

Whitley 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

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

Rape Crisis Hotline574-289-4357

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

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

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

Helpline of Whitley County

260-248-2601

A telephone referral service to assist individuals and families who find they need emergency assistance and with a need for furniture.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Whitley County Township Trustees

Cleveland: 260-723-5564

Columbia: 260-244-0045

Etna-Troy:260-327-3508

Jefferson: 260-229-2347

Washington: 260-248-6880

Smith: 260-609-3427

Thorncreek: 260-248-9702

Union: 260-503-4862

Richland: 260-248-7989

Community Action of Northeast IN 109 E. Central Ave. Ste 4, LaGrange, IN 46761 260-463-5276

- CANI: Some of the main resources include housing, in the form of rent help, eviction prevention, and foreclosure counseling. Children can benefit from Head Start and low cost day care. Families in Northeast Indiana may also benefit from grants to pay heating or utility bills. There are also various employment, budgeting, and financial literacy type programs.
- Child Care Voucher Program: may be able to assist families and help them afford quality child care. Aid is generally for children under the age of 13 years. In order to benefit from a voucher, parents must be attending job training, working, or going to school to qualify for this program.
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families: is a program that was created to help Veterans and their families who are homeless, facing eviction, at risk of becoming homeless, or are having trouble getting stable shelter.
- Weatherization: This service provides free, energy-efficient modifications for homes of families with low-income and working-poor occupants. It is for those who need help paying their winter utility bills.
- Financial Literacy: Education and experience is vital to becoming financially stable over the long term.

FOOD & CLOTHING PANTRIES

Big Lake COG Food Pantry

6955 N State Road 109, Columbia City, IN 46725 260-691-3503

Wednesday 5:45 PM - 6:30 PM, Our food pantry is for the surrounding areas in Indiana; Central Noble, West Noble and Columbia City School Districts.

Churubusco UMC Food Assistance

750 N Main St, Churubusco, IN 46723

260-693-2154

Drive-thru food pantry Tuesday from 2:30 PM-3:30 PM and by appointment

SHELTER/HOUSING

Mission25 **500 W Business 30, Columbia City, IN 46725** **260-244-5266**

Mission25 is a transitional living program for individuals and families in need of shelter, food, guidance, and direction to live independently. Families are very important to us at the shelter. We are here to offer stability and guidance for individuals as they work to, once again, live independently.

Whitley County Domestic Violence Task Force **800-799-7233**

Can help with temporary housing to victims of domestic violence.

Whitley Crossings **PO Box 428, Columbia City, IN 46725** **260-244-9317**

Provide quality, affordable housing for individuals and families throughout Northeast Indiana with specific needs and/or limited resources and for senior citizens and people with disabilities.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Alcoholics Anonymous:

- Churubusco: 260-693-9288
- Columbia City: 260-403-5807
- Larwill: 260-327-3552

Peer support group for anyone experiencing problems with alcohol or drug dependency.

Children's Autism Center **500 N Oak St Columbia City, IN 46725** **260-459-6040**

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

Children's First Center **1610 S. Grandstaff, Auburn, IN 46706** **260-925-3865**

Family Services: Offers a full array of comprehensive in-home services to children and their families including children who have been abused, parents interested in improving their parenting skills, families with newborns, domestic violence victims and families in crisis. Participation in all programs is voluntary and most are provided at no cost to families.

Division of Family Resources; FSSA **543 N Line St Ste B, Columbia City, IN 46725** **260-403-0864**

Responsible for establishing eligibility for Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits. The division also manages the timely and accurate delivery of SNAP and TANF benefits. It also provides employment and training services to some SNAP and TANF recipients.

Helpline of Whitley County 260-248-2601

Gently used furniture and household items

Remnant Ministries 260-388-6020

We are a not-for-profit faith-based organization focused on helping women find freedom from addiction. We provide a safe environment where women can find healing and freedom through our 12–18-month program. We provide a variety of services for women to equip them with all they will need to live a life of freedom.

The Landing 201 W Market, Columbia City, IN 46725 260-248-4977

Teen Help: Thursdays, 6 PM – 8 PM, Grades 7 – 12, Home cooked meal served at 6 PM

The Landing exists to provide a safe place for our students to process life and the struggles that accompany it and provide tools to help them live emotionally and spiritually healthy lives.

The Warehouse 201 W Market, Columbia City, IN 46725 260-248-4977

Celebrate Recovery **605 S Douglas Ave Columbia City IN 46725** **260-229-5733**

Christ-centered, 12-step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain, or addiction of any kind!

HEALTHCARE

Bowen Center 1259 E. St. Road 205 Columbia City, IN 46725. 574-385-3137

Provide comprehensive care and treatment for mental and physical health conditions.

Cancer Screenings-Women (BCCP) United Health Services 574-247-6047 x122

The Indiana Department of Health can help underserved and underinsured women who qualify for services get cancer screenings and diagnostic testing for an array of health issues. Please call to get started.

Children Special Needs Health Care (Help with medical coverage) 800-475-1355

Provides supplemental medical coverage to help families of children who have serious, chronic medical conditions, age birth to 21 years of age, who meet the program's financial and medical criteria, pay for treatment related to their child's condition.

Early Childhood Immunizations 220 E 7th St, Auburn, IN 46706 260-925-2220

DeKalb Co. Health Dept.: Eligibility – The patient must meet one of the following requirements:

* Have Medicaid or private insurance * Be an American Indian * Be an Alaskan Native

Forte Home Health Care 120 S Lake St Ste 50, Warsaw, IN 46580 574-549-9981

Developmentally Disabled and Physically Challenged home assistance through family-driven initiatives to manage their own affairs in their own homes.

Healthy Indiana Plan 877-GET- HIP-9

Health insurance for adults 19 to 64 years old who do not have access to employer sponsored health insurance coverage. Based on income; may be free or up to 5% of families gross income.

Hoosier Healthwise Program 866-408-6131

Must already have Medicaid. Hoosier Healthwise will cover all children, birth through age 19, and pregnant women who live in families that meet the income guidelines.

Mammogram Screening Francine’s Mobile Mammogram Coach 260-483-1847

Brings 3D screening mammograms to your area, offering convenience and privacy for this important screening test, which takes only 15 minutes. Call for the coach’s schedule.

Mental Health Amer. Northeast IN 3106 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805 260-422-6441

Mental Health screening, Recovery Classes-WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan)

Whitley County Health Department 220 W VanBuren St, Columbia City, IN 46725 260-244-2310

Vaccinations (Child & Adult) & Milk Depot

Vaccination Hours M-Thursday 8:15 AM - 11:30 AM & 1:15 PM - 3:45 PM. All shots are given by appointment. (Hours are subject to change.)

MENTAL HEALTH

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Live Heal Grow 360 N Oak St. Columbia City, IN, 260-244-0264

Faith-based organization that provides counseling and wellness services

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Mental Health screening, Recovery Classes (Wellness Recovery Action Plan)

Parkview Behavioral Health Institute 788 Connexion Way, Columbia City, IN 46725 260-481-2700

Psychiatrists are licensed physicians who specialize in the evaluation, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of mental and emotional disorders.

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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.

Passages (Easterseals) 301 W Van Buren St #201, Columbia City, IN 46725 260-244-9317

Passages has been dedicated to helping people with intellectual disabilities or other challenges thrive in the community at work, at home, and play. Identify jobs that bring the greatest satisfaction and income. Foster living arrangements that maximize independence and quality of life. Create environments that promote beneficial interactions among peers and others. Services include day program, group homes, supported living, behavior solutions, respite, wellness coordination, creative learning center – education and activities

The Impact Institute 1607 Dowling St, Kendallville IN 46755 260-349-0250

High School: Auto Body, Automotive Tech, Design Tech, Cosmetology, Construction Trades, Culinary Arts, Criminal Justice, Interactive Media, Primary Health Care, Health Occupations Education, HVAC, Precision Machining, Marine Service Tech, Welding, Adult Education: Preparation for High School Equivalency or Diploma, Adult Basic Education, Literacy Services, English Language Acquisition, End of Course Assessment (ECA), Occupational Skills Training, preparation for College and Career.

Peoplelink Staffing Solutions 561 W Connexion Way Ste 8, Columbia City, IN 46725 260 244-4977

Helps connect job searchers with employers.

TROY School 1911 E. Bus. 30, Columbia City, IN 46725 260-248-8787

An accredited independent alternative school helping students to gain an education and earn a diploma at their own pace while supported by loving teachers, counselors, and support staff. We may be the last chance that some students who have failed in a traditional school have.

Work One 107 N. Walnut St. Columbia City, IN 46725 260-248-8611

Open Tues & Fri 8 AM – 4:30 PM

Free classroom training, on-the-job training, placement services, and financial assistance with transportation and child care while attending training

Whitley County Literacy Council 115 S Line St, Columbia City, IN 46725 260-244-2375

Monday and Thursday 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM, Provide one-on-one tutoring and drop-in study for the first-time reader through preparing for the HSE/GED. Free one-on-one tutoring for basic literacy, ESL, and HSE/GED. Books and material are lent to students to keep costs low

CHILDCARE

The Center for Whitley Co. Youth 201 W Market St. Columbia City, IN,46725 260-248-4977

- After School Central – Churubusco, Columbia City & Whitko Schools Grades 6-8 provides homework help, a safe and supervised environment, opportunities for recreation & creativity, and time with healthy role models.
- Summer Central Grades 6-12 A safe, recreational environment in the summer for middle and high school students. Involves consistent programs, trips, and outdoor activities.
- Ground Zero Grades 9-12 a culmination of community and faith exploration where students can be themselves. Students play games, eat food, and talk about life and faith in a variety of different ways that allow students to feel seen, heard, and loved no matter their background or their beliefs.
- After School SERVE – Churubusco, Columbia City & Whitko Schools Grades 9-12 A volunteer program focused on job skills, building resumes, helping others, becoming role models for younger kids, and having fun while doing it!

- LifeWise Grades 1-5 A Released Time Religious Instruction (RTRI) program that provides Bible-based character education to public school students.
- iLEAD Grades 9-12 a youth philanthropy pod focused on providing local students with opportunities to impact Whitley County through service projects and strengthen students' leadership skills.