# 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 Control	800-222-1222	National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-723	3
Domestic Abuse Hotline for Men	800-799-7233	National Sexual Assault Hotline 800-656-463	7
Rape Crisis Hotline	574-289-4357	National Human Trafficking Hotline800-373-788	8

260-248-2601

# **Helpline of Whitley County**

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

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Jefferson: 260-229-2347 Washington: 260-248-6880

Whitley County Township Trustees Cleveland: 260-723-5564 Columbia: 260-244-0045 Etna-Troy:260-327-3508

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

260-693-2154

**Community of Hope** 208 W Jackson Columbia City, IN, 46725 260-248-2725 Provides a hot balanced meal once a week with Midweek Meal Program. Wednesdays 11 AM- 12:30 PM 709 Hathaway Drive South Whitley, IN, 46787 Farm Wagon 260-447-3696 The Farm Wagon mobile pantry distributes fresh produce, dairy, and other food items to low-income rural and urban areas where people do not have affordable access to fresh foods. Individuals and families can enjoy fresh foods with high nutritional value. All individuals in need are welcome to attend and no pre-signup is necessary. 204 N Main St, Columbia City, IN 46725 Grace Lutheran Food Pantry 260-244-7118 Saturdays; 12 PM – 2 PM **Milk Depot** Whitley County Health Department 260-248-3121 Breast milk bank 207 E Front St, South Whitley, IN 46787 South Whitley Emergency Food Bank 260-212-2964 Emergency Food Bank for South Whitley residents and surrounding areas. We are here to help you out in your time of need. 1st & 2nd Tuesdays: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM, 3rd Tuesdays: 6 PM – 8 PM, Temporarily open 4th Saturday 9 AM - 11 AM, Or by appointment. **The Forklift** The Center 201 W Market St. Columbia City, IN 46725 Free meal for anyone every Monday from 4:30 PM – 6 PM The Line The Center 201 W Market St. Columbia City, IN 46725 Free meal for students grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Tues-Thurs 6 PM – 6:30 PM Fri 7:30 PM – 8 PM The Impact Center Food Pantry 500 W Van Buren St, Columbia City, IN 46725 260-244-7300 Thursdays 1 PM - 4:45 PM, The Impact Center provides food for those in need. Whitley County residents can shop for food (including meat) on Thursdays from 1-4:45 PM. You can visit up to two times a month, and it's not required to prove financial need. WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) 220 W Van Buren St, Columbia City, IN 46725 260-244-2315 WIC offers nutrition assessment and counseling, supplemental nutritious foods, and appropriate community referrals. WIC now includes fresh fruits and vegetables and whole grain items along with milk and cheese, eggs, peanut butter, and beans. Infant packages include baby food fruits and vegetables, cereal, and appropriate supplemental infant formula. Appointments Only **CLOTHING: Clothing Closet** 418 E Chicago St, Columbia City, IN 46725 260-327-3707 3rd Sat, 9 AM – 11 AM Eberhard Lutheran Clothing Bank 2360 W Keiser Rd Columbia City, IN 46725 260-244-5059 Monday 5 PM – 7 PM, Wednesday 12 PM – 5 PM DAYCARE/PRESCHOOL Before 5 (Online Only) www.before5.org Local Agency before5, we are passionate about helping you understand how your child is growing and developing, especially in those early years that are so important. Kids grow up in the blink of an eye. We want to empower you with knowledge along with simple and practical partnering tools that help foster healthy development, so your kids get off to a great start. **Big Lake COG Preschool/Daycare** 6955 N. State Road 109, Columbia City, IN 46725 260-691-2487 Serves Infants 6 weeks old through youth aged up to 13. Columbia City Child Care 605 Forest Pkwy Columbia City IN 46725 260-244-3491 Accepts children 6 weeks to 5 yrs. old. Uses Highscope Curriculum - hands-on, realistic, play-based learning. Is certified Paths-To Quality 1 Rating Accepts CCDF/ Brightpoint vouchers.

# Grace Lutheran Preschool 204 N Main St, Columbia City, IN 46725 260-244-7118

Offering children the opportunities to make decisions and solve problems. We engage children in a curriculum that will help them develop a positive outlook towards school, prepare them for the future, and have an appreciation of the world as lifelong learners.

**Sonshine Childcare Ministry/Rainbow Preschool 6685 W Ste. Rd 14, S. Whitley, In 46787 260-723-5105** Providing quality early childhood education and meeting the individual developmental needs of each child. We work with families as partners in their child's physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual growth. Before and after school care, break, and summer care.

Stepping Stones Preschool1200 W Depoy Dr Columbia City, IN 46725260-244-5619Provides a setting where young children can develop physically, socially, emotionally, spiritually, and<br/>intellectually at an age-appropriate level in our 2, 3, or 5-Step program.

YMCA - Armstrong Early Learning Ctr950 E Van Buren St, Columbia City, IN 46725260-244-9622Bright Point location allowing us to accept childcare vouchers. 6 weeks - Kindergarten (5 yearsBrightpoint 885 W Connexion Way Ste. 200, Columbia City, IN, 46725 800-589-2264Office hours: Wed. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

# Brightpoint

885 W Connexion Way Ste. 200, Columbia City, IN, 46725 800-589-2264

- Office hours: Wed.8:30am-4:30pm
  - Early Head Start: If you are pregnant or have a child younger than 3 years old, we have a program just right for you! Through Brightpoint's Early Head Start program, we help children and their parents develop the skills they need to be successful in school and life! We also form partnerships with families and communities to help families on the path to social and economic growth.
  - Head Start: If you have children ages 3 to 5, we have a free preschool program just right for you! Head Start provides comprehensive educational, health, nutritional, and other developmental social services to low-income and special needs preschool children and their families.
  - **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.
  - **Childcare Assistance**: Helps families afford quality childcare for children younger than 13. Parents must work, attend school, or receive 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.
  - Supportive Services for Veteran Families: Locate and secure stable housing for you and your family, provide rental assistance, security and utility deposits, and help with other housingrelated 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
  - Energy Assistance: Helps pay a portion of winter heating bills for households.

# 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 CrossingsPO Box 428, Columbia City, IN 46725260-244-9317

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 Center500 N Oak St Columbia City, IN 46725260-459-6040Ensures that every individual and every family affected by autism receives the high-quality services they deserve.

# Children's First Center1610 S. Grandstaff, Auburn, IN 46706260-925-3865

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; FSSA543 N Line St Ste B, Columbia City, IN 46725260-403-0864Responsible for establishing eligibility for Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and<br/>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits. The division also manages the timely and accurate<br/>delivery of SNAP and TANF benefits. It also provides employment and training services to some SNAP<br/>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 Recovery605 S Douglas Ave Columbia City IN 46725260-229-5733Christ-centered, 12-step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain, or addiction of any<br/>kind!

# Whitley County Transit710 N Opportunity Dr, Columbia City, IN 46725260-248-8944

For all residents within Whitley County. Service provides Medicaid transportation for rides, including outof-county trips for medical appointments. Reservations should be scheduled 24 hours in advance or more. Must be a Whitley County resident. Serves all ages, runs Monday-Friday 7 AM-5 PM

The fares listed below are *per person* and based on *one-way trips*.

- 1-4 miles: \$6 one way & \$12 round trip
- 5-10 miles: \$8 one way & \$16 round trip
- 11-15 miles: \$12 one way & \$24 round trip
- 16-25 miles: \$15 one way & \$30 round trip
- Over 25 miles: \$17 one way & \$34 round trip
- Out of County: \$29 one way & \$58 round trip
- Children under age 12 ride free with an adult. Adults must provide a car seat.
- Veterans \$20 round trip for out-of-county trips (*graciously subsidized by the Community Foundation of Whitley County*).
- Working Seniors 60+: Public rates apply.
- Seniors 60+: Donation only for *rides within Whitley County*. Service is not denied to anyone not able to donate.

Cancellations must be reported in advance to avoid a "no-show" fee of \$10.00 in town and \$14.00 out of town. An exact payment is required. For your convenience, you may purchase Transit Punch Cards for \$40 per card (a \$45 value).

# PREGNANCY

# 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.

# BABE of Whitley County533 N Line St, Columbia City, IN 46725260-244-2820Provides incentives for pregnant women & families to consistently participate in partner programs and<br/>convices that benefit the health and well being of infants and young children. Country country here

services that benefit the health and well-being of infants and young children. Coupons earned can be redeemed for diapers, wipes, pull-ups, clothing, cribs, highchairs, shampoo, sippy cups, socks, and several other infant/toddler-related items.

# Brightpoint

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

## 885 W Connexion Way Ste. 200, Columbia City, IN, 46725 800-589-2264

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# **344 N. Main St. Columbia City, IN 46725 260-244-7779** Offers pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, STD testing, options counseling, and fathers support group.

WIC (Whitley Co.)	220 W. Van Buren St. Ste.106 Columbia City, IN 46725	
Monday - Friday 9 AM - 5:00 PM	260-244-2315	
Vouchers for healthy food to pregnan	t and breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to 5 years old;	
formula vouchers for babies until 1 ye	ear old.	

HEALTHCARE					
Bowen Center	L259 E. St. Road 205 Columbia City, IN 46725. 5	74-385-3137			
	nt for mental and physical health conditions.				
Cancer Screenings-Women (BCCP) United		47-6047 x122			
<b>-</b>	lp underserved and underinsured women who q	ualify for			
-	stic testing for an array of health issues. Please of				
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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, w	ho meet the program's financial and medical cri	teria, pay for			
treatment related to their child's conditio	n.				
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	e 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-drive	en initiatives to			
manage their own affairs in their own hor	nes.				
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; ma	y 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 minute	es. 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 Classe	s-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 giv	en by			
appointment. (Hours are subject to chang	e.)				
MENTAL HEALTH					
Bowen Center	1259 E. St. Road 205 Columbia City, IN 46725.	574-385-3137			
Provide comprehensive care and treatment	nt for mental and physical health conditions.				
Live Heal Grow	360 N Oak St. Columbia City, IN,	260-244-0264			
Faith-based organization that provides co	unseling and wellness services				
Mental Health Amer. Northeast IN	3106 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805	260-422-6441			
Mental Health screening, Recovery Classe					
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 disord	ders.				

## **EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT**

# Freedom Academy

#### info@freedomacademy.net

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 46725260-244-9317Passages has been dedicated to helping people with intellectual disabilities or other challenges thrive in<br/>the community at work, at home, and play. Identify jobs that bring the greatest satisfaction and income.<br/>Foster living arrangements that maximize independence and quality of life. Create environments that<br/>promote beneficial interactions among peers and others. Services include day program, group homes,<br/>supported living, behavior solutions, respite, wellness coordination, creative learning center – education<br/>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 Solutions561 W Connexion Way Ste 8, Columbia City, IN 46725260 244-4977Helps connect job searchers with employers.

# TROY School1911 E. Bus. 30, Columbia City, IN 46725260-248-8787An accredited independent alternative school helping students to gain an education and earn a diploma<br/>at their own pace while supported by loving teachers, counselors, and support staff. We may be the last<br/>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 Council115 S Line St, Columbia City, IN 46725260-244-2375Monday and Thursday 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM, Provide one-on-one tutoring and drop-in study for the first-<br/>time reader through preparing for the HSE/GED. Free one-on-one tutoring for basic literacy, ESL, and<br/>HSE/GED. Books and material are lent to students to keep costs low

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# 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!

800-200-6499

- LifeWise Grades 1-5 A Released Time Religious Instruction (RTRI) program that provides Biblebased 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.