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Addiction Recovery

For Residential Programs, see “Housing.”

Adoption Agencies

Lifeline Children’s Services

1612 Marion St., Suite 206 | Columbia, SC 29201

lifelinechild.org

803-779-0541

QuiverFull Adoptions

403 Pettigru St. | Greenville, SC 29601

quiverfulladoptions.com

QuiverFullAdoptions@gmail.com

864-373-9644

If pregnant and considering adoption, text or call 864-334-8593 to discuss options, process and available support.

Christian Adoption Services

7884 Idlewild Rd | Indian Trail, NC 28079

Christianadopt.org

pregnant@christianadopt.org

24/7 Hotline: 800-453-3531 | Text: 704-619-3531

Espanol: 888-297-297-4108

Adverse Prenatal Diagnosis & Miscarriage

COMPASS

Comprehensive Perinatal, Pediatric, and Adolescent Support Service

Palmetto Health Children’s Hospital

7 Richland Medical Park Dr. | Columbia, SC 29203

803-296-5437

Compass is an inpatient consultation service which helps the family navigate the healthcare system while assisting the core medical team in the care of the child. The program also includes a perinatal component to help care for families devastated with the news that their unborn baby may suffer from a life-limiting illness.

Contact Nurse Coordinator Debbie Kamowski RN, BSN, CHPPN at 803-434-2249.

The Compassionate Friends

www.compassionatefriends.org

A self-help organization offering friendship, understanding, and hope to bereaved families that have experienced the death of a child. Online support groups, information, and local chapter locator.

Memories Support Group

803-960-6140

Lexington Medical Center

Group meets 2nd Thursday 7-8:15 PM. Check in at the info desk at North Tower Entrance.

Naomi's Circle

803-728-1162

Columbia, SC

<http://www.naomiscircle.org/>

naomiscircle@gmail.com

Christian support group for pregnancy and infant loss.

Perinatal Hospice & Palliative Care

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

PerinatalHospice.org is a clearinghouse of information about perinatal hospice & palliative care, including many resources for parents and caregivers as well as an international list of more than 300 programs.

Prenatal Partners for Life

prenatalpartnersforlife.org

Support for families with an adverse diagnosis including financial help. See website for further information.

Share

<http://nationalshare.org/online-support/>

Provides online group chats and support groups for prenatal and postnatal bereavement. SC locations in Greenville, Charleston, Bluffton, Lexington, and Columbia.

Wee Remember

803-296-5783

Prisma Health Baptist Hospital, Basement Chaplain's Seminar Room
1501 Sumter Street, Columbia, SC 29220

Support group for the loss of a child aged 2 years or younger. Meets the 4th Tuesday from 6:30-8:30 PM.

Recommended Books

A Gift of Time: Continuing Your Pregnancy When Your Baby's Life Is Expected to be Brief

Grief After Termination of Pregnancy Due to Fetal Malformation

Waiting for Gabriel: A Story of Cherishing A Baby's Brief Life

Childcare

Daycare Voucher - DSS

Care.com

<https://www.care.com/>

Counseling & Mental Health

Association of Certified Biblical Counselors

<https://biblicalcounseling.com/counselors/>

Search by location. Some provide counseling for free.

Christian Counseling Center of First Presbyterian Church 803-779-1995

1500 Lady St. | Columbia, SC 29201

1205 Old Cherokee Rd. | Lexington, SC 29072

6952 St. Andrews Road | Columbia, SC 29212

2831 Clemson Road | Columbia, SC 29229

www.christiancounseling.ws/

Christian counseling for a number of difficult, but not crisis, issues. Ministries include individual counseling; group counseling for boundaries, caregivers, and griefshare; psychiatric services; and individual and group counseling for sexually compulsive behavior. No scholarships are offered, however, providers operate on a sliding financial scale. At times, the Center has interns on staff that can offer a reduced fee of \$20/session. This is the lowest possible price.

Christian Mental Health Network

<https://cmhnet.net/find-a-counselor/>

Search by city.

The Cooperative Ministry

803-799-3853

3821 West Beltline | Columbia, SC 29204

<http://www.coopmin.org/>

info@coopmin.org

The Christian Counseling Center offers a free clinical counseling assessment for individuals in crisis on Tuesdays from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at The Cooperative Ministry. Office Hours are Monday-Thursday 9am-6pm, Friday 9am-4pm. The assessments will be provided by a Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA) and will address issues not limited to but including grief and loss, trauma, anxiety and depression, stress management, and major life changes. Clients will be given a referral or the option to continue counseling at The Christian Counseling Center's downtown office.

Lake Murray Counseling and Coaching

803-781-1003

7511 St. Andrews Rd. #1 | Irmo, SC 29063

lakemurraycounseling.com

Disability / Special Needs

Able SC

(803) 779-5121

720 Gracern Road Suite 106 | Columbia, SC 29210

able-sc.org

Provides training programs regarding disability accommodation and awareness. Includes volunteering and internship opportunities. Services include advocacy, independent living, and mentoring. For questions regarding youth transition programs, contact Paige Widget, Director of Youth Transition Programs: pwidget@able-sc.org. Click here to set up an accessibility consultation: able-sc.org/get-support/accessibility-consultations/

Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry

(843) 806-3078

aldersgatespecialneedsministry.org

asnm-sc@att.net

Christian ministry providing housing for adults with special needs. Housing includes the following: Aldersgate at The Oaks (home for 6 men), Aldersgate Columbia (home for 6 women), Aldersgate Florence (home for four men). Housing includes life skills training, work experiences, and Sunday connections to worshipping communities. Contact Executive Director Elaine G. Mathis through the phone number or email address given above for additional details.

The ARC of the Midlands

(803) 693-5746

529 South Lake Drive | Lexington, SC 29072-3458

Email: TheArc@ArcMidlands.org

Main website: <https://thearc.org/chapter/the-arc-of-the-midlands/>

Midlands chapter website: <https://arcmidlands.org/> (temporarily down for repairs)

Promotes and protects human rights of those with disabilities. Initiatives include criminal justice, education, employment, future planning, health, volunteering, technology, and traveling. For questions, email TheArc@ArcMidlands.org, as their website is temporarily unavailable for repairs.

Babcock Center

(803) 799-1970

2725 Banny Jones Avenue | West Columbia, SC 28170

babcockcenter.org

info@babcockcenter.org

Offers residential programs for those with disabilities, ranging from independent supported living to intensive 24-hour care; also provides employment opportunities/ vocational training.

Beginnings

(803) 216-1171

437 Center Street | West Columbia, SC 29169

beginningssc.org

info@beginningssc.org

Provides training, free information, support for professionals and parents of deaf children, and hearing screenings. Offers training to SC child care providers.

Camp TALK

104 Sycamore Tree Road | Lexington, SC 29171

camptalk.org/contact-us

support@camptalk.org

Social skills day camp for kids ages 10 and up, specifically for those diagnosed with Asperger's Autism, Autism Level 1 or PDD-NOS. Click here to view and register for upcoming events: <http://www.camptalk.org/events/>. Call Karissa's number listed above, or David at (803) 466-0035.

(803) 466-7387

Domestic Violence / Sexual Trauma

Hotline

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

(512) 453-8117

Call 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) for 24/7 assistance as well as a referral to a local domestic violence agency. All calls are free and confidential. Website is very informative.

Sexual Trauma Services

Columbia Office: 3830 Forest Dr. | Suite 201 | Columbia, SC 29204

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

HotLine: (803) 771-7273

Office Phone: 803-790-8208

Lexington Office:

711 East Main Street, Ste C, 29072

Sumter Office:

533C Oxford Street, 29150

Newberry Office:

1530 Main Street, Ste 201, 29108

Call the 24-Hour Crisis Hotline at 803-771-7273 for advice or referrals. Services include crisis intervention, counseling and client advocacy in support of needs such as housing, employment and legal assistance.

Sistercare

PO Box 1029 | Columbia, SC 29202

<http://www.sistercare.org/>

Crisis Line: 803-765-9428

Office Phone: (803)-926-0505

Services are free and extensive including counseling, advocacy, legal, housing and assistance to become self-sufficient.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must reside in Richland, Lexington, Fairfield, Newberry or Kershaw counties.
- Must be female victim domestic violence by intimate partner
- 'Violence' includes verbal, physical, emotional, financial, etc.
- Must have fled partner (or had no contact with partner) for less than 6 months to qualify for shelter (counseling and legal assistance have no time requirements attached).

Employment

AppleOne Employment Staffing

(803) 407-0777

107 Westpark Blvd., Suite 135 | Columbia, SC 29210

<https://www.appleone.com/>

Staffing agency providing opportunities, coaching and assistance free for the client seeking the job. Functions like an HR department servicing many companies.

Community Actions: Aiken, Barnwell, Lexington

803-794-6778

650 Knox Abbott Dr. | Cayce, SC 29033

<https://scaccess.communityos.org/zf/profile/program/id/79870>

This Community Action Agency's local office provides emergency assistance with home utility costs, clothing, housing, rent, food and medical expenses to income eligible individuals and families. They also have a job training program and a computer training center. Their mission is to reduce the causes and conditions of poverty in a geographical area. Their goal is to provide a nurturing environment in which low income families can seek assistance that helps them to become less dependent upon government assistance. They strive to give low income families a 'hand up' in the direction of self-sufficiency not a 'handout'."

Goodwill Jobs Connection

864-351-0100

www.goodwillsc.org/find-work

Provides job seekers with access to resources and skills development leading to job opportunity.

HireDynamics

803-782-0126

720 Gracern Rd. Ste 401 | Columbia, SC 29210

hiredynamics.com/locations/columbia

Connects employers and job seekers.

Project Hope

803-898-9090 / Toll Free 1-800-299-2433

SC Department of Social Services

P.O. Box 1520 | Columbia, SC 29202-1520

www.dss.sc.gov/projecthope

Health Profession Opportunity Grant funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families. Training opportunities include: registered nurse, medical laboratory technician, licensed practical nurse, dental assistant, medical assistant, medical records technician, EMT, paramedic, patient care technician, cardiovascular technician, pharmacy technician, phlebotomist, CNA, basic skill education, and GED program.

Richland Library Career Coaching

803-231-6398 / 231-6339

Richland Library, Main
1431 Assembly St. | Columbia, SC 29201
<http://www.richlandlibrary.com/jobs>
richlandlibrary.com/i-am-employee

Computer access, career coaching, interview practice, classes, resume assistance, support and networking group, and job application tip sheet.

SC works

803-737-5627

<http://scworks.org>

Provides services such as career guidance, job referrals and testing and training to meet the needs of jobseekers, employers, and those looking to further their careers.

Wateree Community Actions, Inc

803-807-9811

1915 Harden Street | Columbia, SC 29204
<https://www.wcai.org/>

Wateree Community Actions, Inc. serves Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee, Richland and Sumter counties. We have programs for utility bill assistance, rental assistance, educational & employment assistance, head start, and weatherization.

Fatherhood

Daybreak Ministries

803-771-6634

1601 St. Julian Place | Columbia, SC 29204

Provides fatherhood classes, mentorship, and resume assistance.

Faith for Fathers

803-814-4323

433 Forest Avenue | Spartanburg, SC 29302
<https://faithforfathers.org/>

Create events for fathers and children to make memories. Provide resources for fathers to lead their families and provide chats for dads to share with each other and support each other.

Midlands Fatherhood Coalition

803-933-0052

1420 Colonial Life Blvd. Suite 80, Columbia, SC 29210
http://www.scfathersandfamilies.com/programs/midlands_fatherhood_coalition/

Offers education and services uniquely tailored for fathers trying to rebuild their lives and their families. The free program consists of both peer group meetings and one-on-one sessions covering a variety of topics. Assists with job placement and the child support system.

Financial Assistance

TANF

800-616-1309

<https://dss.sc.gov/assistance-programs/tanf/>

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), formerly known as Family Independence, is South Carolina's welfare program. TANF benefits provide temporary financial assistance to needy families with dependent children.

Application for the TANF/FI Program: [DSS Form 3800](#)

Community Actions: Aiken, Barnwell, Lexington

803-794-6778

650 Knox Abbott Dr. | Cayce, SC 29033

<https://scaccess.communityos.org/zf/profile/program/id/79870>

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Wateree Commission

803-807-9811

1915 Harden Street | Columbia, SC 29204

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

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Lexington Mission

803-957-6656

216 Harmon St. | Lexington, SC 29072

<https://missionlexingtonsc.org/>

Food, clothing, stabilization through financial assistance for certain Lexington zip codes.

Christian Assistance Bridge

800-877-8339

126 Blythewood Road, Blythewood, SC 29016

www.christianassistancebridge.com

Providing financial help and emergency food for those in need. Application and in-person interview required. (As of July 2022 did not have Spanish speaking staff, can bring an interpreter to complete the steps.)

Food

Food Stamps [SNAP]

www.fns.usda.gov/snap

Requirements include application, resource and income limits (which are updated annually) with special SNAP rules for households with disabled or elderly.

WIC

855-472-3432

Richland County Health Department

2000 Hampton St. | Columbia, SC 29204

Additional Office: Fort Jackson WIC Clinic | 4555 Scales Avenue | Fort Jackson SC 29207

www.signupwic.com/yougotthis

Food assistance is available to women who are pregnant, postpartum up to 6 months, breastfeeding up to the infant's first birthday. WIC highly encourages breastfeeding, and breastfeeding mothers are given priority.

Income: Applicants who are already enrolled in SNAP, Medicaid or TANF are automatically qualified.

To satisfy WIC qualifications, a candidate must be eligible by four categories- categorical, residential, income and nutritional risks. To claim WIC benefits, an applicant must also provide proof of his or her address and collect cash assistance only from the nearest state office.

Call 1-844-601-6878 for more information or text keyword **yougotthis** + your zip code to 67076.

Richland Library Social Workers

803-509-8371

<https://www.richlandlibrary.com/social-work>

socialworker@richlandlibrary.com

Richland Library's social workers provide a connection for area residents who are seeking reliable information about and assistance with healthcare, housing, food and more. Services include: Affordable Care Act, FAFSA, Food, Housing, Legal Assistance, Medicaid, Medicare Rx, Assistance, SNAP (Food Stamps), Veterans Benefits, and Vision/Dental needs.

Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 am - 1 pm & 2:30 pm - 4 pm

FOOD PANTRIES & SOUP KITCHENS

Christ Central Ministries

803-600-5803

1711 Pendleton St. | Columbia, SC 29201

<https://christcentralministries.org/>

Soup kitchen runs Sun - Thurs. Emergency Food Pantry is available Wed 9 to 11. Check qualifications.

Christian Assistance Bridge

800-877-8339

126 Blythewood Road, Blythewood, SC 29016

www.christianassistancebridge.com

Providing financial help and emergency food for those in need. Application and interview required.

The Cooperative Ministry

3821 West Beltline | Columbia, SC 29204

<http://www.coopmin.org/>

803-799-3853

Offers food vouchers to food banks operated by our various church partners. Vouches are given out Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vouchers are limited so come early. Clients are eligible for a voucher once every 90 days. Must be a resident of Richland County, provide a picture ID and have a social security card. Walk-ins are welcome.

God's Helping Hands

919 Holland Ave. | Cayce, SC 29033

info@ghhcayce.org

803-791-4167

Assists people living in Cayce and West Columbia area who are in a crisis situation and in need of food. A picture I.D. and Social Security card are required and a DSS referral is required for return visits.

Hours Monday through Friday 9:00am to 12:00pm.

Harvest Hope Food Bank

2220 Shop Rd. | Columbia, SC 29201

<https://www.harvesthope.org/about-harvest-hope>

803-254-4432 Ext. 1132

Those in need of emergency foods to meet basic nutritional needs are eligible. Must provide picture ID, current physical address, and birthdays of all household members. No appointment needed, but Thursdays are reserved for CSFP clients (over 60 Years of age). If not part of a government program, food given is donated food. Those who are part of programs receive government issued foods. 30 day eligibility (operations currently moved outside due to Covid-19)

Metro Baptist Association Food Pantry

PO Box 23192 | Columbia, SC 29201

<https://www.columbiometro.org/contact/>

803-619-7110

Can refer to local Baptist churches with food pantries. Check qualifications.

Salvation Army

3024 Farrow Rd. | Columbia, SC 29203

<https://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/columbia/>

803-765-0260

Food, clothing and utility assistance. Walkins accepted from 10:00-11:30, M-F. Eligibility for food help just requires a photo ID and some form of ID for all other members of the household. Requirements for other services are determined by caseworkers and may involve other applications and documentation.

Washington Street UMC Soup Kitchen

1401 Washington St. | Columbia, SC 29201

<https://wsmethodist.org/connect/mission-outreach/soup-cellar/>

803-256-2417

Serves lunch. No documentation required and anyone can come. Check hours.

GED / HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Birthright Pregnancy Center

803-765-0165

1316 Richland St. | Columbia, SC 29201

<https://birthrightofcolumbia.org/>

Will pay for both the mother and father that wish to complete their high school studies.

Christ Central Career and Life Skills Group

803-640-1685

267 Laurens Street SW | Aiken, SC 29801

Offer a free fast-track GED program. Can reach Columbia contact Kristen Mottey at kmottey@email.sc.edu.

Free Testing

803-317-9809

Airport High School Media Center: 1315 Boston Ave. | West Columbia, SC 29170

<https://www.richlandlibrary.com/services/earn-your-high-school-diploma>

School Districts

Contact your district for current class information and if they charge a fee.

Healthcare: Dental & Family Medicine

Capital City Dentistry

803-408-7468

3000 Two Notch Rd. | Columbia, SC 29204

<https://www.capitalcitydentistrysc.com/services/childrens-dentistry/>

Accepts Medicaid.

Carolina Family Practice

803-256-2500

1410 Blanding St., Ste 102 | Columbia, SC 29201

<https://phuscmg.org/locations/family-and-preventive-medicine/carolina-family-practice>

Services include Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Gynecological Care, Counseling, Stress Management, ect.
Hours are Monday-Thursday 730am-5pm and Friday 730am-1pm. Medicaid accepted.

Columbia Free Medical Clinic

1875 Harden St. | Columbia, SC 29204

<https://www.freemedclinic.org/mission-history/>

803-765-1503

Eligibility requirements: no insurance, household income at or below 175% of Federal Poverty Level. See website. Primary care. Limited on-site specialty care includes: cardiology, dermatology, endocrinology, limited general surgery, gynecology, hematology/infectious disease, nephrology, limited neurology, orthopedics, podiatry, pulmonology, rheumatology. Additionally they provide medications & diabetic supplies. The Clinic does not prescribe or dispense controlled substances, patient education, referral to laboratory, x-ray & diagnostic testing, and referrals to specialty care.

Eau Claire Cooperative Health Services, Inc.

See website for list of locations.

<http://www.ecchc.org/>

803-753-5590

Accepts Medicaid, a sliding fee scale for the uninsured, and offers a wide range of services including dental and walk-in clinics.

Good Samaritan Clinic

<https://goodsamaritansc.org>

803.358.8339 ext. 1

Medical screenings, diagnostic testing, prenatal care, referrals to specialty physicians, education, spiritual counseling, hygiene kits, food pantry items when available. Check which services are available at which locations and eligibility.

Chapin | 803-358-8339 ext. 4

1808 Chapin Rd. | Chapin, SC 29036

Open Thursdays at 4 pm. No appointment necessary.

West Columbia | 803-358-8339 ext. 3

1316 Leaphart St. | West Columbia, SC 29169

Open Thursday at 4 pm. Call between 2 - 4 pm on Thursdays to register. No appointment necessary except for prenatal and gynecological services.

Columbia | 803-790-0239 ext. 3

7915 Old Percival Rd. | Columbia, SC 29223

Open Tuesdays. Call between 2 - 4pm on Tuesdays to register. No appointment necessary.

Lexington | 803.358.8339 ext. 6

216 Harmon Street Lexington, SC 29072

Open Wednesday at 4pm. Call to schedule an appointment.

Richland Library Social Workers

<https://www.richlandlibrary.com/social-work>

socialworker@richlandlibrary.com

803-509-8371

Richland Library's social workers provide a connection for area residents who are seeking reliable information about and assistance with healthcare, housing, food and more. Services include: Affordable Care Act, FAFSA, Food, Housing, Legal Assistance, Medicaid, Medicare Rx, Assistance, SNAP (Food Stamps), Veterans Benefits, and Vision/Dental needs.

Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 am - 1 pm & 2:30 pm - 4 pm

Healthcare: Medicaid

<https://www.scdhhs.gov/Getting-Started>

Apply online or in person. Richland County Office: 3220 Two Notch Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29204-2826
See website for full list of offices.

****See Social Services Assistance section for organizations which assist with Medicaid applications.**

Information Needed to Apply for Medicaid w/ DSS Office and The Benefit Bank of SC:

- 1) Proof of state residency, US citizen with ID card etc
- 2) Social Security Number
- 3) Proof of income - yourself or any other household member including your parents if you are under 18. (Bring statements from your employer or company on company letterhead or pay stubs from the 3 months; or if paid monthly , 2 paycheck stubs; r if paid weekly, 8 paycheck stubs; or if paid bimonthly, 4 paycheck stubs.)
- 4) If unemployed and you or your supportive household member is receiving unemployment benefits, go to EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION to obtain verification of your expected or current amount before going to DSS.
- 5) Proof of Pregnancy with expected date of delivery (can get this is at a pregnancy center).

Other Medicaid Offices:

Lexington: 605 West Main Street, Lexington, SC 29072 | 803-785-2991
Eastover Office: 120 Clarkson Street, Eastover, SC 29044 | 803-353-2698
State Medicaid Office: 803-898-2500

Presumptive Eligibility

A pregnant woman can only be authorized for one PE period (two months) per pregnancy (for a situation of not having medicaid but going into a hospital to receive care with the presumption you will qualify). PE coverage is limited to ambulatory prenatal care, like medical exams, and DOES NOT include labor and delivery. Labor and delivery is covered for pregnant women under a different program. Contact Healthy Connections at (888) 549-0820 for more information.

PE is to be used as a last resort payment option; if a patient has any other alternative insurance coverage, the hospital will seek to use the alternative coverage. Only a hospital authorized by Healthy Connections can make a Medicaid determination. During the initial intake process, hospital staff will determine if you meet the financial and categorical requirements to be eligible for Medicaid. PE is applied only to certain categories.

Medicaid for US Born Children:

To receive medicaid for US born children, either the applicant or the newborn must have a Social Security number. The applicant does not have to state citizenship status on the application but they will be asked. Phone (applicants and members): 1-888-549-0820.

Undocumented:

Medicaid covers undocumented moms for labor and delivery. Clients must sign up for Medicaid prior to birth. The application takes 30-45 days to be processed so it is recommended that the mom apply as soon as pregnancy is verified. Apply on the website here, by phone (Spanish language option is available), in the office, or by calling and requesting an application to be mailed.

The application is the same regardless what coverage you are seeking/eligible for. Once you apply they will determine your coverage (IE there is not a specific application for labor and delivery coverage). Income requirements are listed online. Go to schdhhs.gov and search income limits. Necessary documents required may include: proof of pregnancy, last 4 pay check stubs, ID.

Citizenship and residency information is not reported by the Medicaid office.

See more FAQ here: https://www.scdhhs.gov/FAQs#_Citizenship_and_Residency

Presumptive eligibility (do not have medicaid, go into hospital to receive care with the presumption you will qualify) does NOT cover labor and deliver. More info at Healthy Connections: (888) 549-0820.

To receive affordable medical care through pregnancy, use this website to find a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Community Health Center which often offers care on a sliding fee scale based on income and household size.

Medicaid FAQ here.

Healthcare: OB-GYN

Waverly Women's Health Center

803-744-0540

1228 Harden St. | Columbia, SC 29204

<http://www.ecchc.org/Locations/WaverlyWomensHealthCenter>

Accepts all medicaid. Bi-lingual staff.

Hopkins Family Practice

803-978-1848

9023 Garners Ferry Rd. | Hopkins, SC 29061

<http://www.ecchc.org/Locations/HopkinsPediatricsFamilyPractice>

Provides care in Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Behavioral Medicine and OB/GYN. Accepts all medicaid.

Brookland-Cayce Medical Practice

803-939-0174

1115 State St., Cayce SC 29033

<http://www.ecchc.org/Locations/BrooklandCayceMedicalPractice>

Provides care in Family Medicine and OB/GYN. Accepts all medicaid.

Waverly Women's Health & Internal Medicine of Batesburg-Leesville **803-532-1580**

338 East Columbia Ave., Suite B | Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29070

<http://www.ecchc.org/Locations/WaverlyWomensHealthInternalMedicine>

Provides care in OB/GYN and Family Medicine. Accepts all medicaid.

Sumter OB/GYN

115 N. Sumter St., Suites 100/200 |

<https://phuscmg.org/specialties/obgyn/sumter-ob-gyn>

803-775-8351

Accepts all medicaid.

Columbia Women's Health Center

1301 Taylor St., Suite 6-J | Columbia, SC 29201

<https://phuscmg.org/specialties/obgyn/columbia-womens-healthcare>

803-296-2942

OB/GYN care. Accepting all medicaid.

Lexington Women's Care

Accepts only Select Health and First Choice Medicaid. Delivers at Lexington hospital. Offices in three locations:

West Columbia

Lexington Hospital Medical Park 3
803-936-8100

Irmo

1 Wellness Boulevard, Suite 203
803-936-8100

Sandhills

233 Longtown Rd.
803-788-0268

Housing: Assistance

The Brookland Foundation

1045 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia, SC 29169

brooklandfoundation.org

803-744-7914

Not any more? Assists families/individuals financially with rental, utilities, temporary shelter, food, and transportation. Check eligibility.

Columbia Housing Authority

1917 Harden St. | Columbia, SC 29204

<http://www.chasc.org/home.html>

803-254-3886

Housing and residential programs. Applicants must pre apply online. All applications are accepted, but must be completed during a "window" and a limited number of applicants are selected at a given time through a computer generated lottery system. Income limits are based on household size. Elderly, low-moderate income families, and those with disabilities are eligible.

*"We do not have any emergency housing programs. If you are in need of emergency housing assistance, please call 211 to speak with a United Way representative."

Community Actions: Aiken, Barnwell, Lexington

650 Knox Abbott Dr. | Cayce, SC 29033

<https://scaccess.communityos.org/zf/profile/program/id/79870>

803-794-6778

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Community Assistance Providers

Cap-sc.org

jldevine@communityassistanceprovider.com

803-771-0050

Community Assistance Provider's mission is to improve quality of life by providing safe, decent, affordable housing and economic opportunities for low to moderate-income individuals and families throughout our fifteen (15) county service area.

Family Promise

1333 Omarest Drive, Columbia, SC 2921

<https://www.familypromisemidlands.org>

803-832-4765

Deal primarily with homelessness. Clients are placed with a church, after screening, for a week at a time for up to 30-90 days. Caseworkers assist in job search, housing, financial guidance. Clients and their children are provided housing with families as needed, provided there is no drug use or criminal/mental health history. No age limit. Some supplies, (i.e. Diapers, furniture to set up housekeeping, etc. are available. Transportation is needed if possible. Limited van availability from the program. Clients need to come in person to request services. Caseworker will then conduct a phone interview for bio and other information.

God's Helping Hands

919 Holland Ave. | Cayce, SC 29033

803-791-4167

Assists people living in the Cayce and West Columbia area who are in a crisis situation and cannot make the full payment of their housing rental cost and who are usually at risk of being evicted. Serves zip codes 29169, 29170, 29171, 29172, 29033. Hours Monday through Friday 9:00am to 12:00pm.

Habitat for Humanity

209 S. Sumter St. | Columbia, SC 29201

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

803-252-3570

Builds homes with qualifying participants for an affordable price.

To qualify, one must:

- Be in need of better housing (i.e. can't afford current mortgage, current home inaccessible due to disabilities, home is unhealthy or damaged, etc.
- Willing to partner with Habitat and help building the home or another home in the area.
- Able to pay an affordable mortgage.

HUD

1835 Assembly Street, 13th Floor | Columbia, SC 29201

https://www.hud.gov/states/south_carolina/offices#columbia

803-765-5592

Find options for loans and apartment rentals at low cost.

Richland Library Social Workers

<https://www.richlandlibrary.com/social-work>

socialworker@richlandlibrary.com

803-509-8371

Richland Library's social workers provide a connection for area residents who are seeking reliable information about and assistance with healthcare, housing, food and more. Services include: Affordable Care Act, FAFSA, Food, Housing, Legal Assistance, Medicaid, Medicare Rx, Assistance, SNAP (Food Stamps), Veterans Benefits, and Vision/Dental needs.

Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 am - 1 pm & 2:30 pm - 4 pm

Transitional Housing Program

<http://www.scvan.org/transitional-housing-program>

tthp@scvan.org

803-750-1200

Provides financial and housing assistance to victims of violent crime committed in SC. The program includes rent, utility payments and security deposits. Requests must be made by a victim service provider. SVAN does not provide housing placements, options must be explored prior to submitting Transitional Housing Application. Applications are accepted on Wednesdays only. Once the application is received from a SC Victim Service Provider, it is reviewed and the VSP will be contacted within ten (10) business days. The application can be found on their website. For more information, contact Melissa Walker at 803-750-1200 ext. *6189.

Eligibility requirements for crime survivor include:

- 1) Be in need of housing as a result of a violent crime committed in South Carolina.
- 2) Be 18+ or a legally emancipated minor.
- 3) Have a police report or recommendation letter from a victim service agency.
- 4) Not have any current/pending incidents where victim is offender.
- 5) Be able to financially cover expenses related to housing after deposits are made.
- 6) Able to safely live independently.

Wateree Community Actions, Inc

1915 Harden Street | Columbia, SC 29204

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

803-807-9811

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Housing: Maternity Homes, Transitional Housing & Shelters

Chris Myers Children's Place and Family Campus

803-917-6690

christcentralministries.org/chrismyers

A Christ Central Ministry. For help or more information, contact resident manager, Lynn Dahl at 803-920-8505.

This is a shelter for homeless women and their children who need transitional housing. It is not an emergency shelter and does not have security for women exiting domestic violence.

Application: All applicants must pass a background check and participate in a thorough interview process with our staff. We are in a remote location in Lexington and there is no public transportation. We are a non-profit and our entire staff is comprised of volunteers. Do not accept women who are undocumented.

Requirements: 1) Women need to have their own transportation and should be working or able and willing to work and seeking employment. 2) We have zero tolerance for drugs, alcohol, and nicotine. No smoking is permitted by residents either on or off the property. Smoking will result in immediate dismissal. 3) Residents are required to attend church (their own choice) on Sunday and attend Monday Bible study as well as other Bible study and Christian value training as required. 4) Residents must also attend parenting classes and financial management classes. They must also participate in other family-oriented activities as planned for their development and spiritual enrichment. 5) All residents are required to complete daily chores and contribute to the upkeep of the homes. 6) We have a curfew of 10 pm.

Duration: program duration is tailored individually according to resident need and compliance.

The largest room we have houses six beds. Some residents have a private bath and others have to share a common bath. All families share the facilities of two kitchens. There is a lovely playground for the children.

Center of Hope Women's Shelter

803-581-5890

144 Gadsden St. | Chester, SC 29706

therapist316@gmail.com

Pregnant women are not accepted.

A Christ Central Ministry. Provides shelter for homeless women and children in Chester first and surrounding counties as availability exists.

Application process: Must complete an interview process that includes a drug test and background check. A woman has to be clean to come into the Center. The administrator, Kim Sconyers, can be reached anytime at 803-899-2804.

Requirements: They serve homeless women and women coming out of treatment facilities for drugs and alcohol.

Two children per mom is the max and we can only take 4 total. All women must give service time to our thrift store as the store pays a large portion of our expenses. After the first month, women must look for a job. We help with job readiness training.

Duration: A woman can stay up to 9 months, but the time is set individually. Staying 9 months is for our women walking a life of sobriety but still it varies.

A Dove's Nest

704-333-4673

2855 West Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28208

inquiries@charlotterescuemission.org

Women's rescue mission for recovery from addiction. 120 bed facility. Accepts women with /without children, pregnant mothers not over 12 weeks gestation WITH obstetrician's approval and viable aftercare. Must have no chronic medical issues, legal or disruptive outside issues, be medically and psychologically stable. Must be 18 years of age and have a photo ID and Social Security Card. Two week diagnostic period, 4-12 month program with aftercare programs.

Hannah House (Christ Central Ministry)

803-771-4357

1726 Sumter St. | Columbia, SC 29201

www.hannahhouse@ccmins.com

A Christ Central Ministry. Provides transitional shelter and basic necessities to women, with or without children, who are seeking independence and self-sufficiency. The focus is on rebuilding families, job placement, child care, and affordable housing. Services include counseling, job-prep training, GED classes and personal finance instruction.

Living Vine Christian Maternity Home

912-352-9998

535 E. 54th St. | Savannah, GA 31405

thelivingvine.org

Accepts all pregnant women less than 20 weeks along, including out of state. Personal interview required (can be by phone). Requirements: A TB test, a VDRL, a CBC, and a vaginal smear administered by a physician or health department. An appointment with the staff to review the guidelines and take a tour of the home. The medical records from a complete OB examination is required, as well as a proof of pregnancy. Copy of birth certificate, Social security card, and Picture ID.

Miracle Hill Renewal Center

864-242-2166

19 Graves Drive, Greenville, SC 29609

<https://miraclehill.org/shelters/renewal-for-women/>

Residential program with 24 beds and transitional housing. Offers addiction recovery, case management, counseling and access to healthcare. Require two forms of ID - do not accept women who are undocumented.

Samaritan's Well

803-785-4357

129 Gibson Court | Lexington, SC 29072

samaritanswellccm@yahoo.com

A Christ Central Ministry. This is a transitional shelter for homeless women and their children. Additional services include assistance with life skills such as parenting, cooking, job searching and financial stability.

Serenity Village

864-467-3881

6 Dunean St. | Greenville, SC 29611

familyeffect.org/mothers-preschool-children.php

Rehabilitation Center-provides treatment, women's services. Screening required with the admissions coordinator as well as a written screening form that can be downloaded and sent in from Phoenixcenter.org website.

Shepherd's Gate

864-268-5589

11 Regency Hill Dr. | Greenville, SC 29607

<https://miraclehill.org/shelters/shepherds-gate/>

Accepts pregnancy at any stage and moms with children, if space available (boys over 10 not accepted). Will take mom's with drug/alcohol abuse history. Those with mental health issues are accepted, but must go through Greenville Mental Health and there are some potential restrictions.

St. Lawrence Place

803-256-3999

2400 Waites Rd. | Columbia, SC 29204

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

A 30-home transitional housing program for families. Services include counseling and life skills classes. Children are offered healthy snacks, educational opportunities, camps, etc.

To apply, a family must have at least one parent or guardian over age 18 with custody of a child under age 18, be homeless, or living in a shelter or unsafe home and be willing and able to work. The number of children does not matter but they must be under the age of 18 years old. Employment is required as potential clients must pay monthly program fees (similar to rent). County/state residence is irrelevant.

Application process- potential clients can receive an application from Family Shelter at 2711 Two Notch Rd.

Program Duration- Up to two years.

Toby's Place (Oliver Gospel Ministry)

803-210-9408

1100 Taylor St, Columbia, SC 29201

olivergospel.org/tobys-place

Women's home (not an emergency shelter). Alcohol, drug, and tobacco free environment. No smoking permitted on Toby's Place property and residents are to comply with random drug screenings and breathalyzers at any time. Like to see 60-90 days clean. If not qualified, will send somewhere else and can reapply.

Provides a Christian Life Recovery & Job Readiness Program for women not already working full-time when they come into our program. Have a job readiness program where residents will learn skills that will enable them to establish a long-term career. Opportunities for obtaining a GED or going to college. Structured environment that includes counseling services and a programming schedule for women who are not working that runs M-F from 8:00am to 5:00pm where residents will have a daily schedule to keep. Have a program track for women who are working and also for women who are not working. Residents must be willing and able to complete work therapy (cleaning responsibilities around the facility) and to work a minimum of part-time once they reach the final phase of program. Program guidelines include no personal cellphones or internet capable devices with the exception of going to and from work in which they must be checked back in upon arrival. Also, day passes will be issued for Saturday's and Sunday's with case manager approval from 12pm-5pm if they have adequate transportation and only after they have been here for 30 days (unless they are going to work or an appointment for those who have jobs). Also do "group trips" and are driven to appointments by a staff member if they do not have their own transportation. Guidelines are set for women with and without children, and children will be transported to and from school/daycare each day. Christ-centered program and the foundation is based on the Word of God. While it is not a requirement for residents to profess Christianity, the ladies will be asked to participate in classes, Bible studies, and worship services.

Transitions Homeless Shelter

803-708-4861

2025 Main St. | Columbia, SC 29201

Transitions@TransitionsSC.org

This is an emergency shelter aiming to get clients resolved into permanent housing within 90 days. To be eligible, men and women must be age 18+. You can be pregnant, but once the child is born you are no longer eligible to live here. Beds are a walk-in 8:30am Mon to Fri first come first serve. Duration of services is determined on a case by case basis.

The Women's Shelter

803-779-4706

3425 North Main St. | Columbia, SC 29203

womenshelter.org

kathy@womenshelter.org

Provides Primary Housing [12 week program] for women with progression to Transitional Housing [up to 2 years]. **Pregnant women may be eligible as long as they are able to work.** Basic Requirements include: a) alcohol and drug free; b) 18 years or older and homeless without children with them; c) work ready; d) capable of a 40 hour work week; e) able to live in a group setting

If these requirements are met, call and schedule a face to face interview with Angie Whitehead at 803-779-4706 between 10am and 4pm Monday - Friday. Once a woman is accepted her primary focus is to obtain a job that allows her to work at least 25 hours each week while meeting a 5:00pm curfew. While participating in this twelve week program, residents are required to deposit the majority of their wages into a savings account. Successful participation in this program allows a woman to progress into our Transitional Housing Program.

The Transitional Housing Program provides women gradual "re-entry" into the community as totally self-sufficient members. Residents may participate in this program for up to two years while they work to repair their credit, rebuild relationships with their children and family, acquire a GED and other educational goals, and obtain stable careers.

TEENS

Palmetto Place

803-786-5500

In January 2019, we welcomed our first teen mom and the birth of her baby to our brand new program. The Pregnant & Parenting Teen Program provides housing and wraparound services to teen moms who are in foster care along with their infants and toddlers. At Palmetto Place, the teen mom and their child are able to remain together, receive medical and mental health care, parenting and nurturing skills, independent living skills, recreational outings, and so much more! Need DSS

Abba's House

843-456-5060

A Place for Us

864-223-5324

P.O. Box 797, Greenwood, SC 29648

<https://www.aplaceforus.com>

Faith based residential home for pregnant girls and girls with other life controlling issues from ages 13-17. Houses up to six residents at a time. Transitional programs offered post residential stay to maintain support.

Florence Crittenton

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

Residential program for pregnant teens. Provides housing, parenting classes, on site schooling, counseling, job readiness, and case management. Available to SC residents 10-20 years of age who are pregnant or have an infant under 6 months old. Need to be working on GED and /or have a willingness to be employed and commit to a care plan.

Wears Valley Ranch

865-429-5437

info.wvr.org

100 One Fine Place I Sevierville, TN 37862

Home for children needing a change of environment. Restrictions: No adjudicated delinquents, no drug/alcohol abuse, no emotionally disturbed, IQ 85 or above.

Miscarriage

See Adverse Prenatal Diagnosis section on page

Phones

Office of Regulatory Staff

(803)-737-0800

1401 Main St, Ste. 900 | Columbia, SC 29201

ors.sc.gov/consumers/telecommunications/lifeline

Free/sliding scale fees on household phone service to qualifying participants.

Pregnancy Resource Centers - Local

Daybreak Lifecare Center (Evangelical)

803-771-6634

1601 St. Julian Place | Columbia, SC 29204

www.daybreakcola.org

Pregnancy Testing

Baby Boutique*

Community Resource Referrals

Pregnancy options consultations

Maternity Clothes

Resume Building

Limited OB ultrasounds

Diapers & Formula

Job Search

Abortion pill reversal

Baby Bucks*

Fatherhood classes

Post Abortion Class

Parenting/Birthing Classes

All services are free and confidential.

*Baby Bucks to “shop” in the boutique are earned by taking parenting/birthing classes, watching parenting videos, and doing take-home Bible studies. The boutique has items such as high chairs, strollers, baby clothes, e.t.c.

Birthright (Interfaith)

803-765-0165

1316 Richland St. | Columbia, SC 29201

800-550-4900 (Birthright International Hotline)

www.birthrightofcolumbia.org

Email anita@birthrightofcolumbia.org for appointments.

Assistance includes free and confidential pregnancy tests, maternity and baby clothes, and information and referrals for medical, financial, education, and housing needs

LaVie Pregnancy Center (Evangelical)

1271 Calks Ferry Rd | Lexington, SC 29072

www.laviesc.org

(803) 996-4673 or text (803) 994-8009

Adoption Agency Referrals
Maternity & Infant Supplies
Medical Referrals
Parenting Education

Post-Abortion Support
Pregnancy Options Information
Pregnancy Tests
STD/STI Information

Support for Men
Ultrasound*

*Ultrasound scans are used to confirm the presence of a viable, uterine pregnancy. They do not use ultrasound to determine gender or diagnose abnormalities. Eligibility criteria apply. (Taken directly from website.)

Social Services Assistance

Richland Library Social Workers

<https://www.richlandlibrary.com/social-work>

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Lee Patterson, MSW - Social Worker Program Coordinator
803-231-6383 | lpatterson@richlandlibrary.com

Sharita Moultrie, MSW - Community Health Specialist
803-231-6330 | smoultrie@richlandlibrary.com

DSS Office

Richland County Office: 3220 Two Notch Road | Columbia, SC 29204

<https://dss.sc.gov/>

(803) 714-7444 24-Hour Hotline

Walk-in service Mon-Fri from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm for Medicaid application. Other social services available.

DSS Form 3800: <https://dss.sc.gov/media/1244/3800-2015-04.pdf>

Application for the TANF/Family Independence Program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and Refugee Cash Assistance Program.

The Benefit Bank of South Carolina

<https://scthrive.org/the-benefit-bank/>

1-800-726-8774

Assistance with Medicaid application, medically indigent assistance program, Welvista, Medicare Rx Extra Help, SNAP, state and federal taxes, military and veteran benefits, SSI, SSDI, Family Independence, and voter registration.

SC Thrive

<https://scthrive.org/>

1-800-726-8774

SC Thrive assistance focuses on food security, healthcare resources and financial wellness through work supports such as SNAP, Medicaid and tax credits, like the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credits.

An online screening tool can be used to estimate eligibility: https://secure.thebenefitbank.org/ums?task=quick_check

At the end of this screening tool, you can create an account with The Benefit Bank to start an application. Creating an account gives you access to all the applications and guidance available.

Gleamns Human Resources Commission

237 N Hospital St. | Greenwood, SC 29646

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

864-223-8434

“The mission of GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission Incorporated, a community based organization, is to deliver quality services, assistance, and opportunity to eligible customers with emphasis placed on education, employment, and developing self-sufficiency.” See the website for specific services and counties they serve.

Aiken, Barnwell, Lexington Community Actions

650 Knox Abbott Dr. | Cayce, SC 29033

<https://scaccess.communityos.org/zf/profile/program/id/79870>

803-794-6778

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Teen Pregnancy

YoungLives of the Midlands

1612 Marion St., Ste 409 | Columbia, SC 29201

<https://midlandsyounglives.younglife.org>

803-254-2480

Discipleship and community patterned after YoungLife for pregnant and parenting teens.

Transportation

The COMET

catchthecomet.org

Bus transit as well as other services.

Medicaid Van

<https://www.scdhhs.gov/site-page/transportation-beneficiary-information>

Transportation to appointments. See requirements online.

The Cooperative Ministry

3821 West Beltline | Columbia, SC 29204

coopmin.org/

info@coopmin.org

803-799-3853

Car Donations are given to Richland and Lexington residents who are currently employed and need transportation to get to their jobs. If a client is currently walking or using public transportation to get to work, they may be eligible.

Eligibility requirements include:

1. You are employed, and have been employed with the same company, for at least 6 months.
2. You are a South Carolina resident who lives in Richland County or Lexington County
3. You have a valid SC driver's license, and clean driving record. Small traffic tickets such as speeding are fine, but suspensions, reckless driving, failure to pay insurance, etc. will result in disqualification

Application can be found here: https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/dccd7d_61e6f269afe94e4b9ac454f95f237e44.pdf

REPUTABLE USED CAR DEALERSHIPS

Triangle City Auto Sales

1300 D Ave | West Columbia, SC 29169

trianglecityautosales.com

803-926-1010

Turnage Motor Co

turnagemotorco.com

4637 Augusta Rd | Lexington, SC 29073

803-853-4300

Utilities

The Cooperative Ministry

803-799-0654

3821 West Beltline | Columbia, SC 29204

<http://www.coopmin.org/>

Financial assistance is only available by appointment. Appointments can be made by calling 799-0654 on Friday mornings, beginning at 9 a.m. You will be required to bring proof of your last month's income, a paper copy of your bills, and a copy of your lease agreement.

Eligibility Requirements: 1) You must have proof of employment or receiving Social Security or disability. 2) You cannot be receiving subsidized rent assistance. 3) You cannot have received financial assistance from any agency, including The Cooperative Ministry, for the previous 12 months. 4) You must be a resident of Richland County.

Gleamns Human Resources Commission

864-223-8434

237 N Hospital St. | Greenwood, SC 29646

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

Their Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps households with their utility bills in these counties: Greenwood, Laurens, Edgefield, Abbeville, McCormick, Newberry, Saluda, Cherokee and Spartanburg. They also offer a program (SLAPP) which offers an alternative payment process for customers whose monthly utility bills include charges that cannot be paid with LIHEAP funds (such as water, sanitation, products and services, or outdoor lights).

God's Helping Hands

803-791-4167

919 Holland Ave. | Cayce, SC 29033

Assists people living in Cayce and West Columbia area who are in need of financial assistance with utility bills, rent, and travel expenses, including gasoline and lodging. A picture I.D. and Social Security card are required and a DSS referral is required for return visits. A cutoff notice is required for utility assistance.

Hours Monday through Friday 9:00am to 12:00pm.

Salvation Army

803-765-0260

3024 Farrow Rd. | Columbia, SC 29203

<https://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/columbia/>

Food, clothing and utility assistance.

Sharing God's Love

803-732-3188

147 Friarsgate Boulevard | Irmo, SC 29063

<http://sharinggodsllove.net/>

Food, clothing, financial support with utilities, spiritual support those in zip codes: 29063, 29210, and 29212.

Your Electric Company

SCE&G Project Share

1-800-251-7234

<https://www.sceg.com/paying-my-bill/assistance-programs/project-share>

MCEC Operation Round Up (Families who have had a death or illness in the family)
803-749-6474
<http://www.mcecoop.com/content/operation-round-up®>

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Additional Resources for Families

Circles USA

Janice Albergotti
Mt. Horeb UMC I 1205 Old Cherokee Rd, Lexington, SC 29072
janis@mthorebumc.com

803-359-3495

Mission to help those in poverty get out through education, mentoring, and support systems. Applicants can be referred or apply online via website. Cohorts formed once a year in August. Become members of a “Circle Leader cohort” for 12 week training (includes budget training ,smart goals) and can continue afterward in an 18 month commitment that provides mentoring and a support system. Applicants must show a strong desire for change. Must meet 185% of the poverty guidelines.

Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library

<https://imaginationlibrary.com/>
A free book a month to children until age 5.

School Supplies/Food/Miscellaneous

- Churches located near schools often “adopt” the school, providing weekend backpack food programs and school supply drives. Contact the local school Social Worker, School Nurse and/or churches for more information.
- United Way sponsors school supply drives yearly