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Middle Way House: More than just a Shelter

Since 1971, Middle Way House has been providing services to people in crisis. Today, we provide supportive and empowering services for survivors of domestic abuse, sexual violence, stalking and human trafficking. Our main office in Bloomington offers the following services:

- Confidential 24/7 Help & Crisis Line, (812) 336-0846
- Emergency Shelter
- On-scene Advocacy
- Transitional & Permanent Housing
- Legal & Personal Advocacy
- Support Groups
- Safety Planning
- Childcare & Youth Programs
- Community Education Programs & Presentations

Middle Way House serves six counties in southern Indiana (Monroe, Greene, Lawrence, Owen, Morgan, and Martin) and relies on a staff of 70 and a committed volunteer force to provide services. It is not necessary that an individual reside in our emergency shelter or transitional housing program to access most of our services.

We have Outreach Offices located in Greene, Martin, and Owen counties and the services offered include:

- Legal Advocacy
- Personal Advocacy
- Case Management
- Mobile Advocacy
- Walk-ins
- Survivor Support Service
- Safety Planning
- Community Education Programs & Presentations



Domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking affects individuals in every community. We believe, support, and affirm the identities of ALL survivors.

If you or someone you know is experiencing violence and are in need of help or support, call us on our confidential 24/7 Help & Crisis Line, Linea de Ayuda, (812) 336-0846, or contact us on our confidential Help & Crisis Live Chat at <https://www.resourceconnect.com/mwh/chat>.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

Annual Fern Sale: This year, please consider purchasing a fern to benefit survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking and their children. Our ferns are lush, Boston Ferns in 10 inch hanging baskets and locally sourced from Hall's Greenhouse, which is located at 4855 S. Harmony Rd. in Bloomington! We are selling each fern for \$32; each fern costs us \$15.25, thus you will be donating \$16.75 for each fern you purchase! We have limited quantities available so be sure to act fast and purchase yours today by visiting <https://middlewayhouse.org/annual-fern-sale/>!

2nd Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Walk – I Am Mine.: The I Am Mine Sexual Assault Awareness Walk will take place at the Waldron, Hill, and Buskirk Park across from Middle Way House on April 30, 2022. Registration and tabling activities will begin at 11 AM and the walk will begin at 1 PM. All ages are welcome! To register for this event, to create a fundraising page (just like how you fundraise on Facebook or Instagram), and/or to become a sponsor, please visit <https://middlewayhouse.org/event/annual-sexual-assault-awareness-walk/>.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLE

Editorial Comment

Our Guiding Principle is to reach out to others who are coping with practical and emotional crises, and to say, we are here as one community, interconnected with each other in a positive way. This means, among other things, providing shelter, food, medical care, opportunities to step out of poverty, peace, and mutual respect. This whole world would be a much better place for all people if everyone felt this way about our brothers and sisters. As individuals, we cannot change the world. However, we can all come together and help others in our own community. Let us show others, what we can do right here in Bloomington by reaching out to each other, and climbing that mountain together. To paraphrase Pete Seeger, We WILL Overcome.



Read, Walk, & Learn with StoryWalk®

Enjoy page-by-page reading and walking journeys while exploring Monroe County parks at the Library's StoryWalk® locations! The StoryWalk® is a free outdoor educational activity that places the pages from a children's story along a walking route at a local park. Fun prompts build early literacy skills, combining the pleasure of reading with the benefits of learning and movement.

The Library has partnered with Bloomington Parks and Recreation and Monroe County Parks and Recreation to offer two StoryWalk® locations. You'll find the first StoryWalk® in Bloomington at Rev. Ernest D. Butler Park located at 812 W. Ninth Street. A second StoryWalk® is located near Ellettsville, in Flatwoods Park at 9499 Flatwoods Road, Gosport.

At StoryWalk® stops, you'll see icons for Talk, Sing, Read, Write, and Play with coordinating activity suggestions to help encourage the growth of early literacy skills! The icons represent the daily practices of Every Child Ready to Read, a national early literacy organization based on scientific research that details how language and literacy development inform our choices as parents and caregivers.

According to Children's Librarian Amy Caswell, the Library tries to instill at least one of the five practices into each page prompt on the StoryWalk®, as well as incorporate the five senses.

"StoryWalks® are a great blend of nature, movement, and literacy," said Caswell. "The experience is different than reading a book at home because the prompts get participants outside and movin' and groovin'."

Some prompts invite children to sound out a word, dance, or sing a song, while others encourage readers to think about the story and characters, then make connections to their own lives. For example, a prompt might ask the reader to think about someone they know that is similar to a character or ask the reader what sort of activities they like to do outside. "The prompts give caregivers



leeway into asking their own questions and engaging with their child on each page." Caregivers can then use these techniques and practices when reading with their children at home.

Caswell says the Library chooses StoryWalk® books that are fun, engaging, and have a good balance of illustrations and words. Through late April, Butler Park visitors can journey through the picture book *Tidy*, written and illustrated by Emily Gravett. Meanwhile, the book *A Way with Wild Things* by Larissa Theule is featured at Flatwoods Park. Then, *Tidy* will move to Flatwoods Park and *Don't Wake Up the Tiger* by Britta Teckentrup will take its place at Butler Park.

You can visit StoryWalk® locations any time on your own, or join the Library for a special eco-minded StoryWalk® storytime at Butler Park on April 21. You'll celebrate Earth Month by enjoying *Tidy* alongside dancing, bubbles, a scavenger hunt, and park cleanup! You can register and learn

more about this and other StoryWalk® events at mcpl.info/calendar.

Caswell said a StoryWalk® takes around 15–20 minutes to read through, but caregivers are encouraged to make the most of their time at the park. "You could really spend a full and lovely afternoon there—on the playground, having a picnic, and enjoying nature!"

The Monroe County Public Library StoryWalk® is funded by the Friends of the Library Carol R. Nicholas Endowment for Strategic Initiatives. Learn more at mcpl.info/storywalk.

About *Safety~Net*

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AGENCY REPORTS

Each issue of *Safety~Net* has articles contributed from the many non-profit/social service agencies in the Bloomington area about programs and services that they provide, as well as volunteer opportunities.

AGENCY GUIDE

There is an extensive Agency Guide pointing out where specific services/programs are available and how to access them.

WE WELCOME COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

Please send these to the editor at white@indiana.edu.

Sign your name, and indicate whether you would like for your comments to be published.

Child Care Resource and Referral

Connecting parents, early education programs, community partners and key stakeholders

About the Program:
Childcare is still facing the effects of COVID. Staff shortages and increased operation costs impact capacity within our communities. As we know, childcare is not only essential to families but an essential part of our communities' economic development. Parents who have high quality care are more productive at work knowing their children are safe and miss fewer days having quality consistent care. We continue to work throughout our communities to increase the capacity and sustainability of childcare throughout the 24 counties we serve.

As part of the Child Care Resource and Referral Network, we work alongside a system of state partners to serve Indiana children and families and create access to high-quality early educational opportunities. Child Care Resource and Referral's key areas of support include:

Family Education and Referral Support: Our Family Engagement Specialists work closely with all families who have young children in Indiana, including vulnerable family populations,

to provide high-quality early care and education, as well as out-of-school program, referrals and conduct a number of outreach activities to reach more families.

Program Services: Our Program Engagement Specialist helps connect their communities' early care and education programs to information, training and technical assistance opportunities; help recruit new programs to their communities; work to increase the number of program members in professional organizations; and promote professional development opportunities, such as cohorts and work with emerging providers, that help to increase the quality of care and education.

Public Awareness and Engagement: Our Community Engagement Specialists build awareness of their services and the importance of early childhood education within the communities they serve and develop partnerships with coalitions and task forces to ensure the needs of families and early childhood programs are considered in planning efforts. They also provide training for community agencies



and organizations.

Data Collection and Assessment: CCR&R agencies design methods to assess the needs of their communities; use state and federal statistics; develop plans for their communities based on the needs and data; and conduct annual

quantitative and qualitative reports to share information on the services offered and their impacts.

If you would like more information about CCR&R services, contact Kati Colvin at kcolvin@casyonline.org

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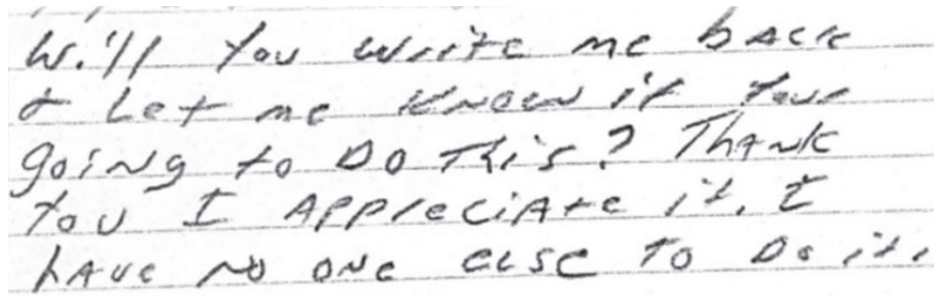
New Leaf, New Life

Supporting our Incarcerated Neighbors

By: Jordan McIntire, Executive Director

Within one 24-hour time period, how many times do you scroll through your phone, checking social media, googling a random question, and connecting with a friend or family member? How often do you casually stroll to the kitchen to get a snack, or take a leisurely walk through the neighborhood? Do you enjoy selecting and making a meal for yourself or family in the evening? What would you do if you lost these often taken-for-granted freedoms one day? In the United States, an estimated 1 of every 20 people (5.1%) will, due to experiencing incarceration (US Department of Justice, 1997).

New Leaf, New Life (NLNL) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit in Bloomington that assists people who are currently incarcerated or recently released from incarceration with their reentry into our community. This reentry support looks different for everyone, based on their needs. However, no matter the individual requesting support or their current circumstances, we believe each of us is more than the worst thing we've ever done, and that violence begets violence. While working within a system ruled by punitive justice, we attempt to secure safety and healing for all.



Will you write me back & let me know if you're going to do this? Thank you I appreciate it, I have no one else to do it.

To request support, individuals that are experiencing incarceration at the Monroe County Correctional Center (MCCC) can write letters to NLNL through in-house mail, which doesn't require envelopes or postage. Assistance that is typically requested is support with reentry planning, such as: providing & submitting treatment applications, obtaining a reentry resource guide, finding housing, transportation, and employment, among other requests. Our opportunity to support individuals while they're incarcerated is critical – as we're frequently told by people that they have no other sources of support in the community. NLNL goes into the MCCC around three times per week to exchange correspondence.

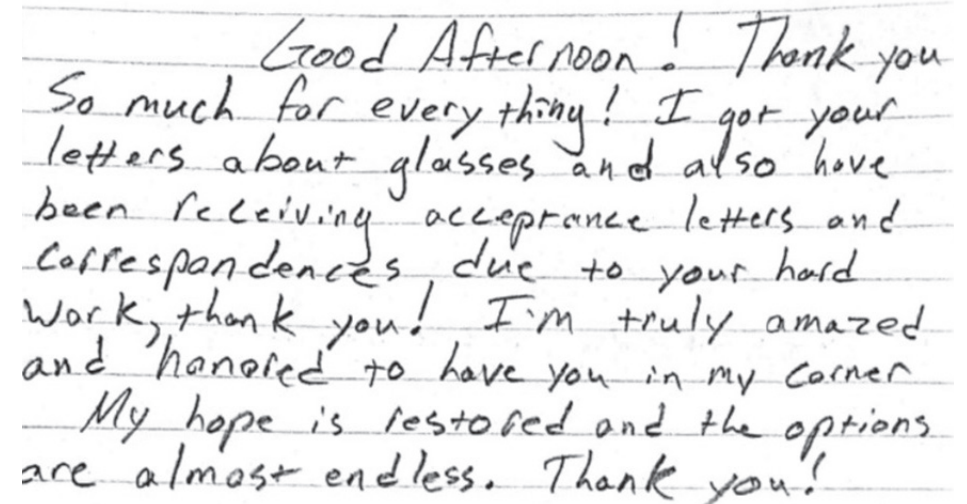
Once individuals have been released from incarceration, they can come to our office (1010 S Walnut St. Suite H) for reentry mentoring, resources, and social support. We provide reentry kits (a backpack, clothing, hygiene kit, & bus tickets) to individuals recently released, clothing & haircut vouchers, employment referrals, assistance with



obtaining SNAP, HIP, cell phones, and birth certificates, and any other requests we're able to support.

The work we do at NLNL is important because people who are incarcerated are going to be released one day. They're going to be our neighbors, and they're going to need support. If they don't get a chance to redeem themselves (within the confines of our current punitive systems), they're going to go back to what they've been doing, and that negatively impacts our entire community. Assisting these individuals in their pursuit of a better life is a step in the

right direction in empowering them to overcome some of the challenges they face upon reentering our community.



Good Afternoon! Thank you so much for everything! I got your letters about glasses and also have been receiving acceptance letters and correspondences due to your hard work, thank you! I'm truly amazed and honored to have you in my corner. My hope is restored and the options are almost endless. Thank you!

If you would like more information about New Leaf, New Life, or to request assistance, please contact us at info@newleafnewlife.org, or by phone at (812)355-6842. We encourage you to keep up with our current programming by following us on social media:

Facebook – New Leaf-New Life

Instagram – [new_leaf_new_life](https://www.instagram.com/new_leaf_new_life)



Special Section: Voices Seldom Heard

By Tynisha McClendon

I'm searching for answers that I cannot find just by looking. I'm searching for understanding, compassion, freedom and a foundation in my life. If I just apply myself, be patient, and when the time (perfect time and place) presents itself, I know that I simply must just "DO". My actions will help me find it. My words will remind me what I'm looking for and how I can find it.

By Tynisha McClendon

Fifteen for me was a very memorable age. It was 1989 and I was a sophomore attending William A. Wirt High School in Gary, Ind. I had overcome my freshman fright and had a more confident attitude and higher self-esteem. I participated in many school activities and my athletic talents started to become recognized by coaches and varsity students. I also had learned a new talent of mine and joined the school's marching band playing my clarinet. The band traveled to many cities and we participated in many competitions, becoming fairly known as a band to not underestimate. I loved being 15 years old.

--Tynisha McClendon

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It had to have been 1982, Las Vegas, Nevada on the Air Force Base apartments. Our Christmas tree was fully decorated and my brother and I had what we thought were a million gifts. We had a ton of candy canes on the tree as well. It was one of my most memorable Christmases and most unhappy moments in life as well. My grandmother had sent me and my brother new outfits and my mother insisted on us wearing them and taking a picture to send back to my grandmother in Gary, Ind. My mom said that it was to show how much we appreciated and liked the gifts. My brother liked his outfit enough for the picture, but I hated my royal blue shiny dress with my white tights and black strapped flat dress shoes. I hated dresses, period. It was either wear the dress for the picture or no more opening up presents. Both of us fake-smiled and took our picture and that was the last time I ever seen that dress again. Looking back though it was a very pretty dress, but to this day, I still do not wear dresses.

Christmas--my least and most favorite time of year. I'm like the Scrooge with little to no holiday cheer. I like the classic cartoons, but hate the holiday tunes. I love the presents, lights and trees but hate the super-cold snow flurries. I miss the flowers and warm weather. Every winter I can't wait for summer when things will better.

By Olivia Hamilton

My birthday is 12/12. Coincidentally, my Dad's mother's (my grandma) was also 12/12. We'd have a HUGE birthday party for both of us every year and cuz of that I always got less presents at Christmas. When I was younger I used to HATE that. I was super jealous of my little brother and older siblings. As I got older though and my Big Grammy's (our name for her) health started failing, and I started missing more and more family time due to jail and addiction, I found myself every year on my birthday and Christmas wishing things were as they used to be. Bdays with Granny and Xmas at her house on the 24th. She used to cook a HUGE meal, then have a present for all of us. We'd read the story of Baby Jesus then open presents. My family's religious and so am I. I'm blessed and thankful that this year I'll be out of jail for Christmas, even if my Grandma's passed away.



Special Section: South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP)

Thriving Connections Captain Explores New Employment Opportunity

Through the MCCSC Pathway to Licensure Program, approved candidates are able to obtain their teaching license in about three and a half years. This program is not only flexible to all types of lifestyles, like having classes primarily at night and online, but also is innovative because the candidates get wrap-around support and mentoring from current MCCSC staff. Another great thing about this initiative is it is focused on accepting candidates who may not have traditionally had access to higher education; which includes people of color, first generation families, single parents and women, and people for which the fiscal cost of post-secondary education is too great of a barrier (information taken from MCCSC website). We are proud that one of our Thriving Connections Captains, who also is a former Head Start parent and former SCCAP employee, is taking advantage of this opportunity. Eliza Carey is currently enrolled in the MCCSC Pathway to Licensure Program to obtain her teaching license. We are so happy for Eliza and her family as she explores this new opportunity. Finding sustainable employment that is right for your family and specific circumstances sometimes seems impossible, but with new, innovative initiatives like this along with resources like WorkOne and My Sister's Closet, there is help out there.

WorkOne

(812) 331-6000

WorkOne South Central provides valuable career and employer services and programs. Whether you are looking to improve your job qualifications, explore a different profession, find a new career or hire an employee, WorkOne can help.



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(812) 369-6582

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MSC is a non-profit organization that provides free work attire, interview skills & job training, mentoring & advocacy services for at-risk women living in poverty who are seeking employment.



United Way of Monroe County, “Bank on Bloomington” Banks Offer Free Financial Education with Monthly “Dollars & Sense” Series

As part of the Bank on Bloomington initiative, which aims to help residents access mainstream financial services and education, United Way of Monroe County and four Bank on Bloomington partners will be hosting monthly “Dollars & Sense” personal finance workshops. The series, which occurs online on the third Thursday of every month (unless otherwise noted) from 5:30-6:30 p.m., features a rotation of experts from Apprisen, Regions, PNC, and IU Credit Union. Each “Dollars & Sense” session will have a different theme, ranging from building a household budget to applying for a loan or mortgage, managing debt, saving for retirement, and more. Sessions are largely informal and participant-driven. As such, participants are encouraged to bring their own financial questions to ask the host, even if they are unrelated to that month’s topic! The series is open to anyone and designed to meet the



needs of working families and individuals. In an effort to remove potential time and transportation barriers, sessions are conveniently held online after standard business hours.

Come learn helpful tips for managing your money and improving your financial future by joining our next

Dollars & Sense conversation!

To register and obtain the Zoom link, you can go to <https://www.monroeunitedway.org/bob>. For questions, comments, or suggestions for future topics, email Amy Leyenbeck at amy@monroeunitedway.org or call (812) 334-8370 ext. 11.

About United Way of Monroe County: United Way of Monroe County’s is a nonprofit organization that improves the lives and futures of all people in the community. We bring together expertise, funding and volunteer support to positively impact the resilience of our community, and those who live within it. In partnership with others, we work to eliminate inequities experienced by low-income and diverse populations so that all people have a safe, healthy home environment, achieve their educational potential, and increase their financial stability. We commit to building bridges across cultural, racial, religious, and economic boundaries.

volunteers

Ways to Get Involved— to Relieve Poverty, to Prevent Poverty,

to Work Towards Social Justice and Economic Justice.

To find local volunteer opportunities, please visit bloomingtonolunteernetwork.org



Directory of agencies and services

This directory outlines several agencies and services available to residents of Monroe County. Additionally, many listings provide contact information for prospective volunteers. For more extensive articles about many of these agencies and services, see earlier issues of Safety-Net at <http://safety-net-newspaper.com/>. Several of the agencies and services described provide multiple forms of aid. Unless otherwise noted all services and agencies are located in Bloomington.

Addiction Counseling

Amethyst House

Address: 645 N. Walnut St.

Phone: (812) 336-3570

Web: www.amethysthouse.org

Agency Contact: Gina Lovell ([812]336-3570 x203; glovell@amethysthouse.org)

About: Provides structured living environments, treatment, and recovery services for individuals with addictions. Amethyst House operates two residential treatment facilities; one that serves men and one that serves women and their dependent children up to 6 years old. Amethyst House also operates an outpatient treatment facility in Bloomington.

Centerstone of Indiana, Inc.

Address: 645 S. Rogers St.

Phone: (812) 339-1691

About: Provides services for people with behavioral and mental health challenges, such as depression, stress, panic disorders, alcohol and chemical dependencies, phobias, child behavioral disorders, grief and loss, marital and family problems, and severe and persistent emotional disorders. Services provided include psychiatry, 24-hour emergency services, and vocational and residential services. Centerstone hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Appointments must be made for services in the evening and weekend.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Address: Hours and locations vary.

Phone: (812) 334-8191

Web: www.alcoholics-anonymous.org

About: Provides support for those wanting to stop alcohol consumption.

Adult Education

MCCSC Adult Education

Address: Broadview Learning Center, 705 W. Coolidge Drive

Phone: (812) 330-7731

Web: www.mccsc.edu/adulted

About: The Monroe County Community School Corporation's Adult Education program at Broadview Learning Center offers free, individualized instruction and guidance to teen and adult learners. We offer support for

successful preparation for the High School Equivalency and other work placement tests as well as Adult Basic Education. Are you looking to improve your basic job and literacy skills or learn new ones, we can help. English as a Second Language course and supportive tutoring for students to create better opportunities of themselves and their families. Call 812-330-7731 to register for orientation and also visit our website www.mccsc.edu/adulted. Located on Coolidge between Rogers and Rockport Road, on the #2 South Bloomington Transit Route.

AIDS/HIV Services

IU Health Bloomington Positive Link

Address: 333 E. Miller Dr.

Phone: (812) 353-9150

Web: <https://iuhealth.org/find-medical-services/positive-link-hiv-services>

About: HIV testing, case management and primary medical care for those living with HIV/AIDS. Serve as a community resource regarding HIV/AIDS education and awareness. We also offer Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and Syphilis testing. Access to Hepatitis C treatment. Access to Pre Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP).

Clothing, furniture, housewares (Material and Financial Assistance):

Monroe County United Ministries

Address: 827 W. 14 Ct.

Phone: (812) 339-3429

Web: www.mcum.org

Volunteer Contact: Madison Silvers, (812) 339-3429 x16, mcum@mcum.org

About: Provides a Self-Sufficiency Center that provides families with basic needs assistance and longer-term self-sufficiency services. The Self-Sufficiency Center includes a food pantry, cleaning and hygiene products, clothing and small housewares, and financial assistance for rent or utility payments.

My Sister's Closet of Monroe County, Inc.

See Employment resources and job counseling.

Bloomington St. Vincent de Paul Society

Mailing Address: 1413 E. 17th Street

Warehouse Address: 1999 N. Packing House Road

Phone: (812) 961-1510

Web: www.bloomingtonsvdp.org

Volunteer Contact: Scott Alber, ([812]335-1280 volunteer@bloomingtonsvdp.org)

About: A Catholic led ecumenical society of volunteers dedicated to helping those in need. Assistance is offered in the form of community resource information, vouchers for furniture, and in some cases limited financial help with a utility bill, rent, rent deposit or other essential need. Almost all funding comes through donations and assistance is given without regard to religion, race or creed. Volunteer opportunities abound.

Salvation Army

Address: 111 N. Rogers St.

Phone: (812) 336-4310

Volunteer Contact: Monica Clemons ([812] 336-4310 x100; monica_clemons@usc.salvationarmy.org)

About: Provides a variety of services, including: food pantry, seasonal assistance, clothing and clothing vouchers, appliances, household items, hygiene items, rent/mortgage assistance, utility assistance, medical assistance, disaster relief, after school programs, summer residential camps, adult programs, nursing home visitation, bus tickets, a place of worship, and a thrift store.

Disabilities assistance programs

LifeDesigns, Inc.

Address: 200 East Winslow Rd.

Phone: (812) 332-9615

Web: www.lifedesignsinc.org

Agency Contact: Kristen King

About: LifeDesigns, Inc. offers comprehensive services for people with disabilities in south central Indiana including education, housing and employment assistance. We offer services for every stage of life from childhood through adulthood. Our mission to partner with people with disabilities and the community to bring about self-directed and enriched lives through education, information and support. LifeDesigns is a grassroots organization formed by the merger of two well-known agencies, Christole and Options, who have provided leading-edge programs for over three decades.

People & Animal Learning Services (PALS)

Facility Address: 7644 W Elwren Rd, Bloomington,

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1033, Bloomington, IN 47402

Phone: 812-336-2798

Web: www.palstherapy.org

Volunteer Contact: Helen Seik, (812-336-2978 ext 15, volunteer@palstherapy.org)

About: PALS provides therapeutic Equine Assisted Activities (EAA) to individuals with disabilities, veterans and at-risk youth in South Central Indiana. PALS programs are designed by professionals and aim to develop and restore functional skills, enhance well-being and improve quality of life. Services are available to individuals ages three and up. PALS is a Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl) Premier-Accredited Center and United Way of Monroe County Member Agency.

Stone Belt

Address: 2815 E. 10 St.

Phone: (812) 332-2168

Web: www.stonebelt.org

Volunteer Contact: Sarah McKenney (332-2168 x314; smckenney@stonebelt.org)

About: A community-based organization with over 50 years of experience in serving persons with developmental disabilities. Supports include residential, employment, life skills training and psychological services. With locations in Monroe, Lawrence, Owen, Bartholomew and surrounding counties, Stone Belt's mission is to prepare, empower, and support persons with developmental disabilities and their families to participate fully in the life of the community.

Employment resources and job counseling

My Sister's Closet of Monroe County, Inc.

Address: 414 S. College Ave.

Web: www.SistersCloset.org

Phone: (812) 333-7710

About: Provides women facing issues of poverty, homelessness and domestic violence—who are looking for employment, with free interview and/or workforce attire, interview skills training & coaching through job mentors, image consulting, and life skills training

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through workshops with the Success Institute. All services assist women to overcome the hurdles they face on the road to independence & family self-sufficiency. All new and gently-used Clothing & Accessories, Undergarments, New Make-up, and Personal Hygiene items are provided free to those with vouchers from referral agencies, and for sale to the general public.

WorkOne

Address: 1531 S. Curry Pike, Suite 200
Phone: (812) 331-6000

About: Assists individuals and businesses in meeting their employment and training needs. WorkOne provides employment services, job counseling and assessment services, training services through WIOA, vocational rehabilitation services through Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation, and veteran services.

Stone Belt

See disabilities assistance programs.

Family Services

El Centro Comunal Latino

Address: 303 E Kirkwood Avenue, Room 206
Phone: (812) 355-7513
Web: www.elcentrocomunal.com

About: CCL is a grassroots, community-based organization that seeks to provide an accessible and safe space for all Latinos, with a focus on Spanish-speaking people, to find information, access to resources and a place to hold community events. CCL's work includes tutoring services for all ages, the medical interpretation network, direct service, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, the Legal Advice Project, Informate—series of educational presentations, health programming, and the Bienvenidos program: a support group that helps immigrants acculturate to life in the United States.

Healthy Families of Monroe County

Address: 2405 N. Smith Pike
Phone: (812) 332-1245

Web: www.villageskids.org/healthy-families
Agency Contact: Jennifer Bush, jrbush@villages.org

About: Monroe County Healthy Families is a free program for expected parents and parents with newborns under 3 months old. Family Support Specialists visit with families to provide encouragement, access to community resources, and the most current information on how babies grow and develop. Services can last up to 3 years and will help parents establish strong parent-child relationships, reduce stress, and reach personal and family goals.

SCCAP Head Start

Address: 1502 W. 15th Street
Phone: (812) 334-8350

Web: www.headstart.bloomington.in.us/

About: Guides children aged 3 to kindergarten towards gaining cognitive skills, patience, sharing, problem solving, hygiene, safety, and practice in good decision making. Free to income eligible.

IN Dept. of Child Services

Address: 1531 S. Curry Pike, Suite 600
Phone: (812) 336-6351

About: Services are designed to protect children from abuse and neglect by partnering with families and communities to provide safe, nurturing, and stable homes. To make a report of child abuse or neglect the public can call 1-800-800-5556.

Division of Family Resources

Address: 1531 S. Curry Pike, Suite 300
Phone: 1-(800)-403-0864

About: Provides aid to families with dependent children (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, TANF), food stamps, Medicaid.

División de Programas y Alcance Latino Latino Programs and Outreach Division

Address: 401 N. Morton St. Suite 260
Phone: (812) 349-3430

Web: https://bloomington.in.gov/latino
Contact: Josefa Madrigal, latinoprograms@bloomington.in.gov

Acerca: El Departamento de Recursos Comunitarios y Familiares de la Ciudad de Bloomington ha enfocado sus esfuerzos para alcanzar a la comunidad Hispana ofreciendo una gran variedad de programas. Eventos culturales, educación cívica, servicios directos y traducciones. El programa de radio Hola Bloomington en WFHB y la publicación Del Boletín Comunitario.

About: The City of Bloomington's Community and Family Resources Department has focused its outreach efforts on the Hispanic and Latino community by offering a variety of programs. Cultural events, civic education, direct service and translations, The Hola Bloomington Radio Show on WFHB and The Boletín Comunitario.

Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM)

Address: 827 W. 14th Court
Phone: (812) 339-3429

Web: www.mcum.org

Hours: 6:30am-5:30pm

Volunteer Contact: Madison Silvers, (812) 339-3429 x16, mcum@mcum.org
About: Provides a subsidized Child-Care Program for low-income families in Monroe County, which includes a year-round program for children two to six years old. All care-givers in the families either work full time or attend school part-time and work part-time. NAEYC-accredited center.

About: Full-time care for children ages 2-6 on a sliding fee scale, parents must be employed or attending school, NAEYC-accredited center

WIC Program

Address: 333 East Miller Drive
Phone: (812) 353-3221

About: Provides nutritional support for underprivileged mothers, babies and children up to five years of age in Monroe and Greene Counties. Applicants must meet income guidelines, live in Indiana, and have a nutritional need. All services are provided free of charge.

Food stamps

Division of Family Resources

See family services.

Health care Services

Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Service – Community Health

Indiana University Health Bloomington
Phone: 812-353-9299

Contact Person: Dayna A. Thompson M.S., CDP, LMHC, PAC Trainer

Email: DThompson6@iuhealth.org

Web: www.AlzResourceIndiana.org

About: The Alzheimer's Resource Service (ARS) is a service of IU Health Bloomington Community Health. We seek to provide support, resources and assistance to those with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and their families. We also work with professional staff who support those with a diagnosis. All services are offered to the community at NO CHARGE, thanks to the Bloomington Hospital Foundation and IU Health Bloomington Hospital.

Futures Family Planning Clinic

Address: 119 W. 7th St.

Phone: (812) 349-7343

About: Provides family planning health services for adolescents and adults. Birth control counseling and supplies available on the sliding fee schedule include pills, shots, patch, diaphragm, vaginal ring, subdermal implant (Nexplanon), and IUD (intrauterine device). Service offered include exams including pap, breast exam, pelvic exam, pregnancy counseling, testing and referral, sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment, including HIV testing, gonorrhea and chlamydia, emergency contraception (Plan B), health education, and condoms provided at no charge.

IU Health Home Health & Hospice

Address: 1155 W. 3rd Street

Web: iuhealth.org

Volunteer Contact: Tia Farley, tconradfarley@iuhealth.org

About: Volunteers offer companionship to patients who are terminally ill and their families.

Training provided. All it takes is time to make a difference in the lives of families

Medicaid

Division of Family Resources

About: Medicaid is a federal and state funded medical assistance program that pays for approved and needed medical care for persons who meet eligibility requirements. For more information on the Division of Family Resources see the family services listing.

Monroe County Public Health Clinic

Address: 333 East Miller Drive

Phone: (812) 353-3244

About: Services provided include screenings for hypertension, hyperlipidemia, elevated blood sugar, anemia, elevated lead, tuberculosis, head lice and pregnancy; health and wellness assessments; vaccinations; communicable disease education. Call for appointment.

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Local Health Care Enrollment Assistance

All U.S. residents are required by law to have health insurance. If you are uninsured, there are coverage options that meet your needs and fit your budget:

- Affordable Care Act "Health Insurance Marketplace"
- Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP 2.0)
- Medicaid
- Children's Health Insurance Program (Hoosier Healthwise)

There are several free local resources that can guide you through the process, explain coverage options, answer questions, and help you enroll. Indiana Navigators provide free unbiased assistance and can work with you one-on-one to enroll in health care plans.

ASPIN Health Navigators:

Call (877) 313-7215 for Navigator assistance.

City of Bloomington:

Call (812) 349-3851 for enrollment assistance. Para Español, (812) 349-3860 o latinoprograms@bloomington.in.gov

Individual Solutions-IU Health:

Call 1-888-531-3004 to make an appointment to see a certified Navigator, or visit iuhealth.org/individual-solutions

Monroe County Health Department:

Call Scott Stowers at (812) 349-2075 or e-mail sstowers@co.monroe.in.us

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Planned Parenthood

Address: 421 S. College Ave.

Phone: (317) 205-8088

Web: www.ppin.org

About: Services provided include pelvic exams, breast exams, testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections, HIV testing and counseling, pregnancy tests, various types of birth control, emergency contraception (the “morning after pill”), as well as abortion services.

Housing (abused people)

Middle Way House

Address: 338 S. Washington St.

Phone: (812) 333-7404 (admin phone), (812) 336-0846 (crisis line)

Web: www.middlewayhouse.org

About: Middle Way House is an emergency shelter that provides services to protect and help all survivors who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and those who feel they are in danger. Services include a safe place to stay, case management, in-house children’s programs, legal advocacy. There is also a transitional housing program called The Rise which has self-contained apartments for families leaving abusive relationships.

Housing (emergency, for adults)

Friend's Place

Address: 919 S. Rogers (Shelter)

Phone: (812) 332-1444

About: Beacon provides overnight shelter through its program Friend’s Place, to people experiencing homelessness. Friend’s Place is the only year-round, nonreligious, emergency shelter for adults (age 18+) in our region. We provide 40 safe and sober beds, 28 for men and 12 for women. Opens daily at 5:15 p.m. To access an available bed, guests should arrive at Friend’s Place at that time.

Wheeler Mission- Center for Men

Phone: (812) 333-1905

Web: wheelermission.org

Address: 215 S. Westplex Ave

About: Offers emergency shelter to assist the needs of men who need immediate shelter, as well as case-managed programs to assist the needs of men requiring long-term solutions. Featuring meals, shelter, community day room, and residential programs. No appointment necessary for emergency shelter.

Housing (Family Shelter)

New Hope Family Shelter

Phone: (812) 334-9840

E-mail: newhope@nhfsinc.org

About: The mission of the New Hope Family

Shelter (NHFS) is to provide temporary shelter for homeless families in Bloomington and Monroe County and, in collaboration with other agencies, to help those families regain housing by addressing the problems that led to homelessness.

Housing (Intact Families/Adults)

Bloomington Catholic Worker

Address: 821 North Blair Avenue, Bloomington, Indiana 47404

Phone: (812) 339-4456

About: We offer short-term, home-based hospitality to people facing homelessness.

Housing (Pregnant women)

Hannah House Maternity Home

Address: 808 N. College Ave.

Phone: (812) 334-2662

Web: hannahcenter.org

Email: angie@hannahcenter.org

About: A comprehensive residential program or pregnant women and teenagers. Offers access to prenatal and pediatric care. Also offers life skills training and assistance in achieving longer-term educational and career goals.

Housing (Rental)

Bloomington Housing Authority

Address: 1007 N. Summit St.

Phone: (812) 339-3491

About: Subsidized housing, Section 8, Public Housing. Cost varies to income eligible.

Housing and Neighborhood Development

Address: 401 N. Morton Street, Ste. 130

Phone: (812) 349-3420

Web: www.bloomington.in.gov/hand

About: Creates affordable housing opportunities in the City of Bloomington by working through its partnerships with local non-profit and for-profit developers and through its in-house housing programs. HAND provides housing counseling to individuals with housing needs or difficulties and provides a variety of learning opportunities for the community on housing related issues. In addition, HAND enforces the Property Maintenance Code and the City’s weed and trash ordinances.

Housing4Hoosiers

Website: Housing4Hoosiers.org

Email: info@housing4hoosiers.org

Phone: (317) 222-1221

About: Housing4Hoosiers.org is a one-stop website for renters and landlords in Indiana seeking resources on finding, renting, and keeping a stable and affordable rental home. Housing4Hoosiers offers guidance on where to find an affordable place to live, understanding your lease, and rights and responsibilities of tenants and landlords. The site also includes a Google map of 150 rental properties in Bloomington/Monroe County with details on

rental costs, unit sizes, and those accepting Section 8 vouchers.

Housing (homeless youth)

Stepping Stones

Address: PO Box 1366

Phone: (812) 339-9771

Web: www.stepsstones-inc.org

About: Transitional housing program and supportive service for homeless young people aged 16-20.

Youth Services Bureau

Address: 615 S. Adams St.

Phone: (812) 349-2506

About: Provides short-term residential care and crisis intervention for youth ages 10-17. Provides other services as well.

Legal and court-related services

Community Justice & Mediation Center

Address: 205 S. Walnut Suite 16

Phone: (812) 336-8677

Web: www.cjamcenter.org

Volunteer Contact: Liz Grenat, cjam@

cjamcenter.org

About: Programs include the Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program, Shoplifter’s Alternative Program, Workshops, Trainings, and Community Mediation Services for neighborhood, school, family or business conflicts.

District 10 Pro Bono Project

Address: P.O. Box 8382

Bloomington, IN 47407

Phone: (812)-339-3610

About: Purpose is to match income eligible clients with an attorney who will take their case for free. Potential clients must apply by phone on Monday from 10 AM to 12 PM, and Thursday from 2 PM to 5 PM. Please, no walk-ins, by phone only.

Legal Services Organization of Indiana, Inc. Bloomington

Address: 214 S. College Ave.

Phone: (812) 339-7668

About: Cannot help people in criminal cases. Helps people in civil cases, including: Housing (eviction, foreclosure, landlord/tenant); Public Benefits (food stamps, SSI, unemployment, poor relief, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); Health (Medicaid, Medicare); Divorce or child custody where there is child abuse or spouse abuse; Child In Need of Services (CHINS); Consumer (collections and repossessions); Education (including expulsion and access to special education services and Vocational Rehabilitation); Access to Justice (e.g. denial of a court-appointed attorney in certain civil cases).

Monroe County Court Appointed Special Advocates

Address: 201 N. Morton Street

Phone: (812) 333-2272

Web: www.monroecountycasa.org

Volunteer Contact: Kelli Shannon ([812] 333-2272, ext. 11; kelli.shannon@monroecountycasa.org)

About: Provides direct advocacy for child victims of physical abuse, sexual abuse and neglect. Volunteer advocates represent children in the court process to protect the child’s best interests.

Monroe County Prosecutor—Victim Assistance Program

Address: 301 N. College Ave., Rm. 211

Phone: (812) 349-2670

Web: www.co.monroe.in.us

Volunteer Contact: Sarah Lanman ([812]349-2670; slanman@co.monroe.in.us)

About: Helps to ease the trauma victim’s burden by explaining the criminal justice process, accompanying victims to court, updating them on current cases and obtaining restitution.

Meals and pantries (no cost)

Meals

Area 10 Agency on Aging

Address: 631 West Edgewood Drive, Ellettsville, IN 47429

Phone: (812) 876-3383

Web: www.area10agency.org

About: Offers congregate meals, please call or visit website for the most up to date sites and times. Seniors must be 60+ and can complete a brief application at the meal site of their choosing. A \$2.50 donation is requested. We also provide home delivered meals to homebound seniors who are 60+ and who are unable to prepare meals for themselves due to illness or disability. An application to determine eligibility is required and a \$2 donation is requested. We also have a mobile food pantry to provide homebound seniors with two bags of groceries and frozen food each month. Seniors must be 60+ and meet eligibility requirements.

Bloomington Meals on Wheels, Inc.

Address: 727 W. 1st Street

Mailing Address: 2620 N. Walnut Street, Suite 925

Phone: (812) 355-8224

Web: www.bloomingtonmealsonwheels.org

About: Provides meals to homebound people who are unable to cook for themselves. No age or economic restrictions. To enroll, call number listed. A volunteer will arrange for meal delivery and special dietary needs, explain the costs and how payments can be made.

Bloomington Catholic Worker

Address: 821 North Blair Avenue, Bloomington, Indiana 47404

Phone: (812) 339-4456

About: We share a home-based dinner every

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night of the week at 6:00 on the southside to which all are welcome. Thursday nights have the largest feast. Please call so we can direct you to the correct house.

Community Kitchen

Address: 1515 S. Rogers St.

Phone: (812) 332-0999

Web: www.monroecommunitykitchen.com

Monday-Saturday: Dinner: 4-6 p.m.p.m.

Volunteer Contact: June Taylor, june@monroecommunitykitchen.com .

About: Provides hot meals in a sit-down area as well as cold carry-out boxed meals. Also provides meals for afterschool programs at Boys and Girls Club and The Rise.

Community Kitchen Express

Address: 1100 W. 11th St.

Monday-Saturday: Dinner: 4-6 p.m.

About: Provides hot and cold meals as carry-out only. See Community Kitchen listing (above) for phone and volunteer information.

First Christian Church

Address: Corner of Kirkwood Ave. and Washington St.

Sunday: Breakfast: 8-9:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Address: Corner of Lincoln and 7th Streets

Saturday: Breakfast: 7:30-9:00 a.m.

Harvest House Soup Kitchen

Address: 1107 S. Fairview Dr.

Phone: (812) 339-4462

Sunday: Lunch: 2-4 p.m.

Shalom Community Center

Address: 620 South Walnut Street

Phone: (812) 334-5728

Web: www.shalomcommunitycenter.org

Monday-Friday: Breakfast: 8-9:30 a.m.; Lunch: 12-1:30 p.m (except Wednesday lunch, 12-1 p.m.)

About: A daytime resource center for those experiencing homelessness and poverty. The facility is open all day and functions as a Day Shelter for guests, where they can use restroom facilities, make phone calls, and do their laundry. Guests can go there to see case workers, employment counselors, connect with visiting agencies, seek assistance through the Family Homelessness Prevention Project, store belongings, receive mail, use restroom facilities, and take a hot shower.

Pantries/Groceries

Area 10 Agency on Aging

See meals and pantries —meals

City Church Healing Hands Outreach

Address: 1917 S Walnut St.

Phone: (812) 272-2515

Web: healinghandsbloomington.org

Email: info@healinghandsbloomington.org

About: City Food Outreach gives a bag of groceries to those in need. To receive a bag of groceries please call our Healing Hands ministry to set up an appointment.

Hoosier Hills Food Bank

Address: 2333 W. Industrial Park Drive

Phone: (812) 334-8374

Web: www.hhfoodbank.org

Volunteer Contact: Ryan Jochim, volunteer@hhfoodbank.org.

About: Collects, stores, and distributes donated food to over 100 nonprofit organizations, including emergency food pantries, daycare centers serving low-income children, youth programs, shelters, residential homes and soup kitchens. These agencies collectively serve 25,800 people each year. Individuals seeking food assistance should visit Finding Food. We also administer 4 mobile pantries in Lawrence, Martin and Orange County that serve over 400 households each month. In addition, we have a CSFP (Commodity Supplemental Food Program) that serves around 1,000 seniors each month and supplies them with a 40-lb box of food.

MCUM Self-Sufficiency Center

Address: 827 W. 14th Ct.

Phone: (812) 339-3429

Web: www.mcum.org

Hours: M, T, Th, and F from 12-4 p.m.

About: Distributes non-perishable food, three days' supply provided. Must be Monroe County resident and complete a brief intake form. We also offer online ordering where individuals can place an order online at mcum.org for pick-up or delivery

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

Address: 1100 Allen Street

Phone: (812) 355-6843

Web: www.mhcfoodpantry.org

Hours: Monday-Friday 12-6 p.m.

About: Provides nutritious food to people in need. Most of the food is received from the Hoosier Hills Food Bank. Also operates a Nutrition Education Program and an organic Community Gardening Program.

Pantry 279

Address: 501 W. Temperance, Ellettsville, IN 47420

Phone: (812) 606-1524

Web: https://pantry279.org

Hours: Monday-Wednesday 3-6pm, Saturday p.m.

About: We are a low barrier pantry, meaning

anyone in need of food can come. You may also pick up for other families as well, but we will need a name, address, and how many in household. Boxes of food vary depending on donations, but there is always a meat, canned food, dry goods, and produce is unlimited. We try to provide food for between 4-7 days. We are currently doing drive thru style distribution due to COVID. We post all updates immediately on our Facebook page.

'Salvation Army

Address: 111 N. Rogers St.

Phone: (812) 336-4310

Hours: Tue, Thurs 1-3:30 and Wed, Fri 9-11:30

About: Need ID. Depending upon income and resources, can offer one week's supply of groceries. Will not provide again for at least 30 days.

First United Methodist Church

Address: 219 E. 4th Street

Hours: Wednesdays, 3:00-5:30 p.m.

About: Provides brown bag lunch, groceries.

Township Trustees Food Pantries— Bloomington

Address: 2111 W. Vernal Pike

Phone: (812) 336-4976

Hours: Monday–Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

About: Provides canned goods. Must be a resident of Bloomington Township.

Township Trustees Food Pantries—Perry

Address: 1010 S. Walnut St.

Phone: (812) 336-3713

Hours: Monday–Friday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

About: Provides canned goods. Must be a resident of Perry Township.

Older citizen programs

Area 10 Agency on Aging

Address: 631 W. Edgewood Drive, Ellettsville, Indiana 47429

Phone: (812) 876-3383

Web: www.area10agency.org

About: Offers programs and services, as well as being a resource of information about services for older and disabled citizens living in Monroe and Owen counties. Services that can be accessed include the Aging and Disability Resource Center, 2-1-1 Infolink, in-home health-related services and referrals, home-delivered meals, food pantry, congregate meal sites, support groups, education for family caregivers, affordable housing, assistance for the homebound, handyman services, a long-term-care ombudsman program for residents of area nursing homes, RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program, recreational and arts programs at Area 10's Endwright Center in Ellettsville, and Rural Transit bus service.

Pregnancy testing, counseling, education

Planned Parenthood

See health care.

WIC Program

See family services.

Rent, utility, bill assistance

First call the Township Trustee in the Monroe County Township in which you live: Bean Blossom (876-5109), Benton (339-6593), Bloomington (336-4976), Clear Creek (824-7225), Indian Creek (824-4981), Perry (336-3713) Polk (837-9446), Richland (876-2509), Salt Creek (332-9777), Van Buren (825-4490), Washington (331-0809).

Youth programs

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Address: 501 N. Walnut

Phone: (812) 334-2828

Email: bbbs@bigsindiana.org

Web: www.bigsindiana.org

About: Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Indiana helps children in Monroe and Owen counties reach their potential through professionally supported, one to one relationships with measurable impact.

Bloomington Boys and Girls Club

Address: 311 S. Lincoln St.

Phone: (812) 332-5311

Web: www.bgbcbloomington.org

About: A guidance organization which fosters the physical, intellectual and social growth of boys and girls ages 6-18 with a special concern for those most in need of service.

Girls Inc.

Address: 1108 W. 8th St.

Phone: (812) 336-7313

Web: www.girlsinc-monroe.org

Volunteer Contact: Lucy Berger, Director of Operations ([812] 336-7313; lberger@monroe.girls-inc.org)

About: Girls Inc. of Monroe County, is an affiliate of a national youth organization dedicated to inspiring girls to be strong, smart, and bold through after school programming, organized sports, and summer/winter camps. Provides programming for girls ages 6 to 18. Services include transportation, organized sports, a teen room, technology, self-defense and homework help.

Harmony School

Address: 909 E. 2nd St.

Phone: (812) 334-8349

Web: www.harmonyschool.org

About: An independent pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade school providing education to youth ages 3 to 18 from a wide range of economic and educational backgrounds.

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WonderLab Museum of Science, Health and Technology

Address: 308 W. 4th St.

Phone: (812) 337-1337

Web: www.wonderlab.org

Volunteer Program: (812) 337-1337 ext. 20 or volunteer@wonderlab.org

About: WonderLab is an award-winning science museum with hands-on exhibits and programs for children and their families. WonderLab offers a free Teen Night monthly during the school year. WonderLab also participates in the Access Pass Program, which provides reduced admission of \$1 per family member per visit for eligible families. The museum also offers many half-price admission events. Volunteering is a natural next step for teens. Those entering grade 7 are eligible to become volunteers at the museum. Additionally, high school students are eligible to apply for summer internships at WonderCamp, the museum's summer science day camp.

Youth Services Bureau

Address: 615 S. Adams St.

Phone: (812) 349-2506

Web: www.youthservicesbureau.net

About: Alongside youth shelter (see housing [youth]), provides counseling, education, supervised recreation, and transportation to and from school, as well as referrals to a variety of agencies for other needed services.

Additional services

Bloomington Newcomers and Neighbors Club

Address: P.O. 8231, Bloomington, IN. 47407-8231

Email: btownnewcomersneighbors@gmail.com

Web: www.bloomingtonnnc.com

About: Bloomington Newcomers and Neighbors is a social club that offers fun and friendships to residents of Monroe County and the surrounding areas. We have monthly scheduled luncheon meetings, many interest groups, including cards, games, book clubs and outings, and have

regular dinner events. We encourage members to learn more about Bloomington and to develop friendships by sharing interest and hobbies. Please visit our website, and contact us by sending a note to the address above or emailing us.

Catholic Charities-Bloomington

Address: 803 N. Monroes St, Bloomington

Phone: (812) 332-1262

Web: www.CatholicCharitiesBtown.org

About: Provides education, social service delivery, and advocacy. Takes special interest in poor, disabled, and otherwise disadvantaged persons. Serves residences of Brown, Lawrence, Morgan, Monroe, Orange and Owen counties, especially through mental health services. Provides individual, family, couples and group counseling. Do not currently have anyone on staff who speaks Spanish, so they provide only English language mental health counseling.

City of Bloomington Volunteer Network

Address: 401 N. Morton St. Suite 260

Phone: 812-349-3433

Web: www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer

About: The Volunteer Network, which has over 200 local partner nonprofit and governmental organizations, is your one-stop source for volunteer information in Bloomington and Monroe County. Member organizations post their volunteer needs on the Network's online database so potential volunteers can see what community needs they can meet. The Volunteer Network also offers training in volunteer management to new volunteer coordinators and training in nonprofit board service to new and continuing board members. The Network partners with the Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration Commission in the organization of the 'A Day On, Not a Day Off' day of service, in which thousands of Bloomingtonians participate. In addition, the Network matches the material needs of local nonprofit organizations with community members and businesses who can meet those needs through our partnership with the Herald-Times on the Community Wish List.

Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County

Address: 213 E. Kirkwood Avenue

Phone: (812) 331-4069

Web: www.monroecountyhabitat.org

About: Habitat for Humanity helps families and volunteers to build homes for those living in inadequate housing. The homes are for families who have an income but do not have the funds to secure a bank loan. The money to build the homes comes from contributions from local churches, citizens, businesses, and other sponsors. Families pay back a zero interest mortgage over 15-25 years. That money goes into a fund which helps to pay for more houses.

Monroe County Safe Kids Chapter

Phone: (812) 353-5437

About: Certified Child Passenger Safety technicians will help you install your child's car seat and answer questions regarding general vehicle safety. If you need financial help with the purchase of a seat, let us know. All services are by appointment only.

Midwest Pages to Prisoners Project

Address: 310A S. Washington St.

Phone: (812) 339-8710

Web: www.pagestoprisoners.org

Volunteer Contact: Tess Hannah (339-8710; midwestpagestoprisoners@yahoo.com)

About: Provides free reading material to inmates upon request. Encourages self-education among prisoners in the United States.

Monroe County Public Library

Address: 303 E. Kirkwood Ave.

Phone: (812) 349-3050

Web: www.mcpl.info

About: Offers free books, magazines, music CDs, and movies to check out; public Internet computers; downloadable audiobooks and ebooks; and free programs for all ages. It serves the county through facilities in Bloomington and Ellettsville, the Bookmobile, the Outreach Van, and Homebound service. Library cards are available at no charge to all county residents. The VITAL literacy program offers one-on-one confidential tutoring to adult learners and ESL conversation groups. During the school year, the library offers homework help to elementary students and math and reading/writing homework

help to teens. During income tax season, volunteers offer free tax help. The library also has public meeting rooms for use by nonprofit groups. Anyone in the community can produce a program through Community Access TV (CATS) for the Public Access Channel.

New Leaf-New Life, Inc.

Address: 1010 S. Walnut St., Suite F

Phone: (812) 355-6842

Email: newleaf1010@gmail.com

Web: www.newleaf-newlife.org

About: New Leaf-New Life runs therapeutic programs in the Monroe County jail, and provides products and services to ex-offenders at our office at 1010 South Walnut, Suite F. Services offered include: assistance in obtaining a birth certificate or social security card, employment help, support groups, family support, community referrals, clothing, bus tickets, hygiene products, and funding for GED testing. Volunteer opportunities can include: mentoring, transition services, office work, family outreach, and programming in the Jail. Check our Facebook page for news and updates.

Reach High Consulting & Therapy LLC.

Autism ABA and Diagnostic Clinic

Address: 2101 W Tapp Rd. Bloomington IN 47403

Website: reachhighconsulting.org

Phone: 812-330-4460

Fax: 812-330-4461

Email: aba@reachhighconsulting.org

About RHC: Reach High is Bloomington's first ABA clinic. Reach High was birthed out of a growing need in the City of Bloomington. Providing Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) has meant families and clients are equipped with the tools to reach their maximum potential. Reach High strives to have clients in multiple environments within the community, this allows for skill sets to be strengthened and become more natural overtime.

Reach High Consulting & Therapy LLC.

Address: 1501 Tapp Road

Email: services@reachhighconsulting.org

About: Founded in 2010, Reach High was Bloomington Indiana's first Autism Therapy