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SOUTH CAROLINA RESOURCE GUIDE

COUNSELING AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES

ACCESS Network

5710 N. Okatie Highway, Suite B
Ridgeland, SC 29936
Office: (843) 379-5600
Toll-free Office: (800) 403-2437
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm EST
Accept Collect Calls: No
Website: www.access-network.org
Email: access@hargray.com

ACCESS Network is a private, non-profit, community-based health and human services organization that provides counseling, education, referrals, and social services to persons with or affected by: homelessness; substance abuse; sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS; adolescent pregnancy; and other public health issues

Service area: Colleton, Beaufort, Hampton, and Jasper Counties

Work with: People with HIV/AIDS or anyone else in need of services

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Information and referrals via phone or by mail.

Services for survivors after release include: Case management; confidential HIV testing and counseling; nutrition services; support groups for people with HIV/AIDS; personal support programs; financial assistance with rent, utilities, medical care, medications, insurance co-pays, mental health care, dental care, food and household items, substance abuse treatment, transportation, and other support services; an HIV Resource Library and internet access; referrals; and advocacy services.

Services for loved ones include: Confidential HIV testing and counseling; emotional support; support groups; information; and referrals.

Fees: Free

AID Upstate

P.O. Box 105

Greenville, SC 29602
Office: (864) 250-0607
Toll-free Office: (800) 755-2040
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm EST
Accept Collect Calls: No
Website: www.aidupstate.org
Email: info@aidupstate.org

AID Upstate empowers people living with HIV/AIDS through advocacy, direct services, prevention, and awareness.

Service area: Anderson, Greenville, Oconee, and Pickens Counties

Work with: All people living with HIV/AIDS

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Prevention programs at local jails, such as HIV/STD/Hepatitis 101 education; individual advocacy; HIV rapid testing; linkage-to-care for HIV-positive individuals; and referrals to social service programs.

Services for survivors after release include: Case management; HIV testing and counseling; education; financial assistance with prescription medication, vision, and dental care; transportation assistance; short-term rent, mortgage, and utilities assistance; client advocacy; assistance with benefits and drug assistance programs; and community referrals.

Services for loved ones include: HIV testing and counseling; support; education; and information.

Fees: Free

Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons

P.O. Box 1293
Aiken, SC 29802
Office: (803) 649-0480
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm EST
Hotline: (803) 641-4162
Hotline Hours: 24 hours
Accept Collect Calls: Yes
Website: www.cumbeecenter.org
Email: caap_sa@bellsouth.net

The Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons provides comprehensive services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other forms of abuse.

Service area: Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell, Edgefield, McCormick, and Saluda Counties

Work with: All survivors of sexual assault, their friends, and family

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Crisis intervention via the 24-hour hotline or by mail; emotional support; information; and referrals to social service agencies.

Services for survivors after release include: All of the above, as well as long-term counseling; temporary emergency shelter; and support groups.

Services for loved ones include: Crisis intervention; counseling; information; and referrals.

Fees: Free

Family Resource Center

P.O. Box 282
Camden, SC 29020
Office: (803) 425-4357
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm EST
Toll-free Hotline: (800) 585-4455
Hotline Hours: 24 hours
Accept Collect Calls: No

The Family Resource Center (FRC) provides support services to survivors of sexual assault, their families, and friends.

Service area: Kershaw and Lee Counties

Work with: All survivors of sexual assault, their family, and friends

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Crisis intervention via the 24-hour hotline or in-person, by appointment; hospital accompaniment during forensic exams; general advocacy; information, and referrals. Survivors can contact FRC via phone or by mail.

Services for survivors after release include: All of the above, as well as individual counseling.

Services for loved ones include: Crisis intervention; counseling; information; and referrals.

Fees: Free

Additional Information: Support groups may also be available, depending on interest.

Foothills Alliance Sexual Trauma Center

216 E. Calhoun St.
Anderson, SC 21624
Office: (864) 231-7273
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5pm EST
Toll-free Hotline: (800) 585-8952
Hotline Hours: 24 hours
Accept Collect Calls: No
Website: www.foothillsalliance.org
Email: info@foothillsalliance.org

The Foothills Alliance Sexual Trauma Center (STC) is a multi-service program that responds to the needs of child and adult sexual trauma survivors in Anderson and Oconee Counties.

Service area: Anderson and Oconee Counties

Work with: Child and adult survivors of sexual trauma, their family, and friends

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Crisis intervention via the 24-hour hotline or in-person; accompaniment and advocacy at local hospital emergency rooms, law enforcement agencies, and court proceedings; information; and referrals.

Services for survivors after release include: All of the above, as well as individual and family counseling and support groups for adult women survivors of sexual abuse. Support groups for male survivors may also be available, depending on interest.

Services for loved ones include: All of the above.

Fees: Free

Additional Information: The STC does not offer referrals to lawyers or law enforcement agencies.

Hope Haven of the Lowcountry Children’s Advocacy and Rape Crisis Center

P.O. Box 2502

Beaufort, SC 29901

Office: (843) 524-2256

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5pm EST

Toll-free Hotline: (800) 637-7273

Hotline Hours: 24 hours

Accept Collect Calls: No

Website: www.hopehavenlc.org

Email: hope7@islc.net

Hope Haven is a non-profit organization that responds to the needs of child and adult survivors of rape, sexual assault, and incest.

Service area: Allendale, Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper Counties

Work with: All child and adult survivors of rape, sexual assault, and incest and their non-offending family and friends. Hope Haven will provide immediate crisis intervention to any survivor who contacts them. For survivors convicted of crimes against children, Hope Haven will provide appropriate referrals for ongoing support services.

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Crisis intervention via the 24-hour hotline, by mail or in-person, by arrangement; advocacy and accompaniment at local hospital emergency rooms during forensic exams; information; and referrals.

Services for survivors after release include: All of the above, as well as long-term counseling and support groups for adult women survivors of sexual abuse. Support groups for male survivors may also be available, depending on need.

Services for loved ones include: Crisis intervention; counseling; information; and referrals.

Fees: Free

Additional Information: Specialized services for child survivors of sexual assault are also available through the Children’s Advocacy Center. Contact Hope Haven for more information about these and other services.

Lowcountry AIDS Services

3547 Meeting Street Road

Charleston, SC 29405

Office: (843) 747-2273

Toll-free Office: (877) 874-0230

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm EST

Accept Collect Calls: No

Website: www.aids-services.com

Email: information@aids-services.com

Lowcountry AIDS Services (LAS) provides free, confidential services to people infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS in the tri-country area. LAS is the only comprehensive HIV/AIDS service provider in the tri-county area.

Service area: Berkley, Charleston, and Dorchester Counties

Work with: All people infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Information and referrals via phone or by mail.

Services for survivors after release include: Case management; support groups; basic legal services, such as assistance with wills, powers of attorney, landlord/tenant issues, health insurance, and domestic legal issues; advocacy; housing assistance, such as limited mortgage, rental, and utility assistance to eligible clients; the Nutrition Center, which provides nutrition information and may provide limited food and nutritional supplements for qualified clients; and free, confidential HIV testing at the LAS North Charleston offices and throughout the Lowcountry.

Services for loved ones include: Free, confidential HIV testing; information; and referrals.

Fees: Free

Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services

2638 Two Notch Road, Suite 108

Columbia, SC 29204

Office: (803) 779-7257

Toll-free Office: (800) 922-7319

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5pm EST

Accept Collect Calls: No

Website: www.palss.org

Email: info@palss.org

Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services (PALSS) offers free services to people who have been diagnosed with, or are at risk of contracting, HIV/AIDS and their loved ones.

Service area: Eight counties in the Midlands area

Work with: All people living with HIV/AIDS, their families, friends, and loved ones

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Information by phone or via mail and prevention education programs for prisoners at four South Carolina Department of Corrections' facilities, including Broad River Correctional Institution, Goodman Correctional Institution, Camille Griffin Graham Correctional Institution, and Watkins Pre-Release Center. For more information about these groups, contact the appropriate staff person at your facility or contact PALSS directly. Inmates who will be released to the Midlands area can contact PALSS to arrange for an intake after their release.

Services for survivors after release include: Case management; rapid HIV testing and counseling; comprehensive counseling services for people with HIV at risk of infecting others; help with everyday needs such as food, housing, and medical attention; financial assistance with housing needs; a food pantry; monthly support groups for people living with HIV/AIDS; transportation assistance; TB testing; access to computers with internet; and referrals for other needed services.

Services for loved ones include: HIV testing; counseling; and emotional support for clients' families, friends, and loved ones.

Fees: Free

Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Assault

P.O. Box 1351

Florence, SC 29503

Office: (843) 669-4694

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm EST

Hotline: (800) 273-1820

Hotline Hours: 24 hours

Accept Collect Calls: No

Website: www.peedeecoalition.org

Email: apowell@peedeecoalition.org

Pee Dee Coalition is a non-profit organization that provides services to survivors of child abuse, sexual assault, and domestic violence in the Pee Dee Region.

Service area: Chesterfield, Florence, Darlington, Dillon, Heartsville, Lake City, Marion, Marlboro, and Williamsburg Counties

Work with: All survivors of sexual assault, their friends, and family

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Crisis intervention via the 24-hour hotline or by mail; accompaniment and advocacy at hospital emergency rooms, courts, and law enforcement offices; information; and referrals.

Services for survivors after release include: All of the above, as well as short-term counseling.

Services for loved ones include: Crisis intervention; support; information; and referrals.

Fees: Free

Rape Crisis Center of Horry and Georgetown Counties

P.O. Box 613

Myrtle Beach, SC 29578

Myrtle Beach Office: (843) 448-3180

Georgetown Office: (843) 545-5198

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm EST

Hotline: (843) 448-7273

Hotline Hours: 24 hours

Accept Collect Calls: No

Website: www.victimtosurvivor.org

Email: info@victimtosurvivor.org

The Rape Crisis Center of Horry and Georgetown Counties is a private, non-profit organization that provides services that lay the foundation for the healing process to all survivors of sexual victimization - women, children, and men - their families, and friends.

Service area: Horry and Georgetown Counties

Work with: All survivors of sexual victimization and their loved ones. The Rape Crisis Center of Horry and Georgetown Counties will provide immediate crisis intervention to any survivor who contacts them. For survivors convicted of sex crimes, the Rape Crisis Center will provide appropriate referrals for ongoing support services.

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Crisis intervention via the 24-hour hotline or by mail; in-person accompaniment at hospital emergency rooms and courts for sexual assault cases; information; and referrals.

Services for survivors after release include: All of the above, as well as short-term counseling.

Services for loved ones include: Crisis intervention; counseling; information; and referrals.

Fees: Free

SAFE Homes Rape Crisis Coalition

236 Union Street

Spartanburg, SC 29302

Office/Local Hotline: (864) 583-9803

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5pm EST

Toll-free Hotline: (800) 273-5066

Hotline Hours: 24 hours

Accept Collect Calls: Yes, with prior arrangement

Website: www.shrcc.org

Email: shrcc@aol.com

SAFE Homes Rape Crisis Coalition provides services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Service area: Cherokee and Spartanburg Counties

Work with: All survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, their friends, and family

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Crisis intervention via the 24-hour hotline or by mail; hospital accompaniment and advocacy during the medical process; police and court accompaniment and advocacy; information; and referrals.

Services for survivors after release include: All of the above, as well as individual and group therapy; case management; and follow-up.

Services for loved ones include: Crisis intervention; support; information; and referrals.

Fees: All services are free except for therapy. A sliding scale is used for therapy services, and fees range from \$1-35 per session. SAFE Homes can assist survivors to obtain State Office of Victim Assistance funds.

Safe Passage

P.O. Box 11458

Rock Hill, SC 29731

Office: (803) 327-7558

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-6pm EST

Local Hotline: (803) 329-2800

Toll-free Hotline: (800) 659-0977

Hotline Hours: 24 hours

Accept Collect Calls: Yes
Website: www.safepassagesc.org
E-mail: spscinfo@safepassagesc.org

Safe Passage provides comprehensive services to survivors of domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual trauma.

Service area: Union and York Counties

Work with: All survivors of sexual trauma and child abuse, their family, and friends

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Crisis intervention via the 24-hour hotline or by mail; hospital accompaniment during forensic exams; court advocacy related to sexual assault cases; information; and referrals.

Services for survivors after release include: All of the above, as well as individual counseling and support groups.

Services for loved ones include: Crisis intervention; counseling; information; and referrals.

Fees: Free

Sexual Trauma and Counseling Center

P.O. Box 693

Greenwood, SC 29648

Office: (864) 227-1623

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8am-5pm and Friday, 8am-2pm EST

Toll-free Hotline: (888) 297-4546

Hotline Hours: 24 hours

Accept Collect Calls: No

Website: www.sexualtraumacenter.org

Email: stcc@meta-net.net

Sexual Trauma and Counseling Center is a non-profit agency specializing in providing services for adult and child sexual trauma survivors and their families.

Service area: Abbeville, Greenwood, and Laurens Counties

Work with: All survivors of sexual trauma and their loved ones

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Crisis intervention via the 24-hour hotline or by mail; accompaniment and advocacy in the emergency room to assist survivors through medical procedures at the hospital; legal advocacy to assist survivors through legal procedures in court and at law enforcement offices; a support group for sexual assault survivors at Leath Correctional Institution; information; and referrals. For survivors interested in joining the support group, please contact an appropriate staff member at the prison.

Services for survivors after release include: All of the above, as well as individual counseling; a support group for adult survivors of sexual violence; and a lending library with educational materials.

Services for loved ones include: Crisis intervention; counseling; information; and referrals.

Fees: Free. For survivors of sexual abuse under the age of 18, services are provided at minimal or no cost. No one is turned away for lack of ability to pay.

South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

P.O. Box 7776

Columbia, SC 29202

Office: (803) 256-2900

Toll-free Office: (800) 260-9293

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm EST

Accept Collect Calls: Yes

Website: www.sccadvasa.org

Email: rwilliams@sccadvasa.org

The South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (SCCADVASA) is a statewide coalition of all domestic violence shelters and rape crisis centers in South Carolina. SCCADVASA supports domestic violence and sexual assault member programs, provides education, and advocates for social reform to eradicate interpersonal violence in South Carolina.

Service area: South Carolina

Work with: Survivors of sexual assault and their loved ones, sexual assault programs, and allied professional groups

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Information and referrals to the nearest rape crisis center via phone or by mail and a directory of affiliated rape crisis centers on the SCCADVASA website.

Services for survivors after release include: All of the above.

Services for loved ones include: All of the above.

Fees: Free

Additional Information: Other SCCADVASA services include: membership services and outreach; prevention education; professional training; and public policy advocacy.

Upper Savannah Care Services

P.O. Box 3203

Greenwood, SC 29648

Office: (864) 229-9029

Toll-free Client Line: (800) 604-4045

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm EST

Accept Collect Calls: No

Website: www.usccgleams.org

Email: jasonwilliams@usccgleams.org

The Upper Savannah Care Services is a non-profit organization whose mission is to coordinate medical, support, and prevention services to empower people with HIV/AIDS and their families to make informed decisions regarding care and services.

Service area: Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, and Saluda Counties

Work with: Anyone in need of services, including people with HIV/AIDS, their friends, and family

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Information and referrals by phone or via mail.

Services for survivors after release include: Medical case management, which includes referrals and financial assistance for medical care, prescription drugs, and dental care; food vouchers; financial assistance with rent, mortgage, and utilities; individual counseling; support groups for people living with HIV/AIDS; information; and referrals.

Services for loved ones include: Information and referrals.

Fees: Free

YWCA of the Upper Lowlands, Inc.

246 Church Street

Sumter, SC 29150

Office: (803) 773-7158

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm EST

Hotline: (803) 773-4357

Hotline Hours: 24 hours

Accept Collect Calls: No

Website: www.ywca.org/upperlowlands

Email: afhudley@ywcasumter.org

The YWCA of the Upper Lowlands, Inc. provides comprehensive services to survivors of sexual assault and their loved ones.

Service area: Clarendon and Sumter Counties

Work with: All survivors of sexual assault, their friends, and family

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Crisis intervention via the 24-hour hotline or by mail; hospital accompaniment during forensic exams; legal advocacy and court accompaniment for sexual assault cases; information; and referrals.

Services for survivors after release include: All of the above, as well as counseling and support groups.

Services for loved ones include: Crisis intervention; counseling; information; and referrals.

Fees: Free

LEGAL RESOURCES

Lambda Legal: Southern Regional Office

730 Peachtree Street, NE, Suite 1070

Atlanta, GA 30308-1210

Phone: (404) 897-1880

Website: www.lambdalegal.org/sro

E-mail: legalhelpdesk@lambdalegal.org

Lambda Legal is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people, and those with HIV through impact litigation, education and public policy work. The Southern Regional Office provides services for those who are located in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

Help Desk Hours (Eastern Standard Time):

Mondays: 2-4pm

Wednesdays: 2-4pm

Thursdays: 10am-12pm

If Help Desk staff are busy helping other callers, your call will be routed to the Legal Help Desk voicemail. Please leave the following information: name, state, contact info, best time to reach you, and a brief message outlining your legal inquiry. A Help Desk staff person will return your call.

It is usually most efficient for Help Desk callers to contact Lambda Legal by phone. If you are in a place where you are not able to make long distance calls, Lambda can make an appointment to call you. If you are absolutely unable to call, you may e-mail Lambda Legal at legalhelpdesk@lambdalegal.org or write to the addresses above.

South Carolina Bar Lawyer Referral Service

P.O. Box 608

Columbia, SC 29202

Statewide Hotline: (800) 868-2284

Columbia and Lexington Counties Hotline: (803) 799-7100

Website: www.sctbar.org/public_services/find_a_lawyer/

Email: sctbar-info@sctbar.org

The South Carolina Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) is a program of the South Carolina Bar Association Foundation which provides the name of an attorney in a particular area of law based on geographic location to a member of the public. LRS is not a reduced fee or pro bono (free) service. When you contact the LRS toll-free number, an LRS specialist will ask you a series of questions. The specialists are not attorneys and cannot provide legal advice. You will be given the name and telephone number of an attorney who handles cases in the area of law that addresses the problem. The attorney will receive a confirmation of the referral. If the attorney is not able to assist you with the legal problem, you may contact LRS again for another referral. You will receive one referral per legal matter per call. There is no charge for this service, but a consultation fee of \$50 will be due at the time of your appointment with the lawyer.

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

Inmate Grievances, Office of the General Counsel, South Carolina Department of Corrections

4444 Broad River Road

Columbia, SC 29210

Office: (803) 896-1476

Prisoners who have been sexually assaulted in a South Carolina Department of Correction's facility can contact Inmate Grievances, Office of the General Counsel to report the assault and any concerns regarding the handling of investigations into such abuse.

JDI has directly contacted each organization listed in the Resource Guide in hopes of pointing survivors toward those currently accepting new clients. However, the inclusion of any group or individual in the Resource Guide does not necessarily constitute an endorsement or recommendation by JDI, nor can JDI guarantee the availability of the services described here.