

# Connecting Families to State and Local Resources in Mississippi

**The American Academy of Pediatrics has recommended screening for poverty and related issues as part of its commitment to providing optimal health care to children. The Mississippi Chapter is equally committed to providing support to its members, and has compiled a comprehensive list of poverty related referral resources, to aid in following the AAP's recommendation. Members are encouraged to identify at least one poverty related issue that is particularly problematic for their local community, and make the appropriate referrals.**

**For questions about this resource, contact the AAP Mississippi Chapter at [msaap@integrity.com](mailto:msaap@integrity.com).**

**For more tips and information about addressing poverty and child health, visit [aap.org/poverty](http://aap.org/poverty).**

## **Instructions for completing your referral document**

Resources are often available in the community to help families with unmet basic needs such as food, housing, utilities, health insurance, and education. The following resource referral document is intended to help practices identify the resources and services in their community, where families with these types of unmet needs can be referred.

The document includes national and state referral resources, and practices are encouraged to add their local referral resources. Practices can prioritize which categories to complete, based on their local community and practice needs. Helpful partners may include local public health departments, hospitals, social workers, legal aid organizations, community action agencies, non-profit and faith-based organizations.

Students, volunteers, administrative staff, and medical staff can work together to complete and update the referral resource, as needed.

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Food Security	
<b>Example Questions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do you ever have a time when you don't have enough food?</li> <li>• Do you have WIC? Do you have Food stamps?</li> <li>• Do you need help in getting food by the end of the month?</li> <li>• In the last year, did the food you bought just not last and you didn't have money to get more?</li> </ul>	
<b>Your Local Resources</b> <i>(add your local resources and helpful notes/comments)</i>	<b>National and State Resources</b>
	<a href="#">USDA State WIC contacts</a>  Mississippi State Department of Health <a href="#">Women, Infants, and Children</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (800) 545-6747 / (601) 991-6000</li> <li>• <a href="#">WIC</a> 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.</li> <li>• Applicants must <b>bring proof of income, residence, and identification</b> to their WIC appointment.</li> </ul>
	<a href="#">USDA SNAP application and local office locator</a>  Mississippi Department of Human Services <a href="#">SNAP for the Client</a> Child Support, SNAP/TANF and Aging Services Call Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (877) 882-4916 or (800) 948-3050</li> <li>• E-mail: <a href="mailto:ea.customerservice@mdhs.ms.gov">ea.customerservice@mdhs.ms.gov</a></li> <li>• Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the food stamp program, provides monthly benefits that help low income households buy the food they need for good</li> </ul>

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	<p>health. SNAP is a federal program administered on the local level by the Mississippi Department of Human Services.</p>
	<p><a href="#">USDA National School Lunch Program Application</a></p> <p>Mississippi Department of Education  <a href="#">Office of Child Nutrition</a>  <a href="#">School Support (NSLP/SBP)</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (601) 576-5000</li> </ul> <p>If you are receiving <a href="#">Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)</a> benefits, your child automatically qualifies for free school meals. Please contact your school to determine if you need to fill out an application.</p>
	<p><a href="#">USDA Free Summer Meals Site Locator</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) ensures that low-income children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. This summer, USDA plans to serve more than 200 million free meals to children 18 years and under at approved SFSP sites.</li> </ul> <p>Mississippi Department of Education  <a href="#">Office of Child Nutrition</a>  <a href="#">Summer Food Service Program</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (601) 576-5000</li> <li>• The Summer Food Service Program provides nutritious meals to preschool and school-age children from needy areas during extended vacation periods.</li> </ul>
	<p><a href="#">Feeding American Healthy Foodbank Hub/Foodbank Locator</a></p> <p><a href="#">Mississippi Food Network</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (601)353-7286</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@msfoodnet.org">info@msfoodnet.org</a></li> <li>• Mississippi Food Network (MFN) has been feeding Mississippians since 1984. MFN distributes more than 1.5 million pounds of food and feeds more than 150,000 every month — or a total of 1.8 million people per year. MFN takes donations from multiple sources, and distributes food and goods through 430 member agencies. They, in turn, distribute to recipients in their own communities.</li> </ul>
	<p><a href="#">Child and Adult Care Food Program</a></p> <p>Mississippi Department of Education  <a href="#">Office of Child Nutrition</a>  <a href="#">Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (601) 576-5000</li> <li>• This program services non-residential child care services in Even Start and Head Start centers, child care centers, day care homes, and adult day care centers. The children and adults can receive three meal types each day: breakfast, lunch, supper or snack (of which one must be a snack).</li> </ul>

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Health Care	
<b>Example Questions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does your health insurance cover your children’s needs?</li> <li>• Do you need help with the cost of prescriptions or other medical needs?</li> <li>• Do you have trouble getting to doctor’s appointments because of lack of transportation?</li> </ul>	
<b>Your Local Resources</b> <i>(add your local resources and helpful notes/comments)</i>	<b>National and State Resources</b>
	<p><a href="http://Healthcare.gov">Healthcare.gov</a></p> <p><a href="#">State by State Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program Information</a></p> <p><a href="#">Mississippi Division of Medicaid</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (800) 421-2408 or (601) 359-6050</li> <li>• <a href="#">Who Qualifies for Coverage?</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">How to Apply</a></li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Mississippi Division of Medicaid: Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (800) 421-2408 or (601) 359-6050</li> <li>• <a href="#">Who Qualifies for CHIP?</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">CHIP Enrollment</a></li> </ul>
	<p><a href="#">Mississippi Primary Health Care Association</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (601) 981-1817</li> <li>• Contact information for the 21 Statewide Community Health Centers. Community Health Centers are committed to seeking and combining resources from a variety of sources to ensure that access to primary health care services is made available to all community residents, regardless of their financial or insurance status. Patients who can afford to pay are expected to pay.</li> </ul>

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	Medicare and Medicaid patients are always welcome, and insurance companies are billed on behalf of patients with coverage.
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Housing and Utilities	
<p><b>Example Questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is your housing ever a problem for you?</li> <li>• Do you think you are at risk of being homeless?</li> <li>• Do you ever have trouble paying your electric/ heat/ telephone bill?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Your local resources</b> <i>(add your local resources and helpful notes/comments)</i></p>	<p><b>National and State Resources</b></p>
<p><a href="#">Mississippi Regional Housing Authority No. VI</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (601) 373-7040</li> <li>• E-mail: <a href="mailto:hjohnson@mrha6.org">hjohnson@mrha6.org</a></li> <li>• Serves nine counties in central Mississippi with federal housing assistance. Its Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, the largest in the area, administers 5,021 vouchers, making it possible for families to live in safe and affordable housing. The PHA also owns 136 units of public housing with developments located in Canton, Edwards, Pearl, Port Gibson and Yazoo City.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">US HUD Resource Locator</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes information to apply for public housing, affordable housing and identify state homeless resources.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">US HUD Public Housing Authority: Mississippi Contacts</a></p> <p><a href="#">US HUD: Mississippi Shelters and Emergency Housing List</a></p> <p><a href="#">US HUD: Homeless Service Organizations in Mississippi</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mississippi has three Continuum of Care groups that coordinate a range of services for the homeless through local organizations. If you are homeless and need help, or if you would like to help others, start by contacting these organizations:</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">US HUD: Agencies Providing Emergency Rental Assistance in Mississippi</a></p> <p><a href="#">National Coalition for the Homeless</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directory of state homeless advocacy and service organizations.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Mississippi United to End Homelessness</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (601) 960-0557</li> <li>• E-mail: <a href="mailto:nfo@muteh.org">nfo@muteh.org</a></li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three different programs: <a href="#">Supportive Services for Veterans' Families (SSVF)</a>, <a href="#">Mississippi Permanent Housing Alliance (MPHA)</a>, and <a href="#">Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Bed Availability Index</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Daily inventory of the beds that are available at the coalitions partners across the state.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<p><a href="#">The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Application</a> Federal energy assistance program assists low-income households with heating/energy assistance.</p> <p>Mississippi Department of Human Services Division of Community Services <a href="#">Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (800) 421-0762 or (601) 359-4768</li> <li>• This important resource provides financial assistance to eligible households to help pay the cost of home energy bills and other energy related services. Households may qualify for regular LIHEAP assistance and/or the Energy Crisis (emergency) Intervention Program (ECIP) for natural gas, wood, electricity, liquid petroleum propane/butane gas and other energy related services.</li> <li>• <a href="#">General program requirements</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Pre Application</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Local agency directory</a></li> </ul> <p>Entergy Mississippi, Inc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Help for Paying Your Electric Bill</a></li> </ul> <p>Mississippi Power</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Payment Assistance</a></li> </ul>

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- All Mississippi Power customers are eligible to apply for Project SHARE by simply calling toll-free number, 1-855-847-0555 to speak with a representative from Catholic Charities. The customer will be directed to a representative, general information will be taken and customers will be provided a list of documents required for an appointment. If eligible, a customer may receive up to \$300 annually in assistance.

## [North East Mississippi Electric Power Association](#)

Mississippi Public Utilities Staff: Telecom Service

- [Lifeline/Likelink Telephone Assistance Program](#)
- The Lifeline assistance program provides a monthly credit on your residential telephone service. You may qualify for Lifeline if you or your household participates in any of the following programs:
  - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly known as Food Stamps)
  - Medicaid
  - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
  - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
  - Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
  - National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Initiative

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Child Care/Education	
<b>Example Questions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How is your child doing in school?</li> <li>• Is he/she getting the help to learn what he/she needs?</li> <li>• Is your child in Head Start, preschool, or other early childhood enrichment?</li> <li>• Does your child have a learning disability or trouble in school?</li> </ul>	
<b>Your Local Resources</b> <i>(add your local resources and helpful notes/comments)</i>	<b>National and State Resources</b>
	<p><a href="#">Early Head Start and Head Start Program Locator</a></p> <p><a href="#">Mississippi Head Start Association</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (601) 969-6979</li> <li>• Head Start promotes school readiness for children, ages three to five, in low-income families by offering educational, nutritional, health, social and other services. Head Start programs promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Mississippi Head Start Association: Early Head Start</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (601) 969-6979</li> <li>• A federally funded community-based program for low-income families with infants and toddlers and pregnant women.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Mississippi Head Start-State Collaboration Office</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (601) 576-2021</li> <li>• E-mail: <a href="mailto:hspivey@governor.ms.gov">hspivey@governor.ms.gov</a></li> <li>• Facilitates communication and coordination of services, alignment of planning, enrollment, administration, and reporting systems</li> </ul>

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	<p>among State and local leadership across funding streams and disciplines.</p> <p><a href="#">Friends of Children of Mississippi, Inc</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (601) 321-0960</li> <li>• Friends of Children of Mississippi, Inc. assists children in becoming independent, self-confident and inquisitive learners and increases families’ capacity to support and nurture their children by developing a compassionate partnership between staff and families that recognizes parents as the primary educators of their children.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Head Start and Early Head Start Center Locations</a></li> </ul>
	<p><a href="#">National Center for Homeless Education Helpline</a> Assistance for homeless families with issues including school enrollment, transportation and other school-related issues.</p> <p><a href="#">Mississippi Department of Education</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barbara Greene–State Coordinator for Homeless Education</li> <li>• Phone: (601) 359-349</li> </ul>
	<p><a href="#">YMCA</a> (out of school education programs may be available)</p> <p><a href="#">Metropolitan YMCAs of Mississippi Child Care</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Locations</a></li> <li>• Participates in the state’s child care certificate program (more info below)</li> <li>• Preschool is available at the following locations: I.S. Sanders Early Learning Child Enrichment Center located at the Downtown Family YMCA which serves children from ages 6 weeks to age 5 if not enrolled in school</li> <li>• After School Care is available at the following locations:</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clinton Family YMCA</li> <li>○ Phone: (601) 924-5812</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Informational Brochure</a></li> <li>○ Our Clinton Family Y serves the following area schools:</li> <li>○ Eastside, Northside and Clinton Park</li>   <li>○ Reservoir Family YMCA</li> <li>○ Phone: (601) 992-9118</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Informational Brochure</a></li> <li>○ Our Reservoir Family Y serves the following schools: Flowood, Highland Bluff, Northwest Rankin, Northshore and Oakdale Elementary Schools</li> </ul>
	<p><a href="#">Healthy Child Care America</a></p> <p>Mississippi Department of Human Services Division of Early Childhood Care &amp; Development <a href="#">Mississippi Child Care Payment Program (CCPP)</a> Phone: (800) 877-7882 E-mail: : <a href="mailto:ccpayment@mdhs.ms.gov">ccpayment@mdhs.ms.gov</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Child Care Certificate Program is a federally funded program designed to provide parents with assistance with child care tuition. Parents may choose any type of child care while participating in this program.</li> <li>• Parents who meet the income and work requirement for participation in the Certificate Program will be responsible for paying their child care provider a monthly co-payment fee. In addition, parents will be responsible for published tuitions rates. For example, if a parent has a child enrolled in AZQ Preschool and the preschool's published tuition rates are \$390 per month and the Child Care Certificate Program pays \$300 per month, the</li> </ul>

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	<p>parent is responsible for paying the \$90 difference to the child care provider in addition to their monthly co-payment.</p> <p><a href="#">Mississippi Low-Income Child Care Initiative</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (228) 669-4827</li> <li>• <a href="#">How can I get assistance for child care?</a></li> <li>• The Mississippi Low-Income Child Care Initiative works to improve quality, advocate for investments, and build grassroots support for a statewide network of early childhood education and development providers.</li> </ul>
	<p><a href="#">Family Voices</a> (special health care needs/disabilities)</p>
	<p><a href="#">National Center for Learning Disabilities</a> (Includes parent advocacy and support resources)</p>
	<p><a href="#">Federal Student Aid</a> (College Planning)</p>

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Violence Prevention/Bullying/Personal Safety	
<b>Example Questions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are there persons in your family dealing with mental health issues?</li> <li>• Do you (and all family members) feel safe in your home?</li> <li>• Is your child subject to bullying at school because s/he can't afford what other children have?</li> <li>• Do you sometimes find you need to hit/spank your child?</li> </ul>	
Your Local Resources <i>(add your local resources and helpful notes/comments)</i>	National and State Resources
	<a href="#">National Domestic Violence Hotline</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (800) 799-SAFE (7233)</li> </ul> Mississippi Department of Human Services <a href="#">Domestic Violence and Rape: Domestic Violence Hotline</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (800) 898-3234</li> </ul> <a href="#">Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (800) 898-3234</li> </ul> <a href="#">Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (888) 987-9011</li> </ul>
	<a href="#">PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center</a>  US HHS: <a href="#">Stopbullying.gov</a> <a href="#">Mississippi Anti-Bullying Laws and Policies</a>  Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault <a href="#">Bullying Prevention</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (888) 987-9011</li> </ul>
	<a href="#">National School Climate Center</a>

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Legal Issues	
<b>Example Questions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does your family need a lawyer to help with problems with your landlord, taxes, loans, immigration, or guardianship?</li> </ul>	
<b>Your Local resources</b> <i>(add your local resources and helpful notes/comments)</i>	<b>National and State Resources</b>
	<p><a href="#">Mississippi BAR Pro Bono resources</a></p> <p><a href="#">Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phone: (601) 960-9577</li> <li>E-mail: <a href="mailto:mvlp@mvlp.org">mvlp@mvlp.org</a></li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Mississippi Center for Justice</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phone: (769) 230-2840</li> <li>Offices in Jackson, Biloxi, and Indianola.</li> <li>Issues the center works on include access to health care, consumer protection, housing, and others.</li> </ul> <p>AAP Council on Community Pediatrics</p> <p><a href="#">Mississippi Legal Services</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes contact information for free legal assistance to low-income individuals in the following civil legal areas: Employment, Family Law, Access to Health Care, Housing, Individual Rights, Non-English Resources, Public Benefits, Veterans/Military, Will and Estates, Education, Consumer Rights, Access to Health Care. In general, individual seeking service must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident, unless the legal matter arises out of domestic violence or human trafficking.</li> </ul>
	<p><a href="#">National Center for Medical Legal Partnership</a></p>

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Immigration	
<b>Example Questions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does your family have any legal concerns related to immigration, such as fear of being deported or difficulty getting the services your family needs?</li> </ul>	
<b>Your Local Resources</b> <i>(add your local resources and helpful notes/comments)</i>	<b>National and State Resources</b>
	<p><a href="#">State Legal Resources for Immigrant Children and Families</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State by state directory of organizations that provide legal assistance to immigrant families.</li> </ul> <p>AAP Council on Community Pediatrics</p> <p><a href="#">Mississippi Legal Services</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes contact information for free legal assistance to low-income individuals in the following civil legal areas: Employment, Family Law, Access to Health Care, Housing, Individual Rights, Non-English Resources, Public Benefits, Veterans/Military, Will and Estates, Education, Consumer Rights, Access to Health Care. In general, individual seeking service must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident, unless the legal matter arises out of domestic violence or human trafficking.</li> </ul>
	<p><a href="#">National Immigration Law Center</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education resources for immigrants about public benefits and immigration status issues.</li> </ul>

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Literacy	
<b>Example Questions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do you have a high school degree?</li> <li>• Do you read to your child every night?</li> <li>• How happy are you with how you read?</li> </ul>	
<b>Your Local Resources</b> <i>(add your local resources and helpful notes/comments)</i>	<b>National and State Resources</b>
	<a href="#">Reach Out and Read Program Finder</a>
	<a href="#">YMCA</a> (literacy programs may be available for children and adults)
	<a href="#">Community Action Agencies Across America</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Action Agencies (CAAs) are nonprofit private and public organizations established under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to fight America's War on Poverty. Community Action Agencies help people to help themselves in achieving self-sufficiency. Today there are approximately 1000 Community Action Agencies, serving the poor in every state as well as Puerto Rico and the Trust Territories.</li> </ul>
	<a href="#">Mississippi Association of Community Action Agencies</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (601) 944-1747</li> <li>• E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@msacaa.com">info@msacaa.com</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Statewide listing of community action agencies</a></li> <li>• The Mississippi Association of Community Action Agencies (MACAA) is a network of 19 Community Action Agencies and Human Resource Agencies dedicated to the mission of enabling low-income Mississippians to rebuild their lives, nurture their families, revitalize their communities and become self-sufficient.</li> <li>• Services provided include: home weatherization services, energy assistance, early head start and head start, summer food programs, transportation assistance, job training and employment</li> </ul>

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	assistance, nutrition and hunger prevention, housing development and assistance, and more.
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Substance Abuse and Mental Health	
<p><b>Example Questions</b></p> <p>Do you often feel under extreme stress?</p> <p>In the past month, have you often felt down, depressed, or hopeless?</p> <p>In the past month, have you felt very little interest or pleasure in things you used to enjoy?</p> <p>Do you or does anyone else in your home have a problem with alcohol?</p> <p>In the past year, have you felt the need to cut back on drinking or drug use?</p>	
Your Local Resources <i>(add your local resources and helpful notes/comments)</i>	National and State Resources
	<p><a href="#">SAMHSA Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (800) 662-HELP (4357)</li> <li>• Free 24/7 hotline for individuals and family members facing substance abuse and mental health issues. English and Spanish language.</li> </ul>
	<p><a href="#">National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI)</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (800) 950-NAMI (6264)</li> <li>• <a href="mailto:info@nami.org">info@nami.org</a></li> <li>• HelpLine staff and volunteers are prepared to answer your questions about mental health issues including: Symptoms of mental illness, Treatment options, Local support groups and services, Education programs, Helping family members get treatment, Programs to help find jobs, Legal issues (the NAMI Legal Resource Service can connect individuals with attorneys in their area but does not have the resources to provide individual representation).</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) Mississippi</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (800) 357-0388</li> <li>• E-mail: <a href="mailto:stateoffice@namims.org">stateoffice@namims.org</a></li> </ul>

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	<p><a href="#">National Disability Rights Network</a></p> <p>MS Society for Disability <a href="#">Client Assistance Program</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phone: 601-982-7051</li><li>• E-Mail: <a href="mailto:Johnmsd@bellsouth.net">Johnmsd@bellsouth.net</a></li><li>• The Mississippi Client Assistance Program (MSCAP) is a federal grant to the State of Mississippi to provide advocacy services for clients and client applicants of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind, and the Independent Living programs.</li></ul>
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Injury and Illness Prevention	
Your Local Resources <i>(add your local resources and helpful notes/comments)</i>	National and State Resources
	<a href="#">Healthy Child Care America Safe Sleep Campaign</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information and materials for families.</li> </ul>
	<a href="#">American Lung Association</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Mississippi State Tobacco Cessation Coverage</a></li> <li>Phone: (800)-LUNGUSA</li> </ul>
	<a href="#">Safe Kids Coalition</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State coalitions hold safety events including car seat checkups community events, educational workshops and sport safety clinics</li> </ul> <a href="#">Safe Kids Mississippi</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phone: (601) 815-6212</li> <li>Safe Kids Mississippi is led by Children's of Mississippi, which provides dedicated and caring staff, operation support and other resources to assist in achieving our common goal: keeping your kids safe. Based on the needs of the community, this coalition implements evidence-based programs, such as car-seat checkups, safety workshops and sports clinics, that help parents and caregivers prevent childhood injuries.</li> </ul>
	<a href="#">Cribs For Kids</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State partner network provide safe sleep education and many provide portable cribs to those who qualify.</li> </ul> <a href="#">Mississippi SIDS Alliance</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phone: (601) 573-1458</li> <li>In 2012, the Mississippi SIDS &amp; Infant Safety Alliance Cribs for Kids program provided over 400 cribs to families in need of a safe sleep environment. The Cribs for Kids Program in MS is growing at a very</li> </ul>

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	fast pace as safe sleep education is reaching more families and they are realizing the importance of their babies sleeping alone in their own crib, on their back.
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Additional Resources	
Your Local Resources <i>(add your local resources and helpful notes/comments)</i>	National and State Resources
	<p><a href="http://Benefits.gov">Benefits.gov</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Official benefits website of the U.S. government includes information for citizens to identify benefits that they may be eligible to receive, and application information.</li> </ul> <p>Mississippi Department of Human Services  <a href="#">Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)</a>            Child Support, SNAP/TANF and Aging Services Call Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phone: (877) 882-4916 or (800) 948-3050</li> <li>E-mail: <a href="mailto:ea.customerservice@mdhs.ms.gov">ea.customerservice@mdhs.ms.gov</a></li> <li>The TANF Program provides benefits for families with needy children under age 18. The TANF Program is designed to help needy families achieve self-sufficiency through employment and training activities provided by the TANF Work Program (TWP). TANF supportive services such as assistance with child care and transportation expenses are available to help the adults in the family prepare for employment and to promote self-sufficiency.</li> <li>All adults and minor who serve as the head of a household must successfully participate in the <a href="#">TANF work program</a> while receiving benefits.</li> <li>The following work activities are offered and each activity has certain participation requirements and restrictions:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Job readiness and job search activities</li> <li>Employment</li> <li>On-the-job training</li> <li>Work experience programs</li> <li>Community service programs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Vocational education (not to exceed 12 months)</li> <li>○ High school or GED equivalent, if under age 20</li> <li>○ Job skills training directly related to employment</li> <li>○ Education directly related to employment</li> </ul>
	<p><a href="#">US DOL: State Unemployment Insurance Benefits</a></p> <p><a href="#">Mississippi Department of Economic Security</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (601) 321-6000</li> <li>• E-mail: <a href="mailto:comments@mdes.ms.gov">comments@mdes.ms.gov</a></li> <li>• The goal of the Mississippi Department of Employment Security is to help Mississippians get jobs. Through our network of WIN Job Centers, MDES matches qualified, prospective employees with employers. Also at the Job Centers, Mississippians can obtain job training to sharpen their work skills and make themselves more competitive in the job market. In addition, MDES administers the unemployment benefits program that provides payments to Mississippians who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own. This temporary compensation enables unemployed individuals to concentrate on securing new jobs.</li> </ul>
	<p><a href="#">United Way 211</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free national telephone service that helps identify health and human services.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">United Way 211 Mississippi</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This line currently receives between 175-300 calls a day with the four main client requests being access to assistance with utilities, food, homeless/domestic violence shelter, and rent/mortgage payment.</li> </ul>
	<p><a href="#">United Way of the Capital</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (601) 948-4725</li> </ul>

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	<p><a href="#">United Way of Northeast Mississippi</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (662) 841-9133</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">United Way of South Mississippi</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (228) 896-2213</li> </ul>
	<p><a href="#">Community Action Agencies Across America</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Action Agencies (CAAs) are nonprofit private and public organizations established under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to fight America's War on Poverty. Community Action Agencies help people to help themselves in achieving self-sufficiency. Today there are approximately 1000 Community Action Agencies, serving the poor in every state as well as Puerto Rico and the Trust Territories.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Mississippi Association of Community Action Agencies</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (601) 944-1747</li> <li>• E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@msacaa.com">info@msacaa.com</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Statewide listing of community action agencies</a></li> <li>• The Mississippi Association of Community Action Agencies (MACAA) is a network of 19 Community Action Agencies and Human Resource Agencies dedicated to the mission of enabling low-income Mississippians to rebuild their lives, nurture their families, revitalize their communities and become self-sufficient</li> <li>• Services provided include: home weatherization services, energy assistance, early head start and head start, summer food programs, transportation assistance, job training and employment assistance, nutrition and hunger prevention, housing development and assistance, and more.</li> </ul>
	<p><a href="#">State Public Health Departments</a></p>

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	<a href="#">National Diaper Bank Network</a>
	<a href="#">Catholic Charities: Diocese of Jackson, MS</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (601) 355-8634</li> <li>• <a href="#">Natchez, MS office</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Northeast MS office</a></li> <li>• Wide variety of services including emergency assistance, children’s mental health services, domestic violence, immigration, refugees, and more.</li> </ul>
	<a href="#">The Salvation Army: Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi Division</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: (601) 969-7560 or (800) SAL-ARMY.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Social service programs</a> include: Food, Shelter &amp; Clothing, Medication Payment Assistance, Education &amp; Job Training, Senior Citizen Services, Christmas Assistance, Rent &amp; Utility Payment Assistance, Substance Abuse Rehabilitation, Youth Services, Emergency Disaster Response, and others.</li> </ul>

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