

Lake Area United Way partner agencies

ALSE Clemente Center Inc., East Chicago

(219) 391-8486

Offers counseling: immigration and naturalization, Indiana Legal Services, career; "English as a Second Language" classes; recreation, including after-school Safe Haven; and health classes.

American Red Cross of Northwest Indiana, Merrillville

(219) 756-5360 or (800) 589-8502

www.nwindiana-redcross.org

Immediate relief to disaster victims. Emergencies for Armed Forces and their families. Teaches volunteers CPR, First Aid and Water Safety. Collects blood and blood products.

Arc BRIDGES Inc.,

Gary (219) 884-1138, Michigan City (219) 871-0623

www.lakenetnwi.net/member/bridges

Provides programs and facilities to meet the needs of persons with mental retardation and their families. Serves the community through employment opportunities, training and placement of qualified workers, and long-term care options.

Boy Scouts of America, Calumet Council Inc., Munster

(219) 836-1720

www.calcouncil.org

Provides exciting opportunities for all boys first-grade through high school in a character based outdoor program.

Boys & Girls Clubs of NWI Inc., Gary

(219) 881-1060

www.nwipositiveplace.org

Provides youth development opportunities through a platform of caring and structured activities such as education, character and leadership development, and health and life skills for youth ages 7-17 and 18, if still in high school.

The Caring Place Inc., Valparaiso

Administration: (219) 464-0840 Crisis Line: (800) 933-0466

www.thecaringplacenwi.org

Offers safe shelter and support services to family violence and sexual assault victims. Promotes public awareness.

Catholic Family and Community Service, Crown Point

(219)663-8417

www.catholic-charities.org

Offers counseling: family life programs; services to single, expectant parents; and emergency assistance.

Center for Possibilities - Cerebral Palsy of NWI, Hobart

(219) 962-5751

www.lakenetnwi.net/member/cpspecialneedscenter

Serves individuals with multiple disabilities, including cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, autism, etc.; provides occupational, physical and speech therapy to children.

Crisis Center Inc., Gary

(219) 938-7070

www.crisiscenterysb.org

Professional counseling, phone counseling including suicide line, referrals, emergency shelter for children and youth, senior reassurance calls, outreach to youth in crisis, youth development and delinquency prevention.

Deaf Services Inc., Merrillville

(219) 769-6506 (Voice) (219) 769-8912 (TTY/VRS)

www.lakenetnwi.net/org/deafservices

Provides case management, sign language interpreting services, sign language classes for adults and children, advocacy, deaf awareness presentations/sensitivity training, and sale of listening devices.

Drifting Dunes Girl Scout Council Inc., Merrillville

(219) 795-9640

www.ddgsc.com

Provides programs designed to help girls develop self-potential and values.

Gary Neighborhood Services Inc.

(219) 883-0431

www.garyneighsrv.org

Provides child day care, youth activities, senior programs, group meeting space and case management.

Girl Scouts of the Calumet Council Inc., Highland

(219) 838-3171

www.gscalumet.org

Provides programs designed to help girls develop self-potential and values.

Haven House Inc., Hammond

(219) 931-2090 Provides residential and support services for victims of family violence and promotes public awareness.

Hobart Family YMCA

(219) 942-2183

www.hobartymca.org

Provides programs for all people that promote moral, social, mental and physical development.

Indiana Legal Services Inc., Gary

(219) 886-3161

www.indianajustice.org

Provides legal representation on non-criminal matters to low-income individuals.

International Institute/LaCasa, Gary

(219) 980-4636

www.iilc.org

Provides immigration and citizenship counseling, direct assistance, and intercultural opportunities to the immigrant and Latino communities.

Lutheran Social Services Inc., Griffith

(219) 838-0996

www.lakenetnwi.org/member/lssi

Offers individual, couples and family counseling; services to pregnant women and adoptive families; training for foster parents.

Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana Inc., Merrillville

(219) 786-3663

www.mealsonwheelsnwindiana.org

Delivers hot, well-balanced meals weekdays to homebound, elderly, ill or disabled clients unable to prepare meals.

Mental Health America of Lake County, Highland

(219) 922-3822

www.mhalakecounty.org

Provides home-based family support services, youth/teen self-esteem, parent education and advocacy/referral services.

Northwest Family Services Inc., Ophelia Steen Family & Health Center, Hammond

(219) 933-7377

www.lakenetnwi.net/member/nwfamilyservices

Provides a NAEYC Accredited Child Development Program. Five county "Women-Infant-Children" program, and an emergency food pantry.

NWI Catholic Youth Organization, Merrillville

(219) 736-8931

www.nwicyo.org

Provides enrichment activities for youth regardless of sex, race or creed. Activities are provided year-round and consist of athletics, band, camping and academic programs.

Referral and Emergency Services Inc., Hammond

(219) 931-8223

Assists people through referrals, crisis intervention, counseling and emergency assistance. State Street Center enables displaced individuals to become self-sufficient.

Robertson Child Development Center Inc., East Chicago

(219) 398-7232

Provides developmentally appropriate educational program for preschool children while their parents work or attend school. Center is state licensed and NAEYC accredited.

St. Jude House Inc., A Franciscan Community Benefit Service, Crown Point

Administration: (219) 662-7066 24-Hour Crisis Line: (219) 662-7061 or (800) 254-1286

www.stjudehouse.org

Provides safe, emergency shelter, advocacy and services for victims of domestic violence and rape/incest survivors. 24-hour crisis line and community education.

The Salvation Army - Lake County, Munster

(219) 838-0380

www.lakecountysalvationarmy.org

Provides assistance with the necessities of life, such as transportation, food, shelter and clothing.

Sickle Cell Disease Association of NWI Inc., Gary

(219) 949-5310

Offers newborn screening, chronic disease testing, genetic counseling, public education, support group therapy.

Southlake YMCA Inc., Crown Point

(219) 663-5810

www.southlakeymca.org

Provides social and recreational facilities and programs to serve all people; to enhance the physical, mental and moral well-being of the community.

Summer Enrichment for Students with Disabilities c/o School City of Hammond

(219) 933-2400

Provides summer camp, recreation, field trips and physical education for handicapped youths.

TradeWinds Services, Gary

(219) 949-4000

www.tradewindservices.org

Supports people with differing abilities by providing quality services and training designed to promote individual choice, growth, well being, self-sufficiency and community involvement.

Urban League of Northwest Indiana Inc., Gary

(219) 887-9621

Provides neighborhood organization for self-improvement (mobilization of block clubs and volunteers) employment/career/training/placement, housing counseling, and guidance in academic achievement.

Woodland Child Development Center, Hammond

(219) 844-3603

Provides child care in a learning environment (NAEYC accredited) for children ages 12 weeks through 6 years.

YMCA of the Hammond Area Inc.

(219) 845-1507

www.ymcaofhammond.org

Provides programs that promote moral, social, mental and physical development of all people.

YWCA of Gary

(219) 881-9922

YWCA's purpose is the economic advancement of women and the elimination of racism. Provides

services for children, youth and families that promote academic and career achievement, financial success, physical and emotional health, positive parenting and involvement in community activities.

United Way of Porter County partner agencies

Alice's House

(219) 462-7600

Engages in educational, charitable, and social welfare activities connected with the habilitation and rehabilitation of women suffering from chemical dependency and related disorders. The core of this program is a 24-hour, staffed, 12-step recovery program for women who wish to recover from alcoholism and drug addictions, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

American Red Cross

(219) 462-8543

Serves members of the U.S. armed forces and their families both at home and overseas. In addition, provides immediate emergency assistance, including food for disaster victims, shelter, clothing, medical and nursing aid, etc. The blood program collects and processes blood from volunteer donors and makes it available for the care of the sick and injured.

Boy Scouts -- Calumet Council (Serving Portage Township)

(219) 836-1720

Educational program dedicated to character development, citizenship training, mental and physical fitness. Aim is to develop healthy participating citizens of moral integrity and worth.

Boy Scouts -- LaSalle Council (Serving all townships except Portage Township)

(574) 289-0337

Educational program dedicated to character development, citizenship training, mental and physical fitness. Aim is to develop healthy participating citizens of moral integrity and worth.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Porter County

(219) 464-7282

Guidance-based organization serving boys and girls ages 6-18. Programs offer services in seven core areas: citizenship and leadership development, personal adjustment, social recreation, outdoor education, physical education, cultural enrichment and child care.

Caring Place

(219) 464-0840

Provides short-term emergency shelter and crisis intervention, as well as community-based support groups, community education, counseling, social service and entitlement systems for victims of domestic violence/sexual assault and their dependents.

Catholic Charities

(219) 762-1177

Provides counseling for family, individuals and couples management skills. They provide material assistance, financial assistance and advocacy for qualifying families and adoption services and assistance.

Christian Community Action

(219) 548-2379

Purpose is to assist the homeless in obtaining necessities such as food, clothing, housing, and other support services. They also provide emergency assistance for special emergency situations. CCA provides housing and supportive services to women experiencing severe and persistent mental illness.

Crisis Center/Crisis Contact Hopeline

(219) 938-7070

Telephone emergency crisis help-line and referral service. Calls are received by trained volunteers. Through volunteers, Crisis Contact Hopeline provides a listening ear for a teen line, an adult line, a children's line, deaf contact, and makes calls to the elderly and shut-ins.

Deaf Services Inc.

(219) 769-6506

Primary services provided to hearing impaired people are: interpreters, community education, telephone relay, referrals, and advocacy. To hearing residents, deaf awareness programs are provided for the community.

Drifting Dunes Girl Scouts

(219) 795-9640

Inspires girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism and service that they might become happy, resourceful citizens. The Girl Scout Council provides an informal educational program designed to meet the developmental, educational, emotional and social needs and interests of girls ages 5-17.

Duneland YMCA

(219) 926-4204

Serves northeast Porter County with a variety of programs and activities for the development of the individual physically, socially and mentally. Duneland YMCA facilities in Chesterton include an outdoor swimming pool, baseball and soccer field, gymnasium, racquetball courts, day care, after-school care, and Nautilus facility.

The Family & Youth Services Bureau of Porter County

(219) 464-9585

Offers programs primarily for at-risk children and their families and secondarily for a wider audience through education and workshops.

Family House Inc.

(219) 464-4160

Purpose is to provide a homelike setting for children under the jurisdiction of the welfare department or those involved in custody or visitation disputes to visit with their non-custodial parent(s). In addition, Family House provides informative and supportive services to parents and children to aid in rehabilitating, strengthening and preserving families and in preventing child abuse.

Gabriel's Horn

(219) 763-2077

Nonprofit emergency shelter for Porter County residents. Main purpose is to provide emergency housing assistance to individuals or families in times of economic hardships.

Hilltop Community Health Center

(219) 462-7173

Meets the primary and preventive medical and dental care needs of low-income Porter County residents who are uninsured or underinsured; also children, pregnant women and the disabled who lack adequate access to medical care.

Hilltop Neighborhood House

(219) 477-4222

Provides a child care program for low income children between the ages of 6 weeks and 5; and a program to encourage children to find positive alternatives to destructive behaviors, to improve their educational competence and to participate in programs which build leadership skills and employment skills.

Indiana Legal Services Inc.

(219) 886-3161

Helps people in civil cases, including housing (eviction, foreclosure and landlord/tenant), public benefits (food stamps, SSI, unemployment, poor relief and AFDC or TANF), health (Medicaid and Medicare), divorce and child custody, child in need of services, consumer (collections and reposessions), education (expulsion, access to special education services, and vocational rehabilitation) and access to justice.

Lutheran Social Services of Indiana

(219) 531-1005

Professional counselors work to bring healing to individuals, couples, children, and families in the face of complex situations in their counseling program. In the adoption program, staff works to provide caring, permanent parents for children whose relationship with their birth parents is terminated. The foster parent training provides initial and ongoing training requirements for those licensed by their local DFC office.

Mental Health Association

(219) 462-6267

Promotes programs to preserve mental health, prevent mental illness and raise the standards of care for the mentally ill.

Moraine House

(219) 464-9983

Half-way house for recovering substance abusers. Also an information and referral service and a community educational service.

NorthShore Health Centers

(219) 763-8112

Goal is to offer affordable health care to income eligible Portage Township residents. Also focuses on prevention and wellness education, and serves as a referral agency, when appropriate, to meet additional patient needs.

Northwest Indiana Community Action Corp.

(800) 826-7871

The 211 helpline call center for the counties of Jasper, Lake, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, and Starke. 211 is the national abbreviated dialing code for access to health and human services information and referral.

Opportunity Enterprises

(219) 464-9621

Growing, dynamic organization whose mission is to promote self-sufficiency and life choices for challenged individuals through the wide range of human services we provide.

Portage Adult Education

(219) 762-6113

Mission is to provide educational opportunities for all adults, 16 and older. Provides programs for family literacy, adult basic education/ illiteracy elimination, adult secondary education, GED preparation and testing, English as a second language, homeless outreach, migrant outreach, customized programming.

Portage Township YMCA

(219) 762-2012

Serves the community with programs for preschoolers through seniors. Toddler classes, preschool, fitness, swimming, gymnastics, karate/ju-jitso and aquasize classes are offered by trained professionals. Operates a Child Care and Development Center which offers all-day child care with an educational component and a before- and after-school care. Provides open sessions for recreational swimming, lap swims, basketball and volleyball.

Porter County Association for Handicapped Children & Adults

(219) 464-7382

Provides financial aid to handicapped residents: assistance in purchase/rental of equipment, and lifelines; reimbursement for transportation to clinics or hospitals, etc., for treatment.

Porter County Cancer Society

(219) 462-7466

Provides financial assistance to needy cancer patients relating to cancer treatment and care. Educational materials and films available at no charge. Loan closet of equipment and supplies available to patients in need.

Porter County Aging & Community Services

(219) 464-9736

Distributes information about the aging population, acts as a coordinating body for services available for the aging, develops public awareness of the needs for older citizens and acts as a catalyst to implement volunteers. Provides transportation and escort service for elderly and handicapped for shopping, trips to the doctor; newsletter publications and nutrition programs in Portage, Chesterton and Valparaiso, energy assistance program, lifeline and support groups.

Porter County Education Services (Summer Program)

(219) 464-9607

Provides individualized educational therapeutic services to children with handicapping conditions including speech and language disabilities, visual impairment, hearing impairment, physical impairment, behavioral disorders and mental retardation.

Porter County Family Counseling Center

(219) 464-3919

Provides counseling services to individuals and families in such areas as social adjustment, marital discord, premarital counseling, problems of aging, unmarried parenthood, employment, school and adjustment. Also provides consultation services and community presentations.

Porter County PACT

(219) 462-1127

Concerned about assisting prisoners and ex-offenders to achieve personal and economic stability within the large community so that they do not have to revert to criminal activity. The services include counseling, social services, day reporting service, community service restitution program and a reconciliation program.

Porter-Starke Services Inc.,

(219) 531-3500

Comprehensive community mental health center that primarily serves residents of Porter and Starke counties. Outpatient services for all ages, and consultation, education, 24-hour emergency, prevention, community support, chemical dependency, employee assistance, and residential services are provided through satellite offices in Chesterton, Knox, Portage and Valparaiso.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program

(219) 464-1028

Works to establish a recognized role in the community and a meaningful life in retirement by developing a wide variety of community volunteer service opportunities for men and women 60 and older. Volunteers can be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses and are covered by accidental insurance while

volunteering.

St. Agnes Adult Day Service Center

(219) 464-1760

Provides daily care and socialization for adults with various infirmities associated with aging, including varying degrees of dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Also provides the participant's caregiver respite to pursue a job during the day or other needed activities.

The Salvation Army

(219) 762-9191

Provides emergency service needs to our community, such as rent and mortgage assistance, utility assistance, medical prescriptions, food, disaster relief, tutoring programs, women's fellowship group and after-school character-building activities for children.

Valparaiso Family YMCA

(219) 462-4185

Promotes physical, mental and spiritual well being.

Serves Porter County with programs designed to meet community needs. Emphasis is on health and educational programs, child care, fitness, aquatics and youth and family enrichment activities. Facilities include two gymnasiums, two swimming pools, multipurpose room, three racquetball courts, Nautilus Center, child care and nursery facilities.

Visiting Nurse Association of Porter County

(219) 462-5195

Provides caregivers who combine high-tech medicine with high touch, compassionate care in the comfort of the patient's home. Specific services include nursing, palliative care, home health aides, respite care, assistive care, meals-on-wheels, health screenings, social services, rehabilitation services and hospice.

United Way of LaPorte County partner agencies

Barker Woods Enrichment Center, Michigan City

(219) 872-6996

Provides infant education, physical therapy, speech therapy, transportation, home visits and parents' training for children from birth to age 3 who are developmentally delayed and at risk.

Boy Scouts of America, LaSalle Council, South Bend

(800) 822-3867

Promotes character development, citizenship training and personal fitness for boys through camping and other organized activities. Aim is to develop healthy participating citizens of moral integrity and worth. The local council's main objective is to provide the scouting program to all who wish to use it.

Boys & Girls Club of Michigan City

(219) 873-2298

Provides structured and nonstructured recreational, tutorial, and group activities for children between ages 5 and 17. Programs offer services in seven core areas: citizenship and leadership development, personal adjustment, social recreation, outdoor education, physical education, cultural enrichment, and child care.

Child Care Consortium d.b.a. Imagination Station, Michigan City

(219) 872-6723

Works to enhance child care options, make high-quality child care more accessible to all families in Michigan City and raise public awareness of the importance of the early childhood experience.

Girl Scouts of Singing Sands Council, South Bend

(800) 272-7755

Program for girls ages 5 through 17, designed around specific interests and needs in order to develop values and skills to meet present and future challenges. Inspires girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism and service that they might become happy, resourceful citizens.

Harmony House/CASA of LaPorte County Inc., LaPorte

(219) 324-3385

A safe haven for supervised visitations between parents and children through a caring, home-like setting which encourages positive family relationships. CASA promotes and supports quality volunteer representation for children involved in the court system through no fault of their own.

LaPorte Family YMCA

(219) 325-9622

Puts Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

Michigan City Area Schools-Grant Acceptance Foundation, Baby Talk A.K. Smith Center, Michigan City

(219) 873-2026, ext. 305

An early childhood/family literacy program serving all families in the county with children ages birth to age 3. Parents are provided with child development information and learning experiences to assist them as their child's first and best teacher by focusing on areas of language development and literacy.

Even Start Family Learning Center, A.K. Smith Center, Michigan City

(219) 873-2026 ext. 304

Provides support services that empower under-educated parents to overcome many of the obstacles of continuing their education and to empower families to reach a level of self-sufficiency.

Hours for Ours, A.K. Smith Center, Michigan City

(219) 873-2026 ext. 311

A school-wide school-based mentoring program partnering the Michigan City area adult-business

communities with students in grades 1 through 9.

Safe Harbor, A.K. Smith Center, Michigan City

(219) 873-2026 ext. 310

Collaborates with 14 community agencies to provide before- and after-school activities to improve student academics, discipline and attendance. Activities include but are not limited to: language arts and math instruction, substance abuse and violence prevention, access to technology, enrichment and cultural activities, recreational sports and health skills, family literacy and parenting education services.

Michigan City Family YMCA, Michigan City

(219) 872-9622

Puts Christian principles into practice through programs that strengthen spirit, mind and body for all.

Youth Service Bureau - Big Brothers/Big Sisters

(Michigan City): (219) 879-5151; (LaPorte): (219) 362-9587

Provides young people and their families counseling, crisis intervention, and programs such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Parent Aids, Kids On The Block, Teen Court, and Camp Awareness.

American Red Cross, LaPorte County Chapter, Michigan City

(888) 632-4355

Serves members of the U.S. armed forces and their families both at home and overseas by helping them face critical problems; provides relief to victims of disaster and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies; collects and processes blood from volunteer donors and makes it available for the care of the sick and injured; and teaches courses in first aid, water safety, sexual abstinence and AIDS education.

Citizens Concerned for the Homeless, Michigan City

(219) 879-2552

Short-term emergency lodging and assistance in securing permanent housing.

The Salvation Army of LaPorte

(219) 326-5342

Provides food, clothing, shelter, utility assistance and other services to individuals and families in time of crisis.

The Salvation Army of Michigan City

(219) 874-6885

Provides food, clothing, shelter, utility assistance, and other services to individuals and families in time of crisis.

Open Door Adolescent Health Center, Michigan City

(219) 873-2082

Provides health and mental health services at Michigan City High School during the school day. The clinic also provides outreach and medical services to middle and elementary schools in the Michigan City Area Schools district.

Open Door Health Center, Michigan City

(219) 874-0266

Free medical care for uninsured citizens of LaPorte County with volunteer physicians, nursing and pharmacy staff.

The Stepping Stone Shelter for Women, Michigan City

(866)-879-4615

Provides shelter, counseling, 24-hour hot line and nonresidential services for women and their children who are victims of domestic violence. Also provides rape crisis intervention services.

LaPorte County Council On Aging, a Division of Parents & Friends Inc., LaPorte

(800)-308-9566

Offers transportation, outreach, errand and escort service, visitation, advocacy and community services to the elderly.

LaPorte County Meals On Wheels Inc., Michigan City

(219) 872-9117

Volunteers deliver nutritious meals five days per week to homebound persons who cannot prepare adequate meals due to illness, disability or age.

LaPorte Meals On Wheels Inc.

(219) 326-2475

Volunteers deliver nutritious meals five days per week to homebound persons who cannot prepare adequate meals due to illness, disability or age.

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Michigan City

(219) 874-8195

Allows retired men and women to remain active through volunteer work.

Michiana Resources, Michigan City

(219) 874-4288

Educational programs, vocational training, and sheltered employment opportunities to adults who are developmentally, emotionally and/or physically disabled.

Parents and Friends Inc., LaPorte

(219) 324-0656

Empowers personal development and independence of adults who are developmentally disabled through normalized living integrated in homes and apartments in our community.

READ LaPorte County Inc., LaPorte

(219) 362-6156

Individualized program for development and enhancement of reading skills.

Catholic Charities of LaPorte County, Michigan City

(219) 879-9312

Provides a Christian response to human needs in LaPorte County through counseling, material assistance, advocacy and educational programs.

Dunebrook, Michigan City

(800) 897-0007

Dedicated to breaking the cycle of child abuse through the development of a multidisciplinary team approach to intervention and through a range of preventative programs.