

## Advocacy and Support Services

### Mississippi Resources

#### **The ARC of Mississippi**

7 Lakeland Circle #600  
Jackson, MS 39216  
Phone: (601)982-1180  
Toll free: 800-717-1180  
Fax: (601) 982-5792  
Website: [www.arcms.org](http://www.arcms.org)

#### **Blind and Physically Handicapped Library Services/MS Library Commission**

3881 Eastwood Drive  
Jackson MS 39211-6473  
Phone: (601) 432-4116  
Toll free nationwide: 800-446-0892  
Fax: (601) 432-4476  
Website: [www.mlc.lib.ms.us](http://www.mlc.lib.ms.us)

#### **Brain Injury Association of Mississippi**

P.O. Box 55912  
2727 Old Canton Road Suite 191  
Jackson, Ms 39296  
Phone: (601) 981-1021  
Toll Free: 800-641-6442  
Fax: (601)981-1039  
Website: [www.members.aol.com/biaofms](http://www.members.aol.com/biaofms)

#### **Catholic Charities, Inc.**

530 George Street  
Jackson, MS 39255  
Phone: (601) 355-8634  
Website: <http://www.catholiccharitiesjackson.org>

#### **Central Mississippi Autism Support Group**

Pam Dollar  
149 Dry Creek Road  
Magee, MS 39111  
Phone: (601) 594-9314  
Fax: (601) 849-3981  
Website: <http://www.teaam.org/supportgroups.htm>

#### **Central Mississippi Down Syndrome Society (CMDSS)**

Jean Weiss, President  
P.O. Box 2189  
Brandon, MS 39043  
Phone: (601) 397-DOWN (3696)  
Website: [www.cmdss.org](http://www.cmdss.org)

**Cerebral Palsy Foundation of MS**

Gina H. Barnes, Organizer

1005 Red Oak Road

Pelahatchie, MS 39145

Phone: (601) 854-6225

Fax: (601) 854-6228

Website: [www.cpfoms.org](http://www.cpfoms.org)

**Children's Center for Communication and Development-USM**

Margaret Buttross-Brinegar

USM Speech and Hearing Building Room 109

118 College Drive #5092

Hattiesburg, MS 39402

Phone: (601)266-5222

Fax: (601)266-6566

**Christians in Action/Abuse, Neglected Children**

Janice Wilder, Organizer

214 Magnolia Street

Jackson, MS 39203

Phone: (601) 353-1942

**Citizens for Quality Education, Inc.**

Ellen Reddy, Organizer

109 Swinney Lane

Lexington, MS 39095

Phone: (662) 834-0089

Website: [www.citizensforqualityeducation.net](http://www.citizensforqualityeducation.net)

**Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities**

Mary Troupe, Organizer

615 Barksdale Street

Jackson, MS 39202

Phone: (601) 969-0601

Website: [www.mscoalition.com](http://www.mscoalition.com)

**Council for Children with Behavior Disorders**

David Walker, President

33 Paul Watkins Drive

Petal, MS 39465

Phone: (601) 266-5239

**Diabetes Foundation of MS**

Mary Fortune

16 Northtown Drive Suite 100

Jackson, MS 39211

(601) 957-7878

Website: [www.msdiabetes.org](http://www.msdiabetes.org)

**Dubard School of Language Disorders**

Maureen K. Martin, Ph.D., Director

118 College Drive #10035

Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001

Phone: (601) 266-5223

Fax: (601) 266-6763

Website: [www.usm.edu/dubard](http://www.usm.edu/dubard)

**EMPOWER Community Resource Center**

Agnes Johnson

136 S. Poplar Street

Greenville, MS 38702

Phone: (662) 332-4852

Fax: (662) 332-1622

Website: [empower@cox-internet.com](mailto:empower@cox-internet.com)

**Epilepsy Foundation of Mississippi**

Beth Scarbrough, Executive Director

2001 Airport Road, Suite 307

Jackson, MS 39232

Phone: (601) 936-5222

Toll Free: 800-898-0291

Fax: (601) 939-0824

**Family Support Center of Metro Jackson**

Joe Bennett, Executive Director

826 North Street

Jackson, MS 39202

Phone: (601) 944-1055

Fax: (601) 944-1273

**First Steps Early Intervention System**

Danita Munday, Division Director

Mississippi State Department of Health

570 East Woodrow Wilson Blvd.

Jackson, MS 39215-1700

Phone: (601) 576-7427

Toll Free: 800-451-3903

Fax: (601) 576-7540

Website: [www.msdh.state.ms.us](http://www.msdh.state.ms.us)

**Gulf Coast Autism Support Network**

Patty Gautier, Organizer

5908 Tolar Road

Moss Point, MS 39562

Phone: (601) 228-9805

*Support group meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month in Ocean Springs, MS*

**Learning Disabilities Association of Mississippi**

4080 Old Canton Road  
Jackson, MS 39216  
Phone: (601) 362-1667  
Website: [www.ldams.org](http://www.ldams.org)

**LIFE**

Christy Dunaway, Executive Director  
754 North President Street Suite 1  
Jackson, MS 39202  
Phone: (601) 969-4009  
Toll Free: 800-748-9398  
Website: [www.lifeofms.com](http://www.lifeofms.com)

**Low Vision Clinic School for the Blind**

Margie Owens  
1252 Eastover Drive  
Jackson, MS 39216  
Phone: (601) 984-8210

**March of Dimes, Mississippi Chapter**

Carolyn K. Green, State Director  
330 North Mart Plaza, Suite 1  
Jackson, MS 39206  
Phone: (601) 362-8947  
Toll Free: 800-842-5117  
Fax: (601) 362-9959  
Website: [www.marchofdimes.com](http://www.marchofdimes.com)

**Satellite Office Central Division/March of Dimes**

Anita Bales, Division Director  
330 North Mart Plaza Suite 1  
Jackson, MS 39206  
Phone: (601) 362-8947  
Fax: (601) 362-9959

**Satellite Office North Division/March of Dimes**

Tanya Finch, Division Director  
777-B Holly Hill Drive  
Tupelo, MS 38801  
Phone: (662) 844-6901  
Fax: (662) 844-6963

**Satellite Office Coast Division/March of Dimes**

Kay Daneault, Division Director  
452 Courthouse Road, Suite F  
Gulfport, MS  
Phone: (228) 896-0886  
Fax: (228) 896-8997

**Mississippi Association of Partners in Education**

Linda Aldy, Organizer  
141 Executive Drive Suite 5  
Madison, MS 39110  
Phone: (601) 573-0896  
Fax: (601) 853-4408  
Website: [www.mapie.org](http://www.mapie.org)

**Mississippi Council for Exceptional Children**

Teresa Walker, President  
33 Paul Watkins Drive  
Petal, MS 39465  
Phone: (601) 583-9929

**Mississippi Council on Developmental Disabilities**

100 Robert E. Lee Building  
239 North Lamar Street  
Jackson, MS 39201  
Edwin Butler, Executive Director, 601.359.1270  
Grenaye Sullivan, Admin. Asst., 601.359.6238  
TDD: 601.359.6230  
Fax: 601.359.5330  
Email: [info@cdd.md.gov](mailto:info@cdd.md.gov)

**Mississippi Department of Education: Special Education**

Dr. Melody Bounds, Director  
Office of Special Education  
P.O. Box 771  
Jackson, MS 39205-0711  
Phone: (601) 359-3498  
Website: [www.mde.k12.ms.us/special\\_education/](http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/special_education/)

**Mississippi Department of Education:  
Programs for Children with Disabilities, Ages 3 through 5**

Margaret Robinson-Harris, Pre School Coordinator  
Division of Technical Assistance  
Office of Special Education  
Department of Education  
P.O. Box 771  
Jackson, MS 39205-0771  
Phone: (601) 359-3498  
Website: [www.med.k12.ms.us/special\\_education/](http://www.med.k12.ms.us/special_education/)

**Mississippi Department of Health:  
Programs for Children with Special Health Care Needs**

Larry Clark, Division Director  
Children's Medical Program  
Mississippi State Department of Health  
350 West Woodrow Wilson Suite 3504  
Jackson, MS 39215  
Phone: (601)987-3965  
Toll Free: 800-844-0898

**Mississippi Department of Mental Health**

1101 Robert E. Lee Building  
239 N. Lamar Street  
Jackson, MS 39201  
Phone: (601) 359-1288  
Website: [www.dmh.state.ms.us](http://www.dmh.state.ms.us)

**Mississippi Department of Mental Health/Division of Children and Youth Services**

Brenda Scafidi, Director  
Department of Mental Health  
1101 Robert E. Lee Building  
239 N. Lamar Street  
Jackson, MS 39201  
Phone: (601) 359-1288  
Website: [www.dmh.state.ms.us](http://www.dmh.state.ms.us)

**Mississippi Department of Mental Health/Bureau of Mental Retardation**

Department of Mental Health  
1101 Robert E. Lee Building  
239 N. Lamar Street  
Jackson, MS 39201  
Phone: (601) 359-1288  
Website: [www.dmh.state.ms.us](http://www.dmh.state.ms.us)

**Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services  
Office of Vocational Rehabilitation**

Gary Neely, Director  
P.O. Box 1698  
Jackson, MS 39215-1698  
Phone: (601) 853-5230  
Website: [www.mdrs.state.ms.us](http://www.mdrs.state.ms.us)

**Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services  
Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind**

Michael Gandy, Director  
P.O. Box 1698  
Jackson, MS 39215-1698  
Phone: (601) 853-5100  
Website: [www.mdrs.state.ms.us](http://www.mdrs.state.ms.us)

**Mississippi Families as Allies for Children's Mental Health**

Tressa Knutson-Eide  
5166 Keele Street Building A  
Jackson, MS 39206  
Phone: (601) 981-1618  
Fax: (601) 981-1696  
Website: [www.msfaacmh.org](http://www.msfaacmh.org)

**Satellite Office/MS Families as Allies for Children's Mental Health**

Tiffany Larsen  
6537 Firefly Cove  
Walls, MS 38680  
Phone: (662) 781-0447

**Mississippi Protection and Advocacy**

5330 Executive Plaza, Suite A  
Jackson, Ms 39206  
Phone: (601) 981-8207  
Toll Free: 800-772-4057  
Website: [www.mspas.com](http://www.mspas.com)

**Mississippi School for the Blind**

Dr. Rosie Pridgen, Superintendent  
1252 Eastover Drive  
Jackson, MS 39211  
Phone: (601) 984-8200

**Mississippi School for the Blind/Comprehensive Home-based Intervention Program (CHIP)**

Ted Dear, Director  
1252 Eastover Drive  
Jackson, MS 39211  
Phone: (601)984-8223, (601) 984-8222, (601) 984-8221  
Fax: (601) 984-8230

**Mississippi School for the Blind & Deaf Combined Services**

Tahnya Tremonte, Director  
1403 Eastover Drive  
Phone: (601)984-8102

**Mississippi School for the Deaf**

Dr. Delores Mack  
1253 Eastover Drive  
Phone: (601) 984-8000

**National Kidney Foundation of Mississippi**

Gail Sweat  
3000 Old Canton Road Suite 100  
Jackson, MS 39206  
Phone: (601)981-3611

**Project START (Assistive Technology)**

P.O. Box 1698

Jackson, MS 39215

Phone: (601) 987-4782

Toll Free: 800-852-8328

Website: [www.msprojectstart.org](http://www.msprojectstart.org)

**Ronald McDonald House**

2524 North State Street

Jackson, MS 39216

Phone: (601) 981-5683

Fax: (601)981-3613

Website: [RonaldMcDonaldHouseMS.com](http://RonaldMcDonaldHouseMS.com)

**TEAAM (Together Enhancing Autism Awareness in Mississippi)**

Dr. Mark Yeager

125 Scanlan Street

Newton, MS 39345

Phone: (601)683-6840

Website: [www.TEAAM.org](http://www.TEAAM.org)

**Tourette Syndrome Association Mid-South Office**

Sonia Bartosek, Mississippi Coordinator

Phone: (601) 366-1766

Website: [www.tsa-usa.org](http://www.tsa-usa.org)

**Toy Library and Technology Learning Center**

Dr. Sara Jackson

Gulf Coast Student Services Center

1520 Broad Avenue

Phone: (228) 867-2636

Fax: (228) 865-4587

Website: [www.usm.edu/tlc](http://www.usm.edu/tlc)

**University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities**

Jane Z. Siders, Director

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University of Southern Mississippi

118 College Drive, #5163

Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001

Phone: (601)266-5163

Website: [www.ids.usm.edu](http://www.ids.usm.edu)

**Very Special Arts of Mississippi**

V.A. Patterson, Executive Director

3310 North State Street Studio 1

Jackson, MS 39216

Phone: (601)713-3311

Fax: (601)713-3344

Website: [www.vsarts.org/x316.xml](http://www.vsarts.org/x316.xml)