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Heritage Southwest
Intermediate School District

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The Great Start Collaborative of Cass County is proud to present the 2024 Cass County Resource Guide

Understanding This Service 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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Help Me Grow® Cass provides a free, centralized access point that connects families with young children to the information, services, and support they need.

**Help Me Grow® Cass might be right for your family if you:**
- Have children under age 5
- Have questions about how your child is growing
- Want to know about childcare and/or preschools in your area
- Would like to learn about resources in the community that can help your family

**How it Works**
When you call, our Care Coordinator will listen to your needs, answer your questions, and connect you with available services and resources for your child.

**CALL OR TEXT US TODAY**
+269-635-0236

amber.skorupa@hsisd.org

www.greatstartcass.org
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.

ACCESSIBLE 24/7/365 • 180 LANGUAGES • COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL

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

211
Get Connected. Get Help.

GRYPHON PLACE
Helping those in conflict and crisis

United Way
United Way of Southwest Michigan
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Ark - Services for Youth

990 W. Kilgore - Kalamazoo, MI 49008
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
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
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
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

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

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

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 Family Coalition**

601 N. Front St. Suite B - Dowagiac, MI 49047

greatstartcass.org - 269-635-0236

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

601 N. Front St. Suite B - Dowagiac, MI 49047

greatstartcass.org - 269-635-0236

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

601 N. Front St. Suite B - Dowagiac, MI 49047

hsisd.org or greatstartcass.org - 269-390-5245

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

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

berriencasscounties.ja.org - 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.
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.

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

OutCenter of Southwest Michigan
132 Water St. - Benton Harbor, MI 49022
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 - Zagbegon Early Learning & Development Academy
58620 Sink Rd., Box 180 - Dowagiac, MI 49047
pokagonband-nsn.gov - 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
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

tricountyhs.org - 269-657-2581

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

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**United Way of Southwest Michigan**

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

uwsm.org - 269-982-4029

UWSM fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in every community.

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**YMCA of Greater Michiana**

509 North Front Street - Niles, MI 49120

3665 Hollywood Rd. - St. Joseph, MI 49085

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.

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**Michiana Family Center**

PO Box 398 - Edwardsburg, MI 49112

michianafamilycenter.org - 540-597-0429

Michiana Mentors, Teen and Family Support groups and Michiana Care teams.
**Bronson LakeView Neuro Behavioral Health**

408 Hazen St. - Paw Paw, MI 49079

bronsonhealth.com - 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.

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**Bridges Mental Health Counseling**

1441 S. Westnedge Ave. - Kalamazoo, MI 49008

ccdok.org/bridges - 269-381-9800

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

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**Cassopolis Family Clinic Network**

261 M-62 N. - Cassopolis, MI 49031

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

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.
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<td>cerebralpalsyguide.com</td>
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<td>866-756-6035</td>
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<td>Cerebral Palsy Guide provides free educational materials, financial resources and support options for families affected by this condition and other birth injuries.</td>
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<td>communityhealingcenter.org/niles</td>
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<td>Age 18+ outpatient treatment to support the journey to sobriety.</td>
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<td>dnswm.org</td>
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<td>269-345-1516 (Kalamazoo) or 269-985-0111 (Berrien)</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>202 Center St. - Dowagiac, MI 49047</td>
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<td>269-782-5656 - For more info: <a href="mailto:Info@CelebrateDowagiac.org">Info@CelebrateDowagiac.org</a></td>
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<td>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.</td>
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Lighthouse Autism Center

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

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

logancenter.org - 269-983-5833

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

Michigan Alliance for Families

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 48955

drmich.org - 517-487-1755 or 800-288-5923

Advocate and protect the rights of people with disabilities in Michigan.
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<td>Michigan Rehabilitation Services</td>
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<td>mi.gov/mrs</td>
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<td>Pokagon Band Behavioral Health Services</td>
<td>58620 Sink Rd. - Dowagiac, MI 49047</td>
<td>pokagonband-nsn.gov - 269-782-2476</td>
<td>Outpatient counseling for mental health &amp; substance abuse.</td>
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<td>Shepard House Counseling and Psychological Services, P.C.</td>
<td>903 Main St. - St. Joseph, MI 49085</td>
<td>shepardhouse.info</td>
<td>Individual, couple/marital and family counseling for all age groups.</td>
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<td>Stephen Ministries (Our Lady of the Lake Church)</td>
<td>24832 US Highway 12 E - Edwardsburg, MI 49112</td>
<td>ourladyedwardsburg.org/christian-life</td>
<td>Christian care and support for adults going through difficulty - grief, divorce, life stages, etc. Age 18 and older. No charge.</td>
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St. Paul Episcopal Church
306 Courtland St. - Dowagiac, MI 49047
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
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
woodlandsbhn.org - 269-445-2451

Behavioral health and substance abuse services for any age and any income. Medicaid eligible.
Ark - Services for Youth
990 W. Kilgore - Kalamazoo, MI 49008
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
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
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
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  
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)**  
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<td>cassopolis.k12.mi.us - 269-445-0536</td>
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<td>dowagiacschools.org - 269-782-4400</td>
<td>edwardsburgpublicschools.org - 269-663-3055</td>
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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.
Marcellus Community Schools
305 W. Arbor St. - Marcellus, MI 49067
marcelluscs.org - 269-646-7655
K-12 public school system.

Michigan Works!
33890 US 12 - Niles, MI 49120
120 N Broadway St, Room 219 - Cassopolis, MI 49031
miworks.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
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
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

33890 US-12 - Niles, MI 49120

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

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

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

**Women’s Business Center at Cornerstone Alliance**

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

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.
American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan

5640 Venture Court - Kalamazoo, MI 49009

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

877-272-7337

For veterans and their families.
**Bethany Christian Services**

919 E. Michigan Ave. - Paw Paw, MI 49079  
185 E. Main St. - Benton Harbor, MI 49022

[bethany.org](http://bethany.org) - 269-657-7096 or 800-BETHANY

Offers services for adoption, foster care, and counseling.

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**Home Visiting Programs**

[mihomevisiting.com](http://mihomevisiting.com)

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

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**LifePlan**

527 E. Main St. - Niles, MI 49120

[lifeplan.org](http://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.

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**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

[facebook.com/BirthQueensandMilkQueens](https://facebook.com/BirthQueensandMilkQueens)

269-861-6163 (call or text)

Birth Queens and Milk Queens offers comprehensive birth doula and lacta-

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

325 M-62 - Cassopolis, MI 49031

[michigan.gov/mdhhs](https://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

[pokagonband-nsn.gov](https://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

[ccr4kids.org](https://ccr4kids.org) - 269-349-3296

[greatstarttoquality.org/find-programs/](https://greatstarttoquality.org/find-programs/)

Connects families with listings for high quality childcare and early education
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<td>theavenue.ngo - 269-925-1725</td>
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<td>VITA offers free tax help to people who generally make $57,000 or less with a disability and elderly.</td>
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<td>uws.org - 269-982-1700</td>
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<td>UWSM fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in every community. SingleCare offers a discount on prescriptions.</td>
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<td>fcnp.org/become-foster-parents - 1-855-642-4543</td>
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<td>womenscarecenter.org/niles-michigan</td>
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<td>Provides free confidential counseling, support and education for pregnant women. Free pregnancy testing and ultrasounds.</td>
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<td>301 Main St. - Dowagiac, MI 49047</td>
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<td>Food pantry for low income and all ages. Saturdays 10:00-12:00, Senior Commodities - 2nd Tuesday, Mobile Pantries 2x/month.</td>
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<td><strong>Cassopolis First Church of God - Compassionate Cupboard</strong></td>
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<td>21083 Spencer Rd. - Cassopolis, MI 49031</td>
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<td>Food on demand, personal care items, baskets for newborns, baskets/packets for women/men recently released from incarceration. By appointment only.</td>
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<td>Food pantry on 3rd Saturday of month 12:00 pm-2:00 pm.</td>
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**Edwardsburg Food Pantry**  
*(Our Lady of the Lake Church)*  
24832 US 12 - Edwardsburg, MI 49112  
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  
goodwill-ni.org - 269-684-5452  
Low-cost clothing and home supplies.

**Helping Hands of Cass County**  
130 S. Broadway St. - Cassopolis, MI 49031  
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  
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

intercare.org/programs-services/wic-program/

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
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

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

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

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.

**Our Father’s Family Keeper Ministries Village Free Store**

61472 Donald Roadway W. - Vandalia, Mi 49095

ourfathersfamilykeeper.org - 269-476-1257

Provides gently used children’s clothing, household items and furniture items,
Cass County Medical Care Facility
23770 Hospital St. - Cassopolis, MI 49031
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://atriumlivingcenters.com/centers/the-timbers-of-cass-county/
269-782-7828
Short term, long term and rehabilitation services.

Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan
222 N. Kalamazoo Mall #100 - Kalamazoo, MI 49007
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.
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<td>healthcare.ascension.org/location 269-782-8681 or 877-563-9518 (Financial Assistance)</td>
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<td><strong>Bronson LakeView Hospital</strong></td>
<td>408 Hazen St. - Paw Paw, MI 49079</td>
<td>bronsonhealth.com - 269-657-3141</td>
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<td>601 John St. - Kalamazoo, MI 49007</td>
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<td><strong>Lakeland Hospital Niles (CoreWell)</strong></td>
<td>31 N. St. Joseph Ave. - Niles, MI 49120</td>
<td>spectrumhealthlakeland.org - 269-683-5510</td>
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<td><strong>Three Rivers Health</strong></td>
<td>701 S. Health Parkway - Three Rivers, MI 49093</td>
<td>threerivershealth.org - 269-278-1145</td>
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**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)

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### Diocesan Heating Assistance Program

1819 Gull Rd. - Kalamazoo, MI 49048  
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  
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

habitats.org/volunteer/near-you/find-your-local-habitat  
800-422-4828

Provides decent, affordable homes to low-income families. Homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage.
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) - Cass County Assistance

325 M-62 - Cassopolis, MI 49031
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
parkerpm.net/management_services.html - 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
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  
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  
smcaa.com - 269-925-9077

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### True North Community Services

6308 S. Warner Ave., P.O. Box 149 - Fremont, MI 49412  
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.
Cass County Friend of the Court

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

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

cass.michiganlegalhelp.org - 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

lawestmi.org - 269-344-8113

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

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

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.

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**Cassopolis Dental**

62225 M-62 - Cassopolis, MI 49031

cassdental.com - 269-445-8636

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

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**Cassopolis Family Clinic Network**

261 M-62 N. - Cassopolis, MI 49031

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

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.

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**Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program**

302 S. Front St. - Dowagiac, MI 49047

vbcassdhd.org/medical-services/lead-poisoning-prevention/

269-782-0064 x 2015

| **Dowagiac Family Dentistry** | 530 Riverside Dr. - Dowagiac, MI 49047  
dowagiaccidental.com - 269-240-9688  
Dental office in Dowagiac. Membership plans available. |
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| **Edwardsburg Family Medicine**  
(Beacon Medical Group) | 27082 W. Main St., P.O. Box 628 - Edwardsburg, MI 49112  
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  
intercare.org/wic.html - (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  
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  
canr.msu.edu/cass/index - 269-445-4473  
Nutrition Classes for Youth and Adults. |
Planned Parenthood
Clinics in Mishawaka and Kalamazoo
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
pokagonband-nsn.gov - 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
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
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)

[swvisioncenter.com](http://swvisioncenter.com)

Eye care with two convenient locations in Cass County.

**Van Buren/Cass District Health Department**

302 S. Front St. - Dowagiac, MI 49047

[vbcassdhd.org](http://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

[womenscarecenter.org/niles-michigan](http://womenscarecenter.org/niles-michigan) - 269-684-4040

Provides free, confidential counseling, support and education for pregnant women. Free pregnancy testing and ultrasounds.
**Cass Council on Aging (COA)**

60525 Decatur Rd., Lowe Center - Cassopolis, MI 49031  
112 Front St., Front Street Crossing - Dowagiac 49047  

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.

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**Region IV Area Agency on Aging**

2900 Lakeview Ave. - St. Joseph, MI 49085  

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.
Cass District Library ~ Main Branch

319 M-16 - 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

Local History Branch
145 N Broadway, Cassopolis, MI 49031

Mason-Union Branch:
17049 US 12 - Edwardsburg, MI 49112 - 269-357-7821

Dowagiac District Library

211 Commercial St. - Dowagiac, MI 49047

dowagiacdl.org

269-782-3826

Access to ideas, information, experiences and resources for life-long learning. Programs, resources and services for all ages.
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<td>marcellus.michlibrary.org</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>United Way of Southwest Michigan Volunteer United</td>
<td>2015 Lakeview Ave. - St. Joseph, MI 49085</td>
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<td>ymcagm.org</td>
<td>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.</td>
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**Cass County Public Transit**

400 E. State St. - Cassopolis, MI 49031

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

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

ourfathersfamilykeeper.org - 269-476-1257

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

American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan
Services to Armed Forces
5640 Venture Court - Kalamazoo, MI 49009
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
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)
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

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**

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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For more information about this guide:
Great Start Collaborative Cass County
601 N. Front St. Suite B
Dowagiac, MI 49047
(269) 635-0236
www.greatstartcass.org

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