



Resources for Students with Children

LACTATION SUPPORT



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 a.m.-5 p.m., 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.

MOTHERING ROOMS:

- **Allen Hall – Room 445**
- **Bost Extension Center – Room 102-A**
past the office of Agricultural Communications
- **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
- **Franklin Center – Room 201**
access key from room 205
- **Humphrey Coliseum – Room 383**
- **Lloyd Ricks Watson – Room 110**
access key from room 120
- **Mitchell Memorial Library – Room 3203**
- **Rice Hall – Room 114A**
- **Wise Center – Room L3017**
located in the library, access key at front desk
- **YMCA Building – Room 1230**
enter through the first floor women's restroom

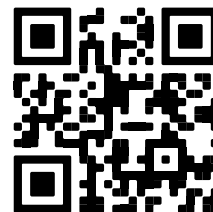
FOOD SECURITY NETWORK

The Mississippi State University Food Security Network (FSN) connects students in need to food resources within the community. Bully's Pantry provides free nutritious foods, toiletries, and other household items.



For more information, contact:
MSU Food Security Network
[662.325.5956](tel:662.325.5956) | blockbyblock@msstate.edu

Bully's Pantry:
In-Person Shopping
120 Morgan Ave.
Mississippi State, MS 39762
Scan QR Code for current store hours



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 • humansci.msstate.edu/cdfsc/

Community Resources for Students with Children



EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Discovery Center

Housed at Emerson School

1504 Louisville Street
Starkville, MS 39759

starkvillesd.com/discoverycenter

P: 662.615.0033



Home to more than a dozen grant-based programs aimed at connecting home, school and community with excellence. Their passion is to strengthen and encourage healthy families in Oktibbeha County by offering year-round programs to assist children, support parents and empower families to focus on the importance of family, school and community working together. Programming emphasizes family protective factors through proven practices.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Warm Neighbor Program

4-County Electric Power Association

5265 South Frontage Road
Columbus, MS 39701

200 North Lafayette Street
Starkville, MS 39759

4county.org



Assists members with their electric bill in a one-time, emergency situation. The program is available any time of the year but can be used only once by a member.

To apply for Warm Neighbors assistance, any 4-County member may contact the Salvation Army Center in Columbus at 662.327.5137.

Prairie Opportunity, Inc.

501 Hwy 12 West, Suite 110
Starkville, MS 39759

P: 662.323.3397

122 North Jackson Street
West Point, MS 39733

P: 662.494.4862

prairieopp.dudaone.com

Provides comprehensive case management services to low-income families, elderly and disabled, to enhance stability and promote self-sufficiency through the building of community relationships.



ESSENTIAL SERVICES



Mississippi State Department of Health

WIC Food Distribution Center
1203 Louisville St.
Starkville, MS 39759

msdh.ms.gov

P: [662.323.7327](tel:662.323.7327)



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

United Way 211 Mississippi Helpline

Dial 211 or [1.866.472.8265](tel:1.866.472.8265)
myunitedway.com/211



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.

Starkville Strong

109 S Lafayette Street
Starkville, MS 39759

starkvillestrong.org

P: [662.314.4648](tel:662.314.4648)



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

Mississippi Regional Housing Authority IV

2845 S Frontage Road
Columbus, MS 39701

P: [662.327.0136](tel:662.327.0136)



Provides adequate, affordable 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.

St. Joseph Food Pantry

607 University Drive
Starkville, MS 39759

P: [662.323.2257](tel:662.323.2257)

stjosephstarkville.org/food-pantry-2



Distributes free food to needy families in Oktibbeha County. Contact the church office for distribution days and to set up an appointment to complete the application.

Casserole Kitchen

105 N Montgomery Street
Starkville, MS 39759

P: [662.323.3483](tel:662.323.3483)

casserolekitchen21@gmail.com

A partnership of local churches to prepare and serve food for members of the community. Meals are served in The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection Parish Hall Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. and Saturdays at 11:30 a.m.

Peter's Rock Food Pantry

223 Dr. Martin Luther King Drive
Starkville, MS 39759

P: [662.615.4493](tel:662.615.4493) or [662.615.4001](tel:662.615.4001)



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

Division of Medicaid

313 Industrial Park Road
Starkville, MS 39759

P: 662.323.3688

603 Leigh Drive
Columbus, MS 39705

P: 662.329.2190

medicaid.ms.gov



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.

MDHS Early Childhood Care and Development

P: 800.877.7882

mdhs.ms.gov/eccd/parents

Helps low-income, working or student parents and guardians pay for child care tuition. Parents may choose any type of child care while participating in the program. Parents who receive tuition assistance through CCPP may still need to pay a monthly co-payment to their child care provider.

CONTACT Hotline

P.O. Box 1304
Columbus, MS 39703

P: 662.323.HELP (4357)

contacthelplinegtrms.org



Provides Provides 24/7 confidential telephone crisis intervention for people in distress. 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.

Oktibbeha County Health Department

203 Yeates Street
Starkville, MS 39759

Promotes and protects the health of the citizens of Mississippi. Everyone is eligible. Medicaid screenings, WIC information, pregnancy testing, referrals, and health screenings.

Special Needs Special Spirit

P.O. Box 5387
Columbus, MS 39704

P: 662.352.3184

specialneedsspecialspirit@gmail.com

Helps to provide family support, community education, community activities, advocacy, information, and referral services to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

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 | P: 662.573.3713

337 Court Street, West Point, MS 39773

Lowndes County | P: 662.328.9225

1001 Main Street, Columbus, MS 39701

Oktibbeha County | P: 662.323.9318

302 North Jackson Street, Starkville, MS 39759

Noxubee County | P: 662.726.5042

43 Martin Luther King Drive, Macon, MS 39341