



CANDIDATE  
EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY

HERNANDO

# RESOURCE GUIDE 2014



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## Child Abuse/Violence

### **Child Abuse Hot Hotline, Mississippi Department of Human Services**

601-359-4991 (Mississippi)  
800-222-8000 (national)  
<http://www.msabusehotline.mdhs.ms.gov/>

### **Healing Hearts Child Advocacy Center**

Phone: 662-349-1555  
5627 Getwell Rd., Ste. B3  
Southaven, MS 38672  
<http://www.healingheartscac.org/>  
*Healing Hearts child advocacy mission is to respond to child abuse with a supportive team approach that reduces trauma through advocacy, treatment, education and prevention.*

### **Saving Our Sons of Northwest MS (SOS)**

Rev. Charlie Reese: 901-490-9625  
Michael Smith: 901-481-3968  
*A program devoted to improving the quality of life of young African-American and Latino males in the Northwest Mississippi area through programs focusing on reducing youth violence, gang awareness, health and wellness, economic empowerment, education, and mentoring.*

## Child Development & Disability

### **Ability Works**

Director: Carla Paradine  
Phone: 662-895-4363  
8480 Sandidge Road  
Olive Branch, MS 38654  
*Provides community rehabilitation programs that provide vocational assessment, job training, and actual work experience for individuals with disabilities.*

### **Child Find**

DeSoto County School District  
Director of Special Education: Susan Kizer  
Phone: 662-449-7142  
5 E. South Street  
Hernando, MS 38632  
<http://www.desotocountyschools.org/>  
*Child Find requires all school districts to identify, locate and evaluate all children with disabilities, regardless of the severity of their disabilities. This obligation is to identify all children who may need special education services even if the school is not providing special education services to the child.*

### **First Choice Speech Therapy**

Phone: 662-298-0066  
190 West South Street  
Hernando, MS 38632  
[http://www.firstchoicespeech.com/Home\\_Page.html](http://www.firstchoicespeech.com/Home_Page.html)  
*Providing effective speech and occupational therapy for our clients and their families in a compassionate and informative environment. We offer a dynamic team of therapists who are dedicated to helping individuals with communication and occupational disorders.*

**First Steps Early Intervention Program**

Desoto County Health Department

Director: Becky Wilson

Phone: 662-429-9814

3212 Highway 51 South, Suite A

Hernando, MS 38632

*First Steps is a program for children ages 0-3 years old who have developmental delays, or a birth condition that could cause a developmental delay, with early intervention services and resources within the community.*

**Region IV Mental Health**

Office Manager: April Findley

Phone: 662-449-1971

24-hr hotline 1-888-287-4443

2705 Highway 51 South

Hernando, MS 38632

*Provides outpatient mental health services*

**Through the Roof**

Director: Donna Sullivan

Phone: 901-568-2240

[www.throughtheroofpt.com](http://www.throughtheroofpt.com)

*Through physical, occupational, speech, and educational therapies, serving children birth through school age with evaluation and testing, service provision, group sessions opportunities and pool therapy (in season).*

## Education

**DeSoto County School District**

Phone: 662-429-5271

5 E. South Street

Hernando, MS 38632

<http://www.desotocountyschools.org/>

**Hernando Elementary**

Principal: Renee Triplett

Phone: 662-429-4160

455 Riley St.

Hernando, MS 38632

<http://hes.desotocountyschools.org>

**Hernando Hills Elementary**

Principal: Stephanie Gilder

Phone: 662-429-9117

570 McIngvale Rd.

Hernando, MS 38632

<http://hhe.desotocountyschools.org>

**Oak Grove Central Elementary**

Principal: Lisa Steiner

Phone: 662-429-4180

893 Oak Grove Rd.

Hernando, MS 38632

<http://oge.desotocountyschools.org>

**Hernando Middle School**

Principal: Rob Chase  
 Phone: 662-429-4159  
 700 Dilworth Lane  
 Hernando, MS 38632  
<http://hms.desotocountyschools.org>

**Hernando High School**

Principal: Freddie Joseph  
 Phone: 662-429-4170  
 805 Dilworth Lane  
 Hernando, MS 38632  
<http://hhs.desotocountyschools.org>

## Food & Assistance Programs

**Catholic Social Services**

Director: Sister Adelia  
 Phone: 662-429-5789  
 545 East Commerce St.  
 Hernando, MS 38632  
*Food bank and soup kitchen for Hernando residents*

**DeSoto County Economic Assistance**

Phone: 662-429-4461  
 3210 Hwy 51 S  
 Hernando, MS 38632  
*Programs for families include child care, access and visitation, home energy assistance, nutrition assistance, (WIC) special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children, and more.*

**DeSoto County Extension Office**

Director: Joy Anderson  
 Phone: 662-429-1343  
 3260 Hwy 51 S.  
 Hernando, MS 38632  
*Offers programs and growth opportunities that put the heads, hearts, hands and health of Mississippi's youth to work learning and applying the essential elements of the 4-H program: Programs start with Cloverbuds, ages 5-7. Mississippi State University Extension Service's team of health professionals is working to improve the health status of all Mississippians. Family nutrition program, MSU childcare resource & referral, Choose MyPlate.gov, etc.*

**Hernando Farmers Market**

Saturdays 8 am – 1 pm; April - October  
 2535 Highway 51 South (Square)  
 Hernando, MS 38632  
<http://cityofhernando.org/farmersmarket/>  
*Accepts SNAP/EBT and Senior Vouchers*

**Mississippi State Department of Health**

WIC Center  
 Phone: 662-429-9814  
 3212 Highway 51 South, Suite A  
 Hernando, MS 38632  
<http://www.msdh.ms.gov>

## Health-Related Services

### Dentists & Orthodontists

#### Children's Dental Center

Dentist Dr. Jason K Coleman, DMD

Phone: 662-893-7337

2925 Nail Rd Ste. 103

Southaven, MS 38672

[http://www.vitals.com/dentists/Dr\\_Jason\\_K\\_Coleman/office-locations#ixzz34vw92BcG](http://www.vitals.com/dentists/Dr_Jason_K_Coleman/office-locations#ixzz34vw92BcG)

#### Desoto Family Dental Care

Dentists: Dr. Robert Seymour, Dr. Jason Parolli, Dr. Bryant Trotter, Dr. Pradeep Adatrow

Phone: 662-429-5239

460 Byhalia Rd.

Hernando, MS 38632

<http://www.desotofamilydentalcare.com>

#### Desoto Family Dentistry

Dentist: Dr. Stan Woods

Phone: 662-429-3000

225 Loshier St.

Hernando, MS 38632

<http://www.desotodental.com>

#### Hernando Dental Group

Dentist: Dr. Robert Maddux Jr., Dr. Amy Wadsworth, Dr. Mark Skidmore

Phone: 662-429-6736

2264 McIngvale Rd.

Hernando, MS 38632

<http://www.hernandodentalgroup.com>

#### Hernando Smiles

Dentist: Dr. Robert Smith

Phone: 662-429-5055

7 East Commerce Street

Hernando, MS 38632

#### J. Cox Orthodontics

Orthodontist: Dr. Jessica Cox

Phone: 662-429-8022

2631 McIngvale Rd.

Hernando, MS 38632

<http://www.jcoxortho.com/>

#### (PDG) Pediatric Dental Group

Dentists: Dr. Larry Doromis, Dr. Steve Fuson, Dr. John Acosta, Dr. Kennon Curtis, Dr. Todd Smith

Phone: 662-638-0356

7734 Airways Blvd.

Southaven, MS 38671

<http://www.pdg4kids.com/memphis-pediatric-dental-group.html>

## Hospitals & Clinics

### **Baptist Memorial Hospital Desoto**

Phone: 662-772-4000

7601 Southcrest Pkwy

Southaven, MS 38671

<http://www.baptistonline.org/desoto/>

Classes offered in the Women's Pavilion:

#### **Breastfeeding Basics**

*This single session class covers the basics of breastfeeding which includes getting off to a good start, advantages, trouble shooting, going back to work, using a pump, and where to go for additional resources and help. This class is free of charge.*

#### **Preparation for Childbirth:**

*This class addresses the basics of childbirth. Topics covered include labor, when to come to the hospital, pain management techniques, basic breathing and relaxation techniques. A tour of the hospital is also included as part of the class. This class is free of charge.*

#### **Super Sitter Class:**

*This single session class offers the basics on age-appropriate play, short informational session on choking, CPR and calling 911 (though we do not offer CPR certification), age-appropriate meals, comforting a crying child, and many other topics to help a new baby sitter get off to a good start. The cost of this class is \$25.*

#### **Coming soon to Baptist DeSoto Women's Pavilion:**

#### **Expectant Parents:**

*This single session class covers the baby basics. Topics include basic infant care such as bathing, diapering, feeding options and dealing with crying babies! Information on home and car seat safety are also included as well as the basics of infant CPR and choking techniques (we do not however provide a full CPR course and certification). The cost of the class is free.*

#### **Grandparents Class:**

*This class offers an update on childbirth and parenting practices for grandparents plus tips for helping new parents and providing infant care.*

#### **Sibling Class:**

*This class is geared for 3-10 year olds and will prepare big brothers and sisters as well as their parents for the "new arrival". This two hour interactive session is fun and informative and has information to make the transition easier for the whole family.*

### **Le Bonheur Children's Hospital**

Phone: 901-287-5437

848 Adams Ave.

Memphis, TN 38103

<http://www.lebonheur.org>

### **Methodist Olive Branch Hospital**

Phone: 662-932-9000

4250 Bethel Road

Olive Branch, MS 38654

<http://www.methodisthealth.org>

### **Affordable Urgent Medical Care**

Phone: 662-429-9111

900 East Commerce St.

Hernando, MS 38632

<http://www.affordableurgentcare.com>

**Desoto County Health Department**

Phone: 662-429-9814  
3212 Highway 51 South, Suite A  
Hernando, MS 38632  
<http://www.msdh.ms.gov>

**Family First Clinic of Hernando**

Phone: 662-298-3181  
2416 Mt. Pleasant Rd.  
Hernando, MS 38632

**Hernando Family Medical Clinic**

Phone: 662-429-4988  
2670 McIngvale Suite H  
Hernando, MS 38632  
<http://www.hernandofamilymedical.com>

**Ophthalmologists & Optometrists****Pandya-Lipman Eye Specialists (pediatric)**

Doctor: Dr. Pandya-Lipman  
Phone: 662-890-7361  
3964 Goodman Rd.  
Southaven, MS 38632

**Carlson Eye Clinic**

Doctor: Dr. John D. Carlson  
Phone: 662-449-1384  
2170 Hwy 51  
Hernando, MS 38671

**Shackelford Family Eye Care**

Doctor: R.C Shackelford O.D.  
Phone: 662-429-4448  
2350 Mt. Pleasant  
Hernando, MS 38632  
<http://www.visionsource-shackelfordfamilyeyecare.com/>



## Pediatric Clinics

### DeSoto Children's Clinic

Doctors: Dr.Sidhu, Dr.LeVine, Dr.Metin, Dr.Krasin, Dr. Granados and Dr.Shaiju  
 Phone: 662-349-6577  
 7276 Southcrest Parkway  
 Southaven, MS 38671  
<http://www.desotochildrensclinic.com/index.asp?mid=1>

### Memphis Children's Clinic

Phone: 662-349-2555  
 7672 Airways Blvd  
 Southaven, MS 38671  
<http://www.memphischildrensclinic.org/>

### Senatobia Children's Clinic

Doctors: Dr.Sidhu, Dr.LeVine, Dr.Metin, Dr.Krasin, Dr. Granados and Dr.Shaiju  
 Phone: 662-562-4418  
 104 Court Street  
 Senatobia, MS 38668  
<http://www.desotochildrensclinic.com/index.asp?mid=1>

## Physical Therapy

### Cornerstone Rehabilitation

Phone: 662-449-4427  
 421 East Commerce St  
 Hernando, MS 38632  
[www.cornerstone-rehab.com](http://www.cornerstone-rehab.com)

### Napoli Physical Therapy, LLC.

Phone: 662-469-9054  
 2631 McIngvale Rd., Ste. 130  
 Hernando, MS 38632  
<http://napoliphysicaltherapy.net/>

## Podiatrists

### Foot Health Centers Foot and Ankle Specialists

Doctor: Dr. Michael G. Lyons, Dr. Robert Wenzler, Dr. Michael C. Doran  
 Phone: 662-449-3663  
 1558 Monteith  
 Hernando, MS 38632

*Doctors of podiatric medicine, committed to excellence by pledging to provide the highest quality of podiatric care possible. Specialties include children's deformities; Gait problems (walking), intoe/outtoe, flat feet, birth defects.*

## Housing

### **Habitat 4 Humanity – Desoto**

President: Sandy Slocum  
Phone: 662-449-5002  
P.O. Box 845  
Hernando, MS 38632  
<http://www.desotohabitat.org>

### **Mid-State Opportunity – Desoto**

Office Contact: Wendy McKenzie  
Phone: 662-895-4153  
9607 Highway 178  
Olive Branch, MS 38654  
<http://www.midstateopp.com>  
*Provides utility payment assistance and other services for qualified applicants.*

## Literacy & Libraries

### **First Regional Library Hernando**

Head Librarian: Heather Lawson  
662-429-4439  
370 West Commerce St.  
Hernando, MS 38632  
[www.firstregional.org](http://www.firstregional.org)

*First Regional Library is a five-county public library cooperative with thirteen branches located in DeSoto, Lafayette, Panola, Tate, and Tunica Counties. The regional headquarters is located inside the branch in Hernando, MS.*

*The Early Childhood Resource Center contains resources for parents and child care providers, including curriculum books, educational materials, learning activities, and storytime kits. Die-cutting and laminating by appointment or request. There is a charge of \$.50 cents/foot.*

### **Desoto County Literacy Council**

Executive Director: Beth Little  
Phone: 662-429-2354  
2601 Elm St.  
Hernando, MS 38632

*Assists the residents of Desoto County with Basic Adult Literacy and GED preparation.*

## Mother's Day Out

### First Presbyterian Church

1455 McIngvale Road

Hernando, MS 38632

Phone: 662-429-6646

Cindy Runken, Presbyterian Day School Director

*We accept children ages 6 weeks to 4 years old. Meets on Monday and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. A Beka curriculum is used.*

### Hernando Baptist Church

Phone: 662-429-2777

11 East Center St.

Hernando, MS 38632

Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00am – 2:00pm

<http://hernandobaptist.org/mdo>

*Mother's Day Out is a ministry for children 6 months to 4 years old. Children must meet the age requirement by September 1st of the current enrollment year.*

### Hernando United Methodist Church

Phone: 662-429-6826

1890 Mt. Pleasant

Hernando, MS 38632

Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00am – 2:00pm and 8:00am – 3:00pm.

<http://www.hernandoumc.org/ministries/children/preschool>

*Our program offers age-appropriate structure and learning within a Christian environment. We provide lots of play for the children; because children learn primarily through play.*

### Longview Point Baptist Church

110 McIngvale Road

Hernando, MS 38632

Phone: 662-449-1044

<http://www.longviewpoint.org/#/ministries/sonshine-pdo>

Angela Cason, Parents' Day Out Director

[angela@longviewpoint.org](mailto:angela@longviewpoint.org)

*Tuesdays and Thursdays, extended hours available from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

*Biblically based educational curriculum preparing our preschoolers with Early Reading Skills.*

### Parkway Baptist Church

50 North Parkway Street

Hernando, MS 38632

Phone: 662-429-6045

<http://www.parkwaybch.com/mothers-day-out.html>

*The mission of Parkway Baptist Mother's Day Out program is to minister to families of toddlers and preschoolers by providing quality care in a safe, fun, and nurturing environment. Hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. MDO observes the DeSoto County Schools calendar and closing schedule.*

## Parks & Recreation

### **ConXion Gymnastics**

Director: Doug Jenkins

Phone: 662-429-5958

1725 Memphis Street

Hernando, MS 38632

<http://conxiongymnastics.com/>

*Programs include Parent & Tot, Toddler classes; recreational and competitive gymnastics and cheer; Tumbling and trampoline classes; birthday parties*

### **Center Stage Dance**

Phone: 662-298-3069

131 West Center St.

Hernando, MS 38632

<http://centerstagehernando.com/classes/>

*Offers lessons in traditional ballet, tap, and jazz, and more to everyone age 3 to adult.*

### **Hernando Parks and Recreation Department**

Director: DeWayne Williams

Phone: 662-429-2688

Gale Center

2601 Elm Street

Hernando, MS 38632

<http://cityofhernando.org/city-departments/parks-department/>

*Hosts events that bring the community together by providing programs that encourage scholarship and a lifestyle of health and wellness. Activities are affordable for all ages and levels of play.*

### **Hernando Taekwondo**

Phone: 662-449-5425

2631 McIngvale Rd., Suite 117

Hernando, MS 38632

<http://studioe3dance.studioware-online.com/>

*The most important benefit of Taekwondo is its ability to help children develop Confidence, Self-Discipline, Self Esteem and Attention to detail while getting into shape. Children start Taekwondo as young as 3.*

### **Studio E3 Dance**

Phone: 662-469-9142

569 Olivia Drive

Hernando, MS 38632

<http://studioe3dance.studioware-online.com/>

*Offering classes in creative movement, ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, & pre-pointe to everyone age 2 and up.*

## **Community Parks**

*Contact Hernando Parks and Recreation for more information 662-429-2688*

### **Addie Baldwin Park**

330 Hill Street

Hernando, MS 38632

### **Church Park**

60 West Center Street

Hernando, MS 38632

**Conger Park**

135 West Oak Grove Rd.  
Hernando, MS 38632

**Gale Center Community Garden**

2601 Elm Street  
Hernando, MS 38632

**Hernando Civic Center Baseball Complex**

3800 Robinson Gin Rd.  
Hernando, MS 38632

**Hernando Sports and Fitness Park**

161 East South St.  
Hernando, MS 38632

**Lee's Summit Park**

1270 Montieth  
Hernando, MS 38632

**Parkway Cove Park**

Parkway Cove  
Hernando, MS 38632

**Preschool/Childcare Centers**

**DeSoto Developmental Center**

Director: Paula Wages  
Phone: 662-449-4616  
2441 McIngvale Road  
Hernando, MS 38632

*Provides educational services for children aged six weeks through twelve years old.*

**Hernando Baptist Preschool and Kindergarten**

Director: Vicki Page  
Phone: 662-429-2777  
11 East Center St.  
Hernando, MS 38632  
<http://hernandobaptist.org/hbk>

*Provides educational services for children aged three through five years old.*

**Hernando Head Start Center**

Director: Josenda Wright Dockery  
Phone: 662-429-1517  
P.O. Box 875/1290 Oak Grove Rd.  
Hernando, MS 38632  
<http://www.ics-hs.org>

*Provides educational services for children aged three through five years old.*

**Hernando United Methodist Church Preschool**

Director:

Phone: 662-429-6826

1890 Mt. Pleasant

Hernando, MS 38632

<http://www.hernandoumc.org/ministries/children/preschool>

*Provides educational services for children aged three through five years old.*

**Kaco's Kids**

Director: Linda Acred

Phone: 662-449-7649

905 Magnolia Hills Cove

Hernando, MS 38632

*Provides educational services for children aged six weeks through twelve years old.*

**Learn and Grow Child Care Center**

Director: Catherine Jeffers/Rhononda Davis

Phone: 662-298-3159

2050 Hwy 51 Suite B

Hernando, MS 38632

<http://www.learn-and-grow-childcare.com>

*Provides educational services for children aged six weeks through twelve years old.*

**Lucy Jones Day Care**

Director: Michelle Herrera

Phone: 662-429-7742

4440 Oak Grove Road

Hernando, MS 38632

*Provides educational services for children aged six weeks through five years of age.*

## **Substance Abuse & Addiction**

**Coalition against Drug Abuse**

1-888-858-6629

**Region IV Mental Health Services**

Phone: 662-449-1808

2725 Highway 51 South

Hernando, MS 38632

<http://www.timberhills.com>

## Miscellaneous

### **Excel By 5 - Hernando**

Hernando City Hall  
475 West Commerce Street  
Hernando, MS  
662-429-9092

*A community-based certification designed to improve a child's overall well-being by age five. The first-of-its-kind in the United States, this program emphasizes the important roles communities play in educating their children during their most formative years - birth to five. Excel By 5 sets forth a variety of standards involving parent training, community participation, child care and health to help communities focus on supporting young children and their families.*

### **Health Help Mississippi**

Program Manager: Jerry Lee  
662-298-0136  
2560 Highway 51 South  
Hernando, MS 38632  
<http://www.healthhelpms.org>

*Provides assistance for consumers in regards to Medicaid eligibility, the Healthcare Marketplace, and Mississippi Small Business Health Options Program*

### **Hernando Main Street Chamber of Commerce**

Phone: 662-429-9055  
421 West Commerce Street  
Hernando, MS 38632  
<http://www.hernandoms.org>

*Provides relocation packets, maps and additional information about businesses and events in Hernando.*

### **Oak Hill Missionary Baptist Church**

Director: Dr. Michael Minor  
Phone: 662-429-8747  
3440 Wheeler Rd.  
Hernando, MS 38632

*Provides Healthcare Marketplace navigator assistance to consumers in Desoto County*

