

REGION IV



Area Agency on Aging, Inc.

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Offering Choices for Independent Lives

WHO, WHAT AND WHERE

A reference guide of services
for older adults and people
with disabilities in Berrien,
Cass and Van Buren counties



Info-Line: 800-654-2810

www.AreaAgencyonAging.org



Who, What and Where is a quick reference guide of frequently requested phone numbers and websites published by Region IV Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for informational purposes only. AAA does not recommend or endorse specific services or providers.

The area code for listings is (269) unless otherwise noted. For more information about services in your community, call the Info-Line for Aging and Disability at (800) 654-2810.

Adult Day Services

Caring Connection Adult Day Care

Benton Harbor 925-1725 or (888) 237-1891

Paw Paw 657-0520

South Haven 266-8660

www.caringconnectionmi.org

Cass County Council on Aging Adult Day Service

Cassopolis 445-8110 or (800) 323-0390

www.casscoa.org

Adult Foster Care

To search for adult foster care providers, go to

www.adultfostercare.apps.lara.state.mi.us/

Behavioral Health

Bronson LakeView Neurobehavioral Health

Paw Paw 657-1595

www.bronsonhealth.com

National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline 988

Riverwood Center – Berrien County

Benton Harbor 925-0585 or (800) 336-0341

Niles 684-4270 or (800) 336-0341

www.riverwoodcenter.org

Van Buren Community Mental Health Authority

Paw Paw 657-5574 or (800) 922-1418

www.vbcmh.com

Woodlands Behavioral Healthcare – Cass County

Cassopolis 445-2451 or (800) 323-0335

www.woodlandsbhn.org



Campus for Creative Aging

The Campus for Creative Aging serves older adults who seek to share, expand, and unlock their capacity for creative expression, living with purpose, personal growth and lifelong learning. Get involved with the Campus through a variety of programs, classes, volunteers and events. For more information, call 983-0177, or visit www.CampusforCreativeAging.org.

Caregiver Support

Area Agency on Aging offers a variety of supports, services, classes, seminars, online tools, and advocacy opportunities for caregivers. For more information, call the Info-Line at (800) 654-2810, or visit www.AreaAgencyonAging.org.

Care Management

Area Agency on Aging's Care Management service assists adults and persons with disabilities and chronic conditions with long-term supports and services. Care Management offers connection to an array of home and community-based services like home-delivered meals, transportation, assistance with bathing, cleaning, and more. Care managers are a team of nurses, social workers, housing specialists and other professional experts who can help sort through options and arrange care to help you or your loved one live at home or in the setting of their choice. For more information, call the Info-Line at (800) 654-2810, or visit www.AreaAgencyonAging.org.

Dementia Resources

Area Agency on Aging offers a variety of educational classes, support groups and services for people with dementia and their caregivers. For more information, call the Info-Line at (800) 654-2810, or visit www.AreaAgencyonAging.org. Also see "GUIDE Model."



Disability Services

Disability Network Southwest Michigan

Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties ... 985-0111

www.dnswm.org

Educational Opportunities

Area Agency on Aging offers a variety of educational classes, seminars, conferences, outreach events and more. For more information, call the Info-Line at (800) 654-2810, or visit www.CampusforCreativeAging.org.

Elder Abuse Prevention

Adult Protective Services

24-Hour Hotline (855) 444-3911

www.michigan.gov/mdhhs

Long-Term Care Ombudsman (866) 485-9393

www.mltcop.org

Employment and Training

Kinexus – Michigan Works (800) 533-5800

Benton Harbor 927-1064

Dowagiac 782-9864

Paw Paw 657-7014

www.kinexus.org

Michigan Rehabilitation Services

Benton Harbor 926-6168

Berrien and Cass counties (877) 901-9192

Dowagiac 445-0253

Hartford 337-3700

Van Buren County (877) 901-9187

www.michigan.gov/mrs

Senior Community Service Employment Program

..... 983-7058

www.AreaAgencyonAging.org



Financial Assistance

211/United Way 2-1-1 or (800) 310-5454
www.mi211.org

Area Agency on Aging (800) 654-2810
www.AreaAgencyonAging.org

Catholic Community Center
Benton Harbor 926-6424
www.ccdok.org/catholic-community-center

Decatur Human Services
Decatur 423-6474

Ferry Street Resource Center
Niles 687-9860
www.ferrystreet.org

Helping Hands of Cass County 445-8104
www.helpinghandscassco.org

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Berrien and Van Buren counties ... (844) 464-3447
Cass County 445-0200
www.michigan.gov

Neighbor by Neighbor
Union Pier 231-0648
www.neighborbyneighbor.org

Red Bud Ministries
Buchanan 695-5083
www.redbudareaministries.org

Salvation Army
Benton Harbor 927-1353
www.sabentonharbor.org
Niles 684-2660
www.saniles.org

Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency
Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties
..... 925-9077 or (800) 334-7670
www.smcaa.com



Financial Assistance (cont.)

St. Vincent de Paul

St. Joseph 982-3478

United Christian Services

Paw Paw 415-0767

www.unitedchristianservices-evbc.com

We Care I.N.C.

Mobile Office 427-9581

South Haven 637-4342

www.wecare-inc.org

Food Assistance

211/United Way 2-1-1 or (800) 310-5454

www.mi211.org

Area Agency on Aging (800) 654-2810

www.AreaAgencyonAging.org

Guardianship

Caring Connection Guardianship

Benton Harbor 934-9333

www.caringconnectionmi.org

Guardianship & Alternatives

Dowagiac 782-2953

www.guardianshipandalternatives.com

Michiana Guardianship Services

Cassopolis 445-2900

GUIDE Model

The Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience (GUIDE) Model is a voluntary Medicare program designed to enhance the quality of life for people with dementia and their caregivers with comprehensive care coordination, specialty health care, caregiver education, and respite services, aiming to keep individuals living in their homes and communities. For more information, call 932-7859 or visit

www.AreaAgencyonAging.org.



Health Departments

Berrien County Health Department

Benton Harbor 926-7121

Niles 684-2800

www.bchdmi.org

Van Buren/Cass District Health Department

Lawrence 621-3143

www.vbcassdhd.org

Health Services

Alzheimer's Association Help Line (800) 272-3900

Michigan Great Lakes Chapter 342-1482

www.alz.org/mglc

Berrien County Cancer Service

St. Joseph 429-3281

www.bccancerservice.org

Bureau of Services for Blind Persons

Kalamazoo 337-3875

www.michigan.org

Corewell Health Center for Wellness

Benton Harbor 408-2258

www.corewellhealth.org

Michigan Coalition for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and

Deafblind People (586) 932-6090

www.michdhh.org

Home Care

Many organizations provide services delivered in the home. Call the Info-Line at (800) 654-2810 for a list of agencies and organizations providing home care.



Home and Community-based Long-term Care

Adult Home Help

Berrien and Van Buren counties .. (844) 464-3447

Cass County 445-0200

Area Agency on Aging 983-0177 or (800) 654-2810

www.AreaAgencyonAging.org

Michigan Brain Injury Program (517) 241-1685

MI Choice Waiver - Berrien, Cass and Van Buren

Area Agency on Aging

St. Joseph 983-0177 or (800) 654-2810

www.AreaAgencyonAging.org

Carewell Services

Battle Creek (800) 626-6719

www.carewellservices.org

PACE of Southwest Michigan

Berrien, Cass and parts of Van Buren 408-4322

www.paceswmi.org

Senior Care Partners P.A.C.E.

Parts of Van Buren County 441-9319

www.seniorcarepartnersmi.org

Home Modifications

The Area Agency on Aging works with a variety of community partners to connect people with ways to modify their homes with ramps, chair lifts, grab bars, etc. Call the Info-Line at (800) 654-2810 to see how we can connect you.

Hospice Care

Centrica Care Navigators

Kalamazoo and Paw Paw 345-0273

www.centricacare.org

Compassus

Portage (800) 343-1396

www.compassus.com



Hospice Care (cont.)

Corewell Health Hospice & Palliative Care

St. Joseph 429-7100 or (800) 717-3811

South Haven 637-3825 or (800) 637-3820

Niles 695-1099

[www.corewellhealth.org/care-and-specialties/
continuing-care](http://www.corewellhealth.org/care-and-specialties/continuing-care)

Elara Caring Hospice

Kalamazoo 312-7446

www.elara.com

Gentiva Hospice

Portage 342-9308

www.gentivahs.com

Wings of Hope Hospice

Allegan 686-8659

www.wingsofhopehospice.com

Hospitals

Beacon Dowagiac

Dowagiac 782-8681

www.beaconhealthsystem.org

Bronson LakeView Hospital

Paw Paw 657-3141

www.bronsonhealth.com

Bronson South Haven Hospital

South Haven 637-5271

www.bronsonhealth.com

Corewell Health South

Niles 683-5510

Watervliet 463-3111

St. Joseph 983-8300

www.corewellhealth.org



Housing

Area Agency on Aging 983-0177 or (800) 654-2810
www.AreaAgencyonAging.org

Housing and Urban Development Public Housing
Authority

www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/pha/contacts

Michigan State Housing Development Authority
www.housing.state.mi.us

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development
www.rdmfhrentals.sc.egov.usda.gov

Information and Assistance

Eldercare Locator (800) 677-1116
www.eldercare.acl.gov

Info-Line for Aging and Disability (800) 654-2810
www.AreaAgencyonAging.org

Legal Assistance

Council and Advocacy Law Line 888-783-8190
www.lakeshorelegalaid.org

Legal Aid of Western Michigan

Berrien County 983-6363

Cass and Van Buren counties 344-8113

www.lawestmi.org

MI Department of Civil Rights (800) 482-3604
www.michigan.gov/mdcr

MI Legal Help

www.michiganlegalhelp.org

Loan Closet

A variety of agencies and organizations offer loan closets with medical equipment and other devices. Call the Info-Line at (800) 654-2810 for a list of agencies and organizations providing loan closets.



Medicare/Medicaid, Health Benefits

Health Insurance Marketplace/Affordable Care Act
..... 800-318-2596
www.healthcare.gov

Medicaid
Berrien and Van Buren counties ... (844) 464-3447
Cass County 445-0200
www.michigan.gov

Medicare (800) 633-4227
www.medicare.gov

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
Michigan (800) 803-7174
www.shiphelp.org

Medicare/Medicaid Counseling Sites

Antwerp Township Hall
Mattawan 668-2615
www.antwerptownship.com

Area Agency on Aging 408-4354 or (800) 654-2810
www.AreaAgencyonAging.org

Buchanan Area Senior Center 695-7119
www.thebasc.org

Cass County Council on Aging
Cassopolis 445-8110 or (800) 323-0390
www.casscoa.org

Central County Senior Center
Berrien Springs 471-2017
www.centralcountyseniorcenter.org

Greater Niles Senior Center 683-9380
www.nilesseniorcenter.org

North Berrien Senior Center
Coloma 468-3366
www.northberrienseniorcenter.org

River Valley Senior Center
Harbert 469-4556



Medicare/Medicaid Counseling Sites (cont.)

Senior Services of Van Buren County

South Haven 637-3607

www.seniorservices-vbc.org

MI Choice Waiver

MI Choice Waiver is an alternative to nursing home care for older adults and those age 18+ with a disability and are income eligible.

MI Choice allows individuals to make their own decisions about where to live, how to direct their care, and what services they need. MI Choice can help arrange a variety of services to help keep people living independently.

Also see “Home and Community-based Long-term Care.” For more information, call the Info-Line at (800) 654-2810, or visit www.AreaAgencyonAging.org.

Nursing Homes/Skilled Nursing Facilities

Call the Info-Line for a list of nursing homes in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties or go to www.michigan.gov/lara. For nursing home information and advocacy call:

Long-Term Care Ombudsman (866) 485-9393

www.mltcop.org

Nutrition Programs

Home-delivered Meals

Cass County Council on Aging

Cassopolis 445-8110 or (800) 323-0390

www.casscoa.org

Meals on Wheels of Southwest Michigan, Senior Nutrition Services

Berrien and Van Buren counties

..... 925-0137 or (855) 925-0137

www.snsmeals.org



Dining Sites

Call sites directly or Meals on Wheels of Southwest Michigan, Senior Nutrition Services at 925-0137 or (855) 925-0137.

www.snsmeals.org

Benton Harbor/Benton Township Senior Center	927-2497
Buchanan Area Senior Center	695-7119
Cass County Council on Aging Cassopolis	445-8110 or (800) 323-0390
Central County Senior Center Berrien Springs	471-2022
Greater Niles Senior Center	683-9380
North Berrien Senior Center Coloma	468-5682
Paw Paw Senior Center	657-5076
River Valley Senior Center Harbert	426-0912
Senior Services of Van Buren County South Haven	637-3607 or (866) 627-8904
St. Joseph/Lincoln Senior Center	429-7768

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Benton Harbor/Benton Township Senior Center	927-2497
Buchanan Area Senior Center	695-7119
www.thebasc.org	
Cass County Council on Aging Cassopolis	445-8110 or (800) 323-0390
www.casscoa.org	
Central County Senior Center Berrien Springs	471-2022
www.centralcountyseniorcenter.org	



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Greater Niles Senior Center 683-9380
www.nilesseniorcenter.org

North Berrien Senior Center
Coloma 468-5682
www.northberrienseniorcenter.org

Paw Paw Senior Center 657-5076
www.pawpawtownshipmi.gov

River Valley Senior Center
Harbert 426-0912

Senior Services of Van Buren County
South Haven 637-3607 or (866) 627-8904
www.seniorservices-vbc.org

St. Joseph/Lincoln Senior Center 429-7768
www.sjlsc.org

Social Security Administration (877) 405-5457
www.ssa.gov

Transportation

(Also see “Senior Centers” or visit www.mywaythere.org)

Public Transportation

Berrien Bus 471-1100 or (800) 654-1827
www.berriencounty.org

Buchanan Dial-A-Ride 697-0600
www.cityofbuchanan.com

Cass County Public Transit
..... 445-2455 or (800) 323-2508

Dowagiac Dial-A-Ride 782-3300
www.cityofdowagiac.com

Niles Dial-A-Ride 684-5150
www.nilesdialaride.org

Twin Cities Area Transit Authority
Benton Harbor 927-4461

Van Buren Public Transit .. 427-7921 or (800) 828-2015
www.vbco.org



Specialized and Non-Emergency Medical Transportation

- Area Wide Transportation 679-6999
www.areawidetransport.com
- Medic 1 Ambulance 925-2141
www.medic1ambulance.org
- Michiana Mobility 252-2357
www.michiana-mobility.com
- Private Duty Transportation 983-0300 option 3
- Ready Ride Transportation 616-261-2400
www.readyridegr.com
- Southwestern Michigan Community Ambulance Service
Niles 684-2170
www.smcas.org
- Van Buren Emergency Medical Services
Paw Paw 657-2996
www.bronsonhealth.com/vbems/

Veterans

- Berrien County Veterans Services
St. Joseph 983-7111 ext. 8224
Niles 983-7111 ext. 6207
www.berriencounty.org/veterans
- Cass County Veterans Affairs Department ... 445-4472
www.casscountymi.org
- Van Buren County Veterans Services 657-7376
www.vbco.org

Volunteer Opportunities

- Area Agency on Aging and Campus for Creative Aging
..... 983-0177
www.areaagencyonaging.org/volunteer-opportunities
- United Way of Southwest Michigan 982-1700
www.uwsm.org/volunteer



Info-Line

for Aging and Disability

800-654-2810

Region IV Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is committed to the core principles of respect and belonging.

Area Agency on Aging ensures the provision of equitable access to opportunities and resources for all people, including those who might otherwise be excluded or marginalized.

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