

CASS GREAT START COLLABORATIVE

# Cass County Resource Guide 2023



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**The Great Start Collaborative Cass County is proud to present the 2023 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.

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# 211

**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

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**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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**GRYPHON  
PLACE**



Helping those in conflict and crisis

# EMERGENCY NUMBERS

<b>Police</b>	<b>Dial 911</b>
<b>Fire</b>	<b>Dial 911</b>
Michigan State Police Post 53	269-683-4411
Poison Control	800-222-1222
Pokagon Band Tribal Police	269-782-2232
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	269-445-4416
Cass County District Court	269-445-4424
Cass County Friend of the Court	269-445-4436
Cass County Juvenile Court	269-445-4444
Cass County Road Commission	269-445-8611
Secretary of State	888-767-6424
Social Security Administration	
- Elkhart	866-426-0532
- Benton Harbor	877-405-5457
- Kalamazoo	866-331-9088
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	800-227-2345
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	248-269-8759
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	574-647-3020
Senior Info-Line	800-654-2810
Suicide Prevention Lifeline	988
Veteran Crisis Hotline	988 x 1

# GOVERNMENT OFFICES

Calvin Township	269-476-2620	<a href="http://www.calvintownship.org">www.calvintownship.org</a>
Howard Township	269-684-0072	<a href="http://www.howardtpw.org">www.howardtpw.org</a>
Jefferson Township	269-445-3941	<a href="http://www.jeffersontownshiponline.org">www.jeffersontownshiponline.org</a>
LaGrange Township	269-445-0625	<a href="http://www.lagrangetownshipmi.com">www.lagrangetownshipmi.com</a>
Marcellus Township	269-646-2305	<a href="http://www.villageofmarcellus.org">www.villageofmarcellus.org</a>
Mason Township	269-641-5923	<a href="http://www.masontwp.org">www.masontwp.org</a>
Milton Township	269-684-7262	<a href="http://www.miltontwp.org">www.miltontwp.org</a>
Newberg Township	269-244-8747	<a href="http://www.newbergtwp.com">www.newbergtwp.com</a>
Ontwa Township	269-663-2347	<a href="http://www.ontwatwp.org">www.ontwatwp.org</a>
Penn Township	269-476-2173	<a href="http://www.casscountymi.org/1273">www.casscountymi.org/1273</a>
Pokagon Township	269-782-8756	<a href="http://www.pokagontownship.org">www.pokagontownship.org</a>
Porter Township	269-641-2375	<a href="http://www.portertownship.org">www.portertownship.org</a>
Silver Creek Township	269-424-3025	<a href="http://www.silvercreektwpmi.org">www.silvercreektwpmi.org</a>
Volinia Township	269-646-3372	<a href="http://www.casscountymi.org/1274">www.casscountymi.org/1274</a>
Wayne Township	269-782-7017	<a href="http://www.waynetwpmi.org">www.waynetwpmi.org</a>
City of Dowagiac	269-782-2195	<a href="http://www.cityofdowagiac.com">www.cityofdowagiac.com</a>
Village of Cassopolis	269-445-8648	<a href="http://www.cassopolis-mi.us">www.cassopolis-mi.us</a>
Village of Edwardsburg	269-663-8484	<a href="http://www.villageofedwardsburg.org">www.villageofedwardsburg.org</a>
Village of Marcellus	269-646-5485	<a href="http://www.villageofmarcellus.org">www.villageofmarcellus.org</a>
Village of Vandalia	269-476-2344	<a href="http://www.villageofvandaliامي.com">www.villageofvandaliامي.com</a>

# CHILD/TEEN RESOURCES

## **Ark - Services for Youth**

990 W. Kilgore - Kalamazoo, MI 49008

<https://ccdok.org/>

269-343-8765 or 800-873-8336

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

## **Ark Youth Independent Living**

1819 Gull Road - Kalamazoo, MI 49048

<https://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

<https://www.berrienresa.org/>

269-471-7725 x 1155

Help for school age children and youth experiencing housing instability.

## **Big Brother Big Sister Southern Lake Michigan Region**

218 W. Washington St. Ste 710 - South Bend, IN

332 Elkhart Rd. - Goshen, IN 46526

<https://becomeabig.com/>

SB: 574-232-9958 Goshen: 574-830-5013

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



## **CARES**

185 E. Main St. Ste, 600 - Benton Harbor, MI 49022

<https://caresswm.org/>

269-927-2437

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

<https://casscocasa.org/>

269-445-4431

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

## **Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana**

1218 E University Drive - Granger, IN 46530

<https://www.girlscoutsnorthernindiana-michiana.org/>

(574) 273-3021, 1-800-283-4812

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. We accept girls in grades K-12 and adult volunteers all year round.

## **Great Start Cass County Parent Coalition**

61682 Dailey Rd. - Cassopolis, MI 49031

<https://greatstartcass.org/>

269-445-6217

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**

<https://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.

## **Heritage Southwest ISD Early Childhood Department**

61682 Dailey Rd. - Cassopolis, MI 49031

<https://www.hsisd.org/>

269-445-6283

Early education for children ages birth to five and their families.

## **Heritage Southwest ISD Early On - Build Up Michigan**

61682 Dailey Rd. - Cassopolis, MI 49031

<https://www.hsisd.org/>

269-445-6250

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

## **Junior Achievement of Berrien and Cass County**

<https://northernindiana.ja.org/office/berrien-and-cass-counties>

260-484-2543

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

## **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://www.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 - Zagbagon Early Learning & Development Academy**

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

<https://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/education/zagb%C3%ABgon>

269-783-2469

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

## **Therapeutic Equestrian Center**

Mailing: P.O. Box 1250 - Niles, MI 49120  
Barn location: Stockbridge Equestrian Center,  
615 M-140 - Watervliet, MI 49098

<https://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

<https://tricityhs.org/>

269-657-2581

Preschool and education (center and home-based) for prenatal moms, and children birth to age 5, for families that qualify.

## **United Way of Southwest Michigan - Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL)**

P.O. Box 288 - St. Joseph, MI 49085

<https://www.uwsm.org/>

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 Greater Michiana**

509 North Front Street - Niles, MI 49120

3665 Hollywood Rd. - St. Joseph, MI 49085

<https://www.ymcagm.org/>

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.

## **Michiana Family Center**

PO Box 398 - Edwardsburg, MI 49112

<https://michianafamilycenter.org/>

540-597-0429

Michiana Mentors, Teen and Family Support groups and

Michiana Care teams.

# DISABILITY/MENTAL HEALTH

## **Borgess Delano Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinic**

520 Main St. - Dowagiac, MI 49047

<https://healthcare.ascension.org/locations/michigan/mikal/portage-ascension-borgess-hospital-delano-clinic>

269-782-1502

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

## **Bronson LakeView Neurobehavioral Health**

408 Hazen St. - Paw Paw, MI 49079

<https://www.bronsonhealth.com/locations/bronson-lakeview-neurobehavioral-health-specialists/>

269-657-1595 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

<https://ccdok.org/bridges> - 269-381-9800

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

## **Cassopolis Family Clinic Network**

261 M-62 N. - Cassopolis, MI 49031

**Niles Community Health Center** - 1951 Oak Street - Niles, MI 69120

<https://cassfamilyclinic.org/>

Cass: 269-445-3874 Niles: 269-262-4749

CFCN is a Federally Qualified Health Center providing primary care, obstetrics and gynecology, dental clinic, behavioral health, pharmacy and healthcare enrollment.

Assistance services for all ages and all income levels.

## **Cerebral Palsy Guide**

<https://www.cerebralpalsyguide.com/>

866-756-6035

Cerebral Palsy Guide provides free educational materials, financial resources and support options for families affected by this condition and other birth injuries.

## **Community Healing Center of Niles**

1225 S. 11th St. #101 - Niles, MI 49120

<https://communityhealingcenter.org/>

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

## **Disability Network of Southwest Michigan**

517 E. Crosstown Parkway - Kalamazoo, MI 49001

<https://www.dnswm.org/>

269-345-1516 (Kalamazoo) 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](mailto: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.

## **Lighthouse Autism Center**

2753 S. 11th St. - Niles, MI 49120

<https://lighthouseautismcenter.com/locations/niles-center/>

269-249-1490

Provides autistic children with the programs they need to help improve their outcomes.

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

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

<https://www.logancenter.org/>

269-983-5833

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

## **Michigan Alliance for Families**

<https://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.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.

## **Disability Rights**

129 W Baraga Ave, Ste A - Marquette, MI 49855

<https://www.drmich.org/>

517-487-1755 or 800-288-5923

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

## **Michigan Rehabilitation Services**

325 M-62 - Cassopolis, MI 49031

<https://www.michigan.gov/leo/bureaus-agencies/mrs>

269-445-0253 or toll free 800-605-6722

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

## **Pokagon Band Behavioral Health Services**

58620 Sink Rd. - Dowagiac, MI 49047

<https://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/health-services/behavioral-health>

269-782-2476

Outpatient counseling for mental health & substance abuse.

## **Shepard House Counseling and Psychological Services, P.C.**

903 Main St. - St. Joseph, MI 49085

107 N. Broadway St. - Cassopolis, MI 49031

<https://www.shepardhouse.info/>

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

<https://ourladyedwardsburg.org/christian-life>

269-479-5364

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.episcopalassetmap.org/dioceses/diocese-western-michigan/list/st-pauls-episcopal-church>

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

<https://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.

### **Woodlands Behavioral Healthcare Network**

960 M 60 E. - Cassopolis, MI 49031

<https://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

<https://ccdok.org/>

800-323-7740

800-873-TEEN (8336) - 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**

<https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/adult-child-serv/abuse-neglect>

855-444-3911 - 24 hour crisis hotline

## **Domestic and Sexual Abuse Services (DASAS)**

P.O. Box 402 - Three Rivers, MI 49093

<https://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**

<https://www.homelessshelterdirectory.org/state/michigan>

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

<https://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

<https://cassopolis.ss6.sharpschool.com/home> - 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

<https://cassopolis.ss6.sharpschool.com/home> - 269-445-0519

K-12 public school system.

## **Dowagiac Union Schools**

243 S. Front St. - Dowagiac, MI 49047

<https://www.dowagiacschools.org/> - 269-782-4400

## **Edwardsburg Public Schools**

69410 Section St. - Edwardsburg, MI 49112

<https://www.edwardsburgpublicschools.org/> - 269-663-3055

K-12 public school system.

## **Marcellus Community Schools**

305 W. Arbor St. - Marcellus, MI 49067

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

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K-12 public school system.

## **Heritage Southwest Intermediate School District**

61682 Dailey Rd. - Cassopolis, MI 49031

<https://www.hsisd.org/>

269-445-3891

**HSISD 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. HSISD is depended upon for the provision and coordination of general and specialized services.

**HSISD Parents as Teachers Program:** Heritage Southwest 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) and **Strong Beginnings** (SB) are high quality preschool program for children who will be three and 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 delays 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).

HSISD coordinates the **Career and Technical Education** programming for the county. Services are provided through area technology centers and Southwestern Michigan College.

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

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

## **Our Father's Family Keeper Ministries**

61486 Donald Roadway West - Vandalia, MI 49095

<https://ourfathersfamilykeeper.org/> - 269-476-1257

OFFKM is a financial resource for parents needing tutoring assistance especially in English Language Arts and Math for elementary-age students. OFFKM coordinates with a tutoring specialist in Edwardsburg, Michigan to assess the student's current level in various aspects of one or more subject areas, then focuses tutoring efforts on the identified areas most in need of assistance. If needed, students beyond elementary school age may be considered.

## **Michigan Works!**

33890 US 12 - Niles, MI 49120

120 N Broadway St, Room 219 - Cassopolis, MI 49031

<https://www.michiganworks.org/> - 800-285-WORKS (9675)

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

## **Pathfinders Alternative & Adult Education**

501 N. Paul St. - Dowagiac, MI 49047

<https://www.dowagiacschools.org/o/pathfinder> - 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

<https://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/education>

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

## **Southwestern Michigan College**

58900 Cherry Grove Rd. - Dowagiac, MI 49047

33890 US-12 - Niles, MI 49120

<https://www.swmich.edu/>

Dow: 269-782-1000 Niles: 269-687-1600

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

<https://tricountyhs.org/>

269-657-2581

Preschool and education (center and home-based) for prenatal moms, and children birth to age 5.

## **Volinia Outcomes**

54080 Gards Prairie Rd. - Decatur, MI 49045

<https://marcelluscs.org/schools/marcellus-volinia-outcomes/>

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

<https://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

<https://www.redcross.org/local/michigan.html>

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**

877-272-7337

For veterans and their families.



# FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

## **Bethany Christian Services**

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

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

<https://bethany.org/>

269-657-7096 or 800-BETHANY

Offers services for adoption, foster care, and counseling.

## **Home Visiting Programs**

<https://mihomevisiting.com/>

Helps find a home visiting program in Cass County for prenatal to age 5.

## **LifePlan**

527 E. Main St. - Niles, MI 49120

<https://www.lifeplan.org/>

269-684-6200

Provides free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds (appointment ONLY) and free STI testing & treatment. LifePlan has a Student Outreach Program as well as a Life Matters Program.

## **Lighthouse Christian Childcare Center**

30402 M-62 W - Dowagiac, MI 49047

269-782-1193

Non-subsidized childcare program for 0-144 months.

## **Birth Queens and Milk Queens**

Southwest Michigan and surrounding areas

<http://www.birthqueensandmilkqueens.com/>

269-861-6163 (call or text)

Birth Queens and Milk Queens offers comprehensive birth doula and lactation counselor services .

## **Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) - Cass County Assistance**

325 M-62 - Cassopolis, MI 49031

<https://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

<https://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/social-services>

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

<https://www.ccr4kids.org/>

269-349-3296

<https://greatstarttoquality.org/find-programs/>

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

### **The Avenue Family Network, Inc.**

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

<https://www.theavenue.ngo/> - 269-925-1725

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

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

<https://www.uwsm.org/volunteer-income-tax-assistance>

269-982-1700

VITA offers free tax help to people who generally make \$57,000 or less with a disability and elderly.

### **United Way of Southwest Michigan - SingleCare**

2015 Lakeview Ave. - St. Joseph, MI 49085 - 269-982-1700

<https://www.uwsm.org/> <https://www.singlecare.com/>

UWSM fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in every community. SingleCare offers a discount on prescriptions.

### **Cass County DHHS/ Family Enrichment Center**

115 S 28th St - Battle Creek, MI 49015

<https://www.fecfamily.com/> - 1-855-642-4543

Foster Care Licensing and Information for Cass County and the State of MI.

### **Women's Care Center**

621 E. Main St. - Niles, MI 49120 - 269-684-4040

<https://www.womenscarecenter.org/niles-michigan>

Provides free confidential counseling, support and education for pregnant women. Free pregnancy testing and ultrasounds.

# 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

<https://ourladyedwardsburg.org/people/food-pantry>

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://www.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.wordpress.com/>

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

<https://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, Wednesdays and Thursdays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Must have written agency referral.

## **Intercare Community Health Network (WIC)**

901 Spruce St. - Dowagiac, MI 49047

<https://www.intercare.org/locations/intercare-wic-locations/>

269-782-3374

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

<https://sacredheartsilvercreekmi.com/st-francis-outreach>

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 Ascension 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 on the last  
Saturday of month.

## **St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

305 W. State St. - Cassopolis, MI 49031

<https://www.stpaulcass.org/home>

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://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/Niles/>

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

<https://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.

## **Vandalia Church of God**

608925 Walnut St. - Vandalia, MI 49095

<https://www.vandaliachurchofgod.org/> - 269-476-9674

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

## **Our Father's Family Keeper Ministries Village Free Store**

61472 Donald Roadway W. - Vandalia, Mi 49095

<https://ourfathersfamilykeeper.org/>

269-476-1257

Provides gently used household items and furniture items.

# HOSPICE & RESIDENTIAL CARE

## **Cass County Medical Care Facility**

23770 Hospital St. - Cassopolis, MI 49031

<https://casscountymedicalcarefacility.org/>

269-445-3801

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

## **The Timbers of Cass County**

55432 Colby St. - Dowagiac, MI 49047

<https://www.atriumlivingcenters.com/Community/Michigan/the-timbers.aspx>

269-782-7828

Short term, long term and rehabilitation services.

## **Centrica Care Navigators**

### **Formerly Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan**

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

<https://centricacare.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    269-226-7000

<https://healthcare.ascension.org/locations/michigan/mikal/kalamazoo-ascension-borgess-hospital>

## **Ascension Borgess-Lee Hospital**

420 West High St. - Dowagiac, MI 49047

<https://healthcare.ascension.org/locations/michigan/mikal/dowagiac-ascension-borgess-lee-hospital>

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

## **Bronson LakeView Hospital**

408 Hazen St. - Paw Paw, MI 49079    269-657-3141

<https://www.bronsonhealth.com/locations/bronson-lakeview-hospital/>

## **Bronson Methodist Hospital**

601 John St. - Kalamazoo, MI 49007    269-341-7654

<https://www.bronsonhealth.com/locations/bronson-methodist-hospital/>

## **Lakeland Hospital Niles (CoreWell)**

31 N. St. Joseph Ave. - Niles, MI 49120    269-683-5510

<https://findadoctor.spectrumhealth.org/location/profile/15159>

## **Three Rivers Health**

701 S. Health Parkway - Three Rivers, MI 49093    269-278-1145

<https://locations.beaconhealthsystem.org/mi/three-rivers/three-rivers-health-hospital>

# 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)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Info</b>
Autumn Hills	269-468-4005	Dowagiac	
Cedar Sands Apts.	269-782-5734	Dowagiac	
Chestnut Towers	269-782-3786	Dowagiac	S/D, Sub
Colonial Acres	269-663-2424	Edwardsburg	Disabled friendly, Credit Check \$50
Dowagiac Rotary Villa	269-782-3555	Dowagiac	S/D, Sub
Eagle Lake Estates	269-699-5233	Edwardsburg	
Eagles Wood/Trace	269-782-1917	Dowagiac	AF, Some S/D
Edwardsburg Estates	269-663-5085 866-964-2666	Edwardsburg	Waiting List
Edwardsburg Manor	269-663-8261	Edwardsburg	
Fair View Apartments	269-273-7841 or 269-445-2166	Cassopolis	Some Sub

<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Info</b>
Hillcrest Apartments	269-782-9894	Dowagiac	
Indian Hills Apts.	269-782-5603	Dowagiac	Some Sub, S/D
Koshar Estates	269-646-5541	Marcellus	
Lake Wind Apts.	269-445-2768	Cassopolis	
Linden Mobile Home Park	269-641-7363	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	Sub, S/D
Rustic Acres Mobile Homes	269-414-4678	Edwardsburg	RO, AF
Simmons Mobile Homes	296-641-7019	Edwardsburg	
Stone Lake Manor	269-445-3333	Cassopolis	
Stone Lake Woods	269-445-8040	Cassopolis	
Village Heights	269-663-3450	Edwardsburg	AF
Vineyard Place	269-782-9300	Dowagiac	
Woodland Apartments	269-646-2172	Marcellus	

## **Diocesan Heating Assistance Program**

1819 Gull Rd. - Kalamazoo, MI 49048

<https://ccdok.org/home-heating-assistance>

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

<https://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**

<https://www.habitat.org/>

800-422-4828

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

<https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/assistance-programs>

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

<https://parkerpm.net/>

269-782-0830

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

[https://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/  
housing-community-development](https://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/housing-community-development)

269-783-0433 or 877-983-0385

Provides housing opportunities to Tribal citizens.

## **Salvation Army**

424 N. 15th St. - Niles, MI 49120

<https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/Niles/>

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

<https://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 & COURT 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

<https://michiganlegalhelp.org/organizations-courts/self-help-centers/michigan-legal-help-self-help-center-network-of-cass-county>

269-445-4482

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

<https://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

<https://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

[https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/keep-mi-healthy/  
chronicdiseases/cancer/bc3np](https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/keep-mi-healthy/chronicdiseases/cancer/bc3np)

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

<https://caresswm.org/>

269-927-2437

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

<https://ccdok.org/caring-network>

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

<https://cassdental.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

**Niles Community Health Center** - 1951 Oak Street - Niles, MI 69120

<https://cassfamilyclinic.org/>

Cass: 269-445-3874 Niles: 269-262-4749

CFCN is a Federally Qualified Health Center providing primary care, obstetrics and gynecology, dental clinic, behavioral health, pharmacy, and healthcare enrollment assistance services for. All ages and all income levels.

## **Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program**

302 S. Front St. - Dowagiac, MI 49047

<https://vbcassdhd.org/medical-services/lead-poisoning-prevention/>

269-782-0064 x 2015

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

<https://dowagiacdental.com/> - 269-240-9688

Dental office in Dowagiac. Membership plans available.

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

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

[https://locations.beaconhealthsystem.org/mi/edwardsburg/  
beacon-medical-group-edwardsburg](https://locations.beaconhealthsystem.org/mi/edwardsburg/beacon-medical-group-edwardsburg)

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/programs-services/wic-program/>

(269) 782-3374

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

<https://www.matthewcripedds.com/>

269-782-5511

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

### **MSU Extension Service - Nutrition**

120 N. Broadway, Ste. 116 - Cassopolis, MI 49031

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/nutrition/>

269-445-4473

Nutrition Classes for Youth and Adults.

## **Planned Parenthood**

Clinics in Mishawaka and Kalamazoo

<https://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

<https://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/health-services>

269-782-4141 or 888-440-1234

Primary care provider for Native American population in Cass and surrounding counties. Members 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://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

<https://www.smokevisioncare.com/location/dowagiac-office/>

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)

<https://swvisioncenter.com/>

Eye care with two convenient locations in Cass County.

## **Van Buren/Cass District Health Department**

302 S. Front St. - Dowagiac, MI 49047

<https://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.

## **Children's Special Healthcare Services** **(Van Buren/Cass District Health Department)**

302 S. Front St. - Dowagiac, MI 49047

[vbcassdhd.org/medical-services/childrens-special-health/](http://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.

## **Women's Care Center**

621 E. Main St. - Niles, MI 49120

<https://www.womenscarecenter.org/>

269-684-4040

Provides free, confidential counseling, support and education for pregnant women. Free pregnancy testing and ultrasounds.

# SENIOR RESOURCES

## **Cass Council on Aging (COA)**

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

112 Front St., Front Street Crossing - Dowagiac 49047

<http://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

<https://areaagencyonaging.org/>

269-983-0177

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

<https://www.cassdistrictlibrary.org/>

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

<https://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

<https://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

<https://www.uwsm.org/volunteer>

269-982-1700

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

## **YMCA of Greater Michiana**

509 North Front Street - Niles, MI 49120

3665 Hollywood Rd. - St. Joseph, MI 49085

<https://www.ymcagm.org/>

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

<https://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

<https://www.mywaythere.org/dowagiac.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

<https://ourfathersfamilykeeper.org/>

269-476-1257

- OFFKM has vehicle for loan (with certain requirements).
- OFFKM provides transportation to/from work, orientations, etc... related to securing or continuing an employment position. \$3 per trip.
- OFFKM transportation program may provide medical transportation for



# VETERANS ASSISTANCE

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

5640 Venture Court - Kalamazoo, MI 49009

<https://www.redcross.org/about-us/our-work/military-families.html>

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

<https://www.casscountymi.org/1262/Veterans-Affairs>

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)**

<https://caascmm.org/support-services-for-veterans-families/>

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

<https://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**

<https://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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Cassopolis, MI 49031

(269) 445-6217

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

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