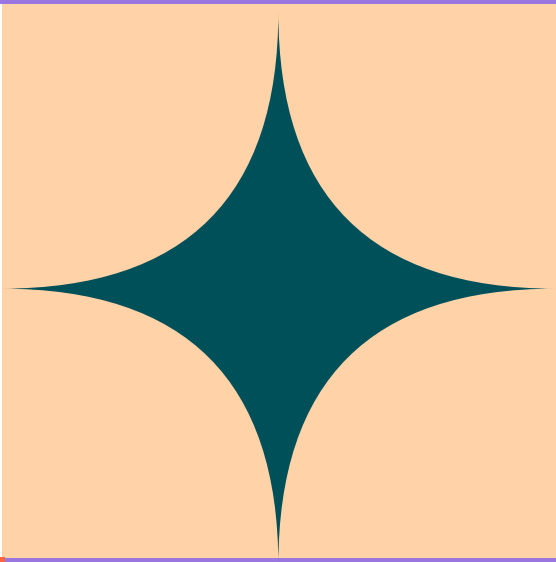


Aiken Community

RESOURCE HANDBOOK



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This handbook is a service project for the Aiken Next Generation Youth Advocates. The youth wanted to compile a list of resources for residents of Aiken County. They are dedicated to continually updating the handbook as they discover more resources.

The digital version of the handbook is located at
<https://nextgenerationsc.weebly.com/>

1 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

Aiken Help Line

Call 2-1-1

<https://aikenhelpline211.org/site/>

Description: A service that connects Aiken residents with the programs and resources they are trying to access.

Examples include: Need for Food, Shelter/Housing, Clothing, Transportation, Child Care, Utility Payment Assistance, County Services and Information; Health Care; Employment; Local Summer Camp Listings for children; Day Care; Elderly or Disability Services; Crisis Intervention for Domestic, Child or Elder Abuse; Alcohol & Drug Addiction; Suicide Prevention; Supportive Listening and Community Wide Information During Times of Disaster.

When people need help, they call three, easy to remember numbers: 2-1-1. Trained Call Specialists are waiting to talk to you and to offer support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, all day, every day.

A+ Kids

803-642-0700

<https://www.apluspta.com/early-intervention-a-kids/>

Description: Early Intervention is a family-based service designed to help families understand their child's delays and help their child improve in those areas of delay, in their natural environment.

Acts

803-642-5919

<http://www.actsofaiken.org>

Description: Food, Clothing, Household Items, Utility Assistance

ACPSD Adult Education

803-663-4920

www.acpsd.net

Description: GED/Diploma

Aiken Center for Alcohol and Drug Services

803-649-1900

<https://aikencenter.org/>

Description: Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services

Aiken Counseling Group

803-335-1219

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Mental-Health-Service/Aiken-Counseling-Group-and-Psychiatry-1499958866940773/>

Description: Mental Health Services

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

Aiken County Board of Disabilities Tri-Development Center

803-642-8800

<https://aikentdc.org/>

Description: Disability Services

Aiken County Public Library

(803) 642-2020

<https://www.abbe-lib.org/locations/aiken-county-public-library/>

Description: Books, Movies, Computer and Internet Access, Study Rooms, Digital Resources, Magazines, Movies Shown, Events for Youth and Adults

Aiken County Public School District Services

<http://www.acpsd.net>

Head start (Aiken County First Steps) (803) 306-1343

Homeless liaison 803-641-2496

Medical Homebound 803-641-2644

Virtual Learning-ACVA 803-641-2477

Counseling Referral 803-564-1050

Attendance 803-641-2422

Transportation 803-593-7201

Aiken Housing Authority

803-649-6673

<https://aikenhousing.org/main/>

Description: Housing Assistance

Aiken Lion's Club

803-642-5919

https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/aiken_sc/index.php

Description: Glasses and Hearing Aids Assistance

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

Aiken Technical School
803-593-9231
<https://www.atc.edu/>

Description: Education/Career Training

Aiken/Barnwell Mental Health
803-641-7700
<http://www.state.sc.us/dmh/ab/>

Description: Mental Health Services

Aiken Psychiatric and Psychotherapy
803-642-3801
<http://www.aikenpsych.com/>

Description: Mental Health Services

Aiken Senior Life Services
803-648-5447
<https://www.aikensenior.org/>

Description: Transportation, Enrichment, and Nutrition (Meals on Wheels)

Aiken VA Clinic
706-733-0188 x45611
<https://www.va.gov/augusta-health-care/locations/aiken-va-clinic/>

Description: Veteran Medical Services

American Red Cross
803-641-4152
<https://www.redcross.org/local/south-carolina.html>

Description: Disaster Relief

Arora Pavilion
803-641-5900
<https://www.aikenregional.com/services/behavioral-health-services>

Description: Mental Health Services

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

Babynet
803-642-8825
<https://aikenboard.org/babynet>

Description: BabyNet is South Carolina's interagency early intervention system for infants and toddlers under 3 years of age with developmental delays or who have conditions associated with developmental delays.

Best Friend Express
803-648-6493
<https://www.bestfriendexpress.com/>

Description: Transportation Assistance

CanHope
<https://canhope.life/>

Description: Cancer Support

Child Advocacy Center
803-644-5100
<https://www.childadvocacyaiken.org/>

Description: Child Abuse Services
The CAC of Aiken was established to ensure that all the services a child and family needs (medical examinations, forensic interviewing, advocacy support) could occur in one location – a safe, nurturing, child-friendly environment, at no cost to a child's family.

Children's Place
803-641-4144
<https://www.childrensplaceinc.org/fss>

Description: Family Support Services, Counseling, Beds for Babies

Christ Central
803-644-0705
<https://christcentralaiken.com/>

Description: Food, Clothing, Household Items, Utility Assistance, GED

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

Clyburn Center for Primary Care-RHS
803-380-7000
<https://www.ruralhs.org/>

Description: Medical Assistance

Community Action
803-648-6836
https://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/aiken_barnwell_community_actio.html

Description: Food, Clothing, Household Items, Utility Assistance

Community Medical Clinic of Aiken County
803-226-0630
<https://www.cmcaiken.org/>

Description: Medical

Cumbee Center
803-649-0480
<https://www.cumbeecenter.org/>

Description: Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Services, Abuse Shelter

Department of Social Services
803-649-1111
<https://dss.sc.gov/>

Description: Financial Assistance, Emergency Shelters

Freedman Learning Center
803-663-4204
<https://www.acpsd.net/domain/134>

Description: Early Learning Programs

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

Golden Food Harvest

803-642-2912

<https://goldenharvest.org/our-impact/our-programs/mobile-market/>

<https://goldenharvest.org/find-help/food-finder/>

Description: Food Pantry

Goodwill Job Connection

803-649-7699

<https://goodwillworks.org/>

Description: GED, Career Training

Habitat for Humanity

803-642-9295

<https://www.habitataiken.org/>

Description: Housing Assistance

Helping Hands

803-648-3456

<https://helpinghandsaiken.org/>

Description: Emergency Shelter for Children

Job Corps

803-245-5101

<https://bamberg.jobcorps.gov/live>

Description: Education/Career Training

Lower Savannah Area on Aging

803-649-7981

<https://www.lscog.org/aging>

Description: Senior Services

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

Megiddo Dream Station
803-392-7044
<https://www.livetheplan.org/>

Description: Career Services

My Father's House
803-502-0285
<https://crossroadsaiken.com/>

Description: Transitional Housing for women in transition

New Hope Treatment Center
1-800-776-6482
<https://www.newhopetreatment.com/>

Description: Behavioral Health residential treatment center

Nurture Home
803-641-4177
<https://mha-aiken.org/index.php/nurture-home/>

Description: Shelter for Women and Children

Our Lady of the Valley
803-593-2623
<https://www.olvcenter.org/>

Description: Food, Clothing, Household Items, Utility Assistance, GED

Parent Project
803-642-7667
<https://parentproject.com/>

Description: Parenting Classes and Information

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

Project V.I.S.I.O.N
803-648-8331
www.uwaiken.org

Description: A Volunteer supported organization that provides free home repairs geared towards making homes safe and livable.

Salvation Army
803-648-0461
<https://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/>
<https://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/aiken/>

Description: Food, Clothing, Household Items, Utility Assistance, Meals Served, Emergency Shelter

SC Child Care
803-898-2570
<https://www.schildcare.org/programs/sc-voucher/>

Description: Child Care Services

SC Continuum of Care (Children with Emotional Disabilities)
803-737-1601
<https://coc.sc.gov/>

Description: Children with Emotional Disabilities Services

SC Housing Authority
1-800-922-5504
<https://www.scrha.net/>

Description: Housing Assistance

SC Medicaid Van
866-445-6860
<https://www.scdhhs.gov/site-page/transportation-beneficiary-information>

Description: Transportation Assistance

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

SC Vocational Rehabilitation Services

803-641-7630

<https://scvrd.net/offices>

Description: Career Services

SC Works

803-641-1065

<https://scworks.org/about-us/statewide-centers/lower-savannah>

Descriptions: Employment Services

Sky is the Limit Foundation

<https://skyisthelimitfoundation.com/>

Description: Father's Rights

St. Thaddeus Episcopal

803-648-5497

<https://stthaddeus.org/soup-kitchen/>

Description: Meals Served

Sunshine House

Free Childcare Program Information for a Year

<https://sunshinehouse.com/resources/coronavirus-family-updates/free-childcare-for-sc-s-working-families/>

Description: Child Care Services

United Way

803-648-8331

<https://www.uwaiken.org/>

Description: Emergency Shelters

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

Umoja Village

803-226-0150

<https://www.umojavillage.com/services-2>

Description: Umoja Village is a South Carolina-based charitable organization, that encompasses a strategic alliance of Blacks and African Americans united with a common goal: To unify underserved populations and the entire community to bring about positive and sustainable change. To initiate this change, a progressive group of community leaders and citizens came together in Aiken, South Carolina.

Educational, Spiritual, Housing, Legal, Healthcare, Financial, Communication Services

USDA Rural Development

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/contactpage/south-carolina-contacts>

Description: Multiple Housing Repairs and Rural Programming

Voter Registration

Government Center

803-642-2028

<https://www.aikencountysc.gov/DspOfc?1OfcID=RNE>

<https://www.scvotes.gov/south-caroline-voter-registration-information>

11 YOUTH PROGRAMS

Aiken Center of the Arts

803-641-9094

<https://aikencenterforthearts.org/summercamp/>

Description: Summer Camps for Special Needs Youth and Summer Youth Camps, Aiken Youth Orchestra, Some Scholarships Available, Art Museum is Free to View

Aiken Community Theatre

803.648.1438

<https://aikencommunitytheatre.org/>

Description: Youth Theatre Wing

Aiken County Public Library

<https://www.abbe-lib.org/locations/aiken-county-public-library/>

Description: Youth Events, Books, Movies, Computer and Internet Access, Study Rooms, Digital Resources, Magazines, Movies Shown, Storytime

Aiken Junior Sports Association

803-507-5741

<http://www.aikenjuniorsports.org/>

Description: Golf

Aiken Historical Museum

Free Admission

Scavenger Hunts for Children Available

803-642-2015

<http://www.aikencountymuseum.org/>

Description: Museum

Aiken NAACP Youth Council

naacpaikencountybranch@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/naacpaikenyc/>

Description: African American Youth Leadership

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Aiken Visitors Center and Train Center

803-293-7846

https://www.visitaikensc.com/whattodo/detail/aiken_railroad_depot

Description: Free, Train Museum

Aiken Youth Empowerment

803-648-3456

<https://aikenyouthempowerment.org/index.php/our-programs/getting-to-know-our-programs>

Description: To educate and increase awareness among our youth, their families and other caring adults in order to promote behaviors leading to positive health outcomes.

Art Nook

803-760-7710

<https://www.artnookaiken.com/>

Description: Art Classes

Boys and Girls Club

803-641-4146

<https://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/bgcaiken/>

Description: The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club of Aiken offers a comprehensive youth development program both after school and throughout the summer. We build our programming around 5 core areas of personal development:

Character and Leadership

Education and Career

Health and Life Skills

The Arts

Sports, Fitness, and Recreation

By focusing on these core areas we help our members increase academic success, build good character and adopt healthy lifestyles.

Brothers and Sisters of Aiken

803-641-3888

<https://www.facebook.com/brothersandsistersofaiken/?rf=161905863834103>

Description: Provides academic and life skills to youth ages 5-18.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Camp Gravatt

803-648-1817

<http://www.campgravatt.org/camp>

Description: Summer camps for kids and Family Camps

Carolina Dance Studio

803-641-0222

<https://www.carolinadancestudioaiken.com/>

Description: Dance Instruction

Center of African American History, Art, and Culture

803-226-0269

<https://caahac.org/>

Description: Museum, Tours by Appointment Only

City of Aiken Athletics

803-642-7761

<https://www.cityofaikensc.gov/athletics/>

<http://etrak-se1.com/etrak/cp?org=90>

Description: City Athletics

Hankinson Boxing Gym

803-634-7975

<http://scusaboxing.org/hankinsonboxinggym/>

Description: Hankinson Boxing Gym is all about the youth. We not only offer amateur boxing training, but we offer fitness training, tutoring, bible study, career development, sex education, mentoring, life skills, nutrition classes and so much more.

Next Generation Youth Activists

814-233-3207

<https://nextgenerationsc.weebly.com/>

Description: Youth-led organization that focuses on making changes in their communities.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Parks in Aiken

Hopeland Gardens

<https://www.cityofaikensc.gov/parks-playgrounds-natural-areas/hopelands-gardens/>

Description: Walking Trails, Christmas Lights, Public Events

O'dell Weeks/Virginia Acres

https://www.visitaikensc.com/whattodo/detail/h._o._weeks_activities_center_how_located_at

Description: Gyms, Walking Track, Wellness Classes, Playground, Tennis Courts, Basketball Courts

Generations Park

<https://www.cityofaikensc.gov/parks-playgrounds-natural-areas/generations-park/>

Description: Walking Trails, Outdoor Gym Equipment, Extreme Playground

Smith-Hazel Center

<https://www.cityofaikensc.gov/parks-playgrounds-natural-areas/smith-hazel-swimming-pool/>

Description: Walking Trail, Playground, Pool, and Basketball Court

Lessie B Price Senior and Youth Center

<https://www.facebook.com/AikenParksRec/>

Description: Social Activities, Educational Activities, Cultural and Arts Activities

Citizen's Park

<https://www.cityofaikensc.gov/parks-playgrounds-natural-areas/citizens-park/>

Description: Soccer Fields, Baseball and Softball Fields, Playground, and Splashbad

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Ruth Patrick Science Center
(803) 641-3313
<https://www.usca.edu/rpsec/>

Description: Planetarium, STEM Camps, Science Education

Success Team
803-508-0433
<https://successteam.org/>

Description: To provide a platform of support allowing aspiring youth to benefit from mentorship and guidance en route to accomplishing dreams and goals.

Programs include Leadership Academy for Young Men, Leadership Academy for Young Women, and Back to School Bookbag Drive

Teen After-School Center
803-2705766

YMCA Aiken
803-649-3096
<https://thefamilyy.org/branch/aiken-county/>

Description: Gym, Pool, Youth Programs, Youth Athletics

16 ADULT PROGRAMS

Aiken Center of the Arts

803-641-9094

<https://aikencenterforthearts.org/summercamp/>

Description: Art and Music Classes Available, Art Museum is Free to View

Aiken County Farmers Market

803-293-2214

https://www.visitaikensc.com/whattodo/detail/aiken_county_farmers_market

Description: Market

Aiken County NAACP Aiken Branch

803-810-1909

<https://facebook.com/naacpaikencounty>

Description: African American Leadership

Aiken County Public Library

(803) 642-2020

<https://www.abbe-lib.org/locations/aiken-county-public-library/>

Description: Adult Events, Books, Movies, Computer and Internet Access, Study Rooms, Digital Resources, Magazines, Movies Shown, Book Clubs, Adult Coloring

Aiken Historical Museum

Free Admission

803-642-2015

<http://www.aikencountymuseum.org/>

Description: Museum

Aiken Interfaith Partners

Email: aikeninterfaith@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/aikeninterfaithpartners/>

Mission: Aiken Interfaith Partners works to build mutual understanding, respect, and cooperation among various faith groups in order to benefit the common good of society.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Aiken Kiwanis Club

President Angela Boyette

aboyette@hotmail.com

<http://www.aikenkiwanisclub.org/>

Description: Service Organizaiton

Aiken Lions Club

https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/aiken_sc/index.php

Description: Service Organization

Aiken Visitors Center and Train Center

803-293-7846

https://www.visitaikensc.com/whattodo/detail/aiken_railroad_depot

Description: Free, Train Museum

Art Nook

803-760-7710

<https://www.artnookaiken.com/>

Description: Art Classes

Center of African American History, Art, and Culture

803-226-0269

<https://caahac.org/>

Description: Museum, Tours by Appointment Only

Center of Life Long Learning

803-641-3741

<https://www.aikenlearning.org/>

Description: Education

ADULT PROGRAMS

Visit Aiken County Online Calendar of Events

<https://www.visitaikensc.com/calendar/all>

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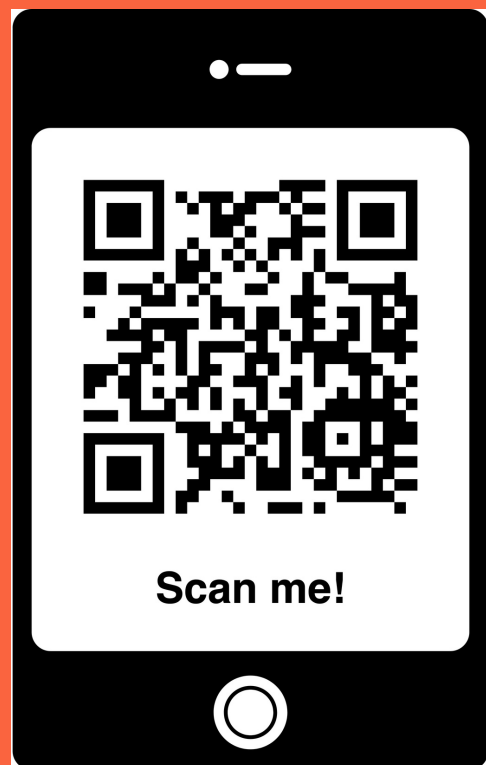
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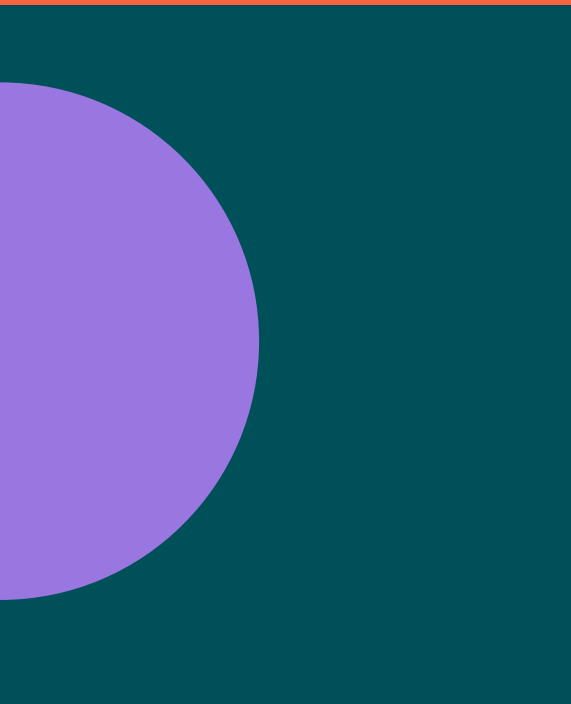
<https://www.scvotes.gov/south-caroline-voter-registration-information>

¹⁹ MORE INFORMATION

Do you know of more community resources in Aiken? If so, please complete the form below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfqAEprYHXfP91Nsu40cN6rwN5lgPq7YMPicqZJiXrZMo6BCA/viewform>





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