Community Resource Guide

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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 Jaggers 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 Jaggers 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 12th 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 DePaul 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 Ill
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 Ill.) Information about bipolar illness can be
found in BP Magazine. To subscribe please visit www.bphope.com or call 1-888-834-5537.
Information about schizophrenia can be found in Schizophrenia Digest. To subscribe please
visit www.schizophreniadiigest.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.