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**Mississippi Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind** - PO Box 17949, Hattiesburg, MS 39404. Phone: 601-545-5613. Contact: Lea' Guster Seawright or Patricia Woodruff. Individual counseling and guidance; medical treatment; training in mobility; communication and personal management; vocational evaluation; on the job training; college training; low vision evaluation and training in the use of aids; job placement and follow up services; other services to help visually impaired persons become employed.

**SENIOR EYE CARE PROGRAM** - 1-800-222-3937

Seniors EyeCare Program, formerly known as National Eye Care Project (NECP). Under this program, if you are a U.S. citizen or legal resident age 65 and older, have not seen an ophthalmologist in the last three years or more, and do not belong to an HMO or have Veteran's vision care, you can call their toll-free number for the name of a volunteer ophthalmologist in your area. Volunteer ophthalmologists will accept Medicare or other insurance as full payment, with no additional payment from you. If you don't have any insurance, the eye care is free.

**After School/Summer Programs**

**Alternatives for Teens** -

Meets at Dixie Community Center every Tuesday at 7:00 PM and Petal Civic Center every Thursday at 7:00 PM.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters (Salvation Army Program)**

119 S 28th Ave., PO Box 18504, Hattiesburg, MS.  
Phone: 601-545-1602

Seeks to make a positive difference in the lives of children - youth primarily, through a professionally supported, one-to-one relationship with a caring adult. Also seeks to assist them in achieving their highest potential as they grow up to become confident, competent, caring individuals by providing committed volunteers, national leadership and standard of excellence.

**Boy Scouts (Pine Burr Area Council)**

1318 Hardy St., Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
Phone: 601-582-2326

Web site: [www.pineburrrscouting.org](http://www.pineburrrscouting.org) and [www.give2bsa.org](http://www.give2bsa.org). Offers a year-round program that places emphasis on character development, citizenship and moral ethical training through Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers. Council targets Urban Emphasis/Learning for Life Character Education as well.

**Edwards Street Fellowship Center**

1904 Edwards St., Hattiesburg MS  
Phone: 601-544-6149  
Web site: [www.esfcntr.org](http://www.esfcntr.org).

The food pantry provides emergency food to about 200 families per week. The food pantry is supported by many churches and individuals in the Hattiesburg District of the United Methodist Church. ESFC is an approved distribution agency of the Mississippi Food Network which provides for the purchase of USDA surplus food at a reasonable cost. The food pantry is operated solely by volunteer workers and follows all the USDA guidelines for distribution of food to individuals.

**4 B's Girl's Club** - Edward Street Fellowship Center's after school pro-

tions, physical activity, arts and crafts, and social activities

### **Girl Scouts (Gulf Pines Council)**

500 North Hutchison Ave., Hattiesburg, MS 39401.

Phone: 601-582-1455.

Web site: [www.gulfpines.org](http://www.gulfpines.org).

Provides a contemporary, year-round program that is fun and responsive to the needs of all girls between ages 5-17, enabling them to reach their full potential and empowering them to take leadership roles in a changing global society. The purpose of Girl Scouting is to build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the work a better place.

### **Jones County Foster Grandparent Program**

1101 Hwy 11 South, Ellisville, MS 39437

Phone: 601-477-5803

Web site: [www.jcjc.ms.us](http://www.jcjc.ms.us).

Assist children with reading and counseling; assist children with special needs.

### **Mississippi Rural Center**

10 Rural Center Lane, PO Box 902 Columbia, MS 39429.

Phone: 601-736-3961

Fax: 601-736-3620

**Hours of Operation:** Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Program Hours: 3:00-5:00 PM. Age Requirement: 16 years and up. Serves senior citizens, families, and youth groups in literacy; provides computer labs, arts and crafts, and at-risk classes for area youth. (The center serves as a vehicle for social change, encourages religion as well as personal enhancement, and serves as a community family.)

### **OSEOLA McCarty Youth Development Center**

607 McSwain St., Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Phone: 601-336-7940

After school tutoring; homework help; mentoring/character development; community service projects

### **Winter Protection Plans**

**Mississippi, December 1-March 31. Call either 800-356-6428, 800-356-6430 or 800-356-6429.** Several states prevent utility companies from shutting off a customers heat during the cold winter months. Generally, the rules and regulation apply to colder regions in the northern part of the country, but there are some exceptions. The so called Winter Protection Plans were created to protect the most vulnerable population, and this can include the elderly, low income families with young children, the disabled, and people that are sick.

### **Vision**

**American Council for the Blind** - [www.acb.org](http://www.acb.org). Job opportunities can be found on their website, as well as on [www.disabilitywork.com](http://www.disabilitywork.com). You can also find links to Braille Transcribers and lots of resources for the blind.

**Lions of Mississippi Sight Foundation** - 431 Katherine Dr., Flowood, MS 39232. Phone: 601-981-8207 or 1-800-722-4057. Protection and advocacy for all Mississippians living with disabilities.

**Eye Glasses:** Lions Club, Inc. Contact Larry Gamble at 601-583-0031 or Dorothy Fennell at 601-583-9698. Eye examinations and glasses or underprivileged or welfare youth.

**Lions of MS: Sea & Sun Camp** - PO Box 1088, Biloxi, MS 39533. Web site: [www.seaandsuncamp.com](http://www.seaandsuncamp.com). Fun and educational camp for blind and visually impaired youth ages 5-15 years old. The Sea and Sun Camp provides the campers a weekend of life's beautiful experiences. All activities are modified to meet their needs so each camper is allowed to be a child, as opposed to being a child with a handicap. Every child is able to participate in every activity. The camp is help at Camp Wilkes in Biloxi.

### **Camp Dates:**

2014Camp: May 16-18

**Mississippi Services for the Deaf/Blind - University of Southern Mississippi** - PO Box 5115, Hattiesburg, MS 39406. Phone: 601-477-9384. Provides MS Deaf/Blind Registry, Resource Library, Training and Technical assistance for children and young adults with deafness/blindness.

and utility assistance efforts. A local board whose members represent nonprofit service agencies decides which services will be provided in each county. Eligibility criteria are based on poverty income guidelines without regard to age, race, sex, religion, national origin, or disability. **Headstart Program:** Comprehensive services for eligible preschool children ages 3 to school age, offers free transportation for these students. \*Summer Child Care Services: Children ages 3-12\*. **Prescription Assistance:** 601-736-9564. Provides medications at low-to-no cost for low-income elderly.

**THE SALVATION ARMY** - [www.uss.salvationarmy.org](http://www.uss.salvationarmy.org)

**5670 US HIGHWAY 49**

**HATTIESBURG, MS 39401**

**601-544-3683**

Provides a lodge that opens at 5pm for 16 men, can make accommodations in a local motel. Emergency lodging and meals for transients, homeless families, and dislocated individuals are provided for at The Center of Hope. The Center of Hope shelters individuals and families who are in need of a safe place to sleep. Our center is dedicated to helping men, women and families overcome the situations and conditions that have brought them to our shelter. Individualized case plans guide clients to benefits and services for which they may be eligible. Our program takes residents from dependency to independency through work, education, training and skills development. Staff is available to guide, advocate and make referrals to private and public resources. Individuals have access to mail, telephone, classified ads, and showers. These are all key in gaining

**Summer Cooling Bill Assistance**

Many states provide financial assistance to low income families during the hot and humid summer. A focus is on providing for people who are most at risk, and this would include seniors, families with young children, and the disabled. Programs can help pay cooling and air conditioning bills or some states will oversee services that provide free fans or air conditioners. **Mississippi** enrollment period starts in May for senior citizens. The grant amount paid out to eligible households depends on the applicant's income and utility bill amount, the degree of participation on the established case plan, and it depends on the family attending case management. Other aid includes cooling system repairs, fans, and/or air conditioners. **Telephone number is 1-866-411-1877.**

**Pace Headstart**

100 West Front St., Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Phone: 601-545-8110

Preschool childcare program; assistance with medical and dental cost, developmental, speech, language and hearing, special ed services.

**Petal School District Center for Children and Families**

201 West Central Ave., Petal, MS 39465

Phone: 601-584-4700

Fax: 601-544-8358

Office Hours: 8 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday—Wednesday, 8 AM-6 PM Tuesday—Thursday, 8 AM—3:30 PM Friday. To provide or link families with the resources and support services they need to be their child's first and best teachers. Programs include: Resource loan library, Parents as teachers, Newborn Packet Project, Even Start Family Literacy, Adult Education, Community Workroom, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Extended School, Kid's Health Fair, School District Volunteer Program.

**The Family Y**

3719 Veterans Memorial Drive, Hattiesburg, MS 39401

(601) 583-4000

The Family Y does not turn anyone away because of inability to pay. Financial assistance is provided for childcare, after-school and summer camps, sports programs, teens, families and active older adults. Places special emphasis on youth, active older adults and family fitness. Provides recreational and social programs at no charge for those with mental disabilities.

**AIDS/HIV Resources**

**AIDS Services Coalition (ASC)**

PO Box 169, Hattiesburg, MS 39403-0169.

601-450-4286

Program Director: [Kathy Garner](#)

[www.121havenhouse.org](http://www.121havenhouse.org)

1-2-1 Haven house provides resources and support services for homeless persons living with HIV/AIDS. Residents work, attend school or are otherwise active in the community. All receive individual therapeutic counseling. Residents affected by alcohol and drug abuse attend support groups and participate in related programs and activities as a condition of residency. On their website there is a registration page you can fill out to be a resident, or you can call 601-450-4286.

### **Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA)**

601-544-6776

The program pays all or part of rent for 21 weeks through the year, leaving 31 weeks in which the person must be responsible for rent. Case managers are designated for each Department of Health district to assist people in making application and to aid with other services needed to stay in safe and comfortable housing. Case managers interact with other services if clients allow release. Criteria to apply are: HIV + and low income.

### **Pine Belt Mental Healthcare Resources**

103 South 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Phone: 601.544.4641.

Web site: [www.pbmhr.com](http://www.pbmhr.com).

### **HIV Services at Pine Belt Mental Health include:**

**HIP Hop (HIV Intervention Project HIV Outreach and Prevention)**: targeted outreach and education; counseling, testing and referral; individual prevention counseling; group prevention counseling

**CHOICES (Choosing Health over Infection)** Counseling, Education, & Safe Behavior): HIV prevention program designed for ages 20 and older.

### **Southeast Mississippi Rural Health Initiative (Ryan White Program)**

66 Old Airport Road, Hattiesburg, MS 39403

601-582-2619

Services: Southeast Mississippi Rural Health Initiative, Inc. is proud to provide full primary care and preventive services for persons living with HIV/

**weatherization services. Together these resources help qualified households and seniors help pay the cost of home cooling and energy bills as well as other energy related services.**

The federal government created and funded **LIHEAP program** is the Division of Community Services most popular financial assistance program. Tens of thousands of families benefit from it yearly, and funds can be used to pay a variety of utility bills, including heating and summer cooling expenses. The amount of cash that someone receives will vary widely depending on their income levels, number of family members and people in the household, as well as intensity level of energy usage.

If your income and other requirements that are set by the state qualify you for the program, you may be assisted by the following components. There are two main programs in Mississippi, and they include the Energy Crisis Intervention Program, or ECIP, as well as “regular” benefits. Both can pay for air conditioning bills or heating costs, including electricity, natural gas, wood, liquid petroleum propane/butane gas, and more. Some crisis funds may also pay for heating or cooling system repairs.

You will need to apply at a local community action agency, and the local non-profit organization in your county, town, and/or county will process the application and decide if your household's income qualifies you for aid. Your local community action agency is really focused on helping the elderly, seniors, disabled and low-income Mississippians beat the heat and keep their power on. After all, people living in poverty, facing a hardship or low-income elderly should not have to choose between paying their cooling bills or heating their homes and buying food or prescriptions. Not only are resources limited, but Mississippi households may also be required to meet additional program eligibility criteria in order to receive LIHEAP utility bill assistance. **Call 1-800-345-6347** for more information, or stop by your local community action agency for more details on LIHEAP.

**Pearl River Valley Opportunity** - 756 Hwy 98 By Pass, Columbia, MS 39429. Phone: 601-736-9564. Web site: [www.prvoinc.org](http://www.prvoinc.org). **Emergency Food and Shelter Program**: The program serves Covington, Jefferson Davis, Marion, Forrest, and Lamar Counties. Perry County is not always a part of the regular funding, but has been funded through State set-aside funds. The funds are used to supplement feeding, shelter, rent/mortgage

prostate cancer survivors, discusses treatment options with other men who have had this disease. This support group meets the third Tuesday of every month in the lobby of the Cancer Center. Survivors and their loved ones are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 601-288-8759.

**M.A.R.C.H - Women's Support Group** - Every Thursday at 1:00 PM. M.A.R.C.H Center, 2019 McInnis St., Hattiesburg, MS. Phone: 601-268-8796.

**Narcotics Anonymous (Support Group)** - Phone: 601-288-2273. Meets at Pine Grove Recovery Center on Mondays at 8:00 PM.

**New Beginnings Support Group** - New Beginnings is a support group for transplant recipients, people awaiting transplant and their families. More than 90,000 people in the United States need organ transplants, and more than 16 a day will die while waiting. Forrest General Hospital hosts this meeting every other month as part of its continuing leadership and support of organ and tissue donation in Mississippi. For more information, call 601-288-2140.

**Non-Offending Parents (Support Group)** - Phone: 601-264-7777.

**RAPE SURVIVORS (Support Group)** - 264-7777

**Staying Well Support Group (Provided by Forrest General)** - Staying Well is a support group for women undergoing Cardiopulmonary Rehab including stress management, grief/loss, lifestyle changes and other health related topics. The meetings occur last Friday of each month and are free to the public. The group meets at the LiveWell Center Cloverleaf Medical Plaza (next to Wal-Mart) 5909 Highway 49, Suite 40. For more information, call 601-288-3880 or 601-288-3874.

## **Utility Assistance**

**Mississippi LIHEAP and Weatherization**  
Receive help for paying utility bills from the Mississippi Department of Human Services LIHEAP program. The state will often combine cash grants from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program with free

AIDS. This includes confidential counseling and testing, confirmatory diagnosis, lab tests, ongoing treatment and follow up for the disease and its co-morbidities. Patients also receive dental care and referrals for behavioral health care and specialty services when needed. Case managers work with each individual to establish treatment plan goals and to work on preventing the spread of the virus. Case managers and expert HIV providers are available all day every day, five days a week from 8:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. for HIV patients. Services are confidential and no one else in the clinic need know why any patient is coming in for a visit.

## **Behavioral/Mental Health**

**Clearview Recovery Center**  
#3 Clearview Circle, Moselle, MS 39459  
Phone: 1-800-845-8918.  
Web site: [www.clearviewrecovery.com](http://www.clearviewrecovery.com)

A premier residential program for the treatment of alcohol, drug and other addictive disorders and behaviors. Clearview is the first stop on the road to recovery for individuals caught in dependency or addictive behavior. While their comprehensive program focuses mainly on alcohol or drug dependency, Clearview counselors also assist clients with other addictive behaviors like compulsive gambling or eating.

Clearview also treats patients with a dual diagnosis, a mental or emotional condition that exists alongside the addictive behavior and may contribute to it. The center employs both a psychiatrist and psychologist to treat patients with depression, schizophrenia, bi-polar disorders and other conditions.

**CommunityCares**  
Pine Belt Mental Health Child & Adolescent Services  
110 Patton Ave., Hattiesburg, MS  
Phone: 601-544-4641, ext. 129.

Web site: [www.mycommunitycares.net](http://www.mycommunitycares.net). Community Cares is an initiative that provides services to children and youth 10-18 years old who have serious emotional problems and substance misuse issues in Forrest, La-

mar and Marion Counties. This approach to services recognizes the importance of family, school and community, and seeks to promote the full potential of every child and youth by addressing their physical, emotional, intellectual, cultural and social needs. \*Referral forms can be found in the appendix on our website.\*

### **Ellisville State School**

1101 Highway 11 South, Ellisville, MS  
Phone: 601-477-9348 or 601-477-5600.

Our facility provides services to children and adults with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. It is the goal of Ellisville State School to provide each individual we serve with appropriate services so that each will develop to the maximum of his or her ability. We desire through treatment and training to place each individual in his or her least restrictive environment. Ellisville State School provides community living services, group homes, case management, day habilitation, early intervention programs, in-home services, etc.

Jaycee Evaluation Center: provides vision screening, audiology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, psychology, and parents training.

### **Memorial Behavioral Health**

100 South 20th Ave. Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
Phone: 601-545-9301  
Web site: [www.gulfportmemorial.com](http://www.gulfportmemorial.com)

Assessments and consultations, link with resources for individuals with mental and behavioral issues. \*Available 365 days a year, 24 hours a day at 1-800-831-1700\*

## **Cancer**

### **SOUTH MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL**

[www.smsh.state.ms.us](http://www.smsh.state.ms.us)  
823 Highway 589  
Purvis, MS 39475  
601-794-0219

Length of stay is intended to be 14 – 21 days. Emphasis is placed on a total continuum of care, including pre-admission, inpatient, aftercare, and

### **CanSurmount Support Group (Provided by Forrest General)**

CanSurmount, a support group for cancer patients and their families, deals with the overwhelming burden the disease places on patients and their families. In addition to emotional support, CanSurmount provides informational resources designed to help patients better understand the nature of the disease and treatment methods. The group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at Forrest General's Cancer Center, located at 301 South 28th Ave. For more information, call FGH OnCall at 1-800-844-4445.

### **Compassionate Friends Support Group**

The Compassionate Friends Support Group, a self-help organization offering friendship and understanding to bereaved parents, promotes and aids parents in the positive resolution of the grief experienced upon the death of a child. The group also fosters the physical and emotional health of bereaved parents and siblings. The meetings occur on the second Thursday of every month and are free to the public. Visitors and members of the group are urged to arrive early and browse through the organization's library. Meetings will take place at Forrest General's Center for Healthy Living at the Family Y at: 3719 Veterans Memorial Dr, Hattiesburg. For more information, call 601-268-1132.

### **Hattiesburg Area AIDS Coalition Catholic Social Services**

2410 Oferral St., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-545-1616. **Vickie Taylor**, Director. **Jannie Green**, Counselor and HIV Educator. Support group, confidential information and counseling.

### **Heartbeats Support Group**

The Heartbeats support group provides educational support for heart failure patients, as well as their families and friends. The group is also for caregivers and individuals who have had a heart attack or heart surgery. The group meets the first Wednesday of each month and is free to the public. The group meets at the LiveWell Center Cloverleaf Medical Plaza (next to Wal-Mart) 5909 Highway 49, Suite 40. For more information, call 601-288-2479 or 1-800-844-4663.

### **Homocide Co-Victims (Survivors) Support Group**

- Meets monthly. Call: 601-584-0908 or 601-264-7777.

### **Man to Man Support Group**

- Man to Man, a support group for



The Autism Spectrum Support Group offers parents, family and community members the opportunity to share information about the disorder and learn how to cope with it. The meetings provide resources and guest speakers who are knowledgeable on autism. The meetings occur on the second Thursday of every month and are free to the public. Child care is provided. The meetings take place at Forrest General's Center for Healthy Living at the Family Y located at 3719 Veterans Memorial Dr. in Hattiesburg. For more information, call 601-288-4918 or email: mlarrow@forrestgeneral.com.

**Bereavement Support Group (Provided by Forrest General)** - The Bereavement Support Group provides support for individuals who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at Forrest General's Home Care and Hospice, 1414 South 28th Ave. There is no charge to attend. For more information, call 601-288-2500.

**Better Breathers Support Group (Provided by Forrest General)** - The Better Breathers Support Group gives patients, families and friends an opportunity to gather and share information about Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), as well as other breathing disorders. The group meets the third Wednesday of each month at LiveWell, located at Cloverleaf Medical Plaza, 5909 Hwy 49, Suite 40 (next to Wal-Mart). Better Breathers COPD includes such conditions as emphysema, asthma and chronic bronchitis. The group also has access to informational resources and speakers who are knowledgeable of the special needs of persons with breathing disorders. For more information, call 601-288-1951

**Breast Cancer Support Group (Provided by Forrest General)** - The Breast Cancer Support Group, sponsored by Forrest General Hospital and the American Cancer Society, offers support to women who have experienced breast cancer. Both the newly diagnosed and those who have lived with breast cancer for years my benefit from the hope generated from shared thoughts, feelings and experiences. The group meets on the third Monday of each month in the second floor conference room at Forrest General's Cancer Center, located at 301 South 28th Ave. To register for the meeting or for more information, call 601-288-2659.

crisis intervention. It is our goal to be a part of the mental healthcare system for our patients and to work cooperatively with other service providers in positively influencing outcomes and the overall care of our patients.

### **YOUTH VILLAGES**

[www.youthvillages.org](http://www.youthvillages.org)  
**116 North 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**Hattiesburg, MS 39402**  
**601-271-7561**

Youth Villages offers a continuum of programs and services designed to help children with emotional and behavioral problems overcome their challenges and live successfully at home. Children are helped in the least restrictive setting possible -- preferably in their own homes.

**American Cancer Society/Mississippi Division, Inc.** - PO Box 15156, Hattiesburg, MS 39405. Phone: 601-266-7011, or 1-800-227-2345. Indigent cancer patients provided drugs, dressings, and loan closet items; ostomy supplies and appliances; transportation; public information and guidance.



[CancerCare.org](http://CancerCare.org)

CancerCare is a national nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization that provides free, professional support services to anyone affected by cancer: people with cancer, caregivers, children, loved ones, and the bereaved. CancerCare programs—including counseling and support groups, education, financial assistance and practical help—are provided by professional oncology social workers and are completely free of charge.



[TheChainFund.com](http://TheChainFund.com)

TheChainFund.com provides financial assistance to cancer patients in areas such as mortgage, rent, utilities, prescriptions, insurance and special foods needs. Funds are made available to qualified applicants and paid directly to the appropriate vendors.



[JoesHouse.org](http://JoesHouse.org)

Joe's House is an online lodging resource for cancer patients and their loved ones. Finding a place to stay near hospitals and cancer treatment centers across the country is easy at JoesHouse.org, which lists thousands of options for lodging. Details on each lodging facility such as distance to hospitals, how to make a reservation, qualifications for stays, rates and amenities can be found on the site. Users may search by city or by healthcare facility. For those without Internet access, there is a toll free line at 877-JOESHOU (877-563-7468).



[AirCharityNetwork.org](http://AirCharityNetwork.org)

AirCharityNetwork.org provides people in need with access to free air transportation to specialized health care facilities or distant destinations due to family, community or national crisis.

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**Children/Child Care**

**Camp Bluebird** - PO Box 1191, Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-545-6427 or 601-288-8658. A camp for adults diagnosed with cancer. Sponsored by FGH and the Telephone Pioneers of America.

**Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse** - 905 Hardy St., Suite 218, Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-545-6680. Web site: www.msccpa.com. Our mission is to prevent child abuse, neglect and family violence by improving the quality of the life for children and fami-

homeless persons living with HIV/AIDS. Residents work, attend school or are otherwise active in the community. All receive individual therapeutic counseling. Residents affected by alcohol and drug abuse attend support groups and participate in related programs and activities as a condition of residency. On their website there is a registration page you can fill out to be a resident, or you can call 601-450-4286.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** - 601-545-7109 MS Helpline or 601-582-8663

**All Addictions Women in Recovery** - 119 South 25th Ave., Hattiesburg, MS. A 12 step meeting. Meets on Fridays at 5:30 PM.

**Alliance Health Center** - www.alliancehealthcenter.com, 5000 Hwy 39 Meridian, MS. Phone: 601-483-6211. 24 Hour confidential help line (Free assessments 24 hours a day). 877-853-3094. Children, Adolescents, Geriatrics, Adults.

**Allied Enterprises** - 18 Industrial Dr., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-583-4251. Contact: Trent Jones. Rehabilitation services provided to the handicapped in hopes of re-employment, setting includes sheltered workshops.

**Alopecia Aerata** - Phone: 601-264-9575. Meets second Saturday each month at 2:00 PM. Call for location and information.

**Alternatives for Teens** - Meets at Dixie Community Center every Tuesday at 7:00 PM and Petal Civic Center every Thursday at 7:00 PM.

**Association for Retarded Citizens** - 65 Bonhomie Rd., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-583-4251. Website: www.thearc.org. President: Kathy Mixon. Services include early intervention, health care, a free appropriate public education and support for families.

For adults, our services include preparation for employment, job placement, independent living skill training, leisure and recreation activities and any other support needed.

**Autism Spectrum Support Group (Provided by Forrest General)** -

**PINE GROVE VILLAGE** - 1-888-574-HOPE.

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

At Pine Grove we specialize in triaging patients into the most appropriate program suited for your needs. Programs include chemical addiction, sex addiction and/or eating disorders. Our number is 1-888-574-HOPE (4673). The Admissions office is open from 8 am to 8 pm CST Monday-Friday and 8 am – 5 pm CST on weekends.

## **Support Groups**

### **1. Adult Diabetes Support Group (Provided by Forrest General)** -

The Adult Diabetes Support Group addresses the special needs of people with diabetes, providing the opportunity for discussions on topics such as nutrition, medicine, foot and eye care, complications, motivations, exercises and blood glucose monitoring. Meetings take place at the LiveWell Center Cloverleaf Medical Plaza (next to Wal-Mart) 5909 Highway 49, Suite 40. The meetings occur on the second Thursday of every month and are free to the public. For more information, call 601-288-8859. Call 601-288-1781 for information about the diabetes support/education group for children/teens and their families.

**Adults Molested as Children Support Group** - Phone: 601-264-7777 (meets weekly).

**A.I.C.D. Support Group (Provided by Forrest General)** - A.I.C.D. is a support group for those with Automatic Internal Cardiac Defibrillators. The support group meets quarterly at Forrest General's Center for Healthy Living at the Family Y. Family members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 601-288-1300.

**AIDS Services Coalition (ASC)** - PO Box 169, Hattiesburg, MS 39403-0169. Program Director: [Kathy Garner](mailto:Kathy.Garner@usc.edu) 601-450-4286; FAX 601-450-4285.

**1-2-1 Haven House** - [www.121havenhouse.org](http://www.121havenhouse.org)

1-2-1 Haven house provides resources and support services for

lies in south Mississippi through effective implementation of prevention, education and intervention programs.

**CommunityCares** - Pine Belt Mental Health Child & Adolescent Services, 110 Patton Ave., Hattiesburg, MS. Phone: 601-544-4641, ext. 129. Web site: [www.mycommunitycares.net](http://www.mycommunitycares.net). Contact: LaShana Sorrell. Community Cares is an initiative that provides services to children and youth 10-18 years old who have serious emotional problems and substance misuse issues in Forrest, Lamar and Marion Counties. This approach to services, recognizes the importance of family, school and community, and seeks to promote the full potential of every child and youth by addressing their physical, emotional, intellectual, cultural and social needs. \*Referral forms can be found in the appendix on our website.\*

**Court Street United Methodist Church** - Small Miracles Child Development Center, a ministry of the Edwards Street Fellowship Center, is housed on the first floor of Court Street U.M.C. From 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM on weekdays, the halls of the church echo with the sounds of laughter, singing, and learning. The center serves children who are six weeks to five years old (pre-kindergarten). With a well-trained staff of loving teachers and assistants, the children enjoy a preschool curriculum in a nurturing Christian environment. To learn more about the tuition and enrollment, contact Small Miracles director Jenny Bowers at 601-583-3569.

**Dubard School of Language Disorders** - 118 College Dr. #10035, Hattiesburg, MS 39406. Phone: 601-266-5223. Fax: 601-266-6763. Maureen K Martin, Ph.D., Director. [dubard@usm.edu](mailto:dubard@usm.edu). The school was designed to serve children with severe language-speech disorders, including developmental aphasia and childhood apraxia of speech, deafness and hearing impairments, as well as those with the written language disorder dyslexia. The DuBard School for Language Disorders enrolls children from ages 3-15. Younger hearing impaired children are served on an outclient basis. Children enrolled must have a primary disability of language/speech disorder or hearing impairment. Anyone interested in enrolling a child in the DuBard School should contact the director of the program. Children may be enrolled on a state-funded basis or on a tuition basis depending on individual circumstances. Fees

are charged for outpatient therapy.

**Girl Scouts (Gulf Pines Council)** - 500 North Hutchison Ave., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-582-1455. Web site: [www.gulfpines.org](http://www.gulfpines.org). Provides a contemporary, year-round program that is fun and responsive to the needs of all girls between ages 5-17, enabling them to reach their full potential and empowering them to take leadership roles in a changing global society. The purpose of Girl Scouting is to build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

**Jones County Foster Grandparent Program** - 1101 Hwy 11 South, Ellisville, MS 39437. Phone: 601-477-5803. Web site: [www.jcjc.ms.us](http://www.jcjc.ms.us). Assist children with reading and counseling; assist children with special needs.

**Lions of MS: Sea & Sun Camp** - PO Box 1088, Biloxi, MS 39533. Web site: [www.seaandsuncamp.com](http://www.seaandsuncamp.com). Fun and educational camp for blind and visually impaired youth ages 5-15 years old. The Sea and Sun Camp provides the campers a weekend of life's beautiful experiences. All activities are modified to meet their needs so each camper is allowed to be a child, as opposed to being a child with a handicap. Every child is able to participate in every activity. The camp is held at Camp Wilkes in Biloxi.

**Lumberton Family Life Center** - 1120 West Main Ave., PO Box 154, Lumberton, MS 39455. Phone: 601-796-5003, Fax: 601-796-2009. Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursday 3:30-6:00 PM. Offers tutoring, homework assistance, one-on-one counseling, reading as fun, and career development.

**Mississippi Children's Home Services** - 1900 North West St., Jackson, MS 39202. Phone: 601-360-0583 or 601-352-7784. Web site: [www.mchscares.org](http://www.mchscares.org). Email: [info@mchscare.org](mailto:info@mchscare.org). **Cares Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility** - We provide intensive residential services for typically 4-6 months in a highly structured and loving environment. In most cases, our children are either stepping down out of acute care hospitalization or have displayed behaviors that are too severe to be treated in a less restrictive setting. **Intensive In-Home Treatment** - The

for clients needing substance abuse treatment.

**MS Children's Home Services** - 1801 North West St., Jackson, MS. Phone: 601-355-0077 or 601-352-7784. Web site: [www.mshscare.org](http://www.mshscare.org). \*The ARK specialized substance abuse treatment for children 13-18; also outpatient services available. We provide alcohol and drug treatment to adolescents who benefit from an intensive, supervised, and voluntary facility. The ARK's residential substance abuse treatment program serves adolescents who have a primary Axis 1 diagnosis of alcohol/drug abuse/dependency or are dually diagnosed including severe emotional disturbances and require long-term treatment in a highly structured environment.

\*The Outpatient services are for youth whose substance abuse is limited in severity so that they can continue to function at home, school, or work. The ARK after care program is offered to graduates of our residential or outpatient programs and will accept adolescents who have completed treatment in other locations.

**For Admissions Contact:** Local: 601-969-4079; Toll free: 866-969-4079; Fax: 601-969-6433. Email: [admissions@mchscare.org](mailto:admissions@mchscare.org). **For General Information:** Local: 601-355-0077; Fax: 601-355-3703; Email: [ark@mchscare.org](mailto:ark@mchscare.org)

**Oak Arbor** - 4507 US Highway 49 S, Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-545-2925 or 888-291-0646. Web site: [www.oak-arbor.com](http://www.oak-arbor.com). Email: [smc-natt@oak-arbor.com](mailto:smc-natt@oak-arbor.com). Oak Arbor is a place for transition between primary addiction treatment and day-to-day life after treatment. Our comprehensive program provides a safe, alcohol/drug free environment offering independence with support to promote independent living without relapsing into addiction. Oak Arbor's 69 bed unit for males and separate five bed unit for females are comfortably furnished and decorated to feel like a home away from home. The facility operates a full-service cafeteria and is handicap-accessible. \*\* To become part of the Oak Arbor family, residents must be at least 18 years old and have successfully completed a primary treatment program. Residents must be stabilized on any psychotropic medications and must be able and willing to participate in all aspects of the treatment program including full-time employment, school and training and volunteer work. Residents must also be free of any communicable disease that could pose a threat to other residents and staff. The cost of the treatment program at Oak Arbor is \$1,950.\*\*

can call their toll-free number for the name of a volunteer ophthalmologist in your area. Volunteer ophthalmologists will accept Medicare or other insurance as full payment, with no additional payment from you. If you don't have any insurance, the eye care is free.

**Senior Job Registry** - 1-228-769-3031. Employment opportunities for senior citizens.

## **Substance Abuse/Addiction**

**Alcoholics Anonymous** - 601-545-7109 MS Helpline or 601-582-8663

**All Addictions Women in Recovery** - 119 South 25th Ave., Hattiesburg, MS. A 12 step meeting. Meets on Fridays at 5:30 PM.

**Celebrate Recovery** - Willow Pointe Church, 7 Canaan Lane, Hattiesburg, MS 39402. Phone: 601-264-5118. A support group that meets every Thursday at 6:15 PM. Come and join other believers who are recovering from habits, hang-ups, and hurts as they share their hearts in a "safe place" under the leadership of Christian leaders who are committed to this vital ministry. Contact: SF Carlisle at sfcarlisle@comcast.net

**Clearview Recovery Center** - #3 Clearview Circle, Moselle, MS 39459. Phone: 1-800-845-8918. Web site: [www.clearviewrecovery.com](http://www.clearviewrecovery.com). A premier residential program for the treatment of alcohol, drug and other addictive disorders and behaviors. Clearview is the first stop on the road to recovery for individuals caught in dependency or addictive behavior. While their comprehensive program focuses mainly on alcohol or drug dependency, Clearview counselors also assist clients with other addictive behaviors like compulsive gambling or eating.

Clearview also treats patients with a dual diagnosis, a mental or emotional condition that exists alongside the addictive behavior and may contribute to it. The center employs both a psychiatrist and psychologist to treat patients with depression, schizophrenia, bi-polar disorders and other conditions.

**Country Oaks Recovery Center** - 1005 Country Club Dr., Jackson, MS. Phone: 601-992-0802 or 601-923-0366. Permanent supportive housing

program is designed for youth between the ages of 6 to 17 who are seriously emotionally disturbed (SED) and who are at risk of being removed from their homes or community based placements and placed in more restrictive placements. The program offers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week access to highly trained and well supported professional staff who have demonstrated specific competencies in responding to and working with the behaviors associated with SED youth.

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**For General Info:** Local: 288-863-4992; Fax: 288-701-0057; Email: [iihs@mchscares.org](mailto:iihs@mchscares.org).

**MS Children's Home Services** - 1801 North West St., Jackson, MS. Phone: 601-355-0077 or 601-352-7784. Web site: [www.mshscares.org](http://www.mshscares.org). \*The ARK specialized substance abuse treatment for children 13-18; also outpatient services available. We provide alcohol and drug treatment to adolescents who benefit from an intensive, supervised, and voluntary facility. The ARK's residential substance abuse treatment program serves adolescents who have a primary Axis 1 diagnosis of alcohol/drug abuse/dependency or are dually diagnosed including severe emotional disturbances and require long-term treatment in a highly structured environment.

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**MS State Department of Health** - Web site: [www.msdc.state.ms.us](http://www.msdc.state.ms.us). Search for licensed child care facilities in your area; lists contact info for facilities.

**New Life Fellowship Ministries, Inc.** - 1210 Park Ave., Columbia, MS 39429. Phone: 601-731-1877. Web site: [www.newlifefellowshipministries.com](http://www.newlifefellowshipministries.com). After school activities for children

and youth; daycare facility; exercise sessions.

**OSEOLA McCarty Youth Development Center** - 607 McSwain St., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-450-0655. After school tutoring; homework help; mentoring/character development; community service projects.

**Pace Headstart** - 100 West Front St., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-545-8110. Preschool childcare program; assistance with medical and dental cost, developmental, speech, language and hearing, special ed services.

**Petal School District Center for Children and Families** - 201 West Central Ave., Petal, MS 39465. Phone: 601-584-4700; Fax: 601-544-8358. Office Hours: 8 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday—Wednesday, 8 AM-6 PM Tuesday—Thursday, 8 AM—3:30 PM Friday. To provide or link families with the resources and support services they need to be their child's first and best teachers. Programs include: Resource loan library, Parents as teachers, Newborn Packet Project, Even Start Family Literacy, Adult Education, Community Workroom, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Extended School, Kid's Health Fair, School District Volunteer Program

**Petal Schools Special Services Department** - 115 Hwy 42 East, Petal, MS. Phone: 601-582-4247. Special Education serves children ages 3-21 in a continuum of services at each grade level and school. The special education department has 49 teachers and 6 speech language pathologists serving about 700 students. Services include inclusion, tutorial, resource, self contained, community based programs, district severe profound program, day treatment classes/programs, behavior classes, developmentally delayed K-1 class, and homebound services. The high school offers three diploma options for special needs students: high school diploma, Mississippi Occupational Diploma program, and certificate program. The middle school also has behavioral health counselor who offers individual and group counseling. Meeting individual student needs is the goal for the special services department.

**The Family Y**

3719 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

**Merck Patient Assistance Program** - Phone: 1-800-727-5400. Prescription assistance.

**Novartis Care Card** - Phone: 1-870-620-3292. Web site: [www.careplan.novartis.com](http://www.careplan.novartis.com). Prescription assistance.

**People's Prescription Plan** - Phone: 1-800-566-0003. Web site: [www.peoplesrxcard.com](http://www.peoplesrxcard.com). Prescription assistance.

**Pharmacy Assistance Center** - 62 Old Airport Rd., Hattiesburg, MS. Phone: 601-544-4163. A unit of Southeast MS Rural Health Initiative (discount prescriptions, medication assistance program)

**PPARx MS** - Phone: 1-888-477-2669. Web site: [www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org). Prescription assistance.

**Prescription Benefit Card** - Phone: 1-800-377-1614. Prescription assistance.

**Save-Well** - Phone: 1-877-728-3935. Prescription assistance.

## **Senior Citizens**

**In-House Transportation, and Employment Assistance** - Phone: 1-800-444-8014. Provides basic household services to persons 60 years of age and older and unable to perform simple housekeeping tasks or needs assistance in performance. Also provides transportation services to food stamp offices, Social Security offices, rental and medical facilities, etc. Provides employment in part-time community service jobs.

**Senior Community Service Employment** - 1-800-444-8014. Employment opportunities for senior citizens.

**SENIOR EYE CARE PROGRAM** - 1-800-222-3937

Seniors EyeCare Program, formerly known as National Eye Care Project (NECP). Under this program, if you are a U.S. citizen or legal resident age 65 and older, have not seen an ophthalmologist in the last three years or more, and do not belong to an HMO or have Veteran's vision care, you

**The Carpenter's Helper - (601) 543-9843, (601) 582-3330**

[www.carpentershelfer.net](http://www.carpentershelfer.net)

Corrects deficient housing conditions for persons who lack the resources or physical or mental abilities to correct the problem themselves. This includes widows, widowers, disabled or disadvantaged.

**Pregnancy**

**Bethany Christian Services** - 7 Professional Parkway #103, Hattiesburg, MS 39402. Phone: 601-264-4984 or 1-800-Bethany. Contact: Anne Hurt. The goal of pregnancy counseling at Bethany Christian Services is to ensure that every client facing an unplanned pregnancy receives accurate and complete information about options for her and her child. There are no fees to you for pregnancy counseling services. There are no hidden costs. We are here to listen and provide help and guidance. We can also help you with medical and living expenses. If there are services you need that Bethany does not provide, we will make a referral to trusted partners in the community to help you with a wide range of needs from pre-natal care to government assistance. Free pregnancy testing.

**Crisis Pregnancy Center of South Central MS** - PO Box 4044/235 N 14th Ave., Laurel, MS 39441. Phone: 601-428-4357. Need Help? Email: [lifecall@aol.com](mailto:lifecall@aol.com) or call 1-800-662-2678.

**Prescription Assistance**

**Eli Lily & Co.** - 1-877-795-4559. Web site: [www.lily.com](http://www.lily.com). Prescription assistance.

**Glaxo Smith Kline - Orange Card** - 1-888-672-6436. [www.gsk.com](http://www.gsk.com). Prescription assistance

**Mature RX Card** - Phone: 1-800-511-1314. Prescription assistance for seniors.

**Medicaid** - Phone: 601-264-5386. Medicaid information number for Forrest, Lamar, and Perry Counties.

(601) 583-4000

The Family Y does not turn anyone away because of inability to pay. Financial assistance is provided for childcare, after-school and summer camps, sports programs, teens, families and active older adults. Places special emphasis on youth, active older adults and family fitness. Provides recreational and social programs at no charge for those with mental disabilities.

**South Mississippi Children's Center - (601) 582-8891.**

**www.mchfsa.org**

Provides a safe, homelike refuge for youth ages 9-17 who are abused, neglected, runaway and/or homeless. Serves as the community sponsor for Project Safe Place. 24 hour admissions and crisis line for runaway, homeless or in-crisis youth.

**YOUTH VILLAGES - [www.youthvillages.org](http://www.youthvillages.org)**

**116 North 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hattiesburg, MS 39402  
601-271-7561**

Youth Villages offers a continuum of programs and services designed to help children with emotional and behavioral problems overcome their challenges and live successfully at home. Children are helped in the least restrictive setting possible -- preferably in their own homes.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI:**

**CHILDREN'S CENTER FOR COMMUNICATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

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

*Provides services for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with communication and developmental disabilities.*

**Address:**

USM Speech and Hearing Bldg. 118 College Dr. #5092  
Room 109/office Fraternity Drive Hattiesburg, MS 39406

**Phone:** (601) 266-5222      **Fax:** (601) 266-6566

**Disability Services**

**American Council for the Blind** - [www.acb.org](http://www.acb.org). Job opportunities can be found on their website, as well as on [www.disabilitywork.com](http://www.disabilitywork.com). You can also find links to Braille Transcribers and lots of resources for the



blind.

**Association for Retarded Citizens** - 65 Bonhomie Rd., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-583-4251. Website: [www.thearc.org](http://www.thearc.org). President: Kathy Mixon. Services include early intervention, health care, a free appropriate public education and support for families.

For adults, our services include preparation for employment, job placement, independent living skill training, leisure and recreation activities and any other support needed.

**Autism Spectrum Support Group (Provided by Forrest General)** - The Autism Spectrum Support Group offers parents, family and community members the opportunity to share information about the disorder and learn how to cope with it. The meetings provide resources and guest speakers who are knowledgeable on autism. The meetings occur on the second Thursday of every month and are free to the public. Child care is provided. The meetings take place at Forrest General's Center for Healthy Living at the Family Y located at 3719 Veterans Memorial Dr. in Hattiesburg. For more information, call 601-288-4918 or email: [mlarrow@forrestgeneral.com](mailto:mlarrow@forrestgeneral.com).

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**Ellisville State School** - 1101 Highway 11 South, Ellisville, MS. Phone: 601-477-9348 or 601-477-5600. Our facility provides services to children

**Housing Authority of Hattiesburg** - 515 East 4th St., Hattiesburg, MS. Phone: 601-583-1881.

**Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA)**- The program pays all or part of rent for 21 weeks through the year, leaving 31 weeks in which the person must be responsible for rent. Case managers are designated for each Department of Health district to assist people in making application and to aid with other services needed to stay in safe and comfortable housing. Case managers interact with other services if clients allow release. Criteria to apply are: HIV + and low income. Call Tekisha Mitchell at 601-544-6776.

**HUD** - 100 West Capitol St., Room 910, Jackson, MS. Phone: 601-965-4700 or 601-965-4757. US Department of housing and urban development.

#### **URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

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

**PO BOX 1898**

**HATTIESBURG, MS 39403**

601-965-4700

601-965-4757

Down payment assistance; housing repair and rehabilitation; construction of new single family homes; demolition; disability program; early warning emergency alert program; community housing development organizations.

### **Housing Building and Repair**

**Hattiesburg Area Habitat for Humanity** - 5191 Hwy 42, Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-582-4663. Web site: [www.hattiesburghabitat.org](http://www.hattiesburghabitat.org). Email: [info@hattiesburghabitat.org](mailto:info@hattiesburghabitat.org). Helps families build affordable, decent housing through a partnership between families in need and individuals, businesses, churches and others with necessary resources. Must attend an orientation to receive and application to become a homeowner. To find out about orientation times and places call 601-582-4663 ext. 14. Habitat for Humanity also offers classes for money management and budgeting. Call for class information.



**QUALITY HOSPICE OF THE GULF COAST** - 2020 Hardy Street, Suite B Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-545-2273 Fax: 601-545-2419. *The mission of Quality Hospice of the Gulf Coast Inc. is to offer a comprehensive program of care to the terminally ill and their families through the integrated services of the Interdisciplinary Team which encompasses medical palliative care, nursing care, personal assistance, and psycho/social support for the patient and the patients family.*

**SOUTH MISSISSIPPI HOMECARE AND HOSPICE** -  
www.southmississippihomecare.com

**110 Lundy Lane  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402**

**Phone: (601) 261-4010 Ext. 404 Fax: (601) 261-4018**

Offers home health aides, physical therapy, speech therapy, nursing, and medical social services to meet the needs of patients in the comfort of their own homes

**SOUTHERN CARE** - [www.southercarehospice.com](http://www.southercarehospice.com)

4700 Hardy Street, Suite Y

Hattiesburg, MS 39401

601-579-9493

Devoted to providing support and care to terminally ill patients and their families

**TRINITY HOSPICE**

**201 Methodist Blvd  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401**

**601-268-7117**

**1-866-453-4777**

The mission of Trinity Hospice is to provide quality hospice care to patients with life limiting illnesses and to their caregivers and families. The goal of hospice is to add quality of life when quantity is limited.

## **Housing**

**Housing Alternatives of Hattiesburg, Inc.** - PO Box 1030, Hattiesburg, MS 39403. Phone: 601-544-9140. Community housing development organization; provide homeownership counseling certification courses.

and adults with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. It is the goal of Ellisville State School to provide each individual we serve with appropriate services so that each will develop to the maximum of his or her ability. We desire through treatment and training to place each individual in his or her least restrictive environment. Ellisville State School provides community living services, group homes, case management, day habilitation, early intervention programs, in-home services, etc.

Jaycee Evaluation Center: provides vision screening, audiology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, psychology, and parents training.

### **How to Apply:**

The admission procedure is initiated upon receipt of a Department of Mental Health Application for Services. After an appropriate evaluation by the Center's diagnostic and evaluation team, the Administrative Screening and Review Committee determines the most appropriate placement for the applicant. If the individual is found to be appropriate for services offered by Ellisville State School, his/her name is placed on the active waiting list until there is an appropriate vacancy. For further information contact: Xiomara Bryant, Admissions Director, at 601-477-6178.

**L.I.F.E of Mississippi of South Mississippi - Living Independence for Everyone of Mississippi** - 710 Katie Ave., Hattiesburg, MS 39401.

Phone: 601-583-2108 or 1-800-898-8977. Web site: [www.lifeofms.com](http://www.lifeofms.com). Empowers people with significant disabilities to be as independent and as fully involved in their communities as they can and want to be. Services include peer support, skills training, information and referral, advocacy and a loan closet for medical equipment. Purchases medical devices, equipment, aids and home and vehicle modifications. Has several support groups and holds a youth retreat annually (Contact the Jackson office at 601-969-4009 if interested in the youth retreat.)

**Lions of MS: Sea & Sun Camp** - PO Box 1088, Biloxi, MS 39533. Web site: [www.seaandsuncamp.com](http://www.seaandsuncamp.com). Fun and educational camp for blind and visually impaired youth ages 5-15 years old. The Sea and Sun Camp provides the campers a weekend of life's beautiful experiences. All activities are modified to meet their needs so each camper is allowed to be a child, as opposed to being a child with a handicap. Every child is able to participate in every activity. The camp is held at Camp Wilkes in Biloxi.

### **Camp Dates:**

2014Camp: May 16-18

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

We are always in need of Counselors, Nurses, manual labor, transportation drivers, food service handlers, clean up crew, overnight dormitory supervision, and many other jobs.

**Mississippi Services for the Deaf/Blind - University of Southern**

**Mississippi** - PO Box 5115, Hattiesburg, MS 39406. Phone: 601-477-9384. Provides MS Deaf/Blind Registry, Resource Library, Training and Technical assistance for children and young adults with deafness/blindness.

**Mississippi Special Olympics** - 15 Olympic Way, Madison, MS 39110.

Phone: 601-856-7748 or 1-800-655-6742; Fax: 601-856-8132. Web site: [www.specialolympicsms.org](http://www.specialolympicsms.org). Provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for individuals with mental retardation by giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Short-term for special events/competitions; Tasks at competitions, such as keeping time.
- Various time commitment: Office assistance; fund-raising; planning/events; public relations.
- Long-term: Coaching; competition and event planning/management; sports management; sports volunteering/assisting coach. **Materials needed:** Sports equipment, large tents.

**Mississippi State Employment Services** - 4100 Mamie St., Hattiesburg,

MS . Phone: 601-264-0502 (Employment claims.) Job training and testing.

**Mississippi Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind** - PO Box 17949,

Hattiesburg, MS 39404. Phone: 601-545-5613. Contact: Lea' Guster Seawirght or Patricia Woodruff. Individual counseling and guidance; medical treatment; training in mobility; communication and personal management; vocational evaluation; on the job training; college training; low vi-

**HATTIESBURG, MS 39401**

**601-544-3683**

Provides a lodge that opens at 5pm for 16 men, can make accommodations in a local motel. Emergency lodging and meals for transients, homeless families, and dislocated individuals are provided for at The Center of Hope. The Center of Hope shelters individuals and families who are in need of a safe place to sleep. Our center is dedicated to helping men, women and families overcome the situations and conditions that have brought them to our shelter. Individualized case plans guide clients to benefits and services for which they may be eligible. Our program takes residents from dependency to independency through work, education, training and skills development. Staff is available to guide, advocate and make referrals to private and public resources. Individuals have access to mail, telephone, classified ads, and showers. These are all key in gaining employment, which leads to self sufficiency. The opportunity is provided to all residents to take part in worship and other activities at one of our Salvation Army corps or at a community church of their choice.

**Hospice Care**

**ASERACARE Hospice** - 6158 Hwy 49, Suite 18, Hattiesburg, MS 39401.

Phone: 601-544-2322. Family-centered multi-leveled approach to caring for patients and families.

**Camellia Home Health and Hospice** - 133 Mayfair Rd., Hattiesburg, MS

39402. Phone: 601-264-8691. Web site: [www.camelliahealth.com](http://www.camelliahealth.com). Medicare and Medicate certified. Dedicated to providing holistic, hospice care through an individualized program for patients nearing the end of life experiences.

**Deaconess Hospice** - 110 Lundy Lane, Hattiesburg, MS 39402. Phone:

601-261-4010 ext. 404. Home health aide services, medical social services, chaplain, bereavement.

**Forrest General Hospital Home Care and Hospice** - 1414 South 28th

Ave., Hattiesburg, MS 39402. Phone: 601-288-2500 Fax: 601-288-2503. Utilizes an interdisciplinary team approach to offer support and compassionate care for terminally ill patients and their families.

HATTIESBURG, MS 39401

601-583-9408

Assistance with utilities, food, clothing and occasionally partial rent.

### **Homeless Assistance/Shelters**

**Bethesda Project, Inc.** - 207 Florence St., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-325-5249. Lwbridges1@aol.com. Fair housing assistance, money debt management, post and prepurchase counseling, predatory lending.

**Christian Services** - 301 East 2nd St., Hattiesburg, MS. Phone: 601-582-5686. Provides hot noonday meals; operates Meals on Wheels; temporary and emergency housing; emergency help with food, rent, utilities, etc.

**Domestic Abuse Family Shelter** - PO Box 273, Laurel, MS 39441. Phone: Office: 601-428-1707, 24-Hr. Crisis Line: 1-800-649-1092, Hattiesburg Shelter 601-582-2102. Provides a 24-hour crisis line and 24-hour shelter (at no charge) for women and their children who are victims of domestic violence. Nonresidential counseling services are provided for victims and domestic violence classes for abusers.

**Lighthouse Mission** - 204 Eupora St., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-544-2469. Web site: [www.lighthousemission.org](http://www.lighthousemission.org). Non-profit organization that is focused on serving the needs of homeless families by reaching out through meeting both short term and long term needs. While providing a safe, stable environment for our guest. Lighthouse Rescue Mission is dedicated to giving each individual the opportunity to move forward from wherever they are in life. Along with food, shelter, and a community of love, each person will be given the opportunity to obtain a GED if they do not already have one. Each individual will also be given opportunities to take classes ranging from parental classes to money management classes to spiritual guidance and counseling opportunities.

**THE SALVATION ARMY** - [www.uss.salvationarmy.org](http://www.uss.salvationarmy.org)  
**5670 US HIGHWAY 49**

sion evaluation and training in the use of aids; job placement and follow up services; other services to help visually impaired persons become employed.

**MPAS MS Protection and Advocacy System** - 5305 Executive Place, Jackson, MS 39206. Phone: 601-981-8207 or 1-800-722-4057. Web site: [www.mspas.com](http://www.mspas.com). The purpose of the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Program (PADD) is to protect and advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities.

**MS Society for Disabilities** - 3226 North State St., Jackson, MS 39296. Phone: 601-362-2585 or 800-962-2400. The mission of Mississippi Society for Disabilities (MSD) is to provide a broad spectrum of programs and services to meet the needs of Mississippi children and adults with disabilities, thus enabling them to achieve maximum independence and gain the greatest possible quality of life.

**KIDS Services (KeyInterDisciplinary)** - Speech/language, vision and hearing screening services are provided for metro area Head Start Centers and area schools. Customized programs are designed to improve cognitive, verbal and manual skills. Serving both children and adults, our clinic staff provides assessment and treatment for:

- Articulation and Language disorders
- Fluency and voice disorders
- Sensory integration dysfunction
- Coordination disorders
- Visual perceptual dysfunction

The K.I.D.S. Clinic also offers FastForWord, a library of computerized adaptive training programs with interactive exercises.

**Specific Assistance Program** - Technology has enabled many individuals with disabilities to achieve greater independence and self-reliance than ever before. Wheelchairs that can climb stairs, prosthetic limbs that feel like flesh and respond to nerve impulses are among the personal needs that may be met by this program.

**Petal Schools Special Services Department** - 115 Hwy 42 East, Petal, MS. Phone: 601-582-4247. Special Education serves children ages 3-21 in a continuum of services at each grade level and school. The special education department has 49 teachers and 6 speech language

pathologists serving about 700 students. Services include inclusion, tutorial, resource, self contained, community based programs, district severe profound program, day treatment classes/programs, behavior classes, developmentally delayed K-1 class, and homebound services. The high school offers three diploma options for special needs students: high school diploma, Mississippi Occupational Diploma program, and certificate program. The middle school also has behavioral health counselor who offers individual and group counseling. Meeting individual student needs is the goal for the special services department.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

- Volunteers to work in classrooms to work with kids by reading with students doing vocabulary.
- Monitoring students during state testing in May for 3 days. Short amount of training is necessary.
- Reading books on tape

**Pine Belt Association for Community Enhancement, Inc. (PACE) -**

100 West Front Street, Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-545-8110; Fax: 601-545-4548. Contact: Karla Leverette, Education Program Specialist. Provides social and health services as well as volunteer services and student relationships, education disability/mental health services, curriculum, and instruction (The center operates the preschool program to meet the needs of low-income families in Forrest County regardless of race.)

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Work individually with students, supervise and assist group activities/games
- Provide clerical assistance
- Provide child care
- Assist with special events/celebrations
- **Family or Group Projects:** Parent Day activities, male participation, Family Day activities, Grandparents Day, Black History celebration, Parents' Banquet, volunteer workshop, etc.

**PINEBELT MENTAL HEALTH** - [www.pbmhr.com](http://www.pbmhr.com).

**Hattiesburg Child & Adolescent Services**

110 Patton Avenue

assistance.

**Pearl River Valley Opportunity** - 756 Hwy 98 By Pass, Columbia, MS 39429. Phone: 601-736-9564. Web site: [www.prvoinc.org](http://www.prvoinc.org).

**Emergency Food and Shelter Program:** The program serves Covington, Jefferson Davis, Marion, Forrest, and Lamar Counties. Perry County is not always a part of the regular funding, but has been funded through State set-aside funds. The funds are used to supplement feeding, shelter, rent/mortgage and utility assistance efforts. A local board whose members represent nonprofit service agencies decides which services will be provided in each county. Eligibility criteria are based on poverty income guidelines without regard to age, race, sex, religion, national origin, or disability. **Headstart Program:** Comprehensive services for eligible preschool children ages 3 to school age, offers free transportation for these students. \*Summer Child Care Services: Children ages 3-12\*. **Prescription Assistance:** 601-736-9564. Provides medications at low-to-no cost for low-income elderly.

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**HATTIESBURG, MS 39401**

**601-544-3683**

Provides a lodge that opens at 5pm for 16 men, can make accommodations in a local motel. Emergency lodging and meals for transients, homeless families, and dislocated individuals are provided for at The Center of Hope. The Center of Hope shelters individuals and families who are in need of a safe place to sleep. Our center is dedicated to helping men, women and families overcome the situations and conditions that have brought them to our shelter. Individualized case plans guide clients to benefits and services for which they may be eligible. Our program takes residents from dependency to independency through work, education, training and skills development. Staff is available to guide, advocate and make referrals to private and public resources. Individuals have access to mail, telephone, classified ads, and showers. These are all key in gaining employment, which leads to self sufficiency. The opportunity is provided to all residents to take part in worship and other activities at one of our Salvation Army corps or at a community church of their choice.

**ST PAUL DEPAUL SOCIETY**

219 BUSCHMAN STREET

## **Hearing**

**Dubard School of Language Disorders** - 118 College Dr. #10035, Hattiesburg, MS 39406. Phone: 601-266-5223. Fax: 601-266-6763. Maureen K Martin, Ph.D., Director. dubard@usm.edu. The school was designed to serve children with severe language-speech disorders, including developmental aphasia and childhood apraxia of speech, deafness and hearing impairments, as well as those with the written language disorder dyslexia. The DuBard School for Language Disorders enrolls children from ages 3-15. Younger hearing impaired children are served on an outclient basis. Children enrolled must have a primary disability of language/speech disorder or hearing impairment. Anyone interested in enrolling a child in the DuBard School should contact the director of the program. Children may be enrolled on a state-funded basis or on a tuition basis depending on individual circumstances. Fees are charged for outclient therapy.

## **Home Energy Assistance**

**American Red Cross, South Central Mississippi Chapter** - www.southcentralmsredcross.org. 606 Hutchison Ave., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-582-8151. Helps people prevent, prepare and respond to emergencies; limited utility assistance to elderly or disabled; emergency communication and financial assistance to member of Armed Forces and to Veterans.

**Christian Services** - 301 East 2nd St., Hattiesburg, MS. Phone: 601-582-5686. Provides hot noonday meals; operates Meals on Wheels; temporary and emergency housing; emergency help with food, rent, utilities, etc.

**Entergy** - www.energy-mississippi.com/content/our\_community/advocate/assistance\_brochure.pdf. 1-800-368-3749.

**MS Power** - Phone: 1-800-532-1502. Web site: customerservice.southerncompany.com/residential. Low-income rate assistance: monthly base charge waived for eligible low-income and elderly customers. Project Share: emergency charitable energy

Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
PH: 601-582-1111  
FAX: 601-528-1607

**Developmental Disabilities Services**  
PO Box 1030  
41 Bonhomie Road  
PH: 601-450-0431  
FAX: 601-450-0433  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

### **Disability Services include:**

- Behavior Management and Family Consultation

### **University of Southern Mississippi – Institute for Disability Studies**

<http://www.ids.usm.edu/>

**USM campus- 118 College Drive - Bond Hall (4th floor)**

**Box 5163**

**Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001**

**FAX (601) 266-5114**

Directors: Dr. Royal Walker, Dr. Jane Siders

Contact: Cassie Hicks (601) 266-6038

Services:

**The Technology Learning Center (TLC)** is a community based, university-directed, non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing education, independence and quality of life for persons with disabilities. TLC serves children and adults with disabilities, their families, teachers, and education professionals through assessment, training and lending of assistive technology including adapted toys, augmentative communication, computer access, and adapted sports and recreation equipment.

### **PROJECT SHARE CARE BANK**

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

especially for families who have a member with a disability or chronic condition; members network in order to help one another using whatever skills or resources anyone may have to share with the group.

### **VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION- SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT**

**CONTACT: SABRINA BEAN AT 601-582-4275.** Supported employment for persons with disabilities.

## **Domestic Abuse**

**Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse** - 905 Hardy St., Suite 218, Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-545-6680. Web site: [www.mscca.com](http://www.mscca.com). Our mission is to prevent child abuse, neglect and family violence by improving the quality of the life for children and families in south Mississippi through effective implementation of prevention, education and intervention programs.

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### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Shopping
- Answering the crisis line
- Data Entry
- Yard Work
- Work individually with clients, assist with group activities, provide child care services.
- Assist with special events
- Adopting families, purchasing gifts for shelter residents, financial assistance for those strapped during the Christmas season.

**SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS CENTER** - 307 CHEVY CHASE, HATTIESBURG, MS 39401. Phone: 601-264-7777  
Contact: Kim Newell, Director  
Services for adults molested as children, adult rape survivors, children and adolescents.

### **SHAFER CENTER FOR CRISIS INTERVENTION**

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

Address: 118 College Drive #10016  
Hattiesburg, MS 39406-10016

Mailing Address: 307 Chevy Chase  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

have demonstrated specific competencies in responding to and working with the behaviors associated with SED youth.

**For Admissions Contact:** Local: 601-969-4079; Toll Free: 866-969-4079; Fax: 601-969-6433; Email: [admissions@mchscares.org](mailto:admissions@mchscares.org).

**For General Info:** Local: 288-863-4992; Fax: 288-701-0057; Email: [iihs@mchscares.org](mailto:iihs@mchscares.org).

## **YOUTH VILLAGES**

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

**116 North 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402  
601-271-7561**

Youth Villages offers a continuum of programs and services designed to help children with emotional and behavioral problems overcome their challenges and live successfully at home. Children are helped in the least restrictive setting possible -- preferably in their own homes.

## **Health Care - Substance Abuse**

**Clearview Recovery Center** - #3 Clearview Circle, Moselle, MS 39459. Phone: 1-800-845-8918. Web site: [www.clearviewrecovery.com](http://www.clearviewrecovery.com). A premier residential program for the treatment of alcohol, drug and other addictive disorders and behaviors. Clearview is the first stop on the road to recovery for individuals caught in dependency or addictive behavior. While their comprehensive program focuses mainly on alcohol or drug dependency, Clearview counselors also assist clients with other addictive behaviors like compulsive gambling or eating.

Clearview also treats patients with a dual diagnosis, a mental or emotional condition that exists alongside the addictive behavior and may contribute to it. The center employs both a psychiatrist and psychologist to treat patients with depression, schizophrenia, bi-polar disorders and other conditions.

**Oak Arbor** - 4507 US Highway 49 S, Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-545-2925 or 888-291-0646. Web site: [www.oak-arbor.com](http://www.oak-arbor.com). Email: [smc-natt@oak-arbor.com](mailto:smc-natt@oak-arbor.com). Oak Arbor is a place for transition between primary addiction treatment and day-to-day life after treatment. Our comprehensive program provides a safe, alcohol/drug free environment offering

**Address:**

USM Speech and Hearing Bldg. 118 College Dr. #5092  
Room 109/office Fraternity Drive Hattiesburg, MS 39406  
**Phone:** (601) 266-5222 **Fax:** (601) 266-6566

**Health Care - Behavioral**

**CommunityCares** - Pine Belt Mental Health Child & Adolescent Services, 110 Patton Ave., Hattiesburg, MS. Phone: 601-544-4641, ext. 129. Web site: [www.mycommunitycares.net](http://www.mycommunitycares.net). Contact: LaShana Sorrell. Community Cares is an initiative that provides services to children and youth 10-18 years old who have serious emotional problems and substance misuse issues in Forrest, Lamar and Marion Counties. This approach to services, recognizes the importance of family, school and community, and seeks to promote the full potential of every child and youth by addressing their physical, emotional, intellectual, cultural and social needs. \*Referral forms can be found in the appendix on our website.\*

**Memorial Behavioral Health** - 100 South 20th Ave. Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-545-9301. Web site: [www.gulfportmemorial.com](http://www.gulfportmemorial.com). Contact: Heather Slade - Outreach Coordinator. Hattiesburg Office: Assessments and consultations, link with resources for individuals with mental and behavioral issues. \*Available 365 days a year, 24 hours a day at 1-800-831-1700\*

**Mississippi Children's Home Services** - 1900 North West St., Jackson, MS 39202. Phone: 601-360-0583 or 601-352-7784. Web site: [www.mchscare.org](http://www.mchscare.org). Email: [info@mchscare.org](mailto:info@mchscare.org). **Cares Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility** - We provide intensive residential services for typically 4-6 months in a highly structured and loving environment. In most cases, our children are either stepping down out of acute care hospitalization or have displayed behaviors that are too severe to be treated in a less restrictive setting. **Intensive In-Home Treatment** - The program is designed for youth between the ages of 6 to 17 who are seriously emotionally disturbed (SED) and who are at risk of being removed from their homes or community based placements and placed in more restrictive placements. The program offers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week access to highly trained and well supported professional staff who

Phone: (601) 264-7777 Fax: (601) 264-7777 (call first)  
Provide support, counseling, referral, and information to victims of all types of sexual assault, their families, and friends (The center also provides services to families and friends of homicide victims.)

**South Mississippi Children's Center** - (601) 582-8891.

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

Provides a safe, homelike refuge for youth ages 9-17 who are abused, neglected, runaway and/or homeless. Serves as the community sponsor for Project Safe Place. 24 hour admissions and crisis line for runaway, homeless or in-crisis youth.

**Education - General**

**Jones County Community College Adult Education Program** - 900 South Court St., Ellisville, MS 39437. Phone: 601-477-4164. Offers adult education classes such as reading, math, writing, ACT, and GED prep classes; employment enhancement skills, career assessment, and planning.

**Lamar County School District** - 300 North St., Purvis, MS 39475. Phone: 601-794-1030. Web site: [www.lamar.k12.ms.us](http://www.lamar.k12.ms.us).

**Mississippi Rural Center** - 10 Rural Center Lane, PO Box 902 Columbia, MS 39429. Phone: 601-736-3961; Fax: 601-736-3620. **Hours of Operation:** Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Program Hours: 3:00-5:00 PM. Age Requirement: 16 years and up. Serves senior citizens, families, and youth groups in literacy; provides computer labs, arts and crafts, and at-risk classes for area youth. (The center serves as a vehicle for social change, encourages religion as well as personal enhancement, and serves as a community family.)

**OSEOLA McCarty Youth Development Center** - 607 McSwain St., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-450-0655. After school tutoring; homework help; mentoring/character development; community service projects.

**Pace Headstart** - 100 West Front St., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-545-8110. Preschool childcare program; assistance with medical and



dental cost, developmental, speech, language and hearing, special ed services.

**Petal School District Center for Children and Families** - 201 West Central Ave., Petal, MS 39465. Phone: 601-584-4700; Fax: 601-544-8358. Office Hours: 8 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday—Wednesday, 8 AM-6 PM Tuesday—Thursday, 8 AM—3:30 PM Friday. To provide or link families with the resources and support services they need to be their child’s first and best teachers. Programs include: Resource loan library, Parents as teachers, Newborn Packet Project, Even Start Family Literacy, Adult Education, Community Workroom, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Extended School, Kid’s Health Fair, School District Volunteer Program.

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**PINE BELT EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER ADULT AND COMMUNITY**

**EDUCATION OFFICE** - 923 B Sawmill Road, Laurel, MS 39440. Phone: (601) 649-4141 Fax: (601) 649-4150. *Provides literacy training, including low-level reading and math, at no cost to the participants; one-on-one certified instructors; provides adult basic skills, GED preparation, family literacy, early childhood education, and parenting skills, ESL classes; job training classes; employability skills workshops, etc.*

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Volunteers are needed as aides and to recruit, enroll, and work with literacy and ESL students.

**Mississippi Special Olympics** - 15 Olympic Way, Madison, MS 39110. Phone: 601-856-7748 or 1-800-655-6742; Fax: 601-856-8132. Web site: [www.specialolympicsms.org](http://www.specialolympicsms.org). Provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for individuals with mental retardation by giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

**Mississippi Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind** - PO Box 17949, Hattiesburg, MS 39404. Phone: 601-545-5613. Contact: Lea’ Guster Seawirght or Patricia Woodruff. Individual counseling and guidance; medical treatment; traing in mobility; communication and personal management; vocational evaluation; on the job training; college training; low vision evaluation and training in the use of aids; job placement and follow up services; other services to help visually impaired persons become employed.

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI:  
CHILDREN’S CENTER FOR COMMUNICATION AND DEVELOPMENT**  
[www.usm.edu/shs](http://www.usm.edu/shs)

*Provides services for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with communication and developmental disabilities.*



placement for the applicant. If the individual is found to be appropriate for services offered by Ellisville State School, his/her name is place on the active waiting list until there is an appropriate vacancy.

For further information contact: Xiomara Bryant, Admissions Director, at 601-477-6178.

### **L.I.F.E of Mississippi of South Mississippi - Living Independence for**

**Everyone of Mississippi** - 710 Katie Ave., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-583-2108 or 1-800-898-8977. Web site: www.lifeofms.com. Empowers people with significant disabilities to be as independent and as fully involved in their communities as they can and want to be. Services include peer support, skills training, information and referral, advocacy and a loan closet for medical equipment. Purchases medical devices, equipment, aids and home and vehicle modifications. Has several support groups and holds a youth retreat annually (Contact the Jackson office at 601-969-4009 If interested in the youth retreat.)

**Lions of Mississippi Sight Foundation** - 431 Katherine Dr., Flowood, MS 39232. Phone: 601-981-8207 or 1-800-722-4057. Protection and advocacy for all Mississippians living with disabilities.

**Eye Glasses:** Lions Club, Inc. Contact Larry Gamble at 601-583-0031 or Dorothy Fennell at 601-583-9698. Eye examinations and glasses or underprivileged or welfare youth.

**Lions of MS: Sea & Sun Camp** - PO Box 1088, Biloxi, MS 39533. Web site: www.seaandsuncamp.com. Fun and educational camp for blind and visually impaired youth ages 5-15 years old. The Sea and Sun Camp provides the campers a weekend of life's beautiful experiences. All activities are modified to meet their needs so each camper is allowed to be a child, as opposed to being a child with a handicap. Every child is able to participate in every activity. The camp is help at Camp Wilkes in Biloxi.

#### **Camp Dates:**

2014Camp: May 16-18

### **Mississippi Services for the Deaf/Blind - University of Southern**

**Mississippi** - PO Box 5115, Hattiesburg, MS 39406. Phone: 601-477-9384. Provides MS Deaf/Blind Registry, Resource Library, Training and Technical assistance for children and young adults with deafness/blindness.

## **Education - Job Training**

**Christian Women's Job Corps** - 100 W-Front St., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-268-6683 Linda Donnell or 601-545-8110 Pat Reves. Web site: www.wmu.com/volunteerconnection/cwjc. Participate in a 10 week session that prepares you for new job opportunities through computer skills, resume writing, interview skills, mentorships, etc.

**Hattiesburg Education Literacy Project** - 410 East 6th St., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-583-2233. For Forrest and surrounding counties, free reading tutoring program, computer based skills improvement classes, GED classes, English, ESL computer.

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## **Emergency Aid**

**Bread Basket** - 601-584-7574 (Morning). Supported by various Hattiesburg churches. Three day supply of food delivered, if necessary, to needy individuals and families in the Hattiesburg/Petal area. Limited canned goods for transients.

**Catholic Social and Community Services** - 18 Industrial Dr., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-583-4251. Contact: Trent Jones.

**Celebrate Recovery** - Willow Pointe Church, 7 Canaan Lane, Hattiesburg, MS 39402. Phone: 601-264-5118. A support group that meets every Thursday at 6:15 PM. Come and join other believers who are recovering from habits, hang-ups, and hurts as they share their hearts in a "safe place" under the leadership of Christian leaders who are committed to this vital ministry. Contact: SF Carlisle at [sfcarlisle@comcast.net](mailto:sfcarlisle@comcast.net)

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**Edwards Street Fellowship Center**—1904 Edwards St., Hattiesburg MS. Phone: 601-544-6149. Web site: [www.esfcntn.org](http://www.esfcntn.org). Contact: Iva Brown. The food pantry provides emergency food to about 200 families per week. The food pantry is supported by many churches and individuals in the Hattiesburg District of the United Methodist Church. ESFC is an ap-

disorder and learn how to cope with it. The meetings provide resources and guest speakers who are knowledgeable on autism. The meetings occur on the second Thursday of every month and are free to the public. Child care is provided. The meetings take place at Forrest General's Center for Healthy Living at the Family Y located at 3719 Veterans Memorial Dr. in Hattiesburg. For more information, call 601-288-4918 or email: [mlarrow@forrestgeneral.com](mailto:mlarrow@forrestgeneral.com).

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**Ellisville State School** - 1101 Highway 11 South, Ellisville, MS. Phone: 601-477-9348 or 601-477-5600. Our facility provides services to children and adults with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. It is the goal of Ellisville State School to provide each individual we serve with appropriate services so that each will develop to the maximum of his or her ability. We desire through treatment and training to place each individual in his or her least restrictive environment. Ellisville State School provides community living services, group homes, case management, day habilitation, early intervention programs, in-home services, etc. Jaycee Evaluation Center: provides vision screening, audiology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, psychology, and parents training.

**How to Apply:**

The admission procedure is initiated upon receipt of a Department of Mental Health Application for Services. After an appropriate evaluation by the Center's diagnostic and evaluation team, the Administrative Screening and Review Committee determines the most appropriate

employment, which leads to self sufficiency. The opportunity is provided to all residents to take part in worship and other activities at one of our Salvation Army corps or at a community church of their choice.

## **Financial Counseling/Debt Management**

**Bethesda Project, Inc.** - 207 Florence St., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-325-5249. Lwbridges1@aol.com. Fair housing assistance, money debt management, post and prepurchase counseling, predatory lending.

**Consumer Credit Counseling** - 6158 Hwy 49 - Suite #17, Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-544-2227. Financial counseling.

**Hattiesburg Area Habitat for Humanity** - 5191 Hwy 42, Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-582-4663. Web site: www.hattiesburghabitat.org. Email: info@hattiesburghabitat.org. Helps families build affordable, decent housing through a partnership between families in need and individuals, businesses, churches and others with necessary resources. Must attend an orientation to receive and application to become a homeowner. To find out about orientation times and places call 601-582-4663 ext. 14. Habitat for Humanity also offers classes for money management and budgeting. Call for class information

## **Health Care - Disabilities**

**Association for Retarded Citizens** - 65 Bonhomie Rd., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-583-4251. Website: www.thearc.org. President: Kathy Mixon. Services include early intervention, health care, a free appropriate public education and support for families.

For adults, our services include preparation for employment, job placement, independent living skill training, leisure and recreation activities and any other support needed.

**Autism Spectrum Support Group (Provided by Forrest General)** - The Autism Spectrum Support Group offers parents, family and community members the opportunity to share information about the

proved distribution agency of the Mississippi Food Network which provides for the purchase of USDA surplus food at a reasonable cost. The food pantry is operated solely by volunteer workers and follows all the USDA guidelines for distribution of food to individuals.

**4 B's Girl's Club** - Edward Street Fellowship Center's after school program for girls in 1st through 4th grade. Activities include, Bible devotions, physical activity, arts and crafts, and social activities.

**Emergency Welfare** - 601-554-4350. Limited funds or purchase of prescription drugs.

**Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Community Service Center** - 500 Helverston Rd., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-544-5747 or 601-544-1802. Canned goods, clothing, financial assistance.

**Pearl River Valley Opportunity** - 756 Hwy 98 By Pass, Columbia, MS 39429. Phone: 601-736-9564. Web site: www.prvoinc.org. **Emergency Food and Shelter Program:** The program serves Covington, Jefferson Davis, Marion, Forrest, and Lamar Counties. Perry County is not always a part of the regular funding, but has been funded through State set-aside funds. The funds are used to supplement feeding, shelter, rent/mortgage and utility assistance efforts. A local board whose members represent nonprofit service agencies decides which services will be provided in each county. Eligibility criteria are based on poverty income guidelines without regard to age, race, sex, religion, national origin, or disability. **Headstart Program:** Comprehensive services for eligible preschool children ages 3 to school age, offers free transportation for these students. \*Summer Child Care Services: Children ages 3-12\*. **Prescription Assistance:** 601-736-9564. Provides medications at low-to-no cost for low-income elderly

**THE SALVATION ARMY** - [www.uss.salvationarmy.org](http://www.uss.salvationarmy.org)

**5670 US HIGHWAY 49**

**HATTIESBURG, MS 39401**

**601-544-3683**

Provides a lodge that opens at 5pm for 16 men, can make accommodations in a local motel. Emergency lodging and meals for transients, homeless families, and dislocated individuals are provided for at The Center of Hope. The Center of Hope shelters individuals and families who are in

need of a safe place to sleep. Our center is dedicated to helping men, women and families overcome the situations and conditions that have brought them to our shelter. Individualized case plans guide clients to benefits and services for which they may be eligible. Our program takes residents from dependency to independency through work, education, training and skills development. Staff is available to guide, advocate and make referrals to private and public resources. Individuals have access to mail, telephone, classified ads, and showers. These are all key in gaining employment, which leads to self sufficiency. The opportunity is provided to all residents to take part in worship and other activities at one of our Salvation Army corps or at a community church of their choice.

### **ST PAUL DEPAUL SOCIETY**

219 BUSCHMAN STREET  
HATTIESBURG, MS 39401  
601-583-9408

Assistance with utilities, food, clothing and occasionally partial rent.

### **UNITED WAY OF SOUTHEAST MS**

[www.myunitedway.com](http://www.myunitedway.com)  
**210 West Front Street**  
**Hattiesburg, MS 39401**  
Phone #2-1-1

**2-1-1 Mississippi:** offers information on a range of services such as emergency food and clothing; shelter and housing; job services; support groups and counseling.

### **Emergency Crisis Assistance - Domestic Abuse**

**Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse** - 905 Hardy St., Suite 218, Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-545-6680. Web site: [www.mscca.com](http://www.mscca.com). Our mission is to prevent child abuse, neglect and family violence by improving the quality of the life for children and families in south Mississippi through effective implementation of prevention, education and intervention programs.

**Domestic Abuse Family Shelter** - PO Box 273, Laurel, MS 39441. Phone: Office: 601-428-1707, 24-Hr. Crisis Line: 1-800-649-1092, Hatties-

## **Financial Assistance**

**Christian Services** - 301 East 2nd St., Hattiesburg, MS. Phone: 601-582-5686. Provides hot noonday meals; operates Meals on Wheels; temporary and emergency housing; emergency help with food, rent, utilities, etc.

**Emergency Welfare** - 601-554-4350. Limited funds or purchase of prescription drugs.

**Entergy** - [www.energy-mississippi.com/content/our\\_community/advocate/assistance\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.energy-mississippi.com/content/our_community/advocate/assistance_brochure.pdf). 1-800-368-3749/

**Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Community Service Center** - 500 Helverston Rd., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-544-5747 or 601-544-1802. Canned goods, clothing, financial assistance.

**Hinds County Human Resource Agency** - 822 Forrest Ave., Jackson, MS 39206. Phone: 601-923-3930 or 601-987-8798. Homeless Supportive Services: individualized service plans; adult education; job development training; emergency assistance; medical screening; family counseling and crisis intervention; transportation.

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work, and follow-up available for ages 16 and older; must be a vocational rehabilitation client or referral.

**New Life Resources** - 802 West Pine St., Suite D, Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-545-2372 or 601-447-1450. Email: nicks@c-gate.net. Debt/credit counseling; job application training; hands on job skills training; tutoring and computer training.

**Senior Community Service Employment** - 1-800-444-8014. Employment opportunities for senior citizens.

**Senior Job Registry** - 1-228-769-3031. Employment opportunities for senior citizens.

### **SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**700 Hardy Street  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
601-545-2137**

Provides basic education and pre employment training classes, job search assistance.

Eligible: Persons between the ages of 17 and 21 who have dropped out of school.

### **UNITED WAY OF SOUTHEAST MS**

**www.myunitedway.com**

**210 West Front Street  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401**

Phone #2-1-1

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### **WIN JOB CENTER**

5926 US HWY 49  
Hattiesburg, MS 39425  
601-584-1202

burg Shelter 601-582-2102. Provides a 24-hour crisis line and 24-hour shelter (at no charge) for women and their children who are victims of domestic violence. Nonresidential counseling services are provided for victims and domestic violence classes for abusers.

**SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS CENTER** - 307 CHEVY CHASE, HATTIESBURG, MS 39401. Phone: 601-264-7777

Contact: Kim Newell, Director

Services for adults molested as children, adult rape survivors, children and adolescents.

**South Mississippi Children's Center** - (601) 582-8891.

**www.mchsfsa.org**

Provides a safe, homelike refuge for youth ages 9-17 who are abused, neglected, runaway and/or homeless. Serves as the community sponsor for Project Safe Place. 24 hour admissions and crisis line for runaway, homeless or in-crisis youth.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Assist with recreational outings

Assist with educational activities

Help with decorating guest rooms and maintaining house

**Holiday Projects:** Halloween activities, Thanksgiving outings and activities, Christmas wish list, Easter outings and activities

### **Emergency Crisis Assistance - General**

**American Red Cross, South Central Mississippi Chapter** -

www.southcentralmsredcross.org. 606 Hutchison Ave., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-582-8151. Helps people prevent, prepare and respond to emergencies; limited utility assistance to elderly or disabled; emergency communication and financial assistance to member of Armed Forces and to Veterans.

**American Red Cross, Pine Belt Chapter** - 401 West Oak St., Laurel, MS 39440. Phone: 601-426-9071. Website: www.redcross.org. A humanitarian organization led by volunteers who provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

## **Emergency Crisis Assistance - Hotlines**

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Services for adults molested as children, adult rape survivors, children and adolescents.

### **SHAFER CENTER FOR CRISIS INTERVENTION**

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

Address: Mailing Address:

118 College Drive #10016 307 Chevy Chase  
Hattiesburg, MS 39406-10016 Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Phone: (601) 264-7777 Fax: (601) 264-7777 (call first)

Provide support, counseling, referral, and information to victims of all types of sexual assault, their families, and friends (The center also provides services to families and friends of homicide victims.)

## **Employment/Job Training**

**Christian Women's Job Corps** - 100 W-Front St., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-268-6683 Linda Donnell or 601-545-8110 Pat Reves. Web site: [www.wmu.com/volunteerconnection/cwjc](http://www.wmu.com/volunteerconnection/cwjc). Participate in a 10 week session that prepares you for new job opportunities through computer skills, resume writing, interview skills, mentorships, etc.

**Hattiesburg Education Literacy Project** - 410 East 6th St., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-583-2233. For Forrest and surrounding counties, free reading tutoring program, computer based skills improvement classes, GED classes, English, ESL computer.

**Hattiesburg Public School District - Harper Wallin Family Education Center** - 516 Forrest St., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-582-6672. Provides students, families, and community members the resources, services, and support needed in today's world, including GED training.

**Hinds County Human Resource Agency** - 822 Forrest Ave., Jackson, MS 39206. Phone: 601-923-3930 or 601-987-8798. Homeless Supportive Services: individualized service plans; adult education; job development training; emergency assistance; medical screening; family counseling and crisis intervention; transportation.

**Jones County Community College Adult Education Program** - 900 South Court St., Ellisville, MS 39437. Phone: 601-477-4164. Offers adult education classes such as reading, math, writing, ACT, and GED prep classes; employment enhancement skills, career assessment, and planning.

**Lumberton Family Life Center** - 1120 West Main Ave., PO Box 154, Lumberton, MS 39455. Phone: 601-796-5003, Fax: 601-796-2009. Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursday 3:30-6:00 PM. Offers tutoring, homework assistance, one-on-one counseling, reading as fun, and career development.

**Mississippi Rural Center** - 10 Rural Center Lane, PO Box 902 Columbia, MS 39429. Phone: 601-736-3961; Fax: 601-736-3620. **Hours of Operation:** Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Program Hours: 3:00-5:00 PM. Age Requirement: 16 years and up. Serves senior citizens, families, and youth groups in literacy; provides computer labs, arts and crafts, and at-risk classes for area youth. (The center serves as a vehicle for social change, encourages religion as well as personal enhancement, and serves as a community family.)

**Mississippi State Employment Services** - 4100 Mamie St., Hattiesburg, MS . Phone: 601-264-0502 (Employment claims.) Job training and testing.

**MS Department of Rehabilitation Services** - #18 JM Tatum Industrial Dr., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Phone: 601-544-9534. Web site: [www.mdrs.state.ms.us](http://www.mdrs.state.ms.us). Ability Works, Inc.: evaluation, job readiness,