

# United Way of Porter County

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

United Way will improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of the Porter County community.

## **VISION**

To be the key community-building leader in Porter County.

## **COMMITMENTS**

**We are committed to:**

- Empowering community members to achieve their charitable giving goals
- Ensuring quality services and programs
- Promoting and supporting volunteerism
- Continually evaluating and adapting to community needs
- Maintaining excellence, integrity, and accountability in all endeavors
- Building coalitions and partnerships
- Respecting the dignity of all people

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**[www.unitedwaypc.org](http://www.unitedwaypc.org)**

- Disclaimer: Inclusion of a program and/or agency in this directory does not necessarily indicate, nor imply, United way of Porter County's intention to fund or endorse that program and/or agency.
- Although every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the contents of this directory, we apologize for any errors or omissions.
- You can also find the Resource Directory on our website at [www.unitedwaypc.org](http://www.unitedwaypc.org)

## Adult Protective Services

Phones: (219) 326-6808 Ext 420, (800) 992-6978  
Fax: (219) 324-9394  
809 State St.  
5th Floor County Complex  
LaPorte, IN 46352  
**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Investigate abuse, neglect or exploitation of endangered adults (persons over 18 who are unable to provide self care due to dementia, mental retardation, mental illness, or other incapacity). Programs include: Initiate criminal action, referral to social and legal services, coordination of service providers, facilitating medical treatment, and obtaining protective service orders.

## Alice's House

Phone: (219) 462-7600  
Fax: (219) 462-7600  
606 Brown St.  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
**Office Hours: M-F 6:00 am-10:00 pm**  
**[www.alicesvalpo.com](http://www.alicesvalpo.com)**

Alice's House helps women addicted to drugs or alcohol become contributing members of society. We offer a structured living environment with 24 hour supervision, counseling, group meals, random drug testing, and life skills.

## Aliveness Project of NWI

Phone: (219)985-6170, 1-800-293-7312  
5490 Broadway Ste. L-3  
Merrillville, IN 46410  
**Office Hours: M-TH 8:00 am-1:00 pm, Testing M 5:00 pm-7:00 pm, TH 3:00 pm-7:00 pm**  
**[thealivenessprojectnwi.org](http://thealivenessprojectnwi.org)**

The Aliveness Project provides HIV care coordination services to HIV/AIDS infected individuals in Lake, LaPorte and Porter Counties. We also provide substance abuse care coordination, HIV testing and counseling, HIV speaker's bureau, HIV + support group, prevention education and outreach. Call to find locations of satellite offices in the different counties.

## Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter

Phone: 1 (800) 272-3900, (317) 575-9620  
Fax: (219) 980-9721  
50 E 91st St Suite 100  
Indianapolis, IN 46410  
**Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am - 5:30 pm**  
**[www.alz.org/indiana](http://www.alz.org/indiana)**

Provide support, information, and resource referrals for individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's Disease. Toll-free help the available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Support groups, education program, and safe return care consultation.

## American Cancer Society

Phones: (219) 793-1030, (888) 635-9255  
Fax: (219) 793-1033  
1551 E 85th Ave.  
Merrillville, IN 46410  
**Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm**  
**[www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)**

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service. Visit us at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) or call 800-ACS-2345 for a complete list of programs and services provided.

## American Red Cross – Porter County Chapter

Phone: (219) 462-8543  
Fax: (219) 464-8189  
755 W. Lincolnway  
Valparaiso, IN 46385  
**Office Hours: M-F 9:00 am –4:00 pm**  
**[www.portercountyredcross.org](http://www.portercountyredcross.org)**

Providing local services of National American Red Cross Programs to residents and businesses of Porter County. This chapter provides various health and safety classes such as CPR, first aid, pet first aid and babysitting. Blood services in bloodmobiles and emergency blood transfer, disaster services with a disaster action team and military services in emergency communications for military personnel and their families.

## Village Park Enrichment Center at Banta

Phone: (219) 462-1301

Fax: (219) 462-8279

605 Beech St.

Valparaiso, IN 46383

**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am - 4:30 pm**

Banta Activity Center specializes in activity opportunities for those 50+. Programs range from health and education to recreational, social, and entertaining. Staying active keeps seniors healthier. The center offers regular daily and weekly programs such as exercise, pinochle, bridge, line dancing, lunch, and billiards. Special events are held throughout the year. During tax season, free tax assistance is available by appointment. Activity calendars are mailed to members. Calendars and trips brochures are available at the Banta office.

## Baptist Children's Home & Family Ministries

Phone: (219) 462-4111

Fax: (219) 464-9540

354 West St Suite 1

Valparaiso, IN 46383

**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am - 4:30 pm**

[www.baptistchildrenshome.org](http://www.baptistchildrenshome.org)

Christian child care and counseling, parenting and foster care training. Group homes and foster care. Counseling for individuals, family, children, Adoption and maternity.

Phone: (219) 791-9550

## Better Business Bureau of NWI

7863 Broadway Ste. 124

Merrillville, IN 46410

**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

[www.northernindianabb.org](http://www.northernindianabb.org)

The Better Business Bureau reports on honesty of business and charities and acts as a channel of complaint adjustment.

## Birthright of Valparaiso

Phone: (219) 462-3502

905 Calumet Ave

Valparaiso, IN 46383

**Office Hours: M/W/F 10:00 am– 1:00 pm, T/TH 1:00 pm– 4:00 pm**

Birthright offers free pregnancy testing. Volunteers offer concern and friendship to women for whom pregnancy may be a problem. Birthright guards privacy and helps get medical, financial, housing or psychological help. Maternity clothes, baby clothes and diapers are provided when needed.

## Bonner Senior Center

Phone: (219) 762-3591, (219) 762-1522

5800 Lexington

Portage, IN 46368

**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:00 pm, SA 11:00 am-2:45 pm**

Nutrition site and activity center for seniors. Membership 55 or older \$5.00. Lunch 60 or older \$1.50. Bingo, cards, fitness, socializing, international resources, health screening.

Phone: (219) 836-1720

## Boys Scouts of America-Calumet Council

Fax: (219) 836-7973

8751 Calumet Ave.

Munster, IN 46321

**Office Hours: M-F 8:30am-4:30 pm**

[www.calumetcouncil.org](http://www.calumetcouncil.org)

This youth oriented agency provides the Boy Scout Program to first grade through high school aged boys.

## Boys Scouts of America-LaSalle Council

Phone: (800) 827-3867, (574) 289-0337

Fax: (574) 289-0336

1340 S Bend Ave

South Bend, IN 46617

The Boy Scouts of America offers program serving youth ages 7-20. All programs maintain a 3:1 youth-to-adult ratio and focus on character development, the outdoors, community service, leadership, citizenship, fitness, career and socialization.

## Boys & Girls Clubs of Porter County

Phones: (219) 464-7282, (219) 762-4613  
Fax: (219) 462-1081  
354 Jefferson  
P.O. Box 254  
Valparaiso, IN 46384

**Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am-5:00 pm (Club hours vary in winter and summer)**

**www.bgcpoco.org**

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Porter County is to inspire and enable the youth of our communities to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens. We have 4 locations: Valparaiso, South Haven, Duneland and Portage. We also have Kidstop, before and after school childcare sites at 9 locations in Porter County, as well as childcare during scheduled school breaks and summer.

## Call-A-Ride

Phone: (219) 996-7433  
Fax: (219) 996-2531  
195 Boardwalk  
Hebron, IN 46341

**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am - 10:00 am**

Provides free transportation for residents of Boone Township for the elderly, indigent and handicapped.

## Café Manna

Phone: (219) 464-4042  
1511 LaPorte Ave  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**Free Meal Thursday 4:30pm-6:30 pm**

## The Caring Place

Phone: (219) 464-0840, (219) 464-2128,  
(800) 930-0466  
Fax: (219) 464-2672  
3107 Cascade Dr.  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am– 4:00 pm**

**www.thecaringplacenwi.org**

The Caring Place provides safe shelter and services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their dependent children. Free and confidential services include safe shelter, domestic violence counseling, advocacy, referrals and support groups. Dating violence, date rape, sexual harassment and bullying prevention programs for teens as well as community education programs and professional training on domestic violence and sexual assault are available.

## Catholic Charities

Phone: (219) 762-1177  
Fax: (219) 762-1827  
6350 Central Ave  
Portage IN 46368

**Office Hours: T/TH 12:00 pm-8:00 pm, W/F 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**www.catholic-charities.org**

Counseling—family, individuals, couples management skills, Material assistance, financial assistance and advocacy for qualifying families. Program availability may vary. Adoption-provide adoption services & assistance to families interested in adoption of infants, children with special needs & international adoptions.

## The Center for Possibilities/Cerebral Palsy of Northwest Indiana

Phone: (219) 962-5751  
Fax: (219) 962-5713  
22 Tyler Ave  
Hobart IN 46342

**Office Hours: M-F 7:45 am - 2:30 pm**  
**centerforpossibilities.org**

Licensed day care for disabled children 15 months through 6 years. We also have a daily living skills program for severely disabled adults ages 18 yrs. and up. Children receive preschool training, physical, occupational, and speech therapies (w/doctor's referral). Adults learn independent living skills—bed making, cleaning, laundry, etc. plus have support groups and time for socialization.

## Child Care Resource & Referral (Workforce Development Services)

Phone: (866) 582-2229, (219) 882-0033  
Fax: (219) 882-9253  
P.O. Box 59  
Gary IN 46402

**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-5:00 pm, W 8:00 am-8:00 pm, 2nd & 4th Sat 8:00am-12:00 pm**  
**www.wdscrr.org**

We help parents find child care, recruit child care providers, and train child care providers. We serve Lake, Porter, and La Porte Counties. We use the National Association for Child Care Resource & Referral Database to bring together local providers, community organizations, and parents.

## Christian Care Counseling Center

Phone: (219) 465-7777

Fax: (219) 464-9540

354 West St

Valparaiso, IN 46383

**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm**

**[www.baptistchildrenshome.org](http://www.baptistchildrenshome.org)**

Christian Care Counseling offers counseling to pregnant women and their partners who are questioning whether to parent or make an adoption plan. We are also a referral service for housing and other physical needs.

## Northwest Indiana Community Action Corp.

Phone: (219) 794-1829, 1 (800) 826-7871

5240 Fountain Dr.

Crown Point, IN 46307

**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**[www.nwi-ca.com](http://www.nwi-ca.com)**

Christian Community Action provides shelter and support to individuals and families struggling with homelessness, crisis concerns, and/or mental illness as they move toward self-sufficiency

## Consumer Credit Counseling Service of NWI

Phones: (219) 980-4800, (800) 982-4801

Fax: (219) 769-0454

3637 Grant St

Gary, IN 46408

**Office Hours: M-F 9:00 am– 5:00 pm**

**[www.cccsnwi.org](http://www.cccsnwi.org)**

CCCS of NW Indiana is a non-profit agency that serves as a liaison between consumers and creditors with counseling, education, and information to wise and responsible use of credit. Services include: free budget counseling, debt management counseling, first time home buyer classes, pre-purchasing classes, reverse mortgage counseling, HUD housing counseling, credit report counseling, social community education presentations, post-purchasing counseling, free education classes, K-12 curriculum classes.

## Crisis Center

Phones: (219) 938-7070, (800) 519-0469

Fax: (219) 938-7502

101 N Montgomery St.

Gary, IN 46403

**Office Hours: 8:00 am-4:00 pm**

**[www.crisiscenterysb.org](http://www.crisiscenterysb.org)**

The Crisis Center is composed of individuals trained to respond to people of any age in crisis, helping them to help themselves through appropriate counseling and referral. The Crisis Contact Hope Line (suicide hotline) is available 24 hours a day, everyday of the year, FREE. Hundreds of thousands of problems receive responses and referrals each year.

## Deaf Services

Phone: (219) 769-6506, (219) 769-8912

Fax: (219) 769-6975

6 E. 67th Ave.

Merrillville, IN 46410

**Office Hours: M-F 9:00am – 4:30 pm**

**[www.deafservicesinc.org](http://www.deafservicesinc.org)**

The mission of Deaf Services is to respond to the needs of deaf and hard of hearing individuals living in Lake and Porter Counties through services, education and advocacy. Sign language interpreting services, case management services, sign language classes, sale of listening devices, girl's youth program, educational workshop/presentations.

## Dunebrook

Phones: (219) 874-0007, (800)-897-0007

Fax (219) 872-4213

7451 W Johnson Rd

Michigan City, IN 46360

**M-F 8:00 am-5:00 pm**

**[www.dunebrook.org](http://www.dunebrook.org)**

Dunebrook works collaboratively with many agencies to provide parenting education and support programs. Helping families prepare their children for success by six or by the time they enter school is a hallmark of Dunebrook's services. Community Partners add the ability to provide support, regardless of the ages of the children. **Meeting our vision of every child safe, healthy and happy is what Dunebrook is all about.** In addition to providing family support, Dunebrook offers primary prevention programs as well.

## Duneland Family YMCA

Phone: (219) 926-4204  
Fax: (219) 926-2603  
215 Roosevelt St  
Chesterton, IN 46304

**Facility Hours: M-F 5:30 am-9:00 pm,  
Sat 7:00 am-2:00 pm, Sun 12:00 pm-3:00 pm**  
[www.ymca.net](http://www.ymca.net)

The Duneland YMCA is a not-for-profit organization putting Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all. Financial assistance is available for all programs and membership. Some programs include: child care, youth sports, family programs and fitness.

## Exceptional Equestrians Unlimited

Phone: 219-945-0726  
5307 E 61st Ave  
Hobart, IN 46342

**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am - 5:00 pm**  
[www.eeunwi.org](http://www.eeunwi.org)

To provide educational and therapeutic horseback riding activities to the disabled, for an improved quality of life utilizing professional instructors and trained volunteers in a safe and secure environment. Equine assisted programs for children and adults in Northwest Indiana. We use volunteers as mount leaders and side walkers.

## EyeCare America

Free Eye Exams for qualified individuals.

[www.eyecareamerica.org](http://www.eyecareamerica.org)

## Family Concern Counseling

Phone: (219) 477-5646  
2004 Valparaiso St  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**Office Hours: M-F 8:30-5:00 pm**  
**Some Evenings**  
[www.familycounsel.org](http://www.familycounsel.org)

We provide affordable Christian counseling for individuals, couples, and families as well as seminars and support groups.

## Family Focus

Phones: (800) 582-4198, (219) 462-9200  
Fax (219) 465-1245  
660 Morthland Dr.  
Valparaiso, IN 46385

**Office Hours : M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm**  
[www.familyfocusinc.net](http://www.familyfocusinc.net)

Programs include K.I.D.S. (Kids in Difficult Situations), KKIS (Keeping Kids in Safe Surroundings), FATHER (a family support group), INTACT (intense intervention-Families Beyond Conflict) and Transparent (a class for divorced parents).

## Family House

Phone: (219) 464-4160  
Fax: (219) 477-5469  
610 Glendale Blvd.  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**Office Hours: M 9:00 am-5:00 pm T/TH 9:00 am-7:00 pm, W 9:00 am -8:00 pm, F 9:00 am-6:00 pm, SA 9:00 am-5:00 pm, SU 1:00 - 6:00 pm**  
[www.familyhouseinc.org](http://www.familyhouseinc.org)

We specialize in court-ordered supervised visitation. We also provide a neutral place for parents to transfer their children. Family House sponsors the Latchkey "I'm in Charge" Program to Porter County Schools. We teach parents and children information they need to stay at home safely. The program covers basic first aid-stranger danger, saying no to drugs & alcohol, fire prevention, 911.

## Family & Youth Services Bureau of Porter County

Phone: (219) 464-9585, (219) 763-6623  
Fax : (219) 462-4159  
253 W Lincolnway  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
6469 Central Ave  
Portage, IN 46368

**Valparaiso Hours: M-TH 8:00 am - 9:00 pm, F 8:00 am-6:00 pm**  
**Portage Hours: M-F 8:30 am - 5:30 pm**  
[www.fysb.org](http://www.fysb.org)

The mission of the Family & Youth Service Bureau is to support children and families as they encounter the various task, circumstance challenges of life so that that children have the opportunity to become capable.



## First Contact Christian Resource & Referral

Phones: (219) 764-7322

Fax: (219) 465-4288

61 Indiana Ave #D

Valparaiso, IN 46383

3484 Airport Rd

Portage, IN 46368

**Office Hours: Valparaiso M-F 9:00 am-12:00 pm, Portage M/W/TH 9:00 am-11:30 am**

First Contact serves as a network between area churches in helping the needy in Porter County. Financial, practical and a used furniture connection are resources available to the community.

## Gabriel's Horn Corporation

Phone: (219) 364-8018

Fax: (219) 763-9658

PO Box 943

Portage, IN 46368

**Office Hours: M-F 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

To shelter the homeless of Portage Township and to do what is needed to get them back on their feet. Our main purpose is to provide temporary shelter for our clients. We also provide programs and classes aimed at upgrading our clients' skills to enable them to return to the work place.

## Girl Scouts- Drifting Dunes Council

Phone: (219) 795-3900

Fax (219) 795-9644

351 College Ave

Merrillville, IN 46410

**Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am - 4:30 pm**  
**[www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org](http://www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org)**

This Girl Scouts offers programs to get ages 5-17 where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success. In partnership with committed adults, girls develop qualities that will service them all of their lives.

## Goodwill Industries of Michiana- Vocational Services

Phone: (219) 548-1314 (ext. 100)

Fax: (219) 548-7594

2109 N. Calumet Ave.

Valparaiso IN 46383

**Office M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm**

**[www.goodwill-ni.org](http://www.goodwill-ni.org)**

To provide employment services for individuals with disabilities and/or economic/social barriers to employment. Services include assessments, evaluations, job readiness classes, work experience opportunities, job placement, job coaching, as well as retention services. Individuals are referred by Indiana's Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Division of Family Resources.

## Governor's Commission For A Drug Free Indiana

Phone: (219) 462-0946, (219) 980-3475

155 Indiana Ave

Suite 102

Valparaiso IN 46383

**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:00 pm**

**[www.portercountysac.org](http://www.portercountysac.org)**

The governor's commission covers four NWI counties helping each county fight drugs and alcohol abuse. A \$200 fine is attached to each DUI in the State of Indiana that funds each county's plans and programs to fight the war on drugs. The abusers are those paying for the programs. The Governor's Commission office helps each county write and facilitate plans to combat drugs and alcohol.

## Home Help Services of Porter County

Phones: (219) 462-5195, (800) 227-6334  
Fax: (219) 462-6020  
2401 Valley Dr.  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am - 4:30 pm**  
**[www.vnatportercounty.org](http://www.vnatportercounty.org)**

Sister agency to the VNA. Programs offered include housekeeping, meal preparation, laundry, shopping, errands, personal care, respite care companions. Health Watch personal emergency response system and Meals on Wheels- nutritious meals delivered to individuals in their home.

## Habitat for Humanity of Greater Valparaiso

Phone: (219) 531-0359  
PO Box 492  
Valparaiso, IN 46384  
**[www.portercountyhabitat.org](http://www.portercountyhabitat.org)**

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian housing ministry that builds homes with partnering families and sells the house at no profit and with no interested charged to these families who could not otherwise afford a home. Applicants must (1) lives in sub-standard, overcrowded or in affordable housing; (2) live or work in Center, Liberty, Jackson, Porter, Union, Washington, or Morgan Township; (3) be low-income, yet have enough income to afford a zero-interested mortgage; and (4) be willing to volunteer 300 hours of more in the construction of their home.

## Hannah's Hope

PO Box 2422  
Portage, IN 46368  
[hannahshope.org](http://hannahshope.org)

Hannah's Hope provides monetary support for qualifying families purchasing costly medical equipment and needed therapies in the Northwest Indiana First Steps program. They fundraise for organization funding pediatric brain research. They also host family gatherings for special needs children, their parents, and siblings, allowing them the opportunity to connect with other families.

## Head Start XXI Geminus Corp.

Phone: (219) 531-5571, (219) 465-6288,  
1-(888)893-6891  
1005 N Campbell St.  
Valparaiso, IN 46385  
**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:00 pm**  
**[www.geminus.org](http://www.geminus.org)**

Head Start is a federally funded program designed to provide comprehensive development services to low income preschoolers and their families. Specific services for children focus on education, social/emotional development, physical and mental health, and nutrition. Children with disabilities and their families are always welcome and encouraged to enroll in Head Start.

## HealthLinc, Inc.

Phone: (219) 477-6080  
Fax: (219) 462-7504  
454 S. College Ave  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
**Office Hours: M-T 8am-8pm, F 8am-6om,  
Saturday 9am-6pm.**  
**[www.healthlincchc.org](http://www.healthlincchc.org)**

Medical services: Primary and preventative care, chronic disease, women's health, well child exams, immunizations, prenatal/referrals, and medication assistance. Dental services: exams, cleaning, extractions and fillings, children welcome. Accepting Medicaid, Hoosier Healthwise and Medicare. Sliding fee based on income. Appointment necessary.

## Hilltop Neighborhood House

Phone: (219) 477-4222  
Fax (219) 477-6544  
460 S College Ave  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-5:00 pm,  
Child Care M-F 6:30 am-6:00 pm**  
**[www.hilltophouse.org](http://www.hilltophouse.org)**

Offering quality child care for infants through five years of age. Special emphasis on scholarships for children from families who cannot afford market rates. We also have a partnership with Hilltop Neighborhood Association in empowerment and self-sufficiency efforts such as the Village Food Pantry.

## Housing Opportunities

Phone: (219) 548-2800

Fax: (219) 548-2807

2001 Calumet Ave

Valparaiso, IN 46383

**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:00 pm**

**[www.housing-opportunities.com](http://www.housing-opportunities.com)**

Housing Opportunities serves the community through the development and provision of safe, decent and affordable housing and customized support services. Home buyers education, down payment assistance, new construction homes, financial literacy, individual development accounts, permanent and transitional housing. **Food Pantry T & W 9am-3pm**

## In-Pact

Phone: (219) 662-1905

Fax: (219) 662-4095

12300 Marshall St

Crown Point, IN 46307

**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am - 4:30 pm**

**[www.IN-pact.org](http://www.IN-pact.org)**

This agency provides services necessary to enable people with autism and other developmental disabilities to live, work, and be educated in their community. In-Pact provides group homes, supported living, specialized foster care, epilepsy information and referral, summer program, support services to families, employment services and affordable rental units in Porter County.

## Indiana Donated Dental Service

Phone: (317) 631-6022

44 Michigan St

Indianapolis, IN 46206-0872

Dentists throughout the state have volunteered to provide comprehensive dental care at no charge to people of all ages who, because of serious disability, advanced age, or medical problems, lack adequate income to pay for needed dental care. There are no rigid financial eligibility requirements.

Braces 4 Kids 1-866-201-5906

## Indiana Legal Service

Phones: (219) 886-3161, (219) 465-1937,

(888) 255-5104

Fax: (219) 886-5143

504 Broadway, Suite A

Gary, IN 46402

**Office Hours: M-F 9:00 am– 5:00 pm**

Provide legal services and advice to low income persons living in Porter and lake counties in civil law matters. Direct legal advocacy in the civil counts of Porter and Lake Counties in the following case areas: custody, visitation, consumer, immigrant farm workers, unemployment benefits and predatory lending matters.

## Indiana Resource Center for Families With Special Needs - INSOURCE

Phones: (574) 234-7101, (800) 332-4433

Fax: 574-234-7279

1703 South Ironwood Dr.

South Bend, IN 46613

[www.insource.org](http://www.insource.org)

IN\*SOURCE utilizing a proven parent to parent model, has provided quality assistance, support services and education resources to the community of individuals and organizations that serve and support person with disabilities. We have worked to help countless families confront the complexities and what are often the challenges of having a loved one with special needs.

## Indiana Workforce Development

Phone: (219)981-4100, (219) 884-5148

1776 W 37th Ave

Gary, IN 46408

**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm**

**[www.in.gov.dwd](http://www.in.gov.dwd)**

Northwest Region Coordinator State Dislocated Worker Unit Department of Workforce Development.

## International Institute/LACASA

Phones: (219) 397-7465, (312) 353-7334  
4506 Tod Ave  
East Chicago, IN 46312  
**Office Hours: T-F 9:00 am-4:00 pm**  
[www.icanwi.org](http://www.icanwi.org)

The institute provides skilled counseling in immigration and naturalization, promotes ethnic programs of interest and acquaints the foreign-speaking with social services and educational resources of the community.

## Jacob's Ladder Pediatric Rehab Center

Phone: (219) 764-4888  
Fax: (219) 764-4805  
332 W US 6  
Valparaiso, IN 46385  
**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 pm-5:00 pm**  
[www.jsladder.org](http://www.jsladder.org)

We are a not-for-profit outpatient center designed to provide comprehensive rehabilitative therapies to physical, occupational, and speech therapies, as well as medical/neuropsychological evaluation services, free developmental screenings, and educational programs.

## Job Corps

Phone: (219) 769-0212, 1-800-733-Jobs  
Fax: (219) 884-1744  
7863 Broadway #238  
Merrillville IN 46410  
[www.jobcorps.gov](http://www.jobcorps.gov)

The Job Corps is a scholarship to attend a training program to enhance basic work skills that lead to quality employment with advancement opportunities. We serve youth ages 16-24, and provide room, board, tuition, and stipends to help youth attain academic education, social skills, and job placement.

## Work One Express

Phone: (219) 476-4764, (219) 762-6592  
Fax: (219) 462-3945, Fax: (219) 762-1052  
3100 Ivy Tech Dr., Valparaiso, IN 46383  
1575 Adler Circle, Portage, IN 46368  
**Office Hours: Portage M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm**  
**Valparaiso M/W/Th 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, T 8:00 am-7:00 pm, F 8:00 am-12:00 pm**  
[nwi.gotoworkone.com](http://nwi.gotoworkone.com)

Services include job search assistance, individual assessment, career and education information, labor market information, skills training and specialized workshops, KV Works also provides a wide range of services for not-for-profits, including training, presentation development, skill assessments, board development, and assessment with hiring needs.

## Kids Alive International

Phones: (219) 464-9035, (800) 543-7330  
Fax (219) 462-5611  
2507 Cumberland Dr.  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
[www.kidsalive.org](http://www.kidsalive.org)

Kids Alive International is an evangelical faith mission providing quality care to children and youth, which includes fulfilling their spiritual, educational, physical, emotional, and moral needs, enabling them to become fully devoted followers of Christ and effective citizens of their national cultures.

## Lions Club-Valparaiso

Phone: (219) 531-0245  
PO BOX 64  
Valparaiso, IN 46384  
**Office Hours: M-F 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

The Valparaiso Lions Club provides eyeglasses for the needy along with help to the visually impaired.

## Literacy Volunteers of America: Northwest Indiana Chapter

Phone: (219) 926-7696, (800) 348-7798  
200 W Indiana  
Chesterton IN 46304

**Office Hours: M-TH 8:00 am - 10:00 pm, F 8:00 am-4:00 pm Fall**

**M-F 8:00 am-5:00 pm Spring**

**[www.nwiliteracy.org](http://www.nwiliteracy.org)**

Any adult age 16 and over who needs to improve basic reading skills is eligible for this program.

Adult non-readers and adults who are learning to speak English receive individual instruction by a volunteer tutor. Volunteers are trained. There are no fees.

## Logansport State Hospital

Phones: (574) 722-4141, (574) 732-0089  
Fax (574) 735-3414  
1088 S ST RD 25  
PO Box 38  
Logansport, IN 46947

**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:00 pm  
(24-hour inpatient services)**

**[www.lsholine.org](http://www.lsholine.org)**

Logansport State Hospital a part of the Mental Health System of the State of Indiana that serves those citizens in need of residential psychiatric or developmental disabilities services. Community Mental Health Centers are designed to refer person to State Hospitals.

## Lupus Foundation of America– IN

Phones: (317) 225-4400, (800) 948-8806  
Fax: (317) 663-1003  
9302 N Meridian St .  
Suite 203  
Indianapolis IN 46260

**Office Hours M-F 9:00 am-4:00 pm**

**[www.lupusindiana.org](http://www.lupusindiana.org)**

The Chapter's mission is to educate and support those affected by Lupus, to find the cure and provide awareness of the signs and symptoms for Lupus for early diagnosis and treatment for the quality of life. Service include support groups, newsletter, educational programs, free brochures, fact sheets and books about Lupus.

## Lutheran Social Services of Indiana

Phones: (219) 531-1005, (888) 722-3678  
210 Washington St.  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
**[www.lutheranservices.org](http://www.lutheranservices.org)**

Our professional counselors work to bring healing to individuals, couples, children, and families in the face of complex situations in our counseling program. In our adoption program, staff work to provide caring, permanent parents for children whose relationship with their birth parents is terminated. Work is also provided for families who are preparing for the adoption experience. Our foster parent training provides initial and ongoing training requirement for those licensed by their local DFC office.

## Madison Center

Phone: 1(877) 234-0061  
1575 Adler Circle Suite E  
Portage, IN 46368

**Office Hours: M-TH 8:00 am-8:00 pm, F 8:00 am-5:00 pm**

Madison Center is a not-for-profit community mental health center which provides behavioral health care, case management, school services, day treatment for children and adolescents, individual and group counseling, adult day treatment, intensive outpatient programs for substance abuse, psychological testing, psychiatric services and Employee Assistance Programs (EAP). All Madison Center patients have full access to inpatient and residential programs on the main South Bend Campus.

## Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northern Illinois

Phones: (312) 943-8956, (800) 722-9474  
640 N LaSalle, Suite 280  
Chicago, IL 60610  
**[www.wishes.org](http://www.wishes.org)**

Miles for Kids needing medical treatment-  
American Airlines 800-882-8880.

## Meals on Wheels

Phone: (219) 462-5195  
Fax (219) 462-6020  
501 Marquette St  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am - 4:30 pm**  
**www.mowaa.org**

Meals on Wheels delivers hot, well balanced meals to homebound, elderly, ill, or disabled clients unable to prepare meals. A program of HHS of Porter County.

## Mental Health Association in Porter County

Phone: (219) 462-6267  
Fax: (219) 464-7483  
402 E Indiana Ave  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
**Office Hours: M-F 9:00 am-4:00 pm**  
**www.mhapc.org**

The Mental Health Association is an advocacy and education organization whose purpose is to promote mental wellness through education and information. We strive to raise the standard of care and to preserve the dignity of those suffering from mental illness. Programs include: Health financial aid, Christmas gift lift, widow and family support groups, open door social club, Meals That Heal (Monthly meal for ODSC), mentoring program for middle school girls, Solos (Suicide Survivors Support), Bridging the Gap (emergency assistance for medication), youth and teen grief support, advocacy and resource.

## The Midwest Center for Youth & Families

Phones: (219) 766-2999, (888) 629-3471  
Fax (219) 766-2704  
1012 W Indiana St  
Kouts, IN 46347  
**South Shore Academy**  
2301 Cumberland Dr.  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
**Office Hours: M-F 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**  
**www.midwest-center.com**

Locked residential treatment with on-grounds accredited school. Specialize in those with diagnosable emotional disorders, residential treatment, teens involved with negative peer groups.

## Moraine House

Phone: (219) 464-9983  
Fax: (219) 531-4809  
353 W Lincolnway  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:00 pm**

Moraine House is a recovery home for men. They provide a family-like environment to enable men. They provide a family-like environment to enable men to learn and practice the 12 steps of recovery as outlined in the book "Alcoholics Anonymous". Daily AA or NA Meetings, onsite counseling, relapse prevention classes, recovery dynamics and back to basic classes. 180 day programs recommended, meals included, laundry facilities, Random drug testing.

## Muscular Dystrophy Family Fund

Phones: (317) 249-8488, (317) 615-9140  
Fax (317) 853-6743  
1033 Third Ave SW Suite 108  
Carmel, IN 46032  
**Office Hours: M-TH 8:30 am - 5:00 pm,**  
**F 8:30 am - 4:00 pm**  
**www.mdff.org**

The MDFF meets the needs of individuals and families affected by one of forty-three different neuromuscular disease covered under its program, MDFF provides assistance with the day-to-day items not covered by insurance or other agencies, such as wheelchairs, hospital beds, van lifts, breathing machines, shower chairs, ramps for homes, computer, clinics, assistance with funeral expenses (to families served) and work/school advocacy.

## NAMI-Porter County (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill)

Phone: (219) 764-2958  
Fax: (219) 763-0055  
PO Box 1213  
Portage, IN 46368  
**www.namiporterco.org**

NAMI is a non profit, grass roots, self-help, support and advocacy organization of consumers, families, and friends of people with serious mental illnesses/brain disorders.

## National Kidney Foundation of Indiana

Phones: (317) 722-5640, (800) 382-9971  
Fax: (317) 722-5650  
911 E 86th St Suite 100  
Indianapolis IN 46240  
**Office Hours: 8:30 am– 4:30 pm**  
[www.kidneysindiana.org](http://www.kidneysindiana.org)

The mission of the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana is to prevent kidney and urinary tract disease, improve the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases, and increase the availability of all organs for transplantation. We emphasize patient services, patient and public education programs and research. We sponsor organ donation programs and a speakers bureau.

## National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Phones: (800) 344-4867, (317) 870-2500  
Fax: (317) 870-2520  
3500 Depaw Blvd  
Suite 1040  
Indianapolis, IN 46268  
**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am - 4:30 pm**  
[www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org)

The mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is to end the devastating effects of MS. The society provides a variety of statewide and local programs, such as equipment assistance, information and referral, lending publications, self-help groups, respite for caregivers, and educational programs.

## North Central Indiana Rural Crisis Center

Phones: (800) 933-0374, (219) 866-8825  
Fax: (219) 866-5255  
P.O. Box 212  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:00 pm 24 Hrs.**

Provide safe shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Provide advocacy and support to victims of domestic violence and educate the victims, children and public on how to prevent domestic violence and/or sexual assault in their lives.

## Northshore Health Centers

Phone: (219) 763-8112  
Fax: (219) 764-6348

**Portage High School –Stacy Mckay**  
6450 US HWY 6  
P.O. Box 1430  
Portage, IN 46368

**Office Hours: M, T & R 8:30 am-5:00 pm,  
W 8:30 am-7:00 pm, F 8:30 am-3:00 pm**

**Dental Hours: M & W 8:00 am– 7:00 pm,  
T&R 8:00am-5:00 pm, Friday 8:00 am-3:00 pm**

**Scottsdale**  
3564 Scottsdale St.  
Portage, IN 46368

**Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am-5pm, Urgent Care  
M-F 8:30 am-9:00 pm, Sat 8:00 am-12:00 pm,  
R OB/GYN & Peds open till 7pm**

**Lake Station**  
2490 Central Ave  
Lake Station, IN 46405

**Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am-5pm, Urgent Care  
M-F 8:30 am-9:00 pm, Sat 8:00 am-12:00 pm,  
T OB/GYN & Peds open till 7pm**

**Dr. Fernando Rivera Dental Center**  
3099 Central Ave  
Lake Station, IN 46405

**Office Hours: M & W 8 am– 7 pm,  
T & R 8am-7pm, F 8am-3pm**

Our mission is to provide access to quality primary health care to all who seek our services regardless of age, sex, race, income, social or cultural standing, or health condition. North Shore Health Centers provide comprehensive medical care, dental care, maternal, child and OB care, medication assistance, mental health services and referrals to individuals who do not have access to specialized medical care.

## Northwest Indiana Catholic Youth Organization

Phone: (219) 736-8931  
Fax: (219) 736-9457  
7725 Broadway Suite C  
Merrillville, IN 46410

**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:00 pm**  
**www.nwicyo.org**

The Northwest Indiana Catholic Youth Organization provides enrichment activities for youth and adults regardless of sex, race, or creed. These activities are offered year round to fulfill the needs and interest of people in schools, churches and in the community as a whole. Services are offered in athletics, band camps and volunteer services as well as other programs to meet the continually changing needs of the community.

## Northwest Indiana Dental Society

Phone: (219) 769-3504  
Fax: (219) 769-3564  
8016 Tyler ST  
Merrillville, IN 46410

**Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am– 4:30 pm**

The Dental Society offers dentist referrals to the public.

## Northwest Indiana First Steps

Phones: (219) 662-7790, (800) 387-7837  
11045 Broadway, Suite F  
Crown Point, IN 46307

**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm**  
**www.nwifs.org**

To administer the State of Indiana early Intervention System for Lake, Porter, La Porte, Newton, and Jasper Counties. First Steps provides early intervention services for children birth to the third birthday. First Steps is a social service administration bureau of child development.

## Opportunity Enterprises

Phone: (219) 464-9621  
Fax: (219) 464-9635  
2801 Evans Ave.  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm**  
**www.oppent.org**

Opportunity Enterprises provides employment, therapeutic, early intervention and residential services to individuals with mental and/or developmental disabilities, from birth through retirement. Opportunity Enterprises currently serves over 1,000 people annually from Porter, Lake and surrounding counties. We provide the following services: Adult day care, respite care, transition project, early intervention, personal and social adjustment, work evaluation, vocational training, community services and residential support.

## PSI Family service of Indiana

Phone: (888) 950-0774  
Fax (219) 756-8203  
8120 Georgia St  
Merrillville, IN 46410  
**Office Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm**  
**www.psiservicesinc.net**

Therapeutic: foster care, mental health clinic specializing in the treatment of children (under 18 years old) who are seriously emotionally disturbed, individual, groups and family therapies. Psychological assessment management, therapeutic summer camp; BODS Waiver Support Services Provider, targeted care management.

## Pines Village Retirement Communities

Phone: (219) 465-1591  
Fax: (219) 464-1666  
3303 Pines Village Circle  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
**Office Hours: M-F 9:00 am-5:00 pm**  
**www.pinesvillage.org**

We Celebrate life! The mission of Pines Village Retirement Communities is to enrich independent living for seniors by offering abundant services within a retirement community.



## Planned Parenthood of Greater Indiana

Phones: (219) 462-5976  
Fax: (219) 464-8519  
2803 Boilermaker Ct #1-F  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**Office Hours: M/T/F 9:00 am-5:00 pm,  
R 9:00 am-5:00 pm, W 11:00 am-7:00 pm  
www.ppin.org**

Family planning, pap smears, well gynecological exams, STD testing, male exams, pregnancy testing, premarital blood work, birth control.

## Portage Adult Education Center

Phone: (219) 850-4448  
Fax: (219) 763-2332  
5391 Central Ave.  
Portage, IN 46368

**Office Hours: M-R 8:00 am-9:00 pm,  
F 8:00 am-4:00 pm**

Any individual, over age 16 and not attending a regular school, may enroll in an ABE/GED learning center or the high school completion program. We also serve people who are leaning to speak English as a second language. Potential students who are interested in the adult high school credit program can call 762-6113. Program sites are available throughout the county. Chesterton 921-0174, Portage 762-1020, South Haven 762-3767, Valparaiso 462-4230, Hebron 956-2890. We also offer a family literacy program in Portage— call 762-1022.

## Portage Township YMCA

Phone: (219) 762-9622  
Fax: (219) 762-2012  
3100 Willowcreek RD  
Portage, IN 46368

**Office Hours: M-F 9:00 am-6:00 pm  
Www.ymcaofportage.org**

The purpose of the Portage YMCA is to enhance the quality of life in the community we serve by promoting healthy lifestyles through ample opportunities available to all for physical and mental development in a Christian atmosphere. Portage Township YMCA offers a variety of programs and services for toddlers through senior citizens.

## Porter County Adult Probation

Phone: (219) 465-3420  
Fax: (219) 462-7558  
16 E Lincolnway Suite 209  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**Office Hours: M/T/TH/F 8:30 am-4:30 pm,  
W 8:30 am-6:00 pm**

To provide services to the offender with the goal of reducing the probability of continued behavior while also insuring the safety of the community. Probation shall provide information to, conduct investigations, and supervise offenders for the courts. Programs include pre-trial services, intensive supervision, home detention, electronic monitoring, anti-abuse program, “A Nudge from a Judge”. Domestic violence assessments for lethality. Administrative probation modification, community transitional program, urine analysis. Porter County Alcohol and Drug Offender Services PCADOS therapeutic jurisprudence (counseling one on one and group) - offenders pay a range of fees for services rendered as required by statute.

## Porter County Association for Handicapped Children & Adults

Phone: (219) 464-7382  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**Office Hours: Call Evenings**

To assist those handicapped children and adults residing in Porter County who are deserving by virtue of the burden placed on them by the nature of being handicapped. Purchase/rentals of rehabilitation equipment, orthopedic shoes, prosthetic and orthotic appliances, hearing aids, lifelines-includes stand and power wheelchairs, walkers, forearm crutches, hospital beds, AFO's (ankle foot splints often worn by CP children.) Often assist with co-payment of insurance reimbursement for transportation to clinics, hospital, schools, therapy centers, when it is essential to diagnosis of treatment and not otherwise available.

## Porter County Cancer Society

Phone: (219) 462-7466

2502 Beech St #60

Valparaiso, IN 46383

**Office Hours: M-F 10:00 am-3:00 pm**

The Porter County Cancer Society provides financial assistance to needy cancer patients relating to cancer treatment and care. Also available is wig program, educational materials and films, loan of equipment and supplies and a scholarship to be given to a cancer patient or a child of a cancer patient.

## Porter County Council on Aging

Phones: (219) 464-9736, Transportation 462-4302

Fax: (219) 462-6993

1005 N Campbell St

Valparaiso, IN 46385

**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-12:00 pm and**

**1:00 pm-4:30 pm**

**[www.portercountyacs.org](http://www.portercountyacs.org)**

Porter County Aging and Community Services helps the elderly, special needs, and low income person in Porter County maintain a better quality of life. The following services are provided: Transportation service 464-4302, senior citizen nutrition sites in Valparaiso, Hebron, Porter, and Portage, information and referral, housing, employment, community outreach, monthly newsletter, energy assistance programs, and emergency response system.

## Porter County Department of Child Services

Phone: (219) 462-2112, Fax: (219) 548-5725

19 E Lincolnway

Valparaiso, IN 46383

**To Report Child Abuse: (219) 462-7555 or (800) 800-5556**

**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm**

**[www.in.gov/fssa](http://www.in.gov/fssa)**

The Porter County Department of Child Services provides child Protection Service and ongoing Child Welfare Service to the Porter County community. The mission of the Porter County Department of Child Services is to protect children from abuse and neglect through partnership with families and communities to provide safe, nurturing, and stable homes for children.

## Porter County Division of Family Resources

Phone: (800) 403-0864

Fax: (219) 462-6817

2600 Roosevelt Suite 200-1

Valparaiso, IN 46383

**Office Hours: M-F 7:30 am-4:30 pm**

**[www.indiana.gov](http://www.indiana.gov)**

The Porter County Division of Family Resources provides to the Porter County community the following: Child protection services, child welfare services, financial and medical assistance programs including TANF cash assistance, food stamps, Medicaid, medical assistance programs for children and pregnant women, hospital care for the indigent, and children's special health care services. Employment support services are provided to certain participants in the TANF cash assistance and food stamp programs.

## Porter County Education Interlocal

Phone: (219) 464-9607

Fax: (219) 462-0867

750 Ransom Rd.

Valparaiso, IN 46385

**Office Hours: M-F 7:30 am-4:00 pm**

**[www.valpo.k12.in.us](http://www.valpo.k12.in.us)**

We provide special education services to children with disabilities, ages 3 to 21. Educational services include classroom instruction, speech therapy, physical and occupational therapy, and family involvement.

## Porter County Family Counseling

Phone: (219) 364-2732

Fax: (219) 464-0126

794 McCool Rd

Valparaiso, IN 46385

**Office Hours: M-R 9:00 am-2:00 pm,**

**F 9:00 am-12:00 pm.**

**[www.pcfcc.org](http://www.pcfcc.org)**

The counseling center provides low-cost, short-term counseling to couples, individuals and/or families in Porter County who do not have insurance or the financial resources to obtain private mental health counseling.

## Porter County Health Department

Phones: (219) 465-3525, (219) 759-8239  
Fax: (219) 465-3531  
155 Indiana Ave, Suite 104  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
3560 Willowcreek  
Portage, IN 46368

**Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am-4:30 pm**  
**[www.porterco.org](http://www.porterco.org)**

Birth and death certificates (vital records), food inspection, nursing services, environmental issues (well and septic permits), free pregnancy testing (age 13 and up), free HIV/STD counseling and testing (age 13 and up). Adult and children immunizations, child vaccines from Indiana State Vaccine program (free), fee for adult vaccine. TB test under age 18 (free), 18 years and up (\$5.00). Lead prevention program, free counseling, testing home inspections, communicable disease surveillance.

## Porter County Juvenile Probation

Phone: (219) 465-3475  
Fax: (219) 464-3600  
1660 S State Rd 2  
Valparaiso, IN 46385

**Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am-4:30 pm**  
**[www.porterco.org](http://www.porterco.org)**

Process referrals into the juvenile court and supervises those youth adjudicated delinquents. Porter County Family Court and Project Attend, a truancy referral program, are also under our jurisdiction.

## Porter County Medical Society

Phones: (219) 769-8073  
8006 Tyler St  
Merrillville, IN 46410

**Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am-4:30 pm**

The society provides physician referral.

## Porter County PACT

Phone: (219) 462-1127  
Fax: (219) 477-4125  
254 S Morgan Blvd.  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am-4:30 pm**

Porter County PACT provides criminal justice program services for victims and offenders who are identified for participation by the court. PACT programs promote community safety and well being through the pursuit of victim reparation, offender accountability, and rehabilitative opportunities.

## Porter County Prosecutor's Victim Assistance Unit

Phone: (219) 364-1312  
Fax: (219) 465-3862  
3560 Willowcreek Rd.  
Portage, IN 46368

**[www.porterco.org](http://www.porterco.org)**

The Victim Assistance Unit provides the victim with information about the justice system, support during hearings, speaks about concerns of the prosecutor's office, and assists the victim with the various processes of the criminal justice system.

## Porter County Special Olympics

Phone: (219) 465-1323  
836 George St  
Valparaiso, IN 46385

**Office Hours: Varies**

Porter County Special Olympics has a variety of competitive sports: swimming, track and field, gymnastics, bowling, skiing, basketball, volleyball and softball.

## Porter County Substance Abuse Council

Phone: (219) 462-096  
Fax: (219) 465-3856  
155 Indiana Ave. Suite 1002  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-2:00 pm**  
[www.portercountysac.org](http://www.portercountysac.org)

To provide grant dollars and programs to the schools, social service facilities, police departments and the general population that help stop the drug problems in Porter County with drunk driving problems.

## Porter County TRIAD

Phone: (219) 477-3125  
Fax: (219) 464-8068  
2755 State Road 49  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am-4:30 pm**

Porter County TRIAD is a service organization providing information, support, and programs concerning the well being of area seniors. Service include "Project Lifesaver" for those suffering from Alzheimer's, dementia, or autism, free information seminars, and collection & Disposal of expired/unwanted medications.

## Porter County Veteran's Service

Phone: (219) 465-3587  
155 Indiana Room 207  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am - 4:30 pm**

The Veteran's Service offers assistance to Porter County veterans in requesting benefits from the Department of Veteran's Affairs.

## Porter County WIC Program

Phones: (219) 464-9220, (219) 762-3185  
6339 Central Ave  
Portage, IN 46368  
**Office Hours: M 10:30 am-7:00 pm, T/W/R/F 8:00 am-4:30 pm**  
[www.in.gov/isdh/19691.htm](http://www.in.gov/isdh/19691.htm)

Women Infants and Children provides food that promotes health and are a good value. WIC serves pregnant women, post-partum women and children up to the age of five.

## Porter Health System

Phone: (219) 465-4600  
814 LaPorte Ave  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm**  
[www.porterhealth.org](http://www.porterhealth.org)

Rates vary depending on services received. Porter Hospital provides both inpatient and outpatient services. Services provided include medical, surgical, emergency, obstetrical, pediatric, cardiac, orthopedic/neurologic, oncology and intensive care. Other services include open heart surgery, magnetic resonance imaging, CAT scanning, neonatology, lithotripsy, laboratory, ultrasound, nuclear medicine, comprehensive rehabilitation services and social and pastoral services. Emergency ambulance services are provided at three levels-advanced life support, basic life support and wheelchair transportation.

## Porter-Starke Services

Phone: (219) 531-3500  
Fax: (219) 462-3975  
601 Wall St.  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
3349 Willowcreek Rd  
Portage, IN 46368  
**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-8:00 pm**  
[www.porterstarke.org](http://www.porterstarke.org)

Porter-Starke Service is a comprehensive community mental health center that services residents of Porter and Starke Counties. A continuum of services is available through locations in Valparaiso, Portage, and Knox: Outpatient counseling for all ages.

## **Prevent Child Abuse Porter County**

Phone: (219) 531-9012  
Fax: (219) 531-9012  
P.O. Box 1846  
Valparaiso, IN 46384-1846

[www.pcapc.org](http://www.pcapc.org)

Prevent Child Abuse educates the public as to the nature and cause of child abuse and neglect and provides information concerning effective prevention strategies.

## **Purdue Extension Porter County**

Phone: (219) 465-3555  
Fax: (219) 464-8976  
155 Indiana Ave Suite 301  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am-4:30 pm**  
[www.extension.purdue.edu/porter](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/porter)

Educational programming in the area of consumer and family sciences, agriculture, 4-H and youth development, master gardener programs, budgeting, food and nutrition, and food safety.

## **Rebuilding Together-Duneland**

Phone: (219) 926-3233  
PO Box 644  
Chesterton, IN 46304

[www.rtduneland.org](http://www.rtduneland.org)

Ensuring low-income elderly, disabled or families with children live in warmth, safety and dignity, Serving the Duneland Community-Chesterton,

## **Rebuilding Together-Portage**

Porter, Burns Harbor, and Liberty Township.  
Phone: (219) 762-2530  
PO Box 2511  
Portage, IN 46368

[www.rtportage.org](http://www.rtportage.org)

Rebuilding Together-Portage repairs homes of low-income homeowners, including seniors and those with disabilities.

## **Rebuilding Together-Valparaiso**

Phone: (219) 548-4827  
Fax: (219) 548-9111  
166 Lincolnway, City Hall  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am-4:30 pm**  
[www.rebuildingtogethervalparaiso.org](http://www.rebuildingtogethervalparaiso.org)

Rebuilding Together-Valparaiso repairs homes of low-income homeowners, including seniors and those with disabilities.

## **Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)**

Phone: (219) 464-1028  
Fax: (219) 464-0012  
1005 N Campbell St  
Valparaiso, IN 46385

**Office Hours: M-F 7:00 am-3:00 pm**  
[www.seniorcorps.gov](http://www.seniorcorps.gov)

RSVP's purpose is to provide meaningful volunteer opportunities for people 55 and older that not only make an impact in Porter County, but in the lives of our senior volunteers.

## Salvation Army

Phone: (219) 762-9191,(800) 348-8700  
Fax: (219) 762-0080  
799 Capital Rd  
Valparaiso, IN 46385  
PO Box 828  
Portage, IN 46368  
**Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am-4:30 pm**  
**[www.salvationarmy.org](http://www.salvationarmy.org)**

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

## Senior Community Service Employment Program/AARP Fdn.

Phone: (219) 980-2723  
Fax: (219) 980-3297  
6111 Harrison St  
Merrillville, IN 46410  
**Office Hours: M-F 9:00 am-4:00 pm**  
**[www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)**

The Senior Community Service Employment Program promotes permanent employment. Sponsored by the AARP and funded by the Department of Labor, this is an opportunity for the mature worker to develop and improve skills in a temporary assignment while seeking employment.

## Service Corps of Retired Executives Association (SCORE)

Phone: (219) 462-1105  
Fax: (219) 462-5710  
c/o Chamber of Commerce  
162 Lincolnway  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
**Office Hours: W 9:00 am-12:00 pm**  
**[www.scorenorthwestind.com](http://www.scorenorthwestind.com)**

Score is network of volunteer business executives that provides small business with advice and counsel. We are a resource partner of the Small Business Administration. We provide assistance with preparing business plans, marketing, pricing, financial, loan applications, research, business analysis, start-up, internet selling, and workshops.

## Sexual Assault Recovery Project Victims Assistance Unit

Phone: (219) 465-3433  
Fax: (219) 465-3862  
16 E Lincolnway Suite 527  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
**Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am-4:30 pm**  
**[www.porterco.org](http://www.porterco.org)**

Provides support, information, crisis, intervention, referral and advocacy with appropriate social services and the legal system. Also provides advocacy information and support during criminal proceedings for victims who pursue changes in the criminal justice system. Services include lending library, support groups for adult survivors of child sexual abuse, other support groups as needed. One-on-one support, information packets about sexual assault and abuse, community education and a speaker upon request.

## Shults-Lewis Child & Family Services

Phone: (219) 462-0513  
Fax: (219) 464-7828  
PO Box 471  
Valparaiso, IN 46384-0471  
**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm**  
**[www.shultslewis.org](http://www.shultslewis.org)**

Residential treatment counseling and educational services to teenagers experiencing behavioral difficulties. Programs include: Live-in residential unites, Christian counselors providing individual, family and group counseling, an Indiana approved on-grounds school.

## Social Security Administration

Phones: (219) 464-1015, (800) 772-1213  
Fax: (219) 477-4990  
3810 Calumet Ave  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
**Office Hours: M-F 9:00 am-4:00 pm**  
**[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)**

We offer financial and Medicare insurance program entitlement. Our cash assistance programs include retirement, disability, and survivor monthly benefits. We administer Supplemental Security Income benefits to needy individuals who are disabled, age 65 or older, or blind. We also entitle individuals to the Medicare Insurance Program.

## St. Agnes Adult Day Service Center

Phone: (219) 477-5433  
Fax : (219) 462-9553  
1850 Harrison BLVD  
Valparaiso, IN 46385

**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-5:00 pm**  
**[www.st-agnes-center.org](http://www.st-agnes-center.org)**

St. Agnes is a not-for-profit non-denominational community based facility, designed to meet the needs of functionally and/or cognitively impaired adults through an individual plan of care.

## Starlight Children's Foundation

Phone: (312) 251-7827 ext. 34  
Fax: (312) 251-7825

New Member Services  
Starlight Children's Foundation Midwest  
30 E. Adams St Suite 1020  
Chicago, IL 60603

**[www.starlight-midwest.org](http://www.starlight-midwest.org)**

The Great Escapes provides regular activities for "Starlight" children through the age of 18, with chronic of serious illness for debilitating injuries and their families at no cost to them. The purpose of these activities is to relieve the stress and anxiety that serious illness or injury can impose. In addition, Great Escapes has become an important "community" for everyone who is part of it. Application available online.

## St. Paul Clothing Center

Phone: (219) 462-0074  
1853 Harrison BLVD  
Valparaiso, IN 46385

**Office Hours:**  
**M/T/W 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. R & Sat 10:00 am-4:00 pm**

Provides Free Clothing to eligible individuals.

## Tobacco Education & Prevention Coalition for Porter County

Phone: (219) 464-6823  
Fax: (219) 464-5425  
VU College of Nursing LeBien Hall, Room 4  
836 LaPorte Ave  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**Office Hours: M-F varies**  
**[www.valpo.edu./tepc/index.php](http://www.valpo.edu./tepc/index.php)**

The coalition is dedicated to saving lives by reducing tobacco use and eliminating health disparities related to tobacco use through protecting residents from secondhand smoke. We offer mini-grants to local agencies or businesses to address certain aspects of the plan. In addition, partnering Coalition members can benefit from materials, educational programs, and ongoing training provided by the Coalition.

## TradeWinds Rehabilitation Center

Phones (219) 949-4000, (800) 694-4232  
Fax: (219) 944-8134  
5901 W 7th Ave  
PO Box 6308  
Gary, IN 46406

**Office Hours: M-F 9:00 am-5:00 pm**  
**[www.tradewindservices.org](http://www.tradewindservices.org)**

Provide services for children and adults with disabilities. Children services: Daycare, after-school program, therapies, etc. Affirmative industry: Contract sewing, packing and assembly, etc. Adult training program: Visions of Indiana, Senior Care Center, Work Solutions.

## U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Phone: 1 (800) 743-3333, 1 (317) 226-6303  
Fax: (317) 226-6317  
Field Policy and Management  
151 N Delaware St Suite 1200  
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2526

**[www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)**

Housing Finance Authority-Finance information for first-time buyers 800-872-0371.

## USDA Rural Development

Phone: (219) 324-6303  
Fax: (219) 324-8317  
100 Legacy Plaza  
LaPorte, In 46350

**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm**

Rural Development provides financial assistance to applicants for the purchase of adequate, decent, safe, and sanitary housing. Loans may be made in partnership with a loan from another lender. This application may finance existing, new, or manufactured housing and the home must be located in a rural area.

## United Way of Porter County

Phones: (219) 464-3583, (877) 464-3583  
Fax: (219) 477-5845  
951 Eastport Centre Dr.  
PO Box 2028  
Valparaiso, IN 46384

**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm**  
**E-mail address: [info@unitedwaypc.org](mailto:info@unitedwaypc.org)**  
**[www.unitedwaypc.org](http://www.unitedwaypc.org)**

United Way will improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of the Porter County community. We believe that everyone deserves an opportunity to have a good life: a quality education that leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family through retirement, and good health. We encourage our community to give, advocate and volunteer to promote these pillars of a healthy life. UWPC promotes this by the annual campaign, supporting agencies based on community impact, advocating and mobilizing volunteers.

United Way provides the “First Call for Help” Program, 2-1-1 (an information & referral line), and the Regional Volunteer Center, which works to recruit and connect individuals of all ages to volunteer opportunities in their communities.

## United Way Regional Volunteer Center

Phone: (219) 464-3583, (877) 464-3583  
Fax: (219) 477-5845  
951 Eastport Centre Dr.  
P.O. Box 2028  
Valparaiso, IN 46384

**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm**  
**[www.nwivolunteer.org](http://www.nwivolunteer.org)**

The Volunteer Center promotes volunteerism throughout Porter County and provides an online website with volunteer opportunities.

Programs include the annual Day of Caring, where teams of volunteers from local businesses, churches, and civic groups complete hands-on projects to help the non-profit community; and I Need a Hug/ Reading Buddies, which collects new stuffed animals for elementary school guidance counselors to use as crisis tools and for classroom Reading Buddies. The RVC also coordinates the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, the Hardest Hit Fund, and disaster relief.

## Valparaiso Americans

Phone: (219) 531-1114  
3603 Oak Grove  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
**[www.eteamz.com/valpoamericansbaseball.com](http://www.eteamz.com/valpoamericansbaseball.com)**

Valparaiso Americans is a not-for-profit agency for Valparaiso youth 7-13 years of age for Pop Warner football and cheerleading.

## Valparaiso Family YMCA

Phone: (219) 462-4185  
Fax: (219) 477-4720  
55 Chicago St.  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-5:00 pm**  
**[www.valpoyymca.org](http://www.valpoyymca.org)**

The Valparaiso Family YMCA provides a safe and clean environment to exercise and swim in out two pools. We also provide quality child care services.



## Valparaiso University Law Clinic

Phone: (219) 465-7903, 1-888-Valpolaw  
Fax: (219) 465-7898  
651 S. College  
Heritage Hall  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-5:00 pm**  
[www.valpo.edu/law](http://www.valpo.edu/law)

Provide legal services for those who qualify financially.

## Visiting Nurse Association of Porter County

Phone: (219) 531-8086  
Fax: (219) 531-8188  
2401 Valley Drive  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm**  
[www.vnaportercounty.org](http://www.vnaportercounty.org)

The VNA provides skilled nursing, hospice care, cardiac care, IV therapy, wound care, pain management, physical and occupational therapy, speech therapy, home health aides, social services and nutritional counseling. In patient hospice services are provide through the Arthur B. and Ethel V. Horton VNA Hospice Center. (See next listing for hospice information.)

## Visiting Nurse Association Hospice Home Care

Phone: (219) 531-8086  
Fax: (219) 531-8188  
2401 Valley Drive  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm**  
[www.vnaportercounty.org](http://www.vnaportercounty.org)

The VNA provides for the terminally ill with emphasis on pain management and comfort control.

## VSP.com

Discounted vision eye exam rates and eye glasses.

## Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Phones: (219) 462-0521, (877) 847-9888  
Fax: (219) 464-8824  
954 Eastport Centre Dr. # C  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm**  
[www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/2636.htm](http://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/2636.htm)

Vocational Rehabilitation helps people with physical or mental handicaps reach employment. If necessary to attain a vocational goal, the following services may be provided: Evaluation, counseling, training, on-the-job training, physical restoration, placement and follow-up. The agency also provides information on the legal rights of the handicapped, including accessibility action, and provides referrals to other agencies. Persons with visual impairments are included.

## Women's Center Of NWI

Phone: (219) 477-4460  
Fax: (219) 477-5687  
2305 N Roosevelt  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**Office Hours: M 10:00 am-7:30 pm, T 10:00 am-5:00 pm, W/F 10:00 am-4:00 pm**  
[www.thewc.org](http://www.thewc.org)

The Women's Center offers free pregnancy tests, material assistance, and peer counseling to women. The Building Block Program is support/parenting group which helps women and men to be more responsible parents.

## Youth For Christ/Campus Life

Phone: (219) 462-3000  
55 Chicago St  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am-5:00 pm**

To partner with Christian teens and adults to reach out to teenagers not currently active in a church to present them with a message of hope in Christ and encourage them to develop a relationship with him, Programs include Campus Life and Club JV.

## Additional Helpful Numbers

### Chambers of Commerce

Duneland	926-5513
Hebron	996-5678
Kouts	766-2867
Portage	762-3300
Valparaiso	462-1105

### Colleges & Universities

Calumet College of St. Joseph	473-4206
Indiana University Northwest	888-968-7486
Indiana Vocational Technical	464-8514
Purdue Calumet	800-447-8738
Purdue North Central	462-4197
University of Phoenix	219-794-1500
Valparaiso University	464-5000

### Day Care

Boys & Girls Clubs of PC	464-7282
Child Care Resource & Referral	866-582-2229
Duneland Family YMCA	921-0183
Opportunity Enterprises	464-9621
Portage Township YMCA	762-9622
St. Agnes Adult Day Service Center	477-5433
Tradewinds Rehabilitation Center	949-4000
Valparaiso Family YMCA	462-4185

### Employment Services

Adecco	947-4219
Elwood Staffing	462-7894
Express Personnel Services	465-1868
Goodwill Industries of Michiana	800-741-0186
Indiana Workforce Development	882-0033
Job Source	464-0122
Job Works	872-5575
Kelly Services	738-2488
Manpower	477-2060
Sedona Staffing	764-9675
Vocational Rehabilitation Services	462-0521
Work One/Valpo	476-4764
Work One/Portage	762-6592

### Libraries

Chesterton	926-7696
Hebron	996-3684
Kouts	766-2271
Portage	763-1508
Porter	926-9080
South Haven	759-4474
Valparaiso	462-0524

### License Branches

Portage	762-2216
Valparaiso	462-4814

### Medical Services

Chesterton Medical Center	926-7755
DeMotte Medical Center	987-6355
Healthline Inc.	477-6080
Healthy Access	465-4950
Hebron Medical Center	996-2441
NorthShore	763-8112
Porter-Portage Campus	759-7241
Porter-Valparaiso Campus	465-4600
Porter-Starke Behavioral Med	464-4939
Porter-Starke	531-3500
Ronald McDonald House	317-269-2247
Valparaiso Care & Rehabilitation	464-4976
Valparaiso Surgery Center	465-4900

### Nursing Homes

Alterra Sterling House-Portage	763-4867
Alterra Sterling House-Valparaiso	548-2230
AseraCare Hospice	866-902-8892
Associated Home Care	465-6176
Back Home Again	477-4333
Comfort Keepers	877-711-9800
Golden Living Center /Fountainview	762-9571
Golden Living Center	462-6158
Harbor Light Hospice	661-3100
Home Helpers	800-947-7144
Life Care Center of the Willows	464-4858
Life Care Center of Valparaiso	462-1023
Miller's Merry Manor	763-2273
Nursing Home Ombudsman	800-826-7871
Our Lady of Holy Cross	828-4111
Valparaiso Care & Rehabilitation	464-4976
Waters of Duneland	926-8387
Whispering Pines	462-0508

### Pick-Up Services

Amvets	800-732-1708
Salvation Army	800-348-8700

**Schools**

Duneland School Corp	983-1000
East Porter County School Corp	766-2214
MSD Boone Township	996-2171
Portage Township Schools	762-6511
PC Career & Tech Education	531-3170
Porter County Education Interlocal	464-9607
Porter Township School Corp	477-4933
Porter County Education Interlocal	464-9607
Porter Township School Corp	477-4933
Union Township School Corp	759-2531
Valparaiso Community Schools	531-3000

**Senior Centers**

Village Park Enrichment @Banta	462-1301
Bonner Senior Center	762-3591
Hebron Center	996-5892

**Toll-Free Numbers**

Adult Protective Services	800-992-6978
AIDS Hotline	800-848-2437
Alzheimer's Association	800-272-3900
American Cancer Society	888-251-9883
American Council of the Blind	800-424-8666
American Diabetes Assn.	800-342-2383
American Heart Assn.	800-242-8721
American Lung Assn.	800-586-4872
Americans w/ Disabilities Act	800-514-0301
Arthritis Foundation	800-283-7800
Cerebral Palsy Association	800-723-7620
Child Abuse Hotline	800-800-5556
Deafness/Hearing Problems	800-327-9355
Down Syndrome Association	800-221-4602
Easter Seals Society	800-221-6827
Emission Testing	888-240-1684
Epilepsy Fdn. Of American	800-332-1000
Glaucoma Support Network	800-826-6693
Indiana Health Insurance Assn.	800-552-7921
Indiana Legal Services	888-255-5104
Kidney Foundation	800-382-9971
Leukemia & Lymphoma Soc.	800-955-4572
Lupus Foundation	800-515-8787
Lyme Disease Foundation	800-886-5963
Make-A-Wish Foundation	800-722-9474
Medicare Hotline	800-633-4227
Missing Children Hotline	800-831-8953
Muscular Dystrophy Hotline	800-544-1213
Multiple Sclerosis Society	800-Fight MS
Osteoporosis Foundation	800-223-9994
Parkinson's Disease Fdn	800-457-6676
Poison Hotline	800-222-1222
Runaway Switchboard	800-621-4000
Shriners Hospitals for Children	800-237-5055
Social Security Administration	800-772-1213
U.S Dept. of Housing	800-622-4993
U.S Dept. of Veteran's Affairs	800-827-1000
United Way of Porter County	877-464-3583

## Government

<b>Porter County Government</b>	<b>465-3400</b>
Animal Shelter	465-3550
Assessor	465-3460
Assessor Center Township	465-3545
Assessor Portage Township	759-8221
Auditor	465-3445
Auditor/Bookkeeping	465-3356
Building Inspection	465-3676
Child Support Prosecutor	465-3405
Circuit Court	465-3425
Clerk's Offices	
Child Support	465-3456
Courthouse Records	465-3468
Marriage License	465-3455
Small Claims-Portage	759-8213
Small Claims-Valparaiso	465-3413
Traffic/Criminal-Portage	759-8212
Traffic/Criminal-Valparaiso	465-3413
Coroner's Office	548-0208
County Attorney	465-3329
County Commissioners	465-3440
County Council	465-3332
Court Magistrates	
Katherine Forbes	465-3692
Mary DeBaer	465-3442
Drainage Board	465-3489
Emergency Management	465-3490
Environmental Department	465-3593
Expo Center	464-0133
4-H Clubs	465-3555
Health Department	
Valparaiso	465-3525
Portage	759-8239
Highway Department	
County Garage	465-3570
Information Technical Services	465-3480
Jail-Business	477-3050
Juvenile Court	465-3851
Juvenile Detention	465-3520
Juvenile Probation	465-3475
Local Emergency Planning Commission	465-3593
National Resource Conservation Services	462-7515
Parks & Recreation Department	465-3586
Planning Commission	465-3540