

**SERVICE DIRECTORY
FOR ERIE COUNTY
Help Me Grow Parents**

Parenting is one of the most difficult yet rewarding jobs in the world. One of the most important things we, as parents, can do for our children is to guide and nurture their development.

This booklet was developed to help you in locating agencies and services to assist in providing early experience for your child.

**If you need more information about this directory or child development concerns, please call: Help Me Grow at:
1-800-491-4566 or 419-621-3962**

**Help Me Grow
Kaleidoscope Center
4405 Galloway Rd.
Sandusky, Ohio 44870**

WHO TO CALL ABOUT....

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (INCLUDING DEVELOPMENTALLY DELAYED, HANDICAPPED OR GIFTED.)

Contact your local school district:

Berlin/Milan Local Schools	419-499-2696
Bellevue Public Schools	419-484-5000
Firelands Local Schools	440-965-5821
Huron City Schools	419-433-3931
Margaretta Local Schools	419-684-5351
Perkins Local Schools	419-625-0484
Sandusky City School	419-621-2744
Vermilion Local Schools	440-967-3183
Erie, Huron, Ottawa Educational Services Center	419-625-6274
Erie County Board of MR/DD	419-626-0208
Association for Retarded Citizens	419-625-9677
Northern Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center (SERRC)	
1-440-967-8355	

SPEECH THERAPY/EVALUATION

Erie County Board of MR/DD	419-626-0208
Help Me Grow Program	1-800-491-4566 or 419-621-3962
Firelands Regional Medical Center	419-557-7455 1-800-342-1177
Fisher Titus Medical Center	1-800-589-3862
Easter Seals	419-626-8447
Children's Developmental Center (Amherst)	440-984-2416
Abilities Pediatric Therapy	419-621-1166

PHYSICAL THERAPY/ OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY/EVALUATIONS

Erie County Board of MR/DD	419-626-0208
Help Me Grow Program	1-800-491-4566 or 419-621-3962
Fisher Titus Medical Center	1-800-589-3862

Children's Developmental Center	440-984-2416
Transition Healthcare Associates, Inc	440-967-2508 or
419-621-1166	1-888-872-2508
Abilities Pediatric Therapy	419-621-1166

HEARING/AUDIOLOGICAL

Erie County Board of MR/DD	419-626-0208
Erie County Health Dept.	419-626-5623
Firelands Regional Medical Center	419-557-7455
West Side Hearing & Speech Services	440-329-7760 (Elyria)
	440-282-5910 (Lorain)
Sandusky Audiology	419-625-7339 or
	800-589-4333
Transition Healthcare Associates, Inc	440-967-2508 or
	888-872-2508 (Vermilion)
Regional Infant Hearing Program (Contact Name-Kelli Halter)	1-888-996-7447 x 265
SERRC	1-440-9678355

NUTRITION

Erie Co. Health Dept. WIC program	419-626-5623
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PARENT EDUCATION/SUPPORT

Family Information Network (Diane Frazee, regional coordinator)	419-242-9587 x 218
Help Me Grow/Family Support Specialist	419-621-3962 x 174 or
	800-491-4566 x 174
Help Me Grow (Central Intake&Referral)	419-621-3962 or
	800-491-4566 x 171
Parents As Teachers (PAT) Mary David	419-602-0150
Lynda Wakefield (PAT) Vermilion	440-967-0761
Bayshore Counseling	419-626-9156 or
Donna Kelley (Parent Educator)	800-686-0088

ADVOCACY FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Arc of Erie County 419-625-9677
Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities
800-374-2806

Parent Mentor of Erie County
Vicki Deel-Lezon (419) 433-6343 ext. 27 or 1-800-552-5632710
Cleveland Road East
Huron, Ohio 44839

PRESCHOOL/DAY CARE

Child Care Resource Center 1-800-526-5268 or
440-960-7187

Playland Preschool and Daycare

(Lucas Street) 419-684-7551
(Shelby St.) 419-627-2997

Kiddie Korral (Follett Street) 419-609-9223
Kiddie Korral (Perkins Ave.) 419-626-9064
Head Start 419-625-2214
YWCA (Sandusky) (Daycare 3-5 yrs only) 419-621-9622
Berlin Little Chargers 419-588-2079
First U.C.C. Preschool 419-621-9935
HarborTown Day Nursery School, Vermilion 440-967-0070
Milan Little Chargers 419-499-2471
Milan Playschool 419-499-2748
Beth's Daycare 419-609-9660
Firelands Community Day School 419-965-7677
Ehove preschool 419-627-9665
S.H.S. Preschool 419-621-2755
Wee Care 419-621-1212

CLINICS

Prenatal Clinic – Erie County Health Dept.
420 Superior Street
Sandusky, Ohio 44870

(419)626-5623

Appointments are necessary.

Family Practice

1912 Hayes Ave.

Sandusky, Ohio, 44870

419-621-7000

Erie County Health Department

420 Superior Street

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

(419) 626-5623

Vermilion Health Dept.

1230 Beechview Dr.

Vermilion, Ohio 44001

(440) 967-7359

Immunization clinic, well-child clinic, health checks, hearing clinic, sexually transmitted disease clinic, prenatal, family planning clinic, W.I.C., T.B. skin testing, environmental health

Ohio Department of Health

Bureau of Child and Family Health Services

Erie County General Health District

(look under financial for more info on BCMH)

BCMh Clinics

419-626-5623

420 Superior St.

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Firelands Regional Medical Center/South Campus

North Campus

1101 Decatur Street

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

(419) 557-7455

South Campus

1912 Hayes Ave.

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

(419) 626-7400

North Campus Provides emergency, medical, surgical, obstetrical, and pediatric care. South Campus provides, psychiatric and rehabilitative patient, and family practice. BCMH clinics, outpatient therapy.

**Erie County Care-A-Van
Mobile Community Resource Center**

Kaleidoscope Center
4405 Galloway Rd.
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
(419) 621-3962 x 177 or 1-800-491-4566 x 177
Immunizations, health screenings, nutrition etc.
For Erie County residents

Abigail Pregnancy Services

22 West Main Street	830 Maplewood Dr.
Norwalk, Ohio 44857	Willard, Ohio 44890
(419) 668-9500	419-935-0128

Para church organization whose purpose is to assist woman and families who face crisis pregnancy situations. Goal is to help carry babies to term. Free of charge. Abigail also has a Teen Maternity home in Norwalk, Ohio
419-663-Baby.

Heartbeat of Sandusky

3423 Columbus Ave.
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
(419) 625-9511
Tuesday and Wednesday 10am-5pm and Friday 2:30am-5:00pm
Education and emotional support to any person in need concerning pregnancy. They have pamphlets videos, emergency pregnancy services, pregnancy tests, baby and maternity clothes, abstinence counseling and post abortion counseling. Mentor-mom program support group. Free services

Breast Feeding Coordinator, Lactation Consultant.

Erie County Health Dept.
Judy McCurdy, R.N., I.B.C.I.C.
420 Superior Street
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
(419) 626-5623

8:00am to 5:00pm
Monday-Friday No Fee

LaLeche League of Erie County

Pat Frey
723 Gloucester
Huron, Ohio 44839 419-433-6352 or 419-626-9141
Breastfeeding support

Referral for Physicians

Erie County Medical Society

212 Marion Ave.
Huron, Ohio 44839
(419)433-3097
24 hours-answering machine only-all calls returned
provides information on MD's & DO's practicing in Erie county

Clothing Resources

Care and Share Inc. of Erie County

241 Jackson Street
P.O. Box 1874
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
419-624-1411
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00am-10:45am and 1:00pm-2:45pm
Friday 9:00am-10:45am

Salvation Army Thrift Store

820 Cleveland Rd. Huron, Ohio 44839 419-433-0500	1031 Tiffin Ave. Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-626-3862	1130 Cleveland Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-626-191
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Goodwill

422 Cleveland Rd. E. Huron, Ohio 44870	924 E. Perkins Ave. Sandusky, Ohio 44870	101 Plank Rd. Norwalk, Ohio 44857
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419-433-0500

429-625-2910

419-663-2343

HOT MEALS

Victory Kitchen

1613 Hayes Avenue

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

(419) 627-8732

Hours: 900am-3:00pm Monday-Friday

Serve Free, hot meals Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays

St. Paul Lutheran Church

2211 Mills & W. Perkins

Last Sunday of each month

1-3 pm Phone: 419-625-6800

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

334 Columbus Ave.

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

419-626-1115

2nd and 4th Sat. of each month 8:00am – 10:00am

First Congregational Church

431 Columbus Ave.

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Every Wed. 3:30pm-5:00pm

Ebenezer Baptist Church

1215 Pierce

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

1st & 3rd sat. of each month 8:00am – 11:00am

Volunteers of America/Crossroads (Open to Public)

1843 Superior Street

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

419-626-6505

Monday-Friday

Families: Breakfast 6:30am-7:30am

Individuals:

Lunch 11:00am-12:00pm

Breakfast 5:30am-6:30am

Dinner 4:00pm-5:00pm

Lunch 12:15pm-1:15pm
Dinner 5:15pm-6:15pm

Saturdays and Sundays

Families: Breakfast 8:00am-9:00am
Lunch 11:30am-12:30pm
Dinner 5:00pm-6:00pm

Individuals:
Breakfast 7:00am-8:00am
Lunch 12:45pm-1:45pm
Dinner 6:15pm-7:15pm

FOOD DISTRIBUTORS

CAC (Community Action Commission)

908 south depot street
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
Emergency only
419-626-4320

Lighthouse Assembly of God

820 Cleveland Rd. East
Huron, Ohio
(419) 433-8889
Wednesday's 9:00am-3:00pm and Thursday's 10:00am-2:00pm
Limited to the 44839 Zip Code

Trinity United Methodist & Calvary Temple church

241 Jackson St.
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
419-624-1411

Salvation Army

1031 Tiffin Ave.
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
3rd. Thursday only 9-11 am

Second Harvest Food Bank

7455 Deer Trail Lane
Lorain, Ohio 44053
1-800-848-9431

8:00AM-5:00PM MONDAY-FRIDAY

Families in need of food must meet poverty guidelines
Serving Lorain, Erie, Huron, Crawford counties.

Church of God

7410 Magill Rd.

Castalia, Ohio 44824

Stop at the beginning of the month or call 419-359-1831

TRANSPORTATION

Sandusky Transit System

1230 N. Depot Street

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

(419) 627-0740 dispatch, Ticket Purchase (419) 627-5872

Monday-Friday 6:00am-10:00pm, Saturday's 6:00am-6:00pm closed on
Sundays. Transportation for Sandusky, Perkins, Huron, and some of
Vermilion

North Central EMS

12513 US. RT 250 N.

Milan, Ohio 44846

419-433-4620

419-668-4357

Transportation Service for people with disabilities

LEGAL AID

Legal Aid/Public/Defenders

247 Columbus Ave. suite 37

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

419-627-6620 or 419-627-6630

Provide legal services to those meeting income and priority guidelines in the
following areas:

Criminal, juvenile, contempt, paternity, divorce, custody, landlord-tenant,
bankruptcy, defense of lawsuits, welfare denials and SSI-appeals only.

Social Security Administration

200 Hancock St.
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
419-625-6052 or 1-800-772-1213

CREDIT COUNSELING

Consumer Credit Counseling Centers of America

1-800-493-2222

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northwestern Ohio

For Information or An Appointment 1-800-355-2227

SUPPORT

Bayshore Counseling Services

1218 Cleveland Road

Suite B

Sandusky, Ohio 4487 (419) 626-9156 1-800-686-0088

9:00am-5:00pm

Monday – Friday, Evenings by appt.

Kinship

3920 Perkins Ave

Huron, Ohio 44839

(419) - 625-2672

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday 8:00am-8:30pm

Call for more information.

Private Autism support (parent)

Cindy Kaman

816 Superior dr.

Huron, Ohio 44839

(419) 433 – 6421

A.S.K. Camp (Autism, Spectrum, Kids)

Fisher Titus Medical Center

272 Benedict

Norwalk, Ohio 44857

(419) 668-8101 ext 6435 Call for more information.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES/COUNSELING

Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services 419-627-5177 or
1-800-826-1306

Bayshore Counseling 419-626-9156 or
1-800-686-0088

CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

PARENTS AS TEACHERS

Director: Sandusky, Mary David 419-602-0150
Call for more information about the program

Vermilion: Lynda Wakefield (440) 967-0761

Home visits available for Vermilion School District residents with children ages prenatal to five.

Vermilion Drop in and play hours: Wednesday mornings 10:00-11:30am and 2nd and 4th Monday evenings of the month, 7:00-8:00pm

Families with children ages 0-3 years of age that are enrolled in the Help Me Grow program. This program broadens one's knowledge base of child growth and development through home visits with information and activities.

Drop in and Play hours: Wednesday evenings 6:15-7:45pm

At Kaleidoscope Center Friday mornings 9:30-11:00am

4405 Galloway Rd. Sandusky 44870-Call Mary David for more info.

Drop in and play times are open to the public.

Sandusky City Schools residents may receive home visits and Service Coordination for their Preschool age children. Information and materials provided to enhance child development and school readiness skills.

Drop in and Play hours: at CAST Center 1215 Campbell St. Sandusky, Ohio 44870, Call Mary David for a schedule 419-602-0150.

Help Me Grow

Kaleidoscope Center

Janet Hamilton

Central Intake and Referral Coordinator

4405 Galloway rd.

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

(419) 621 – 3962 1-800-491-4566 x 171

8:00am – 5:00pm Monday – Friday

Home visits to parents/guardians of children 0-3, who are at risk for developmental delays. Developmental screenings for children 0-3.

Referrals to medical, financial, social and development and to assist the family in location of those resources.

Erie-Huron County CAC Headstart Program

908 S. Depot St.

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

(419) 625-2214

Preschool program for 3 to 5 year olds, including children with various handicapping conditions. It has two sessions, mornings and afternoon hours.

Monday-Friday. Two-day sessions available. Clientele: Families who meet income guidelines as well as those with children who have special needs

Call for Schedules or more Information. Full day available for parents who work or go to school.

SHELTERS

Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter

P.O. box 2616

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

(419)626-2200 1-800-953-2207 (419 area code only)

Shelter for battered woman and their dependent children, crisis hotline, legal advocacy, support groups, information and referral, counseling.

Woman aged 18 or older who are able to care for themselves and their children are residents of Erie, Ottawa, or Huron counties.

Volunteers of America Crossroads (shelter)

1843 Superior street

(419) 626-6505 fax-419-626-9208

Emergency shelter and transitional living & housing. Serves Families, Veterans and adult individual. Provides housing, case management and referrals to county services.

EQUIPMENT NEEDS

Leimkuehler Orthotic & Prosthetic Inc.

1807 West Perkins Ave
Sandusky Ohio 44870
419-625-5373

Easter Seals

279 E. Market St.
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
419-626-8447

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FINANCIAL AID

BCMh (Bureau of Children with Medial Handicaps)

Erie County Health Dept. - Gwen Funderwhite BCMH Nurse (Erie)

Columbus: 1-800-755-4769 or 419-626-5623

(Call Gwen for application information.)

Erie County Dept. of Human Services	419-626-6781
Easter Seals of Erie County	419-626-8477
Erie County Board of MR/DD	419-626-0208
Family Resource Program	419-626-1048
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	800-772-1213 or 419-625-6052

Ohio Bureau of Job and Family Services

Contact number will be toll free: 1-877-644-6562 or 419-626-6781

Hours: 8:00am – 5:00pm Monday – Friday

Matching job seekers to employer job openings.

Processing applications of unemployment compensation.

Erie County Department of Job & Family Services

221 w. Parish St.

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

(419) 626-6781

8:00am – 5:00pm Monday – Friday

Services include:

Medicaid assistance, food stamps, childcare assistance program,
employment training, emergency assistance. Call for more information.

Erie/Huron County Community Action Commission “CAC”

908 S. Depot Street

Sandusky, Oh 44870

(419) 626-4320 (419) 668-9823 – Huron County

8:00 am – 4:30pm

Monday – Friday

Provides assistance to residents of Erie/Huron Counties who are in need.

Programs for all age levels from Headstart program to elderly. Energy assistance programs to those who qualify. Emergency assistance with food, clothing, furniture, prescriptions, rent or rent deposits.

(availability) for these are based on income and availability of funds.

HEAP- Assistance with heating bill shut-off notices to those who qualify.

Ohio State University Extension for budgeting classes

2900 South Columbus Ave

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

419-627-7631

Contact Person: Ann Fremion

Paul Motry Memorial Fund

414 Wayne St.

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

(419) 627-0414

Charitable trust for children with special needs under 18 with medical/financial needs. For children in Erie and Eastern Ottawa County, Call for an application.

Easter Seals Society of Northwest Ohio

279 East market St.

226 St Rt 61 East

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Norwalk, Ohio 44857

419-626-8447

419-668-6791

Medical equipment loan program, hearing aid loan, comprehensive car seat loan, summer speech therapy, infant monitoring and summer camperships, daycare, homecare, (private pay, insurance, passport provider and I&O Waiver provider) and respite care.

St. Vincent DePaul Society-Sandusky-Huron

St. Peter and Paul's

Sandusky location:

510 Columbus Ave.

Huron location:

430 Main St.

Sandusky, Ohio 44870
(419)625-6655

Huron, Ohio 44839
(419)433-5725

7:00 pm-8:30 pm applications accepted first Thursday of each month only.
Must prove eligibility; St. Peter's Huron prefers Huron residents for needed assistance. Services include, utility, medication, food assistance- upon approval of application. (NO RENT or SECURITY DEPOSIT)

Holy Angels Church

1605 w. Jefferson St.
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
(419) 625-3698
Assistance with utilities.

HOUSING INFORMATION

Erie County Metropolitan Housing

322 Warren street
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
(419) 625-0262

8:00 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday

A public agency that provides decent, safe and sanitary housing for low and moderate-income families; also provides for elderly and handicapped.

Provides a variety of social services to senior citizens, and persons with low income.

Low income or over 62, handicapped or disabled

Firelands Habitat for Humanity

P.O. box 308
Huron, Ohio 44839
(419) 433-2609

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Homebuilders for low-income families, including new homes.

Firelands HFH works solely on volunteer labor, donated money and materials. The families called “Partner families” help build their homes and the homes of other families. As each family pays their monthly mortgage, the money is used to help build future homes. Call for more information.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

EHOVE Career Center

High School and Adult Education

316 West mason road

Milan, Ohio 44846

(419) 627-9665 (419) 499-4663

Vocational education classes, job placement services, career planning, financial aid, employment services and vocational assessment center. Career training programs and special interest classes.

High school juniors and seniors, adult learning programs.

Fees: varies by program

Sandusky City Schools, Center for Continuing Education

407 Decatur Street

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

(419)625 – 9294(adult education) (419) 621 – 2717

8:00AM – 3:00 PM

Monday – Friday

Sandusky ABLE/GED

Sandusky Adult Basic, Literacy Education

Center for Continuing Education

Sandusky High School

2130 Hayes Avenue

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

419-621-2778

Goodwill Industries

419 W. Market St.

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

(419)625-4744

Fax 419-625-4692

Ohio Business College

4020 Milan Rd.

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

1-800-729-0539

419-627-8345

The Job Store

5500 Park Place Plaza
Sandusky Ohio 44870
419-624-6451

Services offered for those seeking jobs

Career Advising, job search assistance, testing and assessment, computerized job matching, workshops, GED preparation, and basic skills.

Services for employers

Training and education programs, accepting job applications, tax information, recruitment and screening, downsizing and layoffs.

Youth Services

Basic skills/GED, employment training, jobs/job coaching.
Call for more detailed information on all opportunities.

RESOURCES

Sandusky Library

114 W. Adams Street
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
(419) 625-3834
9:00 am – 8:30 pm
Monday – Thursday
9:00 am – 5:00pm Friday – Saturday
12:00 noon – 5:00pm on Sunday (October-April)

Huron Public Library

333Williams st.
Huron, Ohio 44839
(419) 433-5009

Hours: 10:00 – 8:30 Monday-Thursday
10:00 – 5:00 Friday
10:00 – 1:00 Sat. (summer)
10:00 – 5:00 Sat. & Sun. (winter)

Family Resource Library

Kaleidoscope Center

4405 Galloway Rd.

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Check out and take home books, tapes, developmental toys, also have computer with internet accessibility.

Vermilion Ritter Public Library

5680 Liberty Ave.

Vermilion, Ohio 44089

Phone 440-967-3798

Fax 440-967-5482

Winter hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30 – 8:30pm

Friday & Saturday 9:30 – 5:30pm

Sundays 1:00 – 5:00pm

Summer hours: Monday – Thursday 9:30–8:00pm

Friday –Saturday 9:30-5:30pm Sundays- closed

Castalia

208 Lowell Street

Castalia, OH 44824

Voice1: (419) 684-7777

Web: <http://www.sandusky.lib.oh.us/Castaliabranch.htm>

Milan-Berlin Township Public Library of the Berlin-Milan Local School District

E. Church St. / P.O. Box 1550

Milan, OH 44846

Voice1: (419) 499-4117

Fax: (419) 499-4697

Web: <http://www.milan-berlin.lib.oh.us>

Bellevue Public Library

224 E. Main St.

Bellevue, OH 44811-1409

Voice1: (419) 483-4769

Fax: (419) 483-0158

Web: <http://www.bellevue.lib.oh.us>
Catalog: <http://www-catalog.cpl.org/MARION>

Monroeville Public Library

34 Monroe St.
Monroeville, OH 44847-9722
Voice1: (419) 465-2035

Other Services

Alltel/WRT Lifeline 1-800-347-1991

This program helps low-income customers obtain and maintain monthly local telephone service.

Ameritech USA 1-800-335-USA1

This program helps low-income customers obtain and maintain monthly local telephone service.

Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation 1-800-589-6772

On the job training or vocational school education and job placement assistance for those who are vocationally handicapped (many ex-offenders are eligible).

CSEA (Child Support Enforcement Agency)

Located at Job and Family Services
221 Parish St.
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
419-626-6781

These list's are not necessarily all inclusive
