Biloxi, MS 39530

Website: <http://thebackbaymission.org>

Email: [backbaymission@thebackbaymission.org](mailto:backbaymission@thebackbaymission.org)

Eligibility Requirements: Low income or individuals experiencing homelessness. Documents

Required: Picture ID, DD-214

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Emergency Assistance: financial and material support. Services include: client-choice food pantry, utilities assistance and housing rehabilitation. Intensive Case Management: gives wrap-around support. Peer Support Networks: provide clients with the chance to learn from each other, and daytime adult grooming (showers). Can use address if homeless

### **Brother's Keeper Ministries**

Pearl River County

601-795-3173

208 North Main Street Poplarville, MS 39470

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am-12pm and 1pm-3pm

Friday 9am-12pm

Food pantry and SNAP application assistance only. Services are based on income. Call before coming for evaluation.

### **Catholic Charities**

228-822-0836.



450 North Street Gulfport, MS 39501  
900 Dabbs St., Hattiesburg  
<https://catholiccharitiesbiloxi.org/cscs-programs>

### **Feed My Sheep**

(228) 864-2701

2615 19th Street Gulfport, MS 39501

<http://feedmysheepgulfport.org/>

feedmysheepgpt@gmail.com

Monday-Friday 11:30am-1:00pm

Provides free lunch to people experiencing homelessness, are homebound or needy in Gulfport area. Lunches are currently being served to go at the door of the building. On the weekends, local churches provide hot dogs in the parking lot.

### **Feeding the Gulf Coast**

1501 34th St

Gulfport, MS 39501

(228) 896-6979

Please call (888) 704-FOOD if you need assistance or have any questions.

Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

#### **The Backpack Program**

The Backpack Program helps meet the needs of hungry children by providing them with nutritious and easy-to-prepare food to take home on weekends and school vacations when other resources are not available. Backpacks contain enough food for six meals and two snacks: including protein and fruit juices.

#### **How it Works**

Teachers and school counselors identify students who would benefit from the Backpack Program. Then the food bank is given the number of children in need at the school. *The children's identities remain anonymous to the food bank, donors, and their peers.*

With the help of volunteers, the food bank prepares the bags of food, which are placed discreetly in children's backpacks on Friday afternoons for them to take home over the weekend.

For more information on our Child Nutrition Programs, contact our Director of Child Nutrition Programs, **Eugenie Sellier** at 251-653-1617, ext. 126.

#### **Benefits Enrollment Center (BEC)**

#### **Provides assistance to enroll in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**

If you or someone you know needs help, contact our free, confidential BEC Helpline at [1-877-833-2550](tel:1-877-833-2550).

### **Gateway United Methodist Church**

#### **T.L. Tootle Mission**

16020 South Swan Road, Gulfport, MS 39503

Phone: 228-832-0135.

Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Documentation required to receive food from the food bank are:

1. Prove that you live in the 39503 zip code area.
2. Must have an ID for anyone receiving food.
3. Must have proof of income.

### **Gone Fishing Ministries**

228-263-0703

322 Davis Avenue, Pass Christian, MS 39571

Monday and Wednesday from 10:30 to 12:30

Provide hot meals twice per week to community members in the Pass Christian community.

Meals are served and must be picked up.

### **Gulf Coast Community Ministries**

228-868-8202

3916 15th Street, Gulfport, Mississippi 39503

T & Th 9am-11:30am

The food pantry provides grocery type items to assist with extra grocery supplies. Groceries are provided for families and singles in housing once per month. Individuals without cooking facilities may receive a “snack bag” of quick to eat items and a hygiene kit once each week Tuesday or Thursday 9a.m.- 11:30a.m. Personal ID. is required to initiate participation in the Food Pantry program.

### **Hancock County Food Pantry**

Phone: (228) 467 - 2790

Address: 9972 Hwy. 603 -Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Eligibility Requirements: Financial need, low income, or disability. Documents Required: SS card and picture I.D. for every member of the family.

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Provides food items and personal hygiene products to families living in Hancock County.

### **Jackson County Civic Action**

5343 Jefferson Street Moss Point, MS 39563

Hours: Fridays from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

<https://www.jccivicaction.org>

Jackson County Civic Action Committee, Inc. (JCCAC) offers a Food Pantry to residents of Jackson County. Clients must present a picture ID and a social security card and will complete a short survey.

### **Loaves and Fishes**

228-436-6172

610 Water Street Biloxi, MS 39530

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

Main Dining Hall: 9am-10:30 am, 11:30 am-12:30pm

Offers free meals in the main dining hall four days a week. On 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, community gives away groceries between 10am-11am.

### **Long Beach Community Food Pantry**

21081 Johnson Rd.

Long Beach, MS 39560

Phone: 228-861-1291

### **Mississippi Food Network**

Serves the whole state

(601) 353-7286

440 W Beatty St, Jackson, MS 39201

info@msfoodnet.org

<https://www.msfoodnet.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/MSFoodNetwork>

Wednesday 7AM–4:30PM

Thursday 7AM–4:30PM

Friday 7–11AM

Saturday Closed

Sunday Closed

Monday 7AM–4:30PM

Tuesday 7AM–4:30PM

Mission is to relieve poverty-related hunger in our service area by distributing donated and purchased food and grocery products through a network of member churches and nonprofit organizations. We provide nutrition education to our needy clients. We also emphasize advocacy and related needs.

Mississippi Food Network has over 430 partnering food banks. You can contact them to find a food bank in your area.

### **Our Daily Bread**

**United Christian Outreach**

228-769-7510

3502 Old Mobile Hwy Pascagoula, MS 39581

Mon, Th, F, Sat 11:30 am-12:30pm

Sunday 2:30pm-3:30pm

Free lunches for takeout only.

### **Our Daily Bread Food Pantry**

227 First St S

Wiggins, Mississippi 39577

Phone: 601-928-1668

## **Salvation Army Mississippi Gulf Coast**

Hancock, Pearl River, Harrison, Jackson, George and Stone.  
(228) 374-8301

2019 22nd St Gulfport, MS 39501

Food Pantry Hours: Monday 1:30pm Wednesday 1:30pm Friday 8:30am

Our Food Assistance program is designed to provide food to individuals, families and the homeless community who have expressed a need for food and have met all Salvation Army's set criteria. The food pantry serves first come, first served. We close when we have reached capacity for that time period.

Ages 18 - 65 - May received food from the pantry once every three months.

Ages 65 and up - May receive food from the pantry once a month. Homeless clients may receive food once a week on Fridays.

Please bring with you: - Your lease stating utilities are included or a recent utility bill in your name - Valid state issued photo ID for adults - One form of documentation on every member of the household (For example: social security card, birth certificate, etc.) - Homeless clients only need to show photo ID

## **SNAP- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Harrison County Department Of Human Services**

1-800-948-4060

<https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/economic-assistance/snap/>

Phone: (228) 897-5790

Address: 10260 Larkin Smith Road - Gulfport, MS 39503

Website:

<http://www.mdhs.state.ms.us/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-%28snap%29/>

Eligibility Requirements: Low wage, unemployed, receiving TANF, SSI or other assistance payments, elderly or disabled and living on small income. Will you give you prompts to list of all children and family services. Free or Reduced Cost Services: Provides monthly food benefits.

The food stamp program provides monthly benefits that help low-income households buy the food they need for good health. SNAP is meant to be a supplement to one's income to help ensure nutritional needs are met. Mississippi residents who face food insecurity are urged to apply for the program. Help is available for those struggling to put food on the table.

Those who qualify for SNAP include, persons who:

- work for low wages.
- are unemployed or work part-time.
- receive TANF, SSI or other assistance payments.
- are elderly or disabled and live on a small income.

**Applications for SNAP benefits are available online in [English](#), [En Español – Spanish](#), or [Tiếng Việt – Vietnamese](#) or you may request an application by phone, in person, by fax, or by mail from your county office.**

- Complete as much of your application as you can. Your name, address, and signature are necessary on the application for it to be accepted on the same day it is turned in, even if there is no interview on that day. Only one adult household member or authorized representative may sign the application for SNAP benefits under penalty of perjury.

- When your application has been turned in, the local county office will set up an interview to review your application.

At the time of your interview, bring verification of your income and expenses. If you cannot get all the information together by your interview date, come for the interview because you will have additional time to provide this information. If you need assistance in obtaining this information, please discuss this with your caseworker at the time of the interview. The following are examples of what to bring:

- Proof of identity (driver's license, etc.)
- Social Security Numbers for all household members.
- If employed, proof of income (wage stubs, earning statements, etc.) for the four weeks prior to your interview or last filed tax return if self-employed.
- Proof of residency (utility bills, rent/mortgage payments, lot rent, taxes)

A checklist of the items needed to be verified during appointment can be found on the website above.

### **St. Vincent De Paul Society - Our Lady of Fatima Conference**

Phone: (228) 388 - 1837

Address: 314 Jim Money Road -Biloxi, MS 39531

Email: [fatimasvdp@bellsouth.net](mailto:fatimasvdp@bellsouth.net) Documents Required: Photo ID, SS card plus SS and birth certificates for all children in the family; lease; utility bill; proof of income; SNAP benefit determination.

Free or Reduced Cost Services: For those residing in 39531 zip code and partial 39532 (north of Popp's Ferry Bridge up to but not crossing over Cedar Lake Blvd.), we offer financial assistance (rent, utilities, food pantry, medications). Homeless assistance - showers, laundry, clothing, food, medication, transportation for verifiable social service appointments.

### **The Lord is My Help**

West Jackson County, Ocean Springs

(228) 872-2331

[1205 Desoto Street Ocean Springs, MS 39564](http://1205DesotoStreetOceanSpringsMS39564)

<http://thelordismyhelp.org/>

[feedtheneedsof@gmail.com](mailto:feedtheneedsof@gmail.com)

The Lord Is My Help is a food kitchen with in-house lunch served Monday-Friday from 11:30am to 12:30pm. The Pantry is open from 9am-11am Monday-Friday for groceries.

### **Twelve Baskets Food Bank**

228-822-0836

333 Cowan Road Gulfport, MS 39507

Website: <http://catholiccharitiesbiloxi.org/twelve-baskets-food-bank>

Email: [twelvebaskets@biloxidiocese.org](mailto:twelvebaskets@biloxidiocese.org)

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Provides food at low cost to qualifying agencies located in the southern most eight counties.

## **Women, Infant, and Children (WIC)**

(601) 582-2081 Forrest County

1515 Florida Ave, Hattiesburg, MS 39401

601-794-6294 Lamar County

47 Deep South Lane Purvis, MS - 39475

228-897-7630 Harrison County

330 Courthouse Road Gulfport, MS 39501

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic>

Monday-Friday: 8-5 pm Tuesday: 10am-5:30pm Thursday: ends at 5:30pm

Health services, Food Distribution program, and Nutrition Education. Supplemental nutrition program that provides food for children up to age 5 and pregnant moms.

To be eligible for the program, a woman, infant, or child must meet the income guidelines and be at medical or nutritional risk. Low iron levels in the blood (anemia), underweight, overweight, or poor diet are typical examples. A nurse or nutritionist will determine if an applicant is eligible for the WIC program.

You can check your income against the current guidelines to see if you may qualify. Income eligibility can be found at the link below.

[https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/\\_static/41,1066,128.html](https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/41,1066,128.html)

**If you receive TANF, Food Stamps or Medicaid, you automatically meet WIC income guidelines.**

USDA policy **requires** that applicants must apply in person for WIC benefits at their local WIC clinic. Parents not wanting to bring their newborns in to the WIC clinic have a 60-day period during which the newborn must be seen at the WIC clinic

Applicants must bring **proof of income, residence, and identification** to their WIC appointment.

### **Examples of proof of income:**

- A current pay stub less than 60 days old
- A signed statement from an employer indicating gross income earnings for a specified pay period
- Current W-2 forms
- An income tax return for the most current year
- Proof of Medicaid, TANF, or Food Stamps

### **Examples of proof of residence:**

- Pieces of mail that include the client's current address (e.g., current utility bill, bank statement, etc.)
- A valid driver's license with the current address
- A mortgage/rental agreement

### **Examples of proof of identification:**

- A valid driver license
- A social security card
- A valid U.S. passport
- A current shot record
- A military ID
- A newborn crib card

## Health

### General

#### **First Steps**

Department of Health

Jackson Mississippi USA 39215-1700

(601) 576-7816

[http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/msdhsite/\\_static/41,0,74.html](http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/msdhsite/_static/41,0,74.html)

If you have a child that is under three years old, First Steps may provide developmental services and other resources to help your child meet his or her maximum potential. Services provided include (but are not limited to): screenings, evaluations and assessments, Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSPs), Early Intervention services, and transition plans to preschool services under Part B of IDEA, or other programs. These services are free.

First Steps offers support, follow-up, and referrals to other appropriate agencies and professionals.

#### **Manna Ministries Inc.**

Phone: (601) 799-2121

Address: 120 Street Suite A -Picayune, MS 39466

Website: <http://mannaministry.net>

Hours of Operation: Tuesday & Thursday 9 a.m. -12 p.m. - Tuesday & Thursday 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Free Medical Clinic - Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Eligibility Requirements: Must Be Uninsured

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Offers clothing on Tuesdays only, a free medical clinic, and prescription drug assistance program to individuals in need.

#### **Southeast Mississippi Rural Health Initiative (SEMRHI) Family Health Centers**

Multiple counties

601-545-8700

[www.semrhi.com](http://www.semrhi.com)

SEMRHI offers primary care, specialty services, dental services, and social services and fees are based on a sliding scale. SEMRHI has clinics in Beaumont, Brooklyn, Hattiesburg, Lumberton, New Augusta, Petal, Picayune, Seminary, and Sumrall. To find a list of all clinics, please visit the website.

#### **Mississippi State Department of Health**

Serves entire state

<https://msdh.ms.gov>

Central Office: 601-576-7400 (8am-5pm)

Toll-free: 1-866-458-4948

#### **Forrest County**

5008 Old Highway 42

Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Phone: 601-583-0291

Open: Monday – Friday

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Appointments required on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Walk-ins accepted on a limited basis

**Lamar County**

207 Main Street

Purvis MS 39475

Phone: 601-794-1055

Open: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Appointments required on Tuesdays

No Family Planning Services offered

Walk-ins accepted on a limited basis

**Pearl River County**

7547 Highway 11 North

Carriere, MS 39426

Phone: 601-798-6212

Environmental Office: 601-798-5354

Open: Monday – Friday

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Some services may require an appointment

Walk-ins accepted on a limited basis

**Jones County**

5168 Old Highway 11

Ellisville, MS 39440

Phone: 601-426-3258

Open: Monday – Friday

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Appointments required on Mondays and Wednesdays

Walk-ins accepted on a limited basis

**Harrison County**

1102 45th Avenue

Gulfport, MS 39501

Phone: 228-863-1036

Open: Monday – Friday

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Some services may require an appointment

Walk-ins accepted on a limited basis

MSDH provides an array of services through county health departments including disease prevention, immunizations, vaccinations, disease and injury prevention, nutritional training and information, car seat safety, fire safety, comprehensive reproductive health, STD/HIV testing, physical exams, pregnancy care, WIC nutrition, health care referrals, breastfeeding support. To find contact information for the office for a specific county, please visit the website.



## **Volunteers in Medicine Gautier**

Phone: (228) 497-9713

Address: 2550 Indian Point Pkwy. -Gautier, MS 39533

Website: [www.vimgautier.org](http://www.vimgautier.org)

Email: [vimg72@att.net](mailto:vimg72@att.net)

Hours of Operation: Tuesday - Wednesday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. -

Morning only - Gynecologist & Psychology

Free or Reduced Cost Services: By appointment only. Provides free basic/general medical services to uninsured individuals.

## **Vision**

### **Lion's Club of Mississippi**

601-447-8835

601-467-9486

Provides assistance with the purchase of eyeglasses.

## **Mental Health**

### **Canopy Children's Solutions**

228-863-4992

11975 Seaway Road, Gulfport, MS

[info@mycanopy.org](mailto:info@mycanopy.org)

[www.mycanopy.org](http://www.mycanopy.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/canopychildren/>

Canopy Children's Solutions (Canopy), formerly Mississippi Children's Home Services, is Mississippi's most comprehensive nonprofit provider of children's autism solutions, behavioral health solutions, crisis solutions, adoption and foster care, and other social service solutions.

#### **Autism Solutions**

- Early Intervention Therapy
  - Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA)
  - PEAK Language Training System
- School-Based Autism Solutions
  - CARES Schools- CARES Schools offer specialized educational and therapeutic classrooms and tailored by individual consultations for children on the Autism Spectrum. CARES School provides quality, individualized education that meets the needs of each student. Students receive educational training, personal responsibility lessons and cooperation exercises.

#### **Behavioral Health Solutions**

- Behavioral Health Clinics- Gulfport, Hattiesburg, Jackson
  - serves children 5 to 21 years old
- CARES Schools- Hattiesburg and Jackson
  - Students in grades 1-12
  - Special Education Ruling in Emotional Disability, Other Health Impairment, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and Specific Learning Disabilities

- IQ of 61 or above
- Exhausted all possible courses of intervention available to them within the public-school setting
- Day Treatment- Jackson and Clinton
  - The Therapeutic Day Treatment Program is for children ages 8 to 14 years old who are struggling to maintain appropriate participation in a traditional school setting due to behavioral or emotional problems. Diagnoses may include adjustment disorder, ADHD, oppositional defiant disorder, PTSD, and other disruptive behavioral disorders. We currently offer day treatment in Jackson and Clinton.
- Residential Treatment- Jackson
  - 60-bed facility provides services for ages 6 – 17. Comprehensive services include intensive individual, group, and family therapy as well as medical services, therapeutic recreation, education services, and social skills training.
  - During times of crisis, a child’s need for psychiatric care may exceed the resources of the community. As a result, intensive 24-hour care may be required to ensure safety. CARES Center was developed specifically for these families.
- In-Home Solutions (MYPAC)
  - Mississippi Youth Programs Around the Clock
  - Each child in MYPAC is given an individual plan, which provides intensive in-home therapy, crisis intervention, case management, psychiatric services, family education and support and educational and social skills development.

### **Crisis Solutions**

- Family Preservation and Reunification
- South Mississippi Child Advocacy Center- Gulfport and Pascagoula
- Warren County children’s Shelter- Vicksburg

### **Adoption and Foster Care**

- Therapeutic Foster Care for children with emotional needs
- Birth Records Requests

## **Gulf Coast Family Counseling Agency**

Phone: (228) 875-6113

Address: 509 Jackson Avenue -Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Email: gulfcoastfa.m.ilyc@hotmail.com

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Provides individual and family counseling for a sliding fee.

## **Pine Belt Mental Healthcare Resources**

888-330-7772 (crisis line)

info@pbmhr.org

### **Hancock Mental Health Center**

- P.O. Box 2177 (819-B Central Avenue) Bay St. Louis 39520
- 228-220-5454

### **Harrison Mental Health Center**

- P.O. Box 1837 (1600 Broad Avenue) Gulfport, MS 39501
- 228-213-5888

### **Biloxi Satellite Offices**

- 228 Rue Petit Bois Biloxi, MS 39531

- 228-207-8617

### **Pearl River County Mental Health Services**

- PO Box 1965 (211 Hwy 11) Picayune, MS 39466
- 601-798-7001

### **Stone Mental Health Center**

- P.O. Box 967 (200 Coastal Paper Avenue) Wiggins, MS 39577
- 601-385-6095

Pine Belt Mental Healthcare Resources is a 501 C 3 tax exempt community mental health center that was founded in 1973. Based in Hattiesburg, Pine Belt Mental Healthcare Resources provides numerous mental health services in four main service areas: Adult, Child and Adolescent, Chemical Dependency and Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities.

Pine Belt Mental Healthcare Resources has offices in 13 Mississippi counties and provides services from 68 locations. Services are available to residents of Covington, Forrest, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jeff Davis, Jones, Lamar, Marion, Pearl River, Perry, Stone, and Wayne counties. Select services are available in Jackson county. Across the agency, Pine Belt employs more than 800 full and part-time staff working throughout the region.

### **Youth Villages**

1635 Poppo Ferry Road, Suite E

Biloxi, MS 39532

Phone: (228) 354-9700

[www.youthvillages.org](http://www.youthvillages.org)

Youth Villages' Biloxi, Miss., office provides:

- [MYPAC](#)
- [Foster care](#)
- [Transitional living](#)

### **Insurance**

#### **Health Help Mississippi**

601-264-8686

1-877-314-3843

Provides free health advice and coverage options.

#### **Medicaid/CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program)**

601-264-5386

6971 Lincoln Road Hattiesburg, MS 39402

Mon - Fri 7:30am - 5:30pm

Health insurance for low-income families and children with disabilities and skilled medical needs.

### **MS Health Access Collaborative**

601-596-6859

[usm.edu/mhac](http://usm.edu/mhac)

Provides adults with free enrollment assistance in Medicaid, CHIP, & the Marketplace.

## **Kids Health Access Collaborative**

601-270-4955

Provides families with free enrollment assistance in Medicaid, CHIP, & the Marketplace.

## **Pregnancy/Breastfeeding**

### **Women's Resource Center**

Phone: (228) 897-8958

Address: 9155 Lorraine Road -Gulfport, MS 39503

Website: <http://wrcgulfport.org>

Email: [info@wrcgulfport.org](mailto:info@wrcgulfport.org)

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Limited Ultrasounds, Prenatal and Parenting classes, Peer Counseling, Adoption Referrals for Birth Parents, Maternity and baby items, medical & community resources, caring and emotional support.

## **March Of Dimes**

Phone: (228) 896-0886

Address: 1092 Acadian Drive Suite 1 - Gulfport, MS 39507

Website: [www.marchofdimes.org/mississippi](http://www.marchofdimes.org/mississippi)

Email: [smoore@marchofdimes.org](mailto:smoore@marchofdimes.org)

Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Helps mothers have full term and healthy babies; provide information and comfort to families.

## **Hispanic and Immigrant/Refugee Services**

### **Boat People SOS**

Phone: (228) 436-9999

Address: 181 Lameuse Street -Biloxi, MS 39530

Website: [www.bpsos.org](http://www.bpsos.org)

Email: [daniel.le@bpsos.org](mailto:daniel.le@bpsos.org)

Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Offers Vietnamese interpretation/translation, immigration and naturalization services, OSHA safety training, domestic violence assistance, financial literacy classes, Disaster Case management, workforce development, and Community Health Worker.

### **El Pueblo -Program of Seashore Mission**

Phone: (228) 436-3986

Address: 856 Division Street - Biloxi, MS 39530

Website: <http://www.elpueblo-ms.org>

Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Free or Reduced Cost Services: A program of Seashore Mission that serves the immigrant community through the provision legal services (especially to victims of violence), family literacy

program, English as a Second Language classes, translation services, and advocacy (including a support empowerment group for immigrant survivors of domestic violence).

### **Migration and Refugee Center - Division of Catholic Charities Community Service**

Phone: 228-374-6554

Alternate Phone: 855-847-0555

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Adult Education (GED), Hispanic Ministry, Immigration Assistance, Social Services, and Refugee Resettlement.

## **Housing**

### **Arukah House**

Phone: (251) 550 - 0679 Alternate Phone: (228) 762 - 9402 Address: 10501 Saracennia St -Moss Point, MS 39562 Website: [www.arukahhouse.org](http://www.arukahhouse.org)

Hours of Operation: 24 hours

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Free housing and utilities to all approved residents and dependent children, regardless of county or state residency of the Arukah House Ministry.

### **Biloxi Housing Authority**

Phone: (228) 374 - 7771

Address: 330 Benachi Avenue -Biloxi, MS 39530

Website: <http://www.biloxihousing.org>

Email: Staff email listing at [www.biloxihousing.org](http://www.biloxihousing.org)

Hours of Operation: Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. - every other Friday

Free or Reduced Cost Services: For individuals with disabilities-Affordable housing which is income based and includes Project Based Section 8, VASH, Tenant based Section 8, and low income Housing Tax Credit Units. Public-Affordable housing based on income to qualified individuals. All housing is located within the limits of the City of Biloxi.

### **Community Care Network**

Phone: (228) 215 - 2662

Address: 7400 Fountainbleau Rd. -Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Website: [www.ccnms.org](http://www.ccnms.org)

Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Provides faith-based transitional housing for women and children. Not an emergency shelter. Rental assistance for those who qualify.

### **Institute for Disability Studies- Project Recovery**

#### **Rapid Re-housing program**

#### **Gulf Park Campus**

730 East Beach Blvd

Long Beach, MS 39560

Email: [ids@usm.edu](mailto:ids@usm.edu)

Phone: 228.214.3400

Project Recovery (RRH) assist families who are experiencing homelessness, living in shelters and needs to be quickly re-housed and stabilized in permanent housing. The short term financial assistance is provided to eligible clients that will be able to remain stably housed after temporary assistance ends.

Project Recovery offers rental assistance, monthly case management follow-up is required, housing stabilization- outreach, housing search and placement, case management that includes life skills training, supported employment service, rental education/counseling, Individualized budget counseling, referrals to the community for services and support, connect with Social Security and SNAP benefits services.

To be eligible to participate, families with children who are homeless must be living in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation, have no appropriate subsequent housing options identified, lack financial resources and support networks needed to obtain to remain in housing, and have children under the age of 18. All program participants must have an initial consultation with a case manager and must be re-evaluated after three months of assistance.

## **Institute for Disability Studies -Home of Your Own**

### **Gulf Park Campus**

730 East Beach Blvd

Long Beach, MS 39560

Email: [ids@usm.edu](mailto:ids@usm.edu)

Phone: 228.214.3400

Provides assistance with obtaining home ownership to families/individuals with disabilities.

## **Mississippi Regional Housing Authority No. VIII**

Phone: (228) 831 - 2992

Address: 10430 Three Rivers Road Suite C -Gulfport, MS 39503

Website: <http://www.mrha8.org>

Hours of Operation: Tuesday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Eligibility Requirements: Income based. Documents Required: Proof of income, birth certificate, SS card, and picture ID. Free or Reduced Cost Services: Provides low-rent housing, home ownership and rental assistance.

## **Open Doors Homeless Coalition**

Phone: (228) 604 - 2048 Ext. 4

Address: 11975 Seaway Road Suite B220 -Gulfport, MS 39503

Website: <http://www.opendoorshc.org/>

Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Planning for Housing Services for Persons experiencing homelessness; Homeless Management Innovation System (HMIS).

## **Rebekah's House**

Phone: (228) 388 - 3061 -Moss Point, MS 39563

Eligibility Requirements: Family must have dependent children, pass background check with Sheriff's Dept, adults willing & able to work or look for employment, willing to help around the house. We provide short-term safe overnight housing for: parents with teenage boys, one parent families with teenagers of the opposite sex, two parent families with children trying to stay together.

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Ocean Springs - Long Beach Interfaith Hospitality Network operates Rebekah's House. We are an interfaith community offering a "helping hand" for homeless families with children to secure permanent housing. We are the only organization that provides overnight accommodations other than cold weather shelters. We also open our doors to the whole family.

## **Seashore Mission, Inc.**

Phone: (228) 436 - 3986

Address: 856 Division Street -Biloxi, MS 39530

Hours of Operation: Monday, Thursday, Sunday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Winter Shelter)

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Provides day services including showers, laundry, telephone use, and case management to individuals experiencing homelessness. Winter shelter provides 4 meals a day.

## **Medical Daycares**

### **Pediatrust**

<https://www.pediatrustkids.com>

- Hattiesburg, MS 401 S. 40<sup>th</sup> Street 601-255-5911
- Columbus, MS 306 Hospital Drive 662-570-1957
- Denham Springs, LA 2041 Florida Ave SW 225-665-7287
- Lafayette, LA 331 Doucet Road 337-706-9250
- Lake Charles, LA 3129 Gerstner Memorial Drive 337-562-7818

When your child has unique needs, you need a team of specialists that are just as unique. Our experienced team is trained to provide the best care for your child and includes:

- RNs
- LPNs
- Physical Therapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Speech Therapists
- Social Services
- Educators including special education
- CNAs

PediaTrust offers a wide range of services to provide reliability and consistency in you and your child's life. At PediaTrust, we don't just provide day care for your child, we help them move towards their individual goals. Our services include:

- Personalized care

- Transportation
- A team of professionals
- An educational curriculum
- Daily and monthly progress assessments
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Social interaction with other children

Our team is here to help enroll your child. A physician's order is required for our services. We will coordinate with your child's physician and insurance company to complete the approval process. As soon as we receive a signed authorization, we go to work on your child's approval. Our services are covered by Medicaid and its affiliated insurance companies if their medical condition requires skilled nursing care.

### **Gulf Coast Pediatric Care**

<https://gcpc-ms.com>

- Gulfport 1285 Spring Street 228-284-2002
- Pascagoula 2025 Jackson Avenue 228-205-3000

Our center provides a fun, loving environment while providing nursing care to children who need it. If approved, our services are covered by Medicaid, as well as the MSCAN Programs (UHC and Magnolia Health). GCPC accepts children from all over the gulf coast area - even those who attend school during the day. We also provide transportation to and from our center.

Services provided:

- SKILLED PEDIATRIC NURSING
- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
- INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT
- ORAL/MOTOR SPEECH PATHOLOGIST
- PHYSICAL THERAPY
- NEEDS BASED ANALYSIS
- TRANSPORTATION
- NUTRITIONIST
- SOCIAL WORKERS

### **Magnolia Pediatric Extended Care**

<https://www.magnoliapec.com>

601-682-1250

Laurel- 404 N 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue

We are staffed with skilled pediatric nurses, PT, OT, ST as well as Direct Care Workers, Music Therapist, Respiratory Therapist, Social Workers, Pet Therapy, Educators and Dieticians to provide a multidisciplinary approach to nursing care under the direction of our Pediatric Board Certified Medical Director as well as your child's physician and specialist.

We provide services in our center for up to 11 hours a day for children ages birth up to 20 years of age with medical conditions. Our nurses provide nursing care that includes, but not limited



to, on-going nursing assessments, medication administration, trach care, tube feedings, IV therapy, wound care, catheter care, care of c-pap, apnea monitors, oxygen dependent, ventilator dependent, etc.

Services are paid for once approved, through MS Medicaid (primary or secondary) or MCO's. Transportation to and from our center may be available.

Children currently receiving Private Duty Nursing Care with Home Health will qualify for our services.

Services provided:

- Pediatric Skilled Nurses
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech and Language pathology
- Music Therapy
- Personal Care and ADL's
- Direct Care Workers
- Respiratory Therapy
- Dietician
- Social Services
- Development based curriculum
- Pet Therapy
- Transportation

## **Personal Pediatric Care**

<https://ppc-ms.com>

McComb- 303 A Mall Drive

601-324-3464

At Personal Pediatric Care, we're proud to provide exceptional care for medically fragile and/or technology dependent children from infancy to 21 years for up to 10 hours a day at our McComb, MS location. We accept children from McComb and surrounding areas, even for children that attend school. Our specialized team offers skilled pediatric nursing care along with physical therapy, speech therapy and occupational therapy.

Transportation is provided to and from our facility.

- Skilled Nursing Care
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Behavioral Therapy
- Respiratory Care
- Educational Programs
- Recreation
- Child Life Specialist
- Nutritionist
- Social Worker
- Transportation

A doctor's prescribed order is required for our services. Your child's care may be covered by insurance or Medicaid if their medical condition requires skilled nursing care. Contact our highly skilled team today to schedule an eligibility assessment. We'll even coordinate with your child's physician and insurance case manager to complete the approval process. Personal Pediatric Care accepts Medicaid and Mississippi CAN.

## **Meridian Pediatric Extended Care**

<https://meridianpediatric.com>

601-912-0373

3850 Highway 45 N

Meridian Pediatric Extended Care is a Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care facility (PPEC), that provides physician ordered multi-disciplinary day care to medically fragile and/or technology-dependent children, infancy to age 21, who have complex medical conditions requiring continual, professional skilled nursing care.

Our focus is to provide maximum early intervention to prepare children with medically complex needs for school and other life situations. We provide care for up to 10 hours a day which includes learning through play and socialization to develop skills needed to ensure proper growth and development.

- SKILLED PEDIATRIC NURSING
- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY\*
- INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT
- ORAL/MOTOR SPEECH PATHOLOGIST\*
- PHYSICAL THERAPY\*
- NEEDS BASED ANALYSIS
- NUTRITIONIST\*
- SOCIAL WORKERS\*
- TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED

A doctor's prescribed order for our services is required. Your child's care may be covered by your insurance if their medical condition requires the skills of a nurse. Our highly skilled staff will assess your child for eligibility and coordinate with your child's physician and insurance case manager to complete the approval process. MPEC accepts all Mississippi Medicaid payers.

In order to qualify for admission to our PPEC, a child must:

1. Be medically complex or fragile and/or technologically dependent.
2. Have a referral from his/her doctor.
3. Be medically stable (not in need of immediate hospital care).
4. Be appropriate for outpatient care.
5. Require skilled nursing care.
6. Present no significant risk of infection to other children or personnel

## Pharmacy Assistance

### **NeedyMeds.org**

Offers help with prescriptions. Has a printable drug savings card, coupons, rebates for medicines. Can search for pharmacies with \$4 generic programs and apply for patient assistance programs in your area.

### **FamilyWize—Prescription Drug Savings Card**

[www.FamilyWize.com](http://www.FamilyWize.com)

Help for those with:

- no prescription insurance.
- with insurance coverage that does not cover all medicines.

No age or usage limits, income requirements, or registration forms. Cards may be printed on the website.

### **Manna Ministries Inc.**

Phone: (601) 799-2121

Address: 120 Street Suite A -Picayune, MS 39466

Website: <http://mannaministry.net>

Hours of Operation: Tuesday & Thursday 9 a.m. -12 p.m. - Tuesday & Thursday 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Free Medical Clinic - Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Eligibility Requirements: Must Be Uninsured

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Offers clothing on Tuesdays only, a free medical clinic, and prescription drug assistance program to individuals in need.

### **St Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy**

Harrison, Hancock, Jackson, and Forrest

228-374-9097

715-B Division St. P.O. Box 1228 Biloxi, MS 39533 228-374-9097

411 Broadway Drive Hattiesburg, MS 39401

<http://svdprx.org/Mission.html>

Tuesday 8:30-10:30 Wednesday 9:00-11:30

The Pharmacy requires applicants to be current residents of its geographic area and provide current documentation proving the applicant is unable to secure needed prescription medicine without assistance. The Pharmacy will provide, at no charge, non-controlled prescription medicine once per month for up to six months at which time the applicant must re-apply by providing updated financial information. In addition to providing prescriptions, the pharmacy serves as a referral network connecting people to other supportive resources such as “Patient Assistance Programs” through the pharmaceutical companies and the Supplemental Assistance program for Medicare Part D.

## **Special Needs**

### **American Counsel for the Blind**

601-788-7900

2501 N. West St Jackson, MS 39216

mcb@netdoor.com

<https://www.acb.org/>

The American Council of the Blind strives to increase the independence, security, equality of opportunity, and quality of life for all blind and visually impaired people.

### **ARC- Association for Rights of Citizens with Disabilities**

Lamar, Perry, Marion, Greene, Jones, Wayne, Stone

601-583-4251

65 Bonhomie Road Hattiesburg, MS 39402

thearcsems@gmail.com

[www.hattiesburgarc.com](http://www.hattiesburgarc.com)

Arc of Southeast Mississippi is committed to providing a network of services for families caring for a mentally or physically disabled child or adult. This includes after school care, seasonal activities, respite, parent programs, art and music programs, and adult care.

### **Auditory Processing Center**

601-488-4189

541 Highway 80 West, Clinton, Mississippi 39056

info@auditorycenter.com

<https://auditorycenter.com>

Specializing in assessment and treatment of auditory processing disorder (APD), a neurological condition that affects 43% of children struggling academically. Children with APD can hear, but their brain does not process information accurately or rapidly enough to use it effectively in learning. This is often mistaken for ADHD and can lead to problems with speech/language, reading and spelling, comprehending and remembering what was heard, and sensitivity to background noise.

### **Ellisville State School**

601.477.9384

1101 Hwy 11 South Ellisville, MS 39437

<https://www.ess.ms.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Ellisville State School provides comprehensive services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and strives to equip each person with the skills and resources needed to live in the community.

Ellisville State School operates twelve homes licensed as Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID). These homes provide living arrangements in five counties and serve adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Special Education Services and Meaningful Day Services are provided at the main campus of the program residential.

- Must be 16 years of age
- Must be certified developmentally disabled
- Must possess a current psychological and medical evaluation
- Must be approved by the Administrative Screening and Review Committee (ASRC) of Ellisville State School
- Exceptions to age requirement may be made depending on a person identified needs

ICF/IID Homes are located in the following counties:

- Jefferson Davis County
- Jones County
- Lamar County
- Perry County
- Wayne County

Ellisville State School provides Support Coordination services to families to promote independence and community integration and enable persons with disabilities to remain in their community. This is accomplished by:

- monitoring services
- locating providers
- providing access
- educating families
- advocacy

Services are provided in the following counties:

- Clarke
- Neshoba
- Jasper
- Smith
- Lowndes
- Forrest
- Perry
- Lamar
- Clay
- Newton
- Jefferson Davis
- Walthall
- Marion
- Greene
- Pike
- Lawrence
- Covington
- Noxubee
- Jones
- Wayne

## **Make-A-Wish**

Phone: (228) 575 - 8691 Alternate Phone: (601) 214 - 3472

Website: [www.ms.wish.org](http://www.ms.wish.org)

Email: [smoses@ms.wish.org](mailto:smoses@ms.wish.org)

Eligibility Requirements: Between 2 1/2 to 18 years of age.

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Granting wishes to children with serious illnesses.

### **Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services - Vocational Rehabilitation**

Phone: (228) 575 - 3795

Address: 13486 Fastway Lane Ste. D -Gulfport, MS 39503

Website: <http://www.mdrs.ms.gov>

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Assists individuals with disabilities to gain employment, retain employment, and/or to live more independently.

### **MS Library Commission- Talking Book Services**

(601) 432-4151

3881 Eastwood Drive Jackson, MS 39211

<https://www.mlc.lib.ms.us/tbs/>

Provides reading materials for anyone in the state of Mississippi that has a reading disability, visual impairment, or physical impairment. This is a free service.

### **Project START Device Loan Program**

(601) 853-5249

1281 U.S. 51 , Madison, Mississippi 39110, United States

<http://www.msprojectstart.org>

Mississippi Project START (Success Through Assistive Rehabilitative Technology) is the federally funded Assistive Technology Act Program for the State of Mississippi and operates under the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration of Community Living. The Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services is the lead agency for our program.

Project START provided access to and the acquisition of Assistive Technology to Mississippians of all ages and all disabilities.

**START'S Device Reutilization Program** accepts donations of lightly used durable medical equipment. If you or someone you know have equipment you no longer need, you can donate it to Project START. The devices are refurbished to high-quality standards and provided free of charge to Mississippians with disabilities or chronic health care issues.

**Project START's Computer Refurbishment Program** provides in-home placement of refurbished computers for people with disabilities. The purpose of this program is to support education and vocational development as well as enhancement of personal independence for people with disabilities through the use of a computer.

**Device Loan Program** START provides a short-term equipment loan program allowing an individual to try a device before they purchase it. This program also allows an individual to borrow a device to use while theirs is being repaired or while funding is being secured for the purchase of their device. The loan period varies for each device but usually runs for 90 days. Project START's staff will work with everyone to make sure the right equipment is matched with the individual.

In addition to our state office location in Madison, Project START partners with North Mississippi Regional Center in Oxford, TK Martin Center in Starkville and Institute of Disability Studies in Long Beach. These centers educate individuals and their families or caregivers on assistive

technology to aid in hearing, mobility, communication, vision and performing activities of daily living. Personnel familiar with AT can demonstrate a variety of assistive technology devices and provide information about vendors and providers.

## **USM Institute for Disability Studies**

**Hattiesburg Campus** 118 College Drive #5163

Hattiesburg, MS 39406

Bond Hall 4th Floor

Email: [ids@usm.edu](mailto:ids@usm.edu)

Phone: 601.266.5163

### **Gulf Park Campus**

730 East Beach Blvd

Long Beach, MS 39560

Email: [ids@usm.edu](mailto:ids@usm.edu)

Phone: 228.214.3400

The Institute for Disability Studies has been impacting Mississippians with disabilities and their families for over 40 years. IDS has worked to provide technical assistance, training, resources and supports for Mississippians with disabilities and their families. We like to think we are providing pathways to a better life for people of all ages—infants, toddlers, school-age children, youth, workers, parents, families and seniors.

IDS' work is about enhancing quality of life for Mississippians with disabilities. Through programs and services focused on early childhood inclusion and education, housing, transition to adulthood, and wellness, IDS

- believes everyone should be included in their communities
- educates university students through interdisciplinary courses and service learning
- promotes high-quality early childhood inclusion to meet the needs of early childhood educators, families and young children with special needs
- serves as a statewide center for resources and information
- assists individuals and families in obtaining affordable, accessible, safe housing
- helps youth and young adults reach their potential and find purpose during the transition to adulthood and opens doors to creativity, athletic competition and inclusive recreation for people with disabilities.

## **Transportation**

### **Medicaid MTM**

769-572-6180

6360 I-55 North, Suite 201 Jackson, MS 39211

Hours: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday – Friday

Medical Transportation Management (MTM) is the state of Mississippi's non-emergency transportation (NET) manager. We arrange rides free of charge for eligible Fee for Service (FFS) Medicaid beneficiaries throughout the state. Call us to set up a ride to your health care provider for a covered medical service if you have no other way to get there.

To schedule transportation:

Call us toll-free at 1-866-331-6004 at least three business days in advance, unless your trip is urgent. If you call less than three business days prior to your appointment and the trip is not urgent, you may need to set up your visit for a different date.

### **Mobile One NET**

Serves the following counties: Forrest, Greene, Covington, Smith, Perry, George, Stone, Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson

(601) 545-3322

5319 Old Highway 42, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, 39401, United States

Hours: Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm

Saturday: By Appointment

Sunday: By Appointment

24/7 Transportation Available

Mobile One provides a full door to door service 24 hours a day. A door-to-door service means we transfer the client from their front door to wheelchair during pick up and from wheelchair to the front door of the destination. Our diverse fleet of vehicles will allow the client to ride and relax comfortably during the trip. During transportation, our vehicles are constantly in communication with our dispatchers and tracked via TransiTrak software and GPS. Remember our quotes are inclusive and cover client and rider.

We offer comfortable service including wheelchair transportation, transportation to special events, and holidays. We provide free estimates and time consultations. We can recommend the perfect vehicle to meet your needs.

We are the preferred choice for: • Transportation to medical facilities and doctor's appointments • Transportation to nursing homes • Behavioral Health transportation specializing in PHP and IOP programs • NET transportation for Hospice programs/facilities • Out of state medical travel

### **St. Vincent De Paul Society - Our Lady of Fatima Conference**

Phone: (228) 388 - 1837

Address: 314 Jim Money Road -Biloxi, MS 39531

Email: [fatimasvdp@bellsouth.net](mailto:fatimasvdp@bellsouth.net) Documents Required: Photo ID, SS card plus SS and birth certificates for all children in the family; lease; utility bill; proof of income; SNAP benefit determination.

Free or Reduced Cost Services: For those residing in 39531 zip code and partial 39532 (north of Popp's Ferry Bridge up to but not crossing over Cedar Lake Blvd.), we offer financial assistance (rent, utilities, food pantry, medications). Homeless assistance - showers, laundry, clothing, food, medication, transportation for verifiable social service appointments.

### **Salvation Army-Gulfport - MS Gulf Coast Area Command**

Phone: (228) 374-8301

Address: 2019 22nd Street -Gulfport, MS 39501

Website: <http://salvationarmyalms.org/msgulfcoast/>



Hours of Operation: Monday & Tuesday 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. - Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. - Wednesday 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. - Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Eligibility Requirements: First come, First Serve Documents Required: Photo ID

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Food pantry, homeless program, social services, bus passes, and referral assistance; Utility assistance by appointment only.

## Utilities

### **Back Bay Mission**

Phone: (228) 432 - 0301

Address: 1012 Division Street -Biloxi, MS 39530

Website: <http://thebackbaymission.org>

Email: [backbaymission@thebackbaymission.org](mailto:backbaymission@thebackbaymission.org)

Eligibility Requirements: Low income or individuals experiencing homelessness. Documents Required: Picture ID, DD-214

Free or Reduced Cost Services:

Emergency Assistance: financial and material support.

Services include: client-choice food pantry, utilities assistance and housing rehabilitation.

Intensive Case Management: gives wrap-around support.

Peer Support Networks: provide clients with the chance to learn from each other, and daytime adult grooming (showers). Can use address if homeless .

### **Catholic Charities**

228-701-0555

Community Outreach offices offer a variety of services to individuals and families experiencing financial difficulty. Infant and maternity care services are also available, including confidential pregnancy testing.

All services are provided through case management. Offices are located in Pascagoula, Waveland, Gulfport, and Hattiesburg.

For an appointment, please call 228-701-0555.

### **Harrison County Community Action Agency**

Phone: (228) 896 - 1409 Alternate Phone: (888) 603 - 4222

Address: 500 24th Street -Gulfport, MS 39502

Website: <http://www.gccaa.org>

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Provides Case management, emergency services, housing, employment health services, early childhood education, nutrition, transportation, utility bills, income management, and tax preparation. Families also have access to community resources, job training, and direct support.

Additional Services: Harrison County: 228-701-2635 (Gulfport) - Hancock County: 228-467-0158 (Waveland) - Stone County: 601-928-5044 (Wiggins) - Green County: 601-394-2942 (Leaksville) - George County: 601-947-7426 (Lucedale)

### **Jackson County Civic Action Center**

Phone: (228) 769-3292

Address: 5343 Jefferson Avenue -Moss Point, MS 39562 Website: <http://jccivaction.org/>

Email: [www.jccivaction.org](http://www.jccivaction.org)

Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Free or Reduced Cost Services: Transportation services are provided to seniors 60 years and older, Monday-Friday. Services are free for seniors 60 and older. LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistant Program) and Home Weatherization Referrals, Individual Case Management, and Direct Assistance with utilities, utility deposits, medical and other needs.

## **LIHEAP- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program/ ECIP- Energy Crisis Intervention Program**

800-421-0762

601-359-4768

<https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/community-services/>

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps keep families safe and healthy through initiatives that assist families with energy costs. This important resource provides financial assistance to eligible households in managing cost associated with:

- Home Energy bills
- Energy Crisis
- Weatherization and energy-related minor home repairs

Households may qualify for regular LIHEAP assistance and/or the Energy Crisis (emergency) Intervention Program (ECIP) for natural gas, wood, electricity, liquid propane/butane gas and other energy-related services.

A list of what to bring to your appointment can be found on the Community Services webpage above.

### **Who is eligible for LIHEAP?**

Individuals must be within 60 percent of the current State Median Income Poverty Guidelines.

### **How do I apply for LIHEAP?**

Individuals who have never received services may submit a Pre-Application through the Virtual ROMA website at <https://virtualroma.mdhs.ms.gov>. This site is available nationwide but services and funds are for residents of Mississippi only.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age or an emancipated minor. Individuals without access to a computer may call the Community Action Agency (CAA) or Human Resource Agency (HRA) in their area. Refer to the [agency directory](#) for agency contact information and services location.

<https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/local-service-agency/>

### **Agencies who provide assistance and support to apply for LIHEAP:**

#### **PRVO- Pearl River Valley Opportunity**

Central Office

(601) 736 - 9564

756 Highway 98 By-pass Columbia, Mississippi 39429

Offices in the following counties:

Covington

Jefferson Davis

Jones  
Lamar  
Marion  
Pearl River  
Forrest  
Perry  
Greene  
Hancock  
Stone

**Jackson County Civic Action**

Jackson County Residents  
228-769-3292  
5343 Jefferson Ave. #2 Moss Point, MS 39563

**Multi-County Community Service Agency**

601-483-4838  
800-898-0659  
2906 Saint Paul Street Meridian, Mississippi 39302

Offices in the following counties:

Lauderdale  
Kemper  
Newton  
Scott  
Smith  
Wayne  
Clark  
Jasper

**Mississippi Power Discounts**

800-532-1502

MS Power customers only

<https://www.mississippipower.com/residential/manage-your-account/payment-assistance.html>

MS Power provides discounts to recipients of TANF- Temporary Aid to Needy Families and SSI- Supplemental Social Security Income. Contact the company to learn how to receive discount.

Mississippi Power's Bill Extender program is designed for the primary residence of residential customers. The program is most beneficial for customers who receive a paycheck once a month, typically on the 1st or the 3rd. Bill Extender allows an extended due date, being the 5th of each month.

For more information, inquire at your local Mississippi Power customer service office or call our Customer Care Center at 800-532-1502.

## **MS Power Project Share**

1-855-847-0555

MS Power customers only

Mississippi Power's Project SHARE is a program to assist the elderly, people with disabilities, people with medical disabilities and others in need who are having difficulty paying their electric service bill. Eligible customers may receive up to \$300 annually in assistance.

Any Mississippi Power customer with a demonstrated financial need may be eligible to apply for Project SHARE by simply calling toll-free number 855-847-0555 to speak with a representative from Catholic Charities. The customer will be directed to a representative, who will set an appointment for the customer to provide documentation to determine the level of need.

## **United Way For Jackson and George Counties**

Phone: (228) 762-8557

Address: 3510 Magnolia Street -Pascagoula, MS 39567

Website: <http://unitedwayjgc.org>

Eligibility Requirements: Currently employed, or on SSI or SS; temporary emergency situation, live or work in Jackson or George county. Free or Reduced Cost Services: Rental & mortgage assistance.

## **Weatherization Assistance Program**

800-421-0762

601-359-4768

<https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/community-services/>

Weatherization is the nation's largest residential efficiency program. The MDHS Weatherization Assistance Program is designed to reduce energy costs for eligible families by increasing the energy efficiency of their homes while ensuring their health and safety. The program, which specifically focuses on assisting the elderly, disabled, and low-income families with young children, improves the energy performance of dwellings to decrease monthly energy expenditures. Weatherization crews provide the most cost-effective, energy-efficient measures to address health and safety concerns, improve comfort and indoor air quality.

A list of what to bring to your appointment can be found on the Community Services webpage above.

### **Who is eligible for Weatherization Assistance?**

The Weatherization Assistance Program is available to individuals who are within 200 percent of the current Federal Poverty Guidelines.

### **How can I apply for Weatherization Assistance?**

Individuals who have never received services may submit a Pre-Application through the Virtual ROMA website at <https://virtualroma.mdhs.ms.gov>. This site is available nationwide but services and funds are for residents of Mississippi only.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age or an emancipated minor. Individuals without access to a computer may call the Community Action Agency (CAA) or Human Resource Agency (HRA) in their area. Refer to the [agency directory](#) for agency contact information and services location.

<https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/local-service-agency/>