

## **STATE RESOURCES & SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS**

### **STATE RESOURCES**

#### **Mississippi Department of Education: Special Education**

Ann Moore, Director  
Office of Special Education  
P.O. Box 771  
Jackson, MS 39205-0711  
Phone: (601) 359-3498  
Website: [www.mde.k12.ms.us/special\\_education/](http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/special_education/)

#### **Mississippi Department of Education: Programs for Children with Disabilities, Ages 3 through 5**

Gloria Lacey, 619 (Pre-School) Coordinator  
Office of Special Education  
Division of Technical Assistance  
P.O. Box 771  
Jackson, MS 39205-0771  
Phone: (601) 359-3498  
Website: [www.mde.k12.ms.us/special\\_education/](http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/special_education/)

#### **Mississippi Department of Health: Programs for Children with Special Health Care Needs**

Larry Clark, Division Director  
Children's Medical Program  
Mississippi Department of Health  
350 West Woodrow Wilson, Suite 3504  
Jackson, MS 39215  
Phone: (601)987-3965  
Toll Free: (800) 844-0898  
Website: [www.msdh.state.ms.us](http://www.msdh.state.ms.us)

#### **First Steps Early Intervention System**

Mississippi Department of Health  
570 East Woodrow Wilson Blvd.  
Jackson, MS 39215-1700  
Phone: 601-576-7427  
Website: [www.msdh.state.ms.us](http://www.msdh.state.ms.us)

#### **Mississippi Department of Mental Health**

1101 Robert E. Lee Building  
239 N. Lamar Street  
Jackson, MS 39201  
Phone: (601) 359-1288  
Website: [www.dmh.state.ms.us](http://www.dmh.state.ms.us)

**Mississippi Department of Mental Health/Division of Children and Youth Services**

Department of Mental Health  
1101 Robert E. Lee Building  
239 N. Lamar Street  
Jackson, MS 39201  
Phone: (601) 359-1288  
Website: [www.dmh.state.ms.us](http://www.dmh.state.ms.us)

**Mississippi Department of Mental Health/Bureau of Mental Retardation**

Department of Mental Health  
1101 Robert E. Lee Building  
239 N. Lamar Street  
Jackson, MS 39201  
Phone: (601) 359-1288  
Website: [www.dmh.state.ms.us](http://www.dmh.state.ms.us)

**Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services Office of Vocational Rehabilitation**

Gary Neely, Director  
P.O. Box 1698  
Jackson, MS 39215-1698  
Phone: (601) 853-5230  
Website: [www.mdrs.state.ms.us](http://www.mdrs.state.ms.us)

**Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services  
Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind**

Michael Gandy, Director  
P.O. Box 1698  
Jackson, MS 39215-1698  
Phone: (601) 853-5100  
Website: [www.mdrs.state.ms.us](http://www.mdrs.state.ms.us)

**Office of the Governor**

**Division of Medicaid**

**State CHIP Program**

Robert E. Lee Building, Suite 801  
239 N. Lamar Street  
Jackson, MS 39201-1399  
Phone: (877) 870-3110  
Website: [www.dom.state.ms.us](http://www.dom.state.ms.us)

**Social Security Administration**

[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)  
1-800-772-1213  
1-800-325-0778 For deaf or hearing impaired

## **RESOURCE AND SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS**

### **ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY:**

#### **Project START**

P.O. Box 1698

Jackson, MS 39215

Phone: (601) 987-4782

Toll Free: 800-852-8328

Website: [www.msprojectstart.org](http://www.msprojectstart.org)

#### **T.K. Martin**

P.O. Box 9736

Mississippi State, MS 39762

Phone: 662-325-1028

TTY: 662-325-0520

Website: [www.tkmartin.msstate.edu](http://www.tkmartin.msstate.edu)

### **AUTISM:**

#### **Central Mississippi Autism Support Group**

Pam Dollar

149 Dry Creek Road

Magee, MS 39111

Phone: (601) 594-9314

Fax: (601) 849-3981

Website: [http://www.team.org /supportaroups.htm](http://www.team.org/supportaroups.htm)

#### **Gulf Coast Autism Support Network**

Patty Gautier, Organizer

5908 Tolar Road

Moss Point, MS 39562

Phone: (601) 228-9805

Support group meets 2-1d Monday of each month in Ocean Springs, MS

#### **TEAAM (Together Enhancing Autism Awareness in Mississippi)**

Dr. Mark Yeager

125 Scanlan Street

Newton, MS 39345

Phone: (601) 683-6840

Website: [www.TEAAM.org](http://www.TEAAM.org)

## **BEHAVIOR DISORDERS:**

### **Council for Children with Behavior Disorders**

David Walker, President  
33 Paul Watkins Drive  
Petal, MS 39465  
Phone: (601) 266-5239

## **BLIND/DEAF:**

### **Blind and Physically Handicapped Library Services/MS Library Commission**

3881 Eastwood Drive  
Jackson MS 39211-6473  
Phone: (601) 432-4116  
Toll free nationwide: (800) 446-0892  
Fax: (601) 432-4476  
Website: [www.mlc.lib.ms.us](http://www.mlc.lib.ms.us)

### **Low Vision Clinic School for the Blind**

Margie Owens  
1252 Eastover Drive  
Jackson, MS 39216  
Phone: (601) 984-8210

### **Mississippi School for the Blind**

Dr. Rosie Pridgen, Superintendent  
1252 Eastover Drive  
Jackson, MS 39211  
Phone: (601) 984-8200

### **Mississippi School for the Blind/Comprehensive Home-based Intervention Program (CHIP)**

Ted Dear, Director  
1252 Eastover Drive  
Jackson, MS 39211  
Phone: (601) 984-8223, (601) 984-8222, (601) 984-8221  
Fax: (601) 984-8230

### **Mississippi School for the Blind & Deaf Combined Services**

Tahnya Tremonte, Director  
1403 Eastover Drive  
Jackson, MS 39211  
Phone: (601) 984-8102

**Mississippi School for the Deaf**

Dr. Delores Mack  
1253 Eastover Drive  
Jackson, MS 39211  
Phone: (601) 984-8000

**Mississippi Speech and Hearing Association (MSHA)**

P. O. Box 22664  
Jackson, MS 39225-2664  
Phone: (800) 664-6742  
Email: [mshahelp@mshausa.org](mailto:mshahelp@mshausa.org)  
Web: [www.mshousa.org](http://www.mshousa.org)

**Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or with Speech Impairments**

Phone: (800) 582-2233 (V/TTY); 711 (TTY)  
Phone: (800) 229-5746 (Speech to Speech-English)  
Phone: (866) 260-9470 (Speech to Speech-Spanish)

**BRAIN INJURY:****Brain Injury Association of Mississippi**

P.O. Box 55912  
2727 Old Canton Road, Suite 191  
Jackson, MS 39296 Phone: (601) 981-1021 Toll Free: (800) 641-6442  
Fax: (601)981-1039  
Website: [www.members.aol.com/biaofms](http://www.members.aol.com/biaofms)

**CEREBRAL PALSY:****Cerebral Palsy Foundation of MS**

P.O. Box 16924  
Jackson, MS 39236-6924  
Phone: (888) 852-1961  
Fax: (601) 854-6225  
Email: [cpfofms@aol.com](mailto:cpfofms@aol.com)  
Website: [www.cpfoms.org](http://www.cpfoms.org)

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:****Mississippi Council for Exceptional Children**

Teresa Walker, President  
33 Paul Watkins Drive  
Petal, MS 39465  
Phone: (601) 583-9929

**Mississippi Council on Developmental Disabilities**

100 Robert E. Lee Building  
239 North Lamar Street  
Jackson, MS 39201  
Phone: (601) 359-1270, (601) 359-6238  
TDD: (601) 359-6230  
Fax: (601) 359-5330  
Email: [info@cdd.md.gov](mailto:info@cdd.md.gov)

**University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities**

Jane Z. Siders, Director  
The Institute for Disability Studies  
University of Southern Mississippi  
118 College Drive, # 5163  
Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001  
Phone: (601) 266-5163  
Website: [www.ids.usm.edu](http://www.ids.usm.edu)

**DIABETES:**

**Diabetes Foundation of MS**

Mary Fortune  
16 Northtown Drive, Suite 100  
Jackson, MS 39211  
Phone: (601) 957-7878  
Website: [www.msdiabetes.org](http://www.msdiabetes.org)

**DOWN SYNDROME:**

**Central Mississippi Down Syndrome Society (CMDSS)**

Jean Weiss, President  
P.O. Box 2189  
Brandon, MS 39043  
Phone: (601) 397-DOWN (3696)  
Website: [www.cmdss.org](http://www.cmdss.org)

**North East Mississippi Down Syndrome Society**

(Serving Alcorn, Clay, Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee, Lowndes, Monroe, Oktibbeha, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo, Union and Webster counties) Scott and Michelle Knight  
Phone: (662) 871-2387, (662) 871-8308, (662) 869-3211  
[nemdss@bellsouth.net](mailto:nemdss@bellsouth.net)

## **EPILEPSY:**

### **Epilepsy Foundation of Mississippi**

Beth Scarbrough, Executive Director

2001 Airport Road, Suite 307

Jackson, MS 39232

Phone: (601) 936-5222

Toll Free: (800) 898-0291

Fax: (601) 939-0824

Email: [bethmsepilepsy@bellsouth.net](mailto:bethmsepilepsy@bellsouth.net)

## **LANGUAGE DISORDERS:**

### **Children's Center for Communication and Development-USM**

Margaret Buttross-Brinegar

USM Speech and Hearing Building, Room 109

118 College Drive # 5092

Hattiesburg, MS 39402

Phone: (601) 266-5222 Fax: (601) 266-6566

### **Dubard School of Language Disorders**

Maureen K. Martin, Ph.D., Director

118 College Drive # 10035

Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001

Phone: (601) 266-5223

Fax: (601) 266-6763

Website: [www.usm.edu/dubard](http://www.usm.edu/dubard)

## **LEARNING DISABILITIES:**

### **Learning Disabilities Association of Mississippi**

4080 Old Canton Road

Jackson, MS 39216

Phone: (601) 362-1667

Website: [www.idams.org](http://www.idams.org)

## **MITOCHONDRIAL DISORDER:**

### **United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation Mississippi Group**

Contact: Julie Manley

(601) 906-5442

[manley\\_family@comcast.net](mailto:manley_family@comcast.net)

Website: [www.umdf.org](http://www.umdf.org)

## **SPINA BIFIDA:**

### **Spina Bifida Association of Mississippi**

Amy Wilkinson, Executive Director

P. O. Box 180594

Richland, MS 39218

Phone: (601) 420-0030

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

## **TOURETTE SYNDROME:**

### **Tourette Syndrome Association Mid-South Office**

Sonia Bartosek, Mississippi Coordinator

Phone: (601) 366-1766

Website: [www.tsa-usa.org](http://www.tsa-usa.org)

## **MISSISSIPPI ADVOCACY GROUPS**

### **The ARC of Mississippi**

7 Lakeland Circle #600

Jackson, MS 39216

Phone: (601)982-1180

Toll Free: (800) 717-1180

Fax: (601) 982-5792

E-mail: [matt@arcros.orca](mailto:matt@arcros.orca)

Website: [www.arcros.org](http://www.arcros.org)

### **Citizens for Quality Education, Inc.**

Ellen Reddy, Organizer

109 Swinney Lane

Lexington, MS 39095

Phone: (662) 834-0089

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

### **Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities**

Mary Troupe, Organizer

615 Barksdale Street

Jackson, MS 39202

Phone: (601) 969-0601

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

**EMPOWER Community Resource Center**

Agnes Johnson  
136 S. Poplar Street  
Greenville, MS 38702  
Phone: (662) 332-4852  
Fax: (662) 332-1622  
Website: [empower@cox-internet.com](mailto:empower@cox-internet.com)

**Family Support Center of Metro Jackson**

Joe Bennett, Executive Director  
826 North Street  
Jackson, MS 39202  
Phone: (601) 944-1055  
Fax: (601) 944-1273

**MS Protection and Advocacy**

5330 Executive Plaza, Suite A  
Jackson, MS 39206  
Phone: (601) 981-8207  
1-800-772-4057  
Website: [www.msoas.com](http://www.msoas.com)

**NAMI-Nat'l Alliance on Mental Illness**

Exec. Director - Larry Swearengen  
411 Briarwood Dr. Suite 401  
Jackson, MS 39206  
Phone: (601)899-9058  
1-800-357-0388  
Website: [www.nomi.org](http://www.nomi.org)

**Parent Training and Info. Center, (PTI)**

Director, Pam Dollar  
5 Old River Place, Suite 101  
Jackson, MS 39202  
Phone: 1800-721-7255  
Fax: 601-709-0250  
E-mail: [mspti@mscoalition.com](mailto:mspti@mscoalition.com)

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Several years experience representing children with disabilities in AL, MS, & LA.

**Mississippi Families as Allies for Children's Mental Health**

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