

# City of Durant, Mississippi: Directory of Services



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City Barn Superintendent: Theo Haynes	662-834-0911
City Attorney: Scherrie Prince	601-206-0284 Scherrie@princelawassociates.com
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### Homes County Board of Supervisors:

P.O Box 239 Lexington, MS 39095

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**Office: 662-834-0911**

## Durant Excel by 5

**Excel by 5**—Durant is an innovative early childhood program that focuses on the important role parents, early childhood educators and community leaders play in the lives of child during their most formative years—birth to age 5. It is all about parents, educators and community leaders working together within a **Child-Friendly Community** so our children can thrive in school

### Excel by 5—Durant Coalition Steering Committee

Geraldine Sturgis—Chairperson

Mr. John Haynes, Sr—Mayor

Winnie Noel—Mallory Clinic

Tasha B. Davis, Logistics Coordinator (Durant)

Tessa Tyes—Resources and Referrals

Laletrice Fletcher, MSU—Field Technical Assistant

Sheta Riley, Durant Head Start—Family Case Worker

S. Sheila Conley—Education

James Young, Durant , Holmes  
County Supervisor

Lea Ellis—Durant Library

Lasonja Large, Parent

Latanya Hardy - Mallory Clinic

Joyce Burnside—Genesis—Director



**Great Resources for Parents: [www.excelby5.com](http://www.excelby5.com)**

**[www.pbskids.org](http://www.pbskids.org)**

**[www.earlychildhood.com](http://www.earlychildhood.com)**

## Pre-School and Day Care

### **Creative Kids Childcare Center**

357 South Washington Street

Durant, MS 39063

662-653-3323

6:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

Infants to age 12; Capacity: 61

Full time, After Care, Summer Care

Financial Aid: Subsidies and Vouchers

Director: Cynthia Gatson

### **Durant Headstart Center**

1865 East Magnolia Street

Durant, MS 39063

662-639-2417

Ages: 1—4

Capacity: 102 Children

Director: Alice Randle

Family Case Worker: Sheta Riley

### **Durant Elementary School**

65 West Madison Street

Durant, MS 39063

662-639-2417

\*PreK program within the school

Call Headstart: 662-639-2417 for information about the  
program at this site. Capacity:40



### **Genesis**

16455 North Jackson Street

Durant, MS 39063     **Director: Joyce Burnside**

662-653-3261

Ages: Birth to 9; Capacity 45;

6:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Full year, summer care, full time, After Care

Financial Aid: Subsidies and Voucher

***Ask school directors if they participate in the Mississippi Child Care Quality Rating System. On a scale of 1—5 (5 is highest) how does your school rate in quality? Focus of Rating: Program Administration, Professional Qualifications of Staff, Child Learning Environment, Family Involvement, Program Evaluation***

## **Health Care Services**

### **Mallory Community Health Center**

33795 Highway 12 West

Durant, MS

662-653-0505

Dr. Wirt Fletcher Schrock, Jr.

630 Northwest Avenue

Durant, MS

662-653-3012



### **S and M Medical Center**

403 Northwest Depot Street

662-653-3828

Durant, MS 39063

Doctor and Clinic

### **Holmes County Health Department**

662-834-3142

### **Dentist**

Dr. Daryl Roby

15423 North Jackson Street

Durant, MS 39063

662-653-3880

### **Pharmacy**

Howell and Heggie Drug Store

Northwest Depot Street

Durant, MS 39063

662-653-6441

### **Holmes County Hospital and Clinic**

662-834-1321

239 Bowling Green Rd,

Lexington, MS 39095

## Durant Public Library

15338 North Jackson Street Durant, MS 39063 662-653-3451

Head Librarian: Lea Ellis

Hours: Monday to Friday: 8:00—5:00



Open up the world of words and experiences for young children by getting a library card. While a child has to be age 5 to get a card in his/her name a parent or guardian can get the card. Lovely age-appropriate books and kits and crafts await you. Computer use for parents/guardians, Playaway tablets for the children will open a whole new world of knowledge for the children. And, the Wi-Fi is free.

Check out Durant Library Facebook pages for new books, audio tapes, craft ideas, DVDs, storytelling and much more. Go to Facebook and type in: Durant MS Public Library. Activities for the day/week will be posted, new books and learning materials will be highlighted.

For wonderful listening experiences try Dial a Story. Call 662-290-7323. You and your child/children will be transported to a wonderful world of adventure. At the same time your child will be exposed to beautiful words. The words we hear and we will eventually say?

*Best of all: It is Free*

## Special Needs Services

Special education refers to a range of services that help kids with disabilities learn. Speak with school personnel if you have a concern about your child's learning abilities and/or cooperate with school personnel if they express a concern.

- It's not a "one size fits all" approach — special education is tailored to meet the needs of individual kids.
- Children who qualify for special education have an **IEP**.
- Special education refers to a **range of services** that can be provided in different ways and in different settings. There's no "one size fits all" approach to special education. It's tailored to meet the needs of students with disabilities.
- Special education focuses on helping kids with disabilities learn. But it doesn't mean placing kids in a special classroom all day long. In fact, federal law says that kids who get special education services should learn in the same classrooms as other kids as much as possible. This is known as the **least restrictive environment** (or LRE). Kids who qualify for special education have an **Individualized Education Program** (IEP). They get individualized teaching and other resources at no cost to their families. Specialists work with kids on strengths as well as challenges. And families are key members of the team that decides what kids need to thrive in school.
- The services and supports for one student may be very different from those of another student. It's all about the individual child and giving them the resources they need to make progress in school. For example, some students may spend most of the day in a general education classroom. Others may spend just an hour or two in a resource room working with a specialist. And others might need to attend a different school that specializes in teaching kids with learning disabilities.



### **How do kids qualify for special education?**

- School districts have a process in place to determine which students are eligible for special education. This process involves a **full evaluation** that looks at the ways kids think. It also looks at other aspects of development. Either the school or a child's family can **request an evaluation**. If the

## Professional Assistance for Parents and Caretakers of Children Birth to Age 5

Excel by 5 works with parents, caretakers, school personnel and the community to help children grow and thrive as they prepare for life long learning. Sometime the going can be **rough** for the parents and caregivers. Sometime they need **help to cope** with their responsibilities of child rearing . There is help for you and your needs.

- Mississippi Division of **Medicaid**: [www.medicade.ms.gov](http://www.medicade.ms.gov)
- **Mental Health**—NAMI—National Alliance on Mental Health/2618 Southerland St, Suite 100/ Jackson, MS  
[www.NAMI.org](http://www.NAMI.org)                      24/7 Crisis Line: Text741741    1-800-357-0388
- **Food and Clothing** Assistance: Mississippi Department of Health Services  
TANIF/SNAP—Food Stamps    Request a SNAP Services application or apply online: 1-601-359-4500  
[www.mdhs.ms.gov](http://www.mdhs.ms.gov)
- **Alcohol & Drug Abuse**: Help Line: 1-800-821-4357
- National Council on Problem **Gambling**: 1-800-522-4700
- **Legal Assistance**: Mission: First Legal Aid Office (custody, paternity, credit issues, property, tenant-landlord 1-601-608-0056  
[www.missionfirst.org](http://www.missionfirst.org)
- **Families as Allies**: Support for families of children with behavioral health challenges. 1-601-355-0915 [www.faams.org](http://www.faams.org)
- 24/7 **Veterans** Crisis Line: Text line: 838255    1-800-273-8255
- VA Medical Center/1500 East Woodrow Wilson Avenue/Jackson, MS    [www.jackson.va.gov](http://www.jackson.va.gov)





## Resources and Referral Network—Durant



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### **Early Childhood Care & Development Center**

- Resources and Referral Networks is a training center and an idea center for child care providers.

Resources and Referrals from many services:

- Lending libraries that allow for age appropriate learning materials and resources for families, children and practitioners to be checked out on a borrow basis.
- *Assistance for families and caregivers who are in search of high-quality childcare in a particular area and how to identify high quality services offered for a particular facility*
- *Technical assistance and professional development to childcare providers to enhance capacity of teachers for improved learning environments and outcomes for children*
- *Establishes partnerships with other entities to build a stronger network for support for children*
- **Resources and Referrals - Durant is located at the newly renovated *Durant Depot* / 206 East Mulberry Street / Durant, MS 39063**

*To Contact personnel for **Resources and Referrals***

*Coaching and Professional Development Specialist: Latrice Underwood — 662-271-5259*

*Resource and Referral Center Associate: Tessa Tyes — 662 - 271-5259 [Tessa.tyes@mdhs.gov](mailto:Tessa.tyes@mdhs.gov)*

*Technical Assistance Coordinator: Lakita Scott—[Lakita.,scott@mdhs.gov](mailto:Lakita.,scott@mdhs.gov)*

## **The Nurturing Homes Initiative**

The Mississippi State Extension Service provides educational information, training and technical assistance to non-licensed family home providers that offer full day, full year child care services to children of families falling below the 200% poverty level. A collaborative effort of the Department of Human Services, the Mississippi State University Extension Service and the Alcorn State University Cooperative Extension

*For more Information: [www.nurturinghomesinitiative.org](http://www.nurturinghomesinitiative.org)*

You can call the Nurturing Homes Initiative at: **662-325-3083** from Monday—Friday between the hours of **8 a.m.—5 p.m.**

Mail: Mississippi Extension Service , Nurturing Homes Initiative/ Box 9745/ Mississippi State, MS39762

This project is funded by the Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Early Childhood Care and Development.

***Mission: To improve the quality of the early educational experiences provided in family childcare homes through mentoring, improving the learning environment, and delivering research-based information.***

### *Other Resources for Parents*

## **Mississippi Department of Health's First Steps Early Intervention**

Provides services to children 0-3 who have developmental delays. First Steps makes educational/developmental resources available to help families of infants from birth to age three recognize possible problems so that help can be obtained as early as possible.

## **Mississippi Early Childhood Association**

Provides a complimentary copy of the Rob Reiner produced video **"I'm Your Child"** to parents. Funding is provided via the Phil Harden

# Nollie Jenkins Family Center— Durant

## ***Building and Sustaining Strong Families, Leaders and Communities***

### ***Our Mission***



The Nollie Jenkins Family Center’s **mission** is to empower the citizens of Holmes County.

- We work to accomplish this by developing and supporting grassroots leaders, community organizers, parents, students, and members of the African American community, as well as community-based organizations.
- We strive to ensure families, leaders and organizations have the necessary tools/skills of community organizing, advocacy, and activism to increase family engagement, build for meaningful social change, effectively impact local and state policy, family and governance structures, and build stronger/sustainable organizations and communities.

### ***OUR VISION***

We *envision* an energized and engaged community where all people, young and old are valued, nurtured and supported as we work together across generations & lifestyles to build and sustain equitable and purposeful communities that ensure that environmental, political, cultural, recreational, educational, economic, and spiritual needs of its citizens are actualized and preserved.

### ***Our Programs***

Please check our website to find out about the many programs we offer for our parents, leaders, organizations and children.  
[www.nolliejenkinsfamilycenter.org](http://www.nolliejenkinsfamilycenter.org)

**Director: Ellen Reddy**

**Call us: 662-653-0122**

**Visit us: 25 Glendale Street, Durant, MS 39063**