

VAN BUREN COUNTY RESOURCE GUIDE

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**A GUIDE OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO RESIDENTS
OF VAN BUREN COUNTY**

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police	Dial 911
Fire	Dial 911
MI State Police	(269) 657-5551
Poison Control	(800) 222-1222
Sheriff's Department	(269) 657-3101 or (888) 833-8114
Domestic Preparedness	(269) 657-7786

HELPFUL NUMBERS

Animal Control (Domestic)	(269) 621-4624
Friend of the Court	(269) 657-7734
Humane Society	(269) 637-5062
Secretary of State	(888) 767-6424
Van Buren County Juvenile Court	(269) 657-8237
Van Buren County Truancy Office	(269) 870-0554

HOTLINES

Al-Anon	(269) 343-4328
Alcoholics Anonymous	(269) 349-4410
Alzheimer's Association	(800) 272-3900
American Parkinson's Association	(800) 223-2732
American Cancer Society of MI	(800) 723-0360
American Lung Association	(800) 586-4872
Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America	(800) 727-8462
Autism Society of Michigan	(800) 223-6722
Brain Injury Association of America	(800) 444-6443
Bronson Health Answers	(800) 451-6310
Cleft Palate Foundation	(800) 242-5338
Consumer Protection Agency	(877) 765-8388
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of MI	(855) 372-5297
Domestic & Sexual Assault Services (24hrs)	(800) 828-2023
Domestic Violence Coalition	(269) 655-9008
Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan	(800) 377-6226

Lions of Michigan (Eye Care / Glasses)	(517) 887-6640
Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD)	(877) 623-3435
Mental Health 24-Hour Crisis	(800) 922-1418
Migrant Farmworker Health Helpline	(800) 377-9968
Michigan 2-1-1: Find Help	211
National Kidney Foundation of MI	(800) 482-1455
Ronald McDonald House	(800) 776-4891
Senior Info-Line	(800) 654-2810
Suicide & Crisis Lifeline	988 (call/text)
Suicide Prevention Lifeline	(800) 273-8255
United Cerebral Palsy Association of MI	(800) 828-2714

GOVERNMENT OFFICES

Almena Township	(269) 668-6910
Antwerp Township	(269) 668-2615
Arlington Township (Supervisor)	(269) 767-0641
Bangor Township	(269) 427-8965
Bloomington Township	(269) 521-3800
Columbia Township	(269) 434-6227
Covert Township	(269) 764-8986
Decatur Township (Supervisor)	(269) 423-7134
Geneva Township	(269) 427-7607
Hamilton Township	(269) 423-7852
Keeler Township	(269) 621-6481
Lawrence Township	(269) 674-8833
Paw Paw Township	(269) 657-4340
Pine Grove Township (Supervisor)	(269) 628-4769
South Haven Charter Township	(269) 637-3305

Waverly Township	(269) 657-1776
Village of Bloomingdale	(269) 521-3222
Village of Breedsville	(269) 427-9029
Village of Decatur	(269) 423-6114
Village of Lawrence	(269) 674-8161
Village of Lawton	(269) 624-6407
Village of Mattawan	(269) 668-2128
Village of Paw Paw	(269) 657-3148
City of Bangor	(269) 427-5831
City of Gobles	(269) 628-2246
City of Hartford	(269) 621-2477
City of South Haven	(269) 637-0700
Van Buren County	(269) 657-8200

CHILD / TEEN RESOURCES

Van Buren County 4-H

801 Hazen St, Suite D, Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-8213 | canr.msu.edu/van_buren

Positive community youth development through citizenship, leadership, and community service-learning activities.

The Ark - Services for Youth

990 W. Kilgore Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49008
24 hours (800) 873-TEEN(8336)
ccdok.org/ark-youth-independent-living

Support for homeless, runaway and in-crisis youth and their families: Emergency shelter for ages 10-17, transitional housing for ages 16-24, outreach and prevention services for ages 10-21.

Early On Van Buren County

490 South Paw Paw St, Lawrence, MI 49064
(269) 539-5128 | vbisd.org
Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Early On provides services to families that have children from birth to age three. We provide a developmental evaluation to determine if children qualify or if there is a qualifying medical condition.

Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)

Classroom(s) in all Van Buren District Schools
(269) 539-5214 | helpmegrowvanburen.org | gsrp@vbisd.org
Monday - Friday 7:00 am to 3:00 pm

Van Buren County Preschool programs for children ages 3-5.

HOPE Parent Resource Center

901 South Bailey Ave, Suite 1, South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 872-3172 | hopeparentresourcecenter@gmail.com
[hopeblossomshere.org](https://www.facebook.com/HOPE-Parent-Resource-Center/) | Facebook: HOPE Parent Resource Center

Until September 30, 2025: Mondays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Starting October 1, 2025: Wednesdays 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and by appointment

Supporting pregnant individuals and parents of young children with birthing, safe sleep, and toilet training kits, community programs, and more. Visit our website or Facebook for more details.

Diaper Bank & Period Pantry

First Monday of every month from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Play & Learn Preschool

205 South Street, Lawrence, MI 49054
(269) 539-5316 | vanburenisdmi.sites.thrillshare.com/o/vbt/page/preschool
Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

Play & Learn Preschool is a preschool lab for the high school students enrolled in the ECCE program at Van Buren Tech. We are a play-based preschool that focuses on the whole child with an emphasis on social-emotional development. Our activities include; circle time, small groups, story & music time, outside play, and free choices with centers for art, blocks, dramatic play, sensory, reading/writing, manipulatives, and snack.

Telamon Corporation Migrant Head Start

telemon.org | Monday - Friday 7:00 am to 5:00 pm
Head Start is a traditional Head Start Pre-school for children 2 weeks of age up to 5 years of age. Early Head Start and Pregnant Mom Programs. **Información en español**

Watervliet

745 North M-140, Watervliet, MI 49098
(269) 463-5610 | Fax: (269) 222-1325

Decatur

80195 CR 358, Decatur, MI 49045
(269) 423-6137 | Fax: (269) 464-0910

Hartford

89210 CR 687, Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 424-3521 | Fax: (269) 464-0910

Pullman

893 55th St, Pullman, MI 49450
(269) 236-5266 | Fax: (269) 215-1015

Safe Kids Greater South Haven, led by Bronson

950 S. Bailey Ave, South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 639-2753 | bronsonhealth.com/services/children/treatments/childhood-injury-prevention/safe-kids-greater-south-haven
Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Child Passenger Safety, sports/helmets safety, water safety, injury prevention.

Spectrum Autism Center

600 E. Michigan Ave, Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 615-8209 | spectrumautismcenter.com

Provides ABA Therapy to children ages 18 months to 18 years with a diagnosis of autism.

Tri-County Head Start

775 Hazen St, Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-2581 | tricityhs.org | Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4pm

Education Services for children birth to 5, Hearing, Vision, Nutritional Services, Goal Setting and support, Connection to community resources, Mental Health Support, Dual Language support, and more!

Gryphon Place

3245 S 8th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009
24 hours call 2-1-1 or 9-8-8 | gryphon.org

Originally opened in 1970 as a youth drug drop-in center, Gryphon Place evolved into a suicide prevention and crisis center. In the 1980s, we continued to grow through absorbing and beginning new programs. These include Gatekeeper, 2-1-1, the Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group (SOS), Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) the regional Volunteer Center, Restorative Practices, and many more. In recent years, 9-8-8 was launched and we were awarded a National Backup Grant. In recent years, we've started multiple new programs including the Community Information Exchange®, Seams Possible, and the Justice Lifted Arrest Diversion Program (JLADP). Today, we help those in conflict and crisis on local, state, and national levels. We offer 15 different programs and services, are part of 5 community initiatives, and support over 20 organizations with after-hour call support. They are all integrated together to provide a well-rounded approach to support.

Youth Development Company / PAL

1635 76th St, South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 639-2489 | ydcpal2.org | info@ydcpal.org
Monday – Friday 6:00 am to 6:00 pm

YDC provides out of school time programs such as mentoring afterschool and summer day camp for school age youth. We also provide Preschool and Early Child Education programs for infants thru 5 years old. Located in Bangor, Coloma, Gobles, South Haven, and Watervliet.

DISABILITY / MENTAL HEALTH

Bronson Lakeview Neurobehavioral Health Specialists

404 Hazen St, Suite L3, Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-1595 | bronsonhealth.com

Inpatient and outpatient mental health services and assessments for adults age 65+. Specializes in memory loss, Alzheimer's and other conditions related to aging.

Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP)

1541 Oakland Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(269) 337-3848 | michigan.gov/mcb

Constance Brown Hearing Centers

1634 Gull Road, Suite 201, Kalamazoo, MI 49048
(269) 343-2601 | cbrown.org

Provides diagnostic testing, hearing aids, newborn screening, and industrial hearing conservation services.

Department of Health & Human Services

57150 CR 681, Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-2800 | michigan.gov/mdhhs/assistance-programs/cash/sda

Offers programs that assist with state disability for disabled adults.

Disability Network Southwest Michigan

517 East Crosstown Parkway, Kalamazoo, MI 49001
(269) 345-1516 | dnswm.org
Appointment only

We offer a wide variety of services including, but not limited to, advocacy/education, information & referral, independent living, transitions and peer support to individuals with disabilities of any kind. Full list and descriptions for our services can be found on our website.

Children's Support Health Care Services

(800) 359-3722 | michigan.gov/mdhhs | cshscsf@michigan.gov

Connects families who have children with disabilities or illnesses to educational support services appropriate to their needs, support groups, family conference scholarships available, training and information.

Leader Dogs for the Blind

1039 South Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 651-9011 | leaderdog.org

Provides Leader Dogs and GPS services for the blind and deaf-blind.

Disability Rights Michigan

4095 Legacy Parkway, Suite 500, Lansing, MI 48911
(517) 487-1755 | drmich.org

Disability Rights Michigan is the independent, private, nonprofit, nonpartisan protection and advocacy organization authorized by Federal and State law to advocate and protect the legal rights of people with disabilities in Michigan.

Michigan Rehabilitation Services

4210 South Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(877) 901-9187 | (269) 337-3700 | mi.gov/mrs

MRS provides vocational rehabilitation services for eligible individuals with disabilities, consistent with their unique strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests, and informed choice, to prepare for and engage in employment and achieve economic self-sufficiency.

MSU Extension – Van Buren

57418 CR 681, Suite A, Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 657-8213 | msue.msu.edu
Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Michigan State University Extension helps people improve their lives by bringing the vast knowledge resources of Michigan State University directly to individuals, communities and businesses.

Paws With A Cause - Autism Alliance

4646 South Division, Wayland, MI 49348
(616) 877-7297 | pawswithacause.org

Trains assistance dogs for service, hearing, seizure response, service dogs for children with Autism.

Van Buren Community Mental Health

801 Hazen St, Suite C, Paw Paw MI 49079
(269) 657-5574 | vbcmh.com
Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Van Buren Community Mental health offers trauma informed prevention, assessment, crisis intervention, treatment and support services to help people meet their own chosen life, health, recovery, and work goals.

Van Buren / Cass District Health Department

260 South Street, Lawrence, MI 49064
(269) 621-3143 x 0 | vbcassdhd.org
Monday - Thursday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Friday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

The health department comprises of 4 departments; medical (immunizations, sexual health, hearing/vision, family health needs, counseling and referrals, communicable disease control, lead poisoning prevention, TB testing, Children's Special Health Care), environmental (water & septic inspections, soil evaluation, food sanitation, housing complaints, beach monitoring and mosquito and tick surveillance), dental (preventive, restorative, prosthetic, surgical and cosmetic) and health promotions (community outreach, data collections, health education) and so much more. Our purpose is to be committed to improving our programs with a focus on the needs and outcomes of the clients by continually learning about and improving health and linking to other institutions and organization.

All services are also provided at our Dowagiac facility (302 S Front Street, Dowagiac MI, 49047). Health Education presentations, information and event participation available upon request. Nursing clinic hours for both offices are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 to 11:00 am and 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Lory's Place

445 Upton Dr, St Joseph, MI 49085
(269) 983-2707 | lorysplace.org
Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Lory's Place offers support for grieving adults, children, and families in Southwest Michigan and northern Indiana. We support the needs of those who grieve, providing a safe space for healing after the death of a loved one. Lory's Place also provides community outreach programs, staff education, crisis response, and peer support groups for schools.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency

nemcsa.org/services/caregiver-resource-center/virtual-caregiver-support-groups.html

Meets via Zoom

Monthly on the 1st Wednesday

8:30 am to 9:30 am or 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

General Caregiver Support Group

Tri-County Office on Aging

tcoa.org/caregiver-support | (517) 887-1418

Meets via Zoom

Monthly on the 1st Monday

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm or 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

South Haven Grief Support

Grief Support for All Grieving People

(269) 983-2707

Meets via Zoom hosted by Lory's Place

Monthly on the 2nd Thursday | 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Grief Support for Caregivers and Widows

Holy Trinity Anglican Church | 67885 8th Ave, South Haven, MI 49090

Bi-monthly on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm

Email sfrazier73100@gmail.com for more information

Stepping Stones

Support group for people recovering from alcohol and drug addiction

Groups are offered on a regular basis, with one held daily in South Haven.

For more information call Donna Romanak on (269) 580-8052

Visually Impaired Persons Support Group

(269) 637-1418 | dnswm.org/services_menu/peer-support/area-support-groups
Warren Senior Center, 540 Williams Street, South Haven, MI 49090
Monthly on the 2nd Thursday | 1:00 pm

Dementia and Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

(269) 637-1418
Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church
06321 Blue Star Highway, South Haven, MI 49090
Monthly on the 3rd Wednesday | 6:00 pm

Survivors of Suicide Loss

Gryphon's Place

(269) 589-4756 | kalamazoocf@gmail.com
compassionatefriends.org/chapter/kalamazoo-chapter
Bi-monthly virtual sessions

Email Eric Espinoza eespinoza@gryphon.org to express interest or ask questions. There is a screening process for joining.

Miscarriage/Pregnancy Loss

The Compassionate Friends

Westwood United Methodist Church (Main Conference Room)
538 Nichols Road, Kalamazoo Michigan, MI 49006
Bi-monthly on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday | 6:30 pm

Centrica Care Navigators

7100 Stadium Dr, Kalamazoo, MI 49009
(269) 345-0273 | centricacare.org/family-support/grief-support

All Centrica Grief Support groups are free and open to anyone in the community. They are led by experienced grief support counselors and trained volunteers. Groups include: Spouse/Partner Loss, Parenting While Grieving, Parent Loss, Coping with the Holidays, and Sibling Loss.

Community Bereavement Support Group

(269) 252-1895

Hope Reformed Church, 1365 Monroe Blvd, South Haven, MI 49090

Monthly on the 3rd Thursday | 11:00 am

A community wide grief support group offered with a Christian emphasis.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SHELTERS

If you feel someone is in IMMEDIATE danger, dial 9-1-1

The Ark Services for Youth - Catholic Charities

990 W. Kilgore Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

24 hours (800) 873-8336

ccdok.org/ark-youth-independent-living

Support for homeless, runaway and in-crisis youth and their families: Emergency shelter for ages 10-17, transitional housing for ages 16-24, outreach and prevention services for ages 10-21.

Benton Harbor Emergency Homeless Shelter

645 Pipestone St, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

24 hours (269) 277-5055 | Office: (269) 925-1131 | essberrien.org

Temporary housing for families and single parents with children experiencing homelessness (no single men or singles under the age of 18).

Centralized Intake for Abuse & Neglect

24 hours (855) 444-3911 | vbcmh.com

Contact to report abuse or neglect of children or vulnerable adults. Website contains links to Teen Dating Violence, Stalking, and Human Trafficking information/prevention.

Decatur Family Shelter

(provided by Southwest MI Community Action Agency)

210 East Delaware, Decatur, MI 49045
(269) 605-4526 | smcaa.com

Provides shelter for families with children and single women.
No single men.

Domestic Violence Coalition

116 S Gremps St, Paw Paw, MI 49079

24 hours (269) 655-9008 | dvc2help@yahoo.com | domesticviolencecoalition.org
Monday - Thursday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Friday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Comprehensive domestic violence, sexual assault services for victims and survivors including protection order assistance, court accompaniment, support groups, assistance finding shelter, supportive counseling, and education classes. Services to victims are free and confidential.

Available fee-based sessions: DV Offender classes include DVI, MRT, Anger Management.

Hillman House Shelter

(through DASAS)

24 hours (800) 828-2023 | dasasmi.org

Shelter/Safe House and support/advocacy services for domestic and sexual assault survivors and their minor children. Serves Van Buren, Cass and St. Joseph Counties.

Non-Residential services available.

Homeless Shelter Directory – Online

homelessshelterdirectory.org

Enter your zip code on the website to find shelters closest to you.

Kalamazoo Gospel Mission Homeless Shelter

448 North Burdick St, Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 345-2974 | kzoogospel.org

Provides shelter for men, women and families.

Kalamazoo YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter

353 East Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007
24 hours (269) 385-3587 | Office: (269) 345-5595 | ywcakalamazoo.org

Safe shelter for up to 5 weeks for victims of domestic violence and their dependent children. Free counseling, support groups, advocacy services, parenting classes, children's activities. Transitional and Supportive housing.

Keystone Place Family Shelter

505 East Market St, Centerville, MI 49032
(269) 467-7078 | keystoneplace.org

Emergency shelter for single women or men, or families with children.

Michigan Crime Victim Notification Network

(800) 770-7657

Victims of crime can register to receive notification when the offender's custody status changes.

Ministry with Community

500 N Edwards St, Kalamazoo, MI 49007 | (269) 343-6073
ministrywithcommunity.org
365 days/year, 6:30 am to 4:00 pm

We are daytime shelter and resource center in Kalamazoo, MI. Every service we offer is provided free of charge. Services include social services and peer support.

Next Door Shelter for Men

(269) 345-1431
opendoorskalamazoo.org

Shelters for Single Men who are homeless due to unemployment, domestic violence, substance abuse or addiction, or working but unable to find affordable housing.

Shelter is provided while individuals work to become self-sustaining.

Next Door Shelter for Women

(269) 349-2119
opendoorskalamazoo.org

Shelters for Single Women who are homeless due to unemployment, domestic violence, substance abuse or addiction, or working but unable to find affordable housing.

Shelter is provided while individuals work to become self-sustaining.

Salvation Army Shelter

233 Michigan St, Benton Harbor, MI 49022 | (269) 927-1353

Provides shelter for men at least 18 years of age.

Sylvia's Place Domestic Violence Shelter

24 hours (269) 673-8700 | (888) 411-7837 | sylviasplace.com

Shelter and support services for women and their children who are fleeing domestic violence. Non-residential services available.

EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

Cedar Street Community and Family Center

555 Cedar Street, Paw Paw, MI 49079

(269) 415-5700 | ppps.org

Early Childhood, Before and After-School childcare, GED, Adult Ed.

Like any school, our main purpose is to provide students with the academic courses they need for graduation. We provide multiple options and paths for student success. We utilize project-based teaching practices in a small-class environment. We focus on "leaving a legacy" and being the best version of yourself. Aspire Academy has an opportunity to do things differently that allows students to take ownership of their education and be successful learners. Aspire Academy is a unique opportunity for unique students.

Hartford Alternative Education

115 School St, Hartford, MI 49057

(269) 621-4433 | ha.hpsmi.org

Offers high school diploma completion, vocational/employment training, GED program, and family literacy classes.

Kinexus / Michigan Works

32849 Red Arrow Highway, Paw Paw, MI 49079

(800) 285-9675 | kinexus.org | miworks.org

Berrien, Cass and Van Buren Counties

Kinexus-Michigan Works is an employment and training center, likely offering services like job search assistance, career counseling, and training opportunities.

MSU Extension

57418 CR 681, Suite A, Hartford, MI 49057

(269) 657-8213 | canr.msu.edu/van_buren/county-extension-office

Monday – Wednesday 7:30 am to 12:00 pm and 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Thursday 7:30 am to 12:00 pm and 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Offices and staff are present in every Michigan county to provide educational programs and tools to live and work better. From personal meetings and courses to information online, MSUE educators provide the most current information regarding a variety of issues facing businesses, families and communities. Program areas include food safety, agricultural assistance, natural resources programs, information and programs to manage chronic illness, 4-H youth development, leadership development, nutrition education and more.

MSU Extension – Cont.

Health Education

(616) 632-7884 | Contact Georgina Guzman gguzman@msu.edu

Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

We provide free health education classes in person and online. Some of the classes are for disease prevention and management, falls prevention, emotional and mental well-being. We have series and one time presentation.

Program of Migrant Student Services

Michigan State University

(517) 432-9900 | mss.msu.edu

College Assistance and Migrant Program (CAMP):

(MSU CAMP) is an educational program that offers individuals with migrant or seasonal farm work backgrounds a unique opportunity to begin an undergraduate program at MSU.

High School Equivalency Program:

(MSU HEP) is a secondary education program that offers individuals with migrant or seasonal farm work backgrounds a unique opportunity to obtain a General Educational Development certificate (GED).

Volinia Outcomes School

54080 Gards Prairie Road, Decatur, MI 49045

(269) 782-9716

An alternative school serving grades 7-12 from throughout the Cass, Van Buren and St. Joseph areas. Focuses on taking struggling learners who are at-risk for dropping out or failing with the goal of assisting them in on-time graduation.

State of Michigan Veterans Employment Services

32849 Red Arrow Hwy, Suite 100, Paw Paw, MI 49079

800-285-WORKS (9675) | michigan.gov/mvaa

Veterans Employment Services (VES) provides program-specific services through Veterans Career Advisors (VCA) who work directly with veterans and eligible persons who have significant barriers to employment.

Telamon Migrant Head Start

89210 CR 687, Hartford, MI 49057 | (269) 424-3521

80195 CR 358, Decatur, MI 49045 | (269) 424-3521

Telemon.org

Monday - Friday 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

Telemon's Early Childhood and Family Support offers families exemplary childcare services that ensure children start school ready to learn and succeed. Parents are encouraged to actively participate in their education and strengthen family bonds. Ages 2 weeks to 5 years.

Flowers Early Learning

775 Hazen St, Paw Paw, MI 49079

(269) 657-2581 | (800) 792-0366 | flowersearlylearning.org

Pre-school program for 3–4-year-olds (including disabled) from low-income families. Teaches skills necessary to succeed in kindergarten. We are more than a preschool, we offer wrap-around services for the children and families we serve, in addition to the high-quality early education we provide. Our education team prepares children for kindergarten and future school success, and our Family Advocates link families to resources in the communities, ensure that children are up-to-date on their medical and dental appointments, and help families set and achieve goals.

TRIO Educational Opportunity Center

2755 E. Napier Ave, B-204, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

(269) 927-6299 | jhiggins@lakemichigancollege.edu

lakemichigancollege.edu/community/eoc

Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

The Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) is a federally funded grant program designed to assist participants who are interested in enrolling or re-enrolling in college, trade, or vocational school, or obtaining a GED/high school diploma. The EOC assists in connecting you to GED/HSD programs and helps pay for your GED tests. We also assist participants with their FAFSA, admissions applications, financial aid, and enrollment processes to attend any college or university.

Van Buren Intermediate School District (VBISD)

490 Paw Paw St, Lawrence, MI 49064
(269) 674-8091 | vbisd.org

Help Me Grow Van Buren: Helping families find early childhood resources prenatal to age 6.
Contact: 269-906-2133 | helpmegrowvanburen.org

ESL - English as a Second Language: Classes taught in a variety of locations
(269) 539-5432

Hearing Clinic: Provides hearing evaluations and support services to ages Birth to 26 (if still in school)
(269) 539-5150

Project SHINE: Project SHINE works with schools and communities to increase the consumption of fruits and vegetables while also seeking ways increase physical activity for students and their families. Email: cjanssen@vbisd.org

Special Education Services: Provides services to students with disabilities in Van Buren County, birth-26 years, in a variety of settings (call or visit website for details).

Migrant/Bilingual Education: Provides academic and support services for migratory children.

Special Education Services: Students 18-26 assisting them in independent living & life skills. Van Buren Behavioral Education Center
(269) 427-7961 | 30 South Walnut Street, Bangor MI 49013

Special Education Program: For students with emotional impairments/ behavioral problems who cannot be effectively educated within their local school district.

VBISD Technology Center: Provides quality individualized career, academic and technical instruction to high school students and adults in Van Buren County. Meets CTE and Michigan Merit Curriculum Requirements.
(269) 539-5256 | 250 South Street, Lawrence MI 49064

Early On Program: Early On provides services to families that have children from birth to age three. We provide a developmental evaluation to determine if children qualify or if there is a qualifying medical condition. Contact: (269) 539-5128, mvanwoert@vbisd.org

Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP): Van Buren County Preschool Programs for Children Ages 3-5 from Monday – Friday, 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. HelpMeGrowVanBuren.org

Play & Learn Preschool: Play & Learn Preschool is a preschool lab for high school students enrolled in the Careers in Education program at Van Buren Tech. We are a play-based preschool that focuses on the whole child with an emphasis on social-emotional development. Our activities include: circle time, small groups, story & music time, indoor playground/outside play, and free choice with centers for art, blocks, dramatic play, sensory, reading/writing, manipulatives, and snack. Two enrollment sessions to choose from Monday - Thursday 8:30 am to 10:45 am or Monday - Thursday 12:15 pm to 2:30 pm. Contact: (269) 539-5316.

Van Buren Conservation District

1035 E Michigan Ave., Suite A, Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-4030 x5 | info@vanburencd.org | vanburencd.org
Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm (appointment needed for in person)

The Van Buren Conservation District provides public education, demonstrations, and technical assistance to help folks use natural resources in a responsible way. We provide a recycling program, habitat and land guidance, agricultural programs, a tree seedling sale, community cleanups, invasive species guidance, and food and recreation promotion.

EMERGENCY / DISASTER SERVICES

If you feel someone is in IMMEDIATE danger, dial 9-1-1

American Red Cross

Southwest Michigan Chapter
(269) 353-6180 | redcross.org
Provides relief to victims of fire or other disaster.

Services to Armed Forces

(877) 272-7337
redcross.org/get-help/military-families/emergency-communication.html
Provides emergency services to military families through emergency Finance, Referral Services and Deployment Services.

Victim Services Unit

Van Buren County Sherriff Department
24 Hours (269) 657-3101 | Office (269) 657-2006
vanburencountymi.gov/279/Victim-Services-Unit

The Van Buren County Victim Services Unit (VSU) is a trained volunteer group dedicated to helping victims, survivors and their loved ones work through a crisis, they are the helping hands of the police, fire and medical personnel. Victim Services Unit volunteers can be requested by any police department, fire department or hospital within the county, or by volunteers themselves. They will respond, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, to the scene, police agencies or other locations.

Michigan 2-1-1

211 or 844-875-9211 or text your zip code to 898211
mi211.org (live help via chat)

Michigan 2-1-1 is an easy way to find help of all kinds, right in your community. Need help with food, housing, or paying bills? Need support in a family crisis or community disaster? We're here for you. Any time. All the time. Just call, text, or search online and we'll get you connected. 211 offers help in 180+ languages.

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Adoption Associates Inc.

Call: (616) 667-0677 | Text: (248) 283-4673 | info@adoptionassociates.net
adoptionassociates.net

Adoption Associates provides compassion and support to women who are thinking about planning adoption for their child.

The Post Adoption Resource Center

901 Eastern Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 224-7565 | postadoptionrc.org
Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Support & education for families in a finalized Michigan adoption or subsidized guardianship. Serving Allegan, Berrien, Cass, Kent, Ottawa, Muskegon and Van Buren Counties.

Bethany Christian Services

6687 Seeco Drive, Kalamazoo, MI, 49009
(269) 372-8800 | bethany.org/SWMichigan

We provide foster care, foster care adoption, post adoption support, refugee resettlement, and refugee foster care services.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Michigan

3501 Covington Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49001
(269) 382-6800 | ThinkBigToday.org

Provides children ages 6-17 with one-on-one, professionally supported mentoring relationships.

Farmworker Outreach Services Division-Southern Region

57150 CR 681, Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 308-1898 | vazqueze@michigan.gov

We focus on the migrant and seasonal farmworkers in the Southern Region. We provide them with human resources in order to assist them with day-to-day needs.

Help Me Grow Van Buren

490 South Paw Paw St, Lawrence, MI 49064
(269) 906-2133 | helpmegrowvanburen.org
Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Help Me Grow can assist you in finding local resources for helping children grow up healthy and ready to succeed in school. This program is for all families with children prenatal to age six. Call or text anytime! Hablamos español!

Caring Network – Catholic Charities

1441 S Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(269) 381-1234 | ccdok.org/caring-network
Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Support for parenting and pregnant families: Customized case management, referrals for community resources, free pregnancy tests, material items to support moms and babies, car seat inspection/checks, Parenting/Childbirth/Lactation Classes (virtual or in- person available).

Daily Recovery Zone

609 East Michigan Ave, Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 303-5273 | dailyrecoveryzone.com

We offer recovery meetings, mentoring, sponsoring, tutoring and connecting to other community resources. Please refer to schedule on website.

Diaper Bank Assistance

HOPE Parent Resource Center

901 South Bailey Ave, Suite 1, South Haven, MI 49090
hopeblossomshere.org
1st Monday of every month 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

OR

United Christian Services

600 E Michigan Ave, Paw Paw, MI 49079 (Entrance C)
unitedchristianservices-evbc.com/our-services
3rd Monday of every month 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

United Christian Services and HOPE Parent Resource Center are partnering to provide free diapers and wipes to eligible households. This free resource has been made possible by the funding from Allegan Community Action Agency.

One pickup allowed per month - choose one location only. Supplies limited.

Eligibility: Free diapers and wipes to families for children UNDER 36 months who qualify for at least one of the following:

- Family Independence Program
- State Emergency Relief
- Weatherization
- Low-Income Household Assistance Program
- Supplemental Security Income
- Below 200% FPL

Department of Health and Human Services

57150 County Road 681, Hartford, MI 49057
(844) 464-3447 | (269) 621-2800 | newmibridges.michigan.gov
Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Food Assistance Program, Medicaid, State Emergency Relief, Child Development & Care, Cash Assistance, Child Protective Services, Foster Care, Adult Protective Services, Home Help Care

Family & Community Services – Foster Care and Adoption

42140 Van Dyke Ave, Suite 110, Sterling Heights, MI 48314
(586) 726-2988 | facadopt.org
Offers services for foster care and adoption.

Family Bound

familybound.org | facebook.com/familybound.org
(269) 993-9671

Family Bound is committed to strengthening family ties within all types of households informing and equipping teams of professionals who work with children and inspiring community members to build teams of support around foster, adoptive or kinship families.

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan

601 West Maple St, Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(269) 343-1516 | gshom.org

Builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

Southwest Child Care Resources

5250 Lovers Lane, Ste. LL 120, Portage, MI 49002
(269) 349-3296 | ccr4kids.org | greatstarttoquality.org

We provide support for families looking for high quality childcare. We also support child care providers (both home and center) with early childhood resources, coaching around their quality improvement goals with Great Start to Quality, and more. We serve including Van Buren, Cass, Berrien, Allegan, Barry, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph & Calhoun counties.

We Care Community Resource Center

Central Office: (269) 637-4342 | adminteam@wecare-inc.org
Monday-Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Closed Friday.

PERSONAL HYGIENE PANTRY

First Assembly of God Church (06500 Blue Star Hwy, South Haven)

Wednesdays 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

For South Haven residents; Must call to register; Can go once every 3 months

Church of Christ (214 Walnut St, Bangor)

Tuesdays 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

For Bangor residents; Must call to register; Can go once every 3 months

Lily of the Valley Church (30600 M-140, Covert)

Wednesdays 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

For Covert residents; Must call to register; Can go once per month

BABY CARE PANTRY'S

Peace Lutheran Church (06321 Blue Star Hwy, South Haven)
Monday – Friday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
For South Haven residents; Must call to register; Can go once a month

Simpson United Methodist Church (507 Joy St, Bangor)
Thursdays 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
For Bangor residents; Must call to register; Can go once a month

Lily of the Valley Church (30600 M-140, Covert)
Wednesday 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
For South Haven residents; Must call to register; Can go once a month

UTILITIES PROGRAM

Anyone who is having a difficult time paying their utilities bills are invited to stop by and see how We Care can help. The most complicated and intense program, We Care coordinates with up to 10 other agencies to ensure each bill is paid in full.
Seasonal: October 1 - May 31.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

Gas vouchers for emergency, school or doctor appointments for life threatening conditions. Free rides through VB Transit.

SEASONAL PROGRAMS

Holiday Meal Baskets (Sign-up begins October 1st)
Holiday Gifts (Sign-up begins October 1st)

Michigan Alliance for Families

(269) 934-9471 or (800) 552-4821 | info@michiganallianceforfamilies.org
michiganallianceforfamilies.org

Michigan Alliance for Families provides information, support, and education for families who have children and young adults (birth to 26 years of age) who receive (or may be eligible to receive) special education services.

Michigan Works! Offender Success Program

32849 E Red Arrow Hwy Suite 100, Paw Paw, MI 49079
(800) 285-WORKS (9675) | miworks.org/offender-success

Offender Success is a statewide program implemented by the Michigan Department of Corrections that assists recently paroled offenders to transition back into society. To get help individuals with a successful transition back into our communities, we focus on four different types of services: Job Placement, Residential Stability, Health and Behavioral Health, Social Support

Pokagon Tribal Social Services

58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

(800) 782-8998 | pokagonband-nsn.gov

Provides education, social services, housing and a variety of services for members of the Potawatomi tribe. We services families prenatal to age 5 in our healthy start program. Provide many services such as breastfeeding education and support, ASQ's, assessments, home safety, and much more. We provide a wraparound care coordination with our health office.

United Way of Southwest Michigan

2015 Lakeview Ave, St. Joseph, MI 49085

(269) 982-1700 | uwsm.org

United Way of Southwest Michigan fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in every community. Besides funding nonprofit agencies in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties, United Way of Southwest Michigan operates Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and contracts with Gryphon Place to offer 211 in our service area.

The Avenue Family Network West Michigan Guardianship

2450 M-139, Benton Harbor, MI 49023

(269) 925-1725 | avenuefamilynetwork.org/west-michigan-guardianship-1

Arranges and monitors services for individuals who are unable to care for themselves and have no one else to help them. This may include serving as Guardian, Conservator, Representative Payee, or Power of Attorney. Budget management also available.

Wings of God Transition Home

Paw Paw, MI 49079 | (269) 415-0777

info@wingsofgodinc.org | wingsofgodinc.org

A faith-based transitional home for formerly incarcerated women. Offers life skill and money management classes, addiction recovery services, individual counseling and mentoring.

Telamon Early Childhood and Family Support

416 N Cedar St. Lansing, MI 48912
(517) 281-6196 | telamon.org/where-we-work/Michigan
Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Telamon prepares children and their parents for success at school and at home. Our program includes a comprehensive Head Start program that includes quality early education in and out of the home, parenting education, nutrition education, and family support services. We provide services for Early Migrant and Seasonal Head Start children of eligible farmworkers ages 0 - 5 years old. We also provide Pregnant Woman services.

We have 8 available locations in MI Bear Lake, New Era, Kent City, Conklin, Pullman, Keeler, Watervliet and Sodus.

Great Lakes Latina/o Farmers Program

37458 W Red Arrow Hwy, Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 350-0700 | amendez@tealmon.org | telamon.org
Monday – Thursday 7:00 am to 5:30 pm

Bilingual workshops and training in agriculture, pesticide certification training, Credits for the renewal of pesticide certification, Pesticide Safety training for WPS (Worker Protection Standard), Visit one on one and field practices.

FOOD / CLOTHING / FURNITURE

Townline Resource Center

113 W. Main St., Breedsville, MI 54230

(269) 521-4559 | townlineumc.org

Tuesdays 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

The Resource Center is open to all and provides **food and clothing** for anyone in need.
Proof of income or need is not requested.

Jody's Closet at Calvary Community Church

7829 South 5th Street, Mattawan, MI 49071

Direct line (no voicemail): (269) 375-0079 | calvaryreform.org

Mondays & Tuesdays 10 am – 12 pm and Thursdays 6 pm – 7:30 pm

1st Saturday of the month 8:30 am – 10 am

New and/or gently used **clothing** size birth through adult 5X.

FREE to Mattawan area residents.

Hope Resources

262 N Paw Paw St, Coloma MI 49038

(269) 202-6050 | hoperesourcesberrien.org | hoperesourcesberrien@gmail.com

Food pantry for residents of Coloma, Watervliet and Riverside. Closed on Snow Day and Holidays. Available items can vary as funds allow but can include a large variety of food items, diapers, formula, baby food, and personal care items.

Community Thrift Shop

1000 East Michigan Ave, Paw Paw, MI 49079

(269) 657-4186

Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Low-cost clothing and home supplies. Accepts Vouchers.

Donations accepted Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Cooperating Ministries Food Pantry

425 East Main St, Hartford, MI 49057

(269) 621-4103

Thursday 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Food pantry for Keeler Township and Hartford residents.

Decatur Human Services

102 S. Phelps, Decatur, MI 49045

(269) 423-6474 | decaturhumanservices.net

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Decatur and Hamilton township residents only

Emergency food. Some assistance with utilities, gasoline, medications.

Eleanor's Pantry

221 Drew Street, Paw Paw, MI 49079

(269) 415-0444 | eleanorspantry.com

Monday, Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Food and personal care items for Paw Paw and Lawton residents only.

Gobles-Kendall Area Ministerial Association

210 E. Exchange St, Gobles, MI 49055

Contact Sheila Baker (269) 501-0224

Visit Gobles Pantry on Facebook for Schedule

Food pantry and commodities. For residents north of M-43 in Bloomingdale, Gobles, and Kendall. Bring photo ID and containers for food.

Goodwill Industries of Southwestern Michigan, Inc.

Call / Text (269) 422-0327 | Headquarters (269) 382-0490

goodwillswmi.org | gethelp@goodwillswmi.org

Low-cost clothing and home supplies. Vouchers must be approved by main office.

Lawrence United Methodist Church

122 South Exchange St, Lawrence, MI 49064
(269) 674-8381 | lawrencemethodistchurch.org
1st Wednesday of the Month 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th Wednesday of the Month 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Community **food pantry**. No morning pick-up on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

Lydia's Clothing Closet

A Service of United Christian Services

600 E Michigan Ave, Annex Suite 2, Paw Paw, MI 49079
(south annex doors facing the bus garage)
(269) 415-0767 | unitedchristianservices-evbc.com/our-services
Mondays, Thursdays 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Lydia's Closet provides **free clothing** to people in need. Professional wear, maternity, men's, women's and children's items available. If we don't have the size you require, take a "raincheck" and we will do our best to appeal to the community for what you need.

Mattawan Area Pantry

56720 Murray St, Mattawan, MI 49071
(269) 459-3088 | mattawanareapantry.blogspot.com
Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Food pantry for Mattawan School District residents. Families are eligible to receive food from the pantry once a month and can choose the distribution that works best for them. The pantry offers a food distribution on the first and third Saturdays of each month. People will be served on a first-come, first-served basis and receive a variety of perishable and non-perishable foods for their families. The distributions begin at 8:30 am and run through 11:30 am (must check in by 11:15 am).

The Porch

A Service of United Christian Services

600 E Michigan Ave, East 2, Paw Paw, MI 49079 (door beside the gymnasium)
(269) 415-0767 | unitedchristianservices-evbc.com/our-services
Mondays, Thursdays 12:30 pm (check in between 11:30 am to 12:00 pm)

The Porch provides **supplemental food** including fruits, vegetables, bread (and meat and dairy when available) for those in need in Van Buren County. Arrive between 11:30 am and 12:00 pm to sign in. Distribution begins at 12:30 pm with names being called in a random order.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Food Pantry

201 South Walnut St, Bangor, MI 49013
(269) 427-8350 | Thursdays 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

For residents of Bangor, Grand Junction, Bloomingdale, Breedsville.

Clothing Thrift Store

245 W. Monroe, Bangor, MI 49013
Fridays and Saturdays 9:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Bread of Life Food Program – Catholic Charities

425 E Main St, Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 910-3578 | ccdok.org/bread-of-life

Providing **supplemental food** to all in need. No income restrictions. Food is distributed at Hartford United Methodist Church (425 E Main St, Hartford, MI 49057). Limited home deliveries available. Visit website for more information.

We Care Community Resource Center

1301 M-43 Highway, Suite 2B, South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 637-4342 | adminteam@wecare-inc.org
Monday - Thursday 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Serves residents of Bangor, Covert and South Haven. Proof of residency is required.

Coordinates local church ministries and pantries to provide: **food, clothing, personal care items** not covered by Bridge Card, baby items (no car seats), furniture, household goods, and medical equipment.

WIC (Women, Infants, Children)

181 West Michigan Ave, Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 655-8900 | intercare.org | PawPawWIC@InterCare.org

50 Industrial Park, Suite 7, Bangor, MI 49013
(269) 427-7914 | intercare.org | BangorWIC@InterCare.org

113 S. Front Street, Dowagiac, MI 49047
(269) 782-3374 | intercare.org | DowagiacWIC@InterCare.org

Provides supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant and postpartum women, and Infants - age 5 at nutritional risk.
Breastfeeding support service. **Información en español.**

HOSPICE & RESIDENTIAL CARE

Bronson Commons

23332 Red Arrow Highway, Mattawan, MI 49071
(269) 283-5200 | bronsonhealth.com

We are a 100-bed, all-private room facility. We specialize in short-term nursing care and therapy for adult patients following illness, injury or hospitalization. We also have a unit devoted to long-term care in a secure, homelike environment.

Care Coordination

Provided by Senior Services of Van Buren County

(866) 627-8904 | seniorservices-vbc.org/care-coordination

Care Coordination is for individuals 60 years of age or older who would benefit from in-home assistance or community services and resources. A Care Coordinator will work in partnership with an older adult and his or her loved ones to identify needs and coordinate care. A Care Coordinator can assist you in learning about community resources and services such as:

Home care and Home Visits, Housing Options and Home Modifications, Emergency Assistance, Including Utility and Food Security Assistance, Medicare/Medicaid and DHHS Assistance, Legal Aid Referrals and Crisis Management, and Medical Emergency Cards

Corewell Health Hospice & Palliative Care Southwest Michigan

05055 Blue star Hwy, South Haven, MI 49090
(800) 717-3811 | caring-circle.org | Open 24/7

Non-profit hospice agency, in community for over 40 years (formerly Caring Circle), provides hospice and palliative care services, as well as bereavement (grief support) services for individuals and families in Van Buren, Berrien, Cass and Allegan counties from offices based in South Haven, St. Joseph and Niles. Also offer inpatient hospice services at a hospice center in Stevensville, MI and in-home primary care for those who have serious or chronic conditions and who are unable to travel to a physician's office or clinic for care.

South Haven office is location in Van Buren County. We also have offices in Niles, St. Joseph and an inpatient hospice center in Stevensville.

Centrica Care Navigators

7100 Stadium Dr, Kalamazoo, MI 49009
(269) 345-0273 or (800) 304-0273 | centricacare.org

Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Easton, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Van Buren. Supports individuals and their caregivers during chronic or terminal illness with individualized medical, emotional, spiritual, and personal care; compassionate care for those coping with illness, dying, and loss.

HOSPITALS

Ascension Borgess Allegan Hospital

555 Linn St, Allegan, MI 49010 | (269) 673-8424

Ascension Borgess Medical Center

1521 Gull Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49048 | (269) 226-7000

Ascension Borgess-Lee Memorial Hospital

420 West High St, Dowagiac, MI 49047 | (269) 782-8681

Bronson LakeView Hospital

408 Hazen St, Paw Paw, MI 49079 | (269) 657-3141

Bronson Methodist Hospital

601 John St, Kalamazoo, MI 49007 | (269) 341-7654

Bronson Lakeview Medical Practices

& Bronson Diagnostics

451 Health Parkway, Paw Paw, MI 49079 | (269) 655-3065

Corewell Health Watervliet Hospital

400 Medical Park Drive, Watervliet, MI 49098 | (269) 463-3111

South Haven Health System

955 South Bailey Ave, South Haven, MI 49090 | (269) 637-5271

HEAT / RENT / UTILITIES

Information you should have available when applying for assistance:

- Photo ID for person registering for assistance (i.e. name of person on utilities bill, mortgage or lease)
- Social Security Card for person registering for assistance
- Social Security Numbers for all family members living with you
- Proof of Income for 4 weeks in a row of the last 60 days, for every-one living in the household (pay check stubs, current SSI, Social Security, or Disability letter, etc...)
- Current Bill that you need help with (heat/electric bill and/or shut-off notice, rent/mortgage bill or eviction notice).
- For Refillable Fuel, a bill is not needed, but you will need name/number/address of your supplier.
- Rent or Mortgage payment verification (Lease or Mortgage Papers)

Individuals are encouraged to start by calling 2-1-1 for assistance.

Consider applying for State Emergency Relief (SER) through
newmibridges.michigan.gov

Michigan 2-1-1

211 or 844-875-9211 or text your zip code to 898211
mi211.org (live help via chat)

Michigan 2-1-1 is an easy way to find help of all kinds, right in your community. Need help with food, housing, or paying bills? Need support in a family crisis or community disaster? We're here for you. Any time. All the time. Just call, text, or search online and we'll get you connected. 211 offers help in 180+ languages.

Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS)

Michigan Department of Health & Human Services
57150 CR 681, Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-2800 | michigan.gov/mdhhs

Offers programs that assist with housing and rent costs. Some utilities.

Home Heating Assistance — Catholic Charities

1819 Gull Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49048
(269) 381-9800 | ccdok.org/home-heating-assistance
Thursdays 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (January through March)

Emergency home heating, utility assistance available January through March each year.

ShowMeTheRent.com

Find your next apartment or rental home on ShowMeTheRent. Tons of up-to-date listings, maps, school districts and more! Start your search now at showmethere.com

Housing Search Assistance

affordablehousing.com

Search for apartments by location, rent, size, ADA accessibility.

Southwest MI Community Action Agency (SMCAA)

Office: 57150 CR 681, Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 605-4145 | (269) 915-9077 | smcaa.com
Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Shelter: 210 East Delaware St, Decatur MI 49045 | (269) 605-4526

Food Pantry, Rental Assistance, Utility Assistance, Metered Water and Sewer program, Weatherization, Homeless shelter (housing and homeless prevention).

United Christian Services

600 E Michigan Ave, Annex Suite 1, Paw Paw MI 49079
(269) 415-0767 | unitedchristianservices-evbc.com

Intake: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Emergency Assistance

If you need financial assistance for an emergency, please call the office during opening hours or email us as a first step. Our office number is (269) 415-0767. Anyone we assist with financial support is required to be interviewed by one of our caring volunteers over the phone. During that confidential meeting, we will assist you in identifying your most crucial needs, complete an intake questionnaire, and identify the services we offer that can help you. On many occasions, we also have knowledge and contact information of resources for those needs outside of our scope. We will pray for you and your family if you wish it.

Requirements: Before we can help with any financial assistance, we require copies of:

- The past due or shutoff notice, eviction notice or lease
- Your proof of income
- Any DHHS decision notice
- A list of monthly household expenses and income

Coffee Connections

600 E Michigan Ave, Entrance C, Paw Paw MI 49079
Mondays 9:00 am to 11:00 am | unitedchristianservices-evbc.com/our-services

Coffee Connections is the place where you can get free coffee, bagels and other baked goods, and where you can also find agencies and resources for advice and assistance. Representatives from: DHHS, Friend of the Court, Express Employment, Domestic Violence Coalition, The Great Start Coalition, Veteran Services, Caring Circle of Spectrum Health, and many more organizations are regularly in attendance and are willing to meet with you to discuss your needs. Please note: not every agency attends every week.

LEGAL SERVICES / COURTS

36th Judicial Circuit Court

212 E Paw Paw Street, 2nd Floor, Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-8200 | 36circuitcourt@vanburencountymi.gov
vanburencountymi.gov/162/36th-Circuit-Court

The 36th Circuit Court has original jurisdiction in all civil cases with claims of more than \$25,000 and criminal cases where the offense is a felony or serious misdemeanor. The Family Division of Circuit Court handles all domestic relations cases. The Friend of the Court handles domestic relations cases involving minor children.

Van Buren County Probate Court

212 E Paw Paw St, Suite 220, Paw Paw MI 49079
(269) 657-8225 | probate@vanburencountymi.gov
vanburencountymi.gov/177/Probate-Court

The Van Buren County Probate Court handles estate cases, files wills for safe keeping, processes name changes, and assigns guardians and conservators.

Van Buren County Specialty Courts and Pre-Trial Services

212 E Paw Paw St, Paw Paw MI 49079
(269) 657-8200 Ex: 3843

Van Buren County specialty courts include: Adult Recovery Court, Drug Treatment Court, Family Recovery Court, Family Reunification Court, Sobriety Court, Swift and Sure, and Drug Screening Office.

Office of Congressman Bill Huizenga

Huizenga.House.Gov
Holland: 170 College Ave. Suite 160 Holland, MI 49423
Portage: 5228 Lovers Lane Suite 108 Portage, MI 49002
Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Congressman Bill Huizenga and his team are here to serve the constituents of Michigan's Fourth Congressional District. If you need help with a federal agency, such as the IRS, VA, Social Security Administration, and more, or have a legislative question or concern, please don't hesitate to reach out to our office in Holland or Portage.

Legal Aid of Western Michigan

141 West Michigan Ave, Ste 400, Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 344-8113 | Intake: (800) 819-0773 | lawestmi.org

Free legal assistance to low-income persons and seniors in non-criminal, non-fee generating matters; also addresses the needs of the disabled and domestic violence survivors. **Información en español**

Farmworker Legal Services

350 E Michigan Ave, Suite 310, Kalamazoo MI, 49007
(269) 492-7190 | (800) 968-4046
fls@farmworkerlaw.org | farmworkerlaw.org
Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (call open until evening)

Farmworker Legal Services – Cont.

Farmworker Legal Services (FLS) is a statewide, non-profit legal services organization that represents former and current low-income immigrant, migrant, and seasonal farmworkers, and their immediate family members in the state of Michigan. FLS' priority cases include failure to pay wages, recruitment abuses, unexpected changes in the employment contract or working arrangement, substandard health and safety conditions at housing or worksites, and immigration. FLS staff members are bilingual in English and Spanish.

Información en español

Legal Immigration Assistance — Catholic Charities

1819 Gull Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49048
(269) 381-9800 | ccdok.org/immigration-assistance
Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Consultations available on Monday's 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (no appointment required)

Legal representation to eligible clients in the following areas:

- Application for Adjustment of Status for family members
- Application for Naturalization
- Petition for Victims of Domestic Violence and other victim crimes
- Petition for Alien Relatives
- Temporary Status Protection Renewal or Initial Applications
- Applications for Green Card Renewal
- DACA Renewal

Información en español

Michigan Migrant Legal Assistance Project-MMLAP

1104 Fuller Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(800) 418-3390 | mmlap.com

Michigan Migrant Legal Assistance Project, Inc. (Migrant Legal Aid) helps ensure equal rights for Michigan's low-income farmworkers and their families. Migrant Legal Aid provides programs and services to help ensure migrants are not subject to discriminatory treatment. These programs include community legal education to migrants and community advocates; outreach services to the camps where migrants are housed; and legal advice to migrants regarding their employment, minimum wage, right to suitable housing, education, health and public benefits, civil rights, and worker protections. **Información en español**

MEDICAL & DENTAL CARE

Alternatives Pregnancy Care Center

4200 West Michigan Ave, Suite 100, Kalamazoo, MI 49006
(269) 345-1740 | alternativescc.org

Offers HIV & STI Screening, free pregnancy testing, pregnancy options, abortion alternatives, childbirth and parenting classes. Clothing resources for mother and baby.

Cares Sexual Wellness Agency

caresswm.org
629 Pioneer St, Ste 200, Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(269) 381-2437

185 E. Main St, Suite 600, Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 927-2437

Cares is a Sexual Wellness Agency that provides free health and wellness resources for our Southwest Michigan community as well as specialty case management for those living with HIV. We offer zero-cost services like STI testing, HIV testing, PrEP access and much more.

Van Buren / Cass Health Department

260 South Street, Lawrence MI, 49064

(269) 621-3143 x 0 | vbcassdhd.org

Monday – Thursday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Friday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

The health department comprises of 4 departments; medical, environmental, dental, health promotions and so much more. Our purpose is to be committed to improving our programs with a focus on the needs and outcomes of the clients by continually learning about and improving health and linking to other institutions and organization.

All services are also provided at our Dowagiac facility (302 S Front Street, Dowagiac MI, 49047). Health Education presentations, information and event participation available upon request. Nursing clinic hours for both offices are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 to 11:00 am and 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Children's Special Health Care Services

260 South Street, Lawrence MI, 49064

(269) 621-3143 x 0 | vbcassdhd.org

Monday – Thursday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Friday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Supplemental Health Insurance, Care Coordination and Case Management services for families of children with chronic health issues.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program

(269) 373-5213 | (888) 243-4087 | kalcounty.com/hcs/mch/bcccnp

The Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department is the Local Coordinating Agency #15 for the Michigan Breast & Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program (BC3NP). This national and state program provides free mammograms, clinical breast exams, Pap smears, and pelvic exams to eligible women. It also offers follow-up care, medical referrals, and cancer treatment in Van Buren County. Visit the website for information and eligibility.

Inter-Care Community Health Network

308 Charles Street, Bangor, MI 49013

(855) 869-6900 | After Hours (866) 545-0010 | intercare.org

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00 am to 6:30 pm

Wednesday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Primary Medical Care including wellness and prevention services, acute care, and regular health maintenance and chronic disease management services. In addition, InterCare offers dental services (cleaning and treatment), obstetrics, pediatrics, women's health, and referrals for specialty services. **Información en español.**

WIC (Women, Infants, Children)

181 West Michigan Ave, Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 655-8900 | PawPawWIC@InterCare.org

50 Industrial Park, Suite 7, Bangor, MI 49013
(269) 427-7914 | BangorWIC@InterCare.org

113 S. Front Street, Dowagiac, MI 49047
(269) 782-3374 | DowagiacWIC@InterCare.org

Provides supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant or postpartum women, and infants - age 5 at nutritional risk. Breastfeeding support services. **Información en español.**

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Lending Hands of Michigan

4570 Commercial Ave, Suite E, Portage, MI 49002
(269) 567-4381 | lendinghandsmi.org

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

A volunteer non-profit that lends home durable medical equipment, for free for seven months, to residents of the Southwest Michigan counties of Allegan, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren counties and beyond.

We Care Community Resource Center

(269) 637-4342 | adminteam@we-care-inc.org
Monday – Thursday 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Coordinated through the We Care office(s). Open to anyone, of any age or income. FREE medical equipment loaned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Keep it as long as you need it. Then return it.

PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE

Abbott Patient Assistance Foundation
(800) 222-6885 | abbottpatientassistancefoundation.org

Professional Prescription Advice
(888) 477-2669 | pparx.org

RX Assist
(877) 537-5537 | rxassist.org

AstraZeneca Prescription Savings Program
AZ&ME Prescription Savings Program
(800) 292-6363 | AZandMe.com

Family Wize
familywize.org | Prescription coupons

SCHOOLS

Bangor Public Schools	(269) 427-6800	Mattawan Consolidated Schools	(269) 668-3361
Bloomington Public Schools	(269) 521-3900	St. Basil Catholic School South Haven	(269) 637-3529
Covert Public Schools	(269) 764-3700	St. Paul Lutheran School South Haven	(269) 637-4459
Decatur Public Schools	(269) 423-6800	St. Mary's Catholic School Paw Paw	(269) 657-3750
Gobles Public Schools	(269) 628-9390	South Haven Public Schools	(269) 637-0500
Hartford Public Schools	(269) 621-7000	Trinity Evangelical Lutheran School - Bangor	(269) 427-7102
Lawrence Public Schools	(269) 674-8233	Trinity Lutheran School Paw Paw	(269) 657-5921
Lawton Public Schools	(269) 624-7901	Van Buren Intermediate School District (VBISD)	(269) 674-8091
Paw Paw Public Schools	(269) 415-5200	VBISD Technology Center	(269) 674-8001

Allegan Area ESA Tech Center

2891 116th Ave, Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 512-7800 | alleganaesa.org/o/techcenter

Lake Michigan College

lakemichigancollege.edu

South Haven Campus: 125 Veterans Blvd, South Haven, MI 49090
Call/text: (269) 637-7500

Benton Harbor Campus: 2755 East Napier Ave, Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Call/text: (269) 927-8626

Bertrand Innovation Center: 1905 Foundation Drive, Niles MI 49120
Call/text: (269) 695-1391

LIBRARY SERVICES

Paw Paw District Library

609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-3800 | pawpawlib.org | info@pawpawlib.org

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Wednesday 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Friday, Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Your place to learn and grow.

The Paw Paw District Library's services are designed to help you, whether you need to borrow material, find information, access computers or WIFI, attend a program, make copies, send a fax, or use a meeting room.

Van Buren District Library

vbdl.org | (269) 423-4771

Locations:

Bangor - 420 Division Street, Bangor, MI 49013

Bloomington - 109 East Kalamazoo, Bloomington, MI 49026

Covert - 33680 M-140 Hwy, Covert, MI 49043

Decatur - 200 N Phelps St, Decatur, MI 49045

Gobles - 105 East Main Street, Gobles, MI 49055

Lawrence - 212 North Paw Paw Street, Lawrence, MI 49064

Mattawan - 24823 Front Avenue, Mattawan, MI 49071

Please see vbdl.org/branch-locations/ for hours and phone numbers.

We are a seven branch library system with branches in Mattawan (Antwerp Sunshine), Bangor, Bloomington, Covert, Gobles, Lawrence and Decatur (Webster Memorial, headquarters). We offer: physical materials circulation (books, audiobooks, DVDs); eBooks and eAudiobooks; WiFi hotspots circulation, public computer access, including Michigan Legal Help; programs and educational opportunities for all ages; public meeting rooms for use; technology assistance.

SENIOR RESOURCES

Campus for Creative Aging

2920 Lakeview Ave, St. Joseph, MI 49085
(269) 983-0177 | info@areaagencyonaging.org | campusforcreativeaging.org
Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

The Campus for Creative Aging is a place for creativity, purpose, growth and learning. It holds classes, programs, events and support groups for older adults, people with disabilities and caregivers. It also houses the Computer Learning Center. It's a resource for information about aging and a place for people to age creatively. Most classes at the Campus for Creative Aging are free. Some require a fee for supplies, but scholarships are always available.

Caring Connection

777 Riverview Dr, Building A, Benton Harbor, MI 49023
(269) 213-8421 | (269) 266-8660 | rmcginnis@caringconnectionmi.org | caringconnectionmi.org
Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Caring Connections – Paw Paw
302 E Michigan Ave, Paw Paw, Michigan 49079

Caring Connection – South Haven
1635 76th St, South Haven, MI 49090

Caring Connection – Benton Harbor
2480 M-139, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Caring Connection has three (3) Adult Day Service programs who offer a safe and inviting daytime environment where adults with memory loss and special needs can participate in meaningful and therapeutic activities to enhance their daily living. We offer Guardianship Services, Safe and Secure services and the Empowerment Center for Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Centralized Intake for Abuse & Neglect

(855) 444-3911 | michigan.gov/mdhhs/adult-child-serv/abuse-neglect

Contact to report abuse or neglect of children or vulnerable adults.

Care Trak

VBC Sheriff's Office
205 S Kalamazoo Street, Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-2006 | caretrak@vanburencountymi.gov

Care Trak is a telemetry tracking system used to track high-risk people with Alzheimer's disease and special needs children, primarily with Autism and Downs' Syndrome.

Meals on Wheels

If you are eligible to receive Meals on Wheels, you will first need to work with a Senior Services' Care Coordinator. Meal delivery is usually started as soon as possible.
Call (866) 627-8904

Meals on Wheels is available on a short- or long-term basis for those in need. If you've had surgery, have a temporary health condition or your caregiver is on vacation, you can receive Meals on Wheels for a few weeks, months or as needed. Meals are offered on a donation based on income. Minimum recommended donation of \$3.00 per meal or give what you can.

- Be at least 60 years old or have a spouse who is at least 60
- Generally unable to leave your home
- You or someone living at your home is unable to obtain or prepare meals
- You agree to be home when meals are delivered

Paw Paw Village Pharmacy

322 E. Michigan Ave, Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-6073 | pawpawpharmacy.com
Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Offers delivery of prescriptions to clients in Decatur, Lawrence, Lawton, Mattawan and Paw Paw areas.

AmeriCorp Seniors RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Program)

(866) 627-8904 | (269) 222-1264 | seniorservices-vbc.org

Our Retired Senior Volunteer program offers a range of volunteer opportunities for persons age 55 and older to serve their community through Senior Services or one of our partner Agencies. Volunteers choose how they serve, and how often they would like to serve.

Making giving back your second act!

Region IV Area Agency on Aging

2900 Lakeview Ave, St. Joseph, MI 49085
(800) 654-2810 | info@areaagencyonaging.org | areaagencyonaging.org
Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Area Agency on Aging provides aging services for Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties. This includes access to information, care management, in-home care programs like MI Choice Waiver, in-home primary care and behavioral and nutrition counseling, volunteer opportunities, healthy living classes, caregiver and dementia support, and more. We offer a continuum of payment options for services. Some are free, some are billed through insurance and others are cost-share or private pay.

Senior Services of Van Buren County

8337 M-140, Suite 1, South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 637-3607 | seniorservices-vbc.org
Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Locations: South Haven, Bangor, Hartford, Gobles, Bloomingdale, Decatur, Grand Junction, Porter Township, Bangor, Casco Township

Senior Services of Van Buren County provides services, opportunities, and caring support to seniors, to enhance their quality of life.

Ten Senior Centers offer recreational activities, fitness classes, meal sites, educational presentations, socialization, and more. Care Coordinators assist seniors and work to meet their needs with home visits, follow-up care, medical lending closet, housing assistance, transportation help, food security assistance, and more.

Paw Paw Senior Center

600 E Michigan Ave, Entrance C, Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-5076 | pawpawtownshipmi.gov/senior-resources-activities

The Paw Paw Senior Center provides programs and opportunities that promote personal health, friendship and independence for adults aged 60 years and older.

TRANSPORTATION

Van Buren Public Transit

(269) 427-7921

Weekday Curb-to-curb reservation service in Van Buren County. Dial-A-Ride and Flex Routes in South Haven and Paw Paw. Out-of-County rides for medical appointments only. Book up to 14 days in advance. Veterans Shuttle rides Tuesday & Thursday to the VA in Battle Creek.

Types of Services:

DIAL-A-RIDE: Curb to curb service within the Paw Paw and South Haven areas.

Paw Paw Dial-A-Ride

Monday through Thursday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm / last call 3:30 pm

Friday 10 am to 3:00 pm / last call 2:30 pm

South Haven Dial-A-Ride

Monday through Friday 6:45 am to 8:00 pm / last call 7:30 pm

Saturday & Sunday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm / last call 3:30 pm

Seniors age 60+ and Veterans residing in Van Buren County ride FREE with a Transit Rider Card. Call Dispatch to inquire how to get one. Call Dispatch to inquire about a Universal Reduced Fare Card.

COUNTY-WIDE-RESERVATIONS: Travel within Van Buren County. We recommend at least 24-hour advanced notice for reservation rides. Reservations can be made up to 14 days in advance.

OUT-OF-COUNTY RESERVATIONS: Travel to surrounding area counties for medical/legal purposes only.

FLEX ROUTES: A Flex Route, also known as a deviated route, is like a fixed route as it keeps to a regular hourly schedule, but vehicles can deviate from the route to pick up or drop off passengers from other locations along the way, when prearranged through dispatch. South Haven Metro Loop & Paw Paw Concord Loop.

CONTRACT: Transportation services to agencies for their clients. Call for more information. All Services are Based on Availability.

VETERAN RIDES: Tuesday and Thursday, based on availability.

Drop Off: 9:00 am and 12:30 pm

Returns: 12:30 pm and 4:30 pm

Call (269) 302-0237 to schedule veteran rides.

VETERAN SERVICES

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #6248 Decatur

560 N Phelps St, Decatur, Michigan 49045
(269) 423-7454 | vfwpost6248@gmail.com
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Veteran Resource Center, medical equipment to loan, hall rentals (weddings, meetings, funerals), community event center, outdoor facilities.

American Red Cross - Services to Armed Forces

(877) 272-7337

Military and Veteran Caregiver Network
info.mvcn@redcross.org | redcross.org/get-help/military-families/services-for-veterans/military-veteran-caregiver-network.html

The Military and Veteran Caregiver Network (MVCN) offers peer-based support and services to connect those providing care to service members and veterans living with wounds, illnesses, injuries and/or aging.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

24 hours (800) 698-2411 | va.gov/homeless/ssvf

Short-term intervention to help Veteran families keep, or rapidly transition to, permanent housing. Focuses service on individuals who are in transitional housing, at risk for homelessness, or who are currently homeless.

Van Buren County Veterans Services Department

226 E Michigan Ave, Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-8200 Ex: 1612 | veterans@vanburencountymi.gov
vanburencountymi.gov/562/Veterans-Services
Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Helps veterans and/or dependents apply for Veterans benefits of all types including emergency assistance.

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