

DeKalb County Resources

First Call For Help # 211

Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-800-5556

Indiana Family Help Line 1-800-433-0746

Suicide and Crisis Hotline 988

EMERGENCY/CRISIS – Call 911

Poison Control800-222-1222

National Domestic Violence Hotline..... 800-799-7233

Domestic Abuse Hotline for Men ...800-799-7233

National Sexual Assault Hotline..... 800-656-4637

Rape Crisis Hotline574-289-4357

National Human Trafficking Hotline.....800-373-7888

DeKalb Co. Family Resources

1390 S Grandstaff Dr, Auburn, IN 46706

800-403-0864

Assists in obtaining TANF, Food stamps, Hoosier Healthwise/ Medicaid, Unemployed Parent Benefit, Children with Special Health Needs, Child Welfare Services, Impact Program, and CHIPS

WIC Program

265 N Grandstaff Dr, Auburn, IN 46706

260-925-1740

Supplemental food program-voucher for infant formula, food for children ages 0-5, pregnant women, and new mothers. Nutrition education.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - DeKalb County Trustees Offices

Butler: 260-580-1201

Jackson: 260-925-2945

Spencer: 260-238-4243

Concord: 260-450-3764

Keyser: 260-357-6981

Stafford: 260-868-2338

Fairfield: 260-281-2225

Newville: 260-337-5353

Troy: 260-908-1668

Franklin: 260-868-5457

Richland: 260-235-1511

Union: 260-925-3564

Grant: 260-837-7719

Smithfield: 260-333-6689

Wilmington: 260-868-5522

FOOD/CLOTHING PANTRIES

Avilla Food Bank

101 S Cherry St, Avilla IN, 46710

260-897-3190

Tuesday 9 AM-11:30 AM

Butler Community Food Pantry

501 W Green St Butler, IN 46721

260-868-2098

Buttler Christian Community Church Last Wednesday each month 5 PM – 7PM
EXCEPT September, November, December - Call for dates & times.

Community Care Food Pantry

108 W Houston St, Garrett IN 46738

260-357-3315

Monday 5:30 – 6:30 & Wednesday, 9:00 – 11:00

Community Harvest Drive-Thru Pantry

108 W Houston St, Garrett, IN 46738

Garrett UMC, Monday: 9:00 am

County Line Food Pantry

602 Erie Pass, Auburn, IN 46706

260-627-2482

County Line Church of God, 3rd Friday each month; 9:00 – 12:00

RSVP Comm. Center of Caring

113 W Fifth St, Auburn, IN 46706

260-925-0917

Open to all DeKalb residents. Tuesday 9:30 - 11:30, Wednesday 1:30 - 3:30

Also has a Coat Drive and Backpack Program

SonShine Ministries Food Pantry

1103 W Auburn Dr, Auburn, IN 46706

260-925-9200 x307

Monday 2:00-5:00; Thursday 5:00-7:00 Bring Proof of Address, Photo IDs, Birth Certificates of children under 18 y/o.

OnMyWay PreK (Various Locations)

- Avilla Elementary 200 W Washington St, Avilla, IN 46710 260-347-2502
- Brightpoint 227 E Washington Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 800-589-2264
- JAM Early Education 1200 E Houston St, Garrett, IN 46738 260-357-1917
- James R Watson Elem. 901 Eckhart St, Auburn, IN 46706 260-920-1014
- Kendallville Day Care Ctr. 601 Orchard Place Pkwy, Kendallville, IN 46755 260-343-9902
- McKenney Harrison Elem. 400 S Indiana Ave, Auburn, IN 46706 260-920-1015
- St. Joseph Catholic School 301 W Houston St, Garrett, IN 46738 260-357-5137

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Autism Society of Indiana 800-609-8449

Ensures that every individual and every family affected by autism receives the high-quality services they deserve.

Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts Anthony Wayne Area Council 260-432-9593

The program’s objectives are developing character, citizenship, and personal fitness. Call the council to join.

Boys & Girls Clubs 608 E State St, Huntington, IN 46750 260-359-1750

Open every day after school and all day during the summer to ensure that our youth have a safe, fun, and positive environment to be a part of by giving members the tools, guidance, and opportunities to achieve academic success, to be instilled with good character and citizenship, and to maintain healthy lifestyles.

Big Brothers/ Big Sisters 1005 W Rudisill Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46807 260-456-1600

Youth 6 to 22 years old are matched with an adult volunteer for friendship, guidance, and special activities.

Brightpoint 227 E Washington Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 800-589-2264

Office hours: Wed. 8:30 am-4:30 pm

- **On My Way Pre-K:** Awards grants to 4-year-olds from low-income families so that they may have access to a high-quality pre-K program the year before they begin kindergarten. Families who receive a grant may use the grant at any approved On My Way Pre-K program.
- **Child Care Assistance:** Helps families afford quality childcare for children younger than 13. Parents must be working, going to school, or receiving job training to qualify.
- **JAG Youth Program:** Through training, mentoring, and placement services, we prepare young people for employment or post-secondary training/education after high school. Our mission is not just to keep young people in school through graduation; we also provide work-based learning experiences that will lead to career advancement opportunities and a more rewarding future.

Development Disability Services (DDRS)

201 E Rudisill Blvd Ste 300, Ft. Wayne, IN 46806 877-218-3061, 260-423-2571

Manages the delivery of services to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

First Steps, Cluster B 700 E Beardsley Ave Ste 14A Elkhart IN 46514 574-293-2813

The goal of First Steps is to help Hoosier families make sure their infants and toddlers receive services now to help them in the future. Services through First Steps are designed to meet the developmental needs of the child; Except in limited circumstances, First Steps does not provide services to meet medical needs. Free evaluation under the age of 3.

Girl Scouts Girls Scouts of Northern Indiana Michiana 800-283-4812

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts of Central Indiana makes it easy, meaningful, and fun for girls and volunteers to grow as leaders.

Healthy Families **1610 S Grandstaff Auburn, IN, 46706** **260-925-3865**

A voluntary evidence-based home visitation program that is designed to promote healthy families and healthy children through a variety of services including child development, access to health care, and parent education.

Suicide Hotline, Teens and Children Boys Town Nat'l Hotline – All Genders 800-448-3000

Text VOICE to 20121 Email: hotline@boystown.org

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

DeKalb Co. Christmas Bureau **1103 W Auburn Dr, Auburn, IN 46706** **260-925-9200 x308**

The Christmas Bureau provides Christmas assistance to DeKalb Co families in financial crisis or circumstantial need.

Energy Assistance (Brightpoint) **PO Box 10570, Fort Wayne 46853 800-589-3506**

The Brightpoint Energy Assistance Program (EAP) helps pay a portion of winter heating bills for households in Allen, DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, and Whitley Counties.

Financial Assist., SonShine Ministries **1103 W Auburn Dr, Auburn, IN 46706** **260-925-9200 x308**

Tuesday & Thursday: 2:00 – 4:00 **Must visit their Township Trustees Office before filling out application**Bring: Trustee Office Paperwork, Picture IDs, Proof of Address, Copy of Bill or Rental Affidavit.

Gear Up for Safety Program (Lutheran Social Services) **260-426-3347**

Families are provided with necessary safety items to ensure that their homes are safe places for children. In addition, staff members help with the installation of these safety items and provide education and training on safety topics identified by participating families. Free and voluntary.

Mustard Seed Furniture Bank **3636 Illinois Road, Fort Wayne, IN** **260-471-5802**

Provides household furnishings to families and individuals as they rebuild their lives after suffering disaster, personal tragedy, or other misfortunes. Referral only by social service agency, church, school, etc. One referral per lifetime.

Salvation Army **1006 W 7th St, Auburn IN 46706** **260-927-9641**

Thrift Store; Mon – Sat; 9:00am – 8:00pm

Sonshine Thrift Shop **1103 W Auburn Dr, Auburn, IN 46706** **260-925-9200 x308**

Mon, Tue, Fri: 10:00-5:00; Thu: 10:00-7:00

WIC (DeKalb Co.) **265 N Grandstaff, Auburn, IN 46706** **260-925-1740**

Vouchers for healthy food to pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to 5 years old; formula vouchers for babies until 1 year old.

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 8:00 – 12:00, 1:00 – 5:00, Wed: 10:00 – 2:00, 3:00 – 7:00

HOUSING

The Courtyard 530 Home Ave Fort Wayne, IN 46807 260-387-7068

An apartment community for a preference for those between 18-25 aging out of the foster care system or are at risk of being homeless.

PREGNANCY

DeKalb Pregnancy Center 903 Cardinal Ct, Auburn, IN 46706 260-925-3267

Free services. Pregnancy tests, verification, referral for free ultrasound to verify pregnancy, education, parenting classes, earn while you learn vouchers, emergency diaper assistance, post abortion healing.

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EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

Freedom Academy

info@freedomacademy.net

800-200-6499

Workforce development training organization that provides high-quality, practical, relevant, hands-on, cost-effective training and education in advanced manufacturing, healthcare, and professional services. Responding to high-quality, practical education and training at convenient locations, adult students have experienced rewarding outcomes.

Work One

936 W 15th St #100, Auburn, IN 46706

260-925-0124

Free classroom training, on-the-job training, placement services, and financial assistance. Inquire about childcare or transportation services while training.

VETERANS HELP

Brightpoint Supportive Services

260-423-3546 x332

Through Brightpoint's SSVF program, we can help you: Locate and secure stable housing for you and your family, provide rental assistance, security and utility deposits, and help with other housing-related costs, Assist you in obtaining VA benefits, such as vocational and rehabilitation counseling, employment and training services, and education benefits, Provide support and resources in many of life's difficult situations

Military Family Relief Fund

1350 S Jefferson St, Huntington, IN 46750

260-358-4863

Assists Indiana veterans and their legal dependents that are experiencing financial hardship. This emergency grant may be used for needs such as housing, utilities, food, medical services, basic transportation (car payments, insurance, and basic emergency car repair) which have become difficult to afford

TRANSPORTATION

DART Transportation 260-925-3311 or 888-220-2242

Medicaid transportation provider. Transportation fees for inside and outside of DeKalb County.

Monday-Friday 7:30 – 4:30. First call, first served.

LEGAL SERVICES

Indiana Legal Services (Legal Aid) 110 W Berry St, #2007, Fort Wayne IN 46802 888-442-8600

Services: Legal Representation; Consultation; and advice. Legal Areas: Family law, Consumer law, Senior law, Housing Issues, Public Benefits. Eligibility: Income up to 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (up to 200% in certain circumstances). Screening: Telephone: Monday through Friday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm EST. Walk-ins: Emergency only during office hours. Intake Phone: (844) 243-8570