



# **Community Resource Guide**

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## **CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES**

### **Community Action—Child Care Centers**

**270-782-3162**

**921 Beauty Avenue**

**Bowling Green, KY 42102**

Community Action Child Care Centers provides a clean, safe, affordable child care services for age appropriate education in a learning through play environment with caring, trained staff and nutritious meals. Age of children accepted varies by center. Locations of centers: Little Scholars—701 Brownslock Road #809, Bowling Green, KY 42010; Warren County Head Start and Child Care—200 East 4th Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101; 210 Main Street Brownsville, KY 42210. Education and Human Services Center—200 East Main Street Bowling Green, KY 42101; Downtown Transit Center—304 East 11th St. Bowling Green, KY 42101; Resource Development Center—171 Center St. Bowling Green, KY 42101.

### **Community Action—Family Nurturing (Community Collaborations for Children & Access to Visitation)**

**270-782-3162**

**921 Beauty Avenue**

**Bowling Green, KY 42102**

Community Collaborations for Children provides enhancement and preventative services to families in crisis or children at risk of abuse or neglect. Services include In Home Services, Parenting Classes and the CCC Regional Network. Access to Visitation provides support and facilitates non-custodial parents' access to and visitation of their children. Services include Supervised Visitation, Therapeutic Monitoring, and Neutral Drop Off/Pick-Up.

### **Department for Community Based Services—Family Support**

**270-746-7447**

**356 Suwanee Trail Street**

**Bowling Green, KY 42103**

DCBS Family Support provides food stamp benefits, Medicaid and other medical benefits for the elderly, medical transportation, K-chip and Kinship Care, KTAP, KY Works Program and KPC.

### **Department of Community Based Services—Protection and Permanency**

**270-746-7447**

**356 Suwanee Trail Street**

**Bowling Green, KY 42103**

DCBS Protection & Permanency provides child protection, adult protection, and foster care and adoption services.

**Family Enrichment Center, Inc.**

**270-781-6714**

**1133 Adams Street**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

Family Enrichment Center is empowering families and preventing child abuse by providing education, social support, crisis intervention, and a safe environment for children and their families. Services include Wee Care Nursery full-time, part-time, and free crisis, drop-in child-care, Parent Education, Home Visitation Program, supervised visitation, Adoption Resource Center, Parents as Teachers, Crisis Child Care, parent support groups, and child abuse community awareness.

**Lifeskills Adult Crisis Stabilization Unit**

**270-901-5000**

**822 Woodway Drive**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

This program is designed to provide short-term (3-5 day) crisis stabilization services for people in a mental health crisis. Admission is voluntary and the unit is seclusion and restraint free. To maintain safety at this level of care, the consumer must be capable of contracting for safety, follow direction, and be medically stable. Walk-in services are also available. The major function of the ACSU include providing stabilization services to consumers in crisis which will assist them in their return to a pre-crisis level of functioning, assisting consumers and family members in resolving issues/situations that may have precipitated the crisis, and providing linkage with community services to facilitate an increase in community tenure. Each resident has access to a mental health professional, individual and group therapy, and the opportunity to be involved in the development of his or her own personal treatment plan.

**Lifeskills Child & Family Center**

**270-901-5000**

**380 Suwanee Trail Street**

**Bowling Green, KY 42103**

Lifeskills Child & Family provides counseling, case management, and assessments for child mental health clientele in home, office, or school settings.

**Lifeskills Child Crisis and Stabilization Unit**

**270-901-5712**

**501 Chestnut Street**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

Lifeskills Child Crisis Stabilization provides a 24-hour crisis stabilization program for child mental health clientele ages 7 to 17 in a very informal, non-threatening environment.

**Lifeskills Park Place Recovery Center****270-901-5000****822 Woodway Drive****Bowling Green, KY 42101**

Park Place Recovery Center is a residential, 16 bed, co-ed treatment facility where women and men are housed separately. It offers non-medical detox services, psychotherapy, parenting and educational groups, individual counseling, medical lectures, gender specific, 12-step groups and after care services. Park Place is open to all residents of the 10-county BRADD area. Other Kentucky State residents will be admitted with a referral.

**Lifeskills Regional Prevention Center****270-901-5000****380 Suwanee Trail Street****Bowling Green, KY 42103**

Lifeskills Regional Prevention Center provides information, educational programs, and technical assistance on tobacco, drugs, and violence for at risk youth and adults; also provides substance abuse prevention coordination for ASAP (Agency for Substance Abuse Policy).

**Lifeskills Service Center****270-901-5000****380 Suwanee Trail Street****Bowling Green, KY 42103**

Lifeskills Service Center provides counseling, case management, and therapeutic rehabilitation for adult mental health clientele; also has a Home Shelter program to aid with housing needs, a Supported Employment program, and outpatient substance abuse services.

**Lifeskills Supports for Community Living****270-901-5000****380 Suwanee Trail Street****Bowling Green, KY 42103**

Lifeskills Supports for Community Living serves individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to provide them with whatever services they may need.

### **Lifeskills Therapeutic Foster Care**

**270-901-5000**

**380 Suwanee Trail Street**

**Bowling Green, KY 42103**

Lifeskills TFC program is designed to provide care for children who have complex emotional needs requiring special parenting skills. Children placed in TFC homes can include boys or girls of any age and race. They may have had relationship problems in the community, in their families, or in school. Many are victims of neglect: social, physical, emotional or sexual abuse. They are in need of quality foster care in order to present placement in a residential facility or psychiatric hospital.

### **Potter's Children's Home and Family Ministries**

**270-843-3038**

**2350 Nashville Road**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

Potter Children's Home provides several services to children and families in need. All referrals are private and no fees are charged for services. Residential Foster Care (children 6-18 years old), Single Parent Alliance for Raising Kids family ministry, foster care, adoption, and Christian counseling services are offered. Our mission is to be a tool in the hands of supporting Churches of Christ and individual Christians to deliver God's justice and mercy to children and families in need.

### **Pregnancy Support Center, Inc.**

**270-781-5050**

**1439 Magnolia Street**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

Pregnancy Support Center provides pregnancy testing with positive referrals, help with maternity and infant/toddler clothes, parenting training, baby showers, counseling, and educational information.

### **The Kidz Club**

**270-746-0333 or 1-888-902-5439**

**1347 KY HWY 185, Suite 2**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

**[www.thekidzclub.com](http://www.thekidzclub.com)**

**Savannah Mills**

**[savannah@thekidzclub.com](mailto:savannah@thekidzclub.com)**

The Kidz Club provides quality daytime nursing care in a fun, stimulating environment for children from birth up to 21 years of age with a medical diagnosis that requires skilled nursing. TKC is a Medicaid Licensed Prescribed Pediatric Extended (PPEC) Center.

## **UK Targeted Assessment Program**

**270-746-7125/270-746-7447 (ext 3229 or 3235)**

**356 Suwanee Trail Street**

**Bowling Green, KY 42103**

UK Targeted Assessment provides screening interviews, consultation with other service providers, referrals, home visits, one on one assistance to help client obtain services, assessments for domestic violence, mental health, learning problems, and substance abuse.

## **WKU Child Care Resource and Referral**

**270-745-2216**

**Jones Jagers Hall, WKU**

**1905 College Heights Blvd # 11031**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

**For families we:** Help you find child care that meets your needs. Provide information about resources to pay for child care. Give you information to help you as you make decisions about child care. Connect you with advocacy activities Answer your questions about young children.

**For early childhood professionals we:** Provide monthly workshops. Have a resource library of books, videos, and toys. Provide consultation on quality initiatives, such as accreditation. Publish a monthly newsletter. Answer your questions about working with young children.

**For business and industry we:** Conduct a needs assessment of your employees. Provide training on parenting and child care issues for your employees. Provide articles about parenting and child care to include in your company newsletter or bulletin boards. Provide enhanced referrals to help your employees find dependable and high quality child care. Assist you with setting up a company child care program or building partnerships with existing child care programs.

**For our communities we:** Gather information about the child care needs and resources. Collaborate with other agencies by serving on committees and boards, including announcements in our newsletter or web page, connecting parents and professionals to the right agency for services, and co-sponsoring events. Provide information about how to start a child care business. Submit early care and education related to articles to newspapers and newsletters. Create early care and education related public service announcements.

## **WKU Child Care Centers**

**270-745-4042**

**125 Jones Jagers Hall**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

WKU Child Care Centers operates a combination early Head Start, Head Start, and nonprofit child care program for children six weeks to five years old. Open to University and community members.

## **DISABILITY SERVICES**

### **EvergreenLife Services**

**270-846-0565**

**1128 S Park Drive**

**Bowling Green, KY 42104**

Evergreen Life Services has provided community-based care and support for many people with intellectual or developmental disabilities, and elderly services, over the years. By offering services, such as assisted and independent living support, skill enhancement, behavioral support, health and wellness, respite care, and vocational training, several of our clients have shared their success stories with us, and would like to share their testimonials with you.

### **South Central Kentucky Council of the Blind (SCKCB)**

**270-782-9325**

**1441 Boulder Court**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

**Email: [sckcb@sckcb.org](mailto:sckcb@sckcb.org)**

**Website: <http://www.sckcb.org>**

SCKCB provides personal and family support for people who are losing or have lost their eyesight, including independent living skills, advocacy, resources for all types of low-vision and blind-related devices, products, and services, and a very liberal grant program for obtaining such products and services. We hold regular meetings featuring exhibitions and the latest information on the availability of new products and services, fun activities, and strong, positive support or people who are losing their eyesight or with low-vision, or individuals who are totally blind. For more information about our organization and meetings, contact Dr. Ron Milliman, President.

## **EDUCATION AND CAREER SERVICES**

### **Community Action—Literacy and Job Development**

**270-237-4149**

**25 J.L. Turner and Son Place**

**Scottsville, KY 42276**

Adult Education and Job Development provides basic literacy, GED preparation, personal life skills, and job readiness training for adults and out-of-school youth.



**Community Action—Head Start Program**

**270-782-3162**

**921 Beauty Avenue**

**Bowling Green, KY 42102**

Community Action Head Start provides a comprehensive child development program for 3-4 year old low-income special needs children. The children and families receive services in education, health, nutrition, social, special needs, and parent involvement. Location of Centers: EHS 200 East Fourth Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101; Resource and Development Center, 171 Center Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101; and Little Scholars for Warren County. For more information about all 10 locations, visit [www.casoky.org](http://www.casoky.org).

**Job Junction**

**T.J. Shockley-Hunt**

**Goodwill**

**1806 US HWY 31W Bypass**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

**270-746-3148**

**[Tj.shockley-hunt@goodwillky.org](mailto:Tj.shockley-hunt@goodwillky.org)**

Job Junction is a free resource providing access to opportunities and positions that many job seekers have difficulty finding on their own. We can help you every step of the way, from preparing your resume to practicing for interviews and finding job openings. We maintain a large database of leads for job seekers. The Job Junction team will help you find flexible assignments, long-term opportunities or full-time positions according to your individual needs.

**Kentucky Job Corps— Western Kentucky Region**

**270-889-0740**

**Cell 270-925-1995**

**Outreach and Admissions Counselor: Karen Ellis**

**3875 State Route Highway 181**

**North Greenville, KY 42345**

**Great Onyx Job Corps**  
**3115 Ollie Ridge Rd.**  
**Mammoth Cave, KY 42259-7983**  
**270-286-4514**  
**Wwww.jobcorps.gov**

Job Corps is a rewarding U.S. Department of Labor Program serving individuals between the ages of 16 through 24\* that are ready to work toward a successful future. Job Corps' free education and career training program offers hands-on career training and education to prepare you for a good job. The Job Corps Program is available at no cost to income-eligible young people. There are seven Job Corps Centers throughout the state of Kentucky that offer a variety of trades, recreational activities and life-changing experience. Being a Job Corps graduate will open many doors for you and help guide you through to reaching your dreams. A person is eligible for Job Corps if he or she meets the following criteria: Is a legal U.S. resident: lawfully admitted permanent resident alien, refugee, asylee, or other immigrant who has been authorized by the U.S. territory, meets low-income criteria, is in need of additional technical training, education, counseling, or related assistance to complete schoolwork or to find and keep a job, has signed consent from a parent or guardian if he or she is a minor, has a child care plan if he or she is the parent of a dependent child, does not exhibit behavioral problems that could keep him, her, or others from experiencing Job Corps' full benefits, does not require any face-to-face court or institutional supervision or court-imposed fines while enrolled in Job Corps, and does not use drugs illegally.

**Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College—Warren County Adult Education**  
**270-901-1017**  
**1845 Loop Dr.**  
**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

Warren County Adult Education is located on the main Campus of South Central Kentucky Community and Technical College. The Center's services include: GED Preparation, ESL, EL/citizenship preparation, basic literacy, NCRC (National Career Readiness Certificate), employability skills training (include resume writing, letter application, job interview skills, etc.), refresher classes for students entering post-secondary education, and basic computer skills. Students must be 16 years or older. We have classes at South Central Kentucky Community and Technical College (day and evening), and Warren County Regional Jail. All services are free of charge.

## **Lifeskills Industries**

**270-901-5000**

**2420 Russellville Rd.**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

Lifeskills Industries provides community employment services for people ages 16 and older with a mild to severe disability; Consists of vocational evaluation, job preparation services, School-to-Work program, employment options services, individualized screening, job development opportunities, and follow-up services.

## **Educational Opportunity Centers**

**270-745-4441**

**Jones Jagers Hall Room 107, WKU**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

**Website: [www.wku.edu/eoc](http://www.wku.edu/eoc)**

EOC, which is one of the TRIO programs, serves individuals interested in continuing education and can provide them with educational information, Financial Aid information, referral services, application assistance, academic advising, career counseling and workshops; preference given to those individuals who do not hold a four-year degree, are first generation college students, or have low income.

## **Western Kentucky University Literacy Center**

**270-745-4324**

**1083A GRH, WKU Bowling Green, KY 42101**

Western Kentucky University Literacy Center provides personal, individualized diagnostic evaluation and continuing intervention to students in 1st through 12th grades and adult learners to foster the enjoyment of reading.

## **FOOD AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE**

### **SOKY Patriots Inc.**

**Tim Allen - President**

**PO Box 417 Smiths Grove, KY 42171**

**270-535-9161**

**E-mail: [sokypatriots@gmail.com](mailto:sokypatriots@gmail.com)**

**Website: [sokypatriots.org](http://sokypatriots.org)**

**Facebook: [@sokypatriotsinc](https://www.facebook.com/sokypatriotsinc)**

SOKY Patriots Inc. is a nonprofit organization that provides various services; Medical Mobility Equipment Loan Program, Medical Supply Recovery Program, Senior Food Box Program, Rural Food Outreach Program, Warren County Backpack Food Program of Feeding America (serves Warren County and Bowling Green City Schools), and Mobile Pantry Services (Smiths Grove Baptist Church).

**American Red Cross**

**270-781-7377**

**428 Center Street**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

ARC coordinates disaster services, health and safety services, services to military families and veterans, international tracing services, and blood services. The American Red Cross provides Temporary Disaster Housing from Discovery to Recovery.

**Barren River Area Safe Space**

**270-843-1183**

BRASS provides emergency shelter, food, clothing, counseling, case management, court advocacy, children's services, and referrals to other agencies for victims of domestic violence.

**Broadway United Methodist Church**

**270-843-3942**

**1323 Melrose Street**

**Bowling Green, KY**

Broadway provides limited food baskets. All other materials assistance is provided through HOTEL INC.

**Churches United in Christ Help Ministry**

Churches United is a joint ministry of downtown Bowling Green churches, providing assistance with utilities and other crisis matters.

**First Baptist Church**

**270-842-0331**

**621 East 12th Avenue**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

Helping Hands Ministry: Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to Noon. Applicants are requested to provide a picture ID and assistance is available once a month. Applicants will be invited to speak with a church counselor to discuss spiritual issues/questions, church involvement and to share in a time of prayer.

### **Community Action—LIHEAP**

**270-782-3162**

**921 Beauty Avenue**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

LIHEAP provides assistance with heating, e.g., gas, electric, propane and wood.

### **Hope House Ministries**

**270-904-1200**

**112 W 10th Avenue**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

**Website: [hopehousebg.com](http://hopehousebg.com)**

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9AM-4PM; Community Store Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10AM-4PM Hope House offers two bible-based training programs throughout the year to prepare individuals for a job by teaching such things as networking, interviewing, and resume building skills, and financial planning. Our ministry includes the Advocacy Program for crisis relief, Re-demption Recovery for those with addictions, Sewing for Hope, Affordable Christmas and our Community Store.

### **HOTEL INC - Food Pantry**

We are partnering with all people that are in need of our food pantry. Staff is available to meet and assess individual circumstances. Our hope is to address the obstacles that are keeping you from independence and healthy options. We can help you connect to resources and gain skills to improve your situation.

\*Program runs at a limited capacity. Call the office to see if there is an opening and fill out a partnership application to see if you qualify. 270-782-1263

### **Salvation Army**

**270-843-3485**

**400 W. Main Street**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

Primary role of the Salvation Army is to provide shelter and food to those in need, as well as make referrals to other community services; transportation vouchers, heating assistance when funds are available.

### **Social Security Administration**

**877-801-0817**

**2724 Chandler Drive**

**Bowling Green, KY 42104**

SSA administers various programs under the Social Security Act, including retirement, disability, survivors and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

**St. Vincent DePaul**

**St. Joseph Conference**

**270-393-9800**

**1133 Adams Street—The Tomorrow Center Building**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

St. Vincent DePaul provides financial aid for utilities, prescription medication and shelter at the Salvation Army; provides food, clothing and household items as needed. Donations accepted are clothing, furniture, household items, small appliances, vehicles and other items. The recycling of these items helps the St. Vincent De Paul Society provide a variety of services and assistance for needy individuals and families in Warren County.

**St. Vincent DePaul**

**Holy Spirit Conference**

**270-781-0432**

**4754 Smallhouse Road**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

Available to provide or receive assistance Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30AM-2:00PM. Provides food, clothing and household items as needed.

**United Way 2-1-1**

**April Owens**

**270-843-3205 ext.1012**

**[aowens@uwsk.org](mailto:aowens@uwsk.org)**

2-1-1 is a powerful resource for help and hope to any community. It is the place to contact for help when you don't know where to go for help. At the end of the phone line, there is a compassionate person helping to improve a life, transform a family or change a community...one contact at a time. 2-1-1 is core to the mission of United Way and integral to community impact. Individuals can contact us by dialing 2-1-1, dialing our toll-free number 1-844-966-0906, or by texting their zip code to 898-211.

**Warren County Welfare Center**

**429 E. 10th Street**

**270-843-5340**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

Welfare Center provides rent and utility assistance.

## **Local schools that provide material assistance to students and families**

- Alvaton Elementary Family Resource Center—270-846-1231
- Bowling Green High Youth Services Center - 270-746-2304
- Bowling Green Junior High Youth Services Center - 270-746-2294
- Briarwood Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-782-5554
- Bristow Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-843-4098
- Cumberland Trace Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-781-6651
- Dishman-McGinnis Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-746-2254
- Drakes Creek Middle School Youth Services Center - 270-467-0262
- Henry Moss Middle Youth Service Center - 270-843-2172
- Lost River Elementary Family Resource Center – 270-746-0427
- North Warren Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-563-9857
- Oakland Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-563-9886
- Parker-Bennett Curry Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-746-2274
- Plano Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-467-0816
- Potter Gray Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-746-2234
- Rich Pond Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-843-4422
- Richardsville Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-777-3678
- Rockfield Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-843-2724
- South Warren Middle and High School Youth Service Center – 270-467-7510
- T.C. Cherry Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-746-2234
- W. R. McNeil Family Resource Center - 270-746-2264
- Warren Central High Youth Services Center - 270-781-0903
- Warren East High Youth Service Center - 270-781-9875
- Warren East Middle Youth Service Center - 270-843-3118
- Warren Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-843-3503
- William H. Natcher Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-842-3178

## HEALTH

**Alcoholics Anonymous 270-782-5267**  
**270-842-9017**  
**1013 E 13th Ave**  
**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

Alcoholics Anonymous - Open meetings for anyone who wants to know more about alcoholism. Closed meetings are for members only. There are many times and locations for meetings. Call for more information on AA or on the following support groups: Alateen, Al-Anon and Parents of Alcoholic Children.

**Barren River District Health Department**  
**270-781-8039**  
**1109 State Street**  
**Bowling Green, KY 42101**  
**[www.barrenriverhealth.org](http://www.barrenriverhealth.org)**

BRDHD provides community health services, immunizations, preventive clinical services, environmental health services, and health information services. Provides services to: Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Hart, Logan, Metcalfe, Simpson & Warren Counties.

**Community Action - Kynect**  
**270-782-3162**  
**921 Beauty Avenue**  
**Bowling Green, KY 42102**

The Kynect program utilizes In Person Assisters (Kynectors) who assist individuals and families in the application process for Medicaid, KCHIP and Health Insurance plans through the Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange. Kynectors provide outreach, education and enrollment services for those that need health insurance coverage and/or those trying to keep their family covered. Services offered in Community Services location in the 10 county area.

**Commonwealth Health Free Clinic**  
**270-781-9260 (Medical)**  
**270-781-9687 (Dental)**  
**740 East 10th Street**  
**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

CHC Free Clinic provides basic medical and dental services to individuals who are in the workforce but do not have insurance or any form of social assistance and do not have the means to pay for their healthcare; income guidelines vary per program please call for more information.



**Fairview Community Health Clinic  
270-783-3573**

**225 Natchez Trace  
Bowling Green, KY 42103**

Fairview is a community-oriented facility providing financially and culturally accessible healthcare for the diverse population in Warren and surrounding counties in South Central Kentucky. Bosnian and Spanish translators are available. Comprehensive medical care including well child, lab and preventive care are available. Fee determined by household income.

**Hearing Loss Association of America: Bowling Green Chapter**

**Donna Woods, 270-782-7329  
Jeannie Taylor, 270-779-0242  
www.hearinglosskyhome.org  
E-mail: infobg@hlaa-ky.org**

HAAA is a self-help organization dedicated to education, advocacy and support for people who do not hear well and those around them. All meetings are free and open to the public. HAAA/HAAAABGC does not endorse one technology over another. We provide information about all types of technology to our members and to anyone with hearing loss looking for help.

**Matthew 25 AIDS Services, Inc.  
270-826-0200  
452 Old Corydon Road Henderson, KY 42420**

Matthew 25 AIDS Services, Inc. supports, educates and treats those infected and affected with HIV/AIDS. In the Bowling Green area we provide care coordination services to HIV positive individuals. Additionally, we facilitate a support group and a food voucher program for those infected with HIV/AIDS. Community education opportunities are also available.

**Narcotics Anonymous – 1-800-407-7193  
P.O. Box 1671, Bowling Green, Kentucky, United States, 42102-1671**

Narcotics Anonymous is an international, community-based association of recovering drug addicts with more than 31,000 weekly meetings in over 100 countries worldwide.

**National Alliance for the Mentally Ill- NAMI-Bowling Green Affiliate  
(270) 796-2600  
428 Center Street  
Bowling Green, KY 42101**

NAMI-Bowling Green -- A Grassroots Voice on Mental Illness -- Representing South Central Kentucky. Support for individuals with a mental illness and also a support group for family member and friends of those with a mental illness; we utilize volunteers for community activities. Individuals Groups with a mental illness and Family Support Groups meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the address below. Information about bipolar illness & schizophrenia can be found on [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org) website. Additional information about schizophrenia can be found in Schizophrenia Digest. To subscribe, please visit [www.schizophreniadigest.com](http://www.schizophreniadigest.com) or call 1-888-834-5537.

## **HOUSING AND SHELTERS**

### **Barren River Area Safe Space**

**270-781-9334 / 270-843-1183 (CRISIS LINE)**

Provides temporary to permanent emergency shelter, food, clothing, counseling, case management, court advocacy, children's services, and referrals to other agencies for victims of domestic violence.

### **City of Bowling Green Neighborhood & Community Services Department**

**270-393-3444**

**171 Center Street**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

The Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) program is a federally funded program administered within the City Limits of Bowling Green. The primary goal of Section 8 is rental assistance to persons of very low income, allowing them to rent existing permanent market housing that is decent, safe, and sanitary. The program follows federal regulations as well as local policy. Individual subsidy is calculated using household income and the Fair Market Rent standards published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

### **Community Action - Community Services Block Grant**

**270-393-3659**

**171 Center Street and 200 East 4th Street  
Bowling Green, KY 42101**

CSBG provides services to people in need regarding employment, education, permanent housing, self-sufficiency, emergency services, community participation, and economic development so that living conditions can be improved; other programs managed through this office include the Supportive Housing Program, the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), the CSBG Garden Program, scholarships, and the Emergency Food & Shelter Program.

### **Community Action—Weatherization Assistance Programs/CARES**

**270-782-3162**

**921 Beauty Avenue**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

Weatherization provides energy conservation improvements to the dwelling of low-income families residing in poorly insulated homes, which are designed to make homes safer and provide healthier living environments for families. This program is for home owners only.

Weatherization and CARES provide benefits to eligible households in the form of energy conservation improvements to the dwelling to reduce energy costs and give the occupants a safer and healthier environment. Funding sources include the Department of Energy, Atmos Gas Cares, WRECC and FRECC. To qualify, total annual household income must be at or below 200% of the federal income guidelines of the current year.

**Habitat for Humanity****270-901-0150****1232 B Adams St  
Bowling Green, KY 42101  
Website: hfhbgwc.org**

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian organization that partners with low-income families to build new homes. This is a hand-up program, not a hand-out program which allows the homeowner to be involved in the actual permanent construction of the home, and in return, the family receives an interest-free mortgage for the home.

**HANDS – Housing Assistance & Development Services, Inc.****270-796-4176****215 East 12th Ave  
Bowling Green, KY 42101**

HANDS is a community-based organization that creates affordable housing opportunities for low to moderate income families and works to revitalize neighborhoods. Programs include homeownership counseling, multi-family housing, and foreclosure and loss mitigation counseling. HANDS creates affordable housing opportunities and counseling.

**Jesus Community Center****270-726-8547****635 E 5th St  
Russellville, KY 42276**

Jesus Community Center serves the community by offering transitional housing, shelter for the homeless, and meals to those that are in need. For more information please contact the number above.

**HOTEL INC - Preferred Tenant Program**

The Preferred Tenant Program (PTP) is an 8 week course that is structured to address housing stability through individual and group case management. Weekly workgroups navigate through the process of obtaining and maintaining safe and affordable housing. Financial assistance may be available at completion of the class.

\*PTP is offered 5 times a year. Call the front desk for information. Pre-applications are taken throughout the year. 270-782-1263

**Salvation Army****270-843-3485****400 West Main Street  
Bowling Green, KY 42101**

Primary role is to provide transitional shelter and food to those in need, as well as make referrals to other community services; transportation vouchers, heating assistance when funds are available.

## **MULTICULTURAL SERVICES**

### **Community Action-Refugee Services**

**270-783-4484**

**200 E. 4th Ave**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

#### **Wilson Fish**

Community Action's Wilson Fish Program is designed to provide short-term cash and medical assistance with comprehensive case management to newly arriving refugees without minor children and who are ineligible for other state administered public benefits (TANF) and secondary arrivals within eight months of arrive to the US. The program also assists refugees to adjust and adapt to the American workplace and ultimately achieve self-sufficiency to end their need for public assistance.

### **Target Assistance Grant (TAG)Refugee Employment Services**

Community Action's Refugee Employment Program provides employment services for eligible refugees residing in the United States more than eight months but less than five years. The Refugee Employment Program is designed to bring local employers and refugees together, matching employers with candidates who are hard-working, and providing refugees with employment opportunities and support services to help them integrate into American life.

### **International Center**

**270-781-8336**

**806 Kenton Street**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

The International Center serves area foreign-born families through advocacy, facilitation of economic self-sufficiency, and empowerment of the communities, while supporting cultural integrity and family solidarity. Services include refugee resettlement, social services, immigration assistance, interpreting/translating, English language training, citizenship education/assistance, computer skills training, job placement, advocacy, community orientation, passport/green card photos, elder and youth programs, clothes and food assistance. It is recognized by the Board of Immigration Appeals.

## **Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College (SKYCTC)**

**270-901-1000**

**1845 Loop Drive**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

This environment includes a caring and qualified staff, attractive classrooms, and state of the art equipment and materials to assist students in improving skills, obtaining a GED, earning a NCRC (formerly KEC), increasing English proficiency, enrolling in higher education, and improving skills for the ever changing job market.

## **Luz del Mundo Church**

**270-782-1630**

**9 W 12th Avenue Bowling Green, KY 42101**

A group of members provide ESL and computer classes at no cost, although donations are welcome. These classes are open to refugees and immigrants that would like to learn the English language and/or to improve their computer skills.

## **LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

### **Bowling Green Human Rights Commission, Inc.**

**270-782-7900**

**491 Double Springs Road**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

The primary mission of the Bowling Green Human Rights Commission, Inc. is to promote fair treatment and equal opportunity regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, age (over 40), sex or physical handicap. Services include a Minority job bank, fair housing ordinances, conflict/mediation and other projects.

### **Kentucky Legal Aid**

**1st Time Callers 866-452-9243/Others 270-782-1924**

**1700 Destiny Lane**

**Bowling Green, KY 42104**

The mission of Kentucky Legal Aid (KLA) is to assist and to enable low-income families, as well as the elderly, disabled and other vulnerable individuals in South Central and Western Kentucky, to resolve legal problems that are barriers to self-sufficiency, and to provide these individuals an opportunity for an improved quality of life. KLA utilizes attorneys and other staff to provide direct legal assistance; coordinates referrals to volunteer (pro bono) attorneys; and also addresses these client needs through programs for benefits counseling, domestic violence services, and housing counseling. First time caller hours—Monday–Thursday 8:30 am–6 pm. Regular business hours Monday–Friday 8:30 am–5pm.

## SENIOR SERVICES

### **Barren River Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living**

**1-800-395-7654 (out of state); 1-800-598-2381 (in state); 270-781-2381**

**177 Graham Avenue**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

Barren River Area Development District/Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living is a public, non-profit agency designated by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the Department for Aging and Independent Living to identify the needs of the elderly and disabled population throughout the ten county Barren River District. The BRADD/AAIL is responsible for developing, administering and providing in-home and community-based services that assist the elderly and disabled population to maintain their independence, dignity, and quality of life while living within their own homes, communities and least restrictive environment. In addition, the program operates the Barren River Aging and Disability Resource Center which provides information and assistance to callers regarding service needs, and provides follow up assistance if needed. BRADD service areas include Allen, Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Hart, Logan, Metcalfe, Monroe, Simpson, and Warren Counties. We offer a variety of services and contract with a variety of agencies to help serve the elderly and disabled populations.

### **Community Action - Foster Grandparent Program**

**270-782-3162**

**921 Beauty Avenue Bowling Green, KY 42101**

Seniors age 55 and over assist special needs children in the community 20 to 25 hours per week. Foster Grandparents can be placed in public schools, Head Start programs, nonprofit child cares or a juvenile group home. In return for the volunteers' time, they receive a tax-free stipend, transportation, free meals, and an annual physical exam.

### **Community Action - Retired Senior Volunteer RSVP Homeland Security Program**

**270-782-3162**

**921 Beauty Avenue**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

RSVP provides volunteer opportunities for seniors age 55 and older to serve the community in the areas of public health, public safety, disaster preparedness, and other community needs.

### **Community Action - Senior Centers**

**270-782-3162**

**200 East 4th Street & 921 Beauty Avenue Bowling Green, KY 42101**

Senior Centers provides activities and services designed to aid in the social and nutritional well-being for our senior citizens; services include meals, transportation, recreation, and health and nutrition. It is located in 10 counties.

### **South Central Kentucky Council of the Blind (SCKCB)**

**270-782-9325**

**1441 Boulder Ct. Bowling Green, KY 42104 Email: [sckcb@sckcb.org](mailto:sckcb@sckcb.org)**

**Website: <http://www.sckcb.org>**

SCKCB provides personal and family support for people who are losing or have lost their eyesight, including independent living skills, advocacy, resources for all types of low-vision and blind-related devices, products, and services, and a very liberal grant program for obtaining such products and services. We hold regular meetings featuring exhibitions and the latest information on the availability of new products and services, fun activities, and strong, positive support for people who are losing their eyesight or with low-vision, or individuals who are totally blind. For more information about our organization and meetings, contact Dr. Ron Milliman, President.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **Community Action – GO BG Transit**

**270-782-3162**

**921 Beauty Ave**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

GO BG transit provides fixed-route bus service in the city of Bowling Green. All buses are ADA accessible, and GO too ADA Complementary Paratransit service is available to eligible persons who complete the evaluation process.

## **VETERAN/MILITARY FAMILY AFFAIRS**

### **Airstreams Renewables, Inc.**

**Carl Box**

**(931) 249-0828**

**Email: [carl.box@air-streams.com](mailto:carl.box@air-streams.com)**

Accelerated certificate course leading to careers. Approved for VA benefits. 30 day Wind & Communications Tower training. Resume, interview, and placement assistance jobs available nationwide. Monthly training start dates. ACCET Federal accreditation. Recognized Nationwide.

### **American Legion Post 23**

**Commander Malcolm Cherry**

**270-781-3574**

**208 Dishman Lane Bowling Green, KY 42101**

The American Legion has a special visitation program for veterans in the nursing homes and convalescent centers in Warren County. The average number of veterans visited each month ranges from 50-60 residents. The Legion also provides travel support to veterans in the BRADD area for appointments at the VA Hospital in Nashville. Transportation occurs five days a week. Service officers are available weekly to assist veterans with benefits, issues, and other related family services (from 9AM-12PM on Thursdays.)

### **Athena's Sisters**

A connector organization that provides military women a safe space to create friendships, learn about healing resources and tell our stories through different art forms. For more information contact us via our email: [info@AthenasSisters.us](mailto:info@AthenasSisters.us) or visit our website:

[AthenasSisters.us](http://AthenasSisters.us). Check out our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com /AthenasSisters](https://www.facebook.com/AthenasSisters).

### **Barren River Area Career Centers**

**Vernetta Douglas**

**270-746-7265**

**Email: [Vernetta.douglas@ky.gov](mailto:Vernetta.douglas@ky.gov)**

Employers and employees now have access to a wide variety of important services designed to help meet their challenges all under one roof at the Barren River Area Career Centers. Through the centers, our clients have direct access to resources about everything from jobs to specialized assistance and training programs designed to improve lives, improve production and retention, and develop a world-class qualified/trained workforce.



## **Blue Star Mothers of America Western Kentucky Chapter 7**

**P.O. Box 86**

**Madisonville, KY 42431**

**Email: [wkybsma@hotmail.com](mailto:wkybsma@hotmail.com) or [donna.slaton@gmail.com](mailto:donna.slaton@gmail.com)**

Blues Star Mothers of America provides packages to deployed troops. Blue Star Mothers of America also supports the Western Kentucky Veterans Center in Hanson and assists American Legion Post 6 with Memorial Day and Veterans Day commemorations. They also sponsor Hounds 2 Heroes dogs for veterans and provide social/ networking assistance to mothers and families of service members in all branches. They continue to find new ways to support and honor veterans.

## **Bowling Green VA Clinic**

**600 US 31 West Bypass, Suite 12, Bowling Green, KY 42101**

**Phone: 270-782-0120**

Features: The Bowling Green VA Clinic provides services for veterans in Kentucky and Tennessee. Prescriptions: Routine prescriptions processed through the mail or through My HealththeVet website. Services include: Primary care, laboratory, dietician, pharmacist, state-of-the-art telemedicine services, social work, psychiatry, Veterans service officer, and mental health.

## **Brain Injury Alliance of Kentucky**

**Alex Nauert**

**Military Outreach Coordinator**

**(502) 493-0609 [alex@biak.us](mailto:alex@biak.us)**

Provides services and resources for veterans that have experienced brain injuries.

## **Center for Courageous Kids 1501 Burnley Road**

**Scottsville, KY 42164**

**(270) 618-2900**

**Fax: (270) 618-2901**

**[www.courageouskids.org](http://www.courageouskids.org) Email: [info@courageouskids.org](mailto:info@courageouskids.org)**

Military Weekends: Serving children with life threatening illness, chronic conditions, and lifelong disabilities is what CCK does 90% of the year. The other 10% of our programming is equally special to us – hosting the men and women that have served our country. 4 weekends in 2015. Military families that have a child with special needs have been enjoying CCK since we opened. They come throughout the year to attend our Family Weekend Retreats or their child attends one of our 9 weeks of summer camp. Our Wounded Warrior Camps began in 2008.

**Community Blueprint Project**  
**Col. William Lytle or Dr. Ray Biggerstaff**  
**270-432-2638 or 270- 202-6991**

This project focuses on the eight major areas of veteran need: education, reintegration, housing, family strength, employment, behavioral health, volunteerism, and financial assistance. This service effort is sponsored by the Military Officers Association of America in cooperation with the Southern Kentucky Veterans Council. The local project will work in conjunction with the Department of Defense's Warriors and Family Support Office in an effort to better serve the families throughout the Barren River Area Development District.

**Community For Heroes**  
**Josh Pack, CEO**  
**(931) 316-3783**  
**info@communityforheroes.org**  
**www.communityforheroes.org**

We are a veteran run nonprofit dedicated to helping veterans. We help veterans achieve self sufficiency through housing, support and education. We are currently in the planning stages of building a tiny home community in Cookeville, TN where veterans will receive housing, linkage to benefits and support to decrease PTSD suicide.

**Cumberland Hall Hospital**

**270-632-0911**

Cumberland Hall provides clinical care for the men and women and their families who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. Our Clinical team recognizes that military personnel and veterans face multiple readjustment issues after serving in active combat situations. These issues can include PTSD, depression, traumatic brain injury, substance abuse, grief, anger and survivor's' guilt.

**Disabled American Veterans Chapter 20**

**270-678-4021**

**1297 W. Cleveland Ave**

**Glasgow, KY**

**Service Officers: Charles McCubbins 270-678-5766**

**Dan Atkinson 270-678-2487**

The Disabled American Veterans Chapter 20 provides services to veterans and their families. The Disabled American Veterans Chapter 20 helps their clients obtain military records, Veteran Administration Benefits, and medical assistance. Also, the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 20 has a color guard that provides the military rites for Honorably Discharged veterans at time of burial. Families may contact their funeral director, or the Color Guard Commander for assistance in arranging this service. The Color Guard also performs flag ceremonies and other veteran related ceremonies. For more information on the color guard please contact the Color Guard Commander, Billy Houchens at 270-6518470 or the Vice Commander Mike Wilson at 270-579-2525.

**Dreams For Veterans**  
**[www.dreamfoundation.org/veterans](http://www.dreamfoundation.org/veterans)**

Dream Foundation created Dreams For Veterans in 2014 to tailor the Dream experience to veterans and their families. Dream recipients are U.S. military veterans who served from World War II to the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars, during peace time and those who currently serve on active duty or in the reserves. Dreams For Veterans acknowledges veterans and honors their service by fulfilling their final dream, providing them, their families and caregivers inspiration, comfort and closure at the end of life. Qualifications: Dream recipients are U.S. military veterans 18 years of age or older with a terminal illness, a life expectancy of 12 months or less and the ability to provide proof of U.S. military service. If the applicant is currently serving on active duty or is in the reserves, proof of service is required.

**Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC)**

**Western Kentucky University**

**Rita Meredith: Counselor**

**270-745-4441**

**Kathy Fraim: 270-861-6950**

**Pam Morgan: 270-745-5292**

**Website: [www.wku.edu/eoc](http://www.wku.edu/eoc)**

The Educational Opportunity Centers' mission is to provide free information and assistance for adults who seek education beyond high school. We offer free career, admission, and financial aid application assistance and advisement. EOC gives you the tools to find your way to a better future through higher education. EOC provides the following services: Educational Information, Financial Aid Information, Referral Services, Application Assistance, Academic and Career Advising, and Workshops. Eligibility: 19 years of age or older, expresses desire to enroll in postsecondary education, and a United States citizen.

**Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve**

**Timothy Stinnett**

**502-607-6055**

**Website: [www.jointservicesupport.org/ESGR](http://www.jointservicesupport.org/ESGR)**

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve provides information about the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA). It also provides recognition through awards for employers who practice personnel policies that support employee participation in the National Guard and Reserve and Statement of Support certificates for you to display as you join thousands of employers nationwide who support and promote the military service of employees. ESGR also provides professionally trained Ombudsmen for neutral mediation concerning USERRA compliance issues and local ESGR field committees to assist you in every state and territory in the U.S.

## **Epilepsy Foundation of Kentuckiana**

**John Mustain**

**(502) 637-4440, Ext. 16**

**Email: [jmustain@efky.org](mailto:jmustain@efky.org)**

Provides a variety of services to Kentucky's veterans with an emphasis on "Operation Outreach," a program for OEF/OIF combat veterans. More information can be found online at: [www.saluteyourhealth.org](http://www.saluteyourhealth.org) and [www.efky.org](http://www.efky.org).

## **Soldier and Family Readiness Specialist**

**Danielle Rice**

**920 Morgantown Rd.**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

**502-234-4619**

**[danielle.r.rice.civ@mail.mil](mailto:danielle.r.rice.civ@mail.mil)**

The Family Assistance Center offers Family Services (financial, household, counseling, and health benefits), Military Family Life Consultant (MFLC), ID Cards (DEERS), Child and Youth Services, TRICARE (Medical/Dental Insurance), Red Cross Emergency Assistance, Veterans Benefits, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), Education Services Offices, and Military One Source.

## **Heroes of Tomorrow**

**LTC Tom MacMillin**

**270-745-4293**

**[Thomas.macmillin@wku.edu](mailto:Thomas.macmillin@wku.edu)**

The program is designed to educate by utilizing the vast wealth of knowledge veterans have collected over their years of service. It seeks to educate JROTC and history students about conflicts waged since the 1940s by bringing the veterans who fought them.

## **Homeless Hotline**

**877-424-3838**

**615-873-6400**

Through this national homeless hotline, a veteran can speak directly to someone from the VA. GPD and HUD VASH programs can be accessed at these numbers.

## **In Gear Chaoter**

**Katie Lopez**

**727-688-0184**

**[Katie.lopez@ingearcareer.org](mailto:Katie.lopez@ingearcareer.org)**

A national nonprofit organization that provides professional development and networking opportunities to career-minded military spouses. More details can be found online at [www.ingearcareer.org](http://www.ingearcareer.org)

## **Joint Executive Council of Veterans Organizations of Kentucky (JECVO)**

This statewide veterans organization serves as an advocate for veterans and their families dealing with but not limited to issues such as legislation, medical care, communication, and education. JECVO membership includes 23 veteran organizations, associations, and service organizations dedicated to the common good for all.

### **Kentucky Career Center**

**803 Chestnut Street**

**Bowling Green, KY**

**Vernetta Douglas**

**Local Veterans Employment Representative**

**(270) 746-7241**

**Vernetta.douglas@ky.gov**

The KCC is a local extension of the U.S. Department of Labor. It supports a federal program called Veterans' Employment and Training Service. Any veteran that walks into a KCC gets priority service for finding employment, housing assistance and vocational rehabilitation training.

### **Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs Office of the Commissioner**

**1111B Louisville Road**

**Frankfort, KY 40601**

**(502) 564-9203**

**Fax: (502) 564-9240**

**Website: <http://veterans.ky.gov>**

The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA) was established on October 1st, 1998. The Department is charged with helping veterans and their families obtain all federal, state, and local veteran benefits which they have earned. To that end, KDVA serves the veterans of the Commonwealth in three primary areas of support: healthcare, benefits, and cemetery operations.

**Kentucky Veterans Brigade Community Outreach Bob Wilson**  
**(270) 854-3144**  
**kentuckyveteransbrigade@gmail.com**  
**Website: <http://kyveteransbrigade.org>**

Kentucky Veterans Brigade (KVB) unites civilian patriots with local veterans to bring honor, stability, and support to veterans in need. Providing support such as food, utilities, medications, vehicle repair and other services that vary depending on individual needs.

#### **Lawyers Care**

**Gayle Faulkner**

**270-782-1924, ext. 8896**

**gfaulkner@klaid.org**

Provides free civil legal assistance to area veterans who qualify for services.

#### **Marine Corps League—Toys for Tots**

**Janel Doyle**

**Sgt. Malcolm Cherry**

**270-781-3642**

Sponsored by the Marine Corp League, Toys for Tots was started nationally in 1947 and has been providing toys to children in Bowling Green area since 1969. Each child gets one new toy, a book and three stocking stuffers. Toys for Tots has been ranked as the best children's charity in the world by Reader's Digest.

#### **Military Student Services—Western Kentucky University**

**Kent Johnson—Director**

**270-745-2180**

**Gary Randsdell Hall 2052, WKU Main Campus**

The Military Student Service office acts as a hub of information and assistance to veterans, military students and their dependents attending WKU. We offer textbooks through the Textbooks for Troops program for all those eligible, assistance with GoArmyEd and other tuition assistance, we operate the Veterans Resource Center (Tate Page Hall 410) and have Candoo, WKU's therapy dog shared with the Kelly Autism Program. For the complete list of resources and services provide visit our website: [www.wku.edu/veterans](http://www.wku.edu/veterans).

#### **Military Officers Association—Cumberland Trace Chapter**

**Col. John Wayne Smith**

**johnwayne623@windstream.net**

The MOAA is sponsoring the Veterans Nursing Home Project to serve veterans throughout South Central Kentucky. This is a cooperative partnership with the KY Veterans Affairs office, BRADD, and the Chamber of Commerce.

## **Veterans Nursing Home Project**

**Co-chairs: Dr. Ray Biggerstaff (270) 202-6991**

**Email: commalertrb@aol.com**

**Col. Robert Spiller: (270) 563-9934**

MOAA also presents community service awards, supports the Marine Corps League and sponsors the Col. Joe Wright Memorial Scholarship, given annually to a Veterans Upward Bound student. MOAA is also in the process of implementing a Community Blueprint initiative to improve services to all veterans in South Central Kentucky.

## **Military OneSource 1-800-342-9647**

Military OneSource provides real help- anytime, anywhere, at no cost to you for active-duty, Guard and Reserve (regardless of activation status) and their families. Military OneSource offers consultations, research, referrals, in-person counseling, Healthy Habits coaching, financial counseling, and educational materials. Interactive web site: Go to MilitaryOneSource.com for expertly prepared information, resource lists, financial calculators, moderated chats, audios, and podcasts.

## **Kentucky Women Veterans Unite!**

**LuWanda Knuckles**

**Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs**

**(502) 545-4193**

**luwanda.knuckles@ky.gov**

Kentucky Women Veterans Unite! continues in 2106. We will continue to hold events for and outreach to Kentucky's 24,000 women veterans, including regional conferences in Eastern and Western Kentucky.

## **Natural Resources Conservation Services**

**Ray Gonzalez**

**270-843-1112**

Natural Resources provides volunteer programs, internships and career opportunities for veterans.

## **New Beginnings Therapeutic Riding Inc.**

**Michele Vise**

**Program Director**

**Jo Dye**

**Head Of Veterans Programs**

**270-7777-3600**

**[www.nbtr-bg.org](http://www.nbtr-bg.org)**

Special programs for veterans.

## **Operation Stand Down America**

**(270) 925-4387**

**info@osdamerica**

**www.osdky.org**

OSDA provides the following services for veterans: fiduciary management/ representative payee management; Building safe, affordable non-subsidized housing for Veterans. Transitional housing for Veterans available.

## **Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc.**

**Russ Ambrose**

**Regional Coordinator**

**(615)403-4623**

**Email: [tnvalley@projecthealingwaters.org](mailto:tnvalley@projecthealingwaters.org)**

**Website: [www.projecthealingwaters.org](http://www.projecthealingwaters.org)**

PHWFF is a unique, community-based not-for-profit volunteer organization dedicated to the physical and psychological rehabilitation of active duty military personnel and veterans with disabilities through the therapeutic benefits of fly fishing.

## **PrimeLending**

**Ronald Shaver**

**(502) 314-2052**

**rshaver@primelending.com**

**www.homeloansky.com**

Provides VA home loans to active duty, discharged and retired members of the U.S. military.

## **Resiliency Outreach**

**Patrick Russell**

**Patrick\_russell@resiliencyoutreach.org**

**(270) 681-2358**

**<http://resiliencyoutreach.org>**

Resiliency Outreach, Inc. will provide outreach to the military [veteran], wounded warriors, first responders, and their families by providing programs designed to strengthen the family dynamic, ease reintegration by allowing time to decompress with hopes to increase resiliency, recovery, rehabilitation and hope.

## **Room In The Inn – Bowling Green**

**(270) 599-6401**

Cold weather shelter.



### **Room In The Inn – Franklin**

**(270) 223-8919**

Cold weather shelter.

### **Screaming Eagle Honor Flight**

**Gayla Warner**

**Email: Sundancer1623@twc.com**

We are a Clarksville, Tennessee based all-volunteer non-profit organization honoring America's Veterans for all their sacrifices. We fly our heroes to Washington, DC to visit and reflect at their memorials. Top priority is given to the senior Veterans – WW II Survivors along with those other Veterans that may be terminally ill, those with too few tomorrows.

### **Seats for Soldiers**

**Zach Hanood**

**270-745-4714**

**Zach.hanood@wku.edu**

Send a military member to a WKU football game on your behalf. Every ticket donated will bring a military member to a WKU football game FREE of charge.

### **Soldier Support of Bowling Green**

**Ashleigh Keefer**

**270-320-3152**

**Ashley Slaughter**

**270-320-7701**

**Email: ssofbgky@yahoo.com**

Soldier Support of Bowling Green celebrates and supports our local military members by holding community family events to show our appreciation for service members from our area. SSBG has sponsored many events including Summer for the Soldiers, Christmas for the Soldiers, and Bowling Green Fine Arts Gala. Since 2011, they have raised over \$20,000 and mailed local deployed military members of all branches over 1,000 care packages annually.

**Southern Kentucky Veterans Council**  
**(270) 745-2180**  
**Kent.johnston@wku.edu**

We are a coalition of organizations aimed at supporting our local military veterans, active duty, National Guard, and Reserves in the community through the exchange of information and support. Each month we meet to discuss veteran issues and exchange information on programs and upcoming events.

**Student Veteran Alliance—Western Kentucky University**  
**270-745-5837**  
**sokyvet@gmail.com**

SVA's mission is to provide military veterans with the resources, support, and advocacy needed to succeed in higher education. SVA strives to create a positive atmosphere through academic, professional, and social programs. SVA provides direct assistance to veterans through peer to peer support with the Vet to Vet Sponsorship Program, networking opportunities at our annual campus and community Veterans Meet and Greet, academic support and information to veteran specific assistance, and host social events throughout the year.

### **USA Cares**

**Jennifer Simpson—Director of Outreach**  
**270-352-5451 (ex. 136) or 270-352-5456**

USA Cares exists to help bear the burdens of service by providing post 9/11 military families with financial assistance and advocacy on their behalf in their time of need. Assistance is provided to all branches of service, all components, and all ranks while protecting the privacy and dignity of those military families and veterans who request our help.

**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**  
**1-800-827-1000**

Go to eBenefits at [www.ebenefits.va.gov](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov), your one-stop shop to apply for and learn about your benefits. You can also visit the nearest VA regional office, call 1-800-827-1000, or go to our Web site at [www.va.gov/benefits](http://www.va.gov/benefits) for more information. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs offer major service areas such as disability compensation, pensions, education and training, vet success, life insurance, home loans, and health care. VA also offers burial and memorial services to honor our Nation's deceased veterans. VA also honors the sacrifices of service members' and veterans' dependents and survivors through many benefit programs.

### **Vet Center (Nashville)**

**615-366-1220**

**Outreach Specialist**

**Jose.melcio2@va.gov**

Vet Center provides individual readjustment counseling, group meetings & counseling, military sexual trauma counseling, bereavement counseling, marital & family counseling, employment counseling & guidance, benefits assistance & referral, substance abuse information and referral, community education, liaison with community agencies, weekly PTSD support group meetings in Bowling Green, and mobile counseling unit.

### **Veteran Center of Excellence**

**Elizabethtown Community & Technical College**

**Monica Gallego**

**270-706-8586**

**Monica.gallego@kctcs.edu**

Located in the counseling office. Provides academic and support services for all student veterans at ECTC.

### **Veteran Benefits at SKYCTC**

**800-790-0990 or 270-901-1000**

**1845 Loop Drive Bowling Green, KY 42101-3601**

**Building A, Room 28**

Veteran Benefits at SKYCTC is a School Certifying Official (SCO) that coordinates federal and state education benefits programs for veterans and eligible dependents through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The SCO will assist you with your application for benefits and certify your enrollment to the VA Regional Processing Office. The office is open from 7:30 am to 4:00pm

### **Veterans Bricklaying Ceremonies**

**Brenda Hale**

**(270) 843-4146**

**Brenda.hale@ky.gov**

The Veterans Memorial Courtyard with the personalized brick pavers, located on the west lawn of the Warren County Courthouse provides a permanent way to honor or memorialize a friend, relative or loved one who has served our country or who is currently serving. It provides a place for veterans to express their pride in service for future generations.

**Veterans Crisis Line**  
**Confidential Help for Veterans and their Families**  
**1-800-273-8255 (Press 1)**

**Veterans Oral History Project (Warren County Public Library)**  
**Earl Willis**  
**270-782-0252**  
**earlw@warrenpl.org**

Veterans Oral History Project provides a video recording of the veteran's life and military experience at no cost to the veteran. All interviews are archived on YouTube at this link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KsleIPWkiOg>.

### **Veteran Tickets Foundation**

VetTix can provide free event tickets to all kinds of things all across the country such as football, baseball, soccer, basketball, concerts, zoo passes, plays, and more! You can sign up using the following link! <http://www.VetTix.org/ref/273863>

**Veterans Upward Bound—Western Kentucky University**  
**270-745-5008**  
**Jones Jagers 127, WKU Main Campus**  
**Email: michelle.shutt@wku.edu**

Veterans Upward Bound is a free educational program. It helps low-income veterans and also veterans who are first generation college students get admitted to colleges and vocational schools. VUB also offers students many support services including: academic advising, financial aid counseling, and help with getting GI Bill benefits, and help with filling out school admissions applications, scholarships, gas stipends, and more.

### **WKU Sports**

**Matt Morrison**  
**270-745-6074**  
**Matt.morrison@wku.edu**

Develops and delivers special events to honor military members and veterans before many WKU sports activities.

**Wellness Connection**  
**428 B Center Street**  
**Bowling Green, KY**  
**(270)296-2600**

Wellness Connection is a consumer-operated, peer run service program that is owned, administratively controlled and operated by mental health consumers and emphasizes self-help as their operational approach. NAMI-Bowling Green and LifeSkills, Inc. are filling this need through the Wellness Connection. The wellness connection promotes advocacy, education, support, and recovery through the VETS-4-VETS Program.

**VFW Post 1298**  
**Glen Skaggs, Commander**  
**270-781-1872**  
**1965 Highway185**  
**Bowling Green, KY 42101**  
**Email: Vfwpost1298@hotmail.com**

The VFW Post 1298 Sponsors an annual scholarship for the Veterans Upward Bound program, participates in Bowling Green's Annual Veteran's Day Parade, and they host their annual Veterans Day dinner for veterans and their families. Service Officer Gary Villereal helps veterans get their VA benefits, healthcare needs, and other services. The Auxiliary of the VFW does youth projects, donates to cancer aid research, organizes visits to nursing homes and helps the family readiness group at the local National Guard armory. Service officers are available to assist veterans with applications for benefits and other support services on the third Friday of each month. Eligibility for membership includes veterans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Desert Storm, Desert Shield, Global War on Terror, Iraqi Freedom, and Afghanistan. Auxiliary membership is available to family members of the VFW.

**Vocational Rehabilitation- U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs**  
**Stephanie Gabbard**  
**270-846-2092**  
**955 Fairview Ave. Suite 100,**  
**Bowling Green KY 42102**

USDVA provides services to veterans with a service-connected disability rating through the VA. Every veteran is provided an evaluation to determine if they meet the entitlement criteria for services. If entitled, they would then receive services under one of the five tracks depending on their individual circumstances: re-employment, rapid access to employment, self-employment, and independent living services.

**\*\*\*\*VETERANS PLEASE REFER TO THE OTHER SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES. \*\*\*\***

Please contact us for changes, updates, and additions.

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