

Northern Kent County Resource Guide

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**211 – United Way, First Call for Help
Call for any Non Life Threatening Emergency**

Northern Kent County Medical Facilities

Health Care Clinics

Catherine's Care Center

1211 Lafayette Ave.

Grand Rapids, MI 49505

Ph: (616) 336-8800

Adult medical care only; appt. only Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm. No Medicaid, \$10.00 for appointments. Must meet income requirements.

Cherry Street Health Services

550 Cherry Street SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49505

Ph: (616) 235-7272

*Accepts all forms of Medicaid and sliding fee scales are available for uninsured patients.

*Diabetes Services; Patricia O'Neill, R.D., C.D.E., ext. 2018

Kent County Health Department

Northern Clinic

4388 14 Mile Rd NE

Rockford, MI 49341

Ph: (616) 866-0632

Ph: (616) 632-7200 (to enroll for WIC only)

* Provides immunizations and WIC benefits.

Metro Health

Cedar Springs Campus

14211 White Creek

Cedar Springs, MI 49319

Ph: (616) 696-6320

* Accepts straight Medicaid, Molina, MICHild, and Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Rockford Campus

4685 Belding Road

Rockford, MI 49341

Ph: (616) 252-3100

* Accepts Molina Priority Health, Meridian Medicaid; Accepts straight Medicaid only as secondary payment. 40% discount for uninsured

Montcalm Area Health Center

1003 Lafayette St (behind Ponderosa)

Greenville, MI 48838

Ph: (616) 225-9650

* Provides health services for the insured and uninsured. Hours are Mon-Fri 8:00am-5:00pm. Betty Ford Breast Care Services to low income families. Some evening appointments available.

Oasis of Hope Center

522 Leonard Street NW

Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Ph: (616) 451-8868

* Provides health care services for the uninsured who are below the poverty line Hours Mon 9:00am-7:00pm Wed 1:00pm-6:00pm and Sat 8:00am-1:00pm. Urgent care, wellness exams, disease management and treatment. Medical assistance available.

Salvation Army Booth Services

1215 E. Fulton Street
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Ph: (616) 459-9468

- * Accepts all forms of Medicaid; sliding fee scales are available for uninsured patients.
- * Treats women, children, and pregnant teenagers as well as males under the age of 14.

Spectrum Health Medical Group

2111 12 Mile
Sparta, MI 49345

Ph: (616) 391-8470 * Accepts straight Medicaid, Priority Health Medicaid and Molina Medicaid

White Pine Family Medicine

261 N. Main Street
Cedar Springs, MI 49319
Ph: (616) 696-2020

- * Accepts straight Medicaid, Molina, Priority Health, Health Plan of Michigan.

Prescription Assistance

- * **Walmart Pharmacies** - provides an array of \$4 and \$10 prescriptions
- * **Meijer Pharmacies** - provides free prenatal vitamins and an array of free antibiotics
- * **The Free Medication Foundation** - (573) 996-3333, www.genericmedicineprog.com
- * **Needy Meds**- www.needymeds.org - provides discount cards and coupons for prescriptions
- * **Partnership for Prescription Assistance** - www.pparx.org - provides low cost or free prescriptions
- * **Patient Assistance** - www.patientassistance.com - provides low cost or free prescriptions
- * **Rx Assist** - www.rxassist.org -provides low cost or free prescriptions and assistance with co-payments
- * **Rx Hope** - www.rxhope.com - provides low cost or free prescriptions
- * **State Assistance Programs** - www.ncsl.org/programs/health/drugaid.htm
- * **Heart Medication Assistance** - www.heartsupportofamerica.org
- * **HIV and AIDS Medications** - www.atdn.org
- * **Kidney Disease Prescriptions** - www.kidneyfund.org
- * **Lung Medications** - www.caringvoice.org
- * **Rare Disease Medications** - www.rarediseases.org/programs/medication
- * **Discount Prescription Cards** - www.togetherrxaccess.com - provides discount prescription cards

Miscellaneous Health Care Services**Cedar Springs Eye Care**

26 S. Main Street
Cedar Springs, MI 49319
Ph: (616) 696-0830

- * Accepts straight Medicaid and Priority Health Medicaid. Must bring in card before appointment is made.

Cedar Springs Lions Club

44 North Park Street
Cedar Springs, MI 49319
Ph: (616) 696-1812

- * Provides free eye exams and glasses to those in need.

Northern Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation

308 S. Main Street
Cedar Springs, MI 49319
Ph: (616) 696-6555

* Accepts all forms of Medicaid except for Care Source, TenCon, or Kent Health Plan.

Vision Care USA

243 North Lindbergh Blvd.
St. Louis, MO. 63141
Ph: 1-800-766-4466, 7am – 7pm, CST (M-F)
Fax: 314-991-4101
visionusa@aoa.org

Provides eye health and vision care services free of charge to uninsured, low-income people and their families.

Northern Kent County Dental Facilities

Burton Dental

2013 Eastcastle Dr SE # D
Grand Rapids, MI 49508
Ph: (616) 455-9900
* reduced fees

Baxter Community Center

425 Baxter Street SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506
Ph: (616) 456-8593
* Accepts Medicaid and sliding fee scales are available for uninsured patients

Belknap Commons

751 Lafayette Avenue NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Ph: (616) 742-9942
* Accepts Medicaid and sliding fee scales are available for uninsured patients

Cherry Street Health Services

550 Cherry Street SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Ph: (616) 235-7272
* Provides emergency dental services to walk in patients starting at 7:00am
Provides service to certain schools in Kent County to school aged children. Call your local school.

Donated Dental Service Program

Ph: (866) 263-4067
* Adults, elderly persons 65 or older and children who are permanently disabled or critically ill may qualify. There is a 1 year wait for residents of Kent County. Download an application at www.nfdh.org. One time comprehensive dental work will be done for those who qualify.

Eastern Dental

2426 Burton Street SE
Suite 1

Grand Rapids, MI

Ph: (616) 974-0991

* Accepts Medicaid, Ages 3-18 only

Family Health Care Dental Services

11 N. Maple Street

Grant, MI 49327

Ph: (231) 834-9750

* Accepts all forms of Medicaid. Sliding fee scales are available for uninsured patients

Ferguson Dental Clinic

101 Sheridan Boulevard SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Ph: (616) 776-2340

* Accepts Medicaid and sliding fee scales are available for uninsured patients

Grand Rapids Community College**Dental Hygiene Clinic**

143 Bostwick Avenue NE

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Ph: (616) 234-4237

* Provides low cost cleanings to adults and children during school year. Cost for Adults is \$30.00 and \$25.00 for children 17-under. It may take approximately 2-3 hours.

Health Intervention Services

15 Andre Street SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Ph: (616) 475-8446

* Accepts Medicaid and sliding fee scales are available for uninsured patients

Montcalm Area Dental Center

1003 N Lafayette St (Behind Ponderosa)

Greenville, MI 48838

Ph: (616) 225-9650

* Provides emergency dental services to walk in patients starting at 7:00a.m. M W TH F,
Sliding scale used based on family size and income for the uninsured.

Housing Assistance

Northern Kent County Utility Assistance

**** You must have a recent shut off notice or a legal eviction notice to obtain any assistance from agencies within Kent County. Once you have one of the above mentioned documents, you can apply for assistance by taking the following steps:***

1. Obtain a State of Emergency Relief Form.
 - * Pick up this form at the North Kent Community Services (formerly North Kent Service Center) at 10075 Northland Drive or at the Department of Human Services
 - * You may also print the form by going to www.michigan.gov and typing SER Form in the search
2. Complete the entire form.
 - * Be sure to send in verification statements such as check stubs and a copy of your bill or eviction Notice.
3. Wait 10 days for your application to be processed.
 - * You may want to notify your utility company or landlord to “hold” your account in order to avoid further action being taken while your application is being processed.
4. Once you received a “Decision Notice” in the mail, you will have the decision of DHS on whether they will assist you and how much assistance will be granted. Often times, you will still need to pay a portion of your bill or eviction prior to DHS paying their stated amount of assistance.
5. Phone 211 in order to obtain a referral for additional assistance if you cannot afford your portion of the bill or eviction. 211 staff members will provide you with all of the needed information on other local agencies that can assist you with your needs.
 - This is a process which can take 4-6 weeks.

Phone Assistance

SafeLink Wireless www.safelinkwireless.com

Assurance Wireless www.assurancewireless.com

Must meet eligibility requirements to receive a free phone with 250 minutes per month. Download an application or submit one online.

Call 2-1-1

Northern Kent County Home Repair Services

Acset Weatherization Program

215 Straight St

Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Ph: (616) 336-4180

* Offers free weatherization services to those who qualify.

Get the Lead out Program

Healthy Home Coalition of West Michigan

742 Franklin Street SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Ph: (616) 241-3300

* Provides assistance with ridding homes of lead based paint to protect children

* Offered within homes built prior to 1978

Home Repair Services

1100 S. Division Avenue

Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Ph: (616) 241-2601

* Must phone for an appointment prior to engaging in services

* Must be a home owner for services

* Offers tools, building materials, fix it classes, and much more at very low cost

* Provides foreclosure prevention services

Northern Kent County Subsidized Housing**Harvest Hill Apartments**

100 Childsdale Avenue NE

Rockford, MI 49341

Ph: (616) 866-1721

Harvest Way

65 Ida Red

Sparta, MI 49345

Ph: (616) 887-7869

Hillview Townhouses

602 Hillview Place

Rockford, MI 49341

Ph: (616) 866-2535

Kentridge Apartments

173 Kentridge Drive

Kent City, MI 49330

Ph: (616) 678-4329

Lexington Woods

121 South Street

Cedar Springs, MI 49319

Ph: (616) 696-3250

Red Flannel Acres

311 Oak Court

Cedar Springs, MI 49319

Ph: (616) 696-3920

Old Mill Apartments

86 3rd Street

Sand Lake, MI 49343

Ph: (616) 636-8834

Sparta Terrace & Townhouses

181 Clark Street

Sparta, MI 49345

Ph: (616) 887-7771

Emergency Assistance Numbers

Acset Weatherization Program

215 Straight St
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
Ph: (616) 336-4180

* Offers any type of deliverable fuel such as propane, wood, wood pellets or fuel oil. Must be at 150% of poverty and live in Kent County. Propane must be at 20% or lower.

DHS-Department of Human Services

Ph: (616)-696-7328

DTE Payment Assistance Program

Ph: 1 (800) 477-4747

Home Repair Services

Ph: (616) 241-2601

-Must register with them: Bring ID, mortgage deed or land contract, income tax return, most recent pay stub.
-Mortgage only; Kent Co.

North Kent Community Services

Ph: (616) 866-3478

Fax: 616-866-1966

Email www.nkcs.org

Hours M-Thurs 8:00am – 6:00 pm

Pantry and Referral pantries, clothing, misc items, senior pantry, commodities, and furniture on Tues mornings.

Last resort funding

Salvation Army

Rent and Mortgage Ph: (616) 454-5840

Ph: (616) 459-9468

-Gas: DTE must be shut off

-Electric: Must have shut off notice

-Propane – DHS first

-HAP

Urban League

Ph: (616) 245-2207

-Rent and mortgage only

-Must have income

-Max: \$250.00

-DHS decision. Must have an eviction notice or be one behind.

211- United Way (First Call for Help)

Ph: (616) 459-2255

-Utilities only

-Max \$150.00

-DHS decision

-Must exhaust other resources

Northern Kent County Food Assistance

Local Food Pantries

Hands of Jesus

Located on Lafayette (South End of old Meijer Bldg.)
Greenville, MI
Ph: (616) 225-0830

Distribution Days: Thurs-Fri, 1:00pm-4:30pm; Must have proof of everyone in household. Please, no social security cards. Drivers license or school I.D. is accepted for first time sign in.

Lean On Me

11555 Edgerton Avenue
Rockford, MI 49341
Ph: (616) 866-3999

* Pantry is offered once per week - please phone to set up services

North Kent Community Services

10075 Northland Drive
Rockford, MI 49341
Ph: (616) 866-3478

* Please phone to set up services

Local Church Pantries

* You must qualify for services at North Kent Community Services prior to utilizing these food pantries.

Cedar Springs United Methodist Church

140 S. Main Street
Cedar Springs, MI 49319
Ph: (616) 696- 1140

Church of the Holy Spirit

1200 Post Drive
Belmont, MI 49306
Ph: (616) 784-1111

Mamrelund Lutheran

4085 Lutheran Church Road
Kent City, MI 49330
Ph: (616) 887-8873
Qualify thru DHS in Sparta

Peace Lutheran Church

1225 12 Mile Road
Sparta, MI 49345
Ph: (616) 887-9417

Senior Meals Program

2900 Wilson Ave Suite 500
Grandville, MI 49418
Ph: (616) 866-3478 infor@seniormealsonwheels.org

Tuesday Dinners with God's Kitchen

No charge or registration required

Blessed John Paul II

3110 17 Mile Rd.
Cedar Springs, MI
Ph: (616) 696-3904
5:30-6:30pm

Thursday Dinners with God's Kitchen

*No qualifications or registration required, **Free hot meals** at the following locations:

Our Lady of Consolation

Family Center,
4865 11 Mile
Rockford MI
Ph: (616) 866-0931
6-7pm
Free dinners 2x a month. No eligibility requirements. Call for information.

St. Charles Activities Center

Benton St, Greenville
Ph: (616) 754-4194
5-6pm

St. Joseph Church

509 S Bridge St
Belding, MI
Ph: (616) 794-2145
5-6pm

St Paul's Episcopal Church

305 Clay St (Blue Church)
Greenville, MI
Tuesday lunch 11:30am-12:30pm and dinner 5-6pm

Emergency Food Assistance Program

Family's gross income must be 130% of Federal Income Guidelines
To apply you must provide picture ID, current household income, and social security cards for everyone living in the home.
Ph: (616) 863-9166

Northern Kent County Family Supports

Parenting Support Services

Adoptive Family Support Network

Provides post adoption support by helping adoptive families find needed resources in the community.
Offers parent lead support groups, family fun events and educational forums. Meet in Cedar Springs
Contact Deidra Artecki at dartecki@afsn.org
Ph: (616) 458-4945

Alpha Family Center

6 N. First Street
Cedar Springs, MI 49319
Ph: (616) 696-2616

- * Provides free pregnancy testing, infant thru toddler items, and maternity clothes.
- * Provides education and support groups for those who have experienced miscarriage, post-abortion, and/or sexual abuse. We offer individual parenting education. Meets court-ordered classes.

Arbor Circle North County Outreach

10075 Northland Drive
Rockford, MI 49341
Contact Person: Mark Olthoff LMSW, LMFT, CAAC
Ph: (616) 866-0265

- * Services include in-home supports for children and families.
- * Provides individual mental health counseling services for all ages.
- * Please phone for details.

Arbor Circle North County Parenting Services

1101 Ball Avenue NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505
Contact Person: Jean Breay BASW, LBSW, IMH-E
Ph: (616) 456-6571

- * Support groups for parents on parenting skills, discipline, and learning about children's development.
- * Groups are offered in both Rockford and Cedar Springs. * Child care is provided for children ages 1-5 while groups are in session.
- * Support groups are free and offered throughout the year.

Arbor Circle North County Parenting Services for Teen Moms

1101 Ball Avenue NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505
Contact Person: Jean Breay BASW, LBSW, IMH-E
Ph: (616) 456-6571

- * Support groups for teen moms on parenting skills, discipline, and learning about children's development.
- * Groups are offered in Sparta.
- * Child care provided for children ages 0-5 while groups are in session.
- * All pregnant or parenting teens residing in northern Kent County are welcome.
- * Support groups are free and offered throughout the school year.

Bless the Children of Cedar Springs Schools

c/o The Springs Free Methodist Church
135 N Grant Street
Cedar Springs, MI 49319
Ph: (616) 696-2970
blessthechildrenofcs@charter.net

"It is our utmost desire to ensure that the students of Cedar Springs Schools feel good about themselves."
Assisting students preschool thru high school with one new outfit from head to toe to families in need.
Please call your student's counselor at school or the number listed above.

Belding Mall

Belding, MI

Provides baby items and baby pantry 2nd Thursday of the month from 5:30-6:30pm.

Car Seat Inspections

Visit helendevoschildrens.org/injuryprevention or call (616) 391-7233 for site and schedule information. Car seat inspections are free. A limited number of low cost replacement car seats are available at all inspection stations, for those who qualify. Children who need a replacement seat must be present with a parent or legal guardian.

Cradles of Grace

P.O. Box 459

Rockford, MI 49341

Ph: (616) 540-9405

Contact: Carol Lubs, Director

Provides counseling from a spiritual perspective to single mothers and young women with unplanned pregnancies. Assist them in making plans for parenting or adoption.

Kent County Health Department Maternal Infant Health Program

700 Fuller Avenue NE

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Ph: (616) 632-7058

* In-home services such as nurses, social workers, nutrition educators, and other supports offered at no cost.

Michigan State Extension Services

775 Ball Avenue NE

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Ph: (616) 336-3265

* Parent education services on nutrition, budgeting, breast feeding, and food safety are offered at no cost.

Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services

300 68th St. SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49548

Ph: (616) 678-5500 for Admission Contact person: Gretchen Johnson MMSN/RN

Mother and Baby Program Partial Hospital Program M-F 8:30am-4:00pm

Can bring baby 12 months and under to treatment. This is a program for women who are pregnant or up to 2 years postpartum. Focusing on postpartum depression, anxiety or any mental health issues related to pre or postpartum. Accepts all forms of insurance. No need for a referral except for Medicaid recipients. Medicaid patients must get referral from their community mental health agency.

Sisters in Support

D.A. Blodgett

805 Leonard Street NE

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Ph: (616) 451-2021 or call Ph: (616) 774-4622, Stephanie Sheler, Coordinator

* Provides mentoring for young moms who could benefit from another woman's guidance and support.

St Mary's Pregnancy Center

402 Amity St

Lowell, MI 49331

Ph: (616) 897-9393 or Emergency Ph: (616) 656-9979

Help with pregnancy, baby items and maternity clothes.

Multicultural Services

Hispanic Center of Western Michigan

1204 Grandville Ave. SW

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Ph: (616) 742-0200

* Services include family violence intervention, family case management, mental health services and outreach, immigration rights and advocacy, youth services, language service (including translation), and cultural events

Michigan Migrant Legal Assistance

1104 Fuller NE

Grand Rapids

Ph: (616) 454-5056

Michigan Migrant Legal Assistance Project

Runaway Services

The Bridge of Arbor Circle

1115 Ball Avenue NE

Grand Rapids, MI 49505

Ph: (616) 451-3001

- * Provides crisis shelter for runaway youth
- * Provides crisis intervention counseling and services between parents and children
- * Prevention programs for suspended and expelled youth.

Substance Abuse Services

Arbor Circle North County Outreach

10075 Northland Drive

Rockford, MI 49341

Contact Person: Mark Olthoff LMSW, LMFT, CAAC

Ph: (616) 866-0265 Mon 11:00 -5:00 Tues and Wed 10:00-4:00

- * Provides substance abuse group counseling as well as individual counseling for adults and adolescents
- * Provides a local listing of AA meetings

Network 180

833 Lake Drive SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Ph: (866) 411-0690

Ph: (616) 336-3909

Ph: (800) 749-7720

Crisis Line (616) 336-3636

- * Provides substance abuse assessments and referrals for ongoing treatment in residential care at Pine Rest, Life Guidance or Turning Point
- * Help with residents who don't have private insurance or who have Medicaid that doesn't cover mental health. Provides access to mental health, substance abuse and developmental disability services

Child Abuse Services

Children's Assessment Center

901 Michigan Avenue NE

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Ph: (616) 336-5160

* Provides assessments, forensic interviews, medical exams for children affected by sexual abuse and counseling services for children.

Kent County Children’s Protective Services

415 Franklin Street SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507
Ph: (616) 248-9600

* Provides investigative services for child abuse with follow up services to assist families.

YWCA

25 Sheldon Boulevard NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Ph: (616) 459-4652

* Provides counseling programs and support groups for children who have been sexually abused.

Domestic Violence Services

Men’s Resource Center

534 Fountain NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Ph: (616) 456-1178

*26 week Domestic Relations Program

* 6 week Anger Management Program

* 20 week Sexual Addiction Program

Protective Hands

Ph: (616) 452-6664

* Provides counseling, support groups, case management, and trauma interventions for battered women and their children.

Raise Hope

Ph: 452-6664

Contact Julie at jdeboer@safehavenministries.org

Community outreach and education. Speakers are available regarding safe and healthy relationships.

Ramoth House

Ph: (616) 452-6664

* Provides shelter for battered women and their children.

Safe Haven Ministries

3501 Lake Eastbrook Boulevard SE
Suite 335
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
Ph: (616) 452-6664

YWCA of West Michigan

25 Sheldon Boulevard NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 459-4652

24 Hour Crisis Helpline

Ph: (616) 451-2744

* Provides crisis intervention and emergency shelter for abused women and their children.

Domestic Violence Counseling Services

Ph: (616) 459-4652

* Provides counseling services and support groups for domestic violence and support groups for women.

Men Choosing Alternatives to Violence

Ph: (616) 459-4652

- * Provides educational and accountability groups for men choosing alternatives to violence.

Sexual Assault Services

National Sexual Assault Hotline

Ph: (800) 656-4673

YWCA of West Michigan

25 Sheldon Boulevard NE

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Ph: (616) 776-7273

- * Provides medical examinations, respite, and counseling services to sexual assault victims

Homeless Shelters

Arbor Circle Homeless Youth Services

1115 Ball Avenue NE

Grand Rapids, MI 49505

Ph: (616) 451-3001

- * Provides case management, counseling, and support to youth ages 16-20 who are homeless

GLC Hope Ministries

1015 East Washington Street

Greenville, MI 48838

Ph: (616) 754-7951 ****You must live in the Greenville area****

- * Provides housing assistance for men in the form of shelter

*Provides a food pantry and furniture for men and women

Guiding Light Missions

255 South Division Avenue

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Ph: (616) 451-0236

- * Provides shelter and food for homeless persons (Men Only)

* Provides substance abuse services and other counseling services to homeless persons (Men Only)

* Back to work program. Helps to secure work. Provides housing for 3 months while funds are saved for the client to live independently.

Have Mercy

703 S. West Rd.

#7-221

Greenville, MI

Ph: (616) 225-8055

- *Provides help with housing difficulties

Mel Trotter Ministries

225 Commerce Avenue SW

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Ph: (616) 454-8249

- * Provides emergency shelter, clothing, and food to homeless persons and families

* Provides substance abuse services and other counseling services to homeless persons and families

Teen Parent Center at The Salvation Army

1215 East Fulton Street
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Ph: (616) 459-9468

* Provides housing, case management, and counseling for homeless pregnant or parenting teens.

The Salvation Army Housing Assistance Program

1215 East Fulton Street
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Ph: (616) 459-9468

* Provides case managements and referrals for shelter for homeless persons and families

Miscellaneous Services

Spay Neuter Express

Ph: (616) 897-8865
www.spayneuterexpress.com

*Provides low cost spay and neuter for feral, barn and cat colonies, and for dogs and cats of low income families

Sparta Senior Neighbors Center

100 Ida Red (In Harvest Way building)
Sparta, MI
Ph: (616) 887-1273
Hours M-F 8:30-2:30

Employment Resources

General Employment

Goodwill Industries of Greater Grand Rapids

455 Grand NE
Grand Rapids, MI
Ph: (616) 451-8800
Eligibility: Call for guidelines.

Grand Rapids Urban League

745 Eastern SE
Grand Rapids, MI
Ph: (616) 245-2207

Michigan Works

Sparta, MI
Ph: (616) 887-2960

Northeast Complex

836 Fuller NE
Grand Rapids, MI
Ph: (616) 336-7740

Acset (Area Community Services Employment Training)

1515 Leonard NE (Administration Office)
Grand Rapids, MI

Ph: (616) 336-4100

Temporary Employment Services

Adecco Employment Services

Eligibility: Call for guidelines.
2935 Buchanan Ave., SW
Ph: (616) 247-0041

Forge Industrial Staffing

Eligibility: 18 years and older, valid ID
5011 28th St. SE Ph: (616) 977-3700
929 Alpine NW Ph: (616) 647-1100
(Located in Commerce Court, Suite 800)

Gill Staffing

Eligibility: Call for guidelines.
2843 East Paris, SE Grand Rapids
Ph: (616) 455-8600

Kelly Services

3210 Eagle Paris SE
Ph: (616) 365-2820

Manpower

Eligibility: 18 years and older, 2 pieces of ID, resume, and also must pass series of tests.
Complete application online.
3144-B Plainfield Plaza NE, Grand Rapids Ph: (616) 361-7200
505-D W. Main St., Lowell Ph: (616) 897-0050
65 S. Main St. – Suite A, Rockford Ph: (616) 886-3982

Michigan Rehabilitation Services

750 Front St NW Suite 211
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
www.michigan.gov/mrs

If you or someone you know has a disability that makes it difficult finding or keeping a job, MRS may be able to help you prepare for it..For adults to 26 years of age.

Ph: (616) 242-6450
Ph: Toll Free (877) 901-7365

Office Team

Eligibility: 2 years of administrative experience
333 Bridge NW Suites 500, Grand Rapids Ph: (616) 774-9500

Day Labor

Labor Ready

Eligibility: Must be 18 years of age, application
5432 S. Division SE, Grand Rapids Ph: (616) 261-5600
*application taken at 5:15am and 12:30pm
2438 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids Ph: (616) 530-3800

***application taken from 5:30am-1:30pm**

Senior Employment

Senior Community Service Employment Program/AARP

Eligibility: 55 and older, call for details, and call ahead to make an appointment
2505 Ardmore, SE Grand Rapids
Ph: (616) 285-1665

Miscellaneous Employment

Exodus Program

Job search assistance for adults with felony convictions
781 36th St.
Ph: (616) 248-5160

Hispanic Center

Eligibility: please call for requirements
1204 Grandville SW
Ph: (616) 742-0200

Homeless Youth Services

If client is participating in program, may assist with employment. Client must be under 21.
1115 Ball NE
Ph: (616) 451-3001

Hope Network

795 36th ST SE Ph: (616) 248-5900
1256 Walker NW Ph: (616) 235-2910

Jubilee Jobs through Baxter Center

Eligibility: Call ahead for an appointment
935 Baxter SE
Ph: (616) 774-9944

Restorers Inc.

Assistance with database job searches, resume preparation, and financial budgeting classes
1413 Madison
Ph: (616) 243-1984

The Other Way Ministries

710 W. Fulton
Ph: (616) 454-4011

Women's Resource Center

Eligibility: Call ahead for an appointment
678 Front NW Ph: (616) 458-5443
2320 East Beltline SE Ph: (616) 949-3000

Money Management Assistance:

Better Business Bureau

Ph: (616) 774-8236

Do-It-Yourself Credit File Correction Guide (\$10)

Call/Fax: (619) 239-1401 www.icfe.info

GreenPath Debt Solutions (formerly known as Consumer Credit Counseling Services)

Counseling and debt repayment programs

Ph: 1(800) 547-5005

Free Credit Report

One report each year from each of the 3 major credit bureaus

www.annualcreditreport.com

Ph: 1(877) 322-8228

Foreclosure Prevention/Financial Counseling-Home Repair Services

Ph: (616) 241-2601

Michigan State University/Kent County Extension

“Dollar Sense” Course, Jinnifer Ortquist

Five, two hour classes covering basic money management principles and skills

Ph: (616) 336-3265

Preparando Para Su Futuro (Preparing For Your Future)

Financial management classes in Spanish

Offers free classes provided in five sessions, designed to give you the information, resources, and skills you need to make the most out of your money.

Ph: (616) 241-4006

Northern Kent County Educational Services

Early Childhood Supports

Arbor Circle Healthy Start

1101 Ball Avenue NE

Grand Rapids, MI 49505

Ph: (616) 456-6571

* Provides in-home support and education to first time parents of children under the age of 3.

Arbor Circle Infant Toddler Development Services

1101 Ball Avenue NE

Grand Rapids, MI 49505

Ph: (616) 456-6571

* Provides home-based infant, toddler, and parental supports to encourage a nurturing relationship.

Catholic Charities of West Michigan, Healthy Start

40 Jefferson Avenue SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Ph: (616) 456-1443

* Provides in-home support and education to first time parents of children under the age of 3.

Cedar Springs Public Schools

Andrea Nista

Early Childhood Services

Ph: (616) 696-1204; ext. 6115

andrea.nista@csredhawks.org

Early Childhood evaluations, home visits, preschool programs, play groups

Child and Family Futures, Healthy Start

678 Front NW
Suite 210
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Ph: (616) 454-4673

* Provides in-home support and education to first time parents of children under the age of 3.

Early Head Start for Kent County

2626 Walker Avenue NW
Walker, MI 49544
Ph: (616) 453-4145

* Provides education services to low income pregnant women and/or children ages 0-3 Does not provide services for Lowell, Cedar Springs, Rockford, or Sparta.

First Steps

118 Commerce Ave SW #300
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Ph: (616) 632-1003

First Steps is a public-private partnership that works to strengthen and coordinate early childhood services in Kent County. Preschool scholarships are available to children in Kent County through the Great Start Kent County Preschool Scholarship Fund. It is a one-year scholarship available to children who are three years old. Children who complete the scholarship program are expected to attend a tuition-free preschool the next year; either a Great Start Readiness Preschool program or Head Start. Participating in this program means that the child will have two years of quality, early education prior to kindergarten. To receive a scholarship children must:

*Meet income guideline (200% of Federal Poverty Level or below)

* Live in Kent County

Enrollment for 2014-2015 will require child to be 4 by Oct. 1.

Priority will be given to children who meet those guidelines AND have additional needs.

Great Start Readiness

2930 Knapp Street NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
Ph: (616) 447-2409

www.greatstartforkids.org

State funded preschool for children who meet eligibility guidelines and are turning 4 by Nov 1, 2013.

Enrollment for 2014-2015 will require child to be 4 by October 1.

Head Start for Kent County

2626 Walker Avenue NW
Walker, MI 49544
Ph: (616) 453-4145

* Provides educational service to low income women with children ages 0-5. Does not provide services for Lowell, Cedar Springs, Rockford or Sparta

Kent County Health Department Strong Beginnings

700 Fuller Avenue NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Ph: (616) 632-7058

* Provides in-home support and education to mothers of children under the age of 2.

Kent County Early On

1800 Leffingwell NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
Ph: (616) 365-2310
Fax: (616) 364-4042

Contact www.1800earlyon.org to make a referral for a free evaluation or call 616 365-2310.

Provides early intervention services for families with infants and toddlers from birth to 36 months who have a delay in their development or a diagnosed disability.

Kent Intermediate School District Bright Beginnings

2930 Knapp Street NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
Ph: (616) 365-2277

www.kentisd.org

* School readiness program providing groups and home visits for children birth to kindergarten age and their families. Open to all families within Kent ISD.

Kent Resource Center

2930 Knapp Street NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
Ph: (616) 447-5678

www.greatstartconnect.org

Matches families to childcare providers. Provides materials, support, and professional development to early learning programs, staff and parents.

Alternative High School Educational Services

Kent City Alternative Education

351 North Main Street
Kent City, MI 49330
Ph: (616) 678-4210

My School at Kent

1655 E. Beltline NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
Ph: (616) 447-5680

Contact Person: Kim Hamilton

This hybrid school offers sound education with extensive student support and loads of options. With the flexibility in your schedule, you can pursue your interests, volunteer, explore careers, and start college. You can even connect through MySchool@Kent back to the local high school for music, art, electives, after-school activities, or sports. It's a combination of interesting, new ways of learning. Includes online instruction, online projects, coursework, and discussion boards, along with a laptop/wireless card for learning anywhere. You'll experience just-in-time learning, tutoring, and group discussions with face-to-face learning labs in a café-style environment. Call for more information.

New Beginnings Alternative High School

204 East Muskegon Street
Cedar Springs, MI 49319
Ph: (616) 696-1203

Northview East Campus

3801 E Beltline Ave
Grand Rapids, MI 49525-9782
Ph: (616) 361-7396

River Valley Academy

350 North Main Street

Rockford, MI 49431
Ph: (616) 863-6324

Kent Intermediate School District Office of Truancy and School Attendance

2930 Knapp St. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
Contact: Ross Cate
Ph: (616) 364-1333

GED Educational Services

Grand Rapids Community College Testing Center

1154 Wealthy Street SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Ph: (616) 234-3040
* Offers both tutoring and preparation classes at a low cost
High School completion services for 16-19 year olds

Rockford Adult Community Education

350 North Main Street
Rockford, MI 49341
Ph: (616) 863-6325 ext. 5251
* GED study classes offered
* Students will test at Grand Rapids Community College Testing Center

Sparta Area Schools

480 S State Street
Sparta, MI 49343
Ph: (616) 887-7321
Monday thru Thursday 5:30pm-8:30pm. Monday and Wednesday 9am-12pm at Peace Lutheran Church.
* Students will test at Grand Rapids Community College Testing Center

Steepletown Neighborhood Services

671 Davis NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
Ph: (616) 451-4215 ext.113
Coordinator: Melanie Grandy

KSSN for Cedar Springs Public Schools

KSSN Services

*Kent School Services Network brings health and human services into school buildings to serve students and their families through a community school approach. KSSN coordinates resources and provides counseling services for families in the Cedar Springs School District. We help access support to services regarding

mental health, physical health, and financial assistance. *For information and assistance please call Lisa Holmes at 616-696-7327.

Northern Kent County Governmental Services

Free Income Tax Preparation

North Kent Community Services

10075 Northland Drive

Rockford, MI 49341

Ph: (616) 866-3478

* Prepares taxes for northern Kent County residents at no cost.

Kent County Clerk's Office

300 Monroe Avenue NW

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Ph: (616) 632-7640

* Obtain vital records such as birth certificates, death records, and marriage licenses.

Kent County Department of Human Services

121 Franklin Street SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Ph: (616) 248-1000

* Provides DHS benefits such as food stamps, cash assistance, state of emergency relief, and Medicaid.

* Information and applications for benefits can also be printed at www.michigan.gov/dhs.

Kent County Friend of the Court

82 Ionia Ave. NW

Suite 200

PO Box 351

Grand Rapids, MI, 49501

Ph: (616) 632-6888

Montcalm County Department of Human Services

609 North State Street

P.O. Box 278

Stanton, MI 48888

Ph: (989) 831-8400

* Provides DHS benefits such as food stamps, cash assistance, state of emergency relief, and Medicaid.

* Information and applications for benefits can also be printed at www.michigan.gov/dhs

Strongly encouraged to apply online.

Secretary of State

534 South State Street

Sparta, MI 49345

Ph: (888) 767-6424 for information and mobile bus schedule

Fax (616) 887-5181

www.michigan.gov/sos

- * Obtain and renew driver's licenses and state ID cards
- * Obtain and renew vehicle registration
- * Obtain or change vehicle titles after sale
- * Provides personal driving records for \$8

Social Security Administration

3045 Knapp Street NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
Ph: (877) 319-5710

www.ssa.gov

- * Processes claims for Social Security Disability and Supplemental Social Security
- * Provides Social Security Cards
- * Ph: (800) 772-1213 for appointments or information

Transportation Services

American Cancer Society

129 Jefferson Ave
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Ph: 1-(800) 227-2345 or 1- (616) 364-6121
Road to Recovery program transports cancer patients to and from medical appointments.

American Red Cross

Ph: (616) 454-7433
*Must meet at least one of the following criteria: low income, disabled, or senior citizen.
*Must call to register. Will transport for physical, mental or dental health.

Kent County Health Department

Maternal Infant Health Program

Check your plan card for transportation information.

RideLink

Ph: (866) 425-3848
Provides transportation for Kent County residents 60 or older.

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