

Equitable Neighborhoods Initiative (ENI) Resource Directory

**Russell County Alabama
Health Resources**

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Outline

The Equitable Neighborhoods Initiative (ENI) equips communities to address the pandemic-related issues of today while building capacity to deal with the health and quality of life challenges of tomorrow. ENI connects neighborhoods to resources to improve health equity and the development of each community.

Twenty Alabama communities have partnered with the Equitable Neighborhoods Initiative. ENI communities are dedicated to growing equity and improving health outcomes in their neighborhoods.

This Russell County Alabama Health Resource Directory provides an overview of some of the health and healthcare resources available to residents of Russell County Alabama. This is a living document and should be updated as needed.

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ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System transforms lives through science-based information, practical solutions, and meaningful experiences. The system is the primary outreach and engagement organization for the land-grant mission of Alabama A&M University and Auburn University in cooperation with Tuskegee University. Our unique combination of core values differentiates Extension in today's education marketplace.

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BARBOUR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (EUFULA)

This clinic offers a range of services including vaccinations, women's health care (including breast and cervical cancer exams), family planning, STD testing and lab testing. This clinic can assist with enrollment in Medicaid, ALL Kids and home healthcare/remote monitoring services. The health department can also coordinate environmental services and testing. Birth, death, marriage, and divorce certificates as well as Vital records can be obtained at this facility.

This clinic accepts Medicare, Medicaid, VA and Tricare, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and other private insurance. This is a healthcare center funded by the federal government and offers a sliding-scale payment model. This means that if you are uninsured, the cost of your medical service is based on your income and ability to pay.

Translation/interpretive services are available.

Physical Address: 634 School Street, Eufaula, Alabama 36027

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Phone: (334) 687-4808

Website: www.alabamapublichealth.gov/barbour/

THE COLUMBUS VETERANS CENTER

We offer confidential help for Veterans, service members, and their families at no cost in a non-medical setting. Our services include counseling for needs such as depression, posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and the psychological effects of military sexual trauma (MST). We can also connect you with more support in VA and your community.

Physical Address: 2601 Cross Country Drive, Condominium B-2, Suite 900 Columbus, GA 31906

Mailing Address: 2601 Cross Country Drive, Condominium B-2, Suite 900 Columbus, GA 31906

Primary Contact: Jemar Ridley, Outreach Specialist

Phone: (334) 590-8949

Email: jemar.ridley@va.gov

Website: www.va.gov/columbus-ga-vet-center/

EAST ALABAMA MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

The East Alabama Mental Health Center assists individuals with a serious emotional disturbance or developmental delay, serious mental illness, intellectual disability, and/or a substance abuse problem in achieving their unique personal outcomes.

Center services are primarily designed to support people with the most serious needs and the least available resources to meet those needs. These services, driven by individual and family needs, will be (i) accessible, available, welcoming, positive approaches that are dignified and respectful; (ii) committed to protecting people's rights; and (iii) demonstrate the achievement of outcomes unique to each person served.

Services will be provided with input from current and prospective service users and their families, shall be provided in the least restrictive setting, shall be sensitive to cultural differences, and shall use feedback to improve Center services. Services will be provided within the limits of personal and Center resources.

Prevention services will be provided for at-risk children and adults to enhance the development of healthy life management skills.

Physical Address: 3170 Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway South, Phenix City, AL 36869

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Primary Contact: Emi Aljero-Brooks, Prevention Services Coordinator

Phone: (334) 695-2787

Email: emi.ajero@eamhc.org

Website: www.eastalabamahealth.org

ENRICHMENT SERVICES PROGRAM

Enrichment Services Program (ESP) empowers families to thrive through quality education, services, and partnerships. ESP is committed to increasing the awareness of the impact of poverty and implementing strategies for reducing it. We identify and remove barriers to achieve family stability and promote interdependency. Turning hope into reality, ESP motivates residents toward a desirable future and encourages them to become a healthy contributor to the life of our community.

Physical Address: 2601 Cross Country Drive, Building C, Columbus, GA 31906

Mailing Address: 2601 Cross Country Drive, Building C, Columbus, GA 31906

Primary Contact: Le-Quita Booth, Director

Phone: (706) 464-5009

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Website: <https://enrichmentservices.org/>

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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Primary Contact: Kenya Davis
Phone: (706) 992-2680
Email: kenyettadavis@gdol.ga.gov
Website: <https://dol.georgia.gov/>

HELPING FAMILIES INITIATIVE

The Helping Families Initiative works with the school systems to identify families that are experiencing hardships resulting from children who are truant or defiant in the school setting. The People of the Helping Families Initiative help students suspended from school for truancy or other bad behaviors build productive futures while improving the safety and learning environment for all students. We do this with in-depth family assessments that identify the root causes of these bad behaviors. Our Inter-Agency Teams plan and deliver combinations of services that meet individual and family needs. We communicate human and statistical results to the public and other stakeholders.

Physical Address: Russell County Judicial Center, 501 14th St, Phenix City, AL 36867
Mailing Address: Russell County Judicial Center, 501 14th St, Phenix City, AL 36867
Primary Contact: Mary Mahone
Phone: (706) 992-2680
Email: marymahone@russellcoda.com
Website: <https://hfialabama.com/>

MANEUVER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

The U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence includes the U.S. Army Infantry and Armor Schools. As such, it boasts some of the military's most prestigious and rigorous leadership and functional schools and courses, while supporting a population of almost 70,000 Soldiers and civilians, annually.

Physical Address: Pearman St, Fort Benning, GA 31905
Mailing Address: Pearman St, Fort Benning, GA 31905
Primary Contact: Derrick Garner, Command Sergeant Major
Phone: (706) 905-9680
Email: derrick.c.garner.mil@army.mil
Website: <https://www.benning.army.mil/mcoe/>

MISSION CONTINUES

The Mission Continues is a national nonprofit organization that connects military veterans with new missions in under-resourced communities.

Veterans possess the drive and desire to serve others, but without access to the tools needed, their potential to make a meaningful impact at the local level remains untapped. On the other end of the spectrum growing numbers of communities in this country are under-resourced and being left behind. The Mission's programs deploy veteran volunteers to work alongside nonprofit partners and community leaders to improve educational resources, tackle food insecurity, foster neighborhood identity, and more.

Primary Contact: Lakeshia Stringer, Mission Commander

Phone: (706) 464-4572

Email: lakesha.stringer@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.missioncontinues.org/event/details/a1hWooooo6FEZIOA4/>

MOTHER MARY INC.

Mother Mary Mission Inc. (MMMI) is a 501 (3) (c) organization. The organization exists to serve a community that has been historically underserved in many social and economic endeavors. The board of trustees was re-established in 2016 with the express intent to repurpose the large campus.

The organization seeks to re-establish Mother Mary Mission as a community hub for social, educational, economic, and targeted housing endeavors. The present board of Mother Mary Mission Incorporated is dedicated to continuing the work started by the Vincentian Sisters of Charity and the Salvatoran Priests and Brothers: to provide services to the underserved population of Russell County and the bi-city area.

Physical Address: 318 Seale Road, Phenix City, AL 36869

Mailing Address: 318 Seale Road, Phenix City, AL 36869

Primary Contact: Frank Brown, Executive Director

Phone: (706) 392-7850

Email: fjbrown1944@yahoo.com

Website: <https://mothermarymission.org/about-us/>

PHENIX CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Phoenix City Board of Education works in collaboration with families and community members who are personally committed to the success of each student, striving for Phenix City Schools to become a premier school system.

Staff members effectively engage students and inspire their emotional, ethical, intellectual, physical, and social development. Through an inquiry-based teaching approach and utilization of innovative practices to foster student ownership of learning, these empowered students will possess the ability to adapt in an ever-changing world and will become responsible and productive citizens who positively impact society.

Physical Address: 1212 9th Avenue Phenix City, AL 36867

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Primary Contact: Darrell Seldon, Interim Superintendent

Phone: (334) 298-0534

Email: dseldon@pcboe.net

Website: <https://www.pcboe.net/>

PHENIX CITY SPINE & JOINT CENTER

Physical Address: 3700 S Railroad St, Suite B, Phenix City, AL 36867

Mailing Address: 3700 S Railroad St, Suite B, Phenix City, AL 36867

Primary Contact: Dr. Stephen Cooper, DC, FAACMUAP

Phone: (706) 562-4992

Email: drcooper@chimedicalmgt.com

Website: <https://www.pcboe.net/>

PITTSVIEW PRIMARY CARE

This clinic provides services including checkups, women’s healthcare, immunizations, and referrals to mental and substance abuse treatment. This clinic operates on a sliding-scale basis, which means that if you are uninsured, the cost of your medical service is based on your income and ability to pay.

Please call the number below to make an appointment.

Physical Address: 86 Leconte St., Pittsview, AL 36871

Mailing Address: 86 Leconte St., Pittsview, AL 36871

Phone: (334) 727-7050

PREFERRED MEDICAL GROUP

Preferred Medical Group provides state-of-the-art care medical care that is delivered with a vital combination of compassion and expertise. Our motto “Care, Commitment and Convenience” or the “3 C’s” explains the values that we wish to portray to our patients.

Our Phenix City offices are located near Walmart on South Railroad Street just off Highway 280. Phenix City is our flagship location offering general/primary care, pediatric care, geriatric care, and women’s health screenings, as well as treatment for conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, and many others. This office offers same-day sick appointments and walk-ins are welcome!

Locations:

3700 South Railroad Street, Suite A, Phenix City, AL 36867;

5809 US-280, Opelika, AL 36804

2 Gilmore Road, Fort Mitchell AL 36856

2112 Executive Park Drive, Opelika, AL 36801

Mailing Address: 3700 S Railroad St, Suite B, Phenix City, AL 36867

Primary Contact: Dr. Ritu Chandra, Pediatrics

Phone: (706) 464-5009

Website: preferredmedicalgroup.com

RUSSELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The vision of the Russell County Board of Education is to inspire, empower, and educate with excellence. Russell County School District continues to plan and collaborate to prepare for additional student growth and meet the needs of a diverse population.

Our aim is to encourage, support and strengthen the educational programs at all schools in order to ensure student success. The strong collaboration, communication, and commitment of all stakeholders provide the necessary foundation to ensure that the vision, mission, and goals of the Russell County School District.

Currently there are approximately 452 employees employed by the Russell County School District to include certified and classified personnel. The total student enrollment is 3,600. The Russell County Board Of Education, Superintendent, Teachers, Support Staff, Parents, and Community Members provide a strong, positive, and caring culture.

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Superintendent: Brenda Coley
Phone: (706) 587-2226
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Primary Contact: Kenneth Barnes, School Board President
Phone: (706) 888-7706
Email: barnesk@russellcsd.net
Website: <https://www.myrscsd.org/>

RUSSELL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Russell County Highway Department provides a safe and functional transportation network of roads and bridges in Russell County by managing available funding and resources efficiently.

Physical Address: 97 Poorhouse Road, Seale, AL 36875
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Primary Contact: Shawn Blakeney, County Engineer
Phone: (334) 855-0209
Email: info@rchd.us
Website: <https://rcala.com/engineering/>

RUSSELL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Russell County Health Department offers a range of services including vaccinations, women's health care (including breast and cervical cancer exams), family planning, STD testing and lab testing. This clinic can also assist with enrollment in WIC, Medicaid, ALL Kids and home healthcare/remote monitoring services. The health department can also coordinate environmental services and testing. Birth, death, marriage and divorce certificates as well as Vital records can be obtained at this facility.

Nurse practitioner appointments are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Telehealth appointments are also available for select patients.

This clinic accepts Medicare, Medicaid, VA and Tricare, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and other private insurance. This is a healthcare center funded by the federal government and offers a sliding-scale payment model. This means that if you are uninsured, the cost of your medical service is based on your income and ability to pay.

Translation/interpretive services are available.

Physical Address: 1850 Crawford Road, Phenix City, Alabama 36867
Mailing Address: 1850 Crawford Road, Phenix City, Alabama 36867

Phone: (334) 297-0251

Website: www.alabamapublichealth.gov/russell/

STRICKLAND PHYSIOTHERAPY & WELLNESS CENTER

Physical Address: 145 Maplebrook Ct, Columbus, Georgia, 31904

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Primary Contact: Jake Strickland, Physical Therapist

Phone: (706) 577-1980

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TEARS Inc. (Teens Empowerment Awareness with Resolutions)

The mission of TEARS Inc. is to treat, inform, empower, and encourage youth to make sound, healthy decisions so that their paths lead them into successful futures. We have various programs to serve our community so that our youth can obtain the tools needed to help them become model citizens while improving social skills and self-esteem.

Physical Address: 1011 South Railroad St, Phenix City AL 36867

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Primary Contact: Katheryn McDonalds, Assistant Coordinator

Phone: (912) 312-2366

Website: <https://tearsinc.org/>

UNITY WELLNESS CENTER

Based in Opelika, Unity Wellness Center (UWC) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) and Lee County United Way agency that provides HIV testing and counseling, HIV primary medical care, medical case management services, and HIV prevention education and awareness programs.

Our goals are to increase testing, awareness and education in our communities to reduce new infections; to provide high-quality, compassionate care so that people with HIV never develop AIDS; and to advocate for funding and laws that improve access and quality of care.

Physical Address: 122 N 20th Street Building 26 Opelika, Alabama 36801

Mailing Address: 122 N 20th Street Building 26 Opelika, Alabama 36801

Website: <https://www.eastalabamahealth.org/find-a-service/hiv-care-counseling/>

Primary Contact: Lakeshia Dowdel

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Primary Contact: Mechelle Mitchell

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URBAN LEAGUE OF GREATER COLUMBUS

The Urban League of Greater Columbus empowers and assists minorities, disadvantaged, and underserved citizens; as well as low-income families in obtaining social and economic equality through their achievement of becoming economically self-sufficient and self-reliant in the areas of gaining equal access to jobs, education, affordable housing and healthcare; and to foster economic empowerment by educating and equipping individuals and families with the necessary tools and resources needed to improve their quality of life.

The organization also hosts the Urban League of Greater Columbus Young Professionals (ULGCYP), also known as "Leaders of Tomorrow." This group of young, empowered professionals ages 21 - 40 live, work, or serve in the Greater Columbus, GA area and support the mission of the National Urban League and the local affiliate. The Urban League of Greater Columbus has 70+ members, 400 community service hours, and 140 community programs.

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Website: <https://www.ulgcyp.org/>

VA MEDICAL CENTER

The VA Central Alabama Healthcare System is dedicated to improving the lives of Veterans and their families.

We provide you with health care services at 9 locations in Alabama and western Georgia. Facilities include our Central Alabama VA Medical Center-Montgomery and our Central Alabama VA Medical Center-Tuskegee. We also have 7 community-based outpatient clinics in Dothan, Fort Rucker, Montgomery, and Monroeville, Alabama; and Columbus and Fort Benning, Georgia.

The VA Central Alabama Healthcare System has teaching hospitals that provide a full range of health services for Veterans, with state-of-the-art technology as well as education and research.

Physical Address: 6910 River Road Columbus, GA 31904
Primary Contact: Dr. Rickiya Williams, Women's Veteran Program Manager
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Website: <https://www.va.gov/central-alabama-health-care/>

VACCINE EQUITY ENRICHMENT SERVICES PROGRAM

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access to jobs, education, affordable housing and healthcare; and to foster economic empowerment by educating and equipping individuals and families with the necessary tools and resources needed to improve their quality of life.

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Primary Contact: Dr. Lequita Booth, Project Lead

Phone: (877) 495-7773

Website: <https://enrichmentservices.org/vaccine-equity-initiative/>