



# PICAYUNE SCHOOL DISTRICT HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2021-2022





**SECTION 1: THE DEMOGRAPHIC MAKE-UP OF HEAD START ELIGIBLE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INCLUDING THEIR ESTIMATED NUMBER, GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION, AND RACIAL AND ETHNIC COMPOSITION.**

Pearl River County (PRC) is a predominantly rural county located in south Mississippi on the western border of the state, near the state of Louisiana (see Figure 1 for county map for Mississippi). U.S. Census estimates puts the population of Pearl River County at 55,072 (2013). The county seat of Pearl River County, MS is Poplarville; however, the largest city in the county is Picayune, which is the business and medical center of the county. The county has a total area of 818.93 square miles of which 811.33 square miles (or 99.07%) is land and 7.60 square miles (or 0.93%) is water. There are three incorporated communities: Picayune, Poplarville and Lumberton (mostly in Lamar County) and seven unincorporated communities. Picayune School District (PSD) Early Head Start service areas include the town of Picayune and communities assigned to the three school districts within Pearl River County which are as follows: Picayune-zip code, 39466 (includes Caesar, Cybur, Goodyear, Greenbrier Park, Industrial Park and Richardson, Henleyfield, Mill Greek, and Ozona); Carriere zip code, 39426; Poplarville zip code 39470 (includes some parts of Lumberton, MS). There are two towns in Pearl River County (Picayune and Poplarville). We will be serving these towns as well as all of the unincorporated communities within the Picayune and Poplarville, MS areas. Demographics for the areas in Pearl River County targeted in this proposal are included below.

<b>City / Area</b>	<b>Pop. Estimate</b>	<b>% age 0-5</b>	<b>Race / Ethnicity</b>
Pearl River County	55,049	5.7%	White: 81.7% Black: 12.5% Hispanic: 3.2% Multi-Racial: 1.9% Other: 0.7%
Picayune (town)	10,528	5.8%	White: 55.2% Black: 39.0% Hispanic: 3.6% Multi-Racial: 1.6% Other: 0.6%
Poplarville (town)	2,942	5.3%	White: 65.0% Black: 29.0% Hispanic: 2.0% Multi-Racial: 4.0%
<b>Source:</b> U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates			

In reviewing indicators for student readiness and school readiness in Pearl River County, the need for establishing at-risk criteria for children in need of services became apparent. According to the 2018 Early Head Start Community Assessment, Pearl River County is an area of high poverty and high need. Community assessment data showed that over 17.9 % of individuals live below the poverty line (about 1.5 times the rate in U.S.) with a median family income of \$47,757 and an individual per capita income (3-year estimate) of \$22,136 (which is 1/3 less than of the amount in the United States average). Additionally, only 10.6% of the population has a Bachelor’s degree or higher, which is about half the rate in the U.S. According to County Health Rankings provided the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation , 2018 trends indicate that Pearl River County has:

high child poverty (32.9% compared to 20% nationally); an increasingly high infant mortality rate (8 deaths per 1,000 live births, compared to 5.8 nationally, 4 among top U.S. performers); high teen pregnancy rates (42 per 1,000 females aged 15-19 compared to 18.8 for the U.S. and 15 for top U.S. performers); a high prevalence of babies born of low birth weight (10% compared to 8.28% for the U.S. and 6% for top U.S. performers); and 13.9 % of all new mothers were without a high school diploma (Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, National Center for Health Statistics, and Mississippi State Department of Health). Also, according to the Mississippi Department of Education, about 81% of students in Pearl River County are eligible to receive a free lunch or family at or below 130% poverty level), so all children, Pre-K through grade 12 in Picayune and Poplarville School Districts and children K through grade 6 in the Pearl River County School District were deemed community eligible to receive free meals through the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). Further, the high need has facilitated Picayune School District to also provide free meals during evening hours (4:30 – 6:00 pm) so that students (particularly those in poverty) have access to three healthy meals each day. Eligibility criteria included percentage of families receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), as well as homeless, runaway, Head Start, and migrant youth.

**Table 2: Children Under Age 5 Living Below the Federal Poverty Level (BFPL) in Pearl River County compared to US** (▲ Higher than National Average; ▼ Lower than National Average)

County	Number of Children under age 5	Number of children under age 5 living below FPL	Percent of Children age 5 living BFPL	Total Eligible Children	U.S.
Pearl River	3,093	1,019	32.9% ▲	1,019	20%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder, Population Estimates 2017; Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Supplementary Survey, 2001 Supplementary Survey, 2002 through 2018 American Community Survey

**Table 3: Number and Percent of Individuals / Families in Poverty in Pearl River County compared to U.S.**

	Total in Poverty PRC	Percent below BFPL - PRC	U.S. - BFPL
Individuals	9,556	17.9% ▲	11.8%
Families with children under 5	1,196	30.9% ▲	20%
Married	811	17.9% ▲	7%
Female Household, no husband	288	64.2% ▲	31%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates; Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Supplementary Survey, 2001 Supplementary Survey, 2002 through 2018 American Community Survey.

**Table 4: Jobless / Unemployment Rates in Pearl River County compared to U.S.**

	PRC	U.S.
Unemployment Rate	4.7% ▲	4%
Children Under age 6 with no parent in workforce	13.5% ▲	8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates; Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 - 2017 American Community Survey

**Table 5: Median Household Income in Pearl River County compared to U.S.**

	PRC	U.S.
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$22,136 ▼</b>	\$31,177
<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$47,757 ▼</b>	\$57,652

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

**Table 6: Community Health Factors in Pearl River County compared to Top U.S. Performers**

	PRC	Top U.S. Performers
<b>Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch</b>	<b>81% ▲</b>	33%
<b>Uninsured Adults</b>	<b>21% ▲</b>	7%
<b>Uninsured Children</b>	<b>5% ▲</b>	3%
<b>Ratio of Primary Care Physicians</b>	<b>3,940:1 ▲</b>	1,030:1
<b>Ratio of Dentists</b>	<b>5,030:1 ▲</b>	1,280:1
<b>Ratio of Mental Health Providers</b>	<b>2,400:1 ▲</b>	330:1
<b>High School Grads</b>	<b>75% ▼</b>	95%
<b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1000 females 15-19)</b>	<b>42 ▲</b>	15
<b>Food Insecurity</b>	<b>16% ▲</b>	10%
<b>Severe Housing Problems</b>	<b>15% ▲</b>	9%
<b>Long Commute to Work</b>	<b>48% ▲</b>	15%

Source: Mississippi County Health Rankings, 2018

## SECTION 2: OTHER CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND CHILD CARE PROGRAMS THAT ARE SERVING HEAD START ELIGIBLE CHILDREN, INCLUDING PUBLICLY FUNDED STATE AND LOCAL PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS, AND THE APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF HEAD START ELIGIBLE CHILDREN SERVED

Picayune School District Early Head Start is the service area's primary provider of comprehensive early childhood services for 202 infants, toddlers, and pregnant women. Further, as the grantee for the EHS Child Care Partnership in the service area, we are able to ensure that additional families in the community who need extended hour and extended day services have access to quality childcare at no-cost via our child care partners. The analysis of access to other early childhood education programs and services, and estimated number of EHS eligible children who are receiving child care subsidy indicates that in 2017, about 9,700 families and 17,000 children in Mississippi received subsidy funds per month. About 25% (4,250) of these children were preschoolers aged 3-5 (ACF-801 data for FY 2017; February 2019). However, there are currently only 103 preschoolers are currently receiving child care subsidies in Pearl River County, MS (MDHS DECCD Public Records Request, Oct 2019). There are currently 22 licensed child care providers in Pearl River County MS, with the capacity to provide services for over 1000 preschoolers; however, less than half 10 of 22 (45%) of child care providers are enrolled in the state subsidy program. Further, with only 103 preschool-aged children in the county being approved for subsidy slots, many of these children at highest risk for difficulties are not being served. Given the widespread poverty in the area and the scarcity to which state child care subsidies are available in Pearl River County, MS, families would not be able to afford to pay the high costs of child care, thereby making it increasingly likely that the bulk of these children are being cared for by extended families, friends, and neighbors.

**Table 7. Current Licensed Child Care Centers in Pearl River County, MS**

CHILD CARE NAME	AGES	CAPACITY	SUBSIDY	FULL DAY
1ST BAPTIST CARRIERE	3-5	30	NO	NO
ANNIE'S KINDERGARTEN & DAYCARE	0-5	59	YES	YES
PRCC CHILD DEV. LAB SCHOOL	0-5	50	YES	YES
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EARLY ED	2-5	150	NO	NO
FIRST BAPTIST PLAYSCHOOL	3-5	50	NO	NO
KIDS CLUBHOUSE	5-12	64	NO	YES
KIDS KINGDOM	0-5	95	YES	YES
KIDS KORNER LEARNING CENTER	0-5	150	YES	YES
KIDS' KAMPUS, POPLAVILLE	0-5	80	YES	YES
KREATIVE KINGDOM CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER	0-5	95	YES	YES
LEANNE'S LEARNING CENTER	0-9	49	YES	YES
LINDA'S FAMILY CHILD CARE	0-5	17	YES	YES
MCCARTY LEARNING CENTER	0-12	125	YES	YES
PICAYUNE SCHOOL DISTRICT HEAD START – PICAYUNE	3-5	201	NO	YES
PICAYUNE SCHOOL DISTRICT EARLY HEAD START - ROSA	0-3	90	NO	YES
PICAYUNE SCHOOL DISTRICT EARLY HEAD START - NICHOLSON	0-3	90	NO	YES
PICAYUNE SCHOOL DISTRICT HEAD START – POPLARVILLE	1-5	65	NO	YES
RENEE'S AFTERSCHOOL	5-12	22	NO	NO
ST CHARLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL	2	8	NO	YES
THE PLAID APPLE PRESCHOOL	2-9	48	NO	YES
UNION BAPTIST KINDERGARTEN	3-5	50	NO	NO
WEE WISDOM LEARNING CENTER	0-5	70	YES	YES

Source: MS State Department of Health Licensed Child Care Facilities (active status)

### **SECTION 3: THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES FOR YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER, INCLUDING TYPES OF DISABILITIES AND RELEVANT SERVICES AND RESOURCES PROVIDED TO THESE CHILDREN BY COMMUNITY AGENCIES**

PSD is committed to enrolling children with disabilities and ensures at least ten (10%) percent of the enrollment opportunities are available to children with significant disabilities (as defined by the IDEA Part B Lead Agency). As always Child Find efforts are coordinated with a network of community partners, including our 3 current LEA partners (Picayune School District, Pearl River County School District, and Poplarville School District) in identifying and recruiting children with disabilities. Further, program management and staff identify children with disabilities at enrollment and during the course of program participation via the screening/ referral process. Continuous Quality Improvement efforts will ensure that information and resources represent the

population and that strategies guiding these efforts are planned and intentional. The program ensures that staff engaged in recruitment and enrollment of children are knowledgeable about the provision of 45 CFR Part 84, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving of Benefitting from Federal Assistance, and of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101). PSD will access resources and plans for placement options, such as dual placement, use of resources staff and training so that a child with a disability for who Head Start is an appropriate placement according to the IEP is not denied enrollment because of: a) Staff attitudes and/or apprehensions; b) Inaccessibility of facilities; c) Need to access additional resources to serve a specific child; d) Unfamiliarity with disabling condition or special equipment, such as prosthesis; and e) Need for personalized special services such as feeding, suctioning, and assistance with toileting, including catheterization, diapering, and toilet training.

The same policies governing Head Start program eligibility for other children, such as priority for those most in need of the services, applies to children with disabilities. The program takes the following factors into account when planning enrollment procedures: a) The number of children with disabilities in the Head Start service area including types of disabilities and their severity; b) The services and resources provided by other agencies; and c) State laws regarding immunization of preschool children. The recruitment efforts will include recruiting children who have severe disabilities, including children who have been previously identified as having disabilities. These efforts will include outreach to other agencies, resulting in referrals and acceptance of children with severe disabilities. Recruitment materials will state clearly that the program seeks and serves children with disabilities.

PSD has long-standing existing collaborative partnerships with Part C - Early Intervention (First Steps) as well as Part B-Early Intervention agencies all over Pearl River County (Picayune School District Exceptional Education; Pearl River County School District Student Services; Poplarville School District Exceptional Education) for children who turn 3 while enrolled in our EHS program. The MOUs give specific detail to the process of providing referrals, intervention services, and the creation of Individual Education Plans for children with disabilities. Within the first 45 days of a child's first day of attendance (with parental consent), health, education, mental health, and disability managers will conduct developmental screenings to identify delays or potential disabilities. All findings are discussed with the parent and the parent will work with the team in making the decision as to whether the child is referred to an LEA for further evaluation. If the screening shows that further tests are needed, parental permission will be secured and school psychologist within the school district would begin the process of evaluation which would lead to intervention services provided by special education staff within the school system. The child's Individual Educational Plan (IEP) will be created by a team, which includes the parent, teacher, Mental Health Coordinator, Disability Coordinator, LEA Early Interventionist, and as well as other staff as needed. Through these agreements, children with disabilities will be fully enrolled in Head Start. Both the Disability and Mental Health Coordinators will ensure the individual needs of children eligible for services under IDEA are met, the program: a) Work closely with the local agencies responsible for implementing IDEA, the family, and other service partners, as appropriate, to ensure: services for a child with disabilities are planned and delivered as required by their IEP, as appropriate; children are working towards the goals in their IEP; elements of the IEP that the program cannot implement are implemented by other appropriate agencies, related service providers and specialists; IEPs will be reviewed and revised, as required by IDEA; and services will be provided in a child's regular Head Start classroom to the greatest extent possible.

**SECTION 4: DATA ATION, HEALTH, NUTRITION AND SOCIAL SERVICE NEEDS OF HEAD START ELIGIBLE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**SEE OUTCOMES FOR PEARL RIVER COUNTY BELOW.**

<https://www.winmeasures.org/statistics/winmeasures/mississippi/pearl-river-county-health>

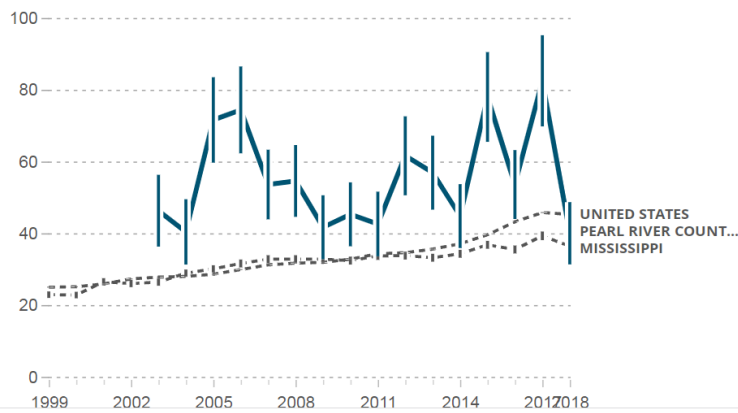
What is the rate of "deaths of despair" in Pearl River County, Mississippi?

**Deaths from Drugs, Alcohol, and Suicide per 100,000 Pop.**

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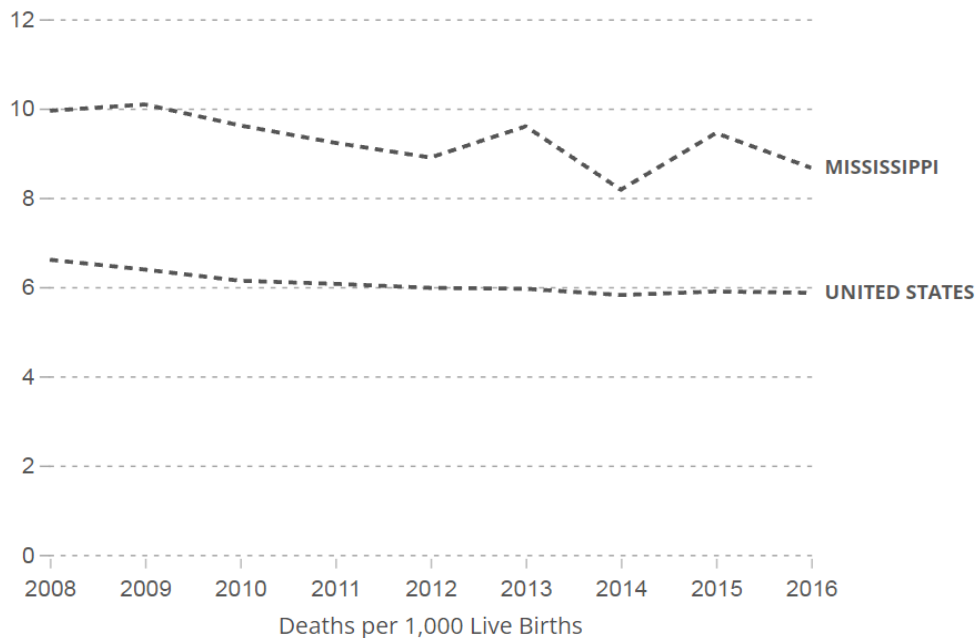
Deaths per  
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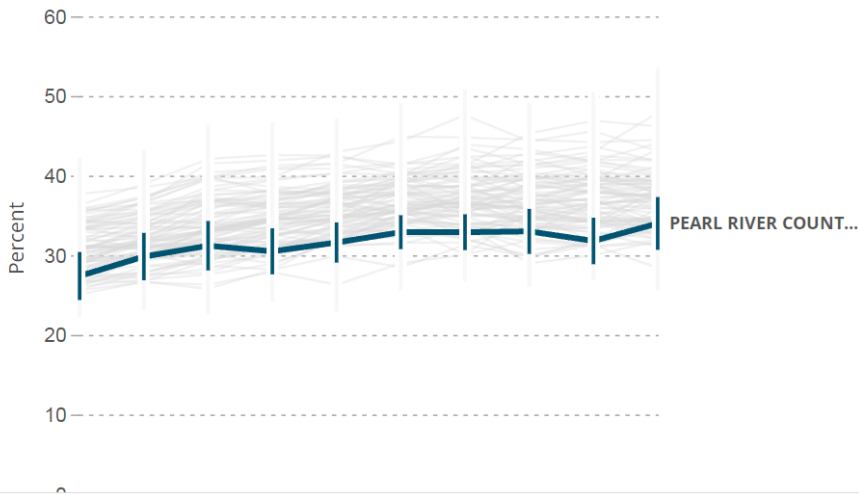
**Infant Mortality**





# What percentage of adults are obese in Pearl River County, Mississippi?

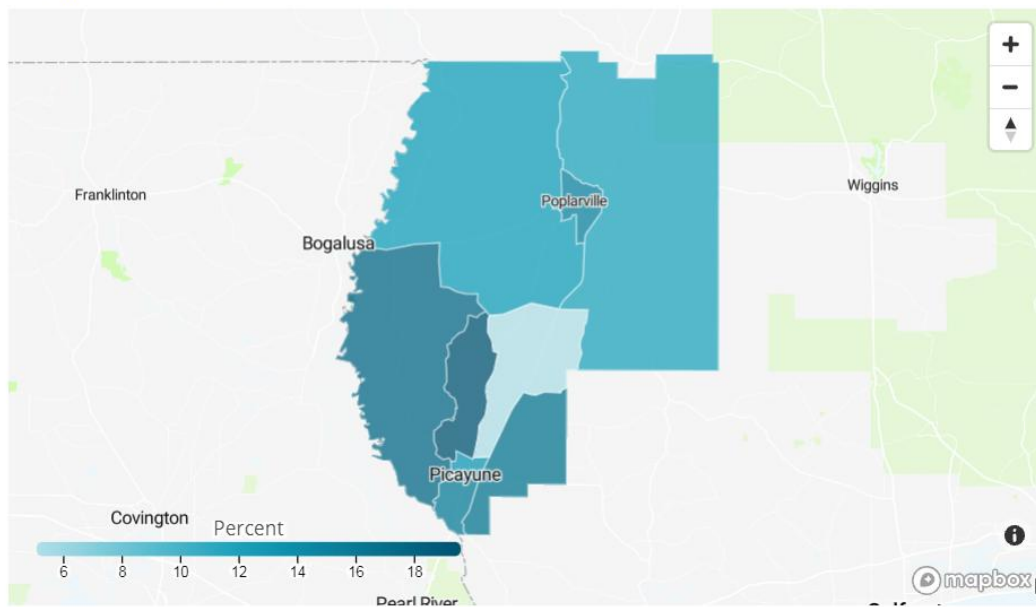
## Obesity Prevalence



# How many people lack health insurance coverage in Pearl River County, Mississippi?

## No Health Insurance Coverage (2014-2018)

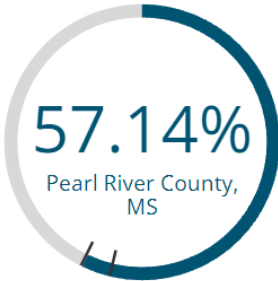
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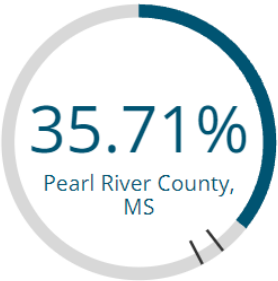


# How many residents are thriving in Pearl River County, Mississippi? How many are struggling or suffering?

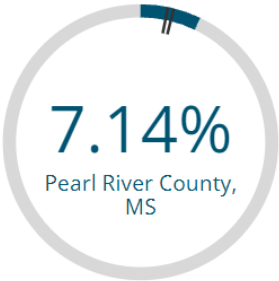
Thriving (2017)



Struggling (2017)



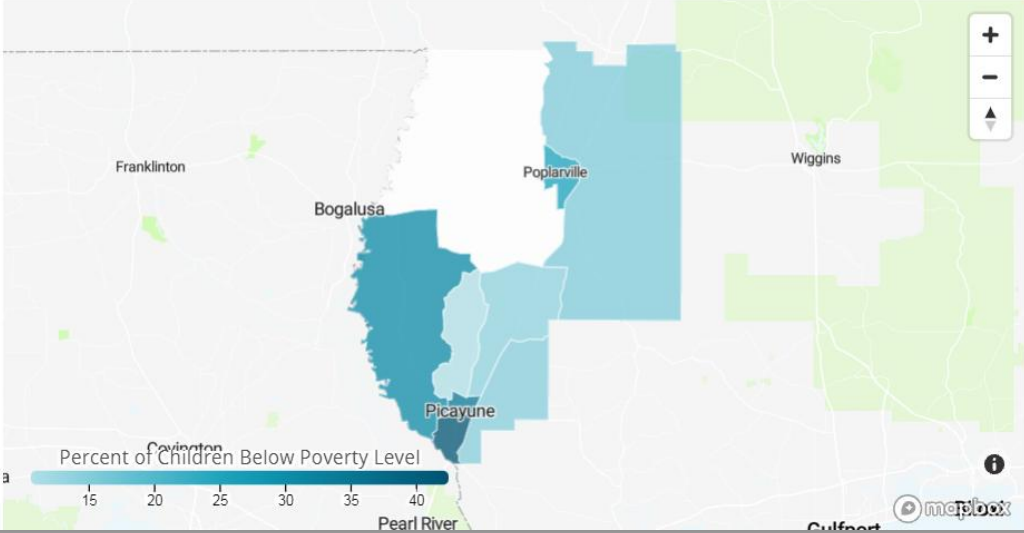
Suffering (2017)



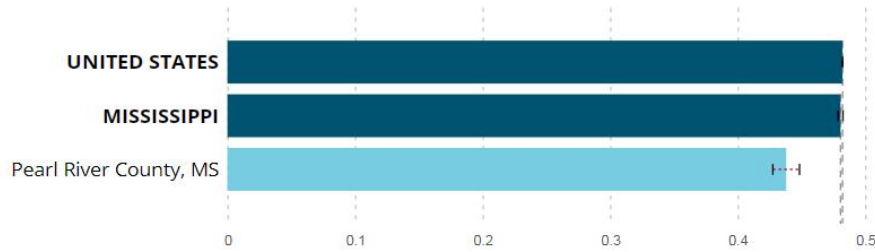
# How many children live below federal poverty level in Pearl River County, Mississippi?

Child Poverty (2014-2018)

Age: 0-18 years

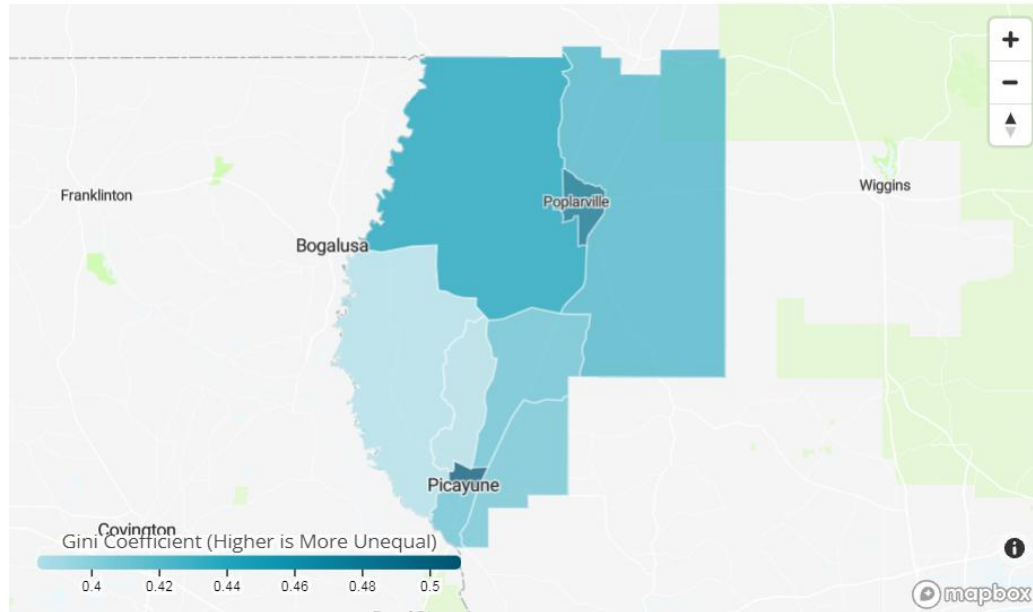


## Gini Index of Income Inequality (2015-2019)



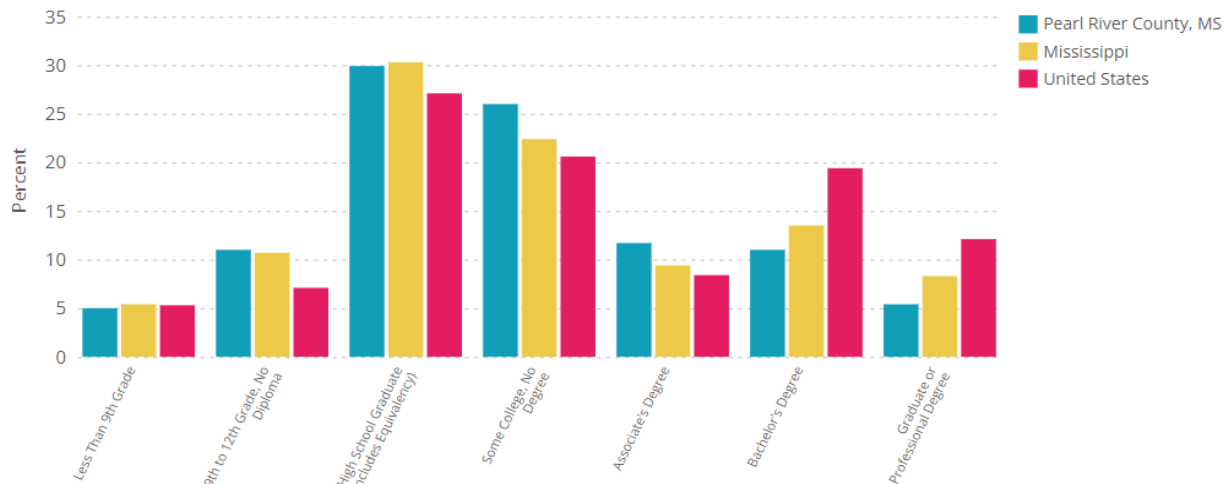
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Gini Coefficient  
2015-2019  
Pearl River County, MS



What is the highest level of education attained by Pearl River County residents 25 years and older?

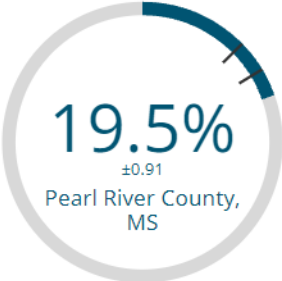
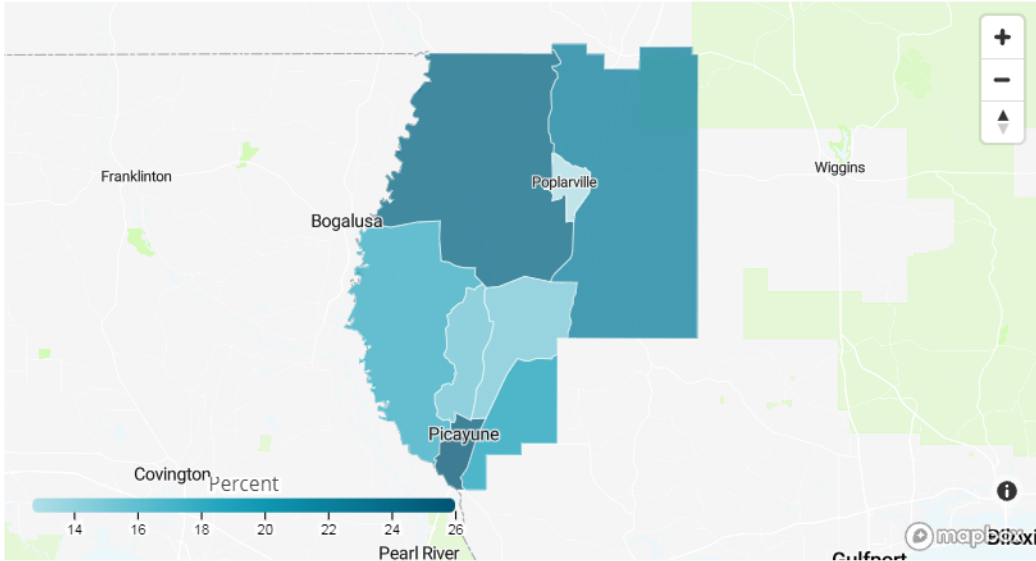
## Educational Attainment (2014-2018)



Population 25 years and older. ACS 5-year estimates, Table S1501.

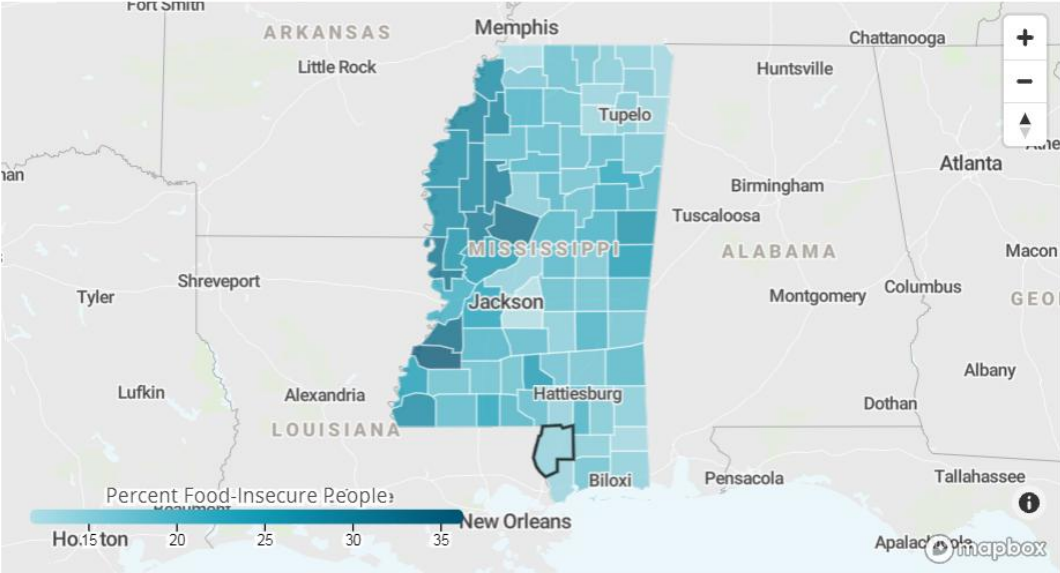
# How many residents have a disability in Pearl River County, Mississippi?

Population with a Disability (2014-2018)



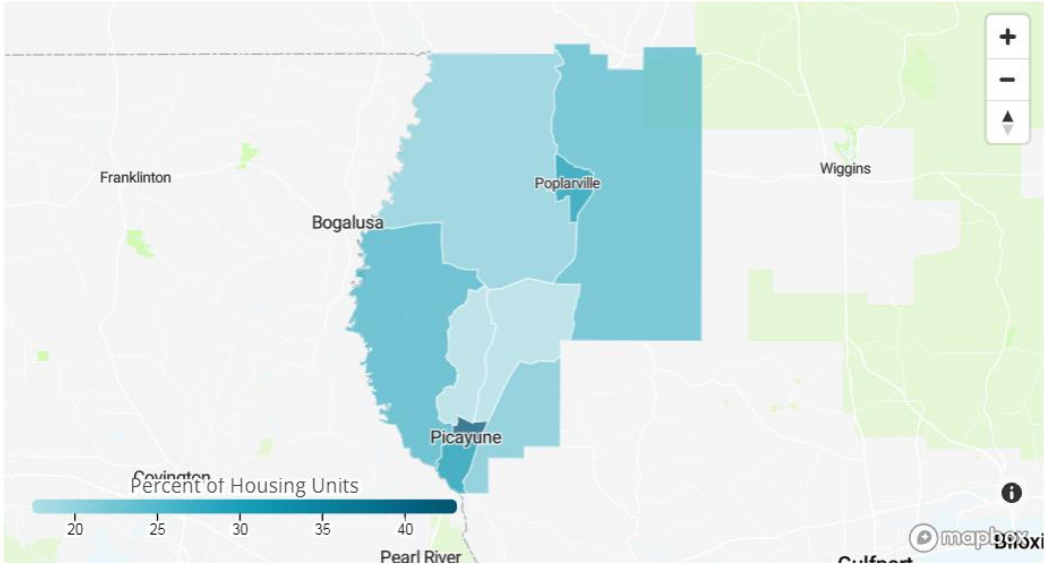
# How many people lack food security in Pearl River County, Mississippi?

Food Insecurity (2017)



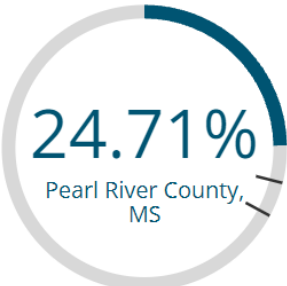
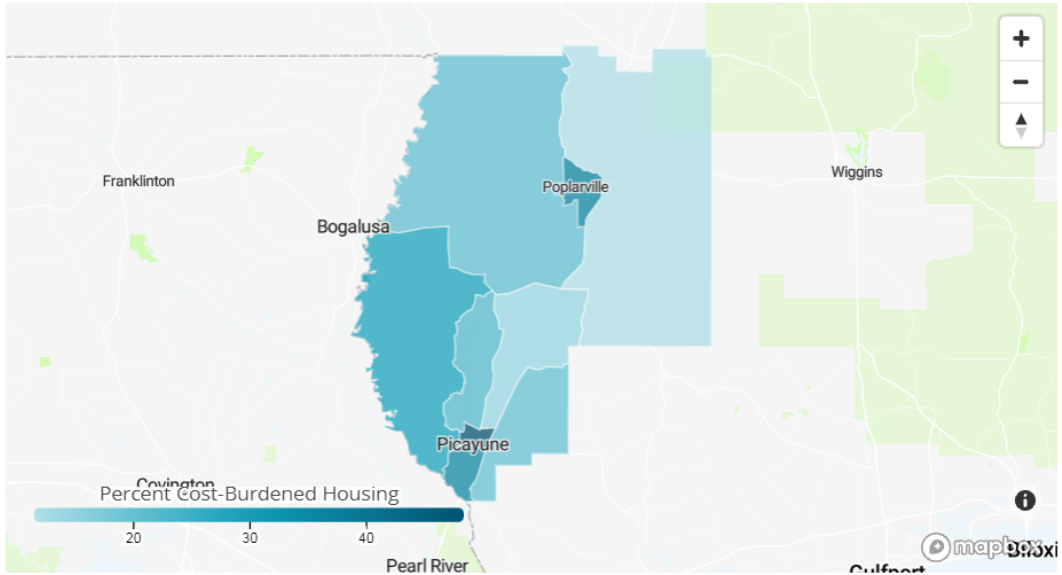
# What percent of housing units have substandard conditions in Pearl River County, Mississippi?

## Suboptimal Housing (2013-2017)



# What percent of household units are cost-burdened in Pearl River County, Mississippi?

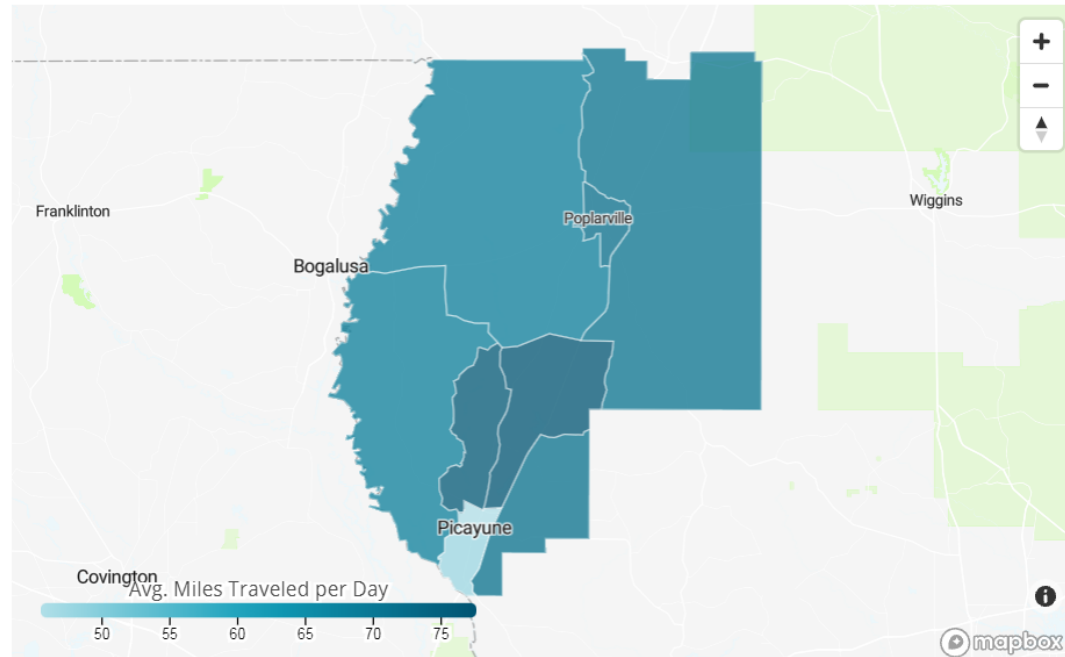
## Cost-Burdened Housing (2014-2018)





## How many miles, on average, do people in Pearl River County households travel per weekday?

### Average Weekday Household Person-Miles Traveled per Day



**What this measures:** The frequency of private motor vehicle use in a population.

**Why this matters:** Low rides per day per capita could result from greater use of alternative modes of transportation (e.g., walking, biking, public transportation). Greater use of alternative transportation is linked to lower risk of disease, less air pollution, and less sound pollution.

**What this relates to:** Health outcomes, air quality.

**Data source:** Bureau of

**EDUCATION.** The process for establishing and measuring school readiness goals includes a PSD EHS team comprised of parents, PSD EHS Managers, CCP agencies, and the Education Services Team who establish / review / update school readiness goals annually. PSD EHS used a variety of resources to inform the school readiness goals including the HS Act and Performance Standards, related Federal and State Frameworks, our chosen assessment tools and curriculum, and our own child assessment data for children transitioning out of EHS to preschool to identify areas of greatest need. Domains that showed greater numbers of children not meeting developmental expectations were categorized as areas of greatest need. Also, due to the input from the Health & Social Services Advisory Committee and the PSD EHS Health Services Team regarding the importance of early detection specifically with regard to child health, goals also focused on ensuring that children were up to date with age-appropriate check-ups. In order to align the outcomes for both the State Pre-K Program and Head Start, our school readiness goals are also informed by the Mississippi Early Learning Standards for Classrooms Serving Infants through Four-Year-Old Children (2018). The Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework served as one of the foundations for the development of these standards and was developed with input from State Head Start Programs as well as the MS Head Start Collaborative office (<https://www.mdek12.org/sites/default/files/docs/News/tab-01-early-learning-guidelines.pdf>).

Further, to ensure state pre-k providers are preparing students for Kindergarten, the Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013 required the Mississippi Department of Education to adopt a minimum rate of readiness that each pre-kindergarten provider participating in a Collaborative must meet to remain eligible for funding. Mississippi committee members reviewed the Reading Proficiency Indicators and determined that a scaled score of 498 (within the Early Emergent Reader classification) should be the literacy readiness score recommended for students at the end of pre-kindergarten. Students with a score of 498 at the end of pre-

kindergarten have mastered 70% of early literacy skills. **These students are on track to earn a 530 at the beginning of kindergarten and to meet end of grade 3 reading expectations.** See **Table 12** for average scaled scores for Pre-K (2018) below.

<b>Classroom</b>	<b>Spring 2018 Average Scaled Score</b>	<b>Spring 2019 Average Scaled Score</b>
<b>Pre-K4 Classroom 1</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>559</b>
<b>Pre-K4 Classroom 2</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>537</b>
<b>Pre-K4 Classroom 3</b>	<b>580</b>	

Further, according to Mississippi 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Assessment results, there is an added benefit of attending PSD Early Head Start. For the past 3 years, **all** PSD EHS graduates have met the requirements for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade literacy, compared to those children who did not attend our Early Head Start Program see Table 14 below for scores years.

	<b>Met the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Readiness Requirement</b>	<b>Did Not Meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Readiness</b>
<b>TOTAL (2019)<sup>1</sup></b>	72.8% (179)	27.2% (67)
PSD EHS Graduates	<b>99%</b>	<b>1%</b>
Not EHS Graduates	67%	33%
<b>TOTAL (2018)<sup>2</sup></b>	92.4% (256)	7.6% (21)
PSD EHS Graduates	<b>97%</b>	<b>3%</b>
Not EHS Graduates	78%	22%
<b>TOTAL (2017)<sup>3</sup></b>	94.5% (239)	5.5% (14)
PSD EHS Graduates	<b>98%</b>	<b>1%</b>
Not EHS Graduates	70%	30%

**REFERENCES:**

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.mdek12.org/OPR/Reporting/Assessment/2018-19>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.mdek12.org/OPR/Reporting/Assessment/2017-18>

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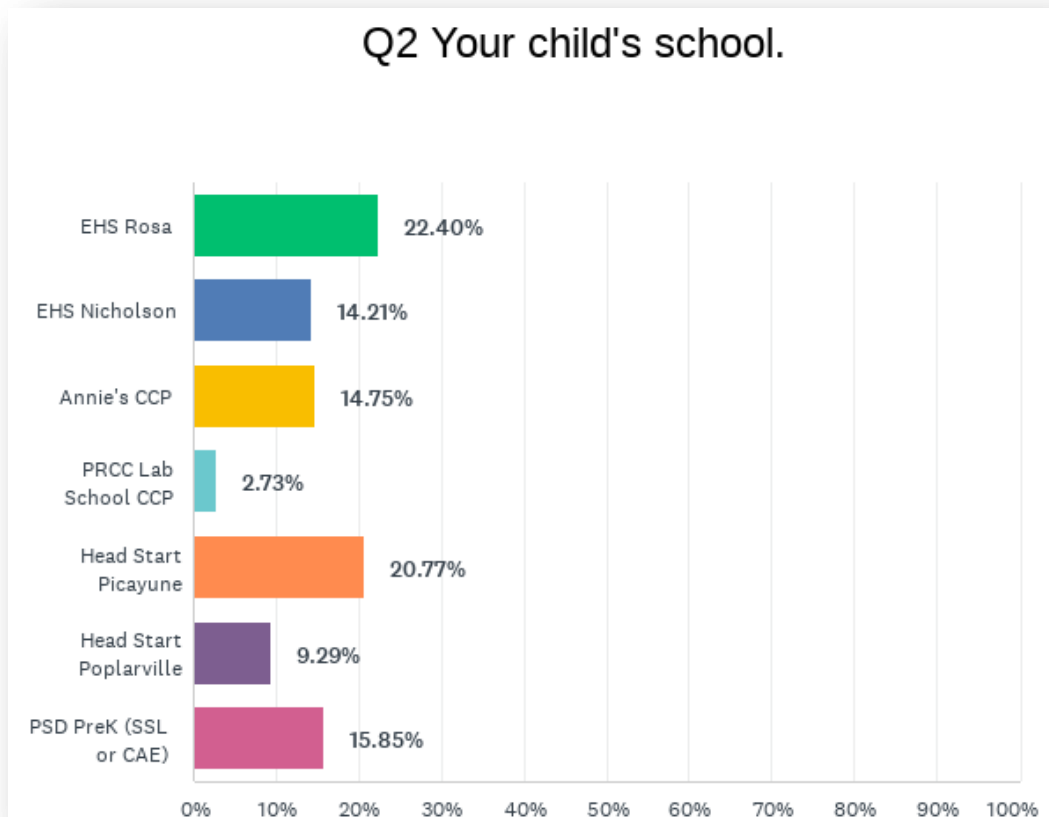
See 2020-2021 FALL and SPRING outcomes for Picayune School District Head Start, Early Head Start, and Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships in **APPENDIX B**.

**Child Welfare System.** According to the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services, as of July 2018, there were 5,243 children in MDCPS custody at the beginning of July. The majority of these children are concentrated along the Gulf Coast. On that date, there were 169 children in MDCPS care in Pearl River County. Children in foster care, homeless children, and children from families receiving public assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or Supplemental Security Income) are categorically eligible for Head Start and Early Head Start services regardless of income. With these large numbers, PSD EHS makes every effort to target recruitment efforts toward this population and has a formal partnership with the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services for referrals to meet the needs of eligible children. To verify whether a child is in foster care, PSD EHS accepts either a court order or other legal or government-issued document, a written statement from a government child welfare official that demonstrates the child is in foster care, or proof of a foster care payment. We make efforts to maintain the child’s enrollment regardless of whether the family or child moves to a different service area, or transitions the child to a program in a different service area, as required, according to the family’s needs.

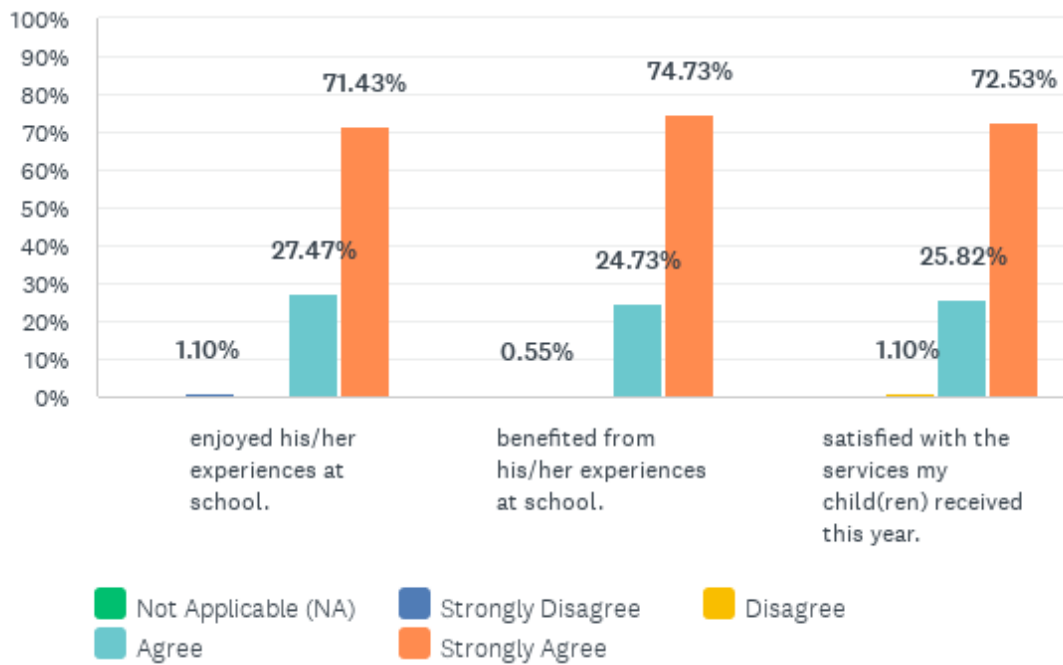
**Homeless Children.** A report from the American Institutes for Research and the National Center on Family Homelessness ranked Mississippi 49th out of the 50 states in identifying and serving homeless children. There are 52 children enrolled in the Picayune School District who have met the requirements and have been identified as homeless by the Picayune School District Office of Exceptional Education. These qualifications includes children living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings, are listed in the new handbook. The full list of qualifications can also be found on posters in every school in the district, as well as the public library, the hospital, laundry mats and hotels in town. If a child meets any of the qualification for being homeless or if their parents check yes to any identifying questions during enrollment, then she and her team of counselors and social workers must go out and investigate the situation. If the child does in fact meet the appropriate qualifications than he/she must be listed as homeless and reported to the state. Each individual situation must be reviewed carefully to ensure the students are classified properly. Under the McKinney-Vento Act, students are identified as homeless if they lack a fixed or “adequate” nighttime residence. Further, if the program determines from the community assessment there are families experiencing homelessness in the area or children in foster care that could benefit from services, slots will be reserved one or more enrollment slots for pregnant women and children experiencing homelessness and children in foster care, when a vacancy occurs. No more than 3% of the program’s funded enrollment slots are reserved for no more than 30 days.

**SECTION 5: THE EDUCATION, HEALTH, NUTRITION AND SOCIAL SERVICE NEEDS OF HEAD START ELIGIBLE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES (REPORTS OF FAMILIES OF HEAD START CHILDREN AND COMMUNITY AGENCIES) (SURVEY DATA)**

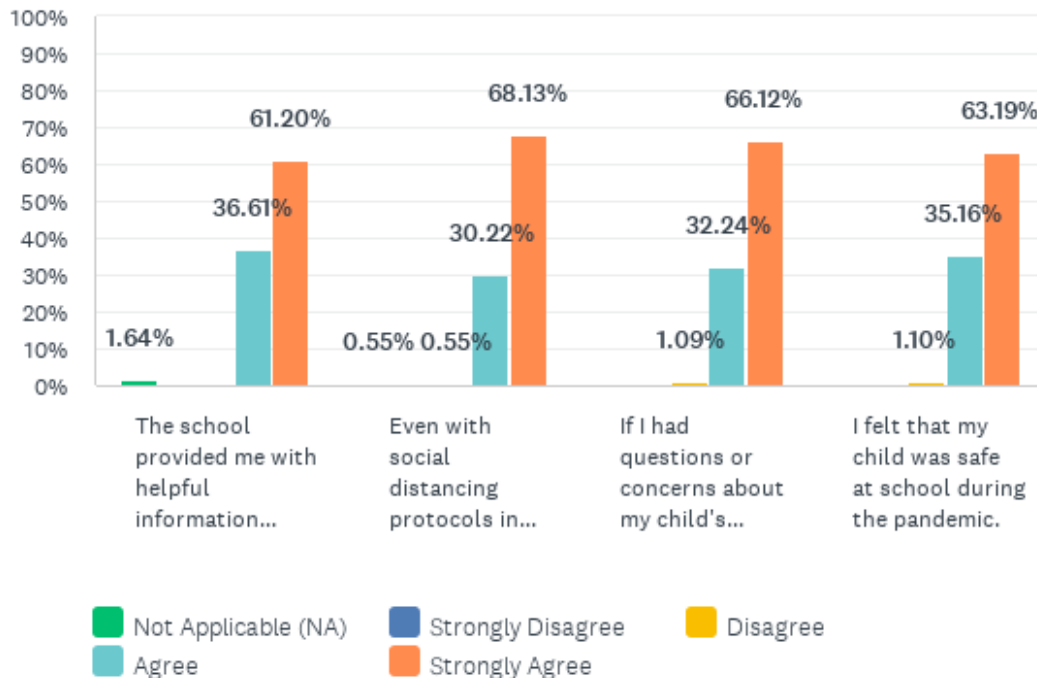
**PARENT FEEDBACK SURVEY 2020-2021**



## Q3 Overall Feedback (choose a response)

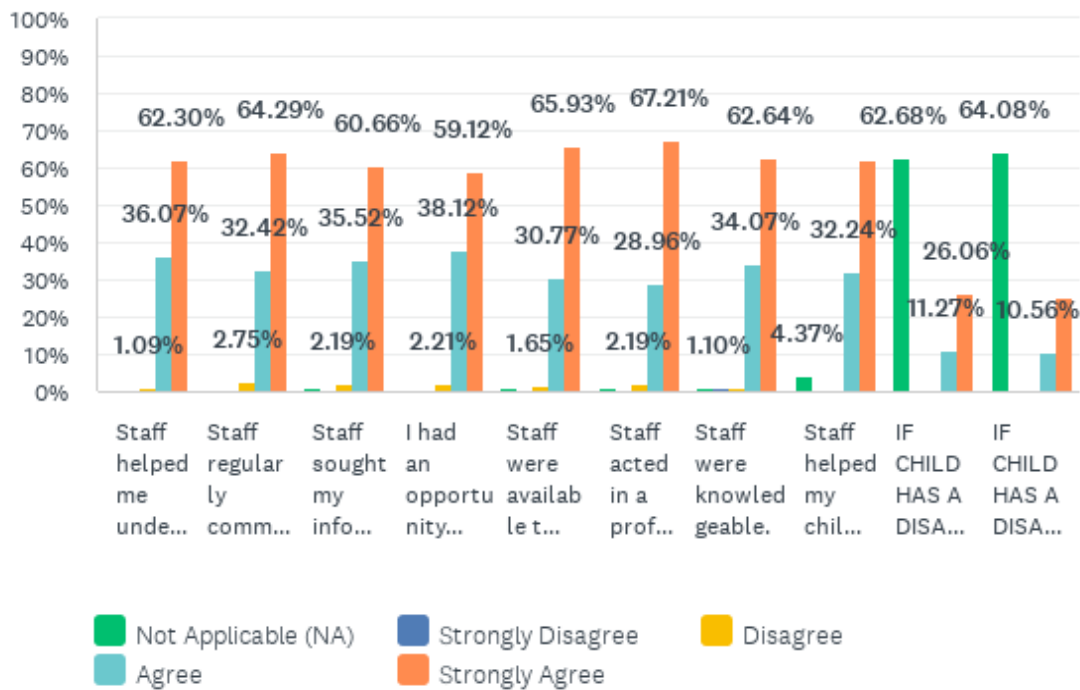


## Q4 COVID-19 Health/Safety (choose a response)

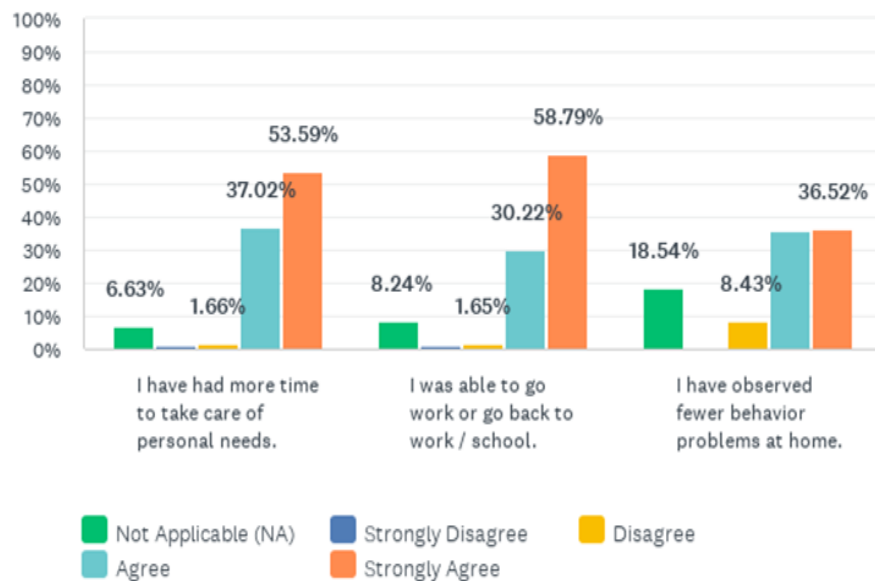




## Q5 Parent / Staff Collaboration (choose a response)



## Q6 Since my child's enrollment in PSD Early Childhood Programs



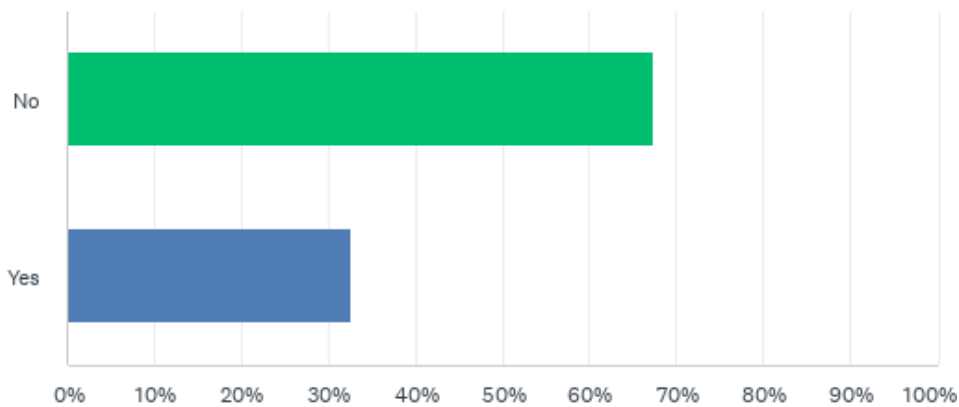
## ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK PARENT WORD CLOUD

also events times need Thank job good year really hard school  
enough staff amazing child great teachers helpful  
program going work communication loved school year parents

## COMMUNITY SERVICE ACCESS SURVEY – PARENT REPORT

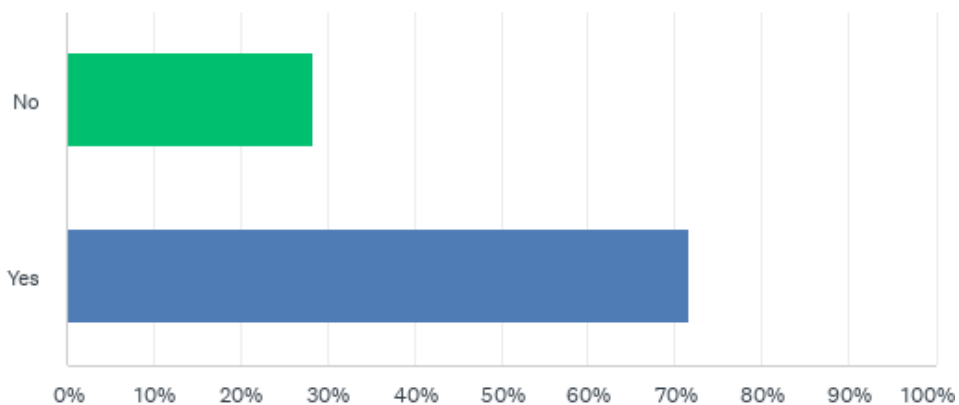
**Q2: Do you think that access to community services is a problem for parents in our community?**

Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



**Q3: Do you think that most parents make good use of the resources available to them in our community?**

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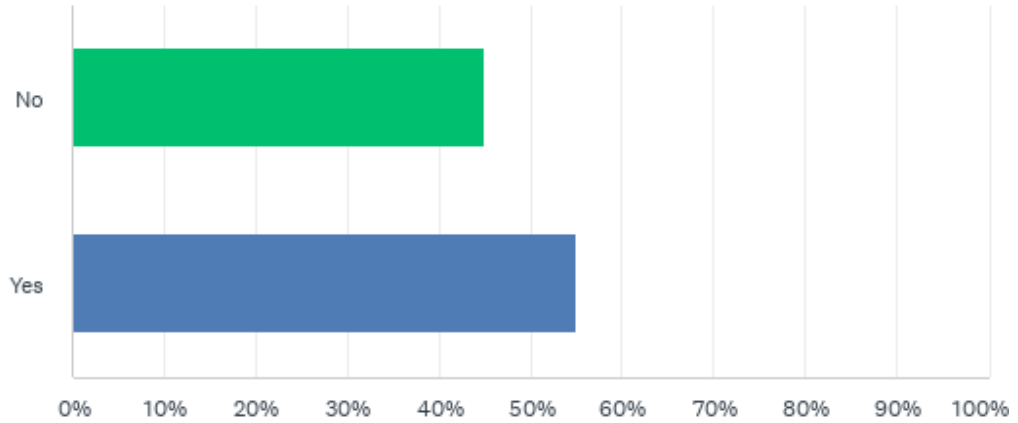


## Community Service Access Survey

	DEFINITELY NOT A BARRIER	PROBABLY NOT A BARRIER	NOT SURE	PROBABLY A BARRIER	DEFINITELY A BARRIER
Appointment Times	21.74%	13.04%	36.96%	15.22%	13.04%
Inconvenience	13.33%	17.78%	37.78%	24.44%	6.67%
Child Care Availability	24.44%	11.11%	13.33%	20.00%	31.11%
After-School Care Availability	11.11%	8.89%	17.78%	31.11%	31.11%
Availability of Services in Area	22.22%	15.56%	31.11%	20.00%	11.11%
Location / Distance	26.67%	13.33%	26.67%	20.00%	13.33%
Time	22.22%	11.11%	28.89%	20.00%	17.78%
Transportation	17.78%	6.67%	24.44%	28.89%	22.22%
Cost	18.18%	6.82%	36.36%	20.45%	18.18%
Insurance Coverage	22.73%	11.36%	22.73%	31.82%	11.36%
Cultural Beliefs	13.33%	22.22%	40.00%	15.56%	8.89%
Languages Spoken	22.22%	20.00%	40.00%	13.33%	4.44%
Mistrust	13.33%	20.00%	40.00%	15.56%	11.11%
Quality of Services	20.00%	20.00%	33.33%	15.56%	11.11%
Family/Social Support	26.67%	13.33%	24.44%	24.44%	11.11%
Knowledge / Understanding	20.45%	15.91%	25.00%	27.27%	11.36%
Stress	11.36%	6.82%	25.00%	34.09%	22.73%

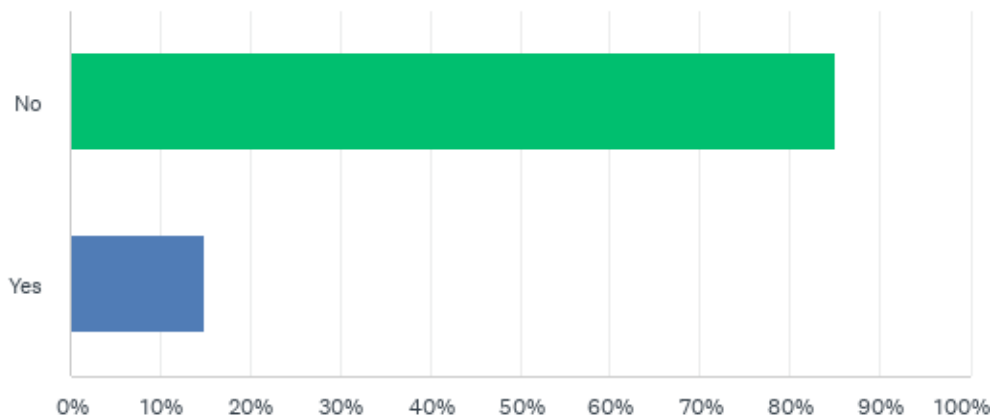
### Q2: Do you think that access to community services is a problem for parents in our community?

Answered: 20 Skipped: 0



### Q3: Do you think that most parents make good use of the resources available to them in our community?

Answered: 20 Skipped: 0





## Community Service Access Survey

	DEFINITELY NOT A BARRIER	PROBABLY NOT A BARRIER	NOT SURE	PROBABLY A BARRIER	DEFINITELY A BARRIER
Appointment Times	0.00%	15.00%	40.00%	35.00%	10.00%
Inconvenience	0.00%	10.00%	25.00%	55.00%	10.00%
Child Care Availability	20.00%	25.00%	5.00%	30.00%	20.00%
After-School Care Availability	5.00%	25.00%	10.00%	45.00%	15.00%
Availability of Services in Area	5.00%	35.00%	15.00%	25.00%	20.00%
Location / Distance	5.00%	20.00%	15.00%	30.00%	30.00%
Time	10.00%	10.00%	25.00%	30.00%	25.00%
Transportation	5.00%	15.00%	10.00%	30.00%	40.00%
Cost	15.00%	10.00%	25.00%	20.00%	30.00%
Insurance Coverage	10.00%	15.00%	20.00%	30.00%	25.00%
Cultural Beliefs	10.00%	25.00%	25.00%	15.00%	25.00%
Languages Spoken	0.00%	35.00%	25.00%	20.00%	20.00%
Mistrust	0.00%	10.00%	25.00%	35.00%	30.00%
Quality of Services	15.00%	20.00%	30.00%	20.00%	15.00%
Family/Social Support	10.00%	15.00%	20.00%	45.00%	10.00%
Knowledge / Understanding	5.00%	10.00%	10.00%	50.00%	25.00%
Stress	5.00%	10.00%	10.00%	25.00%	50.00%

## SECTION 6: FINDING RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY THAT COULD BE USED TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF HEAD START ELIGIBLE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES, INCLUDING ASSESSMENTS OF THEIR AVAILABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY.

The Southern Pearl River County Excel By 5 Coalition (guided by Picayune School District Early Childhood Programs) developed a resource guide designed to increase public access to resources available to families with young children within Southern Pearl River County communities. Most of our listings are for locations in the Picayune, Carriere, and Poplarville, MS areas. Our volunteers will check the information for all of the listed services for accuracy annually. See **APPENDIX A** for resource guide.

## SECTION 7: USING COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT DATA TO PHILOSOPHY AND LONG-RANGE AND SHORT-RANGE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES INFORMED BY COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT

**PSD HS / EHS Program Mission:** The primary goal of the PSD HS/ EHS program is to empower families to achieve life goals, support the development of infants and toddlers, impact the community by setting a standard of high quality childcare, and fostering parental, school and community supports for the growth of very young children.

### **HS/EHS/EHS-CCP Program Objectives:**

- Expand Head Start and Early Head Start services to eligible families in the primary service region as well as the cities of Poplarville, Carriere, McNeil, and Lumberton, MS through expansion opportunities.
- Assess the needs of the fathers in order to overcome the barriers which interfere with participation and communication.
- Provide an array of family services that promote the safety and well-being of children and their families. This includes empowering families to achieve or sustain independence and self-sufficiency through partnerships with PSD EHS and other community programs.
- Provide reliable, affordable transportation services so EHS families may travel to and from service-related appointments, including but not limited to dental, medical, WIC, employment services, and agency events.
- Establish partnerships with colleges/universities to serve clients who may qualify for agency programs. Such partnerships will also allow agency staff to receive specialized training, input and guidance from college/university staff and faculty. Lastly, partnering with colleges/ universities will allow the agency to utilize the talent of internship, work-study and field placement students.
- Establish an annual training calendar to schedule the attendance of families and the community at local workshops and other informative events. Provide training plans all interested parents in order to enhance employment stability and advancement.
- Develop strategies to identify, hire, and train bilingual staff members in order to better serve culturally and linguistically diverse children and families.
- Increase the number of EHS parents who enroll in the GED program via partnerships through our Picayune Family Resource & Education Center.
- Assure all programs continue to operate efficiently and effectively, achieve program goals, and meet intended outcomes.
- Assure that all participating children are ready for school, families are ready to support their children's learning, and schools are ready for children.

- Provide an array of family services that promote the safety and well-being of children and their families. This includes provision of training that empowers families to achieve or sustain independence and self-sufficiency through partnerships with PSD EHS and other community programs.
- Hire and train additional Mentor-Coaches and enhance teacher capacity and to promote developmentally appropriate practice is through mentoring.
- Utilize the Accreditation Plan to ensure that all CCPs achieve a “comprehensive center” quality rating.
- Expand Training / Educational Opportunities of EHS and Early Childcare Partnership Staff
- Work with child care programs have to better navigate child care and EHS policies and regulations to understand any implications and ensure a successful partnership.
- Understand factors that help facilitate successful child care partnerships and implement strategies that reduce barriers and set the stage for better collaboration.
- Work on strategies to attract and retain the best early childhood educators in CCP centers.
- To ensure that the 246 Head Start eligible children enrolled in our Head Start program are ready for kindergarten and are equipped with the skills needed to ensure that their children are safe, healthy, and ready to learn.
- To ensure at least ten (10%) percent of the enrollment opportunities are available to children with significant disabilities
- To provide Head Start children access to bright, well-lit classrooms with direct access to safe outdoor playgrounds.
- To ensure that teachers receive the training necessary to provide responsive care, effective teaching, and an organized learning environment that promotes healthy development and children’s skill growth, including for children with disabilities.
- Develop strategies to identify, hire, and train bilingual staff members in order to better serve culturally and linguistically diverse children and families
- Continue to coordinate relationships with public and private entities to assist the program in providing child health and developmental services and program management services.
- Reduce the barriers to communication and better reach ALL families
- Continue to work alongside PSD Human Resource representatives to recruit qualified staff to fill all available positions





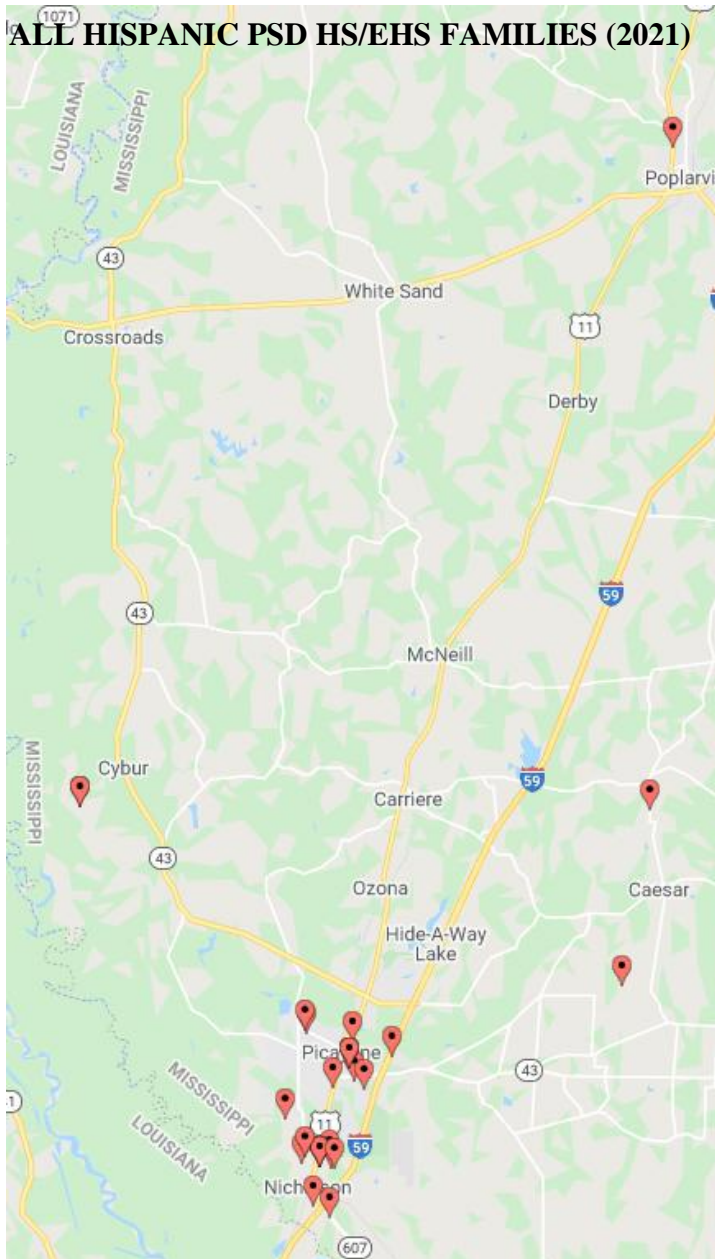
Subtotals for Agency: Picayune School Dist. EHS

Primary Language Totals:	English: 178	Field Blank: 3	Spanish: 4
African American Totals:	109		
White Totals:	70		
Native American Totals:	1		
Asian Totals:	1		
Pacific Islander Totals:	0		
Other Totals:	5		
Multiple Totals:	19		
Total Number of Participants:	185		
Hispanic/Latino Totals:	10		

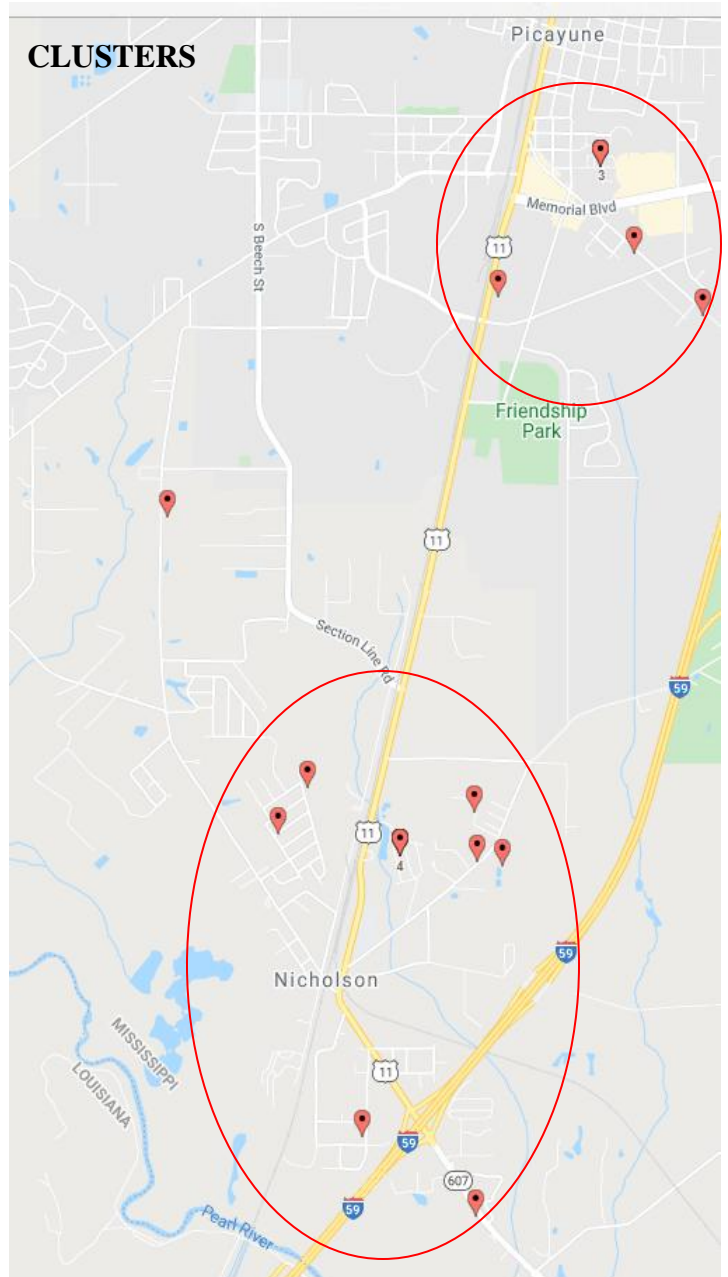
Subtotals for Agency: Picayune School District Head Start

Primary Language Totals:	English: 124	Field Blank: 107	Spanish: 3
African American Totals:	96		
White Totals:	114		
Native American Totals:	1		
Asian Totals:	1		
Pacific Islander Totals:	0		
Other Totals:	12		
Multiple Totals:	16		
Total Number of Participants:	234		
Hispanic/Latino Totals:	20		

ALL HISPANIC PSD HS/EHS FAMILIES (2021)



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PSD HS/ EHS recruitment information has been developed in Spanish and was distributed in this targeted area where there are known pockets of Hispanics and Latino populations. As of August 2021, PSD HS/EHS has multiple bilingual Spanish employees, include a Second Language Family Advocate to serve families. We are committed to using a culturally and linguistically relevant approach to instructional services to assist limited English proficient children progress toward acquisition of the English language, while making meaningful progress toward developing and demonstrating broader language and literacy knowledge and skills.

**Campaña de Reclutamiento del Distrito Escolar de Picayune Early Head Start**

**ESTAMOS ACEPTANDO APLICACIONES AHORA PARA EL 2019-2020!!**



**Documentos Necesarios:**

- Certificado de Nacimiento
- Prueba de Embarazo (si aplica)
- Prueba de Residencia
- Prueba de Ingreso
- Tarjeta de Seguro Médico
- Formulario MS 121 (registro de Inmunización)
- Tarjeta de Seguro Social
- Documentación de la Discapacidad (si es aplicable)

*Las adolescentes embarazadas y los padres de bebés y niños (de los 3 años) con discapacidades, en hogares de acogida o...*

\*\*\* EL TRANSPORTE NO ES PROPORCIONADO POR...

**PARA APLICAR:**

Complete la Aplicación de EHS  
1620 Rosa St, Picayune, MS  
(Al lado de la escuela Elementaria de South Side)

O

1865 Hwy 11 S., Picayune, MS  
(Al lado de la escuela Elementaria de Nicholson)

**Servicios de Early Head Start**

- ✓ Desarrollo integral de bebés y niños pequeños
- ✓ Opción basada en el centro
- ✓ Opción de asociación de cuidado infantil
- ✓ Servicios de discapacidad
- ✓ Servicios a mujeres embarazadas
- ✓ Servicios de salud
- ✓ Participación de los padres
- ✓ Planificación de la transición
- ✓ Servicios sociales
- ✓ Educación para la salud
- ✓ Servicios de salud mental
- ✓ Bienestar del personal
- ✓ Servicios Bilingües (Traducción al Español)



**Para Aplicar:**

Complete una Aplicación en el  
1865 Hwy 11 S  
(al lado de la Escuela Primaria Nicholson)

O

1620 Rosa Street  
(al lado de la Escuela Primaria Southside)

LLAME HOY  
601-798-7808 o 601-799-4702

**DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE PICAYUNE**

**Distrito Escolar de Picayune Early Head Start RECLUTANDO AHORA!!!**

Visítenos en uno de estos sitios:

- ✓ **Sitio de Nicholson:** 1865 Highway 11 South, Picayune, MS
- ✓ **Sitio de Rosa:** 1620 Rosa Street, Picayune, MS
- ✓ **Sitio de Poplarville:** PRCC Escuela de Laboratorio de Desarrollo Infantil (Solo los miércoles) 101 Highway 11 N, Poplarville, MS

**¿QUIÉN DEBE APLICAR?** Padres de bebés y niños pequeños (enfoque particular en personas de bajos ingresos, familias de acogida, personas sin hogar y niños con discapacidades). También brindamos servicios a mujeres embarazadas (madres adolescentes prioritarias).

**QUE TRAER:** (1) Comprobante de ingresos (2) Comprobante de nacimiento, (3) Tarjeta de seguro social, (4) Tarjeta de seguro, (5) Inmunizaciones (Formulario MS 121) y (6) Chequeo de bienestar

**FECHAS DE RECLUTAMIENTO ABIERTO: MARZO 1-31, 2019**

**LLAME HOY: 601.798.7808 OR 601-799-4702**

\*\*\*Traductor de Español disponible\*\*\*



Sirviendo a bebés, niños pequeños, mujeres embarazadas y sus familias

**Early Head Start**  
Sin costo para las familias elegibles.  
¡Inscríbese hoy!



**SECTION 10: USING COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT DATA TO SET CRITERIA THAT DEFINE THE TYPES OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WHO WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY FOR RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION**

Picayune School District Head Start / Early Head Start staff recruit children ages 0-5 years. First priority is to enroll children from low-income families or categorically eligible (Teen Parent, TANF, Foster, Homeless). Second priority is to enroll children from families with income below 130% Federal Poverty level as outlined in the Head Start Act of 2007. Ten percent (10%) of enrollment opportunities are made available to children with disabilities.

Applications are accepted for children that are ages 0-5 years on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>. The main **recruitment** drives are held from March to May. New applications are accepted throughout the year. The programs are fully enrolled on the first scheduled program class day. Thereafter, in-person interviews will be completed with the family at the time of application submission and the eligible children will be added to the waiting list.

An application is processed when documentation of child's date of birth and income, TANF, SSI, foster status, or homeless status (as applicable) are submitted with the application. Documentation of income, TANF, SSI, foster child status, or homeless status are filed with the application.

A waiting list is maintained that weigh the prioritization of selection of participants based on community needs identified in the community needs assessment as described in 1302.11(b).

Children with the highest needs will receive priority on the waiting list.

1. Families with children who meet the age eligibility and are categorically eligible, and children with incomes at 100% or below Federal Poverty level are selected prior to families with children who meet the age eligibility and with incomes between 101 to 130% of the Federal Poverty level.
2. ERSEA Coordinator, Education Manager, and Center Manager meet to select eligible first priority children in June to ensure full enrollment is reached prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**PICAYUNE SCHOOL DISTRICT HEADSTART/ EARLY HEAD START  
Eligibility Priority Points**

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: Check only one box in each area based on the information from the application and/or other sources

**EARLY HEAD START / HEAD START**

<b>AGE SELECTION CRITERIA</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
<b>2-6 MONTHS</b>	<b>65</b>	
<b>7-11 MONTHS</b>	<b>55</b>	
<b>12-18 MONTHS</b>	<b>45</b>	
<b>19-23 MONTHS</b>	<b>35</b>	
<b>24-30 MONTHS</b>	<b>25</b>	
<b>31-36 MONTHS</b>	<b>15</b>	

<b>INCOME SELECTION CRITERIA</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
<b>Low Income below 25% federal poverty guidelines</b>	<b>65</b>	
<b>Low Income below 50% federal poverty guidelines</b>	<b>75</b>	
<b>Low Income below 75% federal poverty guidelines</b>	<b>85</b>	
<b>Low Income 100%-75% federal poverty guidelines</b>	<b>95</b>	
<b>Over Income 1%-25% above federal poverty guidelines</b>	<b>-5</b>	
<b>Over Income above 50% federal poverty guidelines</b>	<b>-10</b>	
<b>Over Income above 75% federal poverty guidelines</b>	<b>-15</b>	
<b>Over Income above 100% federal poverty guidelines</b>	<b>-20</b>	

<b>PARENTAL STATUS</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
<b>Teen Parent</b>	<b>300</b>	
<b>Single Parent</b>	<b>65</b>	
<b>Two Parent</b>	<b>55</b>	
<b>Foster/Adoptive/Relative Caregiver</b>	<b>85</b>	
<b>Homeless Parent</b>	<b>75</b>	

<b>DISABILITY</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
<b>Diagnosed Disability (IEP &amp; IFSP)</b>	<b>300</b>	
<b>Suspected Disability</b>	<b>200</b>	
<b>Physical Challenge/Impairment</b>	<b>125</b>	
<b>Chronic Medical Condition/Illness</b>	<b>85</b>	

Autism	85	
Developmental Delays	75	
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
Enrolled in HS	75	
Enrolled in College/Trade/GED	65	
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
Employed Full Time at least 35 hours	65	
Employed Part Time under 35 hours	55	
Unemployed	25	
<b>PRIOR ENROLLED/WAITLISTED</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
Previously Enrolled in EHS/HS	55	
Waitlisted From Another Year	55	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
Staff Member/ PSD	85	
Military Personnel/Dependent	85	
<b>OTHER/REFERRALS CRITERIA</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
Referral DHS Protective Services	45	
Referral – Partner/ Outside Agency	45	
Mother In Pregnancy Program	35	

#### PREGNANCY PROGRAM

<b>PARENTAL STATUS</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
Teen Parent	300	
Single Parent	65	
Two Parent	55	
<b>PREGNANCY STATUS</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
First Pregnancy	60	
Second Pregnancy	25	
Third or More Pregnancy	15	
<b>PREGNANCY RISK FACTORS</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
High Risk Pregnancy	30	
<b>BIRTH TYPE</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
Single	35	
Multiple (Twins, Triplets, Etc.)	45	
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
Enrolled in HS	75	
Enrolled in College/Trade/GED	65	
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
Employed Full Time at least 35 hours	65	
Employed Part Time under 35 hours	55	
Unemployed	25	

The coronavirus (COVID-19) has deeply impacted how Head Start and Early Head Start programs service families. We have developed standards for how to handle families in terms of this pandemic of virtual engagement.

We are identifying families and COVID families' needs to determine selection criteria are being updated and the neediest family is selected and serviced. Creating strategies that are recruitment culturally and responsive. Engaging with families on social media, Zipwhip and other platforms for enrollment procedure and policy for measuring enrollment.

**ELIGIBILITY.** During a pandemic, it is important to collect up-to-date information on local, state, and regional resources, needs, and demographic changes. These are critical to ensuring services continue in a responsive and efficient manner.

In order to maximize access to services during a time of increased need, it is important that staff understand all of the avenues to eligibility. Families experiencing financial hardship may encounter unexpected living situations. Use the [McKinney Vento definition of homeless](#) for determining eligibility. Programs should also reference [ACF-IM-HS-19-03](#) regarding eligibility for children in kinship care.

**RECRUITMENT.** Due to COVID-19 coming into effect right in the beginning of our Recruitment Drive, we placed certain alternatives in order to service our families virtually and with convenience.

Recruitment: Flyers being placed in local businesses, flyers and online application link are posted on social media platforms (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Website). Word of mouth as well as on-going recruiting on site is also being fulfilled.

Technology has been a huge help in connecting our program with families and community partners. We have created a system on our website [www.psdecp.com](http://www.psdecp.com) to help serve families completing the application virtually and limiting face-to-face contact. Eligibility documents can be sent in electronically and required documents can be signed via DocuSign program. Following up with a phone interview to collect any other required information to complete the application.

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Icon	Program Name	Age Group	Description	Action
Information icon	Early Head Start Center-Based & Child Care Partnerships	(Birth - 3 years)	Provides early learning, care and enrichment experiences to children in an early care and education setting.	<a href="#">CLICK HERE FOR ONLINE EHS APPLICATION</a>
Pencil icon	State Funded Public Pre-Kindergarten	(Ages 3-5 years)	Promotes children's knowledge and skills using curricula based on research in early learning & aligned with state standards.	<a href="#">CLICK HERE FOR PRE-K APPLICATION</a>
Clipboard icon	Head Start Center-Based ****NEW****	(Ages 3-5 years)	Promote school readiness of children from vulnerable families by supporting the development of the whole child.	<a href="#">CLICK HERE FOR ONLINE HS APPLICATION</a>

**SELECTION.** Our program selection criteria are modified under certain circumstances where the priority list is exhausted and the greatest need is shown in other aspects.

Majority of our families are considered to be under the poverty guidelines. Once exhausting the priority list our need from the community comes from essential workers and families that are considered to be over income. These families are also in the most need of child care services. We service those families, as families that are not currently employed or working on education is able to keep their children at home until the pandemic has died down.

**ENROLLMENT.** Our program has offered the option of both virtual and remote enrollment for families. Implementing different strategies to accept necessary documents needed for enrollment such as: Email, electronically (via DocuSign), and postal services. Face- to- face enrollment will be done in a timely manner, limiting the inside area to 10 person(s) at a time including staff members. Enrollment is completed on a year-round basis to ensure a constant flow of applications. New opportunities are suggested and taken into place all the time.

**ATTENDANCE.** Attendance expectations may differ on situation and basis. Attendance is monitored/tracked daily, weekly, and monthly in this program. As we know due to COVID-19, some families may experience a high drop in attendance. We are taking the necessary precautions to keep our children and staff safe in the buildings. If a child is absent due to COVID or quarantined the absence is excused. Our goal for ADA (average daily attendance is 85%) we know that things may occur. Families must provide doctors excuses supporting their absences over 3 or more consecutive days.

Our changes to enrollment are reported daily, weekly and monthly. A drop monitoring sheet is made to show the child that dropped, when the child dropped, how long the slot was vacant and what child replaced the dropped child. It is important to capture data regarding these changes to measure outcomes and plan for the future.

During this pandemic our program has set in place a virtual and need-based service option for families in need.



# Pearl River County, MS Family Resource Directory



SOUTHERN PEARL RIVER COUNTY  
(SPRC) COMMUNITY COALITION

The SPRC EXCEL BY 5 COALITION is made up of members from communities in Pearl River County, MS. This coalition includes parents, grandparents, health care providers, early educators, business leaders, and civic leaders, as well as representatives from school districts, government agencies, and faith-based groups.



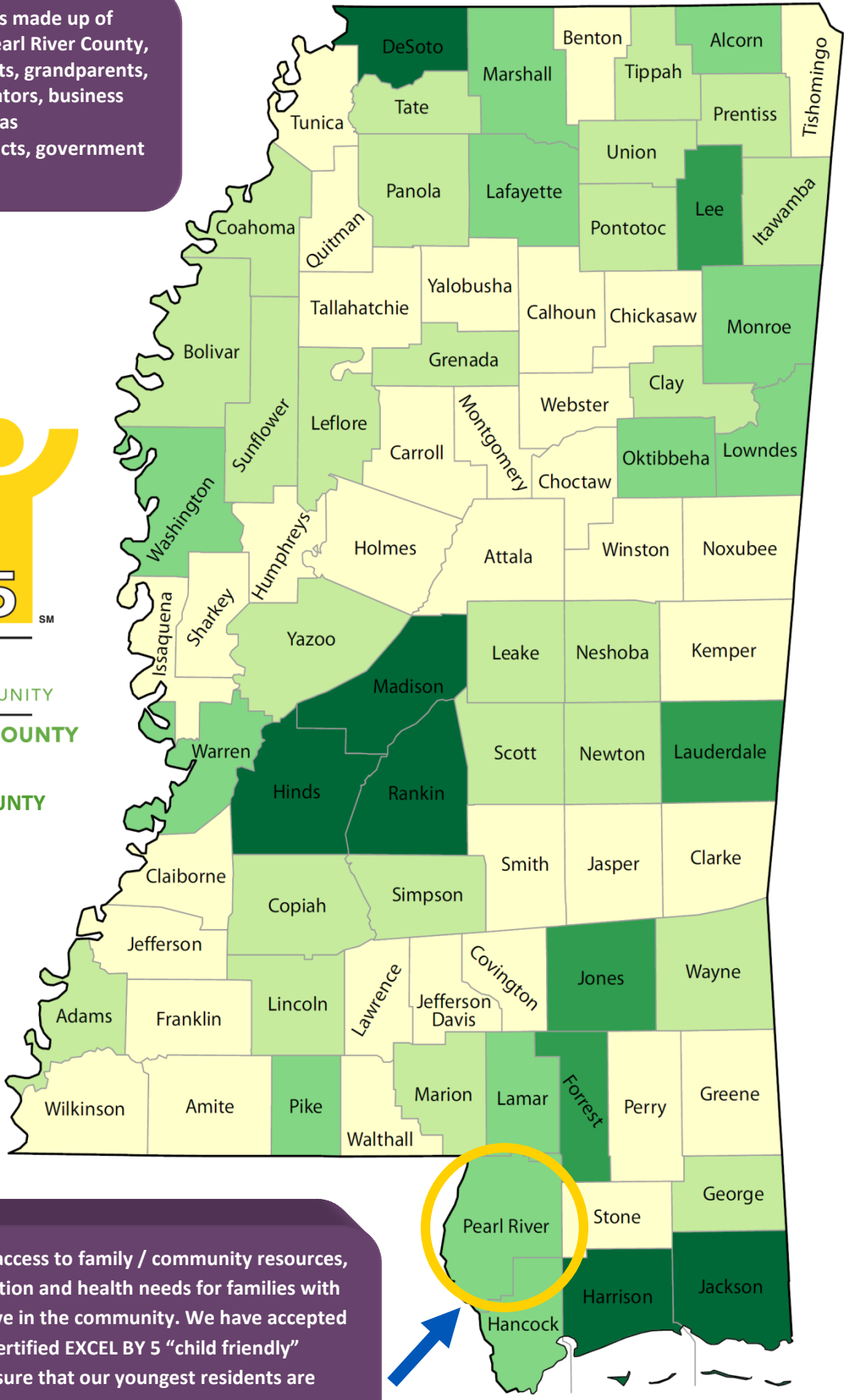
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EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY

SOUTHERN PEARL RIVER COUNTY

[WWW.EXCELBY5.COM](http://WWW.EXCELBY5.COM)

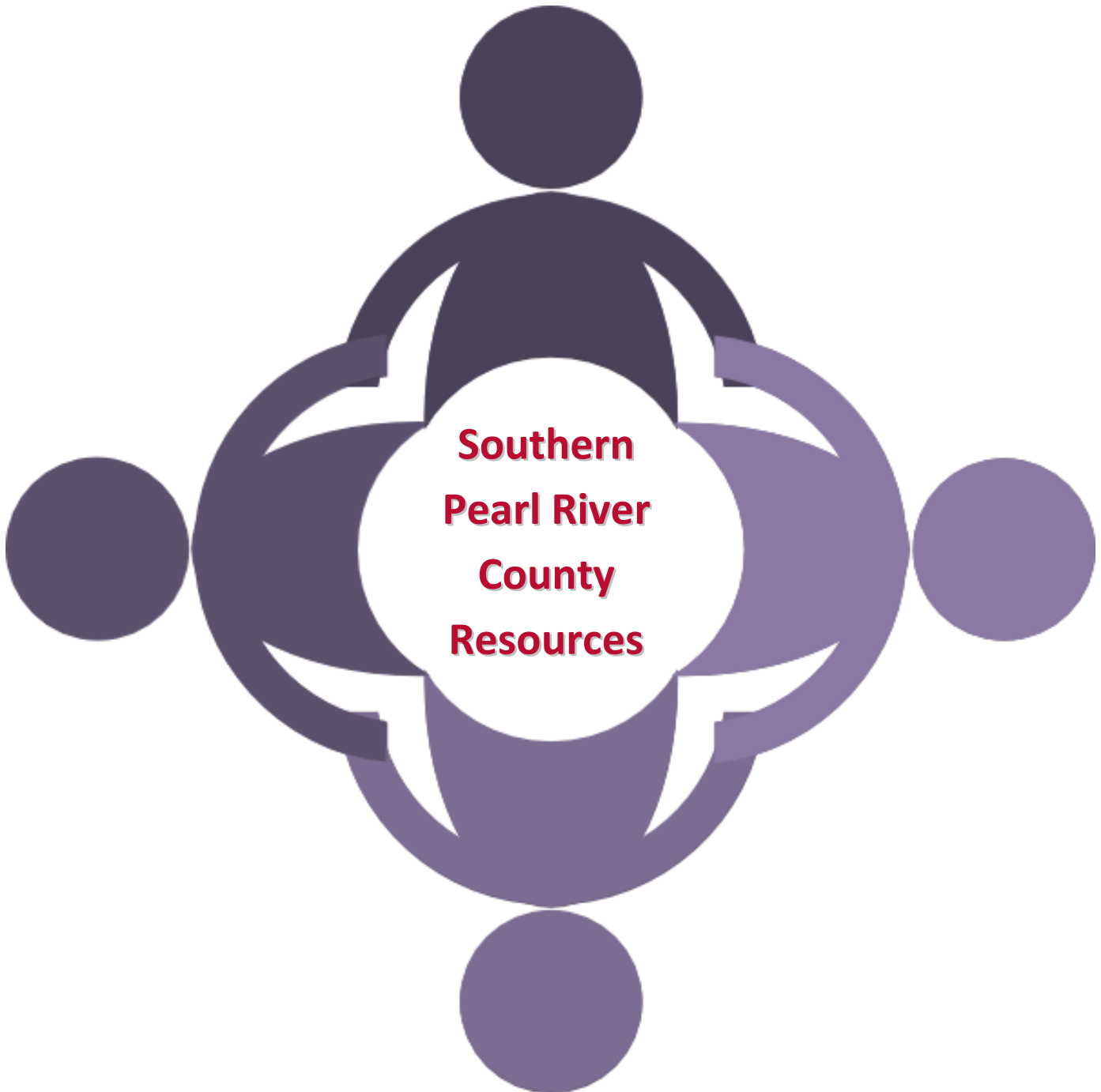
[/SOUTHERN-PEARL-RIVER-COUNTY](https://www.facebook.com/SOUTHERN-PEARL-RIVER-COUNTY)



Our main goal is to provide access to family / community resources, as well as identify the education and health needs for families with children from birth to age five in the community. We have accepted the challenge to become a certified EXCEL BY 5 "child friendly" community. We strive to ensure that our youngest residents are safe, healthy, and ready to learn!

## ABOUT USING THIS GUIDE

Our intention with this resource guides is to increase public access to resources available to families with young children within Southern Pearl River County communities. Most of our listings are for locations in the Picayune, Carriere, and Poplarville, MS areas. Our volunteers will check the information for all of the listed services for accuracy annually. If you have a question about costs, services or eligibility, please call ahead.



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## 24-HOUR EMERGENCY & HOTLINE NUMBERS

### **Emergencies: Fire/Rescue & Police: 911**

There are three main emergency service functions:

- Police - providing community safety and acting to reduce crime against persons and property
- Fire department (fire and rescue service) - providing firefighters to deal with fire and rescue operations, and may also deal with some secondary emergency service duties
- Emergency medical services (EMS) - providing ambulances and staff to deal with medical emergencies

### **Abused Persons Crisis Line (Child & Adult): 1-800-222-8000**

To report exploitation, abuse or neglect of a CHILD, senior, or vulnerable adult.

<http://www.mdhs.state.ms.us/>

### **Alcoholics Anonymous (South Mississippi) 24-Hour Help Line: 1-228-575-9225**

[www.aagulfcoast.org](http://www.aagulfcoast.org)

A fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting, through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

### **Breastfeeding Information Line: 1-800-545-6747**

This helpline provides information, education, and support for women who want to breastfeed [http://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/\\_static/41,0,144.html](http://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/41,0,144.html)

### **Children's Medical Program: 1-800-844-0898**

If your child has a chronic illness or disability, we may be able to help. CMP will work with you and your health providers to arrange and organize services, as well as, identify needs and resources to improve the health and well-being of your child. Please contact us for information to determine how we may assist your child and family.

[http://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/\\_static/41,0,163.html](http://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/41,0,163.html)

### **Early Intervention Systems: 1-800-451-3903**

If you have a child that is under three years old, First Steps may provide developmental services and other resources to help your child meet his or her maximum potential. Services provided include (but are not limited to): screenings, evaluations and assessments,



<p>Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSPs), Early Intervention services, and transition plans to preschool services under Part B of IDEA, or other programs.</p> <p><a href="http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/msdhsite/index.cfm/41,0,74,html">http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/msdhsite/index.cfm/41,0,74,html</a></p>
<p><b>Immunizations for Children: (601) 576-7751</b></p> <p>Immunizations against childhood diseases are required by Mississippi law in order to enter school, Head Start, or day care. Specific vaccinations are also recommended for students entering high school or college. The Mississippi State Department of Health provides all necessary immunizations at low cost. Immunizations are free if you qualify for the Vaccines for Children program.</p> <p><a href="http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/msdhsite/_static/14,0,71.html">http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/msdhsite/_static/14,0,71.html</a></p>
<p><b>Women's Health: 1-800-721-7222</b></p> <p>We offer family planning and reproductive health services at over 100 local health departments and county clinics. We provide a wide range of confidential and professional reproductive health services to both men and women, regardless of income. You may be eligible for free or reduced cost services based on a sliding fee scale.</p> <p><a href="http://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/41,0,107.html">http://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/41,0,107.html</a></p>
<p><b>Women, Infants and Children (WIC): 1- (800) 545-6747</b></p> <p>WIC is a special supplemental food program for pregnant, breastfeeding, and post-partum women, infants and children under five years of age. WIC helps you and your baby get healthy foods and healthy advice in the first years of life.</p> <p><a href="http://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/41,0,128.html">http://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/41,0,128.html</a></p>

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS & INFORMATION**

<b>Pearl River County General Information</b>		
Millard: 601-403-2500	Picayune: 601-749-7700	Poplarville: 601-403-2300
<b>UTILITIES</b>		
<p><b>City of Picayune Water &amp; Natural Gas</b>          203 Goodyear Blvd, Picayune, MS 39466          (601) 798-9776  <a href="http://www.picayune.ms.us/departments/utility">http://www.picayune.ms.us/departments/utility</a></p>	<p><b>Pearl River Central Water Assn</b>          P. O. Box 419, McNeil, MS 39457          (601) 798-3103 or (601) 798-3103</p>	
<p><b>Pearl River County Utility Authority</b>          100 Street A, Suite F, Picayune, MS 39466          (601) 799-5259  <a href="http://www.prc-ua.org">www.prc-ua.org</a></p>	<p><b>Sunny Oaks Water Assn.</b>          P.O. Box 112, Poplarville, MS 39470          (601) 795-3170</p>	

**Bi-County Water Association Inc.**

Route 4 Box 381, Poplarville, MS 39470  
(601) 795-4565

**Carnes Utility Association Inc.**

1084 Carnes Road, Wiggins, MS 39577  
(601) 928-5918

**Center Water Association Inc.**

1050 Bouie Road, Carriere, MS 39426  
(601) 799-8384 or (601) 798-1401

**Hide-A-Way Lake Club Inc.**

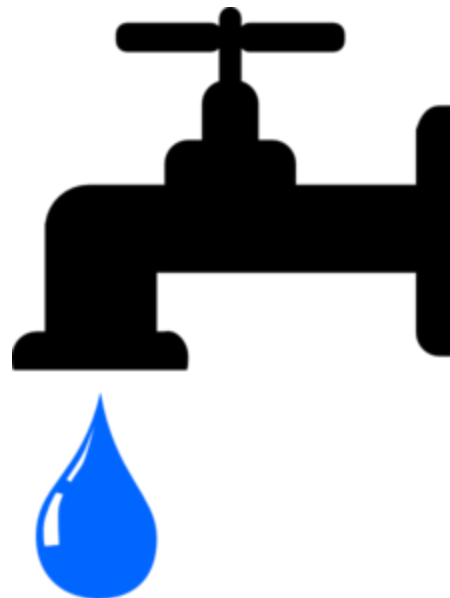
P. O. Box 1011, Picayune, MS 39466  
(601) 798-1484

**Nicholson Water & Sewer Assn**

P.O. Box 309, Nicholson, MS 39463  
(601)798-9696

**North Lumberton Utility Assn. Inc.**

410 North Front Street, Lumberton, MS 39455  
(601) 796-4941



**FIRE NON-EMERGENCY**

Picayune Fire Department  
435 S Loftin St, Picayune, MS 39466  
(601) 799-0614

Picayune Fire Department  
2233 Adcox Rd, Picayune, MS 39466  
(601) 798-7862

Picayune Fire Chief's Office  
435 S Loftin St, Picayune, MS 39466  
(601) 798-6513

Lumberton Fire Department  
702 9th Ave, Lumberton, MS 39455  
(601) 796-8901

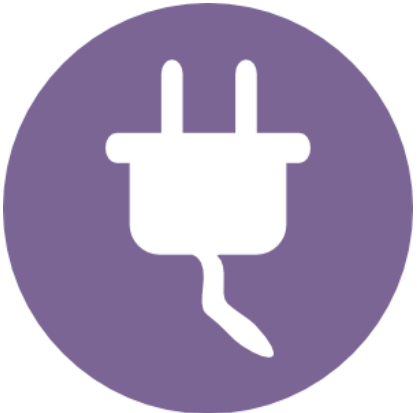
Picayune Fire Department  
1700 Palestine Rd, Picayune, MS 39466  
(601) 798-4811

McNeill Volunteer Fire Department  
106 Library St, Picayune, MS 39466  
(601) 798-7065

Poplarville Fire Department  
1390 S Main St, Poplarville, MS 39470  
(601) 795-4313

Poplarville Fire Department  
110 S Main St, Poplarville, MS 39470  
(601) 795-2200

<p><b>Henleyfield Volunteer Fire Department</b> 5585 MS-43, Carriere, MS 39426 (601) 799-5887</p>	<p><b>Carriere Volunteer Fire Department</b> 7414 US-11, Carriere, MS 39426 (601) 799-2345</p>
<p><b>POLICE NON-EMERGENCY</b></p> <p><b>Pearl River County Sheriff Office</b> 200 Julia Street, Poplarville, MS 39470 (P) 601-795-2241 or 601-798-5528</p> <p><b>Picayune Police Department</b> 328 South Main Street, Picayune, Mississippi, 39466 (P) 601-798-7411; (F) 601-798-7412</p> <p><b>Poplarville Police Department</b> 305 Highway 26, Poplarville, Mississippi, 39470 (P) 601-795-4447; (F) 601-795-2884</p> 	
<p><b>TELEPHONE SERVICES: LAND LINES</b></p> <p><b>AT&amp;T</b> 231 Frontage Road, Picayune, MS 39466 (601) 799-3905 <a href="http://www.att.com">www.att.com</a></p>	<p><b>GAS / ELECTRIC COMPANIES</b></p> <p><b>Coast Electric</b> 6375 US 11. Picayune, MS 39466 Customer Care: 601-798-5013 Report an outage: 1-877-769-2372 <a href="http://www.coastepa.com">www.coastepa.com</a></p>



**EMERGENCY RADIO STATIONS**

<p><b>WRJW (1320AM)</b> WRJW is a 5000 watt facility with a history of service to our market, Pearl River County,</p>
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Hancock County, and several Louisiana Parishes. The WRJW tower is strategically located to provide an optimum signal that stretches from New Orleans to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, while reaching South Central Mississippi along with St. Tammany and Washington Parishes.

## STATE OF MISSISSIPPI SERVICE CENTERS

### **Child Support Enforcement, Human Services**

5 Willow Bend Drive, Hattiesburg, MS 39402

Phone: 877-882-4916

<http://www.mdhs.ms.gov/child-support/>

The mission of the Division of Child Support Enforcement is to provide child support services to ensure that children receive financial and emotional support from both parents and empower families to become self-sufficient. The Division of Child Support Enforcement (DCSE) offers services to Mississippi's children and families by securing financial and medical support. Every child deserves the love and support of both parents to develop into the most productive adult possible. DCSE operates 84 offices in 82 counties to ensure the availability of child support services to all eligible persons in the State of Mississippi.

### **Economic Assistance**

153 Savannah Millard Rd, Suite C, Poplarville Ms 39470

Phone: 601-403-2424

Fax: 601-403-2469

<http://www.mdhs.ms.gov/economic-assistance>

The mission of the Division of Economic Assistance is to promote self-sufficiency and personal responsibility for all Mississippians.

### **Emergency Medical Services for Children**

570 East Woodrow Wilson Drive, Jackson, MS 39216

Phone: 601-576-7400

[http://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/\\_static/48.html](http://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/48.html)

The mission of the Mississippi Emergency Medical Services for Children Program is to prevent and reduce childhood, adolescent, and youth death and disability resulting from illness and injury.

### **Mississippi Council on Developmental Disabilities**

239 North Lamar St. 1101 Robert E. Lee Building, Jackson, MS 39201

Phone: 601-359-6238

<http://www.msccd.org/>

The CDD is an appointed group of people designed to support individuals with developmental disabilities, their families and the community they live

**Mississippi Department of Employment Security**

Picayune WIN Job Center  
2005 Wildwood Rd, Picayune, MS 39466  
Phone: 601-798-3472

<http://mdes.ms.gov/>

Provides help for businesses and job seekers through a variety of employment, training and business services.

**Mississippi Department of Mental Health**

1101 Robert E. Lee Bldg. 239 North Lamar Street, Jackson, MS 39201  
Phone: 1-877-210-8513

<http://www.dmh.state.ms.us/>

Supporting a better tomorrow by making a difference in the lives of Mississippians with mental illness, substance abuse problems and intellectual/developmental disabilities one person at a time.

**Mississippi Department of Public Safety**

Department Of Motor Vehicles - Driver License  
917 Goodyear Boulevard, Picayune, MS 39466  
Phone: (601) 799-1428

<http://www.dps.state.ms.us/driver-services/new-drivers-license/district-one-locations/>

Drivers license issuance, renewals, IDs, written tests, and road tests.



**PEARL RIVER COUNTY, MS RESOURCES (A-Z)**



## ABUSE / NEGLECT

### **Pearl River County Department of Human Services**

417 Hwy 11 N., Poplarville, MS 38470

Phone: (601) 795-3038; Fax: (601) 964-2331

Services: Mental Health/Drugs and Alcohol; Human Services; Health and Medical Services; Senior Citizen Services; Employment Assistance and Opportunities; Placement Resources; Pregnancy and Parenting; Housing; Child Care; Educational Services; Children's Programs; Support Service; Courts and Law Enforcement



### **Report Abuse**

Report abuse, neglect and exploitation in Mississippi

Mississippi Centralized Intake

1-800-222-8000 ; (601) 432-4570

[www.msabusehotline.mdhs.ms.gov](http://www.msabusehotline.mdhs.ms.gov)

## COLLEGES / UNIVERSITIES (within 25 miles)

### **PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE (PRCC)**

Poplarville Campus

101 Highway 11 North, Poplarville, Mississippi 39470

Phone: (601) 403-1000

Website: [www.prcc.edu](http://www.prcc.edu)

Provides onsite and online classes in general education and career/technical education leading to Associate Degrees or Certificates of Proficiency in a variety of areas.



### **DELTA COLLEGE OF ARTS & TECHNOLOGY**

105 Gause Blvd W, Slidell, LA 70460

Phone: (985) 643-7730

Website: [www.deltacollege.com](http://www.deltacollege.com)

Offers training for Dental Assistant, Medical Assistant, Medical Office Assistant, & Practical Nursing.



## **EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES / DISABILITIES**

### **Early Intervention Program (First Steps) - Mississippi State Department of Health**

7547 Highway 11 North, Carriere, MS 39426

Phone: 601-798-6212

Website: [http://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/\\_static/41,0,74.html](http://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/41,0,74.html)

Early Interventionist – Ann Brock, MS; [ann.brock@msdh.state.ms.us](mailto:ann.brock@msdh.state.ms.us)

If you have a child that is under three years old, First Steps may provide developmental services and other resources to help your child meet his or her maximum potential. Services provided include (but are not limited to): screenings, evaluations and assessments, Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSPs), Early Intervention services, and transition plans to preschool services under Part B of IDEA, or other programs.

### **Mississippi Department of Education – Office of Special Education**

Parent Hotline: 601-359-3498

Website: <http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/OSE>

The Office of Special Education is a service-oriented organization that seeks to improve the education experience for children with disabilities. We strive to nurture a dedicated staff through intense professional development opportunities, field experience, and individual accountability. In keeping with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and state law, we help local schools and districts provide effective educational programs to students with disabilities, ages 3-20, who need special education and related services.

### **Pearl River County School District - Department of Student Services**

7391 Highway 11, Carriere, MS 39426

Phone: (601) 798-1912; Fax: (601) 799-5165

Director: Mike Posey: [mposey@prc.k12.ms.us](mailto:mposey@prc.k12.ms.us)

Ages 3+: Supervises the identification of students for Special Education, Intellectually Gifted, and Section 504 services. The department strives to meet the individual needs of students found eligible through appropriate programming and the provision of related services.

### **Picayune School District - Office of Exceptional Education**

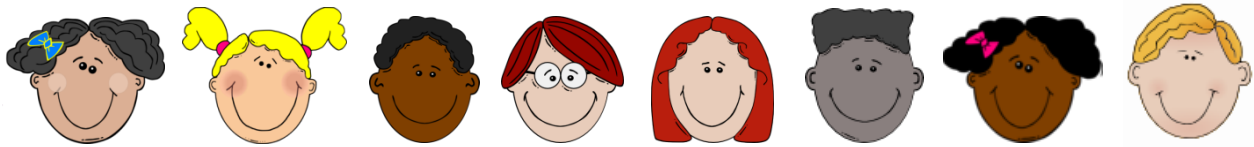
622 Goodyear Blvd., Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 798-4555 | Fax: (601) 798-1346

Director: Diane Wise: [dwise@pcu.k12.ms.us](mailto:dwise@pcu.k12.ms.us)

Ages 3+: Offers a wide range of programs to meet the individual needs of students with special needs through appropriate student identification procedures, achievement testing, and innovative instructional strategies.

## EDUCATION: EARLY CHILDHOOD / CHILDCARE (LICENSED)



### **1ST BAPTIST CARRIERE PRE-SCHOOL**

7264 Highway 11, Carriere, MS 39426

Phone: (601) 798-6301

Maximum Capacity: 30

### **ANNIE'S KINDERGARTEN AND DAY CARE**

716 Davis Street, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 798-3446

Maximum Capacity: 59

### **CHILD DEVELOPMENT LAB SCHOOL**

101 Highway 11 North, Poplarville, MS 39470

Phone: (601) 403-1256

Maximum Capacity: 50

### **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

401 Goodyear Boulevard, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 916-9330

Maximum Capacity: 150

### **FIRST BAPTIST PLAYSCHOOL**

203 South Main Street, Poplarville, MS 39470

Phone: (601) 795-4531

Maximum Capacity: 63

### **HANCOCK COUNTY STARS-WEST**

23350 Highway 43, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (228) 467-8050

Maximum Capacity: 100

### **KIDS CLUBHOUSE**

1401 Sixth Ave, Picayune, MS 39466

### **KREATIVE KINGDOM CHRISTIAN LRING CTR**

330 Jacob's Road, Poplarville, MS 39470

Phone: (601) 403-8489

Maximum Capacity: 95

### **LEANNE'S LEARNING CENTER**

1618 Beech Street, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 374-9604

Maximum Capacity: 48

### **LINDA'S FAMILY CHILD CARE**

1305 Ausborn Rd, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 798-0643

Maximum Capacity: 17

### **MCCARTY LEARNING CENTER**

401/403 Rosa Street, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 799-2716

Maximum Capacity: 125

### **PICAYUNE HEAD START COMPLEX**

1220 Hwy 11 South, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 799-1716

Maximum Capacity: 201

### **PICAYUNE SD EARLY HEAD START**

1620 Rosa Street, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 799-4702

Maximum Capacity: 90

### **PICAYUNE SD EARLY HEAD START**

1865 Highway 11 South, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 798-7808

Phone: (601) 798-0917  
Maximum Capacity: 107

**KIDS CLUBHOUSE, LLC**

705 West Canal Street, Picayune, MS 39466  
Phone: (601) 798-0917  
Maximum Capacity: 64

**KIDS KINGDOM**

10 Alex Place, Picayune, MS 39466  
Phone: (601) 798-5437  
Maximum Capacity: 95

**KIDS KORNER LEARNING CTR OF PICAYUNE**

611 East Canal Street, Picayune, MS 39466  
Phone: (601) 798-0174  
Maximum Capacity: 150

**KIDS' KAMPUS POPLARVILLE**

202 S Strahan Street, Poplarville, MS 39470  
Phone: (601) 795-4853  
Maximum Capacity: 80

Maximum Capacity: 90

**POPLARVILLE HEAD START**

205 East Locke Street, Poplarville, MS 39470  
Phone: (601) 795-8011  
Maximum Capacity: 65

**RENEE'S AFTERSCHOOL**

21 Ozona Rd, Carriere, MS 39426  
Phone: (601) 273-2437  
Maximum Capacity: 22

**St. Charles Catholic School**

1006 Goodyear Blvd, Picayune, MS 39466  
Phone: (601) 799-0860  
Maximum Capacity: 8

**THE PLAID APPLE PRESCHOOL**

244 Burgetown Rd, Carriere, MS 39426  
Phone: (601) 916-3693  
Maximum Capacity: 48

**UNION BAPTIST KINDERGARTEN**

1628 West Union Road, Picayune, MS 39466  
Phone: (601) 798-8999  
Maximum Capacity: 50



**EDUCATION: PRIMARY / SECONDARY- PUBLIC**

**Lumberton Public School District**

107 West Tenth Avenue, Lumberton, MS 39455

Phone: (601) 796-2441; Fax: (601) 796-2051

Superintendent: Linda L. Smith, Ph.D.

<https://ls.lamarcountyschools.org/>

**LUMBERTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

7922 U.S. Highway 11

Lumberton, MS 39455

**Phone: (601) 796-3721**

**Fax: (601) 796-7903**

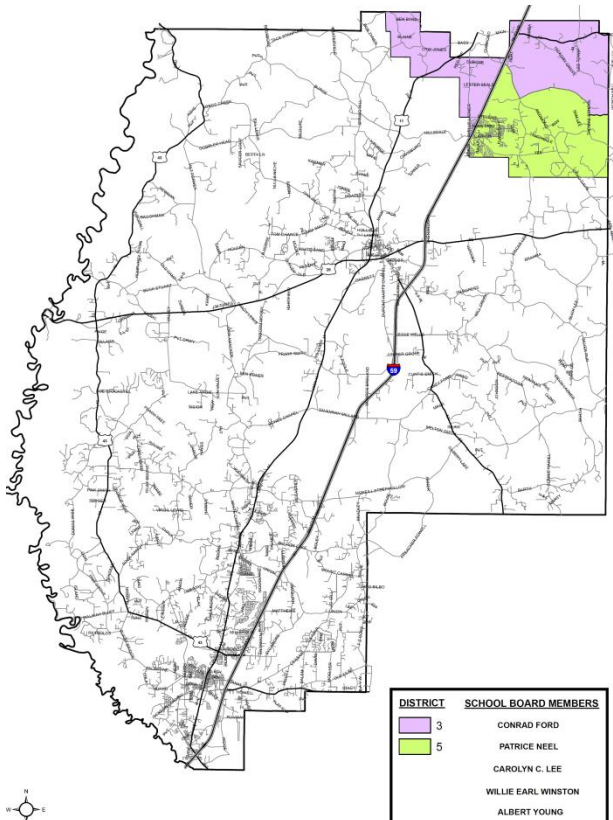
**LUMBERTON HIGH SCHOOL**

7920 U.S. Highway 11

Lumberton, MS 39455

**Phone: (601) 796-2451**

**Fax: (601) 796-7907**



**PEARL RIVER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

7441 Highway 11, Carriere, MS 39426  
Phone: (601) 798-7744; Fax: (601) 798-3527  
Superintendent: Mr. Alan Lumpkin  
<http://www.prc.k12.ms.us/>

**CENTER FOR ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION**

461 Burgetown Rd., Carriere, MS 39426  
Phone: (601) 798-6852  
Fax: (601) 229-0612

**PEARL RIVER CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL**

7407 HIGHWAY 11, Carriere, MS 39426  
Phone: (601) 798-1986  
Fax: (601) 799-0068

**PEARL RIVER CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH**

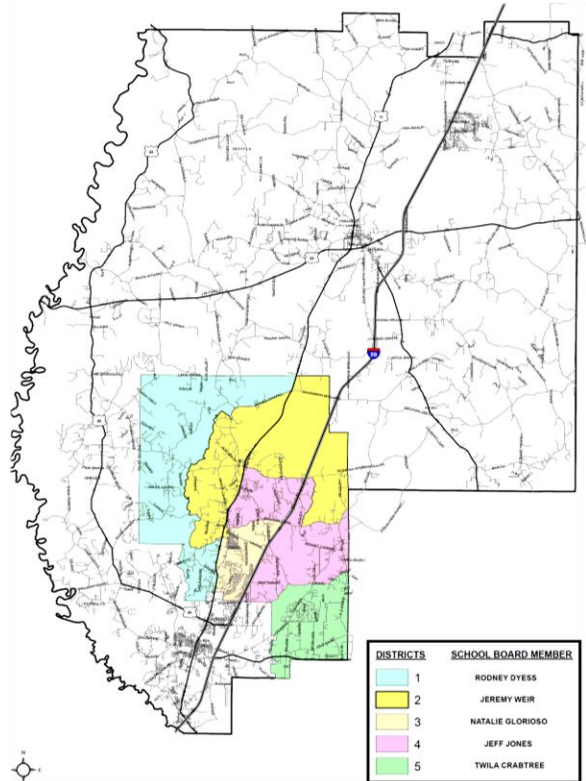
7391 HWY 11, Carriere, MS 39426  
Phone: (601) 798-5654  
Fax: (601) 798-2822

**PEARL RIVER CENTRAL LOWER ELEMENTARY**

116 ALPHABET AVE., Carriere, MS 39426  
Phone: (601) 799-4519  
Fax: (601) 588-2067

**PEARL RIVER CENTRAL UPPER ELEMENTARY**

1592 HENLEYFIELD MCNEILL ROAD, Carriere, MS 39426  
Phone: (601) 798-2864  
Fax: (601) 799-0356





**PICAYUNE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

706 Goodyear Blvd., Picayune, MS 39466  
Phone: (601) 798-3230; Fax: (601) 798-1742  
Superintendent: Mr. Dean Shaw  
<https://www.picayuneschools.org/>

**Center for Alternative Education**

900 East Third Street, Picayune, MS 39466  
Phone: (601) 799-0684  
Fax: (601) 799-0325

**Nicholson Elementary School**

1887 Hwy 11 South, Picayune, MS 39466  
Phone: (601) 798-6309  
Fax: (601) 798-1558

**Picayune Junior High School**

702 Goodyear Blvd., Picayune, MS 39466  
Phone: (601) 798-5449  
Fax: (601) 749-5902

**Picayune Memorial High School**

800 Fifth Avenue, Picayune, MS 39466  
Phone: (601) 798-1380  
Fax: (601) 799-4705

**PMHS Career & Technology Center**

600 Goodyear Blvd., Picayune, MS 39466  
Phone: (601) 798-7601  
Fax: (601) 799-4711

**Roseland Park Elementary School**

1610 Gilcrease Street, Picayune, MS 39466  
Phone: (601) 798-6824  
Fax: (601) 798-1894

**South Side Upper Elementary School**

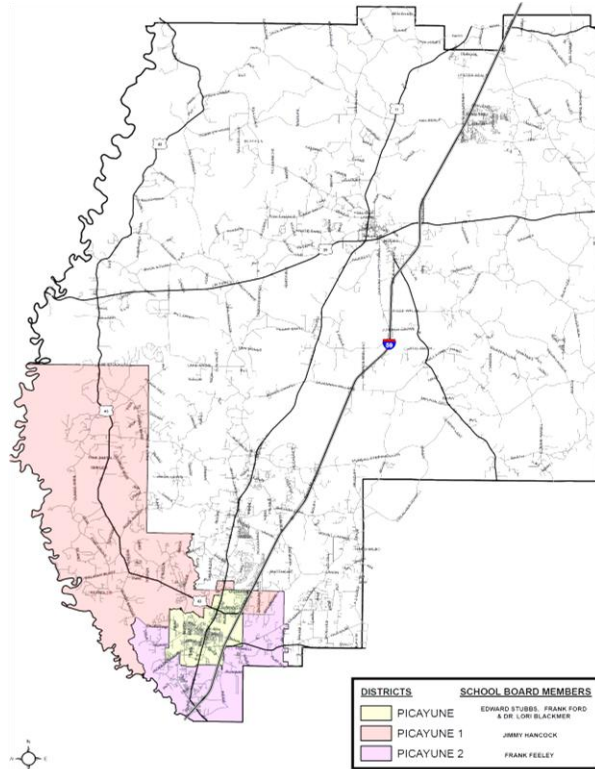
1500 Rosa Street, Picayune, MS 39466  
Phone: (601) 798-1105  
Fax: (601) 798-6032

**South Side Lower Elementary School**

400 South Beech Street, Picayune, MS 39466  
Phone: (601) 799-0683  
Fax: (601) 798-6371

**West Side Elementary School**

111 Kirkwood Street, Picayune, MS 39466  
Phone: (601) 798-3625  
Fax: (601) 798-1879



**POPLARVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

302 South Julia Street, Poplarville, MS 39470

Phone: (601) 795-8477; Fax: (601) 795-0712

Superintendent: Mr. Carl Merritt

<http://www.poplarvilleschools.org/>

**MIDDLE SCHOOL OF POPLARVILLE**

6 Spirit Street, Poplarville, MS 39470

Phone: (601) 795-1350

Fax: (601) 795-1351

**POPLARVILLE CAREER DEVELOPMENT CTR**

9 Career Center Circle, Poplarville, MS 39470

Phone: (601) 795-8343

Fax: (601) 795-1353

**POPLARVILLE JR SR HIGH SCHOOL**

1 Hornet Drive, Poplarville, MS 39470

Phone: (601) 795-8424

Fax: (601) 795-1345

**POPLARVILLE LOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

804 South Julia Street Suite A, Poplarville, MS 39470

Phone: (601) 795-4736

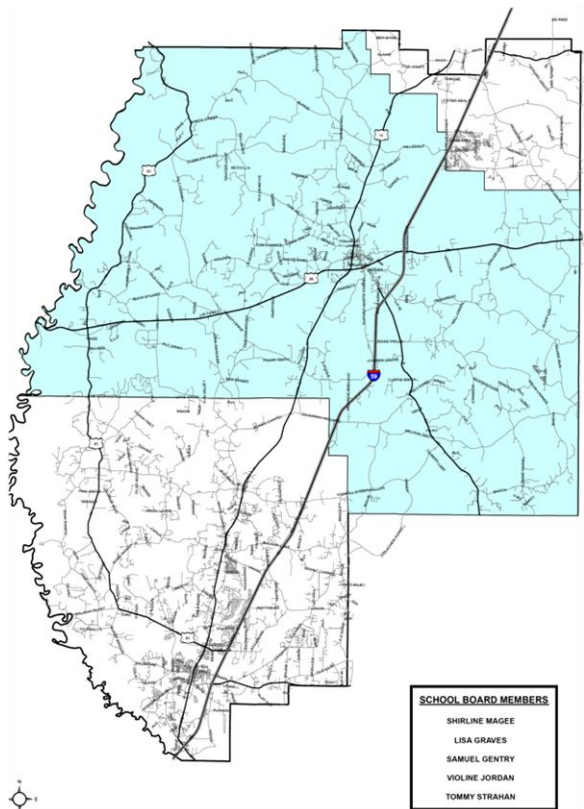
Fax: (601) 795-6568

**POPLARVILLE UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

1 TODD CIRCLE, Poplarville, MS 39470

Phone: (601) 795-8303

Fax: (601) 795-3104



## EDUCATION: PRIMARY / SECONDARY- PRIVATE

### Heritage Christian Academy

21 Richard Rd, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601)215-6327

Email: [info@HCApicayune.com](mailto:info@HCApicayune.com)

Website: <http://hcapicayune.com/>

Grades: K - 3

### Roseland Park Baptist Church Baptist Church Academy

Address: 2130 Hwy 11 N, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 798-5620

Website: <http://roselandparkbaptist.org/>

Grades: PreK - 7

### St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School

Address: 1006 Goodyear Blvd, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 799-0860

Website: <http://www.stcbcatholicsschool.org/>

Grades: PreK – 8

### Union Baptist Church Academy

Address: 1628 W Union Rd, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 798-6470

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

Grades: PreK - 12



## EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

### Picayune WIN Job Center

#### Mississippi Department of Employment Security

2005 Wildwood Rd, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 798-3472

Website: <http://mdes.ms.gov/win-job-centers/picayune-win-job-center/>



Services for Individuals: Job Placement, WIOA Services, Priority Services for Veterans, TAA, Job Corps, Referral to Supportive and Rehabilitation Services, Training

Resources for Individuals: Computers with Internet access; Fax; Copier; Resume Preparation software; Career Planning & Assessment; Access to Training information; Resource Center

## LIBRARIES

### PEARL RIVER COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

#### Margaret Reed Crosby Memorial Library

900 Goodyear Blvd., Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 798 5081

Website: <http://pearlriver.lib.ms.us/>

#### Poplarville Public Library

202 West Beers Street, Poplarville, MS 39470

Phone: (601) 795 8411

Services include: Art & Antiques Collections; Meeting Room & Kitchen; Audio Books; Memorial Books & Gifts; Book Clubs; Microfilms & Microfilm Reader/Printer; Blind & Physically Handicapped Library Services; Mississippi Code; Career Center / Employment; Movies on DVD; Copy Machine; Newspapers; Exhibits (Art & Antiques); Outreach Programs & Materials; Friends of the Library; Preschools, Schools & Senior Center; Interlibrary Loan; Photographs; Internet Access; Proctor Exams for Distance Learning; Large Print Collection; Programs for Adults, Teens & Children; Learning Express Library; Public Computers; Library Cards; Public Typewriters; Local History Room with Mississippi & Genealogy Collections; Reference Help; Magazines – Adult, Teen, & Children; Service to Shut-ins; MAGNOLIA Databases; Stories to Go; Wireless Internet

## FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES : LOCAL AGENCIES

### Brother's Keeper Ministries

310 E Smith St, Poplarville, MS 39470

Phone: (601) 795-3173

Email: [brotherskeeper01@att.net](mailto:brotherskeeper01@att.net)

A non-profit multi-denominational Christian organization dedicated to meeting the needs of those in all of Pearl River County by networking with local churches, government agencies and other volunteer groups to provide food, counseling, spiritual guidance and mentoring. Food Pantry-Assistance is given to households in need who qualify under USDA guidelines. On-going assistance is given to those whose circumstances do not change. We receive food from Wal-Mart #970 in Picayune each week. We also receive food donations from local schools, churches, organizations, businesses and individuals.



### Christian Care Ministries

321 Williams Ave, Picayune, MS 39466-3946

Phone: (601) 799-3593

Offers assistance in a variety of ways, including purchasing approved medications and clothing and providing gas vouchers to drive to medical appointments, home-delivered meal program for seniors and disabled individuals, and food bank for families in need of support.

**Community of Christians Helping Youth**

120 Street A, Suite C, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 569-6567

Email: [www.cchy@att.net](mailto:www.cchy@att.net)

Website: <http://www.cchypicayune.org/>

CCHY provides many programs, including but not limited to: Parenting Classes, Vocational Training, Diploma Program, Youth Homework Assistance, STEM-based Lesson Plans, Performing Arts, Sewing, Nutrition, Fitness, Environmental Education, Reading, Counseling, Hands-on Projects, and Field Trips

**Manna Ministries**

120 Street A, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: 601-799-2121

Email: [dixie@mannaministry.net](mailto:dixie@mannaministry.net); Website: <http://mannaministry.net/>

Manna Ministries provides and restores health and support to those in need without regard to geographical areas. Everyday families struggle to make ends meet and suffer from lack of basic human needs such as food, clothing, shelter, and healthcare.

**MSU Extension Services**

417 Hwy 11 N., Poplarville, Mississippi 39470

Phone: 601-403-2280; Fax: 601-795-0651

Website: <http://extension.msstate.edu/msu-extension-pearl-river-county>

Local agents and staff receive training in a wide range of subject matter and are ready to share their enthusiasm about agriculture, natural resources, community development, family and consumer sciences, and 4-H. If you need answers to your pressing questions, call the Pearl River County extension office. If they don't know the answer, they'll find someone who does!

**Pearl River Valley Opportunity**

204 Julia Street, Poplarville, MS 39470

917 Goodyear Blvd, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 403-2206

Phone: (601) 749-7729

Website: <http://prvohs.org/>

- **Family Services:** PRVO helps families meet their basic needs, obtain family stability, and improve their quality of life. We believe in addressing the entire family and supporting them in taking an active role in every phase of their child's development as well.
- **Children Services:** Our services include child health, education, child safety, nutrition, family and community services, as well as mental health and disabilities.
- **Senior Services:** PRVO provides programs and services such as prescription assistance and

meal plans which helps improve quality of life for seniors

- **Business Services:** PRVO assists with financing business, economic development activities, and socially and economically disadvantaged minorities and women owned businesses, to create or retain jobs in disadvantaged and remote communities.

### **Pregnancy Support Services**

1101 Goodyear Boulevard, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: 601-799-2668

Website: <http://savalifems.org/>

Services include: Pregnancy Tests, Confidential Peer Counseling, Maternity and Infant Support Materials, Limited Ultrasound, Childbirth Classes, Community Resource Referrals, Earn While You Learn

### **Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Church**

1000 Goodyear Boulevard, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 798-4779

Website: <http://www.scborromeo.org/>

Food Pantry: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10:00am-11:30am

## **FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES : REGIONAL AGENCIES**

### **American Red Cross of Southeast Mississippi**

Primary Office: 612 E. Pass Road, Gulfport, MS 39507.

Phone: 228-896-4511

Website: <http://www.redcross.org/>

Services include Be Red Cross Ready (Emergency Preparedness); Blood Donation Services; Disaster Services (hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, heat waves, hazardous materials spills and other natural and man-made disasters); Health and Safety Services (First Aid and CPR training to swimming and lifeguarding, and babysitter training); International Services, Service to the Armed Forces (training and support).



### **Salvation Army**

2019 22nd Street, Gulfport, MS 39501

Phone: (228) 374-8301

Website: <http://salvationarmyalm.org/msgulfcoast/locations/>

The Salvation Army MS Gulf Coast provides over a million services every year to residents in South Mississippi. Services include food assistance, utility assistance, shower and laundry program, community fellowship, life skills classes, vital record assistance, clothing assistance,





referral assistance, disaster services, and Christmas assistance.

**United Way of South Mississippi**

Knight Nonprofit Center  
 11975 Seaway Road, Suite B170, Gulfport, MS 39503  
 Phone: (228) 896-2213  
 Website: <http://www.unitedwaysm.org/>



Targeted priority areas include education, income (financial stability), and health. These are the building blocks of a good life. We also focus on building a strong foundation of safety net services, ensuring food, clothing and shelter to families in South Mississippi.

**FINANCIAL SERVICES**

**Bancorp South**

201 W Main Ave., Lumberton, MS 39455  
 Phone: (601) 796-4212; Fax: (601) 796-5612  
 Website: [www.bancorpsouth.com](http://www.bancorpsouth.com)



**BankPlus - Main Office**

951 Memorial Blvd,  
 Picayune, MS 39466  
 Phone: (601) 798-8300  
 Website: [www.bankplus.net](http://www.bankplus.net)

**BankPlus**

115 Williams Ave,  
 Picayune, MS 39466  
 Phone: (601) 749-3077

**BankPlus**

105 S Main St,  
 Poplarville, MS 39470  
 Phone: (601) 795-2271

**Firemen's Federal Credit Union**

1620 Goodyear Blvd, Picayune, MS 39466  
 Phone: (504) 889-9090  
 Website: [www.noffcu.org](http://www.noffcu.org)

**The First- A National Banking Association**

1506 Mississippi 43, Picayune, MS 39466  
 Phone: (601) 798-2987; Fax (601) 798-3285  
 Website: [www.thefirstbank.com/](http://www.thefirstbank.com/)

**First National Bank – Main Branch**

121 E Canal St,  
 Picayune MS 39466  
 Phone: (601) 749-3200

**First National Bank - West**

208 W Canal St,  
 Picayune, MS 39466  
 Phone: (601) 749-3273

**First National Bank - South**

801 Memorial Blvd,  
 Picayune, MS 39466  
 Phone: (601) 749-3275

**First National -North**

721 Cooper Rd,  
 Picayune, MS 39466  
 Phone: (601) 749-3272

**First National Bank**


1720 S Main St,  
 Poplarville, MS 39470  
 Phone: (601) 795-0250

Website: [www.fnbop.com/](http://www.fnbop.com/)

**First Southern Bank**

1321 MS-43, Picayune, MS 39466  
 Phone: (601) 798-6438  
 Website: [www.fsb-ms.com](http://www.fsb-ms.com)

<p><b>Hancock Bank - Northside</b>  2400 Hwy 11 N,  Picayune, MS 39466  Phone: (601) 799-0921  Website: <a href="http://www.hancockwhitney.com">www.hancockwhitney.com</a></p>	<p><b>Hancock Bank - Southside</b>  229 Memorial Blvd,  Picayune, MS 39466  Phone: (601) 799-0939</p>	<p><b>Hancock Bank - Poplarville</b>  602 S Main St,  Poplarville, MS 39470  Phone: (601) 795-4533</p>
<p><b>Keesler Federal Credit Union - Picayune</b>  2270 Mississippi 43 S, Picayune, MS 39466  Phone: (228) 385-5500  Website: <a href="http://www.kfcu.org">www.kfcu.org</a></p>	<p><b>Regions Bank</b>  407, US-11, Picayune, MS 39466  Phone: (800) 734-4667  Website: <a href="http://www.regions.com/">www.regions.com/</a></p>	

<p><b>FINANCIAL TRAINING</b></p>	
<p><b>Bank Plus - Picayune</b>  951 Memorial Blvd, Picayune, MS 39466;  Phone: 601-798-8300  Register at:  <a href="https://www.bankplus.net/Personal/CreditPlus/CreditPlus/?terms=training">https://www.bankplus.net/Personal/CreditPlus/CreditPlus/?terms=training</a></p> <p>Offers a financial literacy training that provides residents with important information to make wiser financial decisions. Classes are held for the financial education of individuals 18 years and older. Only those individuals registered will be allowed to enter the training room.</p> <p><b>Manna Ministries</b>  120 Street A, Picayune, MS 39466  Phone: 601-799-2121  Email: <a href="mailto:dixie@mannaministry.net">dixie@mannaministry.net</a> ; Website: <a href="http://mannaministry.net/">http://mannaministry.net/</a></p> <p>Our resources and information are designed to inspire and assist you as you begin to make necessary changes in your financial decisions. No matter what financial issues you are struggling with, remember you are not alone. Our assistance and information include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* How to start &amp; maintain a budget</li> <li>* Pitfalls of predatory lending &amp; how to avoid</li> <li>* How to save for emergencies</li> <li>* How to build or repair your credit</li> <li>* How to avoid delinquency &amp; foreclosure on your home</li> <li>* Savings &amp; investing</li> <li>* How to avoid identity thief and fraud</li> </ul>	

### **MSU Extension Services**

417 Hwy 11 N., Poplarville , Mississippi 39470

Phone: 601-403-2280; Fax: 601-795-0651

Website: <http://extension.msstate.edu/msu-extension-pearl-river-county>

Our team of consumer educators provides resources and programs to improve the financial well-being of individuals and families in Mississippi. We work with local and state partners to meet the consumer education needs of citizens from youth through the senior adult years.

### **MEDICAL: HOSPITALS**

#### **Highland Community Hospital**

130 Highland Pkwy, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 358-9400

Website: <http://www.forresthealth.org/our-locations/highland-community-hospital/>



The 60-bed facility and affiliated clinics provide access to a broad range of quality services, supporting the community and enhancing the level of care for the residents of Picayune and the surrounding areas. Highland Community Hospital offers the following services:

- Women & Children’s Services
  - Mammography (FDA-approved mammography system for the screening and diagnosis of breast cancer)
  - Pediatrics (inpatient pediatric services)
  - Obstetrics (labor and delivery suites and postpartum rooms)
- Cardiac Services (Cardiology Services, Diagnostic Services, monitored exercise)
- Emergency (provides efficient and effective care for every type of illness, injury and trauma)
- Geriatric Psychiatric Unit The Grove (designed to address the complex needs of older patients)
- Hospitalist Program (a physician acts as a primary physician for patients who do not have a local primary care physician)
- Intensive Care Unit (designed and equipped for the intensive treatment of critically-ill patients)
- Laboratory (offers services 24 hours a day, seven days a week)
- MRI (accredited magnetic resonance imaging service)
- Physical Therapy (perform comprehensive assessments provide a treatment plan)
- Respiratory Therapy (care for patients with acute and chronic breathing disorders)
- Radiology / Imaging (ultrasound, nuclear medicine and the digital CAT scanner)
- Surgical (surgical care in an emergency, including inpatient and outpatient procedures)

**Pearl River County Hospital & Nursing Home**

305 W Moody St, Poplarville, Mississippi 39470

Phone: 601-795-4543

Email: [tommie.staten@prc-med.com](mailto:tommie.staten@prc-med.com)

Website: [www.prc-med.com](http://www.prc-med.com)

Pearl River County Hospital has a 24-hour Emergency Room which provides critical care and life-saving intervention for the under-served rural population of Pearl River, Hancock, and surrounding counties, and our 22 inpatient beds provide professional care for our Acute Care and Swing Bed patients. Ancillary services include Radiological Imaging, Laboratory, Respiratory, as well as Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Therapy. Other services include our Prime Care Family Health clinic, which offers outpatient medical, wellness, and mental health services, as well as our Intensive Outpatient Program, which offers specialized services for the treatment of depression, anxiety, and other behavioral disturbances for our senior adult and geriatric patients of our community.

**MEDICAL: PEDIATRIC / FAMILY CLINICS****Children's International Medical Group**

(Provider: Christopher M. Fletcher, APRN)

801 Williams Ave, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 798-5558; Fax: (844) 899-5210

Website: <http://childrensinternationalmedicalgroup.com/>

**Hattiesburg Clinic Immediate Care – Carriere**

6941 Hwy 11, Ste. A Carriere, MS 39426

Phone: 601-749-3776

Website: <http://www.hattiesburgclinic.com/department/immediate-care-carriere>

**Hattiesburg Clinic: Poplarville Clinic**

(Providers: Wayne E. Grayson, MD; Angela C. Jones, MD; Alicia L. Stevens, MD; Donna G. Cobb, CNP; Christina L. Meador, CNP)

Address: 1407 S Main St, Poplarville, MS 39470

Phone:(601) 795-0659

Website: <http://www.hattiesburgclinic.com/department/the-poplarville-clinic>

**Highland Pediatrics Clinic**

(Provider: Rodriguez J Abraham MD)

146 Highland Pkwy, Picayune, MS 39466

(601) 798-5227

Website: <http://www.forresthealth.org/our-locations/locations-profile/?id=189>



**Pearl River Family Clinic**

(Provider: Dr. Cornel Jeansonne)  
302 US-11 S, Poplarville, MS 39470  
Phone: (601) 403-8284

**Picayune Family Care Center**

(Providers: Delora Denney, MD; James Denney, FNP)  
12 Medical Plaza Blvd # B, Picayune, MS 39466  
Phone: (601) 798-5281  
Facebook Page: [https://www.facebook.com/picayunefamilycareclinic/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/picayunefamilycareclinic/about/?ref=page_internal)

**Picayune Pediatrics**

(Provider: Betty Jo Alexander, CNP)  
517 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Picayune, MS 39466  
Phone: 601-799-5865; Fax: (601) 749-2328  
Facebook Page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/picayunepediatrics/>

**Picayune Urgent Care**

(Providers: Tammy Vincent, NP; Frederick Joseph Deben, NP)  
Address: 422 Memorial Blvd, Picayune, MS 39466  
Phone: (601) 798-2151

**Poplarville Family Medical Clinic**

(Provider: Grace Ford, FNP-BC)  
1222 S Main St, Poplarville, MS 39470  
Phone: (601) 795-9320

**Riser Medical Associates**

(Providers: April Ross, MD; Mary Hess, FNP; Carla Penton, FNP; Albert Sanders, NPC; Cari McDonald, FNP; Ajay Acharya M.D.)  
2274 Highway 43 South Picayune, Mississippi 39466  
Phone: (601) 798-5798  
Fax: (601) 798-1058  
Website: <http://risermedical.com/>



## MEDICAL: PEDIATRIC / FAMILY DENTISTRY

### **DN Orthodontics**

(Providers: Dr. Jack Devereux; Dr. Brian Duvernay; Dr. Ashley Lestrade)

6420 Highway 11 North, Suite C, Carriere, MS 39426

Phone: (601) 799-3120; Fax: (601) 251-0006

Email: [picayune@dn4smiles.com](mailto:picayune@dn4smiles.com)

Website: <https://smiledoctors.com/>



### **Futrell Family Dentistry**

(Provider: David E. Futrell, DDS)

814 Highway 43 N, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 798-4221

Email: [futrelldentist@hotmail.com](mailto:futrelldentist@hotmail.com)

### **Griffing, Ward G DDS**

801 Sixth Ave, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone number (601) 798-5380

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Griffing-Ward-G-DDS/137850779595639>

### **Picayune General Dentistry Inc**

(Provider: Horace "Trey" Combs III, DMD)

500 Goodyear Blvd, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 798-0500

Website: <https://treycombsdmd.com/>

### **Patrick Eck, DDS**

1127 Hwy 43 N, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 798-5443

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dr-Patrick-Eck-DDS/166003383495177?rf=853477801409642>

### **Penley Family Dentistry**

(Provider: Adrienne Varnado Penley, DMD)

6480 Hwy 11 N, Carriere, MS 39426

Phone: (601) 749-9330; Website: <http://www.penleyfamilydentistry.com/>

### **Picayune Dental Clinic**

(Providers: Hal M. Schrock, DDS; Lyndsay Marks, DMD)

200 Norwood St, Picayune, MS 39466

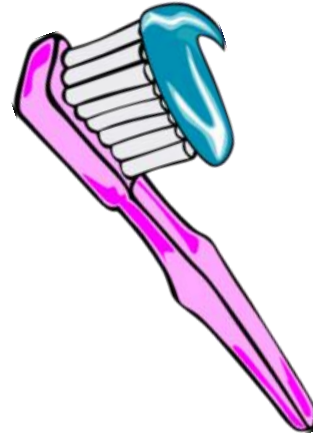
Phone: (601) 798-8207

Website: <https://www.picayunedentalclinic.com/>



**Picayune Smiles**

(Provider: Joseph Daho, D.D.S.)  
 100 Haydon Oaks Dr, Picayune, MS 39466  
 Phone: (601) 798-1135  
 Email: [picayunesmiles@gmail.com](mailto:picayunesmiles@gmail.com)  
 Website: <https://www.picayune-smiles.com/>

**Poplarville Dental Clinic**

(Provider: Jason Estep, DMD)  
 1718 S Main St, Poplarville, MS 39470  
 Phone: (601) 795-8024  
 Website: <http://poplarvilledentalclinic.com>

**MEDICAL: VISION SERVICES****Advanced Eyecare, LLC**

(Provider: Kraig Stasney, O.D.)  
 5 Alex Pl, Picayune, MS 39466  
 Phone: (601) 799-0707  
 Website: <http://www.idoc.me/>

**Eye Care for Picayune**

(Provider: Dr. David P. Schwarz)  
 Address: 3300 Hwy 11 N a, Picayune, MS 39466  
 Phone:(601) 798-3164

**Hattiesburg Clinic – Picayune**

(Providers: Christopher L. Cooley, MD; Curtis J. Shaffer, OD; Casey C. Wells, CNP)  
 Picayune Family Practice Clinic  
 128 Highland Pkwy. Suite 200, Picayune, MS  
 Phone: 601-358-9630  
 Website:  
<https://www.hattiesburgclinic.com/department/picayune-family-practice-clinic/>

**Hattiesburg Clinic – Poplarville**

(Providers: Christopher L. Cooley, MD; Curtis J. Shaffer, OD; Casey C. Wells, CNP)  
 1407 South Main Street, Poplarville, MS 39470  
 Phone: 601-795-0659  
 Website:  
<https://www.hattiesburgclinic.com/department/poplarville-clinic/>

**Poplarville Eye Clinic**

(Provider: Dr. Bethany G. Harrington, OD)  
 Address: 1249 S Main St C, Poplarville, MS  
 Phone: (601) 795-0137

**Southern Eye Center**

(Providers: Abumere Akinwale, MD; Joseph Childs, MD; Cameron S. Griffith, MD; Jaime Jiménez, MD; Lynn B. McMahan, MD; Kiper C. Nelson, MD; Stanley Saulny, MD; Amy Grubbs, NP-C)  
 1 Sycamore Rd, Carriere, MS 39426  
 Phone: (601) 251-3937  
 Website: <https://southerneyecenter.com/>

**Walmart Vision Center**

(Provider: Johneen Gilich, OD)  
 235 Frontage Rd, Picayune, MS 39466  
 Phone:(601) 799-5064  
 Website: <https://www.walmart.com/>



<p><b>Picayune Eye Clinic</b>  (Providers: Lori L. Blackmer, OD;  Erin Anderson, OD)  Address: 908 6th Ave, Picayune, MS 39466  Phone: (601) 798-4182</p>	
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**MENTAL HEALTH / DRUG / ALCOHOL TREATMENT**

**Alcoholics Anonymous (Correctional Institution & Treatment Facility Meetings)**  
SOUTH MISSISSIPPI INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION, INC.  
District 10 Meeting: Hancock & Pearl River Counties  
Each Tuesday - Kiln Community Center Hwy 603 & 43, Kiln, MS @ 5:30 P.M  
24-Hour Help Line: (228) 575-9225

**Bonano & Gouguet**  
703 W Canal St, Picayune, MS 39466  
Phone: (601) 749-9477  
Website: [HTTPS://BONANO-GOUGUET.BUSINESS.SITE/](https://BONANO-GOUGUET.BUSINESS.SITE/)

SERVICES INCLUDE: Marriage Counseling, Mental Health Counseling, Community Health, Teen Counseling Programs, Substance Abuse Counseling, Family Counseling, and Couples Counseling

**Bruno Counseling & Consulting Services, LLC**  
110 W Erlanger St, Poplarville, MS 39470  
Phone:(601) 746-5125  
Website: <http://www.brunocounselingandconsulting.com/>

SERVICES INCLUDE: Individual Therapy, Group Therapy, Family Therapy, Couples, & Child and Adolescent Therapy

**Gulf Coast Mental Health**  
211 Hwy 11S, Picayune, MS  
Phone: 601-798-7001; Fax 601-799-4481  
Website: <http://www.gcmhc.com/>

SERVICES INCLUDE: Individual outpatient therapy, Medication management, Mental Health Care

**Jacob’s Well Ministries (Addiction Recovery Center)**  
45 Buford Lane, Poplarville MS 39470  
Phone: (601) 916-2107  
Website: <https://jwgirl4life.com/>

Jacob’s Well Recovery Center helps women addicted to drugs and alcohol break those habits and rebuild their lives.

**Pine Grove Outreach**

6482 B US HWY 11 North, Carriere , MS 39426  
(601) 799-0849 or toll free 1-877-303-6829

Website: <http://www.pinegrovetreatment.com/>

Free confidential assessment for substance abuse, depression grief, anxiety, marital/family therapy, child and adolescent therapy, and stress management.

**Oasis Community Development Center**

502 Jarrell Street, Picayune, MS 39466  
Phone: 601-799-1744

**Pregnancy Support Services**

1101 Goodyear Blvd, Picayune, MS 39466  
Phone: (601) 799-2668

Website: <http://savalifems.org/>

SERVICES INCLUDE: Pregnancy Tests; Confidential Peer Counseling; Maternity and Infant Support Materials; Limited Ultrasound; Childbirth Classes; Community Resource Referrals; Earn While You Learn

**Teen Challenge of Mississippi**

5 Buford Lane Poplarville, MS 39470  
Phone: 601.795.8063

Website: <http://www.teenchallengems.org/>

Teen Challenge of Mississippi, Inc. is a non-profit Christian organization whose mission is to help people with life-controlling problems become mentally sound, socially adjusted, physically well, and spiritually alive through the power of Jesus Christ. The Teen Challenge approach provides drug and addiction rehabilitation that considers the whole man: physical, psychological and spiritual. The Poplarville Center is for adult females 18 years and older.



**THE ROAD TO  
RECOVERY**

## RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

### City of Picayune: Parks & Recreation

1400 U.S. 11, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 799-0602

Website: <http://www.picayune.ms.us/departments/parks-recreation/>

- Crosby Commons, Goodyear Blvd.
- Friendship Park – 1701 South Haugh
- Jack Reed Park – 200 Goodyear Blvd
- Mildred Mitchell Park - Daniels Street and Hwy. 43 N
- Snyder Park – 110 South Beech
- Ben Taylor Park – 200 Palestine Rd
- J.P. Johnson Park – 415 Rosa St



### City of Poplarville:

200 MS-26, Poplarville, MS 39470

Phone: (601) 795-8161

- Poplarville City Park & Walking Track  
Hwy 26; Poplarville, MS



### Crosby Arboretum

370 Ridge Road Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 799-2311; Fax: (601) 799-2372

Website: <http://crosbyarboretum.msstate.edu/>

The Crosby Arboretum is dedicated to educating the public about their environment. This mission is carried out by preserving, protecting, and displaying plants native to the Pearl River Drainage Basin ecosystem, providing environmental and botanical research opportunities, and offering cultural, scientific, and recreational programs.



### Greater Picayune Arts Council

P.O. Box 1512, Picayune, MS 39466

Email: [artscouncilpicayune@yahoo.com](mailto:artscouncilpicayune@yahoo.com)

Greater Picayune Arts Council (GPAC) advocates for the city and region's cultural sector, encourages participation in and equitable access to cultural programs, and promotes integration of diverse cultural amenities into community development. In addition, GPAC will work to promote the arts in regional education systems.



### Infinity Science Center

One Discovery Circle, Pearlington, MS 39572

I-10 Exit 2 on the Mississippi Gulf Coast

Phone: (228) 533-9025

Website: <http://www.visitinfinity.com/>



Visitors to the 35,000-square-foot science center enter a world where discovery truly is endless. The fun begins with **outdoor exhibits** such as the colossal F-1 rocket engine, a tsunami buoy, and a U.S. Navy riverine training boat. Just inside the front entrance in the **Science Express Gallery** area, check out our Big Blue Blocks as you design and build your own inventions, or learn about more than 200 species of carnivorous plants. Take a mesmerizing journey in our Immersion Theater with **Science on a Sphere** where you can explore the tracks of hurricanes, the surface of the sun or Mars and much more. In our **Earth and Space Galleries**, you'll find simulators and artifacts, video theaters, Smithsonian-loaned artifacts, and a life-sized, walk-through mockup of the International Space Station's Destiny module.

### Intermodal Tourist Center & Lower Pearl River Valley Transportation Museum

200 Hwy 11 South, Picayune MS 39466

Phone: (601) 799-3070

Website:

<http://www.lowerpearlrivervalleytransportationmuseum.com/>



Located in the heart of Historic Downtown Picayune, aka train depot is served by the Amtrak Crescent passenger train twice daily. Inside the Tourist Center is a transportation museum compiled by the Lower Pearl River Valley Volunteers. Their efforts will provide future generations a sense of history and education in the way Picayune/Pearl River County early settlers traveled and worked through the years from horseback, steam boat and space travel.

### Paint Your Own Studio

168 Richardson Rd Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 329-9211

The craftsmen at Paint Your Own Studio make hand-thrown, fired, and cast pottery. We use our hands, wheels, molds, and ovens to create earthenware, stoneware, and porcelain pottery with various glazes. Special orders are available upon request. Call to ask for custom pottery today.



### **Pearl River County Welcome Center**

500 I-59 N, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: 601.798.8184

Fax: 601.798.8175

Email: [pearl@mississippi.org](mailto:pearl@mississippi.org)

Each is beautifully decorated with fine antique furnishings from the period. Neatly manicured grounds feature picnic tables and grills, telephones, RV waste disposal facilities, 24-hour security, restrooms and weather information. Motor coach parking is available, as well as complimentary refreshments. The Welcome Center staff stands ready to answer any questions you have, and can even help with lodging reservations.



### **Picayune Acadiana Cinema 4**

997 Cooper Road, Picayune, MS, 39466

Movie Line: (601) 749-8345

Website:

<https://www.acadianacinemas.com/location/4798/Picayune-Cinema-4-Showtimes>

Offers: All Stadium Seating: All Digital Projection: All Digital Stereo Sound; 2 Theaters with VIP Style Lounge Chairs



#### **ADMISSION & PRICES:**

Evenings: Adult \$9.00; Child/Senior \$7.00

Matinees (before 6:00 p.m.): All seats \$6.50

3D Charge:

add \$2.00

### **Picayune Main Street**

200 Highway 11, South, Picayune, MS

Phone: 601-799-3070

Fax: 601-749-3319

Website:

<https://picayunemainstreet.com/>

- Picayune Street Festivals- includes Classic Car Show, food vendors, and over 300 vendors displaying furniture, custom framing, glassware, plants, antiques, collectibles, pottery, monogramming, jewelry, painting, woodwork, metal work, and numerous other art and craft displays.
- Rockin & Grillin - Showcase for the BBQ Joints of Mississippi





- Shop by Candlelight & Christmas on the Rails

### **The Teddy Bear House Museum**

1299 S. Haugh Ave., Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 778-BEAR

Website: <http://mississippimuseums.org/teddy-bear-house-museum/>

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, 12 noon – 5 p.m.

Email: [info@thetteddybearhouse.com](mailto:info@thetteddybearhouse.com)



The Teddy Bear House Museum is a magical tour through fantasy and history about Teddy Roosevelt with more than 16,000 bear related items. Come to The Teddy Bear House Museum and bring back the wonder of childhood. Step in to experience the magic that fills each room, on a tour you are not going to forget. Experience the house and meet over 12,000 new friends. This is one destination that the whole family can enjoy adults and children alike.

## **YOUTH SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

### **Boy Scouts of America**

Pine Burr Area Council (services Pearl River County)

1318 Hardy St, Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Phone: (601) 582-2326

[HTTP://WWW.PINEBURRSCOUTS.ORG/](http://www.pineburrrscouts.org/)

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness.

For over a century, the BSA has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun.



**Prepared. For Life.™**

### **Girl Scouts Greater Mississippi – Headquarters / Service Center**

1471 West County Line Road, Jackson, MS 39213

Phone: 601-366-0607 ; Fax: 601-366-0664

Website: <http://gsgms.org/index.php>



**Girl Scouts®**

### **Community of Christians Helping Youth (CCHY)**

120 Street A, Suite C, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: (601) 569-6567; [cchy@att.net](mailto:cchy@att.net)

CCHY provides many programs for the youth, including but not limited to: Homework Assistance; STEM-based Lesson Plans; Performing Arts; Sewing; Nutrition; Fitness; Environmental Education; Bible Study; Reading; Counseling; Hands-on Projects; Field Trips

Helping girls discover their strengths, passions, and talents. Today we continue the Girl Scout mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. We're the preeminent leadership development organization for girls. And with programs for girls from coast to coast and across the globe, Girl Scouts offers every girl a chance to do something amazing.



### **Pearl River County 4-H**

401 W Lamar St, Poplarville, MS 39470

Phone: (601) 403-2280

Website: [HTTPS://EXTENSION.MSSTATE.EDU/MSU-EXTENSION-PEARL-RIVER-COUNTY](https://extension.msstate.edu/msu-extension-pearl-river-county)



For 5–18 years olds who want to learn by doing, like to receive recognition for work well done, want to learn skills that can help in future careers, or wish to develop leadership skills.

### **Picayune on Stage Theater Group**

208 Virginia St., Picayune, MS

Phone: (601) 749-5551

Email: [poscalendar@gmail.com](mailto:poscalendar@gmail.com)



Picayune On Stage was founded in 1980 with the purpose of presenting live performances of the highest quality. POS also offers an opportunity for theatrical education and enrichment for the youth of all ages.

### **Picayune Youth Athletic Association (PYAA)**

P.O. Box 1433, Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: 601-273-1871

Website: [www.pyabaseball.net](http://www.pyabaseball.net)

Facebook Page:

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

Picayune youth ages 4 and up softball, baseball, soccer, and football teams registration.



### **Poplarville Athletic Association**

P.O. Box 822, Poplarville, MS 39470

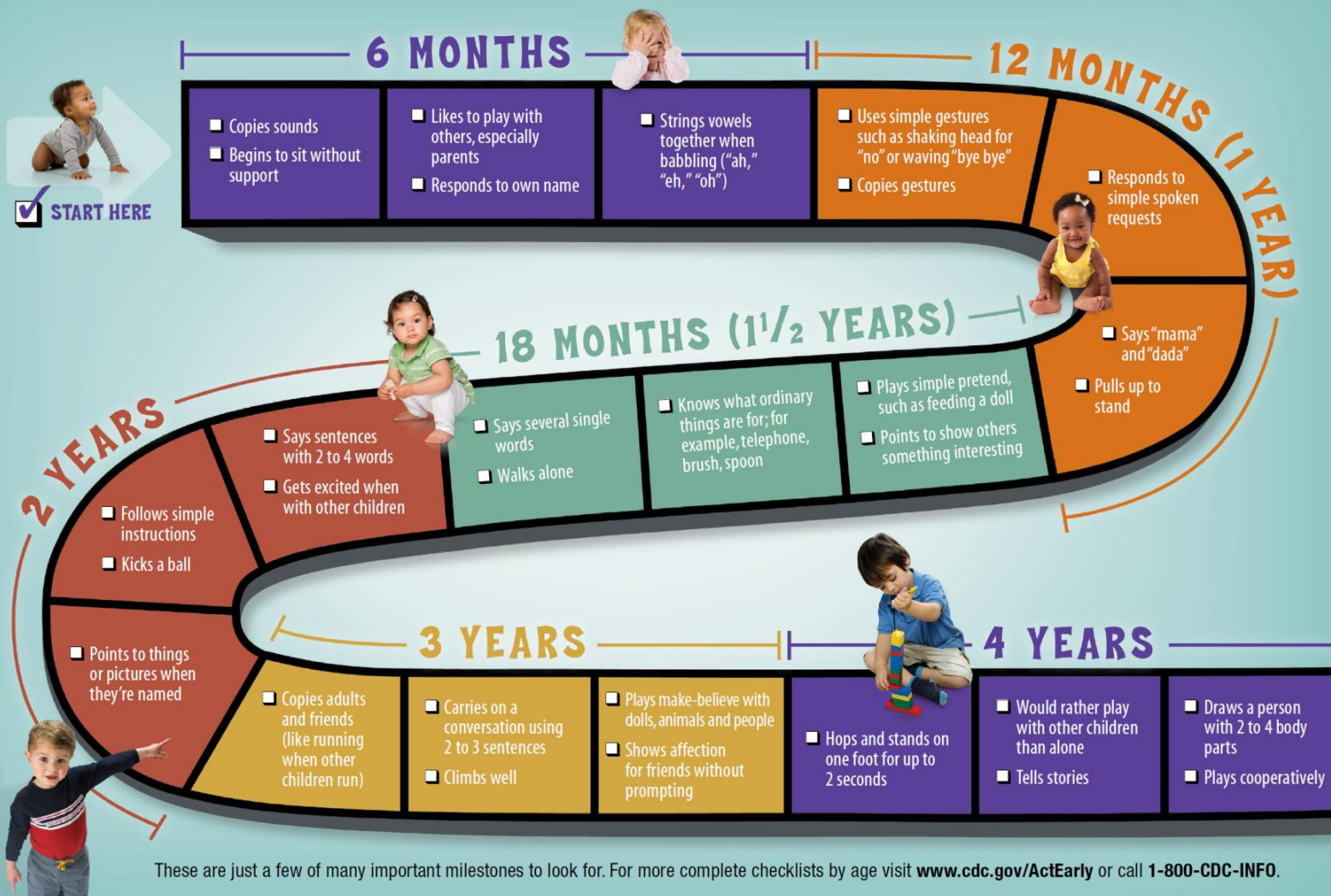
Phone: (601) 463-0688

Website: <http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=poplarville>

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# Your Child's Early Development is a Journey

Check off the milestones your child has reached and share your child's progress with the doctor at every visit.



For more information about the  
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Excel By 5 Coalition, visit us at:

[http://www.excelby5.com/  
southern-pearl-river-county](http://www.excelby5.com/southern-pearl-river-county)



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