

Whitley 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
Helpline of Whitley County	260-248-2601		

A telephone referral service to assist individuals and families who find they need emergency assistance and with a need for furniture.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Call first to ask about hours and documentation needed.)**TRUSTEES: This will be your first stop for financial help.**

Cleveland: James Yeager	303 W Walnut St, South Whitley, IN 46787	260-723-5564
Columbia: Michael (Mike) Myers	4640 S 275 W, Col. City, IN 46725	260-244-0045
Etna-Troy: Elaine Western	5570 N 550 W, Columbia City, IN 46725	260-327-3508
Jefferson: Stephanie Nix	9885 S 500 E-92, Roanoke, IN 46783	260-609-5677
Richland Jennifer Patrick	8307 W 250 N, Larwill, IN 46764	260-229-9686
Smith: Patty Amber	3977 N W Carlin Ct, Churubusco, IN 46723	260-693-3266
Thorncreek: William Brice	1600 E Poplar Rd, Columbia City, IN 46725	260-691-2085
Union Mark Roach	2210 S 600 E, Columbia City, IN 46725	260-503-4862
Washington: Kevin Bollinger	7389 S 275 W, Columbia City, IN 46725	260-248-6880
Community Action of Northeast IN	109 E. Central Ave. Ste 4, LaGrange, IN 46761	260-463-5276

- **CANI:** Some of the main resources include housing, in the form of rent help, eviction prevention, and foreclosure counseling. Children can benefit from Head Start and low cost day care. Families in Northeast Indiana may also benefit from grants to pay heating or utility bills. There are also various employment, budgeting, and financial literacy type programs.
- **Child Care Voucher Program:** may be able to assist families and help them afford quality child care. Aid is generally for children under the age of 13 years. In order to benefit from a voucher, parents must be attending job training, working, or going to school to qualify for this program.
- **Supportive Services for Veteran Families:** is a program that was created to help Veterans and their families that are homeless, facing eviction, at risk of becoming homeless, or are having trouble getting stable shelter.
- **Weatherization:** This service provides free, energy-efficient modifications for homes of families with low-income and working poor occupants. It is for those who need help paying their winter utility bills.
- **Financial Literacy:** Education and experience is vital to becoming financially stable over the long term.

FOOD & CLOTHING PANTRIES**FOOD:**

Big Lake COG Food Pantry **6955 N State Road 109, Columbia City, IN 46725** **260-691-3503**
 Wednesday 5:45pm - 6:30pm, Our food pantry is for the surrounding areas in Indiana; Central Noble, West Noble and Columbia City School Districts.

Churubusco UMC Food Assistance **750 N Main St, Churubusco, IN 46723** **260-693-2154**
 • Drive-Thru Food Giveaway Continues Every Tuesday from 2:30-3:30 pm
 • Food Pantry Continues by Appointment

Farm Wagon

The Farm Wagon mobile pantry distributes fresh produce, dairy, and other food items to low-income rural and urban areas where people do not have affordable access to fresh foods. Individuals and families are able to enjoy fresh foods with high nutritional value. All individuals in need are welcome to attend and no pre-signup is necessary.

• **Crossroads Bank** **105 E Columbia St, South Whitley, IN 46787** **260-447-3696**
 • **Grace Lutheran Church** **204 N Main St, Columbia City, IN 46725** **260-244-7118**
Grace Lutheran Food Pantry **204 N Main St, Columbia City, IN 46725** **260-244-7118**
 Saturdays; 12:00 – 2:00pm

South Whitley Emerg. Food Bank **207 E Front St, South Whitley, IN 46787** **260-212-2964**
 Emergency Food Bank for South Whitley residents and surrounding areas. We are here to help you out in your time of need.
 1st & 2nd Tuesdays: 5:30pm - 7:30 pm, 3rd Tuesday: 6:00pm – 8:00pm, Temporarily open 4th Saturday 9am - 11am, Or by
 appointment.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry **315 S Line St, Columbia City IN 46725** **260-244-3879**
 Mondays from 10 a.m.-12 noon each week.

The Impact Center Food Pantry **500 W Van Buren St, Columbia City, IN 46725** **260-244-7300**
 Thursdays 1:00 - 4:45pm, The Impact Center provides food for those in need. Whitley County residents can shop for food
 (including meat) on Thursdays from 1-4:45 PM. You can visit up to two times a month, and it's not required to prove financial
 need.

CLOTHING:

BABE of Whitley County **533 N Line St, Columbia City, IN 46725** **260-244-2820**
 provides incentives for pregnant women & families to consistently participate in partner programs and services that benefit the
 health and well being of infants and young children. Coupons earned can be redeemed for diapers, wipes, pull-ups, clothing, cribs,
 high chairs, shampoo, sippy cups, socks, and several other infant/toddler related items.

Clothing Closet **418 E Chicago St, Columbia City, IN 46725** **260-327-3707**
 3rd Sat, 9:00 – 11:00.

Eberhard Lutheran Clothing Bank **2360 W Keiser Rd Columbia City, IN 46725** **260-244-5059**
 Monday 5:00pm – 7:00pm, Wednesday 12:00noon – 5:00pm

WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) **220 W Van Buren St, Columbia City, IN 46725** **260-244-2315**
 WIC offers nutrition assessment and counseling, supplemental nutritious foods, and appropriate community referrals. WIC now
 includes fresh fruits and vegetables and whole grain items along with milk and cheese, eggs, peanut butter, and beans. Infant packages
 include baby food fruits and vegetables, cereal and appropriate supplemental infant formula. *Appointments Only*

DAYCARE/PRESCHOOL

Before 5 (Online Only) **www.before5.org** **Local Agency**
 t Before5, we are passionate about helping you understand how your child is growing and developing, especially in those early years
 that are so important. Kids grow up in the blink of an eye. We want to empower you with knowledge along with simple and practical
 partnering tools that help foster healthy development, so your kids get off to a great start.

Big Lake COG Preschool/Daycare **6955 N. State Road 109, Columbia City, IN 46725** **260-691-2487**

- Infant program serves are from 6 weeks of age until 1 year and walking.
- Toddlers/two's program serves from 1 year and walking until 2 years and from 2 years to 3 years old and potty trained.
- Three's/Young Pre-K serves from 3 years old and potty trained to 4 years old.
- Pre-K serves from 4 years old, to 5 years old.
- School age serves from Kindergarten to 5th grade, or your child's 13th birthday.
- Music enrichment serves infants through Pre-K and gives them a weekly opportunity to enjoy development through music.

Columbia City Child Care **605 Forest Pkwy Columbia City IN 46725** **260-244-3491**
 Does background check on all teachers. It is a faith-based facility. Accepts Full Time (4 & 5 days) and Part-Time (2 or 3 days).
 Accepts children 6 weeks to 5 yrs. old. Uses Highscope Curriculum - hands-on, realistic, play-based learning. Is certified Paths-To-
 Quality 1 Rating - (quality rating improvement pertaining to basic health & safety stands and state requirements for care-based-early
 education). There are CPR & First Aid trained staff. Accepts CCDF/ Brightpoint vouchers. Has a secure keypad entry to facility.

Grace Lutheran Preschool **204 N Main St, Columbia City, IN 46725** **260-244-7118**
 Offering children the opportunities to make decisions and solve problems. We engage children in a curriculum that will help them
 develop a positive outlook towards school, prepare them for the future, and have an appreciation of the world as lifelong learners.

Sonshine Childcare Ministry **6685 W State Rd 14, South Whitley, In 46787** **260-723-5105**

- Providing quality early childhood education and meeting the individual developmental needs of each child. We work with
 families as partners in their child's physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual growth.
- Before and after school care, break, and summer care.

Stepping Stones Preschool **1200 W Depoy Dr Columbia City, IN 46725** **260-244-5619**
 Provides a setting where young children can develop physically, socially, emotionally, spiritually, and intellectually at an age-
 appropriate level in our 2, 3, or 5 Step program.

YMCA - Armstrong Early Learning Ctr **950 E Van Buren St, Columbia City, IN 46725** **260-244-9622**
 Bright Point location allowing us to accept childcare vouchers. 6 weeks - Kindergarten (5 years)

Brightpoint**885 W Connexion Way Ste. 200, Columbia City, IN, 46725****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.
- **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
- **Energy Assistance:** Helps pay a portion of winter heating bills for households.

SHELTER/HOUSING**Mission25****500 W Business 30, Columbia City, IN 46725****260-244-5266**

Mission25 is a transitional living program for individuals and families in need of shelter, food, guidance and direction to live independently. Families are very important to us at the shelter. We are here to offer stability and guidance for individuals as they work to, once again, live independently.

Whitley Crossings**PO Box 428, Columbia City, IN 46725****260-244-9317**

Provide quality, affordable housing for individuals and families throughout Northeast Indiana with specific needs and/or limited resources and for senior citizens and people with disabilities.

Charis House**Fort Wayne, IN****260 426-7357**

Focuses on recovery from trauma, addiction and self-defeating choices. Includes education in parenting, anger management, life skills, goal setting, job readiness and spiritual growth.

YWCA Women's Shelter**Fort Wayne, IN****HOTLINE: 260 447-7233**

- **Domestic Violence Services:** provides help and support for anyone who in crisis because of domestic violence: women, men, transgender individuals, and families of all types. Please call our 24/7 crisis line to get help or speak to someone right away.
- **Addiction Recovery, Hope & Harriet:** an intensive residential treatment program in a sub-acute medical facility for women 18 years and older that specializes in the pursuit of recovery from chemical dependency.
- **Education Services:** A variety of Educational Services that covers each facet of Our Mission: eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. Some of these services include:

COMMUNITY RESOURCES**Alcoholics Anonymous:**

Churubusco: 260-693-9288

Columbia City: 260-403-5807

Larwill: 260-327-3552

Peer support group for anyone experiencing problems with alcohol or drug dependency

Children's First Center**1752 Wesley Rd, Auburn, IN 46706****260-925-3865**

FAMILY SERVICES: Offers a full array of comprehensive in-home services to children and their families including children who have been abused, parents interested in improving their parenting skills, families with newborns, domestic violence victims and families in crisis. Participation in all programs is voluntary and most are provided at no cost to families.

Division of Family Resources; FSSA**543 N Line St Ste B, Columbia City, IN 46725****800-403-0864**

FAMILY RESOURCES: Responsible for establishing eligibility for Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits. The division also manages the timely and accurate delivery of SNAP and TANF benefits. Also provides employment and training services to some SNAP and TANF recipients. The division's overarching focus is the support and preservation of families by emphasizing self-sufficiency and personal responsibility

Helpline of Whitley County**260-248-2601**

Gently used furniture and household items.

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.

Remnant Ministries**260-388-6020**

WOMEN'S HELP: We are a not-for-profit faith-based organization focused on helping women find freedom from addiction. We provide a safe environment where women can find healing and freedom through our 12-18 month program. We provide a variety of services for the women to equip them with all they will need to live a life of freedom.

The Landing**201 W Market, Columbia City, IN 46725****260-248-4977****TEEN HELP:** Thursdays, 6:00pm – 8:00pm, Grades 7 – 12, Home cooked meal begins 6:00pm

The Landing exists to provide a safe place for our students to process life and the struggles that accompany it, provide tools to help them live emotionally and spiritually healthy lives.

The Warehouse**201 W Market, Columbia City, IN 46725****260-248-4977**

RECOVERY: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, 12-step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain or addiction of any kind!

Whitley County Transit**710 N Opportunity Dr, Columbia City, IN 46725****260-248-8944**

TRANSPORTATION: For all residents within Whitley County. Service provides Medicaid transportation for rides, including out-of-county trips for medical appointments. Reservations should be scheduled 24 hours in advance or more. Must be a Whitley County resident.

Fees: \$4 one way within 4 miles of city limits; \$3 for children ages 6-12 with adult (first child is free).

\$7 one way within Whitley County; \$3 for children ages 6-12.

\$27 one way for trips outside Whitley County up to 30 miles.

Infants and children ages 5 and under ride free with an adult. Adult must provide car seat.

\$20 round trip - Veterans out-of-county medical trips (subsidized by the Community Foundation of Whitley County).

Prepaid punch cards, which provide \$25.00 worth of rides for \$20.00, are available at the office.

"No-Show" fee of \$7.00 in town and \$12.00 out of town.

PREGNANCY**Children's First Center****1752 Wesley Rd, Auburn, IN 46706****260-925-3865****Healthy Families:**

Parenting is the most difficult and important job anyone can have. All parents need support and encouragement, and we believe that parents have the right to voice their own needs and determine what services and programs are best suited to help them. By connecting parents with the most current information on how babies grow, change, and develop, we can help ensure they start on the right foot - and grow into a healthy childhood.

HEALTHCARE**Brightpoint****885 W Connexion Way Ste. 200, Columbia City, IN, 46725****800-589-2264**

Office hours: Wed.8:00am-5:00pm, Finding and applying for health coverage is hard. We get that. Covering Kids and Families of Brightpoint has certified Navigators who can help review your options and guide you through the enrollment process for FREE.

FW Health Center (Planned Parenthood) 2930 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805**317-205-8088**

Pregnancy, STD, and HIV testing are available along with breast cancer screenings, birth control, etc.

Healthy Indiana Plan**826 N Detroit St, LaGrange, IN 46761****877-GET- HIP-9**

The Healthy Indiana Plan is an affordable health insurance program that serves uninsured Hoosiers between the ages of 19–64 who are not eligible for Medicaid or Medicare. This plan also includes pregnant women. Participants are required to make monthly contributions toward coverage.

Hoosier Healthwise Program**826 N Detroit St, LaGrange, IN 46761****800-403-0864**

Hoosier Healthwise is a Medicaid health care plan that serves children under the age of 19. The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is part of Hoosier Healthwise. The level of coverage available to members depends on which Hoosier Healthwise benefit package they qualify for. Eligibility is based on the number of family members and household income.

Multi-County Medical Outreach Clinic 885 Connexion Way, Columbia City, IN 46725**(260) 564-1946**

Open Thursdays (not the 5th Thursday) 1:00pm – 5:00pm.

Offer free health services to anyone in need regardless of ability to pay. We see patients both without any health insurance as well as patients with high deductibles/premium health care plans.

Wolf Lake Free Health Clinic 524 Branch Ct, Columbia City IN 46725**260-564-1946**

The Wolf Lake Free Health Care Inc, was established to serve the uninsured population.

Whitley County Health Department 220 W VanBuren St, Columbia City, IN 46725**260-244-2310****Vaccinations (Child & Adult) & BABE Program**

Vaccination Hours M-Thursday 8:15 - 11:30a & 1:15 - 3:45p. All shots are given by appointment. (Hours are subject to change.)

MENTAL HEALTH**Mental Health Amer. Northeast IN 3106 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805****260-422-6441**

Mental Health screening, Recovery Classes-WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan)

Bowen Center 119 W Market St, Columbia City 46725**260-248-8176**

We provide comprehensive care and treatment for mental and physical health conditions.

EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT**Big Brothers/ Big Sisters****260-456-1600**

Youth 7 to 15 years old are matched with an adult volunteer for friendship, guidance, and special activities

Freedom Academy info@freedomacademy.net**800-200-6499**

Workforce development training organization that provides high-quality, practical, relevant, hands-on, cost-effective training and education in advanced manufacturing, healthcare, and professional services. Responding to high-quality, practical education and training at convenient locations, adult students have experienced rewarding outcomes.

Passages (Easterseals) 301 W Van Buren St #201, Columbia City, IN 46725**260-244-9317**

Passages has been dedicated to helping people with intellectual disabilities or other challenges thrive in the community at work, at home, and at play. Identify jobs that bring the greatest satisfaction and income. Foster living arrangements that maximize independence and quality of life. Create environments that promote beneficial interactions among peers and others.

The Center for Whitley County Youth* **Columbia City 201 W Market St. Columbia City, IN 46725****260-248-4977*** **Whitko (Brownstone Rstrnt 2nd Fl) 105 S State St, South Whitley, IN****260-251-7507*** **Churubusco (Chrch of the Nazarene) 1000 W. Whitley St. Churubusco, IN 46723****614-284-6090**

- After School Central is free for grades 6-8. Transportation is provided by ISMS to The Center. A typical day at ASC Columbia City includes a free snack, homework time, opportunities for physical fitness / learning new skills, and free time.
- After School Serve is a volunteer program for grades 9-12 that focuses on job learning skills, building resumes, helping others, becoming role models for younger kids, and having fun while doing it! This program runs simultaneous to the After School Central program for middle school students. Serve gives high school students the opportunity to help coordinate the daily schedule, utilize their skills within the facility, and build their resumes for the future.

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.

TROY School 1911 E. Business 30, Columbia City, IN 46725**260-248-8787**

An accredited independent alternative school helping students to gain an education and earn a diploma at their own pace while supported by loving teachers, counselors, and support staff. We may be the last chance that some students who have failed in a traditional school have.

Work One 480 W Plaza Dr, Columbia City, IN 46725**260-248-8611**

Free classroom training, on the job training, placement services, and financial assistance with transportation and child care while attending training

Whitley County Literacy Council 115 S Line St, Columbia City, IN 46725**260-244-5772**

Monday and Thursday 11:30 am to 2:30pm, Provide one-on-one tutoring and drop-in study for the first-time reader through preparing for the HSE/GED. Free one-on-one tutoring for basic literacy, ESL, and HSE/GED. Books and material are lent to students to keep costs low.