

Petal Family Resource Directory

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Quick Reference Guide

To report child abuse:

Call Department of Human Services
601-554-4354
or
Forrest County Youth Court
601-545-6185

Fire Department:

Dial 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Forrest General OnCall

601-288-4445

A registered nurse offers answers to medical questions. Available 24 hours/day.

Poison Control

1-800-222-1222

Police Department

Dial 9-1-1 for emergencies.
601-544-5331
128 W. 8th Avenue
Petal, MS 39465

Petal Chamber of Commerce

601-583-3306

If you suspect that your child may have a disability, call:

MS Dept. of Health—First Steps 601-584-4704 (ages 0-3)
Petal Schools Special Services 601-582-4247 (ages 3-5)

Center for Families and Children

201 West Central Avenue
Petal, MS 39465
601-584-4704

The Center for Families and Children is a place for all families, with resources that can help any parent feel better equipped for the daily challenges of family life. We offer a coordinated cluster of community resources and services in an accessible “one-stop” family support center. Services available include:

EXCEL BY 5 Community Partner
Lending Library
Itty Bitty Bookworm Store
First Steps—MS Department of Health
Petal Children’s Task Force
C. H. Johnson Head Start and Early Head Start
Home Bound Services
Parents as Teachers
Early Care and Education
Resource and Referral Center—MS State
GED Prep—PRCC
Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Computer Lab
Community Workroom
Social Work Services

Need help?

Call Mississippi 2-1-1

Dial 211

www.211ms.com

2-1-1 connects people with local community resources like emergency food, clothing, housing, job services, and counseling.



Licensed Childcare Centers

Part Time Programs:

Asbury Playschool

601-582-4686
1331 Highway 42
Petal, MS 39465
Contact: Cindy McDonald

Carterville Christian School

601-545-1010
1115 Carterville Road
Petal, MS 39465
Contact: Lindsay Skipper

Full Time Programs:

C.H. Johnson Head Start & Early Head Start

601-544-4195
201 West Central Ave.
Petal, MS 39465
Contacts: Patricia Mitchell
Karla Leverette

Kid’s Academy

601-297-5437
304 East Cherry
Petal, MS 39465
Contact:
Chrissy Fagan Dykes

Mimi’s Playhouse

601-584-6107
439 Old Corinth Road
Petal, MS 39465
Contact: Sherry Sundeen

Oasis Training Center

601-583-4045
153 Sheeplo Loop
Petal, MS 39465
Contact: Edna Bridges

Play School Childcare

601-544-4018
108 Valley Drive
Petal, MS 39465
Contact: Margie Nobles

After School/Summer Care **Main Street Station**

601-544-0810
208 South Main Street
Petal, MS 39465
Contact: Bubba Nobles

Oasis Training Center

601-583-4045
153 Sheeplo Loop
Petal, MS 39465
Contact: Edna Bridges

Petal Family YMCA

601-583-9399
547 Hillcrest Loop

NAACRRA—National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies

www.naacrra.com

National listing of child care agencies.



Counseling

Community Counseling and Assessment Clinic

601-266-4601
118 College Drive
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
www.usm.edu/counselingpsy/clinic.html

Student-run clinic offers psychology assessment services, individual family therapy. Includes anger management and parenting young children. Operates on a sliding fee scale.

Memorial Behavioral Health

601-545-9301
100 South 20th Avenue
Hattiesburg, MS s39401

Offers help for behavioral and emotional issues for ages 4 and up. Provides assessments.

Pine Belt Mental Health

601-544-4641
103 South 19th Avenue
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
www.pbmhr.com

Community mental health agency offers counseling and day treatment services. This number is available as a crisis line 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week.

Pine Grove Behavioral Health

1-888-574-HOPE (4673)
2255 Broadway Drive
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
www.pinegrovetreatment.com

Behavioral health and addiction services. Inpatient, outpatient, and residential treatment for adults, children, and adolescents suffering from psychiatric and addictive diseases.

South MS Psychiatric Services

601-288-8050
1 Lincoln Parkway
Suite 202
Hattiesburg, MS

Offers adult, child, and adolescent psychiatry.

USM Clinic for Family Therapy

601-266-5475
3406 Morningside Dr.
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
www.usm.edu/childandfamilystudies

Offers help for couples, family problems, and parent care issues. Fees based on a sliding scale.

Other agencies offering comprehensive services, including counseling:

Shafer Center for Crisis Intervention

601-264-7777
307 Chevy Chase Dr.
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
www.thshafercenter.org

Serves all survivors of sexual violence and co-victims of violent death, including homicide and suicide, at any point following their experience through exemplary direct services, advocacy, education, training and activism.

Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse

601-545-6680
721 Hardy Street
Hattiesburg, MS

"Welcome Baby" Program for first time mothers with in-home visits, Child Advocacy Program, Victims of Crime Acts and child abuse/neglect, works with parents to regain custody of children, parenting classes approved by DHS.

CARES (MS Children's Home Services)

1-800-635-9056
Hattiesburg, MS
www.mchscares.org

A continuum of care for children and families including foster care, intensive in-home services, and a shelter for children ages 10-18 providing basic needs plus medical, dental, and psychological assessments.

Domestic Abuse Family Shelter

1-800-649-1092 (crisis line)

Provides a 24-hour crisis line and 24-hour shelter (at no charge) for women and their children who are victims of domestic violence. Nonresidential counseling services are provided for victims and domestic violence intervention classes are available for abusers.



Education

Education – Adult Education

GED prep classes - PRCC

601-554-5551
201 West Central Avenue
Petal, MS 39465
Free GED prep classes:
Mon 5:00 – 7:30 pm;
Wed 4:30 – 7:30 pm

GED prep classes -

Petal School District

601-545-3002
115 Highway 42
Petal, MS 39465
Contact: Gina Howard

Free GED prep for former
Petal students up to age 21.
Classes meet Monday -
Friday from 8:00 am to
12:30 pm.

WIN Job Center

601-584-1202
1911 Arcadia Street
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
Provides job training and
placement.

Youth Challenge Program @ Camp Shelby

1-800-507-6253
Building 80
Camp Shelby, MS 39407
<http://www.ngycp.org>

Youth discipline and
educational program. 5
month residential military
program where youth ages
16-18 who have dropped
out of school can earn a
GED or Diploma and gain
other skills.

Education – College

Jones County Junior College

601-477-4000
900 South Court Street
Ellisville, MS 39437
www.jcjc.cc.ms.us

Pearl River Community College

601-403-1000
101 Highway 11 North
Poplarville, MS 39470
www.prcc.ms.us

Forrest County Campus

601-554-5555
5448 Highway 49
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
www.prcc.ms.us

University of Southern MS

601-266-1000
www.usm.edu

William Carey University

601-318-6051
www.wmcarey.edu

Education – Head Start

PACE Head Start

601-545-8110
100 West Front Street
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

C.H. Johnson Head Start & Early Head Start

601-544-4195
201 West Central Ave.
Petal, MS 39465
Contacts:

Patricia Mitchell
Erica Jones
Mon - Fri
HS—Ages 3-5
EHS—Ages infant—3

Education – Private Schools

The 3-D School and Evaluation Center

601-297-2362
120 S. George Street
Suite 200
Petal, MS 39465
www.The3DSchool.org
Contact: Cena Holifield

Specializing in the identifi-
cation and education of
students with Dyslexia.

Education – Public Schools**Petal Schools –
Central Office**

601-545-3002
115 Highway 42
Petal, MS 39465
Superintendent:
Dr. John Buchanan

**Petal Schools –
Petal Primary School**

601-554-7244
60 Herrington Road
Petal, MS 39465
Principal: Shirley
Duckworth
Grades K, 1, 2

**Petal Schools –
Petal Elementary School**

601-582-7454
1179 Highway 42
Petal, MS 39465
Principal: Sue Turner
Grades 3, 4

**Petal Schools – Petal
Upper Elementary School**

601-584-7660
400 Hillcrest Loop
Petal, MS 39465
Principal: Renee Evans
Grades 5, 6

**Petal Schools –
Petal Middle School**

601-584-6301
203 Hwy 42
Petal, MS 39465
Principal: Michael Hogan
Grades 7, 8

**Petal Schools –
Petal High School**

601-583-3538
1145 Highway 42
Petal, MS 39465
Principal: Steve Simmons
Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

**Petal Schools – Center for
Families and Children**

601-584-4704
201 West Central Avenue
Petal, MS 39465
Director: Nadine
Coleman

Parents as Teachers program, resource library, community agency referral, day-care/Head Start partnership, GED preparation classes, community workroom with Ellison cutter and dies, laminating machine, parenting information.

**Petal Schools –
Alternative School**

601-584-4717
106 Central Avenue
Petal, MS 39465
Principals: Eugene Smith,
Carl Shepherd

**Special Services/
Federal Programs Office**

601-582-4247
617 South Main Street
Petal, MS 39465

Education – Special Needs**The Children's Center for
Communication and
Development**

601-266-5222
118 College Drive, # 5092
Hattiesburg, MS 39406
Contact: Margaret Brinegar

Provides early intervention services in all developmental areas.

**DuBard School of Language
Disorders**

601-266-5223
118 College Drive #10035
Hattiesburg, MS 39406
www.usm.edu/dubard

Serves children with severe speech-language disorders and/or hearing impairments.

Financial Planning

Friends for Financial Freedom

601-450-4622
115 Evans Street
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Free, three-week class that teaches and motivates participants to manage and budget their money wisely. Classes held twice a week for two hour sessions. Day and night sessions available.



Health Services

Health—General

Care for Yourself Program
Forrest County Health Dept.
 601-583-0291
 5008 Highway 42
 Hattiesburg, MS 39401
www.msdh.state.ms.us

Extended Medicaid coverage offering medical exam, education, limited lab services, follow up visits, and birth control methods.

Children's Medical Program
 1-800-844-0898
 Jackson, MS 39215

Medical assistance for middle to low income families of children with special health care needs. Apply at local health department.

First Steps
 601-584-4704
 201 W. Central Avenue
 Petal, MS 39465
 Contact: Vivian Phongam

Provides identification, evaluation, and services for infants and toddlers with developmental delays.

Forrest County Health Dept.
 601-583-0291
 5008 Highway 42
 Hattiesburg, MS 39401
www.msdh.state.ms.us

Immunizations, WIC, pregnancy testing, etc.

Forrest General OnCall
 601-288-4445

A registered nurse offers answers to medical questions. 24 hours/day.

Poison Control
 1-800-222-1222

Health—Breastfeeding

Forrest County Health Dept.
 601-583-0291
 5008 Highway 42
 Hattiesburg, MS 39401
www.msdh.state.ms.us

La Leche League
 1-877-LA-LECHE (525-3243)

Group meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10:30 am.

Health—Dental
Hattiesburg Community Dental Center (SEMRHI)
 601-583-4800
 68 Old Airport Road
 Hattiesburg, MS 39401
 8-6 Mon-Thu, 8-12 Fri

Comprehensive Dental Examinations, Sedative Fillings, Fluoride Treatments, Ultrasonic Cleanings, Periodontal Treatment, Extractions, Complete X-Rays, Oral Cancer Screens, RCT. Sliding scale fees.

Pearl River Comm. College Dental Hygiene Clinic
 601-554-5509
 5448 Hwy 49 S
 Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Exams, x-rays, cleaning, sealants, fluoride treatments, oral cancer screenings. \$25 for adults, \$20 for children.

Health—Hospitals/Clinics
Forrest General Hospital
 Info: 601-288-7000
 ER: 601-288-2100
 6051 U.S. Highway 49
 Hattiesburg, MS 39404
www.forrestgeneral.com

Southeast Mississippi Rural Health Initiative (SEMRHI)
 601-544-7500
 66 Old Airport Road
 Hattiesburg, MS 39401
 Mon—Sat 8:00—5:00
 Sliding scale fees.

Minor Care Clinic (SEMRHI)
 601-450-3030
 222 S. 27th Ave.
 Hattiesburg, MS 39401
 12:00 pm—8:00 pm everyday.
 Sliding Scale fees.
 Insurance not required.

Women's Health Center (SEMRHI)
 601-544-4550
 62 Old Airport Road
 Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Offers services for women such as OB/GYN clinic. Accepts all insurance including Medicaid. Helps those with no insurance. Sliding scale fees. Mon—Fri, 8:00—5:00

Wesley Medical Center
 Info: 601-268-8000
 ER: 601-268-8193
 5001 Hardy Street
 Hattiesburg, MS 39402

Health—Insurance

Medicaid/CHIPS (Children's Health Insurance Program)

Hattiesburg Regional Medicaid Office
 601-264-5386
 132 Mayfair Boulevard,
 Suite A
 Hattiesburg, MS 39402

Health insurance for low income families.

Health—Pharmacy**FamilyWize—Prescription Drug Savings Card**

Help for those with:

- no prescription insurance.
- with insurance coverage that does not cover all medicines.

No age or usage limits, income requirements, or registration forms.

Cards may be picked up at Petal Children's Task Force, or online at www.FamilyWize.com

Card below may be used.

familywize ® PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARD	
WWW.FAMILYWIZE.ORG	
Distributed free of charge nationwide by the FamilyWize Partnership with participating United Way agencies, America's Promise Alliance Partners, counties, community organizations, doctors, businesses and some pharmacies.	Member ID: 030108 Group ID: 39400 Bin: 610194 PCN: FW Pharmacies: 877-HELP-977 Members: 866-810-3784 Expires: 12/31/2012 Copies Permitted
Discounts are provided by and available only at participating pharmacies.	
THIS IS NOT INSURANCE - DISCOUNTS ONLY	

Southeast Mississippi Rural Health Initiative (SEMRHI)**Pharmacy Assistance**

601-544-4163
62 Old Airport Road
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Only prescriptions written by Doctors and Nurse Practitioners of any of the 14 sites of SEMRHI may be filled.

Mon—Fri 8:45 to 5:30 Closed from 12:30 to 1:00.

Health—Vision**Lion's Club of Mississippi**

601-583-9698
(leave message)
Contact: Dorothy Fennell

Provides assistance with the purchase of eye glasses.



Housing Assistance

Hattiesburg Area Habitat for Humanity

601-582-4663
www.habitat.org

Helps families build affordable, decent housing through a partnership between families in need and individuals, businesses, churches, and others with necessary resources.

Homes of Hope for Children

601-450-1188
6652 Hwy 98
Suite 2
Hattiesburg, MS 39402
www.hohfc.org

Set to open in the summer of 2010, Homes of Hope will house 14 children in a residential setting. Counseling will be provided to both the children and their families.

Housing Alternatives of Hattiesburg

601-544-9140
Cloverleaf Mall
P.O. Box 1030
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Helps individuals and families in the Pine Belt region become homeowners.

Housing Authority of the City of Hattiesburg

601-583-1881
208 Gordon Street
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Offers public housing programs (all properties in Hattiesburg) based upon income.

Lighthouse Rescue Mission

601-544-2169
204 Eupora Street
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
Contact: Ken Thronson
www.lighthouserescuemission.org

Provides housing for homeless families and individuals.

**Pine Grove Green
Meadows**

601-296-6472
209 South 29th Avenue
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Provides supportive housing for homeless women and their children under age 12. Women must be either fleeing domestic violence, have a history of drug use/addiction, or have a history of mental health disorders.

Pine Grove Village

601-544-8609
201 Rosa Avenue
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
www.pinegrovetreatment.com

Provides supportive housing and case management services for adult men who are chronically homeless with a disability (addiction, mental health, physical/medical). Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00—5:00

Legal Assistance

Mississippi Center for Legal Services Corp.

601-545-2950
111 East Front Street
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Legal assistance for low income individuals.

Section 8

601-582-7664

**South Mississippi
Children's Center**

601-582-8891
P.O. Box 646
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
www.mchscares.org

An emergency shelter for abused, neglected, and homeless youth ages 10-17. The center also runs Project Safe Place, an outreach program for youth in crisis.



Libraries

**The Library of
Hattiesburg, Petal, and
Forrest County**

Hattiesburg:
601-582-4461
329 Hardy Street
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
Mon—Thu 8:00—8:00
Fri—Sat 10:00—4:00

Petal:
601-584-7610
714 South Main Street
Petal, MS 39465
Mon—Fri 9:00—6:00
Sat 9:00—1:00

**Center for Families and
Children**

601-584-4704
201 West Central Avenue
Petal, MS 39465
Mon/Wed 8:00—4:30
Tue/Thu 8:00—6:00
Fri 8:00—3:30
Director: Nadine
Coleman

Check-out room for Petal residents. Educational toys, games, books, parent resources.

**Mississippi Child Care
Resource and Referral**

601-584-4704
201 West Central Avenue
Petal, MS 39465

Summer Schedule—
Mon-Fri 8:00—5:00

September—May
Mon/Wed/Thu 8:00—5:00
Tue 8:00—7:00
Fri 8:00—3:00

Resource library with books, resources, and developmentally appropriate toys for families residing in 10 counties in SE Mississippi.



Parks and Recreation

Petal Optimist Park

124 Radke Drive
Petal, MS 39465

Privately owned by Petal Optimist Club. Operates Dixie Youth Baseball.

Petal Recreation Department

601-554-5440
Contact: Tom Hardges

Relay Park

601-554-5440

Located behind Civic Center on South Main Street. Offers a playground, walking track, pavilion, four covered picnic areas and restroom facilities.

Robert E. Russell Sports Complex

601-544-6060

Located on Hillcrest Loop. Offers 3 ball fields with concession stands and restroom facilities, a walking track, two tennis courts, and a skate park. Currently being added are four ball fields, a new playground, and picnic areas.

Barrontown Community Center

Call 601-544-3641 to rent.

Leeville Community Center

Call 601-544-3641 to rent.

Sunrise Community Center

Call 601-544-3641 to rent.

Paul B. Johnson State Park

601-582-7721
319 Geiger Lake Road
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

YMCA

601-583-9399
547 Hillcrest Loop



Senior Services

Petal AARP chapter

601-582-4825
137 West 4th Avenue
Petal, MS 39465
Contact: David Allison

Petal Bus for the Elderly/Disabled

601-325-4813

Transportation for senior citizens/disabled persons.

Petal Senior Center

601-705-0837
122 South George Street
Petal, MS 39465
Contact: Christy Kelly

Mon—Fri 8:30—4:30

YMCA

601-583-9399
547 Hillcrest Loop
Petal, MS 39465



Social Services

American Red Cross

601-582-8151
606 Hutchinson Avenue
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Offers disaster relief, utility assistance for families on social security/disability, veteran's assistance.

Catholic Social and Community Services

601-261-5320
2707 McInnis Loop
Hattiesburg, MS 39402

Offers utility assistance, clothes closet, pregnancy testing, HIV/AIDS testing and support groups, infant/maternity programs, parenting and adoption information and counseling.

Department of Human Services – Family and Children's Services Forrest County

601-554-4354
1604 West Pine Street
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
www.mdhs.state.ms.us

Christian Services, Inc.

601-582-5683
301 East Second Street
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
www.christianserve.org

Offers free lunch M-F at 12pm and 12:30pm, thrift store used clothing/furniture, Benevolence program, men's drug and alcohol rehab program, and Angel Food distribution once month (groceries sold at discounted prices.) Call to make appt Fridays at 11:00 am.

Lighthouse Mission

601-545-3006
314 South George Street
Petal, MS 39465

An outreach ministry of Asbury Church to support families in Petal by providing clothing and food. Open Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 – 11:00 am.

Pearl River Valley Opportunity (PRVO)

601-544-1394
714 Williams Street
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
www.prvoinc.org

Offers utility assistance, weatherization, energy assistance programs, Homemakers program offers senior citizens help, Patient Assistance Program offers health insurance help, transportation.

Petal Children's Task Force

601-584-4704
201 West Central Ave.
Petal, MS 39465
Contact: Jo Ann Parden
Hours: 9 - 1 pm Mon- Fri

Offers holiday assistance (food), help with rent/utilities, eye-glasses/exams, back packs, school supplies, etc. to families with children in Petal Schools.

Pine Belt Association for Families – Relative as Parents Program

601-582-0909
122 South Main
Petal, MS 39465
www.paffpetal.org

Offers grandparents as parents support groups, literacy programs for kids in primary grades, summer camp, child health insurance.

Salvation Army

601-544-3684
5670 U.S. Highway 49
Hattiesburg, MS 39403

Help with utilities, shelter, and crisis needs. Call to make appt. Mondays @ 8:30 am.

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Department of Human Services

601-554-4350
1604 West Pine Street
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Food Stamps, TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)

**United Way of Southeast
Mississippi**

601-545-7141

210 West Front Street
Hattiesburg, MS 39403

www.unitedwaysems.org

**Women, Infants ,Children
(WIC)**

**Forrest County Health
Dept**

601-583-0291

5008 Highway 42
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

www.msdh.state.ms.us

Supplemental nutrition
program that provides
food for children up to
age five and pregnant
moms.



Youth Services

**Boy Scouts –
Pine Burr Area Council**

601-582-2326

1318 Hardy Street
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

**Girl Scouts—
Gulf Pines Council**

601-582-1455

500 Hutchinson Drive
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

**Petal Youth Sports
Association**

601-583-8462

16 Merritt Road
Petal, MS 39465

www.petalyouthsports.com

**City of Petal—
Recreation Department**

601-554-5440

Contact: Tom Hardges

YMCA

601-583-9399

547 Hillcrest Loop
Petal, MS 39465