

Alston Wilkes Society

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Mission: The Alston Wilkes Society (AWS) is a multistate nonprofit organization that provides those most at risk with hope for a brighter future. AWS gives hope and rebuilds lives through rehabilitative and prevention services. The agency was founded in 1962 as a nonprofit organization led by a group of dedicated volunteers working under the direction of the Reverend Eli Alston Wilkes, Jr. Rev. Wilkes was a Methodist minister who labored as a tireless and devoted worker in helping those less fortunate. Today, the Alston Wilkes Society is providing direct services in North and South Carolina to not only offenders, but also the homeless, at-risk youth, veterans, and families in crisis.

Geographic area covered: Statewide

Services Provided:

Federal Residential Reentry Centers (RRC)

- Three adult residential facilities house federal offenders through contracts with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. AWS provides 24-hour supervision, housing, food, and intense case management. Many reentry programs are offered to help residents make a smooth transition back into the community. Such programs include parenting classes, life skills training, cultural diversity training, money management classes, and substance abuse counseling.
- Locations:
 - Columbia, SC
 - Charleston, SC
 - Florence, SC

Veteran Services

- The Alston Wilkes Veterans Home was the first transitional housing facility for veterans in the Midlands. The AWWH provides, housing; clothing; food; job training and placement; substance abuse and therapeutic counseling; and mentoring to help homeless veterans regain self-sufficiency. The program has an 85% successful graduation rate.
- Locations:
 - AWS has SSVF offices in Columbia, Greenville and Florence.

Community Services

- Ten regional Community Service Coordinators serve all 46 counties in S.C., providing case management, counseling and employment services to offenders, ex-offenders, homeless people and families in crisis. When AWS is not able to provide direct assistance, information and referrals are available during the case management process.
- Services Provided:
 - Clothing
 - Food

- Education Assistance
- Employment Placement
- Employment Training
- Housing Assistance
- Counseling Referrals
- Transportation

Youth Services

- The AWS provides 24-hour supervision and care by a diverse and experienced staff that includes residential, academic, clinical, and home-based community services. Smaller caseloads allow for more intensive services. All Youth Programs are accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA).
- Locations:
 - Columbia Youth Home