

# 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
<i>Lighthouse Ministries A Family Resource Center</i>	1416 W. Evans St.	843-629-0830 <a href="http://www.lighthouseflorence.org/">www.lighthouseflorence.org/</a>	Rent & Utilities Assistance	Applicants must meet requirements to qualify
<i>Salvation Army</i>	2210 Hoffmeyer Rd. Florence SC, 29501	843-662-4461 <a href="http://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/florence/home/">www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/florence/home/</a>	Rent & Utilities Assistance	Applicants must meet requirements to qualify
<i>ECHO Eviction Prevention</i>		<a href="http://www.echousing.org/get-help">www.echousing.org/get-help</a> or ECHO Access Point at 843-213-1798	Rent & Utilities Assistance	Applicants must meet requirements to qualify
<i>Pee Dee Community Action Partnership</i>	2685 S Irby St Florence, SC	843-678-3400 <a href="http://peedeecap.org">peedeecap.org</a>	Rent & Utilities Assistance	Only phone and apply on website, office closed to the public
<i>SC Housing's SCStay Plus</i>		Rent 1-800-476-0412 or 803-336-3420 <a href="http://www.schousing.com/Home/SC-Stay-Plus">www.schousing.com/Home/SC-Stay-Plus</a> Mortgage 803-702-5222 <a href="http://www.schousing.com/Home/SC-Homeowner-Rescue">www.schousing.com/Home/SC-Homeowner-Rescue</a>	Short-term rental and mortgage assistance for South Carolinians affected by COVID-19	

<b>Mental Health &amp; Substance Abuse</b>				
<b>Agency</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Other Information</b>
<i>Circle Park</i>	238 S. Coit St. Florence, SC 29501	843-665-9349 <a href="http://www.circlepark.com">www.circlepark.com</a>	Substance abuse treatment	
<i>Chrysalis Centre</i>	1430 S Cashua Drive	843-673-0660	Residential substance abuse treatment for women with children	
<i>Crisis Text Line</i>		Text HOME to 741741, use Facebook messenger, or KiK  <a href="http://www.crisistextline.org">www.crisistextline.org</a>	Text line for anyone to in crisis such as suicidal thoughts	
<i>Hope Health Behavioral</i>	Hope Health 360 North Irby Street, Florence, SC 29501	Main Hope Health Number (843) 667-9414 <a href="https://www.hope-health.org/services/behavioral-health-services/">https://www.hope-health.org/services/behavioral-health-services/</a>	Mental health & substance abuse counseling	8am-8pm (Monday-Friday)

<i>Pee Dee Mental Health</i>	125 E. Cheves St. Florence, SC 29506	843-317-4073 (Clinic)  24/7 CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM 1-833-364-CCRI (2274) <a href="http://www.peedeementalhealth.org">www.peedeementalhealth.org</a>	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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<b>Medical/Physical Health</b>				
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<i>Hope Health</i>	360 N. Irby St. Florence, SC 29501	843-667-9414  <a href="http://www.hope-health.org/">www.hope-health.org/</a>	Medical Primary care Dental Mental health Women's health More	Insured or Uninsured Call for assistance Offers Telehealth Online application to become patient
<i>Mercy Medicine</i>	500 S. Coit St. Florence, SC 29501	843-667-9947  info@mercymedicine.org <a href="http://www.mercymedicine.org">www.mercymedicine.org</a>	Medical Dental Primary care	Eligibility: no health insurance (including Medicaid, unless dental only) and not eligible for insurance
<i>SC Healthy Connections Choices</i>	Florence County DSS 2685 S. Irby St.	DSS: 843-669-3354  Members/applicants: 888-	Medicaid health insurance provider	Office Hours: 8AM - 5PM  DSS office not open to

		549-0820 <a href="http://www.scdhhs.gov">www.scdhhs.gov</a>		public, call for assistance
<i>Access Health Healthy Outcomes Program (HOPS)</i>	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
<i>Welvista</i>	121 Greystone Blvd, Columbia, SC 29210	803-933-9184 <a href="http://www.welvista.org">www.welvista.org</a>	Prescription drug coverage; Offers pediatric dental through Dillon, Manning, and Summerton school districts	Must be uninsured, a resident of SC, and below income bracket

### Social Service Agencies

Agency	Address	Contact Information	Service	Other Information
<i>Department of Social Services</i>	2685 S. Irby St. #A Florence, SC 29505	843-669-3354 text "DSS" to 211211 and a menu of options will appear <a href="https://dss.sc.gov/">https://dss.sc.gov/</a>	Provides public assistance to families, access to healthcare, etc.	
<i>Lighthouse</i>	1416 W. Evans St.	843-629-0830	Rent & Utilities	

<i>Ministries</i>	Florence, SC 29501	<a href="https://www.lighthouseflorence.org/">https://www.lighthouseflorence.org/</a>	Assistance	
<i>SC Thrive</i>	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
<i>United Way 211</i>	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: <a href="https://www.unitedway.org/our-impact/featured-programs/2-1-1#">https://www.unitedway.org/our-impact/featured-programs/2-1-1#</a>
<i>First Friday Services Connect Event</i>	First Baptist Church 300 South Irby St. In the Gym (Parking Lot back entrance)	Lighthouse Ministries 843-629-0830 <a href="http://www.lighthouseflorence.org/how-we-serve">www.lighthouseflorence.org/how-we-serve</a>	Multiple agencies set up from 9am-11am to provide services	Occurs monthly on the first Friday of the month, 9am-11am

Free Cell Phones				
Agency	Address	Contact Information	Service	Other Information
<i>Assurance Wireless through Virgin Mobile</i>		Ms. Gee Phone Number: 843-	Lifeline Assistance Program can get free	Must qualify through the Lifeline Assistance

		245-3735 (call or text) Email: gladdays@msn.com	unlimited text, 350 free voice minutes, and 2GB data each month.	Program, which is only available for one wireless or wireline account per household
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## Employment & Adult Education Services

Agency	Address	Contact Information	Service	Other Information
<i>Goodwill Career Opportunity Center</i>	1551 Second Loop Rd. Florence, SC 29505	(843) 468-2160 <a href="http://www.palmettogoodwill.org/">http://www.palmettogoodwill.org/</a>	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.
<i>Indeed</i>		<a href="http://indeed.com">indeed.com</a>	Job searching website	
<i>Labor Finders</i>	329 West Palmetto St. Florence, SC 29501	843-669-0410 <a href="https://www.laborfinders.com/">https://www.laborfinders.com/</a>	-Day labor -Employment services	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
<i>SC Works State Department of Employment</i>	1558 West Evans St. Florence, SC 29501	(843) 407-9683 <a href="https://www.scworks.org/">https://www.scworks.org/</a>	Job Search Resume/Interview with Coaching Employment Assistance	

<i>Florence County Adult Education</i>	500 S Dargan St. Florence, SC 29506	Carol Hill, Director 843-664-8152 cchill@fsd1.org <a href="http://www.fls.org/florenceadulted">www.fls.org/florenceadulted</a> <a href="mailto:cchill@fsd1.org">cchill@fsd1.org</a>	Supports adults in high school completion, work readiness certifications and training, and college preparation.	Call first, offices may be closed to public
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<b>Shelters</b>				
<b>Agency</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Other Information</b>
<i>Courtney McGinnis Graham Community Center</i>	535 S. Church St. Florence SC, 29506	843-731-9315	Men, women, and families -Housing up to 30 days	Names can go on a list at 2:00PM, doors open at 4:00 -ID required -Fill out a form & get a case manager -Only have small lockers: all belonging must go in lockers
<i>Salvation Army</i>	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
<i>Pee Dee CAP</i>	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
<i>Resurrection Restoration Center for the Homeless</i>	1807 N Douglas St, Florence, SC 29501	843-601-7935		
<i>Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault</i>	220 S Irby St. Florence, SC29501	843-669-4600  24 Hour Crisis line 1-800-273-1820	Domestic violence shelter for women	Victims & their children

<b>Housing</b>				
<b>Agency</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Other Information</b>
<i>ECHO</i>	407 Broadway St. Myrtle Beach, SC	843-213-1798 for phone assessment for help Veterans: call 843-492- 2594 <a href="http://echousing.org">echousing.org</a>	Housing Security deposits	Civilians and veterans
<i>Florence Housing Authority</i>	2640 West Palmetto St. Florence, SC 29503 o Services:	843-669-4163 <a href="http://hafsc.org">hafsc.org</a>  Office Hours: Monday- Thursday 8:00am- 5:00pm	Public Housing Section 8 Subsidized Housing	Due to COVID-19 Office is only open to the public on Tuesday and Thursday

<i>House of Hope</i>	1020 West Darlington St. Florence, SC	843-667-9000 <a href="http://hofh.org">hofh.org</a>	<p>Two programs:</p> <p>1) Homeless Life Recovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Long term transitional facility for men only</li> <li>-9 to 12 month program</li> </ul> <p>2) Hope Village (Women &amp; Children Only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-24 Tiny Homes</li> <li>-1 year program</li> <li>-Can be renewed up to 2 years</li> <li>-Working requirements</li> </ul> <p>For either program, Requirements include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Background Check</li> <li>-Drug Test</li> <li>-Interview</li> <li>-Intake</li> </ul>	

Veteran Services				
Agency	Address	Contact Information	Service	Other Information

<i>Veterans Resource Center of Florence</i>	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	
<i>Florence County VA Office</i>	707 E National Cemetery Road, Florence, SC 29506	843-665-3045 call for appointment -walk-in appointments from 9 am-11 am		Walk-in appointments from 9-11am
<i>Dept of Veterans Affairs Veterans Crisis Line</i>		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 <a href="http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/">www.veteranscrisisline.net/</a>	For veterans in crisis or suicidal or for anyone concerned about a vet	

## Family/Child Services

Family/Child Services				
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<p><i>DSS SC Child Care Voucher Program (Free Child Care)</i></p>	<p>Mailing Address: SC Voucher Program P.O. Box 100160 Columbia, SC 29202-3160</p>	<p>SC Voucher Operations Center Client Number: (800) 476-0199 Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Information, including eligibility and application, and to search for a childcare provider enrolled in the ABC Quality program: <a href="https://scchildcare.org/departments/sc-voucher.aspx">https://scchildcare.org/departments/sc-voucher.aspx</a> -More info on applying: <a href="https://www.scchildcare.org/media/73771/Letteronlynly.pdf">https://www.scchildcare.org/media/73771/Letteronlynly.pdf</a> -Additional help finding childcare: Child Care Resource &amp; Referral Network at 1 (888) 335-1002 or go to the website after hours at <a href="http://www.sc-ccrr.org">http://www.sc-ccrr.org</a> and submit a referral indicating your need to find an opening in a childcare facility</p>
<p><i>Pee Dee Healthy Start</i></p>	<p>314 W. Pine St., Florence, SC, 29501 P.O. Box 29504</p>	<p>Madie Robinson, Executive Director/CEO (843) 662-1482 <a href="http://pdhs.org">pdhs.org</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-childbearing age women</li> <li>-assessment, case management,</li> <li>-infant, child, youth, and family development</li> <li>-inter-conceptual care</li> </ul>	<p>Culturally relevant health education, healthy marriage &amp; relationship education, career readiness, job development &amp; placement, training &amp; certifications, mentoring</p>

<i>ABC Quality- Child Care Connections</i>	3150 Harden St. Ext Columbia, SC 29203  Florence County DSS: 2685 S. Irby St. Florence, SC 29505	(800) 763-2223 <a href="https://abcquality.org/">https://abcquality.org/</a>	Connecting parents to childcare resources	
<i>Working Mothers Education and Support Program Lighthouse Ministries</i>	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
<i>Strengthening Families Program (SFP) Lighthouse Ministries</i>	1416 W. Evans St. Florence, SC	Site Coordinator Deborah Timmons 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	All families living in Florence County with children between ages 6 and 11 qualify for this program

			<p>conflict, improve parenting skills, and assist children in improving social skills, relationship building, and school performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Gas cards and meal vouchers are provided to help remove attendance barriers</li> <li>-delivered over 14 consecutive weeks</li> </ul>	
<i>Heart of Life</i>		<p>Diamond Boatwright Executive Director 843.799.7079 hol@safe4families.com www.safe4families.com</p>	<p>-Family Support Services: Parenting support classes. Parents are taught the Circle of Security parenting practice over an 8-week course. Additional services are available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-College &amp; 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.</li> </ul>	<p>Financial provisions will be made for low-income families</p>

<i>The Care House of the Pee Dee</i>	1920 2nd Loop Rd. Florence, SC 29501	843-629-0236 <a href="http://www.thecarehouse.com">www.thecarehouse.com</a>	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
<i>Durant Children's Center</i>	226 S. Irby St. 29501	843-664-4357 <a href="https://www.durantchildrencenter.org/">https://www.durantchildrencenter.org/</a>	Counseling for abused children -Parenting courses -Forensic Interviews -Military families affected by trauma or abuse -Medical services for children (physical exams)	
<i>Naomi Project</i>		843-615-1548 <a href="http://www.naomiproject.com">www.naomiproject.com</a> 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
<b>Food</b>				

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<i>Manna House</i>	450 Jarrott St, Florence, SC	(843) 667-6077	M-F Breakfast 830a-930a, Lunch 10:30AM-12PM	Food Pantry MWF 9a-11a Must bring: Picture ID, Social Security Card, and Proof of Income
<i>Antioch Fellowship</i>	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
<i>My Brother's Keeper</i>	Meal Distribution at Four Local Parks	(843) 624-5381	Meals served every day of the week. They have care packages, clean clothes, mission mart gift cards, and hygiene products	Northwest 230p-3p Iola Jones 245p-315p Levi 3p-330p Timrod 315p-345p
<i>Salvation Army</i>	2210 Hoffmeyer Rd.	843-662-4461 call for appointment (No walk ins)	Food, clothes	M-Tu-Th, call for appointment
<i>Parking Lot Ministry</i>	Parking Lot behind old Hope Health building at 600 E. Palmetto St		Breakfast, food, & clothing	Saturdays 7am-8am
<b>Legal Services</b>				
Agency	Address	Contact Information	Service	Other Information
<i>South Carolina Legal Services</i>	320 S. Coit St. Florence, SC 29501	Managing attorney: Susan Firimonte	Legal counseling and representation	Eligibility: Income-based requirements

		Phone: 843-413-9500 Silvana: EXT 6303 <a href="https://sclegal.org/">https://sclegal.org/</a>  Online Intake <a href="https://www.lawhelp.org/sc/online-intake">https://www.lawhelp.org/sc/online-intake</a>		
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COVID Testing				
Agency	Address	Contact Information	Service	Other Information
<i>DHEC COVID Resources: Vaccination, Other Info</i>		DHEC Care Line 1-855-472-3432 8am-6pm M-F <a href="https://scdhec.gov/covid19">https://scdhec.gov/covid19</a> Vaccinations <a href="https://vaxlocator.dhec.sc.gov/">https://vaxlocator.dhec.sc.gov/</a> or 1-866-365-8110.		
<i>DHEC List of Testing Locations</i>		<a href="https://scdhec.gov/covid19/find-covid-19-testing-location">https://scdhec.gov/covid19/find-covid-19-testing-location</a>		