First Friday Services Connect

Florence Area Resources Guide

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Resources Information Distribution Project

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| **Financial Assistance with Rent, Utilities** |
| **Agency** | **Address** | **Contact Information** | **Service** | **Other Information** |
| *Lighthouse Ministries**A Family Resource Center* | 1416 W. Evans St.  | 843-629-0830[www.lighthouseflorence.org/](https://www.lighthouseflorence.org/) | Rent & Utilities Assistance | Applicants must meet requirements to qualify |
| *Salvation Army* | 2210 Hoffmeyer Rd. Florence SC, 29501 | 843-662-4461[www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/florence/home/](https://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/florence/home/) | Rent & Utilities Assistance | Applicants must meet requirements to qualify |
| *Pee Dee Community Action Partnership* | 2685 S Irby St Florence, SC | 843-678-3400[peedeecap.org](http://peedeecap.org) | Rent & Utilities Assistance | Only phone and apply on website, office closed to the public |

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| **Mental Health & Substance Abuse**  |
| **Agency** | **Address** | **Contact Information** | **Service** | **Other Information** |
| *Circle Park* | 238 S. Coit St.Florence, SC 29501 | 843-665-9349www.circlepark.com | Substance abuse treatment-Intervention-Prevention-Adolescents |  |
| *Chrysalis Centre*  | 1430 S Cashua Drive | 843-673-0660 | Residential substance abuse treatment for women with children |  |
| *Crisis Text Line* |  | Text HOME to 741741 or use Facebook messenger[www.crisistextline.org](https://www.crisistextline.org/) | Text line for anyone in crisis such as suicidal thoughts |  |
| *Hope Health Behavioral* | Hope Health360 North Irby Street, Florence, SC 29501 | Main Hope Health Number (843) 667-9414 <https://www.hope-health.org/services/behavioral-health-services/> | Mental health & substance abuse counseling* Prevention
* Intervention
* Treatment
 | 8am-8pm (Monday-Saturday) |
| *Pee Dee Mental Health* | 125 E. Cheves St.Florence, SC 29506 | 843-317-4073 (Clinic)24/7 CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM 1-833-364-CCRI (2274)[www.peedeementalhealth.org](http://www.peedeementalhealth.org)Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30am – 5pm | Comprehensive mental health treatment for adults, children, and families in Darlington, Florence, and Marion counties. Families/ChildrenFamily Services(843) 317-4081 | Trained staff available 24hours a day to assistanyone experiencing apsychiatric crisis.After hours call843-317-4073 Crisis Number 833-364-2274 |

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| **Medical/Physical Health**  |
| **Agency** | **Address** | **Contact Information** | **Service** | **Other Information** |
| *Hope Health* | 360 N. Irby St.Florence, SC 29501 | 843-667-9414[www.hope-health.org/](https://www.hope-health.org/) | MedicalPrimary careDentalMental healthWomen’s healthMore | Insured or Uninsured Call for assistanceOffers TelehealthOnline application to become patient |
| *Mercy Medicine* | 500 S. Coit St. Florence, SC 29501 | 843-667-9947info@mercymedicine.org[www.mercymedicine.org](http://www.mercymedicine.org) | MedicalDentalPrimary care | Eligibility: no health insurance (including Medicaid, unless dental only) and not eligible for insurance |
| *SC Healthy Connections Choices* | Florence County DSS2685 S. Irby St. | DSS: 843-669-3354  Members/applicants: 888-549-0820[www.scdhhs.gov](https://www.scdhhs.gov/) | Medicaid health insurance provider  | Office Hours: 8AM - 5PMDSS office not open to public, call for assistance  |
| *Access Health Healthy Outcomes Program (HOPS)* | McLeod Regional Medical Center144 North Ravenel StreetFlorence, SC 29506 | Assistant Director Lorene Godbold, LMSW 843-777-5592 | helps cover the cost of primary care visits; Care Navigators help patients pay for food, transportation, bills, and housing by directing them towards resources. This McLeod program also works closely with Hope Health. | Must have a chronic condition verified by their doctor; fill out a sliding fee scale form; history of frequent visits to the emergency room |
| *Welvista* | 121 Greystone Blvd, Columbia, SC 29210 | 803-933-9184 [www.welvista.org](http://www.welvista.org/) | Prescription drug coverage; Offers pediatric dental through Dillon, Manning, and Summerton school districts | Must be uninsured, a resident of SC, and below income bracket |

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| **Social Service Agencies**  |
| **Agency** | **Address** | **Contact Information** | **Service** | **Other Information** |
| *Department of Social Services* | 2685 S. Irby St. #AFlorence, SC 29505 | 843-669-3354text “DSS” to 211211 and a menu of options will appear<https://dss.sc.gov/>  | Provides public assistance to families, access to healthcare, etc. |  |
| *Lighthouse Ministries* | 1416 W. Evans St.Florence, SC 29501 | 843-629-0830<https://www.lighthouseflorence.org/> | Rent & Utilities Assistance |  |
| *SC Thrive* | 120 Research DriveColumbia, SC 29203 | Toll free: 800-726-8774Scthrive.org | Access to resources:MedicaidWelvistaPrescriptions helpMIAPSNAPSSI/SSDI, FI, Taxes, Voter registration | -Healthcare coverage-Military/Veteran-Student Assistance-Financial Wellness |
| *United Way 211* | 1621 W. Palmetto St.Florence, SC 29501 | Dial 211- services both through calls and text messages843-662-2407uwflorence.org/211-program | Referral information about essential health & human services in Florence-taxes services | Everything is kept confidentialList of services:[https://www.unitedway.org/our-impact/featured-programs/2-1-1#](https://www.unitedway.org/our-impact/featured-programs/2-1-1) |
| *First Friday Services Connect Event* | First Baptist Church300 South Irby St.In the Gym(Parking Lot back entrance) | Lighthouse Ministries843-629-0830[www.lighthouseflorence.org/how-we-serve](https://www.lighthouseflorence.org/how-we-serve) | Multiple agencies set up from 9am-11am to provide services | Occurs monthly on the first Friday of the month, 9am-11am |

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| **Free Cell Phones**  |
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| *Assurance Wireless**Lifeline Assistance Program* |  | www.assurancewireless.com | Lifeline Assistance Program can get free unlimited text, 1000 free voice minutes, and 4.5GB data each month. | Must qualify through the Lifeline Assistance Program |

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| **Employment & Adult Education Services**  |
| **Agency** | **Address** | **Contact Information** | **Service** | **Other Information** |
| *Goodwill Career Opportunity Center* | 1551 Second Loop Rd. Florence, SC 29505 | (843) 468-2160<http://www.palmettogoodwill.org/> | Provide job leadsJob centersComputer assistanceAssist with applying for unemployment | Resume, Soft skills, & Dress for success workshopsBenefits through SNAP, birth certificate replacement, social security replacement, and Serv Safe exam. |
| *Indeed* |  | [indeed.com](http://indeed.com) | Job searching website |  |
| *Labor Finders* | 329 West Palmetto St.Florence, SC 29501 | 843-669-0410843-495-0487 Taylor[https://www.laborfinders.com/](https://www.laborfinders.com/locations/sc/florence/16-2/) | -Day labor-Employment services-Temp to hire position- company will have the individual work for 90 days and if they are pleased with them, will hire them on after | -Workers with cars earn extra day work-Call early in the morning and they will assess over the phone and get you in the system-Also use website |
| *SC Works State Department of Employment* | 1558 West Evans St.Florence, SC 29501 | 843-669-4271<https://www.scworks.org/> | Job SearchResume/Interview with CoachingEmployment Assistance | Open 8-30-5 pm MON-FRI |
| *Florence County Adult Education* | 500 S Dargan St.Florence, SC 29506 | [www.f1s.org/](http://www.f1s.org/)843-758-6412 Kaitlyn Moss (intake)843-758-6406 Ann Stone (job skills)843-758-8195 Claudia Hernandez (English as second language) | Supports adults in high school completion, work readiness certifications and training, and college preparation. | -Open Monday through Thursday 8-3:30-Walk-ins and calls both accepted |
| *Vocational Rehabilitation Center (Voc Rehab)* | 1947 West Darlington St. Florence, S.C.1709 Stokes Rd. Florence, S.C.  | 843 – 662 – 8114843 – 662 - 9378 | Job assistance |  |

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|  **Shelters**  |
| **Agency** | **Address** | **Contact Information** | **Service** | **Other Information** |
| *Courtney McGinnis Graham Community Center* | 535 S. Church St.Florence SC, 29506 | 843-731-9315 | Men, women, and families -Housing up to 30 days | Intake is 4pm - -Once names are put on the list they cannot leave the premises-Clothes are washed at night, food and showers provided-ID required-Fill out a form & get a case manager -Only have small lockers: all belongings must go in lockers |
| *Salvation Army* | 2210 Hoffmeyer Rd.Florence, SC 29501 | 843-662-4461 | Men and women | Intake 6pm-9pm on a first come, first serve basis-ID required-Call phone number and press option 5-Will not take people under the influence of anything -Will not take sex offenders |
| *Pee Dee CAP* | 411 Jarrott St. Florence, SC 29506 | 843-678-3410 | Men and women | Call and check availabilityRequirements:-ID-COVID Vaccine or COVID test within last 90 days |
| *Resurrection Restoration Center for the Homeless* | 1807 N Douglas St, Florence, SC 29501 | 843-601-7935 | -Outreach, faith based program-Family center | -Specialize in keeping families together-Possible housing opportunities |
| *Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault* | 220 S Irby St. Florence, SC29501 | -843-669-4694 (general number)-843-669-4600 (local crisis number) | Domestic violence shelter for women and their children | Intake process, need information or cannot get into shelter-Need to be experiencing domestic violence to get into shelter |

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| **Housing**  |
| **Agency** | **Address** | **Contact Information** | **Service** | **Other Information** |
| *ECHO* | 407 Broadway St.Myrtle Beach, SC | 843-213-1798 for phone assessment for helpVeterans: call 843-492-2594[echousing.org](https://echousing.org/) | Housing Security deposits | -Civilians and veterans-Transitional Housing for: Youth ages 18-24, Domestic Violence Victims, and Substance Use |
| *Florence Housing Authority* | 2640 West Palmetto St. Florence, SC 29503 | 843-669-4163[hafsc.org](https://hafsc.org)Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00am-5:00pm | Public HousingSection 8Subsidized HousingElderly Housing |  |
| *House of Hope* | 1020 West Darlington St. Florence, SC | 843-667-9000 [hofh.org](https://hofh.org) | Two programs:1) Men’s Life Recovery -Long term transitional facility for men only -9 to 12 month program 2) Hope Village (Women & Children Only)-24 Tiny Homes -1 year program -Can be renewed up to 2 years -Working requirementsFor either program, Requirements include-Background Check -Drug Test -Interview -Intake |  |

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| **Veteran Services**  |
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| *Veterans Resource Center of Florence* | Lighthouse Ministries1416 W. Evans St. Florence, SC 29501 | 843-629-0830 ask for Veterans Resource Center or CB | Connects veterans in need with services-also assists with rent and utilities-guidance on benefits claims, VA disability, etc |  |
| *Florence County VA Office* | 707 E National Cemetery Road, Florence, SC 29506 | 843-665-3045 call for appointment8:30am-4:30am |  |  |
| *Dept of Veterans Affairs**Veterans Crisis Line* |  | 1) Hotline for Veterans to contact: dial 988, then press 12) Chat: VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat or text to 838255.3) Also: 1-800-273-8255[www.veteranscrisisline.net/](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/) | For veterans in crisis or suicidal or for anyone concerned about a vet |  |

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| **Family/Child Services** |
| **Agency** | **Address** | **Contact Information** | **Service** | **Other Information** |
| *DSS SC Child Care Voucher Program**(Free Child Care)* | Mailing Address:SC Voucher ProgramP.O. Box 100160Columbia, SC 29202-3160 | SC Voucher Operations CenterClient Number: (800) 476-0199Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Vouchers for free child care for parents who are working, in school, in a training program, or have a verified disability. Vouchers can be used with childcare providers enrolled in the ABC Quality Program | Information, including eligibility and application, and to search for a childcare provider enrolled in the ABC Quality program: <https://scchildcare.org/departments/sc-voucher.aspx>-More info on applying:<https://www.scchildcare.org/media/73771/Letteronly.pdf>-Additional help finding childcare: Child Care Resource & Referral Network at 1 (888) 335-1002 or go to the website after hours at <http://www.sc-ccrr.org> and submit a referral indicating your need to find an opening in a childcare facility |
| *Pee Dee Healthy Start* | 314 W. Pine St., Florence, SC, 29501P.O. Box 29504 | (843) 662-1482Toll-free: 800-747-2229[**pdhs.org**](http://pdhs.org/)email: info@pdhs.org | Service: Prenatal and infant health care-childbearing age women-assessment, case management,-infant, child, youth, and family development -inter-conceptional care | Culturally relevant health education, healthy marriage & relationship education, career readiness, job development & placement, training & certifications, mentoring |
| *ABC Quality- Child Care Connections* | 3150 Harden St. Ext Columbia, SC 29203 Florence County DSS:2685 S. Irby St.Florence, SC 29505 |  (800) 763-2223 <https://abcquality.org/> | Connecting parents to childcare resources |  |
| *Working Mothers Education and Support Program* *Lighthouse Ministries* | 1416 W. Evans St.Florence, SC | Program Coordinator Sharonda Eagle 843-629-0830 | -Six-month resilience-based parenting program designed for families with children between 0-5 years-Diapers and other hygiene products provided to help prevent diaper rash-coaching on financial management and budgeting for six months-mothers receive parenting, life skill, classes for eight weeks. | All low-income working mothers living in Florence County are eligible -Single fathers are not eligible for the program |
| *Strengthening Families Program (SFP)* *Lighthouse Ministries* | 1416 W. Evans St.Florence, SC | Site Coordinator Lou Washington 843-629-0830 | -statewide evidence-based program facilitated through the Children’s Trust of SC-designed to help families develop positive discipline practices, strengthen resilience, reduce conflict, improve parenting skills, and assist children in improving social skills, relationship building, and school performance-Gas cards and meal vouchers are provided to help remove attendance barriers-delivered over 14 consecutive weeks | All families living in Florence County with children between ages 6 and 11 qualify for this program |
| *Heart of Life* |  | Diamond BoatwrightExecutive Director843.799.7079hol@safe4families.comwww.safe4families.com | -Family Support Services: Parenting support classes. Parents are taught the Circle of Security parenting practice over an 8-week course. Additional services are available-College & Career Coaching: Educational and career mentoring service for Middle school- high school students. Supports students in planning for their future and providing access to needed resources and/or skills to ensure their success. | Financial provisions will be made for low-income families |
| *The Care House of the Pee Dee* | 1920 2nd Loop Rd.Florence, SC 29501 | 843-629-0236[www.thecarehouse.com](http://www.thecarehouse.com/) | Child AbuseTherapy and advocacy to children and families-Forensic interviews-Medical services for children (physical exams) | Open Mon-Thu 8am-5pm, Friday 8am-2pm |
| *Durant Children’s Center* | 226 S. Irby St.29501 | 843-664-4357<https://www.durantchildrencenter.org/> | Counseling for abused children-Parenting courses-Forensic Interviews-Military families affected by trauma or abuse-Medical services for children (physical exams) |  |
| *Naomi Project* |  | 843-615-1548[www.naomiproject.com](http://www.naomiproject.com)naomiproject06@sc.rr.com | Year-long transitional housing that addresses the devastation of domestic abuse with resources and educational support | Mission is to change the lives of women experiencing domestic abuse, once they chose not to return to their abusers |

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| **Food** |
| **Agency** | **Address** | **Contact Information** | **Service** | **Other Information** |
| *Manna House* | 450 Jarrott St, Florence, SC | (843) 667-6077 | M-F Breakfast 8:30am-9:30am, Lunch 10:30am-12pm  | Food Pantry MWF 9am-11amMust bring: Picture ID, Social Security Card, and Proof of Income |
| *Antioch Fellowship* | 1207 E Howe Springs Rd, Florence, SC 29505 | 803-374-7778- Call to confirm | Food pantry open to public | Open 2nd Saturday of the month: 11-12 |
| *My Brother’s Keeper* | Meal Distribution at Four Local Parks  | (843) 624-5381 | Meals served every day of the week. Hot food M-F and snack bags on the weekends (fruit, granola bars) They have care packages, clean clothes, mission mart gift cards, and hygiene products | Food:Northwest 2:30pm-2:45pm Iola Jones 2:45pm-3pmLevi 3pm-3:15pm Timrod 3:15pm-3:30pmClothes:Clothes giveaway for all ages every third Tuesday and Saturday of the month 10am – 2pm at Trinity Baptist Church (124 West Darlington St. Florence, S.C.) |
| *Salvation Army* | 2210 Hoffmeyer Rd. | 843-662-4461 call for appointment (No walk ins) | Food, clothes | Monday - Thursday 9:30-12pm and 1pm -3:30pm |
| *Parking Lot Ministry* | Parking Lot behind old Hope Health building at 600 E. Palmetto St |  | Breakfast, food, & clothing | Saturdays 7am-8am |
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| **Legal Services**  |
| **Agency** | **Address** | **Contact Information** | **Service** | **Other Information** |
| *South Carolina Legal Services* | 320 S. Coit St.Florence, SC 29501 | Managing attorney: Susan FirimontePhone: 843-413-9500Silvana: EXT 6303<https://sclegal.org/>Online Intake <https://www.lawhelp.org/sc/online-intake> | Legal counseling and representation | Eligibility: Income-based requirements |

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| **COVID Testing**  |
| **Agency** | **Address** | **Contact Information** | **Service** | **Other Information** |
| *DHEC COVID Resources: Vaccination, Other Info* | DHEC Care Line 1-855-472-3432 8am-6pm M-F<https://scdhec.gov/covid19>Vaccinations <https://vaxlocator.dhec.sc.gov/> or 1-866-365-8110.  |