

Desoto County Resources-

See Memphis Resources for Additional Help

Utility and Rent Assistance

Shelby County CSA

Provides emergency rent and mortgage assistance to some low-income Shelby County households once every two years.

Call Mondays - Fridays beginning at 8:00 am when funds are available to schedule an appointment.

- CSA normally takes about 50 callers a day.
- Must provide proof of income and other necessary documents.
- Must be Shelby County resident.

- **Samaritans of Horn Lake and Southaven-** **Phone** (662) 393-6439
2600 Goodman Rd, Southaven, MS. 38671
Offers assistance in the form of vouchers for utility payments, medicine, rent, etc., in addition to food and clothing for those in need due to poverty, life transitions, and hardship emergencies.
Applicant Screening - In order to ensure legitimacy, our clients are required to provide picture identification, social security numbers, proof of income, and proof of residency for all household members.

- **Sacred Heart Southern Missions-** **Phone-** (662) 781-1360

6050 Highway 161 Walls, MS. 38680
Provides utility and rent assistance, when funds are available, to residents in the Horn Lake and Walls area. Must meet guidelines of the MS poverty income scale
Office hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 am - 12 noon

- **Friends For Life Corporation-** **Phone-** (901) 272-0855

43 N. Cleveland St. Memphis, TN. 38104

Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA)
EFA services are available to eligible clients who are in an unstable financial situation and may need short-term support to prevent homelessness.

Short-Term Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance
This program prevents homelessness by providing eligible individuals with assistance for rent, mortgage and/or utility bills for up to 21 weeks during a calendar year.

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

This Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program assists low-income individuals and families by

allowing them to rent housing in the private market. Eligible and qualified applicants receive a voucher to choose housing that meets the requirements of the program

Food Assistance

Hartland Hands- Phone- (662) 280-5365

385 Stateline Rd W, Southaven, MS. 38671

Started in November, 2006, HeartLand Hands, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization supported by voluntary contributions from individuals, churches, and businesses. As a 501(C)(3) all donations are tax deductible. HeartLand Hands, Inc. is committed to strengthening our community by providing food assistance. Food baskets have been distributed to over 69,064 individuals.

Olive Branch Food Ministry- Phone: (662) 895- 2913

10947 Highway 178, Olive Branch, Mississippi 38654

Provides a food pantry.

Hours:

Tuesday

10:00am - 12:00pm

Thursday

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Desoto County Health Dept. Southaven Clinic- Phone: 662-393-2775

8705 Northwest Drive Building A, Suite 1, Southaven, MS – 38671 **OR**

DESOTO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT - OLIVE BRANCH CLINIC- PHONE-662-895-3090

6569 Cockrum Rd, Bldg. A, Suite 2, Olive Branch, MS – 38654

WIC is a special supplemental food program for pregnant, breastfeeding, and post-partum women, infants, and children under five years of age. WIC helps you and your baby get healthy foods and healthy advice in the first years of life.

Who is Eligible?

To be eligible for the program, a woman, infant, or child must meet the income guidelines and be at medical or nutritional risk. Low iron levels in the blood (anemia), underweight, overweight, or poor diet are typical examples. A nurse or nutritionist will determine if an applicant is eligible for the WIC program.

You can check your income against the current guidelines to see if you may qualify.

Apply in Person:

USDA policy requires that applicants must apply in person for WIC benefits at their local WIC clinic. Parents not wanting to bring their newborns in to the WIC clinic have a 60-day period during which the newborn must be seen at the WIC clinic.

What to bring to your WIC appointment:

Applicants must bring proof of income, residence, and identification to their WIC appointment.

Examples of proof of income:

A current pay stub less than 60 days old

A signed statement from an employer indicating gross income earnings for a specified pay period

Current W-2 forms

An income tax return for the most current year

Proof of Medicaid, TANF, or Food Stamps

Examples of proof of residence:

Pieces of mail that include the client's current address (e.g. current utility bill, bank statement, etc.)

A valid driver's license with the current address

A mortgage/rental agreement

Examples of proof of identification:

A valid driver license

A social security card

A valid U.S. passport

A current shot record

A military ID

A newborn crib card

W.I.C. (Women, Infants, & Children)- Phone: 662-838-4911

Old Hwy 178 Byhalia, MS

Nutritional, income based assistance for pregnant women, postpartum women for 6 months, infants and children under 5 years old. Must register at the Olive Branch Health Department (662-895-3090) located on Hwy 305, Bldg A, Suite 2, next to the library. Hours: 8-5 M-F.

Clothing/Thrift Stores

Olive Branch Thrift Store- Phone: 662-895-2913

9797 Hwy 178 Olive Branch, MS 38654 Thurs-Fri 12pm – 4pm, Sat 9am – 1pm

Bibles for Missions Thrift Store- Phone: 662-280-6792

Mon - Fri 10am – 5pm, Sat 10am – 4pm

Desoto Sunrise Thrift Store- Phone: 662-342-2019

385 Stateline Road Southaven, MS

Serves the community as a low-cost retail outlet for clothing, furniture, books, child care items, household items and appliances, electronics, canned goods, and more. Hours: 9 to 6 M-S.

Medical

See Memphis Resources for Christ Community Clinic and Church Health Center

Medical Walk-In Clinic- Phone: 662-838-6898

Byhalia, MS Reduce rate medical payments for treatment. Must show proof of income. Hours 7:30am to 6pm

Dental: University of Tennessee (adults) 901-525-6220 (children) 901-525-4395) 6

Transportation

Delta Area Rural Transportation (Darts-) Phone: 800-989-RIDE

Free transportation for those over 60 within Desoto County. Fees for general public are based on distance traveled. Must call two days in advance.

Medicaid Transportation- Phone: 888-269-5554 Transportation to non-emergency medical appointments. Must have Medicaid. Must give 3 business days' notice.

Financial Assistance for Bills

Sacred Heart Southern Mission Catholic Social Services- Phone: 662-429-4461

499 E. Commerce Street, Hernando, MS. 38632

Hours of operation: Mon, Weds, Friday 10:00 am – 2 pm, other times by appointment.

Catholic Social Services- Phone: 662-893-0255

9607 Hwy 178 Olive Branch, MS 38654

Hours of operation: Mon, Tues, Weds, Friday 10:00 am – 2 pm, other times by appointment. Provides emergency aid in areas of food, clothing, utilities, rent, and medicine. Further assistance is also given through information, referrals, encouragement and advocacy. Requirements for services: proof of residency, Social Security Cards and birth dates on all in household, proof of household income.

Verifications pertinent to client's situation and request; e.g. copy of bills, proof of unemployment, proof of effort to seek employment, etc.

Mid-state Opportunity- Phone: 662-895-4153

9607 Hwy 178, Olive Branch, MS. 38654

Provides utilities assistance.

Desoto Co. Dept. of Human Services- Phone: 662-429-4461

2725 Hwy 51 South Hernando, MS 38632

Food stamps, TANF work program, Medicaid and Chip applications processed. Proof of income and utility bills are required to receive services.

Social Security Office- Phone: 662-890-0439

8760 Midsouth Dr., Olive Branch, MS 38654

Apply for Social Security Insurance (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI).

Pregnancy

Southaven Pregnancy Care Center- Phone: (662) 280-1202

1277 Main St., Southaven, MS 38671

offers Free **Pregnancy** tests, abortion education, confidential support for those having an unexpected **pregnancy**.

Battered/Abused Women

House of Grace- Phone: 662-342-1889 24-hour crisis line 662-342-1432

Offers a Christ-centered way out of a seemingly hopeless situation for victims of domestic abuse. FREE and confidential counseling, support groups, and 30 day emergency shelter. Also offers legal advocacy. Located in the basement of the Desoto Times Building on Hwy. 51 in Southaven.

Abused Women's Services- Phone: 901-725-4277

24-hour hotline for rape, battered women, and suicide.

Dr. Jim Alford- Phone: 662-566-7722

Northeast Mississippi Family Ministries Director Fees are based on ability to pay. Christian professional counseling for families and individuals. Workshops are conducted in local churches. Some subjects include parenting, marriage enrichment, suicide, divorce prevention, parents of adult children who have strayed, senior adult issues, and aging parents.

Abortion

Life Choices 24 hour help line- Phone: 901-323-5441, 901-388-1172, 901-323-5433

FREE pregnancy testing, counseling, adoption, and post-abortion counseling.

Mental Health

Esther Ministries- Phone: 662-429-6533

PO Box 248 Toll Free: 877-637-8437

Hernando, MS 38632 Workshops and counseling for spouses of sex addicts, biblically-based
www.EstherMinistries.org

Suicide and Crisis Intervention- Phone: 901-274-7477 24-hour hotline 8001-273-8255

Telephone crisis counseling and mental health information for the tri-state area 901-274-7477

Crisis Text Line-

provides free, 24/7 support via text message. We're here for everything: anxiety, depression, **suicide**, school. Text HOME to 741741 to connect with a crisis counselor

Substance Abuse Desoto County Alcoholics Anonymous- Phone: 662-280-3435

Call for listing of meetings in the Desoto County area.

Al Anon Meetings- Phone: 662-280-3435

Turning Point Christian Counseling and Consulting- Phone: 662-893-6556

Offers an eight-week chemical dependency group therapy.

Parkwood Hospital- Phone: 662-895-4900

Olive Branch, MS Inpatient and intensive outpatient treatment for chemical dependency.

Children's Services

Adoption Ministries of Mississippi- Phone: 601-957-8715

P.O. Box 20346, Jackson, MS 39289-0346

Minority and special needs adoption services and pregnancy counseling.

Baptist Children's Village- Phone: 662-233-2155

150 Farrow Manor Dr. Coldwater, MS 38618

Residential care for abused, neglected and dependent children.

Desoto Sunrise Homes- Phone: 662-342-0155

Home for youths from dysfunctional homes. Individual and group therapy. Family therapy, anger management, self-esteem building, behavior management

Divorce Care/Recovery

Trinity Baptist Church- Phone: 662-349-3333

Southaven, MS Biblically-based divorce/separation support group for men and women. Fall and spring semester, 13 weeks.

Colonial Hills Baptist Church- Phone: 662-393-2445 Learning to deal with the stresses of separation or divorce. Biblically-based.

Grief Recovery

Trinity Baptist Church- Phone: 662-349-3333

7200 Swinnea Road, Southaven, MS

Spring and fall six week sessions. Small or large groups according to the loss.

Compassionate Friends- Phone: 662-393-2434

Southaven City Hall Support group for adults dealing with a child's death.

Legal Assistance

North Mississippi Rural Legal Services- Phone: 662-234-2918/8731

Rural Legal Services/Legal Aid- Phone: 800-559-5074

Oxford, MS Fees are based on household income.

Mississippi Bar Volunteer Lawyers Project- Phone: 601-960-9577

PO Box 2168 800-682-0047 Jackson, MS 39225-2168

Legal representation for low income families with civil cases only

Desoto Co. Dept. Human Services - Child Support- Phone: 662-449-1401

3246 Hwy 51 South, Suite 1 Hernando, MS 38632

To assist in getting child support payments and arrange to pay child support. Proper documentation required to receive services (child support legal documents, birth certificate, and Social Security Card).

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