

# COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDEBOOK



## For McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaisons

Serving the Southwest Michigan Counties of

Berrien, Cass and Van Buren

Berrien RESA

711 St. Joseph Ave. | Berrien Springs | MI 49103

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# BERRIEN COUNTY COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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*FIRST RESPONSE IS TO CALL 211. They should have the latest resources available.*

## **HOUSING SUPPORT/SHELTERS**

**The Connections – operated through the Emergency Shelter Services**

Contact: (269) 277-5055

Re: housing supports

### **Emergency Shelter**

645 Pipestone St

Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Contact: (269) 925-1131

Serves: Women, children and families (no single men)

### **Safe Shelter**

Contact: (269) 925-9500

Serves: provides a safe environment for female domestic violence survivors

### **Women's Care Center**

621 E Main St.

Niles, MI 49120

Contact: (269) 684-4040

Serves: Berrien County; provides items for babies and allows women who are pregnant or have a child age 0-4 to earn a new car seat by attending classes at the center.

### **Mt. Moriah Transitional House**

124 North Fair Ave

Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Contact: (269) 926-3003

Serves: Berrien County residents

### **Salvation Army (Men's Shelter)**

233 Michigan Street

Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Phone: 269-927-1353

Serves: Men, 18 years and older

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## **Catholic Family Services**

The Ark Services for Youth

990 West Kilgore Road

Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Contact: (800) 873-8336 open 24/7 & hablamos Espanol: 269-381-9800

Email: [www.arkforyouth.org](http://www.arkforyouth.org)

Serves voluntary short-term (21-day maximum) crisis intervention shelter for youth ages 10-17 who are experiencing difficulties in their relationships or facing any variety of crises, including homelessness. Transitional housing for youth ages 17 up to 21. Outreach services for youth ages 10-21 in the schools for crisis intervention, case management, and referrals.

## **FOOD**

### **Soup Kitchen Inc.**

233 Michigan Street

Benton Harbor, MI 49022 located at the back (east end) of the Salvation Army building

Contact: (269) 925-8204

Serves: Residents of Berrien County

### **Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank**

1488 East Empire

Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Contact: (269) 926-2646; fax: (269) 927-7196

Serves: Berrien County resident

### **Department of Health and Human Services**

401 8<sup>th</sup> Street

Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Contact: (269) 934-2000 Fax: (269) 934-2115

Serves: Berrien County resident; provides food stamps for individuals that qualify

### **WIC (Women Infant and Children)**

2149 E. Napier

Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Contact: (269) 927-5646; Call to schedule WIC appointments. Evening appointments are available on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

Serves: Berrien County; providing nutritious foods to supplement and enhance the diet. Women and children can receive milk, cheese, eggs, juice, cereal, bread or tortillas, dry or canned beans or peanut butter and fresh fruits and vegetables. Formula is provided for infants.

# **BERRIEN COUNTY COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

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## **CLOTHING**

### **Neighbor to Neighbor**

9147 US 31 North

Berrien Springs, MI 49103

Contact: (269) 982-4100 Tuesday and Thursday 10:00am-4:00pm

Serves: Individuals living in Berrien, Cass or Van Buren Counties in need of baby clothing, baby furniture and other clothing, bedding/linen, children's clothing, and cleaning products, diapers, formal wear and general clothing provisions, maternity clothing, plus size clothing, school clothing shoes, winter clothing and work clothing. All individuals must bring a valid picture ID.

### **Goodwill**

1550 Mall Dr.

Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Contact: (269) 926-8161

Serves: Berrien County

### **Mosaic Resale and Resource Center**

1958 Pipestone Rd,

Benton Harbor MI, 49022

Contact: (269) 925-9925

### **Kids' Kollektion**

2542 S Cleveland Ave,

Saint Joseph, MI 49085

Contact: (269) 983-0321 Monday-Friday 10:00am-6:00pm and Saturdays 10:00am-3:00pm

### **6 Degrees Resale Store**

205 W. Main Street

Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Contact: (269) 927-6060

## **RENT AND UTILITIES**

### **Salvation Army-Niles Corps**

424 North 15<sup>th</sup> Street

Niles, MI 49120

Contact: (269) 684-2660; Monday to Friday 9:00am-4:00pm

Serves: The cities of Niles and Buchanan in Berrien County. Electric service payment assistance, gas service payment assistance and heating fuel assistance are provided for individuals. Must provide a valid picture ID, proof of income, proof of expenses, and documentation of shut off notice, and ss card for head of household.

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## **Christian Service Center of Niles**

322 Clay Street

Niles, MI 49120

Contact: (269) 684-0637

Serves: Berrien County; provides prescription expense assistance, electric service payment assistance, gas service payment assistance and heating fuel assistance are provided for individuals.

## **St. Joseph Parish Conference Society of St. Vincent De Paul**

301 Wayne Street

Saint Joseph, MI 49085

Contact: (269) 982-3478; Monday and Wednesday 8:30 am – 11:30am

Serves: Berrien County; provides electric service payment assistance, gas service payment assistance and heating fuel assistance are provided for individuals. Individuals must provide a valid picture ID and documentation of need.

## **Catholic Community Center**

631 Pearl Street

Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Contact: (269) 926-6424

Serves: Individuals living in Berrien County with proof of a financial need. Each person is eligible for assistance once with a bill each year. All must provide a valid picture ID and proof of need.

## **Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians**

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

Dowagiac, MI Po box 180 49047

Contact: (888) 376-9988

Serves: Berrien County; electric service payment assistance, gas service payment assistance and heating fuel assistance

## **Southwest Community Action Agency**

185 E Main Street

Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Contact: 800-334-7670 or 269-925-9077

## **Empower**

Po Box 149

Freemont, MI 49412

Contact: (855) 300-8013 or Fax: (231)538-4446

Email: [application@tnempower.org](mailto:application@tnempower.org)

# CASS COUNTY COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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## HOUSING SUPPORT/SHELTERS

### **Keystone Place Family Shelter**

505 East Market St.  
Centerville, MI 49032  
Contact: (269) 467-7078 Kathy Carr  
Serves families with children for a maximum 30 day stay.

### **Hellman House**

Contact: 1-800-828-2023  
Serves Cass, St. Joseph and Van Buren; services for domestic violence survivors both women and men.

### **Catholic Family Services**

The Ark Services for Youth  
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Kalamazoo, MI 49008  
Contact: (800) 873-8336 open 24/7 & hablamos Espanol: 269-381-9800  
Email: [www.arkforyouth.org](http://www.arkforyouth.org)  
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## FOOD

### **Department of Health and Human Services**

325 M-62  
Cassopolis, MI 49031  
Contact: (269) 445-0200 Fax: (269) 445-0299  
Serves: Cass County resident; provides food stamps for individuals that qualify

### **Helping Hands**

130 South Broadway  
Cassopolis, MI 49031  
Contact: (269-445-8104)  
Serves: Cass County resident; provides food, clothing, furniture, medicine and personal hygiene needs.

# CASS COUNTY COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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## **A.C.T.I.O.N. Ministries**

301 Main St.

Dowagiac, MI 49047

Contact: 269-782-0000

Serves: Cass County resident; provides food.

## **CLOTHING**

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## **RENT AND UTILITIES**

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# VAN BUREN COUNTY COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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## SHELTERS

### **Kalamazoo Gospel Mission Homeless Shelter**

448 North Burdick St.

Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Contact: (269) 345-2974

Email: [www.kzoogospel.org](http://www.kzoogospel.org)

Serves men, women and families. Husbands and wives are to present a copy of their marriage certificate. If documentation is not possible for any reason, they will be placed in separate sections based on gender. If a single woman or man comes they will be in the singles area.

### **Keystone Place Family Shelter**

505 East Market St.

Centerville, MI 49032

Contact: (269) 467-7078

Serves families with children for a maximum 30 day stay.

### **Next Door Shelter for Women**

1217 West North St.

Kalamazoo, MI 49006

Contact: (269) 349-2119

Serves women. Calls taken 7 days/week 3pm-10pm – or leave message and your call will be returned within 24 hours. Needs assessment, housing choice voucher list; if there is a no room available a hotel room will be provided.

### **Three Rivers Domestic Violence Shelter**

[www.dasasmi.org](http://www.dasasmi.org)

Contact: (800) 828-2023

Serves Van Buren, Cass and St. Joseph Counties at multiple locations for women involved in domestic assault.

### **Child and Family Services**

2450 M-139, Suite A

Benton Harbor, MI 49023

Contact: (888) 237-1891 or (269) 925-1725

Crisis Hotline 24/7: 269-925-9500 for **Safe Shelter for Domestic Violence**

Email: [www.cfsswmi.org](http://www.cfsswmi.org) Serves people living in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties. West Michigan Guardianship provides services of individuals who are unable to take care of themselves and have no one else to help them with their daily living needs. Clients may be suffering from dementia or have been victims for fraud, neglect or abuse. They may also be developmentally disabled or mentally ill adults or any adult who is in a vulnerable or dangerous situation.

**Safe Shelter for Domestic Violence** provides shelter and services for women of domestic violence and sexual assault along with their dependent children.

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## **HOUSING/RENT/ UTILITIES**

### **Van Buren County Housing Resource Specialist**

Contact: Deborah Kupres at 269-330-4556 or 269-673-6617

Funded through the Emergency Solutions Grant through the fiscal authorization of the Allegan County Community Mental Health.

Serves Van Buren County; apply for assistance with housing and prevention assistance.

### **Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency**

185 E. Main Street, Suite 200

Benton Harbor, MI 49022

269-925-9077

Serves Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties. Food commodities and assistance. Also provides energy and weatherization assistance. Must have a shut off or past due notice and must be able to pay 10% of the bill. From June –October no decision of notice from DHHS is required. From July- September a notice is required from DHHS.

### **TrueNorth Community Services (EmPower)**

**Regional Manager, Marissa Boerman**

Contact: 231-519-1453 Fax: 231-924-3667

Toll-free: (855) 300-8013

Email: [www.truenorthservices.org](http://www.truenorthservices.org)

Serves Van Buren county residents with heat and energy assistance.

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## OTHER

### **Hartford Community Center-His Place**

15 South Maple St.

Hartford, MI 49057

Contact: (269) 621-2144 Monday and Tuesday 3:00-5:00pm for after school program only

Email: [www.hpcchartford.com](http://www.hpcchartford.com)

Serves an outreach program for children, teens, and adults of Hartford to come together and enjoy a safe, nurturing environment of activities and fellowship. After-school tutoring available.

### **Van Buren County Satellite Location**

Michigan Works! Service Center

32849 Red Arrow Hwy

Paw Paw, MI 49079

Contact: (269) 657- 7014

## FOOD ASSISTANCE

### **Department of Health and Human Services**

57150 C. R. 681

Hartford, MI 49057

Contact: (269) 621-2800 or (855) 274-6424

Email: [www.michigan.gov/dhs](http://www.michigan.gov/dhs)

Serves by providing food assistance to individuals and families. Offers programs that assist low-income individuals with cash assistance, housing and shelter costs, provides state disability for disabled adults, medical coverage for low-income families, child care assistance, burials, utilities, and other services.

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### **Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinics in Van Buren County**

InterCare

308 Charles Street

Bangor, MI

269-427-7914

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## **InterCare**

5498 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Pullman, MI

269-236-5292

Main Office Contact in Lansing: 800-942-1636

Email: [www.michigan.gov/wic](http://www.michigan.gov/wic)

Serves Women, Infants and Children through Supplemental Nutrition Program.

## **Office on Aging Department of Community Health**

Contact: (517) 373-8230, Monday- Friday 8:00am -5:00pm Medicare and Medicaid 1-800-803-7174

Email: [www.michigan.gov/miseniors](http://www.michigan.gov/miseniors)

Serves: provides meals for seniors over age 60

## **Local School or MI Department of Education**

Contact: (517) 241-2096 for immediate assistance dial (517) 373-3347

Email: [www.michigan.gov/sfsp](http://www.michigan.gov/sfsp)

May have summer meal program for school-aged children.

## **We Care In The Name of Christ**

06321 Blue Star Highway

South Haven, MI 49090

Contact: (269) 637-4342 Monday –Friday from 9:30am- 12:00pm

Serves families in need with appropriate church and community resources through Ecumenical Ministry. In-take procedure can be done over the phone or in the office.

## **CLOTHING**

### **Neighbor to Neighbor**

9147 US 31 North

Berrien Springs, MI 49103

Contact: (269) 982-4100

Hours: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Tuesday's and Thursday's

Serves Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties.

### **Helping Hands Outreach Center**

130 S. Broadway Street

Cassopolis, MI

Contact: (269) 445-8104

Serves Berrien, Cass and Van Buren. Requires a referral.