

**Help Me Grow
SERVICE DIRECTORY/REFERRAL SOURCES
FOR ERIE COUNTY**

**If you need more information about this directory, please
call: Help Me Grow at:
1-800-491-4566 or 419-621-3962**



**4405 Galloway Road Sandusky, Ohio
419-621-3962**

WHO TO CALL ABOUT....

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (INCLUDING DEVELOPMENTALLY DELAYED, HANDICAPPED OR GIFTED.)

Contact your local school district:

Edison Local Schools	419-499-2696
Bellevue Public Schools	419-484-5010
Firelands Local Schools	440-965-5381
Firelands Montessori Academy	419-433-6181
Huron City Schools	419-433-4870
Margaretta Local Schools	419-684-5351
Perkins Local Schools	419-625-0484
Sandusky City School	419-621-2744
Vermilion Local Schools	440-967-4215
Erie, Huron, Ottawa Educational Services Center (EHOVE)	419-625-6274
Erie County Board of MR/DD	419-626-0208
ARC	419-625-9677

SPEECH THERAPY/EVALUATION

Help Me Grow Program	1-800-491-4566 or 419-621-3962
Firelands Regional Medical Center	419-557-7455 1-800-342-1177
Fisher Titus Medical Center	1-800-589-3862
Children's Developmental Center (Amherst)	440-984-2416
Abilities Pediatric Therapy (3+)	419-621-1166
Advanced Health Pediatrics	419-626-4162

PHYSICAL THERAPY/ OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY/EVALUATIONS

Help Me Grow Program	1-800-491-4566 or 419-621-3962
Firelands Regional Medical Center	419-577-7455
Fisher Titus Medical Center	1-800-589-3862
Children's Developmental Center	440-984-2416

Transition Healthcare Associates, Inc	440-967-2508 or
419-621-1166	1-888-872-2508
Abilities Pediatric Therapy	419-621-1166
Advanced Health Pediatrics	419-626-4162

HEARING/AUDIOLOGICAL

Firelands Regional Medical Center	419-557-7455
West Side Hearing & Speech Services (Elyria)	440-329-7760
(Lorain)	440-282-5910
Sandusky Audiology	419-625-7339 or 800-589-4333
Transition Healthcare Associates, Inc (Vermilion)	440-967-2508 or 888-872-2508
Regional Infant Hearing Program 265 NOMS	1-888-996-7447 x 419-626-1338
Fisher Titus Medical Center	419-660-6957

NUTRITION

Erie Co. Health Dept. WIC program	
	419-626-5623 (Sandusky) x137
	440-967-7354 (Vermilion)

PARENT EDUCATION/SUPPORT

Family Information Network (Diane Frazee, regional coordinator)	419-242-9587 x 218
Help Me Grow Home Visitor	
Help Me Grow (Central Intake Referral) (1-800-491-4566 x 171)	419-621-3962 or
Parents As Teachers (PAT) Mary David	419-602-0150
Bayshore Counseling (Carrie Kennedy)	419-626-9156 or
Donna Kelley (Parent Educator)	800-686-0088

ADVOCACY FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Arc of Erie County	419-625-9677
Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities	1-800-374-2806
Ohio Department of Education	1-800-644-6338

Parent Mentor of Erie County
Vicki Deel-Lezon
Cleveland Road East
Huron, Ohio 44839
419-433-6343 ext.27 or 1-800-522-5632

PRESCHOOL/DAY CARE

Sandusky

Headstart	419-625-2214
Kiddie Korral (Follett)	419-626-9082
Kiddie Korral (Perkins)	419-626-9064
Sandusky Central Catholic ECC	419-626-3075
Sandusky YMCA	419-621-9622
St. Stephen's Kiddie College	419-624-1814
Wee Care Day Care	419-621-7853

Bellevue

Firelands Presbyterian Preschool	419-732-0009
First United Methodist Daycare	419-483-4885
Premier Christian Daycare	567-214-4230
St. John's Christian Preschool	419-483-3969
WSOS Child Development Program	419-483-6605

Castalia

Firelands Day Care	419-684-5311
Margaretta Preschool	419-684-5357
Playland Day Care Ltd.	419-684-7551

Huron

Huron Little Tigers Preschool	419-433-1234
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Just Like Home Childcare/Learning Center	419-433-4222
Little Wonders Presbyterian Preschool	419-433-4348
Montessori Child Enrichment Center	419-433-6181
St. Peter's Preschool	419-433-4640

Milan

Edison Little Chargers	419-499-4625
EHOVE Child Development Center	419-499-4663

Vermilion

Lakeview Preschool Center	440-967-5104
St. Mary's Preschool	440-967-7911
UCC/Vermilion Developmental Center	440-967-5230
Vermilion YMCA	440-967-3050

CLINICS/ Medical Care

Prenatal Clinic – Erie County Health Dept.

420 Superior Street
 Sandusky, Ohio 44870
 (419)626-5623
 Appointments are necessary.

Family Practice

1912 Hayes Ave.
 Sandusky, Ohio, 44870
 419-621-7000

Erie County Health Department

420 Superior Street
 Sandusky, Ohio 44870
 (419) 626-5623

Vermilion Health Dept.

1230 Beechview Dr.
 Vermilion, Ohio 44001
 (440) 967-7359
 Immunization clinic, well-child clinic, health checks, hearing clinic, sexually transmitted disease clinic, prenatal, family planning clinic, W.I.C., T.B. skin testing, environmental health

**Ohio Department of Health
Bureau of Child and Family Health Services
Erie County General Health District
(look under financial for more info on BCMH)**

Firelands Regional Medical Center/South Campus

North Campus
1101 Decatur Street
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
(419) 557-7455

South Campus
1912 Hayes Ave.
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
(419) 626-7400

North Campus Provides emergency, medical, surgical, obstetrical, and pediatric care. South Campus provides, psychiatric and rehabilitative patient, and family practice. BCMH clinics, outpatient therapy.

Abigail Pregnancy Services

22 West Main Street
Norwalk, Ohio 44857
(419) 668-9500

830 Maplewood Dr.
Willard, Ohio 44890
419-935-0128

24 hour help line 1-800-395-HELP toll free line 1-800-395-4357
Para church organization whose purpose is to assist woman and families who face crisis pregnancy situations. Goal is to help carry babies to term. Free of charge. Abigail also has a Teen Maternity home in Norwalk, Ohio

Website www.abigailonline.org

Heartbeat of Sandusky

3423 Columbus Ave.
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
(419) 625-9511

Tuesday and Wednesday 10am-5pm and Friday 2:30am-5:00pm

Education and emotional support to any person in need concerning pregnancy. They have pamphlets videos, emergency pregnancy services, pregnancy tests, baby and maternity clothes, abstinence counseling and post abortion

counseling. Mentor-mom program support group. Free services

Breast Feeding Coordinator, Lactation Consultant.

Erie County Health Dept.
Judy McCurdy, R.N., I.B.C.I.C.
420 Superior Street
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
(419) 626-5623
8:00am to 5:00pm
Monday-Friday No Fee

Laleche League of Erie County

Pat Frey
723 Gloucester
Huron, Ohio 44839 419-433-6352 or 419-626-9141
Breastfeeding support

Family Health Services

1111 Hayes Ave
419-577-7189

Clothing Resources

Care and Share Inc. of Erie County

241 Jackson Street
P.O. Box 1874
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
419-624-1411
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00am-11:00am and 1:00pm-3:00pm
Friday 9:00am-11:00am

Salvation Army Thrift Store

820 Cleveland Rd. Huron, Ohio 44839 419-433-0500	1031 Tiffin Ave. Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-626-3862	1130 Cleveland Sandusky, Ohio 419-626-1191
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Goodwill

422 Cleveland Rd. E.	924 E. Perkins Ave.	101 Plank Rd.
Huron, Ohio 44870	Sandusky, Ohio 44870	Norwalk, Ohio
419-433-7542	429-625-2910	419-663-2343

Goodwill Industries

Sandusky plant
419 W. Market St.
Sandusky, Oh, 44870
419-625-2 910

New Day Family Resource Center

1135 Warren Street
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
419-626-8730

HOT MEALS

Lighthouse Assembly of God/Huron helping hand

820 Cleveland Rd. E.
419-433-8889
Wednesday 9am-3pm and Thursday 10am-2pm
Service for 44839 zip code and Berlin Hts.

Lighthouse Baptist Church

2222 Cleveland Rd. 419-621-8293
Wednesday 4-7pm

Eagles nest Church

2126 Pipe St.
419-626-5081
Call

Sandusky Salvation Army

Columbus Ave.
419-626-3862/419-627-2491 Monday- Thursday 10 am- 12pm
and 1pm-2pm

Sandusky Baptist Temple

3706 Milan Rd.
419-626-3722
Call

Care and Share

241 Jackson St.
419-624-1411
Call

Vermilion Church of Christ Pantry

5116 Driftwood Dr
440-967-6757
Call

Erie Huron CAC

908 S. Depot St.
419-686-6540
Call (by appointment)

Victory Kitchen

1613 Hayes Avenue
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
(419) 627-8732
Hours: 12:00pm-3:00pm Monday-Friday
1st, 3rd, 4th, week of the month

Volunteers of America/Crossroads (Open to Public)

1843 Superior Street
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
419-626-6505
Call to get times.

First Congregational Church

431 Columbus Ave.
419-734-0001
Sept.-May,Thur. 4-5:30pm
June-Aug. Wed. 4:30-6pm

St. Vincent De Paul Society

510 Columbus Ave. 419-625-6655
Call (Food vouchers when available)

St. Paul Lutheran Church

2211 Mills Street 419-625-6800
Last Sunday of the month Noon-1:30 pm

TRANSPORTATION

Sandusky Transit System

1230 N. Depot Street
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
(419) 627-0740 dispatch, Ticket Purchase (419) 627-5872
Monday-Saturday 6:00am-10:00pm, closed on Sundays.
Transportation for Sandusky, Perkins, Huron, and some of
Vermilion

LEGAL AID

Legal Aid/Public/Defenders

247 Columbus Ave. suite 37
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
419-627-6620 or 419-627-6630
Provide legal services to those meeting income and priority
guidelines in the following areas:
Criminal, juvenile, contempt, paternity, divorce, custody,
landlord-tenant, bankruptcy, defense of lawsuits, welfare
denials and SSI-appeals only.

Social Security Administration

200 Hancock St.
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
419-625-6052 or 1-800-772-1213

CREDIT COUNSELING

Consumer Credit Counseling Centers of America

1-800-493-2222

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northwestern Ohio

For Information or Appointment 1-800-355-2227

SUPPORT

Bayshore Counseling Services

1218 Cleveland Road

Suite B

Sandusky, Ohio 44870 (419) 626-9156 1-800-686-0088

9:00am-5:00pm

Monday – Friday, Evenings by appt.

Kinship (Visitation Center)

3920 Perkins Ave

Huron, Ohio 44839

(419) - 625-2672

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday 8:00am-8:30pm

Call for more information.

A.S.K. Camp (Autism, Spectrum, Kids)

Fisher Titus Medical Center

272 Benedict

Norwalk, Ohio 44857

(419) 668-8101 ext 6435 Call for more information.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES/COUNSELING

Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services

419-627-5177 or
1-800-826-1306

Bayshore Counseling

419-626-9156 or
1-800-686-0088

CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

PARENTS AS TEACHERS

Director: Sandusky, Mary David 419-602-0150
Call for more information about the program

Families with children ages 0-3 years of age that are enrolled in the Help Me Grow program. This program broadens one's knowledge base of child growth and development through home visits with information and activities.

Drop in and Play hours: At Erie County Board of DD Wednesday evenings 6:15-7:45pm Friday mornings 9:30-11:00am
4405 Galloway Rd. Sandusky 44870-Call Mary David for more info.

Drop in and play times are open to the public.

Help Me Grow

Central Intake and Referral Coordinator
4405 Galloway Rd.

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

(419) 621 – 3962 1-800-491-4566 x 171

8:00am – 5:00pm Monday – Friday

Home visits to parents/guardians of children 0-3, who are at risk for developmental delays. Developmental screenings for children 0-3. Referrals to medical, financial, social, development and to assist the family in location of those resources.

Erie-Huron County CAC Headstart Program

908 S. Depot St.

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

(419) 625-2214

Preschool program for 3 to 5 year olds, including children with various handicapping conditions. It has two sessions, mornings and afternoon hours. Monday-Friday. Two-day sessions available. Clientele: Families who meet income guidelines as well as those with children who have special needs Call for Schedules or more Information. Full day available for parents who work or go to school.

SHELTERS

Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter

P.O. box 2616

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

(419)626-2200 1-800-953-2207 (419 area code only)

Shelter for battered woman and their dependent children, crisis hotline, legal advocacy, support groups, information and referral, counseling.

Woman aged 18 or older who are able to care for themselves and their children are residents of Erie, Ottawa, or Huron counties.

Volunteers of America Crossroads (shelter)

1843 Superior street

(419) 626-6505 fax-419-626-9208

Emergency shelter and transitional living & housing. Serves Families, Veterans and adult individual. Provides housing, case management and referrals to county services.

EQUIPMENT NEEDS

Leimkuehler Orthotic & Prosthetic Inc.

1807 West Perkins Ave

Sandusky Ohio 44870

419-625-5373

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

BCMh (Bureau of Children with Medial Handicaps)

Erie County Health Dept.

Columbus: 1-800-755-4769 or 419-626-5623

(Call Elaine for application information.)

Erie County Dept. of Job and Family Services 419-626-6781

Erie County Board of DD 419-626-0208

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) 800-772-1213 or

419-625-6052

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

Contact number will be toll free: 1-877-644-6562 or 419-626-6781

Hours: 8:00am – 5:00pm Monday – Friday

Matching job seekers to employer job openings.

Processing applications of unemployment compensation.

Erie County Department of Job & Family Services

221 w. Parish St.

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

(419) 626-6781

8:00am – 5:00pm Monday – Friday

Services include:

Medicaid assistance, food stamps, childcare assistance program, employment training, emergency assistance. Call for more information.

Erie/Huron County Community Action Commission “CAC”

908 S. Depot Street

Sandusky, Oh 44870

(419) 626-4320 (419) 668-9823 – Huron County

8:00 am – 4:30pm

Monday – Friday

Provides assistance to residents of Erie/Huron Counties who are in need. Programs for all age levels from Headstart program to elderly. Energy assistance programs to those who qualify.

Emergency assistance with food, clothing, furniture, prescriptions, rent or rent deposits.

(availability) for these are based on income and availability of funds.

HEAP- Assistance with heating bill shut-off notices to those who qualify.

Ohio State University Extension for budgeting classes

2900 South Columbus Ave

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

419-627-7631

Paul Motry Memorial Fund

414 Wayne St.

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

(419) 627-0414

Charitable trust for children with special needs under 18 with medical/financial needs. For children in Erie and Eastern Ottawa County, Call for an application.

Easter Seals Society of Northwest Ohio.

226 St Rt 61 East

Norwalk, Ohio 44857

419-668-6791

Medical equipment loan program, hearing aid loan, comprehensive car seat loan, summer speech therapy, infant monitoring and summer camperships, daycare, homecare, (private pay, insurance, passport provider and I&O Waiver provider) and respite care.

HOUSING INFORMATION

Erie County Metropolitan Housing

322 Warren street

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

(419) 625-0262

8:00 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday

A public agency that provides decent, safe and sanitary housing for low and moderate-income families; also provides for elderly and handicapped. Provides a variety of social services to senior citizens, and persons with low income.

Low income or over 62, handicapped or disabled

Department of Jobs and Family Services

Mary Aaron- Deputy Director of Community Services

419-627-4410

Firelands Habitat for Humanity

P.O. box 308

Huron, Ohio 44839

(419) 433-2609

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Homebuilders for low-income families, including new homes. Firelands HFH works solely on volunteer labor, donated money and materials. The families called “Partner families” help build their homes and the homes of other families. As each family pays their monthly mortgage, the money is used to help build future homes. Call for more information.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

EHOVE Career Center

High School and Adult Education

316 West mason road

Milan, Ohio 44846

(419) 627-9665 (419) 499-4663

Vocational education classes, job placement services, career planning, financial aid, employment services and vocational assessment center. Career training programs and special interest classes.

High school juniors and seniors, adult learning programs.

Fees: varies by program

Sandusky City Schools, Center for Continuing Education

407 Decatur Street

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

(419) 625 – 9294(adult education) (419) 621 – 2717

8:00AM – 3:00 PM

Monday – Friday

Sandusky ABLE/GED Sandusky Career Center

Sandusky Adult Basic, Literacy Education

Center for Continuing Education

Sandusky High School

2130 Hayes Avenue

Sandusky, Ohio 44870
419-621-2778

Ohio Business College

4020 Milan Rd.
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
1-800-729-0539
419-627-8345

The Job Store

Located within DJFS
221 W. Parish Street
Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Services offered for those seeking jobs

Career Advising, job search assistance, testing and assessment, computerized job matching, workshops, GED preparation, and basic skills.

Services for employers

Training and education programs, accepting job applications, tax information, recruitment and screening, downsizing and layoffs.

Youth Services

Basic skills/GED, employment training, jobs/job coaching.
Call for more detailed information on all opportunities.

RESOURCES

Sandusky Library

114 W. Adams Street
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
(419) 625-3834
9:00 am – 8:30 pm
Monday – Thursday
9:00 am – 5:00pm Friday – Saturday
12:00 noon – 5:00pm on Sunday (October-April)

Huron Public Library

333Williams st.
Huron, Ohio 44839
(419) 433-5009

Hours: 10:00 – 8:30 Monday-Thursday
10:00 – 5:00 Friday
10:00 – 1:00 Sat. (summer)
10:00 – 5:00 Sat. & Sun. (winter)

Vermilion Ritter Public Library

5680 Liberty Ave.
Vermilion, Ohio 44089
Phone 440-967-3798
Fax 440-967-5482

Winter hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30 – 8:30pm
Friday & Saturday 9:30 – 5:30pm
Sundays 1:00 – 5:00pm

Summer hours: Monday – Thursday 9:30–8:00pm
Friday –Saturday 9:30-5:30pm Sundays- closed

Milan-Berlin Township Public Library of the Berlin-Milan Local School District

E. Church St. / P.O. Box 1550
Milan, OH 44846
Voice1: (419) 499-4117
Fax: (419) 499-4697
Web: <http://www.milan-berlin.lib.oh.us>

Bellevue Public Library

224 E. Main St.
Bellevue, OH 44811-1409
Voice1: (419) 483-4769
Fax: (419) 483-0158
Web: <http://www.bellevue.lib.oh.us>
Catalog: <http://www-catalog.cpl.org/MARION>

Monroeville Public Library

34 Monroe St.

Monroeville, OH 44847-9722

Voice1: (419) 465-2035

Other Services

Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation 1-800-589-6772

On the job training or vocational school education and job placement assistance for those who are vocationally handicapped (many ex-offenders are eligible).

Lifeline and Link-Up Telephone Services

This program helps low-income customers obtain and maintain monthly local telephone service for landline and wireless phones. Those who qualify may receive discounts of up to \$30 on telephone hookup charges and between \$5.25 and \$10.00 on monthly basic phone service, depending on where you live. Eligibility varies by state.

Contact your local wire line or wireless company. Or visit the website at www.lifelinesupport.org

U.S. Department of Housing (HUD)

HUD'S mission is to increase homeownership, support community development and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination. To fulfill this mission HUD will embrace high standards of ethics, management and accountability and forge new partnerships-particularly with faith based and community organizations that leverage resources and improve HUD's ability to be effective on the community.

Cincinnati office 1-513-684-3451

Cleveland office 1-216-522-4067

Columbus office 1-614-469-5737

Website: www.hud.gov

Prescription Relief

This is a non-profit company that was established by concerned people assisting individuals who take prescription medications, but lack the income to afford their prescriptions each month. 1-866-378-4686. Website.

www.prescriptionrelief.org

Prevention Retention and Contingency (PRC) Program

PRC program is designed to assist low-income families with necessary short-term resources like, temporary cash assistance, housing and rent assistance, utility assistance, transportation assistance. Call your local Department of Job and Family Services.

Supplemental Security Income

Provides resource to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter for children who are blind or with disabilities under 18 who have little or no income. 1-800-722-1213

CSEA (Child Support Enforcement Agency)

Located at Job and Family Services

221 Parish St.

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

419-626-6781

United Way

Get Connected. Get Answers. Call United Way 211

If you are laid off from a job; have a death in the family; are in an abusive relationship; discover the need for some important services, such as healthcare, food for your family, legal or tax assistance; or a wide array of other services, Help for Hard Times will help you find what you are looking for. When you call they recommend that you have:

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1. Your social security number;
 2. Information such as family size;
 3. What town you live in;
 4. Your income sources and amount;
 5. A pen and paper to write down information that you are given.
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