

Alcoholism Information and Treatment Centers

A ABACUS Addiction Helpline		1-800-510-9435
AA Big Book Group	5000-Hwy 39 North	601-693-1234
Alcoholics Anonymous	3753 – 19th Street	601-482-2498
Alliance Health Center	5000 Hwy 39 North	601-483-6211
Behavioral Medicine Clinic	5000 Hwy 39 North	601-482-2400
Best of Both Worlds Women's Addiction Center	8378 Ham Road	601-679-5729
Clearview Recovery Center		1-800-845-8918
East Mississippi State Hospital	4555 Highland Park Drive	601-482-6186
Weems Lifecare Alcohol/Drug Treatment Center For Men and Women	1415 College Drive	601-693-1001

NAME OF

AGENCY: Clearview Recovery Center

ADDRESS: #3 Clearview Circle
Moselle, MS 39459

PHONE#: 544 - 1499 **EMERGENCY#:** 1-800-845-8918

FAX#: 601-544-8464

E-MAIL

ADDRESS:

CONTACT

PERSON: Charles Bush

HOURS OF

OPERATION: 24 hours/ 7 day a week/ Mon - Fri - 8 am - 5pm

AGE GROUP

SERVED: 18 and up

QUALIFICATIONS FOR

SERVICE: 21 years of age or parent or legal guardian to sign them in program. Have a diagnosed chemical dependency.

Referrals required: yes no **Walk-ins-accepted:** yes no

FEEs: \$ 30,520 per 30 day treatment.

Insurance accepted: yes no **Medical accepted:** yes no

SUMMARY OF SERVICES:

Treat client with A/D who are dual diagnosis

48 bed resident center for A/D

Big Brothers Big Sisters (601)484-3619

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a United Way Organization that recruits volunteers to work as mentors on a one-on-one basis with local elementary and middle school children. They are the largest and most effective youth mentoring organization in the United States.

For more than a century, Big Brothers Big Sisters have been the leader in youth services. Through the help of volunteers, children have been able to form positive relationships that have a direct and lasting effect on their lives.

The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters is to help children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-on-one relationships with measurable impact.

National research has shown that positive relationships between youth and their Big Brother / Big Sister have a direct and measurable impact on children's lives. Through the relationship formed between them, little brothers and sisters (children and youth with whom the volunteers are working) are:

- More confident in their schoolwork performance
- Able to get along better with their families
- 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs
- 27% less likely to begin using alcohol
- 52% less likely to skip school

The Boys and Girls Club
Of Lauderdale County

1717 45th Avenue

(601)482-2544

(601)482-0653

The Boys and Girls Club of Lauderdale County was established to provide a safe place for at-risk youth and to alleviate the effects of gang related activities, drugs, teenage pregnancy, and the sharp increase of school drop-out rates. It provides a structured after-school and summer program for boys and girls ages 5 – 18.

The current facility at 1717 – 45th Avenue contains approximately 24,000 square feet of space. It has eleven classrooms, a game room, a teen room, gymnasium, library, computer lab equipped with twenty on-line computers, a kitchen, administrative office, other small room, and a storage area.

Some of the services provided to local youth include the following:

- After school tutoring
- Computer assisted instruction
- Workshops on such topics as vandalism, gang prevention, conflict resolution self-esteem, goal setting, personal hygiene, and health care.
- Workshops on drug, alcohol, and pregnancy prevention offered by trained staff through structured activities and guest speakers.
- Programs on music, fitness and nutrition, arts, and crafts
- Essay & poetry writing contests
- Summer Camps
- Educational trips
- Leadership training and recognition programs

Club members participate in such activities as community service projects for the elderly (yard cleanup, painting, etc), citywide litter collection, collecting food for disaster victims, and community activities for other non-profit organizations.

Club members are also taught job skills through the Club's job placement program which includes the lumber industry, manufacturing, engineering, and retail companies.

CHILD CARE FACILITIES

A Small World Day Care	5920 Old Hwy 80 West	39307	(601)482-0784
Bright Beginnings Daycare	1105 45 th Avenue	39307	(601)553-0999
Calvary Baptist Church	3910 7 th Street	39307	(601)483-4813
Children's Corner	200 5 th Avenue South	39301	(601)485-2430
Children's Education Connection	6301 Hwy 39 North	39305	(601)485-2856
Collinsville Education Center	9074 Ross Drive, C'ville	39325	(601)626-8500
Dawn's Little Learners	4545 35 th Avenue	39305	(601)482-5532
Excel Early Learning	1826 MLK Drive	39305	(601)693-1092
Future Learning Academy	3411 20 th Street	39301	(601)483-4646
God's Little Creations	2800 20 th Street	39301	(601)696-4880
Henson's Daycare & Swim Gym	2727 State Blvd	39307	(601)485-4401
Highland Baptist Child Dev.	3400 27 th Street	39305	(601)482-6184
Kindercare Learning Center	4706 Broadmoor Dr.	39307	(601)485-8166
Kingdom Kids CDC	3807 ½ 20 th Street	39307	(601)485-8024
Lillian's Play Pen Childcare	419 - 41 st Avenue	39307	(601)482-6508
Little Angels Daycare	5007 Poplar Springs Dr.	39305	(601)693-0880
Little Blessings Daycare	2416 15 th Street	39301	(601)483-2143
Little Blessings Infant Center	2416 - 15 th Street	39301	(601)483-2101
Lord Teddy Bear	1703 - 5 th Avenue	39301	(601)482-3122
Martha's Learning Center	2505 - 14 th Street	39307	(601)696-4335
MLC Afterschool Center	1000 - 45 th Avenue	39307	(601)482-3054
Mother Goose Nursery/Daycare	612 - 17 th Street	39307	(601)483-9636

Nino Creative Learning Childcare	3501 – 45 th Street	39305	(601)693-3750
Peek-A-Boo Child Care Center	4717 – 8 th Street	39307	(601)482-1040
Poplar Springs Drive UMC	3937 Poplar Springs Dr.	39305	(601)485-5598
Potters Wheel Christian Childcare	1844 Highway 11 & 80	39307	(601)483-0878
Sidnee's Playpen	815 Rubush Avenue	39307	(601)485-4070
The Kid's Place Childcare Center	1612 – 35 th Avenue	39305	(601)693-3571
The Zone	14264 Quitman Mdn Hway	39307	(601)482-8677
We Care Learning Center	3810 – 8 th Street	39307	(601)482-0018
West Kemper Kiddie Kollege	36 Main St. Kemper Co		(601)743-5625

Name of Agency: Children's Advocacy Center

Address: 753 North President Street
Jackson, MS 39202

Phone #: 601-969-7111 Emergency #:

Fax #: 601-352-5960

E-Mail Address: _____

Contact Person: Melanie Wood

Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday

Age Group Served: 2-17 years of age

Qualifications for Service: Victim of sexual abuse or neglect

Referrals required: X yes ___ no

Walk-ins accepted: ___ yes X no

Fees: FREE - nonprofit clinic

Insurance accepted: ___ yes X no

Medicaid accepted: ___ yes X no

Summary of Services: Provides counseling and intake services for victim of sexual abuse and /or neglect; offers educational information and materials re: child abuse.

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Foster Grandparent Program

(601)482-9880

The Foster Grandparent Program is a program for senior citizens to use their talents to serve as mentors for abused, neglected, and mentally challenged youth and children. Many of the "grandparents" are used in local schools to provide assistance in the classroom. This is the case at T. J. Harris Elementary School where I am doing my field practice.

These ladies come to the school each day and are provided with breakfast and lunch. They do get paid for what they do but it is only a couple of dollars per hour. They have to meet income eligibility before being considered to become a grandparent. They provide a great help in the classroom. T. J. Harris has about 8 foster grandparents including one who works at our off-site pre-kindergarten class.

Not only does the program assist the school, but it also provides a service to the grandparents. Recently in the cafeteria, I noticed one of them sitting at the booth next to where I was sitting. The children were going to put their lunch trays up, and on the way back, a number of them stopped to speak and hug the grandparent. I was very touched by watching this. As I was leaving, I commented to her how sweet the children were. She smiled and said they certainly were. I realized that this helped her by feeling like she was needed. The program is helpful to both the school and the foster grandparents.

Recently our teachers who use the grandparents were asked to write a letter in support of the program. I was saddened to learn that they may have to make cuts in the program or cut the program entirely. Hopefully this will not happen. They provide a much needed service while at the same time making them feel useful to others.

NAME OF AGENCY: Hilltop House for Boys and Girls

ADDRESS: 741- South Green

PHONE #: (601)481-0724 EMERGENCY (601)481-0724

FAX #: (601)375-0018

E-MAIL ADDRESS: none

CONTACT PERSON: Bobby Burke

HOURS OF OPERATION: open all hours

AGE GROUP SERVED: no specific age group (basically children)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR SERVICE: need for services- children needing a home/place to live

Referrals required: yes X no Walk-ins accepted: X yes no

FEES: no fees required

Insurance accepted: yes X no Medicaid accepted: yes X no

SUMMARY OF SERVICES: shelter for abused children or children in need.

Name of Agency: The Kids Zone: After School Club for Kids

Address: 14264 Quitman/Meridian Hwy
Meridian MS. 39301

Phone # 1-601-553-0909

Emergency #: 1-601-483-5665

Contact Person: Melanie Stuckey

Owner: Sharon Powell

Hours of Operation: M, T, TH, F 2:30-6:00pm, W 1:30 -6:00pm

Age Group Served: Kindergarten through 6th grade

Qualifications for Service: Recommendation by school, word of mouth, open house for the community to get information. It is only open for children who will come full-time.

Referrals are not required but are accepted.

Walk-ins are not accepted. Prior application must be submitted.

Fees: One child \$37.00 a week
two children \$50.00 a week
three Children \$65.00 a week

Insurance and Medicaid are not accepted

Summary of Services:

Safely transport children from their school to the center. Provide a drink and snack for each child. Help children with homework before they go home. Tutor children with special needs. Adjustments are made according to what is needed on an individual basis.

Lauderdale County Department of Human Services

5524 Valley Street
Meridian, MS 39307
Phone #: 601-483-3337
Fax #: 601-484-5117

CHILD AND ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

SERVICES PROVIDED: Placement in licensed foster homes, removal from dangerous situations, giving court testimonies, casework counseling, referrals to other agencies, adoption aid

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone in need of the services

PREFERRED REFFERAL PROCEDURE: Call the office or come by

FEES: No fees
Insurance and Medicare/Medicaid accepted for health services

HOURS: Office Hours:
8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Monday – Friday

AGE SERVED: All ages

CONTACT PERSON: N/A

AREA SERVED: Lauderdale County

OTHER OFFICES: Each county in every State

NAME OF AGENCY: Peavey House

ADDRESS: Post Office Box 4772
Meridian, Mississippi 39304

PHONE #: (601)693-2784 EMERGENCY #: (601)693-2784
FAX #: (601)693-2783

E-MAIL ADDRESS: pvhouse@mississippi.net

CONTACT PERSON: Tina Dyess (Director)

HOURS OF OPERATION: open all hours (24 hours)

AGE GROUP SERVED: birth thru 12

QUALIFICATIONS FOR SERVICE: Children in need

Referrals required: ___ yes no Walk-ins accepted: yes ___ no
no fees

FEEES: Insurance accepted: ___ yes no Medicaid accepted: ___ yes no

SUMMARY OF SERVICES:
Peavey House offers emergency service to abused children.

Name of

Agency: Summer Youth Employment and Training Program MCCSA

Address: 2900 St. Paul Street -- Po Box 905 Meridian Ms 39302

Phone #: 483-4838 **Emergency #:** 483-4838

Fax #: 486-4917

Email Address: _____

Contact Person: Letha Dunn , Paula Cooks

Hours of Operation: 8:00- 5:00 M-F

Age Group Served: 16-21

Qualifications For Service: poverty level or low income, enrolled as a student

Referrals required: ___yes X no Walk-ins accepted: X yes ___ no

Fees: No

Insurance accepted: ___yes ___no Medicare accepted: ___yes ___no

Summary Of Services:

Students work a minimum of 40 hours per week and receive minimum wage. Students who are enrolled in the remedial program attend class from 8:00-12:00 and work from 32-38 hours during the week. Those in the remedial program receive about \$2.50 per hour. Students work at The Boys and Girls Club, Meridian Community College, in addition to any public agencies that may request their presence. Work duties may include custodial work to clerical or any other light duty work.

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The WIC Program
2119 Highway 19 North
Meridian, MS
(601)693-5507

The WIC program is a special supplemental food program for pregnant, breast-feeding, and post-partum women, infants, and children up to five years of age. The Women, Infants, and Children's Nutrition Program (WIC) helps keep the mother and baby healthy during the first years of the child's life.

To eligible, the woman, infant, or child must meet the income criteria and be at medical or nutritional risk. Those who are anemic, overweight, or who have a poor diet are typical examples of eligibility for the program. Typically a nurse or nutritionist will determine who is eligible to receive assistance from the program. Those who are eligible for TANF, Food Stamps, or Medicaid automatically meet the guidelines and qualify for the program.

Those who are eligible will receive a monthly package of nutritious foods, tips on healthy eating, health care referrals, and breastfeeding support. The food package contains such items as milk, eggs, beans, fruit juices, canned tuna and carrots, hot and cold cereals, infant cereals, baby formula, peanut butter, and cheese.

Habitat For Humanity (601)485-4992

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit Christian housing ministry. They seek to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world and seek to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat for Humanity provides a way for people of all backgrounds, races, and religions to work together to build houses together and in partnership with families in need.

Volunteer labor and donations are used to build or rehabilitate simple decent houses along with the help of the homeowner (partner family). They are sold to the partner families at no profit and financed with affordable loans. The monthly mortgage payments are then used to build more homes.

The program is not a give-away program. The homeowner is required to work alongside the volunteers to build their home along with helping build homes for others. The cost of the homes vary depending on location. In the United States the average homes cost nearly \$60,000.00. In developing countries the cost may be as low as \$800.00.

Partner families are selected based on need, willingness to partner in building other homes, and ability to repay the loan. Neither race nor religion is a factor in determining eligibility.

NAME OF AGENCY: Multi County Community Service Agency

ADDRESS: Post Office Box 905
Meridian, Mississippi 39302

PHONE #: (601)483-4838 EMERGENCY #: (601)483-4838

FAX #: (601)482-9861

E-MAIL ADDRESS: not available

CONTACT PERSON: Anne Lee

HOURS OF OPERATION: 8:00AM to 5:00PM

AGE GROUP SERVED: serves all age groups

QUALIFICATIONS FOR SERVICE: The Multi County Community Service Agency serves people in need.
I am told they try not to put a limit or title to specific services.

Referrals required: ___ yes no Walk-ins accepted: ___ yes no

FEES: no fee for services

Insurance accepted: ___ yes no Medicaid accepted: ___ yes no

SUMMARY OF SERVICES:

The Multi County Community Service Agency provides Meals on Wheels, an Adolescent Offenders Program, Family First, shelter and food for the homeless, implements the Foster Grandparents Program, Project Ease, and a host of community support programs and services including air conditioners and fans for the needy in the summer, lights and heating for the needy, etc.

NAME OF AGENCY: Multi-County Community Service Agency, Inc.
SOUTH HARBOR HOMLESS SHELTER

ADDRESS: 2900 St. Paul Street (Old Mt. Barton School)
P.O. Box 905
Meridian, MS 39302

PHONE: (601) 483-4838

EMERGENCY #: 1-800-898-0695

CONTACT PERSON: Letha Dunn

HOURS OF OPERATION: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

AGE GROUP SERVED: no particular age requirement

QUALIFICATIONS FOR SERVICE: Persons that are homeless looking for temporary or transitional housing. Persons must meet the Office of Management and Budget guidelines.

REFERRAL: All referrals that are made will be accepted

(walk-ins are accepted)

FEES: none

SUMMARY OF SERVICE:

The purpose of the South Harbor Homeless Shelter is to provide necessary shelter (temporary or transitional) and other service activities for the homeless and families with children.

**The United Way
Of East Mississippi and West Alabama
2003 23rd Avenue
(601)693-2732**

The United Way of East Mississippi and West Alabama is a local organization that supports programs that impact the communities it serves. Some of the counties served in the Meridian area include Lauderdale, Clarke, Kemper, Neshoba, Scott, Winston, and Leake in Mississippi, and Choctaw County in Alabama. Ninety-nine cents of every dollar raised in this area for the United Way goes to agencies that serve this community. These agencies include:

- The American Red Cross
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Boy Scouts of America
- Boys and Girls Club
- Care Lodge
- Community of Hope Tutoring Program
- Foster Grandparent Program
- Friendship Center
- Girl Scouts
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hope Village for Children
- Meals on Wheels Program
- Meridian Speech and Hearing Center
- RSVP
- Rebuild East Mississippi
- The Salvation Army
- Wesley House

In addition, they support such programs as:

- The 211 program which connects people with information regarding community services
- Supply Our Students – gives nearly 4000 books bags per school year to qualified students in grades K-5. Each bag contains essential school supplies. These are distributed through the public school system
- RAGS to Riches – designed to close the Racial Achievement Gap for middle and junior high students
- Each One Reach One – a recycling program for school uniforms for families in need of them.
- Earned Income Tax Credit – provides free tax preparation for low income families applying for EITC
- Letter Carrier's Can-A-Thon – letters carries collect canned goods which are distributed to local food pantries

2-1-1 Mississippi

Get connected. Get answers.

2-1-1 is a service made possible through the United Way. It helps callers gain access to a full range of community services. By simply calling 2-1-1, callers can get updated information regarding a broad range of services such as emergency food and clothing, shelter and housing, support groups, counseling, and etc. Through this program, people are connected to a wide range of community resources.

Benefits include:

- Elimination of confusion about who to call and where to go for needed services.
- Improved information for community planning
- Elimination of searches through the phone book for information and provides phone numbers when there is no phone book
- It is for anyone – the elderly, disabled, non English speaking, illiterate, travelers, or anyone who needs assistance.
- Diverts many non-emergency calls away from emergency 911 lines
- The number is easy to remember and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is available 365 days a year.

Care Lodge
Domestic Violence Center

(601) 693-HOPE (4673)

1-888-593-4673

Care Lodge is a shelter for domestic violence victims and their families. It also has a 24-hour crisis line for victims. Since their beginning in 1981, they have provided services for nearly 500 shelter and non-shelter clients each year. Their service area includes the following counties in East Mississippi:

- Clarke
- Kemper
- Lauderdale
- Leake
- Newton
- Neshoba
- Noxubee
- Scott
- Winston

In addition, they also benefit communities of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

The mission statement of Care Lodge states that:

Consistent with our belief in the value, worth, and dignity of each person, Care Lodge advocates for the right to live in a safe & peaceful environment free of domestic violence.

Care Lodge is the only certified domestic violence shelter in Highway Patrol District VI. They have highly trained professionals to address the needs of the victims they serve. They offer a variety of services including counseling and shelter, all of which are free of charge. These services are offered to victims in an effort to empower victims and to break the cycle of violence.

“Peace Begins at Home”

Shelters & Crisis Numbers

Care Lodge Battered Women's Shelter Contact: Joy Jones, Leslie Payne	24 hour crisis line	601-693-4673
Sexual Assault Crisis Line Contact: Ginger Stephens	1-800-643-6250	601-482-2828
Child Adult Abuse Hotline		1-800-222-8000
East Mississippi Children's Shelter		601-693-2784
Friendship Center (Homeless Care)	North Hills Street	601-482-7630
Hope Village for Children Contact: Tina Dyess		601-553-8660
Wesley House Community Center Contact: Ginger Stephens	1520 8th Avenue	601-485-4736

Wesley House Community Center
1520 – 18th Avenue
Meridian, Ms
(601) 485-4736

Mission Statement:

“Wesley House helps underprivileged, neglected, and abused persons through Christian relief, educational opportunities, child abuse prevention, sexual assault crisis intervention, community welfare and social services, helping people learn to help themselves.”

Since 1904, Wesley House has ministered to “the least, the lost, and the last.” They have been in mission to the underprivileged, neglected, and abused people in Meridian for over 100 years. Wesley House is six mission agencies under one roof: Christian Relief, Education, Child Advocacy, Victims Service, Free Clinic, and Community Center. Their business is about helping people help themselves.

Wesley House serves 15 counties in East Mississippi and West Alabama each year with 32 programs reaching 33,000 people. They provide tutoring services, counseling, food for the hungry, clothing to those who are in need, and countless other services for those who are in need. They are one of the largest United Methodist missions in the State of Mississippi

Wesley House Community Center

1520 8th Avenue * P. O. Box 1207

Meridian, MS 39302

Office #: 601-485-4736

Fax #: 601-485-4739

Crisis line: 601-482-2828 (24hrs)

National crisis line: 1-800-643-6250 (24hrs)

PURPOSE: To provide confidential, non-judgemental emotional support to victims of sexual assault whether it happened ten years ago or ten minutes ago

SERVICES PROVIDED: Professional counseling, support groups, information and referral, 24hr crisis line and crisis period support

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone in need of the services

PREFERRED REFFERAL PROCEDURE: Accepts referrals from agencies but individuals may call and make an appointment

FEES: Free unless you have insurance that covers such services; services are provided for those who are unable to pay

HOURS: 24 hours a day

AGE SERVED: Any age

CONTACT PERSON: Nell Grissom

AREA SERVED: Lauderdale, Clarke, Jasper, Newton, Neshoba and Kemper

OTHER OFFICES: World wide; Supported Through The United Methodist Church and The United Way

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Name of Agency: Wesley House Education Center

Address: 1520 8th Avenue
Meridian, MS. 39301

Phone #: 1-601-485-4736

Emergency #: 1-601-482-2828

Fax #: 1-601-485-4736

e-mail Address: wesley1@strato.net

Contact Person: Ginger Stevens

Hours of Operation: Kindergarten: 6am-6pm
8:00am-3:00pm (Instruction Classes)
Elementary: Tutoring after school until 6pm

Age Group Served: Kindergarten through 6th grade
Will find tutors for older children if available.

Qualifications for Service: Children are referred by a teacher but not necessary. Parent can bring their child's progress report to the center and the child can be accepted in the program after a form is completed. If the child misses attending twice, they are cut from the program because they believe in accountability.

Referrals are not required.

Walk-ins are accepted.

Fees: NONE

The acceptance of insurance or Medicaid is not necessary since this is a ministry.

Summary of services:

A safe environment where children can come get help without a stigma attached to care. It is an intervention program designed to help children improved their academic skills and in the process raise their self-esteem.

The American Red Cross
(601)485-5151

The American Red Cross is one of the nation's largest humanitarian organizations. It is dedicated to meeting the needs of people throughout the United States as well as world wide, through the work of local Red Cross societies. The fundamental principals of the American Red Cross are:

- Humanity
- Impartiality
- Neutrality
- Independence
- Voluntary Service
- Unity
- Universality

The Key Chapter of the American Red was chartered in 1917 as part of the American National Red Cross. They provide disaster relief, health and safety programs, services to members of the Armed Forces, and training classes to all age groups.

The mission of the American Red Cross is as follows:

The American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization, led by volunteers, that provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. The American Red Cross – Key Chapter has been working closely with residents of Clarke, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, and Scott counties to fulfill this mission.

NAME OF AGENCY: Baptist Crisis Center
of Lauderdale County

ADDRESS: 2641-24th Avenue
Meridian, MS 39301

PHONE: (601) 482-4230

FAX: (601) 482-4100

CONTACT PERSON: Datha Ray

HOURS OF OPERATION: 8:30 A.M. – 12:00 Noon,
Monday – Friday.

AGE GROUP SERVED: Anyone with proper identification.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR SERVICE: Anyone with proper
Identification, that is homeless, jobless, and those
going through a crisis.

REFFERAL: Through a church or other community
agency.

FEES: None.

SUMMARY OF SERVICE:

Baptist Crisis Center is there to provide food, canned
goods, and used clothing for those in need. Service is
provided to anyone with identification.

NAME OF

AGENCY: Bethany Christian Services

ADDRESS: 7 Professional Parkway, #103

PHONE#: (601)264-4984

EMERGENCY: 1-800-331-5876

FAX#: _____

E-MAIL

ADDRESS: bcshattiesburg@bethany.org

CONTACT

PERSON: _____

HOURS OF

OPERATION: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

AGE GROUP

SERVED: all ages

QUALIFICATIONS FOR

SERVICE: Positive pregnancy test

Referrals required: yes no Walk-ins accepted: yes no

FEES: free service/pregnancy test also provided for free

Insurance accepted: yes no Medicaid accepted: yes no

SUMMARY OF SERVICES: Provides personal pregnancy counseling and adoption services.



Bethany Christian Services Hattiesburg
7 Professional Parkway, #103
Hattiesburg Mississippi, 39402-2637

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STATE & NATIONAL CRISIS RESOURCES

Ms Coalition Against Domestic Violence	P. O. Box 4703 Jackson, MS 39396	800-898-3234
National Coalition Against Domestic Violence	P. O. Box 18749 Denver, CO 80128-0749	303-893-1852
National Domestic Violence Hotline		800-799-SAFE 800-799-7233 800-787-3224
TDD for Hearing Impaired		
Mississippi Attorney General Office	450 High Street Jackson, MS 39205	601-359-3803
Battered Women's Justice Project		800-903-0011
National Youth Crisis Hotline		800-HIT-HOME 800-448-4663

The Salvation Army
120 6th Avenue
601-483-6156

The Salvation Army began in 1865 as an evangelical group dedicated to preaching among the unchurched people living in poverty in London. In 1878, they became known as The Salvation Army. Since that time, they have added additional programs that include disaster relief services, day care centers, summer camps, holiday assistance, services for the aging, AIDS education and residential services, medical facilities, shelters for battered women and children, family and career counseling, vocational training, correction services, and substance abuse services. More than 30 million a year are aided by services from The Salvation Army.

Most of the funding for The Salvation Army comes from the annual kettle collections each year at Christmas. Other funds come from campaigns, direct mail programs, corporate and foundation gifts, planned giving, and government contracts. The Salvation is also a United Way agency with some funding coming from the local United Way. Through funding such as these, The Salvation Army is able to respond to critical community needs.

NAME OF AGENCY: Victory Outreach
Center, INC.

ADDRESS: 2207- 23rd Avenue
Meridian, MS 39301

PHONE: (601) 483-7501

FAX: (601) 483-9896

CONTACT PERSON: David Cheatham

HOURS OF OPERATION: Assistance and applications;
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Tuesday –
Friday.

AGE GROUP SERVED: Anyone needing assistance with
Crisis relief.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR SERVICE: Anyone with low
Income or emergencies.

REFERRAL: To be referred by another social or welfare
agency.

FEES: None.

SUMMARY OF SERVICE:

To meet the needs of individuals; to provide temporary help whenever possible. Emergency reliefs of food, clothing, shelter, prison after-care, and drug and alcohol rehabilitation.

Employment

ADECO Employment Services	4803 Poplar Springs Drive	601-482-0693
Coats & Coats Personnel Consultants	4266 Poplar Springs Drive	601-693-2991
Employment Security Commission		601-483-1406
Holland Employment	806 Hwy 19 North	601-482-2900
Meridian Personnel	2512 15 th Street	601-693-6990
Meridian Temporaries	2512 15 th Street	601-693-6990
Preferred Care	2401 14 th Street	601-696-3220
Select Staffing Services	1300 C – 14 th Street	601-482-4150
Working Solutions	2403 Hwy 39 North	601-483-9111

Meridian Community College – Employment Services

Career Development Center	MCC	601-481-1327 601-481-1370
Workforce Education	MCC	601-482-7445
WIN Dislocated Worker Program	MCC	601-553-9538

Employment – Vocational Rehab

Vocational Rehabilitation Services	1003 College Drive	601-483-5391
Voc. Rehab. Supported Employment		601-693-1176
WIA Job Program		601-692-2761
Workshop – AbilityWorks of Meridian		601-483-3871
MIDD Meridian Division	1405 Junior College Drive	601-693-5219

Organic Food Cooperatives

Sarah Johnson (601) 485-7032

Chris McKinney (601) 681-4503

Note: Both of these are in Meridian, MS

Elderly Care

Aldersgate Personal Care	6600 Poplar Springs Drive	601-485-9484
Aldersgate Retirement Community	6600 Poplar Springs Drive	601-482-5561
Beverly Healthcare – Broadmoor	4728 Hwy 39 North	601-482-8151
Guardian Angel Healthcare	6434 Dale Drive	601-482-5606
Binkley’s Guest Home	3302 Davis Street	601-693-8532
Highland Place	903 35th Avenue	601-485-2674
Meridian Convalescent Home	517 33rd Street	601-483-3916
Poplar Springs Nursing Center & Sons Rest Home	6615 Poplar Springs Drive	601-483-5256
Queen City Nursing Center	1201 28th Avenue	601-483-1467
Riley Nursing Center	3716 Highway 39 North	601-482-7164
Silverleaf Manor	4555 35th Avenue	601-483-4566

Home Health Services

Alliance Laird Home Health	5000 Hwy 39 North	601-482-8833
Apria Healthcare	1312 22 nd Avenue	601-485-4551
Coram Health Care of MS	1902 Front Street	601-485-2233
East Central Home Health Agency	Newton, MS	601-469-3043
Magna Home Health	5009 Hwy 493	601-484-6726
PDN Inc (specialize in home sitter svc)	2217 Hwy 39 North	601-485-5012
Response Link of MS	1312 22 nd Ave	601-581-2001 601-679-7867
Riley Home Health Services	1504 20 th Avenue	601-484-3293
Royaltee In Home Service	48 County Road 359	601-693-4498
South MS Homecare & Hospice	1201 2 nd Ave	601-581-5066
Sta-Home Health Agency	2303 23 rd Avenue	601-482-4241
UBS Caregiver Agency	2211 Hwy 45	601-693-1064
Vital Care	721 Front St Extension	601-482-4003

Hospice Care

AseraCare Hospice of Meridian	4825 Poplar Springs Dr	601-482-7947
Community Hospice of America	1614 23rd Ave	601-483-5200
Deaconess Homecare	1000 26th Ave	601-581-5066
Guardian Angel Hospice	6434 Dale Drive	601-483-7449
Harper's Hospice	1703 24th Ave	601-483-4134
Heartfelt Hospice	5000 Hwy 39 North	601-483-5326
Hometown Hospice	8366 Hwy 19 North	601-626-7277
Queen City Nursing Center	1201 28th Avenue	601-483-1467
Serenity Care Hospice	3514 Hwy 39 North	601-483-1952
South MS Homecare and Hospice	1201 2nd Avenue	601-582-5066
Sta-Home Hospice Service	2419 10th Street	601-485-8489

NAME OF AGENCY: Central Mississippi Family Health

ADDRESS: 901- A South Frontage Road
Meridian, Ms 39301

PHONE #: 601-486-4210 EMERGENCY #: N/A

FAX #: 601-486-4219

E-MAIL ADDRESS: N/A

CONTACT PERSON: Glenda Ivy

HOURS OF OPERATION: 8:00am-6:00pm Monday-Friday; 1:00pm-6:00pm Saturday&Sunda

AGE GROUP SERVED: All ages

QUALIFICATIONS FOR SERVICE: Self referred, referred by doctor

Referrals required: yes no Walk-ins accepted: yes no

FEES: yes

Insurance accepted: yes no Medicaid accepted: yes no

SUMMARY OF SERVICES:
Provide OB Care, Pediatric Care, Patient Teaching,
Family Care, Testing on HIV.

Dental Care

All About Smiles Dental Center
Dr. McQuarters
(accepts CHIPS & Medicaid)

4808 Great River Drive

601-482-2711

Art of Dentistry
Dr. Sandra Webb Thompson
(accepts CHIPS)

4723 Poplar Springs Drive

601-485-0550

Dr. Jennifer Avara-Lott
Dr. Tracy Lott
(accepts CHIPS)

2407 North Hills Street

601-485-7006

Gaddis Family Dentistry
Dr. Andrea Gaddis
(accepts CHIPS & Medicaid)

1316 25th Avenue

601-693-7913

Dr. James Hover
(accepts CHIPS & Medicaid)

1210 23rd Avenue

601-693-1604

Metro Family Dental Care
Dr. Eugene Hunter
(accepts CHIPS & Medicaid)

2310 4th Street

601-693-4878

Dr. Britt McCarty
Pediatric Dentistry
(accepts CHIPS)

1922 23rd Avenue

601-482-8986

North Hills Dental Associates
(accepts CHIPS)

2700 North Hills Street

601-485-4851

Smile Center of Meridian
Dr. David Pettey
(accepts CHIPS)

4610 29th Avenue

601-485-7070

NAME OF Greater Meridian

AGENCY: Health Clinic

ADDRESS: 2701 Davis Street
Meridian, MS 39301

PHONE: (601) 693-0118 FAX: (601) 693-2988

CONTACT PERSON: Yolanda Hill

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday – Wednesday & Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm

Thursday 8:00am – 8:00pm

Saturday 8:00am – 12:00pm

AGE GROUP SERVED: Anyone requiring medical care.

QUALIFICATIONS All eligible individuals regardless of race,
FOR SERVICE: color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin

REFERRAL: Appointments scheduled for the patients'
Convenience to minimize waiting.
Walk-ins welcome.

FEES: Fees are comparable to other health care providers,
however discounts are provided to patients that are eligible.
The clinic also accepts Medicare, Medicaid, and private
insurance.

SUMMARY OF SERVICE:

The Health clinic has fully-licensed, board certified
physicians, specializing in Family Practice, Pediatrics, Internal
Medicine, and Obstetrics/Gynecology.

NAME OF Agency: Lauderdale County
Health Department

ADDRESS: 5224 Valley Street
Meridian, MS 39301

PHONE: (601) 693-2451

FAX: (601) 484-5013

CONTACT PERSON: Joyce Weir, BSN Nursing

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm

AGE GROUP SERVED: Anyone requiring medical care.

QUALIFICATIONS
FOR SERVICE: No restrictions

REFERRAL: Appointments scheduled for the patients'
Convenience to minimize waiting.
Walk-ins welcome.

FEES: Sliding fee scale used for some services, third party
reimbursement and Medicaid.

SUMMARY OF SERVICE:
To promote and protect the health of the citizens of
Mississippi.

Medical Clinics (General)

Central MS Family Health Clinic Accepts CHIPs & Medicaid	905 C – So. Frontage Road	601-486-4210
Dr. Tammy's Kids Clinic Accepts Medicaid	9325 C – Hwy 19 North Collinsville, MS	601-427-2752
East Mississippi Medical Clinic Accepts CHIPs & Medicaid	4711 Poplar Springs Dr	601-485-7777
Family Medical Clinic Accepts CHIPs	1500 Highway 19 North	601-483-5353
Greater Meridian Health Clinic Accepts CHIPs & Medicaid	2701 Davis Street	601-693-0118
Internal Medicine Clinic Accepts CHIPs & Medicaid	2113 11th Street	601-483-5322
Lauderdale Co. Health Dept	5224 Valley Street	601-693-2451
MMA Collinsville Clinic (Dr. Darsey)	Church St. Collinsville MS	601-626-8354
Medical Arts Clinic – Pediatrics Accepts CHIPs	2024 15th Street Medical Towers – 5th Floor	601-693-2777
Medical Arts Surgical Group Accepts CHIPs & Medicaid	2111 14th Street	601-693-3834
Meridian Medical Associates Primary Care Clinic	2024 15th Street	601-553-6870
Rush Medical Group	1800 12th Street	601-484-6700
Rush Pediatric Group Accepts CHIPs	1710 14th Street	601-482-9225

Medical Services

Hospitals:

Alliance Health Center	5000 Hwy 39 North	601-483-6211
Jeff Anderson Regional Med. Center	2124 14 th Street	601-553-6000
Jeff Anderson RMC Emergency Room	2124 14 th Street	601-553-6111
East Mississippi State Hospital	4555 Highland Park Dr.	601-482-6186
Meridian Surgery Center	2100 13 th Street	601-485-4443
Regency Hospital of Meridian	1102 Constitution Ave.	601-484-7900
Riley Hospital	1102 Constitution Ave.	601-693-2511
Riley Hospital Emergency Room	1102 Constitution Ave.	601-484-3357
Rush Foundation Hospital	1314 19 th Avenue	601-483-0011
Rush Hospital Emergency Room	1314 19 th Avenue	601-703-9260
The Specialty Hospital of Meridian	1314 19 th Avenue	601-703-4211

NAME OF AGENCY: Rush Foundation Hospital
Immediate Care Clinic

ADDRESS: 840 Highway 19 North
Meridian, MS 39301

PHONE: (601) 483-5353

FAX: (601) 482-1753

CONTACT PERSON: Dee Sevier

HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday – Friday,
8:00am- time varies

AGE GROUP SERVED: Anyone needing medical care.

QUALIFICATIONS

FOR SERVICE: Insurance, private paying patients, Medicare,
Medicaid.

REFERRAL: Call or come by for a referral appointment.
No Walk-ins

FEES: Office visits start at \$45.00 for established patients;
\$50.00 and up for new patients.

SUMMARY OF SERVICE:

To provide acute health care services to families.

NAME OF

AGENCY: State Health Department District 6

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 5464

Meridian, Ms 39301

PHONE #: 601-484-5361 EMERGENCY #: N/A

FAX #: 601-484-5051

E-MAIL

ADDRESS: Ggray@MSDH.State.Ms.Us

CONTACT

PERSON: Gayle Gray

HOURS OF

OPERATION: 8:00am-5:00pm Monday-Friday

AGE GROUP

SERVED: All Ages

QUALIFICATIONS FOR

SERVICE: Self Referrals

Referrals required: yes no Walk-ins accepted: yes no

FEES: Based on ability to pay

Insurance accepted: yes no Medicaid accepted: yes no

SUMMARY OF SERVICES:

Provide maternal services, child health, W.I.C. services,
EPSDT screening, Family Planning services, STD/HIV Aids †
Testing, Prevention, & Counseling, Communicable disease
follow up, Tuberculosis screening treatment follow up,
First Step Early Childhood Program, Etc.

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Vision Care

Eye Doctors (eye exams)

Dr. Grady Clark (accepts Medicaid)	1217 South Frontage Road	601-693-2020
Cook Eye Center Dr. Jeffrey Cook Dr. Brenda Thornhill (accepts Medicaid)	5th Floor Medical Towers 2024 15th Street	601-553-2100
Custom Optical (accepts Medicaid)	1301 20th Avenue	601-485-2747
Dearman Optical Center (accepts Medicaid)	910 23rd Avenue	601-482-2020
Ellis Optical Shoppe (accepts Medicaid)	2302 12th Street	601-483-1172
Grayson Optical (accepts Medicaid)	2021 24th Avenue	601-693-6374
Meridian Eyecare (accepts Medicaid)	1733 2nd Street	601-485-4448
Primary Eyecare (accepts Medicaid)	4721 26th Avenue	601-485-2020

Opticians (glasses)

Dr. Grady Clark (accepts CHIPS & Medicaid)	1217 South Frontage Road	601-693-2020
Primary Eyecare (accepts CHIPS & Medicaid)	4721 26th Avenue	601-485-2020

Housing

Meridian MS Housing Authority	2425 E. Street	601-693-4285
Mississippi Regional Housing Authority	2500 9 th Street	601-482-0922
Deville Manor Apts	1914 11 th Street	601-483-6209
JT Davis Court	3715 Valley Street	601-482-0077
Lamco Apartments	7455 Lizelia Road Marion Ms	601-485-2434
Lauderdale County Properties Inc.	Highway 19 South	601-483-6323
Marion Road Apartments	Old Marion Road	601-693-4110
Meridian Manor Apts	815 33 rd Street	601-482-8628
North Hills Manor Apts	4401 40 th Avenue	601-482-4541
St. Francis Apartments	2427 4 th Avenue	601-693-2041
South Meridian Apts	5126 Stinson Cemetery Rd	601-485-3042
Village Apartments	2015 Mosby Road	601-482-4221

Attorney's / Legal Services

Lauderdale County District Attorney	Lauderdale Co. Courthouse	601-482-9757
Lauderdale County Attorney	1101 22 nd Avenue	601-482-9743
Mississippi Center for Legal Services Meridian Office	2305 5 th Street, 5 th Floor	1-888-631-9161 601-693-5470
Ready & Associates Civil Rights Attorneys	517 23 rd Avenue	601-693-6678
Ready Law Firm Civil Rights	2103 5 th Street	601-693-5050
Bubba Muse & Associates Social Security & Disability		1-800-922-4011
Doug Engell Bankruptcy, Social Security Workers Compensation	6171 Dale Drive	601-693-6311
Frank Edwards Disability Claims		1-800-266-9083
Davis, Goss, & Williams	1821 Hwy 39 North	601-485-6355
Denson & Associates	1902 Front Street, Suite 210	601-693-5400

Mental Health Services

Alliance Health Center CHIPs & Medicaid	5000 Hwy 39 North	601-483-6211
East Mississippi State Hospital	4555 Highland Park Dr.	601-482-6186
Mental Health Association Of Lauderdale County	5000 Hwy 39 North	601-693-2892 601-693-2273
Pine Grove Outreach Center CHIPS & Medicaid	2203 Highway 39 North	601-485-7094
Psychology Associates CHIPs	5004 Highway 39 North	601-693-8307
Weems Community Mental Health Medicaid	1415 College Drive	601-693-1001
Weems Children & Youth Division CHIPs & Medicaid	1928 24th Avenue	601-482-7377

Alliance Health Center
5000 Highway 39 North
Meridian, MS 39307
(601)483-6211

Alliance Health Center is a 134 bed acute care psychiatric and chemical dependency hospital. The Crossings, a 60 bed facility for treatment of adolescents, is also included on the Alliance campus.

Alliance serves individuals with behavioral health disorders and chemical and substance abuse issues. They have specific programs for patients according to their diagnosis and age. They also have a detoxification and short-term chemical dependency program for individuals aged 17 and up.

Each patient in the facility has their own treatment plan developed by a specialized treatment team. This plan includes assessment, medication treatment, therapy (individual, family, & group), and discharge planning.

Treatment programs at Alliance include:

- Adult Psychiatric Programs
- Medical Detoxification Unit
- Chemical Dependency Intensive Outpatient Program
- Milestones Senior Adult Unit
- Children's Unit
- Adolescent Unit
- Adolescent Residential Treatment Center
- Social Service
- Accreditation

Alliance Staff includes board-certified psychiatrists, RN's, and licensed clinical professionals. Group and individual therapy is incorporated and focuses on social, activity, coping, and reminiscence skills. Social service personnel are available for discharge and after care planning, or when seeking referral to community resources.

Alliance is licensed by the State of Mississippi and accepts Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance.

NAME OF AGENCY: BEST OF BOTH WORLDS THERAPY CENTER

ADDRESS: 8378 HAM ROAD; MERIDIAN, MS, 39305

PHONE #: (601) 679-1527 EMERGENCY: N/A

FAX #: N/A

E-MAIL ADDRESS: N/A

CONTACT PERSON: BETSY STORMS, Ph.D., LPC

HOURS OF OPERATION: OPEN WEEKDAYS AS WELL AS NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS.

AGE GROUP SERVED: ALL AGES

QUALIFICATIONS FOR SERVICE: SELF REFERRAL, COMMAND REFERRAL, OR ETOH INCIDENT

REFERRALS REQUIRED: NO

FEES: N/A

INSURANCE ACCEPTED: YES

SUMMARY OF SERVICES: TREATMENT FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE AND ABUSE, SELF-ESTEEM ISSUES, EATING DISORDERS, PERSONALITY DISORDERS, CONDUCT DISORDERS, MOOD DISORDERS, MASSAGE THERAPY (NCMT-CHARLOTTE CERMAK), RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS, AND PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING.

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Name of Agency: Dr. Barbara Schlesier Carter, Ph.D.
Address: 7 Woodstone Plaza, Suite 5
Hattiesburg, Ms. 39402
Phone #: 601-264-0073 **Emergency #:** 601-264-0073 (after hours)

Fax #: N/A

E-Mail Address: N/A
Contact Person: Dr. Barbara S. Carter, Ph.D.

Hours of Operation: 8-5 Monday - Friday

Age Group Served: all ages

Qualifications For Service: Referrals and free assessments

Fees: Referrals required: yes no Walk-ins accepted: yes no
Insurance accepted: yes no Medicaid accepted: yes no

Summary of Services:

Most insurance is accepted. The services are for all pathologies or issues. Dr. Carter specializes in treating eating disorders using a cognitive-behavioral approach, as well as, Reality therapy. Dr. Carter works in conjunction with Pine Grove Behavioral Hospital in Hattiesburg.

Name of Agency: Family Counseling Services

Address: 5002 Highway 39 North
Meridian, MS 39303

Phone Number: 483-2864

Emergency Number: Not Given

Fax Number: 483-2805

E-Mail Address: None Given

Contact Person: Rita Lum

Hours of Operation: 8:00am - 5:00pm Monday-Friday

Age Group Served: Children-Adult

Qualifications for Service: self-referral, school referral

Referrals Required? No, but you must make an appointment. Walk-ins accepted? No

FEES: 1st visit \$125-\$180, all visits after the 1st, \$75-\$150

Insurance Accepted: Yes

Medicaid Accepted? Yes, but only for children

Summary of Services: The Family Counseling Services provide
counseling, psychological testing, prescriptions for medicine if needed, and
other types of therapy for individuals, families, and children.

Name of Agency: Families First-Teen Session

Address: 2900 St. Paul Street Meridian, Ms 39302

Phone #: 482-9862 **Emergency #:** _____

Fax #: 482-9861

E-mail Address: alff@strato.net

Contact Person: Ann Lee or Paula Thompson

Hours of Operation: 8:00-5:00

Age Group Served: Teens

Qualifications for Service: None-referred by parent/guardian or The Department of Human Services

Referrals required: ___yes Xno Walk-ins accepted: Xyes ___no

Fees: None

Insurance accepted: ___yes ___no Medicare accepted: ___yes ___no

Summary of Services:

This is an 8 week program dealing with teen issues from self-esteem to independent living skills.

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FLEET and Family Support Center

Building 405
Naval Air Station
Meridian, MS 39309
Phone #: 601-679-2360

PURPOSE: To enhance quality of life for Navy personnel by providing psychological counseling services

SERVICES PROVIDED: Individual psychological counseling marriage and family counseling, group therapy and mental health education programs

FEES: No fee for services

HOURS: 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
Monday – Friday

ELIGIBILITY: Active duty Navy or Marine Corps, spouse or dependent or military retiree

PREFERED REFFERAL PROCEDURE: Telephone contact or personal appointment

CONTACT PERSON: Edward D. Welch, LCSW

AREA SERVED: No geographic restriction

OTHER OFFICES: Navy Bases worldwide

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Weems Community Mental Health Center

1415 College Drive
Meridian, MS 39307
(601) 483-4821

Weems Community Mental Health Center is concerned their clients emotional well-being. They understand the difficulties people are facing each day such as stress, depression, substance abuse, family problems, or children's issues. The number one goal of Weems Mental Health Center is help people to better enjoy their lives. Weems offers services for everybody, and those services are provided by qualified staff who care and want to help clients to have a better life.

The mission of Weems is to work to improve the emotional health of our local communities. Some of the services used to do so include mental health counseling, Employee Assistance Programs, inpatient substance abuse treatment, children's day treatment programs, and elderly services.

Weems provides community events such as programs geared toward raising compassionate children, preventing underage drinking, and how to help someone experiencing mental health problems. They also provide online screenings for depression, anxiety, and other common mental health issues. These screening are free and provide immediate responses.

Weems Community Mental Health Center

1415 College Drive
Meridian, MS 39307
Phone #: 601-483-4821
Fax #: 601-485-8727

PURPOSE: Provide direct treatment services to children and families

SERVICES PROVIDED: Evaluations, educational services, individual and family therapy, social skills training, parent training, rehabilitation, planning for developmental delays and learning disabilities, adaptive learning programs, consultation services, community programs, emergency services related to above (24hrs)

FEES: Sliding fee and contract
Insurance and Medicaid/Medicare accepted

HOURS: 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Emergency service 24hrs a day (601-483-4821)

ELIGIBILITY: Must live in 9 county service areas; under age 18 or suffer from problems related to developmental delays

PREFERED REFERRAL PROCEDURE: Referrals from other agencies or self-referrals accepted; must make an appointment

CONTACT PERSON: Dr. Lee Lee Marlow

AREA SERVED: Lauderdale, Clarke, Jasper, Smith, Newton, Neshoba, Kemper, Leake, and Scott Counties

OTHER OFFICES: Located in each county served; see telephone directory in each county

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Weems Community Mental Health Center
Children and Youth Services
1928 24th Avenue
Meridian, MS 39301
(601) 482-7377

Weems Children and Youth Services Division recognizes the pressures and stressors that lead to emotional and behavioral problems in the young people of today. The children and youth staff is skilled in treating a variety of mental health issues such as:

- Hyperactivity and other behavioral problems
- Anger, depression, anxiety, and other mood disturbances
- Family relational problems
- Psychological testing both academic and behavioral
- Alcohol and other drug abuse

The staff provides school based therapy in the public schools in the region. Clinical staff includes a board certified child psychiatrist, certified psychiatric nurse practitioners, registered nurses, licensed clinical psychologists, mental health therapists, day treatment specialists and case managers.

All therapists are licensed by the Department of Mental Health or other professional association. Insurance providers include private health insurance programs including Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi, CHIPs, Advanced Health Systems, TriCare, United Behavioral Health and others.

The Children and Youth Division also houses a parent / community resource library that has books, periodicals, videos, and other resources on such topics as autism, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, severe speech and language delays, and others.