

# 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](http://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 8<sup>th</sup> 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/>