

Connecting with Community Resources that Provide Services to Students

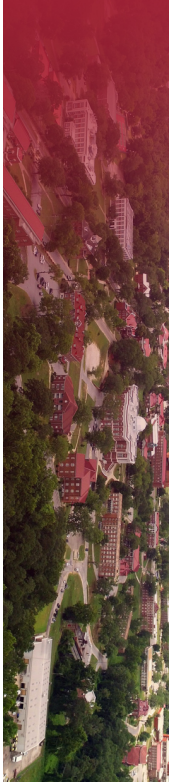
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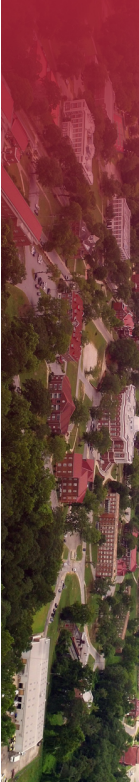
Many communities are faced with the issue of suicide. Though suicide may not be discussed in many families, communities, schools, and other areas, we know that suicide happens or can happen in every community.



This presentation will provide you with the resources that may be available in your community, the people you need to know so that in the event someone presents as wanting to take their own life, you will be able to help guide them to the resources in your community.



I live in a small town in Alabama. I guess you see the logo on my slides. I am an instructor with the Department of Social Work at Tuskegee University.



When I first began working as a social worker, our resource directory was filled with –Check with _____, they may know where you can go to find what you need or they may be able to tell you who to contact to get more information about resources.

We had few resources that were available to help our clients.



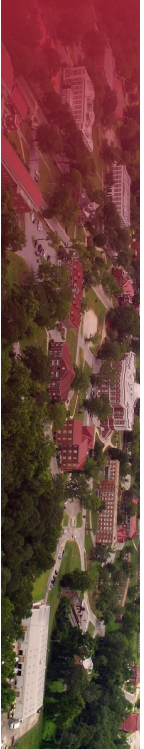
It was left up to me to find the resources that would help my client.

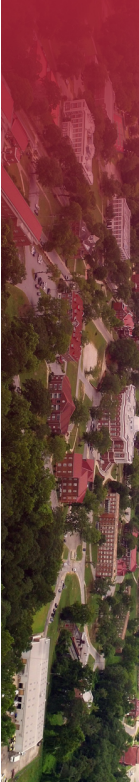
I give this example to let people know that many times we have to craft or create the resources our clients need by using our own creativity.



I remember asking my landlord, who also happened to own a gas station to help me with finding someone who could donate some oil for the client's automobile. They were trying to travel to a destination and the car stalled on them while they were traveling on the interstate.

I soon learned that I would need to be proactive for myself to find services so that when the time came, I could go to my newly created resource guide to see who I needed to contact for the resources.





I tell this story because, I had to become proactive. Usually, others will not readily share their resources because they know that there may not be resources available should they need them.

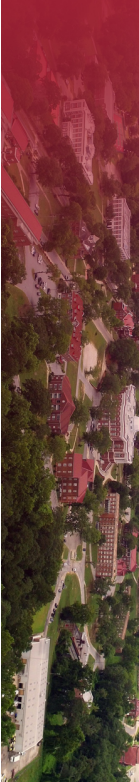
Finding resources in our community has become easier. Once people know who you are and where you are employed, they are ready to help in providing resources to help those who are unable to help themselves.





Judge Deborah Biggers, Macon County District Court Judge has really made an impact on identifying groups, individuals, organizations, and agencies who are willing to share their resources with others in the community.

Judge Biggers is the chairman of our Children's Policy Council in Macon County.



The Macon County Public School System's Superintendent, Dr. Jacqueline Brooks, provides a booklet of activities and resources for students in Macon County. These activities include afterschool and Summer resources as well as educational and other resources.



Resources



Department of Human
Resources

I Am My Brother's
Keeper (IAMBK)

Department of Youth
Services

Alabama Department of
Public Health

City of Tuskegee

Community Corrections

Juvenile Probation

Family Guidance Center

Macon County Sheriff

Tears/Bridges

East Alabama Mental

Alabama Cooperative

Health

Extension Service



Head Start

Fraternities

Southern Christian
Leadership Foundation,
Inc. (SCL Foundation)

Churches
City Sports Programs

Domestic Violence
Intervention Center
(DIVC)

Colleges

NAMI

Universities

Sororities

Other Organizations



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Thank you so much for allowing me to
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