Community Services Resource Guide

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If you are not sure where to call, or you need other information about County services, please dial 211 from anywhere in Geauga County and you will be connected to the United Way InfoLine.
ABUSE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Geauga County Job and Family Services
12480 Ravenwood Drive
PO Box 309
Chardon, Oh 44024
(440) 285-9141 – phone
(888) 285-5665 – phone after hours
(440) 286-6654 – fax
geaugajfs.org

Social Services provides child and adult protective services by investigating referrals of abuse and neglect and working with the court and the family to ensure the safety of children and the elderly. These services include foster care and adoption services.

WomenSafe
12041 Ravenna Road
Chardon, OH 44024
(440) 286-7154 – phone
(440) 286-1037 – fax
(888) 285-5665 – Copeline
womensafe.org

Provides domestic violence victims with physically safe, temporary shelter. Also provides emotional support, crisis counseling, information and referral, advocacy and prevention services for domestic violence, as well as information and referral for teenagers and adults in abusive dating relationships. These services are provided 24 hours, 7 day a week, via Copeline at (888) 285-5665.

BREASTFEEDING

La Leche League of Geauga County
(440) 286-6872 – Adele (akmchk2@aol.com)
lllohio.org

Support group for the practical, physical and psychological aspects of breast feeding, also parenting through informal discussions. Provides telephone assistance, as well as a continuing series of meetings and a lending library of information and booklets. Call for meeting information. Like La leche on Facebook!
WIC - Geauga
12406 Madison Road, Suite 3
Huntsburg, OH 44046
440-636-5331

Nutrition education program that provides supplemental foods which promote good health for pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, as well as infants and children up to age five, who live in Geauga County, are at nutritional risk, and meet WIC’s liberal income guidelines. All services are free.

CHILD AND FAMILY SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Birthright of Chardon
209 Center Street Unit A
Chardon, OH 44024
(440) 286-9711 – phone
1-800-550-4900 – national hotline
Monday, Tues, Thursday’s 11-4p.m.

Offers alternatives to abortion as well as pregnancy testing, counseling, support and clothes for mothers and babies, baby food, temporary housing and a speaker’s bureau to assist young mothers.

Chagrin Falls Park Community Center
7060 Woodland Ave.
Chagrin Falls, OH 44023
(440) 247-6030

Offers youth development programs to assist with tutoring and mentoring. Summer day camps to help encourage overall self esteem and success.

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geaugafs.org

Human Services supports low income families as they work to stabilize financially. There are opportunities for child care, medical, nutritional, and emergency assistance.
Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program
470 Center Street Bldg. 2
Chardon, OH  44024
(440)279-1700
Offers several support programs such as a teen parent panel, speaking engagements at
your local schools for education/prevention and parent wisely programs.

Starting Point
209 Center Street
Chardon, OH 44024
(440) 285-9121 – phone
starting-point.org
A specialized information and referral program addressing child care needs in Geauga
County. Services offered for families include a parent hotline, family day care home
recruitment, and consumer education, early childhood professionals, training and support,
start-up assistance, family home day care sponsorship, and consultation; and for the
community, advocacy regarding child care and early education issues, a comprehensive
data bank and planning and consultation regarding child care issues.

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CLOTHING

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Chardon, OH 44024
(440) 286-9711 – phone
1-800-550-4900 – national hotline
birthright.org
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**American Cancer Society Discovery Shop I**
102 Cherry Street  
Chardon, OH 44024  
(440) 285-4377 – phone

*Provides reasonably priced used clothing, household items, and furniture. Call store for hours.*

**Sunshine Shop**
Located at Geauga County Fairgrounds  
14373 North Cheshire Street  
Burton, OH 44021  
(800) 209-7590 – phone  
(440) 285-9141 – phone

*Very low cost clothing, household goods, furniture and appliances, when available. Open Friday & Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 p.m. Closed August 1 – September 15.*

**WomenSafe Resale Shoppe**
12601 Chillicothe Rd  
Chesterland, OH 44026  
(440) 729-2780  
womensafe.org

*Low cost clothing, household goods and furniture when available. Open Wednesday & Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Thursday 10:00 am – 7:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.*

**Habitat for Humanity ReStore**
12180 Kinsman Road  
Newbury, OH 44065  
habitatgeauga.org

*Low cost furniture, appliances and household items. Open Friday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.*

**COUNSELING - MENTAL HEALTH, DRUG AND ALCOHOL, BEHAVIORAL**
United Way’s First Call For Help
Dial 2-1-1 (within Geauga County)
211geauga.org

Free and confidential information and referrals to health and human service agencies in Geauga County.

Catholic Charities Services
Geauga County
602 South Street Suite D1
Chardon, OH 44024
(800) 242-9755 – phone
(440) 285-3537 – phone
(440) 285-4909 – fax
clevelandcatholiccharities.org

Provides a behavioral health service to help families and individuals strengthen and enrich their relationships. Services include counseling, both individual and group for all ages, as well as educational and support groups, parenting classes, referrals, as well as in home assessment for older adults.

Lake Geauga Center on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
209 Center Street, Unit E
Chardon, OH 44024
(440) 285-9119 – phone
(440) 942-6722 – phone
lgrc.us

Provides a variety of services for persons whose lives are or have been affected by their own or another’s use of alcohol or other drugs. Services include assessment, individual and group counseling, prevention, half-way houses for both men and women, and support groups, as well as a jail treatment program.

Ravenwood Mental Health Center
12557 Ravenwood Drive
Chardon, OH 44024
(888) 285-5665 Toll-free 24-hour CopeLine
(440) 285-3568 – phone
(440) 285-4552 – fax
ravenwoodhmc.org

16030 E. High Street
Middlefield, OH 44062
Comprehensive outpatient mental health services including assessment, counseling (ages 4-1/2 and older), child/adult psychiatric services, case management, youth/adult partial hospitalization programs, substance abuse, and sexual victim/offender treatment. An adult residential living program is available to the severely mentally ill.

COUNSELING - PREGNANCY OR PARENTING RELATED

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1-800-550-4900 – national hotline
birthright.org
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CRISIS INFORMATION

CopeLine
(440) 285-5665
(800) 285-5665
Provides support, information, and referrals for people with emergencies. Services include assistance with child and elder abuse, mental health emergencies, domestic violence, homelessness, and emergency food. Services are available 24 hours a day.

National Suicide Prevention Life Line
(800) 273-8255
suicidepreventionlifeline.org
No matter what problems you are dealing with, we want to help you find a reason to keep living. You’ll be connected to a skilled, trained counselor at a crisis center in your area, anytime 24/7.

EDUCATION

Lake Geauga United Head Start – Geauga Center
Comprehensive enrichment experiences for low income preschoolers and their families, educational, health, nutritional, dental, and social activities provided, parent involvement is stressed. Eligibility: preschool ages three and four year olds who meet the federal poverty guidelines.

Metzenbaum Center
(Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities)
8200 Cedar Road
Chesterland, OH 44026
(440) 729-9406 - Service/Intake
(440) 729-0131 – fax
gaugadd.org

Services begin at birth, continue with preschool and school programs and last through adulthood. Offers Family Support Services and Summer Supportive Services, please call for more information to see if you are eligible!

The Geauga County Educational Service Center
470 Center Street
Building 2
Chardon Ohio 44024
(440) 279-1700 – phone
(440) 286-7106 – fax
gaugaeesc.org

Offers services for children from all six School Districts using a curriculum that is aligned to Ohio’s Early Learning Content Standards. This curriculum allows teachers to prepare children for kindergarten using developmentally appropriate practices. The framework for the curriculum is the Assessment, Evaluation, Programming, System (AEPS) and The Creative Curriculum, both are scientifically research based and supported by the Ohio Department of Education. Please call for availability or with questions.

EMPLOYMENT
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geaugajfs.org

*WORKPLACE* is a one-stop employment and training center. Individuals, regardless of income, may get assistance in job training, job search, and work experience. *Geauga Youth LEAD* is an employment training experience for eligible youth 14 and over.

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**FOOD**

**Bainbridge Food for Friends**
(440) 708-9829 – phone  
(440) 543-6181 – phone  
(440) 543-7901

*Serves Bainbridge, Auburn, South Russell, Newbury with canned foods, frozen meats, some paper products and soaps. Call and leave a message with name and phone number - they will call back and set up a time when you can meet them at the food pantry. Not set up as night or weekend food pantry. Clients can receive service 1-3 times per year.*

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geaugajfs.org

* Provides emergency food stamps for low income families. 

**St. Edward Church**
16150 Center St.  
Parkman, OH 44080  
(440) 548-3812 - phone
Walk-in for service on the third Sunday of each month: 10:00am-12:00noon. Clients must bring own bags

Parkman Congregational Church
18265 Madison Rd.
Parkman Twp., OH 44080
(440) 548-4829 – phone

Phone for an appointment M-F: 9:00am-2:00pm; if calling outside of office hours, leave a message, and the call should be returned by the next business day.

God Shares a Meal
First United Methodist Church
14999 South State Street
PO Box 207
Middlefield, OH 44062
(440) 632-0480 – phone
middlefieldumc.com

Provides a community meal once each month on the last Friday of the month.

Geauga Hunger Task Force
209 Center Street
Chardon, OH 44024
2-1-1 in Geauga County
(440) 285-3194 Service/Intake
(888) 285-5665 After Hours
uwsgc.org

Non-profit program administered by Geauga United Way made up of church and community volunteers to supply emergency food to Geauga County residents. To find a pantry in your area call 2-1-1 from your home phone or (440) 285-3194. Times and areas differ from day to day.

Must reside in Geauga County. Client can only receive service from one Geauga Hunger Task Force pantry once per month. Photo I.D.: driver's license; state I.D. (Ohio); other official photo I.D. Proof of residency (one document - must be within the last 30 days): utility bill; post-marked piece of mail; OWF statement; rent receipts. Proof of family size (one for each person in the family): birth certificates; Medicaid/Medical cards; Social Security cards; school enrollment forms; immunization records; WIC papers. Each time for service, client will need Photo I.D.; first time for service or if family size/residency changed, client will also need proof of residency and proof of family size. Those picking up food for someone else will need a Photo I.D. for themselves and for the person needing food.

Phone for an appointment M-Th: 10:00am-2:00pm or leave a message anytime and the call will be returned (generally within 24 hrs.). Clients will need to complete forms or verify information each time they come in. Clients who are disabled may send a representative in their place.
Chagrin Falls Park Community Center
7060 Woodland Ave.
Bainbridge Twp., OH 44023
(440) 247-6030 Voice

Burton Congregational Church
14558 West Park
Burton, OH 44021

Grace Lutheran Church (Thompson)
8091 Plank Rd.
Thompson Twp., OH 44086
(440) 298-3822 Voice

Christ Presbyterian Church
12419 Chillicothe Rd.
Chesterland, OH 44026
(440) 729-1688 Voice

First United Methodist Church of Middlefield
14999 South State St.
Middlefield Village, OH 44062

Newbury United Community Church
14916 Auburn Rd.
Newbury Twp., OH 44065

Pilgrim Christian Church
202 South Hambden St.
Chardon, OH 44024

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

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Operated by the American Cancer Society. Provides reasonably priced used clothing, household items, and furniture. Call store for hours.

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middlefieldumc.com

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**Housing Assistance**

**Geauga Metropolitan Housing Authority (GMHA)**  
385 Center Street  
Chardon, OH 44024  
(440) 286-7413 – phone  
geaugamha.org

Provides rental assistance for low to moderate income families under Section 8 housing. The housing developments are in Chardon Village, Bainbridge Township, Newbury Township and Middlefield Township.

**Legal Services**

**Geauga County Bar Association**  
(440) 286-7160 – phone  
geaugabar.org
Attorney referral service, notary public.

**Legal Aid Society of Lake and Geauga Counties**  
(888) 817-3777  
lasclev.org  
Legal advice and/or representation for most legal matters except criminal and personal injury cases. There are certain income limitations.

**MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**

**InfantSEE**  
infantsee.org  
Visit their website to find a participating optometrist who will provide a comprehensive eye assessment on any child between the ages of 6-12 months, free - regardless of income.

**Academy of Medicine**  
6000 Rockside Woods Blvd., Suite 150  
Cleveland, OH 44131-2352  
(216) 520-1000 – phone  
(216) 520-0999 – fax  
www.amcnoma.org  
This agency maintains a physician referral service, speaker’s bureau, and handles complaints regarding physicians.

**DDC Clinic for Special Needs Children**  
14567 Madison Rd  
Middlefield, OH 44062  
(440) 632-1668 - phone  
(440) 632-1697 – fax  
ddcclinic.org  
An independent, non-profit out-patient clinic serving children who have inherited, metabolic, or genetic disorders. The center focuses on Amish families, but is open to everyone who fits this special needs category.

**Family Planning Association of Northeast Ohio, Inc.**  
South Russell Medical Center
5192 Chillicothe Rd, Suite 104
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022
(440) 352-0608 – phone
(800) 246-1645
fpameo.org

*Offers reproductive health services such as* birth control, pregnancy, sexually transmitted disease and AIDS testing. Speaker’s bureau provides education related to sexual health in the areas of AIDS prevention, contraception, and teen pregnancy.

**Geauga County General Health District**
470 Center Street, Bldg. #8
Chardon, OH 44024
(440) 279-1900 – phone
(440) 279-1950 – phone
geaugacountyhealth.org

*Offers health services and educational programs through the departments of environmental health, nursing, and birth/death records. Services include, but are not limited to immunizations, flu shots, Well Child Clinics, WIC (Women, Infants & Children) nutrition program, Senior clinics, Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps, and the HIV prevention program.*

**Middlefield Amish Birthing Center**
14999 Lenny Avenue
PO Box 1095
Middlefield, OH 44062
(440) 632-1900 – phone

*Operates a pre-natal clinic, normal obstetric delivery and post-hospital respite care. Must be Old Order Amish and have received early pre-natal care with local physician.*

**Poison Control Center UHHS**
Northern Ohio
(800) 222-1222 – phone
If medical emergency always dial 9-1-1

*Operates a 24-hour telephone service which provides emergency and background information regarding accidental or food poisoning. Offers information about occupational health, hazardous materials and drug interactions. Serves as the State of Ohio’s designated Regional Poison Prevention and Treatment Center.*

**Regional Infant Hearing Program**
11635 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44106
(216) 325-7585 - phone
888-996-7447 (ext. 7585)
The Regional Infant Hearing Program, funded by the Ohio Department of Health, is a family-focused, outreach service for infants and toddlers who are deaf or hard of hearing. All intervention services are provided at no cost to families. RIHP’s goal is to make sure that families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing receive complete information and the help they need to understand their child’s hearing loss.

UHHS Geauga Regional Hospital
13207 Ravenna Road
Chardon, Ohio 44024
(440) 285-6000
uhhospitals.org

Provides emergency and general medical care. Services include subacute care, intermediate care, intensive care, obstetrics, outpatient/inpatient surgery, diagnostic imaging, cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, occupational therapy, physical therapy and mental health services. Community programs and health screenings available include: audiology testing, cancer screening, CPR training, Caring Workshop, childbirth and sibling classes, diabetes education, EMT and Advanced EMT Training, EMS continuing education, nutrition counseling, occupational health services, and a speaker’s bureau.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

Red Treehouse
redtreehouse.org

Visit their website for connections to resources, support networks and events in your community.

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geaugajfs.org

JFS works hard to meet the needs of the community with many services available to families and individuals in the county: Child Support Enforcement assists families with paternity testing, absent
parent locator service, and the collection, modification, and enforcement of existing court-ordered child support. Additional services are available through JFS’s volunteer and community outreach program.

**Mental Health Association in Geauga County**

11850 Mayfield Road  
Chardon, Oh 44024  
(440) 285-3945 – phone  
(440) 285-2756 – fax
mhageauga.org

The Mental Health Association’s mission is to promote services and programs that are responsive to the mental health and chemical dependency needs of the citizens of Geauga County. Programs and services offered include: Panorama Newsletter, ParenTalk Newsletter, Teddy Bear Patrol Program, The Facilitator Newsletter, and the Very Important Kid Program.

**Geauga Family First Council**

12480 Ravenwood Drive  
Chardon, Oh 44024  
(440) 285-1201 – phone  
(440) 286-6654 – fax
geaugaffc.org

The Geauga Family First Council is a collaborative of local agencies and community representatives who pool resources and work together to strengthen Geauga families. Through prevention, early intervention and the provision of services which support the entire family the Council is committed to helping remove barriers for Geauga’s children. The Council has helped develop, and now funds, a wide range of community-based services which include the Help Me Grow program.

**United Way Services of Geauga County**

209 Center Street, Unit H  
Chardon, OH 44024  
211 – First Call for Help (within Geauga County)  
(440) 285-2261 – phone
uwsgc.org

A volunteer-driven organization that links, supports, and delivers health and human services to improve the quality of life in the community. Through Geauga United Way’s InfoLine/ Volunteer Center direct services are provided to satisfy unmet needs.

**Libraries of Geauga County**
geauga.lib.oh.us

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Burton Public Library
14588 West Park St.
Burton, OH 44021
(440) 834-4466
Dial-A-Story: 440-834-0707
burton.lib.oh.us

Provides individuals and families with materials to increase knowledge and explore many ideas while entertaining.

SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Autism Society of Ohio/Greater Cleveland Chapter
P.O. Box 41066
Brecksville, OH 44141
(216) 556-4937
asgc.org

Provides information about autism and other severe behavior and communication disorders. Conducts chapter meetings with guest speakers discussing autism and related topics and publishes a newsletter. Offers emotional support and information, as well as parent support groups.

Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMH)
246 N. High Street
PO Box 1603
Columbus, OH 43216
(614) 466-1700 – phone
(800) 755-4769
(614) 728-3616 – fax
odh.ohio.gov

State administered program providing quality health care services to children of Ohio and who have disabling or potentially disabling conditions. Provides funds for direct health service delivery, outreach, medical specialty field clinics and use of public health nurses to assist in providing comprehensive care.

DDC Clinic for Special Needs Children
An independent, non-profit out-patient clinic serving children who have inherited, metabolic, or genetic disorders. The center focuses on Amish families, but is open to everyone who fits this special needs category.

The Up Side of Downs
theupsideofdowns.org

Support, advocacy, education, and resources for people with Down syndrome, their families, and communities.

TRANSPORTATION

Geauga County Transit
12555 Merritt Road
Chardon, Oh 44024
(888) 287-7190 – phone
(440) 279-2150 – phone
(440) 279-2157 – phone
(440) 285-9476 – fax
geaugatransit.org

This is a demand-responsive transit service. A 3-5 day notice is required and a two-week notice necessary for out-of-county hospital trips. Fees are $6.00 each way, $3.00 with Golden Buckeye Card or handicapped and for children ages 6-17; children ages 5 and under ride free.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

US Dept of Veterans Affairs
Vet Center East
5310 1/2 Warrensville Center Rd.
Maple Hts., OH 44137
(216) 707-7901
va.gov

Offers veterans assistance with obtaining benefits and determining eligibility for benefits. Processes applications for disability compensation, pension and survivors’ benefits. Offers coordinators who will help minority veterans access benefits and address their special needs. Offers:
evaluation/referrals; psychological/psychiatric evaluations; subject specific counseling; combat veterans reintegration, mental health education; substance abuse/assessment and/or testing.

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**Geauga Help Me Grow**

is a partnership between Geauga Family First Council, Geauga Job & Family Services, Geauga Board of DD and is funded in part by Ohio Department of Health,
Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, and
the Ohio Family & Children First Initiative