

EightCAP, Inc.

Community Resource Directory



Gratiot County 2020

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EightCAP, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer/program.
Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

Online version available at
www.8cap.org

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EightCAP, Inc. improves our community by partnering with private, government, and community organizations to deliver programs to low-income residents that alleviate the local causes of poverty and its effects. Programs offered through EightCAP are as follows:

COMMUNITY SERVICES - EightCAP, Inc. Community Services assist income-eligible households with heat and utility assistance, food distributions, transportation vouchers for employment purposes or medical appointments, medical prescription copays, and various needs depending on funding availability. Community Services also offers assistance with MI Bridges, food pantry information and distributions, and referrals to other services not provided by EightCAP. The Emergency Assistance Application is located on our website, www.eightcap.org.

HOUSING PROGRAMS – EightCAP, Inc. Housing Programs assist low-income households with rental assistance, deposit assistance, emergency shelter (hotel/motel vouchers) and limited utility payment assistance. These services are offered through the Emergency Solutions Grant and the Emergency Shelter Program. As the Housing Assessment and Resource Agency (HARA) in the county, EightCAP registers and places homeless households on the Housing Choice Voucher Waitlist with a Homeless Preference Code.

Through the Supportive Services for Veterans Families, services can include; rental assistance, deposit assistance, emergency shelter stays, moving costs, emergency housing services, transportation assistance and limited car repair assistance. These services are available to low-income households, who have served at least one-day active duty and were discharged under any other circumstances than dishonorable.

The Rapid Rehousing Program is available to literally homeless households (some conditions may apply). This program may pay up to 18 months of rental assistance and security deposit. It is an intensive case management program where clients work to address barriers that are present and develop skills to retain housing and become self-sufficient.

The HUD Rapid Rehousing Program is an income-based program available to literally homeless households. This program provides intensive case management, as well as up to 24 months of rental assistance and security deposit.



Commodity Food Distribution Sites, Income Guidelines, & Schedules For October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021

Due to Covid-19, CSFP Distribution is changing to protect your health until further notice. You will remain in your vehicle and safely pull your vehicle into line at the food truck. Participants will not sign for the food boxes; a representative will check you in and then place your food boxes in your trunk. DO NOT ENTER THE BUILDING. Thank you.

The **Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)** is a food program for those 60 and over who fall within the income guidelines listed below. For those eligible, supplemental boxes (2) of food are delivered every other month at a site(s) in each county. Two boxes are allowed every other month (One box for each month).

CSFP Guidelines

Household Size	Yearly	Monthly
1	\$16,744	\$1,396
2	\$22,646	\$1,888
3	\$28,548	\$2,379
4	\$34,450	\$2,871
5	\$40,352	\$3,363
6	\$46,254	\$3,855
For Each Additional Household Member Add:	\$5,902	\$492

CSFP Site and Schedule

Site	Dates	Time
Alma Elks Lodge 610 W. Warwick, Alma	4 th Monday of October, February, April, June & August; December- 2 nd Friday due to holidays.	9:30 - 11:00 am
Gratiot Commission on Aging 515 W Pine River, Ithaca	4 th Monday of October, February, April, June & August; December 2 nd Friday due to holidays.	12:30 - 1:30 pm
Ionia Moose Lodge 869 E Lincoln Ave., Ionia	4 th Tuesday of October, December, February, April, June & August	10:30 - 11:30 am
Immanuel Lutheran Church 320 S Bradley, Mt. Pleasant	4 th Wednesday of October, February, April, June & August; December- 3 rd Friday due to holidays.	10:00 - 11:00 am
Greenville Armory, 319 S Hillcrest, Greenville	1 st Thursday of October, December, February, April, June & August	10:30 - 11:30 am
Grace Community Church 9920 Reed Rd., Howard City	1 st Thursday of October, December, February, April, June & August	1:30 - 2:30 pm

There are several private locations across the counties where CSFP can be obtained, if you are a resident.

Gratiot- Pine Villa

Ionia- Belhaven/Woodhaven

Isabella- Riverview, Immanuel Village & Winchester Towers

Montcalm- Friendship Houses, Tamarack Creek Apts. & Mulberry Estates

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The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a food program for eligible households, regardless of age. Household must be in Gratiot, Ionia, Isabella or Montcalm Counties and use only one site per quarter.

TEFAP Guidelines

Household Size	Yearly	Monthly
1	\$25,760	\$2,147
2	\$34,840	\$2,903
3	\$43,920	\$3,660
4	\$53,000	\$4,417
5	\$62,080	\$5,173
6	\$71,160	\$5,930
7	\$80,240	\$6,687
For Each Additional Household Member Add:	\$9,080	\$757

TEFAP Site and Schedule

Site	Dates	Time
The Salvation Army 425 Republic Avenue, Alma (989) 463-2864	4 th Tuesday of October, January, April & July	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Ionia Church of the Nazarene 83 E Tuttle Road, Ionia (616) 527-9350	5 th Saturday of October; January, & July 1 st Saturday of May	10:00 am - 1:00 pm
The Salvation Army 1715 S Mission, Mt. Pleasant (989) 773-4663	4 th Tuesday of October, January, April & July	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Christian Community of Fellowship 8135 Mill Street, Winn (989) 866-2440	Last Thursday of October, January, April & July	10:00 am -1:00 pm
Carson City Community Food Pantry 404 N Division St, Carson City (989) 584-6044	4 th Wednesday of October, January, April & July	10:00 am -12:00 pm
Crossroads Compassionate Center Greenville Church of the Nazarene 10087 SW Greenville Rd, Greenville (616) 754-7605	5 th Friday of October, January, April & July	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Helping Hands Food Pantry 1105 S Ensley Rd, Howard City (231) 937-5177	4 th Wednesday of October, January, April, & July	10:00 am – 2:00 pm

If you miss the initial distribution day, call the pantry for regular hours and TEFAP availability.

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Quick Find Phone Numbers

Use the **Quick Find Index** pages as a quick reference for phone numbers. See the Community Resource pages for further agency information.

Abuse	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS	(989) 875-5181
<u>Child/Adult</u>	R.I.S.E. Advocacy, Inc.	(989) 773-0078
<u>Budgeting/Financial</u>	MSU-Extension	(989) 875-5233
<u>Clothing</u>	Career Closet	(989) 463-4171
	Community Services of Seventh Day Adventist	(989) 875-4433
	East Montcalm Baby Pantry	(989) 268-5551
	Foster Closet	(800) 554-4966
	Office of Human Services	(989) 681-4289
	Plaid Door	(989) 463-1914
	Pompeii United Methodist Baby Pantry	(989) 838-2249
<u>Counseling Services/Mental Health</u>	Addictions Solutions Counseling Center-ASCC	(989) 779-9449
	Gratiot Integrated Health Network	(989) 463-4971
	R.I.S.E. Advocacy, Inc	(989) 773-0078
<u>Disability/Special Needs</u>	Build Up Michigan	(888) 320-8384
	Gratiot-Isabella RESD	(989) 875-5101
	Social Security Administration	(877) 405-7667
	Special Olympics Michigan.....	(989) 774-3911
<u>Education For Adults</u>	Alma College	(989) 463-7111
	Federal Student Aid-FAFSA	(800) 433-3243
	Fulton Adult & Alternative Education	(989) 236-5404
	Gratiot-Isabella RESD	(989) 875-5101
	Mid-Michigan Community College	(989) 773-6622
	Mid-Michigan Migrant & English Language Learners	(616) 794-4753
	Montcalm Community College	(989) 328-2111
	MSU-Extension	(989) 875-5233
<u>Emergency</u>	American Red Cross	(989) 463-3209
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS	(844) 464-3447
	R.I.S.E. Advocacy, Inc	(989) 773-0078
	The Salvation Army.....	(989) 463-2864
<u>Employment Services</u>	AARP Foundation Senior Community Service Employment (SCSEP).....	(231) 252-4544
	Gratiot-Isabella RESD	(989) 875-5101
	Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works!	(989) 466-4832
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS	(989) 875-5181

<u>Food</u>	Commission on Aging (Gratiot County)	(989) 875-5246
	EightCAP, Inc.....	(866) 754-9315
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS	(844) 464-3447
	Mid-Michigan District Health Department-MMDHD	(989) 875-3681
	Office of Human Services	(989) 681-4289
<u>Furniture/ Household</u>	Foster Closet	(800) 554-4966
	Office of Human Services	(989) 681-4289
	Sleep in Heavenly Peace	(844) 432-2337
<u>Government (City/ County)</u>	County Clerk.....	(989) 875-5215
	Friend of the Court.....	(989) 875-5226
	Register of Deeds.....	(989) 875-5217
	Sheriff's Department	(989) 875-5211
<u>Health/ Medical</u>	Early On	(989) 433-2962
	Hospice of Michigan.....	(888) 247-5701
	Lions Club	(989) 463-6477
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS	(844) 464-3447
	MiChild/Healthy Kids	(888) 988-6300
	Mid-Michigan District Health Department-MMDHD	(989) 875-3681
	Mid-Michigan Home Care & Hospice	(989) 463-4121
	The Salvation Army.....	(989) 463-2864
	Tri-County Home Works People Fund.....	(800) 421-8956
<u>Homeless/ Housing Services</u>	EightCAP, Inc. Housing Hotline, ext.3335	(866) 754-9315
	Gratiot County Hope House.....	(989) 948-0404
	Gratiot County Local Planning Body	(616) 754-9315
	Gratiot Emergency Housing Corporation	(989) 466-0709
	Habitat for Humanity	(989) 463-2244
	McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Supports.....	(616) 225-6126
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS	(844) 464-3447
	Michigan State Housing Development Authority-MSHDA.....	(517) 241-0809
	MSU-Extension	(989) 875-5233
	R.I.S.E. Advocacy, Inc	(989) 773-0078
	Tri-County Home Works People Fund.....	(800) 421-8956
	USDA Rural Development	(800) 944-8119
<u>Infant/ Child/ Teen Services</u>	Big Brothers/Big Sisters	(989) 463-3434
	Build Up Michigan Kids.....	(888) 320-8364
	Child Advocacy.....	(989) 463-1422
	Gratiot-Isabella RESD	(989) 875-5101
	Great Start Readiness Program-GSRP.....	(800) 227-2437
	McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Supports.....	(616) 225-6126
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS	(844) 464-3447
	MiChild/Healthy Kids	(888) 988-6300
	MSU-Extension-4H	(989) 875-5233
<u>Legal</u>	Center for Civil Justice	(800) 724-7441
	Counsel & Advocacy law Line.....	(888) 783-8190
	Elder Law of Michigan.....	(866) 400-9164
	Farmworker Legal Services.....	(269) 492-7190
	Legal Services of Eastern Michigan	(800) 322-4512

<u>Legal (Cont.)</u>	R.I.S.E. Advocacy, Inc.....	(989) 773-0078
<u>Libraries</u>	Alma Public Library	(989) 463-3966
	Ashley District Library	(989) 847-4000
	Howe Memorial Library	(989) 842-3202
	Seville Township Public Library	(989) 833-7776
	T.A. Cutler Memorial Library	(989) 681-5141
	Thompson Home Public Library	(989) 875-4184
<u>Military/ Veterans</u>	American Red Cross of Greater Grand Rapids	(616) 456-8661
	Better Business Bureau Military Line	(800) 684-3222
	Buddy-To-Buddy	(888) 822-8339
	Family Assistance Center-Grand Valley Armory.....	(517) 481-7323
	Goodwill Industries	(231) 206-0127
	Gratiot County Department of Veterans Affairs	(989) 875-5258
	HUD- VASH	(616) 356-1746
	Michigan State University Extension	(888) 678-3464
	Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency	(800) 642-4838
	Military OneSource	(800) 342-9647
	Service to Soldiers Legal Assistance Referral Program	(517) 371-5140
	Supportive Services for Veteran Families (EightCAP, Inc.).....	(866) 754-9315
	United States Department of Veteran Affairs (VA)	(844) 698-2311
	Veterans Crisis Line	(800) 273-8255
	VFW National Home for Children	(800) 313-4200
<u>Nutrition</u>	Mid-Michigan District Health Department-MMDHD	(989) 875-3681
	MSU-Extension	(989) 875-5233
<u>Parenting</u>	Child Advocacy Center.....	(989) 463-1422
	Gratiot-Isabella RESD	(989) 875-5101
	Mid-Michigan District Health Department-MMDHD	(989) 875-3681
	MSU-Extension	(989) 875-5233
<u>Personal Needs</u>	St. Louis First United Methodist Church.....	(989) 681-3320
	This and That Store	(989) 862-4392
<u>Pregnancy Services</u>	Mid-Michigan District Health Department-MMDHD	(989) 875-3681
	Pregnancy Services of Gratiot County	(989) 466-2295
<u>Preschool</u>	EightCAP, Inc 0-5 Head Start.	(866) 754-9315
	Gratiot-Isabella RESD	(989) 433-2962
	Great Start Readiness Program-GSRP.....	(989) 492-7707
<u>Schools- Public/ Charter</u>	Alma Public Schools.....	(989) 466-7511
	Ashley Community Schools	(989) 847-4000
	Breckenridge Community Schools	(989) 842-3182
	Fulton Schools	(989) 236-5130
	Gratiot-Isabella RESD	(989) 875-5101
	Ithaca Public Schools.....	(989) 875-3700
	St. Louis Public Schools	(989) 681-2500

<u>Senior Citizens</u>	AARP Foundation Senior Community Service Employment (SCSEP).....	(231) 252-4544
	Commission on Aging (Gratiot County)	(989) 875-5246
	Elder law of Michigan	(866) 400-9164
	Lions Club	(989) 463-6477
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS	(989) 875-5181
	Mid-Michigan Home Care & Hospice	(989) 463-4121
	Social Security Administration.....	(877) 405-7667
<u>Substance Abuse</u>	Addiction Solutions Counseling Center	(989) 779-9449
	Alcoholics' Anonymous	(800) 821-3014
	Randy's House of Greenville.....	(616) 232-2915
<u>Transportation</u>	Dial-A-Ride/Alma Transit Center.....	(989) 463-6016
<u>Utility Assistance</u>	Assurance Wireless (free cell phone)	(888) 321-5880
	EightCAP, Inc. (heat/utility).....	(866) 754-9315
	Gratiot Emergency Housing Corporation.....	(989) 466-0709
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS	(844) 464-3447
	SafeLink (free cell phone)	(800) 773-9328
	The Salvation Army (heat/utility).....	(989) 773-4663
	Tri-County HomeWorks People Fund (heat/utility).....	(800) 421-8956
<u>Volunteer Services</u>	Commission on Aging (Gratiot County)	(989) 875-5246
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS	(989) 875-5181
	United Way of Gratiot & Isabella Counties	(989) 463-6245



2-1-1 connects you with thousands of nonprofit and government resources in your area. Michigan 2-1-1 is an easy way to connect with help of all kinds, right in your community. Need help with food, housing, or paying bills? Need support in a family crisis or community disaster? We're here for you. Any time. All the time. Just call, text, or search online and we'll get you connected.

Phone: Dial 211 or 1-888-636-4211

Text: Your zip code to 898211

Live Chat: HWMUW.ORG/211



Hotline Numbers

ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE HELPLINE & TREATMENT	(844) 289-0879 www.drughelpline.org
BOYS & GIRLS TOWN NATIONAL HOTLINE	(800) 448-3000 www.boystown.org
CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION INFORMATION	(800) 232-4636 www.cdc.gov
CENTER FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN	(800) 843-5678 www.missingkids.com
CHILD & ADULT LICENSING COMPLAINTS (ABUSE AND NEGLECT)	(855) 444-3911 www.michigan.gov/mdhhs
CHILD FIND OF AMERICA	(800) 426-5678 www.childfindofamerica.org
CHILD HELP USA INFORMATION CENTER	(800) 422-4453 www.childhelp.org
CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS (MISDU OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT)	(877) 543-2660 www.misdu.com
CHILDREN'S SPECIAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES FAMILY CENTER	(800) 359-3722 www.michigan.gov/mdhhs
CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICE	(800) 388-2227 www.nfcc.org
CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION	(800) 638-2772 www.cpsc.gov
DEPRESSION AFTER DELIVERY	(800) 944-4773 www.postpartum.net
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NATIONAL HELPLINE	(800) 799-7233 www.thehotline.org
EIGHTCAP'S HOUSING & HOMELESS HOTLINE	(866) 754-9315 x3335 www.eightcap.org
FOOD & NUTRITION PROGRAM HELPLINE (SNAP)	(855) 275-6424 www.fns.usda.gov
HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE	(888) 373-7888 www.humantraffickinghotline.org

MEDICAID HELPLINE (MICHIGAN)	(888) 367-6557 www.mihealth.org
MI-RX DISCOUNT CARD	(800) 259-8016 www.mihealth.org
MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION ON PROBLEM GAMBLING HELPLINE	(800) 270-7117 www.michapg.com
MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING (MADD)	(877) 623-3435 www.madd.org
NATIONAL RUNAWAY SAFELINE	(800) 786-2929 www.1800runaway.org
POISON CONTROL	(800) 222-1222 www.poisonhelp.org
SAFE DELIVERY OF NEWBORNS	(866) 733-7733 www.michigan.gov/mdhhs
SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE	(800) 656-4673 www.rainn.org
SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION	(800) 662-4357 www.samhsa.gov
SUICIDE PREVENTION NATIONAL LIFELINE	(800) 273-8255 www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org
THE HEAT & WARMTH FUND (THAW)	(800) 866-8429 www.thawfund.org
THURSDAY'S CHILD	(800) 872-5437 www.thursdayschild.org
USDA MEAT AND POULTRY HOTLINE	(888) 674-6854 www.usda.gov
USDA NATIONAL HUNGER HOTLINE	(866) 348-6479 www.fns.usda.gov
VETERAN'S CRISIS LINE - VETERAN'S AFFAIRS	(800) 273-8255 www.veteranscrisisline.net
VULNERABLE CHILDREN, ADULTS & SENIORS HELPLINE	(855) 444-3911 www.michigan.gov/mdhhs
WE TIP HOT LINE (ANONYMOUS CRIME REPORTING HOTLINE)	(800) 782-7463 www.wetip.com

Food Pantries

ALMA

CHILD ADVOCACY BABY PANTRY

(800) 552-4489 or (989) 463-1422

525 N. State Street, Suite 4 (Wilcox Non-Profit Center), Alma, MI 48801

www.linkforfamilies.org

Provides free diapers, wipes, formula, baby food, clothing, and other baby items which can be picked up Wednesdays from 11 am – 3 pm. Pantry is closed if Alma Public Schools are closed due to weather.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

(989) 463-2940

495 Charles Avenue, Alma, MI 48801

www.firstpres.net

Tuesday (except 5th Tuesday of the month) 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, closed if Alma Schools are closed for weather. Serving Alma, Riverdale, Elm Hall and Elwell. You may receive food every other month, six times a year. Bring a picture ID, names & dates of birth for everyone in the household.

THE SALVATION ARMY

(989) 463-2864

425 Republic Street, Alma, MI 48801

www.saalma.org

Open Monday-Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, closed 12 pm-1 pm for lunch. No morning pantry hours the first Friday of each month as is “Free Friday”. Can come every 3 months. Serves Gratiot County residents only. Bring picture ID with current address.

ASHLEY

EAST WASHINGTON UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

(989) 838-2314

8051 S Crapo Road, Ashley, MI 48806

Second Tuesday every other month (January, March, May, July, September, December).

Registration at 4: pm, pantry hours 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Must be a resident of Gratiot County and provide proof of residency. Please bring your own box, basket tote, or bags to collect your items.

POMPEII UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BABY PANTRY

(989) 838-4159

135 W Burton Street, Pompeii, MI 48874

www.firstpres.net

Baby needs from newborn to 11 or 12 years old. Baby food, formula, clothes & diapers. Pantry is open the 1st & 3rd Thursdays from 10 am to 5 pm.

BANNISTER

BANNISTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(989) 862-4392

103 E. Hanvey Street, Bannister, MI 48807

Pantry open the third Saturday of every month from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Also provides hygiene products/toiletries and donated clothing/shoes as available, if needed. Part of the Greater Lansing Hunger Network. Must be a Gratiot County resident and provide proof of residency by driver’s license or ID.

BRECKENRIDGE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

(989) 842-3632

125 Third Street, PO Box 248, Breckenridge, MI 48615

Open Tuesday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Breckenridge, Hemlock, Merrill, and Wheeler residents ONLY. Pick up once every 60 days. Bring state ID/Driver’s License.

ELSIE

ELSIE AREA FOOD BANK

(989) 388-8717

225 S Ovid Street, Elsie, MI 48831

www.elsie.org/foodbank

HOURS: 8:00 am – 9:00 am, Mondays & Wednesdays. Proof of residency required. Free Produce (unless otherwise noted) - 1st Tuesday & 3rd Thursday each month. Please a note to sign up, you MUST sign up at the United Methodist Church in Elsie, 160 W. Main St., Elsie. After being registered, then you will be able to go to the food bank for produce. Closed on holidays and when Ovid-Elsie Area Schools are closed due to weather conditions.

ITHACA

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

(989) 875-4437

218 E Newark Street, Ithaca, MI 48847

Hours: Wednesday 9:30 am - 11:30 am. Gratiot County residents south of Tyler Road only. You may receive food six times per year. Bring one picture identification. A bi-monthly mobile food pantry is also available to qualifying Gratiot County residents on the 2nd Saturday of the month in February, April, June, October, & December from 9am – 11am.

ITHACA SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST FOOD PANTRY

(989) 560-5683

935 N Pine River Street, Ithaca, MI 48847

Fourth Monday each month, 10:30 am – noon. Date of birth for all household members. Address and income verification. Photo ID for person picking up food. Residents of Gratiot County only. May receive food once per month.

MIDDLETON

SOUTHWEST GRATIOT COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

(989) 236-7728

New Haven Church of the Brethren, 7587 Grant Road, Middleton, MI

Call for an appointment. Open 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Bring photo ID, Must know monthly income & names/ages of household members.

RIVERDALE

LINCOLN ROAD UMC FOOD PANTRY

(989) 463-5704

9479 W Lincoln Rd, Riverdale, MI 48877

Open third Thursday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Residents of Sumner & Seville Township who meet financial guidelines receive a week's worth of food. On first visit please bring a DL/State ID & proof of address. A bi-monthly mobile food pantry is also available to qualifying Gratiot County residents on the 2nd Saturday of the month in February, April, June, October, & December from 9am – 10 am.

M-46 TABERNACLE FOOD PANTRY

(989) 506-4821

11098 Howard City-Edmore Road (M-46), Riverdale, MI 48877

Open Tuesday 10:00 am – 11:00 am. No pantry if Vestaburg Schools closed due to weather.
Contact Zeda Bish.

ST. LOUIS

OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES (Food Pantry & Thrift Store)

(989) 681-4289

232 N Mill Street, PO Box 2, St. Louis, MI 48880

Food Pantry open Monday-Friday 9:00 am – 11:15 Am. Food available once every 60 days for Gratiot County residents only. Need to provide proof of income and photo ID showing current address. Thrift Store open to public, Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

ST. LOUIS (CONT.)

ST. LOUIS CHURCH OF CHRIST FOOD PANTRY

(989) 681-2524

1075 W Monroe Road, St. Louis, MI 48880

Food Pantry open 3rd Thursday of the month 11:30 am – 2:00 pm. Please bring your own box, basket, tote, or bags to collect your items. Photo ID, proof of income, residence, & number of people in household is required once a year and for new participants.

VESTABURG

EAST MONTCALM BABY PANTRY

(989) 268-5551

Ferris Church of Christ, 3443 N Crystal Road, Vestaburg, MI 48891

Hours of distribution: Tuesdays each month 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. You must live within the following boundaries: West of Warner Road and East of Stevenson Road/Wyman Road. Serving children newborn to age 5 years. Items available include baby food, formula, diapers, clothing (up to size 6), blankets, furniture (when available) and miscellaneous items.

CONGREGATE MEALS

BANNISTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(989) 862-4392

103 E. Hanvey St, Bannister, MI 48807

January, February & March ONLY. Free soup & sandwiches, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm 2nd & 4th Tuesdays.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

(989) 463-2940

495 Charles Avenue, Alma, MI 48801

www.firstpres.net

Free meal available to anyone, Thursdays at 5:30 pm.

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD-THE SUPPER CLUB

(989) 681-5530 or (989) 681-5888

520 Olive St, St. Louis, MI 48880

Free meal every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Tuesday each month from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm.

OTHER FOOD RESOURCES

DOUBLE UP FOOD BUCKS

(866) 586-2796

www.doubleupfoodbucks.org

The way this program works is that anyone with food stamps can double their dollars when they shop for MI-grown fruits and vegetables at participating locations, please go to website for list of participating locations or send an email to info@doubleupfoodbucks.org

FEEDING AMERICA GREATER LANSING FOOD BANK

(517) 853-7800

919 Filley St., Lansing, MI 48906

www.greaterlansingfoodbank.org

Greater Lansing Food Bank (GLFB) is a non-profit organization that provides emergency food to individuals and families in need throughout mid-Michigan, in Ingham, Eaton, Clinton, Shiawassee, Clare, Isabella and Gratiot counties.

GRATIOT COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

(989) 875-5246

515 S Pine Street, Ithaca, MI 48847

www.gratiotmi.com/171/Commission-on-Aging

Senior meals, congregate meals and home-delivered meals for people age 60 or over.

Community Resources

AARP FOUNDATION SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT (SCSEP) (231) 252-4544

3185 Logan Valley Road, Traverse City, MI 49684

www.aarpfoundation.org/scsep

Serves Michigan in its entirety with 8 different SCSEP offices throughout Michigan. SCSEP is a training and employment program for low-income, unemployed individuals, age 55 and up. Offers paid, temporary work training experience and help finding employment to older adults who meet eligibility requirements.

ADDICTION SOLUTIONS COUNSELING CENTER (ASCC) (989) 779-9449

218 S Washington Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

www.asccs.com

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

This program accepts most insurance. Outpatient Mental Health Substance Abuse Counseling as well as outpatient psychiatric care is available. Offers group, family, couple, individual and adolescent counseling treatment.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA) (800) 821-3014

Call Community Mental Health for local listings

www.aa.org

Provides local listings for educational services for persons with alcohol, drug, or other related concerns. Services are also offered to families and friends of chemically dependent persons.

ALMA PUBLIC LIBRARY (989) 463-3966

500 E Superior Street, Alma, MI 48801

www.youseemore.com/alma

Hours: Monday & Friday 12:00 pm - 9:00 pm;

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 am - 9:00 pm; Saturday 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

AMERICAN RED CROSS (989) 463-3209

525 N State Street, Suite 3, Alma, MI 48801

www.redcross.org

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Emergency Phone #: (989)324-9416. Armed Forces Emergency Services. Blood drives held year-round. Shelter, feed, and provide emotional support to victims of disasters. Disaster Services- provides immediate, disaster-related needs to people facing emergency situations such as a home fire. Health and Safety Services-Certifications available from trained Red Cross instructors for Adult, Child and Infant CPR, standard first aid, babysitter training, water safety, lifeguarding.

AMERICAN RED CROSS OF GREATER GRAND RAPIDS (616) 456-8661

Services to the Armed Forces. Partnering with Congress, the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, our volunteers provide military personnel and their families with a worldwide integrated support network to help them cope with the stress of military life in the following ways: 1) Stay In Touch and Obtain Verification of Emergency Leave Information; 2) Secure Emergency Financial Assistance; and 3) Obtain Counseling, Information, Referrals and Other Social Needs. They also assist with veteran benefit applications.

ASHLEY DISTRICT LIBRARY (989) 847-4000 ext. 1007

104 N New Street, Ashley, MI 48806

www.ashleyschools.net/library

School Year Hours: Monday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm; Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 am - 7:00 pm. Summer Hours: Tuesday 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm & Wednesday/Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU MILITARY LINE**(800) 684-3222**

Has an agreement with the Department of Defense to offer its well-known consumer education and advocacy services to experiences and circumstances unique to the military. As a partner in the Department of Defense (DOD) Financial Readiness Campaign, BBB Military Line® brings BBB services to military personnel (including Reservists and National Guard), retirees, DOD civilians, and their families. Through Memoranda of Understanding with the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps, and through status as a Coast Guard Qualified Organization, BBB Military Line offers a variety of free services and consumer education to the military via local BBB outreach.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS**(989) 463-3434***525 N State Street (Wilcox Building), Suite 9, Alma, MI 48801*www.midmichiganbbbs.org

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and other times by appointment. Establishing and supporting one-on-one mentoring relationships with at risk youth in our community. Serving youth ages 5 to 14 years, and offering parental support as well as mentor training.

BUDDY-TO-BUDDY**(888) 822-8339**www.buddytobuddy.org

Trained Volunteer Veterans help military service members overcome the stigma around asking for help and link those who are facing challenges throughout the deployment cycle with appropriate resources that will optimize their quality of life. Volunteer Veterans are trained to help veterans and service members address issues ranging from accessing financial, employment, legal, benefit, or educational resources to identifying mental health providers for emotional, substance abuse, or relationship concerns. Services are provided to Michigan service members and veterans, members of Michigan Army National Guard, and reservists residing in Michigan

BUILD UP MICHIGAN**(888) 320-8384***240 S Bridge Street, Suite 250, Dewitt, MI 48820*www.buildupmi.org

Provides free development evaluations for children, ages 3-5 suspected of having a disability including speech and language impairment, physical impairment, visual impairment, hearing impairment, other health impairment or a developmental delay.

CAREER CLOSET**(989) 463-4171***150 W Center Street, PO Box 771, Alma, MI 48801*www.womensresourcecentergratiot.com

Hours: Tuesday 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm; Thursday 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. Offering gently worn, professional clothing at no cost to women interested in entering the job market or advancing their careers.

CENTER FOR CIVIL JUSTICE**(800) 724-7441**www.ccj-mi.org

Free legal assistance to low-income persons if the problem affects a number of low-income persons. Deals with problems with Michigan's welfare system, health, childcare, work, nutrition and subsidized housing programs. The attorneys will provide workshops and trainings on many topics to agencies. The center also helps clients understand and speak out on legislative and policy issues that affect them. For poverty law and public benefits log on to www.mplp.org. To determine whether you are eligible for food stamps, log on to www.foodstampshelp.org or call (800) 481-4989.

CHILD ADVOCACY**(800) 552-4489 or (989) 463-1422***525 N State Street, Suite 4, Alma, MI 48801*www.linkforfamilies.org

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Services available in Gratiot County: baby pantry, parenting classes, child abuse and neglect (CAN) prevention education, substance abuse coalition, and suicide prevention training.

COMMISSION ON AGING (GRATIOT COUNTY)**(989) 875-5246***515 S Pine River Street, Ithaca, MI 48847*www.gratiotmi.com/171/Commission-on-Aging

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Assistance for seniors 60 years and over including case management, personal care, respite care, homemaking, home chore service, minor home repair, home-delivered meals, Senior Gratiot Newspaper, Food With Friends Program, Medicare-Medicaid Assistance Program, and referrals, help for prescriptions and utilities (when funds are available). Volunteer services available for transportation to appointments. Caregiver training. For information on the Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Programs call the Isabella County Commission on Aging at (989) 772-0748.

COMMUNITY SERVICES OF SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**(989) 875-2149***939 N Pine River, Ithaca, MI 48847*

Tuesdays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Clothing, shoes, bedding, and layettes available to Gratiot County residents based on need. Agency referrals preferred.

COUNSEL & ADVOCACY LAW LINE**(888) 783-8190**www.lakeshorelegalaid.org

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Wednesdays 9:00 am – 6:00 pm and Fridays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. An attorney-staffed telephone advice, brief service, pro se and referral system serving low income and senior people throughout much of Michigan. You will speak directly with an attorney, but the wait time may be long. Many court forms available on website.

DIAL-A-RIDE (ALMA TRANSIT CENTER-ATC)**(989) 463-6016***Dial-A-Ride and Bus Depot: 1105 Willow Run Drive, Alma, MI 48801*www.ci.alma.mi.us/1/307/dart.asp

ZONE 1 – City of Alma: Daily 6:15am – 8:00pm Weekdays, 6:15am – 7:00am must be set prior business day. Last call for pick-ups 6:30pm. Adult \$2, junior \$1.50, senior & reduced fare \$1, gold card is free.

ZONE 2 – City of St. Louis & Pine River Township: Daily 9:00am – 6:00pm. Last call for pick-ups 5:00pm. Adult & junior \$3 (round trip \$5), senior & reduced fare \$1.50, gold card \$1.

ZONE 3 – 10 Mile Radius of Alma: Available 9:00am – 5:00pm Weekdays. 24 hr. notice required.

Additional Routes: To & From 65th District Court & DHHS Offices, Weekdays, Depart Alma 9:45am, 11:45am, & 3:15pm. Depart Ithaca 10:00am, 12:00pm, & 3:30-4:00pm. Adult & junior \$4 (round trip \$7), senior & reduced fare \$2, gold card \$1.50.

A-LINE: Fixed route with 14 designated points throughout the city of Alma. Adults & juniors \$1, reduced fare is 50 cents. Call or go online for more information.

EARLY ON (Gratiot-Isabella RESD)**(989) 433-2962 ext. 43120***Luce Road Early Childhood Learning Center, 6265 N Luce Road, Alma, MI 48801*www.1800earlyon.org*Westgate Elementary, 840 W Cheesman Road, St. Louis, MI 48880*

Coordination of services for children 0-3 years of age with special needs, and developmental delays. Services include in-home evaluations, referring families for specialized care, and acting as a service coordinator. There are no income restrictions for eligibility. Local playgroups are available to the community. Call for more information.

EIGHTCAP, INC.**(866) 754-9315***525 N State Street, Suite 2, Alma, MI 48801*www.eightcap.org**Administrative Offices****(866) 754-9315 or (616) 754-9315***5827 Orleans Rd., Orleans, MI 48865***Self-Sufficiency Services****(616)754-9315**

Community Services: (616)754-9315 ext. 1309 or ext. 3321(call for more information)

- Heat/utility assistance when funding is available
- Referrals to food banks, legal services, etc.
- Computer Access Station- Use this FREE service to discover other helpful information that goes beyond EightCAP Community Services range of assistance.
- TEFAP & CSFP Commodity Programs available

Clients will be seen by appointment only for heat/utility assistance. For heat/utility assistance, an Emergency Assistance Application must be filled out and submitted to the mailing address above. The application can be found on our website, www.eightcap.org.

Homeless & Housing Assistance Programs:

Call the Housing Hotline at (866) 754-9315 ext. 3335 to do a pre-screen if you are literally homeless, have a court ordered eviction notice, or at risk of becoming homeless, and are in need of homeless/housing assistance. Services available may include: Rental/Deposit Assistance, Motel Vouchers; MSHDA Vouchers; Mortgage Assistance.

Weatherization**(616) 754-9315 ext. 3420**

- Free program helping to lower your fuel costs and make your home more energy efficient
- Services offered: water heater insulation blanket, low-flow shower head, wall/ceiling/floor insulation/ventilation, caulking, glass replacement, door sweeps, and weather stripping
- Proof of household income for the last 3 months
- Call for an appointment

0-5 Head Start**(616) 754-9315 ext. 3369**

A federally funded child development program serving pregnant women, infants, toddlers, and children thru age 5 years. Participants must meet specific income and eligibility criteria.

ELDER LAW OF MICHIGAN**(866) 400-9164**www.elderlawofmi.org

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Free legal advice and information over the phone for senior citizens and people with disabilities. To access the Michigan Pension Rights Project, call the Legal Hotline for Michigan Seniors and specify that you have a pension-related problem. Housing in foreclosure, etc.

FAMILY ASSISTANCE CENTER- GRAND VALLEY ARMORY**(517) 481-7323**

Family Assistance is a focal point of information by providing six essential services in times of contingency call up, mobilization, and large scale deployments. Family Assistance is critical in providing help to all military families during these long term or short term deployments. The Grand Valley regional Family Assistance Center provides assistance and referrals for families in a region of counties including Gratiot, Montcalm, Ionia and Isabella. Contact the Family Assistance Coordinator in the following counties: Gratiot Counties-Melissa Halm (517) 481-7323; Ionia County-Darnell Holmes (517) 481-8850; Isabella County-Katie Baxter (231) 796-6823 ext. 4 and Montcalm County-Amy Gould (616) 249-2741.

FARMWORKER LEGAL SERVICES**(269) 492-7190**

3030 S 9th Street, Suite 1A, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

www.farmworkerlaw.org

Farm Worker Legal Services is a division of Legal Services of South Central Michigan, providing free civil legal assistance to low-income persons, including migrant and seasonal farm workers. FLS represents and assists migrant and seasonal farm workers with legal problems in the areas of employment, benefits, housing, education and immigration.

FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) - FREE APPLICATION**(800) 433-3243**www.fafsa.ed.gov

Information by phone: Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 11:00 pm, Sat & Sun 11:00 am – 5:00 pm.

FRIEND OF THE COURT**(989) 875-5226***214 E Center Street, #1, Ithaca, MI 48847*www.gratiotmi.com/384/Friend-of-the-Court

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

FULTON ADULT & ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION**(989) 236-5404***129 E George Street, Middleton, MI 48856*www.fultonpirates.net

Adult alternative education classes offered in Middleton and Alma. Providing opportunities for students 16 years and over to earn their High School Diploma. Provides free personalized tutoring for Mid-Michigan residents desiring to improve their reading, writing, spelling and math. Online classes also available.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES**(231) 206-0127**www.dwcassard.org

Has a Veterans Workforce Investment Program that addresses the unique needs of veterans seeking employment. Serving; Clare, Gladwin, Ionia, Isabella, Mecosta, Montcalm and Osceola Counties. Goodwill assists eligible veterans in a variety of areas relating to job training, placement, and retention with an emphasis on green career fields. Those who have been dishonorably discharged cannot participate.

GRATIOT COUNTY CLERK**(989) 875-5215***214 E Center Street, Suite 16, Ithaca, MI 48847*www.gratiotmi.com

Hours Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. Provides copies of and assistance with birth, death, and marriage certificates, doing business as (DBA), notary public applications, Concealed Pistol License, filing military discharge papers, civil and criminal court matters and elections.

GRATIOT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**(989) 875-5258***214 E Center Street, PO Box 68, Ithaca, MI 48847*www.gratiotmi.com

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm, closed 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. Provide assistance to veterans and their dependents to access benefits provided to veterans by county, state, and federal agencies, primarily the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Services may include: Veteran and spouse burial benefits, Government headstones or markers, Veterans Relief Fund for emergency assistance, VA compensation, VA pensions, medical assistance, VA Home Loans, and military records request. In addition, we also prepare requests for medals, assist with appeals to VA decisions, and assist in coordination with other human service agencies on behalf of the veteran, surviving spouse or dependents. All services provided by Gratiot County Dept. of Veterans Affairs are free of charge.

GRATIOT COUNTY HOPE HOUSE**(989) 948-0404***1001 W. Washington St., Saint Louis, MI 48880*www.gchopehouse.org*(housed within the St. Louis Church of the Nazarene)*

Seasonal cold-weather shelter, open from late fall to early spring. Those interested in receiving shelter should call the **housing hotline # (989) 948-0404** to schedule an intake before coming to the shelter.

GRATIOT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**24-Hour (non-emergency) (989) 875-5211***226 E Center Street, Ithaca, MI 48847*

Administration (989) 875-5214

www.gratiotmi.com

GRATIOT EMERGENCY HOUSING CORPORATION**(989) 466-0709***PO Box 611, Alma, MI 48801*www.gratiotemergencyhousingcorporation.com

Provides assistance with emergency housing situations to low-income families including repairs, rent, security deposits, shut-off notices, utilities and propane. Lending up to \$300. Pay forward \$10/month. No emergency shelter.

GRATIOT INTEGRATED HEALTH NETWORK**(989) 463-4971***608 Wright Avenue, Alma, MI 48801*www.gihn-mi.org

After hours & weekends (989) 463-4971 or 1-800-622-5583

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm (evenings by appointment)

Participates with Medicaid, Medicare, sliding fee determined by ability to pay. 24-hour mental health emergency services; Primary Care Services; family support and respite care; counseling and support groups; psychiatric services; mental health hospital care; infant mental health; outreach services for children, adults and geriatrics; case management or support coordination; Club House program; vocational/employment services; and community living support and skill building for developmentally disabled adults.

GRATIOT/ISABELLA LOCAL PLANNING BODY**(616) 754-9315 ext. 3364**

The Local Planning Body for Gratiot & Isabella Counties exists to identify and address the short, and long-term housing and shelter needs of low-income households. Membership is made up of community-based individuals and organizations operating within Gratiot & Isabella Counties who have a dedicated interest in addressing and alleviating the causes of homelessness. The Housing Assessment Resource Agency (HARA) for the counties is EightCAP and can be reached at (616)754-9315 ext. 3364. If you would like to speak to the Local Planning Body Chair, this information can be obtained through the HARA.

GRATIOT-ISABELLA REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT (RESD)**(989) 875-5101***Mahoney Center: 1131 E Center Street, PO Box 310, Ithaca, MI 48847*www.giresd.net

Gratiot-Isabella RESD (Intermediate School District) Early Childhood serves children birth to 5 years old; including special education evaluations, speech and language therapy, occupational and physical therapy, and special education preschool programs. Also provides educational services to special, non-school populations and employment services to employers, employees, & the unemployed.

GREAT LAKES BAY MICHIGAN WORKS!**(989) 466-4832***GTEC Building: 327 E Center Street, Alma, MI 48801*www.michiganworks.com

Hours of operation: Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Services are open to everyone. Specialized services may be available to dislocated workers, displaced homemakers, unemployed or underemployed adults and youth. Services available: job search preparation and skills, resume writing, applications, interviewing, labor market information, Pure Michigan Talent Connect www.mitalent.org, career assessment, occupational training and employment related support services. Business services available for employers includes customized recruitment strategies, access to competitive employer grants and employee retention services.

GREAT START READINESS PROGRAM**(800) 227-2437 or (989) 492-7707**

Offers preschool programs for four year old children who may be "at risk" of school failure as well as family involvement/parent education components. Call this number or your local elementary school to request a preschool registration.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (CLINTON-GRATIOT)**(989) 463-2244***501 Gratiot Avenue, Alma MI 48801*www.habitatclinton.org

Provides decent, affordable housing for needy families who are willing to partner with Habitat by contributing sweat equity hours toward building the house and are able to repay a 7-30 year mortgage. They must have had a one year residency in Gratiot County.

HOME IMPROVEMENTS AND STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS (HISA)

www.prosthetics.va.gov/HISA2.asp

Under the Home Improvements and Structural Alterations (HISA) program Veterans with service-connected disabilities or Veterans with non-service-connected disabilities may receive assistance for any home improvement necessary for the continuation of treatment or for disability access to the home and essential lavatory and sanitary facilities. A HISA grant is available to Veterans who have received a medical determination indicating that improvements and structural alterations are necessary or appropriate for the effective and economical treatment of his/her disability. A Veteran may receive both a HISA grant and either a Special Home Adaptation (SHA) grant or a Special Adapted Housing (SAH) grant.

HOSPICE OF MICHIGAN

(888) 247-5701

Call for local area information, 24/7.

www.hom.org

Hospice of Michigan provides comprehensive, compassionate comfort care to people with acute chronic illness and support to their loved ones, regardless of age, diagnosis, or ability to pay.

HOWE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

(989) 842-3202

104 E Saginaw Street, Breckenridge, MI 48615

Hours: Monday & Thursday 9:30 am - 6:30 pm; Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30 am - 5:00 pm; Closed Friday, Saturday & Sunday.

HUD-VASH

(616) 356-1746

www.va.gov/homeless/hud-vash.asp

Veterans housing voucher program with HUD and the VA.

LEGAL SERVICES OF EASTERN MICHIGAN

(800) 322-4512

320 S Washington, Third Floor, Saginaw, MI 48607

www.lsem-mi.org

Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm; evenings 2nd & 4th Mondays each month 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. A non-profit law firm that provides free legal assistance and advice in civil matters to eligible low-income persons, such as housing, DHHS, and SSA denials, consumer, family law, bankruptcy, garnishment and more. Representation is not guaranteed. Divorce kits and clinics are also available.

LIONS CLUB

(989) 463-6477 or (989) 875-3688

Alma/Breckenridge/Ithaca/St. Louis School districts

Contact Ray Knapp

Furnishes glasses for anyone in need, repairs hearing aids, diabetes program and free camp for sight-impaired children. Provides funding for various community projects.

MCKINNEY VENTO HOMELESS STUDENT SUPPORTS

(616) 225-6126

621 New Street, P.O. 367, Stanton, MI 48888

Working with the students, families, and schools in Gratiot, Ionia, Isabella, & Montcalm Counties to provide support, safety and success to students and their families experiencing homelessness. Working with agencies, churches and organizations to accomplish stability and school success for these students. “Leading, collaborating and serving to create education without Boundaries.”

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (MDHHS)

(844) 464-3447

201 Commerce Drive, Ithaca, MI 48847

www.michigan.gov/mibridges

Food assistance (TANF/SNAP), medical assistance/Medicaid, cash assistance/FIP, child day care funding, State Emergency Relief for shelter and utilities please call (844)464-3447. For crisis prevention services, delinquency services, child foster home licensing, foster care placement, employment services, and volunteer services please call (989)875-5181. You can fill out applications at www.michigan.gov/mibridges.

Adult/Child Protective Services (855) 444-3911

This number is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week to report any incident of suspected child or adult abuse or neglect.

MICHIGAN LEGAL HELP

Free and accurate legal information for simple civil legal matters. www.michiganlegalhelp.org

MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MSHDA) (517) 241-0809

735 E Michigan Avenue, PO Box 30044, Lansing, MI 48909 www.michigan.gov/mshda

Call to obtain number of local agent. Provides financial and technical assistance through public & private partnerships to create and preserve safe/decent/affordable housing. Rental assistance and homeless solutions Housing Choice Voucher program (Section 8) applications.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OFFICE (989) 875-5233

219 N State Street, Alma, MI 48801 www.msue.msu.edu

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Email address: msue.gratiot@county.msu.edu

Services offered: family resource management, food and nutrition planning, parenting education, 4-H, and budgeting skills. Provides information concerning agriculture.

MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY (800) 642-4838

www.michiganveterans.com

Serves as the central coordinating point for Michigan veterans, connecting those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, and their families, to services and benefits throughout the state. The agency works to identify and break down barriers veterans face in employment, education, health care and quality of life, making Michigan a great place for veterans and their families to call home. The agency aggregates veterans services currently found in 14 state agencies as well as hundreds of community-based veteran programs to create a no wrong door access to benefits and services.

MICHILD/HEALTHY KIDS (888) 988-6300

www.healthcare4mi.com

Provides health insurance for uninsured children of Michigan's working families. Covers regular check-ups, shots, emergency dental care, pharmacy, hospital care, prenatal care and delivery, vision, hearing, mental health and substance abuse services for a \$10 monthly fee. Go to www.michigan.gov/mibridges to apply online or to print paper application:

- Click on Health
- Click on MICHild Health Insurance Program
- Click on Application for Health Coverage
- Click on Apply by Paper (if need paper application)
- Print your document(s)

MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT (989) 875-3681

151 Commerce Dr., Ithaca, MI 48847-1627 Fax: (989) 875-3747 www.mmdhd.org

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm (Closed 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm), for an appointment or more information call (989) 831-5237.

Provides a variety of preventive health services to individuals & families in the community such as:

Health Insurance Options

- Application and enrollment assistance provided for MICHild or the Healthy Kids program, Maternity Outpatient Medical Services (M.O.M.S.), and Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS), MIBridges.

- To learn more about these programs or to see if you qualify for any of them, please call (989) 875-3681, ext. 1004.

Communicable Disease Control Programs

- Testing, education, prevention and treatment services to control communicable diseases within the community (HIV, TB).

Family Planning

- Provides confidential care to men and women in need of contraception, health, and pregnancy services.
- Offers preventative screenings and examinations for women.
- Provides birth control options.
- Charges for services and supplies are based on income.

Immunization Clinics

- Immunizations will be available for children eight weeks of age through adulthood.

Hearing and Vision Screening Clinic

- Provides hearing and vision screenings for preschool and school-age children.
- Referrals are made to health care providers if needed- for more information, call (989) 875-1027.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

- For pregnant women, children under five years and breastfeeding mothers.
- Must have Medicaid or meet income guidelines and be considered a nutritional risk.
- Clients will receive an EBT card for specific food redeemable at local grocery stores.

Pathways to Better Health

- Free service that connects qualifying mid-Michigan individuals and families to community programs and services to better their health and their lives.
- Assists with managing multiple chronic medical issues and makes referrals for:
 - Family doctors and specialists
 - Counseling services
 - Medication assistance
 - Health insurance
 - Nutrition education
 - Community services
 - Clothing, food, housing or transportation assistance
 - Health condition education and management
 - And so much more!
- Community Health Worker with specialized training comes to your home.
- To be eligible to participate, you must be:
 - 18 or older
 - Have two or more chronic health conditions
 - Live in Clinton, Gratiot, or Montcalm counties
- Program goals:
 - Improve participants' health
 - Increase participants' utilization of primary care services

Environmental Health Division (EH)

- Sewage Disposal/Water Well Programs
- Campground Inspections
- Child and Adult Care Facility Inspections (day care, foster care, children's camps, and all social service licensed facilities to assure safe food and water)
- Disease Outbreak Investigations
- Food Safety
- General Environmental Health
- Groundwater Quality Control

MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT**(CONTINUED)**

- Home Loan Evaluations (inspects water supply, sewage system, and other environmental parameters for home mortgage loans)
- On-Site Wastewater Treatment and Disposal
- Public Swimming Pool Inspections
- Unsanitary Conditions Investigation

MID-MICHIGAN HOME CARE & HOSPICE**(989) 463-4121 or After Hours (800) 862-5002***175 E Warwick Drive, Suite C, Alma, MI 48801*www.midmichigan.org

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Store open until 6:00 pm. Some of the services provided include: Home nursing, Hospice, home medical equipment such as oxygen, wheelchairs, walkers and hospital beds, help with medications, management of chronic symptoms, such as pain or nausea, help with personal hygiene, activities of daily living, household duties and errands, grief support, family counseling and support groups, physical, occupational and speech therapy, and Lifeline personal emergency response devices. Covers Gratiot, Isabella, & Montcalm Counties. Offices in Alma & Mt. Pleasant.

MID-MICHIGAN MIGRANT & ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS**(616) 794-4753***Operated by Belding Area Schools, 1975 Orchard Street, Belding, MI 48809*www.bas-k12.org

The program provides supplemental educational services for eligible migrant students and for English Language Learners (EL) in 18 school districts covering most of Montcalm, Ionia, Clinton, and Gratiot Counties. The primary purpose of the program is to provide direct instructional services to eligible students, including a Parent Liaison/Community Liaison who helps to provide a communication link between home and school. The program also operates a 30-day summer school for eligible migrant and EL students in the four counties. Transportation provided to the schools in Belding & St. Johns from the four-county area.

MILITARY ONESOURCE**(800) 342-9647**www.militaryonesource.mil

This service is provided by the Department of Defense at no cost to active duty, Guard and Reserve (regardless of activation status) and their families. It is a virtual extension of installation services.

MONTCALM COMMUNITY COLLEGE**(989) 328-2111***2800 College Drive, Sidney, MI 48885*www.montcalm.edu

Offers Associates Degrees and Certificates in Liberal Arts and Occupational Programs. Job training programs are offered to meet the needs of the changing economy. Provides educational opportunities via credit and non-credit classes, both online and in a traditional classroom setting. In addition to the main campus in Sidney, the college has learning centers in Ionia, Greenville, and Howard City. On-site workplace training can also be arranged. A pool, gym and fitness center, including a climbing wall, is available for a minimal cost on the main campus in Sidney.

OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES**(989) 681-4289***232 N Mill Street, PO Box 2, St. Louis, MI 48880*

Hours: Monday- Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Provides food to those in need in Gratiot County. Provides clothing and furniture (when available) for a donation. Donations of all types accepted. Can pick up & deliver furniture.

PLAID DOOR**(989) 463-1914***220 E Superior Street, Alma, MI 48801*

Hours: Monday-Friday 10:30 am - 5:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Consignment shop selling high-end, low-priced, used clothing.

POISON CONTROL CENTER**(800) 222-1222***Children's Hospital of Michigan Regional Poison Control Center*

Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Call for any possible poisoning concerns.

PREGNANCY SERVICES OF GRATIOT COUNTY**(989) 466-2295***322 E Downie St., PO Box 74, Alma, MI 48801*www.pregnancyservicesgratiot.com

Office hours: Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Services available: free pregnancy tests, abstinence information, adoption information, H.E.A.R.T. (Healing Effects of Abortion Related Trauma), sexual health, parenting classes, playgroups, marriage and premarital relationship strengthening sessions, and referrals for sonograms and STI's (STDs), if needed. Help with maternity, baby clothing, and baby equipment is also available.

REGISTER OF DEEDS**(989) 875-5217***214 E Center Street, PO Box 5, Ithaca, MI 48847*www.gratiotmi.com

Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Holds land records including but not limited to: Land ownership files and surveys, Warranty Deeds, Quit Claim Deeds, Land Contracts, Mortgages, Releases, Powers of Attorney, Liens, Oil & Gas Leases, etc.

R.I.S.E. ADVOCACY, INC. (Domestic Violence Services)**(989) 773-0078***PO Box 743, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804*www.riseadvocacy.org

Serves Clare, Gratiot, & Isabella Counties. All Services are free and confidential.

24-Hour Crisis Line: (844) 349-6177- Our confidential line is available to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault for support, referrals, safety planning and to discuss their options with trained responders.

Emergency Shelter Services- Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence are provided safety and access to all agency services during their stay in emergency shelter.

Legal Advocacy- Helps clients with paperwork and support in obtaining a personal protection order (PPO) against abuser, provides court accompaniment, explains the court process, and provides appropriate referrals.

Counseling- Specialists in sexual assault, domestic violence and child counseling are available to primary and secondary survivors.

Support Groups- Offered for domestic & sexual violence victims, facilitated by specialized counselors.

Outreach Advocacy- Offered to former residents or survivors who are not in need of immediate shelter but are interested in case management assistance.

Sexual Assault Response- Trained advocates are available to provide support throughout the process of a sexual assault medical exam and offer follow-up services.

Community Engagement Presentations- RISE Services and domestic violence information can be presented to organizations and community groups.

Volunteer Opportunities- Community members can volunteer individually or as a group. Some volunteers opt to answer crisis line calls and internet with clients, others prefer office work, sorting donations, or even working with our staff at events. For more information, visit our website at www.riseadvocacy.org.

SERVICE TO SOLDIERS LEGAL ASSISTANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM**(517) 371-5140**

Service to Soldiers Legal Assistance Referral Program through Cooley Law School helps service men and women resolve legal problems they face upon return from deployment by matching them with volunteer attorneys across Michigan. Contact-Heather Spielmaker.

SEVILLE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY**(989) 833-7776***6734 N Lumberjack Road, PO Box 160 Riverdale, MI 48877*www.seville.michlibrary.org

Monday, Tuesday and Friday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, Wednesday & Thursday 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

Closed Saturday & Sunday.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE**(844) 432-2337**www.shpbeds.org

Volunteers build beds for children ages 2-17 years old. You must apply through the website listed.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**www.ssa.gov***1940 Sweeney Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858***(877) 405-7667***730 Water Tower Road, Big Rapids, MI 49307***(800) 772-1213***3045 Knapp Street NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525***(877) 319-5710**

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Wednesday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Administers the Social Insurance programs for retirees, adults/children with disabilities, widows & widowers for retirement, disability, and survivor's benefits.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS MICHIGAN**(989) 774-3911***Central Michigan University, East Campus Drive, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859*www.somi.org

Area 7–Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, & Isabella Counties. Year-round sports training and competition is provided to children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The minimum age for competition is 8 years-old but training opportunities for young athletes (ages 2 years to 7 years) are also available.

T.A. CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY**(989) 681-5141***312 Michigan Avenue, St. Louis, MI 48801*www.stlouismi.com

Hours: Monday - Friday 10:00 am – 7:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Closed Sundays.

THE SALVATION ARMY**(989) 463-2864***425 Republic Street, Alma, MI 48801*www.saalma.org

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm; closed 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. Shelter for fire victims, utilities and discretionary fund for prescription assistance (when available), Christmas assistance, food pantry, and distribution of commodities. Building is available for use by the community.

THIS AND THAT STORE (BANNISTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH)**(989) 862-4392***103 E. Hanvey Street, Bannister, MI 48807*

Open 3rd Saturday of each month between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm. Personal hygiene and cleaning supplies.

THOMPSON HOME PUBLIC LIBRARY**(989) 875-4184***125 W Center Street, Ithaca, MI 48847*www.ithacalibrary.michlibrary.org

Hours: Monday & Wednesday 10:00 am - 8:00 pm; Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10:00am - 5:00 pm.

Saturday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Closed Sundays.

TRI-COUNTY HOMEWORKS PEOPLE FUND**(800) 421-8956 ext. 1272***7973 E Grand River Avenue, Portland, MI 48875*www.homeworks.org

Provides coverage to certain areas of Gratiot County. The mission is the accumulation and disbursement of funds for charitable purposes for the benefit of persons in the Tri-County Electric service area. This shall be accomplished by disbursement of funds to individuals and organizations for food, shelter, clothing, health, and other humane needs for programs or services that benefit a significant segment of a community. See website for more details.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS (VA)**(844) 698-2311**www.va.gov

Serves as the central coordinating point for Michigan veterans, connecting those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, and their families, to services and benefits throughout the state. The agency works to identify and break down barriers veterans face in employment, education, health care and quality of life, making Michigan a great place for veterans and their families to call home. The agency aggregates

veteran services currently found in 14 state agencies as well as hundreds of community-based veteran programs to create a no wrong door access to benefits and services.

UNITED WAY OF GRATIOT & ISABELLA COUNTIES**(989) 463-6245***525 N State Street, Suite 1, Alma, MI 48801*www.UWGIC.org

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (call for an appointment). Community fundraiser to support non-profit agencies in Gratiot & Isabella Counties.

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT**(800) 944-8119 or (989) 673-8173***1075 Cleaver Road, Caro, MI 48723*www.rd.usda.gov/mi

Finances direct home loans in rural areas for modest housing to households at or below 80% of the adjusted median income. Provides guaranteed loans to eligible low and moderate income rural residents for moderately priced housing. Issues loans and grants to very-low income rural homeowners to improve or modernize their home; make their home decent, safe and sanitary; remove health and safety hazards; or to repair or remodel their dwelling to make it more accessible and usable for household members with a disability.

VETERANS CRISIS LINE**(800) 273-8255, press 1**www.veteranscrisisline.net

The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring, Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available.

OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES**SPAY NEUTER EXPRESS****(616) 897-8865***11610 Fulton Street E, Lowell, MI 49331*www.spayneuterexpress.com

Spay Neuter Express is a team of 3 doctors, many veterinary assistants and technicians, office staff, 2 mobile surgical units with multiple brick and mortar locations. Our goal each and every day is to provide you with an excellent service at a very fair and responsible cost. We work with families with individual pets, as well as rescues, shelters and humane societies. We are privately funded and do not use tax dollars to provide our services. We value our pets as part of the family, and realize that our clients feel the same way. Each pet is treated with care and respect. Services offered include: low cost/high quality spay/neuter, vaccinations, routine testing, parasite control, and microchips.

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