



CommunityAction



Serving Barry, Branch, Calhoun, and St. Joseph Counties since 1966

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## Education and Children's Services Head Start/Early Head Start/GSRP

# CALHOUN COUNTY Community Resource Guide

## 2011-2012

### **Community Action Main Office**

175 Main Street  
P.O. Box 1026  
Battle Creek, MI. 49016  
(269) 965-7766

### **Marshall ECS Office**

111 N. Jefferson Suite # 1  
Marshall, MI. 49068  
(269) 781-6290

### **Calhoun County ECS Office**

175 Main Street  
P.O. Box 1026  
Battle Creek, MI. 49016  
(269) 965-7766

### **Albion ECS Office**

1418 Cooper Street  
Albion, MI. 49224  
(517) 629-4490



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Community Action is a private, non-profit human service organization founded in 1966 as part of then-President Johnson's anti-poverty initiatives. The agency's mission statement is "to help people achieve and maintain independence." Community Action:

- **provides** responsive and supportive **services** to the community.
- **cares** for each person individually with **dignity** and **respect**.
- **resolves** and prevents problems through immediate **action**.

Its vision is as an organization with strong social service programming in which individuals can develop their potential for self-sufficiency and personal well being. Community Action's mission is carried out through numerous programs, in three major areas, including:

*Housing and Support Services*, which offers services to, and provides programs for, low- to moderate-income families, including:

- *Major and Minor Home Repair/Rehab*
- *Weatherization*
- *Emergency fuel, utility, rent assistance*
- *Senior and disabled transportation*
- *Volunteer Income Tax Assistance*

*Food and Nutritional Services*, which provides meal assistance for people age sixty and over and food for low-to moderate-income individuals:

- *Home Delivered Meals*
- *Supplemental Food Distribution*
- *Congregate Dining Centers*

*Education and Children's Services*, which seeks to meet the educational and family development needs of children and their families through the following programs:

- *Head Start*
- *Great Start Readiness Program*
- *Foster Grandparent Program*
- *Early Head Start*
- *Literacy After-School and Summer Enrichment Program (LASSE)*

Each of the programs mentioned above are described in more detail below. **For more information or to see if you qualify for any of these programs, call (269) 965-7766 or (877) 422-2726. For Housing and Support Services please see phone numbers below.**

### **Housing & Support Services**

Housing & Support Services provides a variety of programs to help in need. These include Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), weatherization, emergency utility assistance, and homeless prevention in Barry, Branch, Calhoun and St. Joseph counties. In St. Joseph County this department offers major home repair, and, in Calhoun County only, major and minor home repair as well as senior and disabled transportation. Please call to make an appointment to apply for any of these programs. Telephone numbers for each of the Housing and Support Services offices are as follows:

Barry County: **(269) 948-4260**  
Branch County: **(517) 279-9325**  
Calhoun County: **(269) 965-7766** x293, **(517) 629-9403** or **(877) 422-2726**  
St. Joseph County: **(269) 467-4506** or **(877) 422-2726**

### **Food and Nutritional Services**

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program provides pregnant women, breastfeeding women, children under six years of age who are not receiving WIC assistance, and seniors 60 years of age and older with nutritious food. Food is distributed once a month, and should provide 12-15 days of complete, balanced meals. Applicants must be pregnant, nursing, or have small children under six years of age not covered by WIC, and have income at or below 185 percent of poverty guidelines, or be 60 years of age or older, and have income at or below 130 percent of poverty. Another food distribution program, The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), is available on a quarterly basis regardless of age or family size. Income guidelines for TEFAP are for anyone under 60 years old, at or below 130 percent of poverty, and for anyone 60 and over, at or below 160 percent of poverty.

In addition, Community Action provides Congregate Meals for persons over age 60 at many senior dining centers along with Home Delivered Meals (often referred to as “Meals on Wheels”) in Branch and Calhoun counties. Call (517) 279-9325 in Branch County, (269) 965-7766 in Calhoun County, or (877) 422-2726 (toll-free) for more information on any of the Food and Nutritional Services programs.

### **Education and Children’s Services**

Education and Children’s Services (ECS) Mission Statement: With the involvement of the community, we strive to enhance the self-dignity and self-worth of the children and families that we serve.

ECS Philosophy: Give all children an equal opportunity to achieve success. Families, staff and the community are included as active partners in the success of children and the program. For all children to be successful, families need support in achieving their goals.

Education and Children’s Services includes Early Head Start for pregnant women, infants and toddlers 0-3 years old, Head Start for 3-5 year old children, and Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) for 4-5 year old children. All of these are free programs to prepare children to enter Kindergarten, and are offered in Barry, Calhoun and St. Joseph counties. The program’s Fatherhood and Male Involvement initiative encourages father figures to engage with their Head Start and GSRP children. The department also hosts the Foster Grandparent Program, where seniors mentor children in schools and childcare settings in these counties as well as in Branch county; and the Literacy After School Summer Enrichment (LASSE) program, a summer literacy and adventure program for children in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grades in Battle Creek. Call (877)-KIDS-577 (877-543-7577) for information on any of these programs.

# EMERGENCY SERVICES

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

My Doctor's Office: \_\_\_\_\_

My Doctor's Home: \_\_\_\_\_

My Local Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Emergency ..... 911

National Poison Control Center: ..... (800) 222-1222

Child Protective Services ..... (269) 966-1331

For your safety, and the safety of your family, please check **now** to see which ambulance service, fire department, and police department serves your area. Do not guess this information, especially in rural areas.

## LOCAL AMBULANCE SERVICES

Emergencies ..... 911

Life Care Ambulance  
330 Hamblin Battle Creek, MI 49015 ..... (269) 964-6400  
..... (269) 964-8026

Marshall Ambulance Service ..... (269) 781-3922

## LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Emergencies ..... 911

## CITY POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Emergencies ..... 911

## COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE

Calhoun County ..... 911  
NON-EMERGENCY 269-966-3363

## STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calhoun County ..... 911  
NON-EMERGENCY 269-968-6115

# HEALTH SERVICES

## **HEALTH CARE – GENERAL (Medicaid)**

(Doctors accepting Medicaid are subject to change.)

Cereal City Pediatrics  
2545 Capital Avenue SW  
Battle Creek, MI 49015.....(269) 969-8723

Children’s Special Health Care  
190 East Michigan Avenue Suite A-100  
Battle Creek, MI 49014.....(269) 969-6390

Day One Family Health Care PC  
363 Fremont  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 969-6123

Calhoun County Public Health Department  
190 East Michigan  
Battle Creek, MI 49014.....(269) 969-6370  
*Informs and educates residents about health issues, monitor county health statistics, diagnoses and investigates health problems.*

Community Health Care Connection  
190 E. Michigan Ave. 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 969-6494  
.....1-866-562-9812  
*For uninsured or underinsured, low income adults in Calhoun County. Offers assistance with medication, dental or other nursing services for Battle Creek and Albion*

Family Health Center  
115 Market Place  
Albion, MI 49224 .....(517) 629-6540

Family Health Center  
181 W Emmett Street  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 965-8866  
*Offers monthly classes on obesity and diabetic support groups*

Fountain Clinic  
111 North Jefferson Suite 1  
Marshall, MI 49068.....(269) 781-0952

Horace Davis  
1201 E. Broadwell  
Albion, MI 49224 .....(517) 629-3963

Keefler Family Medicine  
505 Keefler  
Albion, MI 49224 .....(517) 629-2134

Marshall Medical Associates (Dobbins)  
1174 W Michigan Avenue  
Marshall, MI 49068.....(269) 781-9867

Thomas Neidlinger-Marshall patients  
215 E. Mansion  
Marshall, MI 49068.....(269) 781-1122

Northside Pediatrics  
265 Fremont  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 962-6221

AIM (Albion Interfaith Ministry)  
118 Porter Street  
Albion, MI 49224 ..... 517-629-5260

Planned Parenthood  
2855 Capital Avenue SW  
Battle Creek, MI 49015.....(269) 964-0885

Historic Northside Family Practice  
327 Capital Avenue NE  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 969-6040

Envision Center  
Southwest Children's Therapy Center  
601 Southshore Dr, Suite 121  
Battle Creek, MI 49014.....(269) 963-7979  
(All-encompassing Autism treatment facility-housed within Southwest Regional Rehabilitation Center)

**NOTE: The State of Michigan has a program to provide additional health care services to children not receiving Medicaid. Families must complete an application and meet income guidelines to receive services. If you or your child need health insurance contact 211**

**HEALTH CARE – GENERAL (Non-Medicaid)**

For physicians in your area, look in the yellow pages of your local phone book under "Physicians." Phone books can be found at local libraries, or can be ordered by calling (800) 346-4377.

**HEALTH CARE – DENTAL (Medicaid)**

(Dentists accepting Medicaid are subject to change.)

Family Health Center  
181 W. Emmett Street  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 965-8866

Center for Family Health-Dental  
2200 Springport Rd.  
Jackson, MI 49202 .....(517) 784-9356

**HEALTH CARE – DENTAL (Non-Medicaid)**

For dentists in your area, look in the yellow pages of your local phone book under “Dentists.” Phone books can be found at local libraries, or can be ordered by calling (800) 346-4377.

**HEALTH CARE –PREGNANCY SERVICES AND INFORMATION**

Battle Creek Health System  
300 North Avenue  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 966-8000  
Also offers postpartum support group

Calhoun County Crisis Pregnancy Center  
157 E. Columbia  
Battle Creek, MI 49015.....(269) 963-6206

City Linc  
70 Calhoun Street  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 969-9181  
Variety of services provided on sliding fee scale.

Department of Public Health  
190 East Michigan  
Battle Creek, MI 49014.....(269) 969-6370

Maternal Infant Health Program  
600 E. Michigan Ave.  
Albion, MI 49224 .....(517)-629-3497

Oaklawn Hospital Birth Center  
200 N. Madison Street  
Marshall, MI 49068.....(269) 789-3929  
Offers a variety of classes pertaining to child birthing, breastfeeding, postpartum depression, parenting, siblings, prenatal exercise, and grief support.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program (TP3)  
778 W. Columbia  
Battle Creek, MI 49015 .....(269) 965-3247

**HEALTH CARE – OPTICAL (Medicaid)**

(Optical providers accepting Medicaid are subject to change.)  
If you or your child don't have insurance contact 211

Fletcher, James OD  
14915 West Michigan Avenue  
Marshall, MI 49068.....(269) 781-9863

Hibler, Joseph M OD (free vision exams for children)  
15865 West Michigan Avenue  
Marshall, MI 49068.....(269) 781-6644

Kent Optical  
114 W. Erie  
Albion, MI 49224 .....(517) 629-3981

Longe Optical  
1525 W. Michigan Ave Ste 27  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 964-9200

Northside Vision Services  
100 North Ave.  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 962-7595

Southwest Michigan Eye Center PC  
3600 Capital Avenue Suite 203  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 979-6383

**HEALTH CARE – OPTICAL (Non-Medicaid)**

For optical providers in your area, look in the yellow pages of your local phone book under “Opticians” or “Optometrists.” Phone books can be found at local libraries, or can be ordered by calling . (800) 346-4377

America’s Best Contacts and Eyeglasses  
12765 Harper Village Dr. Suite 107  
Battle Creek, MI 49014..... (269)-979-2832  
(If uninsured and unable to get Medicaid provide cheaper exams and glasses)

**HOSPITALS**

Battle Creek Health System (BCHS)  
300 North Avenue  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 966-8000  
[www.bchealth.com](http://www.bchealth.com)

BCHS offers a variety of support groups. No charge, but donations are appreciated.  
Cancer .....269-966-8056  
CPAP.....269-964-5344  
Diabetes .....269-966-8190  
Smoking Cessation .....269-966-8438

Borgess Hospital  
1521 Gull Road  
Kalamazoo, MI 49001 .....(269) 226-7000  
[www.borgess.com](http://www.borgess.com)

Bronson Hospital  
 601 John St.  
 Kalamazoo, MI 49007 ..... (269) 341-7654  
[www.bronsonhealth.com](http://www.bronsonhealth.com) (type in health answers or link below)  
[www.bronsonhealth.com/HealthInfo/HealthAnswers](http://www.bronsonhealth.com/HealthInfo/HealthAnswers) or call ..... (269) 800-451-6310

Oaklawn Hospital  
 200 N. Madison  
 Marshall, MI 49068..... (269) 781-4271  
[www.oaklawnhospital.org](http://www.oaklawnhospital.org)  
*Hosts support groups for breast cancer, widows, and grieving parent.*  
*Breast Cancer* ..... 269-781-2429  
*Widow Support*..... 269-781-8159

Allegiance Health  
 205 North East Avenue  
 Jackson, MI 49201 ..... (517) 788-4800  
[Allegiancehealth.org](http://Allegiancehealth.org)

Southwest Regional Rehabilitation Center  
 393 E. Roosevelt Ave Street  
 Battle Creek, MI 49017..... (269) 965-3206

## SOCIAL SERVICES

### HELP LINES

211 services-when calling from a cell phone ..... (269)565-4159  
 .....Other areas from cell phone 1-800-250-5628  
 AIDS Client Services ..... (800) 515-3434

American Cancer Society ..... (800) 227-2345

Autism Support Services  
 Autism Speaks -- <http://www.autismspeaks.org>  
 Global Organization for Autism Mission: Science, Awareness, Advocacy and Family Services  
 ..... (212) 252-8584 (New York, NY)

Autism Society of Michigan ..... (517) 882-2800  
 Battle Creek/Kalamazoo Chapter ..... Phone/Fax (800) 628-6421  
 4606 Croyden Ave., Kalamazoo MI 49006 [www.asa-kal.org](http://www.asa-kal.org)

\*Support meetings, Project Lifesaver, Resource Information. The mission of the Autism Society of Kalamazoo/Battle Creek connect individuals within the autism spectrum as well as their community with lifelong access to resources and opportunities through advocacy, public awareness, education and research.

ARK for Runaways  
 990 W. Kilgore  
 Kalamazoo, MI 49008 ..... (800) 873-8336

Better Business Bureau  
Southfield MI .....(248)-644-9100

Region 3B Area Agency on Aging  
200 West Michigan Ave., Suite 102  
Battle Creek, MI 49017..... Local call center 269-966-2450  
800-626-6719 Toll Free  
269-441-0924 Community Services

*Also housed in the Burnham Brook Center are*  
**CentraCare (or PACE), Senior Health Partners, Senior Behavioral Health, and The Fitness Loft**

*Region 3B Area Agency on Aging maintains resource information about the full range of human service providers in the community.*

Senior Ride Program  
Case/Care Management  
Elder Abuse Reporting  
Waiver Agent  
Information & Referral  
Activities of Daily Living Assessment  
Medicare Information/Counseling - MMAP  
Senior Project Fresh  
Senior Housing Information & Referral  
Aging and Disability Resource Center  
Residential Living Options  
TCARE -Tailored Caregiver Assessment and Referral.

Calhoun Department of Human Services (DHS)  
190 East Michigan Ave.  
Battle Creek, MI 49014..... (269) 966-1431 or (269) 966-1284  
*Food Assistance Bridge Card- provides debit care for access to food for low-income households, including seniors. Call or visit DHS office.*

Center for Disease Control CDC ..... (800) AIDS hotline

Children's Special Health Care..... (269) 969-6390  
190 East Michigan Avenue Suite A-100  
Battle Creek, MI 49014

Community Fatherhood Program  
110 Knapp Drive  
Battle Creek, MI 49014..... (269) 282-1340

Domestic Assault Shelter ..... (800) 828-2023

Family Support Hotline ..... (800) 359-3722

Free Clinics of Michigan ..... (888) 877-6769

Kinship Care Support Group  
Family Adoption and Enrichment Center  
415 S. 28<sup>th</sup> St-Westlake Presbyterian Church  
Battle Creek, MI 49015..... (269) 660-0448

Latino /Hispanic Community Project  
165 N. Washington Ave.  
Battle Creek, MI 49037.....(269) 660-3830

Legal Services of South Central Michigan  
70 E. Michigan Avenue  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 965-3951  
(Free legal advice and representation) (800) 968-0044

Sexual Assault Services of Calhoun County  
36 W. Michigan  
Battle Creek, MI 49037.....(269) 660-3925

Michigan Family Violence Helpline.....(800) 996-6228

Mental Health Crisis Line .....(800) 622-3967

Michigan Department of Civil Rights .....(269)337-3640  
(Investigates discrimination complaints)

Michigan Medicaid Information.....(800) 642-3195

National Runaway Hotline .....(800) 292-4517

Parent Help Line .....(800) 942-4357

Product Safety Commission .....(800) 638-2772  
(Receives reports on injuries or fatalities related to hazardous products, and evaluates the safety of products sold to consumers)

Sexual Assault Hotline .....(800) 656-4673

Social Security Administration.....(800) 772-1213  
2518 Capital Avenue  
Battle Creek, MI .....(269) 962-0910

Substance Abuse (www.drughelp.org).....(800) 662-4357

Welfare Fraud Hotline .....(800) 222-8558

Women's Co-op  
2055 East Columbia Ave.  
Battle Creek, MI..... (269)966-8988  
Improving the lives for women in our community Calhoun Co [Womancoop@ctsmail.net](mailto:Womancoop@ctsmail.net)

# LOCAL AGENCIES

Albion Housing Commission  
1300 Cooper Street  
Albion, MI 49224 ..... (517) 629-2511

Battle Creek Housing Commission  
250 Champion  
Battle Creek, MI 49017..... (269) 965-0591

Fair Housing Center of South West Michigan  
172 W. Van Buren Street  
Battle Creek, MI 49017..... (269) 962-5553  
Provides information on all types of housing problems, particularly discrimination) email-linda.barlow@fhcswm.org

Fair Housing Center of South Central Michigan  
3234 Burdick Street  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007 ..... (269) 276-9100  
Provides information on all types of housing problems, particularly discrimination)

Calhoun County Clerk's Office  
161 East Michigan Avenue  
Battle Creek, MI 49014..... (269) 969-6908  
(Records, deeds and birth certificates)

Calhoun County Clerk's Office  
315 W Green  
Marshall, MI 49068..... (269) 781-0966

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## **MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING & GUIDANCE**

ARK for Runaways  
990 W. Kilgore  
Kalamazoo, MI 49008 ..... (800) 873-8336  
Regional crisis interventions office for youth 10-17 years old

Behavioral Health Care  
363 Fremont St. Suite 300  
Battle Creek, MI 49016..... (269) 969-6108

Behavioral Health Resources..... (800) 783-5449  
3630 Capital Avenue SW  
Battle Creek, MI 49015 Crisis Line ..... (800) 632-5449

Behavioral Health Resources  
105 South Superior Street  
Albion, MI 49224 .....(517)-629-5531

Central Diagnostic and Referral (Substance Abuse)  
67 Michigan Ave W  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 965-1266

Child Protective Services  
190 East Michigan Avenue  
Battle Creek, MI 49016.....(269) 966-1331  
Nights, Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays Marshall .....(269) 966-1331

City Linc  
70 Calhoun Street  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 969-9181  
Provides counseling services on sliding fee scale, along with other services

Family and Children Services  
778 W. Columbia Ave.  
Battle Creek, MI 49015.....(269) 965-3247  
Provides; outpatient Counseling, Foster Care Adoption, In-home counseling, case Management - Mental Health Compass Program, Community Program/Parenting Program.

Fieldstone Center (Battle Creek Health System)  
165 N. Washington Ave.  
Battle Creek, MI 59017.....(269) 969-7121

Substance Abuse Council of Greater Battle Creek  
35 West Michigan Avenue  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 968-4699

Summit Pointe  
140 West Michigan Avenue  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 966-1460  
*Offers classes & support groups for chronic illnesses depression, and other topics. Most insurance accepted and a sliding fee scale is available to those without insurance.*  
*Call for appointments. .... (269)-441-1460*

**CHILD CARE**

Child Care Resources  
268 E. Kilgore Rd. Suite D  
Portage, MI 49002.....(800) 343-3470  
.....(269) 962 2525  
Referral to families for child care, training for all providers types  
[www.ccr4kids.org](http://www.ccr4kids.org)

**Early Childhood Connections**

475 East Roosevelt Avenue

Battle Creek, MI 49017

Phone: 269-660-1606 Ext.6143

This Crib to Kindergarten focus will support families in providing a safe, nurturing and learning rich environment for their children.

The Early Childhood Connections program will also provide training and support to our area preschools and day care providers both privately owned and center based. Improving the quality of education and care of infants, toddlers and preschoolers is our primary goal. All families in Battle Creek may receive services through Early Childhood Connections if they reside in the greater Battle Creek area.

**Woodlawn Preschool**

1175 W. Territorial St.

Battle Creek, MI 49015.....(269) 963-7334

**Take a Break Child Care**

415 South 28th Street.

Battle Creek, MI .....(269)-660-0449

Provides respite services to Kinship Care, Adoptive and Foster Care families as well as children with special needs.

*For childcare providers in your area, also look in the yellow pages of your local phone book under "Child Care." Phone books can be found at local libraries, or can be ordered by calling (800) 346-4377.*

**EMERGENCY (FOOD, CLOTHING, and SHELTER)**

211 Referral Services-when calling from a cell phone..... (269) 565-4159  
.....Other areas from cell phone 1-800-250-5628

**EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE**

**AIM (Albion Interfaith Ministries)**

118 West Porter

Albion, MI 49224 AIM ..... (517) 629-5260

**Angel Food Network**                    [www.agelfoodministries.com](http://www.agelfoodministries.com)

In His Hand Compassionate Ministry Center ..... (269) 979-4565

Life in Christ Ministries ..... (269) 962-8658

Overflow Church ..... (269) 979-1350 or (269) 420-5043

**Marshall Location**

Family Bible Church ..... (269) 781-8400

**Albion Location**

Albion Free Methodist Church ..... (517) 629-8346

**Tekonsha Location**

First Baptist Church..... (517) 767-3155

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Department of Human Services- (Food Assistance Bridge Card)  
190 E. Michigan  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269)-966-1284  
(Provides debit care for access to food for low income household including seniors.)

**FOOD & NUTRITION**

Department of Human Services  
190 East Michigan Ave.  
Battle Creek, MI 49014.....(269)-966-1284  
Food Stamps and cash assistance

Women Infants and Children (W.I.C) Dept. of Public Health  
Albion .....toll free 866-303-9436 or (517) 629-9434  
Battle Creek 190 E. Michigan Ave Suite A-100.....(269) 969-6860  
Marshall 315 W. Green Suite I-600 .....(269) 781-0909

**CLOTHING**

Charitable Union  
85 Calhoun  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 964-7234

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church (Clothes Ministry)  
636 W. Van Buren St  
Battle Creek, MI 49037.....269) 964-3969  
Hours of Operation: Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M./Saturdays 10:00 A.M. -5:00 P.M

Information and Referral Center for Battle Creek ..... 211  
34 West Jackson  
Battle Creek, MI 49017..... From a cell phone call (269) 565-4159  
..... (800)-250-5628  
*Provides information and referrals to resources and services*

**SHELTER**

The Haven 11 Green St  
Battle Creek, MI 49014.....(269) 965-1148  
Homeless mission for men only

In As Much House --Homeless Shelter  
11 Green Street  
Battle Creek, MI 49014.....(269) 660-2945  
Women and families in New (WIN) Life Program (transitional housing program)

Outreach Ministry for Christ  
1007 Chauncey Street  
Albion, MI 49224 .....(517) 629-6779

S.A.F.E. Place Domestic Violence Shelter .....Help Line (888) 664-9832  
Battle Creek, MI ..... Crisis Line (269) 965-7233  
(Temporary shelter for battered victims)..... .Office (269) 965-6093

Gracious Homes  
PO Box # 977  
Battle Creek, MI 49017..... (269) 966-2947  
(Provide long-term shelter for non-custodial women, referral required)

Sexual Assault Services  
36 West Manchester  
Battle Creek, MI 49017..... (888) 383-2192 or (269) 660-3925

Salvation Army (Emergency Services)  
400 Capital Ave NE  
PO Box 93  
Battle Creek, MI 49017..... (269) 966-4162

**EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING**

Adult Basic Education/GED Completion  
77 Capital Avenue NE  
Battle Creek, MI 49017..... (269) 965-9514  
See also education

Battle Creek Y-Center Family Literacy Program  
182 Capital Ave.NE (located in the Y-Center)  
Battle Creek, MI 49017..... (269) 788-0495

Calhoun Area Career Center  
475 E. Roosevelt  
Battle Creek, MI 49017..... (269) 968-2271

Goodwill Industries  
4820 Wayne Road  
Battle Creek, MI 49017..... (269) 964-9455

Green Path Debt Solutions  
131 East Columbia Suite 112  
Battle Creek, MI 49015..... Toll Free (800) 718-7077 or (269) 963-4575

Michigan Works  
135 Hamblin Ave.  
Battle Creek, MI 49017..... (269) 962-5411

Neighborhood Inc. of Battle Creek  
47 N. Washington Ave.  
Battle Creek, MI 49037..... (269) 968-1113  
*Provide home purchase information, rehab lending consultation, financial fitness and home buyers education, Leadership Development, Community organization*

**Senior Community Service Employment Program (AARP)**

135 Hamblin Ave. (Michigan Works Bldg)

Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 441-1472 or 441-1478

Substance Abuse Prevention Services

300 B Drive North

P.O. Box 265

Albion, MI 49224 .....(517) 629-2113

Wheels to Work

217 W. Hamblin Ave

Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 962-9000

Temporary employment opportunities in your area, look in the yellow pages of your local phone book under "Employment Contractors – Temporary Help." Phone books can be found at local libraries, or call

.....(800) 346-4377

**LIBRARIES**

*Most libraries have scheduled events and activities especially for children. Contact your library for more information.*

Athens Community Library

106 East Burr Oak Street

Athens, MI 49011 .....(269)729-4479

Albion Public Library

501 S. Superior Street

Albion, MI 49224.....(517) 629-3993

Bellevue Township Library

212 N. Main Street

Bellevue, MI 49021.....(269) 763-3369

Burlington Township Library

135 N Elm Street

Burlington, MI 49029.....(517) 765-2702

Homer Public Library

141 West Main Street

Homer, MI 49245 .....(517)568-3450

Marshall District Library

124 W. Green Street

Marshall, MI 49068.....(269) 781-7821

Tekonsha Township Library

230 S. Church Street

Tekonsha, MI 49092.....(517) 767-4769

Willard Public Library  
7 W. Van Buren  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 968-8166

Willard Library - Helen Warner Branch  
36 Minges Creek Place  
Battle Creek, MI 49015.....(269) 968-8166 Ext.600

**EDUCATION**

For a complete listing of public schools/private and parochial  
[www.calhounisd.org1you/youisd/areaschool/areaschool](http://www.calhounisd.org1you/youisd/areaschool/areaschool) ..... (269) 781-5141

Albion Public Schools  
1418 Cooper Street  
Albion, MI 49224 .....(517) 629-9166

Athens Area Schools  
515 E. Williams  
Athens, MI 49011..... (269) 729-5421

Battle Creek Public Schools Administration  
3 W. Van Buren  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 965-9500

Bellevue Community Schools  
201 West St.  
Bellevue, MI 49021.....(269) 763-9432

Calhoun Area Career Center (CACC)  
475 E. Roosevelt  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 968-2271

Calhoun County Community School  
Alternative Education  
15 Arbor Street 49015 .....(269) 569-4782

Calhoun Intermediate School District (CISD)  
17111 G Drive North  
Marshall, MI 49068.....(269) 781-5141

Harper Creek Community Schools  
7454 B Dr. N.  
Battle Creek, MI 49014.....(269) 441-6550

Homer Community Schools  
403 S Hillsdale  
Homer, MI 49045 .....(517) 568-4461



Siena Heights University @ KCC  
450 North Ave.  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(800) 203-1560  
Linda Teafolla-Advisor..... (269) 965-3931 Ext. 2950

Spring Arbor University  
70 West Michigan Avenue  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 965-2934

Western Michigan University  
Battle Creek Regional Center  
50 W. Jackson Street  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 965-5380

**OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN (see also families with special needs)**

Early Childhood Services  
475 E. Roosevelt Ave.  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 660-1606  
*Play groups, in-home visits, and preschool referrals*

Early On (CISD)  
7454B. Drive N  
Battle Creek, MI 49014.....(269) 660-2732  
Children from birth to 3 years of age [www.earlyon.org](http://www.earlyon.org) or 800-327-5966

Project Find  
408 Jameson  
Battle Creek, MI.....(269) 441-1855  
For children over 3 years old [www.projectfindmichigan.org](http://www.projectfindmichigan.org) or 800-252-0052

Great Start Collaborative  
475 E. Roosevelt Ave.  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 441-4001

Great Start Parent Coalition  
475 E. Roosevelt Ave.  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 660-1606 ext.6144

**TRANSPORTATION**

Battle Creek Transit Public Busing and Tele-Transit for Door to Door  
339 W. Michigan Avenue  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 966-3474

Community Health Care Connection –Transportation Assistance Fund  
190 E. Michigan  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 969-6494  
*Provides assistance with transportation for medical appointments for uninsured low-income Calhoun County residents*

City Cab  
245 South Ave.  
Battle Creek, MI 49014

**Community Action**

Please refer to front cover and pages 2 & 3 for address, phone number and explanation of services offered at Calhoun County locations.

Marshall Dial-A-Ride  
323 W. Michigan Ave  
Marshall, MI 49068.....(269) 781-3975

**YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES**

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of South Central Michigan  
34 W. Jackson Suite 5A  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 964-7117

Boys and Girls Club – Full Blast  
35 W. Hamblin Ave  
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 788-9930

Boy Scouts of America  
1791 W. Columbia Suite G  
Battle Creek, MI 49015.....(269) 962-8513

Girl Scouts - Calhoun County Regional Center  
18935 15<sup>1/2</sup> Mile Road  
Marshall, MI 49068.....(269) 781-8720

**FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

Arc of Calhoun County  
217 Hamblin Avenue  
Battle Creek, MI 49037.....(269) 966-2575

Battle Creek Housing Commission  
250 Champion St.  
Battle Creek, MI 49037.....(269) 965-0591 Ext.1

Community Inclusive Recreation  
154 West Street Upper level  
Battle Creek, MI 49037.....(269) 968-8249  
Leisure and social activities primarily for residents of Calhoun County

Doris Klaussen Developmental Center  
408 Jameson  
Battle Creek, MI 49014.....(269) 964-9426

Calhoun County Extension Office  
 Divorce Support Group  
 Smile Program (Start Making It Livable for Everyone).....(269)781-0823  
 Support meetings for children and parents locations vary so call for dates, times and locations

Social Security Administration  
 2518 Capital Avenue SW  
 Battle Creek, MI 49015..... (800) 772-1213 or (269) 962-0910  
 www.scs.gov

Starr Commonwealth Main Campus *www.starr.org*  
 13725 Starr Commonwealth Rd.  
 Albion, MI 49224 ..... (517) 629-5591  
 ..... Toll Free # 800-837-5591

Starr Commonwealth Battle Creek Campus  
 155 Garfield Ave.  
 Battle Creek, MI 49037..... (269) 968-9287  
 ..... Toll Free # 800-225-7529

**NATIONAL HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS Call 1-800...**

**CANCER**

American Cancer Society..... 227-2345  
 American Institute for Cancer Research..... 843-8114  
 Leukemia Society of America (LSA)..... 955-4572  
 National Cancer Institute, Cancer Information Services (CIS)..... 422-6237  
 Skin Cancer Foundation (SCF) ..... 754-6490

**CHILDREN’S HEALTH**

American SIDS Institute ..... 232-7437  
 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF)..... 344-4823  
 First Candle National (SIDS) (English and Spanish) ..... 221-7437  
 Juvenile Diabetes Foundation ..... 223-1138  
 National Reye’s Syndrome Foundation, Inc ..... 233-7393  
 Tomorrow’s Child- Michigan Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) ..... 331-7437  
 Spina bifida Association of America (English and Spanish) ..... 621-3141

**INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

AIDS Hotline, CDC National..... 342-AIDS  
 (Spanish)..... 344-7432  
 Hearing Impaired..... 243-7889  
 American Social Health Association CDC National STD Hotline..... 227-8922

## **INTERNAL MEDICINE**

American Diabetes Association.....232-3472 or (800) 342-2383  
American Foundation for Urologic Diseases ..... 242-2383  
American Heart Association ..... 242-8721 or 968-1793

American Heart Association  
3940 Peninsular Dr. SE  
Grand Rapids, MI ..... (616) 285-1888 or (800) 242-8721

American Kidney Fund  
6110 Executive Blvd.  
Rockville, MI..... 638-8299

American Liver Foundation, Hepatitis Hotline ..... 465-4837  
American Lung Association ..... 586-4872  
Arthritis Foundation ..... 283-7800  
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, Inc ..... 932-2423 or 343-3637  
Lupus Foundation of America ..... 558-0121  
National Kidney Foundation ..... 622-9010  
National Organization for Rare Disorders..... 999-6673  
Sickle Cell Disease Association of America ..... 421-8453  
Spondylitis Association of America (SAA) ..... 777-8189

## **MENTAL HEALTH**

American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD)... 424-3688  
National Alliance for the Mentally Illness (NAMI) information and helpline..... 950-6264  
National Down Syndrome Society ..... 221-4602  
Mental Health of America ..... 969-6642

## **NEUROLOGY**

Alzheimer's Association ..... 272-3900  
The Christopher Reeve Foundation ..... 225-0292  
American Parkinson's Disease Association ..... 223-2732  
Epilepsy Foundation of America..... 332-1000  
Michigan Chapter ..... 377-6226  
United Cerebral Palsy Association (UCPA)..... 872-5827  
Huntington's Disease Society of America..... 345-4372  
Michigan Chapter ..... 909-0073  
National Head Injury Foundation, Family Helpline ..... 444-6443  
National Headache Foundation..... 843-2256  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society ..... 344-4867

## **PATIENT CARE**

Medic Alert Foundation US ..... 863-3425 or 432-5378  
National Hospice Organization..... 658-8898  
Shriner's Hospital Referral Line..... 237-5055  
Visiting Nurse Association of America..... 426-2547

## **PHYSICAL DISABILITIES/SPECIAL NEEDS**

American Council of the Blind, National Legislative Hotline ..... 424-8666  
National Easter Seal Society ..... 221-6827  
C.A.U.S.E. (Citizens Alliance to Uphold Special Education) ..... 221-9105

## **WOMEN'S HEALTH**

Y-ME National Organization for Breast Cancer Information Support Program... 221-2141

This is only a partial list of national health organizations; contact the National Health Information Center (NHIC) at 800-336-4797 for a more complete listing.

NOTE: This general information is not intended to replace the advice of a medical professional as it relates to your specific situations.

## **GOVERNMENT**

Mailing for All State Senators:  
Michigan Senate-State Capitol Bldg.  
P.O. Box 30036  
Lansing, MI 48909-7536

Mailing for All State Representatives:  
House of Representative – State Capitol Bldg.  
P.O. Box 30014  
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

### **EXAMPLE:**

My State Senator is \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Number is: \_\_\_\_\_

My State Representative is \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Number is: \_\_\_\_\_

My County Commissioner is: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Number is: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Letter Writing Tips:**

1. Make certain that your letter is timely-write when the legislation is pending in committee.
2. Keep your letters short and state your views clearly.
3. Identify bills by titles and number, or popular title e.g.: “the Whistleblower’s Act.”
4. Avoid threats. Be reasonable and constructive.
5. State reason for your position. Tell how the issues will affect you, your business-or its effect upon your Community or State.
6. Address your letter properly: know the legislator’s full name and correct spelling.

### **Suggested format**

U.S. Senator  
The Honorable (full name)  
United State Senator  
Address

Dear Senator (Last Name):

- Always include your last name and address on the letter itself
- Use your own words. Avoid form letters and petitions
- Be specific with your letter; try to target the specific issues that most concern you.

\*Write a letter of appreciation when you feel a legislator has done a good job.

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