

# **Amite County School District**

## **Office of Special Services**

### **Linkages for Post Secondary Goals**

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The following linkages provide specific agency recommendations to students and parents in achieving post secondary goals: vocational rehabilitation, mental health, home and community based service providers, day habilitation centers, recreational services and colleges.

#### **VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION**

#### **Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services- Office of Vocational Rehabilitation DISTRICT VIII**

##### **Jeanette Yates, District Manager**

1400-A Harrison Avenue  
P.O. Box 1408  
McComb, MS 39649-1408  
Ph. No. 601-249-2498  
Toll free: 1-800-378-6259  
FAX: 601-684-1256

[jyates@mdrs.ms.gov](mailto: jyates@mdrs.ms.gov)

Counties Served: Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Copiah, Franklin, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Pike, Walthall, Wilkinson

JoLynn Hall, District 8  
Certified Rehab Counselor  
1400-A Harrison Avenue  
McComb, MS 39649  
601-684-3803  
[jhall@mdrs.ms.gov](mailto: jhall@mdrs.ms.gov)

#### **Office of Special Disability Programs Contact List**

General Community Services are provided through the Office of Special Disability Programs. Certain income, asset, and/or disability requirements may have to be met in order to qualify for services.

##### **District VIII**

P. O. Box 1408  
1400-A Harrison Ave  
McComb, MS 39649

<b>Counties Served:</b> Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Copiah, Franklin, Jefferson, Jeff Davis, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Pike, Walthall, and Wilkinson
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#### **Ability Works of Brookhaven**

Milton Koon, Facility Manager  
934 Industrial Park Road, N.E.  
Brookhaven, MS 39601  
601-833-3201            FAX 601-835-0760

## Helpful Links - Websites for reference

- [America's Heroes at Work](#) – Is a U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) project that focuses on the employment challenges of returning service members living with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and/or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).
- [American Foundation for the Blind](#) – A nonprofit organization offers information about educational and technological resources for the visually impaired.
- [American Printing House for the Blind](#) – Promotes independence of blind & vision – impaired persons by providing special media, tools & materials for education & life.
- [Americans with Disabilities Act](#) – Provides Information on ADA regulations including ADA Publications, ADA Business Briefs, Design Standards.
- [Arc of Mississippi](#) – A grassroots advocacy organization for citizens of all ages with cognitive, intellectual, and developmental disabilities, and their families.
- [Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialist](#) – Was established to support professionals working in the field of driver education / driver training and transportation equipment modifications for persons with disabilities through education and information dissemination.
- [Center for Universal Design](#) – Is a national research, information, and technical assistance center that evaluates, develops, and promotes universal design in housing, public and commercial facilities, and related products.
- [Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\) and Disabilities](#) – Links to federal resources and fair housing laws.
- [Disability.gov](#) – Federal web site that connects the more than 50 million Americans with disabilities to thousands of trusted resources on disability-related issues, programs and services. Disability.gov is not just for Americans with disabilities, but also for parents of children with disabilities, employers, workforce and human resource professionals, veterans, educators, caregivers and many others.
- [Disaboom](#) – Is an online resource for people living with and/or directly affected by disability.
- [Food Stamps](#) – Fact sheets, contact information, and how to apply for food stamps in MS.
- [Health and Human Services Office on Disability](#) – Oversees the implementation and coordination of disability programs, policies and special initiatives pertaining to the over 54 million persons with disabilities in the United States.
- [International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication](#) – Is an organization devoted to advancing the field of Augmentative and Alternative communication.
- [Job Access](#) – Is a resume bank specifically for people with disabilities.
- [Job Accommodation Network](#) – Has a wealth of information and examples of types of accommodations that may be necessary for certain jobs and disabilities.
- [Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center](#) – Is a centralized source of accurate, up-to-date, and objective information on topics dealing with deafness and hearing loss in the age group 0-21.
- [Medical Multimedia Group](#) – Is a great resource for different repetitive stress injuries. It explains them in plain English, and gives great pictures to who the anatomy of the injury.
- [Mississippi AgrAbility Project](#) – Educates and assists agricultural workers with disabilities and their families.
- [Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service](#) – MCVS empowers organizations,

individuals and businesses to give back to their communities through shared links, our discussion lists and our new volunteer matching portal, *Volunteer Mississippi*. In fact, our mission is to engage and support Mississippians of all ages and backgrounds in service to their communities.

- [Mississippi Employment Security Commission](#) – News, on line-job search, unemployment insurance information, directory of WIN Job Centers and Employment Offices
- [Mississippi Medicaid](#) – Visit the MS Division of Medicaid web site to learn about Medicaid protection for working people with disabilities.
- [Mississippi Model Youth Transition Innovation](#)
- [Mississippi Society for Disabilities](#) – Provides a broad spectrum of programs and services to meet the needs of Mississippi children and adults with disabilities, thus enabling them to achieve maximum independence and gain the greatest possible quality of life.
- [National AgrAbility Project](#) – Was created to assist people with disabilities employed in agriculture.
- [National Association of the Deaf](#) – Focuses on grassroots advocacy and empowerment, captioned media, deafness-related information and publications, legal assistance, policy development and research, public awareness, and youth leadership development.
- [National Federation of the Blind](#) – Nonprofit consumer and advocacy organization of blind persons discusses membership, guide dogs, technology, related groups, and the organization’s history.
- [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#) – NHTSA is the federal government agency with the authority to regulate the manufacture of automotive adaptive equipment and modified vehicles used by persons with disabilities.
- [National Organization of Rehabilitation Partners](#) – Promotes employment and independence for people with disabilities.
- [National Rehabilitation Association](#) – Is an advocate for the rights of persons with disabilities, whose mission is to provide advocacy, awareness and career advancement for professionals in the fields of rehabilitation.
- [National Spinal Cord Injury Association](#) – Is dedicated to helping the hundreds of thousands of Americans coping with the results of spinal cord injury and disease.
- [Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing](#)
- [PASS](#) – For specific information about PASS, call your area's PASS cadre. Click on the map below to determine the PASS Cadre for your area.
- [Program Operations Manual System \(POMS\)](#) – The public version of the Program Operations Manual System (POMS). The POMS is a primary source of information used by Social Security employees to process claims for Social Security benefits.
- [RecruitAbility](#) – Is an online, targeted recruiting site that connects proactive employers with people with disabilities.
- [Rehabilitation Services Administration](#) - The principal federal agency authorized to carry out Titles I, III, VI, and VII, as well as specified portions of Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended and the entirety of the Randolph-Sheppard Act, as amended, and the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youth and Adults Act.
- [Seniorxms](#) - This site was designed to help Mississippians find patient assistance programs.
- [Social Security Handbook 2001](#) – Your basic guide to Social Security Programs.

- [Social Security Office Locator](#) – Enter ZIP code to find Social Security offices and other agencies in your area that may be able to help you.
- [Social Security Online](#) – The official web site of the Social Security Administration.
- [Spinal Cord Injury Peer Information Library on Technology](#) – An information resource describing the Assistive Technology experiences of individuals with quadriplegia from their own perspective.
- [SSA Work Incentives Redbook](#) – The Red Book serves as a general reference source about the employment-related provisions of Social Security Disability Insurance and the Supplemental Security Income Programs for educators, advocates, rehabilitation professionals, and counselors who serve people with disabilities.
- [Stimulus Package In Mississippi](#)– Information on the individual programs and applications as details are developed.
- [TANF](#) – Eligibility criteria, contact information, and how to apply for benefits in MS.
- [Tech Connections](#) – Has a wealth of information regarding assistive technology related to the job, including many case studies.
- [Ticket to Work](#) – Social Security program to help people with disabilities go to work.
- [US Access Board](#) – Is an independent Federal agency devoted to accessibility for people with disabilities.
- [VCU-BARC](#) – Benefits Planning Assistance and Outreach Programs by region. Briefing papers and fact sheets on Social Security work incentives and annual report on the BPAO Project.
- [www.socialsecurity.gov/disability](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability) - This site provides comprehensive information on SSA's disability benefits programs.
- <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/work> - This site provides information on SSA's efforts to help people with disabilities enter the workforce in employment or self-employment.
- [World Recreation Association of the Deaf](#) – Is a non-profit recreational, educational, and cultural organization made up of deaf, hearing impaired and hearing people who live in all parts of the world.

## **EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE**

### **WIN Job Center**

<http://mdes.ms.gov>

#### **Services for Individuals**

Job Placement Assistance; Job and Skill Training, Guidance and Support; Priority Services for Veterans; Career Counseling; Job Corps Information; Trade Act Adjustment Benefits Information; Referral to Supportive Services; Referral to Vocational Rehabilitation Services; Referral to Job Testing Services; and Information about HUD Rental and Homeownership Programs

Provider: McComb WIN Job Center

Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

Closed Wednesday at 4:00pm

Phone: 601-684-4421

### **Services For People With Disabilities**

Provider: Dept. of Rehabilitation Services

Phone: 601-684-4421

Thursdays 8:00am-5:00pm  
Service to Veterans (same as above??)  
Provider: McComb WIN Job Center  
Wednesdays 8:00AM-5:00pm (Tuesday at 4 p.m.?)  
Phone: **601-684-4421**

Resources for Individuals

- TTY machine
- Screen Reader for the visually impaired
- Computer
- Phone
- Copier
- Resume Preparation
- Career Planning & Assessment
- Access to Training

**DISABILITY SERVICES BENEFITS**

**Office of Disability Social Security**

116 BUSINESS CENTER DR  
MC COMB, MS 39648  
[Get driving directions to this address](#)

Phone: 1-866-253-5609  
TTY: 1-601-684-2620  
Office Hours  
Monday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM                      Tuesday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Wednesday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM                      Friday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Saturday Closed                                      Sunday Closed  
[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

**Mississippi Division of Medicaid Enrollment/Eligibility**

Medicaid Division  
301 Apache Dr McComb, MS 39648  
(601) 249-2071  
[www.medicaid.ms.gov](http://www.medicaid.ms.gov)

**AMITE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Southwest Ms Mental Health  
315 E Main St · Liberty  
(601) 657-4354 · [Directions](#)

**STATE REGIONAL CENTER (MR/DD)**

**Hudspeth Regional Center**

Sandra May, Community Services Director  
Hwy 475 South  
Pearl, MS 39208  
601-664-6000  
[smay@hrc.state.ms.us](mailto:smay@hrc.state.ms.us)

**Diagnostic Services**

Hudspeth Regional Center  
Evan Bradford, Director  
PO Box 127-B  
Whitfield, MS 39193  
601-664-6130  
[ebradford@hrc.state.ms.us](mailto:ebradford@hrc.state.ms.us)

**Hudspeth Supported Employment**

Faye Jordan, Supported Employment Director  
Hudspeth Regional Center  
Highway 475 South  
PO Box 127  
Whitfield, MS 39193  
601-664-6181  
[fjordan@hrc.state.ms.us](mailto:fjordan@hrc.state.ms.us)

**HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED WAIVER SERVICES (HCBS)**

The following are statewide programs administered by the Department of Mental Health, Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation, and Mississippi Division of Medicaid. These programs are designed to offer assistance to qualified Medicaid beneficiaries.

**Intellectual Disability/Developmental Disability Waiver (ID/DD)**

The Department of Mental Health operates the Home and Community Based Services Waiver for individuals who have intellectual and developmental disabilities (ID/DD) Waiver). The purpose of this program is to provide services at home and in the community for people who would be eligible for services in an Intermediate Care Facility. Services could include but are not limited to: in-home respite, community respite, residential habilitation, day habilitation, and attendant care services. There are no age restrictions.

**Mississippi Department of Mental Health**

Medicaid and Waiver Program  
[www.medicaid.ms.gov](http://www.medicaid.ms.gov)

**Independent Living Waiver**

The Independent Living Waiver program was created to assist severely orthopedic and/or neurologically impaired individuals who, for the provision of personal care attendant services,

would require the level of care provided in a nursing facility. Individuals in this waiver must be capable of directing their own care, possess rehabilitative potential and are not cognitively disabled. Services offered under this waiver are case management, transition assistance services, specialized medical supplies and equipment, and environmental accessibility adaptations. Beneficiaries must be 16 years of age or older.

### **Assisted Living Waiver**

The Assisted Living Waiver provides services to individuals who, but for the provision of home and community-based services, would require placement in a nursing facility. Assisted living services can be provided in licensed personal care homes, community residential care facilities or in a congregate housing services program. These facilities must be licensed as an Assisted Living Facility by the State Department of Health. Beneficiaries enrolled in this waiver program must contribute to the facility for their own room and board. Medicaid will pay the facility a daily flat fee for a variety of services received in the facility. Beneficiaries must be 21 years of age or older. Services offered under this waiver include case management, personal care, homemaker services, chore services, attendant care, and skilled nursing services.

**Division of Medicaid**  
**Bureau of Long Term Care**  
[www.medicaid.ms.gov](http://www.medicaid.ms.gov)

### **Elderly and Disabled Waiver**

The Elderly and Disabled Waiver program provides home and community-based services to individuals over the age of 21 who, but for the provision of such services, would require the level of care provided in a nursing facility. Beneficiaries must have a deficit in at least three Activities of Daily Living (ADL)- eating, toileting, bathing, personal hygiene, ambulation, transferring and/or dressing. Services offered under this waiver are case management, homemaker service, adult day services, expanded home health services, home delivered meals, escorted transportation and respite.

### **Traumatic Brain Injury/Spinal Cord Injury Waiver**

The TBI/SCI Waiver program was created to assist individuals who have a traumatic brain or spinal cord injury who, but for the provisions of such services, would require the level of care provided in a nursing facility. Persons must have trauma, from an outside source, of either the brain or spinal cord. Services offered under this waiver are case management, respite services, environmental accessibility adaptations, specialized medical equipment and supplies and attendant care services. There are no age restrictions.

## **DAY HABILITATION CENTERS**

### **Ellisville State Schools - McComb Community Programs - Day - Hab**

116 Scott Dr  
 McComb, MS 39648  
 (601) 684-7394

Intersection/Between: Scott Dr & Delaware Ave

**Pike County Life Skills Center**

Address: 651 S Broadway St  
McComb, MS 39648  
Phone :( 601) 684-7543

**INDEPENDENT LIVING/ ASSISTED LIVING/ RESIDENTIAL LIVING**

**Hudspeth Regional Center**

Sandra May, Community Services Director  
Hwy 475  
Whitfield, MS 39193  
601-664-6000  
[smay@hrc.state.ms.us](mailto:smay@hrc.state.ms.us)

**POST- SECONDARY EDUCATION**

**Southwest Mississippi Community College**

SMCC is a public institution supported by Amite, Pike, Walthall, and Wilkinson Counties.  
1156 College Drive  
Summit, MS 39666  
(601) 276-2000

**RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

**McComb Sportsplex**

**701 South Magnolia Street**  
**McComb, MS 39648**  
**601.684.4316**

**Camp Sunshine**

Camp Sunshine is a camp for the mentally handicapped that was started about thirty-five years ago. At Camp Sunshine a camper is paired up with a counselor that they will be joined at the hip with for the next five days. Campers choose to either stay in the cabins for the five days of camp or they can be day-campers in which they go home every night after dinner and the night activities have finished.

**For More information on Camp Sunshine, Please contact:**

McComb Junior Auxiliary  
P.O. Box 111  
McComb, MS 39649  
601.684.4467