Van Buren County Resource Guide

A guide of services provided to residents of Van Buren County

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police	Dial 911
Fire	Dial 911
Poison Control	(800) 222-1222
Van Buren County Sheriff	(269) 657-3101 or (877) 833-8114
MI State Police-Paw Paw	(269) 657-5551
MI State Police-South Haven	(269) 637-2125
Domestic Preparedness	(269) 657-7786

HELPFUL NUMBERS

Animal Control (Domestic)	(269) 621-4624
Friend of the Court	(269) 657-7734
Humane Society	(269) 637-5062
MI Road Conditions	(800) 381-8477
National Child Abuse Hotline	(800) 222-4453
Secretary of State	(888) 767-6424
Social Security Administration	
■ Kalamazoo	(866) 331-9088
■ Benton Harbor	(800) 772-1213
Van Buren County Circuit Court	(269) 657-8200
Van Buren County District Court	
■ East (Paw Paw)	(269) 657-8222
■ West (South Haven)	(269) 637-5258
Van Buren County Juvenile Court	(269) 657-8237
Van Buren County Truancy Office	(269) 539-5209

Dear Friend:

Van Buren County United Way works directly and in collaboration to fund programs that impact the lives of Van Buren County Residents in the following focus areas:

EDUCATION

Supported programs provide expanded youth educational and recreational opportunities, and work with at-risk families to ensure safe environments for all youngsters.

INCOME

We support programs that meet basic needs, such as emergency and disaster services, domestic abuse prevention and shelters, food and utility assistance, and free tax preparation services during tax season.

HEALTH

Programs connect residents to low- and no-cost health, mental health, dental, and prescription services; provide day programs for seniors; assist the disabled; and support the terminally ill and their families

If you need assistance, we hope this guidebook will help you connect with the many services available to you in Van Buren County.

If you are able to offer assistance - by supporting United Way through giving of your money, time, or services - we invite you to join us in helping make Van Buren County a community with opportunities for all.

Sincerely,

Vera E. Tanier
Executive Director
Van Buren County United Way

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HOSPITALS

Allegan General Hospital
555 Linn St., Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 673-8424

Berrien General Hospital
6418 Deans Hill Road, Berrien Center, MI 49102
(269) 471-7761

Borgess Medical Center
1521 Gull Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49048
(269) 226-7000

Borgess-Lee Memorial Hospital
420 West High St., Dowagiac, MI 49047
(269) 782-8681

Bronson LakeView Hospital
408 Hazen St., Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-3141

Bronson Methodist Hospital
601 John St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 341-7654

Bronson Outpatient Center
451 Health Parkway, Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-8300

Community Hospital Watervliet
400 Medical Park Drive, Watervliet. MI 49098
(269) 463-3111

South Haven Community Hospital
955 South Bailey Ave., South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 637-5271

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ADULT & ALTERNATIVE ED/EMPLOYMENT *

***Contact your local school district for continuing community education and other special services.**

Adult Citizenship Education Services
(Through Hartford Public Schools)
115-B School St. -- Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-7143
hpsmichigan.org
Federal citizenship education center provides citizenship classes, English language classes, and is a US citizenship testing center.

Hartford Adult Education
115 School Street (in the High School) – Hartford MI 49057
(269) 621-7140
www.hartford-schools.org
Offers high school diploma completion, vocation/employment training, GED program, citizenship classes, family literacy, and English classes

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Hartford Public Schools-Teen Parent Program
425 East Main (in the United Methodist Church)
Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-4433
www.hartford-schools.org
Provides educational services to secondary level students to complete requirements for promotion or academic credits toward graduation.

Michigan Avenue Academy
Adult and Alternative Education
600 East Michigan Ave. -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-8831 or www.ppps.org
Alternative high school program for parenting and pregnant teens, including on-site daycare and adult basic education classes including GED preparation classes and testing.

MSU College Assistance Migrant Program
(866) 432-9900 or msucamp.msu.edu

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

MSU High School Equivalency Program
(866) 432-9900
msuhep.msu.edu

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

Michigan Works of Berrien/Cass/Van Buren Counties
32849 Red Arrow Highway -- Paw Paw MI 49079
(269) 657-7014
www.miworks.org

Michigan Works of Berrien/Cass/Van Buren Counties
(located inside Lake Michigan College)
125 Veterans Blvd. -- South Haven, MI 49070
(269)655-0095
www.miworks.org

Michigan Works fosters high-quality employment and training programs serving employers and workers by providing support activities and a forum for information exchange for Michigan's workforce development.

National Migrant Education Hotline
Número Nacional para la Educación de los Migrantes
(800) 234-8848

Migrantes que trabajan en agricultura y sus familias pueden llamar el número nacional para la educación de los migrantes para solicitar información sobre servicios importantes como salud, alimentos, refugio, educación, y otras necesidades básicas.

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• Transferir archivos y expedientes escolares
• Transferir datos médicos
• Buscar información concerniente a programas de pre-kinder, escuela de verano, y clases de noche
• Buscar los servicios más apropiados para sus necesidades

Paw Paw Community Education Center
555 Cedar Street -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269)657-3120
www.ppps.org

Provides Early Childhood and community education programs.

South Haven Adult Education
(269) 639-0359

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

Telamon Corp c/o MI Works
32849 Red Arrow Highway, Suite 200
Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 290-7095 Ext. 1701
(269) 615-1967
www.telamon.org

Employment, Career Coaching, Job Placement, Referrals, Specialized Training, Employer Services, Job Development, Application Assistance, Resume Building, HUD Referral Agency, Certified Pesticide Training

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Van Buren Intermediate School District
701 Paw Paw St. -- Lawrence, MI 49064
(269) 674-8091
www.vbisd.org
Adult Educational and Migrant/Bilingual education programs.

Van Buren Intermediate School District
Technology Center
250 South St. -- Lawrence, MI 49064
(269) 674-8001
www.vbisd.org
Provides quality career and technical education training to high school students and adults in Van Buren County.

Volinia Outcomes School
54080 Gards Prairie Road -- Decatur, MI 49045
(269) 782-9716
www.volinia.org
An alternative school serving grades 7-12 from throughout the Cass, Van Buren and St. Joseph area. Focuses on taking struggling learners who are at-risk for dropping out or failing and making them successful.

CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT

Department of Human Services
57150 CR 681 -- Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-2800
www.michigan.gov/dhs
Call if you suspect child abuse/neglect or need parenting assistance programs.

Van Buren County Child Abuse & Neglect Council
PO Box 23 -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 427-6810
Committed to the prevention of child abuse and neglect through advocacy, education, & community involvement.

CHILDREN'S RESOURCES

4-H Leaders Association
219 East Paw Paw St., Suite 201 -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-8213
Offers "hands-on" experiences for youth regardless of age, sex, culture or social background, through volunteer leadership by combining fun with practical skills that help make youth more responsible and productive.

Big Brothers Big Sisters
3501 Covington -- Kalamazoo, MI 49001
(269) 382-6800
www.bbbscommunity.org
Creates, develops, and nurtures quality relationships between children and mentors to guide each child to become a responsible, socially competent, and caring adult.

Boy Scouts of America, Southwest Michigan Council
1035 West Maple St. -- Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(269) 343-4687 or (800) 272-7962
www.bsaswmc.org
Character development, citizenship training and physical and mental fitness are all the goals of the program for both boys and girls served.

Catholic Family Services-The Ark
990 West Kilgore Road -- Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(800) 873-TEEN
www.arkforyouth.org
24/7 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.

Child Care Resources
(800) 343-3470
www.workfamilysolutions.com
Provides listings of licensed child care providers.

Teen Parent/Family Literacy Program
425 East Main -- Hartford, MI
(269) 621-4433
Education and Literacy programs for adults (any age), and for pregnant and parenting teens. Assistance in obtaining a High School diploma or preparing for the GED exam. Childcare provided.

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan
601 West Maple St. -- Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(269) 343-1516 (800) 788-4919
www.gshom.org
Builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

Great Start Collaborative of Van Buren County
490 S. Paw Paw Street -- Lawrence MI 49064
(269) 539-5205
greatstart-vanburen.org

Parent Liaison: Sherry Bennett
(269) 655-1816
vanburengreatstart@gmail.com

Supports children ages 0-5 years and their families through early care and education intervention programs within the school system. Parent groups bring families with young children together to share information and provide family networking opportunities.

Hartford Community Center-His Place
15 South Maple St. -- Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-2020
www.hpcchartford.com
An outreach program for children, teens, and adults of Hartford to come together and enjoy a safe, nurturing environment of activities and fellowship.

Michigan Avenue Academy
600 East Michigan Ave. -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-8831
Alternative high school program for parenting and pregnant teens, including on-site daycare and adult basic education classes including GED preparation classes and testing.

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Telamon Corporation – Migrant Head Start Services

(800) 782-7831

-OR-

Bangor: (269) 926-8800

Decatur: (269) 423-6137

Keeler: (269) 424-3521

Pullman: (269) 236-5266

South Haven: (269) 463-5610

Watervliet: (269) 463-5610

Traditional Head Start pre-school for children 2 weeks – 5 years old. Early Head Start and Pregnant Moms programs at Bangor, Sodus & South Haven locations.

Tri-County Head Start
775 Hazen St. -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(800) 792-0366
Monday thru Thursday 7:30am-5:30pm
www.tricountyhs.org

Provides a pre-school experience for both disabled and non-disabled children. Working collaboratively with local school districts and other community agencies, staff ensure children with disabilities receive the services necessary to participate fully in the program.

Van Buren County Child Abuse & Neglect (CAN) Council
PO Box 23 -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 427-6810

Committed to the prevention of child abuse and neglect through advocacy, education, and community involvement.

Van Buren Intermediate School District
701 Paw Paw St. -- Lawrence, MI 49064
(269) 674-8091
www.vbisd.org

Coordinates programs that involve families with young children, aged birth to eight years. Services range from literacy programs to home visits by family educators who share information on child development, parenting, health, safety and nutrition information, among other topics. Special education provides services to individuals with disabilities in Van Buren County, ages birth to twenty six years, by providing comprehensive educational programs and services appropriate to address individual educational needs. Migrant/Bilingual education provides academic and support services for migratory children.

Van Buren Intermediate School District
Technology Center
250 South St. -- Lawrence, MI 49064
(269) 674-8001
www.vbisd.org

Provides quality career and technical education training to high school students and adults in Van Buren County.

Van Buren Youth Camp Inc.
12370 45th St. -- Bloomingdale, MI 49026
(269) 521-3855
Vbyc.org
Youth programs provide opportunities for mental, physical, and spiritual growth in a camp environment.

WIC (Women, Infants, Children)
181 West Michigan Ave., Suite 5 -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 655-8900
www.intercare.org

WIC (Women, Infants, Children)
308 Charles St. -- Bangor, MI 49013
(269) 427-7914
www.intercare.org
Provides supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk.

Youth Development Company / PAL
PO Box 453 -- South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 639-2489
ydcpal.com
After-School program & PAL Mentoring, Tutoring and Fine Arts opportunities for youth ages 4th-8th grade. Summer Fun in the Park provides supervised activities such as swimming, dance & crafts for children ages 4-13 for six weeks each summer M-F Noon-5pm. Programs include healthy snacks and meals.

DISABILITY/MENTAL HEALTH

ARC of Michigan
1325 South Washington -- Lansing, MI 48910
(800) 292-7851 (517) 487-5426
www.arcmi.org
Assists all persons with developmental disabilities and their families to participate fully in the life of their community.

Bronson LakeView Behavioral Health
408 Hazen St. -- Paw Paw, MI
(269) 657-7149 (800) 656-3141
www.bronsonhealth.com
Inpatient mental health services and assessments for adults age 65+.

CAUSE-Citizens Alliance to Uphold Special Education
924 Centennial Way, Suite 460 -- Lansing, MI 48917
(517) 886-9167
www.causeonline.org
A non-profit coalition providing free information, referral, support, advocacy, and workshops to parents and professionals working with children with disabilities.

Constance Brown Hearing Centers
1634 Gull Road (Medical Arts Building)
Kalamazoo, MI 49048
(269) 343-2601 (877) 343-2601
www.cbrown.org
Committed to providing personalized service and advanced technology to help each individual find the right solution to change their lives.

Department of Human Services
57150 CR 681 -- Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-2800
www.michigan.gov/dhs
Offers programs that assist with state disability for disabled adults.

Disability Network Southwest Michigan
The first stop for people with disabilities
517 East Crosstown Parkway -- Kalamazoo, MI 49001
(269) 345-1516
www.dnswm.org
Educates and connects people with disabilities to resources while advocating social change.

Easter Seals Society
West Michigan Therapy Center
4065 Saladin Drive SE -- Grand Rapids, MI 49546
(616) 942-2081 (800) 75-SEALS
mi.easterseals.com
Services children and adults with mental and physical disabilities and other special needs. Health professionals from a variety of disciplines work with each person to overcome obstacles to independence and to reach their personal goals through person centered planning.

Family Support Network
(800) 359-3722
Links families who have children with disabilities or illnesses with other families having the same conditions. Connects families with educational support services appropriate to their needs.

Leader Dogs for the Blind
1039 South Rochester Road -- Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(888) 777-5332
www.leaderdog.org

March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation
1930 West Milham, Suite A -- Portage, MI 49024
(269) 343-5586
www.marchofdimes.com
March of Dimes researchers, volunteers, educators, outreach workers & advocates work together to give all babies a fighting chance against the threats to their health: prematurity, birth defects, low birth weight.

Michigan Association for Deaf, Hearing & Speech Services
2929 Covington Court -- Lansing, MI 48912
(800) 968-7327
Sponsors programs through advocacy, education, special services including interpreter services, equipment rental, and youth programs.

Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service, Inc.
4095 Legacy Parkway, Suite 500 -- Lansing, MI 48911
(517) 487-1755 (800) 288-5923
www.mpas.org
Advocates for the physically and mentally disabled.

Michigan Rehabilitation Services
499 West Main St., Suite 1 -- Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(877) 901-9192

Michigan Rehabilitation Services
4210 South Westnedge -- Kalamazoo, MI 49079
(877) 901-9187 (269) 337-3700
mi.gov/mrs
Partners with individuals and employers to assist people with physical and mental disabilities to become employed.

Paws With A Cause
4646 South Division -- Wayland, MI 49348
(800) 253-7297
www.pawswithacause.org
Trains assistance dogs nationally for people with disabilities, which helps encourage their independence.

South Haven Drop In Center
950 South Bailey Ave. -- South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 637-7396
Drop-in center for individuals with mental disabilities who need peer support or help problem-solving.

State of MI Blind Commission-Training Center
1541 Oakland Drive -- Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(269) 337-3848
www.michigan.gov

United Cerebral Palsy Association of Michigan
4970 Northwind Drive -- East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 203-1200
www.ucpmichigan.org
A non-profit advocacy organization that works for life without limits for people with cerebral palsy and other disabilities.

Van Buren Behavioral Education Center ISD
30 South Walnut St. -- Bangor, MI 49013
(269) 427-7961
www.vbisd.org
Offers a special education program for students with emotional impairments who cannot be effectively educated within their local school district.

Van Buren Community Mental Health Authority
801 Hazen St – Suite C – Paw Paw MI 49079
(269) 657-5574
Offers prevention, assessment, crisis intervention, treatment and support to help all people meet their own chosen life and work goals.

Van Buren Intermediate School District
701 Paw Paw St. -- Lawrence, MI 49064
(269) 674-8091
www.vbisd.org
Special education provides services to individuals with disabilities in Van Buren County, aged birth to 26 years, by providing comprehensive educational programs and services to address individual educational needs.

Van Buren Public Transit
610 David Walton Drive -- Bangor MI 49013
(269) 427-7921
Or email rides@vbco.org
Offers public transportation. Call or email for ride pick-up. Please make sure to receive a confirmation number when emailing pick-up info.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SHELTERS

Benton Harbor Emergency Homeless Shelter
645 Pipestone – Benton Harbor MI 49022
(269) 925-1131
www.bentonharboremergencyshelter.org
Provides temporary housing for families and single parents with children and assists these families in finding permanent homes.

Catholic Family Services-The Ark
990 West Kilgore Road -- Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(800) 873-TEEN (269) 343-7323
www.arkforyouth.org
24/7 voluntary short-term (14-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.

Decatur Family Shelter
210 East Delaware -- Decatur, MI 49045
(269) 423-9450
Provides shelter for families with children, single women. No single men.

Domestic Violence Coalition
303 Paw Paw St., Suite 7 -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 655-9008 After hours (888) 655-9008
Provides supportive assistance to survivors of domestic and sexual violence and works toward eliminating these crimes.

Fair Housing Center for Southwest Michigan
410 East Michigan Ave.
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 276-9100
www.fhcswm.org
Fair housing education, enforcement and advocacy.

Kalamazoo Gospel Mission Homeless Shelter
448 North Burdick St. -- Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 345-2974
www.kzoogospel.org
Provides shelter for men, women and families.

Kalamazoo YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter
353 East Michigan Ave. -- Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 385-3587 24-Hour Hotline
www.ywcakalamazoo.org

Keystone Place Family Shelter
505 East Market St. -- Centerville, MI 49032
(269) 467-7078
Emergency shelter for families with children for a max. 30 day stay.

Next Door Shelter for Women
1217 West North St. -- Kalamazoo, MI 49006
(269) 349-2119
Calls taken 7 days/week 3pm-10pm – or leave message and your call will be returned within 24 hours.

SAFE Shelter
(269) 983-4275
Shelter for abused women and domestic violence survivors and their children.

Salvation Army Shelter
(269) 927-0404
www.salvationarmy.org
Provides shelter for men at least 18 years of age.

Sylvia's Place Domestic Violence Shelter
sylviasplace.com
(269) 673-8700
Shelter for all who are fleeing domestic violence in their homes, including their children. Offers residential and non-residential support services based on survivor needs..

Three Rivers Domestic Violence Shelter
www.dasasmi.org -- (800) 828-2023
Serves Van Buren, Cass and St. Joseph Counties at multiple locations.

EMERGENCY & DISASTER SERVICES

American Red Cross
301 North Center St. -- Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-6456
www.redcross.org
Provides relief to victims of disaster and is the leading provider of first aid and CPR education and training, life guarding, swim, and water safety education and training in the country.

Services to Armed Forces
(877) 272-7337
Provides emergency services to military families.

Child and Family Services
2450 M-139, Suite A
Benton Harbor, MI 49023
(888) 237-1891 or (269) 925-1725
www.cfsswmi.org
Crisis Intervention Center is a residential shelter that provides a safe environment for children 9-17 who are experiencing significant life trauma. West Michigan Guardianship provides guardianship and services to severely mentally ill, developmentally disabled, and elderly citizens who cannot make financial, legal or health decisions.

Department of Human Services
57150 CR 681
Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-2800
www.michigan.gov/dhs
Offers programs that assist low-income people with cash assistance, food assistance, housing and shelter costs, state disability for disabled adults, medical coverage for low-income families, child care assistance, burials, utilities, and other services.

Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency
185 East Main St., Suite 200 -- Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 925-9077
www.smcaa.com
Provides weatherization program, home repairs, volunteer programs, outreach, and shelter referral for homeless, housing programs, emergency food, migrant services, emergency utility & rent assistance.

Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency
(Satellite Office)
155 North Paw Paw St. -- Lawrence, MI
(269) 674-7175 (800) 968-3905
www.smcaa.com
Emergency food, migrant services, emergency utility & rent assistance.

The Salvation Army
233 Michigan St. -- Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 927-1353
www.salvationarmy.org
Assists with food, clothing, prisoner re-entry programs, and utilities.

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Adoption Associates Inc.
(800) 677-2367
www.adoptassoc.com
Assistance with adoption serving West Michigan.

American Cancer Society
1400 West Milham -- Portage, MI 49024
(269) 349-8719
www.cancer.org

Bethany Christian Services
6687 Seeco Drive -- Kalamazoo, MI 49009
(269) 372-8800 (800) BETHANY
www.bethany.org
Offers services for adoption, foster care, and counseling.

Child Care Resources
(800) 343-3470
www.workfamilysolutions.com
Provides listings of licensed child care providers.

Family Adoption Consultants (FAC)
45100 Sterritt, Ste. 203 -- Utica, MI 48317
(586) 726-2988
www.facadopt.org

Hartford Community Center-Learning Center
2400 West Main -- Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-2020
www.hpcchartford.com

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(269) 621-2020
www.hpcchartford.com
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.

Michigan Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative
499 West Main St. -- Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(800) 533-5800 Ext.1138
www.michigan.gov/corrections
Goal is to promote public safety by increasing the success rates of prisoners transitioning from prison to the community. The vision of the MPRI is that every prisoner released from prison will have the tools needed to succeed in the community.

Pokagon Tribal Social Services
58620 Sink Road -- Dowagiac, MI 49047
(269) 782-4300 (888) 376-9988
www.pokagon.com
Provides education, social services, housing and a variety of services for members of the Potawatomi tribe.

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Van Buren County Tax Coalition
A service of
Van Buren County United Way (269) 657-2410
Free Seasonal Tax Preparation (January-April only) by trained tax preparers for low-moderate- income residents of Van Buren County, especially those who may qualify for State and Federal tax credits (whether they owe tax or not).

Van Buren County United Way
181 West Michigan Ave., Suite 4 -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-2410
www.vbcuw.org

A community umbrella organization that supports area non-profits through networking opportunities, collaboration initiatives and fundraising to make Van Buren County a better place to live and work.

We Care In The Name of Christ
(located in Church of Christ)
214 South Walnut St. -- Bangor, MI 49013
(269) 427-9581
M-T-Th-F 9:30-Noon

We Care In The Name of Christ
06321 Blue Star Highway -- South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 637-4342
M-F 9:30-Noon

Ecumenical Ministry linking families in need with appropriate church and community resources.

FOOD/CLOTHING

Angel Food Ministries
www.angelfoodministries.com
A non-profit dedicated to providing grocery relief and financial support through the opportunity to buy food at significant discounts. Each month's menu consists of high quality fresh, frozen and packaged food. The food relief program is open to all -- there are no restrictions, conditions or forms to fill out.
Orders and distribution are handled by church host sites.
Check the website to find a host site near you.
Food Stamps (EBT) accepted.

Bangor Church of Christ
214 Walnut St., PO Box 146 -- Bangor, MI 49013
(269) 427-8503
Food and Personal care items Tuesdays by appointment
With Referral from We Care: (269) 427-8503

Bloomingdale Christian Church
208 East Pine St. -- Bloomingdale, MI 49026
(269) 521-4233 or (269) 251-0256
Emergency food available by appt. for Bloomingdale area residents.

Church of Nazarene
72133 CR 388 -- South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 637-8941
Personal Care Pantry Mondays 10am-Noon
With referral from We Care (269) 637-4342

Coloma United Methodist Church
144 S. Church St. – Coloma MI 49038
(269) 468-6062
Food pantry Tuesday and Friday Noon-2pm.
Closed on Snow Days.

Decatur Human Services
Food Pantry-Township Hall: 103 East Delaware
Clothing Center: 208 East Delaware
Decatur, MI 49045
(269) 423-6474
Monday thru Friday 9am-Noon depending upon availability.
Decatur and Hamilton township residents only.

Eleanor's Pantry
221 Drew Street -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 415-0444
Food pantry serving Paw Paw and Lawton residents.
Open M & F 10am- 1pm and T-W-Th 3-6pm

First Congregational Church
12 Charles St. -- Bangor, MI 49013
(269) 427-5146
Food bank Tuesdays & Fridays 10am-Noon
With referral from We Care (269) 427-8503.

First Congregational Church UCC
651 Phoenix St. -- South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 637-3804
Food bank M-W-F 10am-Noon
With referral from We Care (269) 637-4342.

Gobles-Kendall Area Ministerial Association
210 E. Exchange St. -- Gobles, MI 49055
Contact Sheila Baker (269) 628-4882
Food Pantry available for residents north of M-43 in Bloomingdale, Breedsville, Grand Junction and Kendall
Wed. 10-11:30am or by appointment

Goodwill Industries of Southwestern Michigan, Inc. 309 East Michigan Ave. -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-3534
www.goodwillswmi.org

Goodwill Industries of Southwestern Michigan, Inc.
2700 North Pitcher St. -- Kalamazoo, MI
(269) 382-0490
www.goodwillswmi.org
A non-profit which provides employment, education, and training services to people in their community.

Hartford United Methodist Church
425 East Main St. -- Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-4103
Food pantry available Saturdays 9am-Noon once per month to Hartford and Keeler Township residents.

Lakeshore Family Thrift Shop
Walker Plaza -- South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 637-5330
Clothing / furniture available at low prices, or free with vouchers provided by We Care (269) 637-4342.

Lawrence United Methodist Church
122 South Exchange St. -- Lawrence, MI 49064
(269) 674-8381
Food Pantry Wednesdays 9:30am-Noon and 6-7pm
Free Community Meal (everyone welcome) every Wednesday 6pm

Matthew 25 Ministries
25407 6th St. -- Gobles, MI 49055
(269)628-0340
Clothing / household items free to low-income families.
Thursday 10am-5pm

Lily of the Valley Church
M-140 Hwy – Covert MI 49043
(269)764-8111
Food pantry Tuesday and Friday Noon-2pm for Covert residents
With referral from We Care (269) 637-4342

Mattawan Community Food Pantry
23680 Front St. -- Mattawan, MI 49071
(269) 668-3263
Food available 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month 10am-Noon or by appointment for Mattawan residents.

Peace Lutheran Church
06321 Blue Star Highway -- South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 637-4104
Baby pantry Monday thru Friday 8am-3pm
With referral from We Care (269) 637-4342.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
201 South Walnut St. -- Bangor, MI 49013
(269) 427-7514
Food pantry Thursdays 1-4 pm.
Clothing available at thrift shop downtown Friday afternoon and on Saturday. Must be residents of Bangor, Grand Junction, Bloomingdale, Breedsville area.

Seventh Day Adventist Church
57825 65 1/2 St. -- Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 628-2789
Call for Food bank appt - Hartford residents only.

Seventh Day Adventist Church
60261 M-43 -- Bangor, MI 49013
(269) 214-7909
Clothing available from 1-4 pm on Wednesday
With Referral from We Care (269) 427-9581
Please drop off donations after 10 am on Wednesdays.

Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency
155 North Paw Paw St. -- Lawrence, MI 49064
(800) 968-3905 (269) 674-7175
www.smcaa.com
Emergency food, heat, utilities assistance and furniture available M-F 9-11am and 1-3pm with a referral from DHS.

St. John Bosco Church
23830 Front Ave. -- Mattawan, MI 49071
(269) 668-3312
Emergency services and food assistance available to Mattawan residents. Please call for appointment.

We Care In The Name of Christ - Bangor Area
214 Walnut St. -- Bangor, MI 49013
(269) 427-9581
M,T,Th,F – 9:30am-Noon

We Care In The Name of Christ – South Haven Area
06321 Blue Star Highway -- South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 637-4342
M-F – 9:30am-Noon

We Care coordinates food, personal care, baby items, clothing, furniture, and medical supplies provided by area Churches and Food pantries.

WIC (Women, Infants, Children)
209 West Michigan Ave. -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 655-8900

WIC (Women, Infants, Children)
308 Charles St. -- Bangor, MI 49013
(269) 427-7914
www.fns.usda.gov/wic
Provides supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk.

HIV & SEXUAL DISEASE TESTING

Alternatives Pregnancy Care Center
4200 West Michigan Ave. -- Kalamazoo, MI 49006
(269) 345-1740
www.pregnancychoices.com
Offers HIV testing and information about STD's.

CARES
629 Pioneer St. -- Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(269) 381-2437 or (800) 944-2437
www.caresswm.org

CARES
185 E. Main, Suite 604 -- Benton Harbor, MI 49023
(800) 663-2437
www.caresswm.org
Provides medical case management to maximize quality of life for those living with HIV; prevention education to minimize the transmission of the virus. Free HIV testing & information about STD's.

Planned Parenthood
4201 West Michigan Ave.
Kalamazoo, MI 49006
(800) 559-9093 or (269) 372-1200
www.plannedparenthood.org
Offers services and information about abortion, birth control, pregnancy, relationships, sex, STDs, fertility, sexual orientation and women's health.

Van Buren District Public Health Department
Human Services-West Building
57418 CR 681 -- Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-3143

Van Buren District Public Health Department
Human Services-East Building
801 Hazen St. -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-5574
www.vbcassdhd.org

HOSPICE & RESIDENTIAL CARE

Borgess Visiting Nurse & Hospice
348 North Burdick St. -- Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 343-1396 (800) 343-1396
www.borgess.com
Provides individuals and families with compassionate, quality, innovative and cost-effective home care, hospice and related services.

Bronson Home Care
505 Hazen Street, Suite 102 -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-2800
www.bronsonhealth.com
Bronson Home Health Care brings high-tech treatments, once available only in the hospital, to your home.

Bronson Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
99 Walker St. -- Lawton, MI 49065
(269) 624-4311
www.bronsonhealth.com
A not-for-profit, 115-bed, skilled nursing center.

Friends Who Care INC
532 Dyckman Ave. -- South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 639-7323
www.friendswhocare.com
Provides quality medical home care service.

Gently With Care Home Health Service
315 Center St -- South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 637-5920
Offers home health care services.

Hospice at Home-South Haven
05055 Blue Star Highway
South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 637-3825
www.hospiceathomecares.org
Offers a wide range of nursing, medical, social and grief support services which are designed to enable the client to live in the comfort and privacy of his or her own home.

Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan
801 North Hazen St, Suite A -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-7300
www.hospiceswmi.org
Supports individuals and their caregivers during chronic or terminal illness with individualized medical, emotional, spiritual, and personal care; compassionate care for those coping with illness, dying, and loss.

Lifespan Visiting Nurse Services
166 East Goodale Ave.
Battle Creek, MI 49037
(269) 660-3600
www.lifespan4u.org
Provides family-like care for patients by offering healthcare services and equipment for all phases of illness and recuperation right at home

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HOUSING - FORECLOSURE ASSISTANCE

There are two main agencies that offer help in preventing the foreclosure process for those individuals living in Van Buren County

For complete information and assistance please log on to:
http://www.hud.gov/local/mi/homeownership/foreclosure.cfm

Southwest MI Community Action Agency (SMCAA)
57150 CR 681 – Hartford MI 49057
(269) 621-2800
-OR-
155 N. Paw Paw Street – Lawrence MI 49064
(269) 674-7175

Kalamazoo Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.
Building D
Suite 205
777 Riverview Drive
Benton Harbor MI 49022
(269) 277-5830

HOUSING

Department of Human Services (DHS)
57150 CR 681 -- Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-2800
www.michigan.gov/dhs
Offers programs that assist with housing and shelter costs.

Habitat for Humanity-Eastern VBC
PO Box 215 -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-8801
www.habitatmichigan.org

Habitat for Humanity-South Haven Area
225 Broadway Suite 7 -- South Haven, MI
(269) 639-2670
www.southhavenhabitat.org

Provides decent, affordable homes to low-income families and utilizes "sweat equity" and no-interest mortgages.

Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency
155 North Paw Paw St. -- Lawrence, MI 49064
(269) 674-7175
www.smcaa.com
Call for income-based housing availability and homeless prevention and Rapid Re-housing assistance.

LEGAL SERVICES

Farmworker Legal Services
3030 South 9th St, Suite 1A – Kalamazoo MI 49009-6273
(269) 492-7190 (800) 968-4046
www.farmworkerlaw.org
Offers legal services to low-income migrant and seasonal farm workers throughout Michigan.

Immigration Assistance Program
of the Diocese of Kalamazoo

215 S. Westnedge -- Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 385-1019
www.dioceseofkalamazoo.org/immigration
The mission of the Immigration Assistance Program is to provide the immigrant population with low-cost, competent legal representation in their immigration matters.

Legal Aid of Western Michigan
201 West Kalamazoo, Ave. -- Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(800) 819-0773 (888) 783-8190
www.legalaidwestmich.org

Secures justice and protects the rights of persons unable to obtain and pay for legal services by the provision of legal assistance and council to such persons.

Michigan Migrant Legal Assistance Project-MMLAP
1104 Fuller Ave NE -- Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(800) 418-3390
www.mmlap.com

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Almena Township	269-668-6910
Antwerp Township	269-668-2615
Arlington Township (Supervisor)	269-674-8420
Bangor Township	269-427-8965
Bloomingdale Township	269-521-3800
Columbia Township	269-434-6227
Covert Township	269-764-8986
Decatur Township (Supervisor)	269-423-7134
Geneva Township	269-427-7607
Hamilton Township	269-423-7852
Hartford Township	269-621-4658
Keeler Township	269-621-6481
Lawrence Township	269-674-8833
Paw Paw Township	269-657-4340
Pine Grove Township (Supervisor)	269-628-4769
Porter Township	269-624-4022
South Haven Charter Township	269-637-3305
Waverly Township	269-657-6847
Village of Bloomingdale	269-521-3222
Village of Breedsville	269-427-7281
Village of Decatur	269-423-6114
Village of Lawrence	269-674-8161
Village of Lawton	269-624-6407
Village of Mattawan	269-668-2128
Village of Paw Paw	269-657-3148
City of Bangor	269-427-5831
City of Gobles	269-628-2246
City of Hartford	269-621-2477
City of South Haven	269-637-0700

MEDICAL & DENTAL CARE

Alternatives Pregnancy Care Center
4200 West Michigan Ave. -- Kalamazoo, MI 49006
(269) 345-1740
www.pregnancychoices.com
Provides free pregnancy testing, information about STD's, abortion alternatives, adoption, HIV screening and free clothing for pregnant women and babies.

Intercare Community Network of Bangor
308 Charles St. -- Bangor MI 49013
(269) 427-7967
www.intercare.org

Intercare Community Network of Pullman
5498 109th Ave. -- Pullman, MI 49450
Medical (269) 236-5021 Dental (269) 236-5027
www.intercare.org
Offers dental care, enabling services, obstetrical and gynecological care, primary and specialty medical care.

Planned Parenthood
4201 West Michigan Ave.
Kalamazoo, MI 49006
(800) 559-9093 or (269) 372-1200
www.plannedparenthood.org
Offers services and information about abortion, birth control, pregnancy, relationships, sex, STDs, fertility, sexual orientation and women's health.

Van Buren District Public Health Department
Human Services-West Building
57418 CR 681 -- Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-3143
www.vbcassdhd.org

Van Buren & Cass County District Health Department
Human Services-East Building
801 Hazen St. -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-5596
www.vbcassdhd.org

Van Buren & Cass County District Health Department
520 Main St. -- Dowagiac, MI 49047
(269) 782-0064 (888) 782-0064
www.vbcassdhd.org

All services provided are either free or discounted based on income.

Dental clinic *– provides dental preventative services, restorative services, prosthetic services and surgical services.*

Immunization clinic *– offers immunizations to people of all ages. Flu and pneumonia vaccinations offered in the fall.*

Reproductive & General Health *– offers cancer screening, breast examinations, mammogram referrals, cervical-pap test, testicular examinations, colorectal screening, contraceptive management, preconception health counseling, level I infertility screening, pregnancy testing, individualized education and counseling.*

Vision & Hearing Screening *– provided free of charge.*

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Hartford Loan Closet
(269) 621-4266
Loans medical equipment to low-income Hartford residents only.

Lending Hands
5348 Ivanhoe Court -- Portage, MI 49002
(269) 567-4381
www.lendinghandsmi.org
A volunteer non-profit social service organization that lends home medical equipment, for free, on a temporary basis.

We Care In The Name of Christ - Bangor Area
214 Walnut St. -- Bangor, MI 49013
(269) 427-9581
M,T,Th,F – 9:30am-Noon

We Care In The Name of Christ – South Haven Area
06321 Blue Star Highway -- South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 637-4342
M-F – 9:30am-Noon

We Care coordinates food, personal care, baby items, clothing, furniture, and medical supplies provided by area Churches and Food pantries.

MEDICAL – PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE

The following organizations provide information and review eligibility at no charge for uninsured and/or lower-income families to help them get prescriptions at a discount or for free:

Abbott Patient Assistance Foundation
(800) 222-6885

I Need Rx Help
http://Ineedrxhelp.com

Partnership for Prescription Assistance
(888) 477-2669
http://www.pparx.org

Rx Help
(866) 960-9497
http://www.rxhelp4u.com

RX Assist
http://Rxassist.org

Together Rx Assistance
(800) 444-4106

Many Retailers offer the $4 Generic Prescription Program for certain prescription and over-the-counter medications. For a listing of participating pharmacies, visit:

http:www.myfourdollardruglist.com

SCHOOLS

Bangor Public Schools
(269) 427-6800

Bloomingdale Public Schools
(269) 521-3900

Covert Public Schools
(269) 764-3701

Decatur Public Schools
(269) 423-6800

Faith Baptist Academy-Mattawan
(269) 668-3391

Gobles Junior Academy
(269) 628-2704
Offers K-10th grade.

Gobles Public Schools
(269) 628-5618

Hartford Public Schools
(269) 621-7000

Lake Michigan College
www.lakemichigancollege.edu

South Haven Campus
125 Veterans Blvd -- South Haven MI 49090
(800) 252-1562 (269) 639-8442

Napier Avenue Campus
2755 East Napier Ave. -- Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(800) 252-1562 (269) 927-3571

Lake Michigan College/M-TEC
400 Klock Road -- Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(800) 252-1562 (269) 926-6832

Bertrand Crossing Campus
1905 Foundation Drive -- Niles MI 49120
(800) 252-1562 (269) 695-1391

Lawrence Public Schools
(269) 674-8233

Lawton Public Schools
(269) 624-7901

Mattawan Consolidated Schools
(269) 668-3361

Paw Paw Public Schools
(269) 651-8800

South Haven Public Schools
(269) 637-0527

St. Mary's Catholic School-Paw Paw
(269) 657-3750
Offers pre-school thru 5th grade.

St. Basil Catholic School-South Haven
(269) 637-3529
www.saintbasilcatholic.org
Offers pre-school thru 8th grade.

St. Paul Lutheran School-South Haven
(269) 637-4459
Offers pre-school thru 8th grade.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran School-Bangor
(269) 427-7102

Trinity Lutheran School-Paw Paw
(269) 657-5921
www.trinitylutheran.com
Offers childcare for infants-preschool, preschool, before- and after-school care, Young Fives, K thru 8th grades.

Van Buren Intermediate School District
701 Paw Paw St. -- Lawrence, MI 49064
(269) 674-8091
www.vbisd.org

The Early Care and Education Office coordinates programs that involve families with young children, age birth-8 years. Services range from literacy programs to home visits by family educators prepared to share information on child development, parenting, health, safety and nutrition information among other topics.

Van Buren Intermediate School District
Technology Center
250 South St. -- Lawrence, MI 49064
(269) 674-8001
www.vbisd.org

Provides quality career and technical education (CTE) training to high school students and adults in Van Buren County and the surrounding communities.

SENIOR SERVICES

-SEE ALSO HOSPICE & RESIDENTIAL CARE-
-SEE ALSO VETERANS ASSISTANCE-

AARP Foundation Senior Community Service Employment/Work Search
960 Agard St. -- Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 925-3838

For low-income individuals 55 and over.
A work training program that helps participants gain skills and work experience to transition into permanent jobs.

Area Agency on Aging Region 4
2900 Lakeview Ave. -- St. Joseph, MI 49085
(800) 654-2810
www.areaagencyonaging.org

Offers employment services, in-home and long-term medical care, grandparents raising grandchildren support, a variety of other services for seniors.

Day Services for Seniors
Provided by Child and Family Services
2450 S. M-139 Suite A -- Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 934-7355
cfsswmi.org

Day Services for Seniors
Provided by Child and Family Services
116 Gremps St. -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-0540
cfsswmi.org

Day Services for Seniors is offered Monday-Friday, 7:30 am-5:30 pm. This program is designed specifically for persons with Alzheimer's-related forms of dementia. The program also offers support groups for caregivers of the elderly.

Health Connections
15970 77th St. -- South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 639-8288
Services for seniors to keep them in their homes while dealing with Alzheimer's and other issues from aging.

Paw Paw Village Pharmacy
322 E. Michigan Ave. – Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-6073
Offers delivery of prescriptions to clients in Decatur, Lawrence, Lawton, Mattawan and Paw Paw areas.

R S V P
(Retired Seniors Volunteer Program)
37458 W. Red Arrow Highway -- Paw Paw MI 49494
(269) 655-8000 or (877) 899-8687
Offers a range of volunteer opportunities for Seniors aged 55 and over, based on how and where they want to serve.

Senior Nutrition Services
540 Williams St. -- South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 637-4493

Senior Nutrition Services
73292 34th Ave. -- Covert, MI 49043
(269) 764-8448

Senior Nutrition Services
1708 Colfax Ave. -- Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 925-0137

Senior Nutrition Services
215 South Wendell Ave. -- Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-0112

Recognizes the needs of the aging population to maintain independence while living at home and helps by providing high-quality meals to the elderly.

Senior Services of Van Buren County

Paw Paw Office
37458 W. Red Arrow Highway – Paw Paw MI 49079
(269) 655-8000 or (888) 899-8687

South Haven Office
220 Broadway St. -- South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 637-3607 or (877) 627-8904
Provides information and help to seniors, recreation, social and educational programs, minivan and medical transportation as well as healthy aging programs like exercise, diet, support group, stop smoking clinic, care watch, and care management.

Van Buren Community Mental Health Authority
801 Hazen Street, Suite C -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-5574 or (877) 252-2131
www.vbcmh.com
Offers prevention, assessment, crisis intervention, treatment and support to help all people meet their own chosen life and work goals.

Van Buren Public Transit
610 David Walton Drive -- Bangor MI 49013
(269) 427-7921
Or email rides@vbco.org
Offers public transportation. Call or email for ride pick-up. Please make sure to receive a confirmation number when emailing pick-up info.

Van Buren United Civic Organization
73292 34th Ave., PO Box 123
Covert, MI 49043
(269) 764-8854
Promotes the general welfare and stimulates interest in the social, moral, educational and political affairs of the community; provides a facility for community activities and programs.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Alcoholics Anonymous
(800) 356-9996 or (269) 349-4410
www.intherooms.com/meetings/search
Call or go online to find meetings near you. Includes recovery services for addiction to alcohol, food, drugs or gambling.

Community Healing Center
777 Riverview Drive, Bldg A, Suite 180
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 926-0121
www.communityhealingcenter.org

Community Healing Center
70050 South Centerville St. -- Sturgis, MI 49091
(269) 651-1212
Offers out-patient services for drug and alcohol addiction.

Michiana Addiction Prevention Services
1613 E. Chicago Rd, Suite 212 -- Sturgis MI 49091
(269) 651-1212

Van Buren District Public Health Department
Human Services-West Building
57418 CR 681 -- Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-3143

Van Buren District Public Health Department
Human Services-East Building
801 Hazen St. -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-5574
www.vbcassdhd.org

TRANSPORTATION

Van Buren Public Transit
(269) 427-7921
Or email rides@vbco.org

Offers public transportation. Call or email for ride pick-up. Please make sure to receive a confirmation number when emailing pick-up info.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE

Veterans Affairs Office
801 Hazen Street, Suite C
(Inside Community Mental Health)
Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-7376
Office Hours: Wednesday 8:30am-4:30pm

Helps Veterans and/or their dependants apply for Veterans Administration benefits of all types. Administers the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund for emergency help.

VISION & HEARING SCREENING

Van Buren District Public Health Department
Human Services-West Building
57418 CR 681 -- Hartford, MI 49057

Contact Technician at (269)621-3143, Ext. 348

Free children's vision and hearing screening services offered by the health department, in Van Buren County. Good vision and hearing are essential for healthy growth and development.

HOTLINES

AARP	(888) 687-2277
Alcoholics Anonymous	(800) 356-9996
Alcoholics Anonymous (VB County)	(269) 349-4410
Alzheimer's Association	(800) 272-3900
American Parkinson's Association	(800) 223-2732
American Cancer Society of MI	(800) 723-0360
American Council of the Blind	(800) 424-8666
American Diabetes Association	(800) 342-2383
American Heart Association	(800) 242-8721
American Lung Association	(800) 586-4872
ARC of Michigan	(800) 292-7851
Arthritis Foundation MI Chapter	(800) 968-3030
Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America	(800) 727-8462
Autism Society of Michigan	(800) 223-6722
Bronson Health Answers	(800) 451-6310
Centers for Disease Control	(800) 232-4636
Child Abuse & Neglect Parent Helpline	(800) 942-4357
Child Care Resources	(800) 343-3470
Cleft Palate Foundation	(800) 242-5338
Consumer Protection Agency	(877) 765-8388
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	(800) 968-1050
Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan	(800) 377-6226
Family Support Network	(800) 359-3722
Mental Health-24 Hour Crisis	(800) 922-1418

MI Adult Abuse Hotline	**(800) 996-6228**
Migrant Farmworker Health Helpline	**(800) 377-9968**
National Brain Injury Foundation	**(800) 444-6443**
National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities	**(800) 695-0285**
National Domestic Violence	**(800) 799-7233**
National Kidney Foundation of MI	**(800) 482-1455**
National Migrant Education Hotline (Número Nacional para la Educación de los Migrantes)	**(800) 234-8848**
National Organization for Rare Disorders	**(800) 999-6673**
Prescription Assistance Hotlines:	
Abbott Patient Assistance Foundation	**(800) 222-6885**
Together Rx Access	**(800) 444-4106**
Rx Help	**(866) 960-9497**
Partnership for Prescription Assistance	**(888) 477-2669**
Ronald McDonald House	**(800) 776-4891**
Runaway Assistance Helpline	**(800) 942-4357**
Runaway Assistance Program	**(800) 292-4517**
Senior Info-Line	**(800) 654-2810**
Suicide Prevention Lifeline	**(800) 273-8255**
TeenScreen Mental Health Hotline	**(800) 922-1418**
U.S. Uninsured Helpline	**(800) 234-1317**
Veterans' Affairs Office (VB County)	**(269) 657-7376**
Vulnerable Adult Helpline	**(800) 996-6228**

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UTILITY & HEATING ASSISTANCE
IN
VAN BUREN COUNTY

Before seeking assistance from Van Buren County resources, please contact your local utilities provider and THAW, and ask about what programs they have to help with your bill:

AEP
IndianaMichiganPower.com

Consumers Energy
(800) 477-5050

Heat & Electric Assistance (THAW)
607 Shelby, Suite 400 -- Detroit, MI 48226
(800) 866-THAW
www.thawfund.org
The Heat And Warmth Fund (THAW) is an independent non-profit agency that provides low-income individuals and families with emergency energy assistance and advocates for long-term solutions to energy issues.

FOR ALL INQUIRIES
YOU WILL NEED TO HAVE WITH YOU:

Photo ID

List of any family members living with you

Social Security Numbers for all family members living with you

Income (pay check stub, SSI, Disability letter, etc…)

Current Utility and Heating Bill

Rent or Mortgage payment Verification (Lease or Mortgage Papers)

The following is the process for everyone in Van Buren County for obtaining assistance with Utility and Heating Bills:

STEP 1 **Department of Human Services (DHS)**
57150 CR 681 – Hartford MI 49057
(269) 621-2800

Contact DHS and complete an application. Once your application is complete, DHS will notify you either in person or by letter. This letter is called a **Determination Letter.** Even if you do not qualify for food, heating or housing assistance, you still need the **Determination Letter** to take with you for Step 2.

STEP 2 **Southwest MI Community Action Agency (SMCAA)**
185 East Main, Suite 200 – South Haven MI 49022
(269) 925-9077
-OR-
155 N. Paw Paw Street – Lawrence MI 49064
(269) 674-7175 or (800) 968-3905
www.smcaa.com

Contact SMCAA. You will need your DHS ***Determination Letter***, whether or not DHS is able to offer you any assistance. SMCAA will review the letter and your situation, and will let you know what assistance they can provide.

STEP 3 **The Salvation Army**
For Van Buren County only: Eleanor Miller (269) 657-4008
For Cass & Berrien Counties: Main Office (269) 927-1353

Contact the Salvation Army with your DHS ***Determination Letter*** and any amount of assistance that you may be getting from SMCAA.

STEP 4 **Local Churches**

Contact your church, or use your local phone book to locate churches within your area which may be able to help.

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