

HELPING OTHERS



Local Resource Listing for Cherokee County, SC

Introduction

Helping Others is written for the people of Cherokee County, South Carolina. Its small file size makes it easily shared by attaching the file to a text or email, or by posting on your website. Thank you for sharing this booklet – helping others is the right thing to do!

We believe many people would like to help their neighbors, but don't know how to go about it. Some people cannot help financially, or by providing goods, services, or physical labor to fix problems. But everyone can listen, talk to people, and to share the information in this booklet - so in this way we *all* can help others.

This booklet summarizes information from the Internet, local non-profits, and government agencies. Information is categorized by needs, so you will find some organizations listed in multiple categories. Services that are only available to residents of other counties have been excluded. Links in each paragraph will take you to the source webpage for more information.

A few of the services have offices in Spartanburg, but they are listed in this booklet because Cherokee County residents are also able to apply for the programs.

For those seeking statewide or nationwide assistance, we have included sections near the end for "24/7 Help Lines", and "Resource Locator Websites" which will lead you to thousands of organizations.

This booklet is maintained by two community volunteers and we don't know everything. Please send an email to HelpingOthersCherokee@gmail.com if you know of local resources that should be included or find anything that needs correction.



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Income-Based Qualification

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) publishes the federal poverty guidelines each year, based on poverty thresholds calculated by the U.S. Census Bureau. Eligibility for some of the needs-based programs in this booklet are based on this table. The table is updated annually in late January. This table gives you a good idea about your eligibility, but programs change all the time, and there may be exceptions to the dollar amounts listed in this table. Also, some types of income may be excluded, so *always check with the agency*. A listing of programs that use the Federal Poverty Guidelines can be found at this link: <https://www.hhs.gov/answers/hhs-administrative/what-programs-use-the-poverty-guidelines/index.html>

Example use of table: A family of 4 wants to apply for a program that bases qualification on 185% of the Federal Poverty Level. The table shows household income must be below \$61,050.

2026 Annual Income Federal Poverty Levels by Percentage							
Household Size	100%	130%	150%	160%	165%	185%	200%
1	\$15,650	\$20,345	\$23,475	\$25,040	\$25,823	\$28,953	\$31,300
2	\$21,640	\$28,132	\$32,460	\$34,624	\$35,706	\$40,034	\$43,280
3	\$27,320	\$35,516	\$40,980	\$43,712	\$45,078	\$50,542	\$54,640
4	\$33,000	\$42,900	\$49,500	\$52,800	\$54,450	\$61,050	\$66,000
5	\$38,680	\$50,284	\$58,020	\$61,888	\$63,822	\$71,558	\$77,360
6	\$44,360	\$57,668	\$66,540	\$70,976	\$73,194	\$82,066	\$88,720
7	\$50,040	\$65,052	\$75,060	\$80,064	\$82,566	\$92,574	\$100,080
8	\$55,720	\$72,436	\$83,580	\$89,152	\$91,938	\$103,082	\$111,440

If more than 8 in household/family, add \$5,680 per additional person.

Some programs use State limits instead of Federal limits. [Click here for the source](#). These are produced by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. HUD updates are published each April.

2025 State Median Income Limits Cherokee County, SC								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Low	\$40,450	\$46,200	\$52,000	\$57,750	\$62,400	\$67,000	\$71,650	\$76,250
Very Low	\$25,300	\$28,900	\$32,500	\$36,100	\$39,000	\$41,900	\$44,800	\$47,700
Extremely Low	\$15,650	\$21,150	\$26,650	\$32,150	\$37,650	\$41,900	\$44,800	\$47,700

Adult Education

Ola H. Copeland Community Learning Center

243 Allison Dr, Gaffney, SC 29341, (864) 206-6992, Director Beth Martin

Registration and assessment appointments call (864) 206-6992

The Cherokee County Adult Education Program offers day and evening classes for individuals, 17 years of age or older, who would like to earn a Blacksburg or Gaffney High School diploma, their GED, or a SC Work Ready certificate. Classes offered include reading and math remediation, English literacy (reading, writing, speaking), workplace literacy, and more. Get counseling, FAFSA and college application assistance, and participate in workshops on interviewing, resume writing, and completing job applications.

GED and Diploma Classes

Monday – Thursday, 8:00am – 2:00pm

Monday – Tuesday, 5:00pm – 8:00pm

English as a Second Language

Monday – Wednesday 9:00am – 12:00pm

Monday (Sacred Heart Church) 5:00pm – 8:00pm

Child Care

The [South Carolina Department of Social Services \(DSS\) Division of Early Care and Education](#) manages all state and federal child care programs, and serves as the single point of contact for federal child care funding in South Carolina. The SC DSS childcare website is located at this webpage link <https://www.scchildcare.org/> The Cherokee County DSS office is located at 113 West Buford Street, Gaffney, SC 29341, (864) 487-2704.

Child Care Scholarship Program

<https://www.scchildcare.org/>

(800) 476-0199, Monday - Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm, or (888) 335-1002

The Child Care Scholarship Program (formerly known as the SC Voucher Program) makes payments to child care providers who care for children from low-income families so their parents can work. To qualify for a SC Working Families Child Care Scholarship, parent(s) or guardian(s) must

- have a child or children between birth and 12 years of age
- work at least 15 hours per week, or attend school or a training program
- meet financial qualifications for your family size

A chart is available at this webpage link <https://www.scchildcare.org/media/ih2mrjw5/fee-scale-2025-2026.pdf> The chart shows your weekly childcare cost based on monthly income and your family size.

Apply for a Child Care scholarship using the following webpage link <https://benefitsportal.dss.sc.gov/#/login>

Child care scholarships are also available to support children ages 13 to 18 who have disabilities, developmental delays, or who are in foster care. For more information use the following webpage link <https://www.scchildcare.org/programs/child-care-scholarship-program/>

Early Head Start

243 Allison Dr, Gaffney, SC 29341, (864) 279-4488, Center Manager Neva Gray

[Piedmont Community Action \(PCA\)](#) is a Spartanburg based non-profit that operates the Gaffney Early Head Start program, which is located inside the Ola. H. Copeland Community Learning Center. There are two classrooms, with 8 children per class. Cherokee County Early Head Start Center provides free early care and education for expectant moms and children 6 weeks – 3 years old.

Eligibility is generally based on 100% of the Federal Poverty Level. (See the table on page 1 to find the dollar amount for your household size.) Children in foster care, children experiencing homelessness (living with someone else, or living in a shelter), and children from families receiving public assistance (TANF or SSI) are eligible regardless of income.

There is currently a waiting list. To apply for PCA Early Head Start please click [here](#).

First Steps (Cherokee County)

Cherokee County First Steps, 1612 N. Limestone St., Gaffney, SC 29340

(864) 487-9466 - No walk-ins, please call ahead

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:30am – 5:00pm, Wednesday 8:30am – 12:00pm,

cfs@cherokeecountyfirststeps.org

Our local Cherokee County First Steps office is located in the Nonprofit Partnership Center. They currently offer the Talk to Me program, Triple P (Positive Parenting Program), Dolly Parton Imagination Library, and Childcare Training for childcare centers.

First Steps (South Carolina)

<https://www.scfirststeps.org/what-we-do/programs/first-steps-4k/>

This is at the state level, not at the local office, but is listed because Cherokee County residents can apply. First Steps 4K offers free, full-day four-year-old kindergarten to qualifying children in South Carolina. They partner with more than 270 licensed child care centers and private schools across the state, making it easy for families to find a high-quality program that meets their needs.

Eligible SC residents must be

- 4 years old on or before September 1 of the school year you are applying for
- Eligible for Medicaid, free/reduced-price lunch, or SNAP/TANF recipient; experiencing homelessness or transiency; or in foster care

First Steps 4K students qualify for free extended care scholarships (before and after school). Siblings (ages 0-12) of enrolled First Steps 4K students qualify for child care and after-school scholarships. Sibling scholarships can be applied toward enrollment at any licensed child care center or afterschool program that participates in [ABC Quality](#), the state's voluntary quality rating and improvement system.

To apply for First Steps 4K use the following webpage link

<https://www.scfirststeps.org/what-we-do/programs/firststeps-4k/apply>

Find licensed child care providers using the following webpage link

<https://www.scchildcare.org/provider-search/>

The following are local First Steps providers:

- Busy Town Childcare Center, 813 N. Logan St., Gaffney, SC 29341, (864) 489-6231, Monday - Friday, 6:30am – 5:30pm
- Cherokee Charter Academy, 3206 Cherokee Ave, Gaffney, SC 29341, (864) 489-7192, Monday - Friday, 7:15am – 3:15pm
- Crayons to Computers, 428-G Hyatt Street, Gaffney, SC 29341, (864) 488-2223, Monday – Friday, 5:45am – 6:00pm
- Kids Learning Academy, 1702 North Limestone Street, Gaffney, SC 29341, (864) 514-3138

- Lisa's Little Wildcats, 199 North Cherokee Ford Rd., Blacksburg, SC 29702, (864) 839-2147

Head Start

501 W Rutledge Ave, Gaffney, SC 29341, (864) 489-0279, Center Manager Elizabeth Lindsay, 7:30am – 3:30pm

[Piedmont Community Action \(PCA\)](#) is a Spartanburg based non-profit that operates the Gaffney Head Start Center. Head Start provides free Preschool to prepare our three and four-year-olds to enter kindergarten by helping them acquire the knowledge, attitude, and confidence needed to be academically competitive from the start. The PCA Head Start program provides bus transportation for children.

To apply for PCA child development programs [here](#).

Head Start Family Child Care Homes

<https://www.ecmhsp.org/family-childcare-homes>

Program Manager Andrea Martinez Langlois, alanglois@ecmhsp.org

The [East Coast Migrant Head Start Project](#) Family Child Care Homes provide high-quality Head Start services directly in licensed family child care programs. Through these partnerships with dedicated in-home providers, they enroll children in nurturing, small-group settings and support both families and providers to ensure comprehensive Head Start services.

ECMHSP is **currently seeking child care providers** in Cherokee County who want to become a Head Start Family Child Care Home. The closest home currently operating is in Chesnee, SC.

Kids Clubs

<https://www.kidsupstate.org/>

201 Pecan St, Gaffney, SC 29340, Director Vance Hammond, vance@kidsupstate.org

Kids Upstate (formerly Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate) is a non-profit that partners with our local schools to offer comprehensive after-school programming for kids in school-based Kids Clubs, both throughout the year and during the summer.

Our clubs follow our Kids Up youth development L.E.A.F. strategy:

- **Leadership** - We encourage Club Kids to be leaders among their peers, and to share the club experience with others via testimonies, essays, and more.
- **Education** - We encourage achieving and maintaining Honor Roll status, or making progress toward that goal.
- **Arts** - From Legos to photography, we encourage the expression of art through performances and exhibits.
- **Fitness** - We encourage the health of our Club Kids by including physical activity in our club programming.

Kids Club provides your student with homework help, mentoring, recreation, and leadership development.

SC Department of Social Services

<https://dss.sc.gov/>

SC Department of Social Services, 113 West Buford Street, Gaffney, SC 29341, (864) 487-2704

The SC Department of Social Services (DSS) provides

- Adult protective services
- Business registration/licensing (Home and Group Home Licensing)
- **Child care expense assistance (Child Care Scholarships/ABC)**
- Children's protective services
- Family law (adoption services and foster care services)
- Pathways Scholarship Program for SNAP Recipients
- Safe havens for abandoned newborns (Daniel's Law)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Summer food service programs
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

The South Carolina Client Eligibility System (SCCES) is an online portal for South Carolinians to apply for SC Department of Social Services programs. Create an account using this link

<https://benefitsportal.dss.sc.gov/#/login>

Clothing

Iron City Ministries

<https://ironcityministries.org/>

109 West Cherokee Street, Blacksburg, SC (864) 839-9783

Monday – Thursday, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Iron City Ministries assists individuals and families of Cherokee County with food, clothing, household items, and furniture services. We also provide financial support for energy bills, rent/mortgage, medications, and other areas based on need and currently available funds.

Peach Center Ministries

518 N. Limestone Street, Gaffney, SC – 29340, (864) 489-2549

Monday through Thursday, 9:00am – 12:00pm

The Peach Center Ministries clothes closet for those in need.

Rock Solid Community Church

507 A Windslow Ave Gaffney SC 29341

<https://rocksolidcommunitychurch.com/rock-solid-outreach/>

Free women's, men's, and children's clothing for anyone in need. This is for individuals and families that have tremendous need for the basic necessities of clothing and toiletries of everyday life. We want to be able to get you the things you need physically but also spend time with you to see what needs you may have spiritually as well. Fill out an application using this website link <https://rocksolidcommunitychurch.com/rock-solid-outreach/>

Disabilities and Special Needs

Cherokee County Disabilities and Special Needs Board

<https://www.cherokeedsnb.org/>

959 E. O'Neal St, Gaffney, SC 29340, (864) 487-4190

The Cherokee County Disabilities and Special Needs Board (CCDSNB) provides a variety of services and support to children and adults with lifelong special needs, and their families.

[Case Management](#) – Services offered by Case Management include, but are not limited to, appropriate medical, social, educational, job training and a variety of other needed services.

[Residential Services](#) - CCDSNB has five *Community Training Homes*. Staff members provide guidance and assistance for every resident on a daily basis. Each Community Training Home houses four individuals, and training is provided to guide each individual towards greater independence in their lives.

CCDSNB has two *Intermediate Care Facilities*. These community residences offer a community living option to those people who need maximum support for their high levels of need. 24-hour care, supervision, training, recreation and other activities are provided in this structured environment.

[Adult Day Programs](#) – In the **Work Activity Center** program a skilled instructor works with individuals in areas such as communication skills, daily living skills, academic areas, and other goal areas of assessed need. Individuals also receive instruction in the areas of pre-vocational and vocational skills, and are compensated with wages for contract work completed.

The **Mobile Work Crews** program provides work for individuals through local businesses and industry. In a mobile work crew, CCDSNB sends a group of individuals and a CCDSNB staff supervisor to a local industry or business site to complete assigned duties as directed.

In the **Supported Employment** program, a Job Coach assesses individuals for job readiness, assists individuals in searching for employment, and provides on-the-job training and supervision until job skills are mastered.

Community Service is aimed at developing one's awareness of, interaction with and/or participation in their community through exposure to and experience in the community through teaching such concepts as self-determination, self-advocacy, and socialization. Group and individual services are offered in this area.

Documents

Identification documents are required to access many of the resources in this booklet. Helping someone obtain a missing Social Security or State ID card, or a Driver's License, may lead to a job, and that can change a life.

Driver's License

<https://scdmvonline.com/>

451 Hyatt Street, Gaffney, SC 29341 Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 5:00pm, (864) 488-1386

The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) manages [driver's licenses](#). You must visit an office to obtain a license. You need to bring the following documentation with you when you visit the office:

Proof of Identity (one of the following) Certified birth certificate, Valid U.S. passport, Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship, Permanent Resident Card (Green Card). Bring marriage certificate or divorce decree if name differs from birth certificate.

Proof of Social Security Number (one of the following) Social Security card, W-2 form, 1099 form, Pay stub with your full SSN

Proof of South Carolina Residency (two of the following) Utility bill (electric, water, gas, cable, etc.), Lease or rental agreement, Mortgage statement, Bank statement, Official government mail (such as tax documents)

Non-U.S. Citizens will also need Immigration documents (I-94, Employment Authorization Card, or valid visa)

If you need to obtain a [replacement](#) for a lost or damaged license, permit or ID Card, you can do that online. <https://scdmvonline.com/Driver-Services/Drivers-License/Replace-License>

Marriage, Divorce, Birth, Death Certificates

118 Dillon Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29307, (864) 596-2227

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:30am – 5:00pm, Wednesday 9:30am – 5:00pm

The South Carolina Department of Public Health manages [Vital Records](#). Use the following webpage link to obtain missing birth certificates, death certificates, marriage certificates or divorce reports. <https://dph.sc.gov/public/vital-records>

Social Security Card

<https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/>

Spartanburg Office - 145 N Church St, Ste 300, Spartanburg, SC 29306, (866) 701-6620

Shelby Office - 707 Schenck St, Shelby, NC 28150 Monday - Friday, 9am – 4pm, (877) 405-3576

You can apply for a replacement Social Security card online using a [mySocialSecurity](#) account, or you can visit a local Social Security office to complete the application in person.

Domestic Violence / Sexual Abuse

Cherokee County Rescue Mission – Miracle Hill Ministries

<https://miraclehill.org/shelters/cherokee-county/>

227 Henderson St, Gaffney, SC 29341, (864) 488-0376, Director Andy Cooper

The Miracle Hill Crisis Shelter Program provides short-term emergency shelter services for those impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault.

Children’s Advocacy Center

<https://www.cacsp.org/>

100 Washington Place, Spartanburg, SC 29302, (864) 515-9922, Executive Director Elizabeth Tisdale, elizabeth@cacsp.org

The Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC) of Spartanburg, Cherokee and Union Counties, Inc. opened in 1996 as a nonprofit organization to provide services to children who have been sexually and/or severely physically abused. CAC provides:

- Forensic Assessments - A child-friendly and non-leading interview essential in obtaining age-appropriate information when a child may have experienced sexual abuse, physical abuse, or witnessed a violent crime
- Medical Examinations (off-site) - Physical examinations that identify immediate and ongoing needs of each child, whether incurred by the alleged abuse or otherwise
- Trauma-Focused Therapy - Counseling to heal the child’s specific trauma and overcome wounds that have the potential to be lasting and destructive if left untreated
- Therapy for Children with Problematic Sexual Behaviors - This therapy program is for children ages 7-14 who have exhibited problematic sexual behaviors. Two CAC clinicians lead the children's group, and two CAC clinicians lead the concurrent caregiver group. Some topics covered include sexual behavior rules, impulse control skills, and behavior management.

- Family Counseling and Support - Support offered throughout the case to help nonoffending caregivers navigate the child welfare systems and understand and effectively respond to their child's feelings and behaviors
- Multidisciplinary Team Meetings - A multidisciplinary response, including law enforcement, prosecutors, medical professionals, therapists, DSS personnel, Guardian ad Litem, etc., to determine the best interests and needs of each child
- Prevention Program - *Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children*
This two-hour child sexual abuse prevention training equips adults with knowledge and skills to recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

Please contact CAC at (864) 515-9922 or email info@cacsp.org for more information about these programs.

Generations

<https://generationsgroup.com/programs/>

(864) 243-5557

Generations programs are for boys from every county in the state. Located on our Horizons and Bridges campuses, our Group Homes programs offer both Intensive and Intermediate level services which focus on skill-building and behavior management while putting an end to the cycle of sexual abuse.

Project R.E.S.T.

<https://projectrest.org/>

236 Union St. Spartanburg, (864) 583-9803

1612 N Limestone Street, Gaffney, SC. By Appointment Only - Call (864) 583-9803

Restore, Empower, Support and Transform (REST) those affected by domestic and sexual violence. Provides shelter for victims in need, offers support to those who have experienced rape, and implements programs to assist all in living lives free from abuse.

- Emergency shelter (up to 60+ days) with food, clothing, transportation, limited daycare, and tutoring
- Crisis counseling, case management, and follow-up
- Police, hospital, and court accompaniment
- Assistance with Orders of Protection petitions

- 24-hour hotline (864) 583-9803 or (800) 273-5066

Cherokee County Office - United Way of the Piedmont's Cherokee Nonprofit Partnership Center
1612 N Limestone Street, Gaffney, SC. By Appointment Only - Call (864) 583-9803

South Carolina Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

Victim/Witness Advocate – Cherokee County

(864) 487-2745

Provides direct support for victims navigating the justice system.

Employment

Action Staffing

1252 Overbrook Dr Gaffney, SC 29341, (864) 902-8822, TrustActionStaffing.com

Adecco Staffing Onsite Nestle

2132 Old Georgia Highway, Gaffney, South Carolina, 29340 (803) 288-7051, Adecco.com

Ambassador Personnel

428 Hyatt St. Unit F, Gaffney, SC (864) 488-0047, TeamAmbassador.com

American Services

1252 Overbrook Dr, Gaffney, SC 29341, (864) 902-8822

APS Staffing

<https://visitaps.com/>

1114 W. Floyd Baker Blvd, Gaffney, SC 29341 (864) 649-1448, Betsy Roberson,

Brown Packing

<https://www.brownpacking.com/careers>

116 Willis Street, Gaffney, SC 29341, (864) 489-5723

First Staffing

<https://1firststaffing.com/>

423 N. Granard St, Gaffney, SC 29340 (864) 489-9809

Hire Dynamics

<https://hiredynamics.com/locations/gaffney-sc/>

206 Chesnee Hwy Suite I, Gaffney, SC 29341 (864) 489-2442, HireDynamics.com

MAU Workforce Solutions

<https://mau.com/>

1619 West Floyd Baker Blvd, Gaffney, SC 29341 (864) 649-6030

OpSource Staffing

<https://jobs.opsourcestaffing.com/>

141 Walton Dr. Gaffney, SC 29341, (864) 489-1703

Pathways

<https://benefitsportal.dss.sc.gov/#/login>

PATHWAYS is an employment and training program that provides scholarships to SNAP clients who wish to further their education and gain skills and certifications that can lead to employment. In order to apply for scholarship, you must have an open SNAP case.

Piedmont Community Action (PCA) Youth Development Program

1004 Cherokee Ave, Gaffney, SC, 29340, (864) 489-3163, Vanessa Davis

Apply in person. This PCA program is similar to summer jobs for kids 16-18 years old. Youth are placed in paid positions at local non-profits and county government offices. In addition to the pay, they receive financial knowledge and leadership training.

Phillips Staffing

spartanburgoffice@phillipsstaffing.com

1516 Old Georgia Hwy, Gaffney, SC 29341 Gaffney/Spartanburg Office (864) 242-4144

SC Works

<https://scworksupstate.com/>

111 Tiffany Park Cir, Gaffney, SC 29341, (864) 342-7207

Tuesday – Friday, 8:30am – 1:00pm, 2:00pm – 5:00pm

SC Works is a state program that provides access to technology such as a fax, copier, and computer for job seeking purposes. A person is available in the local office to help with the SC Works Online System. They offer career counseling and host occasional on-site hiring events.

You can self-register for a SC Works Online Services account using this webpage link.

<https://jobs.scworks.org/vosnet/Default.aspx> You can search for jobs using any computer once you are registered.

Workstaff Personnel Service

428 Hyatt St, Gaffney, SC 29341

Financial Assistance

Apply for DSS Programs

<https://dss.sc.gov/>

113 West Buford Street, Gaffney, SC 29341, (864) 487-2704

The South Carolina Department of Social Services [Client Eligibility System](#) is an online portal for South Carolinians to apply for food and cash assistance programs. To apply for assistance, create an account using this link <https://benefitsportal.dss.sc.gov/#/login>

American Red Cross

<https://www.redcross.org/>

104 Garner Rd Spartanburg, South Carolina 29303, (864) 583-8000

Red Cross provides assistance after a disaster, such as a tornado or a house fire. They provide emergency shelter/housing, clothing, etc.

Grandparents Raising Children

<https://www.scacog.org/family-caregiver>

(864) 242-9733

The South Carolina Appalachian Council of Governments manages a [Family Caregiver program](#). If you are over 55 and find yourself parenting a child under the age of 18, and the child lives with you but the parents do not, then you may be eligible for a grant from the Appalachia Area Agency. Many seniors look to engage the children in summer programs, after-school programs or academic programs but many times these programs are beyond what the senior can afford. The Family Caregiver Support Program recognizes this need and has grants available to help seniors that are in parenting roles rather than traditional retirement roles.

Iron City Ministries

<https://ironcityministries.org/>

109 West Cherokee Street, Blacksburg, (864) 839-9783 Monday – Thursday, 9:00am – 12:00pm.

Iron Cities Ministries can provide financial support for energy bills for those 60 years of age or older and those who are homeless, help with rent/mortgage, medications, and other areas based on need and the funding available at the time of your request. Must bring bill/cut-off notice, photo ID and proof of income or lack of funds.

GLEAMNS Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

<https://www.gleamnshrc.org/programs/community-based-services-program/energy-assistance>

Cherokee County LIHEAP Office, 1516 Old Georgia Highway, Gaffney, SC, (864) 489-6140,
Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 1:00pm, 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides financial assistance to eligible households to pay for heating and cooling costs, address an energy-related crisis (utilities about to be shut off), and to improve energy efficiency (weatherization, insulation, windows) and energy-related minor home repairs. LIHEAP focuses on elderly individuals, persons with disabilities, families with young children, and households experiencing energy emergencies.

GLEAMNS helps thousands of Cherokee County residents each year. Visit the LIHEAP office to see if you qualify, and bring the following information with you:

- Proof of current need/emergency (cut-off notice, etc.)

- Current electric bill/gas bill
- SNAP (Food Stamps Printout)
- Utility Check printout
- Current South Carolina ID or Driver's License (license and bill addresses must match)
- Social Security cards for each household member (Must be legible)
- Proof of gross household income for the past 30 days, for every person age 18 or older living in the household. (SSI, SS/SS Disability, Retirement, Pension, Annuity, Check Stubs, Child Support (get day of appointment or access online) and Unemployment Benefits)

In general, to qualify for assistance your 2025 income must be below the following amounts for your household size: 1 person \$30,629, 2 people \$40,054, 3 people 49,478, 4 people \$58,903, 5 people \$68,327, 6 people \$77,751.

Medicare Rx Extra Help

<https://www.ssa.gov/medicare/part-d-extra-help>

The Extra Help program pays for the monthly fee and deductible for Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage, and lowers prescription drug co-payments. Eligibility is based on 150% of the Federal Poverty Level (see table on page 1 to find the dollar amount for your household size). If you qualify for Extra Help in 2025 you receive

- \$0 premium and deductible for your Medicare Part D plan
- Copays capped at \$4.90 for generics and \$12.15 for brand-name drugs
- Once your out-of-pocket drug costs reach \$2,000, you pay \$0 for covered drugs

For 2025 eligibility the monthly income limit is \$1,976 (single) or \$2,664 (couple). The asset limit is \$17,600 (single) or \$35,130 (couple).

Apply by calling the Social Security Administration at (800) 772-1213 and ask for the Medicare Rx Extra Help application, or online at <https://www.ssa.gov/medicare/part-d-extra-help>

Medicare Savings Programs

<https://www.medicare.gov/basics/costs/help/drug-costs>

There are four programs to provide help paying for Medicare, based on income and assets. Assets counted are cash, bank accounts, and investments like stocks, and bonds. Your home, one car, and personal belongings are generally excluded.

- **Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program (QMB).** Helps to pay premiums for Part A and Part B, as well as copays, deductibles, and coinsurance. For 2025 eligibility the monthly income limit is \$1,325 (single) or \$1,783 (couple). The asset limit is \$9,660 (single) or \$14,470 (couple).
- **Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiary Program (SLMB).** Helps to pay premiums for Part B. For 2025 eligibility the monthly income limit is \$1,585 (single) or \$2,135 (couple). The asset limit is \$9,660 (single) or \$14,470 (couple).
- **Qualified Individual Program (QI).** Helps to pay premiums for Part B. For 2025 eligibility the monthly income limit is \$1,781 (single) or \$2,400 (couple). The asset limit is \$9,660 (single) or \$14,470 (couple).
- **Qualified Disabled and Working Individuals Program (QDWI).** Helps to pay Part A premiums. This program is for people who are disabled but have returned to work and lost their premium-free Medicare Part A. For 2025 eligibility the monthly income limit is \$2,485 (single) or \$3,354 (couple). The asset limit is \$4,000 (single) or \$6,000 (couple).
- If you qualify for QMB, SLMB, or QI, you'll also receive Medicare [Extra Help](#), a federal program that lowers prescription drug and premium costs under Medicare Part D.

Peach Center Ministries

518 N. Limestone St., Gaffney, SC 29340, (864) 489-2549
Monday – Thursday, 9:00am – 12:00pm

[Project Hope](#) is a charitable program created by the Gaffney Board of Public Works to assist needy customers—especially the elderly, handicapped, and those on fixed incomes—by helping them pay their utility bills during difficult times. Funds are distributed through Peach Center Ministries. Financial assistance for medications is also offered at Peach Center, based on the current availability of funds.

Piedmont Community Action (PCA)

1004 Cherokee Ave, Gaffney, SC, 29340, (864) 489-3163

The Piedmont Community Action General Emergency Assistance Program assists in meeting health care emergency needs such as medical prescriptions, and provides information and referrals. It provides housing assistance via financial vouchers.

Income qualification for 2025 is based on 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (Refer to the table on page 1 to find the dollar amount for your household size)

Refugee Cash Assistance

<https://dss.sc.gov/assistance-programs/refugee-resettlement/>

SC Department of Social Services, 113 West Buford Street, Gaffney, SC 29341 (864) 487-2704

The SC Department of Social Services Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) Program allows employable refugees who do not meet TANF guidelines to receive financial assistance for up to 12 months after arrival in the US. The RCA cash benefit amount is the same level as TANF benefits. Eligibility guidelines and other criteria for RCA parallel the federal TANF and State program guidelines. Applications for RCA must be filed at the DSS office in the county where the refugee resides.

Respite Care Payment Assistance

<https://www.scacog.org/news/respice-care-who-what-when-and-where>

(864) 242-9733

The Appalachia Area Agency on Aging, Family Caregiver Support Program helps caregivers with limited, short-term financial vouchers, along with information about community resources.

Salvation Army

<https://southernusa.salvationarmy.org/cherokee-sc>

601 Colonial Ave., Gaffney, (864) 489-2530, GaffneySC@uss.salvationarmy.org

The Salvation Army can provide financial support for energy bills, rent/mortgage, medications, and other areas based on need and currently available funds. They can also provide diapers and formula. Must have proof of income. Social Services hours are Monday – Thursday, 9:00am – 2:00pm, and Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm.

Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System

<https://www.spartanburgregional.com/patients-visitors/financial-assistance> Financial Services (864) 596-1001

Spartanburg Regional has established a Financial Assistance Program for uninsured patients and/or those with limited financial resources. You may qualify for financial assistance if your household income is less than or equal to 200% of the current Federal Poverty Guidelines. (See table on page 1 to determine dollar amount for your household size.)

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

<https://benefitsportal.dss.sc.gov/#/login>

SC Department of Social Services, 113 West Buford Street, Gaffney, SC 29341, (864) 487-2704

The SC Department of Social Services administers the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program (formerly known as Family Independence and Aid to Families with Dependent Children). This is a time-limited program that assists families with dependent children when families cannot provide for their basic needs. To qualify you must be a South Carolina resident, be willing to participate in the TANF work program and pursue child support from parents absent from the household. TANF is designed to serve both single-parent and two-parent families, as well as households with disabled adults.

The primary focus of the program is to help low-income families meet basic needs by providing cash assistance, support services, training, and employment opportunities. Use the webpage link to create an account and apply for benefits. <https://benefitsportal.dss.sc.gov/#/login>

TANF Child-Only Grants

SC Department of Social Services, 113 West Buford Street, Gaffney, SC 29341 (864) 487-2704

If you are caring for a relative other than your child who is under the age of 18 (e.g., your grandchild, niece, nephew, sibling, or other qualifying relative by blood, marriage or adoption), you may qualify for federal TANF cash assistance on behalf of the child to help meet their basic needs.

As a caretaker relative, you have two options:

1. You can choose to receive a TANF Child-Only grant for the child(ren) in your care. If you choose to receive benefits solely for the child(ren), your income and resources will not

impact the TANF cash benefit amount for your household. Certain income/benefits received for the child(ren) may be counted.

2. You may also choose to receive benefits for yourself as well as the child(ren) in your care. If you choose to be in the TANF benefit group, your income, resources, and/or needs will be included when determining the TANF cash benefit amount for your household.

Children receiving kinship care payments, subsidized adoption or guardianship payments, foster care board payments, or SSI benefits, are not eligible for TANF benefits.

The maximum monthly TANF grant amount is \$229 for one child, \$308 for two children, and \$388 for three children.

Unemployment Benefits

<https://dew.sc.gov/index.php/individuals/applying-benefits>

Unemployment Insurance is a temporary program to ease the gap between unemployment and reemployment. It is not meant to replace earnings from a job. Register for unemployment with the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce by creating a MyBenefits Portal Account using this webpage link <https://dew.sc.gov/index.php/individuals/applying-benefits>

Food Assistance

Apply for DSS Programs

SC Department of Social Services, 113 West Buford Street, Gaffney, SC 29341 (864) 487-2704

The South Carolina Department of Social Services Client Eligibility System is an online portal for South Carolinians to apply for food and cash assistance programs. To apply for assistance, create an account using this link <https://benefitsportal.dss.sc.gov/#/login>

Bread From Heaven

<https://www.incarnation-gaffney.org/serving.html>

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, 308 College Drive, Gaffney, SC 29340
(864) 489-6183 Monday – Thursday, 9:00am – 4:00pm

The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation operates the Bread from Heaven food pantry, which is open to all residents of Cherokee County. You must call to make an appointment, and

appointments are scheduled in 15-minute increments. Food is distributed monthly on the third Saturday from 8:30am - 12:00pm.

Brotherly Love Ministries

603 W. Lime St., Blacksburg, SC (704) 470-5124

A free meal and devotion are provided every Saturday, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Cherokee County Meals on Wheels

<https://www.cherokeecountyscmow.org/>

403 W Montgomery St, Gaffney, South Carolina 29341, (864) 487-2730

Monday – Friday, 7:30am – 1:30pm

Cherokee County Meals on Wheels has volunteer drivers who deliver free meals to homes. Recipients must have a medical approval. (This is a form that is sent from the Meals-On-Wheels office to your doctor, if you are not a medical professional making the referral).

To make a referral for a meal recipient, use this webpage link

<https://www.cherokeecountyscmow.org/referral>

If you would like to be a volunteer driver, use this webpage link

<https://www.cherokeecountyscmow.org/volunteer>

Cherokee County Soup Kitchen

119 E Birnie St., Gaffney, SC, (864) 488-9314

Monday – Saturday 11:30am – 12:30pm, Sundays 1:00pm – 2:00pm

The Salvation Army operates the Cherokee County Soup Kitchen. A free lunch is provided every day to anyone who walks through the door.

Clean Start Ministry

Cherokee Gospel Tabernacle, 621 4th St, Gaffney, SC 29341, First Saturday, 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Southside Baptist Church, 204 W. O’Neal St, Gaffney, SC 29341, Last Saturday, 12:00pm - 4:00pm

The Clean Start Ministry provides the homeless with showers, clothing and a hot meal. Haircuts are typically provided, and other services may be available based on the daily volunteers.

FoodShare Fresh Food Box

<https://foodsharesc.org/>

BGEN, 301 N. Limestone St, Gaffney, SC, (864) 649-0880

The FoodShare program was established in 2015 by the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Columbia. The FoodShare Fresh Food Box program is available statewide. KNOW (2) operates the Cherokee County Fresh Food Box program.

Each Fresh Food Box contains 10 - 20+ pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables (10 to 13 different items). The cost for a is \$20 cash, \$21 if using credit card, or \$5 if using a SNAP EBT card (SNAP EBT purchases receive an instant \$15 Healthy Bucks savings from the state).

Orders must be placed before noon on the second and fourth Friday of each month, and boxes are picked up the following week on Thursday from 1pm – 6pm, at BGEN, 301 N. Limestone St, Gaffney.

To order online use this webpage link <https://www.know2cherokee.com/foodshare/> Walk-in orders can be placed at BGEN during each ordering week, from 4pm – 6pm Thursday and 10am – 12pm Friday. For help ordering call (864) 649-0880, or email FoodShareCherokee@gmail.com

G1 Ministry

302 N. Limestone St, Gaffney, SC, (864) 425-2595, PastorPittman@gmail.com

The G1 (God First) Ministry meets outside, behind the Capri Theater at 302 N. Limestone St, Gaffney. They meet every Sunday at 3:00pm, for a message and a meal.

Healthy Bucks – Hub City Farmers Market Double SNAP

<https://dss.sc.gov/assistance-programs/food-and-nutrition-programs/healthy-bucks/>

(803) 898-7626, Program Coordinator Norvell Gibson, healthy-bucks@dss.sc.gov

The SC Department of Social Services Healthy Bucks program gives SNAP EBT users who purchase \$5 of fresh produce an additional \$15 to spend, when they purchase fresh fruits and

vegetables from participating Healthy Bucks Vendors. Click [here](#) for a listing of farmers markets, roadside stands and stores participating in the Healthy Bucks program.

The [Hub City Farmers Market](#), 498 Howard St. Spartanburg, SC participates in the Healthy Bucks Program and SNAP. If you have a SNAP EBT card, you are eligible for Hub City Roots SNAP Matching (Double SNAP). You can double up to \$40 each Saturday, and we'll give you an extra \$15 for fruits and vegetables! That's \$95 to spend on delicious foods for your family. Take full advantage of the program and you can turn \$40 into \$95 at the market each week! For further information on the Hub City Farmers Market programs email jcallahan@hubcityfm.org

Iron City Ministries

<https://ironcityministries.org/>

109 West Cherokee Street, Blacksburg, SC (864) 839-9783

Monday – Thursday, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Iron City Ministries assists individuals and families of Cherokee County with food, clothing, household items, and furniture services. We also provide financial support for energy bills, rent/mortgage, medications, and other areas based on need and currently available funds.

Peach Center Ministries

518 N. Limestone Street, Gaffney, SC – 29340, (864) 489-2549

Monday through Thursday, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Peach Center Ministries provides food distributions through their pantry, operates a clothes closet for essential clothing needs, and provides financial assistance for medical, utility, housing, and other needs when funding is available.

Piedmont Community Action (PCA)

1004 Cherokee Ave, Gaffney, SC, 29340, (864) 489-3163

The Piedmont Community Action (PCA) General Emergency Assistance Program provides financial food vouchers, information and referrals for seniors and disabled persons.

Pure Heart Food Pantry

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/971715833465896>

1742 W. Cherokee St, Blacksburg, SC (864) 492-3024
Monday 2:00pm – 5:00pm, Tuesday 9:00am – 1:00pm

Bring your valid SC ID to receive free groceries.

Senior Center of Cherokee County

<https://sc-cc.org/>

(864) 489-3868, Monday through Friday, 8:00am – 3:00pm

The Senior Center of Cherokee County provides free lunch, and senior services.

Salvation Army

<https://southernusa.salvationarmy.org/cherokee-sc>

601 Colonial Ave., Gaffney, (864) 489-2530, GaffneySC@uss.salvationarmy.org
Social Services hours Monday - Thursday, 9:00am – 2:00pm, and Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm

The Cherokee Salvation Army can provide food assistance to low-income individuals and families. They can also provide clothing vouchers to use at the Salvation Army Thrift Store.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

<https://benefitsportal.dss.sc.gov/#/login>

SC Department of Social Services, 113 West Buford Street, Gaffney, SC 29341 (864) 487-2704

The SC Department of Social Services (DSS) administers the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the Food Stamp Program. SNAP helps low-income households buy nutritious food. Benefits are loaded monthly onto a South Carolina EBT card, which works like a debit card at grocery stores, farmers' markets, and some online retailers like Amazon and Walmart.

Eligibility is based on gross (before taxes) monthly income compared to household size. South Carolina uses 130% of the federal poverty level for most households. Use the table on page 1 to find the 130%-dollar amount for your family size, then divide by 12.

Storehouse Food Giveaway

<https://encounterchurchgaffney.churchcenter.com/calendar/event/159523962>

Encounter Church, 1905 N. Limestone St, Gaffney, SC 29340, (864) 489-1755
Encounter Church provides the Storehouse Food Giveaway on the third Saturday of every month from 8:00am – 10:00am. It is open to all residents of Cherokee County.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

<https://dph.sc.gov/health-wellness/family-planning/women-infants-and-children-wic-nutritionprogram>

South Carolina Department of Public Health, 400 S. Logan St., Gaffney, SC 29341
Appointments required, (855) 472-3432, Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 5:00pm

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) funds the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program. WIC provides supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition information to low-income women who are pregnant or have children aged birth to five. The South Carolina Department of Public Health operates the WIC program.

The WIC income eligibility limits in South Carolina (effective July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026) are based on 185% of the federal poverty level. (Use the table on page 1 to find the 185%-dollar amount for your family size.)

Establish an account and complete the WIC pre-application using this webpage link
<https://apps.dhec.sc.gov/Health/WIC/Home>

Health Care

Access Health Spartanburg

501 Howard St, Suite B, Spartanburg, SC 29303, (864) 560-0190 accesshealth@srhs.com

Access Health is affiliated with the Spartanburg Regional Health System. Access Health Spartanburg serves residents of Spartanburg, Union, and **Cherokee** who do not have health

insurance coverage and are not eligible for Medicaid, Medicare, or VA benefits. The financial qualification is 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (See table on page 1 to determine dollar amount for your household size).

If you do not meet all of those requirements, you may still receive some help. We help everyone, client or not, get in touch with the resources they need.

Birth Matters

<https://birthmatters.org/doula-care-services/>

501 Howard St Suite A, Spartanburg, SC 29303, (864)-69-BIRTH, (864) 692-4784

Monday – Thursday 8:00am – 5:00pm, Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm

No-cost Doula Services for Spartanburg and Gaffney Parents. Email amber@birth-matters.org

Cherokee County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

<https://cherokeerecovery.com/>

201 West Montgomery Street, Gaffney, SC 29341

(864) 487-2721, Director Hollinger Stevens

Call for an appointment. You can walk in to schedule an appointment only on Monday morning from 8:15am – 8:30am, and you will normally be seen the same week.

The office accepts Medicaid and other insurance. CCCADA delivers services under contracts with the SC Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Office of Substance Use Services (OSUS). Services include outpatient treatment (Support Groups), Medication Assisted Treatment (Suboxone - Opioid Use Disorder), Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program, Youth Services, Prevention Services, Gambling Services, Domestic Violence Alternative Program, Anger Management, and Drug Screening.

Cherokee County Health Department

400 S. Logan St., Gaffney, SC 29341, (864) 487-2705, Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 5:00pm

Appointment Line (855) 472-3432

The Cherokee County Department of Public Health (DPH) provide the following services:

- Family Planning - Pap smears, contraceptive services, pregnancy testing and counseling, abstinence education, sexually transmitted infection services, preconception health services.
- Immunizations- Children’s school immunizations and adult immunizations.
- STD/HIV/Hep C - Testing and screening, Hepatitis C testing, treatment, counseling and risk assessment, free condoms, abstinence education.
- Opioid OD Kits - OD Safety Kits containing naloxone, the opioid overdose antidote, as well as fentanyl and xylazine testing strips are available at all DPH clinic sites

Cherokee Mental Health Center

<https://sparmhc.org/Contact-Us> <https://sparmhc.org/>

133 Wilmac Rd., Gaffney, SC, (864) 487-2710, Monday – Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm

Walk-ins Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 3:30pm

The Spartanburg Area Mental Health Center (SAMHC) provides emergency services, case management, outpatient counseling and psychiatric treatment for children, adolescents, adults, and families in Spartanburg, **Cherokee** and Union Counties.

The Cherokee Mental Health Center is our local SAMHC location. Use this website link to view services offered. <https://sparmhc.org/Services>

The SAMHC Crisis Services hotline is (800) 277-1366. If you prefer texting instead of talking, text HELLO to 741-741.

Cherokee Pregnancy Center

1719 Old Georgia Hwy, Gaffney SC 29341, (864) 489-9939, Director Donna Proctor

Monday – Tuesday, 9:00am-5:00pm, Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm

We are a pregnancy center committed to providing women, men and their families with up-to-date information in order to make informed decisions about pregnancy, sexual health and relationships. We operate by appointment and require a photo ID.

We offer the following free and confidential services:

- Pregnancy Testing
- Limited Ultrasound
- Prenatal Vitamins
- Peer Counseling

- Emergency Physical Needs Help
- Adoption Information
- Post Abortion Recovery
- Drive-thru giveaways 2x year
- Earn while You Learn (Mother & Father parenting incentive program, available from pregnancy until child is 18 months old)

Eyeglasses – Cherokee County United Lions Club

<https://www.facebook.com/CherokeeCountyUnitedLionsClub>

Cherokee County United Lions Club motto is “We Serve”, and this local civic club is dedicated to serving the vision needs of those in need in Cherokee County. We know improved sight helps children learn to read, which improves their future. One of our service activities is visiting schools to conduct vision screenings. Another service is providing help paying for glasses, as our funds allow. If you need help paying for glasses, complete and mail the application located at this webpage link

[https://e-clubhouse.org/userfiles/26842/file/CCULC%20Eye%20Care%20application\(1\).pdf](https://e-clubhouse.org/userfiles/26842/file/CCULC%20Eye%20Care%20application(1).pdf)

If you are interested in serving, the club meets every 2nd Wednesday at Aegean Pizza. Arrive between 11:30am and 11:45am to place an order if you wish to purchase lunch. Meeting starts at 12:00.

Eyeglasses – Eye Cooperative

<https://eyecooperative.wixsite.com/eyecooperative>

7821 St Andrews Rd #3183, Irmo, SC 29063, (803) 661-2074

Eye Cooperative is a non-profit organization. This program is designed to serve individuals who need a basic pair of eyeglasses. For those who are uninsured or underinsured, they offer services on a sliding scale based on financial need. Their Gift of Sight Program requires a one-time \$20 program registration fee, and you pay \$12.95 shipping when you order glasses.

The service is similar to Zenni Optical. You upload your current prescription, select frames from the website, and receive your glasses in 2-3 weeks.

Register using this webpage link

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/EyeCooperative1/eyecooperativeregistrationform>

Free Dental Extractions

Spartanburg dental clinic provides free extractions on the first Saturday of each month from 8am – 12pm. Miracle Hill Rescue Mission, 189 N Forest St, Spartanburg, SC

Free Medical Clinic Cherokee County

<https://sc-cc.org/free-medical-clinic.html>

499 W. Rutledge Ave., Gaffney, SC 29341

Appointments are required (864) 514-3141

The [Free Medical Clinic Cherokee County](#) offers primary care, diabetes counseling, prescription assistance, and preventive screenings, all at no cost to patients. This service is available to Cherokee County residents age 18 – 65 who have no medical insurance. The clinic is open every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 1:00 – 3:30pm, and every Wednesday from 9:00am – 12:00pm, and 1:00pm – 4:00pm. The clinic welcomes new patients and volunteers alike.

GriefShare

<https://find.griefshare.org/groups/285263>

First Baptist Church, 200 North Limestone Street, Gaffney, SC 29340, Meeting room is in Life Center (across Floyd Baker Blvd from the sanctuary), Mondays 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Free support group for anyone in the community who is grieving a loss. Feeling angry or full of regret? Are you depressed and wondering how to heal? Do you walk around in a mental fog? All this is normal, and you'll find many grieving people are facing the same struggles. A GriefShare group is a safe place to find support. Contact Blake Hooks for more information, (864) 489-6064.

Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)

The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Health Resources & Services Administration](#) (HRSA) funds about 1,400 health centers, which run more than 16,200 service sites. Get care at a HRSA-funded health center regardless of your ability to pay.

Use the following website link to find HRSA-funded Health Centers

<https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/>

ReGenesis Health Care is the HRSA funded provider for Cherokee County.

Healthy Smiles

151 Dillon Dr, Spartanburg, SC 29307, (864) 592-4696

Healthy Smiles provides free cleanings, procedures, and comprehensive care to children who are uninsured or do not qualify for Medicaid. Free dental care clinics are held on designated days of the week and by appointment only at the Healthy Smiles pediatric dental clinic.

To qualify a child must be 4 - 18 years old, live in Spartanburg or Cherokee County, qualify for a free or reduced-cost school lunch program, and not have private dental insurance or Medicaid.

Contact us at (864) 592-4696 for more information about making an appointment at our free pediatric dental clinic.

Medical Transportation- Healthy Connections Medicaid

<https://www.scdhhs.gov/transportation-beneficiary-information>

(866) 910-7688, Monday – Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm

The SC Department of Health and Human Services pays for non-emergency transportation for doctor appointments, dialysis, x-rays, lab work, drug store or other medical appointments. To qualify you must be a member of the Healthy Connections Medicaid program.

Request a ride by calling ModivCare at (866) 910-7688. You must call at least three days before your appointment. Calls can be made Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If you need to cancel a scheduled ride, please call at least 24 hours in before your scheduled pick-up time.

Medical Transportation – ReGenesis Health Care

<https://www.myrhc.org/transportation-services>

Free transportation services are provided for Cherokee County ReGenesis Health Care patients to and from RHC appointments, referred specialist appointments, and pharmacy visits

When scheduling a pick-up, we ask for at least a 24-hour notice and strive to ensure all requests can be accommodated. Call (864) 582-2411 to request transportation for your next appointment!

Mental Health Resource Guide

Click [here](#) to download a 40-page Cherokee County Mental Health Resource Guide, produced by Cherokee Medical Center. They did a great job serving Cherokee County residents when they produced this guide. It lists local, state and national resources.

New Horizons Health Services

<https://www.newhorizonfhs.org/programs/health-care-for-the-homeless/>

Mobile Health Unit (864) 729-8330

New Horizons [Health Care for the Homeless](#) (HCH) program works closely with Upstate homeless shelters and other health and human service organizations to improve and promote the health of our communities. The Mobile Medical Unit Care Team provides medical care services to individuals experiencing homelessness using a 35-foot mobile medical unit (CARE Team Express) and Sprinter van (CARE Team Express 2) at strategic collaborative partner agency locations throughout thirteen counties of the Upstate. Counties include Abbeville, Anderson, **Cherokee**, Edgefield, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Oconee, Pickens, Saluda, Spartanburg, and Union.

The services covered by the HCH Program include:

- Prescription Medications
- Mental Health Services and Substance Abuse Services
- Limited Specialty Services
- Dental Services
- Primary Care (Case Management, outreach, health education, other services that can help provide access to medical care)

Office of Substance Use Services (OSUS)

<https://www.daodas.sc.gov/>

The SC Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Office of Substance Use Services (OSUS) estimates 451,000 individuals in South Carolina are suffering from substance related problems that require immediate intervention and treatment. To address this need, OSUS contracts with the state's county alcohol and drug abuse authorities to provide the majority of direct prevention, treatment and recovery services to the citizens of South Carolina. OSUS also contracts with a range of public and private service providers, including opioid treatment programs, recovery organizations, hospitals, and community distributors of the overdose antidote naloxone.

Use this website link to find providers that have contracts with the OSUS

<https://www.daodas.sc.gov/services/treatment/local-providers/>

Outside of the Box Therapy

<https://outsideoftheboxtherapy.com/>

206 W. Meadow St, Gaffney, SC (864) 597-9493, Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm
drrogerslarke@outsideoftheboxtherapy.com

Individual, Couples, Family and Reunifications Therapy

Refugee Medical Assistance

<https://dss.sc.gov/assistance-programs/refugee-resettlement/>

Healthy Connections Medicaid Office, 1231 N Limestone St, Unit C, Gaffney, SC 29340.
Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 5:00pm

Refugee Medical Assistance provides a health screening within 30-90 days after arrival, as well as other medical assistance for up to 12 months after arrival in the US. Eligibility guidelines and other criteria parallel the State's Medicaid program guidelines.

ReGenesis Health Care

<https://www.myrhc.org/>

1341 N Limestone St, Gaffney (864) 582-2411

ReGenesis Health Care accepts all insurances, including Medicare and Medicaid, and also provides affordable options based on need and income.

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ReGenesis provides the following services: Adolescent Health, Agricultural Farm Worker Program, Behavioral Health, Chiropractic Care, Dental Care, Men’s Health, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, Primary Care, Tele-Health, and Women’s Health. Further details are available using this webpage link <https://www.myrhc.org/health-services>

ReGenesis Health Care Dentistry

<https://www.myrhc.org/dental-care>

362 N Pine St, Suite C. Spartanburg, SC (864) 398-4185

For new patient appointments call (864) 582-2411

ReGenesis Health Care provides dental services to low-income Cherokee County residents through their Spartanburg office. In some cases, they can provide transportation between their Gaffney office and the Spartanburg location.

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SC Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Effective April 28, 2025, Governor McMaster signed a state law that established the [South Carolina Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities](#) (BHDD). The BHDD is composed of three offices, which provide funding for our local Cherokee County programs. Click the link for each office for further details on services provided by these state offices.

[Office of Substance Use Services](#) (OSUS)

[Office of Mental Health](#) (OMH)

[Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities](#)

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Treatment Locations

<https://www.samhsa.gov/substance-use/treatment/find-treatment>

The HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) funds state and local treatment facilities. Our local facilities include:

Clear Skye Treatment Center

<http://www.medasic.com>

104 Willis Street, Gaffney, SC 29341, (800) 792-9030

Monday – Wednesday 8:30am – 5:00pm, Thursday 10:30am – 7:00pm, Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm

Spartanburg Area Mental Health Center, Cherokee Mental Health Clinic

<https://sparmhc.org>

133 Wilmac Road, Gaffney, SC 29340, (864) 487-2710

American Detox and Residential Treatment Center

<http://www.americandtc.com>

405 West Cherokee Street, Chesnee, SC 29323, (877) 560-9747

Use the following webpage link to search for Treatment locations nationwide

<https://findtreatment.gov/>

Welvista Medication Assistance Program

<https://www.welvista.org/pharmacy-patients/>

The Welvista Medication Assistance Program provides uninsured South Carolina residents with assistance getting your prescription medications. Prescriptions are filled and delivered to your home at no cost to you through Welvista’s Medication Assistance Pharmacy.

To qualify you must have no insurance, proof of South Carolina residency, provide proof of income, and income cannot exceed 300% of the federal poverty level (see chart on page 1 for dollar amount based on your household size). For example, in 2025 a family of 4 can qualify if income is less than \$96,450.

To apply use the following webpage link <https://www.welvista.org/pharmacy-patients/mapapplication-page/> For questions or help completing the form call (803) 933-9183, Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 4:30pm.

Health Insurance

Children's Health Insurance Program

<https://www.scdhhs.gov/>

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) provides low-cost health coverage to children in families that earn too much money to qualify for Medicaid. The program is run in conjunction with the Medicaid program.

You can apply through [Healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov/), and if you are eligible for Medicaid/CHIP, your application will be forwarded to the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. You can also apply for CHIP directly at the SCDHHS website at <https://www.scdhhs.gov/>

Health Insurance Marketplace

<https://www.healthcare.gov/>

The Department of Health and Human Services funds the Health Insurance Marketplace, also known as Obamacare, which provides government subsidized free or reduced-cost health insurance. To qualify for subsidies family income must be below 400% of the Federal Poverty Level. (Use the chart on page 1 to find the dollar amount based on your family size.) To apply use the website at <https://www.healthcare.gov/create-account>

Medicare

<https://www.medicare.gov/>

The Department of Health and Human Services provides funding for the Medicare program. Medicare is a medical insurance program, that is available in 4 parts;

- Part A: Hospital insurance (inpatient care, skilled nursing, hospice).
- Part B: Medical insurance (doctor visits, outpatient care).
- Part C: Medicare Advantage (private plans combining A & B, often with extras).
- Part D: Prescription drug coverage

You select the parts that you want to purchase. Medicare is available to those 65 years or older, those with permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or transplant, those with Lou Gehrig's disease, and disabled people who have been collecting Social Security Disability Insurance

(SSDI) for 24 months or longer. Part A is free if you or your spouse worked for at least 10 years and had Medicare taxes deducted from your paycheck.

Apply at the website <https://www.medicare.gov/>, or request a replacement Medicare card at <https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/>

Medicaid – Healthy Connections

<https://www.medicaid.gov/>

Healthy Connections Medicaid Office, 1231 N. Limestone St, Unit C, Gaffney, SC 29340
(864) 902-4087, Monday-Friday, 8:30am – 5:00pm

Medicaid is an assistance program for low-income patients' medical expenses (hospital care, health center and clinical services, doctor care, nurse care, lab and X-ray services and nursing homes). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services provides 75% of the Medicaid funding, and the State of South Carolina provides the remaining 25%. The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) operates the South Carolina Medicaid program under the name of Healthy Connections.

Healthy Connections provides health coverage to eligible low-income residents. People eligible for coverage include:

- Children with Developmental Delays
- Breast and Cervical Cancer Patients
- Parent and Caretaker Relatives
- People Over the Age of 65
- People with Disabilities
- Pregnant Women

Apply through SCDHHS online at <https://apply.scdhhs.gov/>

Existing Healthy Connections members with questions can call the Member Contact Center at (888) 549-0820, Monday through Friday, 8:00am – 6:00pm.

SC Thrive

<https://scthrive.org/healthcare-coverage/>

(800) 726-8774

SC Thrive is a non-profit organization, and one of its many missions is to help with the Health Insurance benefits application process. They help you explore your options, screen for eligibility, and apply for the healthcare assistance program that best fits your needs and your budget. Whether you're looking for Medicaid, Medicare savings programs, or prescription assistance, SC Thrive can help.

Housing/Shelter Assistance

Clean Start Ministry

Cherokee Gospel Tabernacle, 621 4th St, Gaffney, SC 29341, Pastor Don Paris, (864) 838-5880

The Clean Start Ministry operates a faith-based, 9-bed transitional housing facility for men, located near the 4th Street church. This is not a place for detox; it is a place where men who are already off drugs/alcohol can live while they work and save so they can live independently again.

Gaffney Housing Authority

<https://www.gaffneyha.org/>

125 Beltline Road, Gaffney, SC 29341, (864) 489-3193, Monday – Thursday, 7:00am – 5:00pm

The US [Department of Housing and Urban Development](#) (HUD) designated Public Housing Authority in Cherokee County is the Housing Authority of the City of Gaffney ([PHA SC017](#)). The [Gaffney Housing Authority](#) currently owns and manages 274 public housing units in the City of Gaffney that are for low-income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. These are NOT Section 8 units. Applications for housing can be submitted Monday – Thursday, 7:00am-5:00pm.

Miracle Hill Rescue Mission

<https://miraclehill.org/shelters/cherokee-county/>

227 Henderson St., Gaffney, SC 29341, (864) 488-0376, Director Andy Cooper

The Miracle Hill Cherokee County Rescue Mission is a safe emergency shelter for men, women, and mothers with young children. It provides food, shelter, clothing and compassion for those experiencing homelessness. Men and women are housed in separate dormitory-style wings. The Crisis Shelter Program provides short-term services for guest who desire only temporary shelter. More in-depth services are provided through the New Life Program for guests who seek more comprehensive care. With the help of our counselors and case managers, we aim to move guests toward stability and healthy relationships. Services provided include educational opportunities, basic life skills, discipleship, and free medical help through New Horizons. This facility has 47 shelter beds plus 6 beds for transitional housing. Intake 7:00am - 2:00pm

Piedmont Community Action (PCA)

<https://pcasp.org/>

300-A S. Daniel Morgan Ave, Spartanburg, SC 29306, (864) 585-8183, James Thompson

The [SC Housing Trust Fund](#) (HTF) helps low and very-low income households through three primary programs; Home Repair, Critical Home Repair and Supportive Housing. SC HTF programs work through a network of approved nonprofit sponsors and local governments. [Piedmont Community Action](#) is the South Carolina “HTF Approved Sponsor” for Cherokee and Spartanburg counties. The following programs are available for Cherokee County residents:

Home Repair Program

The Home Repair Program funds exterior and interior essential repairs. The Home Repair Program covers more extensive repairs up to \$75,000, including lead-based paint, asbestos and mold removal. Home Repairs under \$15,000 are provided as a grant. Those over this amount are provided as a “forgivable loan” to the homeowner as long as they maintain the home as their primary residence for the set period.

Critical Home Repair Program

The Critical Home Repair Program funds exterior home repairs that endanger the safety and life of the home, and covers eligible repairs up to \$30,000.

Supportive Housing Program

The Supportive Housing Program funds new construction, acquisition, and acquisition/rehabilitation of rental housing with access to supportive services for special needs populations, such as people with disabilities and people experiencing homelessness.

State Housing Authority

<https://schousing.sc.gov/>

The State Housing Authority was created by Act No. 500 on June 22, 1971. SC Housing is the state-level designated administrator of the National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF). By state law, SC Housing's responsibilities are to investigate housing conditions; acquire, own, and lease personal property; construct, reconstruct, and operate housing developments; and aid in planning and constructing housing for members of the Beneficiary Classes. The Beneficiary Classes are individuals or families whose gross annual income falls within the low or moderate to-low-income limits as defined by State and Federal legislation.

Local Affordable Rental Housing (rent based on income)

- Brookhaven Housing Corporation, Camelia Cir Gaffney, SC 29341 (864) 241-0462
- Christopher Lynn Estates, 269 Beltline Rd Gaffney, SC 29341 (864) 902-0480
- Connecticut Village, 409-A E Junior High Rd Gaffney, SC 29340 (864) 489-7632
- Oliver Court Apartments, 506 S Oliver St Gaffney, SC 29341 (864) 761-0577 or (864) 489-8702
- Redwood Village Apartments, 100 Redwood Cir Gaffney, SC 29341 (864) 487-3312
- Town and Country Apartments, 106 Ellis Ferry Ave Gaffney, SC 296341 (864) 487-7088
- Westwood Apartments, 1022 W Buford St Gaffney, SC 29341 (864) 761-0743

Use the following webpage link to search statewide for SC Housing maintained rental housing.

<https://schousing.sc.gov/renters/search-rentals>

The Prodigals Home

<https://theprodigalshome.com/>

192 Oakwood Road, Jonesville, SC 29353, (864) 300-7025, Director Michael Mcleymore

This is a two-year, faith-based rehabilitation combined with sober living program.

- **Phase 1.** 6 months of structured Discipleship and drug and alcohol rehabilitation
- **Phase 2.** 3 months work force development
- **Phase 3.** 15 months of Reintegration through employment

This resource is located outside Cherokee County, but is included here because they have already helped so many Cherokee County residents. The Prodigals Home Thrift Store located at 202 S. Limestone St in Gaffney, accepts clothing donations, and the funds support the Prodigals Home.

The Quiet Heart Women's Mission

<https://www.thequietheartwomensmission.org/>

103 Shrine Club Road, Gaffney SC 29340, (704) 473-4394, Executive Director Deborah Shelton

The Quiet Heart Women's Mission is a faith-based residential women's facility for ladies, 18 and upward, struggling with substance abuse, behavioral problems, and coming out of abusive homes. We are the women's division of Crossroads Rescue Mission in Shelby, NC. We offer our services completely free of charge, so that anyone who wants help can get help. The Quiet Heart is an initial six-month program that focuses on recovery and restoration. During this "new beginning," each resident will receive sound Bible instruction and focus on life skills to help them in the future.

Legal Assistance

Disability Rights South Carolina

<https://www.disabilityrightssc.org/what-we-do/>

Guardianship or Conservatorship, Probate Court Cherokee (864) 487-2583

LawHelp.org

<https://www.lawhelp.org/sc>

SC Bar Resources

<https://www.scbarsc.org/for-the-public/quicklinks/get-legal-help/>

The SC Bar offers a lawyer referral service, and each participating lawyer agrees to charge no more than \$50 for a 30-minute consultation.

The SC Bar website also has a Free Legal Answers Program, a virtual legal advice clinic in which qualifying users are able to post civil legal questions.

South Carolina Legal Services

www.sclegal.org (888) 346-5592

This is a legal-aid service. South Carolina Legal Services provides free, basic legal services in civil (non-criminal), non-fee-generating legal matters to eligible low-income residents of South Carolina who are U.S. citizens

Additionally, South Carolina Legal Services has developed self-represented litigant resources to provide access to South Carolina courts without the assistance of an attorney. From this website, you can access an interview that will help you complete the self-help forms listed below.

- [Legal Definitions](#): These definitions provide a clear meaning of terms commonly used in law.
- [Legal Library](#): The library includes information about a variety of legal topics.

Self-Help Filing Instructions <https://www.lawhelp.org/sc/self-help-forms>

- Child Support Modification (Plaintiff Increase Instructions)
- Child Support Modification (Plaintiff Decrease Instructions)
- Child Visitation (Plaintiff Instructions)
- Child Visitation (Defendant Instructions)
- Divorce (Plaintiff Instructions)
- Divorce (Defendant Instructions)
- Order of Protection (Petitioner Instructions)
- Living Wills
- Healthcare Power of Attorney
- Physician Order for Scope of Treatment (POST)
- Durable Power of Attorney

Peer Support In-Person Meetings

Al-Anon

<https://www.al-anon-sc.org/>

Gaffney Monday Night Al-Anon Family Group

Gaffney Prayer Room

300 N. Limestone St, Gaffney, SC, Monday 7:00pm

Family, Friends and Observers. Al-Anon is for families and friends of alcoholics.

Alcoholics Anonymous

<https://www.area62.org/>

Foothills Group

Limestone United Methodist Church

117 East Carlisle St, Gaffney SC 29340, Tuesday and Thursday, 6:00pm

Iron City Group

Holly Ridge Presbyterian Church

658 Tribal Rd, Blacksburg SC 29702, Sunday 6:00pm

Narcotics Anonymous

Foothills Group

Limestone United Methodist Church

117 East Carlisle St, Gaffney SC 29340, Sunday and Wednesday, 7:00pm

A Life Worth Living NA

Blacksburg Community Center

103 S. Shelby St., Blacksburg, SC, Monday 6:30pm

Senior Services

Appalachian Council of Governments

<https://www.scacog.org/senior-resources> (864)

242-9733

Appalachian Council of Governments senior advocacy program can help you find, understand, and apply for South Carolina programs that help seniors.

- [Help Pay for Health Care and Prescription Drugs](#)
- [Help with Your Home](#)
- [Help Buying Nutritious Food](#)
- [Help with Cash Assistance](#)

- [Help with Veterans Administration Benefits \(VA\)](#)
- [Help with Other Assistance](#)

Piedmont Senior Housing

<https://pcasp.org>

300 S Daniel Morgan Ave, Spartanburg, SC 29306

(864) 585-8183

Piedmont Community Action (PCA) is the largest independent non-profit in Spartanburg and Cherokee counties. PCA assists more than 50,000 low-income individuals and families annually. Our mission is to provide a nurturing environment where low-income families can seek assistance that helps them to become less dependent upon government assistance. PCA strives to give low-income families a “hand-up”, not a handout, in the direction of self-sufficiency. The housing is not in Cherokee County, but, Cherokee County residents can apply for this housing.



Georgia Manor Apartments 150 Shennandale Drive, Woodruff, SC 29388

Located on Shennandale Circle in Woodruff, SC, this complex consists of 48 1-bedroom apartment homes for the elderly (62+) under the HUD 202 program. These apartments are for moderate-income Seniors, but Section 8 assistance is often available for lower-income Seniors. The apartments are owned by Piedmont Senior Housing, Inc., and sponsored and managed by Piedmont Community Actions, Inc. Property Manager (864) 476-6048



Pleasant Meadows Apartments 600 Mason Road, Inman, SC 29349

Located on Mason Road in Inman, SC, this complex consists of 48 1-bedroom apartment homes for the elderly (62+) under the HUD 202 program. Section 8 assistance is available for all residents. The apartments are owned by Plush Meadow Senior Housing, Inc., and sponsored and managed by Piedmont Community Actions, Inc. Property Manager (864) 473-0440



Poinsett House Apartments 2631 Poinsett Highway, Greenville, SC 29609

Poinsett House Apartments for Seniors is a HUD 202 for those 62 and older, 45 1-bedroom units, a washer/dryer facility room, and a clubhouse made from a beautifully renovated older home. Property Manager (864) 242-9600

Senior Centers of Cherokee County

<https://sc-cc.org/>

499 W. Rutledge Avenue, Gaffney, SC 29341, (864) 489-3868 or (864) 487-2726,
Director Amy Turner

The Senior Center is for independent county residents age 60 and older. Outside you will find a 1/4-mile fenced, paved walking track and a covered area with benches. Inside there is an exercise room/gym with stationary bicycles and treadmills, and a small library of fiction books that seniors can read. There are daily activities such as BINGO, games, music, craft activities, and theme days.

We provide transportation, Monday through Friday, to/from our site for those who need a ride, as well as provide transportation for seniors for essential shopping and to/from medical appointments such as dialysis. Occasionally we take the seniors on day trips.

Senior adults, aged 60+, are invited to attend our weekday group/communal meals. We provide hot, nutritionally balanced, USDA-approved meals, socialization, and nutrition education.

Senior Centers of Cherokee County partners with Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina to provide a nonperishable supplemental box of nutritional food to Cherokee County residents who are 60 years of age or older. Boxes are provided on a monthly basis to eligible individuals.

We partner with SCDSS to provide the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP), which is a seasonal USDA grant program. They provide participants with access to fresh, nutritious, unprocessed food and vegetables from local farmers' markets. This program is designed to increase awareness and use of community markets.

Social Security

Social Security Benefits

<https://www.ssa.gov/>

Spartanburg - (864) 583-8223, 145 N Church St, Spartanburg, SC. Monday - Friday, 9am – 4pm
Shelby - (877) 405-3576, 707 Schenck St, Shelby, NC 28150. Monday - Friday, 9am – 4pm

The Social Security Administration (SSA) administers Social Security benefits. To qualify for Social Security, you generally need to work and pay Social Security taxes long enough to earn 40 credits—typically 10 years of work. You can get monthly Retirement benefits starting at age 62 if you've worked and paid Social Security taxes. In most cases, you can apply while still working.

My Social Security Account

Use your personal [my Social Security](https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/) account to obtain a benefits estimate, benefit verification letter, request a replacement Social Security or Medicare card, apply for benefits, and much more. Sign-up at <https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/>

Access online services at <https://www.ssa.gov/onlineservices/>

Social Security Disability Insurance

<https://www.ssa.gov/disability/disability.html> (800)

772-1213, 8:00am – 7:00pm

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) provides monthly payments to people who are unable to work due to a qualifying disability. SSDI is not needs-based - SSDI is based on your work history, not your current income or assets. SSDI has a five-month waiting period before benefits begin, except for ALS patients, so sign-up immediately.

Eligibility is based on having a disability, which SSA defines as the inability to engage in any substantial gainful activity (SGA) due to a medically determinable physical or mental impairment. The impairment must be expected to last for at least 12 consecutive months or result in death, and the condition must prevent the individual from performing any past relevant work or adjusting to other work. Also, you must have worked and paid Social Security taxes long enough to earn sufficient work credits. For 2025, the SGA monthly income limit is \$1,620 for non-blind individuals and \$2,700 for statutorily blind individuals. If you exceed the SGA limit your SSDI benefits may be suspended or terminated.

If qualified, benefits include monthly payments based on your average lifetime earnings before your disability. After 24 months of SSDI benefits, you become eligible for Medicare, regardless of age.

Supplemental Security Income

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a needs-based federal program that provides monthly payments to help cover food, clothing, and shelter for people who are disabled, blind, or age 65 and older. To qualify for SSI your 2025 income and resources must fall below \$967/month for individuals and \$1,450/month for couples in federal payments, with reductions based on

“countable income”. Countable income is a key concept in means-tested programs where income limits apply. (SNAP, Medicaid, and SSI)

Countable income typically includes:

- **Earned income:** Wages, salaries, self-employment earnings, tips
- **Unearned income:** Social Security benefits, pensions, unemployment, alimony, interest, dividends
- **In-kind support:** Free food or shelter provided by someone else
- **Deemed income:** A portion of a spouse’s or parent’s income (for married individuals or minors)

SSI is administered by the Social Security Administration, but funded by general U.S. Treasury revenues — *not* Social Security taxes.

Survivor Benefits

Survivor benefits provide monthly payments to eligible family members (spouse, divorced spouse, child, or dependent parent) of people who worked and paid Social Security taxes before they died. You can get a monthly payment and may be eligible for Medicare. [Estimate benefits](#) using this website link. <https://www.ssa.gov/survivor/amount>

Veterans Assistance

Alston Wilkes Society

<https://www.alstonwilkessociety.org/>

(864) 345-1299

We offer supportive services for Veterans and their families, including operating two transitional facilities for Veterans experiencing homelessness.

Cherokee County Veteran’s Affairs Office

<https://cherokeecountysc.gov/veterans-affairs/>

110 Railroad Ave, Gaffney (864) 487-2579

Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 5:00pm

The Cherokee County Veteran's Affairs Office is located on the first floor of the County Government Center. They provide Veteran's program assistance, and help obtaining benefits.

Veteran's Housing Assistance Website Links

National Resource Links

- [Seamless Transition Home](#)
- [Veterans and Homelessness](#)
- [Federal Housing Assistance](#)
- [Home Improvements](#)

State Resource Links

- [Veterans Welcome Home and Resource Center](#)

SC Resources for Homeless Veterans

- [Transitions Homeless Center](#)
- [One80 Place](#)
- [Affordable Housing Coalition of South Carolina](#)
- [Alston Wilkes Society](#)
- [Fast Forward](#)
- [Providence Home](#)
- [Volunteers of America](#)
- [ECHO \(Eastern Carolina Housing Organization\)](#)

24/7 Help Lines

Mental Health Crisis

(833) 364-2274

The SC Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities operates this hotline 24/7/365 for anyone experiencing a mental health crisis. Local Teams can respond on-site, with law enforcement if appropriate.

The hotline for people who are deaf or hard of hearing is (803) 339-3339.

National Domestic Violence Hotline

(800) 799-7233

National Human Trafficking Hotline

(888) 373-7888, <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/en>

National Maternal Mental Health Hotline

(833) TLC-MAMA, (833) 852-6262

National Runaway Safe Line

(800) RUN-AWAY

<https://www.1800runaway.org/> <https://www.1800runaway.org/youth-teens/home-free>

Phone and online services for youth at risk of running away, those who have run away, or are homeless. A phone call to this number can get a runaway (12 to 21 years old) a bus ticket home.

Project REST

(864) 583-9803, (800) 273-5066

Restore, Empower, Support and Transform (REST) those affected by domestic and sexual violence. Provides shelter for victims in need, offers support to those who have experienced rape, and implements programs to assist all in living lives free from abuse.

South Carolina Domestic Violence Hotline

(800) 799-SAFE, (800) 799-7233

Spartanburg Area Mental Health Crisis Hotline

(800) 277-1366

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

<https://www.samhsa.gov/>

(800) 662-HELP, (800) 662-4357

The Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration 24-Hour hotline for information and referral assistance to local treatment facilities, support groups and community-based organizations.

Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

Dial 988, or (800) 273-8255

United Way 211 Helpline

Dial 211

Provides free confidential referrals to more than 18,000 statewide programs to assist with food, housing, financial assistance, childcare, utility assistance, and more. Help is available 24/7/365.

Resource Locator Websites

Resource locator websites do not provide direct services, but they lead will you to listings of service providers is different areas.

ChildCare.gov

<https://www.childcare.gov/state-resources/south-carolina>

ChildCare.gov is a Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF) resource locating website.

Child Care Provider Search

<https://abcquality.org/provider-search>

South Carolina state website to locate Child Care providers and view their ratings.

Find Help

https://www.findhelp.org/search_results/29341

This website lists over 2,100 resources for Cherokee County, in the categories of food, housing, goods, transit, health, money, care, education, work and legal.

FindTreatment.gov

<https://findtreatment.gov/> (800) 662-HELP, (800) 662-4357

FindTreatment.gov is a confidential and anonymous resource for persons seeking treatment for mental and substance use disorders.

Free Medical Care Search

The US Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources & Services Administration funds about 1,400 health centers, which run more than 16,200 service sites. [Get care at a HRSA-funded health center regardless of your ability to pay.](#) Find a HRSA-funded Health Center using the search page at <https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/>

GetCareSC.com

<https://www.getcaresc.com/>

GetCareSC is for Seniors, Caregivers, and Adults with Disabilities. You can search for help with Assisted Living, transportation, adult day care, meals, medical supplies, and help with daily chores. Use the link below to locate and compare health care providers, and to find caregiver resources. <https://www.hhs.gov/programs/providers-and-facilities/index.html>

NeedyMeds.org

<https://www.needymeds.org/search-programs?initialSearchTab=clinics>

- Affordable Health Clinics - Our directory includes clinics offering medical, dental, and behavioral health
- Diagnosis Based Assistance - Find a private or government-funded organization offering help with diagnosis related costs.
- Patient Assistance Program (PAP) - Provides free or discounted medicines.
- Coupons, Rebates & Co-pays - Printable coupons, rebates, savings cards, and more.

Rx Assist

<https://www.rxassist.org/patients>

Current and comprehensive directory of Patient Assistance Programs run by pharmaceutical companies to provide free medications to people who cannot afford to buy their medicine.

Substance Use Facilities and Providers

<https://www.daodas.sc.gov/services/treatment/local-providers/>

SC Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (BHDD) Office of Substance Use Services (OSUS) website to search for providers and facilities.

United Way 211

<https://www.sc211.org/#/>

Dial 211 for help finding local resources through the United Way. You can also text the word “help” to 211-211 if you would rather communicate through text messaging, or visit the United Way [211 website](#).

ACRONYMS

AA	Alcoholics Anonymous Peer Support Program
ACOG	South Carolina Appalachian Council of Governments
BHDD	SC Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
CAC	Children’s Advocacy Center
CCDSNB	Cherokee County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
CHIP	Children’s Health Insurance Plan
DMV	Department of Motor Vehicles
DPH	South Carolina Department of Public Health
DSS	South Carolina Department of Social Services
EBT	Electronic Benefits Transfer (Debit Card)
HHS	US Department of Health and Human Services
HTF	SC Housing Trust Fund
HUD	US Department of Housing and Urban Development
LIHEAP	Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
MCHB	HHS Maternal and Child Health Bureau
NA	Narcotics Anonymous Peer Support Program
OMH	BHDD Office of Mental Health
OSUS	BHDD Office of Substance Use Services
PCA	Piedmont Community Action
QDWI	Medicare Qualified Disabled and Working Individuals Program
QI	Medicare Qualified Individual Program
QMB	Medicare Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program
RCA	Refugee Cash Assistance Program
REST	Restore, Empower, Support and Transform

SAMHC	Spartanburg Area Mental Health Center
SAMHSA	HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SCCES	South Carolina DSS Client Eligibility System
SCDHHS	South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
SGA	Substantial Gainful Activity
SLMB	Medicare Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiary Program
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
WIC	Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program