# Welcome Home Resource Guide

Coastal Mississippi and Alabama

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VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System Maps
1. **Activities and Entertainment**

Mississippi Gulf Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau  
http://www.gulfcoast.org

Calendar of Military and Veteran Appreciation Events  
http://www.gulfcoast.org/visitors/events/militaryevents

Mobile Bay Convention and Visitors Bureau  
http://www.mobile.org  
(800) 5-MOBILE

City of Mobile Special Events  
http://www.cityofmobile.org/specialevents.php

2. **Benefits and Eligibility Information**

**VA Benefits Information:** (800) 827-1000  
**VA Health Care Eligibility Information:** (877) 222-8387  
**VA Health Care Eligibility office:**  
(228) 523-4910 or (228) 523-4352

**SOUTH MISSISSIPPI**  
**State of Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board:**  
Website has phone list of County Veteran Service Officers, State Benefits Manual and other information:  
http://www.vab.ms.gov

**SOUTH ALABAMA**  
**Alabama State Department of Veterans Affairs:**  
(ADVA): www.va.state.al.us  
ADVA POC for Mobile and Baldwin County: Lynda Jenkins, Veterans Service Officer  
E-mail: lynda.jenkins@va.alabama.gov  
Mobile office: 1150 Government St., Mobile, AL 36604; (251) 574-8578  
Baldwin office: 302 Byrne St., Bay Minette, AL 36507; (251) 937-0218  
Satellite Courthouse: 210 E. Section St., Foley, AL 36535; (251) 943-5061

**Helpful Benefits Web Links:**

http://www.vba.va.gov/VBA

https://www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez/Form/1010ez.pdf

http://www.oechoif.va.gov

http://www.caregiver.va.gov
3. **Department of Defense Sponsored Websites**

**Military One Source:** 24/7 information for military personnel and their families. Includes information on child care, personal finances, emotional support during deployments, relocation information and resources needed for special circumstances. [https://www.militaryonesource.com/skins/MOS/home.aspx](https://www.militaryonesource.com/skins/MOS/home.aspx)

**Military HOMEFRONT:** Official Department of Defense website for reliable quality of life information designed to help troops and their families, leaders and service providers. [http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil](http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil)

**Turbo Tap:** Department of Defense’s official website for service members transitioning from military service to civilian life. [TurboTAP.org](http://www.transitionassistanceprogram.com/register.tpp) supplements services offered by the Transition Assistance Offices and other groups. [http://www.transitionassistanceprogram.com/register.tpp](http://www.transitionassistanceprogram.com/register.tpp)


**Real Warriors Message Board:** Used by active duty service members, including National Guard and Reserve, Veterans, military families and health care professionals to connect with one another and share news, information and insights on psychological health concerns and traumatic brain injury. [http://www.realwarriors.net/](http://www.realwarriors.net/)
4. Educational Opportunities

**NATIONAL RESOURCES**
Information regarding VA education benefits, including eligibility, payment information, remaining entitlement or the address of the nearest regional office is available through VA.

(888) GIBILL1; (888) 442-4551
http://www.gibill.va.gov

Many colleges and universities have a Veterans Affairs office available to answer specific questions on using the Montgomery GI Bill to pay for education. Information on a few local institutions is listed below.

**OPERATION LIFE TRANSFORMED**
Nonprofit organization which provides online education for Wounded Warriors and military spouses. All courses are free to military spouses, war-wounded care givers, transitioning Veterans, active duty (including Guard) personnel and Veterans.
http://www.operationlifetransformed.org

**STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA**
Founded in 2008, Student Veterans of America is a coalition of student Veterans’ groups on college campuses across the United States. SVA member chapters are student groups that have formed on college and university campuses to provide peer-to-peer networks for Veterans attending those schools. These groups coordinate campus activities, provide preprofessional networking and, generally, provide a touchstone for student Veterans in higher education. Each local group plays a critical role in ensuring every Veteran is successful after his or her service.

For more information about SVA:
(866) 320-3826
E-mail: contact@studentveterans.org
To find the nearest chapter of SVA, check the website:
http://studentveterans.org/about

**WOUNDED WARRIORS PROJECT**
The TRACK program has three key components (education, work experience, health and wellness) that guide warriors on the path toward obtaining their degree and pursuing a successful civilian career.
http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/programs/track/program-details.aspx
SOUTH MISSISSIPPI

DIRECTORY OF MISSISSIPPI COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
http://www.mississippi.edu/universities

MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE (MGCCC):
Veterans and Handbook for Recipients of Veterans Administration Educational Benefits.
http://www.mgccc.edu/student_services/veterans

MGCCC/Jefferson Davis Campus
2226 Switzer Road, Gulfport, MS 39501
Counselor/VA Certifying Official: Roxanne Towles (228) 896-2518, Roxanne.Towles@mgccc.edu

MGCCC/Perkinston Campus
51 Main St., Perkinston, MS 39573 (601) 928-6332, Betty.Moak@mgccc.edu

MGCCC/Jackson County Campus
Highway 90 and Gautier-Vancleave Road, Gautier, MS 39553 (228) 497-7636, Sheila.Lyon@mgccc.edu

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
Gulf Coast Campus
730 E. Beach Blvd., Long Beach, MS 39560
Veterans Contact: Stacy.Henley@usm.edu
Teaching sites include: Gulf Coast Research Lab, Ocean Springs, Miss.; Gulf Coast Student Service Center, Gulfport, Miss.; Gulf Park Campus, Long Beach, Miss.; Jackson County Teaching Site, Gautier, Miss.; Keesler Air Force Base Teaching Site, Biloxi, Miss.; Stennis Space Center (NASA), Hancock County, Miss.
www.usm.edu/gulfcoast

TULANE UNIVERSITY
VA Certifying Official: Elliott Voivedich (228) 388-5769

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
VA Certifying Official: Stacy Henley (228) 865-4513

WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY
VA Certifying Official: Amanda Knesal (228) 376-8480
SOUTH ALABAMA

DIRECTORY OF ALABAMA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
http://www.ache.state.al.us/colleges&universities/directory.htm

BISHOP STATE
351 N. Broad St., Mobile, AL 36603
Staff who serve Veterans: (251) 405-7000
http://www.bishop.edu
http://vetwatchtraining.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=15&Itemid=17

CAPPS COLLEGE
3590 Pleasant Valley Rd., Mobile, AL 36609
(800) 433-3243

ENTERPRISE-OZARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Alabama Aviation Center at Mobile
1975 Avenue C, Mobile, AL 36615
(251) 438-2816
http://www.escc.edu/mobile/tour.htm

FAULKNER STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
1900 U.S. Highway 31, Bay Minette, AL 36507 (Baldwin County)
(251) 580-2100

FAULKNER UNIVERSITY
3943 Airport Blvd., Mobile, AL 36608
(251) 380-9090
http://www.faulkner.edu/admissions/mep.asp

ITT TECHNICAL COLLEGE
3100 Cottage Hill Rd., #3, Mobile, AL 36606
(251) 472-4760
http://military.itt-tech.edu

REMINGTON COLLEGE
828 Downtowner Loop W., Mobile, AL 36609
(251) 343-8200

SPRINGHILL COLLEGE
4000 Dauphin St., Mobile, AL 36608
(251) 389-4000
http://www.shc.edu/veterans
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
Office of Veterans Affairs; (251) 460-6230
390 Alumni Circle, Suite 2300, Mobile, AL 36688
VA Certifying Officials: Robert Dean, Jenny Wilcutt; (251) 460-6230
http://www.southalabama.edu/registrar/veterans.htm

UNIVERSITY OF MOBILE
5735 College Parkway, Mobile, AL 36613
(251) 675-5990
http://www.umobile.edu/Admissions/FinancialAid/VeteransAffairs.aspx

VIRGINIA COLLEGE
5901 Airport Blvd., Mobile, AL 36608
2970 Cottage Hill Rd., Ste 141, Mobile, AL 36606
(251) 378-3040
http://www.vc.edu/Virginia-college-military/military-benefit-options.cfm

NORTHWEST FLORIDA
DIRECTORY OF FLORIDA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
http://www.stateofflorida.com

Helpful Education Web Links:

http://www.militaryfriendlyschools.com

http://www.mississippi.edu/universities

http://www.sbcjc.cc.ms.us

http://www.gulfportschools.org

http://www.biloxischools.net

http://www.gcflearnfree.org
5. Employment, Job Retention and Career Development

NATIONWIDE RESOURCES

VA | VETERANS BENEFIT ADMINISTRATION (VBA)
National Telephone Number: (800) 827-1000
VA Website for Veteran job seekers: http://www.vetsuccess.gov

VBA provides a wide range of benefits including disability, education, training, vocational rehabilitation and employment, home loan guaranty, dependant and survivor benefits, life insurance and burial benefits. VBA helps Veterans with service-connected disabilities become suitably employed, maintain employment and/or achieve independence in daily living. The Veteran should start the application process online. If this is not possible, then the Veteran can visit a VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment office to complete a one-page application that will be input by VR&E staff. A counselor will be assigned based on the Veteran’s geographic location.

MISSISSIPPI OFFICE (JACKSON)
1600 E. Woodrow Wilson Ave., Jackson, MS 39216; (800) 827-1000
VR&E Out-Based Office: 400 Veterans Ave., Biloxi, MS 39531
(228) 523-5160; (228) 523-5206

ALABAMA OFFICE (MOBILE)
900 Western America Circle, Suite 104, Mobile, AL 36609; (251) 441-5616

FLORIDA OFFICE (PENSACOLA)
1009 North 12th Ave., Pensacola, FL 32501; (850) 432-0740

VA GULF COAST VETERANS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
Psychosocial rehabilitation program provides compensated work therapy, incentive therapy, supported employment and other therapeutic help.
Biloxi Facility: 400 Veterans Ave., Biloxi, MS 39531
VR Specialist: (228) 523-4698 or (228) 523-4241

NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE
ESGR (Employment Support of the Guard and Reserve)
Provides employer mediation to help service members retain their jobs pre- and post-deployment.
National Call Center: (800) 336-4590
http://www.esgr.org/site
SOUTH MISSISSIPPI

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF SOUTH MISSISSIPPI, INC.
2407 31st St., Gulfport, MS 39501
(228) 863-2323
Employment training and placement

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY (WIN Job Center)
Services provided to veterans:
• Job placement
• Case management
• Veterans benefits (disability claims and re-evaluations)
• Request DD Form 214 (separation document)
• Resumé preparation
• Interviewing classes and dressing for success classes
• References to VSOs (Veterans Service Officers), VA and other organizations
• References to OJT (On-the-Job Training) and WIA (Workforce Investment Act) retraining program

Gulfport
1980 Seaway Road, Gulfport, MS 39505
Veterans Representatives: Al Brooken and Roger Berry
(228) 897-6900

Biloxi
2306 Pass Road, Biloxi, MS 39531
Veterans Representative: Fred Stephens
(228) 388-7997

Pascagoula
1604 Denny Ave., Pascagoula, MS 39567
Veterans Representatives: Gloria Cannon and Pete Simon
Call for details on hours of service: (228) 762-4713

Hancock County
454 Highway 90, Suite C, Waveland, MS 39576
Veterans Representatives: Al Brooken and Roger Berry (part-time)
Call for details on hours of service: (228) 466-5041

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES, DISTRICT X:
Office of Vocational Rehabilitation services include counseling and guidance in adjustment to disability, vocational exploration, assistive technology, job training and job development. MDRS also has community rehabilitation centers, known as AbilityWorks, located throughout the state, which provide vocational assessment, job training and actual work experience to OVR consumers.
http://www.mdrs.state.ms.us/field_offices.asp
Gulfport office: (228) 575-3789; toll free: (800) 741-8448
SOUTH ALABAMA

ALABAMA CAREER CENTER, BAY MINETTE
Baldwin County
201 Faulkner Dr., Bay Minette, AL 36507
Nicholas Bowen (LVER): (251) 937-4161; Nicholas.bowen@alcc.alabama.gov

ALABAMA CAREER CENTER, MOBILE WORKS
515 Springhill Plaza Ct., Mobile, AL 36608
http://www.mobile-works.org/acc.php
Provides placement assistance, data base for job seekers and job openings through www.job.link.alabama.gov. Assists with WIA funded job training, on the job training, state vocational rehabilitation services and associated food stamp job search, UC tax and resource center services and information and referral to other applicable services not in the career center. Special services for Veterans.

Disabled Veteran Outreach Program (DVOP): Onsite services provide employment and training programs. Outreach with Department of Labor Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Veterans Affairs, VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System, Mobile Chamber of Commerce and local employers to provide employment opportunities for Veterans. Staff also conduct outreach at Homeless Drop-In Center, 15th Place, (251) 432-7227, and assist homeless Veterans with obtaining needed services such as housing applications and military documents (DD214).

www.archives.gov

Henry C. Walters Jr. (DVOP)
(251) 461-4446
henry.walters@alcc.alabama.gov

Donal Cieutat (DVOP)
(251) 461-4447
donal.cieutat@alcc.alabama.gov

LVER Program: Outreach to business community to develop jobs for Veterans
John Humphries (LVER)
(251) 461-4448
john.humphries@alcc.alabama.gov
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES
ADRS helps Wounded Warriors and other Alabamians with disabilities achieve independence through employment. The injury or condition does not need to be a service-connected disability. The condition must be a substantial impediment to employment and the individual must be able to benefit from services in terms of retaining his/her current employment or obtaining a new job.
2419 Gordon Smith Dr., Mobile, AL 36617
(251) 479-9611; (800) 671-6842
www.rehab.alabama.gov

Denise Patterson, ADRS Veteran Liaison Counselor
denise.patterson@rehab.alabama.gov

Lorinda Day, ADRS Business Relations Consultant
Lorinda.day@rehab.alabama.gov

Rehabilitation: Specialized employment and training based on individual needs, such as educational services, vocational assessment, coordination of evaluation and counseling services, job training and assistance with obtaining a job or returning to one.

Counselors specialize in providing services and accommodations unique to a specific impairment and/or condition:

HEARING LOSS: Specialty staff for hearing available upon counselor referral include interpreters for the deaf and an audiologist.

VISION LOSS: Specialty staff for vision available upon counselor referral include rehabilitation teachers and an orientation and mobility specialist to help people with vision loss be independent.

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI): Prevocational program for people with a head injury. Three support groups for TBI meet throughout the Mobile and Baldwin county areas.

POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD): Many returning Veterans have difficulty returning to work. Services in addition to counseling may include assistance on the job through the ADRS Retaining A Valued Employee (RAVE) program.

Technical assistance by team of master’s level engineers:
• Job task analysis
• Product modification and design
• Accommodation implementation
• Assistive technology
• Job accommodation evaluations
• Augmentative/alternative communication evaluations
• Computer access evaluations (for low vision, physical and learning disabilities)
• Technical support and training for computer-based assistive technology
• Residential and commercial building accessibility reviews and/or modification
• Workplace modification and design
• Ergonomics information
**Business Relations Services:** ADRS Business Relations Consultants (BRC) developed statewide system of “employer accounts.” National accounts established by “The NET” (National Employment Team), a collaboration of state vocational rehabilitation, routinely list job vacancies with the BRCs. Other national and regional businesses and federal contractors regularly list their job openings to be distributed to all the BRCs. Services include:

- Job retention through the Retaining A Valued Employee program (RAVE)
- Job search assistance utilizing labor market information developed from years of local and national business partnerships
- Assistance with identifying transferable knowledge, skills and abilities prior to preparing a resume
- Technical assistance for accommodations, if needed, before and during employment
- Training for employers regarding accommodations and disability awareness and etiquette
- Resources for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and assistance for businesses
- Financial incentives for businesses that hire or retain Wounded Warriors and others with disabilities

**Helpful Employment Web Links:**

http://www.fedshirevets.gov

http://www.abilityjobs.com

http://www.americasheroesatwork.gov

http://www.hirevetsfirst.gov

http://www.usajobs.com
USA jobs (government positions)

http://va.gov/jobs

http://www.vacareers.va.gov

http://www.wallstreetwarfighters.org

http://www.warriorgateway.org

http://www.return2work.org
6. Families of Returning Military and Veterans

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter
SERVICES TO ARMED FORCES: http://www.redcross-msgc.org/armedforces.html
CAMP SHELBY: E-Mail safsouthcentralms@yahoo.com for details
Biloxi: 2872 Fernwood Rd., Biloxi, MS 39531; (228) 896-4511
Pascagoula: 1096 Jackson Ave., Pascagoula, MS 39567; (228) 762-2455
Hattiesburg: 606 Hutchinson Ave., Hattiesburg, MS 39401; (601) 582-8151
Lucedale: 7102 Highway 198 East, Lucedale, MS 39452; (601) 947-9378
Kiln-Waveland: 716 Herlihy St., Waveland, MS 39576; (228) 467-7609

Alabama Coast Chapter
SERVICES TO ARMED FORCES: http://www.redcrossalcoast.org
REGIONAL CHAPTER HEADQUARTERS:
35 N. Sage Ave., Mobile, AL 36607; (251) 544-6100
North Baldwin Service Center:
300 N. Hoyle Ave., Bay Minette, AL 36507; (251) 937-3801
South Baldwin Service Center:
412 E. Laurel Ave., Foley, AL 36536; (251) 943-3844
West Escambia County Service Delivery Unit:
309 E. Ridgeley St., Atmore, AL 36502; (251) 368-3643
Monroe County Service Delivery Unit:
200 Sheffield Rd., Monroeville, AL 36461; (251) 743-3383

Boys and Girls Club
Mississippi Gulf Coast: http://www.bgcgulfcoast.org
South Alabama: http://www.bgcsouthal.org

Family Readiness
Trent Lott National Guard Training Complex, Family Readiness and Support
4715 Hewes Ave., Gulfport, MS 39507
Charles Carrigan: (228) 214-6018, fax: (228) 214-6035
Toll-free: (866) 618-9851, Cell phone: (228) 323-4453
E-mail: charles.carrigan@ang.af.mil

Fleet and Family Support
Fleet and Family Support Center NCBC
5200 CBC 2nd St., Gulfport, MS 39501-5000
(228) 871-2581

Fisher House
Short-term lodging for families of Wounded Warriors
http://www.fisherhouse.org
FOCUS PROJECT  
Provides resiliency training for active duty military service members and their families.
NCBC GULFPORT: (228) 822-5736  
KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE: (228) 822-5736  
www.focusproject.org

VA GULF-CoAsT VETERANS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Services to Families of Veterans:
Veterans enrolled in VA programs may contact VA mental health staff directly for details on couples counseling, as well as workshops, classes and counseling groups for families of Veterans of any service era. They may also download the Veteran Parenting Toolkit: http://www.ouhsc.edu/VetParenting

Caregiver Support Program:
For people caring for Veterans who have been physically or mentally injured, a variety of support options are available. Caregivers for Veterans injured after Sept. 11, 2001, during active duty may qualify for expanded benefits which include a monthly stipend, health insurance, mental health care services, special support groups and more.

For information on services available in your area contact:
VA NATIONAL CALL CENTER FOR CAREGIVER SUPPORT: (855) 260-3274  
CAREGIVER PROGRAM: http://www.caregiver.va.gov

VA VET CENTERS:
Local Vet Centers offer groups for families of combat Veterans, as well as couples counseling.
877WARVETS (927-8387); http://www.vetcenter.va.gov

BILOXI, MISS. VET CENTER: 288 Veterans Ave, Biloxi, MS 39531; (228) 388-9938  
MOBILE, ALA. VET CENTER: 3221 Springhill Ave., Bldg 2, Suite C, Mobile, AL 36607; (251) 478-5906  
PENSACOLA, FLA. VET CENTER: 4504 Twin Oaks Dr, Pensacola, FL 32506; (850) 456-5886  
OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLA. VET CENTER: 6 Eleventh Ave, Suite G 1, Shalimar, FL 32579; (850) 651-1000  
BAY COUNTY, FLA. VET CENTER: 3109 Minnesota Ave., Suite 101, Panama City, FL 32405; (850) 522-6102

Helpful Family Web Links:

www.OperationHomefront.net (Veteran resource including OEF/OIF)  
http://archive.sesameworkshop.org/tlc

http://www.campcope.org

http://www.couragetotalk.org
7. **Health Care and Mental Health: Military and Veterans**

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
VA 24-hour Medical Advice Line: (800) 929-7690
VA 24-hour Mental Health Crisis Line: (800) 273-TALK (8255), (press 1 for Veterans)
VA Web chat: [http://www.veteranscrisisline.net](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net)
VA health record and online prescription refills: [http://www.myhealth.va.gov](http://www.myhealth.va.gov)
VA Caregiver Support Hotline: (855) 260-3274; [http://www.caregiver.va.gov](http://www.caregiver.va.gov)
VA Vet Centers: 877-WARVETS (927-8387); [http://www.vetcenter.va.gov](http://www.vetcenter.va.gov)

**VA GULF COAST VETERANS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**

**BILOXI FACILITY:**
400 Veterans Ave., Biloxi MS 39531
Website for directions and campus map: [http://www.biloxi.va.gov](http://www.biloxi.va.gov)

**APPOINTMENT LINE** (scheduling using a touch-tone phone):
• Local calls: (228) 523-INFO(4636)
• Toll-free long distance calls: (877) 205-7368

**BILOXI VA MAIN OPERATOR:**
• Local calls: (228) 523-5000
• Toll-free long distance calls: (800) 296-8872

**MOBILE OUTPATIENT CLINIC:**
1505 Springhill Ave., Mobile, AL 36604
• Local calls: (251) 219-3900
• Toll-free long distance calls: (888) 201-0110
JOINT AMBULATORY CARE CENTER (JACC)/PENSACOLA
790 Veterans Way, Pensacola, FL 32507
• Local calls: (850) 912-2000
• Toll-free long distance calls: (866) 927-1420

EGLIN OUTPATIENT CLINIC:
100 Veterans Way, Eglin AFB, FL 32542
• Local calls: (850) 609-2600
• Toll-free long distance calls: (866) 520-7359

PANAMA CITY OUTPATIENT CLINIC:
Coastal Systems Station, Hwy. 98, Bldg. 387, Panama City Beach, FL 32407
• Local calls: (850) 636-7000
• Toll-free long distance calls: (888) 231-5047

Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom/New Dawn (OEF/OIF/ND):
Information and referral, case-management and outreach for OEF/OIF/ND Veterans and Veterans transitioning from active duty.
(800) 296-8872, ext. 4933, ext. 5455, ext. 4787
E-mail: VHABILOEF_OIF@va.gov

Polytrauma Clinic:
Provides health care to Wounded Warriors; includes treatment and rehabilitation for traumatic brain injury (TBI), spinal cord injury and other war related injuries. Referral is made through primary care clinic or through DOD/VA hospital staff.
(800) 296-8872, ext. 5840, ext. 5459, ext. 2184

Helpful Polytrauma and TBI Web Links:

VA website: http://www.polytrauma.va.gov

Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center: (800) 870-9244

National Resource Directory: www.nationalresourcedirectory.org

Help with Adaptive Housing: www.homesforoutrtroops.org

America’s Heroes at Work: http://www.americasheroesatwork.gov

Centre for Neuro Skills TBI Guide: http://www.neuroskills.com

TBI Video for Community: http://www.dvbic.org/Colin-Powell.aspx

The Brain Injury Association of America: http://www.biausa.org

Psychiatric Service Dog Society (information on obtaining and training a service dog): http://www.psychdog.org/veterans.html
Women Veterans Comprehensive Primary Health Care:

WOMEN’S CLINIC main number: (228) 523-4280
BILOXI: (228) 523-4283, (228) 523-4280
MOBILE: (251) 219-3900, (888) 201-0110
PENSACOLA: (850) 912-2000, (850) 912-2247
EGLIN/FORT WALTON: (866) 520-7359, (888) 231-5047
PANAMA CITY: (850) 636-7110, (850) 636-7000, (850) 636-7104

Women Veterans Program Manager, Biloxi VHA/Gulf Coast: (228) 523-5149

Helpful Web Link for Women Veterans: http://www.womenshealth.va.gov

VA Mental Health Outpatient Clinic:

NEW PATIENTS: Veterans not in crisis should begin the enrollment process by contacting VA eligibility staff in the nearest VA business office.
   Biloxi: Building 3, Room 1B106; (228) 523-4910 or (228) 523-4352
   Mobile: (251) 219-3903
   Pensacola: (850) 912-2072
Once enrolled, VA staff will assist the Veteran in obtaining an appointment for screening and treatment. Individual counseling, group counseling, couples counseling and medication management are available. Referrals to more intensive residential treatment programs are also available.

EXISTING PATIENTS: Veterans enrolled in the VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System can obtain mental health treatment through the nearest VA primary care clinic. If further help is needed, Veterans may ask their VA health care provider to send a referral/consult to the VA mental health clinic.
To schedule mental health clinic follow-up appointments call:
   Biloxi: (228) 523-5223
   Mobile: (251) 219-3981
   Pensacola: (850) 912-2000, ext. 2316, ext. 2317 or ext. 2318
After the initial screening visit, Veterans can utilize walk-in services when in crisis.

CRISIS VA PATIENTS: Veterans not currently enrolled in VA health care but who are in emotional crisis can go directly to the Biloxi, Miss., VA emergency department, Building 3, 400 Veterans Ave. Staff will help the Veteran consider admission to the inpatient mental health crisis unit. The Veteran may also go to the nearest emergency room at a non-VA facility, but should tell the staff his or her status as a Veteran. Veterans and those who care about them can also phone the crisis line at (800) 273-TALK (8255) or for more immediate help, call 911.

VA Substance Abuse Outpatient Program:
Veterans interested in substance abuse treatment can ask their VA medical provider to enter a consult for substance abuse services. Veterans can also contact a VA outpatient addiction therapist to schedule an appointment for screening and evaluation to determine need for residential support or participation as a community Veteran. Referral for help with problem gambling is also available.
   BILOXI: (228) 523-4785; MOBILE: (251) 219-3981
VA Vet Centers:
VA Vet Centers provide free professional readjustment counseling services and referrals to Veterans exposed to combat or any form of military sexual trauma. Support groups are available. The agency has a licensed marriage and family therapist on staff to provide couples counseling and groups for spouses. Bereavement counseling is provided to survivors (spouse, parents, siblings and/or children) of Armed Forces personnel who died during service to our country. A mobile outreach van is available for community events.
(877) WARVETS (927-8387)
http://www.vetcenter.va.gov

BILOXI, MISS. VET CENTER: 288 Veterans Ave, Biloxi, MS 39531; (228) 388-9938
MOBILE, ALA. VET CENTER: 3221 Springhill Ave., Bldg 2, Suite C, Mobile, AL 36607; (251) 478-5906
PENSACOLA, FLA. VET CENTER: 4504 Twin Oaks Dr, Pensacola, FL 32506; (850) 456-5886
OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLA. VET CENTER: 6 Eleventh Ave, Suite G 1, Shalimar, FL 32579; (850) 651-1000
BAY COUNTY, FLA. VET CENTER: 3109 Minnesota Ave., Suite 101, Panama City, FL 32405; (850) 522-6102

Helpful Mental Health and Addictions Web Links:

http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov
http://www.ptsd.va.gov
http://www.afterdeployment.org
http://www.dvbic.org
http://www.militarymentalhealth.org
http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org
http://www.msgambler.org
http://www.smokefree.gov
http://www.becomeanex.org
http://www.realwarriors.net
8. Health Care and Mental Health: General Public

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI

BETHEL FREE CLINIC
Bethel Lutheran Church, 1650 Carol Drive, Biloxi, MS 39531
(228) 594-3640

BILOXI REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
150 Reynoir St., Biloxi, MS 39530
(228) 432-1571
www.biloxiregional.net

COASTAL FAMILY HEALTH CARE
Community health center providing nonprofit health care at sites throughout the community. Call (877) 374-4991 for appointment. See website for details and locations: www.coastalfamilyhealth.com

GARDEN PARK MEDICAL CENTER
15200 Community Road, Gulfport, MS 39503
(228) 575-7000
www.gpmedical.com

GULF COAST MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
(Harrison, Hancock, Pearl River and Stone Counties)
1600 Broad Ave., Gulfport, MS 39501
(228) 863-1132 or (800) 681-0798
Drug and Alcohol Services: (228) 248-0125
http://www.gcmhc.com/services.html

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL/GULFPORT
(228) 867-4000
http://www.gulfportmemorial.com

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF MISSISSIPPI

Center for Community Resilience
2436 Pass Road, Biloxi, MS 39531
(228) 385-1119, fax (228) 385-1121
info@msmentalhealth.org; http://msmentalhealth.org/Programs.php

Opal Smith Center
4803 Harrison Circle, Gulfport, MS 39507
(228) 864-6274, (228) 864-1310
info@msmentalhealth.org
The Day Support Center provides recreational, social, educational and work skills training opportunities for persons with a mental illness or homeless. Case management services and support groups are available.
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DISTRICT 9 OFFICE: 1141 Bayview Ave., Suite 102, Biloxi, MS 39530
   (228) 436-6770
HARRISON COUNTY, GULFPORT CLINIC: 1102 45th Ave., Gulfport, MS 39501
   (228) 863-1036
HARRISON COUNTY, BILOXI CLINIC: 761 Esters Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39530
   (228) 435-3641
JACKSON COUNTY, OCEAN SPRINGS CLINIC: 6912 North Washington Ave.,
   Ocean Springs, MS 39564; (228) 872-4861
HANCOCK COUNTY, BAY ST. LOUIS CLINIC: 3062 Longfellow Rd., Building 25, Bay
   St. Louis, MS 39520; (228) 467-4510
http://msdh.ms.gov/index.htm

MORNING STAR PREGNANCY CARE CENTER
2204 24th Ave., Gulfport, MS 39501
(228) 864-4221

PINE BELT MENTAL CARE RESOURCES (Hattiesburg, Miss.)
(601) 544-4641
http://www.pbmhr.com

PROMISE PREGNANCY RESOURCES OF MISSISSIPPI
3001 Ladnier Road, Gautier, MS 39553
(228) 497-9393; 24-hour hotline: (228) 861-4243
All services are free and confidential; pregnancy screening, maternity and baby clothes,
pregnancy loss counseling, prenatal and infant care education, post-abortion counseling,
accurate information on pregnancy options, abstinence education, memorial for the
unborn and referrals to community resources.

SINGING RIVER HOSPITAL/OCEAN SPRINGS AND PASCAGOULA
http://www.srhshealth.com

SINGING RIVER MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
(228) 497-0690

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI AIDS TASK FORCE
2756 Fernwood Road, Biloxi, MS 39531
(228) 385-1214

WOMEN’S RESOURCE CENTER
9155 Lorraine, Gulfport, MS 39503
(228) 897-8958; fax (228) 897-8959
SOUTH ALABAMA

ALTA POINTE HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.
Oversees a community-based, regional system of mental health, substance abuse and intellectual disability service provision in Mobile and Washington counties of Alabama.
2400 Gordon Smith Dr., Mobile, AL 36617; (251) 473-4423
Access to Care Department: (251) 450-2211
http://www.altapointe.org

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
http://www.adph.org

MOBILE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
MAIN: 251 N. Bayou St., Mobile, AL 36603; (251) 690-8158
EIGHT MILE: 4555 St. Stephen Rd., Eight Mile, AL 36610; (251) 456-1399
NEWBURN CLINIC: 248 Cox St., Mobile, AL 36604; (251) 405-4525
WOMEN’S CENTER: 248 Cox St., Mobile, AL 36604; (251) 690-8935
SEMMES CLINIC: 3810 Wulff Rd E., Semmes, AL 36575; (251) 455-0582
CITRONELLE CLINIC: 19250 Mobile St., Citronelle, AL 36522; (251) 866-9126
http://www.mobilecountyhealth.org

BALDWIN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
23280 Gilbert Drive, Robertsdale, Alabama 36567
(251) 947-1910

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION IN SOUTHWEST ALABAMA
Serving Baldwin, Choctaw, Clark, Conecuh, Escambia, Mobile and Monroe Counties
(251) 604-0008; http://www.mhaswa.org
Affiliated with Mental Health America: http://www.nmha.org

WOMEN’S RESOURCE CENTER
718 Downtowner Loop West, Mobile, AL 36609
(251) 344-HELP; toll free (800) 395-HELP (4357)
http://www.wrcmobile.org

WINGS OF LIFE: Drug and alcohol treatment facility
800 St. Louis St., Mobile, AL 36603
(251) 432-5245

SOUTH ALABAMA CARES (formerly Mobile AIDS Support Services)
2054 Dauphin Street, Mobile, AL 36606
(251) 471-5277
http://www.masshelps.org
9. Local Support Groups

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI

LOCAL WEBSITES:
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AT GULFPORT: http://www.gulfportmemorial.com
GARDEN PARK MEDICAL CENTER: http://www.gpmedical.com

ADDICTIONS AND EMOTIONS:

AA: http://www.aa.org
Harrison County: (228) 575-9225; E-mail: aaiou2@cableone.net
Jackson County: (662) 280-3435

NA: http://www.na.org; http://mgcana.org

GA: http://www.gamblersanonymous.org

Celebrate Recovery (hurts, hang-ups and habits):
Old Spanish Trace Baptist Church, Bay St. Louis, MS, (228) 467-4562
Bayou Talla Fellowship Church, Kiln, MS, (228) 342-4406
Bread of Life, Kiln, MS, (228) 493-1911
Mosaic Church, Ocean Springs, MS, (228) 447-3639; http://mosaicgc.com
Willow Pointe Church, Hattiesburg, MS, (601) 264-5118
Oasis Church, Pascagoula, MS, (228) 762-5639
More locations: http://www.celebraterecovery.com
www.facebook.com/celebraterecovery

SMART Recovery® (self management and recovery training):
Helps individuals gain independence from addiction (substances or activities);
offers face-to-face and online groups: http://www.smartrecovery.org

Sober24: Hazelden Foundation:
Online fellowship for people sharing the journey of recovery from addiction and compulsive behaviors; (866) 220-3089; http://www.sober24.com

Divorce:
DIVORCE RECOVERY WORKSHOP: First United Methodist Church, Gulfport
http://www.fumcgulfport.org
DIVORCE CARE (information on other divorce recovery groups):
http://www.divorcecare.org

Grief:
ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (Ocean Springs):
Grief Counseling Class, (228) 875-5701; http://stpaulos.org
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AT GULFPORT: http://www.gulfportmemorial.com
(compassionate friends, bereavement support, suicide support group)
MENTAL ILLNESS:

Mental Health Association: (228) 864-6274; http://www.msmentalhealth.org

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI):
NAMI MISSISSIPPI: (601) 899-9058; stateoffice@namims.org
NAMI GULF COAST: Chris Marcell, (228) 233-9294; namigulfcoast@gmail.com
CONSUMER SUPPORT GROUPS: (601) 899-9058; stateoffice@namims.org
Gautier Connection Consumer Support Group: Fridays, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m., Gautier Library, 2100 Library Lane
Gulfport Connection Consumer Support Group: Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m., Gulfport Memorial Hospital, Classroom 6, 4500 13th St.

VETERAN SUPPORT GROUPS IN THE COMMUNITY
GULFPORT VET GROUP, St. Mark’s: Fellowship with other Veterans while discussing various topics such as transition to civilian life, managing PTSD, depression, anger, grief, family issues, job stress, recovery, health and wellness; (228) 860-3787 (Nick)

SOUTH ALABAMA

LOCAL WEBSITES:
MOBILE COUNTY:
BALDWIN COUNTY: http://www.gulfnet.com/bclc/community/communityres.htm

ADDITIONS AND EMOTIONS:

AA Mobile: (251) 479-9994; http://www.mobileaa.org; mesaico@bellsouth.net

NA: http://www.na.org

GA: http://www.gamblersanonymous.org

Celebrate Recovery (hurts, hang-ups and habits):
Christ United Methodist Church, Mobile, AL; (251) 342-0462, ext. 225
Church on the Eastern Shore, Fairhope, AL; (251) 689-9812
The River, Semmes, AL; (251) 645-499
More locations: http://www.celebraterecovery.com
www.facebook.com/celebraterecovery

Divorce:
DIVORCE CARE (group locations): (800) 489-7778
http://www.divorcecare.org
MENTAL ILLNESS:

Mental Health Association: (228) 864-6274; http://www.msmentalhealth.org

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI):
http://www.nami.org
NAMI/MOBILE CHAPTER: Offers a variety of support groups; classes are free and NAMI provides all materials; (251) 461-3450; http://www.namimobile.org

VETERAN SUPPORT GROUPS IN THE COMMUNITY
DAUPHIN WAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Sponsors a variety of support groups; (251) 471-1511; http://www.dauphinwayumc.org

RESOURCES FOR VETERAN SUPPORT GROUPS:

Point Man International Ministries: Veteran-run organization focusing on spiritual healing from PTSD, includes support group meetings known as “Outposts,” publish materials listed on their “Book Bunker,” make hospital visits, host conferences, supply speakers for churches and veteran groups, welcome home projects, etc. Information and locations: http://www.pmim.org

Military Ministry: Provides training and technical assistance to congregations wishing to start programs and support groups for active duty military, Veterans and their families; publish books such as the “Combat Trauma Healing Manual” for use in leading support groups; www.militaryministry.org

PTSD Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Foundation of America:
Provides training and guidance to help local communities form Veteran support groups; http://ptsdusa.net/locations

Southeastern Vet to Vet: Offers groups and facilitator training http://www.sevettovet.org

10. Key Community Resources

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI

CENTER FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE
2315 17th St., Gulfport, MS 39501
(228) 868-8686

CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICES
A division of Money Management International
“Improving lives through financial education”
P.O. Box 507, Purvis, MS 39475
(800) 873-2227, ext. 5664; (601) 874-3607
http://www.crediteducation.org; http://www.moneymanagement.org
**DISABILITY CONNECTION**
Internet resource center for people with disabilities, includes Veteran and government listings.
http://www.disabilityconnection.org

**CFRIENDS**
A Connecting Friends network with a community event calendar for people with disabilities, their friends, family and community.
http://www.cfriends.org

DISABILITY CONNECTION and CFRIENDS are projects of O’Keefe Educational Media, Knight Nonprofit Center, 11975 Seaway Road, B246, Gulfport, MS 39503.
(228) 604-4020; E-mail: Office@OKeefeMedia.org

**GULF COAST COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY**
3201 D Ave., Gulfport, MS 39501
(228) 865-4375

**GULF COAST WOMEN’S CENTER FOR NONVIOLENCE, INC.**
Shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence; also offers DV intervention for batterers.
(800) 800-1396; (228) 436-3809
http://www.gcwcfn.org
National website on domestic violence: http://www.thehotline.org

**HOME OF GRACE DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER**
Faith-based addiction recovery program; men must have TB and HIV tests; women must have TB, HIV and pregnancy tests.
14200 Jericho Road, Vancleave, MS 39565
(228) 826-5283; fax (228) 826-1663
Download application or get more information: http://www.homeofgrace.org

**INTERFAITH DISASTER TASK FORCE**
http://www.msidtf.org

**JACOB’S WELL RECOVERY CENTER**
Faith-based addiction recovery program for women
45 Buford Lane, Poplarville, MS 39470
(601) 916-4944; (601) 463-0022
Download application or get more information: http://www.jacobswellrecoverycenter.com/wp

**LIFE OF SOUTH MISSISSIPPI**
Assistance and peer support for people with physical disabilities and assistance for people who are seniors.
188 C Main St., Biloxi, MS 39530
(228) 435-5433; fax (228) 435-1338
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
Nationwide Child/Vulnerable Adult Abuse Hotline: (800) 222-8000
Child Care Assistance: (800) 877-7882
Division of Child Support Enforcement: (877) 882-4916
Division of Economic Assistance: (800) 948-3050
http://www.mdhs.state.ms.us

MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID
Medicaid provides services to low income families, the disabled and the elderly
BILOXI/GULFPORT: 101 Hardy Court, Gulfport, MS 39507; (228) 863-3328
PASCAGOULA: 4119 Amonett St., Pascagoula, MS 39567; (228) 762-9591
PICAYUNE: 1845 Cooper Rd., Picayune, MS 39466; (601) 798-0831
http://www.medicaid.ms.gov

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
9394 Three Rivers Road, Gulfport, MS 39503
(228) 868-2854
http://www.ssa.gov

THE BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF MISSISSIPPI
Local organization for people with brain injury. Call for details on programs and support
groups in your area.
(800) 444-6443
http://www.msbia.org

UNITED WAY
211 Call Center; statewide information and referral service.
Dial 211 on landline or cell phone; (866) 472-8265
http://www.211ms.com/aboutus.htm

SOUTH ALABAMA

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES–DHR
Provides public assistance, social and protective services for families and children in
Alabama
http://www.dhr.alabama.gov

BALDWIN COUNTY–DHR
22259 Palmer Street, Robertsdale, AL 36567
Main Office: (251) 945-2400; (866) 684-1575
After Hours/Child Protective Services (Baldwin County Sheriff’s Office):
(251) 937-0202
ESCAMBIA COUNTY–DHR
326 Evergreen Avenue, Brewton, AL 36427
Main Office: (251) 809-2000
Family and child services, child support information, food stamp information, AFDC (TANF) or JOBS information: (251) 809-2000
After Hours/Child Protective Services (Escambia County Sheriff’s Office): (251) 867-0304

MOBILE COUNTY–DHR
3103 Airport Blvd., Mobile, AL 36606
Main Office: (251) 450-9100; TDD (251) 450-9400
Child Support: (251) 450-1700
Public Assistance and Jobs: (251) 450-1900
Food Stamps: MOBILE (251) 450-4000; PRICHARD (251) 457-1232

ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY
Mobile District Office: Suite 105, 2800 Dauphin Street, Mobile, AL 36606-2400
(800) 362-1504
http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov

ALABAMA HEAD INJURY FOUNDATION
Provides a variety of support services for individuals with traumatic brain injuries and their families/caregivers. Monthly support groups available in Mobile and Baldwin Counties.
Teresa Roberts: (251) 246-5003
http://www.ahif.org

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATIVE SERVICES
Services to help disabled individuals at home, work, and school; special section aimed at helping people with traumatic brain injuries.
(800) 441-7607
http://rehab.state.al.us

COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY OF ALABAMA
www.caaalabama.org
BALDWIN AND ESCAMBIA COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY
26440 North Pollard Road, Daphne, AL 36526; (251) 626-2646
MOBILE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY
204 East Main Street, Prichard, AL 36610; (251) 457-5700

CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICE OF MOBILE
Provides free credit counseling services
(251) 602-0011

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/PENELOPE HOUSE:
Domestic violence advocacy, community education, counseling, on-site medical care, schools prevention education, transitional living and victims’ support groups.
24-hour crisis line: (251) 342-8994
http://www.penelopehouse.org/services.htm
11. Shelters for Homeless People

**NATIONAL**

**VA PROGRAMS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS**
Details on local shelters and programs for Veterans
NATIONAL CALL CENTER FOR HOMELESS VETERANS:
(877) 4AID VET; (877) 424-3838
http://www1.va.gov/HOMELESS/NationalCallCenter.asp

**SOUTH MISSISSIPPI**
Emergency shelters for homeless people have historically been limited in South Mississippi. Programs damaged by Katrina have not yet rebuilt shelter facilities. Many of the community-based shelters have very few beds, strict requirements and do not accept people who need psychotropic medications for mental health issues or who have been prescribed narcotic medication for pain management. Call for details.

**GULF COAST RESCUE MISSION**
Emergency shelter capacity: 26 beds (men only)
2750 Mission Lane, Biloxi, MS 39531
(228) 388-3884; fax (228) 388-2808
**SALVATION ARMY OF JACKSON COUNTY**  
Emergency shelter capacity: 34 beds (20 men, 14 women)  
3217 Nathan Hale, Pascagoula, MS 39581  
(228) 762-7222; fax (228) 762-7227

**SOUTH ALABAMA**

**McKEMIE PLACE**  
Women’s shelter for single, unaccompanied women; provides shelter, dinner and counseling.  
Christine Green: (251) 432-1122

**SALVATION ARMY**  
Provides shelter, drug and alcohol treatment, financial assistance and other social services.  
Trinius Pickett: (251) 438-7748

**WATERFRONT MISSION**  
Men’s shelter; faith-based recovery program for homeless people; rehabilitation services.  
Sam Bradley: (251) 433-1847  
http://www.waterfrontmission.org/men-srecovery-program

12. Services and Advocacy for Homeless People

**NATIONAL**

**NATIONAL COALITION FOR HOMELESS VETERANS**  
http://www.nchv.org

**VA PROGRAMS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS**  
Details on local shelters and programs for Veterans  
NATIONAL CALL CENTER FOR HOMELESS VETERANS:  
(877) 4AID VET; (877) 424-3838  
http://www1.va.gov/HOMELESS/NationalCallCenter.asp

**SOUTH MISSISSIPPI**

**ACTS: A COMMUNITY OF TRANSFORMATION AND SERVICE**  
(also known as “El Pueblo”) Offers help for people with immigration issues and “Safe Space,” a drop-in center for any homeless person.  
696 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39530  
(228) 436-3986; fax (228) 436-6867  
http://www.elpueblo-ms.org
**BACK BAY MISSION**  
Emergency assistance, homeless drop-in center, food pantry, bag lunches.  
1012 Division St., Biloxi, MS 39530  
(228) 432-0301  
http://thebackbaymission.org

**BILoxI HOusing AUTHoRiTY**  
Must be Mississippi resident with source of income; lengthy waiting list.  
330 Benachi Ave., Biloxi, MS 39530  
(228) 374-7771

**CATHoliC DioCESe OF BILoXI**  
Social and Community Services  
BILoXI: 800 Division St., Biloxi, MS 39530-2120; (228) 374-6588  
GULFPORT: 1450 North St., Gulfport, MS 39507; (228) 297-4982  
Program information: http://cscs.biloxidiocese.org/index.cfm

**GULF CoAsT CoMMUniTY MinisTRies**  
Food pantry, free medical clinic, medication, homeless assistance and support groups.  
Schedule for services varies; call for exact days and times.  
3914 15th St., Gulfport, MS 39501  
(228) 868-8202  
http://gulfcoastministry.net

**INTERNATIONAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT/U.S.**  
Affordable housing services, housing counseling, down payment and rental assistance,  
foreclosure prevention, homebuyer education, home rebuilds and rehabs, comprehensive  
case management. Homeless individuals receive counseling, application for public  
benefits, placement in housing and assistance in finding work as a means to financial  
self-sufficiency.  
http://www.ird.org  
IRD: GULF COAST COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER  
1223 30th Ave., Suite A, Gulfport, MS 39501  
(228) 864-6677; fax (228) 864-6979  
IRD: JACKSON COUNTY HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER  
4836 Main St., Moss Point, MS 39563  
(228) 474-0070; fax (228) 475-5511

**OPEN DOORS HoMELESS CoAliTion/SOUTH MISSISSIPPI**  
Advocates for programs to serve the homeless in Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River,  
Stone and George Counties. Miss. (ODHC is not a service provider.)  
Mailing Address: 11975 Seaway Road, Suite B246, Gulfport, MS 39503  
(228) 604-2048; fax (228) 604-2049  
http://www.opendoorshc.org

**SEASHORE MISSION**  
Outreach program includes mobile “Mana Van” taking bag lunches to homeless camps.  
http://www.seashoremission.org
SOUTH ALABAMA

AMERICAN RED CROSS
Provides disaster relief services
George Austin: (251) 544-6111

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES
Provides counseling, social services clothing, food, etc.
Sister Beth Marie: (251) 434-1500

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA (VOA)
Provides a variety of social services; a 36-unit transitional housing for homeless Veterans is currently under development.
Ron Emrich: (251) 421-0094
http://www.voasoutheast.org

15 PLACE
Day center providing food, showers and agency referral services.
15 N. Joachim Street, Mobile, AL 36602
Lyn Manz: (251) 432-7227
http://www.15place.org

WATERFRONT MISSION
Men’s shelter; faith-based recovery program for homeless people; rehabilitation services
Sam Bradley: (251) 433-1847
http://www.waterfrontmission.org/men-srecovery-program

13. Services for Aging Veterans and Their Families

AREA AGENCY ON AGING/SOUTH MISSISSIPPI
Information on services to seniors and family and caregiver support.
9229 Hwy 49, Gulfport, MS 39501
(228) 868-2311
http://www.smpdd.com/departments/area-agency-on-aging.html
http://www.mississippigethelp.com

AREA AGENCY ON AGING/SOUTHEAST ALABAMA
Information on services to seniors and family and caregiver support.
(800) AGELINE; (800) 243-5463
http://www.alabamaageline.gov
http://www.alabamaconnect.gov

SENIORS BLUE BOOK
Web-based resource guide for numerous states.
http://www.seniorsbluebook.com
14. Transportation

**BRATS (Baldwin Rural Area Transportation System)**
Bus Service: [http://www.co.baldwin.al.us](http://www.co.baldwin.al.us)
Baldwin County Call Center: Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.
EASTERN SHORE: (251) 990-4636
CENTRAL/SOUTH BALDWIN: (251) 972-6817
NORTH BALDWIN: (251) 937-0355

**COAST TRANSIT AUTHORITY (CTA)**
Bus service: [http://coasttransit.com](http://coasttransit.com)
333 DeBuys Road, Gulfport, MS 39507
(228) 896-8080; fax (228) 896-8081

**THE WAVE (TRANSIT SYSTEM)**
Bus service: [http://www.thewavetransit.com](http://www.thewavetransit.com)
1224 West I-65 Service Rd., Mobile, Alabama 36609
(251) 344-5656; fax (251) 344-9395

**TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT FOR VA APPOINTMENTS**
(228) 523-4915
VA Handbook on Travel Pay: [http://vaww1.va.gov/vhapublications](http://vaww1.va.gov/vhapublications)

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS**
Provides transportation to VA appointments (where applicable)
BILOXI, MISS.: (228) 523-5898
For more information: [http://www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org)

**PATIENT LODGING**
(228) 523-5156

15. Volunteer Opportunities

**SOUTH MISSISSIPPI**

**HUMANE SOCIETY OF SOUTH MISSISSIPPI**
Helping animals needing homes.
2615 25th Ave., Gulfport, MS 39501
(228) 863-4394
humane@hssm.org

**MISSISSIPPI RENAISSANCE GARDEN FOUNDATION**
Restore green spaces lost in Katrina; “Horticulture for Humanity”
[http://www.msrengarden.org](http://www.msrengarden.org)
UNITED WAY SOUTH MISSISSIPPI VOLUNTEER CENTER
KNIGHT NONPROFIT CENTER: Information on local volunteer opportunities
11975 Seaway Rd., Gulfport, MS 39503
http://www.uw-sm.org/Volunteer_Center.php

SOUTH ALABAMA

HANDS ON SOUTH ALABAMA (formerly Volunteer Mobile)
Information on local volunteer opportunities
1050 Government Street, Mobile, AL 36604-2404
(251) 433-4456
http://www.handsonsals.org

MOBILE SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (MSPCA)
620 Zeigler Circle West, Mobile, Alabama 36608
(251) 633-3531
http://www.mobilespca.org

VA VOLUNTEER SERVICES

VA GULF COAST VETERANS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
400 Veterans Ave., Biloxi, MS 39531
VOLUNTARY SERVICE: Building 17, 2nd floor
(228) 523-5786
http://www.volunteer.va.gov

16. Veterans Groups

KEY VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:
American Legion: http://www.legion.org
American Veterans: http://www.amvets.org
Disabled American Veterans: http://www.dav.org
Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America: http://iava.org
Military Order of the Purple Heart: http://purpleheart.org
Paralyzed Veterans of America: http://www.pva.org
South Alabama Veterans Council: http://savc.net
The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks: http://www.elks.org/vets
The Gulf Coast Veterans Advocacy Council: http://www.gcvacflalms.org
Veterans of Foreign Wars: http://www.vfw.org
Vietnam Veterans of America: http://www.vva.org
KEY VETERAN AND VET FRIENDLY MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATIONS:
Rolling Thunder: http://www.rollingthunder1.com
Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association: http://combatvet.org
Patriot Guard Riders: www.patriotguard.org
Vietnam Vets Motorcycle Club: http://www.vnvmcfreedom.com
VFW Riders: http://www.vfwriders.org
American Legion Riders: http://www.legion.org/riders
Leathernecks: http://leathernecksmc.org/drupal
Blue Knights (police officers): http://www.blueknights.org
Red Knights (firefighters): http://www.redknightsmc.org
Harley Davidson Owner Group (HOG): http://www.harley-davidson.com
Goldwing Association (Honda): http://www.gwrra.org
Christian Motorcyclists Association: http://www.cmausa.org

17. Websites for Further Information

http://www.militaryhandbooks.com

http://www.pmim.org

http://supportyourvet.org

http://www.saluteheroes.org

http://www.soldiersangels.org

http://www.veteransadvantage.com

http://www.loc.gov/folklife/vets (Veteran History Project)

http://www.whvets.org/index.html

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