



CommunityAction



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

**Education and Children's Services
Early Head Start
Head Start
Great Start Readiness Program**

**CALHOUN COUNTY
Community Resource Guide
2018-2019**

Community Action Main Office

175 Main Street
Battle Creek, MI 49014
(269) 965-7766

Calhoun County ECS Office

175 Main Street
Battle Creek, MI 49014
(269) 965-7766

Marshall ECS Office

701 N. Linden Street
Marshall, MI 49068
(269) 781-4514

Albion ECS Office

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



County Connections



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What is 2-1-1?

2-1-1 is an easy to remember telephone number that connects callers to information about critical health and human services available in their community. As the number of organizations providing specialized services is on the rise, people find it frustrating and confusing to access community services. 2-1-1 provides a one-stop service for vital information. With just one simple call to 2-1-1 you will have access to **thousands of programs to GIVE HELP or GET HELP!**

United Way of Greater Battle Creek

Served with a utility shut off, eviction notice, or need help finding clothes?

Do you need child care or emergency shelter?

Whatever your situation or need, 2-1-1 is a three digit number that allows you to find help when you need it. In addition to helping those in need, people who want to give something back to the community by volunteering or making donations can call 2-1-1 and get connected.

Food	Rent
Utilities	Prescriptions
Home Rehabilitation	Home Repair
Emergency Shelter	Diapers
Legal Aid	Transportation
Hearing/Visual Aids	Clothing
Health Insurance	Substance Abuse
Household Goods	Donations
Support Groups	Literacy
Dental Care	Medical Care
Child Care	Car Seats
Public Assistance	Other needs.

HandsOn Battle Creek mobilizes volunteers and connects people, information and services to build a strong caring community. In response to community needs and through its volunteer programs and 2-1-1 call center, HandsOn Battle Creek is the place in our community where you can give help or get help.

Give Help – Get Help
Thousands of Programs, One Call.



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

- **Provides** responsive and supportive **services** to the community.
- **Cares** for each person individually with **dignity** and **respect**.
- **Resolves** and prevents problems through immediate **action**.

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

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

- *Major and Minor Home Repair/Rehab*
- *Senior and disabled transportation*
- *Weatherization*

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

- *Home Delivered Meals(Branch County Only)*
- *Congregate Dining Centers (Branch County Only)*
- *Commodity Food Distribution*
- *Emergency utility, rent assistance*
- *Head Start and Early Head Start Meals*
- *The Emergency Food Assistance Program*

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

- *Head Start*
- *Early Head Start*
- *Great Start Readiness Program*
- *Foster Grandparent Program*

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

Housing & Transportation Services

Housing & Transportation Services provides a variety of programs to qualified residents. These include Weatherization and Home Rehab Services in Barry, Branch, Calhoun and St. Joseph counties. In Calhoun County, Senior and Disabled Transportation are offered. To make an appointment to apply for any of these programs call **(269) 965-7766** or toll free **(877) 422-2726**.

Emergency and Nutritional Services

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program provides seniors 60 years of age and older with nutritious food. Food is distributed eight times per year, and should provide 12-15 days of complete, balanced meals. Applicants must be 60 years of age or older, and have income at or below 130 percent of poverty. Another food distribution program, The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), is available on a quarterly basis for those 18 years and older. Income guidelines for TEFAP are at or below 200 percent of poverty.

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

Education and Children's Services

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

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

Education and Children's Services includes Early Head Start for pregnant women, infants and toddlers 0-3 years old and Head Start for 3-5 year old children. These are free programs to prepare children to enter kindergarten, and are offered in Barry, Calhoun and St. Joseph counties. The program's Fatherhood and Male Involvement initiative encourages father figures to engage with their Head Start children. The department also hosts the Foster Grandparent Program, where seniors mentor children in schools and childcare settings in these counties as well as in Branch County. Call **(877) KIDS-577 (877-543-7577)** for information on any of these programs.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

My Doctor's Office: _____

My Doctor's Home: _____

My Local Hospital: _____

Any Emergency.....911

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

Child Protective Services(269) 966-1331

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

LOCAL AMBULANCE SERVICES

Emergencies911

Life Care Ambulance

330 Hamblin Battle Creek, MI 49015(269) 964-6400

or Non-emergency.....(269) 969-8844

Marshall Ambulance Service.....(269) 781-9819

LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Emergencies911

Marshall Fire Fighter(269) 781-3922

CITY POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Emergencies911

COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE

Calhoun County911

NON-EMERGENCY 269-969-6450

STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calhoun County911

HEALTH SERVICES

HEALTH CARE – GENERAL (Medicaid)

(Doctors accepting Medicaid are subject to change.)

Cereal City Pediatrics (Mozami Pediatrics) (Not accepting new Medicaid patients unless he/she is a newborn.)

4520 Beckley Road
Battle Creek, MI 49015(269) 969-8723

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

Day One Family Health Care PC (Not accepting any Medicaid patients)
363 Fremont Suite 203
Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 969-6123

Calhoun County Public Health Department
190 East Michigan
Battle Creek, MI 49014(269) 969-6363
Informs and educates residents about health issues, monitor county health statistics, diagnoses and investigates health problems.

Grace Health of Albion
115 Market Place
Albion, MI 49224(517) 629-6540

Grace Health
181 W. Emmett Street
Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 965-8866
(walk in hours available, call for further information)
Offers monthly classes on obesity and diabetic support groups

Wattles Park Family Practice
1125 E. Michigan
Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 969-6014

Fountain Clinic (Medicaid not accepted, only a clinic for those uninsured))
111 North Jefferson Suite 1
Marshall, MI 49068(269) 781-0952

Oaklawn Medical Group Albion
300 B Drive North
Albion, MI 49224(517) 629-2134

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

Thomas Neidlinger
215 E. Mansion Suite 2A
Marshall, MI 49068(269) 781-1122

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

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

Envision Center
100 Country Pine Lane
Battle Creek, MI 49015(269) 441-2700

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

HEALTH CARE – GENERAL (Non-Medicaid)

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

HEALTH CARE – DENTAL (Medicaid)

(Dentists accepting Medicaid are subject to change.)

Grace Health
181 W. Emmett Street
Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 966-2625

Lakeview Dental
2245 W. Columbia
Battle Creek, MI(269) 964-7660

Affordable Family Dental
5568 Beckley #6
Battle Creek, MI(269) 979-9248

Center for Family Health and Dental
505 Jackson St.
Jackson, MI 49201(517) 748-5500

HEALTH CARE – DENTAL (Non-Medicaid)

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

HEALTH CARE –PREGNANCY ISSUES

Bronson Battle Creek
300 North Avenue
Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 966-8000

Also offers postpartum support group

CityLinC

70 Calhoun Street

Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 969-9181

Pregnancy testing only

Department of Public Health

190 East Michigan

Battle Creek, MI 49014(269) 969-6370

Oaklawn Hospital Birth Center

200 N. Madison Street

Marshall, MI 49068(269) 789-3929

Offers a variety of classes pertaining to child birthing, breastfeeding, postpartum depression, parenting, siblings, prenatal exercise, and grief support.

HEALTH CARE – OPTICAL (Medicaid)

(Optical providers accepting Medicaid are subject to change.)

If you or your child don't have insurance contact 211

Marshall Eye

14915 West Michigan Avenue

Marshall, MI 49068(269) 781-9863

Hibler, Joseph M. OD (free vision exams for children)

15865 West Michigan Avenue

Marshall, MI 49068(269) 781-6644

RX Optical

65 E. Columbia Ave

Battle Creek, MI 49015(269) 965-5106

Northside Vision Services

100 North Ave.

Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 962-7595

Southwest Michigan Eye Center PC
3600 Capital Avenue Suite 203
Battle Creek, MI 49015(269) 979-6383

HEALTH CARE – OPTICAL (Non-Medicaid)

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

HOSPITALS

Bronson Battle Creek
300 North Avenue
Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 966-8000
www.bchealth.com

Bronson Battle Creek offers a variety of support groups. No charge, but donations are appreciated.

Cancer 269-245-8660

Diabetes 269-245-8190

Smoking Cessation 269-245-8438

Borgess Hospital
1521 Gull Road
Kalamazoo, MI 49048(269) 226-7000
www.borgess.com

Bronson Hospital
601 John St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49007(269) 341-7654
www.bronsonhealth.com
www.bronsonhealth.com/HealthInfo/HealthAnswers
or call(800)-451-6310

Oaklawn Hospital

200 N. Madison
Marshall, MI 49068(269) 781-4271
www.oaklawnhospital.org

Allegiance Health
205 North East Avenue
Jackson, MI 49201(517) 205-4800
Allegiancehealth.org

SOCIAL SERVICES

HELP LINES

211 services

When calling from a landline.....211
When calling from a cell phone.....(269) 565-4159
Other areas from cell phone(800) 250-5628

AIDS Client Services.....(800) 515-3434

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

American Red Cross
14600 Beadle Lake Rd
Battle Creek, MI 49014.....(269) 962-7528

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

Autism Society of Michigan(517) 882-2800
4606 Croyden Ave.,
Kalamazoo MI 49006
www.asa-kal.org

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

Great Lakes Center for Autism
9616 Portage Rd.
Portage, MI 49002(269) 250-8200
info@autismtreatmentresearch.org

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

The Beehive search engine—<http://www.thebeehive.org>
Providing links to services such as: money, health, jobs, housing, school.

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

Also housed in the Kool Family Community Center are:

CentraCare (or PACE), Senior Health Partners, Senior Behavioral Health, and The Fitness Loft

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

- Senior Ride Program
- Case/Care Management
- Elder Abuse Reporting
- Waiver Agent
- Information & Referral
- Activities of Daily Living Assessment
- Medicare Information/Counseling - MMAP
- Senior Project Fresh
- Senior Housing Information & Referral

Aging and Disability Resource Center
Residential Living Options
TCARE -Tailored Caregiver Assessment and Referral

Alternative Choices
555 E. Emmett Street
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 966-1446

Alternatives of Battle Creek
1346 W. Columbia Ave.
Battle Creek, MI 49015.....(269) 288-2890
Clinical services: pregnancy test, ultra-sounds, STI/STD testing
Educational services: Mothers in Training, Parenting for Life, Building Family Connections, & Willing to Wait
Support Services: Forgiven & Set Free, Mentorship Program, Clothing Room (baby & maternity clothing, furniture items, diapers, and other essentials needed in raising a young family)

Calhoun Great Start County Connections
Great Start Collaborative and Parent Coalition
475 E Roosevelt Ave
Battle Creek 49017..... (269) 660-1606 ext. 6143
Serves families with children ages birth to 5 years, living outside of the greater Battle Creek area with Parents As Teachers home visiting, playgroups, Welcome Baby Baskets and free developmental screeners

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

Center for Disease Control CDC(800) AIDS hotline

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

Domestic Assault Shelter(800) 828-2023

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

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

Kinship Care Support Group

Family Adoption and Enrichment Center

415 S. 28th Street (inside the Westlake Presbyterian Church)

Battle Creek, MI 49015.....(269) 660-0448

Legal Services of South Central Michigan

123 Territorial St.

Battle Creek, MI 49015(269) 965-3951

Toll Free.....(800) 688-3951

(Intake Tuesdays from 9-11:30 am and 1:30 - 4:00 pm) 877-

203-5000

Parent to Parent SWMI

445 W. Michigan Avenue Suite 102

Kalamazoo, MI 49007.....(269) 345-8950

Sexual Assault Services of Calhoun County

36 W. Manchester

Battle Creek, MI 49037(269) 245-3925

Michigan Department of Civil Rights(269) 337-3640

(Investigates discrimination complaints)

Michigan Medicaid Information(800) 642-3195

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

Parent Help Line(800) 942-4357

Product Safety Commission.....(800) 638-2772

(Receives reports on injuries or fatalities related to hazardous products, and evaluates the safety of products sold to consumers)

S.A.F.E. Place Crisis Hotline

P.O. Box 199
Battle Creek, MI 49016.....(269) 965-6093
Toll Free.....(888) 664-9832

Salvation Army
400 Capital Ave NE
Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 963-3640

Sexual Assault Hotline(800) 656-4673
Or.....(888) 383-2192

Summit Pointe (24 hour Crisis Hotline) ...(800) 632-5449

24 Hour Victim Advocacy (Rape Crisis) ..(888)383-2192

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

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

Welfare Fraud Hotline(800) 222-8558

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

LOCAL AGENCIES

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

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

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

Fair Housing Center of South West Michigan
405 W. Michigan Suite 6
Kalamazoo, MI 49001(269) 276-9100
Provides information on all types of housing issues, particularly discrimination
Irene.moore@fhcswm.org

Calhoun County Clerk's Office
161 East Michigan Avenue
Battle Creek, MI 49014(269) 781-0707
(Records, deeds and birth certificates)

Calhoun County Clerk's Office
315 W Green
Marshall, MI 49068(269) 781-0700
(Records, deeds and birth certificates)

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

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING & GUIDANCE

ARC services for youth

1441 S. Westnedge Ave

Kalamazoo, MI 49008(269) 381-9800

Regional crisis interventions office for youth 10-17 years old

Behavioral Health Care

363 Fremont St. Suite 300

Battle Creek, MI 49016(269) 969-6108

Behavioral Health Resources

3630 Capital Avenue SW

Battle Creek, MI 49015(800) 632-5449

Crisis Line.....(800) 783-5449

Behavioral Health Resources

105 South Superior Street

Albion, MI 49224(517) 629-5531

Child Protective Services

190 East Michigan Avenue

Battle Creek, MI 49016(269) 966-1331

Nights, Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays

Marshall(269) 966-1331

CityLinC

70 Calhoun Street

Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 969-9181

Provides counseling services on sliding fee scale, along with other services

Fieldstone Center (Battle Creek Health System)

165 N. Washington Ave.

Battle Creek, MI 59017(269) 969-7121

Family and Children Services

778 W. Columbia Ave.

Battle Creek, MI 49015(269) 965-3247

Provides; outpatient Counseling, Foster Care Adoption, In-home counseling, case Management - Mental Health Compass Program, Community Program/Parenting Program.

Substance Abuse Council

190 E. Michigan Avenue

Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 966-7580

Summit Pointe

140 West Michigan Avenue

Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 966-1460

Offers classes & support groups for chronic illnesses depression, and other topics. Most insurance accepted and a sliding fee scale is available to those without insurance.

CHILD CARE

Child Care Resources

268 E. Kilgore Rd. Suite D

Portage, MI 49002

Toll Free.....(800) 343-3470

Referral to families for child care, training for all providers types
www.ccr4kids.org

Woodlawn Preschool #1

1175 W. Territorial St.

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

Woodlawn Preschool #2

765 Upton Ave

Battle Creek, MI 49037.....(269) 841-5881

Take a Break Child Care

415 South 28th Street.

Battle Creek, MI(269) 660-0449

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

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

EMERGENCY (FOOD, CLOTHING, and SHELTER)

- 211 Referral Services
- When calling from a landline.....211
- When calling from a cell phone.....(269) 565-4153
- Other areas from a cell phone.....(800) 250-5628

EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE

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

FOOD & NUTRITION

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

Women Infants and Children (W.I.C) Dept. of Public Health
Albion
101 N. Albion Street
Albion, MI 49224.....(866) 303-9436

Battle Creek
190 E. Michigan Ave, Suite A-100
Battle Creek, MI 49014.....(269) 969-6860

Marshall
315 W. Green St. Suite I-600
Marshall, MI 49068.....(269) 781-0909

CLOTHING

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

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church (Clothes Ministry)
636 W. Van Buren St
Battle Creek, MI 49037.....(269) 964-0015
Hours of Operation: Tuesday & Thursday 10:00am -1:00pm
Saturdays 10:00am -5:00pm

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

The Haven of Rest Ministries
11 Green St
Battle Creek, MI 49014(269) 965-1148
Homeless mission for men only.....(269) 660-6630

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

S.A.F.E. Place Domestic Violence Shelter Battle Creek, MI
Help Line.....(269) 965-6093
Crisis Line(269) 965-7233
Toll Free:.....(888)664-9832

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

Sexual Assault Services
36 West Manchester
Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 245-3925
Toll Free.....(888) 383-2192

Salvation Army (Emergency Services)
400 Capital Ave NE
PO Box 93
Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 966-4162
Hours: M-F 12:00pm-3:30pm

EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

Adult Basic Education/GED Completion
77 Capital Avenue NE
Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 965-9514 *or*
(269) 965-9671 for additional questions
See also education

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

Financial Opportunity Center
15 Capital Ave. NE
Battle Creek, MI 49017269-964-9455
Contact -Jerry Mainstone ext.2006 jmainstone@goodwillcmh.org

Green Path Debt Solutions
131 East Columbia Suite 112
Battle Creek, MI 49015.....(269) 580-8034

Toll Free(888) 776-6735
Call to set appointments.

Michigan Works
200 West Van Buren Street
Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 660-1412

SW Community Development Corporation
47 N. Washington Ave.
Battle Creek, MI 49037(269) 968-1113
Contact: Yvonne Powell
*Provides home purchase information, rehab lending consultation,
financial fitness and home buyers education, Leadership Development,
Community organization*

Substance Abuse Prevention Services
600 East. Michigan Ave
P.O. Box 265
Albion, MI 49224(517) 629-2113

Wheels to Work
217 W. Hamblin Ave
Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 962-9000
Temporary employment opportunities in your area, look in the yellow
pages of your local phone book under “Employment Contractors –
Temporary Help.” Phone books can be found at local libraries, or call
Toll Free..... (800) 346-4377

LIBRARIES

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

Athens Community Library
106 East Burr Oak Street
Athens, MI 49011(269) 729-4479

Albion Public Library
501 S. Superior Street
Albion, MI 49224..... (517) 629-3993

Bellevue Township Library
212 N. Main Street
Bellevue, MI 49021(269) 763-3369

Burlington Township Library
135 N Elm Street
Burlington, MI 49029..... (517) 765-2702

Homer Public Library
141 West Main Street
Homer, MI 49245(517) 568-3450

Marshall District Library
124 W. Green Street
Marshall, MI 49068(269) 781-7821

Tekonsha Township Library
230 S. Church Street
Tekonsha, MI 49092(517) 767-4769

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

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

ADDITIONAL LITERACY AND LANGUAGE SERVICES

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

Binda Dyslexia Center
450 North Ave
Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 966-4093

Burma Center
765 Upton Avenue
Battle Creek, MI 49037.....(269) 441-1131

Community Literacy Collaborative (Ask for Jennifer)
34 W. Jackson, Suite 4B
Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 962-9538

English as a Second Language through POBLO
(St. Paul Lutheran Church)
349 Capital Ave NE
Battle Creek, MI 49017
Ask for Reverend Iqbal(269) 968-3055

Imagination Library (free books mailed to your home,
depending on where you live)
.....(269) 968-8166

Camp I Can (Summer K-8 Reading Program)
.....(269) 962-5553

Raising a Reader(269) 660-1606

Second Baptist Church (After School Literacy Tutoring
Program) September-June
485 Washington Ave.
Battle Creek, MI 49037

Free Program.....(269) 963-4640

Starr Commonwealth
155 Garfield Ave.
Battle Creek, MI 49017.....(269) 968-9287

St. Mark Lutheran Church
English as a Second Language
114 Minges Rd.
Battle Creek, MI 49015
(Japanese Only).....(269) 964-0401

Sylvan Learning Center
4625 Beckley Rd.
Battle Creek, MI 49015(269) 979-0025

Voces (Spanish)
520 W. Michigan Ave
Battle Creek, MI 49037.....(269) 841-4111

West Michigan Virtual Academy
35 Hamblin Ave.
Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 441-9463

Story time and playgroups at the following libraries:
Albion Public Library, Marshall Library, Willard Library.
See library section for contact info.

In addition, story time/playgroups available at:
Barnes and Noble(269) 979-8060
Calhoun Intermediate School District Early Childhood
Programs and Services.....(269) 660-1606 ext. 6143

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Advia Credit Union
(Individual Financial Counseling)
2550 Capital Ave SW
Battle Creek, MI 49015(269) 382-9845
Toll Free.....(844) ADVIACU

Goodwill Industries (Financial Opportunity Center)
4820 Wayne Rd.
Battle Creek, MI 49037.....(866) 725-0534

Green Path Debt Solutions
131 E Columbia Ave #112
Battle Creek, MI 49015(269) 963-4575

Guardian Finance and Advocacy Services
18 W. Michigan Ave #300
Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 963-3253
24 hour service(866) 963-3253

Southwest Michigan Community Development Corporation
47 N. Washington Ave
Battle Creek, MI 49037(269) 968-1113

EDUCATION

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

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

Athens Area Schools
515 E. Williams

Athens, MI 49011..... (269) 729-5421
Battle Creek Public Schools Administration
3 W. Van Buren
Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 965-9500

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

Calhoun Area Career Center (CACC)
475 E. Roosevelt
Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 968-2271
Fax.....(269) 968-4344

Calhoun County Community School (Alternative Education)
15 Arbor Street 49015
Battle Creek, MI 49014(269) 569-4782
Fax.....(269) 565-4784

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

Endeavor Charter Academy
380 N Helmer Rd
Springfield, MI 49037(269) 962-9300
Fax.....(269) 704-6069
www.endeavorcharteracademy.org

Harper Creek Community Schools
7454 B Dr. N.
Battle Creek, MI 49014(269) 441-6550
Fax.....(269) 962-6034

Homer Community Schools

403 S Hillsdale

Homer, MI 49045(517) 568-4461

Fax.....(517) 568-7125

Lakeview School District

15 Arbor Street

Battle Creek, MI 49015(269) 565-2400

Fax.....(269) 565-2048

MarLee School District

21236 H Drive North

Marshall, MI 49068(269) 781-5412

Fax.....(269) 781-9471

Marshall Public Schools

100 E. Green Street

Marshall, MI 49068(269) 781-1250

Pennfield Schools

8587 Pennfield Rd.

Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 961-9781

Fax.....(269) 961-9799

Olivet Community Schools

255 First Street

Olivet, MI 49076.....(269) 749-9701

Tekonsha Community Schools

245 South Elm

Tekonsha, MI 49092(517) 767-4121

Fax.....(517) 767-3465

Union City Community Schools

430 St. Joseph

Union City, MI 49094(517) 741-8091

Fax.....(517) 741-520

Urban League
172 W. Van Buren
Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 962-5553

Women's Co-op
2055 E. Columbia Ave
Battle Creek, MI 49014(269) 966-8988
Fax.....(269) 441-4847

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY

Kellogg Community College (KCC)
450 North Avenue
Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 965-3931

(KCC) Fehsenfeld Center
2950 West M-179 Highway
Hastings, MI 49058(269) 948-9500

(KCC) Grahl Center
125 Seeley St.
Coldwater, MI 49036.....(517) 278-3300

(KCC) Regional Manufacturing Tech. Center
405 Hill Brady Rd.
Battle Creek, MI 49037(269) 965-4137

(KCC) Eastern Academic College
14055 26 Miles Road
Albion, MI 49224(517) 630-8169

Siena Heights University @ KCC
450 North Ave.
Battle Creek, MI 49017(800) 203-1560

Linda Teafolla-Advisor.....(269) 965-3931Ext. 2950
Fax.....(269) 565-2198

Spring Arbor University
70 West Michigan Avenue Suite 200
Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 965-2934
Fax.....(269) 965-2953

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

OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES (also see families with special needs)

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

Calhoun County Great Start Connections
475 East Roosevelt Avenue
Battle Creek, MI 49017
Phone: 269-660-1606 Ext. 6143

This Crib to Kindergarten focus will support families in providing a safe, nurturing and learning rich environment for their children. School readiness is our primary goal.

All families in Battle Creek may receive services through Early Childhood Connections if they reside in the greater Battle Creek area. Services include home visits, welcome baby baskets, playgroups and Parents As Teachers curriculum.

Calhoun Great Start County Connections
475 E. Roosevelt Ave.
Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 660-1606
Play groups, in-home visits, and preschool referrals

Great Start Parent Coalition

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

TRANSPORTATION

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

City Cab
245 South Ave.
Battle Creek, MI 49014.....(269) 660-8294

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

Boy Scouts of America
3497 South 9th Street,
Kalamazoo, MI 49009(269) 353-2832

Community Unlimited Blast Program
211 Ellen Street
Union City, MI 49094(517) 741-4656

Tekonsha Blast Program.....(517) 767-4123

Homer GAP Program
403 S. Hillsdale
Homer, MI 49245.....(517) 568-4461ext. 1540

Girl Scouts - Calhoun County Regional Center
18935 15^{1/2} Mile Road
Marshall, MI 49068(269) 781-8720

Wattles Park Men's Club (year round athletic programs)
13166 11 Mile Road
Ceresco, MI 49033.....(269) 979-4336

FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

ARC of Calhoun County
506 Riverside Drive
Battle Creek, MI 49017(269) 966-2575

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

Community Inclusive Recreation
331 Jackson
Battle Creek, MI 49037(269) 968-8249
Leisure and social activities primarily for residents of Calhoun County

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

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

Parent to Parent SWMI
445 W. Michigan Avenue Suite 102

Kalamazoo, MI 49007.....(269) 345-8950

Social Security Administration
5700 Beckley Rd SUITE-D1
Battle Creek, MI 49015(800) 772-1213
www.ssa.gov

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

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

CANCER SERVICES

American Cancer Society.....(269) 245-8660,
TOLL FREE (800) 227-2345

American Institute for Cancer Research .(800) 843-8114

Leukemia Society of America (LSA)(800) 726-2873

National Cancer Institute, Cancer Information Services
(CIS)(800) 422-6237

Skin Cancer Foundation (SCF).....(212) 725-5176

CHILDREN’S HEALTH

American SIDS Institute(800) 232-7437

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF)(800) 344-4823
 First Candle National (SIDS)
 (English and Spanish).....(800) 221-7437

Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.....(800) 223-1138

National Reye’s Syndrome
 Foundation, Inc(800) 233-7393

Tomorrow’s Child- Michigan Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
 (SIDS)(239) 431-5425

Spina bifida Association of America
 (English and Spanish).....(800) 621-3141

INTERNAL MEDICINE

AIDS Information.....(800) 872-2437

CDC info hotline(800) 232-4636

American Association on Intellectual and Developmental
 Disabilities (AAIDD)
 501 3rd St. NW, Suite 200
 Washington, D.C. 20001(202) 387-1968

American Diabetes Association(800) 342-2383

American Heart Association.....(800) 242-8721

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

American Kidney Fund.....(866) 300-2900

National Kidney Association
260 Leonard NW, Ste. 260
Grand Rapids, MI 49504(616) 458-9520

Arthritis Foundation
1050 Wilshire Dr. Suite 302
Troy, MI 48084(248) 649-2891

Crohn's and Colitis Foundation
25882 Orchard Lake Rd.
Farmington Hills, MI 48336(248) 737-0900

American Lung Association.....(800)586-4872

Lupus Foundation Org(800) 705-6677

MENTAL HEALTH

National Alliance on Mental Illness
(NAMI) information and helpline.....(800)950-6264

NAMI, Michigan Branch(517) 485-4049

National Down Syndrome Society.....(800) 221-4602

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.....(800) 273-TALK

Mental Health Association of Michigan-Partners in Crisis
27655 Middlebelt Rd, Suite 170
Farmington Hills, MI 48334(248) 473-3143 or
.....(248) 647-1711

NEUROLOGY

Alzheimer's Association(800) 272-3900

Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation
.....(800) 225-0292

American Parkinson's Disease

Association.....(800) 223-2732

Epilepsy Foundation of America(800) 332-1000

Michigan Chapter.....(800) 377-6226

United Cerebral Palsy Association
(UCPA).....(800) 872-5827

United Cerebral Palsy of Michigan.....(517) 201-1200

Huntington’s Disease Society of
America.....(800) 345-4372

Michigan Chapter.....(800) 909-0073

Brain Injury Association
Family Helpline(800) 444-6443

National Headache Foundation.....(888) NHF-5552

National Multiple Sclerosis Society(800) 344-4867

PATIENT CARE

Medic Alert Foundation US(800) 432-5378

National Hospice Organization.....(800) 658-8898

Shriner’s Hospital Referral Line(800) 237-5055

PHYSICAL DISABILITIES/SPECIAL NEEDS

American Council of the Blind, National Legislative
Hotline.....(800) 424-8666

National Easter Seal Society.....(800) 221-6827

Children’s Special Healthcare..... (269) 969-6390

Citizens Alliance to Uphold Special Education (CAUSE)
 614 Centurion Dr., Ste. 130
 Lansing, MI 48917.....(800) 221-9105

Deaflink.....(269) 288-0464

Disability Network(269) 345-1516

Envision Center
 (Autism Spectrum Disorder).....(269) 441-2700

Michigan Alliance for Families.....(800) 552-4821

Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service, Inc.
(800) 288-5923

WOMEN’S HEALTH

Y-ME National Organization for Breast Cancer Information
 Support Program.....(800) 221-2141

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

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

GOVERNMENT

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

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

EXAMPLE:

My State Senator is:

Contact Number is:

My State Representative is:

Contact Number is:

My County Commissioner is:

Contact Number is:

Letter Writing Tips:

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