

WHERE TO TURN FOR HELP IN OCONEE COUNTY (October 2020 Update)

NOTE: CALL FIRST SINCE HOURS/SERVICES MAY CHANGE DUE TO COVID19 RESTRICTIONS

UNITED WAY- 528 Bypass 123 Suite C Seneca 882-9743 **Call 2-1-1 for list of services.** Also diapers, free Tax Prep help

Department of Social Services- 223a Kenneth St., Walhalla; 638-4400; Office hours: 8:30-5 M-F. Services include:

SNAP(Food Stamps), Family Independence Program (Financial aid to Families with dependent children).

Dept. of Health and Human Services: Medicaid -223 B Kenneth St.,Walhalla, ph: 638-4420 8:30-5pm M-F.

VETERANS: Office of Veterans Affairs: 638-4231, 223 Kenneth St. Walhalla, Help veterans w/ paperwork, home repairs, homelessness. **DAV help w/VA benefits paperwork**-each Wed; KOC Hall, 1-5pm; 112 E. N. 2nd St Seneca or call Terry at 303-501-4273; **Purple Heart Home Repairs** for veterans contact at goldencornerchapter@phhusa.org; **Upstate Warrior Solution**, connects veterans & families w/ local resources; 864-520-2073; 109-3 Sloan St. Clemson

LEGAL HELP-SC Legal Services -Free legal help for civil (i.e. non criminal) situations. Call 800-763-4825 M-Th 9am to 6pm

PETS: Oconee Humane Society: low cost pet spay/neuter voucher 1925 Sandifer Rd, Seneca 882-4719

TEMPORARY/EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Oconee United Ministries 115 W South 1st St. Seneca; call 882-0504 Someone will call you back; Help w/ rent, utility, meds.

SHARE (Sunbelt Human Advancement Resources)-708 East Main St, Seneca; ph-864-882-3495; office hours-8:30-5 M-F.

Services include **RENT/UTILITY assistance**; Must have eviction notice for rent help. Twice a year limit for heating help.

Salvation Army- 100 Debra St. Seneca; 882-1160; Assistance hours-M-Th. 9-noon & 1-5pm. **Emergency assistance** including utilities (call first for appt.), clothing, food, spiritual care, Christmas assistance, disaster services, victims of fire loss vouchers need **Red Cross** referral-For **Red Cross** disaster services call Beth at 864-449-7281

Golden Corner Food PANTRY: 635 Business Park Drive, Seneca, 864-882-3610; 10-12 M-F & 1st Sat. of the month.

College St. Baptist: PANTRY-M/T10-1; 407 S. College St, Walhalla 638-2986; Must live in Walhalla

'SON' Flower Closet: free CLOTHING M/T 9:30-2; 301 S. Laurel St., Walhalla, 638-2986

St. Luke Methodist PANTRY-4-6pm, 2nd and 4th Wed, 607 E Main St., Walhalla, 638-3628, Must live in Walhalla

Our Daily Bread: 106 Jordan St, Seneca; ph-882-3308; hours 11:30- 12:30 M-F & Sun Free **LUNCH (TO GO meals)**

The Soup Kitchen at Potters House Church, Hot meal 4:30-6:30 pm every other Wednesday. 311 S. John St. Walhalla

Calvary Church Food Ministry Pantry: 10102 Long Creek Hwy, Westminster, 1st & 3rd Monday 4:30-6:30pm

Dot's Kitchen: American Legion Bldg; 205 Lucky St. Westminster. **LUNCH** served M-F 11:30-12:30pm 903-1791 (To Go meals)

We Care: 610 Piedmont St. Westminster; Food **PANTRY** and limited **FREE CLOTHING**. Thursdays only, 9am-1pm; 647-8458

Ann Hope United Methodist: 702 Goddard Ave. Seneca; **Wednesday evening DINNER** at 6pm. 882-5502

LOCAL THRIFT STORES

Salvation Army- Thrift Store 104 Colonial Plaza Drive, Seneca, 882-7450, 10-5 M-F; 9-5 Sat. For vouchers call 882-1160.

Collins Children's Home Thrift Store: No special programs; 540 W. N.1st Street, Seneca, SC; 882-4250; 10-5 Tues-Sat

Goodwill Thrift- 1616 Sandifer Blvd (near Walmart), 882-2600, 9-9 M-Sat; 10-7pm Sun. Sundays 1/2 price on some clothes

Potter's Wheel Thrift Store: 119 S. College St. Walhalla. Also free clothing for families in need. Ph. 864-903-4983

Boys Camp Thrift. 714 W. North 1st St Seneca, 882-2734; 9-5 M-Sat & 111 E. Windsor St. Westminster, 647-4812; 9-5 Tu-Sat

Girls Camp Trading Post-304 W North 1st St. Seneca, 882-7008; 9-5 M-Sat & 9119 Long Creek Hwy, Westminster, 647-7014;

Tamassee DAR Thrift Shop – No special programs. 9695 N. Hwy 11, Tamassee, 944-2660; 9-5 Tues-Sat

Habitat For Humanity Thrift Store - 130 Bountyland Rd, Seneca; 864-888-2118; hours 10-4 W/Th/F; Sat 10-1.

Dream Center Resale Store- 11011 N Radio Station Road, 10-6 M-Sat 864-614-8008; Earn Dream \$ to spend at store by attending Lifepoint Church classes on parenting, budgeting, & life skills. -108 E N 1st St., Seneca; call 864-280-4876

The Struggle, 100 N Cherry St., Seneca 864-324-7691, 10-4 M-Sat.

Beacon of Hope Thrift-1797 Blue Ridge Blvd, in Oconee Alum. Products bldg. Open 1st Sat 9-noon; “free” clothes, 723-4267

Ripple Resale Store – 203 Oconee Square Dr. by Autozone 864-343-1923 M-Thurs 10-6; Fri-Sat 10-7

LIFE CHANGING ASSISTANCE---EMPLOYMENT/EDUCATION

SC Works (Unemployment Office)—at Quickjobs Development Center-104 Vocational Dr. Seneca, 8:30-5 M-F. 864-646-1741 Job placement assistance, resource center for job seekers, resume preparation assistance, job preparation workshops.

Goodwill Job Connection: 1616 Sandifer Blvd. 864-482-7857: M-F 10-12; 1-4:30. Employment help: on-line job applications, job leads, resume/cover letter help, copy/fax machine, readiness workshops/counseling/non-computer literate help

Jobs for those with criminal records: SCWorks/GJC have a list of “2nd chance” companies.

Ride To Work Ministry Nonprofit Inc.- low cost transportation to/from work only. Apply at website: rtwministry.org

Jobs for Seniors: Call toll free 855-850-2525. AARP free job search guide & sign up for info session at Tri County Tech

Jobs for those with disabilities: Vocational Rehabilitation of SC 1951 Wells Hwy, Seneca; 882-6669; hrs: 8:30-5 M-F.

Vocational & medical assessment of a person's ability to work even if disabled. Train at the on-site factory/locate a job with a local business. All services free. **Tribble Center:**; 882-6347; hours 8-4 M-F. Jobs at local employers for disabled clients.

Oconee Adult Education Office:100 Vocational Drive, Seneca, 886-4429; Assists adults in becoming literate, obtaining a GED, and improving knowledge/skills for employment. Also ESL/GED Hispanic help. All capability levels are welcome & will receive help. **Palmetto Youth Connections** –help youth 17-24 obtain workforce training, GED & occupational skills. Emphasis on jobs, attending post-secondary or enlisting in the military. Supportive services/individual career coaching. Call 886-4467 (Annmarie)

Tamasee DAR School– Industrial Education. Boarding/rides if homeless/aged out youth/can't commute. Jon at 944-1390x103

TriCountyTech 1-6 mo training for a better paying job-call 864-646-1718 or Westminster campus 864-646-8282. Also, their I-BEST **no-cost** 14 week manufacturing & healthcare pathway programs with job placement assistance-864-646-1461.

Affordable Child Care- go to www.ABCquality.org over 30 local child care facilities **or** contact Oconee County First Steps-985-8739 or 882-3342; **Vouchers available from DSS** (see above)

FAMILY HELP, FINANCIAL & LIFESTYLE COUNSELING-

Ripple of One-in the educational building of Seneca Presbyterian Church 115 W. S. First St. Seneca, 882-8777; Services include: Financial & lifestyle Counseling to help families escape poverty using a plan to move toward self-sufficiency.

Heath's Haven: 523 Hwy 123. Suite F, Seneca. 710-4085 Training to promote healthy, nurturing relationships with children.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS for KIDS-contact your school's guidance office; **Grace's Closet** (located in each school) –FREE FOOD, CLOTHING, HYGIENE ITEMS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES (www.gracescloset.org or Julie-ann Shannon at 864-557-9399)

Safe Harbor: M-F 8:30 to 5pm; 467-3636, Counseling/shelter for victims of domestic violence; 24/7 Crisis line 800-291-2139

FamilyConnection SC: 864-231-8100; Help for children with special healthcare needs including autism, ADHD, asthma, others.

Foothills Care Center: 207 Main Street, Seneca, 882-8796; M-Th 9-12 & 2-5. Maternity/infant clothes; baby food & supplies, pregnancy testing/education, parenting help, sexual health screenings, limited OB Ultrasounds. All services free/confidential.

The Parenting Place, 864-898-5583 Free home visits to help ensure a healthy pregnancy & child well being; also in home care

Collins Children's Home: 110 Collins Home Dr. Seneca; 882-0893; 8:30 to 5 M-F. Resident care for children birth-21, life skills for resident children and their families, foster care for children, counseling, parenting classes for "at risk" families

Tamassee School: 1925 Bumgardner Dr. Tamassee; ph-944-1390; Residential & outreach for children from families in crisis

Tribble Center: 116 South Cove Road, Seneca; 882-6347; hours 8-4 M-F. Services: adult day services, job coaching, living skills for intellectual disability, autism, and related disabilities. Early intervention for special needs children. Also **ARC of Oconee**

Cty. 295 Market St. 864-280-6022 **Able-SC:** Empowering those w/ disabilities thru independent living services - 864-235-1421.

Foothills Alliance – sexual abuse counseling, crisis intervention, prevention/education services; **24 hr. Hotline 864-231-7273**

Respite Care: for caregivers of seniors with early/mid-stage dementia providing them w/ activities/social interaction. Thurs. 1-4 pm; **Episcopal Church of the Ascension,** 214 Northampton Road, Seneca. 864-973-7590

Fostering Faithfully- faithbased program for foster parents. 864-539-2133 905 E. Main St. Walhalla; www.fosteringfaithfully.org

MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Oconee Mental Health Clinic: 115 Carter Park Dr, Seneca. Call 885-0157 M-F 8:30am-5pm. Give name, phone no., & info.

A counselor will contact you in 24hrs. Very low cost options available. **Suicide Hotlines:** 911 or 1-800-784-2433 or 864-885-0157

Christ Central Ministries: 864-638-3322 AshTree Substance Abuse recovery program for men: New Resource Center soon

Families Fighting Addiction support – 2nd Mon. each month at 6:30pm-at North Walhalla Church of God. 864-638-3322

Anderson-Oconee Behavioral Health-691 South Oak St., Seneca, 882-7563; M-Th 8am-5pm; Provides substance abuse assessment & treatment for alcohol, drugs, gambling, smoking, anger management.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Oconee/Pickens area toll-free number is 877-544-8426

SC Voc Rehab Substance Abuse Treatment- contact local office 1951 Wells Highway; 882-6669.

NAMI National Alliance on Mental Illness: 864-882-5131; FREE educational meetings, support groups & courses; namiaop.org

Celebrate Recovery- A Christian twelve-step program designed to facilitate recovery from a wide variety of troubling behavior patterns- Grace Baptist Church-888-0703 Wed. 6:45-8pm; Welcome Wesleyan Church-280-3962 Fridays, 6:30-9pm;

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Oconee Public Health Dept. – 609 N. Townville St. Seneca, 882-2245. Immunizations, Women, Infants & Children (WIC), Family planning. STD/HIV testing, Help is free/on a sliding scale. **Quit Smoking:** 800-784-8669 Free help (nicotine patches)

Rosa Clark Medical Clinic: 301 Memorial Dr.; ph:882-4664; hours 8-4:30 M-F. Services: free clinic; medical assistance; pharmacy; Dental on Oak St. Tues, Wed. and Thurs; SNAP applications; Mental health/substance abuse counseling

Low Cost Dentures: Affordable Dentures Anderson 864-261-1889; go to affordabledentures.com/offers for discounts/coupons

AccessHealth Mountain Lakes: 298 Memorial Dr. Seneca, 885-7341; Call 864-522-1400 for appointment, M-F, 8-4:30. Help for uninsured/limited income to gain access to primary care, specialists, other medical services/case management. **DENTAL**

CLINIC: 298 Memorial Dr. 885-7550; X-rays, evaluations, extractions/cleanings for uninsured w/ limited income; by appointment.

Anderson-Oconee Speech/Hearing-528 Bypass123, Suite F Seneca 882-7169; Speech/hearing help; hearing aides; sliding fee

LIONS CLUB EYEGLASS & HEARING AID ASSISTANCE: In Seneca-Go to the SHARE office for an application-In Salem-Call 770-335-4389; Walhalla-Pick up/Turn in forms at Alexander's Office Supply, 118 E. Main St.; Westminster-call 882-1580

Medical Transportation: if on Medicaid call 1-866-910-7688 for a ride to/from medical appointment. Call 3 days before: M-F 8-5

HOUSING/SHELTERS/CURRENT HOME HELP

Habitat for Humanity-130 Bountyland Rd, Seneca; ph- 864-888-2118: building homes for qualified low income

United Housing Connections 864-241-0462-housing/care management for those w/ mental illness/homeless/in a shelter

SC Regional Housing Authority-417 Tribble St, Seneca; 8-5pm; Call 885-1659 for info/appointment ; 200+ income based apts.

Safe Harbor-Emergency Shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children-864-467-3636 or 800-291-2139

Family Promise-864-644-8828; Sheltering program for families with children under 18 ; Background/drug checks required

Our Daily Rest-864-482-2040; 525 E. Main St., Seneca. Services: shelter, case management & counseling for individuals & families seeking housing/jobs. Interviews/applications on Wed. at 2 pm. Also 'Rapid Rehousing' program. Call for info.

Mortgage Assistance- call 888-995-4673 or go to www.makehomeaffordable.gov for guidance on working with lender

Free Legal Assistance if facing eviction due to Covid19– call 833-958-2266 or 864-679-3232

SC Home Weatherization for low income. Call 864-229-8870 or go to www.gleanmshrc.org (program links->weatherization)

SPIRITUAL NEEDS & SUPPORT

Baptist – Contact Rev. David Shirley at **Beaverdam Baptist Association, 882-7070.** Covers 63 local Baptist churches.

Catholic – Contact Father Bill Hearne at 864-882-8551 **Saint Paul the Apostle,** 170 Bountyland Road, Seneca

Foothills Church- 505 Bountyland Road, Seneca, 864-888-8008

Lutheran – **Eternal Shepherd,** 220 Carson Rd. Seneca, Pastor David Hammer, 882-3209; **St. John's** - 301 W. Main St., Seneca,

Methodist- St. Mark United- 616 Quincy Rd. Seneca, **Pastor Todd Davis (864) 882-2603.** Food box once every six mos./family.

Lifepoint – 1926 Blue Ridge Blvd. 882-8131 partnered w/ The Dream Center

Presbyterian- **Seneca Presbyterian** - 115 W South 1st St., Seneca, Rev. Mike Shelton 882-2505 **Fort Hill Presbyterian,** 101 Edgewood Ave., Clemson, Rev. Laura Conrad; **Oconee Assoc Reformed Presbyterian,** 121 Rochester Hwy, Seneca

FOR SENIORS: Senior Solutions: 101 Perry Avenue, Seneca; ph-864-885-1000; hours 8-5 M-F. Services: transportation for seniors, senior activity center, congregational dining, home bound support, arts & crafts; home-delivered meals, adult day care information/referral service for senior-related topics-financial, legal and mobility issues; Medicare counseling, help with food stamps (SNAP)& Medicaid; Low-Income Subsidy (help w/ drug prescriptions); Finding senior housing/assisted living, home care; personal care items for the home; help with paperwork for insurance and other matters that are often confusing to seniors.