Community Resource Guide

Western Kentucky University
ALIVE Center
for Community Partnerships

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# COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

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CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

Community Action - Child Care Centers
270-782-3162
P.O. Box 90014
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 42101; Warren County Head Start and Child Care – 200 East 4th Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101; 210 Main Street, Brownsville, KY 42210; and 770 Industrial Drive, Suite 2, Edmonton, KY 42129.

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
855-306-8959
1010-1020 State Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101
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 for Community Based Services – Protection and Permanency
270-746-7447
1010-1020 State Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101
DCBS Protection & Permanency provides child protection, adult protection, and foster care and adoption services.

Family Enrichment Center, Inc.
270-781-6714
441 Church Avenue
Bowling Green, KY 42102
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 and Family Center**  
270-901-5000  
380 Suwanee Trail Street  
Bowling Green, KY 42101  
Lifeskills Child & Family provides counseling, case management, home visitation, and assessments for child mental health clientele.

**Lifeskills Child Crisis Stabilization Unit**  
270-901-5000  
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 14 to 28 day residential, 20 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. An assessment fee of $50 is charged. 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 Suwannee Trail Street  
Bowling Green, KY 42101  
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 Suwannee Trail Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101
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, group therapy day program, and the Wishing Well Clubhouse for clientele.

Lifeskills Supports for Community Living
270-901-5000
380 Suwannee Trail Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101
Lifeskills Supports for Community Living serves individuals with mental retardation and developmental disabilities to provide them with whatever services they may need.

Lifeskills Therapeutic Foster Care
270-901-5000
380 Suwannee Trail Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101
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 prevent placement in a residential facility or psychiatric hospital.

Needy Children of Warren County
270-781-7355
908 East 11th Street
Bowling Green, KY
Needy Children of Warren County Fund, Inc. is a non-profit organization helping needy children in Warren County with necessities such as coats, school supplies, clothing, and other basic needs. At Christmas we provide a Christmas Party with dinner and presents for referred children. Money donations are appreciated to facilitate this project.

Potter 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 Group Care (children 6-18 years old), Single Parent Alliance for Raising Kids family ministry, Transitional Living (serves young people 18-23 years), foster care, adoption, and Christian counseling. 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 clothes, parenting training, baby showers, counseling, and educational information.
UK Targeted Assessment Program  
270-746-7124 / 270-746-7125  
1010 State Street  
Bowling Green, KY 42101  
UK Targeted Assessment provides screening interviews, consultation with other service providers, referrals, home visits, one to 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 Jaggers Hall, WKU  
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 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 articles to newspapers and newsletters • Create early care and education related public service announcements.

WKU Child Care Centers  
270-745-4042  
125 Jones Jaggers 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

Disability Resource Initiative  
270-796-5992  
624 Eastwood Avenue  
Bowling Green, KY 42101  
Disability Resource Initiative provides independent living skills training, peer support, personal and systems advocacy, computer training program, and information and referrals for disabled persons from a vast data base of available service providers and community assets. Also, DRI does in-home safety recommendations for persons with disabilities, ADA compliance surveys for businesses, schools, and government entities, and basic adaptation surveys and recommendations for prospective employers. Meeting space is available to not-for-profit organizations. Call for availability. DRI accepts donations of medical
equipment in good condition. DRI is the site for Red Cross Nurse’s Aide Training offering day and evening classes. We offer free web-hosting for approved non-profits.

**EvergreenLife Services**  
1721 McIntosh Street  
Bowling Green, KY. 42104  
Phone-270-846-0565  
Fax- 270-846-0551  

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 we would like to share their testimonials with you.

**South Central Kentucky Council of the Blind (SCKCB)**  
270-782-9325  
1564 Normal Street  
Bowling Green, KY 42101  
Email: sckcb@sckcb.org  
Website: http://www.sckcb.org  

SCKCB provides personal and family support to low-vision and blind individuals, 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 losing their eyesight, people with low-vision, and people who are totally blind of all ages from young children and their families and older seniors.

**EDUCATION**

**Community Action - Adult Education and Job Development**  
270-622-0185  
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 and 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 St. 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.

**Warren County Adult Education**  
270-901-1017/270-901-1087  
1845 Loop Drive
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 of application, job interview skills, etc.), refresher classes for students entering post-secondary education, and basic computer skills. Students must be 16 years or older. If they are between the ages of 16-18, they must have an official withdrawal slip from the school they last attended. We have classes at South Central Kentucky Community and Technical College (day and evening), Parker Bennett-Curry Elementary School (evening only), and Warren County Regional Jail.

Lifeskills Industries
270-901-5000
2420 Russellville Road
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.

TRiO Educational Opportunity Centers
270-745-4441
Jones Jaggers Hall, WKU
Bowling Green, KY 42101
Website: www.wku.edu/eoc
TRiO 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.

WKU Literacy Clinic
270-745-2809/270-745-2207
401 Tate Page Hall, 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

American Red Cross
270-781-7377
1647 Scottsville Road
Bowling Green, KY 42104
ARC coordinates disaster services, health and safety services, services to military families and veterans, international tracing services, blood services and food assistance.
Barren River Area Safe Space  
**270-781-9334**  
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**  
**270-842-4307**  
**Bowling Green, KY 42101**  
Churches United is a joint ministry of downtown Bowling Green churches, providing assistance with utilities and other crisis matters.

**Community Action – LIHEAP**  
**270-782-4437**  
**171 Center Street**  
**Bowling Green, KY 42101**  
LIHEAP provides assistance with heating, e.g., gas, electric, propane and wood.

**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.

**Forest Park Baptist Church**  
**270-843-3419**  
**520 Old Morgantown Road**  
**Bowling Green, KY 42101**  
Utility bills only – Tuesdays from 9 to 11. Please bring past due bills or disconnect notice.

**Helping Hands**  
**270-745-7222**  
**1901 Russellville Road**  
**Bowling Green, KY 42101**  
Helping Hands assists with clothing, furniture, and household items for those in an emergency or crisis situation; must be referred through an agency.

**Hope House**  
**270-904-1200**  
**112 W 10th Street**  
**Bowling Green, KY 42101**
Hope House exists to alleviate physical & spiritual poverty through gospel restoration. During the year, Hope House provides food and material assistance to individuals in the community. For more information about Hope House, call 270-904-1200.

**HOTEL INC**
270-782-1263
1005 Boatlanding Road
Bowling Green, KY 42101
**Website:** www.hotelincbg.com
Manna Mart food pantry - Tuesday 10-1 & 4-5pm, Thur-Friday 10-1
Requirements: Warren county resident, current photo ID, social security cards for households, proof of residency required if your ID is not current.

**Life Care Ministry**
270-781-8804
Life Care provides food and clothing assistance.

**Salvation Army**
270-843-3485
400 West 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

**Holy Spirit Conference**
270-781-0432
4754 Smallhouse Road
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 DePaul Society provide a variety of services and assistance for needy individuals and families in Warren County.

**Warren County Welfare Center**
429 E. 10th
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 - 270-783-4599
- 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 Family Resource Center - 270-563-9886
- Parker-Bennett Curry Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-746-2274
- Potter Gray Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-746-2284
- Rich Pond Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-843-4422
- Rockfield Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-843-2724
- South Warren Elementary Family Resource Center - 270-746-2234
- 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
1013 East 13th Avenue
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. See also 'Support Groups' on the ALIVE Center website.

Barren River District Health Department
270-781-8039
1109 State Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101
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.
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. Low cost dental services are also available to those who are uninsured.

Depressed Anonymous (DA) is a 12 step peer support group that helps people struggling with depression to generate new positive energies, form networks of friendship and support, and give each other the strength to live each day with hope. DA meets twice a week in Bowling Green, at two different locations: Tuesdays, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Broadway United Methodist Church (off Westen, 1323 Melrose Drive, Bowling Green). For more information, call Katherine at (270) 782-7150, or email at kelane14@aol.com. This group meets every week, including holidays. Thursdays, from 1 to 2 p.m. at the ALIVE Center (1818 31-W Bypass). For more information, contact Barry at barry.blann@yahoo.com.

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. Prescription assistance programs providing patients with free or reduced cost medications are available. Comprehensive medical care including well child, lab and preventive care. Fee determined by patient’s ability to pay.

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

NAMI--Bowling Green Affiliate -- 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 Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the address below. The NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program is a free 12-week course for family caregivers of individuals with severe brain disorders (mental illnesses). The course is taught by trained family members. All instruction and course materials are free for class participants. Our next class needs new participants which are scheduled to start January 18, 2014 at the address below. We are now accepting family members who wish to sign up till January 1, 2014. Contact: Mr. Larry Gregory –NAMI-BG President (270)618.6128 at Wellness Connection: 428 Center Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101. Our New NAMI-BG phone is (796)2606, Wellness Connection phone is (796)2600.

NAMI –BG ANNOUNCES our new Wellness Connection which is a new Peer Supported and Operated by Peer Specialist center which will be opened October 17, 2013 at our Grand Opening at 7:00 p.m., Public invited please RSVP.

Information about bipolar illness & schizophrenia can be found on www.nami.org website. Additional information about schizophrenia can be found in Schizophrenia Digest. To subscribe, please visit 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 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
270-393-3000
1017 College 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 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
270-782-4437 and 270-783-4484
171 Center Street and 200 East 4th Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101
CSBG provides services to people in need regarding employment, education, 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 Program/CARES
270-782-3162
901 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.
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
270-843-6027
517 West 11th Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101
Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical 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 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
1133 Adams Street
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.

Jesus Community Center
270-726-8547
635 E 5th St, Russellville, KY 42276
Jesus Community Center serves the community by offering transitional housing and meals to those that are in need. For more information please contact the number above.

Salvation Army
270-843-3485
400 West Main Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101
Primary role 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.

Multicultural Services

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)
270-901-1017
1845 Loop Drive
Bowling Green, KY 42101
The Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College (formerly Bowling Green Technical College)’s Adult Education Center will provide a positive learning environment for students to achieve their desired educational goals. 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.

Hispanic GED and ESL Program-WKU AHEC
270-745-3325
1820 Lyda Avenue
Bowling Green, KY 42101
The Hispanic GED and ESL Program offers ESL and GED classes to the Hispanic community. These classes are taught in Spanish to provide better and deeper understanding of content.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Bowling Green Human Rights Commission, Inc.
270-782-7900
491 Double Springs Road
Bowling Green, KY 42101
bghrc@aol.com
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 270-782-5740/Others 270-782-1924
1700 Destiny Lane
Bowling, 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.
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 meal and an annual physical exam.

Community Action – Retired and 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 of 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
1564 Normal St.
Bowling Green, KY 42101
Email: sckcb@sckcb.org
Website: http://www.sckcb.org
SCKCB provides personal and family support for seniors 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 seniors who are losing their eyesight or with low-vision, or seniors who are totally blind. We have a free report available upon request entitled: “Are You a Senior Struggling with Vision Loss?”

TRANSPORTATION

Community Action – GO BG Transit
270-782-3162
901 Beauty Avenue
Bowling Green, KY 42101
Go BGH Transit provides fixed-route bus service within the Bowling Green service area city limits. All buses are wheelchair accessible, and “GO, too” ADA Complementary Paratransit service is available to eligible persons with disabilities.

VETERAN/MILLITARY FAMILY SERVICES

American Legion Post 23
270-781-1872
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.

Blue Star Mothers of America Western Kentucky Chapter 7
P.O. Box 86
Madisonville, KY 42431
Email: wkybsma@hotmail.com or donna.slaton@gmail.com
Blue 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.

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.
Cumberland Hall Hospital
270-889-2127
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.

Military Student Services-Western Kentucky University
270-745-5837
Tate Page Hall 207, 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, and we operate the Veterans Resource Center.

Natural Resources Conservation Services
270-843-1112
Natural Resources provides volunteer programs, internships and career opportunities for veterans.

New Beginnings Therapeutic Riding - Veterans Equine Corp
Email: aRaymond@mindsping.com
Join NBTR in the recreational activity of riding horses and receiving great therapeutic benefits. Riding has been known to strengthen every part of the body and build up a stronger mental attitude to be able to focus better on the future. This service is offered free to veterans.

Soldier Support of Bowling Green
270-320-3152 or 270-320-7701
Email: sssofbgky@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.

Student Veterans Alliance- Western Kentucky University
Email: 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.

Toys for Tots
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.

USA Cares
270-352-5451(x. 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.

**Vet Center**
**615-366-1220**
**Email:** 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 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

**Veteran Upward Bound- Western Kentucky University**
**270-745-5008**
**Jones Jaggers 127, WKU Main Campus**
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, help with getting GI Bill benefits, and help with filling out school admissions applications, scholarships, gas stipends, and more.

**Vocational Rehabilitation**
**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.

**Yellow Ribbon Program**
Yellow Ribbon hosts events for soldiers and their families before deployments to assist them with the stresses of preparing for deployment. Events are held during deployment for families to assist with issues that have risen after their soldier has left. Yellow Ribbon also hosts events for units after they come home to help the soldiers and their families reintegrate back into society and deal with the stresses of coming home. All of these events are at no cost to the family or the soldier.
VETERAN LEISURE/ RECREATIONAL SERVICES

Barren River Area Career Centers
Donald “Mac” McGlothlin
270-746-7265
Email: Donald.mcglothlin@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.

Bowling Green Military Liaison Board
Kim Bouchey
Email: boucheycrew@yahoo.com
The Bowling Green Military Liaison Board provides a forum that allows veterans to raise concerns to the city and county governments. It is also responsible for organizing brick laying ceremonies at the Veterans Memorial downtown and running the City of Bowling Green’s Annual Veterans Day Parade. The board is comprised of 10 members who serve three-year terms. Prospective members are recommended by the board and appointed by the Mayor. The board meets on the last Monday of each month at 9a.m. All meetings are held in the City Commission’s chambers at City Hall. These meetings are open to the public.

Hosparus
Debbie Faircloth, Volunteer Coordinator
270-799-3337
Email: dfaircloth@hosparus.org
Hosparus sponsors the Veterans Initiative, which is a ceremony to honor veterans that are Hosparus patients. Hosparus is currently recruiting veterans to participate in these ceremonies.

Military Officers Association- Cumberland Trace Chapter
Bill Lytle, President
270-432-2638
Email: wlyte@scrtc.com
The MOAA is working with the BRADD offices to prepare a project proposal to go to the federal government requesting approval to construct the next veteran’s nursing home in Kentucky in Bowling Green, KY. 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.

Rolling Thunder Kentucky Chapter 3
LTC Richard Palmer
502-545-0030
Email: Richard.palmer1@us.army.mil
Incorporated in 1995, Rolling Thunder is a class 501(c)(4) non-profit organization with over 90 chartered chapters throughout the United States and members abroad. Rolling Thunder Charities, Inc. spends hundreds of thousands of dollars each year in financial aid, food,
clothing and other essentials to veterans and veterans’ families in need, women’s crisis centers and toys for children.

**Veterans History Project (Western Kentucky University)**  
Gary Villereal PH.D.  
270-745-5008  
Veterans History Project provides a video recording of the veteran’s life and military experience at no cost to the veteran. It also provides scholarship opportunities for veterans enrolled at WKU.

**VFW Post 1298**  
JR Nielson, 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 VFW Ladies Auxiliary 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.