

O C O N E E C O U N T Y



**FIRST
STEPS**

Getting children ready for school.

**Resource Guide
for
Oconee County
Families
With
Young Children**

*"All Children in Oconee County Will Have the
Care They Need to Grow and Develop to their
Full Potential."*

Community Resources for Children

Baby Net

Early intervention for infants and toddlers with developmental delays.
(864) 225-6465



Big Brothers Big Sisters

Provides a positive role model for high risk or single parent children, ages 7-14. **(864) 965-0505**

Child Advocacy Center

Provides support for children who have been victims of sexual abuse. Referral by law enforcement/ Department of Social Services; therefore, no contact information is given.

Children with Special Health Care Needs (SC DHEC)

Care coordination & guidance for needed services & resources. Applications initiated by local health department offices.
(864) 372-3064

Collins Home and Family Ministries

Residential care, group/family therapy, outreach therapy and foster care, ages 5-14. **(864) 882-0893**

Early Intervention (Oconee County DDSN)

Gives families assistance in meeting the needs of children with disabilities. **(864) 885-6054**

Family Connection of South Carolina

Supports families of children with developmental delays, chronic illness, or disabilities. **(864) 231-8100**

Family Friends

A volunteer-driven, family mentoring program with the goal of increasing the well-being of children in Oconee County and helping them become self-supporting adults. (Must be pregnant or have at least one child 6 or under.) **(864) 882-3130**

Health and Human Services (Oconee County)

Medicaid Eligibility Agency co-located with Oconee County DSS.
(864) 638-4420

Helping Hands of Clemson

Emergency shelter for abused and/or neglected children; provides required schooling/tutoring, clothing, and medical assistance for all clients. **(864) 646-2941**

LINCARE

Provides home oxygen, nebulizer, and night-time breathing machine.
(864) 888-8811



Make A Wish Foundation

Grants wishes to children between 2-18 years of age who have been diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses. **(800) 293-9474**

Managed Treatment Services For Emotionally Disturbed Children (Oconee County DSS)

Provides intensive care management for children and adolescents 0-21 diagnosed as severely emotionally disturbed. **(864) 260-2250**

Meyer Center for Special Children

Provides developmental education and therapy service to children with disabilities, ages 0-6. **(864) 250-0005**

Oconee County First Steps

Early childhood initiative that helps prepare children (ages 0-6) to reach first grade healthy and ready to learn. **(864) 985-4357**

Oconee County Library Youth Services

Offers variety of programs, such as Summer Reading Program, Children's Story Time, and monthly family movie nights.

(864) 364-5713

Oconee Speech and Hearing Services

Provides speech and/or hearing evaluations, speech therapy, and hearing aids. **(864) 226-2477**

Principles of Parenting Successfully

Long term, in-home parenting education program for families with at least one child age 0-6. **(864) 916-6085**

Project HOPE Foundation

A non-profit organization that serves those struggling with autism, ages birth to 18. **(864) 676-0028**

Safe Kids Upstate

Organization with the intent to prevent accidental childhood injury.

(864) 885-7390

Shriners Hospital

Provides no-cost orthopedic/burn treatment for ages birth-18.

Local Shriner: Roy Thrasher **(864) 972-3475**

Suggestions for Spending the Day with Your Children:

Read a book together/visit a library

Visit local museums, such as the historic Ballenger house or the Oconee Heritage Museum

Go on a hike in the Blue Ridge Mountains

Join a local YMCA

Watch a play at the Oconee Community Theatre

Go to a local sporting event

Go on a bicycle ride

Have a picnic



ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

Blue Ridge Elementary School: two 4K classes provided (864) 886-4550

Fair-Oak Elementary School: two 4K classes provided (864) 886-4505

James M. Brown Elementary School: two 4K classes provided (864) 886-4470

Keowee Elementary School: one 4K class provided (864) 886-4475

Northside Elementary School: two 4K classes provided (864) 886-4445

Orchard Park Elementary School: one 4K class provided (864) 886-4515

Ravenel Elementary School: two 4K classes provided (864) 886-4450

Tamassee-Salem Elementary: one 4K class provided (864) 886-4540

Walhalla Elementary School: one 4K class provided (864) 886-4480

Westminster Elementary School: two 4K classes provided (864) 886-4520

SPECIALIZED SCHOOLS:

Oconee Academy: (864) 886-4431

Oconee Academy provides a continuum of quality services in an alternative environment in partnership with the school community, which will allow students grades 7-12 to successfully complete individual educational goals.

Hamilton Career Center: (864) 886-4425

Hamilton Career Center is a career/technical center located in Seneca.

Oconee County Adult Education: (864) 886-4429

The mission of adult education in Oconee County is to assist adults in becoming literate, to assist adults in the completion of a secondary school education, and to assist adults in improving their knowledge and skills relating to employment and parenting.

Child Find: (864) 886-4469

The School District of Oconee County is committed to locating, identifying, and providing services for all children with disabilities, ages 3 to 21. Any child suspected of having a delay can be screened as young as age 2 ½. If the child is eligible, services may be provided. Services include Preschool Intervention Programs, Resources, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Vision and Hearing Programs.

Family Literacy: (864) 886-4433

The Family Literacy Program offers adults who have children from the ages of six weeks to five years the opportunity to attend classes and work on their GED or high school diploma.



Child Care Centers and Family Care Homes

SALEM:**Family Care Home:**

Mildred D. Burrell (864) 944-2940

SENECA:**Child Care Centers:**

Cambridge Child Development Center, Inc. (864) 882-9512

Family Literacy Center: (864) 886-4433

Head Start: (864) 882-8700

Oconee Christian Academy (864) 882-6925

Our Clubhouse, Inc. (864) 885-1020

Seneca Baptist Church Child Development (864) 882-7110

St. Mark Child Development (864) 882-0333

Trinity Baptist Preschool (864) 882-0285

Family Care Homes:

Barbara Ann Bryant (864) 882-9632

Lila Ann Lewis (864) 882-2805

Hope Martin (864) 324-0087

TAMASSEE:**Child Care Centers**

Pennsylvania Children's Center (864) 944-2270

WALHALLA:**Child Care Center:**

Upstate Children's Center (864) 638-6800

WESTMINSTER:**Child Care Center**

Kids Korner (864) 647-0639

Family Care Home:

Jodi Smith (864) 647-7294

WEST UNION:**Family Care Homes:**

Diana Marie Kreuzberger (864) 638-6788

Lori Diane McCurry (864) 638-8780

Patricia Ann Rhudy (864) 638-8347



Community Resources for Families

**Alcohol and Drug Abuse & Behavioral
Health Services for Anderson/Oconee:**
(864) 882-7563

American Cancer Society:
(800) 227-2345

American Diabetes Association:
(864) 609-5054 or (800) 342-2383

American Lung Association of the Southeast:
(803) 779-5864

American Red Cross: Oconee Chapter:
(864) 638-5619

Community Resources for Families [Continued]

Best Chance Network/American Cancer Society: Free breast & cervical screening for women 47 to 64.
(800) 227-2345

Birthright of Clemson: Free pregnancy tests; peer counseling; baby and maternity clothes; education on fetal development. (864) 654-3377

Blue Ridge Arts Association: Classes for adults and children; summer camp; and educational scholarships offered.
(864) 719-0059

Child Protective Services (Oconee DSS):
(864) 638-4400

**Employment Security Commission
(SC Works Center):**
(864) 646-1741

**Family Independence & Food Stamp
Eligibility (Oconee DSS):** (864) 638-4400

**Florence Crittenton Programs of South
Carolina:** Comprehensive educational, medical, and social services
within a sheltered 24-hour maternity home setting. (843) 722-7526

Foothills Area Family YMCA: Health and Fitness;
camping; childcare; world and community development.
(864) 962-4049

Foothills Alliance: Free counseling for primary and
secondary victims of assault (men and women); counseling for children
who are victims of sexual abuse. (864) 231-7273

Foothills Pregnancy Care Center:
Pregnancy test and confidential peer counseling; education on abstinence
and fetal development; abortion information and alternative education
& father mentor program. 24-hour hot line (864) 882-8796 or
(800) 712-4357

Habitat for Humanity (Oconee County): Build
homes for qualified working poor or disabled who pay a no interest
mortgage. Homeowner required to complete 250 sweat equity hours.
Applications are available at the retail store. (864) 888-2118

Health Department**(SC DHEC of Oconee County):**

WIC, immunizations, pregnancy tests, family planning and STD services:

(864) 882-2245 {For appointments call **1 - (800) 868-0404**} Birth and death certificates available at Anderson Health

Department: **(864) 260-5667**

Heath's Haven: Aims to provide training that equips individuals with relationship building skills, i.e. Mentoring & Professional Development; Parenting Classes; and Relationship Building. **(864) 710-4085**

March of Dimes: Education about birth defects, infant mortality and pregnancy. **(864) 235-8576**

Mental Health (Oconee Clinic): **(864) 885-0157**

Muscular Dystrophy Association: **(864) 235-0041**

Multiple Sclerosis Society: **(800) 344-4867**

Nurse- Family Partnership Program:

Are you less than 28 weeks pregnant with your first child? If yes, Nurse-Family Partnership can help you if you also meet income requirements and live in Oconee County. **(864) 295-7604**

Oconee County Department of Health and Human Services: Medicaid Eligibility Agency
(864) 638-4420

Pro-Parents of South Carolina: Parent Training and Information Center for parents of children with special needs and disabilities. **(800) 759-4776**

Ripple of One: Empowers low income families by giving them the tools needed to create better habits and reach their full potential. **(864) 882-8777**

Safe Harbor, Inc: Emergency Shelter: Provides temporary emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence & and their children. **(864) 467-3636** Toll Free **(800) 291-2139**

South Carolina Commission for the Blind:
(888) 335-5951

South Carolina Regional Housing Authority:
Government subsidized HUD approved housing.
(864) 882-8485

Social Security Administration:
(877) 505-4549

United Way of Oconee County's Diaper Program: (864) 882-3130

United Way of Oconee County: Financial Stability Program and Free Income Tax Preparation.
(864) 882-9743 ex106

Vocational Rehabilitation of South Carolina:
(864) 882-6669

FOOD/FINANCIAL/EMERGENCY HOUSING RESOURCES

Catholic Charities of the Piedmont Deanery:
(864) 242-2233

Food Bank/Golden Corner Ministries: (864) 882-3610

Haven of Rest:

Transitional Housing: Men (864) 226-6193 &
Women (864) 226-0009

Oconee Presbyterian Service Fund: (864) 882-0504

Our Daily Bread: (864) 882-3308

Our Daily Rest Shelter: (864) 482-2040

Salvation Army: (864) 882-1160

S.H.A.R.E. (Sunbelt Human Advancement Resources Inc. Oconee County): (864) 882-3495

We Care Community Services: (864) 647-8458



LEGAL SERVICES

Clerk of Court: (864) 638-4280

Oconee County Guardian Ad Litem Program:
(864) 638-2267

Oconee County Sheriff's Department:

Community Services Division: (864) 718-1052

Dispatch: (864) 638-4111

Victim Advocate: (864) 718-1049

Oconee County Solicitor's Office: (864) 638-4294

Solicitor's Office-Victim Advocate: (864) 638-4233

Oconee Public Defender's Office: (864) 638-3133

South Carolina Legal Services:

Greenville Office: (864) 679-3232

Toll Free Number: (800) 763-4825

Police Departments:

Salem: (864) 944-2112

Seneca: (864) 885-2718

Walhalla: (864) 638-5831

Westminster: (864) 647-3222

West Union: (864) 638-9099

MEDICAL SERVICES

Foothills Community Health Care: (864) 722-0260

Mountain Lakes Access Health: (864) 885-7341

Mountain Lakes Access Health-Dental Clinic:
(864) 885-7550

OMH-Emergency Medical Services (EMS): (864) 885-7188

Oconee Memorial Hospital/GHS: (864) 482-3100

OMH/GHS Home Health: (800) 843-4920

OMH/GHS Wellness Center: (864) 885-7654

Rosa Clark Medical Clinic Association, Inc.:
(864) 882-4664

OB/GYN

Blue Ridge Women's Center: (864) 482-2360

Seneca Medical Associates: (864) 882-2314

Upstate OB/GYN: (864) 654-9053

Pediatricians

Blue Ridge Pediatrics: (864) 888-4464

Carolina Kids Pediatrics: (864) 888-3020

Clemson Pediatrics: (864) 654-6036

Kids Care Pediatrics: (864) 885-9448

Oconee Pediatrics: (864) 882-7800

Seneca Pediatrics: (864) 888-4229

GOALS of OCONEE COUNTY FIRST STEPS

- To support parents in strengthening their families and in promoting the development of their young children.
- To increase services that prevent major physical developmental and learning problems in children.
- To support high-quality preschool programs.
- To provide services to give children the necessary protection, nutrition, and health care.
- To encourage communities to focus collaboratively on support services for families and their young children.

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(864) 985-4357 or (864) 882-3130

***This guide has been developed for families with young children to provide a broad understanding of resources available to them. The information provided in the guide is not exhaustive and does not cover all services. In no event will Oconee County First Steps be liable to anyone for any decision made or action taken by anyone in reliance upon information provided through this guide.*

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