

Mental Health

Greenwood County Mental Health Center
1305 Phoenix Street
Greenwood, SC 29646

The State of South Carolina Probate Code provides a process whereby allegedly mentally ill or chemically dependent individuals may be committed for treatment.

The Petitions for Commitment of allegedly mentally ill or chemically dependent individuals are initiated through the Greenwood County Mental Health Center (Beckman Center) located at 1547 Parkway in Greenwood (close to Self Regional Hospital). The completion of the Petition for Emergency Commitment empowers the Probate Court to issue an Order of Detention for the individual in question to be evaluated. Beckman's phone number is (864) 223-8331.

The first line of contact is the Greenwood County Mental Health Center. This service is available to all citizens of the county but can only be instigated by an adult who must have first hand knowledge of their person's alleged problem.

Unfortunately, because of recent budget cuts to the Department of Mental Health, services available to chemically dependent persons have been severely restricted. On average, a person who is involuntarily committed because of chemical dependency can expect a wait of up to three weeks before a bed is available at a treatment facility. If the chemically dependent person is willing to get help, a court order is often not necessary. There are resources available locally, such as the Faith Home, which can often meet the needs of a chemically dependent person.