

# Lorain County Community Resource Guide

Lorain County Juvenile Court  
Revised July 2006

## COUNSELING

Pathways Counseling and Growth Center	323-5707
Applewood Center (Children)	934-9930
Psychiatric and Psychological Services	323-5121
3ellfaire	324-5701
Heartland Circle (Wellington/Oberlin)	647-6086
Catholic Charities Services	244-9915/366-1106
Nord Center (Family, Adult, Children)	322-4663/233-7232
Community Health Partners	960-4730
Far West Center	988-4900
NAMI: If in need of support or assistance	324-3612
Psychological & Behavioral Consultants, Inc.	324-5430/816-2119
• Children, adults, families, couples	

## ADVOCATE FOR EDUCATION OF DISABLED OR HOMELESS CHILD

<i>Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities</i>	
Northern Ohio Office: Advocate - Karen Prokop	842-2436/461-1928
• <a href="mailto:occedkp@sbcglobal.net">occedkp@sbcglobal.net</a>	
ODE Advocate for education of homeless children	1-614-752-1151

## GRIEVING CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Infant Death Support for Families	233-1050
Community Health Partners Bereavement Services	934-2298
• "Rays of Hope" Program for Adults	
• Widowers' and Widows' Groups	
• Support groups, work shops, and counseling for children grieving the death/ terminal illness of a relative or other significant person	

## SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES

El Centro De Servicios Sociales, Inc.	277-8235
Elyria Neighborhood Center	323-7847
Lorain County Community Action Agency	245-3507
Catholic Charities Services	244-9915/366-1106
The Salvation Army	323-2026

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES and/or MENTORING

Big Brothers, Big Sisters of America	1-888-222-7371
Girl Scouts of Erie Shores	233-6112
Boy Scouts of America	1-800-334-5910
Boys and Girls Clubs of Lorain County	775-2582
The Salvation Army	323-2026
Lorain County Community Impact Organization	284-6071

## FREE/COST REDUCED MEDICAL and DENTAL

Lorain County Free Clinic (Adults-medical/vision/dental)	277-7602
Early Start/Help Me Grow (Birth to age 3)	1-800-729-8687
Healthy Start (Ages 0-19 years)	1-877-935-5437
Healthy Families	1-877-935-5437
• Health-care coverage for all family members	
Prenatal Clinic	323-7595
Lorain City Health Department (Adults/children)	246-6836
Lorain County General Health District (Adults/children)	322-6367
Elyria City Health Department (Infants/children)	323-7595
Family Care Center (Medicaid or Payments based on income)	233-0149
(Pediatrics/ Allergies/Obstetrics/Gynecology/Medical/Dermatology/Dental)	
BCMh:assist child's med/dental expenses	323-7595/322-6367/246-6836

## MEDIATION

Conflict Resolution Center	808-1111
• Mediate family and community disputes	
Pro Se Mediation	326-4846
• Lorain County Domestic Relations Court: No-cost mediation service provided by the Court to assist with issues of visitation, medical bills, or property. Must have established paternity or have had a divorce/dissolution in Lorain County, Ohio	

## KINSHIP CAREGIVER OF GRANDPARENT OR RELATIVE

Office on Aging	326-4800
• Day care/custodial/living with	
• Respite, legal, medical, childcare, support groups	
• Childcare, transportation, mental health, food	

Grandparent/Kinship Support	228-3400
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	322-3028
Heartland Circle (Wellington/Oberlin)	647-6068

## EMPLOYMENT SERVICES/TRAINING

Employment Network	284-4664
Career Development Program	774-1051
LEAP/CIL (Persons with disabilities)	324-3444

## APPLIANCES/FURNITURE/HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Lorain County Furniture Bank	240-0089
• Family in need must be referred by an agency/court	

## ADULT LITERACY AND GED PROGRAMS

Project Reads (Elyria Library)	324-3863
Lorain County Community Action Agency (Ext. 225)	245-1870
Project Light (Lorain Library) (Ext. 242)	244-1192
Elyria Basic Education and Literacy	284-8251
LCJVS Adult Career Center ABLE	774-1051
Lorain City Schools ABLE	960-1498
The Family Learning Center	245-2009
Vermilion Adult Study Center	967-7185

## VISION EXAMINATION AND EYE GLASSES

Lions Clubs of Elyria and Lorain	288-9272
• Must be income eligible	
Elyria Wal-Mart	324-4269
• Free eye exam/glasses, if no insurance	
Avon Lake Community Resource Services	933-5639
• Limited eye care services for income eligible	
• Avon and Avon Lake communities only	
Lenscrafters: "Gift of Sight Program"	324-2777
• Party must present a referral letter from a non-profit agency, stating the party's name, age, nature of the vision problem, and the agency's tax ID number.	
• Party must be income eligible to qualify for free exam and eyeglasses	
Well-Help (Wellington and surrounding townships)	647-2689
• Children and Senior Citizens	

## EMERGENCY SHELTER: Battered women & homeless individuals

Genesis House for Battered Women: 24 hour accessible	244-1853
The Haven Center (Homeless Emergency Shelter)	277-9272
Faith House (Homeless Families)	277-4430
Lorain County Mission (Homelessness)	322-4623
The Salvation Army (Emergency Shelter)	323-2026
Blessing House (For Children-Ages Birth-12 Years)	240-1851

## EMERGENCY FOOD/MEALS

Lorain County Community Action Agency	245-1870
Catholic Charities Services	244-9915
The Salvation Army	323-2026/277-0327
Lutheran Co-op Emergency Pantry	288-0722
Sacred Heart Chapel	277-0327
Evans Center of Neighborhood House Association	277-8269
Hospitality Center	323-9409
Asbury United Methodist Church	323-9596
Elyria Neighborhood Center	323-7847
Elyria Baptist Church	323-1771
Love Inc.	322-5683
Avon Lake (and Avon) Community Resource Services	933-5639

Subject: RE: Student Assistance

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**EMERGENCY FOOD/MEALS Continued**

Northeast Lorain County Social Service 949-8146/933-5639  
Ridgeville Community Cares 353-0828  
Lorain County Social Services 949-8146  
Good Shepherd Baptist Church (Amherst) 282-9415  
Well-Help (Wellington and surrounding townships) 647-2689  
South Amherst First United Methodist Church 986-2461  
United Church of Christ (Vermilion) 967-5212

**EMERGENCY RENT/MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE**

Love Inc. 322-5683  
Evans Center of Neighborhood House Association 277-8269

**EMERGENCY UTILITY ASSISTANCE**

Love Inc. 322-5683  
Avon Cares 934-4240  
Avon Lake Community Resource Center (Avon/Avon Lake) 933-5639  
LaGrange United Methodist Church 355-4561  
North Ridgeville Community Cares 353-9716  
Oberlin Community Services Council 774-6579  
Catholic Charities (Elyria and Lorain) 244-9915/366-1106 Ext. 24

**MEDICATION ASSISTANCE**

Avon Lake Community Resource Center (Avon/Avon Lake) 933-5639  
North Ridgeville Community Cares 353-9716  
Oberlin Community Services Council 774-6579  
Well-Help 647-2689

**TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE**

Avon Lake Community Resources (Avon/Avon Lake) 933-5639  
Lorain County Community Action Agency 245-1870  
Lorain County Transit (Dial-A-Ride) 324-6955/949-2525  
• Avon Lake Dial-A-Ride 930-4126  
• Vermilion Dial-A-Ride 967-3314

**POSITIVE CONNECTIONS FOR WOMEN and MEN**

Women's Development Center 366-4188  
• Small business/career development  
Women's Link 1-800-995-5222/366-4035  
• Information/referral to college and community resources  
The Salvation Army (fellowship, recreation, education) 323-2026

**PREGNANCY TESTING/ PREGNANCY AND INFANT SUPPORT**

Family Planning Services (Teen and adults) 322-7526  
Cornerstone 284-1010  
• Pregnancy testing/counseling  
• Male/Female: childbirth/infant care classes  
• Formula, diapers, baby furniture, maternity/baby clothing  
Resource Mother Program (Pregnancy support program) 233-1047  
• Community Health Partners Family Outreach Center  
Boot Camp for New Dads 233-1050  
• Community Health Partners Family Outreach Center  
Birthright of Lorain County, Inc. 282-1648  
Family Outreach Center 960-4000  
• Support program for pregnant women  
• Clothing and baby supplies

**SAFE HAVEN PROGRAM TO PROTECT NEWBORN INFANTS**

**HOSPITALS WITH SAFE HAVEN EMERGENCY ROOMS AND HOTLINES:**  
Elyria - 329-7500, Amherst - 988-6000, Oberlin - 775-1211, Lorain - 960-4000

- An alternative to abandoning or harming an infant
- To protect newborns (up to 3-days old) from harm
- Baby can be delivered to any emergency room in Lorain County
- A mother has a 30-day period to change her mind

**PARENTING CLASSES/SUPPORT GROUPS**

Heartland Circle 647-9117  
Parent Program/Teen Parent Program 323-7847  
Catholic Charities (Elyria and Lorain) 244-9915/366-1106 Ext. 24

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

Central Office of Alcoholics Anonymous 246-1800

- Offers information on meeting sites throughout the county, as well as wheelchair accessible, non-smoking, smoking, men only, and women only sites.

AL-ANON and AL-ATEEN information 277-6969

**DRUG/ALCOHOL ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT**

Oakview Center 816-8200  
Kaiser Drug/Alcohol Treatment Center 1-216-362-2000  
Laurelwood Hospital 1-216-595-0500  
LCADA 244-4566/323-6122  
Nord Center 204-4161  
Psych and Psych Alcohol/Drug Program 323-5111  
New Directions (Out-patient and in-patient) 1-216-591-1111  
Bassett House (Out-patient and in-patient) 1-800-645-8287  
Heartland Circle (Wellington & Oberlin) 647-6086  
Narcotics Anonymous (Lorain County) 1-888-438-4673  
Compass House Treatment Center Men-246-5111 Women-244-4215  
The Key Treatment Center 244-4566  
Veterans Hospital 246-0043/960-3545 - After hours 1-216-791-3800

**ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

E-COT Educational Services 1-888-326-8395  
• Computer-based program in the home  
Job Corps 1-800-822-3374  
• Education and job training away from home  
Life Skills Center of Lorain County (Diploma program) 324-1755  
TRECA Digital Academy 1-888-828-4798  
• Complete grades K-12 with an online education

**HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE**

Community Health Partners Palliative Care 960-3100  
New Life Hospice 1-800-770-5767

**SPEECH AND HEARING EVALUATION/THERAPY**

The Rehabilitation Center of Lorain County 984-2416/324-6717  
Easter Seals Northeastern Ohio (Sliding fee) 277-7337

**HEARING AIDS**

Easter Seals Northeastern Ohio (Sliding fee) 277-7337

**MEDICAL/ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT**

Easter Seals Northeastern Ohio (Sliding fee) 277-7337  
• Short or long-term illness or disability

**INFANT AND TODDLER CAR SEATS**

Easter Seals Northeastern Ohio 277-7337  
• Education and distribution

**HOTLINES**

\*SUICIDE HOTLINE 1-800-888-6161  
\*NATIONAL RUNAWAY SWITCHBOAR 1-800-231-6946  
\*RAPE CRISIS HOTLINE 1-800-888-6161  
\*DRUG ABUSE HOTLINE 1-800-422-4453  
\*CHILD HELP USA (CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE) 1-800-422-4453  
\*CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE 329-2121  
\*SAFE SCHOOLS HELPLINE 1-800-418-6423

- Report bullying, weapons, etc. at school
- Your name is never asked

\*BATTERED WOMEN HOTLINE 244-1853  
\*HOPELINE FOR NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS 1-888-438-4673  
\*SAFE HAVEN HOTLINES TO PROTECT NEWBORN INFANTS FROM ABANDONMENT OR HARM: (See "Pregnancy Support")  
Elyria-329-7500, Amherst-988-6000, Oberlin-775-1211, Lorain-960-4000

**COMPUTER GENERATED PARENTING PROGRAM**

"Parenting Wisely" is an interactive computer program developed to assist with parenting skills. It is found in most libraries in Lorain County.

- User-friendly program
- Private
- Available at the following libraries: Lorain, Elyria (Main), Lorain County Community College, Vermilion, Amherst, Avon Lake, and Oberlin

**ADHD/ADD WORKSHOPS /PARENTAL SKILLS TRAINING**

"Bridge to Success" skills training 933-0000  
kubikja@prodigy.net

**FREE OR REDUCED DAY CARE with TRANSPORTATION**

Neighborhood House Association 233-8768 Ext. 208

**NEED ADDITIONAL HELP? First Call For Help @ 277-6603**