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CASS COUNTY RESOURCE GUIDE

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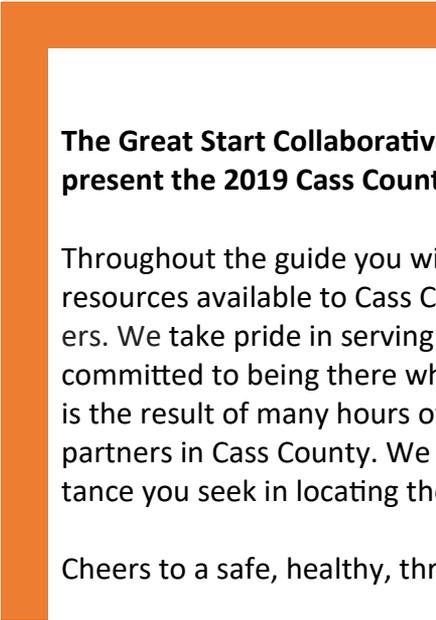
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The Great Start Collaborative Cass County is proud to present the 2019 Cass County Resource Guide.

Throughout the guide you will find a diverse range of resources available to Cass County residents and providers. We take pride in serving the community and are committed to being there when you need us. This guide is the result of many hours of teamwork among several partners in Cass County. We hope it will offer the assistance you seek in locating the services you need.

Cheers to a safe, healthy, thriving community,



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**AN UNMATCHED,
CRITICAL SERVICE**

BERRIEN - CASS - VAN BUREN

NEED HELP?

Housing/Shelter

Emergency Shelter - Low Income Housing
Transitional Housing - Minor Home Repair

Food & Household Needs

Food Pantries - Hot Meals - WIC - Clothing
Diapers - Furniture

Employment

Employment Prep/Assistance
Financial Information/Education

Financial Assistance

Utility Assistance - Bus Tickets/Gas Money
Rental Deposit/Payment Assistance

Health Care

Primary Care - Dental Care - Health Education Programs
Mental Health/Substance Abuse
Outpatient Substance Abuse Programs - Crisis Intervention Hotlines
General Counseling Services

Transportation

Local Transportation - Medical Transportation

Veteran, Elderly & Disabled Person Resources

Dial 211 (or 844.875.9211)
Text Zip Code to 898211
mi211.org



Speak with a live, highly trained
service professional in your area.
All calls are confidential.

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United Way
of Southwest Michigan

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police	Dial 911
Fire	Dial 911
Michigan State Police Post 53	269-683-4411
Poison Control	800-222-1222
Sheriff's Department	269-445-8644
Cass County Emergency Management	269-445-1460

HELPFUL NUMBERS

Animal Control/ Humane Society	269-445-3701
Cass County Circuit Court	269-445-4452
Cass County District Court	269-445-4424
Cass County Juvenile Court	269-445-4444
Cass County Road Commission	269-445-8611
Friend of the Court	269-445-4436
Secretary of State	888-767-6424
Social Security Administration	
- Elkhart	866-426-0532
- Benton Harbor	877-405-5457
- Kalamazoo	800-772-1213
Tax Information—IRS	800-829-1040
Tax Information—State of Michigan	517-636-4486

HOTLINES

Addictions and Alcohol Hotline	212-870-3400
Alcoholics Anonymous	269-684-5304
Alzheimer's Association	800-272-3900
American Parkinson's Association	800-223-2732
American Cancer Society of Michigan	800-723-0360
American Lung Association	800-586-4872
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America	800-727-8462
Autism Society of Michigan	800-223-6722
Brain Injury Association of America	800-444-6443
Bronson Health Answers	800-451-6310
Centralized Intake for Abuse and Neglect	855-444-3911
Consumer Protection Agency	877-765-8388
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Michigan	855-372-5297
Domestic and Sexual Assault Services	800-828-2023
Domestic Violence Coalition	269-655-9008
Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan	800-377-6226
Lions of Michigan (Eye Care/Glasses)	517-887-6640
Mental Health—24 Hour Crisis	800-922-1418
Migrant Farmworker Health Helpline	800-377-9968
National Kidney Foundation of Michigan	800-482-1455
Ronald McDonald House	800-776-4891
Senior Info-Line	800-654-2810
Suicide Prevention Lifeline	800-273-8255
Veteran Crisis Hotline	800-273-8255 x 1

GOVERNMENT OFFICES

Calvin Township	269-476-2620	www.calvintownship.org
Howard Township	269-684-0072	
Jefferson Township	269-445-3941	www.jeffersontownshiponline.org
LaGrange Township	269-445-0625	www.lagrangetownshipmi.com
Marcellus Township	269-646-2305	
Mason Township	269-641-5923	www.masontwp.org
Milton Township	269-684-7262	www.miltontwp.org
Newberg Township	269-244-8747	www.newbergtwp.com
Ontwa Township	269-663-2347	
Penn Township	269-476-2173	
Pokagon Township	269-782-8756	
Porter Township	269-641-2375	
Silver Creek Township	269-424-3025	www.silvercreektwpmi.com
Volinia Township	269-646-3372	
Wayne Township	269-782-7017	
City of Dowagiac	269-782-2195	www.cityofdowagiac.com
Village of Cassopolis	269-445-8648	www.cassopolis-mi.us
Village of Edwardsburg	269-663-8484	
Village of Marcellus	269-646-5485	
Village of Vandalia	269-476-2344	

CHILD/TEEN RESOURCES

Ark—Services for Youth

990 W. Kilgore—Kalamazoo, MI 49008

www.arkforyouth.org or www.ccdok.org

800-873-8336 or 269-343-8765

Housing and support services for runaway, homeless and youth in crisis. Ages 10-17.

Ark Youth Independent Living

1819 Gull Road—Kalamazoo, MI 49048

www.ccdok.org 269-381-9800 or 800-873-8336

Housing support and outreach for ages 17-21.

Berrien RESA Consortium for McKinney-Vento

711 St. Joseph Ave.—Berrien Springs, MI 49103

www.berrienresa.org/mckinneyvento 269-471-7725 x 1155

Help for school age children and youth experiencing housing instability.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lower West Michigan

19 S. 18th St., P.O. Box 194—Niles, MI 49120

www.bbbsofbc.org 269-684-1100

Provides children 6-17 with one-on-one, professionally supported mentoring relationships.

CARES

185 E. Main St. Ste, 600—Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269-927-2437)

www.caresswm.org

Provides medical case management to maximize quality of life for those living with HIV; prevention education to minimize the transmission of the virus; support groups; LGBTQ Services

Cass County CASA

(Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children)

120 N. Broadway St.—Cassopolis, MI 49031

www.casscocasa.org 269-445-4431

CASAs are Court-appointed Special Advocates who volunteer to be the voice for children in foster care.

Cass County Youth Council

P.O. Box 334—Cassopolis, MI 49031

www.facebook.com/casscountyyouthcouncil

Provide pack n' plays for infants under the age of one who live in Cass County and do not have a safe sleep environment. Provide training on topics related to the prevention of child abuse and neglect for mandatory reporters, parents, and community members.

Great Start Cass County Parent Coalition

61682 Dailey Rd.—Cassopolis, MI 49031

www.greatstartcass.org 269-445-6283

Volunteer parents, caregivers and guardians that assist in improving services for Cass County families with children prenatal to third grade. The Coalition provides information, education, and resources to parents.

Great Start Collaborative Cass County

61682 Dailey Rd.—Cassopolis, MI 49031

www.greatstartcass.org 269-445-6217

The Collaborative offers families a one-stop resource, where all of Cass County's programs and services have been researched and can be matched to your family's needs to help children succeed.

Junior Achievement of Berrien and Cass County

www.jani.org 260-341-9237

Giving young people age 5– high school the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, and plan for their futures.

Lewis Cass ISD Early Childhood Department

61682 Dailey Rd.—Cassopolis, MI 49031

www.lewiscassisd.org 269-445-6283

Early education for children ages birth to five and their families

Lewis Cass ISD Early On—Build Up Michigan

61682 Dailey Rd.—Cassopolis, MI 49031

www.lewiscassisd.org 269-445-6250

Early On offers early intervention services for infants and toddlers, birth to three years of age, with developmental delay(s) and/or disabilities, and their families.

Lighthouse Christian Childcare Center

30402 M-62 W—Dowagiac, MI 49047 269-782-1193

Non-subsidized childcare program for 0-144 months

OutCenter of Southwest Michigan

132 Water St.—Benton Harbor, MI 49022

<https://outcenter.org> 269-925-8330

Serving LGBTQ+ individuals through a student club and safe schools collaborative. Advocacy and education for LGBTQ individuals and their families.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Education Early Childhood Development Center (Zagbegan)

58620 Sink Rd., Box 180—Dowagiac, MI 49047

www.pokagonband-nsn.gov 800-517-0777

For children age 3+ . First come, first serve, pending tier status:
Pokagon Band, other Native Americans, all other.

Southwest Child Care Resources—Great Start to Quality

5250 Lovers Lane LL 120—Portage, MI 49002

www.ccr4kids.org 269-349-3296

Connecting families with quality childcare resources.

Therapeutic Equestrian Center

Mailing: P.O. Box 1250—Niles, MI 49120

Barn location: Stockbridge Equestrian Center,
615 M-140—Watervliet, MI 49098

www.tecfarm.org 269-429-0671

The Therapeutic Equestrian Center (TEC) engages the power of horses to challenge people with special needs to build stronger minds, bodies, and spirits. Age 3 to senior citizens and all income levels.

Tri-County Head Start

775 Hazen St.—Paw Paw, MI 49079

www.tricountyhs.org 269-657-2581

Pre-school program for 3-4 year-olds (including disabled) from low-income families. Teaches skills necessary to succeed in Kindergarten.

United Way of Southwest Michigan—Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library (DPIL)

2015 Lakeview Ave.—St. Joseph, MI 49085

www.uwsm.org/dpil 269-982-4029

UWSM fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in every community. DPIL provides a free book monthly to a child registered in the program from birth to his/her fifth birthday.

YMCA of Southwest Michigan

509 North Front Street—Niles, MI 49120

3665 Hollywood Rd.—St. Joseph, MI 49085

<https://www.ymca.swm.com>

Niles—269-683-1552 St. Joseph—269-428-9622

State licensed preschool for ages 3 and 4 in both Niles and St. Joseph. Fitness classes, programs and events for all ages. Summer day camps, child care, youth sports and fitness, personal trainers, senior classes and more.

DISABILITY/MENTAL HEALTH

Borgess Delano Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinic

520 Main St.—Dowagiac, MI 49047

www.borgess.com 269-782-1502

Treatment for substance abuse/addiction and eating disorders. All ages, all incomes

Bronson LakeView Neuro Behavioral Health

408 Hazen St.—Paw Paw, MI 49079

www.bronsonhealth.com 269-657-7149 or 800-656-3141

Inpatient and outpatient mental health services and assessments for adults age 65+. Specializes in memory loss, Alzheimer's and other conditions related to aging.

Bridges Mental Health Counseling

1441 S. Westnedge Ave.—Kalamazoo, MI 49008

www.cfsbridges.com 269-381-9800

Professional counseling for individuals of all ages, couples and families.

Cassopolis Family Clinic Network

261 M-62 North—Cassopolis, MI 49031

www.cassfamilyclinic.org 269-445-3874

Must be established as a CFCN patient in order to schedule a behavioral health services appointment. Health specialist can provide comprehensive mental health evaluations, individual, family, and group counseling sessions, psychiatric evaluations, medication management services. All ages, all income levels.

Community Healing Center of Niles

1225 S. 11th St. #101—Niles, MI 49120

<https://communityhealingcenter.org/niles>

Age 18+ outpatient treatment to support the journey to sobriety.

Disability Network of Southwest Michigan

517 E. Crosstown Parkway—Kalamazoo, MI 49001

www.dnswm.org

269-345-1516 (K'zoo) or 269-985-0111 (Berrien)

Disability-related information, accessing disability-related benefits, disability rights advocacy, ADA compliance/diversity, support groups access ramps, assistive technology, independent living supports and other referrals.

Federated Covenant Church—Celebrate Recovery

202 Center St.—Dowagiac, MI 49047

269-782-5656 For more info: Info@CelebrateDowagiac.org

A Christ centered program that gives people the resources and relationships to help recover from life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. This is a program for anyone struggling with past or current dysfunctions or compulsions, whether they are affecting their own life or the lives of those around them.

Celebrate Recovery meets @ 6:30pm Saturday evenings

LOGAN Community Resources, Inc.
(AKA LOGAN Autism Learning Center-SWM)

1651 E. Nickerson Ave.—Benton Harbor, MI 49022

www.logancenter.org 269-983-5833

Serving clients on the autism spectrum, from age 2-65. Medicaid accepted.

Michigan Alliance for Families

www.michiganallianceforfoamilies.org 800-552-4821

Provides information, support, and education for families who have children and young adults (birth to 26 years of age) who receive (or may be eligible to receive) special education services.

Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, Inc.

4095 Legacy Parkway, Suite 500—Lansing, MI 48911

www.mpas.org 517-487-1755 or 800-288-5923

Advocate and protect the rights of people with disabilities in Michigan.

Michigan Rehabilitation Services

www.mi.gov/mrs

269-445-0250 or toll free 877-901-9192

Advocate and protect the rights of people with disabilities in Michigan.

Shepard House Counseling and Psychological Services, P.C.

903 Main St., P.O. Box 679—St. Joseph, MI 49031-0679
107 N. Broadway St., P.O. Box 388—Cassopolis, MI 49031

www.shepardhousecounseling.com

269-985-2000 (St. Joseph) or 269-445-0999 (Cassopolis)

Individual, couple/marital and family counseling for all age groups

Stephen Ministries (Our Lady of the Lake Church)

24832 US Highway 12 E—Edwardsburg, MI 49112

www.ourladyedwardsburg.org/stephen-ministry

269-445-7425

Christian care and support for adults going through difficulty—grief, divorce, life stages, etc. Age 18 and older. No charge.

St. Paul Episcopal Church

306 Courtland St.—Dowagiac, MI 49047

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/parish/st-pauls-episcopal-church-dowagiac-mi>

269-782-7033

Several active 12-step groups meet 6 days per week.

Therapeutic Equestrian Center

Mailing: P.O. Box 1250—Niles, MI 49120

Barn location: Stockbridge Equestrian Center

615 M-140—Watervliet, MI 49098

www.tecfarm.org 269-429-0671

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Woodlands Behavioral Healthcare Network

960 M 60 E.—Cassopolis, MI 49031

www.woodlandsbhn.org 269-445-2451

Behavioral health and substance abuse services for any age and any income.
Medicaid eligible.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SHELTERS

Ark—Services for Youth

990 W. Kilgore—Kalamazoo, MI 49008

www.arkforyouth.org or www.ccdok.org

800-873-TEEN—24 hour crisis hotline

Housing and support services for runaway, homeless and youth (age 10-17) in crisis. Also has 21-day short-term shelter

Centralized Intake for Abuse and Neglect

24 –hours 855-444-3911 www.michigan.gov/mdhhs

Contact to report abuse or neglect of children or vulnerable adults.

Domestic and Sexual Abuse Services (DASAS)

P.O. Box 402—Three Rivers, MI 49093

www.dasasmi.org 800-828-2023

Non profit serving men, women, and children harmed by domestic/sexual/partner violence. Services also include personal protection orders, emergency shelter, and support groups.

Homeless Shelter Directory—Online

www.homelessshelterdirectory.org

Click on state and city on website to find shelters in your area.

KeyStone Place, Inc.

505 E. Market St.—Centreville, MI 49032

269-467-7078

Homeless shelter and homeless prevention services.

Contact for an up to date listing of private landlords and phone numbers for Cass County.

Michigan PATH

(Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness)

1223 Oakland Dr.—Kalamazoo, MI 49008

269-364-6945

The PATH program focuses on assisting individuals who are staying in places not meant for human habitation (i.e. vehicles, abandoned buildings). PATH serves as a bridge, through referrals, to connect these individuals to services they need to transition out of homelessness.

Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency

325 M-62 Highway—Cassopolis, MI 49031

www.smcaa.com 269-925-9077

Emergency shelter for women, children, and families for up to 90 days. Located in Decatur MI (210 E. Delaware St. 269-605-4210). Referral from the Department of Health and Human Services, or other agencies.

Commodity Supplement Food Program (CSFP)

Commodity Supplement Food Program (CSFP) is a food supplement program for income-eligible seniors, where food boxes are distributed monthly.

Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a food supplement program for anyone who is struggling and in need of food.

SMCAA provides funds for individuals and households who are at risk of losing their heat or electricity to income-eligible clients who are at risk.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Cassopolis Adult/Alternative Education

725 Center St.—Cassopolis, MI 49031

www.cassopolis.k12.mi.us 269-445-0536

The Adult/Alternative Education program located at the Squires Education Center is part of the Cassopolis Public School System. It is designed to meet the educational needs of those 16 years and older. The program offers a high school diploma. Squires is a GED testing center.

Cassopolis Public Schools

114 S. Depot St.—Cassopolis, MI 49031

www.cassopolis.k12.mi.us 269-445-0519

K-12 public school system.

Dowagiac Union Schools

243 S. Front St.—Dowagiac, MI 49047

www.dowagiacschools.org 269-782-4400

K-12 public school system.

Edwardsburg Public Schools

69410 Section St.—Edwardsburg, MI 49112

www.edwardsburgpublicschools.org 269-663-3055

K-12 public school system.

Lewis Cass Intermediate School District

61682 Dailey Rd.—Cassopolis, MI 49031

www.lewiscassisd.org 269-445-3891

LCISD serves as a regional service center to provide special education, instructional services, and career technical education coordination for the four local school districts: Cassopolis, Dowagiac, Edwardsburg, and Marcellus, as well as the county's private and parochial schools. LCISD is depended upon for the provision and coordination of general and specialized services.

LCISD Parents as Teachers Program: Lewis Cass ISD offers **all** families with young children from zero to five years of age free, voluntary parenting education, screening and assessments, informational and referral network.

Cass County's **Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)** is a high quality pre-school program for children who will be four years of age on or before September 1.

The Cass County **Early On** program offers early intervention services for infants and toddlers, birth to three years of age, with developmental delay(s) and/or disabilities, and their families.

Special Education Services are provided to students with disabilities in Cass County birth-26 years in a variety of settings (call or visit website)

LCISD coordinates the **Career and Technical Education** programming for the county. Services are provided through area technology centers and South-western Michigan College.

LCISD provides high-quality **professional development** in instructional practices and classroom management for teachers with varying levels of experience.

LCISD **Pupil Accounting** Auditor serves local districts with student count days and student instructional hours as mandated by the Michigan Department of Education.

Marcellus Community Schools

305 W. Arbor St.—Marcellus, MI 49067

<https://marcelluscs.org> 269-646-7655

K-12 public school system.

Michigan Works

601 N. Front St.—Dowagiac, MI 49047

www.miworks.org 269-782-9864 or 800-285-WORKS

Career information, education, and training for job seekers and workforce solutions for employers.

Pathfinders Alternative & Adult Education

501 N. Paul St.—Dowagiac, MI 49047

www.dowagiacschools.org 269-782-4471

Pathfinders is part of the Dowagiac Union School System. It is designed to provide a non-traditional educational program to meet the unique needs of our students. Students can earn a high school diploma or GED.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Education

58620 Sink Rd.—Dowagiac, MI 49047

www.pokagonband-nsn.gov 269-782-0887

The Pokagon Band Department of Education provides opportunities to promote lifelong learning among all tribal citizens. Offerings include Early Childhood Education, K-12 opportunities, Higher Education Assistance Program (HEAP), and Elders Program.

Southwestern Michigan College

58900 Cherry Grove Rd.—Dowagiac, MI 49047

www.swmich.edu 269-782-1000

Southwestern Michigan College is a public community college with its main campus near Dowagiac, Michigan. It also has a campus just outside the city limits of Niles, Michigan.

Tri-County Head Start

775 Hazen St.—Paw Paw, MI 49079

www.tricountyhs.org 269-657-2581

Pre-school program for 3-4 year-olds (including disabled) from low-income families. Teaches skills necessary to succeed in Kindergarten.

Volinia Outcomes

54080 Gards Prairie Rd.—Decatur, MI 49045

www.marcelluscs.org 269-782-9716

Alternative to mainstream junior and senior high school that focuses on high school completion or passing the GED. Open to age 12-21 (7th grade to adult).

Women's Business Center at Cornerstone Alliance

80 W. Main St.—Benton Harbor, MI 49022

www.cornerstonewbc.com 269-925-6100

Support for aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners looking to grow or expand their business with a focus on women, people of color, veterans, and those who are unable to obtain bank financing.

EMERGENCY/DISASTER

American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan

5640 Venture Court—Kalamazoo, MI 49009

www.redcross.org 269-353-6180

The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

American Red Cross provides services to Military, Veterans and their families.

Contact number 877-272-7337

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Bethany Christian Services

919 E. Michigan Ave.—Paw Paw, MI 49079

185 E. Main St.—Benton Harbor, MI 49022

www.bethany.org 269-657-7096 or 800-BETHANY

Offers services for adoption, foster care, and counseling

Childcare and Early Education Search Website

Greatstartconnect.org

Connects families with listings for high quality childcare and early education opportunities.

Lighthouse Christian Childcare Center

30402 M-62 W—Dowagiac, MI 49047 269-782-1193

Non-subsidized childcare program for 0-144 months

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)—Cass County Assistance

325 M-62—Cassopolis, MI 49031

www.michigan.gov/mdhhs 269-445-0200

Provides Medicaid enrollment, food assistance, and emergency support for individuals and families.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Social Services

58620 Sink Rd.—Dowagiac, MI 49047

www.pokagonband-nsn.gov 269-782-8998 or 800-517-0777

Provides a variety of services for members of the Potawatomi tribe.

Southwest Child Care Resources—Great Start to Quality

5250 Lovers Lane LL 120—Portage, MI 49002

www.ccr4kids.org 269-349-3296

Connecting families with quality childcare resources.

The Avenue Family Network, Inc.

2450 M 139, P.O. Box 8789—Benton Harbor, MI 49023

www.theavenue.ngo 269-925-1725

Day services and homecare for adults who are unable to care for themselves

United Way of Southwest Michigan—FamilyWize

2015 Lakeview Ave.—St. Joseph, MI 49085

www.uwsm.org 269-982-1700

UWSM fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in every community. FamilyWize offers a prescription savings card to help take control of your prescription costs.

United Way of Southwest Michigan
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

www.uwsm.org/taxprep 269-982-1700

VITA offers free tax help to people who generally make \$55,000 or less.

FOOD/CLOTHING/FURNITURE

ACTION Ministries

301 Main St.—Dowagiac, MI 49047

269-782-0000

Food pantry for low income and all ages. Saturdays 10:00-12:00,
Senior Commodities—2nd Tuesday, Mobile Pantries 2x/month

Cassopolis First Church of God— Compassionate Cupboard

21083 Spencer Rd.—Cassopolis, MI 49031

269-445-8500

Food pantry—Last Saturday of each month 9:00 am-11:00 am, and
emergency need.

Calvin Center SDA Church

19088 Brownsville Rd.—Cassopolis, MI 49031

269-476-2172

Food on demand, personal care items, baskets for newborns, baskets/
packets for women/men recently released from incarceration.

By appointment only.

Church of Cassopolis

520 Pearl St.—Cassopolis, MI 49031

269-445-1869

Food pantry on 3rd Saturday of month 12:00 pm-2:00 pm

Edwardsburg Food Pantry
(Our Lady of the Lake Church)

24832 US 12—Edwardsburg, MI 49112

www.foodpantries.org 269-699-6133

Mon.—Wed.—Fri. 10:00 am-12:30 pm (2 visit per month)

Utility assistance—\$200/year

Goodwill Industries of Michiana

918 Silverbrook Ave.—Niles, MI 49120

<https://goodwill-ni.org> 269-684-5452

Low-cost clothing and home supplies.

Helping Hands of Cass County

130 S. Broadway St.—Cassopolis, MI 49031

<https://helpinghandsofcasscounty.org> 269-445-8104

Provides food, clothing, medicine, transportation funds, household items and, on occasion, support for utilities to residents of Cass County.

Food Pantry—Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Neighbor 2 Neighbor Ministry

9147 US 31, P.O. Box 46—Berrien Springs, MI 49103

www.n2nhelps.com 269-471-7411

N2N provides basic essentials, through Family Emergency Services (FES) in the form of basic food and toiletry items, clothing and household items, to individuals and families experiencing hardship as a result of losses from fire, job loss, movement in/out of emergency shelters and other life crises.

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Intercare Community Health Network (WIC)

901 Spruce St.—Dowagiac, MI 49047

<https://www.intercare.org/wic.html>

Food and breastfeeding assistance for pregnant moms and children 0-5 years of age.

Saint Francis Outreach **(Holy Maternity of Mary Parish)**

210 N. Front St., P.O. Box 112—Dowagiac, MI 49047

269-760-0416 or 269-782-2808

Offer three clothing distributions throughout the year, a back to school distribution for select elementary and middle school children in the Dowagiac Schools, weekend food backpacks for Dowagiac elementary children, and clothing for select patients being released from Borgess Lee Memorial Hospital, as well as community emergency needs and requests.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

306 Courtland St.—Dowagiac, MI 49047

269-782-7033

Food pantry and community lunch 11:30 am to 1 pm last Saturday of month

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

305 W. State St.—Cassopolis, MI 49031

www.stpaulcass.360unite.com 269-445-3950

Food pantry—3rd Saturday of the month 9:30 am to 11:00 am

Salvation Army

424 N. 15th St.—Niles, MI 49120

<https://saniles.org> 269-308-1336 or 269-684-2660

Emergency utility and rental assistance. Food assistance and school supplies.

Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency

325 M-62 Highway—Cassopolis, MI 49031

www.smcaa.com 269-925-9077

Emergency shelter for women, children, and families for up to 90 days. Located in Decatur MI (210 E. Delaware St. 269-605-4210). Referral from the Department of Health and Human Services, or other agencies.

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Vandalia Church of God

608925 Walnut St.—Vandalia, MI 49095

269-476-9674

Food pantry—2nd and 4th Tuesday of month 11:00 am-1:00 pm

HOSPICE & RESIDENTIAL CARE

Cass County Medical Care Facility

23770 Hospital St.—Cassopolis, MI 49031

www.casscountymedicalcarefacility.org 269-445-3801

Long term and short term care and rehabilitation services. All ages and all income levels.

Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan

222 N. Kalamazoo Mall #100—Kalamazoo, MI 49007

www.hospiceswmi.org 269-345-0273 or 800-304-0273

Support for individuals and their caregivers coping with illness, aging, dying, and loss by providing compassionate medical, emotional, spiritual, and personal care.

HOSPITALS

Ascension Borgess Hospital

1521 Gull Rd—Kalamazoo, MI 49048

www.borgess.com 269-226-7000

Ascension Borgess-Lee Hospital

420 West High St.—Dowagiac, MI 49047

www.borgess.com

269-782-8681 or 877-563-9518 (Financial Assistance)

Bronson Lake View Hospital

408 Hazen St.—Paw Paw, MI 49079

www.bronsonhealth.com 269-657-3141

Bronson Methodist Hospital

601 John St.—Kalamazoo, MI 49007

www.bronsonhealth.com 269-341-7654

Lakeland Hospital Niles

31 N. St. Joseph Ave.—Niles, MI 49120

www.spectrumhealthlakeland.org 269-683-5510

Three Rivers Health

701 S. Health Parkway—Three Rivers, MI 49093

www.threerivershealth.org 269-278-1145

HOUSING/HEAT/UTILITIES

Cass County Apartment Complexes & Mobile Home Parks

The following list may be helpful for those seeking a place to live based on age and/or income.

Key:

S/D - (Senior/Disabled)

Sub - (Subsidized)

RO - (Rent to Own)

AF - (Application Fee)

Name	Phone	Location	Info
Autumn Hills	269-468-4005	Dowagiac	
Cedar Sands Apts.	269-782-5734	Dowagiac	S/D, AF
Chestnut Towers	269-782-3786	Dowagiac	S/D, Sub
Colonial Acres	269-663-2424	Edwardsburg	
Dowagiac Rotary Villa	269-782-3555	Dowagiac	S/D
Eagle Lake Estates	269-699-5233	Edwardsburg	Sub, 1,2,3 bedroom
Eagles Wood/Trace	269-431-0029	Dowagiac	AF
Edwardsburg Estates	269-663-5085 866-964-2666	Edwardsburg	RO
Edwardsburg Manor	269-663-8261	Edwardsburg	S/D, AF
Fair View Apartments	269-273-7841 or 269-445-2166	Cassopolis	Sub

Name	Phone	Location	Info
Hamilton Square	269-782-4637	Dowagiac	1,2 bedroom
Hillcrest Apartments	269-782-9894	Dowagiac	1,2 bedroom
Indian Hills Apts.	844-392-7762	Dowagiac	Some Sub
Koshar Estates	269-251-9152	Marcellus	RO
Lake Wind Apts.	269-445-8599 x 22	Cassopolis	Some Sub
Linden Mobile Home Park	269-641-7163	Niles	
Marlin Mobile Home Park	269-684-6940	Niles	
Niles Pines	269-683-6620	Niles	
Ontario Place Mobile Homes	269-683-2019	Niles	
Parkside Townhouses	269-782-3786	Dowagiac	Sub
Riverside Apartments	269-782-5270	Dowagiac	Some Sub
Rustic Acres Mobile Homes	269-414-4618	Edwardsburg	RO
Simmons Mobile Homes	269-641-7019	Edwardsburg	
Stone Lake Manor	269-445-3333	Cassopolis	S/D. AF
Stone Lake Woods	269-445-8040	Cassopolis	S/D
Village Heights	269-663-3450	Edwardsburg	AF
Vineyard Place	269-782-9300	Dowagiac	Sub
Woodland Apartments	269-646-2172	Marcellus	Some Sub

Diocesan Heating Assistance Program

1819 Gull Rd.—Kalamazoo, MI 49048

www.ccdok.org 269-381-9800

Contact any Catholic Church in the Diocese of Kalamazoo for referral. Help for anyone in the nine counties served. Runs January—March or until funds run out. Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 to 12:00.

Dowagiac Housing Commission

100 Chestnut St.—Dowagiac, MI 49047

269-782-3786

Low to moderate income households. The Chestnut Towers are for near elderly, elderly, and disabled. Parkside Town Homes are for families. Accepts Section 8.

Fair Housing Center of Southwest Michigan

405 W. Michigan Ave. #6—Kalamazoo, MI 49007

www.fhcswm.org 269-276-9100 or 866-637-0733

The **Fair Housing Center of Southwest Michigan** provides complaint and intake services to residents who believe they've been the victims of housing discrimination, and education and outreach on fair housing issues working with the State of Michigan, housing developers, housing managers, and others to promote compliance with federal fair housing laws.

Habitat for Humanity of Cass County

P.O. Box 203—Dowagiac, MI 49047

Google: Habitat Cass County Michigan 269-359-0828

Provides decent, affordable homes to low-income families. Homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage.

KeyStone Place, Inc.

505 E. Market St.—Centreville, MI 49032

269-467-7078

Homeless shelter and homeless prevention services.

Contact for an up to date listing of private landlords and phone numbers for
Cass County.

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)—Cass County Assistance

325 M-62—Cassopolis, MI 49031

www.michigan.gov/mdhhs 269-445-0200

Offers programs that assist with housing and rent, weatherization and home repairs. Temporary heat and utility assistance may be available for eligible low-income families and individuals when heating or electric service has been or will be shut off.

Parker Property Management

P.O. Box 1—Dowagiac, MI 49047 269-782-0830

http://www.parkerpm.net/management_Southwest_Mich.html

Services include: finding and screening prospective tenants, collecting rents, paying bills, accounting, handle all tenant communications, ensure that maintenance requests are handled in a timely manner

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Housing and Community Development

57824 E. Potawatomi Trail—Dowagiac, MI 49047

www.pokagonband-nsn.gov 269-783-0433 or 877-983-0385

Provides housing opportunities to tribal citizens

Salvation Army

424 N. 15th St.—Niles, MI 49120

<https://saniles.org> 269-308-1336 or 269-684-2660

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True North Community Services

6308 S. Warner Ave., P.O. Box 149—Fremont, MI 49412

www.truenorthservices.org 231-355-5880

Heat and energy assistance through Consumers Energy's Consumers Affordable Resource for Energy (CARE) and through emPower's one-time heat and energy assistance.

LEGAL SERVICES

Cass County Friend of the Court

60296 M-62, Suite 3—Cassopolis, MI 49031

<https://casscourtsmi.org/foc/> 269-445-4436

Investigates, reports and makes recommendations to the court on child support. Provides mediation as a way of settling custody and parenting time disagreements. Assists parents wanting to enforce Court orders regarding custody, parenting time, and medical support. Works in coordination with the Michigan State Disbursement Unit to collect, record and distribute child support payments. Automatically enforces child support orders meeting certain non-payment criteria. Makes forms available that parties may use to file motions and responses regarding custody, parenting time, and child support..

Cass County Legal Self Help Center Network

Cass District Library—319 M-62 N.—Cassopolis, MI 49031

866-808-7323

AND

Law and Courts Building—60296 M-62—Cassopolis, MI 49031

269-445-4482

www.cass.michiganlegalhelp.org

Free legal information, tools, and referrals to people who are handling legal problems without a lawyer. Provides free information about Michigan law.

Legal Aid of Western Michigan

201 West Kalamazoo Ave., Ste. 427—Kalamazoo, MI 49007

www.lawestmi.org 269-344-8113

Free legal assistance to low-income and seniors in non-criminal matters.

MEDICAL /DENTAL CARE

Aetna Better Health

1333 Gratiot Ave., Suite 400—Detroit, MI 48207

www.aetnabetterhealth.com/michigan

866-316-3784 (Medicaid) 855-676-5772 (Duals)

Offers plans for people who qualify for Medicaid, Healthy Michigan, and Medicare-Medicaid plans

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program (BCCCNP)

311 E. Alcott St.—Kalamazoo, MI 49001

www.kalcounty.com/hcs/mch/bcccnp/

269-373-5213 or 888-243-4087

Offers free mammograms, clinical breast exams, Pap smears and pelvic exams to women who qualify, as well as follow-up care, medical referrals, and cancer treatment. Ages 21-64 and 250% of poverty level.

CARES

185 E. Main St. Ste, 600—Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269-927-2437)

www.caresswm.org

Provides medical case management to maximize quality of life for those living with HIV; prevention education to minimize the transmission of the virus; support groups; LGBTQ Services

Caring Network

1441 S. Westnedge Ave.—Kalamazoo, MI 49008

www.ccdok.org 269-381-1234 or 269-381-9800

Offers free and confidential services to pregnant women and parents. Help before and after pregnancy. Diapers, supplies and formula for baby.

Cassopolis Dental

62225 M-62—Cassopolis, MI 49031

www.dentalcarecassopolis.com 269-445-8636

Offers restorative dentistry, cosmetic dentistry, and periodontic services.
Not in-network for Michigan Medicaid

Cassopolis Family Clinic Network

261 M-62 N.—Cassopolis, MI 49031

www.cassfamilyclinic.org

CFCN is a Federally Qualified Health Center providing primary care, obstetrics and gynecology, dental clinic, behavioral health, pharmacy, and healthcare enrollment assistance services for the communities of Cass and southeast Berrien Counties, Michigan. All ages and all income levels.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

311 E. Alcott St.—Kalamazoo, MI 49001

269-373-5080

Education and outreach for Southwest Michigan through Lead Poisoning Nursing Case Management at Van Buren/Cass District Health Department.
Help for children under six years old.

Dowagiac Family Dentistry

530 Riverside Dr.—Dowagiac, MI 49047

www.dowagiaccidental.com

Dental office in Dowagiac. Membership plans available.

Edwardsburg Family Medicine **(Beacon Medical Group)**

27082 W. Main St., P.O. Box 628—Edwardsburg, MI 49112

www.beaconhealthsystem.org 269-663-8288

Early Monday hours 6:30 am-1:30 pm, also open 2nd Saturday of month

Intercare Community Health Network (WIC)

901 Spruce St.—Dowagiac, MI 49047

<https://www.intercare.org/wic.html>

Food and breastfeeding assistance for pregnant moms and children 0-5 years

Matthew Cripe, DDS

303 Hamilton St.—Dowagiac, MI 49047 or 104 Grant St.—Niles

www.matthewcripedds.com 269-782-5511

Dental office. Payment plans available. Not in Medicaid Network.

MSU Extension Service—Nutrition

120 N. Broadway, Ste. 209—Cassopolis, MI 49031

269-445-4438

Outreach and teaching nutrition education to adults and families.

Planned Parenthood

Clinics in Elkhart, Mishawaka, Benton Harbor and Kalamazoo

www.plannedparenthood.org 1-800-230-7526

Planned Parenthood delivers vital health care, sex education and sexual health information to thousands of women, men, and teens each year. LGBT services provided. Days and hours vary by clinic.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Health Services

58620 Sink Rd. Rodgers Lake Campus—Dowagiac, MI 49047

www.pokagonband-nsn.gov 269-782-4141 or 888-440-1234

Primary care provider for Native American population in Cass and surrounding counties. Member of any Native American tribe can be seen in the clinic.

Smile Center

110 S. Broadway St., P.O. Box 8—Cassopolis, MI 49031

<https://www.smilecentermi.com> 269-445-5550

Locally owned full service dental clinic in downtown Cassopolis. In-Network for Children's Michigan Medicaid, not in Network for Adult MI Medicaid.

Smoke Vision Care

105 Pennsylvania Ave., P.O. Box 506—Dowagiac, MI 49047

www.smokevisioncare.com 269-782-7141

Eye care that combines experienced optometrists and the most advanced eye care technology.

Southwest Vision Center

69001 M-62—Edwardsburg, MI 49112 (269-414-4492)

55021 M-51 N.—Dowagiac, MI 49047 (269-782-3476)

www.swvisioncenter.com

Eye care with two convenient locations in Cass County.

Van Buren/Cass District Health Department

302 S. Front St.—Dowagiac, MI 49047

www.vbcassdhd.org 269-621-3143 or 269-782-0064

Services for all county residents of any age and any income level. Some of the services provided include: Community Dental Clinic, HIV/AIDS and STD testing, flu shots, immunizations, communicable disease control (Tb testing), and vision and hearing screening

Childrens Special Healthcare Services

(Van Buren/Cass District Health Department)

302 S. Front St.—Dowagiac, MI 49047

www.vbcassdhd.org/medical-services/childrens-special-health/
269-621-3143 or 800-359-3722

To be eligible for Children’s Special Health Care Services, children must have a qualifying medical condition and be 20 years old or under. Persons 21 and over with cystic fibrosis or certain blood clotting disorders may also qualify for services.

SENIOR RESOURCES

Cass Council on Aging (COA)

60525 Decatur Rd., Lowe Center—Cassopolis, MI 49031

112 Front St., Front Street Crossing—Dowagiac 49047

www.casscoa.org 269-445-8110 or 800-323-0390

Provides care services from Meals on Wheels, In-Home Care, medical transportation, Adult Day Services, prescription assistance, senior safety and support groups. Offer Lifelong Learning classes and fitness training /classes.

Breakfast and lunch menus on the website.

Region IV Area Agency on Aging

2900 Lakeview Ave.—St. Joseph, MI 49085

www.areaagencyonaging.org 800-654-2810

Source for information, options, and services for older adults and younger persons with disabilities. Caregiver Education, Elder Rights, Medicare/Medicaid assistance, Senior Employment and Training, and Volunteer Opportunities

SOCIAL/RECREATIONAL

Cass District Library

319 M-62—Cassopolis, MI 49031

www.cass.lib.mi.us 269-357-7822

Provides a center for information, education, culture, and recreation for all patrons throughout their life span, through the library's collections, programs and special services. Refer to website for upcoming programs.

Branch locations:

Edwardsburg Branch:

26745 Church St.—Edwardsburg, MI 49112 269-487-9215

Howard Branch:

2341 Yankee St.—Niles, MI 49120 269-487-9214

Mason-Union Branch:

17049 US 12—Edwardsburg, MI 49112 269-357-7821

Dowagiac District Library

211 Commercial St.—Dowagiac, MI 49047

www.dowagiacdl.org 269-782-3826

Access to ideas, information, experiences and resources for life-long learning. Programs, resources and services for all ages.

Marcellus Township Wood Memorial Library

205 E. Main St., PO Box 49—Marcellus, MI 49067

www.marcellus.michlibrary.org 269-646-9654

A center for lifetime learning and enjoyment in order to improve the quality of life for all citizens. Provides resources that enhance and contribute to knowledge, enlightenment, cultural and recreational needs.

United Way of Southwest Michigan

Volunteer United

2015 Lakeview Ave.—St. Joseph, MI 49085

volunteer.uwsm.org 269-982-1700

A variety of volunteer opportunities to impact the people of our county and make the communities stronger.

YMCA of Southwest Michigan

509 North Front Street—Niles, MI 49120

3665 Hollywood Rd.—St. Joseph, MI 49085

<https://www.ymca.swm.com>

Niles—269-683-1552 St. Joseph—269-428-9622

State licensed preschool for ages 3 and 4 in both Niles and St. Joseph. Fitness classes, programs and events for all ages. Summer day camps, child care, youth sports and fitness, personal trainers, senior classes and more.

TRANSPORTATION

Cass County Public Transit

400 E. State St.—Cassopolis, MI 49031

www.mywaythere.org/cass.asp 269-445-2455

Cass County Public Transit Authority is a shared ride transportation system for Cass County residents, with special reduced fares for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Mon.—Fri. 6:00 am to 5:00 pm. 24 hour reservation recommended.

Dowagiac Dial-A-Ride Transit (DART)

200 Depot St #1—Dowagiac, MI 49047

www.mywaythere.org/services_3.asp 269-782-3300

The Dowagiac Dial-A-Ride Transit (DART) provides service to the community of Dowagiac with service extended out to Southwest Michigan College. Dowagiac DART offers a 24 hour advance reservation curb to curb service. It is available to anyone, any age residing within the city limits of Dowagiac and within a one mile radius of the city limits. Reduced fares for seniors and youth. Reservations taken Mon.—Fri. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Our Father's Family Keeper Ministries

61486 Donald Roadway West—Vandalia, MI 49095

www.ourfathersfamilykeeper.org 269-476-1257

OFFKM provides short-term transportation assistance to those in need, such as from a shelter residence to and from a medical appointment. Emphasis on assisting single mothers with their transportation needs.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE

American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan **Services to Armed Forces**

5640 Venture Court—Kalamazoo, MI 49009

www.redcross.org 269-353-6180

The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

American Red Cross provides services to Military, Veterans and their families. Contact number 877-272-7337

Cass County Veterans Affairs

120 N. Broadway, Suite 215—Cassopolis, MI 49031

www.casscountymi.org/veteransaffairs.aspx 269-445-4472

Veterans and their dependents can receive information and counseling about benefits to which they may be entitled. These may include, but are not limited to, health care, disability compensation, burial benefits or emergency relief grants through the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund.

Hours: Mon.—Wed. 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Community Action Agency Supportive Services for **Veterans and Families (SSVF)**

www.caajlh.org 517-784-4800

The SSVF program works to help homeless or near homeless Veterans, both individuals and families, get access to housing and services. The goal of the program is to promote housing stability among very low-income Veteran families who reside in or are transitioning to permanent housing.

Disabled American Veteran Shuttle (DAV)

269-683-9380

DAV offers veterans shuttle service from two designated pick-up points in Niles and Cassopolis to Battle Creek Medical Center for treatment. Battle Creek Medical Center is also the transportation transfer point for veterans that need to go on to Ann Arbor or Detroit for additional medical treatment.

Therapeutic Equestrian Center

TEC WITH VETS PROGRAM

Mailing: P.O. Box 1250—Niles, MI 49120

Barn location: Stockbridge Equestrian Center,
615 M-140—Watervliet, MI 49098

www.tecfarm.org 269-429-0671

TEC WITH VETS is a place of healing for veterans, active military personnel, and their family members. This program combines equine assisted learning and therapeutic riding.

Veterans of Foreign Wars

www.vfw.org

Post 10704

131 S. Broadway St.—Cassopolis, MI 49031 269-445-8278

Post 1855

472 E. Division St.—Dowagiac, MI 49047 269-782-2235

Post 2284

M 62 South—Edwardsburg, MI 49112 269-663-8007

Post 4054

PO Box 606—Marcellus, MI 49067 269-646-3498

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61682 Dailey Rd.

Cassopolis, MI 49031

(269) 445-6217

www.greatstartcass.org

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