

MOBILE COUNTY COMMUNITY RESOURCES

EMPLOYMENT

- Unemployment Compensation Claims – State of Alabama 660-6535

LODGING

- Salvation Army 438-1625
1009 Dauphin St.; Mobile, AL
*Men's shelter and residence for women and children offered. Helps the homeless by providing temporary shelter. Also offers assistance with rent and utilities as well as offering food, clothes, and gasoline vouchers. Call on Monday morning for an appointment. **For matters that require assistance bring the social security cards (not just the numbers) of all the family members in your household.***
- Penelope House 342-3144/Crisis Hotline 342-8994
Penelope House is a program and shelter for victims of domestic abuse, both male and female.

SOCIAL SERVICES

- 15 Place 432-7227
15 N. Joachim St.; Mobile, AL
*Hours: Lunch- 11:30 a.m., Monday-Friday
All Other Services- 7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday
15 Place works as a day care center for the homeless. Services offered are: telephone use, a place to receive mail, shower facilities, assistance from caseworkers, veteran's assistance, a nurse, and drug/alcohol treatment. Lunch is also served to any needy person.*
- Area Agency on Aging 433-6541
South Alabama Regional Planning Commission
651 Church Street.; Mobile, AL
This agency provides various services for senior citizens and some help for their caregivers. Over 20 sites provide activities and midday meals for active seniors, and home-delivered meals for the homebound. There is a health insurance program, help for Medicaid recipients, and help for seniors applying for pharmaceutical (drug) assistance programs. There are other services for the elderly including: legal counseling, transportation, health promotion, charitable pharmacies, recreational programs, and more.
- Catholic Social Services 434-1500
555 Dauphin St.; Mobile, AL
*Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (not open from 12-1), Monday-Friday
The service center refers clients to programs which can improve their lives, i.e. job training programs, legal services, shelters, medical clinics, counseling*

services, DHR, Social Security Administration, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), educational programs, the Housing Board, and Mobile Community Action.

*This program offers assistance with food, clothing, furniture and appliances, household articles, and personal hygiene items. Financial assistance for medicine, utilities, rent, and transportation is also provided. A nurse is available for blood pressure checks, health counseling, medical supplies and equipment, and medical advocacy. People may be screened by caseworkers to be made eligible for medications. All the above services are free of charge. **New clients are asked to bring in: proof of address and income; rent receipts or house notes; copies of monthly bills; food stamps card; and birthdates and social security numbers of everyone in the household.***

- Child Care South 433-2878
1365 Government St.; Mobile, AL
Child Care South offers reasonably priced childcare. To be eligible for this service, the low income parent must be employed and/or enrolled in school. For more information and to determine if you meet these requirements, examine the pamphlet that is available from Child Care South.

- Department of Human Resources (Welfare Department) 450-1923
 - The Family (Financial) Assistance Program
This program provides help to low income families with a dependent child under age 18 or under age 19 if the child is a full-time student. Services that are provided are temporary cash payments, work and training services, and childcare assistance for parents who are employed or in training activities. Temporary assistance for needy families (T.A.N.F.)
 - The Food Assistance Division 405-4000
272 Broad St.; Mobile, AL
This program administers the Food Stamp Program. The eligibility rules and benefit amounts are based on income and household size.
 - The Child Support Enforcement Division
This program helps families establish paternity (when necessary), obtain court orders for payment of child support, and secure compliance with child support court orders. Many women and their children fall into poverty or into deeper poverty because the father pays little or nothing for the financial support of his children. Many of these men cannot afford to pay much, but they should pay something – the entire burden should not fall on the mother. A court order forces the father to pay something or else to possibly face jail. DHR can help the mother get such a court order. A woman does not have to be a client of DHR in order to get such help. All of these services are free.

The three programs mentioned above are the three most popular programs of DHR; DHR sponsors other programs and forms of assistance as well.

- Department of Human Resources Senior Citizen, Abuse, and Neglect 450-1800
3101 Airport Blvd., Mobile, AL
Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

- Dumas Wesley Community Center 479-0649
126 Mobile St.; Mobile, AL
Free daily meals and fellowship times for senior citizens, free transportation to doctors and hospitals for senior citizens; emergency assistance with food and utility bills. These services are limited to people in the Crichton area. After-school care and day-long childcare are open to anyone, not just those in the Crichton area. After-school care is \$40.00 per week. Day-long childcare is \$75.00 per week for children not potty-trained; \$65.00 per week for children who are potty-trained; and \$95.00 per week for infants. Free after-school care tutoring and free athletic programs (some charges for some items) with a gym are not limited to young people in the Crichton area, but are open to any young people. Various other programs are available. For more information see the pamphlets available on the Dumas Wesley Community Center.

- Goodwill/Easter Seals – Administrative Office 471-1581
Programs for children include: early intervention for children with disabilities, a preschool program for children with disabilities, daycare services, summer day camp and after-school programs for children 6-12 years old. Adult services include some vocational training, help with job placement, educational/literacy programs, and GED preparation. There is also medical assistance for people with disabilities. The Goodwill retail stores sell clothing, household items, toys, and certain other items at inexpensive prices. For more information and various locations and phone numbers see the available pamphlets.

- Mobile Community Action
Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday
 - Prichard Office 457-5700
 - Maysville Office 476-6425
 - Hillsdale Office 343-3351
 - Toulminville Office 457-9883
 - Mt. Vernon Office 829-6362
 - Citronelle Office 866-7386
 - Wilmer Office 645-5266
 - Irvington Office 957-6722

Mobile Community Action provides various forms of assistance. Adult Education, GED preparation, and various tutorial programs are offered. Head Start is provided for children 3-5 years old; this program provides not only education but meals, medical check-ups and health screenings for the children. Also provided are emergency food and prescription vouchers, clothing, and household items, emergency water assistance, weatherization, income tax preparation, and some transportation.

For all these services see the pamphlet “Mobile Community Action, Inc. Helping People Change Lives.” Call the Community Service Center nearest you. For help with utility bills, call the Community Service Center nearest you for an appointment. For locations of centers and their phone numbers see their pamphlet “Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program.” Read the pamphlet before making an appointment.

- St. Mark’s United Methodist 342-5861
439 Azalea Rd.; Mobile, AL
Hours: Monday mornings
Some assistance is provided for utilities, if they are about to be disconnected. There is a food pantry and clothes closet. There is also some help with prescriptions. There is some help to prevent evictions.
- Team Focus 635-1515
1300 South Schillinger Rd. W-2; Mobile, AL
Programs include: tutorials, a mentoring program, a Saturday morning program, a summer program, and scholarship opportunities. These programs are free to boys who do not have a father figure. For more information see the available pamphlet “Team Focus.”
- United Methodist Inner City Mission 432-1122
913 Broad St.; Mobile, AL
Ask for Tony Algood
Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday
Emergency food, help with utilities, help with rent. Also offers transportation help for senior citizens and recreational activities for senior citizens.
- VIA Health, Fitness, and Enrichment Center 478-3311
Ask for Joan Rummel or Terri Rushing
Senior Center Service. Helps with utilities for people over 55 years of age.
- YWCA 471-9922
551 Summerville St.; Mobile, AL
Many women could work if they could find affordable childcare. The YWCA provides such care with the fee charged according to household income based on a sliding fee scale.

LEGAL SERVICES

- Volunteer Lawyers Program 438-1102
This program is run by the Mobile Bar Association. Volunteer Lawyers donate their time to provide free legal services in certain civil matters (not criminal matters) to Mobile County residents. Call to find out if you qualify and if your situation can be handled there. Ask for an available flyer.

- Legal Services Alabama 433-6560
LSA is a private, nonprofit law firm that provides legal assistance in certain civil matters (not criminal matters) to people who have limited income, don't own too much property, and meet other requirements. Call to find out if you qualify and if your situation can be handled there. Ask for an available flyer.

MEDICAID

We have pamphlets and written information available about Medicaid. If you have needs, ask for those pamphlets.

HOUSING

- Mobile Housing Board 434-2229
*In addition to providing public housing to those who qualify, there is a housing counseling program and help with financial planning.
There is also a daycare and after-school care for children. Cost varies by ability to pay, but is discounted for people in public housing. 470-0275/470-0226
There are also educational programs, including GED preparation, free to low income people within the city limits of Mobile. These programs are available at three centers: Clinton Johnson Center (470-1728), Bishop State (662-5370), and for ages 16-21 at Career Links (433-1358).*

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

- Alcoholics Anonymous 479-9994
600 Bel Air Blvd.; Mobile, AL