



## Faith-Based Initiative

*People  
Helping  
People*

**South Carolina  
Department of  
Social Services**

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### Contact your local DSS Office

<b>County</b>	<b>Number</b>
Abbeville	864-366-4437 Ext. 137
Aiken	803-642-3636
Allendale	803-584-7048 Ext. 223
Anderson	864-260-4100 Ext. 4454
Bamberg	803-245-4363 Ext. 112
Barnwell	803-541-1200 Ext. 116
Beaufort	843-470-4618
Berkeley	843-719-1077
Calhoun	803-874-3384 Ext. 132
Charleston	843-953-9678
Cherokee	864-487-2525 Ext. 228
Chester	803-377-8131 Ext. 130
Chesterfield	843-623-5329
Clarendon	803-435-4303 Ext. 202
Colleton	843-549-1894 Ext. 212
Darlington	843-332-2231 Ext. 379
Dillon	843-774-8284 Ext. 125
Dorchester	843-821-0444 Ext. 3039
Edgefield	803-637-4040 Ext. 111
Fairfield	803-635-5502 Ext. 379
Florence	843-669-3354 Ext. 219
Georgetown	843-546-5134 Ext. 107
Greenville	864-467-7797
Greenwood	864-229-5258 Ext. 155
Hampton	803-943-3641 Ext. 2224
Horry	843-915-4725/4723
Jasper	843-226-0725
Kershaw	803-432-7676 Ext. 177
Lancaster	803-289-1536
Laurens	864-833-0100 Ext. 203
Lee	803-484-6403
Lexington	803-785-5150
McCormick	864-465-2140 Ext. 326
Marion	843-423-4623 Ext. 102
Marlboro	843-479-7181 Ext. 250
Newberry	803-321-2155 Ext. 153
Oconee	864-638-4400 Ext. 43
Orangeburg	803-515-1701
Pickens	864-898-5810 Ext. 209
Richland	803-714-7388
Saluda	864-445-2139 Ext. 164
Spartanburg	864-596-3001 Ext. 2218
Sumter	803-773-5531 Ext. 281
Union	864-429-1660 Ext. 101
Williamsburg	843-355-0903
York	803-684-8151

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## ***What is the Faith-Based Initiative?***

DSS recognizes that we cannot meet all the needs of our clients and communities. The faith-based initiative is our effort to match individuals and faith-based institutions who feel called to serve their neighbors with people who need help.

### ***What does DSS do?***

The mission of the South Carolina Department of Social Services is:

- To ensure the health and safety of children and adults who cannot protect themselves;
- To help people in need of food assistance and temporary financial assistance while transitioning into employment.

This is done by providing the following services:

- **Human Services**
  - ▲ Adult Protective Services
  - ▲ Child Protective Services
  - ▲ Foster Care
  - ▲ Adoptions
- **Economic Services**
  - ▲ Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), South Carolina's welfare-to-work program.
  - ▲ Food Assistance Services
    - Food stamp program, commodity programs, child and adult food program.
- **Child Support Enforcement**

### ***What can I do to help?***

The opportunities to help those served by DSS may be different in each county and community. There are, however, certain needs that are statewide, such as:

- Become or support a resource family (foster or adoptive).
- Start or support a food pantry.
- Start or support an after-school feeding program or a summer feeding program.
- Provide transportation assistance to welfare-to-work clients (TANF).
- Help parents on welfare gain training and valuable work experiences so they can support their families.
- Provide support to a vulnerable adult so that they may remain in their own home.
- Help us spread the word about the needs and/or successes in your community.

Call your local DSS county office to find out what volunteer opportunities are available. Their numbers are listed on the back panel of this brochure. Be sure to let them know you're calling about the ***Faith-Based Initiative***.

#### **The Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended:**

This law, and other state and federal laws, insures that people in the United States have equal treatment, rights and opportunities no matter what their race, color, or national origin. This law prohibits discrimination in programs paid for with federal money.

## ***People Helping People – A Faith-Based Initiative***

Check below for more information, or to speak with someone about:

- Becoming a foster parent.
- Becoming an adoptive parent.
- Sponsoring or helping with summer-food programs.
- Sponsoring or helping with after-school food programs.
- Providing transportation for a welfare-to-work client.
- Providing training or job opportunities to parents on welfare.
- Providing support to a vulnerable adult.

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