

Columbus County



COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE



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Columbus County Overview

Columbus County is quietly progressive in both industry and farming. It is a county on the verge of substantial growth. Business is attracted to the lower taxes and the willingness of economic leaders to make things happen. Also, its proximity to the coast, with the county seat, Whiteville, equidistant to both Myrtle Beach, S.C. and Wilmington, N.C. makes it ideal for retirees who still want to be part of a tightly-knit community while being only 30 minutes from some of the finest golfing and recreational opportunities in the world. Tabor City, the county's second largest town, is 20 minutes from Myrtle Beach's Grand Strand.

Within the county, tree-lined, scenic rivers that are largely undeveloped, offer remarkable beauty and solitude. Lake Waccamaw, the largest natural lake in the state, is pristine and feeds into the wild expanses of the great Green Swamp, which is home to a large number of bear, deer, and exotic plants. Fishing is popular in Lake Waccamaw, known for its white perch that gather in large schools in the summertime.

Medical care is excellent. The county has a 166-bed hospital that offers a wide array of diagnostic and cardiac services in conjunction with Duke University Medical Center. Industrialists will find two accommodating industrial parks - Tabor City Industrial Park and Southeast Regional Park, which boasts all amenities including water and sewer, natural gas, rail, and an on-site community college for training.

Access to the state port in Wilmington, Interstates I-95, and I-40 are available within one hour's drive. A new interstate highway, I-73 traveling from Detroit to Charleston, is scheduled to run through Columbus County.

One of Columbus County's greatest assets is Southeastern Community College, the impetus for much of the county's progressiveness. It has highly-acclaimed nursing, computer and forestry programs, and annually sends scores of students on to North Carolina's renowned public and private colleges and universities. Southeastern also organizes many of the cultural opportunities for both students and the community as a whole, featuring internationally renowned celebrities including Julie Andrews and Pat Conroy, as well as concerts, art shows, and performances. The college provides a variety of customized training for local industry.

In short, Columbus County is the summation of everything good about the South—a temperate climate, untouched natural resources, progressiveness, and reasonable taxes and land prices; yet most of all, Columbus County offers a real sense of community comprised of friendly, hard-working people who genuinely believe this is the best place to live.

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Columbus County Community Resource Guide

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Child Care



The following is a list of child care providers and support services in Columbus County.

Columbus County Child Care Providers

Bolton

Beverly's Day Care

17125 Sam Potts Highway
Bolton, North Carolina 28423
(910) 655-4653
Hours: 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Waccamaw Siouan Day Care

7263 Old Lake Road
Bolton, North Carolina 28423
(910) 655-4358
Ages: 6 Weeks – 5 Years
Hours: 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Cerro Gordo

Little Blessings Preschool

257 Church St.
Cerro Gordo, NC 28430
(910) 654-3119

Precious Minds Child Care, Inc.

123 Haynes Lennon Highway
Cerro Gordo, NC 28430
(910) 654-3900

Chadbourn

Building Blocks Day Care

117 West 5th Avenue
Chadbourn, North Carolina 28431
(910) 654-3980
Hours: 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday through
Thursday & 6:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Friday

Chubby Cheeks Home Day Care

320 J. D. Cartrette Road
Chadbourn, North Carolina 28431
(910) 653-5089
24-Hour care available M-F.

Edu-Care Preschool Center # 102

P.O. Box 394
5589 Chadbourn Highway
Chadbourn, North Carolina 28431
(910) 654-4810

Kid Kare Educational Center

P.O. Box 764
4881 Chadbourn Highway
Chadbourn, North Carolina 28431
(910) 654-5278
Hours: 6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. M-F

Mary Kelly Home Day Care

129 Kelly Street
Chadbourn, North Carolina 28431
(910) 654-4520
Ages: 6 Weeks – 12 Years
Hours: 6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sugar-Berry Day Care Home

1855 Shade Fisher Rd.
Chadbourn, NC 28431
(910) 342-6819

Clarendon

Sweet as Home Preschool

3111 Walter Todd Road
Clarendon, North Carolina 28432
(910) 653-5742
Ages: 0-12
Hours: 6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Delco

Faith Christian Academy (half-day pre-school)

26998 East Andrew Jackson Highway
Delco, North Carolina 28436
(910) 655-2432

Hallsboro

Faye's Family Child Care Home

4393 Honey Hill Road
Hallsboro, North Carolina 28442
(910) 646-4592
Ages: 6 Weeks – 12 Years
Hours: 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Lake Waccamaw

Cynthia's Home Day Care

2429 Old Northeast Road
Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina 28450

(910) 646-2019

Hours: 1st, 2nd & 3rd shifts and weekends available.

Von's Family Day Care

P.O. Box 333
10782 Sam Potts Highway
Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina 28450

(910) 646-3724

Hours: 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. M-F

Riegelwood

Bright Stars Child Care

947 Pineland Rd.
Riegelwood, North Carolina 28456
(910) 655-4329

Jan's TLC Home Day Care

13794 Old Lake Road
Riegelwood, North Carolina 28456
(910) 655-1555

Ages: 6 Weeks – 12 Years

Hours: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Shifts

Ransom Head Start Center

2694 General Howe Highway
Riegelwood, North Carolina 28456
(910) 655-4025

Sonya Marvin's Home Day Care

311 Pineland Road
Riegelwood, North Carolina 28456
(910) 655-2438

Ages: 6 Weeks – 12 Years

Hours: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Teresa's Nursery & Child Care Center

11201 Old Lake Rd.
Riegelwood, North Carolina 28456
(910) 655-2635

Ages: 6 Weeks – 12 Years

Hours: 6 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Terry's Angelic Day Care

805 Sandhole Rd.
Riegelwood, North Carolina 28456
(910) 655-3861

Tabor City

Daisy's Good Beginnings

95 Vereen Ave.
Tabor City, North Carolina 28463
(910) 653-7215

Debbie's Day Care

8405 Swamp Fox Highway East
Tabor City, North Carolina 28463
(910) 653-3027 – Office

Faulk Kidland

1545 Sandy Plains Church Road
Tabor City, North Carolina 28463
(910) 653-2584

Ages: 6 Weeks – 12 Years

Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Frances Day Care

105 Mills Drive
Tabor City, North Carolina 28463
(910) 653-3758

Ages: 6 Weeks – 12 Years

Hours: 6 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Happy Kids Day Care

1400 East 5th St.
Tabor City, North Carolina 28463
(910) 653-4851

Ages: 6 Weeks – 12 Years

Hours: 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Little Rug Rats Day Care

13977 East Swamp Fox Highway
Tabor City, North Carolina 28463
(910) 653-6304

Ages: 6 Weeks – 12 Years

Hours: 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Love-My-Kids

1856 Shug Norris Rd.
Tabor City, North Carolina 28463
(910) 653-2326

Ruth's Little Wand Home Day Care

P.O. Box 833
914 West 6th Street
Tabor City, North Carolina 28463
(910) 653-9188
Hours: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tabor City Baptist Church Day Care

200 Live Oak Street
Tabor City, North Carolina 28463
(910) 653-3261
Ages: 6 Weeks – 12 Years
Hours: 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. M-F

Tabor City Head Start

205 Old Stake Road
Tabor City, North Carolina 28463
(910) 653-5403

Tandie's Tots

6083 Swamp Fox Highway West
Tabor City, North Carolina 28463
(910) 653-3775

Tiny Hands

102 Sykes St.
Tabor City, North Carolina 28463
(910) 653-5264

Whiteville**Alice's Day Care**

3339 Midway Dr.
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-7112

Ann's Day Care

2656 Smyrna Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-6937
Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Best Home Day Care

230 Crepe Myrtle Lane
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-3781
Ages: 6 Weeks – 12 Years
Hours: 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Edu-Care Preschool Center # 101

10741 James B. White Highway S.
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 653-5506
Ages: 6 Weeks – 12 Years
Hours: 6:15 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Hickory Hill Child Care Center, Inc.

P.O. Box 546
1779 New Britton Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-5319
Ages: 6 Weeks – 12 Years
Hours: 6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Kaleidoscope Kidz

1830 Prison Camp Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-2544
Ages: 6 Weeks – 12 Years
Hours: 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Kid Kare Academy

P.O. Box 1256
99 A. O. Inman Lane
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-3818
Ages: 6 Weeks – 12 Years
Hours: 6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Kuddles Home Day Care

466 Spring Hill Dr.
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-5894

Lisa's Home Day Care

2711 Peacock Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-4828
Ages: 6 Weeks – 12 Years
Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Miss Margie's Home Day Care

504 West Williamson Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-3243

Mt. Olive Head Start
5465 Silver Spoon Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 648-4860

Ninos Migrant Head Start
84 A.O. Inman Lane
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-3861

Noah's Ark Home Day Care
206 Sellerstown Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-4336 – Business
Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Opening Doors Preschool
201 South Lee Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-2460
Ages: 6 Weeks – 12 Years
Hours: 6:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Pam's Home Day Care
2842 Thompson Town Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-6596

Shirley Carr's Home Day Care
833 Pinewood Drive
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-6130
Ages: 6 Weeks – 12 Years
Hours: 6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Southeastern Community College
Child Development Center**
P.O. Box 151
4564 Chadbourn Highway
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-7141, ext. 225
Ages: 2 Years – 5 Years
Call for hours of operation.

Terri's Home Day Care
671 Sellerstown Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-3119

Ages: 6 Weeks – 12 Years
Hours: 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Trinity Baptist Church Day Care
201 South Thompson Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-7676
Hours: 6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Waccamaw Academy
623 Warrior Trail
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-7530

Williams Learning Center
1074 Feedmill Rd.
Whiteville, North Carolina
(910) 653-3791

Child Care Resource, Referral & Support Agencies

Columbus County Department of Social Services - Work First Employment Services

P.O. Box 397
40 Government Complex Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
www.coulumbusco.org/main/dss

(910) 641-3187

(910) 641-3970 – FAX

(919) 733-4622 – Children Services

(800) 992-9457 – Child Support

(919) 733-7831 – Child Welfare

www.coulumbusco.org/main/dss

Description of Services: This agency offers job placement assistance and employment-related transportation to TANF recipients.

Columbus County JobLink Career Center

Southeastern Community College
P.O. Box 151

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-7141, ext. 261

(910) 642-5658 – FAX

Description of Services: JobLink Career Centers are user-friendly facilities that provide job seekers, training seekers and businesses access to a variety of employment and training services all under one roof. Services include resume preparation, interview practice, career and personal assessment, employment readiness preparation, short-term skills training, job placement and follow-up, transportation assistance, child care assistance, Workforce Investment Act (WIA) for adults, youth, and dislocated workers, and services for displaced homemakers.

The *Displaced Homemaker Program* is a component of the Columbus County JobLink Career Center located at Southeastern Community College. This component enhances services and coordination with a variety of community and educational resources. The program includes the following services: strong outreach, personal counseling, job development and placement, workshops, skills training programs, direct support services, advocacy, follow-up, client tracking and financial aid.

Columbus County Partnership for Children “Smart Start”

109 W. Main St.

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-8226

(800) 367-2229 – Toll Free

columbusmartstart.org

E-Mail: columbusmartstart@ncez.net

Day Care Licensure

North Carolina

Division of Child Development

(800) 859-0829

Four County Community Services, Inc.

Head Start Program

P.O. Box 337

425 North Lee Street

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 641-0082

(910) 642-5407 – FAX

(910) 653-5403 – Tabor City

(910) 655-4025 – Ransom

(910) 648-4860 – Mt. Olive

Description of Services: Low-income children and children with special needs are provided the opportunity to begin their education through Head Start. They receive the social, nutritional, health, and educational advantages needed for a successful start in school.

Southeastern Child Care Resource & Referral

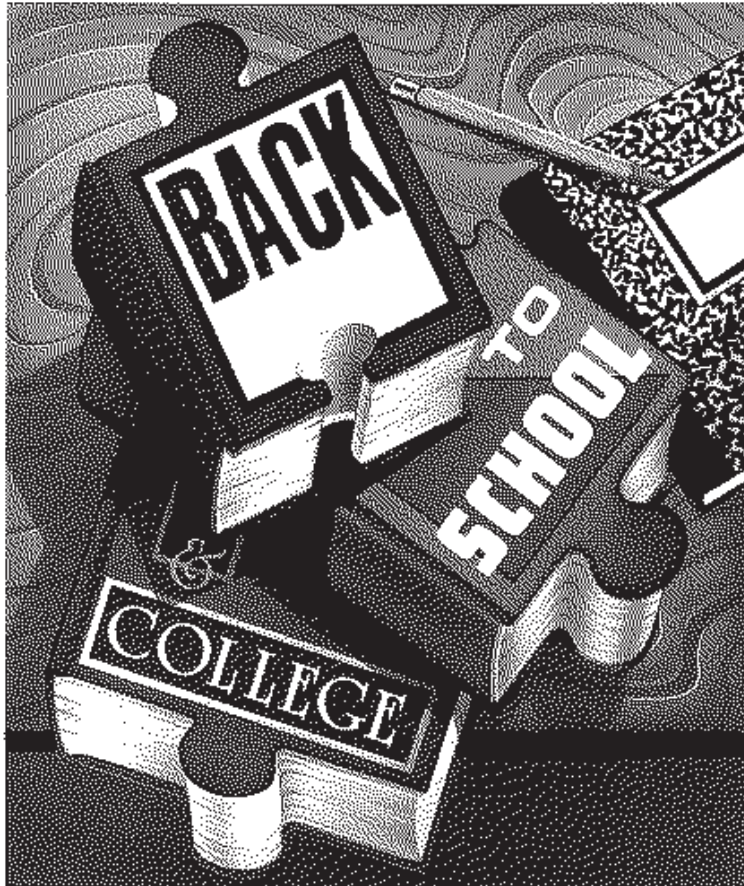
132 West Main St.

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-8189

Description of Services: This agency provides parents with referrals for all types of childcare as well as consumer education material and counseling so that they may make an informed choice. Training and technical assistance are offered to child care providers and new providers are recruited when there is a shortage. Child Care Resource and Referral works with all groups, agencies, and institutions that serve families and children.

Education



The following information offers contacts for special education, preschool, K-12, adult education, and services to help individuals transition from one education level to another.

Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, Inc.

P.O. Box 127

400 Flemington Drive

Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina 28450

(910) 646-3083

(910) 646-4934 – FAX

www.boysandgirlshomesofnc.com

Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
After-hours calls are redirected to an automated telephone answering system.

Description of Services: This home for children, located at Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina, provides out-of-home child care for at-risk children and youth ages birth through college age in one or more of three programs of care: residential care, family foster care, or emergency care. The programs of care include educational, social, and spiritual development. Boys and Girls Homes is licensed by the North Carolina Department of Human Resources as a child care agency and is accredited by educational assessment guidelines leading toward excellence.

Carolina Adventist Academy

3710 James B. White Hwy.

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 640-0855

Description of services: This private school, which emphasizes Christian education, serves children in grades K-10.

Center for Prevention of School Violence

1801 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1801

(800) 299-6054

Columbus Christian Academy

115 W. Calhoun St.

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-6196

Description of services: Columbus Christian Academy strives to assist parents and churches in the task of training young people to reach their fullest potential spiritually, academically, socially, and physically. CCA offers quality education to students in grades K-12.

Columbus County DREAM Center

P.O. Box 1757

403 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-0633

(910) 642-0712 – FAX

Description of Services: Programs include *A Matter of Life* (prostate cancer awareness, prevention and treatment); *Adolescent Health Education Risk Reduction* (outreach resiliency training for HIV/STD & substance abuse prevention); *Columbus County Family Champions Family Resource Center* (helping families meet needs); *Columbus County IMPACT* (outreach, non-traditional HIV/STD counseling, testing, referrals, as well as substance abuse prevention & counseling); *Columbus County Governor's One-on-One Volunteer Program* (mentoring for at-risk youth); *Community Development* (community empowerment, economic development, and home ownership counseling and training); *Community Technology Center* (computer lab with free Internet access for adults and youth); *Safe Haven After School Tutoring and Summer Enrichment* (Grades 1-8), *Job Readiness and Workforce Development* (training for unemployed and underemployed); *Live The Dream: Say "No" to Alcohol and Drug Abuse* (self-esteem, content of character, non-violence, pursuit of excellence, civic responsibility); *LoLograre* (after school tutoring, English as a Second Language and other services for Latino/Hispanics); *Prayer Changes Things: AIDS Awareness in the Faith Community*, and *Summer Food Services Program* (nutritional snacks and lunches for ages 0-18).

Columbus County JobLink Career Center

Southeastern Community College

P.O. Box 151

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-7141, ext. 261

(910) 642-5658 – FAX

Description of Services: JobLink Career Centers are user-friendly facilities that provide job seekers, training seekers and businesses

access to a variety of employment and training services all under one roof. Services include resume preparation, interview practice, career and personal assessment, employment readiness preparation, short-term skills training, job placement and follow-up, transportation assistance, child care assistance, Workforce Investment Act (WIA) for adults, youth, and dislocated workers, and services for displaced homemakers. The Displaced Homemaker Program is a component of the Columbus County JobLink Career Center located at Southeastern Community College. This component enhances services and coordination with a variety of community and educational resources. The program includes the following services: strong outreach, personal counseling, job development and placement, workshops, skills training programs, direct support services, advocacy, follow-up, client tracking and financial aid.

Columbus County Literacy Council

P.O. Box 964
201 West Main Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-2442 or (910) 642-4855

Description of Services: Tutor training in the *Laubach Way to Reading* methodology and one-on-one tutoring, based on student needs, are offered.

Columbus County Schools

P.O. Box 729
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-5168
(910) 640-1010 – FAX

www.columbus.k12.nc.us

Description of Services: The Columbus County School System serves approximately 6,900 students at 18 schools, employing 570 licensed personnel. The system strives to provide a quality education for each student.

Columbus County Schools Exceptional Children's Program

P.O. Box 729
817 Washington St.
Whiteville, North Carolina

(910) 642-5168

(910) 642-1010

Description of Services: This program meets the needs of children with disabilities, as well as children who are academically gifted. Early identification of special needs is accomplished through appropriate screening and assessments. Early intervention and special education are an integral part of the program as are related services. Training and consultation also are provided, as necessary. Exceptional children are served from grades Pre K-12, ages 3-21, by the implementation of an appropriate Individual Education Plan.

Columbus Industries

207 West Walter St.
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-5827
(910) 642-8578 – Telefax

Description of Services: This agency strives to attain positive, consumer-driven social and behavioral outcomes for persons living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse through ethical, flexible, integrated, and culturally-sensitive services.

Communities In Schools

P.O. Box 1246
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-1039
(910) 640-1039 – FAX

Description of Services: This program champions the connection of needed community resources with schools and other sites to help young people successfully learn, stay in school, and prepare for life.

Community Leaders And Student Success (CLASS)

Columbus County Services Management, Inc.
805 North Franklin Street
P.O. Box 551
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-1862

(910) 642-8775 – FAX

Description of Services: This mentoring program provides services to at-risk minority girls ages 9 to 14 in Columbus County middle schools by offering positive role models. Mentors provide support and guidance to youth in an attempt to improve their academic achievement and their interpersonal relationships among peers, teachers, other adults, and family members, to reduce the school dropout rate, and to reduce juvenile delinquency and involvement in gangs. CLASS also recruits females who have an interest in working as mentors.

Education Assistance Authority (NC State)

P.O. Box 14002
RTP, North Carolina 27709
(800) 544-1644

Environmental Education

1609 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1609
(800) 482-8724

Family Champions

P.O. Box 694
109 North Main Street
Tabor City, North Carolina 28463

(910) 653-9200

(910) 653-9183 – FAX

Description of Services: This program offers an Adult Education Program, computer classes, parenting classes, daily job listings, CPR training, WIC, immunizations, reading and interactive learning for children ages 0-5, after school tutoring, and a Summer Youth Feeding Program for ages 0-18. Tax preparation and Notary Public services and working papers are also available. Classes for empowering parents and caregivers of children ages 0-12 are offered.

Four County Community Services, Inc.

P.O. Box 337
425 South Lee Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-8381
(910) 642-5407 – FAX

Description of Services: Through a community services block grant, this agency works with families to provide job training and employment assistance, educational and social programs, emergency assistance when funds are available, volunteer income tax preparation, USDA food, and transitional housing. Other programs include Head Start and weatherization.

**Four County Community Services, Inc.
Head Start Program**

P.O. Box 337
425 North Lee Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 641-0082

(910) 642-5407 – FAX

(910) 653-5403 – Tabor City

(910) 655-4025 – Ransom

(910) 648-4860 – Mt. Olive

Description of Services: Low-income children and children with special needs are provided the opportunity to begin their education through Head Start. They receive the social, nutritional, health, and educational advantages needed for a successful start in school.

Girl Scout Council of Coastal Carolina

P.O. Box 1735
Goldsboro, North Carolina 28533-1753
(919) 734-6231
(800) 558-9297 – Toll Free
www.gscoastalnc.org

Governor's One-on-One Program

Department of Juvenile Justice
410 S. Salisbury St.
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1801
(919) 733-3388

Job Corps

Odle Management Group, LLC
346 Wagoner Drive, suite 205
Fayetteville, NC 28303
(910) 551-5620
www.jobcorps.com

Description of Services: Job Corps is the nation's largest and oldest residential training program. It provides young adults, 16-24 years old, with free educational and vocational training allowing them to develop into more productive members of America's workforce.

More at Four Pre-Kindergarten
(910) 642-5168

Job Corps Training Sites in NC

Lyndon B. Johnson JCC
Franklin, North Carolina
(828) 524-4446

Kittrell JCC
Kittrell, North Carolina
(252) 438-6161

Oconaluftee JCC
Cherokee, North Carolina
(828) 497-5411

Schenck JCC
Pisgah Forest, North Carolina
(828) 862-6100

Literacy Resource Center
(800) 553-9759

National Center for Fathering
10200 West 75th Street, Suite 267
Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66204
P.O. Box 413888
Kansas City, Missouri 64141
(913) 384-4661
(800) 593-3237 – Toll Free
(913) 384-4665 – FAX
www.fathers.com

Description of Services: The National Center for Fathering inspires men to be better fathers through the use of a variety of resources. These resources include books, tapes, and small-group curricula, which address nearly every fathering situation. A nationwide radio program offers daily tips on fathering. The agency also provides testimony to legislative bodies and serves as a resource for social agencies, the government, the media, and the private sector.

National Guard Company B - 120th Infantry
(910) 642-2986

(910) 642-8499 – Recruiter's Office
(919) 664-6000

North Carolina Community College System
– **Main Office**
(919) 733-7051

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
301 North Wilmington Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601
(919) 807-3300
www.ncpublicschools.org

North Carolina Small Business
& Technology Development Center (SBTDC)
(800) 258-0862

Description of Services: The North Carolina SBTDC helps small business owners and those interested in starting a business plan for the future viability of their businesses.

Southeastern Community College
P.O. Box 151
4564 Chadbourn Highway
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-7141, ext. 279 (For information)
(910) 642-5658 – FAX
www.sccnc.edu

Founded in 1964, Southeastern Community College is a public, comprehensive community college providing accessible educational, cultural, and social opportunities for area adults. More than 50 occupational and liberal arts curriculum programs are offered by the college. Classes are small, quality is high, and student services, such as counseling and tutoring, help students realize their potential.

SCC provides a wide range of continuing education courses throughout Columbus County, serving more than 7500 adults annually. Through the college, enriching cultural events are brought to the area, and community services are provided for citizens of all ages.



Southeastern Community College Basic Skills Lab

P.O. Box 151
4564 Chadbourn Highway
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-7141, ext. 232
(910) 642-5658 – FAX
www.sccnc.edu

Description of Services: In SCC's Basic Skills Program persons 18 years of age or older (sixteen and seventeen years olds may enroll with special permission) may earn a (GED) High School Equivalency Diploma, improve reading, writing, and math skills to help children or grandchildren with schoolwork, learn to read, get one-on-one instruction from caring instructors, and use textbooks that are available in the classroom. Individuals who have already obtained a diploma may enroll to improve their reading, writing and math skills before testing for curriculum placement tests.

The Adult Basic Education program is designed for persons 18 or older who function below the 9th grade level. Students receive individualized instruction in basic math, language, and reading.

The ESL program is designed for adult students whose native language is not English. Instruction focuses on English skills which will enable students to interact effectively in the community and at the workplace.

Satellite Sites are located at Acme Delco Middle, Chadbourn Middle, Evergreen Elementary, Hallsboro Artesia Elementary, Whiteville Central Middle, Whiteville Primary School, Williams Township, Guideway Elementary, and Tabor City Elementary schools; as well as Bolton Senior/Youth Center, Family Champions in Tabor City, Buckhead Tribal Center, Dothan Bristol Creek Church, Hampton Place Apartments, Mt. Olive Head Start, Tabor City East Side Bible Ministries, and Whiteville-Victory in Jesus Ministries Church.

Southeastern Community College Cooperative Education Program

P.O. Box 151
4564 Chadbourn Highway
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-7141, ext. 327
(910) 642-5658 – FAX
www.sccnc.edu/coop.htm

Description of Services: This program stresses education based upon a cooperative arrangement between the college and employers to provide practical work experiences for students. Co-Op combines classroom study with employment related to a major and is based on the principle that learning does not confine itself to academic achievement but is equally dependent upon practical work experience.

Southeastern Community College Dual Enrollment Program

P.O. Box 151
4564 Chadbourn Highway
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-7141, ext. 265
(910) 642-5658 – FAX

Description of Services: The Dual Enrollment Program allows students to take college courses while they are still in high school. Courses may be taken during the day, at night or through distance learning as long as those courses do not interfere with the students' regular high school courses. High school students enrolled in com-

munity college courses are exempt from paying tuition for these courses; however, fees and book costs are not exempt.

The sole purpose of this program is to provide expanded educational opportunities and additional educational enrichment experiences for high school students. In no way does it supplant the opportunities and experiences available at the high schools.

Credit earned at SCC by qualifying student is entered on a college transcript at Southeastern. College transfer courses may also be transferred to other two- and four-year institutions.

High school students may be concurrently enrolled in courses at SCC subject to the following conditions:

- A dual enrollment student must be at least 16 years old.
- A dual enrollment form must be completed and submitted for each semester the student seeks to qualify for enrollment at SCC. The form must be signed by the student's parent or legal guardian, school counselor, principal, and the admissions officer at SCC. Forms are available at local high schools.

Southeastern Community College Educational Talent Search

P.O. Box 151
4564 Chadbourn Highway
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-7141, ext. 286

(910) 642-0133

(910) 642-5658 – FAX

www.sccnc.edu/cat195.htm#talent

Description of Services: Educational Talent Search is funded by the United States Department of Education. The purpose of the program is to promote high school graduation and post-secondary enrollment. The counselors work in 12 schools throughout Columbus County and serve 850 students through counseling, workshops, and tutoring. They assist students

in career and college planning and in securing financial aid for educational expenses. They provide educational college tours and cultural enrichment activities.

Although Educational Talent Search serves sixth through twelfth grade students primarily in area schools, the program is also available to assist persons who have dropped out of high school or college and want to re-enter the educational system.

Southeastern Community College Human Resources Development (HRD)

P.O. Box 151
4564 Chadbourn Highway
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-7141, ext. 261

(910) 642-5658 – FAX

Description of Services: This program helps unemployed adults find employment or resources to secure training and education. Office skills, computer, and in-home aide skills training are just some of the special training classes that are available. Tuition is waived for those who are unemployed, underemployed, or dislocated workers.

Southeastern Community College Upward Bound

P.O. Box 151
4564 Chadbourn Highway
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-7141, ext. 287

(910) 642-7757

(910) 642-5658 – FAX

www.sccnc.edu/cat195.htm#up

Description of Services: This federally-funded program is designed to develop successful academic skills in high school students working below their potential to help prepare them for college. Summer and academic-year sessions are held for rising 9th -12th grade students who meet federal program requirements.

Tarheel ChalleNGe Academy

P.O. Box 39

Salemburg, North Carolina 28385

(910) 525-5520

(800) 573-9966 – Toll Free

Description of Services: This quasi-military style, 17-month program for at-risk high school dropouts is sponsored by the North Carolina National Guard free of charge to participants. This program provides an opportunity for young adults to obtain GEDs and encourages them to become productive citizens in their communities.

United States Department of Education

400 Maryland Avenue, SW

Washington, DC 20202-0498

(800) 872-5327

www.ed.gov/index.jsp

Waccamaw Academy

P.O. Box 507

623 Warrior Trail

Whiteville, North Carolina

(910) 642-7530

Description of Services: Waccamaw Academy is a private, independent day school that serves pre-school through 12th grade students. Emphasis is on academics with a full complement of sports and student activities.

**Whiteville City Schools**

P.O. Box 609

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-4116

(910) 642-0564 – FAX

www.whiteville.k12.nc.us

Description of Services: The Whiteville City School System offers a safe, orderly, and nurturing environment in which students can strive to reach their fullest academic potentials.

Whiteville City Schools**Exceptional Children's Program**

2322 James B. White Highway North

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 914-4161

(910) 914-4164 – FAX

Description of Services: This program provides screening, assessment, early intervention, child service coordination, occupational therapy, physical therapy, training, consultation, and educational services for students in the Whiteville City Schools district who qualify for special education services ages 3-21.

Workforce Investment Act Program

(800) 662-7131

Employment



The following agencies can assist with employment needs.

Columbus County Department of Social Services - Work First Program

P.O. Box 397

40 Government Complex Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 641-3187

(910) 641-3970 – FAX

(919) 733-7831 – Raleigh

(919) 733-4622 – Children Services

(800) 992-9457 – Child Support

(919) 733-7831 – Child Welfare

www.coulumbusco.org/main/dss

Description of Services: This agency offers job placement assistance and employment-related transportation to TANF recipients.

Columbus County JobLink Career Center

Southeastern Community College

P.O. Box 151

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-7141, ext. 261

(910) 642-5658 – FAX

Description of Services: JobLink Career Centers are user-friendly facilities that provide job seekers, training seekers and businesses access to a variety of employment and training services all under one roof. Services include resume preparation, interview practice, career and personal assessment, employment readiness preparation, short-term skills training, job placement and follow-up, transportation assistance, child care assistance, Workforce Investment Act (WIA) for adults, youth, and dislocated workers, and services for displaced homemakers.

The Displaced Homemaker Program is a component of the Columbus County JobLink Career Center located at Southeastern Community College. This component enhances services and coordination with a variety of community and educational resources. The program includes the following services: strong outreach, personal counseling, job development and placement, workshops, skills training programs, direct support services, advocacy, follow-up, client tracking and financial aid.



Four County Community Services, Inc.

P.O. Box 337

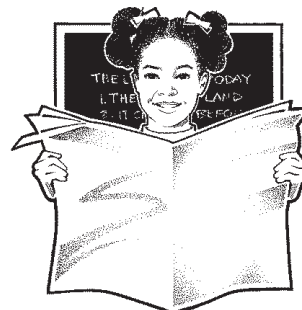
425 South Lee Street

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-8381

(910) 642-5407 – FAX

Description of Services: Through a community services block grant, this agency works with families to provide job training and employment assistance, educational and social programs, emergency assistance when funds are available, volunteer income tax preparation, USDA food, and transitional housing. Other programs include Head Start and weatherization.



**North Carolina Division of
Vocational Rehabilitation Services**

P.O. Box 566
118 Memory Plaza
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 914-4150 or (910) 642-5406
(910) 642-2114 – FAX

Description of Services: This agency provides a wide range of services to persons with physical, mental or emotional impairments, which result in a substantial impediment to employment. Services include, but are not limited to, disability and vocational assessment, employment training, job placement, diagnostic evaluations, guidance and counseling, on-the-job training, college tuition and fees, tuition to a public sheltered workshop or rehabilitation facility, payment for interpreter services for the hearing impaired, post employment services, and employment marketing skills training.

**North Carolina
Employment Security Commission
Whiteville JobLink Career Center**

630 South Madison Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-0146
(910) 641-3909 – FAX

www.ncesc.com

Description of Services: This agency assists with job placement, unemployment insurance, unemployment benefits, veterans services, labor market information, employer services, technical assistance, federal bonding, and agricultural services.

**Southeastern Community College
Human Resources Development (HRD)**

P.O. Box 151
4564 Chadbourn Highway
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-7141, ext. 261
(910) 642-5658 – FAX

Description of Services: This program helps unemployed adults find employment or resources to secure training and education. Office skills, computer, and in-home aide skills training are some of the special training classes that are available. Tuition is waived for those who are unemployed, underemployed, or dislocated workers.

**Southeastern Community College
Small Business Center**

P.O. Box 151
4564 Chadbourn Highway
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-7141, ext. 209
(910) 642-4409 – FAX

Description of Services: This program assists owners and their employees or would-be owners of small businesses through training and educational programs, professional counseling and referral services, and information dissemination. The center also provides facility management and technical support for the small business incubator, and operates a Micro Intake Professional (MIP) Loan Program that provides technical training and access to loans from \$500 to \$25,000 on an individual lending basis for business start-up or expansion in the four-county area of Brunswick, Bladen, Columbus, and Robeson. Entrepreneurship training for adult students through REAL—Rural Entrepreneurship through Action Learning, a program through which participants learn by actually

being entrepreneurs instead of just studying entrepreneurship, also is offered.

Telamon Corporation

P.O. Box 1626

630 S. Madison St.

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-8229

(910) 642-8555 – FAX

Description of Services: This agency provides employment and training, work experiences, English-as-a-Second-Language and other supportive services. Previous farm work within the most recent 24 months is required. Participants must meet federal poverty level income guidelines.

To correct or add information to this document, forward information to:

Columbus County JobLink Career Center

P.O. Box 151

Whiteville, NC 28472

or call

910-642-7141, ext. 261

Financial



This section lists resources for assistance with financial management and budgeting issues, as well as resources to help with applications for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security, Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF), and other financial resources.

Columbus County Department of Aging

P.O. Box 1327

827 Washington Street

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 640-6602

(910) 640-6646 – FAX

www.dhhs.state.nc.us/aging

Description of Services: This agency coordinates In-Home Aide services and the Community Alternatives Program for adults and children. Senior Centers provide community involvement and opportunities for older adults to become physically active, mentally challenged, emotionally supported, and socially involved. Exercise equipment and medical equipment are available for loan to seniors. Congregate meals and home delivered meals are offered to seniors. The Minor Home Repair program assists persons 60 years or older with minor repairs to their homes to remedy conditions that are a risk to their health and safety. Transportation is available to the nutrition sites.

Columbus County**Department of Social Services**

P.O. Box 397

40 Government Complex Road

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-2800 or (910) 640-6631

(910) 641-3970 – FAX

(919) 733-4622 – Children Services

(800) 992-9457 – Child Support

(919) 733-7831 – Child Welfare

www.coulumbusco.org/main/dss

Description of Services: This agency offers an economic assistance program, emergency assistance with utility bills and rent, information about food stamps, and financial and medical assistance to low income families. Employment-related transportation is offered for TANF recipients. Child support enforcement and Medicaid information and services also are provided.

Columbus County DREAM Center

P.O. Box 1757

403 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-0633

(910) 642-0712 – FAX

Description of Services: Programs include *A Matter of Life* (prostate cancer awareness, prevention and treatment); *Adolescent Health Education Risk Reduction* (outreach resiliency training for HIV/STD & substance abuse prevention); *Columbus County Family Champions Family Resource Center* (helping families meet needs); *Columbus County IMPACT* (outreach, non-traditional HIV/STD counseling, testing, referrals, as well as substance abuse prevention & counseling); *Columbus County Governor's One-on-One Volunteer Program* (mentoring for at-risk youth); *Community Development* (community empowerment, economic development, and home ownership counseling and training); *Community Technology Center* (computer lab with free Internet access for adults and youth); *Safe Haven After School Tutoring and Summer Enrichment* (Grades 1-8), *Job Readiness and Workforce Development* (training for unemployed and underemployed); *Live The Dream: Say "No" to Alcohol and Drug Abuse* (self-esteem, content of character, non-violence, pursuit of excellence, civic responsibility); *LoLograre* (after school tutoring, English as a Second Language and other services for Latino/Hispanics); *Prayer Changes Things: AIDS Awareness in the Faith Community*, and *Summer Food Services Program* (nutritional snacks and lunches for ages 0-18).

Columbus County Help Mission

P.O. Box 1011

127 West Commerce Street

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-2724

Description of Services: This organization provides assistance with emergency food, clothing, furnishings, rent, medications, bills, and fuel.

Columbus County Housing

P.O. Box 829

715 Legion Road

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 640-6618

(910) 642-0465 – FAX

Description of Services: This agency provides federally-subsidized housing based on applicant's ability to meet federal regulations.

**Columbus County RSVP
(Retired & Senior Volunteer Program)**

Southeastern Community College
4564 Chadbourn Highway
P.O. Box 151

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-7141, ext. 294

(910) 642-3962 – FAX

Description of Services: The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) enhances the lives of adults 55 years of age and older by providing them with meaningful volunteer opportunities. RSVP has served Columbus County since 1973, providing 62,000 hours of service on an annual basis. These men and women volunteer in a number public and private nonprofit agencies and organizations, including civic clubs. Volunteers work in a variety of areas, including childcare, crime prevention, literacy, nutrition, and health care. They provide food and clothes to the needy, teach children to read, deliver hot meals to seniors, and visit hospital and rest home patients. The volunteers determine how much time to give and to which assignments.

Consumer Credit Counseling

9009 West Loop South, Suite 700

Houston, TX 77096

(713) 923-2227

(800) 873-2227 – Toll Free

www.cccsintl.org

Description of Services: This organization provides budget counseling, educational programs, debt management assistance, and housing counseling. Counseling is available online and by telephone, in Spanish or in English.

Consumer Product Safety Commission

(800) 638-2772

**Expanded Foods & Nutrition
Education Program (EFNEP)**

45 Government Complex Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 641-3996

(910) 642-6315 – FAX

www.ces.ncsu.edu/columbus/EFNEPhomepage

Description of Services: This nutrition program targets low-income families with children and teaches the value of proper nutrition, how to better utilize food budgets, and food safety.

Family Champions

P.O. Box 694

109 North Main Street

Tabor City, North Carolina 28463

(910) 653-9200

(910) 653-9183 – FAX

Description of Services: This program offers an Adult Education Program, computer classes, parenting classes, daily job listings, CPR training, WIC, immunizations, reading and interactive learning for children ages 0-5, after school tutoring, and a Summer Youth Feeding Program for ages 0-18. Tax preparation and Notary Public services and working papers are also available. Classes for empowering parents and caregivers of children ages 0-12 are offered.

Food Bank of Coastal Carolina, Inc.

P.O. Box 1311

1314 Marstellar Street

Wilmington, North Carolina 28402-1311

E-mail: ttaylor@foodbankcenc.org

(910) 251-1465

(910) 251-3591- FAX

www.foodbanknc.org

Four County Community Services, Inc.

P.O. Box 337

425 South Lee Street

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-8381

(910) 642-5407 – FAX

Description of Services: Through a community services block grant, this agency works with families to provide job training and employment assistance, educational and social programs; emergency assistance when funds are available, volunteer income tax preparation, USDA food, and transitional housing. Other programs include Head Start and weatherization.

Income Tax Refund Inquiries
(919) 733-4682

North Carolina Government

Individual Income Tax

(919) 733-4684

Inheritance Tax

(919) 733-4684

Revenue Department

(919) 733-3991

Sales/Use Tax

(919) 733-3661

Tax Forms

(919) 715-0397

Tax Fraud Hotline

(800) 232-4939

Withholding Income Tax

(919) 733-4626

**North Carolina Small Business & Technology
Development Center (SBTDC)**

(800) 258-0862

Description of Services: The SBTDC helps small business owners and those interested in starting a business plan for the future of their businesses.

**Southeastern Community College
Small Business Center**

P.O. Box 151

4564 Chadbourn Highway

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-7141, ext. 419

(910) 642-4409 – FAX

Description of Services: This program assists owners and their employees or would-be owners of small businesses through training and educational programs, professional counseling and referral services, and information dissemination. The center also provides facility management and technical support for the small business incubator, and operates a Micro Intake Professional (MIP) Loan Program that provides technical training and access to loans

from \$500 to \$25,000 on an individual lending basis for business start-up or expansion in the four-county area of Brunswick, Bladen, Columbus, and Robeson. Entrepreneurship training for adult students through REAL—Rural Entrepreneurship through Action Learning, a program through which participants learn by actually being entrepreneurs instead of just studying entrepreneurship, also is offered.

Sprint Telecommunications Relay Service

P.O. Box 96064

Charlotte, North Carolina 28296-0064

(800) 735-2962 – TTY

(800) 735-8262 – Voice

www.sprint.com/local

Whiteville Housing Authority

504 Burkhead Street

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-4979

Description of Services: This agency provides federally subsidized housing based on applicant's ability to meet federal regulations.



Government



Following is a listing of local, state, and federal government agencies.

Cape Fear Council of Governments

1480 Harbour Drive
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401

(910) 395-4553

(800) 218-6575 – Toll Free

(910) 395-2684 – FAX

www.capefearcog.org

Chadbourn Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 200

115 North Brown Street

Chadbourn, North Carolina 28431

(910) 654-3445

Hours: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

Description of Services: A voluntary business membership organization, the Chamber of Commerce strives to advance the economic, industrial, professional, cultural, and civic welfare of Chadbourn through the promotion, development, and education of the business community.

Citizens Help - Governor's Office

20301 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-0301

(919) 733-2391

(800) 662-7952 – Toll Free

Citizen Services with TTY

(919) 733-4851

Columbus County Administration

111 Washington Street

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 640-6630

www.columbusco.org

Columbus County Animal Control

288 Legion Drive

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 641-3945

Description of Services: This agency is responsible for the welfare and maintenance of domiciles for animals, facilitates animal adoption to the public, makes emergency calls relating to animals on health-related issues such as animal bites, investigates abandonment or

animal cruelty issues, collects stray animals in the county and from towns' holding cages, sets up rabies clinics with veterinarians, assists sheriff, police, and state highway patrol departments during DWI's when animals are involved, on service calls 24 hours for emergencies relating to animals, collects rabies shots' receipts from local veterinarians and sends reports to Raleigh monthly, maintains records of animal incidences, and answers and follows-up on all animal-related complaints throughout the county.

Columbus County Board of Elections

P.O. Box 37

715 North Legion Drive, Suite A

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 640-6609

(910) 640-0916 – FAX

Description of Services: This agency holds all county elections (local, state, federal, and specially called referendums), registers voters and issues voter registration cards, maintains rosters of registered voters by precincts, appoints poll workers, holds training seminars for poll workers, tests voting equipment prior to elections, provides supplies to poll workers, audits records twice yearly, and provides voter lists to the public by precinct, party, and age.

Columbus County Building Inspections

606 Thompson Street, Suite B

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 640-6619

(910) 640-6649 – FAX

Columbus County Community Health Center

209 West Virgil Street

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 641-0202

(910) 641-0208 – FAX

Description of Services: This center provides treatment of acute and chronic illnesses, information on women's health issues, children's health care and immunizations, adolescent health care, school, employment and sports

physical health screenings, drug testing, diagnostic laboratory, health education and counseling. The Medical Assistance Program (MAP) caters to low-income and unemployed residents of Columbus County.

Columbus County Cooperative Extension Service

45 Government Complex Road, Suite A
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 640-6605

(910) 642-6315 – FAX

Description of Services: This agency offers a wide variety of educational programs based on research to businesses, farmers, homemakers, youth, and interested residents in the fields of agriculture, family, consumer education, community development, and 4-H youth.

Columbus County Courthouse

P.O. Box 1587

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 641-3000

Columbus County Department of Aging

P.O. Box 1327

827 Washington Street

P.O. Box 1187

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 640-6602

(910) 640-6646 – FAX

www.dhhs.state.nc.us/aging

Description of Services: This agency coordinates In-Home Aide services and the Community Alternatives Program for adults and children. Senior Centers provide community involvement and opportunities for older adults to become physically active, mentally challenged, emotionally supported, and socially involved. Exercise equipment and medical equipment are available for loan to seniors. Congregate meals and home delivered meals are offered to seniors. The Minor Home Repair program assists persons 60 years or older with minor repairs to their homes to remedy conditions that are a

risk to their health and safety. Transportation is available to the nutrition sites.

Columbus County

Department of Social Services

P.O. Box 397

40 Government Complex Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-2800 or (910) 640-6631

(910) 641-3970 – FAX

(919) 733-4622 – Children Services

(800) 992-9457 – Child Support

(919) 733-7831 – Child Welfare

www.coulumbusco.org/main/dss

Description of Services: This agency offers counseling services, adoption information, adult In-Home Aide services, child and adult protective services; and financial and medical assistance to low income families. Emergency assistance with utility bills and rent, information about food stamps, custody studies, foster care placement, and job training also are offered. Employment-related transportation for TANF recipients is available, as well as child support enforcement, information about Medicaid, parenting skills services, and information and referral services. Fees and eligibility requirements vary based on the program.

**Columbus County District Attorney's Office,
District # 13**

110 Courthouse Square

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 641-3050

Columbus County DREAM Center

P.O. Box 1757

403 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-0633

(910) 642-0712 – FAX

Description of Services: Programs include *A Matter of Life* (prostate cancer awareness, prevention and treatment); *Adolescent Health Education Risk Reduction* (outreach resiliency training for HIV/STD & substance abuse pre-

vention); *Columbus County Family Champions Family Resource Center* (helping families meet needs); *Columbus County IMPACT* (outreach, non-traditional HIV/STD counseling, testing, referrals, as well as substance abuse prevention & counseling); *Columbus County Governor's One-on-One Volunteer Program* (mentoring for at-risk youth); *Community Development* (community empowerment, economic development, and home ownership counseling and training); *Community Technology Center* (computer lab with free Internet access for adults and youth); *Safe Haven After School Tutoring and Summer Enrichment* (Grades 1-8), *Job Readiness and Workforce Development* (training for unemployed and underemployed); *Live The Dream: Say "No" to Alcohol and Drug Abuse* (self-esteem, content of character, non-violence, pursuit of excellence, civic responsibility); *LoLograre* (after school tutoring English as a Second Language and other services for Latino/Hispanics); *Prayer Changes Things: AIDS Awareness in the Faith Community*, and *Summer Food Services Program* (nutritional snacks and lunches for ages 0-18).

**Columbus County
Economic Development Commission**
P.O. Box 456
111 Washington Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-6608
(910) 642-1876 – FAX
E-mail: edc@columbus.org
www.columbusforindustry.com

**Columbus County
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)**
608 North Thompson Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-6610
(910) 640-1241 – FAX

Columbus County Fire Marshal
608 North Thompson Street
Whiteville, North Carolina
(910) 640-6613, ext. 224

Columbus County 4-H
P.O. Box 569
45 Government Complex Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-6607
(910) 642-6315 – FAX
www.ces.ncsu.edu/columbus/
Description of Services: This family-oriented program is open to youth between ages 5 and 19 and provides opportunities for them to develop life skills. Program components include traditional clubs, project clubs, school enrichment, special interests, and after school activities, as well as camp, 4-H Congress, district and state competitions, awards, honors, scholarships, summer classes, workshops, and volunteer leadership training.

**Columbus County
Governor's One-On-One Volunteer Program**
406 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-0633
(910) 642-0712 – FAX
Description of Services: This program matches court involved youth with adult role models, provides group activities, and offers positive reinforcement.

Columbus County Habitat for Humanity
P.O. Box 2231
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 770-0706
www.habitat.org

Columbus County Help Mission
P.O. Box 1011
127 West Commerce Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-2724
Description of Services: This organization provides assistance with emergency food, clothing, furnishings, rent, medications, bills, and fuel.

**Columbus County
Juvenile Restitution Program**
P.O. Box 607
117 East Columbus Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-5111
(910) 642-5113 – FAX

Columbus County Library
407 North Powell Boulevard
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-6620
(910) 642-3829 – FAX
www.columbusco.org

Description of Services: Modern library resources and services that promote lifelong learning, enjoyment of reading, and enhance the quality of life of people within the county are offered through a five-branch library system. Adult and children's reference services, local history, genealogy, magazines, newspapers, videos, audio cassettes, children's story time, summer reading program, word processors, public Internet access, typewriters, inter-library loans, homebound services, bookmobile, copier and fax services are available.

Columbus County Literacy Council
P.O. Box 964
201 West Main Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-2442 or (910) 642-4855

Description of Services: Tutor training in the *Laubach Way to Reading* methodology as well as one-on-one tutoring based on student needs are offered.

Columbus County Parks and Recreation
106 W. Smith Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-6624
(910) 640-2135 – FAX

**Columbus County Partnership for Children
"Smart Start"**
109 W. Main St.
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-8226
www.columbusmartstart.org
E-Mail: columbusmartstart@ncez.net

Columbus County Personnel Office
111 Washington Street
Whiteville, North Carolina
(910) 914-4119
(910) 642-2386 – FAX

Columbus County Public Utilities
805 Pinckney Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-5257
(910) 642-1041 – FAX

Columbus County Register of Deeds
P.O. Box 1086
Courthouse Square
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472-1086
(910) 640-6625
(910) 640-2547 – FAX

Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. (M-F)
www.columbusCountyorg/ccdeeds
Description of Services: This office assists with filing assumed names for sole proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations, issues marriage licenses, and administers notary public oaths.

**Columbus County RSVP
(Retired & Senior Volunteer Program)**
Southeastern Community College
4564 Chadbourn Highway
P.O. Box 151
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-7141, ext. 294
(910) 642-3962 – FAX

Description of Services: RSVP volunteers work in a variety of areas, including child care, crime prevention, literacy, nutrition, and health care. They distribute food and clothes to the needy, teach children to read, deliver hot meals to seniors, and visit hospital and rest home patients.

Columbus County Sheriff's Department
P.O. Box 280
805 Washington Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-6551
(910) 642-4321 – FAX

Description of Services: This agency provides comprehensive law enforcement and protection services primarily to county residents. Some offices have Victims Advocates on staff. Please call for information.

Columbus County Tax Office
110 Courthouse Square
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-6635
(910) 640-3305 – FAX

Columbus County Tourism Bureau
104 East Walter Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-2818
(800) 845-8419 – Toll Free
(910) 642-6047 – FAX
www.discovercolumbuscounty.org

Columbus County Veteran's Administration
805 Pinckney St.
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-6638
(910) 641-3971 – FAX

Columbus County Volunteer Center
P.O. Box 151
4564 Chadbourn Highway
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
642-7141 x 324
642-7141 x 294
volunteer@scnc.edu
Description of Services: This agency provides a professional resource center for the coordination of volunteer activities and opportunities with programs and agencies that improve the lives of the people of Columbus County. The purpose of the Volunteer Center is to increase public awareness and to recruit, screen, train, and evaluate volunteers to serve in the community, as well as to focus on mentoring, tutoring, and recreational programs for youth. Representatives of local agencies and organizations who use volunteers or have an interest in promoting volunteerism are also included.

Crisis Intervention
(919) 733-7831

Elections Board (North Carolina)
(919) 733-7173

Expanded Foods & Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)
45 Government Complex Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 641-3996
(910) 642-6315 – FAX
www.ces.ncsu.edu/columbus/EFNEPhomepage
Description of Services: This nutrition program targets low-income families with children and teaches the value of proper nutrition, how to better utilize food budgets, and food safety.

Fair Bluff Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 648
911 Main Street
Fair Bluff, North Carolina 28439
(910) 649-7134 or (910) 649-5255
(910) 649-6979 – FAX
Hours: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
www.fairbluff.com
Description of Services: A voluntary business membership organization, the Chamber of Commerce strives to advance the economic, industrial, professional, cultural, and civic welfare of Fair Bluff through the promotion, development, and education of the business community.

Family Health Resource Line
(800) 367-2229

Farming Information
(919) 733-7125

Forestry
(919) 733-2162

Foster Care
(919) 733-4622

MADD – Mothers Against Drunk Driving
(800) 248-6233

Mental Health Association of Columbus County

P.O. Box 553
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 653-4144
(910) 640-1153

National Response Center

2100 2nd Street, Southwest
Washington, DC 20593-0001
(202) 267-2675
(800) 424-8802
(202) 267-2165 – FAX
www.nrc.uscg.mil/

Description of Services: This agency serves as the sole national point of contact for reporting all oil, chemical, radiological, biological, and etiological discharges into the environment anywhere in the United States and its territories. The agency also maintains agreements with a variety of federal entities to make additional notifications regarding incidents meeting established trigger criteria.

North Carolina Center for Missing Persons
(800) 522-5437

Description of Services: This agency serves as the state's central repository for information regarding missing children and adults. Since its creation in 1985, the Center has worked with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to locate missing persons and reunite them with their families.

North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence

115 Market Street, Suite 400
Durham, North Carolina 27701
(919) 956-9124

North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault

183 Wind Chime Court, Suite 100
Raleigh, North Carolina 27615
www.nccasa.org

1-888-737-CASA (2282)
(919) 676-7611

North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs

P.O. Box 336
Bolton, North Carolina 28423
(910) 655-8708

Description of Services: Designed to provide job training for economically disadvantaged American Indians, the Commission provides high school dropouts, elderly, and disabled individuals with job placements in not-for-profit agencies. Participants work 25 hours per week at the assigned job sites and attend classes at a local community college at least 15 hours per week. Job search assistance, placement, and referrals are provided to interested participants. College financial assistance programs are available to eligible participants.

North Carolina (Columbus County) Cooperative Extension Service

P.O. Box 569
45 Government Complex Road, Suite A
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-6605
(910) 642-6315 – Fax

Description of Services: The North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service (NCCES) helps people improve the quality of their lives by providing research-based information and informal educational opportunities focused on issues and needs.

The range of topics Extension addresses includes:

4-H Youth Development -- develops important life skills in youth that build character and assist them in making career choices that strengthen citizenship and leadership. At-risk youth participate in school retention and enrichment programs. Youth learn science, math, and social skills through hands-on projects and activities.
Agriculture -- research and educational programs assist individuals to learn new ways to produce income through alternative enterprises, improved marketing strategies and management skills and help farmers and ranchers improve

productivity through resource management, controlling crop pests, soil testing, livestock production practices, rangeland management and marketing. Urban agriculture programs support residents and communities with urban forestry, home and public landscape, pest and disease control, lawn waste management, farmers' markets, and developing skilled master gardeners. *Community and Economic Development* -- assists local governments to investigate and create viable options for economic and community development such as improved job creation and retention, small and medium sized business development, effective and coordinated homeland defense and emergency response, solid waste disposal, tourism development, workforce education, and land use planning.

Family and Consumer Sciences -- helps families and communities become more resilient and healthy by teaching nutrition, obesity prevention, food preparation skills, positive child care, family communication, financial management, and health care strategies.

Leadership Development -- trains extension professionals and volunteers to deliver programs in gardening, health and safety, family and consumer issues, 4-H youth development, and prepares citizens to serve in leadership roles in the community.

Natural Resources -- teaches landowners and homeowners how to use natural resources more wisely and protect the environment with educational programs in water quality and water conservation, timber management, composting, and recycling.

North Carolina Crime Control and Public Safety - Division of Victim and Justice Services

P.O. Box 29588
Raleigh, North Carolina 27626-0588
(919) 733-7974
(800) 826-6200 – Toll Free

NC Department of Coastal Management
2728 Capital Blvd.
Raleigh, North Carolina 27604
(919) 733-2293

North Carolina Department of Justice
(919) 716-6400

North Carolina Department of Transportation Division of Bicycle & Pedestrian Transportation

1552 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699
(919) 733-2804

www.ncdot/transmit/bicycle/safety

Description of Services: This agency encourages bicycle and pedestrian safety and education programs for children. A list of programs can be accessed on the website.

North Carolina Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

P.O. Box 566
118 Memory Plaza
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 914-4150 or (910) 642-5406
(910) 642-2114 – FAX

Description of Services: This agency provides a wide range of services to persons with physical, mental or emotional impairments that result in a substantial impediment to employment. Services include, but are not limited to, disability and vocational assessment, employment training, job placement, diagnostic evaluations, guidance and counseling, on-the-job training, college tuition and fees, tuition to a public sheltered workshop or rehabilitation facility, payment for interpreter services for the hearing impaired, post employment services, and employment marketing skills training.

North Carolina Employment Security Commission
Whiteville JobLink Career Center
630 South Madison Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-0146
(910) 641-3909 – FAX

Description of Services: This agency assists with job placement, unemployment insurance, unemployment benefits, veterans services, labor market information, employer services, technical assistance, federal bonding, and agricultural services.

Police Stations

Chadbourn (910) 654-4146
Lake Waccamaw (910) 646-3558
Tabor City (910) 653-3149
Whiteville (910) 642-5111
Brunswick (910) 642-6551
Cerro Gordo (910) 642-6551
Evergreen (910) 642-6551
Hallsboro (910) 642-6551
Nakina (910) 642-6551
North Whiteville (910) 642-6551
Roseland (910) 642-6551
St. James (910) 642-6551
Welches Creek (910) 642-6551
White Marsh (910) 642-6551
Williams Township (910) 642-6551

Senior Centers**Bolton Senior and Youth Center**

15354 Sam Potts Highway
Bolton, North Carolina 28423
(910) 655-4166

Bug Hill Senior Center

113300 Seven Creeks Highway
Nakina, North Carolina 28455
(910) 640-3791

Chadbourn Senior Center

403 Pine St.
Chadbourn, North Carolina 28431
(910) 654-4423

East Columbus Senior Center

2694 General Howe Highway
Riegelwood, North Carolina 28456
(910) 655-4754
(910) 655-0804 – Fax

Fair Bluff Senior Center

P.O. Box 652
Fair Bluff, North Carolina 28439
(910) 649-6881

Tabor City Senior Center

110 Lynwood Norris Street
Tabor City, North Carolina 28463
(910) 653-3063

Whiteville Senior Center

827 Washington Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-6602

(910) 640-6646 – Fax

Description of Services: Located throughout Columbus County, Senior Centers provide community involvement and opportunities for older adults to become physically active, mentally challenged, emotionally supported, and socially involved. Congregate meals and home delivered meals are offered to seniors. The Minor Home Repair program assists persons 60 years or older with minor repairs to their homes to remedy conditions that are a risk to their health and safety. Transportation is available to the nutrition sites.

Social Security Administration

204 S. Lee St.
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-7182
(800) 772-1213 – Toll Free

Southeastern Child Care Resource & Referral

132 W. Main St.
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-8189

Description of Services: This agency provides parents with referrals for all types of childcare as well as consumer education material and counseling so that they may make an informed choice. Training and technical assistance is offered to childcare providers and CCRR recruits new providers when there is a shortage. CCRR works with all groups, agencies, and institutions that serve families and children.

**Southeastern Community College
Educational Talent Search**

P.O. Box 151
4564 Chadbourn Highway
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-7141, ext. 286
(910) 642-0133

(910) 642-5658 – FAX

www.sccnc.edu/cat195.htm#talent

Description of Services: Educational Talent

Search is funded by the United States Department of Education. The purpose of the program is to promote high school graduation and post-secondary enrollment. The counselors work in 12 schools throughout Columbus County and serve 850 students through counseling, workshops, and tutoring. They assist students in career and college planning and in securing financial aid for educational expenses. They provide educational college tours and cultural enrichment activities.

Although Educational Talent Search serves sixth through twelfth grade students primarily in area schools, the program is also available to assist persons who have dropped out of high school or college and want to re-enter the educational system.

Support Our Students (SOS)
(919) 733-3388

Tabor City Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 446

Tabor City, North Carolina 28463

(910) 653-2031

Hours: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday -Thursday

www.taborcity.com

Description of Services: A voluntary business membership organization, the Chamber of Commerce strives to advance the economic, industrial, professional, cultural, and civic welfare of Tabor City through the promotion, development, and education of the business community.

United States Department of Homeland Security

www.dhs.gov/dhspublic

Description of Services: This agency serves to protect the U.S. against terrorist attacks, to analyze threats and intelligence, to guard national borders and airports, to protect critical infrastructure, and to coordinate national response for all emergencies.

Veteran's Affairs
(919) 733-3851

Whiteville Building Inspector

P.O. Box 607

317 South Madison Street

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-8046

(910) 642-8048 – FAX

Whiteville Chamber of Commerce

601 South Madison Street

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-3171

(910) 642-6047 – FAX

Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

www.whitevillechamber.org

Description of Services: A voluntary business membership organization, the Chamber of Commerce strives to advance the economic, industrial, professional, cultural, and civic welfare of Columbus County through the promotion, development, and education of the business community.

Whiteville Parks and Recreation

308 S. Madison Street

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-6004

(910) 642-4981

Workers' Compensation

(800) 688-8349

Health Care Services



View this section for information and a list of health and mental health care providers and resources.

Alzheimer's Association
400 Oberlin Road, Suite #220
Raleigh, North Carolina 27605
(919) 832-3732
(800) 228-8738 – Toll Free

Alzheimer's Support
(800) 2288738

American Cancer Society
3131 Wrightsville Avenue
Wilmington, North Carolina 28403
(910) 641-0222
(910) 763-1936 – FAX
www.cancer.gov

American Diabetes Association
(800) 342-2383

**American Red Cross Cape Fear Chapter
Columbus Service Delivery Unit**
704 North Thompson Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-3364
(910) 642-2026 – FAX

Description of Services: This agency provides health and safety training; disaster relief services, and community relations volunteer training. This program also provides services to individuals interested in gaining skills as lifeguards, swimmers, or youth babysitters. HIV/AIDS education courses also are offered. These programs are open to individuals who have experienced a natural disaster, fire, or emergency need.

Asbury Homes, Inc.
11337 Joe Brown Highway South
Tabor City, North Carolina 28463
(910) 653-5050

Cancer Hotline
(800) 422-6237

Cancer Registry
(919) 715-4556

Care-Line, Office of Information
(800) 662-7030
www.careline.org

Children's Special Health Services
(800) 737-3028

**Columbus County CAP Program
Department of Aging**
827 Washington Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-6602
(910) 640-6646 – FAX
www.dhhs.state.nc.us/aging

Description of Services: This agency offers In-Home Services, personal care services, Community Alternatives Program (CAP/DA & CAP/C), and private pay insurance. Senior Centers provide community involvement and opportunities for older adults to become physically active, mentally challenged, emotionally supported, and socially involved. Exercise equipment and medical equipment is available for loan to seniors. Congregate meals and home delivered meals are offered to seniors. The Minor Home Repair program assists persons 60 years or older with minor repairs to their homes to remedy conditions that are a risk to their health and safety. Transportation is available to the nutrition sites.

Columbus County Community Health Center
209 West Virgil Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 641-0202
(910) 641-0208 – FAX

Description of Services: This center provides treatment of acute and chronic illnesses, information on women's health issues, children's health care and immunizations, adolescent health care, school, employment and sports physical health screenings, drug testing, diagnostic laboratory, health education and counseling. The Medical Assistance Program (MAP) caters to low-income and unemployed residents of Columbus County. The Patient Assistance Program helps to acquire medications, in most cases, free of charge directly from pharmaceu-

tical companies. The Migrant Program helps farmworkers to receive appropriate health care. The staff is trained in broad-based family primary care and works with local specialists as well as those in Chapel Hill, at Duke and in Wilmington.

Columbus County Department of Aging

827 Washington Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 640-6602

(910) 640-6646 – FAX

Description of Services: This agency coordinates In-Home Aide services, Community Alternatives Program for adults and children. Senior Centers provide community involvement and opportunities for older adults to become physically active, mentally challenged, emotionally supported, and socially involved. Exercise equipment and medical equipment is available for loan to seniors. Congregate meals and home delivered meals are offered to seniors. The Minor Home Repair program assists persons 60 years or older with minor repairs to their homes to remedy conditions that are a risk to their health and safety. Transportation is available to the nutrition sites.

Columbus County

Department of Social Services

P.O. Box 397
40 Government Complex Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-2800 or (910) 640-6631

(910) 641-3970 – FAX

(919) 733-4622 – Children Services

(800) 992-9457 – Child Support

(919) 733-7831 – Child Welfare

www.coulumbusco.org/main/dss

Description of Services: This agency offers an economic assistance program, emergency assistance with utility bills and rent, information about food stamps, and financial and medical assistance to low income families. Employment-related transportation is offered for TANF

recipients. Child support enforcement, and Medicaid information and services also are provided.

Columbus County DREAM Center

P.O. Box 1757

403 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-0633

(910) 642-0712 – FAX

Description of Services: Programs include *A Matter of Life* (prostate cancer awareness, prevention and treatment); *Adolescent Health Education Risk Reduction* (outreach resiliency training for HIV/STD & substance abuse prevention); *Columbus County Family Champions Family Resource Center* (helping families meet needs); *Columbus County IMPACT* (outreach, non-traditional HIV/STD counseling, testing, referrals, as well as substance abuse prevention & counseling); *Columbus County Governor's One-on-One Volunteer Program* (mentoring for at-risk youth); *Community Development* (community empowerment, economic development, and home ownership counseling and training); *Community Technology Center* (computer lab with free Internet access for adults and youth); *Safe Haven After School Tutoring and Summer Enrichment* (Grades 1-8), *Job Readiness and Workforce Development* (training for unemployed and underemployed); *Live The Dream: Say "No" to Alcohol and Drug Abuse* (self-esteem, content of character, non-violence, pursuit of excellence, civic responsibility); *LoLograre* (after school tutoring, English as a Second Language and other services for Latino/Hispanics); *Prayer Changes Things: AIDS Awareness in the Faith Community*, and *Summer Food Services Program* (nutritional snacks and lunches for ages 0-18).

Columbus County Health Department

P.O. Box 397

304 Jefferson Street

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 640-6615

(910) 640-1088 – FAX

Description of Services: This agency offers family planning information, a prenatal clinic, a pediatric clinic, an adult health clinic, free immunizations, and the WIC program. Screenings, assessment, physical therapy referral, childcare referral, child service coordination, speech/language therapy referral, orthopedic clinic, dental clinic, communicable and infectious disease clinics, family/parent education, training, consultation, child development, occupational therapy, and medical care and treatment also are offered.

Columbus County Home Health

P.O. Box 810

706 North Thompson Street

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-0147

(910) 640-3859 – FAX

Columbus Regional Healthcare System

500 Jefferson Street

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-8011

(910) 642-9305 – FAX

www.cchospital.com

Description of Services: This 166-bed, not-for-profit organization is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Governed by a local board of trustees, Columbus Regional Healthcare System boasts an impressive and highly trained medical staff and other healthcare professionals who represent a wide range of specialties and are dedicated to the well being of every patient. The hospital also offers a breast feeding program and the Women's Choice Program.

Columbus Regional Healthcare System**Breast Feeding & Parenting Classes**

500 Jefferson Street

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-9323

www.cchospital.com/education.htm

Description of Services: Classes are offered to assist new parents with parenting and breast-feeding skills. There is a \$10 charge for attending these classes. Classes are held monthly and schedules vary from month to month. Visit the Website or call for information.

Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

(919) 773-2970

Dial-A-Hearing Screening Test

(800) 345-3277

Disability Hotline (Social Security)

(919) 733-4427

(800) 772-1213 – Toll Free

Division of Aging

(919) 733-3983

www.dhhs.state.nc.us/aging

Division of Health Promotion

(919) 715-0122

Eldercare Locator

(800) 677-1116

www.eldercare.gov

Environmental Health

(919) 733-2884

**Expanded Foods & Nutrition
Education Program (EFNEP)**
45 Government Complex Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 641-3996

(910) 642-6315 – FAX

www.ces.ncsu.edu/columbus/EFNEPhomepage

Description of Services: This nutrition program targets low-income families with children and teaches the value of proper nutrition, how to better utilize food budgets, and food safety.

Families First, Inc.

P.O. Box 1776
809 Washington Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 284725
(910) 642-5996

(910) 641-0444 – Crisis

(910) 641-0253 – FAX

(800) 348-5068 – Victim Assistance

(800) 826-6200 – Victim Compensation

Description of Services: This organization provides temporary residential services and support to victims of abuse and their children. Services are provided to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault who reside in Bladen and Columbus counties.

Family Champions

P.O. Box 694
109 North Main Street
Tabor City, North Carolina 28463
(910) 653-9200

(910) 653-9183 – FAX

Description of Services: This program provides an Adult Education Program, computer classes, parenting classes, daily job listings, CPR training, WIC, immunizations, reading and interactive learning for children ages 0-5, after school tutoring, and a Summer Youth Feeding Program for ages 0-18. Tax services, notary public and working papers are also available.

Four County Community Services, Inc.

P.O. Box 337
425 South Lee Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-8381

(910) 642-5407 – FAX

Description of Services: Through a community services block grant, this agency works with families to provide job training and employment assistance, educational and social programs, emergency assistance when funds are available, volunteer income tax preparation, USDA food, and transitional housing. Other programs include Head Start and weatherization.

Health & Human Services

(919) 733-4534

Health & Human Services Citizen Help

(919) 733-4261

Home Health Agency Hotline

(800) 624-3004

Hospitality House of Wilmington

1613 Medical Center Drive
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401
(910) 763-2130

Description of Services: This facility provides support services to patients and their families while they are experiencing a medical crisis.

Library for Blind & Physically Handicapped

(888) 388-2460

Lion's Club

P.O. Box 743
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-3604
(910) 234-5888

Description of Services: This organization provides financial assistance for health services to individuals below the state's poverty level

as a supplement to Medicaid. Services include vision and eye care coverage to include examinations and glasses. Interviews for consideration are held on Wednesdays from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the Columbus County Department of Social Services. The Lion's Club also assists with the costs of prescription medications and hearing aids. Refer to the above contact telephone numbers for additional information.

Lower Cape Fear Hospice, Inc.

P.O. Box 636
121 West Main Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-9051
(910) 642-0223 – FAX

www.hospicelowercapefear.org

Description of Services: This agency offers bereavement support services and counseling, skilled nursing care, medical social services, medications, personal care, chaplains, and volunteer assistance.

Mental Health Association of Columbus County

P.O. Box 553
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 653-4144
(910) 640-1153

National Response Center

2100 2nd Street, Southwest
Washington, DC 20593-0001
(800) 424-8802
(202) 267-2165 – FAX

www.nrc.uscg.mil

Description of Services: This agency serves as the sole national point of contact for reporting all oil, chemical, radiological, biological, and etiological discharges into the environment anywhere in the United States and its territories. The agency also maintains agreements with a variety of federal entities to make additional

notifications regarding incidents meeting established trigger criteria.

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

(919) 733-4534

www.dhhs.state.nc.us

North Carolina Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

P.O. Box 566
118 Memory Plaza
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 914-4150 or (910) 642-5406
(910) 642-2114 – FAX

Description of Services: This agency provides a wide range of services to persons with physical, mental or emotional impairments that result in a substantial impediment to employment. Services include, but are not limited to, disability and vocational assessment, employment training, job placement, diagnostic evaluations, guidance and counseling, on-the-job training, college tuition and fees, tuition to a public sheltered workshop or rehabilitation facility, payment for interpreter services for the hearing impaired, post employment services, and employment marketing skills training.

North Carolina Health Choice

Columbus County Department of Social Services
50 Government Complex Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-2800

(800) 367-2229 – Toll Free

(910) 641-3970 – FAX

(919) 733-4622 – Children Services

(800) 992-9457 – Child Support

(919) 733-7831 – Child Welfare

www.nchealthystart.org

Description of Services: This organization provides low-cost health insurance for children and teens based on household income.

**Nutrition Services &
Special Nutrition Program**
(919) 733-3816

**Poison Control Center
at Carolinas Medical Center**
(800) 222-1222

**Reach to Recovery
Columbus Regional Healthcare System**
500 Jefferson Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-8011

Description of Services: This breast cancer support group meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 7 – 9 p.m.

Senior Centers

Bolton Senior and Youth Center
15354 Sam Potts Highway
Bolton, North Carolina 28423
(910) 655-4166

Bug Hill Senior Center
113300 Seven Creeks Highway
Nakina, North Carolina 28455
(910) 640-3791

Chadbourn Senior Center
403 Pine St.
Chadbourn, North Carolina 28431
(910) 654-4423

East Columbus Senior Center
2694 General Howe Highway
Riegelwood, North Carolina 28456
(910) 655-4754
(910) 655-0804 – FAX

Fair Bluff Senior Center
P.O. Box 652
Fair Bluff, North Carolina 28439
(910) 649-6881

Tabor City Senior Center
110 Norris Road
Tabor City, North Carolina 28463
(910) 653-3063

Whiteville Senior Center
827 Washington Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-6602
(910) 640-6646 – FAX

Description of Services: Located throughout Columbus County, Senior Centers provide community involvement and opportunities for older adults to become physically active, mentally challenged, emotionally supported, and socially involved. Exercise equipment and medical equipment are available for loan to seniors. Congregate meals and home delivered meals are offered to seniors. The Minor Home Repair program assists persons 60 years or older with minor repairs to their homes to remedy conditions that are a risk to their health and safety. Transportation is available to the nutrition sites.

**Seniors Health Insurance Information
Program (S.H.I.I.P)**
North Carolina Cooperative Extension Services
45 Government Road, Suite A
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-6607
(800) 443-9354
(910) 642-6315 – FAX

**Southeastern Regional Mental Health,
Developmental Disabilities, & Substance
Abuse Services**
(910) 738-5261

**Southeastern Regional
Mental Health Area Program**
450 Country Club Rd.
Lumberton, North Carolina 28360
910-738-5261 (M-F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)
24 Hour Crisis Services: 800-672-8255
Access Line: 800-670-6871
Customer Services: 800-760-1238
TTY: 866-315-7368
www.srmhc.org

Social Security Administration
204 S. Lee St.
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-7182
(800) 772-1213 – Toll Free

Soil & Water
(919) 715-2302

State Health Benefits Plan
(800) 422-4658

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)
Columbus County Hospital
500 Jefferson Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-8011
Description of Services: This group meets
Mondays from 5 to 8 p.m. to discuss nutrition,
proper diet, and weight loss methods.

Water Quality
(919) 733-7015

*To correct or add information to this
document, forward information to:*

Columbus County JobLink Career Center
P.O. Box 151
Whiteville, NC
or call
910-642-7141, ext. 261

Housing



Contact information for emergency, transitional, and low-income housing, home modification, home ownership, and other housing-related information, as well as housing information for the elderly and people with disabilities, is included in this section.

Emergency Housing

Columbus County

Crisis Housing Assistance (CHAF)

111 Washington Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-1157
(910) 640-2378 – FAX

Columbus County Department of Aging

827 Washington Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-6602
(910) 640-6646 – FAX

Description of Services: This agency assists persons 60 years of age or older with minor repairs to their homes to remedy conditions that are a risk to their health and safety.

Columbus County

Department of Social Services

P.O. Box 397
40 Government Complex Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-2800 or (910) 640-6631
(910) 641-3970 – FAX
(919) 733-4622 – Children Services
(800) 992-9457 – Child Support
(919) 733-7831 – Child Welfare
www.coulumbusco.org/main/dss

Description of Services: This agency offers emergency assistance with utility bills and rent. Fees and eligibility requirements vary based on program.

Columbus County DREAM Center

P.O. Box 1757
403 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-0633
(910) 642-0712 – FAX

Description of Services: Programs include *A Matter of Life* (prostate cancer awareness,

prevention and treatment); *Adolescent Health Education Risk Reduction* (outreach resiliency training for HIV/STD & substance abuse prevention); *Columbus County Family Champions Family Resource Center* (helping families meet needs); *Columbus County IMPACT* (outreach, non-traditional HIV/STD counseling, testing, referrals, as well as substance abuse prevention & counseling); *Columbus County Governor's One-on-One Volunteer Program* (mentoring for at-risk youth); *Community Development* (community empowerment, economic development, and home ownership counseling and training); *Community Technology Center* (computer lab with free Internet access for adults and youth); *Safe Haven After School Tutoring and Summer Enrichment* (Grades 1-8), *Job Readiness and Workforce Development* (training for unemployed and underemployed); *Live The Dream: Say "No" to Alcohol and Drug Abuse* (self-esteem, content of character, non-violence, pursuit of excellence, civic responsibility); *LoLograre* (after school tutoring, English as a Second Language and other services for Latino/Hispanics); *Prayer Changes Things: AIDS Awareness in the Faith Community*, and *Summer Food Services Program* (nutritional snacks and lunches for ages 0-18).

Families First, Inc.

P.O. Box 1776
809 Washington Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 284725
(910) 642-5996
(910) 641-0444 – Crisis
(910) 641-0253 – FAX
(800) 348-5068 – Victim Assistance

Description of Services: This organization provides temporary residential services and support to victims of abuse and their children. Services are provided to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault who reside in Bladen and Columbus counties.

Mercy House

411 Red Cross Street
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401

(910) 343-0300

(910) 343-0322 – FAX

Description of Services: This overnight shelter for men conducts intake between 6 and 7:30 p.m.

Salvation Army

Administration and Social Services Offices
820 North 2nd Street
Wilmington, North Carolina 28402

(910) 762-7354

(910) 762-1501 – FAX

**Housing for Senior Citizens
& Handicapped Individuals****Berry Court Apartments**

316-A 6th Avenue
Chadbourn, North Carolina 28431
(910) 654-4010

Cypress Village Apartments

197 Orange Street
Fair Bluff, North Carolina 28439
(910) 649-7971

Elm Tree Apartments

College Street
Clarkton, North Carolina 28433
(910) 647-2973

Madison Hill Apartments

206 South Madison Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-8883

Oak Village Apartments

100 Eastside Drive
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-3593

Village Street Elderly Apartments

549 Highway 410
Bladenboro, North Carolina 28423
(910) 863-4491

Low Income Housing**Columbus County Housing**

P.O. Box 829
715 Legion Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-6618
(910) 642-0465 – FAX

Description of Services: This agency provides federally-subsidized housing based on an applicant's ability to meet federal regulations.

Whiteville Housing Authority

504 Burkhead Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-4979

Description of Services: This agency provides federally-subsidized housing based on applicant's ability to meet federal regulations.

Subsidized Housing (Income Based)**Berry Park Apartments**

624 North Wilkes Street
Chadbourn, North Carolina 28431
(910) 654-5888

Columbus Court Apartments

301-F West Calhoun Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-7729

Hampton Place Apartments

800 Blue Jean Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-1460

Kent Place Apartments

116 Tram Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-8891

Oxford Village Apartments

127 Oxford Village
Green Sea Road
Tabor City, North Carolina 28463
(910) 653-2675
(910) 653-5796 – FAX

Riverbend Apartments

2029 Main Street
Fair Bluff, North Carolina 28439
(910) 649-7886

Sandy Ridge Apartments

608 Nolan Avenue
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-3765

Saw Mill Apartments

332 West Hay Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-0434

Waccamaw Village Apartments

P.O. Box 330
403 East Oak Street
Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina 28450
(910) 646-4715

Wellonton Apartments

200 West 6th Avenue
Chadbourn, North Carolina 28431
(910) 654-3067

Other Housing Opportunities**Fannie Mae**

3900 Wisconsin Avenue Northwest
Washington, DC 20016-2892
(202) 752-7000

www.fanniemae.com

Description of Services: This organization provides financial products and services that make it possible for low, moderate, and middle income families to buy homes.

United States Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

451 7th Street Southwest
Washington, D.C. 20410
(202) 708-1112

www.hud.gov

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Columbus County JobLink Career Center
P.O. Box 151
Whiteville, NC
or call
910-642-7141, ext. 261

Legal



Contacts for general information regarding legal issues, including guardianship, estate planning, due process, and individual rights.

Administrative Office of Courts
(919) 733-7107

Attorney General
(919) 716-6400

Attorney General, Citizens Rights
(919) 716-6780

Columbus Correctional Institution
P.O. Box 8
Brunswick, North Carolina 28424
(910) 642-3285
(919) 716-3600 – Dept. of Corrections
(919) 733-4926 – Corrections/Prisons
(919) 733-2126 – Crime Control
(800) 368-1985 – Citizen/Victim Service

Columbus County Courthouse
P.O. Box 1587
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 641-3000

Columbus County District Attorney's Office, District #13
110 Courthouse Square
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 641-3050

Columbus County Juvenile Restitution Program
P.O. Box 607
117 East Columbus Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 641-3049

Columbus County Sheriff's Department
P.O. Box 280
805 Washington Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-6551
(910) 642-4321 – FAX

Description of Services: This agency provides comprehensive law enforcement and protection

services primarily to county residents. Victims advocates are on staff. Please call for information.

Conference of District Attorneys
Victim Service Coordinator
(919) 733-3484

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Charlotte
(704) 377-9200

Description of Services: This agency protects the citizens of the U.S. from foreign and domestic terrorist and cyber-based attacks and high-technology crimes. It also works to protect the civil rights of individuals.

Guardian ad Litem, District #13
106 West Smith St.
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 641-3095
(800) 982-4041 – Toll Free

Description of Services: Guardians ad Litem and attorney advocates are appointed by Juvenile/District Court to represent the interests of children who are allegedly being abused or neglected. Guardians ad Litem and the attorneys represent the children for the duration of the court proceedings. Guardians ad Litem report objectively to the court at each juvenile hearing to summarize and prioritize each child's need. The Guardians ad Litem and the attorneys work together to ensure quality representation for children throughout the justice system. Additionally, Guardians ad Litem work with other community agencies to locate and develop resources for children.

Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc.
(910) 763-6207

Description of Services: This agency assists with legal services for Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, and Pender counties (also serves Bladen, Duplin, and Onslow counties).

Legislative Operator
(919) 733-4111

National Victim Center
(800) 394-2255

North Carolina Attorney General's Office
Citizens' Rights Section
(919) 716-6780

North Carolina Crime Control and Public
Safety - Division of Victim and Justice
Services
P.O. Box 29588
Raleigh, North Carolina 27626-0588
(919) 733-7974
(800) 826-6200 – Toll Free

North Carolina Department of Justice
(919) 716-6400

North Carolina Department of Juvenile
Justice and Delinquency Prevention
704 North Thompson Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 641-3080
(910) 641-0245 – FAX

Description of Services: This agency provides intake, probation, and post-release supervision services for delinquent and undisciplined juveniles. This agency is also responsible for post/pre-court services, psychological testing, substance abuse testing/treatment, school counselors for DJJ youth, parenting class, peer circle, and home arrest.

North Carolina Lawyer Referral Service
(800) 662-7660

North Carolina SAVAN - Statewide
Automated Victim Assistance & Notification
(877) 627-2826
www.ncsavan.org

State Bureau of Investigation - Raleigh
(800) 662-7610

Tabor Correctional Institution
P.O. Box 730
Tabor City, NC 28463
(910) 653-6413
(910) 653-6837 FAX

United States Secret Service
Field Offices:
Charlotte (704) 442-8370
Greensboro (336) 547-4180
Raleigh (919) 790-2834
Wilmington (910) 815-4511
www.secretservice.gov

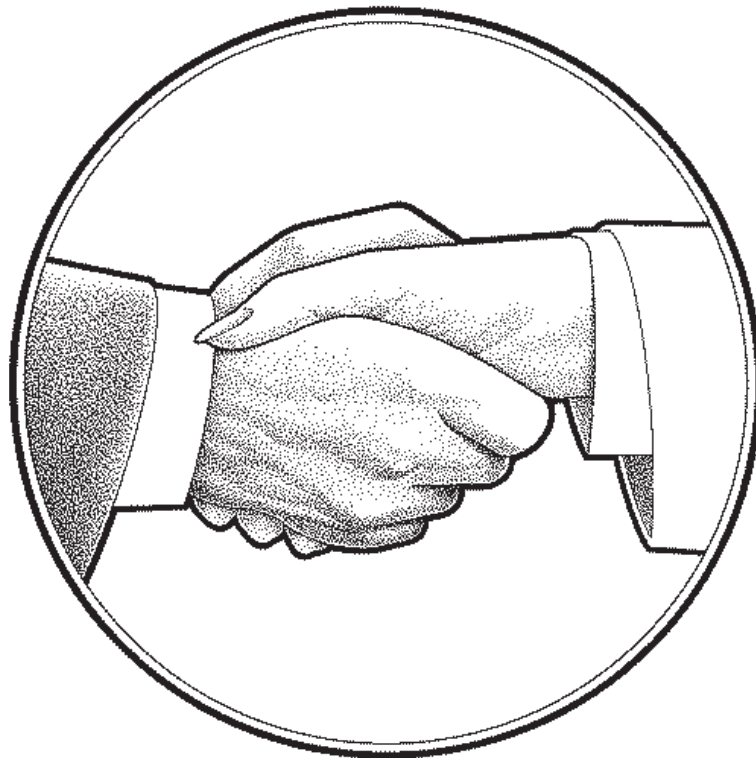
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Support



*Following is a list of contacts for support groups
and advocacy organizations.*

ACTT Crisis Services
Southeastern Regional Mental Health Center
450 Country Club Rd.
Lumberton, North Carolina 28360
(910) 738-5261 (M-F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)
24 Hour Crisis Services: 800-672-8255
Access Line: 800-670-6871
Customer Services: 800-760-1238
TTY: 866-315-7368
www.srmhc.org

Alcoholics Anonymous
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-4342
(910) 642-0287
(910) 640-1228 (Meeting Schedule)
Description of Services: Meetings are held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday is an open meeting.

Alzheimer's Association
Eastern North Carolina Chapter
400 Oberlin Road, Suite 220
Raleigh, North Carolina 27605
(919) 832-3732
(800) 228-8738
www.alznc.org

American Cancer Society
930-B Wellness Drive
Greenville, North Carolina 27834
(866) 227-8837
www.cancer.gov

American Diabetes Association - North Carolina
(800) 682-9692

American Red Cross Cape Fear Chapter
Columbus County Service Delivery Unit
704 North Thompson Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-3364
(910) 642-2026 – FAX
Description of Services: This organization provides disaster relief, blood services, service to military and their families, and health and safety training.

Columbus County Department of Aging
827 Washington Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-6602
(910) 640-6646 – FAX
Description of Services: This agency coordinates In-Home Aide services and the Community Alternatives Program for adults and children. Senior Centers provide community involvement and opportunities for older adults to become physically active, mentally challenged, emotionally supported, and socially involved. Exercise equipment and medical equipment is available for loan to seniors. Congregate meals and home delivered meals are offered to seniors. The Minor Home Repair program assists persons 60 years or older with minor repairs to their homes to remedy conditions that are a risk to their health and safety. Transportation is available to the nutrition sites.

Columbus County
Department of Social Services
P.O. Box 397
40 Government Complex Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-2800 or (910) 640-6631
(910) 641-3970 – FAX
(919) 733-4622 – Children Services
(800) 992-9457 – Child Support
(919) 733-7831 – Child Welfare
www.coulumbusco.org/main/dss

Description of Services: This agency offers an economic assistance program, emergency assistance with utility bills and rent, information about food stamps, and financial and medical assistance to low income families. Employment-related transportation is offered for TANF recipients. Child support enforcement and Medicaid information and services also are provided.

**Columbus County
Domestic Violence Shelter and Services**

Families First, Inc.

P.O. Box 1776

809 Washington Street

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-5996

(910) 641-0444 – Crisis

(910) 641-0253 – FAX

(800) 348-5068 – Victim Assistance

(800) 826-6200 - Victim Compensation

Description of Services: This organization provides temporary residential services and support to victims of abuse and their children. Services are provided to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault who reside in Columbus and Bladen counties. Outreach/community education presentations also are provided as well as prevention programs in schools.

Columbus County DREAM Center

P.O. Box 1757

403 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-0633

(910) 642-0712 – FAX

Description of Services: Programs include *A Matter of Life* (prostate cancer awareness, prevention and treatment); *Adolescent Health Education Risk Reduction* (outreach resiliency training for HIV/STD & substance abuse prevention); *Columbus County Family Champions Family Resource Center* (helping families meet needs); *Columbus County IMPACT* (outreach, non-traditional HIV/STD counseling, testing, referrals, as well as substance abuse prevention & counseling); *Columbus County Governor's One-on-One Volunteer Program* (mentoring for at-risk youth); *Community Development* (community empowerment, economic development, and home ownership counseling and training); *Community Technology Center* (computer lab with free Internet access for adults and youth); *Safe Haven After School Tutoring and Summer Enrichment* (Grades 1-8), *Job Readiness and Workforce Development* (training for unemployed and underemployed); *Live The Dream:*

Say "No" to Alcohol and Drug Abuse (self-esteem, content of character, non-violence, pursuit of excellence, civic responsibility); *LoLograre* (after school tutoring, English as a Second Language and other services for Latino/Hispanics); *Prayer Changes Things: AIDS Awareness in the Faith Community*, and *Summer Food Services Program* (nutritional snacks and lunches for ages 0-18).

Columbus County Help Mission

P.O. Box 1011

127 West Commerce Street

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-2724

Description of Services: This organization provides emergency assistance with food, clothing, furnishings, rent, medications, bills, and fuel.

Columbus County RSVP

(Retired & Senior Volunteer Program)

Southeastern Community College

4564 Chadbourn Highway

P.O. Box 151

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-7141, ext. 294

(910) 642-3962 – FAX

Description of Services: The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) enhances the lives of adults 55 years of age and older by providing them with meaningful volunteer opportunities. RSVP has served Columbus County since 1973, providing 62,000 hours of service on an annual basis. These men and women volunteer in a number of public and private nonprofit agencies and organizations including civic clubs. Volunteers work in a variety of areas including child care, crime prevention, literacy, nutrition, and health care.

Community Leaders And Student Success (CLASS)

805 North Franklin Street
P.O. Box 551
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-1862

(910) 642-8775 – FAX

Description of Services: This program serves females ages 9 to 14 throughout Columbus County middle schools, offering positive role models to high-risk minorities by one-on-one mentoring. Mentors provide support and guidance in an attempt to improve academic achievement and interpersonal relationships among peers, teachers, other adults, and family members. The program seeks to reduce the school dropout rate, juvenile delinquency, and involvement in gangs. CLASS also recruits females who have an interest in working as a Mentor.

**Diabetes Education Program
Columbus Regional Healthcare System**

500 Jefferson Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-9454

**Division of Services for the Deaf
and Hard of Hearing**

(919) 773-2970

Domestic Violence Commission

(919) 733-2455

www.doa.state.nc.us/doa/cfw/cfw.htm

Economic Independence

**Food Stamp/Policy/Work First/Energy
& Program Integrity**

(919) 733-7831

**Expanded Foods & Nutrition
Education Program (EFNEP)**

45 Government Complex Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 641-3996

(910) 642-6315 – FAX

www.ces.ncsu.edu/columbus/EFNEPhomepage

Description of Services: This nutrition program targets low-income families with children and teaches the value of proper nutrition, how to better utilize food budgets, and food safety.

Food Bank of Coastal Carolina, Inc.

P.O. Box 1311
1314 Marstellar Street
Wilmington, North Carolina 28402-1311
E-mail: ttaylor@foodbankcenc.org

(910) 251-1465

(910) 251-3591- FAX

www.foodbanknc.org

**Hope Harbor Home, Inc.
Domestic Violence Shelter**

P.O. Box 230
Supply, North Carolina 28462
(910) 754-5726

(910) 754-5856 – Crisis Line

(910) 754-9049 – FAX

**Hospitality House of Wilmington
1613 Medical Center Drive
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401**

(910) 763-2130

(910) 763-3141 – FAX

Description of Services: This facility provides support services to patients and their families while they are experiencing a medical crisis.

**Library for Blind & Physically Handicapped
(888) 388-2460**

Lower Cape Fear Hospice, Inc.

121 West Main Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-9051

(910) 642-0223 – FAX

www.hospicelowercapefear.org

Description of Services: This agency offers bereavement support services and counseling, skilled nursing care, medical social services, medications, personal care, chaplains, and volunteer assistance.

Low Income Energy Assistance

(919) 733-7831

Mercy House

411 Red Cross Street
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401

(910) 343-0300

(910) 343-0322 – FAX

Description of Services: This overnight shelter for men conducts intake between 6 and 7:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous**Columbus Regional Healthcare System**

500 Jefferson Street

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-8011

Description of Services: Meetings are held Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays from 8 - 9 p.m. Tuesday meetings are open meetings.

North Carolina Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

P.O. Box 566

118 Memory Plaza

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 914-4150 or (910) 642-5406

(910) 642-2114 – FAX

Description of Services: This agency provides a wide range of services to persons with physical, mental, or emotional impairments that result in a substantial impediment to employment. Services include, but are not limited to, disability and vocational assessment, employment training, job placement; diagnostic evaluations, guidance and counseling, on-the-job training, college tuition and fees, tuition to a public sheltered workshop or rehabilitation facility, payment for interpreter services for the hearing impaired, post employment services, and employment marketing skills training.

Reach to Recovery**Columbus Regional Healthcare System**

500 Jefferson Street

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-8011

Description of Services: This breast cancer support group meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 7 – 9 p.m.

Senior Centers**Bolton Senior and Youth Center**

15354 Sam Potts Highway

Bolton, North Carolina 28423

(910) 655-4166

Bug Hill Senior Center

113300 Seven Creeks Highway

Nakina, North Carolina 28455

(910) 640-3791

Chadbourn Senior Center

403 Pine St.

Chadbourn, North Carolina 28431

(910) 654-4423

East Columbus Senior Center

2694 General Howe Highway

Riegelwood, North Carolina 28456

(910) 655-4754

(910) 655-0804 – Fax

Fair Bluff Senior Center

P.O. Box 652

Fair Bluff, North Carolina 28439

(910) 649-6881

Tabor City Senior Center

110 Norris Road

Tabor City, North Carolina 28463

(910) 653-3063

Whiteville Senior Center

827 Washington Street

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 640-6602

(910) 640-6646 – Fax

Description of Services: Located throughout Columbus County, Senior Centers provide community involvement and opportunities for older adults to become physically active, mentally challenged, emotionally supported, and socially involved. Exercise equipment and medical equipment are available for loan to seniors. Congregate meals and home delivered meals are offered to seniors. The Minor Home Repair program assists persons 60 years or older with minor repairs to their homes to remedy condi-

tions that are a risk to their health and safety. Transportation is available to the nutrition sites.

**Southeastern Community College
Educational Talent Search**

P.O. Box 151
4564 Chadbourn Highway
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-7141, ext. 286
(910) 642-0133
(910) 642-5658 – FAX

www.sccnc.edu/cat195.htm#talent

Description of Services: Educational Talent Search is funded by the United States Department of Education. The purpose of the program is to promote high school graduation and post-secondary enrollment. The counselors work in 12 schools throughout Columbus County and serve 850 students through counseling, workshops, and tutoring. They assist students in career and college planning and in securing financial aid for educational expenses. They provide educational college tours and cultural enrichment activities.

Although Educational Talent Search serves sixth through twelfth grade students primarily in area schools, the program is also available to assist persons who have dropped out of high school or college and want to re-enter the educational system.

Southeastern Sickle Cell Association

928 North 4th Street
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401
(910) 343-0422
(910) 343-0124 – FAX

**STRIVE – Supporting Those Reared In
Violent Environments
Families First, Inc.**

P.O. Box 1776
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-5996
(910) 641-0444 – Crisis Line
(800) 348-5068 – Victim Assistance
(800) 826-6200 – Victim Compensation

Description of Services: This agency works with children and parents and offers 24-hour

crisis response, individual counseling, information and referrals, court advocacy and accompaniment, community education, support groups, emergency shelter, and volunteer training.

**Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)
Columbus Regional Healthcare System**

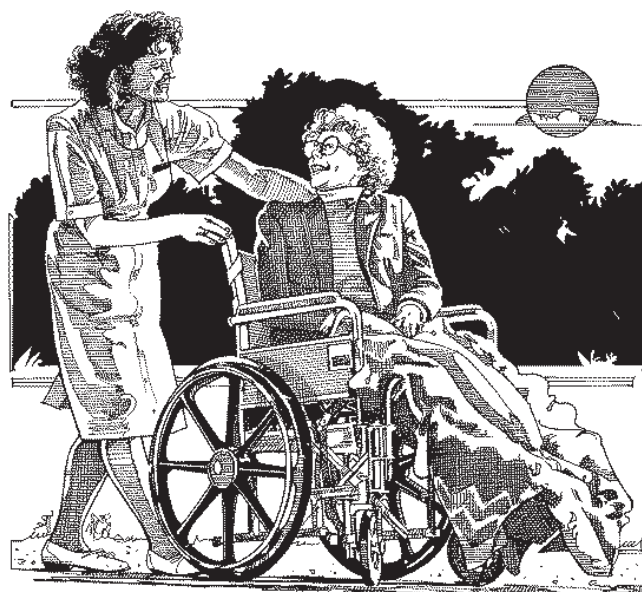
500 Jefferson Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-8011

Description of Services: This group meets Mondays from 5 to 8 p.m. to discuss nutrition and proper diet and weight loss methods.

Telamon Corporation

P.O. Box 1626
630 S. Madison St.
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-8229
(910) 642-8555 – FAX

Description of Services: This agency offers employment and training, including on-the-job training, work experiences, classroom training, English-as-a-Second-Language and other supportive services. Previous farm work within the most recent 24 months is required and participants must meet federal poverty level income guidelines.



Transportation



*Following is contact information for employment-related
and medical transportation providers.*

Adopt-A-Highway
(800) 331-5864

Boat Registration
(800) 628-3773

Columbus County Department of Aging

827 Washington Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-6602

(910) 640-6646 – FAX

Description of Services: Transportation is available to senior center nutrition sites.

Columbus County
Department of Social Services
P.O. Box 397

40 Government Complex Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-2800 or (910) 640-6631

(910) 641-3970 – FAX

(919) 733-4622 – Children Services

(800) 992-9457 – Child Support

(919) 733-7831 – Work First Program

www.columbusco.org/main/dss

Description of Services: This agency offers employment-related transportation to TANF recipients.

Columbus County
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

608 North Thompson Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 640-6610

(910) 640-1241 – FAX

Columbus County Medac-EMS

205 West Main Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 640-3049

Columbus County Transportation

209 Legion Drive
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
(910) 642-7201

(910) 642-6338 – FAX

Description of Services: This agency provides subscription and demand-response transportation services for Columbus County residents. Hours of operation are from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Fees are required for some services.

**North Carolina Automobile Title,
Registration Renewal and Tags**

28 Hill Plaza

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-3810

(919) 715-7000 – Raleigh

**North Carolina Department of
Motor Vehicles**

917 Washington Street

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-0216

(919) 715-7000 – Raleigh

**North Carolina Department of Transportation
Bicycle Helmet Program**

P.O. Box 25201

Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

(919) 733-2804

Description of Services: This program encourages children to use bicycle helmets and provides pertinent information to parents concerning helmet use.

North Carolina Driver's License Office

917 Washington Street

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

(910) 642-2017

(910) 640-2551 – FAX

North Carolina Highway Patrol

Division of State Highway Patrol

4702 Mail Service Center

512 North Salisbury Street

Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4702

(919) 733-7952

www.ncshp.org/

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