EightCAP, Inc.

Community Resource Directory

Gratiot County 2023

… a Community Action Agency –

Gratiot Satellite Office
525 N. State Street, Suite 2, Alma, MI 48801
Phone: (616) 754-9315
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Administrative Office
5827 Orleans Rd, Orleans MI 48865
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Michigan Relay Center: (800) 649-3777 (Voice and TDD)

EightCAP, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer/program.
Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

Online version available at
www.8cap.org

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EightCAP, Inc. improves our community by partnering with private, government, and community organizations to deliver programs to low-income residents that alleviate the local causes of poverty and its effects. Programs offered through EightCAP are as follows:

COMMUNITY SERVICES - EightCAP, Inc. Community Services assist income-eligible households with heat and utility assistance, food distributions, medical prescription copays, and various needs depending on funding availability. Community Services also offers assistance with food pantry information and distributions, and referrals to other services not provided by EightCAP. The Emergency Assistance Application is located on our website, www.8cap.org.

HOUSING PROGRAMS – EightCAP, Inc. Housing Programs assist low-income households with rental assistance, deposit assistance, emergency shelter (hotel/motel vouchers) and limited utility payment assistance. These services are offered through the Emergency Solutions Grant and the Emergency Shelter Program. As the Housing Assessment and Resource Agency (HARA) in the county, EightCAP registers and places homeless households on the Housing Choice Voucher Waitlist with a Homeless Preference Code.

Through the Supportive Services for Veterans Families, services can include rental assistance, deposit assistance, emergency shelter stays, moving costs, emergency housing services, transportation assistance and limited car repair assistance. These services are available to low-income households, who have served at least one-day active duty and were discharged under any other circumstances than dishonorable.

The Rapid Rehousing Program is available to literally homeless households (some conditions may apply). This program may pay up to 18 months of rental assistance and security deposit. It is an intensive case management program where clients work to address barriers that are present and develop skills to retain housing and become self-sufficient.

The HUD Rapid Rehousing Program is an income-based program available to literally homeless households. This program provides intensive case management, as well as up to 24 months of rental assistance and security deposit.

Commodity Food Distribution Sites, Income Guidelines, & Schedules
For October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023

Please remain in your vehicle and safely pull your vehicle into line at the food truck. Participants will not sign for the food boxes; a representative will check you in and then place your food boxes in your trunk. DO NOT ENTER THE BUILDING. Thank you.

The **Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)** is a food program for those 60 and over who fall within the income guidelines listed below. For those eligible, supplemental boxes (2) of food are delivered every other month at a site(s) in each county. Two boxes are allowed every other month (One box for each month).

CSFP Guidelines

Household Size	Yearly	Monthly
1	$17,667	$1,473
2	$23,803	$1,984
3	$29,939	$2,495
4	$36,075	$3,007
5	$42,211	$3,518
6	$48,347	$4,029
For Each Additional Household Member Add:	$6,136	$512

CSFP Site and Schedule

Site	Dates	Time
Alma Elks Lodge 610 W. Warwick, Alma	4th Monday of October, December 9th (due to the holidays), February, April, June & August	9:30 am - 11:00 am
Gratiot Commission on Aging 515 W Pine River, Ithaca	4th Monday of October, December 9th (due to holidays), February, April, June & August	12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
Ionia Moose Lodge 869 E Lincoln Ave., Ionia	4th Tuesday of October, December 16th (due to holidays), February, April, June & August	10:30 am - 11:30 am
Immanuel Lutheran Church 320 S Bradley, Mt. Pleasant	4th Wednesday of October, December 22nd (due to holidays), February, April, June & August	10:00 am - 11:00 am
Arms of Love, 1200 N Lafayette St, Greenville	1st Thursday of October, December, February, April, June & August	10:30 am - 11:30 am
Grace Community Church 9920 N Reed Rd, Howard City	1st Thursday of October, December, February, April, June & August	1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

There are several private locations across the counties where CSFP can be obtained if you are a resident.

Ionia- Belhaven/Woodhaven
Isabella- Riverview, Immanuel Village & Winchester Towers
Montcalm- Friendship Houses, Tamarack Creek Apts. & Mulberry Estates

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

Quick Find Phone Numbers

Use the **Quick Find Index** pages as a quick reference for phone numbers. See the Community Resource pages for further agency information.

Abuse	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS	(989) 875-5181
Child/Adult	R.I.S.E. Advocacy, Inc.	(989) 773-0078
Budgeting/ Financial	MSU-Extension	(989) 875-5233
Clothing	Career Closet	(989) 463-4171
	East Montcalm Baby Pantry	(989) 268-5551
	Foster Closet	(800) 554-4966
	Office of Human Services	(989) 681-4289
	Plaid Door	(989) 463-1914
	Pompeii United Methodist Baby Pantry	(989) 838-2249
	Community Services of Seventh Day Adventist	(989) 875-4433
Counseling Services/ Mental Health	Addictions Solutions Counseling Center-ASCC	(989) 779-9449
	Gratiot Integrated Health Network	(989) 463-4971
	R.I.S.E. Advocacy, Inc	(989) 773-0078
Disability/ Special Needs	Build Up Michigan	(888) 320-8384
	Gratiot-Isabella RESD	(989) 875-5101
	Social Security Administration	(877) 405-7667
	Special Olympics Michigan	(989) 774-3911
Education For Adults	Alma College	(989) 463-7111
	Federal Student Aid-FAFSA	(800) 433-3243
	Fulton Adult & Alternative Education	(989) 236-5404
	Gratiot-Isabella RESD	(989) 875-5101
	Mid-Michigan Community College	(989) 773-6622
	Mid-Michigan Migrant & English Language Learners	(616) 794-4753
	Montcalm Community College	(989) 328-2111
	MSU-Extension	(989) 875-5233
Emergency	American Red Cross	(989) 463-3209
	Gratiot Emergency Housing Corporation	(989) 466-0709
	Love, INC	(989) 681-8223
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS	(844) 464-3447
	Salvation Army	(989) 463-2864
	R.I.S.E. Advocacy, Inc	(989) 773-0078
Employment Services	AARP Foundation Senior Community Service Employment (SCSEP)	(855) 850-2525
	Gratiot-Isabella RESD	(989) 875-5101
	Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works!	(989) 466-4832
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS	(989) 875-5181

Food	Commission on Aging	(989) 875-5246
	EightCAP, Inc.	(866) 754-9315
	The Salvation Army	(989) 463-2864
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS	(844) 464-3447
	Mid-Michigan District Health Department-MMDHD	(989) 875-3681
	Office of Human Services	(989) 681-4289
Furniture/ Household	Foster Closet	(800) 554-4966
	Office of Human Services	(989) 681-4289
	Sleep in Heavenly Peace	(844) 432-2337
Government (City/ County)	County Clerk	(989) 875-5215
	Friend of the Court	(989) 875-5226
	Register of Deeds	(989) 875-5217
	Sheriff's Department	(989) 875-5211
Health/ Medical	Early On	(989) 433-2962
	Hospice of Michigan	(888) 247-5701
	Lions Club	(989) 463-6477
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS	(844) 464-3447
	Mid-Michigan District Health Department-MMDHD	(989) 875-3681
	Mid-Michigan Home Care & Hospice	(989) 463-4121
	MIChild/Healthy Kids	(888) 988-6300
	Tri-County Homework People Fund	(800) 421-8956
	The Salvation Army	(989) 463-2864
Homeless/ Housing Services	EightCAP, Inc. Housing Hotline, ext.3	(866) 754-9315
	Gratiot County Hope House	(989) 948-0404
	Gratiot Emergency Housing Corporation	(989) 466-0709
	Habitat for Humanity	(989) 463-2244
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS	(844) 464-3447
	Michigan State Housing Development Authority-MSHDA	(517) 241-0809
	MSU-Extension	(989) 875-5233
	Tri-County Homeworks People Fund	(800) 421-8956
	USDA Rural Development	(800) 944-8119
	R.I.S.E. Advocacy, Inc	(989) 773-0078
Infant/ Child/ Teen Services	Big Brothers/Big Sisters	(989) 463-3434
	Build Up Michigan Kids	(888) 320-8364
	Child Advocacy	(989) 463-1422
	Gratiot-Isabella RESD	(989) 875-5101
	Great Start Readiness Program-GSRP	(800) 227-2437
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS	(844) 464-3447
	MIChild/Healthy Kids	(888) 988-6300
	MSU-Extension-4H	(989) 875-5233
Legal	Center for Civil Justice	(800) 724-7441
	Counsel & Advocacy Law Line	(888) 783-8190
	Elder Law of Michigan	(866) 400-9164
	Farmworker Legal Services	(269) 492-7190
	Legal Services of Eastern Michigan	(800) 322-4512
	R.I.S.E. Advocacy, Inc	(989) 773-0078

Military/ Veterans	American Red Cross of West Michigan	(616) 456-8661
	Better Business Bureau Military Line	(800) 684-3222
	Buddy-To-Buddy	(800) 642-4838
	Family Assistance Center-Grand Valley Armory	(517) 481-7323
	Gratiot County Department of Veterans Affairs	(989) 875-5258
	Goodwill Industries	(231) 206-0127
	HUD-VASH	(616) 356-1746
	Michigan State University Extension	(888) 678-3464
	Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency	(800) 642-4838
	Military OneSource	(800) 342-9647
	Service to Soldiers Legal Assistance Referral Program	(517) 371-5140
	Supportive Services for Veteran Families (EightCAP, Inc.)	(866) 754-9315
	United States Department of Veteran Affairs (VA)	(844) 698-2311
	Veterans Crisis Line	(800) 273-8255
	Veterans4USA	(616) 418-8797
	VFW National Home for Children	(800) 313-4200
Nutrition	Mid-Michigan District Health Department-MMDHD	(989) 875-3681
	MSU-Extension	(989) 875-5233
Parenting	Child Advocacy Center	(989) 463-1422
	Gratiot-Isabella RESD	(989) 875-5101
	Mid-Michigan District Health Department-MMDHD	(989) 875-3681
	MSU-Extension	(989) 875-5233
Personal Needs	St. Louis First United Methodist Church	(989) 681-3320
	This and That Store	(989) 862-4392
Pregnancy Services	Mid-Michigan District Health Department-MMDHD	(989) 875-3681
	Pregnancy Services of Gratiot County	(989) 466-2295
Preschool	EightCAP, Inc 0-5 Head Start ext. 2	(866) 754-9315
	Great Start Readiness Program-GSRP	(989) 492-7707
	Gratiot-Isabella RESD	(989) 433-2962
Schools-Public/ Charter	Alma Public Schools	(989) 466-7511
	Ashley Community Schools	(989) 847-4000
	Breckenridge Community Schools	(989) 842-3182
	Fulton Schools	(989) 236-5130
	Gratiot-Isabella RESD	(989) 875-5101
	Ithaca Public Schools	(989) 875-3700
	St. Louis Public Schools	(989) 681-2500
Senior Citizens	AARP Foundation Senior Community Service Employment (SCSEP)	(855) 850-2525
	Commission on Aging	(989) 875-5246
	Elder law of Michigan	(866) 400-9164
	Lions Club	(989) 463-6477
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS	(989) 875-5181
	Mid-Michigan Home Care & Hospice	(989) 463-4121
	Social Security Administration	(877) 405-7667

Substance Abuse	Alcoholics' Anonymous	(800) 821-3014
	Addiction Solutions Counseling Center	(989) 779-9449
Transportation	Dial-A-Ride/Alma Transit Center	(989) 463-6016
Utility Assistance	Assurance Wireless (free cell phone)	(888) 321-5880
	EightCAP, Inc. (heat/utility)	(616) 236-1027
	Gratiot Emergency Housing Corporation	(989) 466-0709
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS	(844) 464-3447
	Love, INC	(989) 681-8223
	SafeLink (free cell phone)	(800) 773-9328
	Salvation Army (heat/utility)	(989) 773-4663
	Tri-County HomeWorks People Fund (heat/utility)	(800) 421-8956
Volunteer Services	Commission on Aging	(989) 875-5246
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS	(989) 875-5181
	United Way of Gratiot & Isabella Counties	(989) 463-6245

Michigan 2-1-1 Get Connected. Get Answers.

2-1-1 connects you with thousands of nonprofit and government resources in your area. Michigan 2-1-1 is an easy way to connect with help of all kinds, right in your community. Need help with food, housing, or paying bills? Need support in a family crisis or community disaster? We are here for you. Any time. All the time. Just call, text, or search online and we will get you connected.

Phone: Dial 211 or 1-888-636-4211

Text: Your zip code to 898211

Live Chat: HWMUW.ORG/211

United Way

Hotline Numbers

ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE HELPLINE & TREATMENT	**(844) 289-0879**
	www.drughelpline.org
BOYS & GIRLS TOWN NATIONAL HOTLINE	**(800) 448-3000**
	www.boystown.org
CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION INFORMATION	**(800) 232-4636**
	www.cdc.gov
CENTER FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN	**(800) 843-5678**
	www.missingkids.com
CHILD & ADULT LICENSING COMPLAINTS (ABUSE AND NEGLECT)	**(855) 444-3911**
	www.michigan.gov/mdhhs
CHILD FIND OF AMERICA	**(800) 426-5678**
	www.childfindofamerica.org
CHILD HELP USA INFORMATION CENTER	**(800) 422-4453**
	www.childhelp.org
CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS (MiSDU OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT)	**(877) 543-2660**
	www.misdu.com
CHILDREN'S SPECIAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES FAMILY CENTER	**(800) 359-3722**
	www.michigan.gov/mdhhs
CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICE	**(800) 388-2227**
	www.nfcc.org
CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION	**(800) 638-2772**
	www.cpsc.gov
DEPRESSION AFTER DELIVERY	**(800) 944-4773**
	www.postpartum.net
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NATIONAL HELPLINE	**(800) 799-7233**
	www.thehotline.org
EIGHTCAP'S HOUSING & HOMELESS HOTLINE	**(866) 754-9315 x3**
	www.eightcap.org
FOOD & NUTRITION PROGRAM HELPLINE (SNAP)	**(855) 275-6424**
	www.fns.usda.gov
HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE	**(888) 373-7888**
	www.humantraffickinghotline.org

MEDICAID HELPLINE (MICHIGAN)	**(888) 367-6557**
	www.mihealth.org
MI-RX DISCOUNT CARD	**(800) 259-8016**
	www.mihealth.org
MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION ON PROBLEM GAMBLING HELPLINE	**(800) 270-7117**
	www.michapg.com
MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING (MADD)	**(877) 623-3435**
	www.madd.org
NATIONAL RUNAWAY SAFELINE	**(800) 786-2929**
	www.1800runaway.org
POISON CONTROL	**(800) 222-1222**
	www.poisonhelp.org
SAFE DELIVERY OF NEWBORNS	**(866) 733-7733**
	www.michigan.gov/mdhhs
SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE	**(800) 656-4673**
	www.rainn.org
SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION	**(800) 662-4357**
	www.samhsa.gov
SUICIDE PREVENTION NATIONAL LIFELINE	**(800) 273-8255**
	www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org
THE HEAT & WARMTH FUND (THAW)	**(800) 866-8429**
	www.thawfund.org
THURSDAY'S CHILD	**(800) 872-5437**
	www.thursdayschild.org
USDA MEAT AND POULTRY HOTLINE	**(888) 674-6854**
	www.usda.gov
USDA NATIONAL HUNGER HOTLINE	**(866) 348-6479**
	www.fns.usda.gov
VETERAN'S CRISIS LINE - VETERAN'S AFFAIRS	**(800) 273-8255**
	www.veteranscrisisline.net
VULNERABLE CHILDREN, ADULTS & SENIORS HELPLINE	**(855) 444-3911**
	www.michigan.gov/mdhhs
WE TIP HOT LINE (ANONYMOUS CRIME REPORTING HOTLINE)	**(800) 782-7463**
	www.wetip.com

Food Pantries

ALMA

CHILD ADVOCACY BABY PANTRY (989) 463-1422

525 N. State Street, Suite 4 (Wilcox Non-Profit Center), Alma, MI 48801 childadvocacy.net

Provides free diapers, wipes, formula, baby food, clothing, and other baby items which can be picked up Wednesdays from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. Pantry is closed if Alma Public Schools are closed due to weather.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOOD PANTRY (989) 463-2940

495 Charles Avenue, Alma, MI 48801 www.firstpres.net

Tuesday (except 5th Tuesday of the month) 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, closed if Alma Schools are closed for weather. Serving Alma, Riverdale, Elm Hall, and Elwell. You may receive food every other month, six times a year. Bring a picture ID, names & dates of birth for everyone in the household.

THE SALVATION ARMY (989) 463-2864

425 Republic Street, Alma, MI 48801 www.saalma.org

Open Monday-Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, closed 12:00 pm-1:00 pm for lunch. No morning pantry hours the 1st Friday of each month. Can come every 3 months. Serves Gratiot County residents only. Bring picture ID with current address.

ASHLEY

EAST WASHINGTON UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH (989) 838-2314

8051 S Crapo Road, Ashley, MI 48806

2nd Tuesday every other month (January, March, May, July, September, November). Pantry hours 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Must be a resident of Gratiot County and provide proof of residency. Please bring your own box, basket tote, or bags to collect your items.

POMPEII UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BABY PANTRY (989) 838-4159

135 W Burton Street, Pompeii, MI 48874 www.firstpres.net

Baby needs from 0 to 12 years old. Baby food, formula, clothes & diapers. Pantry is open the 1st & 3rd Thursdays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

BANNISTER

BANNISTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (989) 862-4392

103 E. Hanvey Street, Bannister, MI 48807

Pantry open the 3rd Saturday of every month from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Also provides hygiene products/toiletries and donated clothing/shoes as available, if needed. Part of the Greater Lansing Hunger Network. Must be a Gratiot County resident and provide proof of residency by driver's license or ID.

BRECKENRIDGE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOOD PANTRY (989) 842-3632

125 Third Street, PO Box 248, Breckenridge, MI 48615

Open Tuesday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Breckenridge, Hemlock, Merrill, and Wheeler residents ONLY. Pick up once every 60 days. Bring state ID/Driver's License.

ELSIE

ELSIE AREA FOOD BANK (989) 388-8717

225 S Ovid Street, Elsie, MI 48831 www.elsie.org/foodbank

HOURS: 8:00 am – 9:00 am, Mondays & Wednesdays. Proof of residency required. Free Produce (unless otherwise noted) - 1st Tuesday & 3rd Thursday each month. Please a note to sign up, you MUST sign up at the United Methodist Church in Elsie, 160 W. Main St., Elsie. After being registered, then you will be able to go to the food bank for produce. Closed on holidays and when Ovid-Elsie Area Schools are closed due to weather conditions.

ITHACA

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOOD PANTRY (989) 875-4437

218 E Newark Street, Ithaca, MI 48847

Hours: Wednesday 9:30 am - 11:30 am. Gratiot County residents south of Tyler Road only. You may receive food 6 times per year. Bring one picture identification. A bi-monthly mobile food pantry is also available to qualifying Gratiot County residents on the 2nd Saturday of the month in February, April, June, October, & December from 9:00 am – 11:00 am.

ITHACA SEVENTH-DAY ADVVENTIST FOOD PANTRY (989) 560-5683

935 N Pine River Street, Ithaca, MI 48847

4th Monday each month, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm. Date of birth for all household members. Address and income verification. Photo ID for person picking up food. Residents of Gratiot County only. May receive food once per month.

MIDDLETON

SOUTHWEST GRATIOT COUNTY FOOD PANTRY (989) 236-7728

New Haven Church of the Brethren, 7587 Grant Road, Middleton, MI

Call for an appointment. Open 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Bring photo ID, must know monthly income & names/ages of household members.

RIVERDALE

LINCOLN ROAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOOD PANTRY (989) 463-5704

9479 W Lincoln Rd, Riverdale, MI 48877

Open 3rd Thursday 9:00 am – 11:00 pm. Residents of Sumner & Seville Township who meet financial guidelines receive a week's worth of food. On first visit please bring a DL/State ID & proof of address. A bi-monthly mobile food pantry is also available to qualifying Gratiot County residents on the 2nd Saturday of the month in February, April, June, October, & December from 9:00 am – 10:00 am.

M-46 TABERNACLE FOOD PANTRY (989) 506-4821

11098 Howard City-Edmore Road (M-46), Riverdale, MI 48877

Open Tuesday 10:00 am – 11:00 am. No pantry if Vestaburg Schools are closed due to weather. Contact Zeda Bish.

ST. LOUIS

OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES (Food Pantry & Thrift Store) (989) 681-4289

232 N Mill Street, PO Box 2, St. Louis, MI 48880

Food Pantry open Monday-Friday 9:00 am – 11:30 Am. Food available once every 60 days for Gratiot County residents only. Need to provide proof of income and photo ID showing current address. Thrift Store open to public, Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 12:15 pm.

ST. LOUIS (CONT.)

ST. LOUIS CHURCH OF CHRIST FOOD PANTRY **(989) 681-2524**

1075 W Monroe Road, St. Louis, MI 48880

Food Pantry open 3rd Thursday of the month 11:30 am – 2:00 pm. Please bring your own box, basket, tote, or bags to collect your items. Photo ID, proof of income, residence, & number of people in household is required once a year and for new participants.

ST. LOUIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH **(989) 681-3320**

1165 Franklin St, St Louis, MI 48880

Personal needs pantry for Gratiot County residents only. ID required to register, every Thursday 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm & 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm.

VESTABURG

EAST MONTCALM BABY PANTRY **(989) 268-5551**

Ferris Church of Christ, 3443 N Crystal Road, Vestaburg, MI 48891

Hours of distribution: Tuesdays each month 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. You must live within the following boundaries: West of Warner Road and East of Stevenson Road/Wyman Road. Serving children newborn to age 5 years. Items available include baby food, formula, diapers, clothing (up to size 6), blankets, furniture (when available) and miscellaneous items.

CONGREGATE MEALS

BANNISTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH **(989) 862-4392**

103 E. Hanvey St, Bannister, MI 48807

January, February & March ONLY. Free soup & sandwiches, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm 2nd & 4th Tuesdays.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOOD PANTRY **(989) 463-2940**

495 Charles Avenue, Alma, MI 48801 www.firstpres.net

Free meal available to anyone, Thursdays at 5:30 pm.

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD-THE SUPPER CLUB **(989) 681-5530 or (989) 681-5888**

520 Olive St, St. Louis, MI 48880

Free meal every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Tuesday each month from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm.

ST. LOUIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH- MONTHLY SUPPER **(989) 681-3320**

1165 Franklin St, St Louis, MI 48880

Monthly Soup Dinners ever 4th Tuesday from 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm. Call to get the dates.

OTHER FOOD RESOURCES

DOUBLE UP FOOD BUCKS **(866) 586-2796**

www.doubleupfoodbucks.org

The way this program works is that anyone with food stamps can double their dollars when they shop for MI-grown fruits and vegetables at participating locations, please go to website for list of participating locations or send an email to info@doubleupfoodbucks.org

FEEDING AMERICA GREATER LANSING FOOD BANK **(517) 853-7800**

919 Filley St., Lansing, MI 48906 www.greaterlansingfoodbank.org

Greater Lansing Food Bank (GLFB) is a non-profit organization that provides emergency food to individuals and families in need throughout mid-Michigan, in Ingham, Eaton, Clinton, Shiawassee, Clare, Isabella, and Gratiot counties.

FOOD WITH FRIENDS/GRATIOT COUNTY COMMISION ON AGING

Offers a noon meal and activities to seniors at no charge, however donations are welcome.

Alma/St Louis Area-

Gratiot Community Senior Center- 1329 Michigan Avenue, St. Louis, MI 48880 – (989) 681-4341

Breckenridge Area-

Breckenridge Masonic Temple- 156 W Saginaw St. Breckenridge, MI 48615- (989) 842-3338

Fulton Area-

Fulton Township Hall- 3425 W Cleveland (M-57) Perrinton, MI 48871- (989) 236-5019

Ithaca Area-

Senior Activity Building- 1011 East North St Ithaca, MI 48847- (989) 875-2135

West Gratiot-

Sumner Community Center- 10820 Pine St Sumner, MI 48889- (989) 833-7624

GRATIOT COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING **(989) 875-5246**

515 S Pine Street, Ithaca, MI 48847 www.gratiotmi.com/171/Commission-on-Aging

Home-delivered meals provides older adults with a hot meal during the noon hour. To be eligible one must; 60 years of age or older, be homebound, and unable to shop or prepare own meals. A suggested donation of $2.50 for each meal provided.

Community Resources

AARP FOUNDATION SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT (SCSEP) (855) 850-2525

3185 Logan Valley Road, Traverse City, MI 49684 www.aarpfoundation.org/scsep

Serves Michigan in its entirety with 8 different SCSEP offices throughout Michigan. SCSEP is a training and employment program for low-income, unemployed individuals, age 55 and up. Offers paid, temporary work training experience and help finding employment to older adults who meet eligibility requirements.

ADDICTION SOLUTIONS COUNSELING CENTER (ASCC) (989) 779-9449

218 S Washington Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 www.asccts.com

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

This program accepts most insurance. Outpatient Mental Health Substance Abuse Counseling as well as outpatient psychiatric care is available. Offers group, family, couple, individual and adolescent counseling treatment.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA) (800) 821-3014

www.aa.org

Provides local listings for educational services for persons with alcohol, drug, or other related concerns. Services are also offered to families and friends of chemically dependent persons.

AMERICAN RED CROSS (989) 463-3209

525 N State Street, Suite 3, Alma, MI 48801 www.redcross.org

Hours: Monday-Friday hours may vary. Call to check hours. Emergency Phone #: (989) 324-9416. Armed Forces Emergency Services. Blood drives held year-round. Shelter, feed, and provide emotional support to victims of disasters. Disaster Services- provides immediate, disaster-related needs to people facing emergency situations such as a home fire. Health and Safety Services-Certifications available from trained Red Cross instructors for Adult, Child, and Infant CPR, standard first aid, babysitter training, water safety, lifeguarding.

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU MILITARY LINE (800) 684-3222

The BBB has an agreement with the Department of Defense to offer its well-known consumer education and advocacy services to experiences and circumstances unique to the military. As a partner in the Department of Defense (DOD) Financial Readiness Campaign, BBB Military Line® brings BBB services to military personnel (including Reservists and National Guard), retirees, DOD civilians, and their families. Through Memoranda of Understanding with the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps, and through status as a Coast Guard Qualified Organization, BBB Military Line offers a variety of free services and consumer education to the military via local BBB outreach.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS (989) 463-3434

525 N State Street (Wilcox Building), Suite 9, Alma, MI 48801 www.midmichiganbbbs.org

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and Thursday 11:00 am – 5:00 pm. Establishing and supporting one-on-one mentoring relationships with at risk youth in our community. Serving youth ages 5 to 14 years and offering parental support as well as mentor training.

BUDDY-TO-BUDDY (800) 642-4838

Trained Volunteer Veterans help military service members overcome the stigma around asking for help and link those who are facing challenges throughout the deployment cycle with appropriate resources that will optimize their quality of life. Volunteer Veterans are trained to help veterans and service members address issues ranging from accessing financial, employment, legal, benefit, or educational resources to identifying mental health providers for emotional, substance abuse, or relationship.

BUILD UP MICHIGAN **(888) 320-8384**

240 S Bridge Street, Suite 250, Dewitt, MI 48820 www.buildupmi.org

Provides free development evaluations for children, ages 3-5 years old suspected of having a disability including speech and language impairment, physical impairment, visual impairment, hearing impairment, other health impairment or a developmental delay.

CAREER CLOSET **(989) 463-4171**

150 W Center Street, PO Box 771, Alma, MI 48801 www.womensresourcecentergratiot.com

Hours: Tuesday 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm; Thursday 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. Offering gently worn, professional clothing at no cost to women interested in entering the job market or advancing their careers.

CELL PHONES

Safe Link Wireless www.safelinkwireless.com **(800) 723-3546**

Assurance Wireless www.assurancewireless.com **(888) 321-5880**

If you receive food stamps, Medicaid, SSI, or are low income you may be eligible for a program that offers free cell phones and minutes. Applications are available at EightCAP, Inc. offices. Visit www.freegovernmentcellphones.net for more information on providers and plans in your area.

CENTER FOR CIVIL JUSTICE **(800) 724-7441**

www.ccj-mi.org

Free legal assistance to low-income persons people. Deals with problems with Michigan's welfare system, health, childcare, work, nutrition, and subsidized housing programs. The attorneys will provide workshops and trainings on many topics to agencies. The center also helps clients understand and speak out on legislative and policy issues that affect them. For poverty law and public benefits log on to www.mplp.org.

CHILD ADVOCACY **(800) 552-4489 or (989) 463-1422**

515 N State Street, Suite 4, Alma, MI 48801 childadvocacy.net

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Services available in Gratiot County: baby pantry, parenting classes, child abuse and neglect (CAN) prevention education, substance abuse coalition, and suicide prevention training.

COMMISSION ON AGING (GRATIOT COUNTY) **(989) 875-5246**

515 S Pine River Street, Ithaca, MI 48847 www.gratiotmi.com/171/Commission-on-Aging

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. Assistance for seniors 60 years and over including case management, personal care, respite care, homemaking, home chore service, minor home repair, home-delivered meals, Senior Gratiot Newspaper, Food With Friends Program, Medicare-Medicaid Assistance Program, and referrals, help for prescriptions and utilities (when funds are available). Volunteer services available for transportation to appointments. Caregiver training. For information on the Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Programs call the Isabella County Commission on Aging at (989) 772-0748.

COMMUNITY SERVICES OF SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST **(989) 875-2149**

939 N Pine River, Ithaca, MI 48847

Tuesdays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Clothing, shoes, bedding, and layettes available to Gratiot County residents based on need. Agency referrals preferred.

COUNSEL & ADVOCACY LAW LINE **(888) 783-8190**

www.lakeshorelegalaid.org

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Wednesdays 9:00 am – 6:00 pm and Fridays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. An attorney-staffed telephone advice, brief service, pro se and referral system serving low income and senior citizens throughout much of Michigan. You will speak directly with an attorney, but the wait time may be long. Many court forms available on website.

DIAL-A-RIDE (ALMA TRANSIT CENTER-ATC) **(989) 463-6016**

Dial-A-Ride and Bus Depot: 1105 Willow Run Drive, Alma, MI 48801 *myalma.org/alma-transit.php*

Hours: Monday – Friday 7:00 am – 8:00 pm. Kids under 5 rides for free with their parent/guardian, youth (5-17) and adults (18-64) will have a two-dollar ($2.00) fare. The senior rate (65-74) and reduced fare will be one dollar ($1.00). 75 and over (Gold Card) will ride for free. You can travel with these rates anywhere in our new service area of: Alma, St. Louis, Ithaca, and Pine River Township.

Trips to Mount Pleasant:

ATC and I-Ride (Public Transportation Services of the Isabella County Transportation Commission) have partnered together to provide service to and from Alma and Mount Pleasant.

ATC goes north at 8:00am, 12:00 noon, and 6:00 pm. The cost is $4.00 per ride or $2.00 reduced fare.

I-Ride comes south at 10:00am, 2:00pm, and 4:00 pm. Their cost is $4.00 per ride or $2.00 reduce fare.

ALL RIDES SHOULD BE BOOKED 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE if you plan on traveling from Alma to Mount Pleasant. Short notice rides may not be accommodated based on availability.

EARLY ON (Gratiot-Isabella RESD) **(989) 433-2962 ext. 43120**

Luce Road Early Childhood Learning Center, 6265 N Luce Road, Alma, MI 48801 www.1800earlyon.org

Westgate Elementary, 840 W Cheesman Road, St. Louis, MI 48880

Coordination of services for children 0-3 years of age with special needs, and developmental delays. Services include in-home evaluations, referring families for specialized care, and acting as a service coordinator. There are no income restrictions for eligibility. Local playgroups are available to the community. Call for more information.

EIGHTCAP, INC.

525 N State Street, Suite 2, Alma, MI 48801 www.8cap.org

Administrative Offices **(866) 754-9315 or (616) 754-9315**

5827 Orleans Rd., Orleans, MI 48865

Self-Sufficiency Services

Community Services: (616) 236-1027 (call for more information)

- Heat/utility assistance when funding is available
- Referrals to food banks, legal services, etc.
- Computer Access Station- Use this FREE service to discover other helpful information that goes beyond EightCAP Community Services range of assistance.
- Commodity Senior Food Programs (CSFP)

Clients will be seen by appointment only for financial assistance. For financial assistance, an Emergency Assistance Application must be filled out and submitted to the mailing address above or email to emergengy@8cap.org. The application can be found on our website, www.eightcap.org.

Homeless & Housing Assistance Programs:

Call the Housing Hotline at (866) 754-9315 opt. 3 to do a pre-screen if you are literally homeless, have a court ordered eviction notice, or at risk of becoming homeless, and need homeless/housing assistance. Services available may include Rental/Deposit Assistance, Motel Vouchers; MSHDA Vouchers.

Weatherization **(616) 754-9315 opt. 4**

Free program that will help lower your fuel costs and make your home more energy efficient Services offered may include water heater insulation blanket, low-flow shower head/wall/ceiling/ floor insulation/ventilation, caulking, glass replacement, door sweeps, and weather stripping. Weatherization Assistance Program Application must be filled out and mailed to 3251 S. Derby Road, Sidney, MI 48885. The application can be found on our website, www.eightcap.org.

0-5 Head Start **(616) 754-9315 opt. 2**

A federally funded child development program serving pregnant women, infants, toddlers, and children through age 5 years. Participants must meet specific income and eligibility criteria.

ELDER LAW OF MICHIGAN **(866) 400-9164**

www.elderlawofmi.org

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Free legal advice and information over the phone for senior citizens and people with disabilities. To access the Michigan Pension Rights Project, call the Legal Hotline for Michigan Seniors and specify that you have a pension-related problem.

FAMILY ASSISTANCE CENTER- GRAND VALLEY ARMORY **(517) 481-9889**

Family Assistance is a focal point of information by providing 6 essential services in times of contingency call up, mobilization, and large-scale deployments. Family Assistance is critical in providing help to all military families during this long term or short-term deployments. The Grand Valley Regional Family Assistance Center provides assistance and referrals for families in a region of counties including Gratiot, Montcalm, Ionia, and Isabella. Contact the Family Assistance Coordinator in the following counties: Gratiot County-Melissa Halm (517) 481-7323; Ionia County-Darnell Holmes (517) 481-8850; Isabella County-Katie Baxter (231) 796-6823 ext. 4 and Montcalm County-Amy Gould (616) 249-2741.

FARMWORKER LEGAL SERVICES **(269) 492-7190**

350 E Michigan Street, Suite 310, Kalamazoo, MI 49009 www.farmworkerlaw.org

Farm Worker Legal Services is a division of Legal Services of South-Central Michigan, providing free civil legal assistance to low-income persons, including migrant and seasonal farm workers. FLS represents and assists migrant and seasonal farm workers with legal problems in the areas of employment, benefits, housing, education, and immigration.

FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) - FREE APPLICATION **(800) 433-3243**

www.fafsa.ed.gov

Information by phone: Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 11:00 pm, Saturday & Sunday 11:00 am – 5:00 pm.

FRIEND OF THE COURT **(989) 875-5226**

214 E Center Street #1 PO Box 157, Ithaca, MI 48847 www.gratiotmi.com/384/Friend-of-the-Court

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

FULTON ADULT & ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION **(989) 236-5404**

129 E George Street, Middleton, MI 48856 www.fultonpirates.net

Adult alternative education classes offered in Middleton and Alma. Providing opportunities for students 16 years and over to earn their High School Diploma. Provides free personalized tutoring for Mid-Michigan residents desiring to improve their reading, writing, spelling and math. Online classes also available.

GRATIOT COUNTY CLERK **(989) 875-5215**

214 E Center Street, Suite 16, Ithaca, MI 48847 www.gratiotmi.com

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. Provides copies of and assistance with birth, death, and marriage certificates, doing business as (DBA), notary public applications, Concealed Pistol License, filing military discharge papers, civil and criminal court matters, and elections.

GRATIOT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS **(989) 875-5258**

214 E Center Street, PO Box 68, Ithaca, MI 48847 www.gratiotmi.com/251/Veterans-Affairs

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Provide assistance to veterans and their dependents to access benefits provided to veterans by county, state, and federal agencies, primarily the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Services may include Veteran and spouse burial benefits, Government headstones or markers, Veterans Relief Fund for emergency assistance, VA compensation, VA pensions, medical assistance, VA Home Loans, and military records request. In addition, we also prepare requests for medals, assist with appeals to VA decisions, and assist in coordination with other human service agencies on behalf of the veteran, surviving spouse or dependents. All services provided by Gratiot County Department of Veterans Affairs are free of charge.

GRATIOT COUNTY HOPE HOUSE **(989) 948-0404**

1001 W. Washington St., Saint Louis, MI 48880 www.gchopehouse.org

(*housed within the St. Louis Church of the Nazarene)*

Seasonal cold-weather shelter, open from late fall to early spring. Those interested in receiving shelter should call the **Housing Hotline # (989) 948-0404** to schedule an intake before coming to the shelter.

GRATIOT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT **24-Hour (non-emergency) (989) 875-5211**

226 E Center Street, Ithaca, MI 48847 www.gratiotmi.com/344/Sheriffs-Office

Administration (989) 875-5214 Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

GRATIOT EMERGENCY HOUSING CORPORATION **(989) 466-0709**

PO Box 611, Alma, MI 48801 www.gratiotemergencyhousingcorporation.com

Provides assistance with emergency housing situations to low-income families including repairs, rent, security deposits, shut-off notices, utilities, and propane.

GRATIOT INTEGRATED HEALTH NETWORK **(989) 463-4971**

608 Wright Avenue, Alma, MI 48801 www.gihn-mi.org

After hours & weekends (989) 463-4971 or (800) 622-5583

Hours: Monday & Wednesday 8:00 am – 7:00 pm, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Participates with Medicaid, Medicare, sliding fee determined by ability to pay. 24-hour mental health emergency services; Primary Care Services; family support and respite care; counseling and support groups; psychiatric services; mental health hospital care; infant mental health; outreach services for children, adults, and geriatrics; case management or support coordination; Club House program; vocational/employment services; and community living support and skill building for developmentally disabled adults.

GRATIOT-ISABELLA REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT (RESD) **(989) 875-5101**

Mahoney Center: 1131 E Center Street, PO Box 310, Ithaca, MI 48847 www.giresd.net

Gratiot-Isabella RESD (Intermediate School District) Early Childhood serves children birth to 5 years old; including special education evaluations, speech and language therapy, occupational and physical therapy, and special education preschool programs. Also provides educational services to special, non-school populations and employment services to employers, employees, & the unemployed.

GREAT START READINESS PROGRAM **(800) 227-2437 or (989) 492-7707**

Offers preschool programs for 4-year-old children who may be "at risk" of school failure as well as family involvement/parent education components. Call number listed above or your local elementary school to request a preschool registration.

GREAT LAKES BAY MICHIGAN WORKS! **(989) 466-4832**

GTEC Building: *327 E Center Street, Alma, MI 48801* www.michiganworks.com

Hours of operation: Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Services are open to everyone. Specialized services may be available to dislocated workers, displaced homemakers, unemployed or underemployed adults and youth. Services available: job search preparation and skills, resume writing, applications, interviewing, labor market information, Pure Michigan Talent Connect www.mitalent.org, career assessment, occupational training, and employment related support services. Business services available for employers includes customized recruitment strategies, access to competitive employer grants and employee retention services.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (CLINTON-GRATIOT) **(989) 463-2244**

525 N State St, Suite 8, Alma MI 48801 www.habitatclinton.org

Provides decent, affordable housing for families in need who are willing to partner with Habitat For Humanity by contributing sweat equity hours toward building the house and are able to repay a 7 to 30 year mortgage. They must have had a one-year residency in Gratiot County. Call for application.

HOME IMPROVEMENTS AND STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS (HISA)

www.prosthetics.va.gov/HISA2.asp

Under the Home Improvements and Structural Alterations (HISA) program Veterans with service-connected disabilities or Veterans with non-service-connected disabilities may receive assistance for any home improvement necessary for the continuation of treatment or for disability access to the home and essential lavatory and sanitary facilities. A HISA grant is available to Veterans who have received a medical determination indicating that improvements and structural alterations are necessary or appropriate for the effective and economical treatment of his/her disability. A Veteran may receive both a HISA grant and either a Special Home Adaptation (SHA) grant or a Special Adapted Housing (SAH) grant.

HOSPICE OF MICHIGAN **(888) 247-5701**

Call for local area information, 24/7. www.hom.org

Hospice of Michigan provides comprehensive, compassionate comfort care to people with acute chronic illness and support to their loved ones, regardless of age, diagnosis, or ability to pay.

HUD-VASH **(616) 356-1746**

www.va.gov/homeless/hud-vash.asp

Veteran's housing voucher program with HUD and the VA. Visit website for more information.

LEGAL SERVICES OF EASTERN MICHIGAN **(800) 322-4512**

301 E Genesee Ave 5th Floor, Saginaw, MI 48607 www.lsem-mi.org

Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm; evenings 2nd & 4th Mondays each month 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. A non-profit law firm that provides free legal assistance and advice in civil matters to eligible low-income persons, such as housing, DHHS, and SSA denials, consumer, family law, bankruptcy, garnishment and more. Representation is not guaranteed. Divorce kits and clinics are also available.

LIONS CLUB **(989) 463-6477 or (989) 875-3688**

Alma/Breckenridge/Ithaca/St. Louis School districts *Contact Ray Knapp*

Furnishes glasses for anyone in need, repairs hearing aids, diabetes program and free camp for sight-impaired children. Provides funding for various community projects.

LOVE, INC **(989) 681-8223**

www.loveincmidmichigan.com

When you call and talk to our volunteer you will be asked questions that will help us get to know you, the challenges you are facing, and how we can help. By networking with churches, volunteers, and community organizations, we can help you make a plan. Call Tuesday or Thursday from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday please leave message

MCKINNEY VENTO HOMELESS STUDENT SUPPORTS

Contact Student's Guidance Counselor

Working with the students, families, and schools in Gratiot, Ionia, Isabella, & Montcalm Counties to provide support, safety and success to students and their families experiencing homelessness. Working with agencies, churches, and organizations to accomplish stability and school success for these students. "Leading, collaborating and serving to create education without Boundaries."

MICHIGAN BIKERS HELPING VETERANS

www.supportmiveterans.org

A nonprofit charity that receives donated funds to distribute here in Michigan to provide assistance to families of the fallen and/or wounded service personnel, or veterans in critical financial need. Helping in the form of financial help like bills, rent, or repairs. You can apply for help on our website.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (MDHHS) **(989) 875-5181**

201 Commerce Drive, Ithaca, MI 48847 www.michigan.gov/mibridges

Office hours: Monday- Friday 7:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Online applications for public assistance programs can be submitted anytime online through MIBridges: www.michigan.gov/MIBRIDGES.
A number of financial assistance programs are offered including food assistance (SNAP), medical assistance (Medicaid), childcare funding assistance, cash assistance (TANF), and state emergency relief assistance (utility, shelter, repairs).

Adult/Child Protective Services **(855) 444-3911**

This number is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week to report any incident of suspected child or adult abuse or neglect.

MICHIGAN LEGAL HELP

Free and accurate legal information for simple civil legal matters**.** www.michiganlegalhelp.org

MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MSHDA) **(517) 335-9885**

735 E Michigan Avenue, PO Box 30044, Lansing, MI 48909 www.michigan.gov/mshda

Call to obtain number of local agents. Provides financial and technical assistance through public & private partnerships to create and preserve safe/decent/affordable housing. Rental assistance and homeless solutions Housing Choice Voucher program (Section 8) applications.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OFFICE **(989) 875-5233**

219 N State Street, Alma, MI 48801 www.canr.msu.edu/gratiot

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Email address: msue.gratiot@county.msu.edu
Services offered: family resource management, food, and nutrition planning, parenting education, 4-H, and budgeting skills. Provides information concerning agriculture.

MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY **(800) 642-4838**

www.michigan.gov/mvaa

Serves as the central coordinating point for Michigan veterans, connecting those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, and their families, to services and benefits throughout the state. The agency works to identify and break down barrier's veterans face in employment, education, health care and quality of life, making Michigan a wonderful place for veterans and their families to call home. The agency aggregates veterans' services currently found in 14 state agencies as well as hundreds of community-based veteran programs to create a no wrong door access to benefits and services.

MICHILD/HEALTHY KIDS **(888) 988-6300**

www.healthcare4mi.com

Provides health insurance for uninsured children of Michigan's working families. Covers regular check-ups, shots, emergency dental care, pharmacy, hospital care, prenatal care and delivery, vision, hearing, mental health, and substance abuse services for a $10 monthly fee. Go to www.michigan.gov/mibridges to apply online or to print paper application:

- Click on Health
- Click on MIChild Health Insurance Program
- Click on Application for Health Coverage
- Click on Apply by Paper (if need paper application)
- Print your document(s)

MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT **(989) 875-3681**

151 Commerce Dr., Ithaca, MI 48847-1627 Fax: (989) 875-3747 www.mmdhd.org

Hours: Monday–Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm (Closed 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm), for an appointment or more information call (989) 831-5237.

Provides a variety of preventive health services to individuals & families in the community such as:

Health Insurance Options

- Application and enrollment assistance provided for MIChild or the Healthy Kids program, Maternity Outpatient Medical Services (M.O.M.S.), and Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS), MIBridges.
- To learn more about these programs or to see if you qualify for any of them, please call (989) 875-3681, ext. 1004.

Communicable Disease Control Programs

- Testing, education, prevention, and treatment services to control communicable diseases within the community (HIV, TB).

Family Planning

- Provides confidential care to people in need of contraception, health, and pregnancy services.
- Offers preventative screenings and examinations for women.
- Provides birth control options.
- Charges for services and supplies are based on income.

Immunization Clinics

- Immunizations will be available for children 8 weeks of age through adulthood.

Hearing and Vision Screening Clinic

- Provides hearing and vision screenings for preschool and school-age children.
- Referrals are made to health care providers if needed- for more information, call (989) 875-1027.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

- For pregnant women, children under 5 years and breastfeeding mothers.
- Must have Medicaid or meet income guidelines and be considered a nutritional risk.
- Clients will receive an EBT card for specific food redeemable at local grocery stores.

Pathways to Better Health

- Free service that connects qualifying mid-Michigan individuals and families to community programs and services to better their health and their lives.

- Assists with managing multiple chronic medical issues and makes referrals for:
  - Family doctors and specialists
  - Counseling services
  - Medication assistance
  - Health insurance
  - Nutrition education
  - Community services
  - Clothing, food, housing, or transportation assistance
  - Health condition education and management
- Community Health Worker with specialized training comes to your home.
- To be eligible to participate, you must be:
  - 18 or older
  - Have two or more chronic health conditions
  - Live in Clinton, Gratiot, or Montcalm counties
- Program goals:
  - Improve participants' health
  - Increase participants' utilization of primary care services

Environmental Health Division (EH)

- Sewage Disposal/Water Well Programs
- Campground Inspections
- Child and Adult Care Facility Inspections (day care, foster care, children's camps, and all social service licensed facilities to assure safe food and water)
- Disease Outbreak Investigations
- Food Safety
- General Environmental Health
- Groundwater Quality Control
- Home Loan Evaluations (inspects water supply, sewage system, and other environmental parameters for home mortgage loans)
- On-Site Wastewater Treatment and Disposal
- Public Swimming Pool Inspections
- Unsanitary Conditions Investigation

MID-MICHIGAN HOME CARE & HOSPICE (989) 463-4121 or After Hours (800) 862-5002

175 E Warwick Drive, Suite C, Alma, MI 48801 www.midmichigan.org

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Store open until 6:00 pm. Some of the services provided include: Home nursing, Hospice, home medical equipment such as oxygen, wheelchairs, walkers and hospital beds, help with medications, management of chronic symptoms, such as pain or nausea, help with personal hygiene, activities of daily living, household duties and errands, grief support, family counseling and support groups, physical, occupational and speech therapy, and Lifeline personal emergency response devices. Covers Gratiot, Isabella, & Montcalm Counties. Offices in Alma & Mt. Pleasant.

MID-MICHIGAN MIGRANT & ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS **(616) 794-4753**

Operated by Belding Area Schools, 1975 Orchard Street, Belding, MI 48809 www.bas-k12.org

The program provides supplemental educational services for eligible migrant students and for English Language Learners (EL) in 18 school districts covering most of Montcalm, Ionia, Clinton, and Gratiot Counties. The primary purpose of the program is to provide direct instructional services to eligible students, including a Parent Liaison/Community Liaison who helps to provide a communication link between home and school. The program also operates a 30-day summer school for eligible migrant and EL students in the 4 counties. Transportation provided to the schools in Belding & St. Johns from the four-county area.

MILITARY ONESOURCE **(800) 342-9647**

www.militaryonesource.mil

This service is provided by the Department of Defense at no cost to active duty, Guard and Reserve (regardless of activation status) and their families. It is a virtual extension of installation services.

MONTCALM COMMUNITY COLLEGE **(989) 328-2111**

2800 College Drive, Sidney, MI 48885 www.montcalm.edu

Offers Associates Degrees and Certificates in Liberal Arts and Occupational Programs. Job training programs are offered to meet the needs of the changing economy. Provides educational opportunities via credit and non-credit classes, both online and in a traditional classroom setting. In addition to the main campus in Sidney, the college has learning centers in Ionia, Greenville, and Howard City. On-site workplace training can also be arranged. A pool, gym, and fitness center, including a climbing wall, is available for a minimal cost on the main campus in Sidney.

OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES **(989) 681-4289**

232 N Mill Street, PO Box 2, St. Louis, MI 48880

Hours: Monday- Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Provides food to those in need in Gratiot County. Provides clothing and furniture (when available) for a donation. Donations of all types accepted. Can pick up & deliver furniture.

PLAID DOOR **(989) 463-1914**

220 E Superior Street, Alma, MI 48801

Hours: Monday-Friday 10:30 am - 5:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Consignment shop selling high-end, low-priced, used clothing.

POISON CONTROL CENTER **(800) 222-1222**

Children's Hospital of Michigan Regional Poison Control Center

24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call for any possible poisoning concerns.

PREGNANCY SERVICES OF GRATIOT COUNTY **(989) 466-2295**

303 W Superior St, Alma, MI 48801 www.pregnancyservicesgratiot.com

Office hours: Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Services available: free pregnancy tests, abstinence information, adoption information, H.E.A.R.T. (Healing Effects of Abortion Related Trauma), sexual health, parenting classes, playgroups, marriage, and premarital relationship strengthening sessions, and referrals for sonograms and STI's (STDs), if needed. Help with maternity, baby clothing, and baby equipment is also available.

REGISTER OF DEEDS **(989) 875-5217**

214 E Center Street, PO Box 5, Ithaca, MI 48847 www.gratiotmi.com/239/Register-of-Deeds

Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Holds land records including but not limited to: Land ownership files and surveys, Warranty Deeds, Quit Claim Deeds, Land Contracts, Mortgages, Releases, Powers of Attorney, Liens, Oil & Gas Leases, etc.

R.I.S.E. ADVOCACY, INC. (Domestic Violence Services) **(989) 773-0078**

PO Box 743, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804 www.riseadvocacy.org

Serves Clare, Gratiot, & Isabella Counties. All Services are free and confidential.

24-Hour Crisis Line: (844) 349-6177- Our confidential line is available to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault for support, referrals, safety planning and to discuss their options with trained responders.

Emergency Shelter Services- Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence are provided safety and access to all agency services during **t**heir stay in emergency shelter.

Legal Advocacy- Helps clients with paperwork and support in obtaining a personal protection order (PPO) against abuser, provides court accompaniment, explains the court process, and provides appropriate referrals.

Counseling- Specialists in sexual assault, domestic violence and child counseling are available to primary and secondary survivors.

Support Groups- Offered for domestic & sexual violence victims, facilitated by specialized counselors.

Outreach Advocacy- Offered to former residents or survivors who are not in need of immediate shelter but are interested in case management assistance.

Sexual Assault Response- Trained advocates are available to provide support throughout the process of a sexual assault medical exam and offer follow-up services.

Community Engagement Presentations- RISE Services and domestic violence information can be presented to organizations and community groups.

Volunteer Opportunities- Community members can volunteer individually or as a group. Some volunteers opt to answer crisis line calls and internet with clients, others prefer office work, sorting donations, or even working with our staff at events. For more information, visit our website at www.riseadvocacy.org.

SALVATION ARMY **(989) 463-2864**

425 Republic Street, Alma, MI 48801 www.saalma.org

Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm; closed 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Shelter for fire victims, utilities, and discretionary fund for prescription assistance (when available), Christmas assistance, food pantry, and distribution of commodities. Building is available for use by the community.

SERVICE TO SOLDIERS LEGAL ASSISTANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM **(517) 371-5140**

Service to Soldiers Legal Assistance Referral Program through Cooley Law School helps service men and women resolve legal problems they face upon return from deployment by matching them with volunteer attorneys across Michigan. Contact- Heather Spielmaker.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE **(844) 432-2337**

www.shpbeds.org

All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. To many children go without a bed - or even a pillow - to sleep on. These children end up sleeping on couches, blankets, and even floors. This can affect their happiness and health. That is where Sleep in Heavenly Peace comes in. We are a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling, and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need. For children aged 2-17 years old. You must apply through website listed.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION **www.ssa.gov**

1940 Sweeney Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 **(877) 405-7667**
502 N State Ste A, Big Rapids, MI 49307 **(855) 245-0641**
3045 Knapp Street NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525 **(877) 319-5710**

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Wednesday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Hours may vary at each location, call to check. Administers the Social Insurance programs for retirees, adults/children with disabilities, widows & widowers for retirement, disability, and survivor's benefits.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS MICHIGAN **(989) 774-3911**

Central Michigan University, East Campus Drive, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859 www.somi.org

Area 7–Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, & Isabella Counties. Year-round sports training and competition is provided to children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The minimum age for competition is 8 years-old but training opportunities for young athletes (ages 2 years to 7 years) are also available.

THIS AND THAT STORE (BANNISTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH) **(989) 862-4392**

103 E. Hanvey Street, Bannister, MI 48807

Open 3rd Saturday of each month from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Personal hygiene and cleaning supplies.

TRI-COUNTY HOMEWORKS PEOPLE FUND **(800) 421-8956 ext. 1272**

7973 E Grand River Avenue, Portland, MI 48875 www.homeworks.org

Provides coverage to certain areas of Gratiot County. The mission is the accumulation and disbursement of funds for charitable purposes for the benefit of persons in the Tri-County Electric service area. This shall be accomplished by disbursement of funds to individuals and organizations for food, shelter, clothing, health, and other needs for programs or services that benefit a significant segment of a community. See website for more details.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS (VA) **(844) 698-2311**

www.va.gov

Serves as the central coordinating point for Michigan veterans, connecting those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, and their families, to services and benefits throughout the state. The agency works to identify and break down barrier's veterans face in employment, education, health care and quality of life, making Michigan a wonderful place for veterans and their families to call home. The agency aggregates veterans' services currently found in 14 state agencies as well as hundreds of community-based veteran programs to create a no wrong door access to benefits and services.

UNITED WAY OF GRATIOT & ISABELLA COUNTIES **(989) 463-6245**

525 N State Street, Suite 1, Alma, MI 48801 www.UWGIC.org

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (call for an appointment). Community fundraiser to support non-profit agencies in Gratiot & Isabella Counties.

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT **(800) 944-8119 or (989) 673-8173 ext 4**

1075 Cleaver Road, Caro, MI 48723 www.rd.usda.gov/mi

Finances direct home loans in rural areas for modest housing to households at or below 80% of the adjusted median income. Provides guaranteed loans to eligible low-income and moderate-income rural residents for moderately priced housing. Issues loans and grants to very-low-income rural homeowners to improve or modernize their home; make their home decent, safe, and sanitary; remove health and safety hazards; or to repair or remodel their dwelling to make it more accessible and usable for household members with a disability.

VETERANS4USA **(616) 418-8797**

www.veterans4usa.com

At Veterans4USA, we are dedicated to stepping up our efforts addressing the homelessness issue. Veterans4USA is a nonprofit organization that provides help for homeless veterans in need of clothing, toiletries, and furnishings for their new homes in Central Michigan. We also provide meals during the holiday season.

VETERAN'S CRISIS LINE **(800) 273-8255, press 1**

www.veteranscrisisline.net

The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring, Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available.

VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN **(800) 313-4200**

www.vfwnationalhome.org

Located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan this national non-profit provides a life changing opportunity for military and veteran families looking to rebuild their lives. They provide up to four years of rent-free housing and daycare, one-on-one case management services, counseling, recreational and educational opportunities and more in their peaceful countryside community. Their caring helpline staff also provide advocacy, referrals and more to all callers.

OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES

SPAY NEUTER EXPRESS **(616) 897-8865**

11610 Fulton Street E, Lowell, MI 49331 www.spayneuterexpress.com

Spay Neuter Express is a team of 3 doctors, many veterinary assistants and technicians, office staff, 2 mobile surgical units with multiple brick and mortar locations. Our goal each and every day is to provide you with an excellent service at a very fair and responsible cost. We work with families with individual pets, as well as rescues, shelters, and humane societies. We are privately funded and do not use tax dollars to provide our services. We value our pets as part of the family and realize that our clients feel the same way. Each pet is treated with care and respect. Services offered include low cost/high quality spay/neuter, vaccinations, routine testing, parasite control, and microchips.

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