



The Grainger Family Center for Personal Development

The University of Montevallo opened the new Grainger Family Center for Personal Development during a dedication ceremony on January 6, 2020. The center is located in the newly renovated Puryear House on Middle Street, on the edge of the UM campus, and increases space for the program by 85 percent. The flexibility of the building's design will allow Counseling Services to grow and adapt, as student needs change in the future.

In addition to the Counseling Services Office, the new center houses the Falcon Food Pantry and Student Emergency Assistance programs. The new space will allow the addition of 80 hours per week of direct clinical care, and each clinical staff member will have a private area to meet with clients. New biofeedback rooms will allow for an additional 90 hours per week of self-directed therapeutic activities. Previously, the Falcon Food Pantry was only available by appointment, but the new space will allow it to be accessible for 45 hours per week.

Generous support from donors, especially Michael and Donna Grainger, made the new space possible. "Counseling Services moving to the Grainger Family Center for Personal Development provides a confidential and private, but still easily accessible, location that will allow us to better provide confidential services to the students, faculty and staff we serve," said UM Director of Counseling Services Josh Miller.

For more information about the new Grainger Family Center for Personal Development and the services they provide, please call 205-665-6245, email counseling@montevallo.edu or visit montevallo.edu/counseling-services.