

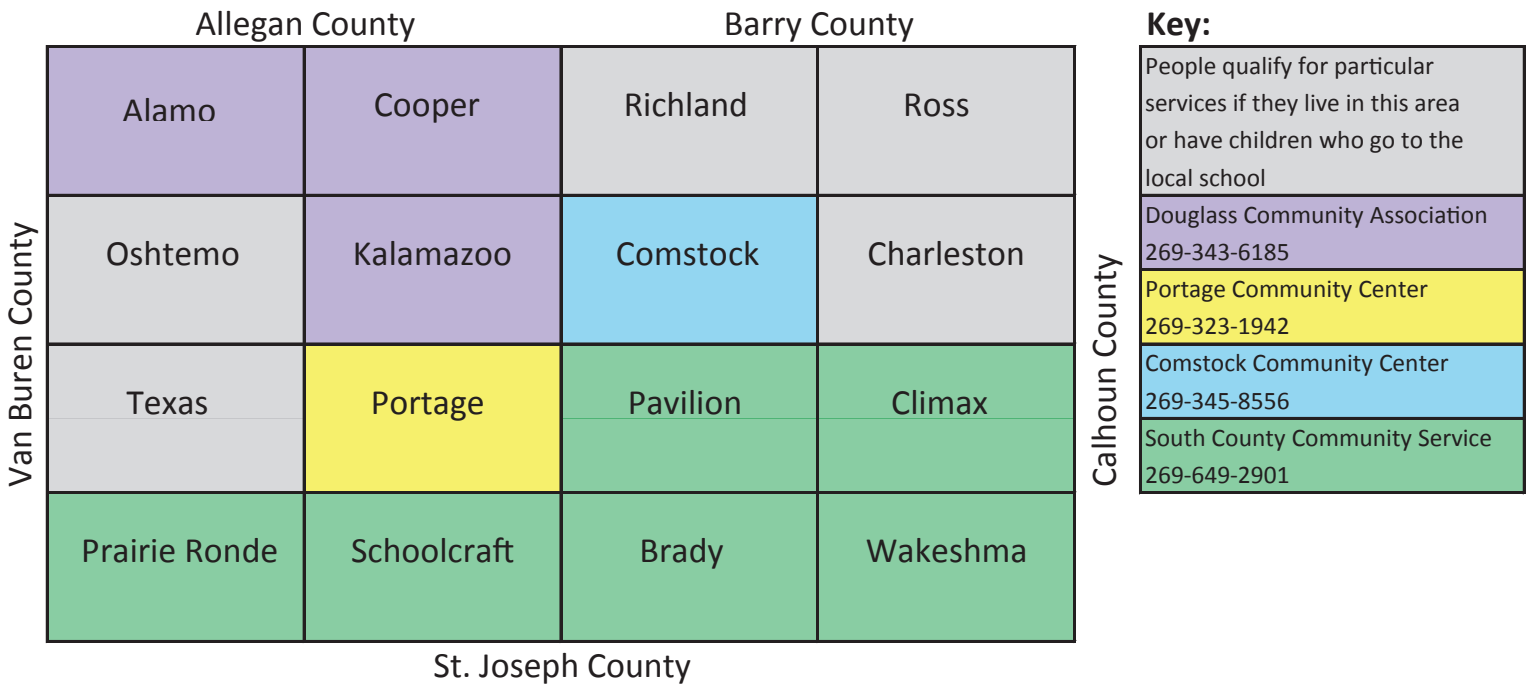
WHO WE SERVE

Thirty-three percent (33%) of the residents in South County live below the poverty line or are families who have difficulty meeting basic needs such as food, utilities, transportation and healthcare expenses on a dependable basis.

Thirty-seven percent (37%) of the population is over 55 years of age. Many of these families live on fixed incomes. Even families with reasonable incomes can face challenges having to do with aging, health and abrupt changes in circumstances outside their control. In addition, the service area covers a large geographic area and our residents face serious access issues that must be addressed.

Everyone who contacts South County Community Services is welcome. Our goal is to have each person leave the agency having been heard and helped in some way.

AGENCY SERVICE AREA MAP



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Resource Guide



Need Help?
Don't know where to start?
 Call: South County Community Services
 105 S Kalamazoo Street
 Vicksburg MI 49097
 269-649-2901
 Open Monday through Thursday
 9 am to 5 pm

2-1-1 Resource Experts
 Dial 2-1-1 or 1-800-563-5432

Gryphon Place Crisis Line
 Available 24/7
 269-381-4357 or 269-381-HELP



South County Community Services (SCCS) Serving You

Emergency Assistance Coordination

- Financial Assistance
In order to receive financial assistance from SCCS you need to meet with the SCCS Emergency Assistance Coordinator to do a needs and eligibility assessment. We can assist with utilities, transportation, healthcare, housing, clothing and vision care. Appointments are available Monday through Thursday. Don't waste time or gas, call ahead for an appointment.
- Resource & Referral Sessions to help you find the resources you need
- Food & Basics Pantry (4 days a week)
- Mobile Health Clinics
- Holiday Assistance
- DHHS Kiosk

Senior Programs

- Senior Outreach Coordinator
- Senior Dining Vouchers
- Senior Commodity Supplemental Food Program

- Evidence-based Health Programs from the Area Agency on Aging
- Health & Wellness Programs
- METRO Community Service Van

Wednesday Winners (Program for Adults with Disabilities)

Free weekly program to promote education and socialization, including transportation and lunch

Hosted Programs

- Certified Veteran Services Officer
- Grossman Free Legal Clinic
- Foot Care by FOOTWORKS
- Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program
- WIC-Women, Infants, & Children

Learn more at www.southcountycs.com

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St Martin's Catholic Church St Vincent DePaul Society 5855 East W Avenue Vicksburg MI 49097	269-649-1629 Ext 70	Call to leave a message for the HELP Team Volunteers usually respond within 24 hours Service area includes Climax-Scotts, Schoolcraft, Vicksburg and Mendon Help applying for state funds for utility bills starting 11/1 for as long as funds last
St. Catherine's Catholic Church St Vincent DePaul Society 1150 W Centre Street Portage MI 49002	269-327-5165 Ext 317	Call for an interview Interviews held on Saturday mornings for first 10 families Help applying for state funds for utility bills starting 11/1 for as long as funds last
St Augustine's Catholic Church St Vincent DePaul Society 5413 Eleanor Street Kalamazoo MI 49007	269-388-4544	Call to make an appointment Hours are Tuesday –Friday 2 – 3:00 pm and on Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm Help applying for state funds for utility bills starting 11/1 for as long as funds last
Christian Resource Center 1833 Burdick Street Kalamazoo MI 49001	269-388-5054	Call for an appointment No geographical boundaries

NOTES

About Deliverable Fuels		DHHS SER funds are available only during the SER period Know how much fuel is in your tank and what a fill-up would cost before asking for help
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3. If you are denied by DHHS you may also contact the following organizations:

Salvation Army 1700 Burdick Street Kalamazoo MI 49001	269-344-6119	Call for an appointment- requirements vary but applicants must live in Kalamazoo County and income qualify June 1 – 10/31 shut-off notice and DHHS decision notice required November 1 – 5/31 only DHHS decision notice required
Community Action Agency 3299 Gull Road Kalamazoo MI 49048	269-373-5066	

4. Community agencies and other non-profit groups may also be able to help.

South County Community Services (SCCS) 105 S Kalamazoo Street Vicksburg MI 49097	269-649-2901 www.southcountycs.com	Call for an appointment with the SCCS Emergency Assistance Coordinator The appointment takes about 30 minutes to complete a needs assessment and referral session SCCS will be able to help you find additional matches in the area to help you reach a zero balance Service area includes Brady, Climax, Pavilion, Prairie Ronde, Schoolcraft and Wakeshma Townships as well as the Vicksburg and Schoolcraft School Districts
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Families with Children

ASK: Advocacy Services for Kids	269-343-5896 www.askforkids.org	Assisting families and their children who have mood, emotional and behavioral challenges with: -Information and resources -Individual support -Access to the Parents Support Partner program -Referrals to community services -Speakers and trainings -Parent and youth advisory committees -Resource lending library
Family & Children Services- <i>A Source of Hope</i> 1608 Lake Street Kalamazoo MI 49001 1302 W Milham Portage MI 49024	Call 269-344-0202 for information or to make an appointment www.fcsource.org	Child Welfare (Foster Care, Adoption, Behavioral Health, School Support) Behavioral Health (On-site school counseling and crisis intervention, counseling for individuals, children and families) Respite and Community Living Supports for children with special needs
Kalamazoo Regional Education Services Agency 1819 E Milham Ave Portage, MI 49002 GREAT START Head Start	269-250-9200 www.kresa.org	Kalamazoo RESA's GREAT START program will promote every child's learning, assist families in meeting their basic needs, and help them build their future Use the website to learn about various programs Visitors are welcome at playgroups Head Start is for children age three and four years in need of early childhood education Head Start for Kalamazoo County is available at multiple locations and provides bus transportation to many sites

<p>Kinship Care Program for Relatives Raising Relative Children</p>	<p>This program is funded by the Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Area Agency on Aging IIIA.</p> <p>Services, including child care are FREE</p> <p>For more information, call 269-327-7472</p> <p>For assistance with transportation call SCCS at 269-649-2901</p>	<p><u>Support Group</u> meets third Thursdays from 6:30 -8 pm (except July and August)</p> <p><u>Education Programs</u> include 4 sessions throughout the year covering: self care, legal skills, communication skills, family relationships, working with schools, finances, community resources, and future planning</p> <p><u>Program Location</u> First United Methodist Church 212 S Park Street Kalamazoo MI 49007</p>
<p>Parent to Parent of SW MI 3901 Emerald Drive, Suite D Kalamazoo MI 49001</p>	<p>269-345-8950 www.p2pswmi.org</p>	<p>Promotes opportunities for children with disabilities and special needs to fully participate in society through the support and education of families and communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Trained parent mentors -Family support partners -Support groups -Social opportunities
<p>WIC (Women, Infants & Children) 105 S Kalamazoo Street Vicksburg, MI 49097</p>	<p>Call 488-3732 for an appointment</p> <p><i>Services available at SCCS on the first and third Thursday of each month by appointment</i></p>	<p>WIC is a governmental program providing supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for pregnant, breastfeeding women and non-breastfeeding women, infants and children up to age five who may be at nutritional risk</p>

Utility and Fuel Assistance

South County Community Services (SCCS) provides a critical role in helping families who struggle with utility and fuel bills, especially during the winter months. Between November 1 and May 31 the State of Michigan provides State Emergency Relief Assistance (SER). SCCS staff work hard to assist qualified clients in obtaining SER funding during this time. SER funds combined with matches from the client and other community resources go a long way toward helping families get to a zero balance on such bills. Families are encouraged to follow the process outlined below:

1. First, work with the service provider to make arrangements that meet your situation.

<p>Consumers Energy</p>	<p>1-800-447-5050 Local Number 269-337-2381 www.consumersenergy.com</p>	<p>Emergency aid may be available from your provider; listen carefully to message prompts to get to the right destination</p> <p>You may be eligible for more than one program</p> <p>Be sure to understand the terms of assistance offered</p>
<p>Indiana Michigan Power</p>	<p>1-800-311-4634 www.indianamichiganpower.com</p>	
<p>About Deliverable Fuels</p>		<p>Call your provider to make arrangements</p>

2. Apply to DHHS (Department of Health & Human Services) for SER funds from the State of Michigan.

<p>DHHS 322 Stockbridge Kalamazoo MI 49001</p>	<p>269-337-4900</p>	<p>This location has a dedicated navigator for first-time applicants or those not comfortable submitting online</p> <p>You may apply for SER only between November 1 and May 31 of each calendar year</p>
<p>South County Community Services (SCCS) 105 S Kalamazoo Street Vicksburg MI 49097</p>	<p>269-649-2901 www.southcountycs.com</p>	<p>DHHS Kiosk and mailing envelopes are available for applications and updates</p> <p>FAX vouchers for use at the Vicksburg District Library are also available if needed</p>

Transportation

<p>South County Community Service Van</p> <p>Based at South County Community Services (SCCS) 105 S Kalamazoo Street Vicksburg MI 49097</p>	<p>Call 269-649-2901 and ask to speak to ride coordinator</p>	<p>METRO Transit with support of federal and state transit funding provides a seven-passenger van for use with seniors and persons with disabilities who live in the South County service area</p> <p>The service is FREE thanks to that funding and the dedicated service of well-trained and friendly volunteers who serve as drivers.</p> <p>To request a ride, call SCCS and leave a message for the Van Coordinator. Try to call at least a week in advance. Be sure to include the date, time, and address for the appointment.</p> <p>Appointments for medical, legal and human services are our top priority.</p> <p>If our drivers are not available, you will be referred to METRO County Connect. (see below)</p>
<p>METRO County Connect</p>	<p>Coordinator 269-337-8477 Customer Support 269-337-8858 Scheduling 269-350-2970</p>	<p>METRO County Connect is a county-wide affordable door-to-door service</p> <p>Eligible persons may qualify for reduced fares. Income eligible persons may qualify for trip vouchers funded by SCCS supporters</p> <p>Call SCCS (649-2901) for FREE METRO County Connect Rider Guide and Reduced Fare Application</p>

Food & Basics

<p>Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes 901 Portage Street Kalamazoo MI 49001</p>	<p>For food at any L&F Pantry, call 269-343-3663 For information, call 269-488-2617 www.kzoolf.org</p>	<p>Promoting a hunger-free community since 1982</p>
<p>South County Food & Basics Pantry (SCCS) 105 S Kalamazoo Street Vicksburg MI 49097</p>	<p>For food appointment, call 269-343-3663</p> <p>For directions or more information, call 269-649-2901</p>	<p>Pantry open Monday- Thursday each week</p> <p>Thanks to the generosity of our donors, SCCS pantry guests also receive household supply bags on a quarterly basis</p>
<p>Mobile Food Initiative Vicksburg United Methodist Church 217 S Main Street Vicksburg MI 49097</p>	<p>Usually held on the third Saturday of the month beginning at 8:30 am in Vicksburg</p> <p>Complete county schedule available at South County Community Services</p>	<p>Provides fresh food and other grocery items</p>
<p>Generous Hands 113 S Kalamazoo Street Vicksburg MI 49097</p>	<p>269-370-7965 Hours vary</p>	<p>Friday Packs and other support for eligible children</p>
<p>Eagle's Nest 629 Clay Street Schoolcraft MI 49087</p>	<p>269-488-5847 Hours vary</p>	<p>Friday Packs Home base for SCCS Pantry</p>
<p>Twelve Baskets 10332 Portage Road Portage MI 49002</p>	<p>Open 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm--ID required</p>	<p>Free food to families in need who live in Portage, Vicksburg Schoolcraft or Three Rivers</p>
<p>Valley Family Church 2500 Vincent Avenue Portage MI 49002</p>	<p>food@valleyfamilychurch.org Located just north of the I-94/Oakland Drive Interchange</p>	<p>Free groceries every Friday from 10 – 11:00 a.m.</p>
<p>Vicksburg Farmers' Market 300 N Richardson Street Vicksburg MI 49097</p>	<p>Open every Friday from 2-6 pm May 20 –October 7, 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Site accepts MI Bridge Cards for any SNAP-eligible items ■ Accepts Project FRESH coupons from WIC clients and income eligible seniors ■ Provides hands-on nutrition activities
<p>DHHS Computer Kiosk</p>	<p>9-5 Monday – Thursday, South County Community Services</p>	<p>Close-to-home access to apply for state assistance</p>

Healthcare

Kalamazoo County DHHS 322 Stockbridge Kalamazoo MI 49001	269-337-4900	DHHS provides healthcare coverage for those who qualify This location has a dedicated navigator for first-time applicants or those not comfortable submitting online
South County Community Services (SCCS) 105 S Kalamazoo Street Vicksburg MI 49097	269-649-2901 www.southcountycs.com	DHHS Kiosk and mailing envelopes are available for applications and updates FAX vouchers for use at the Vicksburg District Library are also available to those in need
SCCS helps with prescriptions and other medical needs.	269-649-2901	If you need help starting or maintaining prescriptions, call to schedule an appointment If you are a current client this may be done by phone; otherwise you must complete an intake visit NOTE: SCCS does not cover prescriptions for narcotics and works only with Vicksburg pharmacies
Community Healing Center-Addiction Treatment Center 2615 Stadium Drive Kalamazoo MI 49008	269-343-1651 1-800-338-5444 www.communityhealingcenter.org	-Detox & residential treatment -Professional drug intervention -Intensive outpatient services -Outpatient groups -Long-term residential programs -Women's groups -Friends & family groups -Counseling (individuals, couples and families)
Constance Brown Hearing Centers 4855 W Centre Ave Portage MI 49024 1634 Gull Road Kalamazoo MI 49048	www.cbrown.org 269-372-2709 269-343-2601	Non-profit hearing healthcare provider accepting Medicaid, Medicare, and most other insurances

Services for Veterans

Certified Veteran Services Officer South County Community Services (SCCS) 105 S Kalamazoo Street Vicksburg MI 49097	Call 269-649-2901 for directions/information about what to bring	On site every Thursday from 9 am until 1 pm. no appointment necessary Provides help with: -Filing claims -VA health benefits -Other benefits All participants should bring a certified copy of discharge papers
MVAA After-Hours Service	Call 2-1-1 or 1-800-563-5432	Gryphon Place 2-1-1 answers for the Michigan Veteran's Affairs Agency after 5 pm and on week-ends throughout the State of Michigan 2-1-1 makes sure that veterans receive necessary documentation to apply for benefits and schedule follow-ups for callers needing further assistance
Volunteers of America-Michigan	1-877-509-VETS	Short-term intervention to help veteran families keep or rapidly transition to permanent housing Providing eligible low-income individuals/families with case management and direct support services such as: -rent assistance -utilities assistance -child care costs -emergency supplies -security deposits -financial planning Reintegration program offers: -job search assistance -employability skills training -transportation -interview attire -short-term trainings
VETERANS CRISIS LINE	1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1 Confidential chat at Veteranscrisisline.net or text to 838255	

Eldercare Locator	www.eldercarelocator.gov	<p>A public service of the US Department of Health & Human Services designed to link older adults and their caregivers to unbiased information and resources at the community and state levels</p> <p>Includes information on the following organizations/services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Area Agency on Aging -Aging & Disability Resource Centers -Elder Abuse Prevention -Health Insurance Counseling & Assistance -Legal Assistance -Long-Term Care Ombudsman -State Agency on Aging
Senior Services 918 Jasper Street Kalamazoo MI 49007	269-382-0515 www.seniorservices1.org Ask for the BEST OF CARE catalog, the most comprehensive guide to services for seniors in the Kalamazoo County area	Provides affordable in-home support services including help navigating the aging process, home care, home repair, home delivered meals, caregiver respite, MI Choice Waiver Program for Medicaid qualifying nursing home individuals who wish to remain at home
Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)	<p>CentraCare 200 West Michigan Avenue Battle Creek MI 49017 269-441-9300 1-877-284-4071</p> <p>CentraCare 445 West Michigan Avenue Kalamazoo MI 49001 269-448-5460 1-800-448-5860 <i>Serving Kalamazoo & Calhoun Counties</i></p>	<p>National program that features comprehensive service delivery and integrated Medicare/Medicaid financing for frail, elderly individuals who meet Long-Term Care level of care criteria</p> <p>Michigan has seven providers</p> <p>Offered by CentraCare in Kalamazoo and Battle Creek</p>

Disability Network of SW MI 517 E Crosstown Parkway Kalamazoo MI 49001	269-345-1516 1-877-674-5209 www.dnswm.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Disability information & referrals -Disability rights advocacy -Peer support groups -Independent living skills training -Connections to community resources -Nursing facility transition services -Assistive technology information -Social Security benefits counseling -ADA compliance assistance
Family Health Center in Portage (Located in Portage Community Center) 325 E Centre Ave Portage MI 49024	269-488-7342	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Medical care-adults & children -Dental care -Behavioral health -Immediate care -Physical/Occupational Therapy -Laboratory - Pharmacy -Sliding fee discounts -Marketplace and Medicaid application enrollment
InterAct of Michigan 610 S Burdick Kalamazoo MI 49001	269-381-3700	<p>Provides person-centered integrated recovery services for people who need a variety of mental health supports to access needed services and maximize their lives in the community</p> <p>InterAct offers outpatient substance abuse services targeted toward treatment of individuals age 18 and older with serious mental illness who also have co-occurring substance abuse disorders</p>
Kalamazoo Community Mental Health	1-800-373-6200 (24 hour hotline) 269-373-6000	<p>Serving individuals with substance abuse issues and mental illness.</p> <p>Programs for children with serious emotional issues and developmental disabilities</p>

Lending Hands of Michigan, INC 5350 Ivanhoe Court Portage MI 49002	269-567-4381 www.LendingHandsMI.org	Lending home medical equipment for free and on a temporary basis up to nine months Order on website
Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) Sponsored by Senior Services and hosted by SCCS 105 S Kalamazoo Street Vicksburg MI 49097	Call 269-649-2901 for appointment	Trained volunteer counselors assist with Medicare, Medicaid, supplemental insurance, long-term care and prescription options at no charge.
Operation FIX IT Kalamazoo Humane Society 4239 S Westnedge Avenue Kalamazoo MI 49008	269-345-1181 www.kazoohumane.org	Vaccinations and spay/neuter services for family pets with income eligible discounts
WIC (Women, Infants & Children) 105 S Kalamazoo Street Vicksburg, MI 49097	Call 488-3732 for an appointment <i>Services available at SCCS on the first and third Thursday of each month by appointment</i>	WIC is a governmental program providing supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for pregnant, breastfeeding women and non-breastfeeding women, infants and children up to age five who may be at nutritional risk.
Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP)	Call 1-888-243-4087 or 269-373-5213	No Insurance? High Deductible? Help Available for follow-up care if you have abnormal test results

Do You Need Health Insurance?

The Healthy Michigan Plan is available for Michigan residents who are:

- Ages 19-64
- Income around \$16,000/single person or \$33,000/family of four
- Not currently enrolled in other Medicaid programs or Medicare

Not sure which health coverage options is right for you?

Visit MIcoverage.org to learn more about coverage options in Michigan or contact an enrollment specialist for FREE help.

Call Joyce Griffith at (269) 235-9667 or email jgriffith@mpca.net for free help enrolling or renewing!

Services for Seniors

Area Agency on Aging IIIA 3299 Gull Road Kalamazoo MI 49048	Information & Assistance Line 269-373-5147	<p><u>Choices for Independence</u>-person centered needs assessment and planning to maintain dignity and independence</p> <p><u>Custom Care</u>-delivered by credentialed geriatric care providers to coordinate care and help with complex issues</p> <p><u>Long Term Care Ombudsman</u></p> <p><u>Healthy Living Programs</u> Offered in South County and across Kalamazoo County at no charge</p> <p><i>Matter of Balance</i>: reducing fear of falling and increasing physical activity levels</p> <p><i>Creating Confident Caregivers</i>: for persons providing direct care for loved ones with memory loss or dementia</p> <p><i>PATH(Personal Action Toward Health)</i>: to help with day-to-day management of chronic health issues such as asthma, arthritis, diabetes, depression, fibromyalgia or heart disease</p> <p><u>Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP)</u></p> <p><u>Medicare Waiver Program information</u></p>
AARP	www.aarp.org	A non-profit, non-partisan membership organization for people age 50 or older. AARP is dedicated to enhancing quality of life for all as we age. AARP leads positive social change with information, advocacy and services (driver safety courses and a nationwide volunteer network).

Safety & Emergency Aid

If you or someone you know is in a situation where their personal safety is at risk this resource list is for you.

Human Trafficking

Human Trafficking National Hotline	1-888-373-7888	Available 24 hours a day, every day
Kalamazoo Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition	www.kahtc.org	Text anytime to BEFREE (233733)

Domestic or Sexual Abuse

YWCA Kalamazoo Crisis Line	269-385-3587	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Every 9 seconds, an American woman is assaulted or beaten ■ 1 in 3 women have been victims of physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime ■ 1 in 5 women have been raped in their lifetime
For more information, YWCA Kalamazoo 353 E Michigan Ave Kalamazoo MI 49007	269-385-2869 www.ywcakalamazoo.org	Crisis intervention wallet cards from YWCA Kalamazoo are available at South County Community Services

Protective Services

Kalamazoo County DHHS Adult and Child Protective Services 3299 Gull Road Kalamazoo MI 49048	State-wide Abuse Hotline 1-855-444-3911	Available 24/7/365
Guardian Inc. 420 E. Alcott Kalamazoo MI 49001	269-344-0688	Assists vulnerable adults in maintaining independence and financial sufficiency.

Law Enforcement

Federal Bureau of Investigation Kalamazoo Office	269-349-9607	
Michigan State Police	Battle Creek 269-746-1288 Paw Paw 269-657-5551	
Portage Police Department	269-329-4567	
Schoolcraft Police Department	269-679-5600	
Vicksburg Police Department	269-649-1145	Non-emergency 269-649-1144

Housing Assistance

<u>Emergency Shelters</u> ARK YWCA Domestic Assault Kalamazoo Gospel Mission HRI Eleanor Street Oakland House Open Door Next Door	269-343-8765 269-385-3587 269-345-2974 269-382-5609 269-352-1270 269-345-1431 269-345-1431	Youth ages 10-17 Victims of partner violence Male/female adults/families Families Male/female adults Women ages 17-35 Men ages 17-35
Kalamazoo County DHHS 322 Stockbridge Ave Kalamazoo MI 49007	Main Office: 269-337-4900	State financial assistance with rent, home ownership and repairs to those who qualify Proofs must be mailed, scanned or faxed
Kalamazoo County Eviction Diversion Program	Call 2-1-1 or 1-800-563-5432	Provides income eligible families with eviction prevention assistance when they have dependable income to pay next month's rent; the eviction is resolved at this unit; AND the unresolved rent owed is for 3 months or less Program is done in partnership with landlord. The 2-1-1 team will tell you what you need to bring to your appointment
Housing Information Center 420 E Alcott Street Kalamazoo MI 49001	269-382-0287	Team of housing professionals, legal aid, and community health available for Housing Hour held weekly from 4:00-5:00 pm Information only
Housing Resources Inc.	269-382-0287 www.housingresourcesinc.org	Up-to-date lists of current vacancies in rental units and shelters and housing assistance to eligible persons
Michigan Housing Locator	www.michiganhousinglocator.com	Web resource for current rental listings
Kalamazoo Neighborhood Housing Services	269-385-2916	Kalamazoo Neighborhood Housing Services works to foster home ownership throughout Kalamazoo County. They provide a variety of services aimed at helping homeowners and buyers, including credit counseling and rehabilitation, lease purchasing, and foreclosure counseling.

Home Ownership & Repairs

Community Action Agency of Kalamazoo County	269-373-5066 www.kalcounty.com/hcs	Housing self sufficiency support, weatherization and home improvements
Community Homeworks 810 Bryant Street Kalamazoo MI 49001	269-998-3275	Provides trainings for home repairs and completes actual repair projects for families who income qualify and can provide proof of ownership
Habitat for Humanity 1126 Gull Road Kalamazoo MI 49048	269-344-2443 x203 www.habitatkalamazoo.org	Affordable financing & home repair services for home owners whose income is 30-60% of median income for the county of residence and who live in Kalamazoo County, Otsego, Plainwell, Otsego Township or Gun Plain Township
USDA Rural Development	1-800-944-8119 Area Specialist: 269-657-7055 ext 121	Offers low income residents opportunity to purchase decent, safe, sanitary housing at affordable monthly payments Must not own adequate housing, be a US Citizen with legal capacity to incur a loan application and good credit history but unable to secure credit from conventional resources

Legal Services

FREE Legal Clinic at South County Community Services (In partnership with Grossman Law, PLLC) 105 S Kalamazoo Street Vicksburg MI 49097	269-649-2901	Call for an appointment. Clinic is held the first Wednesday of each month from 3:00-5:00 pm. No drop-ins; you must schedule an appointment
Legal Aid of Western Michigan 210 W Kalamazo Avenue Kalamazoo MI 49007	269-344-8113	Assistance with legal civil matters such as housing, family issues, SSI, food stamps, Medicaid, etc.
Elder Law of Michigan Grand Rapids Office 2025 E Beltline Ave Ste 101 Grand Rapids MI 49546	1-866-400-9164 for Client Services Grand Rapids Office 1-877-933-7252	One call for help in times of confusion, stress and crisis. Includes a legal hotline, benefits enrollment option center, and pension rights assistance

Literacy & Information

EVERYONE NEEDS TO READ-FREE READING HELP	269-382-0490 EXT 222	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Want to get better reading scores on employment tests? Want to learn how to use a computer? Want to be able to help a family member with homework? Want to be able to read your mail and medical prescriptions? <p>FREE help and materials with a matched personal volunteer tutor who is trained in a proven adult reader training technique</p> <p>FREE training for volunteers</p>
Vicksburg District Library 215 S Michigan Avenue Vicksburg MI 49097	269-649-1648 Email to info@vicksburglibrary.org	Hours of operation: Monday-Thursday 10 am – 8:30 pm Friday and Saturday 10 am – 5pm Sunday 1-5 pm (Labor Day to Memorial Day)
Schoolcraft Community Library 330 N Centre Street Schoolcraft MI 49087	269-679-5959 schoolcraftlibrary.org	Hours of operation: Monday 10 am – 7:30 pm Tuesday 1 pm -7:30 pm Wednesday 10 am – 7:30 pm Thursday 10 am – 5pm Friday 1pm – 5 pm Saturday 10 am – 1 pm CLOSED SUNDAY
Lawrence Memorial Library 107 S Main Climax MI 49034	269-746-4125	<i>The only all volunteer library in the State of Michigan</i> Hours of operation: Tuesday – Friday 2pm – 7 pm Saturday mornings
South County Community Services (SCCS) FREE <i>Little Library</i> 105 S Kalamazoo Street Vicksburg MI 49097	269-649-2901	Created by Girl Scout Troop 80337 in Vicksburg with support from area readers Open 9-5, Monday - Thursday
Immigration Assistance Project	269-385-1019	Document translation and application resources
FREE Tax Preparation	In season, call 2-1-1 or 1-800-563-5432	Income qualified service provided by Kalamazoo County Volunteer Tax Initiative