

# Elkhart County Helping Organizations 2019-2020 (Wa-Nee Specific Resources on last page).

*\*Elkhart County community helping organizations listed below are not recommendations from Elkhart County Schools, it is a reference list for your personal use of the most current resources in our area.*

**United Way 211 Helpline-** Dial 2-1-1, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week  
24-hour information referral center. Free and confidential to call. For the most up to date assistance for local food pantries, utility and rent assistance, legal assistance, clothing help, shelters, medical assistance, etc. Assistance provided in many languages. Information for over 260 Elkhart County agencies and over 1200 Elkhart County programs.

**Dial 2-1-1 or 1-877-502-0700 for FREE, confidential, 24-hour information and referral assistance.**

- Food
- Counseling
- Utility Assistance
- Health Care
- Transportation
- Housing
- Shelter
- Legal Aid
- Clothing
- Education

# **Housing/Utility Assistance**

## **1. Assistance with Utilities (Gas or Electric)**

\*\*\*Call before the disconnect happens\*\*\*

To work out a payment schedule: NIPSCO (1-800-464-7726) IN-MI Power (1-800-311-4634)

## **2. Energy Assistance Program:**

Apply for state assistance through locally administered REAL Services for your heating bills. Avoid disconnect of heat during the winter months. The program runs from November-March, until the funds run out. To qualify for the program, you must have a social security card for everyone over the age of one in the home. The lease/mortgage must have the name of the person applying for the assistance. There are also income guidelines. Contact Real Services 8-4:30 November–March at (574) 322-4185 During April-October call Energy Assistance Program at 1-800-225-3367, or (574) 232-6501.

## **3. Elkhart Township Trustee - 106 N. 5th St., Goshen (574)-533-2066 Office**

Hours: Monday, 9-4, Wednesday 9-12, Friday 9-4

- Walk in for application- Takes 48-72 hours to process.
- An appointment is needed for a follow up visit
- Need Social Security number.
- Helps with food, rent, utility disconnects up to \$275.
- No help with a deposit of any kind or reconnect fees.

## **4. Salvation Army - 1013 N. Main St., Goshen (574) 533-9584**

Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9-12, & 1:30-4:00 Wed. 9-12 Call first for eligibility and to see what help is available. Can help with utilities when at “disconnect” status, once every 24 months. Can get groceries once every 60 days- up to 4x a year. Can help with medication once every 12 months for up to \$100 per person in the household.

## **5. Interfaith Hospitality Network - 105 S. 3rd St., Goshen (574) 534-2300**

Homeless shelter services for families with children housed at St. Mark’s Methodist Church. Dinner and Evening and overnight services only. No fee. For domestic situation, most go to the Shelter in Elkhart due to no safety on site at Interfaith.

## **6. Church Community Services - – 907 Oakland Ave, Elkhart (574) 295-3673**

- Emergency medication up to \$75
- Hours for Financial Services M and Th 9-11:45 and 1-3:45 Wed. from 9-11:45.
- Food Pantry: once each month M,W, Th 11-3pm, & Thurs reopen from 4-7pm. No one turned away the first time. After Initial visit, a picture ID or piece of mail is needed
- Assistance with evictions and utility bills that are up for disconnect. Funds are limited, call first.

## **7. Elkhart Housing Authority: 1396 Benham Ave. Elkhart, In 46516 Phone: 574-295-8395**

We not only house those that otherwise may not have access to suitable housing, we take pride in the programs and properties we offer. **Business Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:00 am- 4:30 pm

## **8. Lacasa Goshen, IN 574.533.4450**

# Clothing/Food/Laundry Assistance

**1. Faith Mission** Elkhart, IN 574.293.3406 <https://thefaithmission.org/>

**2. Salvation Army** - 1013 N. Main St., Goshen (574) 533-9584 Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs., Friday 9-12, 1:30-4; Wed 9-12. Call first for eligibility and to see what help is available. Can help with utilities when at "disconnect" status, once every 2 years. Can help with groceries once every 60 days. Can help with medication once every 12 months. Must be Goshen resident and bring picture ID or piece of mail with current address. Non-English speakers, please feel free to bring a translator with you.

**3. East Goshen Mennonite Church** - 17861 SR 4, Goshen 533-7161

Food Pantry: Tuesday 9-12:00. You can get one bag of groceries once per month. Must be a Goshen resident and bring picture ID and proof of residency. (NIPSCO, utility bill, phone bill) Groceries will be given one time without proof of Goshen residency, and referred to other food pantries nearby. Application for financial assistance through Goshen Ministerial Association is available. Spanish available.

**4. First United Methodist Church** - 214 S. 5th St., Goshen 533-9518 Contact Harriet Martin Food pantry hours Mon-Fri 8-12. Families **must go first** to the Salvation Army for a referral before contacting church. \*\*Please refer to Salvation Army's requirements found in this packet. Must be a resident of Goshen. Non-english speakers, please feel free to bring a translator with you.

**5. Church Community Services** - - 907 Oakland Ave, Elkhart (574) 295-3673

- Financial aid for medication up to \$100 once every 12 months.
- Food Pantry: once every month. M,W,Th 11-3 pm. Thurs reopen from 4-7pm. Need picture ID or piece of mail.
- Assistance with evictions and utility bills that are up for disconnect, if funds are available. Mon. and Thurs. 9-11:45, & 1-3:45, Wed 9-11:45
- Available to anyone in Elkhart County
- Spanish available.

**6. The Window** - 223 S. Main St., Goshen (574) 533-9680

- Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri. 9:00-4:30      Thurs, 9:00-6:00
- Coffee & Donuts 9-10am Lunch: 11:30-12:30 M-F and sandwiches from 2pm-3pm M-F  
\*Clothing: , Thurs 9-12, & 4:00-5:30
- Laundry services, 9:30– 12:30 M-F first come, first serve\* Fax & Phone service available for local calls

- Food Pantry Mon, 1-4, Tues 9:00-10:30, Thurs 9:00-10:30 & 4:00-5:30, Fri. 1-4 Can go 1x per month. Need photo ID and proof of current address. (available to Elkhart County, but excluding Elkhart city.)
- Meals on Wheels is a service for elderly family members. Some restrictions apply.
- Showers available M-F on the hour and half hours of 9:00-3:00
- Spanish available.

**7. Grace Community Church- Community Hope** 20076 CR 36, Goshen, IN 533-7546

**Thursday only**—6:00-8:30AM Line forms for receiving Voucher number. At 8:30AM voucher #'s given on a first come, first serve basis. 9:30: Breakfast served. 10:00 Vouchers accepted. Need picture ID and recent mail with current address. Families can have two vouchers the first six months of the year and 2 vouchers the last six months of the year. The vouchers need to be at least one month apart. Non-English speakers, please feel free to bring a translator with you. Available to anyone.

**8. Life Point Church** – 1006 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street. 533-1191

Food Pantry: Boxes of food given out Mon-Thurs from 8:30-12. People can receive a box once every 30 days. Need to bring a photo ID. Available to all of Elkhart County. Non-english speakers, please feel free to bring a translator with you. There is a Spanish information sheet available, but no interpreters available.

# Family Assistance/Parenting Help

**1. CAPS (Child and Parent Services)** : 1000 W. Hively, Elkhart, IN 574-295-2277

Organization to help prevent child abuse and strengthen families in Elkhart County. Child and Parent services. Programs available: Healthy Families, Parenting, Parent Aide, **Triple P**, Supervised visitations, CASA, Guardian Ad Litem, CFAC. More information available at [www.capselkhart.org](http://www.capselkhart.org)

**2. SCAN** (Community Partners for Safe Families) 1-800-752-7116 ext 2117 Hours M-F 8:30am-8:00pm Saturday 10:00 am-2:00pm or refer at [www.scaninc.org](http://www.scaninc.org) then click "Community Partners, Region 3 on the left. Click on "Community Partners Referral Form" to make an online referral. Scan helps with situations that interfere with the ability to manage families, including but not limited to: ill family members, stressful situations, housing crises, truancy issues, ongoing transportation problems, difficulty managing children at home, organizational help, etc. Provides Free in-home, one on one services. Voluntary four-month program. SCAN will not take open DCS cases.

**3. Bashor Children's Home:** 62226 CR 15 Goshen, 574-875-5117 [www.bashor.org](http://www.bashor.org)

Offers alternative school, emergency shelter care, substance abuse treatment, and programs for youth who **have** sexually offended. Offers parenting classes for parents who are divorcing and "Seasons", a support class for children involved in divorce. Groups for youth: Stop Lifting, Stop Skipping, alternative school and teen court.

**4. YWCA of Elkhart County** 132 State St, , Elkhart, IN 46516 (574) 294-1811, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day **YWCA Safe Haven** 132 State St, , Elkhart, IN 46516 (574)-294-1811, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

- Sexual abuse therapist ( will resource out)
- On site child therapist
- YWCA is **not** a homeless shelter, **only** for domestic violence situations
- Domestic violence support group for mothers and children. When staffing is available, childcare provided while moms are in groups.
- Legal advocate attorney (will resource out)

**5. Community Relations Commission of Goshen (CRC)** - 574-537-3839 or

[communityrelations@goshencity.com](mailto:communityrelations@goshencity.com). The CRC exists to promote positive community relations amidst the diversity in our community. As well, if you feel you have been discriminated against, the CRC is the local resource for you to report your complaint. The CRC meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at City Hall (202 South 5th St., Goshen). Everyone and anyone is welcome to attend these open and public meetings!

**6. The Window** Goshen, IN 574.533.9680 <http://www.thewindowofgoshen.com/>

# Counseling Services

**1. Ryan's Place:** Center for Grieving Children, Teens and Families. Call 574-535-1000 to schedule an intake appointment and to join a group. 118 S Main Street, Goshen, IN. Grief groups available for adults, adolescents, and children bi-monthly from 6:30- 8:15, usually on Monday. Dinner is provided at no cost to those participating in groups. Programs take place at Community Church of Waterford 65154 CR 21 Goshen. Prior to attending for the first time, call to set up an intake appointment. Individual therapy is also available on a limited basis.

**2. Bowen Center Counseling** – 901 S. Huntington St. Syracuse 574-457-4400  
Offers a variety of mental health and addiction services. More information available at [www.bowencenter.org](http://www.bowencenter.org). New clients can call the access center 1-800-342-5652 for more information.

**3. Shetler Psychological Services**– 1930 W. Lincoln Ave. Goshen, IN 574-534-2161  
A team of therapists, psychologists and social workers providing mental health services. Services offered: Therapy and counseling services for all ages. Play room available for play therapy. Accepts a variety of insurance coverage, call to ask for more information. Sliding fee scale can be negotiated.

**4. Lincoln Therapeutic Partnership Center** : Elkhart Office– Wenchester Mansion, 529 S 2nd St. 574-326-3590 A team of therapist provide counseling, therapy and other services. Accepts a variety of insurances including Medicaid and Medicare, call for more information.

**5. Beacon Medical Group Behavioral Health** 5314 Lincolnway East Mishawaka, IN 574-256-9032

- Beacon Medical Group offers a variety of mental health services. Inpatient and outpatient services for children and adults.

**Beacon Medical Group Behavioral Health** 707 N. Michigan Suite 400 574-647-8470

- Doctors that specialize in ADHD. Counselors and therapy available by appointment. Accepts most insurance.  
Hours Mon-Fri: 8am-noon; 1pm-4:30pm

**6. Bashor Children's Home:** 62226 CR 15 Goshen, 574-875-5117 [www.bashor.org](http://www.bashor.org)  
Offers alternative school, emergency shelter care, substance abuse treatment, and residential programs for youth who **have** sexually offended or are in need of substance abuse treatment. Offers "Trans-Parenting" classes for parents who are divorcing and "Seasons," a program for kids who are involved in the divorce. Also offers low-cost counseling for youth

**7. Oaklawn** 533-1234 (ask for Goshen Access Center). [www.oaklawn.org](http://www.oaklawn.org)  
Outpatient services offered include individual and family counseling, care facilitation and skills training, substance abuse counseling, and medication management for mental health disorders. On site pharmacy (Genoa) and family practice medicine (Mosaic) are available. Private insurance and Medicaid are accepted. Sliding fees scales are used.

**8. Meridian Health Services** Elkhart and St. Joe County Office: 574-254-0229/ Emergency: 866-306-2647. Services include therapists and skills trainer, outpatient services will come to the home to do assessments if needed. They will push in at school/home to help assist with disruptive behaviors. They take Medicaid and have sliding fee scales. Goshen schools has partnered with Meridian with our online academy.

# **AM Child Care/After School Programs**

**1. KidsCare:** Located at Chandler Elementary School in Goshen Community Schools  
Hours 5:30AM before school until 5:30PM after school. Fees: Full day fee \$50 per week regardless of attendance, Half day, \$30 per week regardless of attendance. Registration Fee \$15 Contact Sharon Swinehart 574-830-0311 ext. 2 Email: [sswinehart@bgcgoshen.org](mailto:sswinehart@bgcgoshen.org)

**2. Boys & Girls Club of Goshen:** 306 Crescent St. Goshen 533-4793. Hours are the end of school day until 7:00PM.

1st & 2nd = Monday/Wednesday      3rd-5th = Tuesday/Thursday

(Supper available from 3:00-5:30pm) Power hour provides fun, engaging, educational activities from 4-5 PM

# Health and Prescriptions

## 1.) Prescription Assistance Resources

- On an emergency basis:
  - Elkhart Trustee 106 N. 5th St 533-2066 M & F 9-4 W 9-12. rent, utilities, food, prescriptions, maintenance. Must come in and fill out an application and they help “at times”.
  - Church Community Services 907 Oakland Ave, Elkhart 295-3673 Assistance for emergency or crisis services including prescriptions ( For rent– must try Elkhart Trustee first, for utilities must try Elkhart Trustees, Salvation Army first.)  
Monday/Thursday 9:00-11:45 & 1:00-3:45 Wednesday = 9:00- 11:45  
Tuesday/Friday = closed
- PPA- Prescription Assistance 1-888-477-2669, 1-877-793,0765, or [www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org)
- Online apply at [www.needymeds.org](http://www.needymeds.org)

## 2.) Medicaid Help

Maple City Health Care Center 534-3300 Call for an appointment. They will help complete paperwork with families. Families will need to follow up when receiving paperwork in the mail. Medicaid will assign a doctor to the family. If you are a patient at Maple City Health Care Center, counseling is available.

**3.) Goshen Hospital - Financial Advocate.** They will assist with sign up for children who are 18 years and younger. They will also help with adults assisting with sign up for signing up for Medicaid/HIP.

Call for an appointment 574-364-2607.They assist with hospital bills. Hours are 7:30-4:00  
To sign up for Medicaid you need; Birth certificate, school ID card/grade card, Proof of income (pay checks, tax returns, unemployment checks). During open enrollment in November, they assist with federal marketplace insurance.

**3. Center for Healing and Hope:** Plymouth UCC, 902 S. Main St., Goshen 534-4744  
Tues 4:30-5:30PM Thursday, 4:30-5:30 PM, Friday 8:30-9:30 AM These are the mandatory patient registration times.

Urgent Care Clinic for Uninsured and Underinsured (\$40 or sliding scale) Physicals can be completed on clinic nights.Payment is expected at the time of service.

**4. Church Community Services - - 907 Oakland Ave, Elkhart (574) 295-3673**

Emergency medication and Prescriptions

Food Pantry: once a month. Pantry is open Mon. 11-3pm, Wed. 11-3, Thurs. 11-3 and 4-7pm.

Financial and Utility Assistance available Monday and Thursday 9:00-11:45 and 1:00-3:45, Wednesday 9:00-11:45 only. (Closed Tuesdays and Fridays)

**5. Elkhart County Health Department :** 608 Oakland Ave Elkhart, IN (Somewhat difficult to locate) 574-523-2127. Childhood immunizations available through Vaccines for Kids which

covers uninsured children as well as those with Medicaid.

**6. W.I.C. (Women, Infants, & Children) or Healthy Beginnings** 1400 Hudson St. 574-522-0104 Provides dental care (teeth cleaning every 6 months) Dentist available once per month, Accepts Medicaid or uninsured eligibility based on income. Monday 10-6:00, Thursday 8:30-4:30.

**7. Salvation Army** - 1013 N. Main St., Goshen (574) 533-9584  
Hours: Mon-Fri 9-12 and Tues & Thurs 9-12 and 1:30-4:00; Wed 9-12 . Can help with medication in emergencies up to 100.00. Must be a Goshen resident and bring picture ID. green card. Government ID, or birth certificate. Food Pantry once every 60 days.

**8.) Vista Community Health Center:** 808 N 3rd St, Goshen, In 46528 Mon-Fri: 8:30 am -12:00 1:00-5:00pm. 574-534-0088. We are a **Health Care Home** offering **Affordable health care** to build community across cultures. We value relationships, integration and empowerment.

**9. Heart City Health Center, Elkhart, IN** <https://www.heartcityhealth.org/>

- SCENIC: (574) 350-2500
- Dental: (574) 970-1937
- Behavioral Health: (574) 968-2461
- Women's Health: (574) 584-2501
- Simpson: (574) 293-0052

# **Resources for Wa-Nee District Families**

1. **Family Christian Development Center (FCDC)** (Food Pantry, Medication Assistance Program, Baby Immunization Clinic, Baby Care Closet, Clothing Closet, Rent, Utility, or Crisis Assistance)  
151 S Locke Street  
Nappanee, IN  
574.773.2149
2. **Open Door Food Pantry** 292 S Main Street, Nappanee, IN 574.773.3820, Monday—Friday 9 am—11 am
3. **Locke Township Trustee:** Peggy Hunsberger 302 N. Clark St. Nappanee, IN 574-773-3320
4. **Olive Township Trustee:** Linda Hartzell 29178 CR 38 Wakarusa, IN 574-862-2969
5. **Union Township Trustee:** Robert McLean 302 Woodview Dr. Nappanee, IN 574-773-5534
6. **Harrison Township Trustee:** Kenny Yaw 63095 CR 13 Goshen, IN 574-875-5039
7. **Boys and Girls Club of Nappanee** 900 E Centennial St. Nappanee, IN 574-773-5200
7. **Elder Haus Senior Center** in Nappanee 451 N. Main St. Nappanee, IN 574-773-2424