

Lee County Family Resource Guide



CANDIDATE
EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY
LEE COUNTY

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ABOUT EXCEL BY 5

Excel By 5 is a community-based certification designed to improve a child's overall well-being by age five. Excel By 5 sets forth a variety of standards involving parent training, community participation, child care and health to help communities focus on supporting young children and their families. The certification process also identifies available resources and existing best practices to help Excel By 5 - Early Childhood Communities reach the goal that all of their children will be ready to learn when they start school at age five.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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For detailed information about the listings in this guide, visit:
<http://www.excelby5.com/lee-county>
or scan the QR code with your smart phone.



QUICK REFERENCE

Mississippi 211 **1-866-472-8265**

211 is a statewide hotline that offers information on a broad range of services, including housing, food banks, health resources, and child care.

United Way of Northeast Mississippi **662-841-9133**

United Way does not offer direct assistance, but can refer individuals to partner agencies that may meet their needs.

Nurse Link® **1-800-882-6274**

Nurse Link® is a free community service. All calls are answered and recorded by registered nurses with combined experiences in pediatrics, home health, and physicians' offices.

Poison Control **1-800-222-1222**

If your child has ingested a substance that you think might be poisonous, call Poison Control immediately.

Child Abuse Hotline **1-800-222-8000**

If you suspect a child is being abused physically, sexually, or verbally, call the Mississippi Child Abuse Hotline to make a report.

IN EMERGENCIES, DIAL 911.

Lee County Law Enforcement Non-Emergency Numbers

Lee County Sheriff's Department	662-841-9040
Guntown Police Department	662-348-2208
Nettleton Police Department	662-963-2171
Plantersville Police Department	662-844-2012
Saltillo Police Department	662-869-5454
Shannon Police Department	662-767-8369
Tupelo Police Department	662-841-6491
Verona Police Department	662-566-2215

BASIC NEEDS AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

The following agencies offer assistance with basic needs or emergency situations. Contact the agency for comprehensive information on their services and eligibility requirements.

American Red Cross, Northeast Mississippi Chapter

Contact: 662-842-6101
4127 Westside Drive, Tupelo, MS 38801

Services: Provides assistance to victims of disasters, service to military personnel and families, and educational courses

Emmanuel Church of God in Christ Food Pantry

Contact: 662-488-7419
662-844-1902
1208 North Green Street, Tupelo, MS 38804
www.emmanuelcogic.net

Services: Food pantry



F.A.I.T.H. Food Pantry

Contact: 662-963-2608
1338 Maple Road, Nettleton, MS 38858

Services: Provides food for needy residents of Lee County

Helping Hands

Contact: 662-690-8100
314 South Church Street, Tupelo, MS 38804
www.fumctupelo.com

Services: Provides food and clothing once per month for eligible clients. Open Saturdays from 9am to 11am

Lee County Department of Human Services (DHS)

Contact: 662-841-9050
662-841-9737
220 South Industrial Road, Tupelo, MS 38801

Services: Programs such as Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and child support enforcement

LIFT, Incorporated

Contact: 662-842-9511
2577 McCullough Boulevard, Tupelo, MS 38801

Services: Provides assistance with a variety of household needs such as utility bills, rent deposits, childcare, and tools needed for employment

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S.A.F.E., Inc.

Contact: 662-841-9138
P.O. Box 985, Tupelo, MS 38802
www.safeshelter.net
Services: Provides shelter and counseling for domestic violence and sexual assault victims



St. Luke United Methodist Food Pantry

Contact: 662-842-6522
2653 Eason Boulevard, Tupelo, MS 38801
Services: Food pantry every Thursday from 9am to 12pm

Saints' Brew at All Saints' Episcopal Church

Contact: 662-842-4386
608 West Jefferson Street, Tupelo, MS 38804
Services: Hot meals served to those in need weekdays from 7-9 am

Tennessee Valley Regional Housing Authority (TVRHA)

Contact: 662-869-2860
122 Pinewood Street, Slattillo, MS 38866
Services: Assisted housing for individuals, elderly, disabled, and families

The Salvation Army

Contact: 662-842-9222
527 Carnation Street, Tupelo, MS 38801
Services: Provides the minimum necessities of life, such as emergency food, shelter, utilities, clothing, and medicine, on a crisis intervention basis. Noon meal served Monday-Friday.

Tupelo Housing Authority

Contact: 662-842-5122
P.O. Box 3, Tupelo, MS 38802
Services: Low-income public housing



Women, Infants, and Children Food Program (WIC)

Contact: 662-841-9096
532 South Church Street, Tupelo, MS 38801
Services: Food program for pregnant, breastfeeding, and post-partum women, infants, and children under five years of age

CHILD CARE AND PRESCHOOLS

Child Care and Preschool Facilities

The Mississippi Department of Health keeps an updated list of all licensed child care facilities by county. This list can be obtained by calling 601-364-2827 or by visiting the following website:

msdh.ms.gov/childcare2/Searchgrid.aspx?s_COUNTYCODE=41

Mississippi Child Care Payment Program

Contact: 1-800-877-7882
ccpayment@mdhs.ms.gov
P.O. Box 352, Jackson, MS 39205

Services: The Mississippi Child Care Payment Program is a federally funded program designed to provide eligible parents assistance with child care costs.

Temporary Child Care Facilities

These providers offer temporary babysitting services. Contact each provider for information about fees and how to sign up for services.

Calvary Baptist Mother's Day Out

Contact: 662-842-3338
501 West Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804

Services: Mother's Day Out Thursdays from 9:00—4:00

Harrisburg Baptist Mother's Day Out

Contact: 662-842-6917
4675 Cliff Gookin Boulevard, Tupelo, MS 38801

Services: Mother's Day Out Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30—1:30

Our Time Hourly Drop-in Child Care

Contact: 662-269-2701
1001 Barnes Crossing Road Space # 814, Tupelo, MS 38801
www.ourtimedropin.com

Services: Drop-in hourly child care facility for children ages 2-12



EDUCATION

Public Schools

Lee County Schools Central Office 662-841-9144 1280 College View Drive, Tupelo, MS 38804 www.leecountyschools.us	Grades K-12
Tupelo Public School District 662- 841-8850 P.O. Box 557, Tupelo, MS 38802 www.tupeloschools.com	Grades PK-12
Baldwyn School District 662-365-1000 107 West Main Street, Baldwyn, MS 38824 www.baldwyn.k12.ms.us	Grades K-12
Nettleton School District 662-963-2151 179 Mullen Avenue, Nettleton, MS 38858 www.nettletonschools.com	Grades K-12

Head Start Programs

For information on Head Start programs in Lee County, contact:
662-690-9381
1830B North Gloster Street, Tupelo, MS 38804
www.mapheadstart.org



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Private Schools

Lakeview Baptist Academy 662-842-4005 830 Shumacola Trail, Tupelo, MS 38801 www.lakeviewbaptisttupelo.com	Grades PK-12
Tupelo Christian Academy 662-791-7731 1801 East Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804 www.mansionkids.org/about/tupelo-christian-academy	Grades K-12
Tupelo Christian Preparatory School 662-844-8604 5440 Endville Road, Belden, MS 38826 www.tcps.net	Grades PK-12



HEALTH

This section lists agencies that offer health information in Lee County. A listing of doctors' offices, clinics, and dentists is available on our website at <http://www.excelby5.com/lee-county>

Nurse Link®

1-800-882-6274

Nurse Link® is a free community service. All calls are answered and recorded by registered nurses with combined experiences in pediatrics, home health, and physicians' offices.

Autism Center of North Mississippi

Contact: 662-840-0974
146 South Thomas Street, Suite E, Tupelo, MS 38801
www.autismcenternms.com

Services: Provides affordable therapeutic services to children with autism, developmental delays, learning difficulties and challenging behaviors by utilizing research-proven techniques to overcome the most debilitating effects of this disorder. Also trains parents and educators in the use of these techniques.

CATCH Kids

Contact: 662-377-2194
P.O. Box 796, Tupelo, MS 38802
www.catchkids.org

Services: Makes comprehensive, high quality medical and dental care accessible and available to children birth to 18 years who have trouble getting needed care. The care focuses on prevention and wellness, as well as treatment of acute and chronic illnesses.



HEALTH

Early Intervention Program (First Steps)

- Contact: 662-680-4922
532 South Church Street, Tupelo, MS 38804
- Services: First Steps is a program that matches the unique needs of infants and toddlers (up to age 3) who have developmental delays with professional resources within the community. First Steps will provide educational material and other resources to help you recognize developmental problems as early as possible.

Lee County Health Department

- Contact: 662-841-9015
532 South Church Street, Tupelo, MS 38804
www.healthymys.com
- Services: WIC, vaccinations, Early Intervention/First Steps screenings

Magnolia Health Plan

- Contact: 1-866-912-6285
111 East Capital Street, Suite 500, Jackson, MS 39201
www.MagnoliaHealthPlan.com
- Services: Mississippi Medicaid information

Medicaid Regional Office – Lee County

- Contact: 662-844-5304
1742 McCullough Boulevard, Tupelo, MS 38801
- Services: Medicaid for pregnant women and children and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

Northeast MS Down Syndrome Society

- Contact: 662-871-2387
193 Westwood Circle, Saltillo, MS 38866
www.nemdss.org
- Services: Provides support, information, and resources for families of children with Down Syndrome. The group hosts the Buddy Walk every October.



HEALTH

Regional Rehabilitation Center

Contact: 662-842-1891

615 Pegram Drive, Tupelo, MS 38801

www.regionalrehabcenter.com

Services: Provides speech/language therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, audiology services and early intervention services to all ages in a long-term outpatient, therapeutic rehabilitation center. Services are provided at no charge to the client or insurance company until maximum benefit is received .

Tree of Life (Arbol de la Vida) Free Clinic

Contact: 662-842-8777

541 West Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38801

Services: "First come, first served" medical and dental clinic held the first Wednesday (5pm – until first 80 patients are seen) and the third Saturday (9am – until first 110 patients are seen) of each month for patients not covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance, regardless of residency.



ACTIVITIES AND ENRICHMENT

The following organizations offer activities, classes, or other forms of enrichment for children in the birth to five age range. Contact each organization for specific information about fees, age limits, and more.

Downtown Tupelo Farmer's Market

- Contact: 662-841-6598
Located on South Spring Street by the railroad tracks
www.tupelomainstreet.com/farmers-market
- Services: Locally grown fruits and vegetables, fresh flowers, plants, herbs, dairy products, breads, pies, cakes, pastries, pickles, jams, jellies, preserves and smoked meats for sale Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 6:00 am until the vendors sell out, May through October

Girl Scouts Heart of the South

- Contact: 662-844-7577
P.O. Box 1087, 1140 West Main, Tupelo, MS 38802
www.girlscoutshs.org
- Services: Delivers an informal, contemporary education program to girls, ages 5-18, with four main goals: to help each girl reach her own highest self-potential, to teach girls to relate to others with respect and understanding, to instill values and morals for decision making later in life and to show each girl that she can make a difference in the lives of others through community service and involvement



HealthWorks!

- Contact: 662-377-5437
219 South Industrial Road, Tupelo, MS 38801
www.healthworkskidsms.org
- Services: Exhibit floor with interactive educational games, brain theater, special programming for children on wellness, nutrition, and physical activity

Kindermusik with Sandy

- Contact: 662-840-2200
662-610-5957
1800 West Main Street, Suite 135, Tupelo, MS 38801
www.kindermusikwithsandy.org
- Services: Music and movement curriculum for children and parents

ACTIVITIES AND ENRICHMENT

Lee County Library

Contact: 662-841-9027
Bookmobile: 662-687-1520
219 North Madison Street, Tupelo, MS 38804
www.li.lib.ms.us

Services: Books, audio books, e-books, video collections, computers, weekly story time (Thursdays at 10:00 am), Summer Reading Program, pre-school summer camp, Bookmobile

Oren Dunn City Museum

Contact: 662-841-6438
689 Rutherford Road, Tupelo, MS 38801 (in Ballard Park)
www.orendunnmuseum.org

Services: Museum tours offering information about the history of Tupelo, Mississippi, and other subjects; Living History Day presentations; Dudie Burger Festival and Fall Festival

Tupelo Parks & Recreation

Contact: 662-841-6440
655 Rutherford Road, Tupelo, MS 38801 (in Ballard Park)
www.tupeloms.gov/parkandrec

Services: Swimming, baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, day camp, Hershey's Track & Field, Challenger Sports, Special Olympics Swimming, flag football, disc golf, volleyball, basketball, kickball, cheerleading



FAMILY AND PARENTING RESOURCES

Bridging the Gap

Contact: 662-407-0669
P.O. Box 1801, Tupelo, MS 38802

Services: Training, workshops, and community forums to assist Lee County grandparents 55 and older who are raising their grandchildren



Early Beginnings Resource Center

Contact: Early Childhood Education Center
662-840-5237
1402 North Green Street, Tupelo, MS 38804

Services: Books, toys, resource materials, workshops, Rosetta Stone program for English learners, Spanish language materials

El Centro, Inc.

Contact: Leticia Gassaway, Director
662-610-0960
1800 West Main Street, Suite 116, Tupelo, MS 38801

Services: After school services, English language practice, summer day programs, and resources in Spanish for Hispanic families



Family Resource Center of Northeast Mississippi

Contact: 662-844-0013
425 Magazine Street, Tupelo, MS 38804

Services: Parenting classes, brochures and information, developmental screening, and resource library. Children's Advocacy Center for children who may have been victims of abuse. Free childcare offered during classes.

Lee County La Leche League

Contact: Toni Hill, Chapter Leader
662-255-8283
1800 West Main Street, Suite 201D, Tupelo, MS 38801

Services: Helps mothers breastfeed through education, support, and encouragement. Meets monthly on the 1st Thursday.

Mississippi Childcare Resource and Referral Center at ICC Tupelo

Contact: 662-620-5370
2176 South Eason Boulevard, Tupelo, MS 38801

Services: Parenting resources and parent trainings; toys, books, and games for check-out

FAMILY AND PARENTING RESOURCES

MS Parent Training and Information Center and MS Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities

Contact: 1-800-721-7255
2 Old River Place, Suite A, Jackson, MS 39202
www.mspti.org

Services: Training, support, and resources for parents of children with disabilities

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) at First Baptist Church

Contact: 662-842-1327
300 North Church Street, Tupelo, MS 38804

Services: Monthly group meeting for mothers of preschoolers

Project ChildSafe

Contact: Lee County Sheriff's Department
662-841-9040
510 Commerce Street, Tupelo, MS 38804
www.projectchildsafesafe.org

Services: Fire arm safety information and free firearm safety kits available. Call the Sheriff's Department for information on obtaining a kit.

Safe Kids Mississippi

Contact: 601-815-6212
2500 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39216
www.safekids.org

Services: Information on child safety, including car safety, home safety, product recalls, and more

Tupelo Fire Marshal's Office

Contact: 662-841-6439
106 West Jefferson Street, Tupelo, MS 38804

Services: Smoke detectors for at-risk households, fire station tours, fire safety and prevention demonstrations



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We'd like to thank every member of our medical staff, board of directors, employees and volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the community.

All our best,



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