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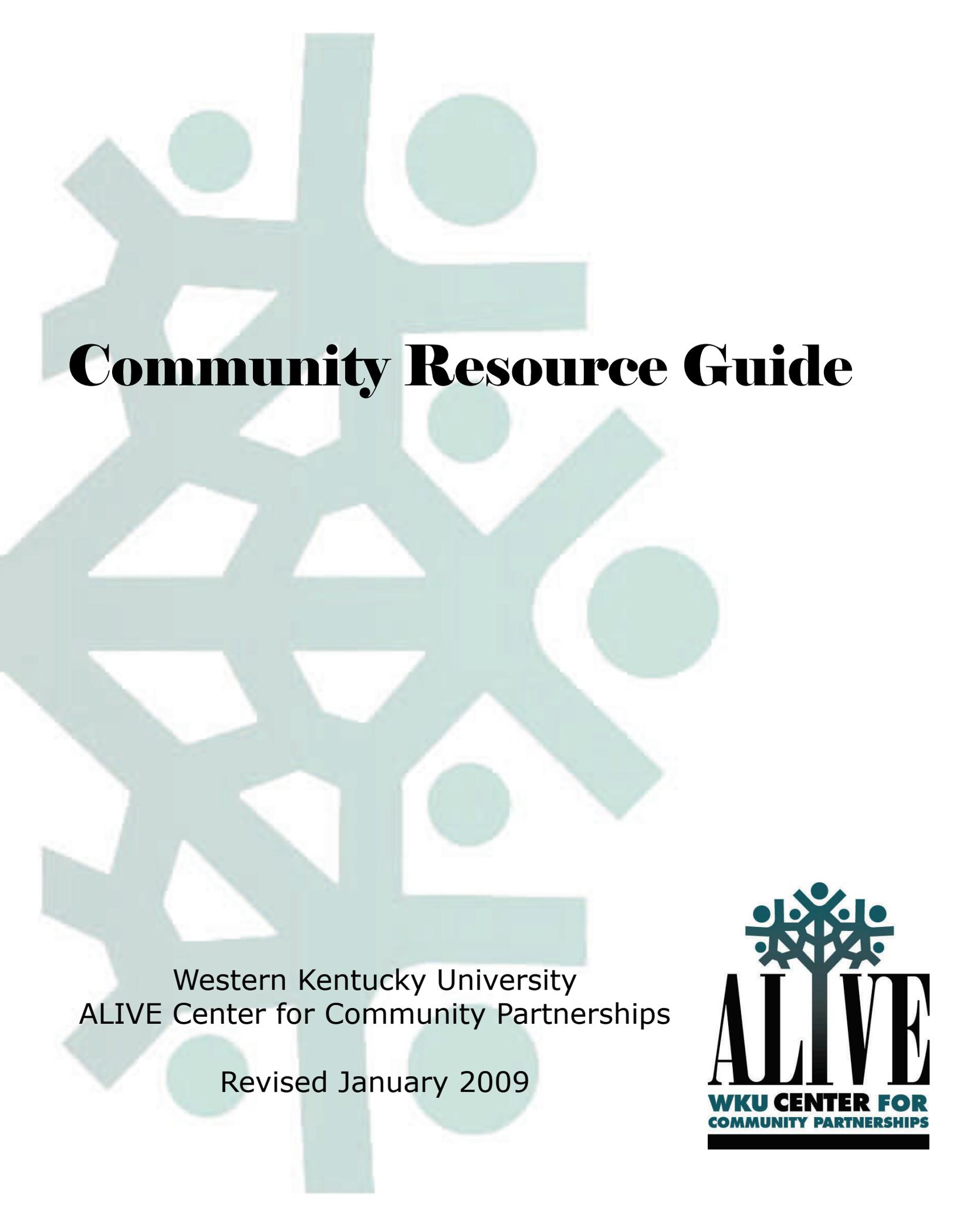
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## **CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES**

### **Community Action - Child Care Centers**

**270-782-3162**

**921 Beauty Avenue**

Provides quality, affordable child care services for ages six weeks and older to area families with two childcare centers in Bowling Green and one each in Brownsville, Edmonton, and Russellville; Evening care is offered in Bowling Green. Locations of Centers: Little Treasures #1 516 Third Street Bowling Green, KY 42101 Little Treasures #3 1240 Fairview Ave Bowling Green, KY 42101 EHS 200 East Fourth St. Bowling Green, KY 42101.

### **Community Action – Comm. Collaborations for Children - Support Service Aides**

**270-782-3162**

**921 Beauty Avenue**

Provides services to children and families in cooperation with Department for Community Based Services Protection and Permanency; this project provides enhancement and preventative services to families in crisis or children at risk of abuse or neglect.

### **Community Action - Family Preservation, Family Reunification, and FACTS**

**270-782-3162**

**921 Beauty Avenue**

Provides in-home crisis intervention services to families referred by the Department of Community Based Services; therapist works to keep families together and safe, or reunite family members who have been separated.

### **Department for Community Based Services – Family Support**

**270-746-7850**

**1010-1020 State Street**

Provide food stamp benefits, Medicaid and other medical benefits for the elderly, medical transportation, Kchip and Kinship Care, KTAP, and KPC.

### **Department for Community Based Services – Protection and Permanency**

**270-746-7447**

**1010-1020 State Street**

Child protection, adult protection, and foster care and adoption.

### **Family Enrichment Center, Inc.**

**270-781-6714**

**441 Church Avenue**

Empowering families and preventing child abuse by providing education, social support, crisis intervention, and a safe environment for children and their families. Services include Wee Care Nursery, Parent Education, Home Visitation Program, Adoption Resource Center, Parents as Teachers, Respite Child Care, parent support groups, and child abuse community awareness. Respite Child Care is a new program for parents looking for temporary child care who are financially unable to secure child care. Respite is a free service to those who are receiving services from the Department for Community Based Services experiencing a crisis and those who are in the Foster Program. There is a \$15.00 fee to those not receiving these services.

**Lifeskills Adult Crisis Stabilization Unit****270-901-5000****822 Woodway Drive**

Provides a place to stay and stabilize circumstances, emotions, and/or chemistry for people with severe mental illness such as depression, anxiety disorders, bipolar disorders, schizophrenia, and other serious and chronic mental illness. Professionals work together with and encourage consumers and family members to resolve issues and situations that may have contributed to the crisis. Services are provided in a supportive environment without leaving the community or entering a hospital. Each resident is evaluated by mental health professionals and is involved in the development of his or her own personal treatment plan.

**Lifeskills Child and Family Center****270-901-5000****640 Wright Avenue**

Provide counseling, case management, home visitation, and assessments for child mental health clientele.

**Lifeskills Child Crisis Stabilization Unit****270-901-5000****501 Chestnut Street**

Provide a 24-hour crisis stabilization program for child mental health clientele ages 7 to 17 in a very informal, non-threatening environment.

**Lifeskills Park Place Recovery Center****270-901-5000****822 Woodway Drive**

The Park Place Recovery Center is a 14 to 28 day residential, 20 bed, co-ed treatment facility where women and men are housed separately. It offers non-medical detox services, psychotherapy, parenting and educational groups, individual counseling, medical lectures, gender-specific, 12-step groups and after care services. An assessment fee of \$50 is charged. Park Place is open to all residents of the 10-county area. Other Kentucky State residents will be admitted with a referral.

**Lifeskills Regional Prevention Center****270-842-5509****922 State Street**

Provide information, educational programs, and technical assistance on tobacco, drugs, and violence for at risk youth and adults; also provides substance abuse prevention coordination for ASAP (Agency for Substance Abuse Policy).

**Lifeskills Service Center****270-842-4454****707 East Main Street**

Provide counseling, case management, and therapeutic rehabilitation for adult mental health clientele; also has a Home Shelter program to aid with housing needs, a Supported Employment program and the Wishing Well Clubhouse for clientele.

**Lifeskills Supports for Community Living****270-901-5000****1514 Westen Avenue**

Serve individuals with mental retardation and developmental disabilities to provide them with whatever services they may need.

**Lifeskills Therapeutic Foster Care****270-901-5000****922 State Street**

Lifeskills TFC program is designed to provide care for children who have complex emotional needs requiring special parenting skills. Children placed in TFC homes can include boys or girls of any age and race. They may have had relationship problems in the community, in their families, or in school. Many are victims of neglect: social, physical, emotional or sexual abuse. They are in need of quality foster care in order to prevent placement in a residential facility or psychiatric hospital.

**Needy Children of Warren County****270-781-7355****908 East 11th Street**

Needy Children of Warren County Fund, Inc., is a non-profit organization helping needy children in Warren County with necessities such as coats, school supplies, clothing and other basic needs. At Christmas we provide a Christmas Party with dinner and presents for referred children, money donations are appreciated to facilitate this project.

**Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries****270-843-3038****2350 Nashville Road**

Potter Children's Home provides several services to children and families in need. All referrals are private and no fees are charged for services. Residential Group Care (children 6-18 years old), Single Parent Alliance for Raising Kids family ministry, Transitional Living (serves young people 18-23 years), foster care, adoption, and Christian counseling. Our mission is to be a tool in the hands of supporting Churches of Christ and individual Christians to deliver God's justice and mercy to children and families in need.

**Pregnancy Support Center, Inc.****270-781-5050****1439 Magnolia Street**

Pregnancy testing with positive referrals, help with maternity clothes, parenting training, baby showers, counseling, and educational information.

**UK Targeted Assessment Program****270-746-7124/ 270-746-7125****1010 State Street**

Provide screening interviews, consultation with other service providers, referrals, home visits, one to one assistance to help client obtain services, assessments for domestic violence, mental health, learning problems, and substance abuse.

**WKU Child Care Resource and Referral  
270-745-2216**

**Jones Jagers Hall, WKU**

For families we: • Help you find child care that meets your needs • Provide information about resources to pay for child care • Give you information to help you as you make decisions about child care • Connect you with advocacy activities • Answer your questions about young children For early childhood professionals we: • Provide monthly workshops • Have a resource library of books, videos, and toys • Provide consultation on quality initiatives, such as accreditation • Publish a monthly newsletter • Answer your questions about working with young children For business and industry we: • Conduct a needs assessment of your employees. • Provide training on parenting and child care issues for your employees • Provide articles about parenting and child care to include in your company newsletter or bulletin boards • Provide enhanced referrals to help your employees find dependable and high quality child care • Assist you with setting up a company child care program or building partnerships with existing child care programs For our communities we: • Gather information about child care needs and resources. • Collaborate with other agencies by serving on committees and boards, including announcements in our newsletter or web page, connecting parents and professionals to the right agency for services, and co-sponsoring events. • Provide information about how to start a child care business. • Submit early care and education related articles to newspapers and newsletters • Create early care and education related public service announcements.

## **DISABILITY SERVICES**

**Best Center for Independent Living**

**270-796-5992**

**624 Eastwood Avenue**

Provides independent living skills training, peer support, advocacy, personal care attendant program, computer training program, Neighbor to Neighbor transportation program, and information and referrals for disabled persons. Meeting space available to not-for-profit organizations. Call for availability. Accepts donations of medical equipment in good condition.

## **EDUCATION**

**Community Action - Adult Education and Job Development**

**270-783-4484**

**200 East 4th Street**

Provides basic literacy, GED preparation, personal life skills, and job readiness training for adults and out-of-school youth.

**Community Action - Head Start Program**

**270-782-3162**

**921 Beauty Avenue**

Provides a comprehensive child development program for 3-4 year old low-income and special needs children. The children and families receive services in education, health, nutrition, social, special needs, and parent involvement. Location of Centers: EHS 200 East Fourth St. Bowling Green, KY 42101 Little Treasures 516 Third Street Bowling Green, KY 42101.

**Lifeskills Industries****270-901-5000****2420 Russellville Road**

Provides community employment services for people ages 16 and older with a mild to severe disability; Consists of vocational evaluation, job preparation services, School-to-Work program, employment options services, individualized screening, job development opportunities, and follow-up services.

**TRiO Educational Opportunity Centers****270-745-4441****Jones Jagers Hall, WKU**

Serves individuals interested in continuing education and can provide them with educational information, Financial Aid information, referral services, application assistance, academic advising, career counseling and workshops; preference given to those individuals who do not hold a four-year degree, are first generation college students or have low income.

**WKU Literacy Center****270-745-4452****Tate Page Hall, WKU**

Western Kentucky University Literacy Center provides personal, individualized diagnostic evaluation and continuing intervention to students in 1st through 12th grades and adult learners to foster the enjoyment of reading.

## **FOOD AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE**

**American Red Cross****270-781-7377****430 Center Street**

Disaster services, health and safety services, services to military families and veterans, international tracing services, blood services and food assistance.

**Angel Food Ministries****270-783-8112****4634 Maple Lane**

Currently our emphasis is assisting families with food by facilitating the nationwide food distribution program Angel Food Ministries. Angel Food Ministries provides the opportunity to purchase \$50-\$70 worth of food for only \$25. There is a \$3 tote deposit for the first purchase only. Orders are taken one week out of the month. Distribution day is usually the last Saturday of the month. A flyer is emailed monthly from our office with menu and our sign up dates and times. Various locations available for sign up. Distribution is set at the National Guard Armory, Feb-Dec 2007. We accept cash and EBT/food stamps. There are no income restrictions. This program is available to everyone.

**Barren River Area Safe Space****270-781-9334**

Provides emergency shelter, food, clothing, counseling, case management, court advocacy, children's services, and referrals to other agencies for victims of domestic violence.

**Bellewood Family Services****270-796-2012****1039 College Street Suite 301**

Assistance upon acceptance. Bellewood Family Services offers community based treatment for qualified at-risk youth in hopes of providing a successful intervention that may prevent children from becoming involved, or further involved in the court system. Also offering therapeutic foster care.

**Bellewood Presbyterian Homes****270-782-2756****331 Brookwood Drive**

Provides a 14-bed residential center, emergency shelter, targeted case management services, and court diversion services for youth committed to Cabinet for Families and Children, the Department of Juvenile Justice, or involved with Kentucky Impact Plus.

**Broadway United Methodist Church****270-843-3942****1323 Melrose Street**

Limited food baskets. All other materials assistance provided through H.O.T.E.L. Inc.

**Churches United in Christ Help Ministry****270-842-4307**

A joint ministry of Downtown Bowling Green churches, providing assistance with rent, utilities and other crisis matters.

**Community Action – LIHEAP****270-782-4437****200 East 4th Street**

Assistance with heating, e.g., gas, electric, propane and wood.

**Eastwood Baptist Church****270-842-7867****500 Eastwood Street**

All material assistance provided through H.O.T.E.L. Inc.

**First Baptist Church****270-842-0331****621 East 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Helping Hands Ministry: Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to Noon. They help only once in 6 months.

Utilities – They do NOT HELP with utility deposits; Electric only; limit of \$25 on bill.

Food Closet

**Forest Park Baptist Church****270-843-3419****520 Old Morgantown Road**

Utility bills only – Tuesday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., bring the utility bill(s) that need to be paid.

They DO NOT help with utility deposits.

**Helping Hands****270-745-7222****1901 Russellville Road**

Helping Hands assists with clothing, furniture, and household items for those in an emergency or crisis situation; must be referred through an agency.

**H.O.T.E.L., Inc.****270-782-7099 or 270-782-1263****1005 Boatlanding Road**

An ecumenical organization that provides material assistance such as Manna Mart (food Bank), monetary assistance for those in need, and group discussions, Bible studies, and special speakers on a variety of subjects on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings.

**Life Care Ministry****270-781-8804****Salvation Army****270-843-3485****400 West Main Street**

Primary role is to provide shelter and food to those in need, as well as make referrals to other community services; transportation vouchers, heating assistance when funds are available.

**Social Security Administration****270-842-9183****2724 Chandler Drive**

Administers various programs under the Social Security Act, including retirement, disability, survivors and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

**St. Vincent DePaul****270-783-7533****1901 Russellville Road**

Financial aid for utilities, prescription medication and shelter at the Salvation Army. Provides food, clothing and household items as needed. Donations accepted of clothing, furniture, household items, small appliances, vehicles and other items. The recycling of these items helps the St. Vincent De Paul Society provide a variety of services and assistance for needy individuals and families in Warren County.

**Local schools that provide material assistance to students and families**

- Alvaton Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-846-1231
- Bowling Green High Youth Services Center - 270-746-2304
- Bowling Green Junior High Youth Services Center - 270-746-2294
- Briarwood Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-783-4599
- Bristow Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-843-4098
- Cumberland Trace Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-781-6651
- Dishman-McGinnis Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-746-2254
- Drakes Creek Middle School Youth Services Center - 270-467-0262
- Henry Moss Middle Youth Service Center - 270-843-2172
- North Warren Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-563-9857
- Oakland Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-563-9886
- Parker-Bennett Curry Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-746-2274
- Potter Gray Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-746-2284

- Rich Pond Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-843-4422
- Rockfield Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-843-2724
- T.C. Cherry Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-746-2234
- W. R. McNeil Family Resource Center - 270-746-2264
- Warren Central High Youth Services Center - 270-781-0903
- Warren East High Youth Service Center - 270-781-9875
- Warren East Middle Youth Service Center - 270-843-3118
- Warren Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-843-3503
- William H. Natcher Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-842-3178

## **HEALTH**

### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

**270-782-5267**

**1013 East 13th Avenue**

Alcoholics Anonymous - Open meetings for anyone who wants to know more about alcoholism. Closed meetings for members only. There are many times and locations for meetings. Call for more information on AA or on the following support groups: Alateen, Al-Anon and Parents of Alcoholic Children. See also 'Support Groups' on the ALIVE Center Web site.

### **Barren River District Health Department**

**270-781-8039**

**1109 State Street**

Provides community health services, immunizations, preventive clinical services, environmental health services, and health information services, HIV coordinator available.

### **Commonwealth Health Free Clinic**

**270-781-9260**

**740 East 10th Street**

Provides basic medical and dental services to individuals who are in the workforce but do not have insurance or any form of social assistance and do not have the means to pay for their healthcare; income guidelines vary per program please call for more information.

### **Depressed Anonymous**

**270-782-7150**

Depressed Anonymous (DA) is a 12 step Peer Support Group that helps people struggling with depression to generate new positive energies, form networks of friendship and support, and give each other the strength to live each day with hope. DA meets twice a week in Bowling Green, at two different locations: Tuesdays, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Broadway United Methodist Church (off Westen, 1323 Melrose Drive, Bowling Green). For more information, call Katherine at (270) 782-7150, email us at kelane14@aol.com, or check out the website. NOTE: This group meets every week, including holidays. Thursdays, from 1 to 2 p.m. at the ALIVE Center (1818 31-W Bypass). For more information, call Christine at (270) 535.2919, e-mail livelongandprosper2000@yahoo.com, or check out the website. NOTE: This group meets every week except on holidays.

**Fairview Community Health Clinic**  
**270-783-3573**  
**615 7th Avenue**

A community-oriented facility providing financially and culturally accessible health care for the diverse population in Warren and surrounding counties in South Central Kentucky. Bosnian and Spanish translators are available. Prescription assistance programs providing patients with free or reduced cost medications are available. Comprehensive medical and dental care including well child, lab and preventive care. Fee determined by patient's ability to pay.

**Matthew 25 AIDS Services, Inc.**  
**270-843-3331**  
**1133 Adams Street**

Matthew 25 AIDS Services, Inc. supports, educates and treats those infected and affected with HIV/AIDS. In the Bowling Green area we provide care coordination services to HIV positive individuals. Additionally, we facilitate a support group and a food voucher program for those infected with HIV/AIDS. Community education opportunities are also available.

**Narcotics Anonymous – 270-779-9598**

Narcotics Anonymous is an international, community-based association of recovering drug addicts with more than 31,000 weekly meetings in over 100 countries worldwide.

**National Alliance for the Mentally III**  
**270-842-5687/270-535-2919**

NAMI-Bowling Green -- A Grassroots Voice on Mental Illness -- Representing South Central Kentucky. Support for individuals with a mental illness and also a support group for family member and friends of those with a mental illness; utilize volunteers for community activities. The NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program is a free 12-week course for family caregivers of individuals with severe brain disorders (mental illnesses). The course is taught by trained family members. All instruction and course materials are free for class participants. This course will be taught in the coming months. We are now accepting family members who wish to sign up. Contact: Mrs. Marty Harrison 270.842.5687. (Formerly known as the Bowling Green Alliance for the Mentally III.) Information about bipolar illness can be found in BP Magazine. To subscribe please visit [www.bphope.com](http://www.bphope.com) or call 1-888-834-5537. Information about schizophrenia can be found in Schizophrenia Digest. To subscribe please visit [www.schizophreniadigest.com](http://www.schizophreniadigest.com) or call 1-888-834-5537.

## **HOUSING AND SHELTERS**

**Abel Court Apartments**  
**270-842-4114**

**1020 Old Barren River Road**

Provides affordable housing for low-income families. Computer lab onsite for adults and children who reside in Abel Court Apartments. Community garden available to residents.

**Barren River Area Safe Space**  
**270-781-9334 / 270-843-1183 (CRISIS LINE)**

Provides emergency shelter, food, clothing, counseling, case management, court advocacy, children's services, and referrals to other agencies for victims of domestic violence.

**City of Bowling Green Housing & Comm. Development Dept.**  
**270-393-3621**

**1017 College Street**

The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program is a federally funded program administered within the City Limits of Bowling Green. The primary goal of Section 8 is rental assistance to persons of very low income, allowing them to rent existing market housing that is decent, safe, and sanitary. The program follows federal regulations as well as local policy. Individual subsidy is calculated using household income and the Fair Market Rent standards published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**Community Action - Community Services Block Grant**  
**270-783-4484**

**200 East 4th Street**

Provides services to people in need regarding employment, education, housing, self-sufficiency, emergency services, community participation, and economic development so that living conditions can be improved; other programs managed through this office include the Supportive Housing Program, the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), the CSBG Garden Program, scholarships, and the Emergency Food & Shelter Program.

**Community Action - Weatherization/CARES**  
**270-782-3162**

**921 Beauty Avenue**

Provides energy conservation improvements to the dwelling of low-income families residing in poorly insulated homes, which are designed to make homes safer and provide healthier living environments for families.

**Habitat for Humanity**  
**270-843-6027**

**517 West 11th Street**

An ecumenical Christian organization that partners with low-income families to build new homes. This is a hand-up program, not a hand-out program which allows the homeowner to be involved in the actual construction of the home, and in return, the family receives an interest-free mortgage for the home.

**HANDS – Housing Assistance & Development Services, Inc.**  
**270-796-4176**

**1135 Adams Street**

A community-based organization that creates affordable housing opportunities for low to moderate income families and works to revitalize neighborhoods. Programs include Self-help Housing, Home Construction, Homeownership Counseling, Downpayment and Closing Costs Assistance (only for houses constructed through our program), and Multi-family Housing. Working on a project and have several gallons of paint left over or maybe it was the wrong color and not useable? Remodeling a kitchen but hate to throw out the cabinets that are really in good condition, just don't match your new design? Demolishing a property that has reusable doors and windows? HANDS (Housing Assistance and Development Services) is always looking for donations of materials and tools that are in good usable condition. They do not have to be historic-architectural salvage as well as modern materials, tools and supplies are all welcome. If you think you might have something they would be interested in please contact their agency.

**Salvation Army**  
**270-843-3485**  
**400 West Main Street**

Primary role is to provide shelter and food to those in need, as well as make referrals to other community services; transportation vouchers, heating assistance when funds are available.

## **INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE**

**International Center**  
**270-781-8336**  
**806 Kenton Street**

Serves area foreign-born families through advocacy, facilitation of economic self-sufficiency, and empowerment of the communities, while supporting cultural integrity and family solidarity. Services include Refugee resettlement, social services, immigration assistance, interpreting/translating, English Language Training, citizenship education/assistance, computer skills training, job placement, advocacy, community orientation, passport/green card photos, elder and youth programs, clothes and food assistance. Recognized by the Board of Immigration Appeals.

## **LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

**Bowling Green Human Rights Commission, Inc.**  
**270-782-7900**

**491 Double Springs Road**

The primary mission of the Bowling Green Human Rights Commission, Inc. is to promote fair treatment and equal opportunity regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, age (over 40), sex or physical handicap. Services include a Minority job bank, fair housing ordinances, conflict/mediation and other projects.

**Kentucky Legal Aid**  
**1st Time Callers 866-452-9243/Others 270-782-1924**  
**1700 Destiny Lane**

The mission of Kentucky Legal Aid (KLA) is to assist and to enable low-income families, as well as the elderly, disabled and other vulnerable individuals in South Central and Western Kentucky, to resolve legal problems that are barriers to self-sufficiency, and to provide these individuals an opportunity for an improved quality of life. KLA utilizes attorneys and other staff to provide direct legal assistance; coordinates referrals to volunteer (pro bono) attorneys; and also addresses these client needs through programs for Benefits Counseling and Domestic Violence Assistance.

## **SENIOR SERVICES**

### **Community Action - Foster Grandparent Program**

**270-782-3162**

**921 Beauty Avenue**

Seniors age 60 and over assist special needs children in the community 20 to 25 hours per week. Foster Grandparents can be placed in public schools, Head Start programs, nonprofit child cares or a juvenile group home. In return for the volunteers' time, they receive a tax-free stipend, transportation costs, free meal and an annual physical exam.

### **Community Action - RSVP Homeland Security Program**

**270-783-4484**

**200 East 4th Street**

Provides volunteer opportunities for seniors age 55 and older to serve the community in the areas of public health, public safety, disaster preparedness, and other community needs.

### **Community Action - Senior Centers**

**270-783-4484**

**200 East 4th Street**

Provides activities and services designed to aid in the social and nutritional well-being of our senior citizens; services include meals, transportation, recreation, and health and nutrition.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **Community Action – Transportation**

**270-782-3162**

**921 Beauty Avenue**

Provides transportation services for Agency program participants and other special contract services throughout the region and public transit services in Bowling Green.