

2019 Resource Guide Updates

South County Community Services moved to 606 Spruce St, Vicksburg MI 49097 (see below)

ASK: Advocacy Services for Kids

Parent to Parent SW Michigan

- *Organizations merged to become ASK Family Services*
- *Services remain unchanged*
- *Address changed to 445 W Michigan #102, Kalamazoo*
- *Phone number changed to 343-5896*

Community Action Agency of Kalamazoo

- *Name changed to Community Action Agency of South Central Michigan: Kalamazoo*
- *Website changed to caascm.org*
- *Please call ahead as location is in transition: 373-5066*
- *Current services include rental/utility assistance and weatherization*

Family Health Center Portage Location

- *Location changed to 505 Alcott Street, Kalamazoo*

Generous Hands, inc

South County Community Services

- *Organizations moved to common location for all programming: 606 Spruce St, Vicksburg*
- *Shared phone number: 649-2901*
- *Services remain unchanged*

Lending Hands

- *Address changed to 2403 Helen Ave, Portage*

Twelve Baskets

- *Call for updated hours/services: 532-4912*

valleygroceries (Valley Family Church)

- *Distribution hours changed to 6:30pm-7:30pm on Tuesday. Doors open at 5:30pm and there is an optional service at 6:00pm*

2019 Utility Assistance Process

Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) funding is now tied to DHHS. This means that DHHS must approve your household for State Emergency Relief services before you can receive assistance through MEAP funds (some common MEAP agencies are TrueNorth, United Way of Jackson County, Saint Vincent de Paul Diocese of Detroit). Please call South County (649-2901) if you have questions about this process.

- 1.) Apply for DHHS assistance at michigan.gov/mibridges
- 2.) At the end of the DHHS application, select a referral (MEAP) agency that you have used in the past—or call us at 649-2901 for more information
- 3.) Turn in required proofs to DHHS

This process can take 10-14 days, so please call for clarification and apply as soon as you get a disconnection notice that you might need assistance with.