

LAKE CO. DIV. OF FAMILY AND RESOURCES

Hobart Division of Family Resources
1871 East 37th Avenue
Hobart, IN 46342

Telephone/Fax: 1-800-403-0864

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00-4:30 p.m.

Apply online for Food Stamps, Medicaid and TANF (cash assistance) at <http://www.in.gov/fssa/>

INDIANA FAMILY HELPLINE

Phone: (855) 435-7178
(866) 2751274

Website: www.IFHL.ISDH.IN.GOV

HOME WEATHERIZATION (NWICA)

(219) 794-1829

Professional energy auditors and licensed contractors can improve the comfort and efficiency of your home.

MERRILLVILLE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE

1438 E 85th Ave
Merrillville, IN - 46410
800-772-1213

LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

1919 West 81st Avenue
Merrillville, IN 46410-5488
(219) 769-3541

MERRILLVILLE LICENSE BRANCH

5117 East 81st Avenue, Merrillville
Phone # (219) 756-0755
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 8:30am -7:00pm
Wednesday: 8:30am -5:00pm
Thursday: 8:30am -5:00pm
Friday: 8:30am -5:00pm
Saturday: 8:30am -12:30pm

WORK ONE

3522 Village Court —Gary, IN
(219)981-4100

Training for the unemployed and job placement. Provides labor market information, wage inquiries, employment counseling, job placement and employer services. Handles unemployment insurance or employment benefits.

CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING

800 East 86th Avenue Suite B, Merrillville
219/980-4800

Provides professional counseling on money management, family budgeting and wise use of credit. All counseling services are free

INDIANA LEGAL SERVICES

7863 Broadway Suite (second floor), Merrillville, IN

Phone: (219) 738-6040

Indiana Legal Services (ILS) is a nonprofit law firm that provides free civil legal assistance to eligible low-income people throughout the state of Indiana.

ADULT EDUCATION (GED)

Merrillville High School
6701 Delaware St.– Merrillville
(Located in the Administration Building for Merrillville Community School District)
Phone: 219-650-5310
Fax: 219-650-5316

SOUTH LAKE COMMUNITY SERVICES

(219)663-3869

Bus transportation is available through South lake Community Services for disabled and senior citizens of Ross Township. Call to schedule in advance at (219) 663-3869

SAFELINK WIRELESS

Safelink wireless is a program for income eligible households to receive a prepaid cell phone
1 800-378-1684
1 800-867-7183
1 800-836-2368

HOOSIER HEALTHWISE

1-800-889-9949

State of Indiana's health care program for children, pregnant women and families with low income. Based on family income, children up to age 19 may be eligible for coverage. HHW covers medical care like doctor visits, prescription medicine, mental health care, dental care, hospitalizations, surgeries, and family planning at little or no cost to the member or the member's family.

REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

1441 East 84th Place
Merrillville, IN 46410
Phone (219)794-2000
Fax: (219)794-2010

Regional Mental Health Center offers mental health disorder treatment and substance abuse treatment.

NORTH SHORE HEALTH CENTERS

North Shore Health Centers offer services to individuals of all ages regardless of ability to pay, and may use any of the following methods of payment:

- Medicaid, Medicare and Hoosier Healthwise
- Privately insured individuals
- Uninsured individuals will be charged for services based on an income sliding scale. There will only be a minimum charge per visit.
- Everyone! No patient will be denied medical care regardless of age, sex, race, religion, or ability to pay for service.

Phone: (219) 763-8112
(888) 313-8557

Dial 211 for information & referrals

HARDEST HIT FUND

If you are behind on your mortgage or struggling to afford your monthly payments, don't wait-- help is free. Call the Indiana Foreclosure Prevention Network helpline at 1-877-GET-HOPE today.

SALVATION ARMY

4800 Harrison Street, Gary 219/887-6588
They offer everything from holiday gifts and meals to rent assistance, money for utility and heating bills. The organization also runs an on site food pantry, and senior services programs.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

219-886-3549
They offer numerous services, including emergency assistance and access to food pantries, emergency shelter, rent assistance & transitional housing.

SECTION 8/HUD/HOUSING

NWICAC (219)794-1829
Gary HA (219) 883-0387
Hammond HA (219) 989-3265
If you currently have a Section 8 voucher and wish to relocate to a new city or state. Please contact your local Section 8 provider that processed your voucher application or contact IHCD at 317-232-7070.

SOUTHLAKE COMMUNITY SERVICES

Phone: (219) 663-0627
Provides community services to Lake County families. Receive foreclosure counseling, mortgage assistance, help for utility bills such as water, electric and gas bills, weatherization, and other aid.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Housing Assistance Programs
Designed to afford safe comfortable living conditions for families and to eliminate deterioration of properties and neighborhoods.
Crown Point, IN 46307 - (219)-755-3225

WOMEN / INFANTS / CHILDREN— WIC

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides Federal grants to States for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk.

- 1450 East Joliet Suite 206., C.P. (219)663-9279
- 650 Grant St Gary, IN (219) 882-6510
- 5443 Broadway Merrillville, IN (219) 887-1038

GEMINUS HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START

1-888-893-6891
Early Head Start enhances healthy prenatal outcomes, development of very young children and healthy family functioning .

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

8645 Connecticut
Merrillville 219/769-3500

THE ANSWER FOR PREGNANCY

705 Colonial Drive
Hobart, IN Phone: (219) 947-2272
Pregnancy testing, education about pregnancy, maternity and baby items.

THE CARING PLACE/SOUTHLAKE CO.

P.O. Box 470-Valparaiso, IN 46384
219/464-2128 or 1-800-933-0466
Women seeking shelter from violence.

ST. JUDE HOUSE / SHELTER

Crown Point, IN
HOTLINE 1-800-254-1286
Women seeking shelter from violence.



WHAT OTHER AGENCIES CAN HELP?

ERIC A. BLACKMON, SR.
ROSS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE
26 West 73rd Avenue
Merrillville, IN 46410

MONDAY—FRIDAY
8:00AM TO 4:00PM

Phone: (219) 769-2111
Fax: (219-769-7709