



Resources for Students with Children

LACTATION SUPPORT



Mother's Room

Mississippi State University provides reasonable break time to express breast milk as well as provision of an appropriate location to express breast milk. These rooms will be available from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday-Friday; excluding special events and holidays. The Colvard Student Union and The Welcome Center/Cullis Wade Depot will be available during most game day events on campus.

LACTATION SUPPORT ROOMS:

Allen Hall – Room 445

Lloyd Ricks Watson – Room 068

access key from room 120

**Cullis Wade Depot / Welcome Center
2nd floor – Room 2103**

*access key from receptionist on first floor
or by registered ID*

Colvard Student Union – Room 226

*access key from Reservations Desk on
the 2nd floor or by registered ID*

Humphrey Coliseum – Room 309

Longest Student Health Center

3rd floor – Room 3102

Thompson Hall – Room 110B

access key from desk in room 110

The Wise Center – Room L3017

located in the library, access key at front desk

Memorial Hall – Room 113

*open weekdays 7am-5:30pm
game days from 7am-11pm*

Bost Extension Center – Room 102-A

past the office of Agricultural Communications

FOOD SECURITY NETWORK

The Mississippi State University Food Security Network (FSN) connects students in need to food resources within the community. Bully's Closet and Pantry (BCP) provides nutritious food, basic personal necessities, baby care items, and more.

Bully's Closet and Pantry:

In-Person Shopping OR Curbside Shopping

120 Morgan Avenue

Mississippi State University, MS 39762

Open Monday through Friday, 1 – 6pm

[Complete Curbside Order Form on Cowbell Connect](#)

BULLY'S

CLASSET & PANTRY

For more information, contact:

Dean of Students Office

662.325.3611

student.msstate.edu

CHILD DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY STUDIES CENTER

The Child Development and Family Studies Center is the child-study laboratory for the School of Human Sciences. Children ages 6 to 8 weeks with first required immunizations to 4 years old or kindergarten eligible are enrolled in 11 classes. There are individually fenced playgrounds with developmentally appropriate equipment for the children and a center garden, in which children participate in growing their own food for classroom tasting.

501 College View Street; Starkville, MS 39759 • <https://www.humansci.msstate.edu/cdfsc/>

Community Resources for Students with Children



EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES



Discovery Center

Housed at Emerson School

504 Louisville Street
Starkville, MS 39759

P: [662.615.0033](tel:662.615.0033)

F: [662.324.5011](tel:662.324.5011)



Family Centered Programs offer a variety of lifelong learning experiences designed to encourage and support strong healthy families. Programs include library, educational toys and materials, workshops, special classes, mentoring, preschool assessment, counseling, and home visits. Financial Counseling is offered through the Financial Peace workshop which discusses credit cards, debt, loans, and how to restore/repair credit. Active Parenting, Anger Management, and CPR certification are also offered.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



Warm Neighbor Program

4-County Electric Power Association

5265 South Frontage Road
Columbus, MS 39701

200 North Lafayette Street
Starkville, MS 39759

www.4county.org



The 4-County Warm Neighbor project provides one time per year emergency energy assistance for members. The special services offered are budgeted billing, bank draft, life support system alert, golden priority club, home energy audits, and speaker's bureau. Please apply at the Salvation Army or Helping Hands.

Christian Friends

206 West Park Street
Louisville, MS 39339

P: [662.773.9319](tel:662.773.9319)

Food assistance, utility bill assistance, Christmas box program, and thrift shop are provided to low-income households.

Prairie Opportunity, Inc.

501 Hwy 12 West, Suite 110
Starkville, MS 39759

P: [662.323.3397](tel:662.323.3397)

122 North Jackson Street
West Point, MS 39733

P: [662.494.4862](tel:662.494.4862)

Prairie Opportunity, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that serves people in the Golden Triangle area. The mission is to promote self-sufficiency for low-income households.



ESSENTIAL SERVICES



Mississippi State Department of Health

WIC Food Distribution Center

www.msdh.ms.us



Provides supplemental food/nutrition education, immunizations, and child health screenings at the MS State Department of Health Clinic.

Mississippi Regional Housing Authority IV

1203 Louisville Street
Starkville, MS 39759

P: [662.324.0171](tel:662.324.0171)



Aids in renting safe and sanitary housing for low-income families. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age. Counties served: Carroll, Chickasaw, Clay, Grenada, Lowndes, Montgomery, Oktibbeha, Webster, and Winston.

Starkville Strong

109 S Lafayette Street
Starkville, MS 39759

starkvillestrong2020@gmail.com

P: [662.314.4648](tel:662.314.4648)



We provide a support system and continuum of care to Starkville residents that will improve the chances of finding and maintaining stability. Our efforts within the community focus on those at risk of becoming homeless and/or those who are homeless currently. 7 pantries are facilitated throughout the community and are open for pick-up 24-7.

211 Mississippi

Dial [2.1.1](tel:211) OR [1\(800\).472.8265](tel:18004728265)
for assistance in finding
health and human services
throughout Mississippi



Information and referrals for individuals seeking emergency food and clothing, utility and rent assistance, shelter/housing, vision and hearing services, support groups, job services, volunteer opportunities, counseling, etc.

Peter's Rock Food Pantry

121 Dr. Martin Luther King Drive
Starkville, MS 39759

P: 662.615.4493 or 662.615.4001



Provides food for the elderly, low income, and homeless. An application can be completed at Peter's Rock Church.

St. Joseph Food Pantry

607 University Drive
Starkville, MS 39759

P: 662.323.2257



Distributes free food on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month to needy families. Food is distributed from 9-11am. One time registration required along with proof of income and social security cards for everyone in the household.

HEALTH & WELL-BEING SERVICES

Division of Medicaid

313 Industrial Park Road
Starkville, MS 39759

P: 662.323.3688

603 Leigh Drive
Columbus, MS 39705

P: 662.329.2190

www.medicaid.ms.gov



The Division of Medicaid is responsible for determining Medicaid eligibility for Mississippi's elderly and disabled population whose income is over the SSI limit but below the poverty level. Eligibility is also determined for families with children and the CHIP coverage.

Golden Triangle Planning and Development District

106 Miley Road
Starkville, MS 39759

P: 662.324.7860



The purpose of the non-profit economic development organization is to provide a single system plan programming efforts with a regional approach. Childcare assistance is available based on income and not currently receiving TANF.

Oktibbeha County Health Department

203 Yeates Street
Starkville, MS 39759

Mission is to promote and protect the health of the citizens of Mississippi. Everyone is eligible. Medicaid screenings, WIC information, pregnancy testing, referrals, and health screenings.

Arc of Lowndes County

P.O. Box 5387
Columbus, MS 39704
P: [662.245.1323](tel:662.245.1323)
arclowndescounty@gmail.com

A non-profit dedicated to parents, professionals, volunteers, and providers concerned with the well-being of children and adults with developmental disabilities. IEP planning and assistance, special education advocacy, resource and referral information, legislative awareness, inclusion awareness, and sexual abuse awareness.

CONTACT Hotline

P.O. Box 1304
Columbus, MS 39703
P: [662.323.HELP](tel:662.323.HELP) (4357)
www.contacthelplinegrms.org



Provides community information/referral services and serves as a crisis intervention listening service. CONTACT Helpline works with Community Counseling Services, Inc. to provide emergency mental health services and telephone reassurance to citizens in the community.

Counties include: Lowndes, Clay, Oktibbeha, Winston, Webster, Noxubee, Choctaw and Monroe.

Community Counseling Services, Inc.

Region 7 Community Mental Health Center • www.ccsms.org
Counties Served: Choctaw, Clay, Lowndes, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Webster, and Winston

Clay County	Lowndes County	Oktibbeha County	Noxubee County
217 Court St. West Point, MS 39783	1001 Main St. Columbus, MS 39701 P: 662.328.9225	302 North Jackson St. Starkville, MS 39759 P: 662.323.9318	200 W Martin Luther King St. Macon, MS 39341 P: 662.726.5042