

South Carolina Resources

Hospital

- ❖ **Beaufort Memorial Hospital** is the largest hospital between Savannah, Ga. and Charleston, S.C., Beaufort Memorial Hospital is situated on the Atlantic Intercoastal Waterway and is one of the few hospitals in the country with its own emergency dock.
Website: www.bmhsc.org
Phone: 1-843-522-5200 or 1-877-532-6472

Health, Medical, Developmental

- ❖ **BabyNet** is South Carolina's early intervention program that offers special services to children who have a disability or are slow to develop. These services are for infants and toddlers, up to age three and their families. Not income based.
Website: www.scdhec.net
Phone: 1-800-868-0404
 - ❖ **Beaufort Memorial Hospital – Healthlink** for Children provides pediatric rehabilitation, physical and occupational therapy, speech/language pathology, social services, and case management.
Website: www.bmhsc.org
Phone: 1-843-522-5900
 - ❖ **Beaufort Memorial Hospital – Rehabilitation Services** provides adult rehabilitative services such as physical, occupational and speech therapy.
Website: www.bmhsc.org
Phone: 1-843-522-5630
 - **Easter Seals - South Carolina** provides services to children with disabilities and support to their families through early intervention programs, parent education, service coordination, and school based pediatric therapy such as physical, occupational and speech.
Website: www.eastersealssc.org
Phone: 1-800-951-4090; 1-803-466-4099
 - ❖ **Beaufort County Health Department – Beaufort** provides preventive health care to individuals of all ages and income levels. Family planning, immunization, family support services, WIC, home visits for newborns, screening and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other communicable diseases. Services to children with special health care need (CRS and BabyNet). Environmental sanitation and vital records services are also provided.
Website: www.scdhec.gov/reg8
Phone: 1-843-525-7615
 - **Care Line** is a statewide, toll-free hotline that provides assistance and support for obtaining access to family planning services, prenatal care, infant and child health care, assessment and care for children with special health care needs, and other related services. Not income based.
Phone: 1-800-868-0404
 - **Children's Rehabilitative Services (CRS)** is a health care program that offers medical evaluation and treatment to children with special needs.
Website: www.scdhec.net Phone: 1-803-898-0784
- *Not income based means a family income not considered for eligibility.*
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- **Epilepsy Foundation of South Carolina** provides education and public awareness, school alert, newsletters, self-help workshops, referral services, advocacy services, family counseling, films, speakers and residential summer camp for children ages 7-14 who have epilepsy.
Website: www.epilepsisc.org
Phone: 1-803) 798-8502
- ❖ **Beaufort County Disabilities and Special Needs Board** helps access services for persons meeting the eligibility criteria for the Mental Retardation Division or the Autism Division of the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN). Some service funding may only be available through the MR/RD Home and Community-Based Waiver. Ask the agency for additional information about this waiver. This agency also provides early intervention services and funding for day care for children with disabilities even though the children may not be DDSN eligible.
Website: www.state.sc.us/ddsn
Phone: 1-800-376-4636
- **Epworth Children's Home** provides group residential child care; parent and family training.
Website: www.epworthchildrenshome.org
Phone: 1-803-256-7349
- **Family Connection of South Carolina** strengthens families who have children with developmental delays, disabilities, or chronic illnesses through a parent to parent network of family focused support to provide assistance, information, community awareness and enhance parent/professional relationships.
Website: www.familyconnectionsc.org
Phone: 1-800-578-8750
- **Programs for Exceptional people** provides prevocational, employment, independent living skills, social and recreational training for adults with developmental disabilities. Also offers summer program for children 13 years and up.
Eligibility: Over age 21 with diagnosed disability.
Website: www.pepghi.org
Phone: 1-843-681-8413
- **Region 8 CRS Office Serves** Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper Counties
Beaufort County Health Department
1235 Lady's Island Drive
Port Royal, SC 29935
(843)525-4075
- **Shriners Hospital** in Greenville is a 60-bed pediatric orthopedic hospital providing comprehensive care to children at no charge.
Website: www.shrinershq.org
Phone: 1-864-271-3444

- **The SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs** serves persons with mental retardation, autism, head, and spinal cord injuries, and conditions related to each of these four disabilities. Services are delivered through local county Disabilities and Special Needs (DSN) Boards. DDSN also provides early intervention services to children up to age 6, who are eligible for BabyNet. Not income based.
Website: www.state.sc.us/ddsn/
Phone: 1-803-898-9600 or 1-888-376-4636
 - ❖ **The Early Intervention Program of the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind (SCSDB)** provides weekly home visitation and care coordination services to children with sensory disabilities (birth to six) and their families. Not income based.
Website: www.scsdb.k12.sc.us
Phone: 1-803-731-4945
 - **SC Autism Society** enables all individuals with autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) to reach their maximum potential.
Website: www.scautism.org
Phone: 1-803-750-6988
 - **SC Children's AIDS Care System (Ryan White)** assures access to comprehensive medical care. This includes case management as well as social and support services for families with HIV-exposed or HIV-infected children and adolescents. Not income based.
Phone: 1-800-898-0291
 - **Tourette Association of /Georgia, South Carolina** The Tourette Syndrome Association of Georgia is a voluntary organization dedicated to helping individuals with Tourette Syndrome and their families by gathering and distributing information, promoting local self-help and professional services, promoting research, and providing local TS support groups and meetings.
Website: www.georgiatourette.org
Phone: 706-248-9784
 - **UCP Affiliates** provide direct services to individuals and families with cerebral palsy and other disabilities. In fact, 65% of the people UCP affiliates serve have a disability other than cerebral palsy. Below you will find the UCP affiliate for South Carolina:
Web site: <http://www.ucpsc.org>
E-mail: info@ucpsc.org
Phone: 803-926-8878/888-827-7277
Fax: 803-926-1272
- ### Emotional/Mental Health
- **SC Department of Mental Health (DMH)** provides a full range of community and inpatient services to persons of all ages who are emotionally disturbed or psychiatrically disabled. These services are provided through a network of 17 community mental health centers that serve each of the state's 46 counties.
Phone: 1- 803-898-8581

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- **The Continuum of Care for Emotionally Disturbed Children** provides intensive case management to assist the child, family, and other agency providers in developing an individualized plan of service for those children eligible through a selection process. Not income based.
Phone: 1-803-253-6272
- **NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill)** is a grass-roots organization consisting of 17 local groups throughout South Carolina. NAMI provides support, education, and advocacy for families and friends of people with mental illness and for persons with mental illness. Not Income based.
Website: www.namisc.org
Phone: 1-803-733-9591
Phone: 1-800-788-5131
- **The Federation of Families of South Carolina** serves the families of children and youth who either have are at risk of developing emotional, behavioral, or mental disorders. Services include support groups, parent-to-parent support, referrals, educational materials, and publications. Not income based.
Website: www.midnet.sc.edu/ffsc
Phone: 1-800-779-0402
- **CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders)** serves people affected by attention deficit disorders and similar disabilities through family support and advocacy, public and professional education, and encouragement of scientific and educational research.
Website: www.chadd.org
Phone: 1-800-233-4050
- ❖ **HealthLink for Children—Pediatric Rehabilitation** is an outpatient center specializing in children's rehabilitation, we empower children by giving them the specialized therapy and support they need to achieve their own measures of success—at their own pace, in their own time.
Website: www.bmhs.org
Phone: 1-843-522-5900

Educational

- ❖ **BJEOC - Headstart Program** is a comprehensive child development program that serves children birth to age 5. These are child-focused Programs and have the overall goal of increasing school readiness of young children in low-income families. Programs are required to allocate at least 10 percent of their enrollment to children with disabilities and special needs.
Email: bjhseoc@hargray.com
Phone: 1-843-898-2861
- **SC Department of Education Office for Exceptional Children Kids Hot line.**
Phone: 1-800-763-5437 or 1-803-734-8224

- ❖ **Family, Adult & Children's Educational Services (F.A.C.E.S.)** provides parent education/family literacy. Family Education Centers with adult literacy, child assessments, interagency collaboration, case management to the parents of young children. Parents As Teachers home visitation program.
Website: www.beaufort.school.net.com
Phone: 1-843-521-2399
- **SC Department of Education Office for Exceptional Children Kids Hot line.**
Phone: 1-800-763-5437 or 1-803-734-8224
- **PRO-parents (Parents Reaching Out to Parents)** provides information and training about special education law to families of children with disabilities and special needs. Not income based.
Website: www.proparents.org
Phone: 1-803-772-5688 or 1-800-759-4776
- **Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities (P&A)** provides support and protection concerning the legal and civil rights of persons with disabilities. P&A can advocate for children about their right to services provided under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Not income based.
Website: www.protectionandadvocacy-sc.org
Phone: 1-803-782-0675 or 1-800-800-6997

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- **South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness (First Steps)** is a statewide education initiative to help prepare children to reach first grade healthy and ready to succeed. Each of the state's 46 counties determines its greatest needs and implements or enhances the necessary services or programs to boost school readiness of its children. Not income based.
Phone: 1-803-734-0479 or 1-877-621-0865

Schools

Public Grades K-12

- ❖ **Beaufort County School District** serves South Carolina's most rapidly growing county, with an area of 580 square miles covering 60 major coastal islands along the Atlantic Ocean. Our diverse student population of over 19,000 students attends 28 schools across the county.
Website: web.beaufort.k12.sc.us/
Phone: 1-843-322-2300

Private Grades K-12

- ❖ **Beaufort Academy** provides a rigorous academic curriculum to prepare students for success at a variety of prestigious colleges and universities. The school strives to provide an environment that stimulates physical health, a spirit of service, respect for diversity, and a healthy psychological and social outlook.
Phone: (843) 524-3393

- ❖ **Hilton Head Christian Academy** mission is to in partnership with the Christian family, the students of HHCA will mature in their faith, demonstrate Christian character, identify and develop their God-given talents, be academically and intellectually prepared to engage the world and thereby impact generations to the glory of God.
Phone: (843) 681-2878
- ❖ **Hilton Head Preparatory School** is a private, independent school where boys and girls from Kindergarten through twelfth grade are challenged and encouraged to develop into confident and thoughtful young adults. Teachers, students and parents hold high expectations as students pursue a rigorous curriculum and exciting extra-curricular activities. Whether in lower, middle or upper school, every teacher knows who you are. We invite you to visit this remarkable community where both people and ideas matter.
Phone: 1-843-671-2286 ext 315
- ❖ **St. Francis Catholic School** is known for its parental support. We have 230 students from 140 families attending our Pre-K through 8th Grade school. With this in mind, it is amazing that we had nearly 250 adults at our first Family-School Association (FSA) Meeting this year. That type of turn-out is just another indication that our parents put their children first and want to support our administration, faculty, and staff.
Phone Number: 843-681-6501
- ❖ **St. Peter's Catholic School** exists to provide an atmosphere of Catholic Christian community in which faith is integrated in math, science, social studies, art, music, library, physical education, and computer studies. Our education emphasizes Catholic, Christian values and prioritizes eternal values over temporal concerns.
Phone: 1-843-522-2163
- ❖ **Sea Pines Montessori Academy (SPMA)** is a private, non-profit school serving families from scenic Hilton Head Island and Bluffton, South Carolina. Since 1968 the school has played an important role in the lives of hundreds of children. Today we offer toddler, primary, and elementary programs with plans to extend through middle school.
Phone: 1-843-785-2534

Insurance

- **Partners for Health** is the eligibility process for all of South Carolina Medicaid Health Insurance Programs for children and adults. Based on income.
Phone: 1-888-549-0820
- **Partners for Healthy Children (PHC)** is South Carolina's name for the federal CHIP program. It is a free health insurance program for children under age 19 in families with low incomes. For example, a family of four with one parent working and an income of approximately \$28,000 a year would be eligible. Coverage is reviewed and renewed annually.
Phone: 1-888-549-0820

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- **TEFRA (Katie Beckett Waiver)** is a category of eligibility for Medicaid coverage for children under age 19 who meet the SSI childhood disability definition and who can more economically be provided home care than in a hospital or community home. Based on child's income and resources rather than family income. **Contact Family Connection.**
Website: www.familyconnectionsc.org/
Phone: 1-800-578-8750
- **Supplemental Security Income (SSI)** pays monthly cash benefits to children and adults who are blind or disabled and who do not own much or have a low income.
Website: www.ssa.gov
Phone: 1-800-772-1213
- **South Carolina Health Insurance Pool (SCHIP)** is a state health insurance program administered by Blue Cross Blue Shield for individuals who are refused insurance coverage for health reasons or whose rate is more than 150% of the SCIP rate.
Phone: 1-800-868-2500 ext 42757
- **Other**
- **Francois Community House** provides health daycare service to provide relief to the primary care giver; daily meals and snacks, activities, and has extended hours to serve needs.
Email: slassal1@charter.net
Phone: 1-843-8461579
- **Friends of Carolina Hospice** provides home care to those who live with a life-threatening illness; Support for families and friends; RN's coordinate patient care; Personal care assistants provide physical assistance and supportive services and patient volunteers provide trained/loving support. Also provides Cancer Support Groups, Adult Bereavement Group, Caregiver Sessions and a Bereavement Support Team for children work with the school system. A Lending Closet provides equipment and supplies to patients. A Speaker's Bureau gives presentations to the community and Spanish translator is available.
Website: www.carolinehospice.org
Phone: 1-843-525-6257
- **Heroes on Horseback** provides therapeutic horseback riding for people with special needs. Fall Sessions Sept-Dec Spring Sessions Feb – April
Website: www.heroesonhorseback.org
Phone: 1-843-757-5607
Low Country Presbyterian Church loans medical equipment such as walkers, canes, wheelchairs, bedside commodes, etc.
Email: lpcoffice@hargray.com
Phone: 1-843-815-6570
- **Office of the Governor South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council** develops policy and advocates for people with disabilities while monitoring programs and service delivery.
Website: www.mySCgov.com
Phone: 1-803-734-0465
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- **South Carolina Services Information (SCSIS)** is a statewide database of disability and aging services on the internet.
Website: www.scsis.org
- ❖ **SC Department of Social Services** helps you and your family meet your basic needs; offers a range of services to help you become healthy and self-sufficient.
Website: www.state.sc.us
Phone: (843) 470-4600
- ❖ **Beaufort County Disabilities and Special Needs Department** provides family support services; Residential; Employment services; day programs; early intervention.
Email: mwagner@bcgov.net
Phone (843) 470-6300 or (843) 470-6282
- ❖ **Beaufort Jasper Economic Opportunity Commission – Beaufort** provides direct assistance with utilities (electric, water, LP gas); emergency heating/cooling; housing rehabilitation; prescription medication assistance, rental assistance, emergency assistance with food; Youth Leadership program; child and adult care food program.
Email: beaufortjasperoc@hotmail.com
Phone: 1-843-470 4500
- **Special Olympics – South Carolina** is an international non profit organization dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive and respected members of society through sports training and competition. Special Olympics offers children and adults with intellectual disabilities year-around training and competition in 30-Olympic-type summer and winter sports
Website: www.so-sc.org
Phone: 1-803-772-1555
- **St Francis by the Sea Catholic Church** offers social service, such as assistance with rent, utilities, food and medicine. HAPIN frozen food meals programs for the isolated homebound.
Phone: 1-843-681-635 Ext. 255
- **Charities**
- **Carolina Children's Charity** awards financial grants to Lowcountry children with birth defects and/or childhood diseases from birth through 18 years of age. A grant application can be obtained by clicking on our [Grants](#) link or by contacting us at the Charity Office.
Carolina Children's Charity
Website: www.carolinachildren.org
Phone: 1-843-554-6CCC (6222)
Church of the Cross – Food Bank provides free groceries (meats, breads, fruits, and canned goods) to those in need. Amount depends on family's size.
Website: www.thechurchofthecross.net
Phone: 1-843-757-2661
- **Help of Beaufort** provides emergency assistance, food, clothing and sometimes financial helps.
Phone: 1-843-524-1223
- **Friends of Callawassie Island** Callawassie residents have set up their own non-profit organization that has provided more than \$100,000 in grants to needy organizations within the Lowcountry since it launched in 2001. Friends of Callawassie Island provide funding for youth education and recreation programs, literacy and other social services that might otherwise be under funded.
Website: www.homesandlandinhiltonhead.com
Phone: 843-368-2466
- **Make a Wish Foundation** fulfills the wishes of children between the ages of 2½ - 18 years old who suffer from a life threatening illness. Eligibility: Must be a child between the ages of 2 ½ -18 years old with a progressive, malignant, or life-threatening illness.
Email: mawfsc@wish.org
Phone: 1-800-293-9474
- **United Way of the Lowcountry** is a charitable organization with the simple goal of enabling people to help one another in any and all circumstances.
Website: www.unitedwayofbeaufortco.org
Phone: 843-470-4519