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The mission of Delta Health Alliance is to improve the health and education of the men, women, and children who make the Mississippi Delta their home. For nearly two decades, Delta Health Alliance (DHA) has been offering the programs and services that truly make a difference for our families and communities. Today, DHA provides more than 30 grant-funded programs that are changing the lives of those we serve.

Within the pages of our program guide, you'll find information that will assist you in the areas of health, education, and community. From diabetes services to help for drug and alcohol addiction. From information about our Head Start programs to details on our DHA Promise Communities. From our school gardening initiatives to workforce opportunities. Those and more are all right here, in one easy-to-use guide.

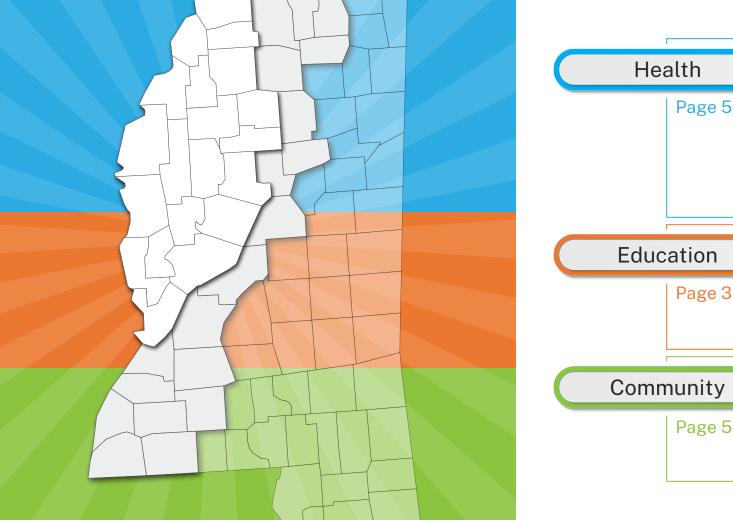
The dedicated staff of Delta Health Alliance is committed to making sure that you have the information and the tools necessary to meet life's challenges and achieve success. We hope our new program guide serves as your road map.

Dr. Karen Matthews
President & CEO

November 2022



Delta Health Alliance (DHA) administers over 30 grant-funded programs that address health, education and community needs to improve quality of life for historically disadvantaged residents in the Mississippi Delta and beyond.



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# Delta Health Alliance

# Improving Health Outcomes

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**Chronic Disease Management** 

**Diabetes Care** 



## Delta B.L.U.E.S. Diabetes Initiative

Better Living Utilizing Engagement Strategies

Delta B.L.U.E.S. meets the needs of Mississippi Delta residents diagnosed with or are at risk of developing diabetes. Services are delivered through telehealth consultations, health education, and mentoring between endocrinology specialists and community-based clinicians at the Leland Medical Clinic and the Leflore County Health Center.

## Purpose

• To reduce diabetes morbidity and mortality rates.

## **Targeted Population**

Patient with diagnosis of diabetes or prediabetes

Other Eligibility Requirements

18+

Contact

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This project is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

## Delta C.H.A.N.G.E.

Delta C.H.A.N.G.E. expands access to wellness programs, dental services, vaccinations and Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) services for low-income families. This program delivers behavioral health treatment, family group therapy, and substance abuse counseling services to uninsured or underinsured adolescents and parents/caregivers being treated for substance use disorder (opioids).

## Purpose

 To improve mental and physical health of low-income families dealing with substance use disorders.

## **Targeted Population**

Uninsured or underinsured population

Other Eligibility Requirements

Children ages 6 months to 21 years

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This project is supported by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

**Health Care** 

Behavioral Health



**Chronic Disease Management** 

Healthy Lifestyles

Nutrition



## Delta Produce Rx

Delta Produce Presciption program is a partnership between the Leland Medical Clinic and local grocers aimed at increasing access to healthy foods for patients with chronic health conditions.

## Purpose

•To increase access to healthy foods for LMC patients with chronic health conditions.

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LMC patients

## Other Eligibility Requirements

18+

#### Contact

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This project is supported by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

## **Delta Stroke Collaborative**

Delta Stroke Collaborative establishes a network of providers to prevent and treat stroke in rural communities of the Delta. Patients are enrolled in a 45 day program where they receive home visits from community health workers, personal care from certified nurse assistants, incentives, weekly phone calls, and education about stroke prevention and ways to adopt a healthier lifestyle.

## Targeted Population

Patients with Stroke diagnosis

## Other Eligibility Requirements

50+

#### How to Enroll

Community health workers will identify and enroll patients through hospital partnerships

#### Contact

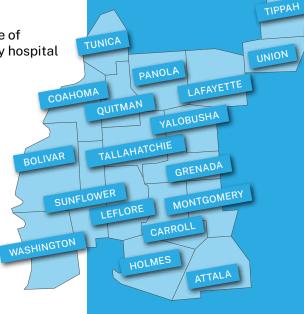
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This project is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

## Purpose

 To prevent the recurrence of stroke and reduce 30-day hospital readmission rates. Chronic Disease Management

Stroke Prevention



Healthcare



www.LelandMedicalClinic.org

Leland Medical Clinic 201 Baker Blvd, Leland, MS

Call (662) 686-4121

Clinic Hours Mon-Thu 7:30am-6pm Fri 7:30am-12pm

## Leland Medical Clinic (LMC)

Leland Medical Clinic (LMC) is a primary care and behavioral health clinic located in Leland, MS. We are able to treat acute and chronic medical issues as well as treat mental health diagnosis with therapy and/or medication.

### Purpose

• To treat the community for physical and mental health illnesses and assist with the management of acute and chronic illnesses.

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All ages

Other Eligibility Requirements

N/A

#### Contact

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#### Services

- Wellness exams
- Home visitation
- Minor injuries
- Digital X-ray onsite
- Pediatric care
- Immunizations
- Full lab testing
- Telemedicine
- Mammograms
- Drug testing
- Pre-employment physicals
- DOT physicals

No referral required.

All major insurances accepted, sliding fee scale available based on income and family size.

## LMC Mobile Medical Clinic

LMC Mobile Medical Clinic, staffed by LMC's clinicians, brings convenient and quality medical care directly to local communities and employees.

## Purpose

•To improve access to high-quality medical care in rural communities.

## **Targeted Population**

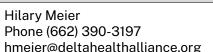
All ages

Other Eligibility Requirements

N/A

#### Contact

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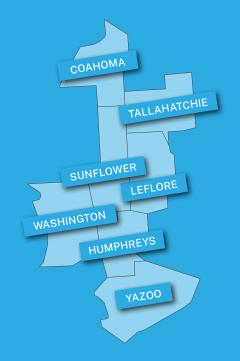
Healthcare





**Risk Behavior Prevention** 

**Teen Pregnancy** 



# Delta Futures - Teen Pregnancy Prevention

Delta Futures Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program provides education to teens in public schools and rural health clinics to promote safe sex practices. Delta Futures provides students, including pregnant and parenting teens, with the resources needed to complete a successful education.

## Purpose

 To reduce teen pregnancy, teen births, and sexually transmitted diseases.



## **Targeted Population**

Students grades 6th-12th, Pregnant and parenting teens (Ages 16-19)

Other Eligibility Requirements

N/A

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This project is supported by Office of Adolescent Health (OAH) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

# Delta Opioid Taskforce (DOT)

The Delta Opiod Taskforce (DOT) Initiative is a substance use disorder (SUD) and opioid use disorder (OUD) program intended to respond to the opioid crisis in the Delta. DOT is working with partner organizations to educate the public about evidence-based treatments for SUD/OUD; train health care providers how to identify and treat SUD/OUD; promote provider use of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs; strengthen partnerships with law enforcement and first responders; and expand early access to recovery support services.

#### Purpose

 To improve access to medical care for those with a SUD or OUD and combat the opioid crisis in the Delta.

## **Targeted Population**

Adults 18+ with a substance or opioid use disorder

Other Eligibility Requirements

Must live in the service area

#### Contact

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This project is supported by the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) of the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**Risk Behavior Prevention** 

Opioid Use Disorder (OUS)

Substance Use Disorder (SUD)



**Risk Behavior Prevention** 

Opioid Use Disorder (OUS)

Substance Use Disorder (SUD)



# Delta Opioid Treatment Network-Rural Rapid Response

The Delta Opioid Taskforce: Rural Rapid Response (SAMHSA) program provides care to individuals with opioid use disorders and co-occurring mental health disorders. Services include enhancing and expanding screening, assessments, comprehensive treatment, early intervention, and recovery support services.

## Purpose

 To provide holistic, comprehensive, and evidence-based treatments and services to program participants.

## **Targeted Population**

Adults 18+ with a substance or opioid use disorder and co-occurring mental health diagnosis

## Other Eligibility Requirements

Must live the service area

#### Contact

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This project is supported by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) of the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

# Delta Opioid Teens & Youth (DOT-Y)

Delta Opioid Teens & Youth (DOT-Y) serves youth affected by the opioid crisis in the Mississippi Delta. DOT-Y connects the youngest victims of the opioid crisis to desperately needed services by utilizing existing resources within the community and developing strategies to provide relief to area youth affected by OUDs.

## Purpose

•To help children and youth affected by the opioid crisis.

## **Targeted Population**

Youth 0-18 who are victims of child abuse, criminal neglect, assault, sexual abuse/assault, identity theft, exploitation, endangering the welfare of a child, human trafficking, and kidnapping resulting from drug and opioid abuse or illegal use

Other Eligibility Requirements

Must live in the service area

#### Contact

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This project is supported by the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

**Risk Behavior Prevention** 

Opioid Use Disorder (OUS)

Substance Use Disorder (SUD)

Children & Youth



Healthy Lifestyles

**Exercise & Nutrition** 



210 Church St, Leland, MS

Hours Mon-Thu 5am-7pm Fri 5am-4pm Sat 10am-4pm Sun 1pm-5pm

## Delta Wellness Center (DWC)

Delta Wellness Center has a workout space with free weights, cardio equipment, indoor/outdoor tracks, and a multipurpose studio for yoga and strength training. DWC also has a teaching kitchen that hosts classes to learn to make healthy recipes, correct food preparation, etc.

### Purpose

Delta

• To encourage a healthy lifestyle for the members of the Leland community.

Wellness Center

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**Targeted Population** 

Open to all, 10+

Other Eligibility Requirements

Membership required

Contact

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For membership info call: (662) 686-3871

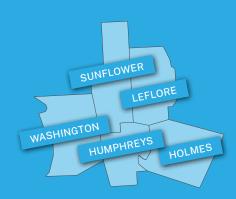


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**Risk Behavior Prevention** 

Substance Abuse Recovery



## RISE UP

Recovery, Instruction, Support & Education Upward-bound Program

The RISE UP Program uses a pipeline of referral systems and support services to provide participants with transportation, expungement workshops for criminal drug-related charges, coordinated workforce education and employment opportunities, and access to a centralized service and training center for workforce and/or educational support. The program also works to improve the quality and sustainability of rural behavioral healthcare services by training providers and staff in best practices.

### Purpose

 To assist recovery from substance abuse through a pipeline of referral systems and wrap-around supports.

## Targeted Population

Adults 18+ living in the counties of Holmes, Humphreys, Leflore, Sunflower, and Washington

## Other Eligibility Requirements

Must live in the service area

#### Contact

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This project is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

## **Tobacco Free Coalition**

Trained staff work directly with schools and community organizations to teach the community about tobacco prevention and cessation.

## Purpose

• To prevent youth tobacco use, reduce secondhand smoke exposure, promote tobacco cessation services, and eliminate tobacco related disparities.

## **Targeted Population**

All ages

Other Eligibility Requirements

N/A

Contact

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This project is supported by the Mississippi State Department of Health (MS DOH).

**Risk Behavior Prevention** 

Tobacco Use





Maternal & Infant Health

Pregnancy

Parenting

# Baby Café (Let's Talk Baby Café)

A virtual meeting time with a safe atmosphere for expectant mothers, breastfeeding mothers, and their families to receive information and resources about various topics related to healthy pregnancies, healthy babies, and healthy and safe families.

## Purpose

• To provide breastfeeding education and support.

## Targeted Population

Pregnant/parenting women and support persons

Other Eligibility Requirements

N/A

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This project is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

# Delta Breastfeeding Coalition

The Delta Breastfeeding Coalition advocates for all women in the Mississippi Delta who desire to breastfeed by providing information to employers and communities and supporting mothers.

## Purpose

 To promote and advocate for breastfeeding services and support.

## **Targeted Population**

Breastfeeding parents community members & stakeholders

Other Eligibility Requirements

Residents of service area

Contact

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Maternal & Infant Health

Breastfeeding



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Maternal & Infant Health

Fatherhood

Parenting



## Delta Dads

Delta Dads creates spaces that celebrate and support fathers. We promote father involvement, teach parenting skills, assist with job placements, and much more.

### Purpose

 To increase the proportion prenatal mothers with father and/ or partner involvement.

## Targeted Population

Fathers/partners with children ages 0-18 months

## Other Eligibility Requirements

Participants of Healthy Start Home Visitation

#### Contact

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This project is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

## **Delta Doulas**

Delta Doulas is a support program that delivers trained and comprehensive doula services for high-risk families from early pregnancy through at least the first three months postpartum.

#### Purpose

•To provide perinatal education and support and comprehensive doula services for high-risk families from early pregnancy to at least the first three months postpartum.

## **Targeted Population**

Pregnant women

Other Eligibility Requirements

Residents of service area

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Maternal & Infant Health

Doulas

Perinatal Support



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Maternal & Infant Health

Prenatal

Pregnancy

Parenting



# Healthy Start / Delta Home Visitation Initiative

Healthy Start Collaborative expands DHA's home visiting program to support families during and after pregnancy.

## Purpose

• To address infant mortality and poor maternal and infant health outcomes in Delta counties with disproportionately high rates of infant mortality.

#### Services

- · Case management
- Safety instructions
- Life planning
- Navigational assistance accessing maternal and infant services and insurance coverage
- Early childhood development programs
- Childhood literacy initiatives

## Targeted Population

Prenatal mothers and mothers with infants and their families

## Other Eligibility Requirements

Residents of service area Women Ages 15-44 Children Ages 0-18 Months

#### Contact

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This project is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

## Parents as Teachers

Parents As Teachers provides families with regular home visits using evidence-based curriculums. DHA's Parent Educators conduct assessments and assist families with developing plans to address any issues identified. They link families with resources and provide health education and information to help them parent effectively and ensure children are kindergarten ready.

#### Purpose

 To provide education and resources to help families parent effectively.

## **Targeted Population**

Pregnant women and families with children 0-5 years old

Other Eligibility Requirements

Residents of service area

Contact

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This project is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Maternal & Infant Health

Pregnancy

Parenting



**COVID Response** 

Vaccine Efficacy



## LMC COVID Center

LMC's COVID Center provides COVID-19 testing, treatment, and education in Leland. Our goal is to reduce COVID-19 infections, improve vaccination rates, and educate the Delta about the virus.

## Purpose

• To minimize the impact of COVID-19 in the Leland and Delta communities.

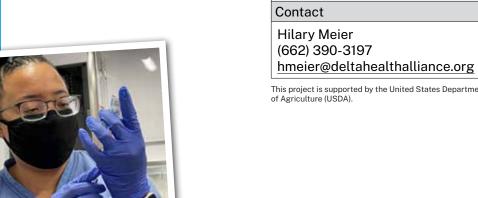
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Everyone

Other Eligibility Requirements

N/A

This project is supported by the United States Department



## MS R.I.V.E.R. Inverness

Mississippi Recognizing Important Vaccine Education & Resources

MS R.I.V.E.R. Inverness utilizes Community Health Literacy navigators to work with communities of color in 11-rural counties of the Delta to educate and improve health outcomes related to COVID-19 and health literacy topics.

## **Targeted Population**

Evervone

Other Eligibility Requirements

Residents of service area

Contact

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This project is supported by the Office of Minority Health (OMH) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

### Purpose

 To improve outcomes related to COVID 19 and health literacy topics in communities of color.



**COVID** Response

**Health Literacy** 



**COVID** Response

Vaccine Efficacy

## MS R.I.V.E.R. Schools

MS R.I.V.E.R. Schools is working with K-12 schools and community colleges to educate students, parents, and school staff about vaccine efficacy. MS R.I.V.E.R. periodically hosts vaccination drives in the communities we serve.

Purpose

• To amplify the acceptance of COVID vaccinations by providing reliable information; increase the number of students vaccinated.

## **Targeted Population**

Students K-12

Other Eligibility Requirements

N/A

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Outcomes



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Early Child Care & Learning

0-5

**Kindergarten Readiness** 



# DHA Head Start / Early Head Start (HS/EHS)

DHA Head Start / Early Head Start offers high quality, free early education services for children eight-weeks to five-years-old. Head Start services engage parents in their children's learning and supports parents making progress towards their educational, literacy and employment goals.

## Purpose

 To promote young children's school readiness by supporting their mental, social, and emotional development.

#### Services

- •\$0 cost Early Learning Services
- Safe and Nurturing Environments
- Family Engagement Activities
- Highly Trained Staff
- Evidence-Based Curriculum
- Nutritious Meals and Snacks

## **Targeted Population**

Families with children ages 8-weeks to 5-years-old

## Other Eligibility Requirements

Proof of birth, immunization record, picture ID, proof of income, proof of residence

#### Contact

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This project is supported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)/ Administration for Children and Families Office of Head Start (OHS).

# Early Head Start Childcare Partnership (EHS-CCP)

Early Head Start Childcare Partnership addresses the critical need for high quality, free early childcare by partnering with private daycare facilities. Head Start services engage parents in their children's learning and supports parents making progress towards their educational, literacy and employment goals.

#### Purpose

•To provide free, high quality early education services for children eight-weeks to three-years-old.

#### Services

- •\$0 cost Early Learning Services
- Safe and Nurturing Environments
- Family Engagement Activities
- · Highly Trained Staff
- Evidence-Based Curriculum
- Nutritious Meals and Snacks

## **Targeted Population**

Families with children ages 8-weeks to 3-years-old

## Other Eligibility Requirements

Proof of birth, immunization record, picture ID, proof of income, proof of residence

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This project is supported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)/ Administration for Children and Families Office of Head Start (OHS).

Early Child Care & Learning

0-3





Early Child Care & Learning

0-5

Kindergarten Readiness

Early Literacy

# **Imagination Library**

In partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, children from birth through age five receive a free, high-quality book each month, no matter the family's income.



## **Targeted Population**

Families with children ages 0 to 5-years-old

Other Eligibility Requirements

Residents of service area

## Contact

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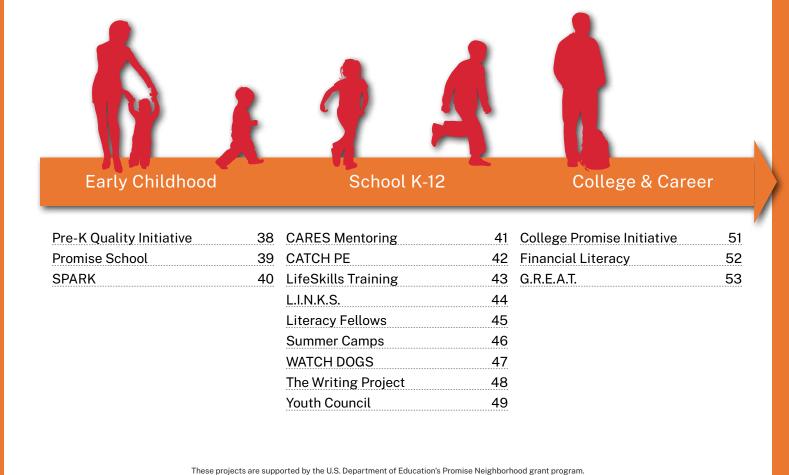
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## **HEALTH • EDUCATION • COMMUNITY**

The three DHA Promise Communities deliver a complete pipeline of services, without time or resource gaps, designed to prepare all children in partnering school districts for life-long success.

Deer Creek Promise Community
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Year Established
2016
Target Area
Leland, Arcola, & Hollandale,
Washington County
Cabaal Diatriata
School Districts
Leland School District (LSD)
Hollandale School District (HSD)
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Indianola	Leflore Promise
Promise Community	Community
Year Established	Year Established
2013	2022
Target Area	Target Area
Indianola, Sunflower County	Leflore County
School District	School District
Sunflower County Consolidated School District (SCCSD)	Greenwood Leflore Consolidated School District (GLCSD)
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These projects are supported by the U.S. Department of Education's Promise Neighborhood grant program.

Early Childhood



# Pre-K Quality Initiative

Pre-K Quality Initiative works to increase the number and percentage of children who enter kindergarten ready to learn by combining resources and strategies to work collaboratively. The program provides on-site technical assistance and training for teaching staff to ensure implementation of evidence-based curriculum and assessment tools.

#### Pupose:

• To improve kindergarten readiness by enhancing the quality of pre-k programs.

## **Targeted Population**

Students of Pre-K programs

#### Contact

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This project is supported by the U.S. Department of Education's Promise Neighborhood grant program.

## Promise School

Promise School is a school-based summer camp for incoming kindergarteners that includes literacy and numeracy interventions as well as help transitioning into the school system. The program consists of a 6-week intensive summer education that aims to improve upper-and lower-case recognition, awareness of print, phonological and phonemic awareness, develop appropriate receptive language and oral language for communication, improve self-concept and engagement in learning environments, and demonstrate control over emotions and develop positive relationships with adults and peers.

## Pupose:

• To improve kindergarten readiness by providing targeted educational interventions to incoming kindergarteners.

## **Targeted Population**

Incoming kindergarteners, Ages 4-5

## Contact

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This project is supported by the U.S. Department of Education's Promise Neighborhood grant program.

**Promise Communities** 

Early Childhood

Early Childhood

## SPARK

SPARK is an intervention program administered by the Children's Defense Fund's (CDF) Southern Regional Office in Jackson, MS. The program addresses specific language and literacy difficulties through in-school sessions with children.

## Pupose:

•To promote kindergarten readiness in children with developmental delays by scheduling school and home visits.

## Targeted Population

Ages 3-5

#### Contact

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This project is supported by the U.S. Department of Education's Promise Neighborhood grant program.

# C.A.R.E.S. Mentoring

Children are Reaching Excellence With Support

The C.A.R.E.S. mentoring program provides opportunities for caring, responsible adults to support children in their community. Adult mentors are paired with students and visit with their mentee weekly in the C.A.R.E.S. classroom.

## Purpose:

• To create positive relationships that enhance children's social, academic, and personal development.

## Targeted Grades

K-5th grade

Other Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility should be attendance, behavior, and course performance

#### Contact

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This project is supported by the U.S. Department of Education's Promise Neighborhood grant program.

**Promise Communities** 

School K-5th



School K-8th

Child Health



## CATCH PE

Coordinated Approach to Child Health

CATCH PE is to increases the amount of moderate-to-vigorous activity children receive during the school day and provide nutritional lessons to encourage healthy eating. PE teachers are trained on curriculum and receive the necessary tools to assist in implementing the program. Students are encouraged to obtain 60 minutes of physical activity per day.

#### Purpose:

• To encourage lifelong healthy lifestyles among Delta students.

## **Targeted Grades**

K-8th grades

Other Eligibility Requirements

Students in participating school districts

Contact

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This project is supported by the U.S. Department of Education's Promise Neighborhood grant program.

# LifeSkills Training

LifeSkills Training is a middle school substance abuse and violence prevention program designed to promote mental health and positive youth development. The evidence-based program helps students resist drug, alcohol, and tobacco use while reducing other risky-behaviors. The program is delivered by DHA staff in the first year and classroom teachers thereafter who receive training from DHA. Sessions are approximately 40 – 45 minutes in length and up to 15 lessons dependent on the grade-level.

### Purpose:

• To provide students with the knowledge to make health decisions.

### Outcomes:

• This program has proven to cut drug use by up to 75%; alcohol use by up to 60%; cut verbal/physical aggression, fighting, and delinquency by up to 50%; and proven to cut tobacco use by up to 87%.

## **Targeted Population**

Grades 6th-9th, students in participating school disctrict

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School 6th-9th



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School K-6th

## L.I.N.K.S.

## Linking Individuals Neighborhoods and Kids to Services

L.I.N.K.S. is the name of the Family Navigation System that our promise communities have utilized successfully for more than ten years. L.I.N.K.S. is a centralized resource and referral hub that connects families with appropriate resources available in the community based on the family's needs. L.I.N.K.S. associates work with participants to set family goals. L.I.N.K.S. provides monthly classes using the Strengthening Families Program, an evidence-based family curriculum. Students are referred to the program based on attendance, behavior, and course performance.

### Purpose:

• To provide information and resources to at risk families.

## **Targeted Population**

Grades K-6th, students who have either attendance, behavior, or course performance issue and their families

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# Literacy Fellows

Literacy Fellows provide high-quality, researched-based reading interventions in a small-group setting at public schools. Students build decoding skills through phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, and vocabulary instruction. Students are selected for this program based on beginning of year reading scores. Literacy Fellows meet with students 50 – 60 minutes daily during the school day.

## Purpose:

• To provide daily reading interventions to students below grade level targets.

## **Targeted Population**

3rd Grade, struggling readers as indicated by test scores

#### Contact

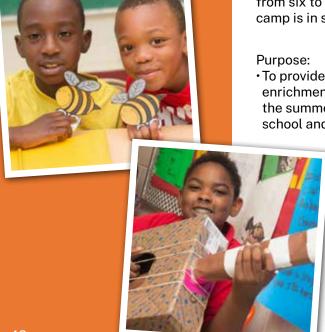
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School 3rd Grade





# **Summer Camps**

Promise Community Summer Camps seek to provide innovative opportunities that support youth during the summer. Summer camp goals include fostering vocabulary development, instilling an appreciation for literature, improving reading comprehension skills, reducing dropout rates, and minimizing loss of knowledge over the summer. Camps typically range from six to eight weeks and include academic field trips and lunch each day camp is in session.

 To provide academic and enrichment opportunities during the summer in collaboration with school and community partners.

## **Targeted Population**

Grades K-12th

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#### LPC Contact

## WATCH D.O.G.S.

#### **Dads of Great Students**

The Watch D.O.G.S. program is an innovative father involvement, educational initiative of the National Center of Fathering. Watch D.O.G.S. provides positive male role models for students and an extra set of eyes to enhance school security, reduce bullying, and to improve student and teacher perceptions of safety. The program trains dads to volunteer at school for at least one day per school year.

#### Purpose:

 To improve school safety through additional supervision and increase parent involvement in their child's education.

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## **Targeted Population**

Fathers, step-fathers, and male head of households of students in Grades K-12th

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School K-12th



School 3rd - 10th

# The Writing Project

The Writing Project provides instruction to teachers to improve writing and teaching techniques to foster writing among students. The Writing Project seeks to empower teachers to improve thinking, writing, teaching, and learning through access, diversity, and equity; through relevant and current teaching practices; and through teacher expertise, leadership, and reflection. Certified instructors provide workshops for educators of all grades, in-school professional development for schools and districts, intensive summer programs, continued support for teachers throughout the year and young writers' programs. The Writing Project is one of 160 sites of the National Writing Project (NWP).

## Purpose:

 To increase knowledge of creative and critical thinking and writing skills.

## Targeted Population

3rd-10th grade English teachers

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## Youth Council

Youth Council works to prepare students to be engaged citizens and positive influences in their community by focusing lessons on leadership skills and developing community service projects. Students meet weekly to gain skills and plan various community service projects.

### Purpose:

• To get students engaged in their community and learning how to be a positive influence in their community.

## Targeted Population

9th-10th

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School K-12th



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# College Promise Initiative (CPI)

CPI prepares students to be successful in life after high school by focusing lessons on ACT Prep, college admission, strategies for success in college, and career pathways. CPI focuses on creating a "college going" culture by aligning college preparatory services and assistance across all DCPC and IPC programs with participants meeting college track criteria.

## Purpose:

To prepare students to be successful after high school, primarily focused on college and career success.

## Targeted Population

11th-12th grades

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# Financial Literacy

The Financial Literacy program is an education program that teaches high school students about basic money management and provides strategies so they can make wise decisions.

#### Purpose:

•To prepare students to be successful after high school, primarily focused on college and career success.

## **Targeted Population**

Students in 11th-12th grades, all adult community members

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## G.R.E.A.T.

## Getting Ready to Excel, Achieve, and Triumph

G.R.E.A.T. is a workforce development program that equips young adults with the skills to further their education and build a career. Participants can gain certifications in medical fields and multiple other trades.

## Purpose:

•To establish a new talent pipeline of industry-led workforce training and certifications.

## **Targeted Population**

Ages 18-24

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Family & Neighborhood

Community Quality of Life



## Delta E.A.T.S.

**Edible Agriculture Teaching Students** 

Delta E.A.T.S. and Farm2School partners with area farmers and local schools to increase access to fresh produce while improving agricultural education among students and families. Delta E.A.T.S. is a school gardening program operated by DHA in Delta elementary schools and aids students in gaining the knowledge and values necessary to make food choices that are healthy for them, their communities and the environment, with lessons tied to science standards.

## Purpose

 To equip students with the knowledge to lead a healthy lifestyle by teaching about gardening, healthy eating and science.



## Targeted Population

5th Grade

Other Eligibility Requirements

Student enrolled in participating school district

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This project is supported by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Whole Kids Foundation.

# **Delta Family Resource Sites**

Delta Family Resource Sites provide early childhood resources and family referrals via outreach activities at 12 locations serving 21 counties. Each site includes a lending library to provide families, childcare providers and educators with easy access to books, toys, puppets and more. The DFRS grant also includes training services for teachers to receive credit for Continuing Education Units.

Targeted Population

Anyone interacting with children

Other Eligibility Requirements

None

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This project is supported by the Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS).

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**Early Childhood Resources** 

Family Referrals



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Infant & Toddler Safety



## Delta Safe Families Collaborative

Delta Safe Families Collaborative provides information and resources aimed at preventing unintentional injuries to children from preventable accidents like injuries from falling furniture, improper car seat installation, and uncovered electrical outlets. The program assist with securing car seats, smoke detectors and other injury prevention items.

## Purpose

• To reduce unintentional injuries among infants and toddlers.

## **Targeted Population**

Pregnant women and families with children 0-5 years old

Other Eligibility Requirements

Residents of service area

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This project is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

## Sesame Street in Communities

Sesame Street in Communities gives free tools and resources to parents and families that address the developmental, physical and emotional needs of young children.

#### Purpose

• To equip families with the tools to address children's developmental needs.

## **Targeted Population**

All ages

Other Eligibility Requirements

Residents of service area

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This project is supported by the Sesame Street in Communities (SSIC) Foundation.

Family & Neighborhood

Community Quality of Life







Workforce Development

Career Support



## **Delta Careers Collaborative**

The Delta Careers Collaborative (DCC) provides a talent pipeline between local schools and an industry-led workforce training program to address the Delta's critical need for pre-k educators. DCC places students from rural public high schools and local dislocated workers in Mississippi State University Extension Services training program. DCC fills a critical need for affordable, high-quality early childcare educators, while also supporting employment for local families and driving improvements in kindergarten readiness scores in the region.

#### Purpose

•To address the critical need for pre-K educators.

## **Targeted Population**

High School graduates and displaced workers interested in obtaining CDA credentials

Other Eligibility Requirements

18+

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This project is supported by the Delta Regional Authority (DRA).

## T.O.R.C.H.

## Training Our Rural Community Health Workforce

Participants will work with local Career Coaches to develop personalized career goals and to enroll in valuable support services. Community Health Worker (CHW) training is accompanied by cross-training in high-value areas, including benefits counseling, medical coding and billing, and service coordination. A paid apprenticeship program will be established to provide trainees with real-work experience in the region. The project will also incorporate doulas into the training program to respond to our region's crippling rates of maternal and infant mortality, and to create additional paths to employment and career growth.

## Targeted Population

18+

## Other Eligibility Requirements

- High School Diploma or equivalence
- 5-week Financial Literacy Bootcamp
- · Complete Career Coaching

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This project is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

### Purpose

•To establish a pipeline of recruitment and workforce training for Community Health Workers to be placed with rural hospitals, clinics, and other healthcare providers in the Delta.



## Workforce Development

## Career Support



## W.O.R.C.

## Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities

W.O.R.C. is an innovative program supporting workforce development activities in 19 rural counties in the Mississippi Delta, one county in Arkansas, and two counties in Tennessee. W.O.R.C. helps displaced workers, new entrants into the workforce, and incumbent workers gain the skills necessary for good jobs in high demand industries like early childhood education and health care. This program provides supportive services in professional development and financial literacy for program participants.

## Purpose

•To address high unemployment, intergenerational poverty, and severe workforce shortages in two key industries in the Mississippi Delta.

## **Targeted Population**

Income at or below 130% the federal poverty level

Other Eligibility Requirements

18+, Residents of service area

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This project is supported by the by the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) of the U.S. Department of Labor (DoL).





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