

Community Resource Guide

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COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

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CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

Childcare Council of Kentucky

800-809-7076

Toll Free: 800-809-7076

1010-1020 State St., Bowling Green, KY 42101

The council provides child care assistance to families in need. This is an income based program. Kim.grimes@ky.gov is the eligibility specialist.

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.

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

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

270-843-4357

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 increases 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 42103

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

Lifeskills Child Crisis 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 Suwannee 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 Suwannee 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 Suwannee 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 Suwannee 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 prevent placement in a residential facility or psychiatric hospital.

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 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.

UK Targeted Assessment Program
270-746-7125/270-746-7447 (ext 3229 or 3235)
1010 State Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101

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
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 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

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. We offer free web-hosting for approved non-profits.

EvergreenLife Services

270-846-0565

1721 McIntosh Street

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 we would like to share their testimonials with you.

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 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

EDUCATION AND CAREER SERVICES

Community Action - Literacy 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.

Kentucky Job Corps- Western Kentucky Region

Phone: (270) 889-0740

Cellphone: (270) 925-1995

Outreach and Admissions Counselor: Karen Ellis

3875 State Route Highway 181

North Greenville, Kentucky 42345

www.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 a life-changing experience. Being a Job Corps graduate will open many doors for you and help guide you through to reaching your potential. Job Corps is a voluntary program and we look forward to helping you achieve 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. attorney general to work in the United States; or resident of a 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

270-901-1017/270-901-1087

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. 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 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.

Educational Opportunity Centers

270-745-4441

Jones Jagers Hall, WKU

Bowling Green, KY 42101

Website: 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.

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

615-A Chestnut St

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

270-781-9334

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.

Hope House Ministries**270-904-1200****112 W 10th Ave****Bowling Green, KY 42101**

Offie Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9 AM-4 PM; Community Store Hrs: Tuesday-Friday 10 AM-4 PM

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, Redemption Recovery for those with addictions, Sewing for Hope, Affordable Christmas, and our Community Store. **Website: hopehousebg.com**

HOTEL INC**270-782-1263****1005 Boatlanding Rd****Bowling Green, KY 42101****Website: www.hotelincbg.com**

Manna Mart food pantry – Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

Requirements: Warren county resident, current photo ID, social security cards for household, proof of residency required if your ID is not current.

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, 10:30 am-2:00pm. Provides food, clothing and household items as needed.

United Way 2-1-1

Norm Wheeler

(270) 843-3205

nwheeler@uwsk.org

2-1-1 is a powerful resource for help and hope to any community. It is the place to call for help when you don't know where to go for help. At the end of the phone line, there is a compassionate person saving a life, transforming a family or changing a community...one phone call at a time. 2-1-1 is core to the mission of United Way and integral to community impact.

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 Elementary 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 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

1337 US 31W Bypass

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

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

P.O. Box 90014

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

615 7th Avenue

Bowling Green, KY 42101

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

HLAA 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. HLAA/HLAABGC 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 – 1-800-983-4131

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

270-796-2606

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 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 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

270-393-3000

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 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

270-782-4437 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, 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 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. 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

270-843-6027

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

213 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.

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)

270-901-1017

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 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 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

901 Beauty Avenue

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/MILLITARY FAMILY SERVICES

Airstreams Renewables, Inc.

Carl Box

(931) 249-0828

Email: 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 Roger Miller

270-781-3574

208 Dishman Lane

Bowling Green, KY 42101

Email: smiller403@bellsouth.net

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

Barren River Area Career Centers

Donald "Mac" McGlothlin

270-746-7265

Email: Donald.mcglathlin@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 or 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 Military Liaison Board (City of Bowling Green)

Kim Bouchey

(270) 393-3077

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.

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.

Center for Courageous Kids

1501 Burnley Road

Scottsville, KY 42164

(270) 618-2900

Fax: (270) 618-2901

www.courageouskids.org

Email: 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 Blueprint Project: Homelessness
Family Programs: Contact: Ron Georgette
Community Support Specialist SSVF
(615) 426-2126**

Bowling Green: 824 Broadway

CBP is working in partnership with Center Stone Agency in promoting supportive services for veterans.

**Community Blueprint Project: Volunteerism
Veteran Service Officer: Denzil Lyle
(270) 234-6678
Volunteer Manager/HR Coordinator: Shelly D. Carney
(270) 728-7258**

CBP is working in partnership with Hosparus to sponsor the veteran's initiative which is a process of honoring veterans that are patients with the organization. Home visitations help veterans with a number of problems related to but not limited to benefits and special family services.

**Cumberland Hall Hospital
Brad Kirkman
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.

**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

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

Website: 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, permanent resident, or eligible non-citizen.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve

Phillip Miller

(502) 607-1532

Website: www.jointservicessupport.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 Omsbudsmen 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

Coordinator of Veteran Services and Community Outreach

(502) 637-4440, Ext. 16

Email: 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 and www.efky.org.

Family Assistance Center

Danielle Rice
FAC Specialist, HRCI Contractor
410 Cavalry Drive
Glasgow, KY 42141
(502) 607-2358

E-mail: danielle.r.rice.ctr@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.

Hot Rides for Heroes

Robert Mills

(931) 801-5731

Email: Robert@leadsledimaging.com

Car & bike show to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project

In Gear Career

Katie Lopez

(727) 688-0184

Email: 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

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

Donald McGlothlin

Local Veterans Employment Representative

(270) 746-7265

Donald.mcglathlin@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

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

Tonya Archey- Director

Kent Johnson

Joshua Smith

270-745-2180

Tate Page Hall 410, 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.

Military Officers Association- Cumberland Trace Chapter

LTC Roy Lawrence, President

270-529-9304

budyuaz@aol.com

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.

National Alliance on Medical Illness (NAMI)
Bowling Green Affiliate: (270) 796-2600
428 Center Street

NAMI-BG supports and works cooperatively with the Wellness Connection, also located at 428 Center Street. This is a peer run service center for those recovering from mental illness. Support meetings, educational links, networking, and socialization are all free of charge. The contact number is (270) 796-2600 (Tuesday-Friday 10-4:00; Saturday 12-4:00) Support and education are offered by NAMI-BG for the family and loved ones as well, (First and third Tuesdays at 7:00 PM) at the Wellness Connection. Also offering the Family to Family 12 week course yearly, at no charge. The latest facts about mental illness and coping with your loved ones mental illnesses are given.

National Guard Family Assistance Center - Glasgow
Danielle Rice

Danielle.r.rice.ctr@mail.mil

Provides a "one stop shop" to help family members cope with any issue they encounter as a military dependent. These centers were established to serve the needs of service members, veterans, retirees and their families. The six essential services they provide are: legal assistance, financial counseling, Tricare, ID cards & DEERS, crisis intervention & referral and community information and outreach.

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

Special programs for veterans.

Operation Stand Down Kentucky
(888) 574-1736
info@osdky.org

www.osdky.org

OSDKY provides the following services for veterans: fiduciary management/representative payee management; 24 hour customer service hotline; homeless veteran emergency response.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc.

Bill Coyne

Regional Coordinator

(615) 403-4623

Email: bill.coyne.phwff@gmail.com

Website: 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.

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.

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.

Student Veterans Alliance- Western Kentucky University

(270) 745-5837

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.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families

**824 Broadway Avenue
Bowling Green, KY 42101
(270) 282-0121**

**Ron Georgette
(615) 426-2126**

Email: ron.georgette@centerstone.org

Supportive Services for Veteran Families provides assistance to veterans and their families who are at risk for homelessness in Middle Tennessee and Southern Kentucky.

USA Cares

**Jennifer Simpson- Director of Outreach
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.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

1-800-827-1000

Go to eBenefits at 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 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 Specialists

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 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 History Project (Western Kentucky University)
Gary Villereal PH.D.
270-745-8923

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.

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
Rick Wright
270-745-5008
Jones Jagers 127, WKU Main Campus
Email: rick.wright@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.

VFW Post 1298
Dean Frazier, Commander
270-781-1872
1965 Highway 185
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.

Wellness Connection
428 A 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.

WKU Sports
Lindsay Boyden
(270) 745-6562

Email: Lindsay.boyden@wku.edu

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

Yellow Ribbon Program

William T. Rice-Program Specialists

Office: (502) 607-2210

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.

******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.

Rick Wright, rick.wright@wku.edu, (270) 745-5008

Dr. Ray Biggerstaff: Vietnam 326MedBN 101st Airborne

Email: CommAlertRB@aol.com Phone: 270-202-6991

Thank you for your service!

