

HELP FOR TOUGH TIMES

The following selected list of free or inexpensive community agencies was prepared by the Westchester Public Library and the Westchester Township Trustee's office.

Emergency help for people in need is available at the Trustee's office located at 100 W. Indiana Ave. in Chesterton, Calumet entrance or by calling 926-1405 Monday-Friday, 1-5 p.m.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELING:

Alcoholics Anonymous

Calumet Area Intergroup located in Hammond Indiana. Answering Service: (219)660-0867

Headquarters: (212)870-3400

Alice's Halfway House for Women

606 Brown St., Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)462-7600

Frontline Substance Abuse Treatment Center

1008 Broadway Chesterton, IN 46304 (219)728-1638

257 Indiana Ave. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219) 728-1638

Moraine House (Drug Addiction Treatment Center)

353 W. Lincolnway Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)464-9983

Porter Starke Services, Inc.

601 Wall St. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)531-3500

3176 Lancer St. Portage, IN 46368 (219)762-9557

Porter County Substance Abuse Council

65 S. Valparaiso St., Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)462-0946

Reformer's Unanimous

Emmanuel Baptist Church

760 McCool Rd. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)759-3317

Fairhaven Baptist Church

86 E. Oak Hill Rd. Chesterton, IN 46304 (219)926-6636

CAREER & GENERAL INFORMATION:

Chesterton Adult Learning Center

100 W. Indiana Ave. Chesterton, IN 46304 (219)921-0567

Monday & Wednesday 8:30-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Closed Friday-Sunday

Goodwill Store

2109 Calumet Ave. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)548-1314

5906 Lute Rd. Portage, IN 46368 (219)764-9619

Opportunity Enterprises

2801 Evans Ave. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)464-9621

Vocational Rehabilitation

57 Michigan Ave. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)462-0521

WorkOne

1575 Adler Circle Portage, IN 46368 (219)762-6592

3100 Ivy Tech Dr. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)476-4764

CHILD CARE:

Boys and Girls Clubs of Porter County

Administration office: 354 W. Jefferson St. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)464-7282

Manages state aid for qualified parents through CCDF (Child Care Development Fund)

Child Care and Development Fund

1-800-299-1627 www.childcareindiana.gov

Child Care Services and Referrals

1-800-299-1627

Dunebrook Child Resources Porter County

7451 W Johnson Rd. Michigan City, IN 46360 (219)874-0007

Duneland Boys and Girls Club

521 W. 1100 N. Chesterton, IN 46304 (219)926-9770

Duneland Family YMCA

215 Roosevelt St. Chesterton, IN 46304 (219)926-4204

Manages state aid for qualified parents through CDDF (Child Care Development Fund)

KV Works, Inc. Child Care Development Fund Voucher Services

301 E. 8th Street, Suite 117 Michigan City, IN 46360 (219)879-8812

Toll Free: 1-800-831-5007 ex. 502

Parent Stress Line

1-800-244-5373

CLOTHING:

Duneland United Churches Resale Shop, Inc.

801 Broadway Chesterton, IN 46304 (219)926-8602

Goodwill Stores

2109 Calumet Ave. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)548-1314

5906 Lute Rd. Portage, IN 46368 (219)764-9619

Presbyterian Resale Shop

7 Lincolnway Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)462-4281

Salvation Army Thrift Shop

799 Capitol Rd. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)762-9191

1201 Franklin St. Michigan City, IN 46360 (219)872-8129

St. Paul Catholic Church

1855 Harrison Blvd. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)464-4831

GRIEF COUNSELING:

Choices Counseling Services

Help in Valparaiso and Michigan City, IN 46360 (219)548-8727

Rainbow (for children and teens)

Caroline Davis (219)759-2400

Survivors of Loved One's Suicide (SOLOS)

Contact Mary (219)462-6267

Visiting Nurses Association Grief Center

2401 Valley Dr. Valparaiso, IN 46383 Contact Michele Wise (219) 462-5195

EDUCATION:

Chesterton Adult Learning Center

100 W. Indiana Ave. Chesterton, IN 46304 (219)921-0567

Monday & Wednesday 8:30-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Closed Friday-Sunday

Geminus Headstart XXI

Westchester Head Start Site 4900 Broadway Chesterton, IN 46304 (219)980-1053

Ivy Tech Community College

3100 Ivy Tech Dr. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)464-8514

New Creation Men's Center

653 Axe Ave. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)548-3548

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Opportunity Enterprises

2801 Evans Ave. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)464-9621

ENERGY:

NIPSCO

1-800-464-7726 or write 801 E. 86th Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410

Northwest Indiana Community Action Corporation (NWICA)

5240 Fountain Dr. Crown Point, IN 46307 Main Office: (219)794-1829 1-800-826-7871

Porter Co. Community Services, Porter Co. Council on Aging

1005 Campbell Rd. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)464-9736

Salvation Army

799 Capitol Rd. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)762-9191

Spring Valley Shelter

2001 Calumet Ave. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)548-2800

FAMILY SERVICES AND COUNSELING:

The Caring Place, Inc.

3107 Cascade Dr. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)464-0840

Consumer Credit Counseling 1-800-982-4802

Division of Family Resources & Dept. of Child Services

(Food Stamps, Medicaid, and TANF)

152 Indiana Ave. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)462-2112

Dunebrook Child Resources Porter County

7451 W Johnson Rd. Michigan City, IN 46360 (219)874-0007

Family and Youth Services of Porter Co.

253 Lincolnway Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)464-9585

6469 Central Ave. Portage, IN 46368 (219)763-6623

Family House

610 Glendale Blvd. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)477-5469

KV Works Child Care Resources and Referrals

301 E 8th St. Michigan City, IN (219)879-8812 & 1-800-995-2579

Opportunity Enterprises (Porter Co. Assn. for Handicapped Children & Adults)

2801 Evans Ave. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)464-9621

Porter County Department of Child Services

19 E. Lincolnway Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)462-2112

To report abuse or neglect: 1-800-800-5556

Porter Co. Prosecutors (Support Division) Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)465-3405

Porter Co. Family Counseling Center

1005 N. Campbell St. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)364-2732

Porter Co. Veteran's Service

155 Indiana St. Room 207, Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)465-3587

Porter Starke Services, Inc.

601 Wall St. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)531-3500

3176 Lancer St. Portage, IN 46368 (219)762-9557

Samaritan Counseling Centers, Inc.

7 E Chicago St. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)464-1760

5877 Central Ave, Portage, IN 46368 (219)762-9995

St. Agnes Adult Day Service Center

1859 Harrison Blvd. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)477-5433

FOOD:

Meals on Wheels

501 Marquette St. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)531-8006 or (219)462-5195

St. Johns United Church Chesterton, IN 46304 (219)926-1476

Salvation Army

799 Capitol Rd. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)762-9191

Westchester Neighbors Food Pantry

P.O. Box 902, Chesterton, IN 46304 (219)926-4278 or (219)787-8475

WIC (Women & Children's Program)

2535 Portage Mall Portage, IN 46368 (219)762-3185

FOOD - SOUP KITCHENS:

Monday Location:

Chesterton United Methodist Church

2nd and Porter Ave. Chesterton, IN 46304 (219)926-1478 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Friday's Location

St. Pat's Catholic Church

638 N. Calumet Rd. Chesterton, IN 46304 (219)926-1282

HEALTH:

Duneland Medical Equipment Loan Closet

Porter, IN 46304 (219)926-4278

Greenwich House

Valparaiso, IN 46838 (219)462-0351

HealthLinc

601 Wall St., Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)299-8419 ext. 2715

Mental Health Assn. in Porter Co.

402 E. Indiana Avenue, Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)462-6267

Northshore Health Center

3564 Scottsdale St. Portage, IN 46368 (219)763-8112 Open Door Health Care Center

1601 Franklin St. Michigan City, IN 46360 (219)872-6766

Porter Co. Health Care Center

155 Indiana Avenue, Suite 104, Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)465-3525

3560 Willowcreek Rd. Portage, IN 46368 (219)759-8239

Porter Co. Assn. for Handicapped Children & Adults

Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)464-7382

Visiting Nurse Assn. of Porter Co.

501 Marquette Street, Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)462-5195

HOUSING:

First Contact

61 E. Indiana Avenue, Suite D, Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)462-8332

3484 Airport Rd. Portage, IN 46368 (219)764-7322

Housing Opportunities, Inc.

2801 Evans Ave. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)462-3726

HUD

1-800-622-4993

New Creations Men's Center

653 Axe Ave. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)548-3548

Monday-Friday 8 a.m-6 p.m.

Spring Valley Homeless Shelter

(No single men)

2001 Calumet Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)465-1022

LEGAL SERVICES:

Indiana Legal Services, Inc.

7863 Broadway, Merrillville, IN 46410 (219)738-6040

Porter Co. (219)465-1937

Porter Co. Referral Service (219)465-1197

The Law Clinic

Heritage Hall-Valparaiso University

510 Freeman St. Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)465-7903

LIBRARY SERVICES:

Westchester Public Library

Thomas Branch 200 W. Indiana Ave. Chesterton, IN 46304 (219)926-7696

Hageman Branch 100 Francis St. Porter, IN 46304 (219)926-9080

WPL Service Center 100 W. Indiana Ave. Chesterton, IN 46304 (219)926-7696

Library's Website:

<http://www.wpl.lib.in.us/>

Free Books, Movies, Magazines and More

Books, both fiction and non-fiction, as well as magazines, DVD's, MP3's, audio & CD books for adults and children are all available free of charge.

Free Children's and Family Programs

Both branches of WPL offer a wide variety of free programs for the family.

Free Internet

Patrons may use the internet for email or internet services with current library card. Terminals are available at both libraries. Wifi available at Thomas and Hageman.

Free Information Services

Homework help; tax forms and low-income tax assistance; community services information; resume resources; online databases.

Free Meeting Room Space

Meeting rooms are available for non-profit groups, free of charge. Call (219)926-7696 to book a meeting room.

SENIORS:

Duneland Seniors Activity Center

500 Ackerman Drive, Porter, IN 46304 (219)921-1687

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9 a.m.-Noon

Porter Co. Council on Aging and Community Services

1005 N. Campbell Street, Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)464-9736

P.O. Box 246, Valparaiso, IN 46383

SOCIAL SERVICES INFORMATION REFERRAL:

1-800-826-7871 or dial 211

TRANSPORTATION:

Porter Co. Council on Aging - Transportation

(219)462-4302

Opportunity Enterprises

801 Evans Avenue, Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)464-9621

P.O. Box 12068

TRUSTEE HELP:

Center Township (219)462-0810

Boone Township (219)996-7121

Jackson Township (219)926-8270

Liberty Township (219)926-3764

Pine Township (219) 874-6531

Portage Township (219)762-1623

Westchester Township (219)926-1405

Michigan City Uptown (219)874-4239 Coolspring and South (219)872-0050

UNITED WAY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

(219)464-3583 or toll free 1-888-464-3583

<http://www.unitedwaypc.org/>