

Lexington County/Midlands Area Resources

Food/Clothing

Mission Lexington: 803-785-6930

Provides human needs such as food, clothing, prescription medication vouchers, baby essentials, school supplies, and disaster recovery. They also provide financial assistance, in some cases, and offer resources and guidance in other areas. Website: <https://www.missionlexingtonsc.org/i-need-help>

Salvation Army of the Midlands: 803-765-0260

They provide disaster relief, Christmas assistance, homelessness prevention services, clothing and furniture vouchers, rent & utilities emergency assistance, food pantry, afterschool programs, and meal service for those who are experiencing homelessness. Website: <https://southernusa.salvationarmy.org/midlands>

***Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP):** 803-785-7333

They provide services to households, individuals, seniors, and the homeless. People who are working and need help to stretch their income to purchase food may also be eligible for SNAP benefits as well as those receiving Social Security benefits, child support, or unemployment. DSS administers SNAP through DSS county offices.

Website: <https://dss.sc.gov/assistance-programs/snap/>

Childcare

ABC Child Care Vouchers: 803-898-2570 - Website: <https://www.scchildcare.org/programs/child-care-scholarship-program/>

Financial Assistance

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF):

They aid low-income families. Families enrolled in the program are offered employment training and placement, childcare and transportation while in employment training, and a monthly stipend all designed to help parents get back to work and maintain self-sufficiency. Website: <https://dss.sc.gov/assistance-programs/tanf/>

State & Federal Resources

Employment

South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department State office: 803-896-6500

This agency helps individuals with barriers achieve employment success and helps businesses find and keep talented employees. 1401 Boston Avenue West Columbia, SC 29171. Website: <https://www.scvrd.net/>

Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW): 1-866-831-1724, relay 711

They promote and support a customer-driven workforce system that facilitates financial stability and economic prosperity for employers, individuals, and communities. 1550 Gadsden St, Columbia SC 29202

SC Works Midlands Lexington Center: 803-359-6131

SC works include re-employment services for job seekers, partner services, business services, and resource rooms for use when filing for unemployment benefits for work online. 671 Main Street West Columbia, SC 29170.

Website: <https://scworks.org/about-us/statewide-centers/midlands>

SC Works Midlands Columbia Center: 803-737-5627

SC works include re-employment services for job seekers, partner services, business services, and resource rooms for use when filing for unemployment benefits for work online. Located at 671 Main Street West Columbia, SC 29170.

Website: <https://scworks.org/about-us/statewide-centers/midlands>

Shelter

Samaritan's Well: 803-785-0129

The Samaritan's Well exists to provide a transitional shelter for homeless women and children. They teach valuable life skills and provide guidance to assist the women and children by navigating them lovingly into independence. Website: <https://www.christcentralministries.org/samaritan-s-well>

Sistercare: 803-765-9428

Sistercare is the only organization that offers specialized shelter and support services for survivors of domestic violence and their children in Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry, and Richland counties.

Website: <https://www.sistercare.org/>

United Way of the Midlands:

Homelessness, children's literacy, and lack of access to healthcare. Website: <https://www.uway.org/>

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: 803-765-5592

Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8), Fair Housing, Homeless Assistance.

https://www.hud.gov/states/south_carolina/offices or <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/>

Legal Assistance

South Carolina Bar: (803)799-7100

Find an attorney or mediator for your case. Website: scbar.org

SC Legal Services: 1-888-346-5592

Free Legal Services including Consumer/Finance, Education, Elder Law, Employment, Family, Health Housing, Income Maintenance/Public Benefits, Immigration/Migrant and Tax. SC Legal Services does not handle criminal cases. Website: <https://sclegal.org/>

Additional State Resources

***SC Medicaid (Healthy Connections):** 888-549-0820

Healthy Connections provides health insurance plans for children who live in families with income at or below 208% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Website: <https://www.scdhhs.gov/>

***DSS (Department of Social Services) Lexington:** 803-785-7333- 1070 S Lake Dr, Lexington, SC 29073- Monday–Friday 8:30am-5:00pm. <https://lex-co.sc.gov/directories/building-directory/departments-social-services>

Attorney General's Office; Department of Crime Victim Compensation: 803-734-1900 Website:

<https://www.scag.gov/inside-the-office/crime-victim-services-division/crime-victim-compensation/>

***DDSN (Department of Disabilities and Special Needs)**

DDSN plans, develops, coordinates and funds services for South Carolinians with the severe, lifelong disabilities of: Intellectual disability and related disabilities | Autism spectrum disorder | Traumatic brain injury | Spinal cord injury and similar disability <https://ddsn.sc.gov/services/overview-ddsn-services>

For additional local & state resources please visit:

- <https://needfulthingscolumbialexingtonsc.org/files/>
- <https://namisc.org/resources/local-and-national-resources/>

*Spanish available over the phone