

# HELP FOR TOUGH TIMES

The following selected list of *free* or *inexpensive* community agencies was prepared by the Westchester Public Library and the Westchester Township Trustee's office.

Emergency help for people in need is available at the Trustee's office located at 100 W. Indiana Ave. in Chesterton, Calumet entrance or by calling 926-1045 Monday-Friday, 1-5 p.m.

## ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELING:

### Alcoholics Anonymous

District 7 Committee (219)763-6431

### Alice's Halfway House for Women

606 Brown St., Valparaiso, IN  
(219)462-7600

### Moraine House

353 W. Lincolnway, Valparaiso, IN  
(219)464-9983

### Porter-Stark Services, Inc.

601 Wall St., Valparaiso, IN (219)531-3500  
3349 Willowcreek Rd., Portage, IN (219)762-9557

### Porter County Substance Abuse Council

155 Indiana Ave. Suite 102, Valparaiso, IN  
(219)462-0946

### Reformer's Unanimous

Emmanuel Baptist Church (219) 759-3317  
Fairhaven Baptist Church (219)926-6636

## CAREER & GENERAL INFORMATION:

### Chesterton Adult Learning Center

100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton (219)921-1567  
Monday & Wednesday 6-9 p.m.  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9 a.m-2 p.m.

### WorkOne Express KV Works

502 Wall St. Suite 105, Valparaiso, IN (219)464-4861

**WorkOne Office KV Works**

Ameriplex at the Port, 1575 Adler Circle, Portage, IN (219)762-6592

**Goodwill Store**

2109 Calumet Ave., Valparaiso, IN (219)548-1314

**Opportunity Enterprises**

2801 Evans Ave., Valparaiso, IN (219)464-0122

**Vocational Rehabilitation** Valparaiso, IN (219)462-0521

**CHILD CARE:**

**Boys and Girls Clubs of Porter County**

Administration office: 354 Jefferson St., Valparaiso, IN (219)464-7282

Manages state aid for qualified parents through CCDF (Child Care Development Fund)

**Child Care Services and Referrals** 1-800-299-1627

**Duneland Family YMCA**

215 Roosevelt, Chesterton, IN (219)926-4204

Manages state aid for qualified parents through CDDF (Child Care Development Fund)

**KV Works Child Care Resources & Referrals**

502 Wall St., Suite 105 Valparaiso, IN (219)462-8461 or (800)995-2579

**CLOTHING:**

**Duneland United Churches Resale Shop, Inc.**

801 Broadway, Chesterton, IN (219)926-8602

**Goodwill Stores**

2109 Calumet Ave., Valparaiso, IN (219)548-1314

**Presbyterian Resale Shop**

7 E. Lincolnway, Valparaiso, IN (219)462-4281

**St. Paul Catholic Church**

1855 Harrison Blvd., Valparaiso, IN (219)462-0074

**Salvation Army Thrift Shop**

Corner of Rt. 6 & 51, Hobart, IN (219)947-2877

**GRIEF COUNSELING:**

**Visiting Nurses Association**

Grief Center  
Michele Wise (219) - 465-5195

**Rainbow** (for children and teens)

Caroline Davis (219) - 759-2400

**Choices Counseling Services**

help in Valparaiso and Michigan City  
(219) - 548-8727

**Survivors of Loved One's Suicide (SOLOS)**

ask for Mary  
(219) - 462-6267

**EDUCATION:**

**Chesterton Adult Learning Center**

100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton, IN (219)921-0567  
Monday & Wednesday 6-9 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

**New Creation Men's Center**

653 Axe Ave., Valparaiso, IN (219)548-3548  
Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Geminus Heart Start XXI**

Westchester Head Start Site 1050 S. 5th St., Chesterton, IN (219)983-3726

**Ivy Tech Community College**

3100 Ivy Tech Dr., Valparaiso, IN (219)464-8514

**Opportunity Enterprises**

2801 Evans Ave., Valparaiso, IN (219)464-9621

**ENERGY:**

**NIPSCO**

1-800-464-7726 or write 801 E. 86th Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410

**Porter Co. Community Services, Porter Co. Council on Aging**

1005 Campbell Rd., Valparaiso, IN (219)464-9736

**Salvation Army**

700 Capitol Rd., South Haven (219)762-9191

**Spring Valley Shelter**

2001 Calumet, Valparaiso, IN (219)465-1022

**Weatherization of Porter County**

5518 Calumet Avenue, Hammond, IN 1-800-826-7871

**FAMILY SERVICES AND COUNSELING:**

**The Caring Place, Inc.**

3107 Cascade Drive, Valparaiso, IN (219)464-0840

**Consumer Credit Counseling** 1-800-982-4802

**Family and Youth Services of Porter Co.**

253 Lincolnway, Valparaiso, IN (219)464-9585

6469 Central Avenue, Portage, IN (219)763-6623

**Family House**

610 Glendale, Valparaiso, IN (219)464-4160

**KV Works Child Care Resources and Referrals**

501 Wall St., Suite 105, Valparaiso, IN (219)462-8461 & 1-800-995-2579

**Opportunity Enterprises (Porter Co. Assn. for Handicapped Children & Adults)**

2801 Evans Avenue, Valparaiso, IN (219)464-9621

**The Division of Family Resources & Dept. of Child Services**

(Food Stamps, Medicaid, and TANF)

152 Indiana Avenue, Valparaiso, IN (219)462-2113

**Porter County Department of Child Services**

19 E. Lincolnway

Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219)462-2112

To report abuse or neglect: 1-800-800-5556

**Porter Co. Prosecutors (Support Division)**

Valparaiso, IN (219)465-3405

**Porter Co. Family Counseling Center**

554 S. Locust Street, Valparaiso, IN (219)464-3919

**Porter Co. Veteran's Service**

155 Indiana Street, Room 207, Valparaiso, IN (219)465-3587

**Porter Starke Services, Inc.**

601 Wall Street, Valparaiso, IN (219)531-3500  
3349 Willowcreek Road, Portage, IN (219)762-9557

**St. Agnes Adult Day Service Center**

1859 Harrison Blvd., Valparaiso, IN (219)477-5433

**Samaritan Counseling Centers, Inc.**

810 Michael Drive, Chesterton, IN (219)926-2035  
6225 Lute Road, Portage, IN (219)763-1063

**FOOD:**

**Food Stamps-Division of Family Resources**

152 W. Indiana Street, Valparaiso, IN (219)462-2112

**Meals on Wheels**

501 Marquette Street, Valparaiso, IN (219)531-8006 or (219)462-5195  
St. Johns United Church, Chesterton, IN (219)926-1476

**Salvation Army**

799 Capitol Road, Valparaiso, IN (219)762-9191

**Westchester Neighbors Food Pantry**

P.O. Box 902, Chesterton, IN (219)926-4278 or (219)787-8475

**WIC (Women & Children's Program)**

401 Marquette Street, Valparaiso, IN (219)464-9220  
2535 Portage Mall, Portage, IN (219)762-3185

**FOOD - SOUP KITCHENS:**

**Monday**

Chesterton United Methodist Church  
2nd and Porter Avenue, Chesterton, IN (219)926-1478 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**Friday**

St. Pat's Catholic Church  
638 N. Calumet Road, Chesterton, IN (219)926-1282

**HEALTH:**

**Duneland Medical Equipment Loan Closet**

Porter, IN (219)926-4278

**Greenwich House**

Valparaiso, IN (219)462-0351

**Hilltop Community Health Center**

454 S. College Avenue, Valparaiso, IN (219)462-7173 ext. 221

**Mental Health Assn. in Porter Co.**

402 E. Indiana Avenue, Valparaiso, IN (219)462-6267

**Northshore Health Center**

6450 US Hwy 6, Portage, IN (219)7638112

**Open Door Health Care Center**

1601 Franklin Street, Michigan City, IN (219)872-6766

**Porter Co. Health Care Center**

155 Indiana Avenue, Suite 104, Valparaiso, IN (219)465-3525

3560 Willowcreek Road, Portage, IN (219)759-8239

**Porter Co. Assn. for Handicapped Children & Adults** Valparaiso, IN (219)464-7382

**Visiting Nurse Assn. of Porter Co.**

501 Marquette Street, Valparaiso, IN (219)462-5195

**HOUSING:**

**First Contact**

61 E. Indiana Avenue, Suite D, Valparaiso, IN (219)462-8332

3484 Airport Road, Portage, IN (219)764-7322

**Housing Opportunities, Inc.**

2801 Evans Avenue, Valparaiso, IN (219)462-3726

**HUD** 1-800-622-4993

**Spring Valley Homeless Shelter** (No single men)

2001 Calumet Valparaiso, IN (219)465-1022

**New Creations Men's Center**

653 Axe Avenue, Valparaiso (219)548-3548

Monday-Friday 8 a.m-6 p.m.

**LEGAL SERVICES:**

**Indiana Legal Services, Inc.**

504 Broadway, Suite 301, Gary, IN  
Porter Co. (219)465-1937

**Porter Co. Referral Service** (219)465-1197

**Valparaiso University Law Clinic** (Open Sept.-April)

Heritage Hall, College and Freeman Streets, Valparaiso, IN  
(219)465-7903 or toll free 1-888-729-1064

**LIBRARY SERVICES:**

**Westchester Public Library**

Thomas Branch, 200 W. Indiana Avenue, Chesterton, (219)926-7696.  
Hageman Branch, 100 Francis Street, Porter, (219)926-9080.  
WPL Service Center, 100 w. Indiana Avenue, Chesterton, (219)926-7696.  
<http://www.wpl.lib.in.us/>

**Free Internet**

Patrons may use the internet for email or internet services, simply by obtaining a free internet card. Terminals are available at both libraries. Wifi available at Thomas and Hageman.

**Free Children's and Family Programs**

Both branches of WPL offer a wide variety of free programs for the family.

**Free Books, Movies, Magazines and More**

Books, both fiction and non-fiction, as well as magazines, DVD's, MP3's, audio & CD books for adults and children are all available free of charge.

**Free Meeting Room Space**

Meeting rooms are available for non-profit groups, free of charge. Call 926-7696 to book a meeting room.

**Free Information Services**

Homework help; tax forms and low-income tax assistance; community services information; resume resources; online databases.

**SENIORS:**

**Duneland Seniors Activity Center**

500 Ackerman Drive, Porter, IN (219)921-1687  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9 a.m.-Noon

**Porter Co. Council on Aging and Community Services**

1005 N. Campbell Street, Valparaiso, IN (219)464-9736  
P.O. Box 246, Valparaiso, IN 46383

**SOCIAL SERVICES INFORMATION REFERRAL:**

**1-800-826-7871 or dial 211**

**TRANSPORTATION:**

**Porter Co. Council on Aging - Transportation (219)462-4302**

**Opportunity Enterprises**

801 Evans Avenue, Valparaiso, IN (219)464-9621  
P.O. Box 1206

**TRUSTEE HELP:**

**Center Township 462-0810**

**Boone Township 996-7121**

**Jackson Township 926-8270**

**Liberty Township 926-3764**

**Pine Township 874-6531**

**Portage Township 762-1623**

**Westchester Township 926-1405**

**Michigan City Uptown - 874-4239 Coolspring and South - 872-0050**

**UNITED WAY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:**

(219)464-3583 or toll free 1-888-464-3583

<http://www.unitedwaypc.org/>