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** | | | | |
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| *Circle Park* | 238 S. Coit St.  Florence, SC 29501 | 843-665-9349  www.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 Health  360 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/Children  Family Services  (843) 317-4081 | Trained staff available 24  hours a day to assist  anyone experiencing a  psychiatric crisis.  After hours call  843-317-4073 Crisis Number 833-364-2274 |

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| **Medical/Physical Health** | | | | |
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| *Hope Health* | 360 N. Irby St.  Florence, SC 29501 | 843-667-9414  [www.hope-health.org/](https://www.hope-health.org/) | Medical  Primary care  Dental  Mental health  Women’s health  More | Insured or Uninsured  Call for assistance  Offers Telehealth  Online application to become patient |
| *Mercy Medicine* | 500 S. Coit St. Florence, SC 29501 | 843-667-9947  info@mercymedicine.org  [www.mercymedicine.org](http://www.mercymedicine.org) | Medical  Dental  Primary care | Eligibility: no health insurance (including Medicaid, unless dental only) and not eligible for insurance |
| *SC Healthy Connections Choices* | Florence County DSS 2685 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 - 5PM  DSS office not open to public, call for assistance |
| *Access Health Healthy Outcomes Program (HOPS)* | McLeod Regional Medical Center  144 North Ravenel Street  Florence, 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** | | | | |
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| *Department of Social Services* | 2685 S. Irby St. #A  Florence, SC 29505 | 843-669-3354  text “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 Drive  Columbia, SC 29203 | Toll free: 800-726-8774  Scthrive.org | Access to resources:  Medicaid  Welvista  Prescriptions help  MIAP  SNAP  SSI/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 messages  843-662-2407  uwflorence.org/211-program | Referral information about essential health & human services in Florence  -taxes services | Everything is kept confidential  List 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 Church  300 South Irby St.  In the Gym  (Parking Lot back entrance) | Lighthouse Ministries  843-629-0830  [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** | | | | |
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| *Goodwill Career Opportunity Center* | 1551 Second Loop Rd. Florence, SC 29505 | (843) 468-2160  <http://www.palmettogoodwill.org/> | Provide job leads  Job centers  Computer assistance  Assist with applying for unemployment | Resume, Soft skills, & Dress for success workshops  Benefits 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 | 843-669-0410  843-495-0487 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 Search  Resume/Interview with Coaching  Employment 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 – 8114  843 – 662 - 9378 | Job assistance |  |

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| **Shelters** | | | | |
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| *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 availability  Requirements:  -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** | | | | |
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| *ECHO* | 407 Broadway St.  Myrtle Beach, SC | 843-213-1798 for phone assessment for help  Veterans: 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 Housing  Section 8  Subsidized Housing  Elderly 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 requirements  For 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 Ministries  1416 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 appointment  8:30am-4:30am |  |  |
| *Dept of Veterans Affairs*  *Veterans Crisis Line* |  | 1) Hotline for Veterans to contact: dial 988, then press 1  2) 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** | | | | |
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| *DSS SC Child Care Voucher Program*  *(Free Child Care)* | Mailing Address:  SC Voucher Program  P.O. Box 100160  Columbia, SC 29202-3160 | SC Voucher Operations Center  Client Number: (800) 476-0199  Hours: 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, 29501  P.O. Box 29504 | (843) 662-1482  Toll-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 Boatwright  Executive Director  843.799.7079  hol@safe4families.com  www.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 Abuse  Therapy 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** | | | | |
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| *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-11am  Must 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-3pm  Levi 3pm-3:15pm  Timrod 3:15pm-3:30pm  Clothes:  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** | | | | |
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| *South Carolina Legal Services* | 320 S. Coit St.  Florence, SC 29501 | Managing attorney: Susan Firimonte  Phone: 843-413-9500  Silvana: 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** | | | | |
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| *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. | | |