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
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/