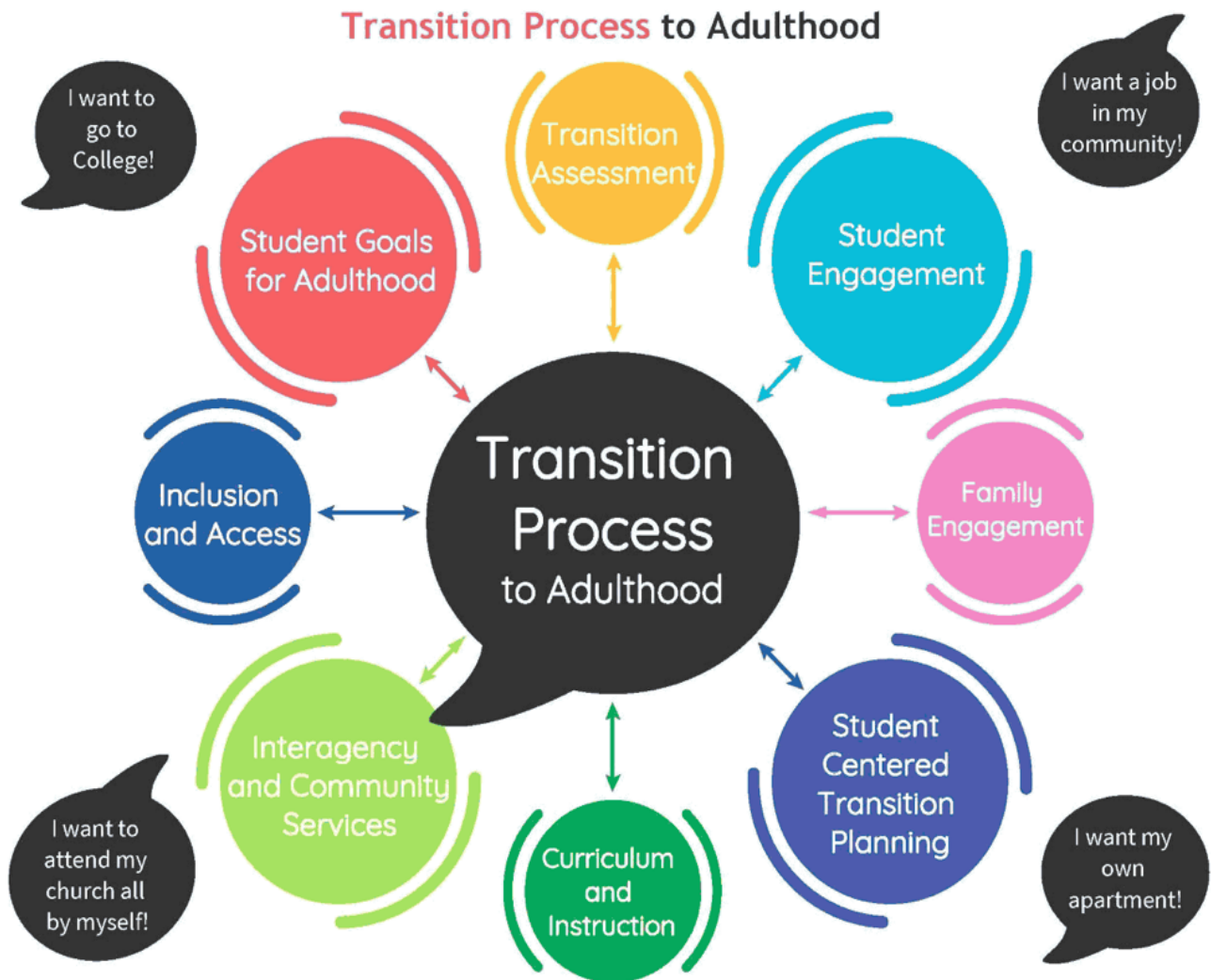


RANKIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TRANSITION: A RESOURCE GUIDE



Transition-What is it?

Life is never stagnant - we are all transitioning at one time or another. For the special needs child, however, "transition" has a very specific meaning. It is part of the overall Individualized Education Program, or IEP, and it defines the move from public school to adult life. The IEP transition plan, as it is called, is required by law for students with a learning disability.

The law that governs the individualized transition plan is the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which aligns with the No Child Left Behind Act. As stated in the IDEA, transition services are to be available as part of the IEP. This includes assessments of the child by a team, resulting in goal-setting in the following areas:

- Training
- Education
- Employment
- Independent living skills if necessary

Schools must offer transition services leading to fulfillment of these goals, which begin no later than the student's 14th birthday and the plan must be updated yearly.

Why Is Transition Planning Important?

All students need guidance in order to make the leap from high school to the next step. Students with learning disabilities, however, need even more help because their leap is that much greater. The IEP transition plan tries to ensure not only that these children will be able to function as adults in the real world but also to increase the likelihood they will pursue post-secondary education.

In other words, the IEP transition plan goes beyond simply finding a place for learning disabled students after high school. It provides a personalized course of action based on students' strengths, desires and dreams for a fulfilling life.

Transition planning is ongoing and purpose-driven and is based on collaboration between students with disabilities, their families, school, adult service personnel, and the community.

The plan is based upon the individual child's needs, taking into account the child's strengths, preferences and interests.

The IEP must include appropriate postsecondary goals based upon age-appropriate transition assessments related to training, education, employment, and independent living skills, if needed.

Students' transition needs drive the content of the IEP so that by graduation, students have the necessary skills needed to embrace the opportunities and meet the challenges of life after high school. The transition plan identifies and outlines the student's postsecondary goals by providing the steps that are necessary to achieve them.

The transition goal page includes information on the student's preferences, individual skills, and vocational objectives as well as activity-focused goals in career, self-advocacy, and independent living skills.

A transition Summary of Performance is required for graduating or exiting students during their final year of school. This must include a summary of the child's academic achievement and functional performance, which includes recommendations on how to assist the child in meeting the child's postsecondary goals.



WHERE DO WE BEGIN?

Outlined below are 4 items that need to be done to receive services from most service providers in Mississippi.

- ☐ Contact Hudspeth to schedule diagnostic testing.
- ☐ Apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) at age 18, if ineligible due to financial assets before.
- ☐ Contact Medicaid
- ☐ Males - Register for Selective Service at age 18

Hudspeth Diagnostic Center

Contact Hudspeth to request an evaluation for the IDD Waiver and the 1915i Community Support Program. Contacting Hudspeth Diagnostic Center **DOES NOT** mean you will be placing your child at Hudspeth. It is the diagnostic testing required to determine eligibility for the IDD Waiver and the 1915i Community Support Program. The IDD waiting list is **VERY LONG**, so do not delay in reaching out to them.

The Application for Services is located on the RCSD website under the transition tab or at this QR code.



Hudspeth Regional Center - Diagnostic Services
PO Box 127-B
Whitfield, MS 39193
601-664-6130

Social Security Income

The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program provides cash payments to people with severe disabilities. This link and QR code will take you to the application for [Supplemental Security Income](#).





Medicaid

If you are determined to be eligible for SSI, you will automatically be eligible for Medicaid. You may apply at your local Medicaid office or at [Mississippi Medicaid](#) or the QR link below.






Selective Service





All males must register for Selective Service regardless of Disability between ages of 18-25. This can easily be done at [Selective Service System](#) or the QR link below.





Even though this may not seem to make any sense, the facts are neither the Military Selective Service Act nor the Presidential proclamation provide an exemption from registration because of a man's mental or physical condition unless Selective Service is provided with documented evidence that the man is hospitalized or institutionalized; or homebound and unable to function outside the home, with or without physical assistance; or is in such a physical or mental condition that he would not comprehend the nature of his registration with the Selective Service System. In these cases, a determination can be made by Selective Services as to whether or not the man qualifies for exemption from registration. Otherwise, Selective Service is not allowed to "classify" men until the Congress and the President authorize a return to the draft in an emergency. Thus, all men must register...even those with obvious disqualifying disabilities.


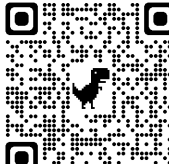

These steps must be done to receive services from most of the adult service providers in Mississippi. It is time to look closely at Service providers if it is the last year your child will be in school.



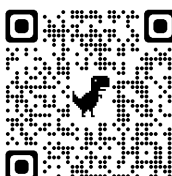
Resources




<p>MS Department of Mental Health Betty Pinion Division of Home and Community Based Services 239 North Lamar Street Jackson, MS 39205 601-359-5797</p>	<p>The IDD Community Support Program (1915i) offers support and services for people with IDD and autism spectrum disorders. The ID/DD Waiver includes an array of services aimed at assisting people to live as independently as possible in their home and community. Services include: Supported Employment, Home and Community Supports, Supervised Residential Habilitation, Day Services-Adult, In-Home Nursing Respite, Community Respite, ICF/MR Respite, Prevocational Services, Specialized Medical Supplies, Behavior Support/Intervention Services, and Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapy.</p>	
<p>Elderly and Disabled (E&D) Waiver MS Division of Medicaid Office of Long Term Care 550 High St., Suite 1000 Walter Sillers Building Jackson, MS 39201 601-359-9549</p>	<p>The Elderly and Disabled Waiver program provides home and community-based services to individuals aged 21 years old and older who, but for the provision of such services, would require the level of care provided in a nursing facility.</p>	
<p>Traumatic Brain Injury/Spinal Cord Injury Waiver MS Department of Rehabilitation Services 1032 Center Pointe Blvd, Suite A Pearl, MS 39208 601-709-5657</p>	<p>Eligibility for the TBI/SCI Waiver is limited to individuals who have a traumatic brain injury or a spinal cord injury and are medically stable. The extent of the injury must be certified by the individual's physician. Brain or spinal cord injury that is due to a degenerative condition, congenital condition, or that resulted from medical intervention is excluded.</p>	


<p>Independent Living Waiver MS Department of Rehabilitation Services 1032 Center Pointe Blvd, Suite A Pearl, MS 39208 601-709-5657</p>	<p>Eligibility for the Independent Living Waiver is limited to individuals aged 16 years old or older, who have severe orthopedic and/or neurological impairments. Individuals must also be medically stable and be able to express ideas and wants either verbally or nonverbally with caregivers, personal care attendants, case managers, or others involved in their care.</p>	
<p>Assisted Living Waiver MS Division of Medicaid 550 High Street, Suite 1000 Jackson, MS 39201 601-359-9544</p>	<p>The Assisted Living Waiver is a home and community-based waiver that provides services to beneficiaries who, but for the provision of such services, would require the level of care provided in a nursing facility.</p>	
<p>Hudspeth Center Diagnostic Services PO Box 127-B Whitfield, MS 39193 601-664-6130</p>	<p>Hudspeth Center is a licensed Intermediate CAre Program for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (IDD), which provides 24 hour care.</p>	
<p>ID/DD Home and Community based Waiver Contact: Deborah Etzold (p) 601-359-1288 deborah.etzold@dmh.ms.gov MS Dept. of Mental Health 239 North Lamar Street 1101 Robert E. Lee Building Jackson, MS 39201</p>	<p>The IDD Community Support Program (1915i) offers support and services for people with IDD and autism spectrum disorders. The first step to determine eligibility is to schedule an evaluation at your local regional IDD program. If you are determined eligible, you will be assigned a targeted case manager to assist you with access to available services.</p>	


<p>REM of Mississippi 550 Keyway Drive Choices Program Flowood, MS 39232 601-939-8110</p> <p>1088 Flynt Drive Flowood, MS 39232 769-251-5293</p> <p>105 Office Park Drive Brandon, MS 39042 601-724-1003</p>	<p>REM of MS is a community-based, innovative health and human services provider offering programs and services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as well as those with complex emotional, behavioral, and medical challenges. The goal is to encourage each person's unique efforts to learn, grow, and thrive in the community they call home.</p>	
<p>Son Valley 141 Gateway Drive Brandon, MS 39042 601-419-4100</p>	<p>SON Valley's mission is to build a quality Christian Community for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities- ministering to their physical, spiritual, mental, vocational, and recreational needs.</p>	
<p>One Hope 100 Castlewoods Blvd. Brandon, MS 39047 769-572-7475</p>	<p>ONE HOPE, LLC is a community-based service provider for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We offer individualized applications in order to maximize each and every person's incomparable ability to accomplish their desire to learn and succeed in their community.</p>	
<p>Mustard Seed (private pay) www.mustardseedinc.org 1085 Luckney Rd. Brandon, MS 39047 601-992-3556</p>	<p>The Mustard Seed seeks to meet the spiritual, physical, emotional, and intellectual needs of adults with developmental disabilities by providing a loving and protected Christian community with meaningful activities that allow the participants to fulfill their potential.</p>	

<p>Pure Joy Mississippi, LLC 101 Auburn Drive, Suite B Clinton, MS 39056 601-473-2293 joe@purejoyms.com</p>	<p>Pure Joy MS, LLC seeks to serve adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Services include, but are not limited to: Home and Community Supports, In Home Respite, Supported Living, and Supported Employment.</p>	
<p>Region 8 Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Program 600 Marquette Road Brandon, MS 39042 601-824-7851</p>	<p>Region 8 Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Services is dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals with disabilities by enhancing their independence, productivity, and full integration into their communities. Through Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Services, individuals, families, and caregivers are given access to services needed for independent, inclusive functioning.</p>	
<p>Willowood Developmental Services www.willowooddevelopmentalcenter.com 1635 Boling Street Jackson, MS 39047 601-366-0123</p>	<p>Willowood's mission is to support, educate, empower and advocate for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through the following services: community employment, community living (group homes, independent apartments and homes, Day Programs, Preschool and Vocational Training.</p>	
<p>Baddour Center P.O.Box 97 3297 Hwy 51 South Senatobia, MS 38668 662-366-6928 www.baddour.org</p>	<p>The Baddour Center is dedicated to providing a model residential community for adults with intellectual disabilities and autism in an environment that promotes maximum growth intellectually, spiritually, physically, socially, emotionally and vocationally.</p>	

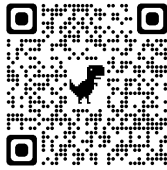
<p>Special Olympics-Capital Region 2906 North State Street, Suite 206 Jackson, MS 39216 (601) 856-7748 Sara Shea Gunter, Director of Development and Marketing Direct: 601-499-0273 sara.shea@specialolympicsms.org</p>	<p>The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for all children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics Athletes and their communities.</p>	
<p>Southern Outdoors Unlimited info@southernoutdoorsunlimited.org www.southernoutdoorsunlimited.org</p>	<p>Southern Outdoors Unlimited seeks to introduce youth with disabilities to the outdoors through special hunts that offer great food, fellowship and fun for an entire weekend. Friendships are made that last a lifetime.</p>	
<p>Therapeutic Recreation-Wood Activity Center 111 Clinton Blvd. Clinton, MS 39056 601-924-6387 601-924-6082 www.clintonms.org Chandra Fontenot Broomfield, Director cfontenot@clintonms.org</p>	<p>The Therapeutic Recreation Department is focused solely on therapeutic recreation services for individuals with special needs and senior adults. The ABILITIES Programs include a variety of events and activities scheduled throughout the year for individuals ages 6+ with disabilities. Some of the current offerings for the Abilities Program are: Challenger League Sports – Basketball, softball, bowling, tennis and soccer. Other programs include arts and crafts activities and fitness, and special events such as dances.</p>	

<p>TEAAM Center Ridge Outpost Camp for individual with Autism Dr. Mark H. Yeager Garrett Yeager dryeager@TEAAM.org takeaction@TEAAM.org</p>	<p>TEAAM is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of Mississippians with Autism Spectrum Disorders, Intellectual Disabilities, Developmental Disabilities, or Specific Learning Disabilities by cultivating and enhancing family and community support.</p>	
<p>YOUR Summer Camp at The Baddour Center (ages 16-35) 3297 Hwy 51 South Senatobia, MS 38668 662-366-6928 summerprogram@baddour.org</p>	<p>Y.O.U.R. Summer Program is an opportunity for The Baddour Center to partner with parents/family members of persons with intellectual disabilities to provide a unique respite. The summer program is a week-long event committed to providing participants a happy, healthy and rewarding summer experience in a safe, fun and inclusive environment.</p>	
<p>Hope Hollow Day Camp and Arts Alive Owen Mullen, Executive Director P.O. Box 2247 Madison, MS 39130 910A Catlett Rd, Canton, MS 39046 601-859-5290 owenmullen@hopehollowms.org</p>	<p>Hope Hollow Day Camp seeks to enrich the lives of children and adults with special needs by providing fun, meaningful camps and programs in a Christian based environment filled with love, adventure, compassion, and fellowship.</p>	
<p>Abbie Rogers Civitan Camp www.abbierogerscivitancamp.org Terry Daniels troyd@megagate.com 601-447-1649</p>	<p>Each summer the Abbie Rogers Civitan Camp hosts two weeks of camping fun and adventures for children and adults with significant disabilities.</p>	

<p>MS Community College Board 3825 Ridgewood Rd. Jackson, MS 39211 www.mccb.edu 601-432-6518</p>	<p>Check the Community College Documents on the MCS Transition Webpage for specific information for each college.</p>	
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Mississippi Institute of Higher Learning Office for Public Universities 3825 Ridgewood Rd. Jackson, MS 39211 601-432-6198		
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Employment Assistance

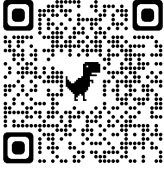
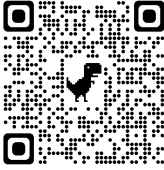

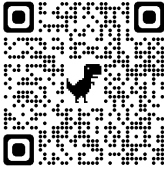
Pearl WIN Job Center 3805 Hwy 80 East Pearl, MS 39208 601-936-1903	The WIN Job Center is an important resource that provides job placement assistance, job and skill training, priority services for veterans, career counseling and referral to many other valuable services.	
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**Mississippi Dept. of Rehabilitation Services
Vocational Rehabilitation**

MDRS is the largest state agency committed solely to helping people with disabilities achieve independence through employment. Services may include vocational evaluation, counseling and guidance, educational assistance, job training, job placement, and assistive technology.

District 6 Office Supported Employment 1032 Center Pointe Boulevard, Suite A Pearl, MS 39208 601-709-5600	Working together, trained vocational counselors and job placement specialists provide support needed for the individual to prepare for, retain, or regain employment. Supported Employment offers those with disabilities an opportunity to work in a competitive setting alongside non-disabled co-workers. They receive all the benefits of employment, including competitive wages, while learning the social and work skills necessary for success.	
Ability Works 3895 Beasley Rd. Jackson, MS 39213 601-898-7077	AbilityWorks is a network of community rehabilitation programs that provide vocational assessment, job training, and actual work experience for individuals with disabilities. This is possible through a wide array of contract and subcontract services provided to local business and industry.	

General Disability Services

<p>MS Partners for Informed Choices Office of Selected Social Security Services 2550 Peachtree St. Jackson, MS 39296 601.987.4879</p>	<p>The Mississippi Partners for Informed Choice (M-PIC) program provides Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) services funded 100% by the Social Security Administration (SSA) under the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999. The purpose of M-PIC/WIPA is to help beneficiaries receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits to understand how work may affect their benefits.</p>	
<p>Mississippi Division of Medicaid Enrollment/Eligibility 550 High Street, Ste. #1000 Jackson, MS 39201 601-359-6120 1-800-421-2408 www.medicaid.ms.gov</p>	<p>The Mississippi Division of Medicaid is a state and federal program created by the Social Security Amendments of 1965 (PL 89-97). The Mississippi Division of Medicaid responsibly provides access to quality health coverage for vulnerable Mississippians.</p>	
<p>Social Security Administration McCoy Federal Building 100 W, Capitol St. Room 225 Jackson, MS 39269 1-800-325-0778 1-866-331-8135 www.ssa.gov</p>		
<p>Rankin County Mental Health Services Region 8 Mental Health Rankin County 613 Marquette Rd Brandon, MS 39042</p>	<p>Region 8 Mental Health Services will provide the highest level of mental health, intellectual/developmental disabilities, alcohol and drug services, in the least</p>	

<p>Kyle Keeton – kkeeton@region8mhs.org 601-825-8800</p>	<p>restrictive environment possible. The vision of Region 8 Mental Health is to meet the unique behavioral healthcare needs of each individual in the community.</p>	
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Coahoma Community College 3240 Frairs Point Clarksdale, MS 38614 Chaquina Griffin cgriffin@coahomacc.edu 662.621.4301	Adult Education and MIBEST Career/ Technical Program	TABE TEST (If no ACT scores) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Work Keys)
Copiah –Lincoln Community College 1001 Co-Lin Lane Wesson, MS 39191 Thalmus Marshall Thalamus.marshall@colin.edu 601.643.8655	Adult Education for literacy MIBEST Career Path	TABE TEST (If no ACT scores) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Work Keys)
East Central Community College P.O. Box 129 Decatur, MS 39237 Whitney Amis wamis@eccc.edu 601.635.6395	30hr Technical MIBEST Program	TABE TEST (If no ACT scores) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Work Keys)
East Ms. Community College 15738 Hwy 15 South Decatur, MS 39327 Jeremy Tate jtate@eastms.edu 662.243.1768	MIBEST/Technical	TABE TEST (Succeed 8 th grade level) MI-BEST LAUNCH PAD, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Work Keys) EXTENSION PATHWAYS
Hinds Community College 501 East Main St. Raymond, MS 39154 Chandra Frazier Chandra.frazier@hindsc.edu 601.857.3868	Limited Programs will accept Certificate or MOD Technical Program/MI-Best Program	TABE TEST (If no ACT scores) CAREER PATHWAY, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Work Keys)
Holmes Community College P.O. Box 369 Goodman, MS 39079 662.472.2312 Ridgeland, MS 39157 Chelia Woodfork-Thompson cwoodforkthompson@holmescc.edu 601.855.7340	Smart Start Adult Education MIBEST	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Work Keys-)

Itawamba Community College Campuses (Fulton, Tupelo, Bolden) Josh Gammill jegammill@iccms.edu 662.407.1569	MIBEST Career Pathway (CNA, WELDING, HVAC)	TABE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Work Keys) (SILVER Level Is Required)
Jones County Junior College 900 S. Court St. Ellisville, MS 39437 Gwen Matusewsk Gwen.matuszewski@juju.edu 601.477.3125	MIBEST (Welding Technology, Commercial & Residential Maintenance	If no ACT (TABE TEST (All Levels (D) Must Be Passed) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Work Keys)

Meridian Community College 910 Hwy 19 N Meridian, MS 39307 Rhonda Smith rsmith20@meridiancc.edu 601.484.8645	Adult Education (literacy) MIBEST-R.Smith Jennifer Whitlock jwhitloc@meridiancc.edu 601.484.8798	Work Keys TABE Test
MS Delta Community College Hwy 3 & Cherry St. Moorehead, MS 32761 Rosalyn Shawl 662.246.6048 www.msdelta.edu	None	None
MS Gulf Coast Community College Perkinston Campus PO Box 548(51 Main Street) Perkinston, MS 39573 Kelly Parker KellyParker@mgccc.edu 228.896.2512	MI-BEST/Pathways Business office, Mechanical Maintenance, Welding	TABE TEST (If no ACT Scores) ½ Day Adult ED Classes ½ Day Technical Classes WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Work Keys)
Northeast MS Community College 101 Cunningham Boulevard Booneville, MS 38827 Holiday Hall 662.720.7328 EXT: 7328	Adult Education MIBEST	2 Campuses (Corinth & New Albany) TABE TEST WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Work Keys)

Northwest MS Community College 4795 Hwy 51 N Senatobia, MS 38668 Daniel Hollowell dhollowell@northwestms.edu 662.560.5272	MIBEST/ Pathways/Technical Health Care Assistant, Manufacturing Technology	No ACT Score Required, TABE TEST Assessment WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Work Keys)
Pearl River Community College (Poplarville, Forrest County, Hancock Center) Tina Coleman tcoleman@prcc.edu 601.403.1105 601. 403.1000	Smart Start MI-BEST Technical Automotive, Brick, Business Management, CNA, Welding & Cutting, Welding, Microsoft Office	TABE TEST Work Keys (Must pass Silver or Higher)
Southwest MS Community College 1156 College Dr. Summit, MS 39666 Janice McKellar -Adult ED jmckellar@smcc.edu 601.276.3842	MI-BEST Technical Business Office Technology, Carpentry, Commercial Truck Driving, Diesel Equipment Technology CNA, Welding, Medical Coding, Banking & Finance, Accountant	Adult Education/ Accu-placer Testing TABE TEST (All Testing is Required to be passed) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Work Keys) Cindy Bennett-MIBEST cbennett@smcc.edu 601..276.3836