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This North Central Massachusetts Family Resource Guide has been developed to help individuals, families, and professionals connect with many of the resources available in the North Central Massachusetts area. Whether you are looking for preschool or adult services, recreation opportunities, emergency support, government programs, housing or health services, we hope that this guide will be a good place to begin.

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- MOC Community Partnership, Quabbin
- Nashoba Community Partnerships for Children
- Wachusett Coordinated Family & Community Engagement Program
- Winchendon Community Partnerships for Children

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To Begin: A Few Helpful Online Resources

www.mass.gov/eec

Mass. Department of Early Education and Care: Useful information and resources on child care providers, financial assistance options, grants (for individuals and organizations), professional development, special education, family support, regulations and policies.

www.mass.gov

The official website of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

www.mass211.org

With the support of social service organizations that provide health and human services throughout Massachusetts and in collaboration with Massachusetts Association of Information and Referral Specialists (MAIRS), the United Way introduces this statewide Information & Referral System.

By phone: Dial 2-1-1. If you are unable to reach 2-1-1 due to your telephone or cell phone carrier, a toll-free number is available: 1-877-211-MASS (6277).

www.massresources.org

Mass. Resources offers a free online resource for Massachusetts residents in need of housing, food, health care, and other basic services.

www.worcesterresources.org

Worcester Resources offers a free online resource for Massachusetts residents in need of housing, food, health care, and other basic services.

www.brainbuildinginprogress.org

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Early Intervention

Children's Services

100 Erdman Way Leominster MA 01453 978-537-3324 987-537-0956

Serves families with children birth to three years of age; developmental assessments, therapies, children's services.

Community Healthlink Lipton Center - Early Intervention

45 Summer Street Leominster MA 01453 978-534-6116 800-977-5555

www.communityhealthlink.org

Early Intervention services for children ages birth - three years; individual, group and family counseling~ comprehensive mental health services

Community Healthlink Lipton Center - Early Intervention

100 Erdman Way Leominster MA 01453 www.communityhealthlink.org

Serves families with children birth to three years of age; developmental assessments, therapies, children's services.

Criterion Wachusett Early Intervention Program

31 Lake Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-4432

www.criterioncchild.com

Serves families in Ashburnham, Barre, Gardner, Hubbardston, New Braintree, Oakham, Princeton, Templeton, Westminster, and Winchendon with children birth to three years of age; developmental assessments, therapies, children's services.

Early Intervention & Family Support Programs UMASS

POBox 4193 Shrewsbury MA 01545 508-856-4202 jimmileeprouty@umassmed.edu

Serves Holden & Paxton Families with children birth to three years of age; developmental assessments, therapies, children's services

Family TIES of Massachusetts

800-905-8437 508-792-7880

www.massfamilyties.org

Early intervention services; information on public benefits and programs, and resources for families of children with special needs and chronic illness.

Minuteman ARC for Human Services

1269 Main Street Concord MA 01742 978-287-7900 www.minutemanarc.org

Programs include Early Intervention, after school/after work, recreation, camps and adult day services.

Head Start

Clinton Head Start Program

20 W. Boylston Street Clinton MA 01510 978-368-8573 800-523-6373

MOC Child Care and Head Start Services

133 Prichard Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-343-0185 www.mocinc.org

Hosmer Head Start (Fitchburg): 978-345-8549 Prichard Street (Fitchburg): 978-343-0185 Family Education Center (Leominster): 978-534-7642 Coleman Street Center (Gardner): 978-630-2290 Mt. Wachusett C. C. (Gardner): 978-632-4664 Memorial School (Winchendon): 978-297-9832 CCD Center (Athol): 978-249-6735 Clinton Head Start (Clinton): 978-368-7121

Winchendon Head Start Program

32 Elmwood Road Winchendon MA 01475 978-297-9832

Local Early Education & Care (EEC) Contacts

Ashburnham-Westminster Community Partnership for Children

Westminster Elementary School, 9 Academy Hill Road Westminster MA 01473

978-874-7312

www.awrsd.org

Provides information and referrals to families. Assists families who need access to financial assistance.

Clinton Community Partnerships for Children

150 School Street Clinton MA 01510 978-365-4218

www.clinton.k12.ma.us

Provides information and referrals to families; assists families who need access to financial assistance; coordinates professional development for early education and care providers, parenting programs, and numerous family enrichment events.

Leominster Project Apples, CFCE

500 Kennedy Way Leominster MA 01453 978-534-3038

Programs & resources for families with young children; weekly playgroups - call for hours and locations.

MOC Community Partnership for Children/Fitchburg

110 South Street Fitchburg MA 01420

978-345-8549 x 325 or 326

www.mocinc.org

Provides information and referrals to families. Assists families who need access to financial assistance.

MOC Community Partnership for Children/Quabbin

21 Allen Drive Barre MA 01005

978-355-0266

www.mocinc.org

Provides information and referrals to families. Assists families who need access to financial assistance.

MOC Community Partnership Gardner

34 Pearly Lane Gardner MA 01440 978-630-3354

Provides information and referrals to families. Assists families who need access to financial assistance.

MOC Early Literacy and CFCE

12 Elm Street Baldwinville MA 01436 (978) 652-5531

Provides information and referrals to families. Assists families who need access to financial assistance.

Nashoba Community Partnerships for Children

50 Mechanic Street Bolton MA 01740

978-799-0539 3012

Provides information and referrals to families; assists families who need access to financial assistance; coordinates professional development for early education and care providers, parenting programs, and family enrichment events.

Valuing Our Children Athol/Royalston

Patch Office: 423 Main Street

Athol MA 01331 (978) 249-8467

Provides information and referrals to families. Assists families who need access to financial assistance.

Family Center: 217 Walnut Street

Wachusett Coordinated Family & Community Engagement Program

216 Main Sreet Spencer MA 01562 508-885-2934 www.mocinc.org

Provides information and referrals to families. Assists families who need access to financial assistance.

Winchendon Community Partnerships for Children

32 Elmwood Road., Suite A3 Winchendon MA 01475 978-297-3436

Provides information and referrals to families. Assists families who need access to financial assistance.

Parent/Child Programs

Clinton/Lancaster Parent Child Home Program

150 School Street, Room 207 Clinton MA 01510 978-365-4217 978-365-4218

www.clinton.k12.ma.us

Home based early literacy and parenting program for families with children ages 16 months to 4 years.

Fitchburg Parent Child Home Program

356 Broad Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-8549 323

Franklin Community Action Corporation

90 Federal Street Greenfield MA 01301 413-475-1553

www.communityaction.us

The Franklin County Family Network brings parents together with early childhood educators and other community members to create opportunities for fun and stimulating activities with their children.

Leominster Parent Child Home Program

500 Kennedy Way Leominster MA 01453 978-534-3838 978-537-3350

Home based early literacy and parenting program for families with children ages 16 months to 4 years.

Lunenburg Family, Community Engagement

1025 Mass Ave Lunenburg MA 01462 978-582-4101 307 Located @ the TC Passios School

Provides collaborative, comprehensive, high quality family support services that are free of charge, welcoming and accessible to all Lunenburg families with young children (pre-natal through 4 years old). We sponsor weekly playgroups, parenting classes, family activities, and community forums.

North Quabbin Family Network, Valuing Our Children

217 Walnut St. Athol MA 01331 978-249-8467 978-249-3702 www.vocathol.org

Family center offering comprehensive services to children and families.

North Worcester County Healthy Families

34 Pearly Ln Gardner MA 01440 978-632-1230

www.ithappensathome.org

The Healthy Directions program at HealthAlliance Home Health & Hospice is the way to home-based support and education for new young parents in North Worcester County. First-time mothers and fathers who are 20 years old and under and residents of any of the 27 communities we serve, are eligible for Healthy Families Massachusetts (HFM) services.

Quabbin Parent Child Home Program

21 Allen Drive Barre MA 01005 978-355-0266

Home based early literacy and parenting program for families with children ages 16 months to 4 years.

Play Groups

Bolton Play Group

Bolton MA 01740

pequita.loring@verizon.net

Fitchburg Community Partnership

356 Broad Street
Fitchburg MA 01420
978-345-8549
978-345-8549
MOC/Community Parternship

home base early literacy for children 16mos to 4vrs old

Gardner Community Play Group

35 Pearly Lane Gardner MA 01440 978-630-3354

Little Learners Book Club

35 Pearly Lane Gardner MA 01440 978-630-3354

Little Seedlings: Project Apples, CFCE

500 Kennedy Way Leominster MA 01453 978-534-3838 978-537-3350

Playgroup for parents/caregivers and children birth through 5 yrs. Offered once a week at a variety of locations. Please call the Project Apples office for more information.

Play School (Clinton Community Partnerships for Children)

150 School Street, Room 208 Clinton MA 01510 978-365-4218 www.clinton.k12.ma.us

Play School is a moderately structured early learning program for parents/guardians and children to experience together. Appropriate for families with children ages 0 - 6 years. Primarily for Clinton residents only.

Stow Area Parent Network

P. O Box 398 Stow MA 01775 www.sapn.org

The Moms Club of Lancaster & Sterling

Lancaster & Sterling MA 01523 www.momclub.org

Resources & Referrals

Child Care Connection

31 Harvard Street Worcester MA 01609 508-757-1503 800-278-1503

www.cccfscm.org

Child care resource and referral services for selecting child care programs including family child care, child care centers, school age programs, nursery schools, summer camps, in-home care and child care for special needs children

Child Care Resources

1480 John Fitch Highway Fitchburg MA 01420 978-343-7395 www.masschildcare.org

www.sevenhills.org

Child care resources and referral services for selecting child care programs including family child care, child care centers, school age programs, nursery schools, in-home care for special needs children, and assists families in obtaining subsidized child care. Also provides training and workshops to early education and care providers/teachers.

Child Care Resources

799 W. Boylston Street Worcester MA 01606 800-952-9183 508-856-7930

Child care resource and referral services for selecting child care programs including family child care, child care centers, school age programs, nursery schools, in-home care and child care for special needs children

State

Mass. Department of Early Education & Care

51 Sleeper Street, 4th floor Boston MA 02210 617-988-6600

www.mass.gov/eec

Provides the foundation that supports all children in their development as life long learners and contributing members of the community, and supports families in their essential work as parents and caregivers.

Worcester: 10 Austin St. (508-798-5181)

Gardner: 31 Lake St., Suite 180 (978-632-4432 x14) Springfield: 95 Liberty St., Suite 1124 (413-788-8401)

Education/Training: Adults

Adult Education

ALFA (Adult Learning/Fitchburg Area)

Fitchburg State College, 160 Pearl Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-665-3706 www.fsc.edu/alfa

A lifelong learning institute offering non-credit daytime courses in fine arts, science, literature, music, history and other areas.

Cleghorn Neighborhood Center

2-18 Fairmount Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-342-2069

Free ESOL/GED/Citizenship classes ongoing throughout the year.

Clinton Adult Learning Center

150 School Street Clinton MA 01510 978-365-4226 www.clinton.k12.ma.us

Adult ESOL, ABE, and GED classes.

Minuteman ARC for Human Services

1269 Main St. Concord MA 01742 978-287-7900 www.minutemanarc.org

Programs include Early Intervention, after school/after work, recreation, camps and adult day services.

Mount Wachusett Community College Devens Learning Center

1 Jackson Place, Room 205 Devens MA 01432 978-840-3221 x 206 978-630-9527

English as a second language; beginning or intermediate classes focusing on conversational skills, survival skills, reading and writing; GED preparation; General Education Development leading to high school equivalency diploma.

Career Training

Career Center of North Central Massachusetts

25 Main Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-5050 508-792-7571 www.ccncm.com

Whether you recently lost your job, left your job, or are just looking for a better position, the North Central Career Center is here to help you conduct an effective job search.

Career Center of North Central Massachusetts

100 Erdman Way Leominster MA 01453 978-543-1481 www.ccncm.com

Our mission is to be the primary link between the Commonwealth's employers and the workforce of North Central Massachusetts. We strive to strengthen this relationship by providing a pool of skilled workers for industry while offering a streamlined process for training and retraining for overall job enrichment.

Franklin County Community Development Corporation

324 Wells Street Greenfield MA 01301 413-774-7204 www.fccdc.org

The Franklin County Community Development Corporation (FCCDC) is an economic development non profit organization providing comprehensive business development education, access to capital, commercial office and manufacturing space plus home of the Western Massachusetts Food Processing Center.

Franklin/Hampshire Career Center

One Arch Place Greenfield MA 01301 413-784-1765

www.fhcc-onestop.com/

The Franklin Hampshire Career Center supports and promotes workforce and economic development in the region through the delivery of quality employment, training and education services that are responsive to and meet the needs of job seekers and employers.

North Quabbin School to Careers Partnership

512 Main Street, Athol MA 01331 978-249-0005

School-To-Career is based on the premise that education works best when students can connect their academics to the world of work, their future careers and their daily lives. It encourages high academic achievement, provides high skill development and promotes life-long learning.

Education/Training: Adults

Workforce Central Career Center

44 Front Street , 6th Floor Worcester MA 01608 508-799-1600

www.workforcecentralma.org

Our mission is to be the leading public resource in Southern Worcester County for workforce development services and information for all individuals seeking jobs, training and education, as well as for employers seeking skilled workers and workforce development information.

Colleges/Universities

Anna Maria College

50 Sunset Lane Paxton MA 01612 508-849-3300

www.annamaria.edu

Four year private, Catholic, liberal arts college.

Fitchburg State University

160 Pearl Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-2151 www.fsc.edu

A public institution providing liberal arts, teacher education and professional majors. Both graduate and undergraduate programs are offered.

Mount Wachusett Community College

444 Green Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-6600 www.mwcc.edu

MWCC offers several degree and certificate programs. Day and evening classes are available. Also offers noncredit courses, Adult Basic Education, GED preparation, and free workshops on job searching skills.

Devens Campus: 27 Jackson Road (978-630-9569)

Leominster Campus: 100 Erdman Way (978-840-3221) - also offers ABE at this site.

N. Quabbin Comm Action Corp

1645 Main Street Orange MA 01364 978-544-5423

www.auc.edu

Christian professional college in the Seventh Day Adventist tradition.

Continuing Education

Assabet After Dark

215 Fitchburg Street
Marlborough MA 01752
508-263-9651
800-537-6663
1474

www.assabetafterdark.com

Provides more than 220 courses covering everything from using computers to making your own sushi.

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical Continuing Education

1050 Westminster Street
Fitchburg MA 01420
978-345-9200 x 5220
www.montytechnites.com/

Offers two semesters of evening classes at the vocational technical school. Classes include computer science, languages, medical, business, culinary arts, health and recreation, electrician and

Education: Private Schools

Private School

Applewild

120 Prospect Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-342-6053

www.Applewild.org

Private school for children ages 5 - 15 years.

Browning Elementary / South Lancaster Academy

PO Box 1129 South Lancaster MA 01561 978-368-8544

www.sla-browning.org

PreK - 12 Christian school.

Cottage Hill Academy

83 Hospital Road Baldwinville MA 01436 978-652-1100 www.youinc.org

A staff secured residential program for girls ages 12 - 20.

Cushing Academy

39 School PO Box 8000 Ashbunham MA 01430 978-827-7000 www.cushing.org

Private coeducational secondary school for grades 9 - 12.

New River Academy

123 Old Common Road Lancaster MA 01523 781-246-4207

Nonsectarian, alternative, all male private school for grades 9-11.

Notre Dame Preparatory School

171 South Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-343-7635

Private, coeducational Roman Catholic high school.

Our Lady of Holy Rosary Elementary School

99 Nichols Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-8656

www.holyrosarynet.com/school.htm

Private PreK - grade 8 school.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Elementary School

53 Lynde Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-0950 www.sacredheartgardner.org

Private K - 8 school.

St. Anna's School

213 Lancaster Street Leominster MA 01453 978-534-4770 www.stannaschool.com

Private K - 8 school.

St. Anthony's Elementary School

123 Salem Street
Fitchburg MA 01420
978-345-7785
www.stanthonyschool.net/
Private parochial PreK - 8 school.

St. Bernard's Central Catholic High School

45 Harvard Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-342-3212 www.stb.echalk.com Parochial high school.

St. Bernard's Elementary School

254 Summer Street
Fitchburg MA 01420
978-342-1948
www.stbernardselementary.org
PreK - grade 8 parochial school.

St. Leo's School

118 Main Street Leominster MA 01453 978-537-1007 www.stleosparish.org/school.htm Private, parochial PreK-12 school.

The Village School

On The Common Royalston MA 01368 978-575-1286 www.villageschool.to

An independent, nature-based school for grades PreK - 6.

Education: Private Schools

Trivium School

PO Box 597 South Lancaster MA 01561 978-365-4795 www.triviumschool.com

Co-educational Catholic day school grades seven through twelve.

Wachusett Hills Christian School

100 Colony Road Westminster MA 01473 978-874-6432 www.whchristianschool.org Private Christian elementary school.

Winchendon School

172 Ash Street Winchendon MA 01475 978-297-1223 www.winchendon.org

Coeducational secondary college preparatory school.

Education: Public Schools

Districts & Charter Schools

Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School District

11 Oakmont Drive Ashburnham MA 01430 978-827-1434 www.awrsd.org

Special Education Department: 978-827-3062 J.R. Briggs Elementary School: 978-827-5750 Meetinghouse Elementary School: 978-874-0163 Westminster Elementary School: 978-874-2043 Overlook Middle School: 978-827-1425 Oakmont Regional High School: 978-827-5907 Learning Tree Integrated Preschool: 978-731-9916

Athol Royalston Public School District

PO Box 9681062 Pleasant Street Athol MA 01331 978-249-2400 www.arrsd.org

Royalston Community School: 978-249-2900 Sanders Street School: 978-249-2410 Riverbend School: 978-249-2415 Pleasant Street School: 978-249-2405 Athol-Royalston Middle School: 978-249-2430

Athol High School: 978-249-2435 Special Education: 978-249-2403

Ayer Shirley Regional Public Schools

141 Washington St. Ayer MA 01432 978-772-8600 www.asrsd.org

PreK - Grade 12 Regional Public School District Lura A. White Elementary School: 978-425-2630 Shirley Middle School: 978-425-2630

Clinton Public Schools

150 School Street Clinton MA 01510 978-365-4200 www.clinton.k12.ma.us

Clinton Elementary School: 978-365-4230 Clinton Middle School: 978-365-4220 Clinton High School: 978-365-4208 Special Needs Dept.: 978-365-4238

Fitchburg Public Schools

376 South Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-3200

www.fitchburg.k12.ma.us

Fitchburg High School: 978-345-3240 Memorial Middle School: 978-345-3495 Longso Middle School: 978-343-2146 Crocker Elementary School: 978-345-3290 McKay Campus School: 978-665-3187 Fitchburg Arts Academy: 978-665-3662 Reingold Elementary School: 978-345-3287 South Street School: 978-348-2300

Fitchburg Evening Alternative Education 978-345-3244

Special Education: 978-345-3211

Francis W. Parker Charter Essential School

49 Antietam Street Devens MA 01434 978-772-3293 www.parker.org

A public charter school for grades 7-12, open to Massachusetts residents.

Gardner Public Schools

70 Waterford Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-1000 www.gardnerk12.org

Gardner High School: 978-632-1600 Gardner Middle School: 978-632-1603 Elm Street School: 978-632-1673 Helen Mae Sauter Elementary: 978-632-5480 Waterford Street School: 978-632-1605 Special Educaton Office: 978-630-4076

Leominster Public Schools

24 Church Street Leominster MA 01453 978-534-7700

www.leominster.mec.edu

Fall Brook School: 978-534-7745 Bennett School: 978-534-7704

Priest Street School: 978-534-7761
Johnny Appleseed: 978-534-7765
Northwest School: 978-534-7756
Southeast School: 978-534-7751
Samoset School: 978-534-7725
Sky View Middle School: 978-534-7780
Leominster Senior High School: 978-534-7715
Leominster Ctr Tech Educ: 978-534-7735
Special Education Office: 978-534-7700

Education: Public Schools

Narraganset Regional Public Schools

462 Baldwinville Road Baldwinville MA 01436 978-939-5661 www.nrsd.org

Balwinville Elementary: 978-939-5318 Phillipston Memorial School: 978-249-4969 East Templeton School: 978-632-0557 Narragansett Middle School: 978-939-5928 Narragansett Regional High School: 978-939-5388

Templeton Center School: 978-939-8892

Nashoba Regional Schools

50 Mechanic Street Bolton MA 01740 978-779-0539 3002

www.nrsd.net

Pompositticut School: 978-897-5774 Mary Rowlandson Elementary: 978-368-8482 Center School: 978-897-0290 Florence Sawyer School: 978-779-2821 Luther Burbank Middle School: 978-365-4558 Hale Middle School: 978-897-4788 Nashoba Regional High School: 978-779-2257 Special Education Office: 978-779-0539

Extended Day Program: 978-779-9875

Quabbin Public School District

872 South Street Barre MA 01005 978-355-4668 www.grsd.org

Quabbin Regional High School: 978-355-4651 Quabbin Regional Middle School: 978-355-5042 Harwick Elementary school: 413-477-6351 Hubbardston Center School: 978-928-4487 Ruggles Lane School: 978-355-2934 Oakham Center School: 978-882-3392 Special Needs: 978-355-4668

Sizer School, a North Central Charter Essential **School**

500 Rindge Road Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-2701 www.ncces.org

A public charter school for grades 7-12, open to Massachusetts residents

Wachusett Regional School District

1745 Main Street Jefferson MA 01522 508-829-1670 www.wrsd.net

Central Tree Middle School (Rutland) 508-886-0073 Chocksett Middle School (Sterling) 978-422-6552 Davis Hill Elementary (Holden) 508-829-1754 Dawson Elementary (Holden) 508-829-6828 Glenwood Elementary (Rutland) 508-886-0399 Houghton Elementary (Sterling) 978-422-2333 Mayo Elementary (Holden) 508-829-3203 Mountview Middle (Holden) 508-829-5577 Naguag Elementary (Rutland) 508-886-2901 Paxton Center School (Paxton) 508-798-8576 Thomas Prince School (Princeton) 978-464-2110 Wachusett Regional High School (Holden) 508-829-6771

Winchendon Public Schools

175 Grove Street Winchendon MA 01475 978-297-0031 www.winchendonk12.org

Winchendon Preschool Program: 978-297-3436 Memorial School: 978-297-1305 Toy Town Elementary: 978-297-2005

Murdock Middle/High School: 978-297-1256 Special Education: 978-297-1850

Vocational

Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School

215 Fitchburg Street Marlborough MA 01752 508-485-9430 www.assabettech.com/

Public vocational/technical high school for grades 9 - 12.

Baypath Regional Vocational School

57 Old Muggett Hill Road Charlton MA 01507 508-248-5971 www.baypath.tec.ma.us

Vocational Technical High School Grades 9-12

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School

1050 Westminster Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-9200 www.montytech.net

A four year vocational-technical high school serving north central MA.

Education: Special Education Programs

Special Needs

Caldwell Alternative School

44 Wanoosnoc Road Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-5250 www.fllac.org

Local collaborative school serving special education students.

Caldwell Elementary School

1025 Massachusetts Ave. Lunenburg MA 01462 978-582-4206 www.fllac.org

Public/private day program serving students with significant emotional and behavioral concerns in grades K-6.

CAPS Alternative Jr. Sr. High

53 School Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-2208 www.capsped.org

Local collaborative school serving special education students.

CAPS Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program (DHHP)

Westminster Elementary School Westminster MA 01473 978-424-8013

www.capsped.org

Local collaborative school (PreK - High School). Classes are available for students with moderate to profound hearing loss. Services range from self-contained classrooms using total communication and A.S.L. to partial or full inclusion with interpreters. Fitchburg Site: Memorial Middle School

CAPS Educational Collaborative

53 School Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-2208

www.capsped.org

Local collaborative school serving special education students.

CAPS Gateway

53 School Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-2208 www.capsped.org

Local collaborative school serving special education students.

CAPS Horizons I

9 Academy Hill Westminster MA 01473 978-503-4026 www.capsped.org

Local collaborative elementary school for children having moderate to severe developmental disabilities, substantial communication disorders, and/or pervasive developmental disorders with needs in areas of communication, attention, behavior, and academic learning.

CAPS Horizons II

Ralph C. Mahar Regional School 507 South Main St. Orange MA 01364 978-544-2542 www.capsped.org

Local collaborative school serving special education students.

CAPS Odyssey

53 School Street Gardner MA 01440 978-630-3253 www.capsped.org

Local collaborative school. Adolescent day treatment program that integrates educational and therapeutic services for teens with severe mental health issues.

CAPS Rainbow

53 School Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-2208 www.capsped.org

Local collaborative preschool, elementary, and secondary education for students (ages 3 - 22 years) with significant multiple disabilities.

CAPS Sr. Pathways

Gardner High School Gardner MA 01440 978-633-7226 www.capsped.org

Program for students ages 15 - 22 years with moderate to severe disabilities.

Devereux School

60 Miles Road Rutland MA 01543 508-886-4746 www.devereux.org

Priavate, not-for-profit school serving children and adolescents with special emotional and behavioral needs.

Education: Special Education Programs

Dr. Franklin Perkins School

971 Main Street Lancaster MA 01523 978-365-7376 www.perkinschool.org

Serves children and adolescents with a range of psychiatric, social, emotional, and executive functioning issues.

Eagle Hill School

PO Box 116, 242 Old Petersham Rd. Hardwick MA 01037 413-477-6000 www.ehs1.org

Private, co-educational college preparatory boarding school for students with learning disabilities in grades 8-12.

Ellen Bigelow School

129 Allen Street Athol MA 01331 978-249-2403

Special education school that serves 29 students in grades 1-12.

FLLAC Collaborative

2 Shaker Road, Suite B210 Shirley MA 01464 978-425-0310 www.fllac.org

Local collaborative serving 10 school districts in N. Central Mass. by providing high quality, cost effective, educationally related programs and services.

Lipton Academy School

100 Erdman Way Leominster MA 01453 978-537-3324 www.CommunityHealthlink.org Special education school for grades 8 -12.

RFK Lancaster School

220 Old Common Road Lancaster MA 01523 978-365-2803 www.rfkchildren.org

Special education program of males in grades 5 - 12.

Stetson School

445 South Street Barre MA 01005 978-355-4541 www.stetsonschool.org

Residential treatment center for males age 9-21 with sexual behavior problems.

General

American Red Cross

114 Merriam Avenue Leominster MA 01453 800-207-4444

Provides a variety of emergency services following natural disasters.

American Red Cross

2000 Century Pr. Worcester MA 21606 508-595-3700 www.redcross.org

Care Service Project

326 Nicholas Rd, Suite 11 Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-4366

Programs for people & families with HIV/AIDS

Catholic Charities

196 Mechanic Street Leominster MA 01453 978-840-0696

Food Distribution: Monday - Friday, 8AM to 5 PM

Catholic Charities, Refugee Resettlement Program

10 Hammond Street Worcester MA 508-798-0191

Christ Episcopal Church

499 Vernon Avenue South Barre MA 01704 978-355-4061

Food Distribution: 2nd Wed. of each month

Community Services of SDA

129 Bolton Road Lancaster MA 01561 978-365-7152

Food Distribution: Tuesdays, 9 AM to 12 PM

Distrigas Application

866-427-9918

www.massresources.org

For those who heat with natural gas and need emergency assistance.

Gardner Community Action Committee

294 Pleasant Street, 3rd Floor Gardner MA 01440 978-632-8700

Food Distribution Mon - Fri, 9 AM to 12 PM. Tuesdays, 1 to 4 PM

GVNA Community Services

35 Main Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-664-9078

Food Distribution: Weds. 2-4 PM HIV counseling and testing.

Jewish Family Services of Metrowest

475 Franklin Street, Suite 101 Framingham MA 01702 508-875-3100

Lutheran Social Services of New England

50 Union Street Worcester MA 01609 www.lssne.org

Refugee and immigrant services are available.

Mass. Department of Transitional Assistance

143 Munson Street, Unit 3 Greenfield MA 01301 413-772-3400 www.ma.gov

The mission of the Department of Transitional Assistance is to assist low-income individuals and families to meet their basic needs, increase their incomes, and improve their quality of life.

Fitchburg: 473 Main Street, 978-665-8700 Worcester: 9 Walnut Street, 508-767-3100

Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers

340 Main Street, Suite 23 Framingham MA 01702 www.maps-inc.org

Provides assitance to Portuguese speaking individuals and families.

Refugee and Immigrant Assistance Center

340 Main Street, Suite 965 Worcester MA 01608 508-756-7557

Support service for recent immigrants in Central MA.

Salvation Army Corps & Community Centers

107 Ridge Street Athol MA 01331 978-249-8111

Fitchburg: 739 Water Street (978-345-4155)

St Vincent De Paul Society - Sacred Heart Church

166 Cross Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-0237

Food Distribution: Weekdays 10 AM 5 PM. Call for an appointment

Urban Missionaries of Our Lady of Hope

27 Chandler Street Worcester MA 01604 508-831-7455

www.urbanmissionaries.com

Catholic social action ministry of the Diocese of Worcester.

WHEAT/United Way Community Services

500 Main Street, Ste. 203 Clinton MA 01510 978-365-6349 4942 www.uwotc.org/WHEAT

Serves low-to-moderate income residents of Berlin, Bolton, Clinton, Lancaster, and Sterling by providing critical services during their time of need.

Winchendon Community Action Council

273 Central Street Winchendon MA 01475 978-297-1667

Distribution: Monday through Friday, 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Housing/Shelters

Department of Housing and Community Development

Worcester MA 01610 508-767-3100

Emergency housing assistance for eligible families.

Friendly House Shelter

87 Elm Street Worcester MA 01609 508-792-1799

Short term shelter for homeless families with children. Open 24/7

Horizons for Homeless Children

17 Orchard Street Leominster MA 01453 508-755-2615

www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org

Provides nurturing, stimulating opportunities for early education and play and connects parents with the tools and resources needed to end the cycle of homelessness and achieve self-sufficiency

Lutheran Community Services of Southern New England, Inc.

20 Hamilton St. Worcester MA 01604 508-791-4488

Complete services for birth parents and adoptive families including home study, counseling, legal assistance, placement and post-placement services, foster care & refugee placement

Massachusetts Department of Children & Families

340 Main Street Worcester MA 01608 508-929-2000

Adoption services for children who are wards of the state. Home studies.

Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network

923 Main Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-342-9501 www.mihnetwork.com

We provide families with children a temporary place to call home. Volunteers prepare meals, provide supervision, and lend a supportive hand to families.

People In Peril Shelter

701 Main Street Worcester MA 01610 508-757-8332

Co-ed shelter and soup kitchen

Utilities

Energy & Environmental Services MOC

66 Day Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-342-7025

Fuel Assistance/Low Income Heating Assistance

473 Main Street, 3rd Floor Fitchburg MA 01420

Provides eligible households help with winter heating bills

Good Neighbor Energy Fund

800-334-3047

Provides energy assistance to hundreds of thousands of residents in temporary crisis who are struggling to pay their energy bills.

New England Farm Workers Council (NEFWC)

473 Main St., 3rd floor Fitchburg MA 01420 978-342-4520

www.partnersforcommunity.org

Assists migrant and seasonal workers and their families.

North Quabbin Energy

100 Main Street Athol MA 01331

www.northquabbinenergy.org

North Quabbin Energy is an informal group of people in north-central Massachusetts who are seek to educate ourselves and our neighbors about the true social and environmental costs of our current energy consumption patterns. We also work to find ways of changing our individual and collective habits of energy use through conservation, use of renewable fuels, and support for local and regional enterprises that reduce our dependence on imported resources.

Violence/Abuse

Battered Women's Resources, Inc.

PO Box 2503 Fitchburg MA 01420 508-630-1031

508-368-1311

Support for women and their children involved in domestic violence situations

Battered Women's Resources, Inc.

Leominster MA 01453 978-537-2306 978-537-8601

Domestic violence education, awareness, support groups, counseling, shelter, court advocacy/outreach.

Battered Women's Shelter & Support

Clinton MA 01510 978-368-0720

Support for women and their children involved in domestic violence situations

Battered Women's Shelter & Support

Gardner MA 978-632-4424

Support for women and their children involved in domestic violence situations

Battered Women's Shelter & Support

Winchendon MA 01475 978-297-3049

Support for women and their children involved in domestic violence situations

Battered Women's Shelters and Services

508-755-9030 24 HOUR Crisis Line

Childhelp USA National Child Abuse Hotline

800-4AC-HILD

The Child Abuse Hotline provides crises counseling and referral to any caller in a n abuse-related situation.

Community Healthlink/Worcester Youth & Family Services

275 Belmont Street Worcester MA 01604-1693 508-791-3261

Daybreak Resources for Women and Children, Inc.

945 Main Street, PO Box 925 Worcester MA 01610 508-755-9030 508-755-5371

HOTLINE all hours: 508-755-9030

Domestic Violence Ended (Dove) Youth Hotline

617-471-1234 888-314-3683 www.doveinc.prg

DOVE'S Hotline is for individuals & families to talk about domestic violence issues and receive support and referral.

Domestic Violence Shelter & Support Hot Line

800-899-4000

Enough Abuse/Mass. Citizens for Children (MassKids)

14 Beacon Street, Suite 706 Boston MA 02108 (617) 742-8555 www.masskids.org

MassKids currently works to prevent child abuse through the work of the Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention Center and the soon to be launched "Choose Your Partner Carefully" project. It leads the Enough Abuse Campaign - a multi-state initiative working to educate and mobilize parents, professionals and communities to prevent child sexual abuse.

Mass. Department of Children and Families (DCF)

690 Mechanic St. Leominster MA 01453 978-466-1500 800-479-6111

24 HOUR HOTLINE:800-922-8169 Twenty four hour hotline to report cases of suspected child abuse or neglect. DSS investigates all reports. Services include adoption, foster care and protective services.

Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC)

76 Summer Street Fitchburg MA 01420 800-442-3035 www.mspcc.org

Community and family life, education/training; also provides information and education to professionals, parents and the general public aimed at improving knowledge and skills in child abuse prevention, detection, intervention, and positive parenting.

Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC)

335 Chandler Street Worcester MA 01602 508-753-2967 800-442-3035

Mental health counseling, home-based family counseling, sexual abuse counseling for children, adults and families. Child abuse prevention programs, adult survivor groups. HELPNET: after hours emergency telephone support services.

National Domestic Violence Hot Line

800-799-7233 800-799-SAFE

Parent & Children's Services/ Parental Stress Line

800-632-8188 800-882-1250

A statewide network of support groups for parents who want to improve their relationships with their children. Weekly meetings are free, confidential, ongoing & open to parents/other caregivers who feel isolated, overwhelmed or afraid of their anger towards their children, Groups meet locally. Call for days & times.

Rape Crisis Center

285 Nichols Rd Fitchburg MA 01402 978-343-5683 508-852-7600

Counseling services;

24 hour crisis intervention hotline (Spanish & English): 800-870-5905 STATEWIDE HOTLINE 800-223-5001 (24 hrs.)

Rape Crisis Center, Central MA

588 Main Street Worcester MA 01608-2014 800-870-5905

A site is also available in Fitchburg, MA. Call office number for details.

YOU, Inc.

81 Plantation Street Worcester MA 01604 508-849-5600 978-632-2321 www.youinc.org

Full range of therapy and assessment services to children and families for family violence, sexual abuse, incest and other issues

Adults

Adult Mixed Softball Association

PO Box 1027 Leominster MA 01453 978-840-6419

www.eteamz.com/lamsasoftball

Contact Phil Davis. Meets at Fournier Park, 525 Litchfield Street, Leominster.

Central MA Basketball

www.abbasketball.com Contact Scott Davidson.

North Central Basketbal

Contact Mike Davidson: Miked0109@verizon.net

Semi Pro Baseball

978-342-3458

Contact Phil Manooshian.

Camps

Camp Harrington

320 Sewall ST Boylston MA 01505 508-869-0586 508-869-6171

slockney@ymcaofcm.org

Inclusive day camp for children ages 5-14 yrs.

Camp Kidoodles

659 Shrewsbury Street Holden MA 01520 508-595-9977 PreK - 12 yrs

Camp Putnam

141 Rutherford Rd. New Braintree MA 01531 508-867-6895

Residential sliding scale 6-12 yrs.

Camp Sabra PreK

633 Salisbury Street Worcester MA 01606 508-756-7109

Cricket Corner Camp/Orchard Hills Athletic Club

100 Duval Road
Lancaster MA 01523
978-537-8387 x 137
www.orchardhillsathleticclub.com
Day camp for children ages 5-14 yrs.

Davis Farmland/Junior Farmer Day Camps

Redstone Hill Road Sterling MA 01564 978-422-6666 www.davisfarmland.com Camp for children ages 4-8 yrs.

Mass Audubon Sanctuary Camps

Massasoit Road Worcester MA 508-753-6087 978-422-7655 www.massaudubon.org

Day camp for children ages 5-14 yrs.

Historical

Ashburnham Historical Society

P.O. Box 692, 70 Main Street Ashburnham MA 01430 978-827-4005 867-827-6639 ahs@ashburnhams.org

Barre Historical Society

P.O. Box 755, 18 Common Street
Barre MA 01005
978-355-4978
www.barrelibrary.org/Pages/hsociety.html

Bolton Historical Society

676 Main St.
Bolton MA 01740
978-779-6392
www.boltonhistoricalsociety.org

Clinton Historical Society

210 Church Street Clinton MA 01510 978-368-0084 www.clintonhistorical.org Open Saturdays, 9 am - 12 noon

Fitchburg Historical Society

781 Main Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-1157 www.fitchburghistory.fsc.edu

Lancaster Historical Commission

Lancaster Town Hall (695 Main St.) Lancaster MA 01523 978-368-1162

Leominster Historical Society

17 School Street Leominster MA 01453 978-537-5424 www.leominsterhistorical.org

Provides exhibits and programs commemorating the history of Leominster including many items depicting the history of the plastics industry which flourished in Leominster for many years.

Stow Historical Commission

Stow Town Hall (375 Great Rd.) Stow MA 01775 978-897-4514 978-897-2540 info@stowhistoricalsociety.org P.O. BOX 40

Westminster Historical Commission

Town Hall, South Street Westminster MA 01473 978-874-7406

A town board responsible for ensuring that preservation concerns are considered in town planning and development decisions.

Westminster Historical Society

P.O. Box 177, 110 Main Street Westminster MA 01473 978-874-5569 www.WestminsterHistory.org

A non-profit, membership based organization that collects, preserves, interprets and makes accessible the history of Westminster. Offers monthly programs, a gift shop and collection of artifacts.

Winchendon Historical Society

151 Front Street Winchendon MA 01475 978-297-2142 www.winchendonhistoricalsociety.org

Libraries/Literacy Services

Audio Journal

799 West Boylston Street Worcester MA 01606 508-797-1117

www.audiojournal.net

This non-profit agency offers daily newspaper reading for those who are blind or unable to hold printed material and special receivers at no charge.

Beals Memorial Library

50 Pleasant Street Winchendon MA 01475 978-297-0300

www.winchendonlibrary.org

Public library offering reading materials as well as children's story hours, museum passes and discount coupons for area attractions, internet access and interlibrary loans.

Bigelow Free Public Library

54 Walnut Street Clinton MA 01510 978-365-4160

www.bigelowlibrary.org

Providing a public library which is part of a larger network of Massachusetts community libraries. Provides many literacy events throughout the year.

Fitchburg Public Library

610 Main Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-9635

www.fitchburgpubliclibrary.org

Public library offering reading materials as well as children's story hours, book clubs, internet access and interlibrary loans.

Forbush Memorial Library

118 Main Street, P.O. Box 468 Westminster MA 01473 978-874-7416 www.forbushlibrary.org

Public library offering reading materials as well as children's story hours, book clubs, internet access and interlibrary loans.

Leominster Public Library

30 West Street Leominster MA 01453 978-534-7522

Providing a public library which is part of a larger network of Massachusetts community libraries. Provides many literacy events throughout the year.

Levi Heywood Memorial Library

55 West Lynde Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-5298

www.gardner-ma.gove/pages/gardnerMA_library

Public library offering reading materials as well as children's story hours, book clubs, internet access and interlibrary loans.

Literacy Volunteers of Massachusetts

8 Market Street Boston MA 02108 888-466-1313 617-367-1313 www.lvm.org

LVM trains volunteers to provide free, confidential and individualized tutoring to adults in basic literacy and in English to speakers of other languages. Services are available throughout the Commonwealth.

Massachusetts Adult Literacy Hotline

800-447-8844

www.sabes.org/hotline

Provides referrals to over 300 adult education programs that offer tutoring, small group or classroom instruction to adult learners. Also offers information on GED preparation and testing sites.

Stevens Memorial Library

20 Memorial Drive Ashburnham MA 01430 978-827-4115 www.ashburnhamlibrary.org

Public library offering reading materials as well as children's story hours, book clubs, internet access and interlibrary loans.

Thayer Memorial Library

717 Main Street Lancaster MA 01523 978-368-8928 www.thayermemoriallibrary.org

Museums

Currier Museum of Art

201 Myrtle Way Manchester NH 03104 603-669-6144 www.currier.org

A small museum with permanent and changing exhibitions that includes a house designed by famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park

51 Sandy Pond Road Lincoln MA 01773 781-259-8355

www.decordova.org

Contemporary art exhibit and outdoor sculpture park.

Discovery Museums of Acton

177 Main Street, Route 27 Acton MA 01720 978-264-4200

www.discoverymuseums.org

Two complementary museums filled with hands-on activities for children.

Eco Tarium

222 Harrington Way Worcester MA 01604 508-929-2700 www.ecotarium.org

Indoor-outdoor museum of science and nature. Includes a planetarium wildlife, nature trails, tree top tour, railroad, and hands-on family friendly exhibits.

Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art

125 West Bay Road Amherst MA 01002 413-658-1100

www.picturebookart.org

A museum celebrating picture book art from around the world, including art by Eric Carle, author of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"

Fitchburg Art Museum

25 Merriam Pkway Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-4207 www.fitchburgartmuseum.org

A family friendly museum with 12 galleries of paintings, prints, sculptures as well as Egyptian, Greek, Roman and Asian antiquities. Also offers changing exhibits, tours, lectures, and classes for adults and children.

Frederick Historical Piano Collection

30 Main Street Ashburnham MA 01430 978-827-6232

www.frederickcollection.org

A collection of 20 original pianos from 1790-1907 in playing condition. Tours and concerts are offered.

Fruitlands Museum

102 Prospect Hill Road Harvard MA 01451 978-456-3924 www.fruitlands.org

The historic home of the Alcott family is now a scenic museum with art galleries and native American artifacts. Hiking trails, summer concerts, and a restaurant, are also offered.

Gallery of African Art

62 High Street Clinton MA 01510 978-368-0227 www.galleryofafricanart.org

The Gallery of African Art serves as both a traditional exhibit of art and an interactive educational center.

Museum of Russian Icons

203 Union Street Clinton MA 01510 978-598-5000

www.museumofrussianicons.org

A collection of 370 Russian icons spanning 6 centuries.

The Gardner Museum

28 Pearl Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-3277

www.thegardnermuseum.com

Offers exhibits of furniture manufacturing, silver smithing, and other collections relevant to local history.

Top Fun Aviation Toy Museum

21 Prichard Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-342-2809 www.topfunaviation.com

Toy museum devoted to aviation-related toys.

Wallace Civic Center

John Fitch Highway Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-7593

www.wallaceciviccenter.com

An educational and recreational institution with two ice rinks and a planetarium.

Worcester Art Museum

55 Salisbury Street Worcester MA 01606 508-799-4406 www.worcesterart.org

Considered to be one of the best small museums in the country; offers a variety of paintings, mosaics, classes, and more.

Parks & Recreation Departments

Bolton Parks and Recreation

663 Main Street Bolton MA 01740 www.townofbolton.com

Clinton Parks and Recreation

560 High Street Clinton MA 01510 978-365-4140 www.clintonrec.com

Clinton Parks and Recreation Department

560 High Street Clinton MA 01510 978-365-4140 www.clintonrec.com

Fitchburg Recreation Department

City Hall Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-4572 www.FitchburgRecreation.org

The City of Fitchburg maintains many parks and playgrounds throughout the city.

Fitchburg Recreation Department

301 Broad Street, 2nd floor Fitchburg MA 01420 (978) 829-1815 www.ci.fitchburg.ma.us/government/departments

Leominster Recreation Department

40 Barrett Parkway Leominster MA 01453 978-534-7529

Sterling Recreation Department

31 Main Street Sterling MA 01564 (978) 422-3041 (978) 422-0289 www.sterling-ma.gov

Parks/Farms

Anascomet Beach

Route 68 Hubbardston MA 01452 978-632-7897

127 acre pond with boat ramp and beach offers fishing and swimming. Passes are required for beach use.

Ashburnham Conservation Trust

P.O. Box 354 Ashburnham MA 01430 978-827-6427

www.Ashburnhamconservationtrust.org

ACT's mission is to protect the natural landscape, ecological diversity and rural heritage of the area by conserving open space, as well as providing education.

Barre Falls Dam

P.O. Box 519 Hubbardston MA 01452 978-928-4712

www.nae.usace.army.mlt

Public area offering canoeing, bike riding, picnicking, hunting, fishing, hiking, cross county skiing, and wildlife observation

Bolton Conservation Trust

P O BOX 14 Bolton MA 01740 978-429-3004

info@boltonconversationtrust.org

Offers many family programs to connect with Bolton's natural world including nature walks, workshops, and the Tom Denney Nature Camp.

Coggshall Park

off Electric Avenue Fitchburg MA 01420

A recreation area featuring a playground, softball field, walking trails and lake with swans and ducks.

Coolidge Park

John Fitch Highway Fitchburg MA 01420

A park with five baseball/softball fields, a swimming pool with toddler area, walking path, soccer fields, street hockey rinks, play structure and beach volleyball court.

Crocker Pond Beach and Recreation Area

South Street Westminster MA 01473 978-874-7405

www.westminster-ma.org/CrockerPond

Open to Westminster residents.

Crow Hill/Leominster State Forest

90 Fitchburg Road Westminster MA 01473 978-874-2303

This state forest offers swimming, picnicking, hiking and mountain biking in the summer and cross country skiing and snowmobiling in the winter. Parking fees are charged.

Davis Farmland

145 Redstone Hill Road Sterling MA 01564 978-422-8888 www.davisfarmland.com

Dunn Pond State Park

Route 1rt 101/ 289 Pearl Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-7897

www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/central/dunn.htm

Swimming and hiking available; handicap accessible.

Gardner Heritage State Park

26 Lake Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-7897 www.mass.gov/dcr/forparks

Self-guided exhibits tracing the silversmith and furniture making industries in the "Chair City."

Hager Park

Route 140 Westminster MA 01473 978-874-7414 www.HagerPark.com

57 acres with hiking and riding trails.

Lake Dennison Recreation Area

Route 202 Winchendon MA 01475 978-939-8962 www.massparks.org

This state park has hiking trails, swimming beaches, moutain bike trails and 151 campsites. Parking fee.

Marshall Farm

340 Marshall Road Fitchburg MA 01420 978-343-6255

info.marshallfarm.com

Midstate Trail

www.midstatetrail.org

A 92 mile hiking trail through Central Massachusetts, which includes the summits of both Mount Wachusett and Mount Watatic.

Miller's River

www.northquabbinwoods.org

Canoeing, kayacking and fishing are allowed on this river. Launch sites are located in Athol, Orange and Winchendon.

Monument Park

Park Street Gardner MA 01440 978-630-4003

A small park where concerts are offered in the summer.

Moore State Park

Sawmill Road Paxton MA 01612 508-792-3969

701 acres.

Mount Watatic

Ashburnham and Ashby MA 01430 www.newenglandtrailreview.com

1,832 foot mountain in Ashburnham and Ashby has hiking trails, a part of the Midstate and Wapak trails.

Otter River State Park

86 Winchendon Road Baldwinville MA 01436 978-939-8962

12,788 acres, 83 campsites.

Overlook Farm/Heifer International

216 Wachusett Street Rutland MA 01543 508-886-2221 www.heifer.org

This learning center of Heifer International offers tours, a global village and service/learning programs.

Rutland State Park

Rte. 122A/2 Crawford Rd Rutland MA 01543 508-886-6333

396 acres.

Sholan Farms

1125 Pleasant Street Leominster MA 01453 978-840-3276

www.sholanfarms.org

A family-oriented recreation and education farm of 169 acres owned by the City of Leominster and operated by the Friends of Sholan Farms. Offers festivals, tours, and sale of apples, raspberries and blueberries.

Tower Hill Botanic Garden

11 French Drive, P.O. Box 598 Boylston MA 01505 508-869-6111 www.towerhillba.org

Owned and operated by the Worcester County Horticultural Society, Tower Hill offers distinctive gardens, trails, a café, gift shop, classes and special events. Admission fee.

Wachusett Mountain State Reservation

345 Mountain Road Princeton MA 01541 978-464-2987

www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/central/wach

2,006 foot peak with 17 miles of hiking trails as well as an access road open to personal vehicle use from Memorial Day to end of October

Pools

Greenwood Memorial Pool Complex

69 Park Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-0678

Both indoor and outdoor pools open to the public. Home to the Greenwood Memorial Swim Club.

Philip J. Weihn Memorial Pool

40 W. Boylston Street Clinton MA 01510 978-365-4684.

www.mass.gov/dcr/recreate/pools.htm

Service Organizations

Ashburnham Lions Club

P.O. Box 813 Ashburnham MA 978-827-6696

Ashburnham-Westminster Rotary Club

Ashburnham and Westminster MA 978-874-5557

A member club of Rotary International, a service club of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service and encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, the AW Rotary Club meets monthly and supports local programs.

Friends of Forbush Memorial Library

118 Main Street Westminster MA 01430 978-874-7416

Organization that supports Westminster's town library. Holds an annual ice cream festival.

Westminster Lions Club

P.O. Box 618

Westminster MA 01430

www.westminsterMa.lionwap.org

Lion's Club meetings are held on the the second and fourth Wednesdays. Events conducted by the Westminster Lions Club include monthly pancake breakfasts to benefit local organizations, an annual auction and Christmas tree sale.

Westminster Women's Club

Westminster MA 01430 978-874-2200

Westminster Women's Club meets 3-4 times per year. Awards scholarships to local graduates.

Theatre/Music

Barre Players Theatre

64 Common Street Barre MA 01005 978-355-2096

barre_players@yahoo.com

A non-profit community theatre group that offers plays throughout the year.

Clinton Community Theatre

242 Church Street Clinton MA 01510 978-368-1312

www.clintoncommtheatre.com

Cornerstone Performing Arts Center

First Parish Church, 914 Main Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-2915

www.cpacfitchburg.org

Non-profit arts organization offering training in music, drama and dance. Plays and other performances are offered throughout the year.

Stratton Playhouse

60 Wallace Avenue Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-6066 www.strattonplayers.com

Community theatre group in its 86th season that offers 4 productions each year.

Thayer Symphony Orchestra

14 Monument Square, 4th Floor Leominster MA 01453 978-466-1800

www.thayersymphony.org

An independent non-program community orchestra directed by Maestro Fracis Wada. Performances are held at the Stratos Dukakis Peforming Arts Center at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical Schoo.

Theatre at the Mount (MWCC)

444 Green Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-2403

Plays and performances offered throughout the year.

Wachusett Music

725 Main Street Lancaster MA 01523 978-365-2043

www.wachusettmusic.com

Coffee houses and folk festival productions.

Westminster Town Band

Westminster MA 01473 978-874-2851

A volunteer band that marches in local parades and offers sumer band concerts on the Academy Hill town common.

YMCA

YMCA - Greendale Family Branch

75 Shore Drive Worcester MA 508-852-6694

YMCA - Montachusett Regional

55 Wallace Avenue Fitchburg MA 01420 978-242-4847

www.montymca.org

YMCA programs include health & fitness, aquatics, childcare and sports. This YMCA also offers summer camps for children 5-14 at Camp Lowe.

YMCA - Wendell P Clark Memorial

155 Central Street Winchendon MA 01475 978-297-9622 www.theclark.com

YMCA programs include health & fitness, aquatics, arts, gymnastics, childcare and sports.

Youth

American Little League

PO Box 1487 Leominster MA 01453 978-537-5651 hurricanelora34@verizon.net

For ages 5 – 10. Meets at Bachand Field, American Way.

Ashburnham Little League

South Street School Ashburnham MA 01430 978-827-6567 tomdonnaG@Verizon.net

Little League program with t-ball to major league baseball and sofball teams

Athol-Mahar Pop Warner

PO Box 367 Orange MA 01364 www.atholmaharpopwarner.com

Babe Ruth League

978-534-3415

For ages 13 - 18. Meets at McLaughlin Park, 1000 R Lancaster St.

Barre Youth Commission

978-355-3040

Boy Scouts of America

1980 Lunenburg Road Lancaster MA 01523 978-534-3532 www.nashuavalleybsa.org www.scouting.org

Boys & Girls Club of North Central Mass.

365 Lindell Avenue Leominster MA 01453 978-665-3760 www.boysandgirlsclubncm.org

Fitchburg Pop Warner

PO Box 7086 Fitchburg MA 01420 www.fitchburgpopwarner.com

Football AFY

Leominster MA 01453

Gardner Little League

Gardner MA 01440

PRESIDENT.GYBSL@GMAIL.COM

Giguere Gymnastics School

148 Main Street (Route 9) Cherry Valley MA

508-892-3797

www.gigueregym.com

Full day gymnastics, dance, cheer or martial arts camp or mini camp 3.5-6 yrs.

Girl Scouts of America

81 Goldstar Boulevard Worcester MA 01606 508-853-7447

Ashburnham: 978-827-5492

Greater Gardner Youth Hockey

Veterans Skating Arena Gardner MA 01440 978-632-4310

www.fmcicebergs.com

Ice hockey program.

Gymnastics Learning Center

574 Lake Street Shrewsbury MA 01545 508-792-1551 508-792-3535 glc574@townisp.com

Kinderkids & Field of Dreams Full day camps.

Lassie Softball League

PO Box 362

Leominster MA 01453

www.eteamz.com/leomlassieleague

Ages 9 - 15. Meets at Crisci Street.

Leominster DEK Hockey

56 Mead Street Leominster MA 01453 www.ldtadekhockey.com

Leominster Pop Warner

PO Box 874

Leominster MA 01453

www.leominsterpopwarner.com

Leominster Youth Soccer Association

PO Box 1314

Leominster MA 01453

978-537-6711

www.leominsteryouthsoccer.org

For ages 5-up. Meets at Samoset Fields, DeCiccio Dr.

Little League

www.eteamz.com

Meridian Gymnastics & Youth Fitness

871 W Broadway Gardner MA 01440 978-630-1100 meridiangymnastics.com

Nashoba Baseball

56 Malburn Street Leominster MA 01453 508-561-4268 www.boltonlittleleague.org

National Little League

PO Box 13455 Leominster MA 01453

978-537-2773

www.leominsternational.org

For ages 5 – 12. Meets at Picucci Field 97, 198 Arlington Street.

North Leominster Little League

978-537-8315

www.eteamz.com/nlll/

For ages 5-12. Meets at Justin DeSantis Field, 45 Bernice Ave.Email: nlll_baseball@hotmail.com

North Middlesex Pop Warner

PO Box 59

Townsend MA 01469

978-597-2757

www.nmpopwarner.com

Oakmont Outlaws Soccer Club

Ashburnham & Westminster MA 978-874-1834

www.oakmontoutlaws.com

Soccer club offering boys and girls teams from under age 10 to under age 18 who are full time students. Member of the Nashoba Valley Youth Soccer League.

Oakmont Pop Warner Football

P.O. Box 332

Westminster MA 01473

www.oakmontpopwarner.com

Youth football and cheerleading program for Ashburnham and Westmisnter children ages 5 to 15. Member of the Central Massachusetts Pop Warner League.

opwpresident@yahoo.com

Oakmont Youth Basketball League

Ashburnham & Westminster MA 01473 www.oakmontyouthbasketball.com

Town basketball league for children in grades 1 to grade 9 in the towns of Ashburnham and Westminster.

Oakmont Youth Soccer

Ashburnham & Westminster 978-874-4054 978-827-5483

www.oakmontyouthsoccer.com

Youth soccer for U10 - U14-16. kimroger@oakmontyouthsoccer.com

Pop Warner Football & Cheerleading

Leominster MA 01453 978-537-9177

www.leominsterpopwarner.com

Ages 7 - 15. Meets at Fournier Park, 525 Litchfield Street. Email: jpetkewich@comcast.net

Sterling Academy of Gymnastics

15 Industrial Drive Sterling MA 01564 978-422-7655

www.sterlinggym.com

Programs for children ages PreK and up.

Sting Lacrosse

Ashburnham & Westminster MA 01473 www.ncmlax.com

Town lacrosse program offering teams from U9 to U15. Contact the president via email at: president@ncmlax.com

Twin City Youth Hockey

Wallace Civic Center Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-7157

www.twincityhockey.com

Non-profit organization providing hockey for youth in Fitchburg, Leominster, Lunenburg, Townsend, Ashby and Pepperell.

Veterans Memorial Arena

45 Veterans Drive (off Park Street) Gardner MA 01440 978-632-4310

Westminster Little League

P.O. Box 555 Westminster MA 01473 978-874-6378 www.westminsterbaseball.org

Little League program with t-ball to major league baseball and sofball

teams.

Winchendon Pop Warner

PO Box 204 Winchendon MA 01475 www.winchendonpopwarner.org

Wrestling: Leominster Youth Commission

25 West Street Leominster MA 01453 www.lywp.org

Ages K - 8. Contact Donna Ciccone. Meets at Northwest School, 45 Stearns Avenue, Leominster.

Food Assistance

Barre WIC office. Barre Family Health Center

151 Worcester Road Barre MA 01005 978-630-3344 978-345-6272

Open 2nd Thursday

Clinton WIC Office/ WHEAT office

500 Main Street 2nd Floor Clinton MA 01510 978-365-6349 Ext's (4946 or 4947)

Open Tues and Thursday's . Open 3rd Tues 10:30am-6:30pm

Gardner WIC office

47 Parker Street Gardner MA 01440 978-630-3344

Open Tues, Wed, & Fri. Open 1st & 3rd W 10:30am-6:30pm

Leominster WIC office

53 Merriam Avenue Leominster MA 01453 978-534-9117

Open Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri. Open 2nd & 4th Th 10:30am-6:30pm

Winchendon WIC office (CAC)

273 Central Street Winchendon MA 01475 978-630-3344 978-345-6272

Open 1st & 3rd Thursdays

General

Adoptive Families Together

335 Chandler Street Worcester MA 01602 617-587-1500 617-587-1522 www.mspcc.org

Group for adoptive parents and those considering adoption. Meets on the 3rd Thursday ~7-9pm. No meeting July or August.

Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Jewish Philanthropies

617-406-6300

www.adl.org

Works with schools to fight anti-Semitism, prejudice, bigotry and racism.

Children's Aid & Family Service, Inc. (CAFS)

1480 John Fitch Highway Fitchburg MA 01420 978-342-8971 www.sevenhills.org

Programs: Family Counseling Center; Intervention and treatment program and divorce mediation services and divorce seminars. Child Care Center: Toddlers to 4 years old (978-342-897). Child Care Resources: Information and referral (978-343-7395); family child care: (978-343-7409)

Community Action of the North Quabbin, Inc.

393 Main Street Greenfield MA 01301 413-774-2318 413-773-3834

www.communityaction.us/

Community Action of the Franklin, Hampshire, and North Quabbin Regions is dedicated to promoting economic justice and improving the quality of life for people with lower incomes.

Domestic Violence Ended (DOVE)

P.O. Box 690267 Quincy MA 02269 617-471-1234 888-314-3683 www.doveinc.org

Outreach and Family Services.

Family Services of Central Mass.

31 Harvard street Worcester MA 01609 508-756-4646 www.fscm.org

Children's Divorce Adjustment Group: provides support and a forum for children to express their feelings and concerns. "Parents Apart:" monthly evening seminar addresses how to ease traumatic impact of divorce on children. Separated/Divorced Women's Group: Support and information for ending a relationship and beginning a new life. Family & Group counseling service.

Jewish Family Services

646 Salisbury Street Worcester MA 01609 508-755-3101

Beyond divorce: A children's and parents' guide to family reorganization. Divorce Support Group: For men and women who are reorganizing their lives after separation and divorce. Divorce Seminars for Parents: On-going sessions for parents who are separated or divorced provide information on co-parenting, children's reactions and other related issues. Family & Group counseling service.

Montachusett Opportunity Council, Inc.

133 Prichard Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-342-7013 www.mocinc.org

Montachusett Opportunity Council, Inc. is the designated Community Action Agency serving North Central Massachusetts. The mission of Montachusett Opportunity Council, Inc. is to develop collaborative opportunities and empower low-income individuals and families in the Montachusett region to achieve self-sufficiency.

North Quabbin Community Coalition

10 School Street Athol MA 01331 978-249-3703 www.nqcc.org

Comprehensive online resource directory of North Quabbin area services.

Springfield Partners for Community Action, Inc.

619 State Street Springfield MA 01109 413-263-6500

www.springfieldpartnersinc.com/

Community Action Agencies are private non-profit or public organizations that were created by the federal government in 1964 to combat poverty in geographically designated areas.

United Neighbors of Cleghorn (Cleghorn Neighborhood Center)

18 Fairmount Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-342-2069

Food Distribution: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Appointments available for working clients.

Worcester Community Action Council, Inc. (WCAC)

484 Main Street, 2nd Floor Worcester MA 01608 508-754-1176 508-754-0203

www.wcac.net

Our mission is to stimulate change in the fundamental causes of poverty and to create and provide opportunities for economic self-sufficiency through services, partnership, and advocacy.

Youth Opportunities Upheld (YOU, Inc.)

81 Plantation Street Worcester MA 01604 508-849-5600 978-632-2321 www.youinc.org

Individual, family or group therapy for families dealing with divorce/remarriage issues.

Grief Support Group

Community Birth Loss Support Group

250 Green Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-3420

First month of each month, 7-8:30 p.m. For any Parent experiencing the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, or newborn death.

Compassionate Friends

111 Park Ave Worcester MA 01609 508-755-6143

Meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.; July & August third Thursday 7 p.m.

Health Care

UMASS Memorial Health Care/Family Education Center - Baby-Sitting Program

119 Belmont Street Worcester MA 01605

Learn about infant and toddler care, dealing with emergencies, safety. Four week session, ages 11 and up.

Housing/Shelters

Athol Housing Authority

P.O. Box 207 Athol MA 01331 978-249-4848

Administers Section 8 (federally subsidized housing for low-income families) and provides affordable housing.

Barre Housing Authority

146 Ruggles Lane Barre MA 01005 978-355-6643

Administers Section 8 (federally subsidized housing for low-income families) and provides affordable housing.

Clinton Housing Authority

58 Fitch Road Clinton MA 01510 978-365-4150

Administers Section 8 (federally subsidized housing for low-income families) and provides affordable housing.

Fitchburg Housing Authority

50 Day Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-343-7025

Administers Section 8 (federally subsidized housing for low-income families) and provides affordable housing.

Gardner Housing Authority

116 Church Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-6627

Administers Section 8 (federally subsidized housing for low-income families) and provides affordable housing.

Greater Gardner Community Development Corporation

246 Central Street Gardner MA 01440 978-630-2975 x 306

www.ggcdc.org

The Greater Gardner Community Development Corporation promotes self-sufficiency by creating affordable housing opportunities and providing additional programs that raise the economic, educational, and social levels of residents in its service area.

Habitat for Humanity, North Central Massachusetts

1 Oak Hill Road Fitchburg MA 01420 978-348-2749 www.ncmhabitat.org

A non-profit organization working locally to provide for families, Habitat for Humanity builds and rehabilitates houses with the help of partner homeowners and volunteers.

Lancaster Housing Authority

449 Main St., P.O. BOX 507 Lancaster MA 01523 978-365-3923

Administers Section 8 (federally subsidized housing for low-income families) and provides affordable housing.

Leominster Housing Authority

100 Main Street Leominster MA 01453 978-537-2861

Administers Section 8 (federally subsidized housing for low-income families) and provides affordable housing.

Our Father's House, Inc.

53-55 Lunenburg Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-3050

Provides meals, shelter, housing search, case management, and advocacy services to homeless men and women.

RCAP Solutions, Inc.

205 School Street, P. O. Box 159 Gardner MA 01440 978-630-6771 www.rcapsolutions.org

RCAP Solutions is a non-profit organization providing planning, consulting and direct services to individuals and communities in areas including housing, debt reduction counsleing, developing budgets, and clean water systems.

Winchendon Housing Authority

108 Ipswich Drive Winchendon MA 01475 978-297-2280

Administers Section 8 (federally subsidized housing for low-income families) and provides affordable housing.

Mental Health

Call2Talk

508-532-CALL, (2255)

Mental health and Emotional support Line...10am-3pm, 7 days/week

Heywood Hospital

242 Green Street Gardner MA 01440 978-630-6458

Jill Cormier, LCSW. Birth/Loss Support Group

Milford Regional Medical Center

14 Prospect Street Milford MA 01757 508-422-2030

Karen Pecci, LCSW. Birth/Loss Support Group

South Bay Mental Health Center

340 Main Street Suite 383 Worcester MA 01608 508-791-4976 intake# 508-427-5362

www.southbaymentalhealth.com

The Lipton Center (run by Community HealthLink)

255 Main Street Fitchburg MA 01420 508-860-1000

www.communityhealthlink.org

The Lipton Center (run by Community HealthLink)

110 Erdman Way Leominster MA 01453 978-537-3324 www.communityhealthlink.org

Parent/Child Programs

Athol Parent Child Home Program

423 Main Street Athol MA 01331 978-249-7661

Home based early literacy and parenting program for families with children ages 16 months to 4 years.

Fitchburg Parent Child Home Program

356 Broad Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-8549 x 323

Home based early literacy and parenting program for families with children ages 16 months to 4 years.

Franklin Community Action Corporation

393 Main Street Greenfield MA 01301 413-774-318

www.communityaction.us

The Franklin County Family Network brings parents together with early childhood educators and other community members to create opportunities for fun and stimulating activities with their children.

La Leche League (Worcester Chapter)

557 Pleasant Street

2nd Tuesday of the month 930-1130

Lunenburg Family Network, Eagle House

25 Memorial Drive Lunenburg MA 01462 978-528-1429

The Family Network Program of Lunenburg under the Mass. Department of Early Education and Care provides collaborative, comprehensive, high quality family support services that are free of charge, welcoming and accessible to all Lunenburg families with young children (pre-natal through 4 years old). We sponsor weekly playgroups, parenting classes, family activities, and community forums.

For more information or if you would like to be on our mailing list, contact our office.

North Quabbin Family Network, Valuing Our Children

27 Walnut Street Athol MA 01331 978-249-8467

Family Services

North Worcester County Healthy Families

35 Main Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-665-9078

Parents Helping Parents

108 Water Street Watertown MA 02472 800-632-8188 617-926-5008

www.parentshelpingparents.org

Parents Helping Parents pursues its child abuse prevention mission by providing two free parent support services:1) a 24-hour parent helpline that provides telephone counseling and information and referral to parents; and 2) a network of anonymous and confidential Parent Support Groups that meet in many locations throughout Massachusetts.

Peter Pan Center

280 Ayer Road.P.O.Box 312 Harvard Ma 01451 978-772-1255 www.peterpancenter.com social skills, private pay only

Play School (Clinton Community Partnerships for Children)

150 School Street, Room 208 Clinton MA 01510 978-365-4218 www.clinton.k12.ma.us

Provides a moderately structured adult/child "Play School" program in which families with children ages 0 - 6 years play and learn together. Primarily for Clinton residents only.

Quabbin Parent Child Home Program

21 Allen Dr Barre MA 01005 978-355-0266

Home based early literacy and parenting program for families with children ages 16 months to 4 years.

The House of Peace & Education, Inc. (HOPE)

20 Barthel Avenue, Gardner, MA 01440 Gardner MA 01440 978-630-4752 www.hopegardner.org

The House of Peace & Education, Inc. was founded in 1996 in response to high levels of poverty and a growing trend of violence in the greater Gardner area of Massachusetts. With a mission of countering violence and promoting peace through education, leadership development and mentoring, HOPE has helped hundreds of at risk children and women to reclaim their futures.

Pregnant Women & Children

Ayer WIC Office

63 Park Street Ayer MA 01420 978-772-0191

www.mass.gov/wic..Open Mondays/Wednesdays

Provides supplemental foods, nutrition education, and health care referrals to pregnant and post partum women.

Babysitting Program at Clinton Hospital

203 Highland Street Clinton MA 01510 978-368-3716

North Central WIC Program

375 Nichols Rd Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-6272 www.mass.gov/WIC

Provides supplemental foods, nutrition education, and health care referrals to pregnant and post partum women.

Family Services: Mental Health

Emergency

Central Region Department of Children and Families

25 Winthrop Street, Suite 300 Worcester MA 01604 508-929-2130

The Department's vision is to ensure the safety of children in a manner that holds the best hope of nurturing a sustained, resilient network of relationships to support the child's growth and development into adulthood.

Child-At-Risk Hotline

53 Parker Hill Avenue Boston MA 02120-3225 800-792-5200 617-232-4882

www.jbcc.harvard.edu/programs/hotline.htm

Working under the auspices of the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families since July 1982, Judge Baker Children's Center directs the Child At-Risk Hotline, a statewide after-hours emergency response system. A 30-member staff is trained to assess the urgency of each call, elicit critical information, and provide a sympathetic ear.

The Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with DCF Area offices fielding calls weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Judge Baker covering evenings and weekends.

Mass. Department of Children and Families

140 High Street, 5th Floor Springfield MA 01105 413-452-3350

The Department's vision is to ensure the safety of children in a manner that holds the best hope of nurturing a sustained, resilient network of relationships to support the child's growth and development into adulthood.

Greenfield: 143 Munson St., Unit 4 (413-775-5000 or 800-842-5905) Worcester: 25 Winthrop St., Ste. 300 (508-929-2130)

Leominster: 690 Mechanic St., Ste. (978-466-1500 or 800-479-6111)

North Central Department Of Children and Famlies

690 Mechanic Street, Suite 100 Leominster MA 01453 978-353-3600 800-479-6111

The Department's vision is to ensure the safety of children in a manner that holds the best hope of nurturing a sustained, resilient network of relationships to support the child's growth and development into adulthood.

General

Community Healthlink/Worcester Youth & Family Services

275 Belmont Street Worcester MA 01604 508-791-3261

www.communityhealthlink.org

Psychological assessment at the center and off-site preschool settings. Counseling and support services.

Kid's Net Connection MSPCC

335 Chandler Street Worcester MA 01602 800-486-3730

5pm-9am (M-F); 24 hrs. weekends & holidays, after hours telephone information and support service for DSS foster parents, kinship providers and pre-adoptive parents including emergency home visits.

LUK Inc.

545 Westminster Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-0685 www.luk.org/index.php

Social service agency dedicated to improving the lives of youth and their families. Offers various services including a young parent support group.

North Central Human Services, Inc.

31 Lake Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-9400

YANA -You Are Not Alone

508-752-4200

Monthly grief management meetings, Also radio talk show Sunday 9-10 pm AM 830 WCRN

Farmers Markets

Ashburnham Farmers Market

Winchester Park behind Town Hall Ashburnham MA 01430 Monday 4-630pm 7/20-10/12

Barre Farmers Market

Barre Common
Barre MA 01005
Saturday 9-12:30 5/9-10/9

Fitchburg Farmers Market

Burbank Campus Fitchburg MA 01420 Monday 10-4 7/20-10/26

Fitchburg Farmers Market

Wallace Civic Center Fitchburg MA 01420 Friday 8:45-12:00 7/10-10/31

Fitchburg Farmers Market

Riverfront Park
Fitchburg MA 01420
Thursday 3-7 7/2-10/28

Gardner Farmers Market

Monument Park Gardner MA 01440 Thursday 830-1pm---5/9-10/31

Hardwick Farmers Market

Hardwick Common Hardwick MA 01031 Sunday 11-2 6/16-10/28

Holden Farmers Market

Damon House Parking Lot Holden MA 01520 Tuesday 3-630 5/7-10/29

Lancaster Farmers Market

Town Green Lancaster MA 01523 Thursday 3-630 6/20-9/26

Orange Farmers Market

Butterfield Park
Orange MA 01364
Saturday 9-1pm 5/21-10/15

Paxton Farmers Market

Town Common
Paxton MA 01610
Thursday 3-630 5/13-9/13

Phillipston Farmers Market

Town Center
Phillipston MA 01331
Saturday 8-12 6/27-10/31

Princeton Farmers Market

Princeton Community Center Princeton MA 01540 Thursday 3-6 6/18-10/10

Sterling Farmers Market

Town Hall, 1 Park St. Sterling MA 01564 Friday 1-7 5/29-10/30

Westminster Farmers Market

Town Common
Westminster MA 01473
westminsterfarmermarket@gmail.com
Friday 3-7 5/1-10/30

Winchendon Farmers Market

American Legion Park Winchendon MA 01475 Thursday 1-7 5/14-9/30

Food Pantries

Ashburnham Community Church

84 Main Street Ashburnham MA 01440 978-827-5553

Barre Food Bank

978-355-4519

Christ Episcopal Church

499 Vernon Ave S. Barre MA 01005 978-355-4061

Food Distribution: 10 a.m. to noon, second Wednesday of the month.

First Baptist Church Community, Food Cupboard

23 West St Leominster MA 01453 978-537-2685

2nd SAT 9-11am. Please call first

Ginny's Helping Hands Food Pantry

52 Mechanic Street Leominster MA 01453 978-537-1387

Food Distribution: Tuesday - Saturday, 10AM - 5PM: Please call first

Highland Baptist Church

27 Cedar Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-342-9646

2nd & 4th Sat 9.11am.(serving Fitch, Ashby, Lunenburg, and Townsend). Please call First

Lighthouse Food Pantry

500 Main Street Athol MA 01331 978-249-4024

4 to 530 p.m. first and third Thursdays. Call for emergencies.

Ruth's Harvest Pantry, United Methodist Church

77 Hall Street Leominster MA 01435 978-537-1356

3rd Thursday 6-8pm; 4th Sat 8-10am: Please call first

Rutland Food Pantry

290 Main Street Rutland MA 01543 508-886-2206

Please call (varies)

Salvation Army Food Pantry

107 Ridge Avenue Athol MA 01331 978-249-8111

Food Distribution: Tuesday through Friday, 8:30-12;00 and 1-3PM

Sharing Cupboard Food Pantry

36 North Main Street West Brookfield MA 01585 508-867-7078

Food Distribution: Wednesday, 10 AM to 12 PM, Thursday, 7:00 to

8:30 PM

St. Joseph's Food Pantry

296 N. Main Street North Brookfield MA 01535 508-867-6811

Food Distribution: 1st Thursday of the month, 6:00 - 7:15 PM; 3rd Thursday of the month, 1 to 3 PM, or by appointment.

Stow Food Pantry

353 Great Road Stow MA 01775 978-779-8233

Tri-Parish Community Church Food Bank

179 Main Street Gilbertville MA 01031 413-477-6635

Food Distribution: 1st and 3rd Friday, 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Call First

Wachusett Food Pantry

56 Boydon Road Holden MA 01520 508-829-2749

3rd Saturdays 9-11am: Seniors 3rd Friday 10-1130am

Wachusett Food Pantry

P.O. Box 62 Jefferson MA 01522 508-829-2749 www.wfp1995.org

Monthly food distribution at 1st Baptist Church-Holden.

Westminster Food Pantry at First Congregational Church

138 Main Street Westminster MA 01473 978-874-7970

Food Distribution: Thursdays, 6:30 -7:30 p.m. (Ashburnham & Westminster residents only).

Westminster Food Pantry at First Congregational Church

138 Main Street Westminster MA 01473 978-874-7970 978-874-2350 cmcdonald1018@aol.com

Westminster residents only, 630pm-730pm

WHEAT Community Services

500 Main Street Clinton MA 01510 978-365-6349 x 14 www.uwotc.org/wheat

Food Distribution: Tuesday - Friday, 10 AM to 1 PM.

Worcester County Food Bank

474 Boston Turnpike Shrewsbury MA 01545 508-842-3663

General Resources

Angel Food Ministries/Charlton Baptist Church

50 Hammond Hill Rd Charlton MA 01507 508-248-4488

www.angelfoodministries.com

Low cost monthly food orders.

Catholic Charities

196 Mechanic Street Leominster MA 01453 978-840-0696 Monday through Friday.

Fitchburg/Leominster Community Action Council

62 Normandy Road Fitchburg MA 01420 978-342-8617 Call First

Gardner Community Action Council

294 Pleasant Street, third floor Gardner MA 01440 978-632-8700

Food Distribution: 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday.

MOC Elder Services, Senior Center

66 Day Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-8501 x 01

Call First

North Central WIC Program

326 Nichols Rd., Suite 14 Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-6272 800-942-1007 www.mass.gov/wic

Provides supplemental foods, nutrition education, and health care referrals to pregnant and post partum women.

Salvation Army

739 Water Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-342-3300

Call First

Serve New England: Rollstone Serve Fitchburg

199 Main Street Fitchburg MA 01420 Rev Hanks, 978-821-9571

Revhanks@rollstone.org

Low cost food ordering co-op; participants must volunteer 2 hours per

month.

Barre: 557 South Barre Road (978-355-6659) Athol: 120 School Street (978-249-3464) Gardner COA: 294 Pleasant Street (978-630-4067) Hardwick: 179 Main Street (413-477-6707)

Spanish American Center

112 Spruce Street Leominster MA 01453 978-534-3145

Call First

St. Vincent dePaul at Saint Leo's Church

108 Main Street Leominster MA 01453 978-537-7257 Call First

St. Vincent dePaul Society at Sacred Heart Church

166 Cross Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-0237

Food Distribution: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Call for appointment.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

866-950-3663 Mass. Hotline

www.fns.usda.gov/snap

Federal nutrition program administered by State and local agencies.

Meals

Fellowship Table

Pleasant Street Gardner MA 01440 987-632-8700

Thursdays at 4:30 First school year Sept-June

Kid's Café

65 Tainter St Worcester MA 508-754-2686

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights at 5 p.m. during school year.

Mustard Seed

93 Piedmont Street Worcester MA 508-754-7098

Monday-Saturday 5-6:30.; Sunday noon.

Our Father's Table

40 Boutelle St Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-6950

Dinner Tuesdays, Thursdays at 5-7 p.m.; Saturday Breakfast 8-9am; Food Pantry, limited food vouchers.

53-55 Lunenburg Street: community dinner twice a month and emergency food pantry.

WHEAT Community Café

242 High Street Clinton MA 01510 978-368-8547 www.uwotc/WHEAT

Delicious freshly made meals including vegetarian dishes served 6 nights per week. (4pm-630)

Clinics/ Free Care

Community Health Connections/Access Program

275 Nichols Rd Fitchburg MA 01420 978-878-8100

www.chcfamilyhealth.org

Provides comprehensive medical, dental, mental health care to uninsured and underinsured residents

Gardner Community Health Center

175 Connor Street Gardner MA 01440 978-630-5751

www.chcfamilyhealth.org

Provides comprehensive medical, dental, mental health care to uninsured and underinsured residents

Gateway Health Access Program

242 Green Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-3420 www.heywood.org

Help uninsured people access affordable health care

MassHealth

800-841-2900 www.mass.gov

Help with health insurance for low income population. MassHealth - Spanish: 800-223-5001

Dental

Family Health Center Dental

275 Nichols Rd. Fitchburg MA 01420 978-878-8440 978-878-8300 www.chcfhc.org

Simple dental procedures, x-rays and exams.

Great Brook Valley Health Center

200 High Street Clinton MA 01510 978-368-0340 www.abvhc.org

Dental care only; services all types of insurance (low income families/Mass Health accepted).

Mass Health Dental

800-207-5019 www.mass.gov

State subsidized dental care

Emergency

Battered Women's Resources. Inc.

14 Monument Square Leominster MA 01453 978-537-2306 www.bwri.com

Support for women and their children involved in domestic violence situations

Gardner: 168 Chestnut St. (978-632-4424)

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

356B Broad Street 4thFloor Fitchburg MA 01420 978-342-6259 800-532-9571

Rape Crisis Center of Central Mass. Inc.

275 Nichols Rd Fitchburg MA 01420 978-343-5683 www.rapecrisiscenter.org

Suicide & Crisis Hotlines

800 SUICIDE 800-273-8255

General

ACTION Health Services, Community Health Connections

275 Nichols Street

978-878-8100

www.chcfhc.org/action

A team of family physicians, nurse practioniers, and medical assistants provide primary medical care. Community health workers also provide supportive services such as health insurance, referrals to housing, fuel assistance and more.

Locations in Fitchburg, Gardner, Leominster and Winchendon.

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Better Breathers Club

242 Green Street Gardner MA 01440 978-630-6222 heglin.p@heywood.org 1st Monday-230pm-330pm

Crosspoints Men's Health Collective (HIV)

35 Main Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-665-9078 www.gardnervna.org

Gardner Visiting Nursing Association

34 Pearly Lane Gardner MA 01440 978-632-1230

Provides skill nursing, maternal/child health nursing, certified home hospice care, assisted living program, home health aid, OT & PT

Leominster Community Health Center

14 Manning Ave 4th Floor, Suite 402 Leominster MA 01453 978-847-0110 www.chcfhc.org/leominster

medical, dental, behavioral, and pharmacy services, available w/out insurance. Portuguese and Spanish available

Lifetime Center for Family Health

Worcester Medical Center 20 Worcester Center Blvd. Worcester MA 508-368-3192

Health, education, library, CPR class

Mass. Rehabilitation Commission

76 Summer Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-792-7380 www.mass.gov/mrc

UMASS Memorial Home Health & Hospice

650 Lincoln Street Worcester MA 01605 508-754-0052

Free immunizations. Multi-lingual practioners offer home visits and follow up care.

HIV/AIDS

HIV/AIDS Support, Education & Advocacy

242 Green Street Gardner MA 01440 978-630-6490 www.hevwood.org

Provides workshops on HIV/AIDS to schools, church groups, support groups

Home/Homeless Health Care

Gardner Visiting Nurse Association

34 Pearly Lane Gardner MA 01440 978-632-1230 3011

www.gardnervna.org

Provides skill nursing, maternal/child health, home nursing, certified home hospice care, assisted living, home infusion therapy, home health aid and physical/occupational therapy.

Home Staff - Leominster

100 Erdman Way Leominster MA 01453 978-466-1150 800-779-3312

www.homestaffma.com

Family owned licensed home health care agency, homemaking, errands/shopping, meal preparation, escort, companionship, medication reminders

Montachusett Home Care

690 Mechanic Street Leominster MA 01453 978-466-5400

www.montachusetthomecare.com

Provides personal finances/budget counseling, home health care, widow/widower support groups, geriatric assessment and in home assistance

Orchard Street Shelter

17 Orchard Street Leominster MA 01453 978-537-3109 www.communityhealthlink.org

Residential treatment for pregnant or parenting women for up to twelve months. Transitional housing/ shelter and some services for their affected teens.

Hospitals

Athol Memorial Hospital

2033 Main Street Athol MA 01331 978-249-3511 www.atholhospital.com

Barre Health Center

151 Worcester Rd Barre MA 01005 978-355-6321

Burbank Rehabilitation Center

275 Nichols Rd Fitchburg MA 01420 800-595-5000 www.umassmemorial.org

Emerson Hospital

133 Old Road To Nine Acre Corner Concord MA 01742 978-369-1400

HealthAlliance Hospital

275 Nichols Rd Fitchburg MA 01420 800-595-5000 www.umassmemorial.org

HealthAlliance Hospital

60 Hospital Rd Leominster MA 01453 978-466-2000 www.umassmemorial.org

Heywood Hospital

242 Green Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-3420 www.heywood.org

Nashoba Valley Medical Center

200 Groton Road Ayer MA 01432 978-784-9000 www.nashobamed.com

St. Vincent's Hospital

123 Summer Street Worcester MA 508-363-5000

www.womenshealthmatters.ca/index.cfm/

Women's Health Matters

American Pregnancy Assoc.: www.americanpregnancy.org

Baby Center: www.babycenter.ca/pregnancy.org

The Barre Integrated Health Center

35 South Street Barre MA 01005 978-355-3501 www.listeningwellness.org

Promotes access to health care and encourage self-education. Provide access to complementary care and community education to

self- health care.

UMass Memorial Health Care

119 Belmont Street Worcester MA 01605 508-334-0100 pager 508-334-8567.Voice mail

Elena Coffey, MA LCSW.Birth/Loss Support Group

UMass Memorial Medical Center

119 Belmont Street Worcester MA 01605 508-334-1000 www.umassmemorial.org

Umass/Clinton Hospital

201 Highland Street Clinton MA 01510 978-368-3000 www.umassmemorial.org

Housing for Patients' Families

ACS Worcester Hope Lodge

7 Oak Street Worcester MA 01609 508-792-2985 www.cancer.org

Housing for patients' families.

Why Me/Sherry's House

1152 Pleasant Street Worcester MA 01602 508-757-7734 www.info@whyme.org Housing for patients' families.

Pregnant Women & Children

Care-Net Pregnancy Resource Center

515 Main Street, #1000 Fitchburg MA 01420 978-342-4244

www.carenetfitchburg.net

Free and confidential services for women

Child /Infant Safety/ CPR Class

242 Green Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-3420 www.heywood.org

Provides children and infant CPR and First Aid classes.

Children's Medical Security Plan/Healthy Start

1-800-841-2900

www.cmspkids.com

Applications for children and teens who do not have health coverage & comprehensive prenatal care for low income uninsured women & their infants under one year in order to improve health outcomes & their babies.

Early Intervention Partnership Program (EIPP)

100 Erdman Way Leominster MA 01453 978-401-3892

Servieds for pregnant and post-partum women and children.

Early Pregnancy Class

242 Green Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-3420 www.heywood.org

Provides childbirth education.

Lamaze Classes

242 Green Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-3420 www.heywood.org

Provides breastfeeding and childbirth education, first aid instructions, lamaze classes, infant child safety and CPR

Legal Assistance

Services/Support

Child Support Enforcement Unit (Mass. Department of Revenue)

800-332-2733

www.dor.state.ma.us

Forms available online to allow the DOR to enforce your child support order.

Massachusetts Justice Project

405 Main Street, Suite 300 Worcester MA 01608 888-427-8989 508-831-9888

The Massachusetts Justice Project is a federally funded legal services hotline. We provide legal advice in only the following matters: landlord and tenant issues, evictions, divorce and custody cases, domestic violence, foreclosure, debt collection and bankruptcy, employment, and the termination or denial government benefits such as welfare or veterans benefits, SSI or social security, unemployment, section 8 and public housing, food stamps, mass health and Medicare.

The Legal Assistance Corporation of Central MA

76 Summer Street Fitchburg MA 01420 800-649-3718 www.laccm.org/

LACCM is the state-funded civil legal aid program for Central Massachusetts. LACCM provides free civil legal assistance to low-income and elderly residents of Worcester County and specializes in elder law, government benefits, eviction defense, immigration law, housing and employment discrimination, and family law matters affecting domestic violence victims.

The Legal Assistance Corporation of Central MA

405 Main Street, 4th Floor Worcester MA 01608 800-649-3718 508-725-3718

www.laccm.org/home

LACCM is the state-funded civil legal aid program for Central Massachusetts. LACCM provides free civil legal assistance to low-income and elderly residents of Worcester County. With over twenty advocates, LACCM specializes in elder law, government benefits, eviction defense, immigration law, housing and employment discrimination, and family law matters affecting domestic violence victims.

Western Mass. Legal Service

127 state Street 4th Floor Springfield MA 01103 413-781-7814 413-536-2420 www.wmls.org/

WMLS' mission is to help clients meet their basic human needs through advice, representation and education in a manner that encourages their autonomy and respects their dignity.

Mental Health Services

Children & Adolescents

Children's Friend, Inc.

21 Cedar Street Worcester MA 01609 508-753-5425

www.childrensfriend.org

Diagnostic, treatment & medication services for children with disruptive behavior disorders. Support & training for parents

Children's Friends Society

21 Cedar Street Worcester MA 01609 508-753-5425 www.childrensfriend.ora

Diagnostic, treatment & medication services for children and adolescents with disruptive behavior disorders. Support & training for parents

Flying High Farm

615 Leominster Road Lunenburg MA 01462 978-582-7103 www.flyinghighfarm.com

Flying High Farm incorporates the therapeutic power of ponies toward optimizing the behavioral, emotional and social growth of our youth. Private insurance. CMSP is accepted

University of Massachusetts Medical Center Dept. of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics

55 Lake Avenue North Worcester MA 01655 508-856-3028

One Clinic for children with developmental issues; birth -10 yrs. Handles wide range of problems

Drug/Alcohol Abuse

LUK Inc.: STEP (strengthen transition empower persevere)

545 Westminster Street Fitchburg MA 01420 (800) 579-0000 www.luk.org

A program to address the needs of victims of operating under the influence (OUI) crashes. Offers brief counseling, crisis intervention, support groups, referral, information, advocacy, outreach, and education.

Mental Health

Bolton Psychotherapy Association

563 Main Street Bolton MA 01740 978-779-6505

Center for Living and Working

76 Summer Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-1568

opsearch@centerlw.org

Skill training, advocacy, peer counseling I&R for people with disabilities.

Children's Aid and Family Services

110 Erdman Way Leominster MA 01453 978-345-4174

Family counseling, divorce mediation, child custody planning and more. An affiliate of the Seven Hills Foundation.

Clinical and Support Options

491 Main Street Athol MA 01331 978-249-9490 www.csoinc.org

Community Healthlink - Lipton Center

100 Erdman Wav Leominster MA 01453 978-840-9329

www.communityhealthlink.org

Counseling services for children and adults

Community Healthlink - Lipton Center

45 Summer Street Leominster MA 01453 978-534-6116 800-977-5555

www.communityhealthlink.org

Comprehensive mental health services. Individual, family, group counseling.

Family Services of Central Mass.

31 Harvard street Worcester MA 01609 508-756-4646

Individual, couple, family counseling. Family life education workshops

Mental Health Services

First Call for Help

484 Main Street Worcester MA 01608 508-755-1233 www.mass211.org

MASS211

Information and referral help line providing information on community, health and human services.

Healthy Directions at HealthAlliance Home Health & Hospice

Burbank Campus Fitchburg MA 01420 978-348-1702

Support and education to pregnant women and parents of children up to age three.

Mass. Department of Children and Families

140 High Street, 4th Floor Springfield MA 01105 413-452-3200

The Department's vision is to ensure the safety of children in a manner that holds the best hope of nurturing a sustained, resilient network of relationships to support the child's growth and development into adulthood.

Greenfield: 143 Munson St., Unit 4 (413-775-5000 or 800-842-5905)

Worcester: 25 Winthrop St., Ste. 300 (508-929-2130)

Leominster: 690 Mechanic St., Ste. (978-466-1500 or 800-479-6111)

Mass. Department of Developmental Services

435 Main Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-342-2140 www.state.ma.us/dmr

Mass. Department of Mental Health

45 Summer Street Leominster MA 01453 978-534-3372 www.state.ma/us/dmh

Multicultural Wellness Center

515 Main Street 3rd Floor Fitchburg MA 01420 978-343-3336 info@multiculturalwellness.org

North Central Alcoholism

316 Central Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-1736

Alchoholism treatment program

Parents Helping Parents (parental stress line)

800-882-1250 800-632-8188

Psychiatry and Family Counseling

52 Cedar Street Worcester MA 01603 508-752-5191

Serves children, adolescents, adults, and families within Central Mass.

Leominster Office: 25 Mohawk Drive (978-840-1100)

Riverside Counseling

76 Summer Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-6729

Counseling services for children and adults

The Elise Lindsay Healing Center

74 Woodland Avenue Gardner MA 01440 978-630-3455

Provides bereavement counseling and support services, violence and abuse services, counseling and adolescent/youth counseling

Youth Opportunities Upheld (YOU, Inc.)

205 School Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-2120 www.youinc.org

Counseling services for children & families.

Youth Opportunities Upheld (YOU, Inc.)

205 School Street
Gardner MA 01604
508-849-5600 x 277
987-632-2321
www.youinc.org

Full range of services of behavior management, parenting, anxiety and stress, school problems, fire setting, etc..

Mental Health Services

Self Help Groups

Alcoholic Anonymous

800-570-4562 www.aa.org

Debtors Anonymous

800-421-2383 www.debtorsanonymous.org

Gamblers Anonymous

855-222-5542 www.gamblersanonymous.org

Narcotics Anonymous

877-589-4611 www.centralmassna.org

Senior Services

COAs/Centers/Clubs

Ashburnham Council on Aging

32 Main Street 2nd Floor Ashburnham MA 01430 978-827-5000

www.ashburnham-ma.org

Offers programs and services for senior citizens, including transportation to medical appointments, social events and programs. Lunch program for seniors is at the Senior Center or by home delivery. Forever Young Club: Social club for seniors age 55 and over who live or have lived in Ashburnham. Meets on the first Monday of each month.

Barre Council on Aging

557 South Barre Road Barre MA 978-355-5004 www.townofbarre.com

Meets first Wednesday of each month (7 p.m. at Woods Memorial Library).

Clinton Council on Aging

242 Church Street Clinton MA 01510 978-365-9416

Geriatric services, health services, social services

Fitchburg Senior Center

14 Wallace Ave. Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-9598 www.fitchburgseniorcenter.org

Gardner Council on Aging

294 Pleasant Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-4067 www.gardner-ma.gov

Senior ride program, elder law, counseling, recreational activities, nutrition sites

Holden Senior Center

1130 Main Street Holden MA 01520 508-210-5570

Nutrition, recreation, arts & crafts.

Lancaster Council on Aging

695 Main Street Lancaster MA 01523 978-733-1249 1106 www.ci.lancaster.ma.us

Leominster Council on Aging

5 Pond Street Leominster MA 01453 978-534-7511 www.leominster-ma.gov

Congregate meals, counseling, elder law, recreation activities

Lunenburg Council on Aging

25 Memorial Drive Lunenburg MA 01462 978-582-4166 978-582-4167 sdoherty@lunenburgonline.com

Elder law, nutrition site, counseling, recreation activities

MOC Elder Services, Senior Center

14 Wallace Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-8501 x 01

Princeton Council on Aging

18 Boylston Ave. Princeton MA 01541 978-464-5977

www.town.princeton.ma.us

Nutrition site, counseling, recreation activities, elder law

Sterling Council on Aging

1 Park Street Sterling MA 01564 978-422-3032

www.town.sterling.ma.us

Senior ride program, elder law, counseling, recreational activities, nutrition sites

Westminster Council on Aging

127 Main Street POBox 212 Westminster MA 01473 978-874-7402

www.westminster-ma.org

Senior ride program, elder law, counseling, recreational activities, nutrition sites.

Westminster Seniors Friendship Club: 978-874-2339 (for seniors 55 years and older in Westminster and neighboring towns.) Have regular meetings and special events. Meet at St. Edwards Church in Westminster.

ADHD

ADHD Parent Support Groups

Concord MA 978-369-1779

Support groups for Parents of ADHD Children. Works with elementary age children.

Metrowest CHADD

508-302-2425

www.chadd.net/467

Offers information about local resources and support groups dealing with ADD.

National Resource Center on AD/HD

800-233-4050

Can answer questions about educational rights, treatment options, diagnostic procedures and how to locate support and procedures.

Asperger's

Asperger's Association of N.E.

51 Water Street #206 Watertown MA 02472 617-393-3824 www.aane.org

Provides information, referrals, educational programs and support for individuals with Asperger Syndrome and their families.

Asperger's Support Group

Worcester/Auburn MA 508-832-7790

Support group for individuals with Asperger's symptoms and their families

Autism

Autism Alliance of Metrowest

14 East Central St., RT 13 Natick MA 01760 508-652-9900

www.autismalliance.org

Provide families with information, education and support.

Autism Resource Center of Central Massachusetts

71 Sterling St. West Boylston MA 01583 508-835-4278 www.arccm.org

Providing information, library, hotline, technology assistance, networking and education

Autism Society of America, Massachusetts Chapter

47 Walnut St.

Wellesley Hills MA 02481 781-237-0272 x17 asamasschapter@hotmail.com

Support and information for parents of children with PDD/Autism

Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism

615 Concord Street Framingham MA 01702 508-270-8855

www.dougflutiejrfoundation.org

Funding available for financially disadvantaged families who need assistance caring for their child on the autism spectrum.

Parents of Children with PDD/Autism

564 Main Street (ARC) Fitchburg MA 978-342-2670

Support group through ARC, Fitchburg

Birth Defects

Easter Seals

484 Main St., 600th Floor Worcester MA 01608 508-757-2756 www.eastersealsma.org Services for people of all ages

March of Dimes

508-366-9066 www.marchofdimes.org

Camps

Camp Harrington

320 Sewall Street Boylston MA 01505 508-869-0586 508-869-6171

slockney@ymcaofcm.org

Inclusive day camp for children ages 5-14 yrs.

Camp Kingsmont

c/o Hampshire College, 893 West street Amherst MA 01002 877-348-2267 703-288-0047 info.@campkingsmont.com

Weight loss camp; traditonal summer camp in nutrition and fitness

Winter: 195 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA:01230

Hole-In-The-Wall Gang Camp

565 Ashford Center Road Ashford CT 06278 860-429-3444

Overnight summer camp for children with cancer. Founded and supported by the actor Paul Newman. Free of charge.

Diabetes

Barton Center For Diabetes Education

Clara Barton Road, Box 356 North Oxford MA 01537 508-987-2056

Two residential summer camps of children with diabetes, boys & girls. Also day camp and adventure camp.

Early Intervention

Community Healthlink Lipton Center: Early Intervention

100 Erdman Way Leominster MA 01453 www.communityhealthlink.org

Serves families with children birth to three years of age; developmental assessments, therapies, children's services

Equipment

Assistive Technology Resource Center

Worcester Polytechnic Institute 100 Institute Rd. Worcester MA 01609 508-831-5217 508-831-5498 atrc@wpi.edu

Pass It On, Inc.

PO Box 2120 Mashpee MA 02649 508-477-6966 800-267-6768 http://passitonforkids.org

Used and recycled medical equipment and assistive technology for children with special needs.

Family Support

Seven Hills Family Support Center

1460 John Fitch Highway Fitchburg MA 01420 (978) 602-8711

www.sevenhills.org/programs/family-support-centers

At the Family Support Centers, our expertise includes: Individualized support and advocacy; Education on systems of care and funding; Information and referral; DESE/DDS wrap-around services; Agency with Choice self-directed funding model; Community Connections, sports & recreation; Friendship and relationship-building; Transition to adult supports; and Assistive Technology.

Intellectual

Best Buddies Massachusetts

617-778-0522

www.bestbuddiesma.org

The mission of Best Buddies is to enhance the lives of people with intellectual disabilities through opportunities for one-to-one friendships and integrated employment.

Learning Disabilities Program

Children's Hospital Boston MA 617 355-6391

www.childrenshospital.org

Offers information, assessment, educational testing and treatment for children with learning disabilities.

The Summer Institute for the Gifted at Amherst College

866-303-4744

www.cgp-sig.com

Residential co-ed academic camp for gifted children. 4th-11th grade.

Mental Health

Centro Las Americas/ DDS Service

437 Main Street Fitchburg MA 01420 (978) 343-5836

www.centrolasamericas.org

Offers Developmental Disability Services, Adult Family Care, Elder Services, Behavioral Health Services, and Children, Family, & Community Services.

The ARC Opportunity in North Central Mass

564 Main Street Fitchburg MA 01420 (978) 343-6662

Public School Special Education Offices

Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School District

11 Oakmont Drive Ashburnham MA 01430 978-827-1434 www.awrsd.org

Athol Royalston Public Schools

1062 Pleasant Street Athol MA 01331 978-249-2403 www.arrsd.org

Ayer Shirley Regional Public Schools

141 Washington Street Ayer MA 01432 978-779-8600 x 491 www.asrsd.org

Berlin-Bolylston Regional School District

215 Main Street Boylston MA 01505 508-869-2837

Clinton Public Schools

150 School Street Clinton MA 01510 978-365-4200 www.clinton.k12.ma.us

Fitchburg Public Schools

376 South Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-345-3200 www.fitchburg.k12.ma.us

Gardner Public Schools

70 Waterford Street Gardner MA 01440 978-632-1000 www.gardnerk12.org

Harvard Public Schools

Bromfield House, 39 Mass. Ave. Harvard MA 01451 978-456-4140 www.psharvard.org

Leominster Public Schools

24 Church Street Leominster MA 01453 978-537-7700 www.leominster.mec.edu

Lunenburg Public Schools

1401 Massachusetts Avenue Lunenburg MA 01462 978-582-4122 www.lunenburgonline.com

N. Quabbin Comm Coalition

427 Main Street Athol MA 01331 978-249-3703 www.nqcc.org

Nashoba Regional School District

50 Mechanic St.
Bolton MA 01740
978-779-0539 x 3013
www.nrsd.net

Quabbin Regional School District

872 South Street
Barre MA 01005
978-355-4668 x 8517
www.qrsd.org

Wachusett Regional School District

1745 Main Street Jefferson MA 01522 508-829-1670 www.wrsd.net

Resources

A Parent's Guide to Special Education

www.fcsn.org/parentguide/pgintro.html

Family Information Needs Collection

Worcester Public Library 3 Salem Square Worcester MA 01608 508-799-1655 508-799-1724 www.worcpublic.org

Collection of books, videos, talking on loan to local families.

Federation for Children with Special Needs

1135 Tremont St., 4th Floor Boston MA 800-331-0688 617-236-7210 www.FCSN.org

The Federation provides information, support, and assistance to parents of children with disabilities.

Greater Athol Area Advocates for Families with Special Needs

359 Main Street Athol MA 01331 978-249-4052 800-834-2333 www.assn.org

State Agencies

Mass. Advocacy Center

25 Kingston Street 2nd Floor Boston Ma 02111 617-357-8431 www.massadvocates.org

Advocacy for children needing special education services.

Mass. Department of Developmental Services

Glavin Regional Center 214 Lake St. Shrewsbury MA 01545 508-845-9111

Mass. Department of Education

75 Pleasant Street Malden MA 02148 781-338-3000 www.doe.mass.edu/SPED

Mass. Department of Mental Health

255 Staniford Street Boston Ma 02114 617-626-8000 www.mass.gov/dmh

Mass. Development Disabilities Council

1150 Hancock St., Suite 300 Quincy MA 02169 617-770-7676 617-770-9499 tty www.mass.gov/mddc

Promotes opportunities for people with developmental disabilities and their families to enhance independence, productivity, integration and inclusion.

Town Information

Government

Ashburnham Town Hall

32 Main Street Ashburnham MA 01430 978-827-4100 www.ashburnham-ma.org

Athol Town Hall

584 Main Street Athol MA 01331 978-249-4551 www.athol-ma.gov

Barre Town Hall

40 West Street, P.O.Box 418 Barre MA 01005 978-355-5003 clerk@townofbarre.com

Bolton Town Hall

663 Main Street Bolton MA 01740 978-779-2297 www.townofbolton.com

Clinton Town Hall

242 Church Street Clinton MA 01510 978-365-4119 www.clintonma.gov

Fitchburg City Hall

166 Boulder Dr#108 Fitchburg MA 01420 978-829-1820 www.ci.fitchburg.ma.us

Gardner City Hall

95 Pleasant Street,Rm121 Gardner MA 01440 978-630-4058 www.gardner-ma.gov

Hardwick Municipal Office Building

307 Main Street, P.O. Box 575 Gilbertville MA 01031 413-477-6197 admin@townofhardwick.com

Hubbardston Town Hall

7 Main Street Hubbardston MA 01452 978-928-1400 202 clerk@hubbardstonma.us

Lancaster Town Hall

695 Main Street Lancaster MA 01523 978-365-3326 ext.1013 www.ci.lancaster.ma.us

Leominster City Hall

25 West Street Leominster MA 01453 978-534-7536 www.leominster-ma.gov

New Braintree Town Hall

20 Memorial Dr New Braintree MA 01531 508-867-2071 www.newbraintree.org

Oakham Town Hall

2 Coldbrook Road Oakham MA 01068 508-882-5549 305

Petersham Town Hall

3 South Main Street
Petersham MA 01366
978-724-3353
petershamtownclerk@verizon.net

Royalston Town Hall

Whintney Hall. 5 School Street S. Royalston MA 978-249-0493 townclerk@royalstonma.gov

Westminster Town Hall

11 South Street Westminster MA 01473 978-874-7436 www.westminster-ma.org

Town Information

Winchendon Town Hall

109 Front Street Winchendon MA 01475 978-297-2766 www.townofwinchendon.com closed on fridays

News

Clinton Item

156 Church Street Clinton MA 01510 978-368-0176 www.clintonitem.com

Clinton Mass. Online

www.clintonmass.com

Fitchburg Pride

PO Box 951 Fitchburg MA 01420 978-534-6006 www.fitchburgpride.com

Leominster Champion

285 Central Street, Ste. 202B Leominster MA 01453 978-534-6006 www.leominsterchampion.com

Winchendon Online Newsletter

www.townofwinchendon.com

Veterans Services

General

Coming Together Around Military Families

www.zerotothree.org

A partnership between Zero to Three and the US Department of Defense which brings trainings to military families which help young children and families experienceing trauma, grief or loss as the result of a service member's deployment.

Military OneSource

800-342-9647

www.militaryonesource.com

A resource for military members, spouses and families, available 24/7 that is prepaid by US Department of Defense. Offers help with childcare, relocation, financial and legal concerns as well as everyday issues and more.

National Military Family Association (NMFA)

2500 North VanDorn Street, Suite 102 Alexandria VA 22302 info@militaryfamily.org

An organization dedicated to imporving lives of offers and enlisted families in all brances of the service.

Veteran Hospice Homestead

69 High Street Fitchburg MA 01420 978-353-0234

www.veteranhomestead.org

Provides transitional housing, homeless shelter for the terminally ill. Includes case management, advocacy, food, basic medical and mental health assistance and peer counseling.

VISN 1: VA New England Health Care System

200 Spring Road, Building 61 Bedford MA 01730 781-687-4821

Provides quality healthcare and related services to eligible New England veterans at its 8 medical centers and 35 outpatient clinics.

Local Veterans Agent

Barre Veterans Services

352 Town Farm Road Barre MA 01005 978-355-5024 8

Veterans Services Officer

32 Main Street
Ashburnham MA 01430
978-630-4017 ext8

Veterans Services Officer

14 Wallace Ave Fitchburg MA 01420 978-829-1797

Veterans Services Officer

95 Pleasant Street, Room 13 Gardner MA 01440 978-630-4017

Veterans Services Officer

25 West Street Leominster MA 01453 978-534-7538

Veterans Services Officer

Town Hall, 109 Front Street Winchendon MA 01475 978-297-0500

Veterans Services

State

Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services

600 Washington Street, Floor 7th Boston MA 02111 888-844-2838 617-210-5480 MDVS@vet.state.ma.us

DVS serves as an advocate for Massachusetts veterans and their families in securing federal compensation and other benefits.

Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery

111 Glenallen Street Winchendon MA 01475 978-297-9501

Cemetery serving Massachusetts' eligible veterans and their families. There is no fee for a veteran's burial and a nominal feel for burial of spouses and qualified dependents

Statewide Advocacy for Veterans Empowerment (SAVE)

600 Washington Street, Floor 7th Boston MA 02111 888-844-2838 617-210-5743

The DVS and MA Department of Public Health offer this program for the prevention of suicide and mental health awareness.

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Criterion Wachusett Early Intervention Program

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Minuteman ARC for Human Services

Head Start

Clinton Head Start Program

MOC Child Care and Head Start Services

Winchendon Head Start Program

Local Early Education & Care (EEC) Contacts

Ashburnham-Westminster Community Partnership for Children

Clinton Community Partnerships for Children

Leominster Project Apples, CFCE

MOC Community Partnership for Children/Fitchburg

MOC Community Partnership for Children/Quabbin

MOC Community Partnership Gardner

MOC Early Literacy and CFCE

Nashoba Community Partnerships for Children

Valuing Our Children Athol/Royalston

Wachusett Coordinated Family & Community Engagement Program

Winchendon Community Partnerships for Children

Parent/Child Programs

Clinton/Lancaster Parent Child Home Program

Fitchburg Parent Child Home Program

Franklin Community Action Corporation

Leominster Parent Child Home Program

Lunenburg Family , Community Engagement

North Quabbin Family Network, Valuing Our Children

North Worcester County Healthy Families

Quabbin Parent Child Home Program

Play Groups

Bolton Play Group

Fitchburg Community Partnership

Gardner Community Play Group

Little Learners Book Club

Little Seedlings: Project Apples, CFCE

Play School (Clinton Community Partnerships for Children)

Stow Area Parent Network

The Moms Club of Lancaster & Sterling

Resources & Referrals

Child Care Connection

Child Care Resources

State

Mass. Department of Early Education & Care

Education/Training: Adults

Adult Education

ALFA (Adult Learning/Fitchburg Area)

Cleghorn Neighborhood Center

Clinton Adult Learning Center

Minuteman ARC for Human Services

Mount Wachusett Community College Devens Learning Center

Career Training

Career Center of North Central Massachusetts

Franklin County Community Development Corporation

Franklin/Hampshire Career Center

North Quabbin School to Careers Partnership

Workforce Central Career Center

Colleges/Universities

Anna Maria College

Fitchburg State University

Mount Wachusett Community College

N. Quabbin Comm Action Corp

Continuing Education

Assabet After Dark

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical Continuing Education

Education: Private Schools

Private School

Applewild

Browning Elementary / South Lancaster Academy

Cottage Hill Academy

Cushing Academy

New River Academy

Notre Dame Preparatory School

Our Lady of Holy Rosary Elementary School

Sacred Heart of Jesus Elementary School

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St. Bernard's Elementary School

St. Leo's School

The Village School

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Winchendon School

Education: Public Schools

Districts & Charter Schools

Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School District

Athol Royalston Public School District

Ayer Shirley Regional Public Schools

Clinton Public Schools

Fitchburg Public Schools

Francis W. Parker Charter Essential School

Gardner Public Schools

Leominster Public Schools

Narraganset Regional Public Schools

Nashoba Regional Schools

Quabbin Public School District

Sizer School, a North Central Charter Essential School

Wachusett Regional School District

Winchendon Public Schools

Vocational

Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School

Baypath Regional Vocational School

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School

Education: Special Education Programs

Special Needs

Caldwell Alternative School

Caldwell Elementary School

CAPS Alternative Jr. Sr. High

CAPS Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program (DHHP)

CAPS Educational Collaborative

CAPS Gateway

CAPS Horizons I

CAPS Horizons II

CAPS Odyssey

CAPS Rainbow

CAPS Sr. Pathways

Devereux School

Dr. Franklin Perkins School

Eagle Hill School

Ellen Bigelow School

FLLAC Collaborative

Lipton Academy School

RFK Lancaster School

Stetson School

Emergency Support

General

American Red Cross

Care Service Project

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities, Refugee Resettlement Program

Christ Episcopal Church

Community Services of SDA

Distrigas Application

Gardner Community Action Committee

GVNA Community Services

Jewish Family Services of Metrowest

Lutheran Social Services of New England

Mass. Department of Transitional Assistance

Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers

Refugee and Immigrant Assistance Center

Salvation Army Corps & Community Centers

St Vincent De Paul Society - Sacred Heart Church

Urban Missionaries of Our Lady of Hope

WHEAT/United Way Community Services

Winchendon Community Action Council

Housing/Shelters

Department of Housing and Community Development

Friendly House Shelter

Horizons for Homeless Children

Lutheran Community Services of Southern New England, Inc.

Massachusetts Department of Children & Families

Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network

People In Peril Shelter

Utilities

Energy & Environmental Services MOC

Fuel Assistance/Low Income Heating Assistance

Good Neighbor Energy Fund

New England Farm Workers Council (NEFWC)

North Quabbin Energy

Violence/Abuse

Battered Women's Resources, Inc.

Battered Women's Shelter & Support

Battered Women's Shelters and Services

Childhelp USA National Child Abuse Hotline

Community Healthlink/Worcester Youth & Family Services

Daybreak Resources for Women and Children, Inc

Domestic Violence Ended (Dove) Youth Hotline

Domestic Violence Shelter & Support Hot Line

Enough Abuse/Mass. Citizens for Children (MassKids)

Mass. Department of Children and Families (DCF)

Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC)

National Domestic Violence Hot Line

Parent & Children's Services/ Parental Stress Line

Rape Crisis Center

Rape Crisis Center, Central MA

YOU, Inc.

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Adult Mixed Softball Association

Central MA Basketball

North Central Basketbal

Semi Pro Baseball

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Camp Kidoodles

Camp Putnam

Camp Sabra PreK

Cricket Corner Camp/Orchard Hills Athletic Club

Davis Farmland/Junior Farmer Day Camps

Mass Audubon Sanctuary Camps

Historical

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Barre Historical Society

Bolton Historical Society Clinton Historical Society

Fitchburg Historical Society

Lancaster Historical Commission

Leominster Historical Society

Stow Historical Commission

Westminster Historical Commission

Westminster Historical Society

Winchendon Historical Society

Libraries/Literacy Services

Audio Journal

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Bigelow Free Public Library
Fitchburg Public Library
Forbush Memorial Library
Levi Heywood Memorial Library
Literacy Volunteers of Massachusetts
Massachusetts Adult Literacy Hotline

Stevens Memorial Library Thayer Memorial Library

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Currier Museum of Art

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Eco Tarium

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Fitchburg Art Museum

Frederick Historical Piano Collection

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Top Fun Aviation Toy Museum

Wallace Civic Center Worcester Art Museum

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Clinton Parks and Recreation Department

Fitchburg Recreation Department Leominster Recreation Department Sterling Recreation Department

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Anascomet Beach

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Bolton Conservation Trust

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Rutland State Park Sholan Farms

Tower Hill Botanic Garden

Wachusett Mountain State Reservation

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Greenwood Memorial Pool Complex Philip J. Weihn Memorial Pool

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Ashburnham Lions Club

Ashburnham-Westminster Rotary Club Friends of Forbush Memorial Library

Westminster Lions Club Westminster Women's Club

Theatre/Music

Barre Players Theatre Clinton Community Theatre

Cornerstone Performing Arts Center

Stratton Playhouse

Thayer Symphony Orchestra Theatre at the Mount (MWCC)

Wachusett Music
Westminster Town Band

YMCA

YMCA - Greendale Family Branch YMCA - Montachusett Regional YMCA - Wendell P Clark Memorial

Youth

American Little League Ashburnham Little League Athol-Mahar Pop Warner Babe Ruth League Barre Youth Commission Boy Scouts of America

Boys & Girls Club of North Central Mass.

Fitchburg Pop Warner

Football AFY

Gardner Little League
Giguere Gymnastics School
Girl Scouts of America

Greater Gardner Youth Hockey Gymnastics Learning Center Lassie Softball League Leominster DEK Hockey Leominster Pop Warner

Leominster Youth Soccer Association

Little League

Nashoba Baseball

Meridian Gymnastics & Youth Fitness

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Gardner WIC office

Leominster WIC office

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Children's Aid & Family Service, Inc. (CAFS)

Community Action of the North Quabbin, Inc.

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Family Services of Central Mass.

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Montachusett Opportunity Council, Inc.

North Quabbin Community Coalition

Springfield Partners for Community Action, Inc.

United Neighbors of Cleghorn (Cleghorn Neighborhood Center)

Worcester Community Action Council, Inc. (WCAC)

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Compassionate Friends

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Athol Housing Authority

Barre Housing Authority

Clinton Housing Authority

Fitchburg Housing Authority

Gardner Housing Authority

Greater Gardner Community Development Corporation

Habitat for Humanity, North Central Massachusetts

Lancaster Housing Authority

Leominster Housing Authority

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RCAP Solutions, Inc.

Winchendon Housing Authority

Mental Health

Call2Talk

Heywood Hospital

Milford Regional Medical Center

South Bay Mental Health Center

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Parent/Child Programs

Athol Parent Child Home Program
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Franklin Community Action Corporation
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North Quabbin Family Network, Valuing Our Children

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Gardner Farmers Market

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Barre Food Bank

Christ Episcopal Church

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Ginny's Helping Hands Food Pantry

Highland Baptist Church

Lighthouse Food Pantry

Ruth's Harvest Pantry, United Methodist Church

Rutland Food Pantry

Salvation Army Food Pantry

Sharing Cupboard Food Pantry

St. Joseph's Food Pantry

Stow Food Pantry

Tri-Parish Community Church Food Bank

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St. Vincent's Hospital

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UMass Memorial Medical Center

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The Legal Assistance Corporation of Central MA

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Children's Friends Society

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University of Massachusetts Medical Center Dept. of Developmental

and Behavioral Pediatrics

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Center for Living and Working

Children's Aid and Family Services

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Family Services of Central Mass.

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Mass. Department of Mental Health

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Barre Council on Aging

Clinton Council on Aging

Fitchburg Senior Center

Gardner Council on Aging

Holden Senior Center

Lancaster Council on Aging

Leominster Council on Aging

Lunenburg Council on Aging

MOC Elder Services, Senior Center

Princeton Council on Aging

Sterling Council on Aging

Westminster Council on Aging

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National Resource Center on AD/HD

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Asperger's Association of N.E.

Asperger's Support Group

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The ARC Opportunity in North Central Mass

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Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School District

Athol Royalston Public Schools

Aver Shirley Regional Public Schools

Berlin-Bolylston Regional School District

Clinton Public Schools

Fitchburg Public Schools

Gardner Public Schools

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Leominster Public Schools

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Family Information Needs Collection

Federation for Children with Special Needs

Greater Athol Area Advocates for Families with Special Needs

State Agencies

Mass. Advocacy Center

Mass. Department of Developmental Services

Mass. Department of Education

Mass. Department of Mental Health

Mass. Development Disabilities Council

Town Information

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Ashburnham Town Hall

Athol Town Hall

Barre Town Hall

Bolton Town Hall

Clinton Town Hall

Fitchburg City Hall

Gardner City Hall

Hardwick Municipal Office Building

Hubbardston Town Hall

Lancaster Town Hall

Leominster City Hall

New Braintree Town Hall

Oakham Town Hall Petersham Town Hall Royalston Town Hall Westminster Town Hall Winchendon Town Hall

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Local Veterans Agent

Barre Veterans Services Veterans Services Officer

State

Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery Statewide Advocacy for Veterans Empowerment (SAVE)



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- ✓ Family education, early literacy, and child development information and resources.
- √ Family activities and community events.
- ✓ Opportunities for parents/quardians to network with other parents/quardians.
- ✓ Assistance in accessing high quality early education & care or after school programs.
- ✓ Transition supports that address the needs of children and families, including school readiness activities.
- ✓ Assistance in accessing health and developmental screenings.
- ✓ Leadership opportunities for parents/guardians.
- ✓ Local early childhood councils.

For more information:

Contact your local CFCE office, found on page 2 of this guide.