

DeKalb County Resources
First call for Help #211
Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-800-5556
Indiana Family Help Line 1-800-433-0746

EMERGENCY/CRISIS – CALL 911

Poison Control	800-222-1222	National Domestic Violence Hotline.....	800-799-7233
Domestic Abuse Hotline for Men	800-799-7233	National Sexual Assault Hotline.....	800-656-4637
Rape Crisis Hotline:	574-289-4357	National Human Trafficking Hotline	888-373-7888
Lifeline (Suicide Hotline)	800-273-8255	Hopeline; Suicide & Crisis	800-442-4673

FSSA: DeKalb Co. Family Resources 1390 S Grandstaff Dr, Auburn, IN 46706 800-403-0864

Provides assistance in obtaining TANF, Food stamps, Hoosier Healthwise/ Medicaid, Unemployed Parent Benefit, Children with Special Health Needs, Child Welfare Services, Impact Program, and CHIPS

WIC Program 265 N Grandstaff Dr, Auburn, IN 46706 260-925-1740

Supplemental food program-voucher for infant formula, food for children ages 0-5, pregnant women, and new mothers. Nutrition education.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Call first to ask about hours and documentation needed.)**DeKalb County Trustees Offices**

Butler:	260-580-1201	Jackson:	260-925-2945	Spencer:	260-238-4243
Concord:	260-450-3764	Keyser:	260-357-6981	Stafford:	260-868-2338
Fairfield:	260-281-2225	Newville:	260-337-5353	Troy:	260-868-5569
Franklin:	260-868-5457	Richland:	260-235-1511	Union:	260-925-3564
Grant:	260-837-7719	Smithfield:	260-333-6689	Wilmington:	260-868-5522

FOOD/CLOTHING PANTRIES

Auburn Church of the Nazarene 2301 N. Main St, Auburn, IN 46706 260-925-3480
 Wednesday; 6:00 pm

Avilla Food Bank 101 S Cherry St, Avilla IN, 46710 260-897-3190
 Anyone who lives in the East Noble School District may visit once per calendar month.

Butler Community Food Pantry 501 W Green St Butler, IN 46721 260-868-2098
 Butler United Methodist Church, Last Wednesday each month 5:00 – 7:00
 EXCEPT September, November, December - Call for dates & times.

Community Care Food Pantry 108 W Houston St, Garrett IN 46738 260-357-3315
 Monday 5:30 – 6:30 & Wednesday, 9:00 – 11:00

Community Harvest Drive-Thru Pantry 108 W Houston St, Garrett, IN 46738
 Garrett UMC,; Monday: 9:00 am

County Line Food Pantry 602 Erie Pass, Auburn, IN 46706 260-627-2482
 County Line Church of God, 3rd Friday each month; 9:00 – 12:00

DeKalb Co. Emerg. Food Assist. 1103 W Auburn Dr, Auburn, IN 46706 260-925-9200 x307
 Open to all. Thursday 10:00 – Noon; Bring own bag or box.

Jehovah's Pantry-Coburn Corners COC 6813 County Road 64 St. Joe, IN 46785 260-238-4567
 3rd Thursday 5:00-6:00pm

RSVP Comm. Center of Caring 113 W Fifth St, Auburn, IN 46706 260-925-0917
 Open to all DeKalb residents. Tuesday 9:30 - 11:30, Wednesday 1:30 - 3:30
 Also has a Coat Drive and Backpack Program

SonShine Ministries Food Pantry 1103 W Auburn Dr, Auburn, IN 46706 260-925-9200 x307
 Monday 2:00-5:00; Thursday 5:00-7:00 Bring: Proof of Address, Photo IDs, Birth Certificates of children < 18 y/o.

St. Martins Community Kitchen 300 W. Houston St., Garrett IN, 46738 260-357-3122
 Thursday 4:00-6:00

Warm a Heart Outreach **100 W Railroad St, Waterloo IN 46793** **260-908-0437**
 Tuesday 5:30 – 6:30, Thursday 5:30 – 6:30
 Community outreach providing meals, groceries and encouragement to area families in need.

EMERGENCY SHELTERS

Serenity House **2438 County Road 50, Auburn, IN 46706** **260-927-8902**
 Emergency Food and Shelter Program, Housing Choice Voucher Program, Shelter Plus Care, and Pathways to Success Program

Hearten House Rescue Mission **816 W 7th St, Auburn, IN 46706** **260-348-0681**
 Staff and trained volunteers will walk alongside women who are ready to overcome trauma, addictions, and destructive habits, on their way to self-sufficiency.

Emergency Shelters – Fort Wayne

Charis House **431 Fairmount Pl, Fort Wayne, IN 46802** **260-426-7357**
 Provides shelter, food, counseling, and clothing for women and children. Call daily.

Vincent House **2827 Holton Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46808** **260-456-4172**
 Shelter, care, advocacy, affordable housing, and supportive services for homeless families

YWCA Women’s Shelter **Fort Wayne, IN** **260-447-7233**
 Shelter services to women and children who are in domestic violence situations or a referral to men for shelter because of domestic violence. Call daily for openings and for safety pick up.

Just Neighbors Shelter **2925 E State Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46805** **260-458-9772**
 Shelter for homeless families. Call daily for openings.

CHILDCARE (* = CCDF Provider - helps low-income families obtain child care so that they may work, attend training or continue their education: 800-299-1627 or earlyedconnect.fssa.in.gov)

Brightpoint **227 E Washington Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46802** **800-589-2264**
 Office hours: Wed.8:30am-4:30pm

- **Early Head Start:** If you are pregnant or have a child younger than 3 years old, we have a program just right for you! Through Brightpoint’s Early Head Start program, we help children and their parents develop the skills they need to be successful in school – and life! We also form partnerships with families and communities to help families on the path to social and economic growth.
 - **Head Start:** If you have children ages 3 to 5, we have a free preschool program just right for you! Head Start provides comprehensive educational, health, nutritional, and other developmental social services to low-income and special needs preschool children and their families.
 - **On My Way Pre-K:** Awards grants to 4-year-olds from low-income families so that they may have access to a high-quality pre-K program the year before they begin kindergarten. Families who receive a grant may use the grant at any approved On My Way Pre-K program.
 - **Child Care Assistance:** Helps families afford quality childcare for children younger than 13. Parents must be working, going to school, or receiving job training to qualify.
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Early Head Start (Several Locations)

- **Garrett 1 & 2:** 110 W Houston St, Garrett, IN 46738, 260-357-3333
- **Garrett 4 & 5:** 510 S 2nd St, Garrett, IN 46738, 260-357-3333
- **Waterloo:** 300 S Washington St Waterloo, IN 46793, 260-357-3333

Health, social services, and an education program for pregnant women, infants, and children up to age 5 who meet income guidelines.

Head Start

- **Auburn:** 602 Erie Pass, Auburn, IN 46706, 260-357-3333
- **Garrett 1 & 2:** 110 W Houston St, Garrett, IN 46738, 260-357-3333
- **Waterloo:** 300 S Washington St Waterloo, IN 46793, 260-357-3333

Head Start, Garrett I & II **504 S 2nd St Garrett, IN 46738** **260-357-4114**

Health, social services, and an education program for pregnant women, infants, and children up to age 5 who meet income guidelines

Head Start, Garrett III **801 E Houston St, Garrett IN 46738** **260-357-4114**
Health, social services, and an education program for pregnant women, infants, and children up to age 5 who meet income guidelines

Lighthouse Montessori **500 S Gosner Ave, Ashley IN 46705** **260-587-3326**
Ages 6 weeks – 6 years. Montessori educational practice helps children develop creativity, problem solving, critical thinking, time-management skills, care of the environment and each other.

OnMyWay PreK **(Various Locations)**

- * Avilla Elementary 200 W Washington St, Avilla, IN 46710 260-347-2502
- Brightpoint 227 E Washington Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 800-589-2264
- * JAM Early Education 1200 E Houston St, Garrett, IN 46738 260-357-1917
- * James R Watson Elem. 901 Eckhart St, Auburn, IN 46706 260-920-1014
- * Kendallville Day Care Ctr. 601 Orchard Place Pkwy, Kendallville, IN 46755 260-343-9902
- * McKenney Harrison Elem. 400 S Indiana Ave, Auburn, IN 46706 260-920-1015
- * St. Joseph Catholic School 301 W Houston St, Garrett, IN 46738 260-357-5137

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Autism Society of Indiana: **Northeast Area Staff** **800-609-8449**
The Autism Society of Indiana (ASI) exists to ensure that every individual and every family affected by autism in the State of Indiana receives the high-quality services they deserve.

Big Brothers/ Big Sisters **1005 W Rudisill Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46807** **260-456-1600**
Youth 6 to 22 years old are matched with an adult volunteer for friendship, guidance, and special activities

Brightpoint **227 E Washington Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46802** **800-589-2264**
Office hours: Wed.8:30am-4:30pm

JAG Youth Program: Through training, mentoring, and placement services, we prepare young people for employment or post-secondary training/education after high school. Our mission is not just to keep young people in school through graduation; we also provide work-based learning experiences that will lead to career advancement opportunities and a more rewarding future.

Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts **Anthony Wayne Council** **260-475-5099**
The program achieves the objectives of developing character, citizenship, and personal fitness. Call council to join.

Development Disability Srv (DDRS) **201 E Rudisill Blvd, Ste 300, Ft. Wayne, IN 46806** **877-218-3061**
Manages the delivery of services to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

First Steps, Cluster B **700 E Beardsley Ave Ste 14A, Elkhart, IN 46514** **260-444-2994**
The goal of First Steps is to help Hoosier families make sure their infants and toddlers receive services now to help them in the future. Services through First Steps are designed to meet the developmental needs of the child; Except in limited circumstances, First Steps does not provide services to meet medical needs. Free evaluation under the age of 3.

Girl Scouts **Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana** **260-422-3417**
The program achieves the objectives of developing character, citizenship, and personal fitness. Call council to join.

Indiana Association for Childcare Resource and Referral **800-299-1627**

Lifeline Youth & Family Services **194 E Southway Blvd. Kokomo, IN 46902** **260-745-3322**
Homebased Services:

- Family Centered Casework and Therapy
- Family Centered Treatment
- Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy; Effective for treating children who are experiencing behavioral and/or emotional issues from a traumatic event.
- Homemaker/Parent Aid Services
- Parent Education
- Visitation Facilitation

Family Preservation Services: Full array of services aimed at keeping children in the home with caregivers.

Healthy Families**1752 Wesley Rd, Auburn, IN, 46706****260-925-3865**

A voluntary evidence-based home visitation program that is designed to promote healthy families and healthy children through a variety of services including child development, access to health care, and parent education.

Suicide Hotline, Teens and Children Boys Town National Hotline**800-448-3000**

Text VOICE to 20121

Email: hotline@boystown.org

COMMUNITY RESOURCES**DeKalb Co. Christmas Bureau****1103 W Auburn Dr, Auburn, IN 46706****260-925-9200 x308**

Thursdays; 10:00 – 2:00 January – August, Thursdays; 10:00 – 7:00 September - December

The Christmas Bureau provides Christmas assistance to DeKalb Co families in financial crisis or circumstantial need.

Families should be referred by a school counselor, or other professional organization. Families are also required to pay it forward by “Ring the Bell” for the Salvation Army at an assigned time & location.

Referrals: Feb 1 – Oct 15. Family Applications & Interviews must be completed by November 15.

Energy Assistance (Brightpoint)**PO Box 10570, Fort Wayne 46853****800-589-3506**

The Brightpoint Energy Assistance Program (EAP) helps pay a portion of winter heating bills for households in Allen, DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, and Whitley Counties.

Financial Assist., SonShine Ministries 1103 W Auburn Dr, Auburn, IN 46706**260-925-9200 x308**Tuesday & Thursday: 2:00 – 4:00 **Must visit their Township Trustees Office before filling out application**

Bring: Trustee Office Paperwork, Picture IDs, Proof of Address, Copy of Bill or Rental Affidavit.

Gear Up for Safety Program (Lutheran Social Services)**260-426-3347**

Families are provided with necessary safety items to ensure that their homes are safe places for children. In addition, Staff members help with the installation of these safety items and provide education and training on safety topics identified by participating families. Free and voluntary.

Mustard Seed Furniture Bank**3636 Illinois Road, Fort Wayne, IN****260-471-5802**

Provides household furnishings to families and individuals as they rebuild their lives after suffering disaster, personal tragedy, or other misfortunes. Referral only by social service agency, church, school, etc. One referral per lifetime.

Salvation Army**1006 W 7th St, Auburn IN 46706****260-927-9641**

Thrift Store; Mon – Sat; 9:00am – 8:00pm

Sonshine Thrift Shop**1103 W Auburn Dr, Auburn, IN 46706****260-925-9200 x308**

Mon, Tue, Fri: 10:00-5:00; Thu: 10:00-7:00, Sat: 10:00 – 2:00

WIC (DeKalb Co.)**265 N Grandstaff, Auburn, IN 46706****260-925-1740**

Vouchers for healthy food to pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to 5 years old; formula vouchers for babies until 1 year old.

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 8:00 – 12:00, 1:00 – 5:00, Wed: 10:00 – 2:00, 3:00 – 7:00

HOUSING**Be Someone Now****500 W Main St Fort Wayne, IN 46802****260-421-5000**

For 16-24 year olds that have significant barriers to employment and are currently not enrolled in traditional schooling. Education and paid employment opportunities. Provides paid work experiences with guided pathways leading to long term jobs. Joint program of SCAN, Inc. and Northeast Indiana Works, which is a part of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

The Courtyard**530 Home Ave Fort Wayne, IN 46807****260-387-7068**

An apartment community for a preference for those between 18-25 aging out of the foster care system or are at risk of being homeless.

PREGNANCY**DeKalb Pregnancy Center****903 Cardinal Ct, Auburn, IN 46706****260-925-3267**

Free services. Pregnancy tests, verification, referral for free ultrasound to verify pregnancy, education, parenting classes, earn while you learn vouchers, emergency diaper assistance, post abortion healing.

Healthy Families-Children First Ctr. 1752 Wesley Rd, Auburn, IN 46706**260-925-1637**

Free in-home services for pregnant women or women with newborns; services can last until child is 3 years old.

Enrollment must be completed before the child is 3 mos. old.

The Impact Institute**1607 Dowling St, Kendallville IN 46755****260-349-0250**

- High School: Auto Body, Automotive Tech, Design Tech, Cosmetology, Construction Trades, Culinary Arts, Criminal Justice, Interactive Media, Primary Health Care, Health Occupations Education, HVAC, Precision Machining, Marine Service Tech, Welding
- Adult Education: Preparation for High School Equivalency or Diploma, Adult Basic Education, Literacy Services, English Language Acquisition, End of Course Assessment (ECA), Occupational Skills Training, preparation for College and Career.

Work One**936 W 15th St #100, Auburn, IN 46706****260-925-0124**

Free classroom training, on the job training, placement services, and financial assistance. Inquire about child care or transportation services while training.

PRESCRIPTION HELP**Free Meds and Solutions**www.freemedandsolutions.com

866-822-7905

Free Medicine Foundationwww.FreeMedicineFoundation.com

888-812-5152

Johnson & Johnson

Patient Assistance Program

800-652-6227

Medicare RXwww.medicare.gov

800-MEDICARE

Partnership for Prescription Assist.www.pparx.org

888-477-2669

VETERANS HELP**Brightpoint****227 E Washington Blvd, | Fort Wayne, 46802****260-423-3546 X285**

Supportive Services for Veteran Families: Locate and secure stable housing for you and your family, Provide rental assistance, security and utility deposits, and help with other housing-related costs, Assist you in obtaining VA benefits, such as vocational and rehabilitation counseling, employment and training services, and education benefits Provide support and resources in many of life's difficult situations

Military Family Relief Fund**220 E 7th St, Auburn, IN 46706****260-925-0131**

Assists Indiana veterans and their legal dependents that are experiencing financial hardship. This emergency grant may be used for needs such as housing, utilities, food, medical services, basic transportation (car payments, insurance, and basic emergency car repair) which have become difficult to afford.

TRANSPORTATION**DART Transportation****260-925-3311 or 888-220-2242**

Medicaid transportation provider. Transportation fees for inside and outside of DeKalb County. Monday-Friday 7:30 – 4:30. First call, first served.

LEGAL SERVICES**Indiana Legal Services (Legal Aid)****110 W Berry St, #2007, Fort Wayne IN 46802****888-442-8600**

* Services: Legal Representation; Consultation; Advice.

* Legal Areas: Family law, Consumer law, Senior law, Housing issues, Public benefits

* Eligibility: Income up to 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (up to 200% in certain circumstances).

* Screening: Telephone: Monday through Friday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm EST.

* Walk-ins: Emergency only during office hours. Intake Phone: (844) 243-8570 (toll free)