

Gulfport Excel By 5 RESOURCE DIRECTORY



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Excel By 5

Excel By 5 is a community-based certification designed to improve a child's overall well-being by age five. Being the first of its kind in the United States, this program emphasizes the important role our community plays in educating children during their most formative years-- birth to five.

Excel By 5 sets forth a variety of standards involving **parent training, community participation, childcare, and health** to help focus on supporting the most critical needs of young children and their families. The certification process also identifies available resources and existing best practices to ensure that every child in Gulfport enters school prepared to succeed at the age of five.

The City of Gulfport achieved its designation as an Excel By 5 Certified Community in July of 2014. For two years, a dedicated group of volunteers in the community worked diligently as an Excel By 5 Coalition to survey the community, analyze the data, and create learning opportunities for families designed to meet their needs. This designation is the culmination of months of hard work by a community that had vowed to make life better for families and children. We view the Excel By 5 certification as proof that Gulfport, Mississippi offers "Blue Ribbon" support services to families with young children that live here. We are a team of educators, community leaders, and parents working together to help make this county a more nurturing, safe environment for our children.

For more information on Gulfport's Excel by 5, please visit <http://www.excelby5.com/communities/gulfport/index.php>

If you have questions or recommendation for the Resource Directory please contact:

LaQuisha Johnson, Certification Manager

Gulfport Excel By 5

Excel By 5 Liaison

Gulfport School District

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Gulfport, MS 39501

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LICENSED CHILDCARE PROVIDERS

BELAIRE BAPTIST PRESCHOOL

ADDRESS: 15080 Dedeaux Rd
Gulfport, MS 39503
PHONE: 228.832.1984

BRILLIANT CHILDCARE AND LC

ADDRESS: 4320 West Railroad Street
Gulfport, MS 39501
PHONE: 228.822.1103 or
228.697.1911

DIVINE PRESCHOOL ACADEMY

ADDRESS: 1260 28th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501
PHONE: 228.865.0620

EDNA'S CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

ADDRESS: 2207 33rd Avenue
Gulfport MS 39501
PHONE: 228.575.8603

FLASH SUMMER CAMP

ADDRESS: 3319 19th Street
Gulfport MS 39501
PHONE: 228.868.5753

GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ADDRESS: 80 48th Street
Gulfport, MS 39507
PHONE: 228.864.7672

GULF COAST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ADDRESS: 16046 Harrison Drive
Gulfport, MS 39501
PHONE: 228.863.1135

GULFPORT ACADEMY

ADDRESS: 15150 Evans Street
Gulfport, MS 39503
PHONE: 228.864.5195

HAPPY TIMES LEARNING CENTER

ADDRESS: 2105 22nd Street
Gulfport, MS 39501
PHONE: 228.863.8033

ISIAH FREDERICKS HEAD START

ADDRESS: 3410 North Jackson Street
Gulfport MS 39507
PHONE: 228.822.0755

KID ACADEMY

ADDRESS: 520 E Pass Rd # G
Gulfport, MS 39507
PHONE: 228.896.2888

KINDERCARE LEARNING CENTER LLC

ADDRESS: 15267 Dedeaux Road
Gulfport, MS 39503
PHONE: 228.832.3123

LIL' TOTS I DAY CARE

ADDRESS: 4406 Illinois Avenue
Gulfport, MS 39501
PHONE: 228.822.0825

LIL' TOTS II DAY CARE

ADDRESS: 4406 Illinois Avenue
Gulfport, MS 39501
PHONE: 228.822.0825

LINDA C. LYONS HEAD START CENTER

ADDRESS: 13523 Dedeaux Road
Gulfport MS 39507
Phone: 228.539.2174

LITTLE ANGELS LEARNING LAND

ADDRESS: 2006 30th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501
PHONE: 228.868.4515

MGCCC-JD EARLY CHILDHOOD ACADEMY

ADDRESS: 2226 Switzer Rd
Gulfport MS 39507
PHONE: 228.897.9231

NORTHWOOD CHILDCARE CENTER

ADDRESS: 14281 Oneal Road
Gulfport, MS 39503
PHONE: 228.831.9143

**NUGENT UNITED METHODIST CHILD
DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

ADDRESS: 13183 John Clark Road
Gulfport MS 39503
PHONE: 228.831.2520

**REV. HARRY C. TARTT HEAD START
CENTER**

ADDRESS: 1906 17th Avenue
Gulfport MS 39501
PHONE: 228.864.2670

**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PRESCHOOL**

ADDRESS: 11322 East Taylor Road
Gulfport, Mississippi 39503
PHONE: 228.896.7597

THREE RIVERS ACADEMY PRESCHOOL

ADDRESS: 13185 3 Rivers Road
Gulfport, MS 39503
PHONE: 228.831.0500

**TWIN OAKS CHILD DEVELOPMENT
CENTER**

ADDRESS: 1077 Pine Street
Gulfport, MS 39507
PHONE: 228.896.4100

**WATCH ME GROW LEARNING CENTER,
LLC**

ADDRESS: 625 E Pass Rd
Gulfport, MS 39507
PHONE: 228.604.0013

WEE ONES CHILD CARE

ADDRESS: 11376 3 Rivers Road
Gulfport, MS 39503
PHONE: 228.832.7272

CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

ADDRESS: Knight Non-profit Center
11975 Seaway Road
Gulfport, MS 39503

PHONE: 228.896.2824

WEBSITE: <http://www.coastalplainsicc.org>

Bright Beginnings (BB) is an early intervention. Services for infants and toddlers. BB provides physical, occupational and speech therapy.

CHILD FIND

All school district offices provide service to children under 5 years needing speech therapy, occupational and/or physical therapy.

DISABILITIES CONNECTION

ADDRESS: Knight Non-profit Center
11975 Seaway Road Gulfport, MS 39503

PHONE: 228.206.8822

Offers an array of information for families meeting the challenges of a disability.

WEBSITE: www.disabilitiesconnectionusa.org

DREAMS, UNIFIED SPORTS

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 2040
Gautier, MS 39553

PHONE: 228.327.5687

WEBSITE: www.dreamprogram.net

A variety of team sports programs is offered to 5-21 year olds using a unified team approach

LIVING INDEPENDENTLY FOR EVERYONE

ADDRESS: 2030 Pass Road, Biloxi, MS

PHONE: 228-388-2401

Equipment lending and assistance for families facing disabilities.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF POISON CONTROL CENTERS

PHONE: 800.222.1222

HELPHOTLINE 24 hours a day, 365 days a year

AAPCC represents the poison control centers of the United States and the interests of poison prevention and treatment of poisoning.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

ADDRESS: 2782 Fernwood Rd
Biloxi, MS

PHONE: 228. 896.4511

WEBSITE: <http://www.redcross.org/>

Provides emergency assistance for victims of single family fires and floods.

CHILDHELP

PHONE: 1.800.4.A.CHILD

1.800.422.4453

24 hours a day, 365 days a year

WEBSITE: <http://www.childhelp.org/pages/hotline-home>

The National Child Abuse Hotline offers crisis intervention, information, literature, and referrals to thousands of emergency, social service, and support resources. All calls are anonymous and confidential.

GULF COAST CENTER FOR NONVIOLENCE

PHONE: 228.435.1968

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Crisis Hotline: 1.800.800.1396

National Hotline: 1.800.799.SAFE(7233) or TTY 1.800.787.3224

24 hours a day, 365 days a year

WEBSITE: www.gccfn.org

Provides a safe place to shelter for anyone experiencing domestic violence. Also offers assistance in areas such as individual and group counseling, outreach counseling, children's program, court advocate program, a domestic violence intervention, sexual assault, relatives & connection of victims of homicide.

ADRIANNE'S HOUSE – JACKSON COUNTY

PHONE: 228.762.8267

There's an array of services provided to victims of domestic violence (men or women), sexual assault & victims of homicide.

HEALTH

BETHEL FREE HEALTH CLINIC, INC.

PHONE: 228.594.3640
ADDRESS: 1650 Carrol Drive
Biloxi, Mississippi

We are a FREE walk-in clinic that provides health care for uninsured and underinsured Gulf Coast residents. We treat an average range of 30-45 patients a day. Patients are mainly adults, few children are seen. We provide medicines that we have in-house and help with prescriptions as needed. We have developed relationships with other service providers to whom we refer patients for needed specialty health care. Mondays through Fridays 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Saturday and evening hours announced per special event/project. The clinic is open on the days/hours listed above. However medical services are only available when we have a volunteer provider available. Call for provider schedule as service hours are based upon the number of providers who join our team

THE CHILDREN'S CENTER FOR COMMUNICATION & DEVELOPMENT

PHONE: 601.266.5222
Provides communicative and developmental transdisciplinary services to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers while educating, training, and supporting families, university students and professionals.

COASTAL FAMILY HEALTH

ADDRESS: 15024 Martin Luther King Blvd
Gulfport, MS 39501
PHONE: 228.864.0003 (Medical & Pediatrics)
228.863.9781 (Dental)

Fees based on family size and income. Must have an appointment. Call for emergencies. Adult, pediatric, and dental services provided. Nobody will be denied service due to inability to pay. Monday-Friday 8AM-5PM

F.A.C.T.S. (FAMILIES ADVOCATING COLLABORATING TEACHING AND SUPPORTING FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH, INC.)

ADDRESS: 18041 Dedeaux Clan Road
Gulfport, MS 39503

EMAIL: adedeaux@yahoo.com

For caregivers and professionals whose children and youth have emotional behavioral or mental health needs.

GULF COAST MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

ADDRESS: 1600 Board Avenue
Gulfport, MS

PHONE: 228.863.1132

A full-service community mental health center providing a wide range of mental health and mental retardation services. Emergency crisis intervention, inpatient, consultation, education, specialized services for elderly children, alcohol and drug abusers.

GULF COAST COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

ADDRESS: 1814 Pass Road
Gulfport, MS

PHONE: 228.868.8202

Gulf Coast Community Ministries is tending to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of individuals in the Gulf Coast area. Food Pantry Hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Clothes Closet Hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Free Clinic Hours: 1st, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

2nd Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon

3rd Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

HARRISON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ADDRESS: 1102 45th Ave
Gulfport, MS 39501

PHONE: 228.863.1036

Provides preventative health care and referral services to all residents. By appointment only. Shots, TB, etc, walk-ins accepted.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

Gulfport/Long Beach

ADDRESS: 15200 Community Road
Gulfport, MS 39503
PHONE: Maranda 228.669.5645 or
Kathy 228.868.6921

Biloxi/Ocean Springs

PHONE: Tina 228.818.9851
Katie 228.396.2031
Bianca 228.233.0686

Website: <http://www.llli.org/>

Local information <http://www.lllallmsla.org/>

Offers an educational support system to pregnant women, new mothers, or mothers with small children who are interested in breast feeding. Meets second Thursday of month from 10-11 at the Garden Park Medical Center on Community Road in Gulfport Classrooms 2 & 3. Inquire at reception desk.

LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT DISTRICT OFFICE

ADDRESS: 1141 Bayview Ave.
Suite 102
Biloxi, MS 39530
PHONE: 228.436.6770

MISSISSIPPI SIDS ALLIANCE, INC.

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 2170
Madison, MS 39130
PHONE: 601.955.1057 (Cell)
601.957.7437 (Office)
877.471.7437 (Toll Free)
EMAIL: cathyfiles@gmail.com
WEBSITE: www.ms-sids.org

The Mississippi SIDS Alliance, Inc., provides support services to families who are or may be touched by the tragedy of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. The Alliance also provides training and education on SIDS and Safe Sleep environment to professionals, low socioeconomic communities/individuals and to the disadvantaged high risk populations. The Mississippi SIDS Alliance also supports research to help find a cure for this devastating syndrome.

MEMORIAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

ADDRESS: 11150 Hwy 49
Gulfport, MS 39503
PHONE: 228.831.1700

A team of professionals counsel adults, adolescents and children to help them and their families resolve and manage emotional and behavioral problems. Monday through Friday 8AM-6:30PM, Saturday 9AM-5PM, and Sunday 12PM-5PM

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

ADDRESS: 4803 Harrison Circle
Gulfport, MS 39507
PHONE: 228.864.6274

Information, referral, and advocacy assistance is provided to mental health care consumers and family as needed to ensure treatment and care to those in need.

MISSISSIPPI PARENT TRAINING AND INFORMATION CENTER

ADDRESS: 2 Old River Place, Ste. A
Jackson, MS 39202
PHONE: 601.969.0601
1.800.721.7255

WEBSITE: <http://www.mspti.org/default.asp>

If you are the parent or family member of a child with a disability, age birth to 26, our job is to provide your family with information, resources, support and training that allows you to help your child meet his or her educational goals. We are also here to help you learn about what he or she needs to lead a productive and independent adult life.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PHARMACY

ADDRESS: 715 Division Street
St Vincent: Gulfport, MS 39530
PHONE: 228.374.9097

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul operates a charitable Pharmacy program in Coastal Mississippi for the poor and needy who cannot afford the high cost of pharmaceuticals necessary to care for their health conditions. Hours of operation are Monday-Thursday 9 AM-12PM.

PEDIATRICIANS:

Dr. Ronald Bruni

Pediatric Medicine
9454 Three Rivers Rd
Suite A
Gulfport, MS 39503
228.896.5437

Dr. Timothy Bruni

Pediatric Medicine
9454 Three Rivers Rd
Suite A
Gulfport, MS 39503
228.896.5437

Dr. Wendy Goodman

Pediatric Medicine
15190 Community Rd
Suite 270
Gulfport, MS 39503
228.328.1401

Dr. Tamara Harper

Pediatric Medicine
15190 Community Rd
Suite 270
Gulfport, MS 39503
228.328.1401

Dr. Erica Franks

Pediatric Medicine
15190 Community Rd
Suite 270
Gulfport, MS 39503
228.328.1401

Dr. Maureen Holland

Pediatric Medicine
1285 Spring St
Suite A
Gulfport, MS 39507
228.896.6441

Dr. David Kuhlmann

Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine
Memorial Hospital At Gulfport
4500 13th St
Gulfport, MS 39501
228.867.4198

Dr. Richard McCrary

Pediatric Medicine
1285 Springbridge St
Suite A
Gulfport, MS 39507
228.896.6441

Dr. Charles Samms

Pediatric Medicine
12100 Highway 49
Gulfport, MS 39503
228.896.6441

Dr. Amy Schepens

Pediatric Medicine
1285 Springbridge St
Suite A
Gulfport, MS 39507
228.896.6441

Dr. Ken Schroeter

Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine
Memorial Hospital At Gulfport
4500 13th St
Gulfport, MS 39501
228.867.4197

Dr. Jonette Scott

Pediatric Medicine
Coastal Family Health Center
15024 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Gulfport, MS 39501
228.864.0003

DENTISTS:

Reggie H. Broom, D.M.D., P.A.

Stacey R. Carter, D.M.D.

Pediatric Dentistry:

Infants, Children, & Adolescents

Gulfport Office:

1635 East Pass Road

Gulfport, MS 39507

Ocean Springs Office:

3704 Bienville Blvd.

Ste. C1

Ocean Springs, MS 39564

228.896.5197

Dr. Eroc L. Hyde, DDS

Pediatric Dentist

15236 Dedeaux Road

Gulfport, MS 39503

228.832.3111

Raymond K Doty Jr DDS

Pediatric Dentist

1119 42nd Avenue

Gulfport, MS

228.864.8521

C A Buddy Brice DDS

Pediatric Dental Specialists:

1070 Judge Sekul Avenue

Biloxi, MS

228.374.8175

PUBLIC EDUCATION

GULFPORT CITY SCHOOLS COMMUNITY EDUCATION

ADDRESS: 100 Perry Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

PHONE: 228.896.7622

WEBSITE: <http://gulfporthschools.org/domain/94>

Adult education- free ABE/GED and reading classes. Computer, finance, medical, real estate classes. Tutorial for counties.

GULFPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Gulfport School District has been recognized as a SACS/CASI Quality School District and has been assigned the overall assessment level of Highly Functioning. This assessment level assignment is the highest level of accreditation and indicates that the Gulfport School District has met the accreditation requirements for the

ADDRESS: 2001 Pass Road
Gulfport, MS 39501

PHONE: 228.865.4600

WEBSITE: <http://gulfporthschools.org>

LIBRARIES

GULFPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

ADDRESS: 1708 25th Avenue
Gulfport, MS 39501

PHONE: 228.871.7171

Sunday - Closed
Monday through Thursday - 9:00am to 6:00pm
Friday and Saturday - 10:00am to 4:00pm

HARRISON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

WEBSITE: www.harrison.lib.ms.us

ORANGE GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY

ADDRESS: 12135 Old Hwy 49
Gulfport, MS 39503

PHONE: 228.832.6924

Sunday - Closed
Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday – 9:00am to 6:00pm
Tuesday – 9:00am to 7:00pm
Friday and Saturday – 10:00am – 4:00pm

MILITARY FAMILIES

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SPONSORED SITES & SERVICES

MILITARY ONE SOURCE: 24/7 information for military personnel and their families. Includes information on child care, personal finances, emotional support during deployments, relocation information and resources needed for special circumstances.

<https://www.militaryonesource.com/skins/MOS/home.aspx>

TURBO TAP: Department of Defense's official website for service members transitioning from military service to civilian life. TurboTAP.org supplements services offered by the Transition Assistance Offices and other groups.
<http://www.transitionassistanceprogram.com/registrer.tpp>

MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST CHAPTER:

SERVICES TO ARMED FORCES: <http://www.redcross-msgc.org/armedforces.html>

BILOXI: 2872 Fernwood Rd., Biloxi, MS 39531; (228) 896-4511

KILN-WAVELAND: 716 Herlihy St., Waveland, MS 39576; (228) 467-7609

TRENT LOTT NATIONAL GUARD TRAINING COMPLEX, FAMILY READINESS AND SUPPORT

4715 Hewes Ave., Gulfport, MS 39507

Charles Carrigan: (228) 214-6018, fax: (228) 214-6035

Toll-free: (866) 618-9851, Cell phone: (228) 323-4453

E-mail: charles.carrigan@ang.af.mil

FLEET AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Fleet and Family Support Center NCBC

5200 CBC 2nd St., Gulfport, MS 39501-5000
(228) 871-2581

SOCIAL SERVICES

BACK BAY MISSION

ADDRESS: 1012 Division Street
Biloxi, MS 39530

PHONE: 228-432-0301

WEBSITE: <http://thebackbaymission.org>

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. WALK IN SERVICE,
Wed 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM.

Food Pantry – Clients can receive once every 30 day
Prescriptions –Cannot do pain medication or controlled
substance

Birth Certificates

ID/Driver's Licese

UTILITY ASSISTANCE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

(No Walk-In Assistance available for Utilities)

Call on THURSDAY mornings starting at 9:00 AM to try
and get an appointment. Appointments are made by

PHONE-IN only. We assist Harrison, Hancock, and
Jackson counties

COAST TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ADDRESS: 333 Debuys Road
Gulfport, MS

PHONE: 228.896.8080

WEBSITE: <http://coasttransit.com/>

Provides safe, dependable, clean, comfortable,
convenient and affordable public transportation
services to the Mississippi Gulf Coast in a cost efficient
manner. Will provide transportation for handicapped
individuals when called to arrange pick ups.

GULF COAST COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

ADDRESS: 500 24th Street
Gulfport, MS 39503
PHONE: 228.896.1409
WEBSITE: <http://www.gccaa.org/>

Can help obtain birth certificates and social security cards for children under 6 years of age.

Family preservation and support services is contracted by South MS Family and Child Center to provide supportive services to include child care, transportation, referrals and case management for families at risk for child neglect and abuse.

For medical assistance by appointment only. Provides referrals and some cash assistance for medication.

Child Care Development Block Grant Program- For low income parents in need of child care after Head Start and during summer.

FEMA (Emergency Shelter Program) Funded by local United Way with federal dollars from FEMA. Allows for payments of one month's rent or mortgage to avoid homelessness.

HUD- Single Family Disposition Homeless Initiative Program. The agency leases a HUD home for \$1 per year to provide transitional housing for homeless families.

LIHEAP is a Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program funded by the state of MS to provide eligible clients with utilities/energy assistance.

Open Monday through Friday 8AM-5PM.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

ADDRESS: 2407 31st Street
Gulfport, MS
PHONE: 228.863.2323

Provides jobs, training, and placement, counseling and referrals.

Monday through Friday 8AM-4:30PM.

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Gulfport, MS
PHONE: 228.868.8202

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Free Clinic Hours: 1st, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
2nd Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon
3rd Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

HARRISON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

ADDRESS: 10260 Larkin Smith Road
Gulfport, MS

Monday-Friday 8AM-5PM

Economic Assistance

PHONE: 228.897.5600

SNAP (Food Stamps) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. TANF Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Child Support Enforcement

PHONE: 228.897.5600

Provides support services for establishing and collecting child support

Children and Family Services/ Adult Protection Services

PHONE: 228.897.5790

Services for neglected and abused adult and children. Foster care and adoption services as well.

MORNING STAR PREGNANCY CENTER

MOTHER'S CENTER

ADDRESS: 2204 24th Avenue
Gulfport, MS

PHONE: 228.864.4221

Assists in emotional, social, and economic problems associated with pregnancy. Educate teens to be sexually responsible. Provide pregnancy tests, adoption referral, child care classes, maternity and baby clothes furniture and formula. Monday-Thursday 9AM-4PM

MISSISSIPPI CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL NETWORK

ADDRESS: Miss. Gulf Coast Community College- Jefferson Davis

PHONE: 1.228.897.3851

WEBSITE: <http://msucares.com/childcare/>

Provides resources for parenting classes, homeschooling, lending library, and educational resources; materials for your child care center, and information on your local child care providers. Available Monday – Friday from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm.

THE NOURISHING PLACE

Address: PO Box 7855
Gulfport, MS

No office location; available by appointment through phone call. Provides emergency assistance with food, clothing, school supplies, medication and household goods. No direct cash payments made.

NURTURING HOMES INITIATIVE

PHONE: 662.325.3083

EMAIL: nhi@ext.msstate.edu

WEBSITE: msucares.com/nhi/index.html

NHI understands the special needs of in-home childcare providers. By meeting with providers in their homes, technicians benefit both the children and adults involved in family childcare. By reviewing lesson materials, discussing challenges and concerns, and modeling age-appropriate activities to demonstrate positive interactions, appropriate guidance techniques, and how to use the educational materials, NHI field technicians provide one-on-one, hands-on mentoring. Each field technical assistant visits three sites per day, on average, for 6 months. Through NHI, field technical assistants enroll providers year-round.

SALVATION ARMY

ADDRESS: 2019 22nd Street
Gulfport, MS

PHONE: 228.868.1188

Provides services such as counseling, emergency assistance, evening meals, family stores, food assistance, shelter, crisis sheltering, and Christmas assistance. Food Pantry, Diapers, Utility Assistance (by appointment only), Shower and Laundry Program (Mon, Wed, and Fri from 8:30 - 11:30 AM), Cooking Classes, Grocery Shopping Classes, Goal Setting (Family and Individual), Fire Assistance, Budgeting Classes (Each Month), Bus Passes, School Supplies Assistance, and Referral Assistance.

WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

ADDRESS: 9155 Old Lorraine Road
Gulfport, MS 39507

PHONE: 228.897.8958

WEBSITE: <http://www.wrcgulfoast.com/index.html>

FOOD

FEED MY SHEEP

ADDRESS: 2615 19th Avenue
Gulfport, MS

PHONE: 228.864.2701

Provides hot meals for anyone who is hungry. Homebound services delivers food to shut ins.

GATEWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ADDRESS: 1620 South Swan Road
Lyman MS

PHONE: 228.832.0135

Food Pantry. Open Wednesdays 12 pm to 3pm

WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (W.I.C)

ADDRESS: 1102 45th Avenue
Gulfport, MS 39501

PHONE: 228.863.1036

WEBSITE: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/>

Provides a monthly package of supplement nutritional items for pregnant women, women while breastfeeding, infants up to 12 months, postpartum for mothers up to 6 months, and children from birth to five years old. Open: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

STATE GOVERNMENT

Attorney General 1.601.359.4230	1.800.562.2957 Mississippi Public Service Commission 1.800.356.6429
Better Business Bureau 601.398.1700 800.987.8280	Secretary of State 1.601.359.1350 Transportation Commission 1.601.583.0859

Bureau of Vital Statistics
1.601.576.7960

SERVICES

Governor's Office
1.877.405.0733

Harrison County Family Court
ADDRESS: 47 Maple Drive
Gulfport, MS
PHONE: 228.897.7000

Mississippi Development Authority
1.601.359.3552

Harrison County Medicaid
ADDRESS: 101 Hardy Court
Gulfport, MS
PHONE: 228.863.3328

Mississippi Department of Education
1.601.359.3513

Mississippi Department of Environmental
Quality
1.888.786.0661

A Mississippi Center for Legal Services
ADDRESS: 520 East Pass Road, Suite J
Gulfport, MS
PHONE: 1.800.498.1804
228.896.9148

Mississippi Department of Human
Services
1.800.345.6347

Mississippi Department of Marine
Resources
1.800.374.3449

**Mississippi Department of Human Services
Division of Early Childhood Care and
Development**
ADDRESS: P. O. Box 352
Jackson, MS 39205
PHONE: 1.800.877.7882

Mississippi Department of Transportation
1.866.521.6368

WEBSITE: www.childcareinfo.ms
Offers subsidized childcare assistance to eligible, low-income parents. Locates licensed child care centers, child care payment program, Mississippi Child Care Quality Rating System.

Mississippi Division of Medicaid
601.359.6050
1.800.421.2408

Mississippi Economic Council
1.800.748.7626

Mississippi Highway Patrol
1.601.987.1212

Mississippi Insurance Department

Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers

ADDRESS: PO Box 2168
Jackson, MS 39225
PHONE: 601.960.9577
WEBSITE: <http://mvlp.net>

El Pueblo Immigration Legal Services

PHONE: 228-436-3986
696 Martin Luther King Blvd.
Biloxi, MS

ONLINE WEBSITES AND APPS

BABY CONNECT (ACTIVITY LOGGER)

For Android, iPhone, iPad and for the web

Price: \$4.99

Picked by Apple as a featured App for Busy Moms, Baby Connect is the #1 and the most comprehensive baby tracking application on the AppStore. It has graphical reports and trending charts, weekly averages, medicine, vaccine and growth tracking, timers, notifications, reminder alarms, emails, .csv export, an easy to use interface and unlimited data.

BORNLEARNING.ORG

WEBSITE: <http://www.bornlearning.org>

How can parents, grandparents and caregivers support learning? Since children learn in a variety of ways and styles, to achieve developmental milestones the relationship with parents and primary caregivers is essential. It's a connection that allows for optimum learning. You can find help here, along with more information like downloadable tips and tools.

CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL PARENTING INFORMATION

PHONE: 800-CDC-INFO
(800-232-4636)
WEBSITE: <http://www.cdc.gov/parents/>
Everything, from safety at home and the community to immunization schedules and developmental milestones. Let the CDC's Parent Information site help you keep your child healthy and safe.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

Free iPhone and Android App

The Focus on the Family app is the best way for Parents and Married Couples to find support and encouragement on the go as they seek to live out the vital roles that God has called them to. The app equips and educates users to grow in their marriages and raise godly children.

THE FRED ROGERS COMPANY

WEBSITE: <http://www.fci.org/new-site/parents.html>

Founded by Fred Rogers in 1971 as the non-profit producer of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* for PBS. In the years that followed, the company extended Fred's values and approach to other efforts in promoting children's social, emotional, and behavioral health and supporting parents, caregivers, teachers and other professionals in their work with children.

HEALTHY CHILDREN (FROM THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS)

WEBSITE: <http://www.healthychildren.org/>

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and its member pediatricians dedicate their efforts and resources to the health, safety and well-being of infants, children, adolescents and young adults.

iHOMEOPATHY

For iPhone and Android App Price: \$3.99

Natural Health and First Aid app helps you find the information you need QUICKLY and CONCISELY. Find the right NATURAL Homeopathic Medication and Dosage for many common Medical and First Aid situations. Also provides information on where to buy Homeopathic Medications

iTRIAGE

Free iPhone and Android App

No ordinary symptom checker; start with any symptom, understand the causes, get the right medical help, and book your appointment

KIDS DOC

App for iPhone and Android

Price: \$1.99

As seen on the American Academy of Pediatrics parenting web site, www.HealthyChildren.org. Is your child sick? Whether you're on the go or at home, this app will help you know what to do next.

MARCH OF DIMES

WEBSITE: <http://www.marchofdimes.com>

We help moms have full-term pregnancies and research the problems that threaten the **16**

health of babies. We work to improve the health of babies across the country. Programs are aimed at supporting moms-to-be and professionals. We offer comfort and support to families with a baby in the NICU.

PAMPERS HELLO BABY PREGNANCY CALENDAR

Free iPhone and iTouch app

Experience a baby's development from week 4 to week 40 of pregnancy with Pampers Hello Baby Pregnancy Calendar. The beautiful life-sized imagery allows you to see the details of growth in the womb—from little ears to tiny toes. Learn about each stage of development and anticipate the joy your own baby's arrival.

PARENTING AGES AND STAGES

Free iPhone, iTouch and android app

Get all the best of Parenting.com in the palm of your hand, with info on everything from stretch marks to breastfeeding, potty training, disciplining and more. Customize the app to match the stage in your pregnancy or the age of your child(ren). It's like having a parenting encyclopedia with you everywhere you go.

PARENTING REMINDER—A DAY, A TIP

Free iPhone and iTouch app

"Parenting Reminder - a Day, a Tip" designed for busy parents of kids under 2, and provides you with the easiest way to persistently learn to be a better parent for the price much less than a book. There's no need to open the app. Tips are delivered to you everyday just like calendar reminders. "A Day, a Tip" - slowly, but persistently

PARENTS AS TEACHERS

WEBSITE:

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

Through advocacy and outreach, Parents as Teachers serves as a voice for early childhood education and champions the critical role of parental involvement and early intervention in the education continuum. Parents as Teachers raises awareness, and works to shape policy around the importance of enhancing school readiness by reaching children during the critical, formative years of life.

PBS PARENTS

WEBSITE: <http://www.pbs.org/parents/>

PBS Parents is a trusted resource that's filled with information on child development and early learning. It also serves as a parent's window to the world of PBS KIDS, offering access to educational games and activities inspired by PBS KIDS programs.

TASH

WEBSITE: www.tash.org

TASH has a vision of a world in which people with disabilities are included and fully participating members of their communities, with no obstacles preventing equity, diversity and quality of life. TASH envisions communities in which no one is segregated and everyone belongs.

YELLOW PAGES FOR KIDS

WEBSITE:

<http://www.yellowpagesforkids.com/help/m.s.htm>

Find educational consultants, psychologists, educational diagnosticians, health care providers, academic therapists, tutors, speech language therapists, occupational therapists, coaches, advocates, and attorneys for children with disabilities on the Yellow Pages for Kids for your state. You will also find special education schools, learning centers, treatment programs, parent groups, respite care, community centers, grassroots organizations, and government programs for children with disabilities.

ZERO TO THREE

WEBSITE: <http://www.zerotothree.org/>

A national, nonprofit organization that informs, trains, and supports professionals to improve the lives of infants and toddlers.

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