



What's Out There?

A DIRECTORY OF SOCIAL SERVICES
IN GEAUGA COUNTY

Working Together to Make a Difference!



NAMI Geauga County offers support, education and advocacy to all who are affected by mental illness including friends, families, teachers, coaches and clergy. We are fortunate in our county to have nearly thirty organizations providing a full range of community support services; but at our support groups and educational classes we often hear questions like, “Where can we find help?” and “What is out there?”

To help residents find the services they need and to help professionals identify, coordinate, and deliver services effectively, we have compiled this directory providing information to help individuals and family members find the help they need.

We offer a downloadable copy on our website at namigeauga.org and distribute printed copies to each agency. We appreciate the funding provided to NAMI Geauga County by the Geauga Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services that makes educational materials such as this directory possible.

If you have any comments, additions, omissions, changes or corrections, please notify our office so that we may keep our website updated and current. Any questions or comments should be directed to: Kelly Bidlack at kbidlack@namigeauga.org or call 440-286-6264.

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AMISH PROGRAMS

16030 E. High Street, Middlefield, Ohio 44062

440-632-5355

This program provides outreach, community support, counseling, consultation, referral and psychiatrist services to the members of the Amish Community in a culturally sensitive manner. Contact Ravenwood Health’s Amish Support Coordinator at the Middlefield location.

BIG BROTHERS – BIG SISTERS OF NORTHEAST OHIO

8 North State St., Painesville, Ohio 44077

440-352-2526

information@bbbsneo.org

www.bbbsneo.org

BBBS is the oldest and largest youth mentoring organization in the country, and our mission is to foster the development of children in reaching their highest potential as responsible and caring adults. We achieve this mission using volunteers to mentor youth in school based and community based programs.

BIRTHRIGHT OF GEAUGA COUNTY

129 Main St. Suite B, Chardon, Ohio 44024

440-286-9711

www.birthright.org/en/landingpage/lp-chardon

We understand the challenges related to unplanned pregnancies. We offer love, friendship, and support to women who are pregnant or think they may be pregnant. Birthright services are always free, non-judgmental and confidential. We can also provide information, referrals, and resources to help the woman help herself.

CASA FOR KIDS OF GEAUGA COUNTY

470 Center St, Building 6C, Chardon, Ohio 44024

440-279-1697

jweese@geaugacourts.org

CASA is a program of the Geauga County Juvenile Court and a member in good standing with National CASA and Ohio CASA standards. The Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) are carefully selected and trained volunteers who are from diverse backgrounds whose role is to advocate for the “best interest” of abused, neglected and dependent children

CASA FOR KIDS OF GEAUGA COUNTY Continued

referred by the Geauga County Juvenile Court. The volunteers are well supported by professional CASA staff who provide guidance and support through each case.

The CASA volunteers fill the role of the guardian ad litem that is required by law to conduct an independent investigation of the case, prepare reports for Court hearings and provide recommendations for the Court to consider. The benefit of utilizing volunteers to perform this role is that they truly provide an independent voice and have time to devote to one case. The CASA volunteer remains actively committed to each case until closed by the Court.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES OF GEAUGA COUNTY

602 South St. Suite D-1, Chardon, Ohio 44024
contact@ccdoble.org

440-285-3537

Outpatient Mental Health & Chemical Dependency Counseling

Assessment, counseling and support services are provided for children, teens, adults, couples and families experiencing individual, interpersonal, and drug and/or alcohol concerns. The program serves persons coping with interpersonal and mental health concerns as well as substance abuse.

Family Violence Intervention Program

This Program is a 26-week psycho-educational group for adult male perpetrators of domestic violence. During the course of the program, men learn to take responsibility for their actions, identify how their behavior interferes with healthy relationships, learn to manage stress and appropriately express themselves.

Early Childhood Mental Health Program (ECMH)

The Early Childhood Mental Health Program uses Evidenced Based curriculum to teach social skills to children in daycare, preschool and elementary school classrooms as well as at the family home. Using an evidenced based model of practice, this program uses puppets and other media to help children learn about expressing feelings, handling difficult behaviors and relating well with other children and adults.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES OF GEAUGA COUNTY Continued

The ECMH program goals are to educate and improve the social and emotional well-being of children while decreasing the likelihood of child abuse.

Volunteer Guardian Program

This program provides trained volunteers who serve as guardians for persons deemed not capable in making decisions about their personal welfare. Recipients of this service are wards of the Geauga County Probate Court and residents of Geauga County. Volunteer Guardians visit their wards at least monthly. Referrals for this service are assigned through the Geauga County Probate Court.

Help Me Grow Home Visitation

This program provides education on infant growth, development, and parenting skills. This program is available to first time prenatal mothers or mothers with a child under 6 months old, who meet income guidelines. Anyone interested in referring a family or enrolling should contact the Help Me Grow Central Coordination referral line at 1-866-975-1100.

Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge Grant/Consultation Services

Comprehensive, up to date, evidenced based trainings to childcare providers in order to improve the delivery of early childhood care services in daycares and preschools. Staff provides this within a four county region in collaboration with other local training agencies, to build a large, effective menu of trainings to meet the ever growing needs of childcare providers. Staff schedule trainings at times and locations which are convenient to childcare staff.

Case Management for Self Sufficiency Program

The program provides Case Management Services to clients who present multiple barriers in their lives that interfere with daily living and self-sufficiency. The program uses a strength based approach to help individuals reduce or eliminate their barriers by teaching life skills, obtaining marketable skills, and gaining job readiness skills. The program also provides Job Development, Job Placement and Employer Liaison Services and in partnership with the Geauga United Way.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES OF GEAUGA COUNTY Continued

Youth Employment Program

The program provides work readiness training, job placement services, and life skills training to youth ages 16 to 24. We work with youth to help them achieve their educational and career goals. Potential participants need to complete an application for the program and return it to the “Ohio Means Jobs” office at the Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services.

Chardon Fire Department

110 South Hambden Street, Chardon, Ohio 44024 440-285-4665
Offers free children’s car seat safety checks and assistance with installation of car seats. Call to make an appointment.

CHAGRIN FALLS PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

7060 Woodland Ave, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023 440-247-6030

The Center provides after school tutoring programs for elementary, middle and high school students. The eight-week summer programs are primarily for minority families with students in the low to moderate income range. The Strategies for Life Program provides supportive services for family including a food pantry and other emergency needs.

CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM (C.I.T.)

Chardon Police Department, Chief Scott Niehus sniehus@chardon.cc
111 Water Street, Chardon, Ohio 44024 440-286-6123

CIT is a community based law enforcement crisis intervention program offering officers and other professionals who work in the community training and de-escalation techniques sensitive to those in crisis with psychiatric disorders and substance abuse issues. This program is designed to improve communication between law enforcement and mental health providers, to divert the seriously mentally ill from the criminal justice system when appropriate, and to track the disposition of calls involving CIT trained officers in the community to ensure increased officer and public safety with more appropriate outcomes.

DDC CLINIC FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN
14567 Madison Rd., Middlefield, OH 44062

440-632-1668
www.ddcclinic.org

DDC Clinic - Center for Special Needs Children is a non-profit primary care and research facility serving patients with complex medical needs. Founded as a unique collaboration between Amish and Non-Amish families, we began providing services in 2002 to children with rare genetic disorders – disorders that are difficult and time-consuming to diagnose and treat. DDC Clinic was founded on the concept of a medical home as defined by the American Academy of Pediatrics and on the principle that no child would ever be turned away from the medical care he or she needs based on the family's ability to pay. We provide medical services for patients with over 70 different rare conditions. We are recognized as a leading international medical facility.

Unable to find reliable and quality testing for their growing number of patients, DDC Clinic established its own genetic research laboratory in 2005. The Clinic has had great success in diagnosing and treating a growing number of disorders.

It is widely cited as international experts in rare diseases with more than 35 research publications in major journals including Science and Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Faced with a growing number of requests from physicians around the country for access to these diagnostic tests, the clinic added clinical laboratory capabilities in 2013 and established the Molecular Genetics Laboratory which now offers more than 50 genetic test offerings. These tests include both full gene and targeted mutation analyses by direct DNA sequencing, the gold standard of genetic testing. DDC Clinic is the only genetic lab in Ohio that has both FDA-cleared high tech in vitro diagnostic (IVD) equipment. The lab offers both high-resolution whole-genome chromosomal microarray testing and next generation sequencing.

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION (The)

54 S. State Street, Suite 203, Painesville, Ohio 44077 440-352-0608

lake@fpaneo.org

www.fpaneo.org

FPA provides reproductive healthcare and education to men and women in Lake, Ashtabula and Geauga Counties. Within Geauga County, the FPA provides confidential reproductive healthcare services for teens and adults, as well as school-based education programs on a variety of topics including pregnancy prevention, sexually transmitted infections and HIV.

Education

School and agency-based education programs are provided on a variety of topics including pregnancy prevention, sexually transmitted infections and HIV.

Health Care

All clinic-based services are provided on a sliding fee scale based on income with no one denied service because of an inability to pay.

FAMILY PRIDE OF NORTHEAST OHIO, INC.

695 South Street, Suite 6, Chardon, Ohio 44024

440-286-1553

www.familyprideonline.org

Family Pride is a community-based behavioral health agency that provides counseling, case management and support services to children, adolescents and adults in Geauga, Lake, Ashtabula and portions of Cuyahoga counties. Services are provided in our clients' homes, throughout the community such as in school or work, as well as in our office location. Family Pride's goal is to assist individuals and families to positively cope with their daily struggles within their own natural environment, improve family dynamics, relationships, and many problematic mental health or chemical dependency concerns.

Assessment & Referral

Family Pride provides both mental health and chemical dependency assessments to help the therapist gain a better understanding of both the dynamics and concerns of our clients and families. We look at family history as well as current communication and support patterns to understand the "big picture". After this process, the therapist will be

FAMILY PRIDE OF NORTHEAST OHIO, INC. Continued

able to make recommendations to address any concerns. On occasion, the assessment process does identify that the individual is in need of a higher level of care or dual diagnosis treatment program. In these cases, the therapist will provide the individual and family with a variety of treatment referrals within their local community.

Outpatient Counseling / Individual Counseling

When a family member is struggling to cope with day-to-day stressors, Individual Counseling is offered as a safe and comfortable way to think through those thoughts and feelings, build self-esteem and empower each client towards hope and a new healthier, happier life.

Couples Counseling

Couples counseling can be short term and focuses on improving the overall relationship of those involved while taking into account the specific needs of each individual. Family Pride offers couples counseling to adults – married or not – to improve how they communicate with each other, resolve problems as a couple and even help couples disagree in a healthy manner.

Family Counseling

The Family Pride Team believes that families are the building blocks to healthy children, healthy communities and a positive future. For this reason, we work collectively with all family members that may have a positive and/or negative impact on our clients. Family counseling focuses on dynamics of the entire family including – communication, problem solving, role development and, most importantly, healthy bonding. Family therapy can be short (90 days or less) or long term and is an approach that looks at the big picture to often many little overwhelming concerns.

Group Counseling

Family Pride offers group counseling as a safe environment in which clients can express their thoughts, feelings and concerns, experiment with new behaviors, improve communication skills and receive feedback from others with similar interests.

FAMILY PRIDE OF NORTHEAST OHIO, INC. Continued

Case Management (Children and Adults)

Case Management is offered as the practical support to mental health. This service is available to assist with building the skills necessary to a healthy, struggle-free lifestyle such as social skills, linkages to local resources, time management, organizational skills, employability, and independent living skills. This service is offered on an as needed basis to clients either as a stand-alone support or in conjunction with counseling.

Active Parenting /Cooperative Parenting Groups

As part of the Geauga County Parent Education Collaborative, Family Pride offers ongoing evidence-based parent education programming to support parents of youth ages 5-12 years (Active Parenting) as well as programming for parents who are going through a separation or divorce and struggle with co-parenting skills (Cooperative Parenting).

EMDR Services

Eye movement desensitization and reprocessing (EMDR) is an evidence-based integrative psychotherapy that emphasizes disturbing memories created by a traumatic event. When a traumatic or distressing experience occurs, it may overwhelm normal coping mechanisms. The memory and associated stimuli are inadequately processed and stored in an isolated memory network. EMDR assist individuals to effectively process the experiences that are causing problems so individuals may continue forward with the emotions, understanding, and perspectives that will lead to healthy coping strategies and lifestyle.

FIELDSTONE FARM THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER

16497 Snyder Rd., Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023

440-708-0013

www.fieldstonefarmtrc.com

The center offers mounted and un-mounted programs designed by professionals to foster personal growth and individual achievement for people with disabilities. Our mounted programs consist of academic enrichment, private lessons, and summer camp.

GEAUGA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION: Legal Aid

100 Short Ct St, Chardon, OH 44024

www.geaugabar.org

440-286-7160

secretary@geaugabar.org

The Geauga County Bar Association was founded in 1968 and has approximately 180 members. It is presently located in the lower level of the Geauga County Courthouse.

GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

8200 Cedar Rd., Chesterland, Ohio 44026

440-729-9406
www.geaugadd.org

This agency, better known as the Metzenbaum Center, serves more than 800 individuals and their families. The Goal of the Board is to help local individuals with developmental disabilities in Geauga County to live, learn and earn in their community. Our clients range in age from newborns to senior citizens. At every level, the primary goal of our programs and services is to integrate the individuals into the community whenever possible. Metzenbaum Center programs include:

Help Me Grow and Early Intervention for children from birth to age 3 who have a disability or potential delay. These programs work to guide parents so the child gains the skills necessary to reach developmental milestones.

The Board collaborates with local school districts and;

Preschool programs

Itinerant programs meet with students in daycare or home settings.

Integration into public school districts.

Supporting programs like Music, Adaptive Physical Education, Family Support Services, Summer Camp/Recreation Support, and Transitional Service and Support Administrators.

Adult Programming options, including employment, work-related programs and options for habilitation/socialization programs.

GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES Continued

Residential programs that find appropriate housing for clients, including options on the Metzenbaum campus, Maple Leaf Community Residences, private rental homes and other settings throughout Geauga County.

Transportation support for those who have community employment.

Social and recreational programs, including Special Olympics, Dinner Clubs, Metzenbaum Recreation, and the West Geauga Aktion Club.

GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY SERVICES

13244 Ravenna Road Chardon, Ohio 44024

440-285-2282

www.geauga.org

mhrs@geauga.org

The Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services, as the duly constituted local planning and funding authority, is responsible for the distribution of funds and administration of public mental health, alcohol and drug addiction services in Geauga County. It is the primary responsibility of the Board to develop, promote, and monitor services, facilities, and programs that are responsive to the behavioral health care needs of the citizens of Geauga County.

GEAUGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT ON AGING

12555 Ravenwood Dr., Chardon, Ohio 44024

440-279-2130

www.co.geauga.oh.us/Departments/Aging

Adult Day Service

A supervised daily program at the Multi-Purpose Senior Center exists for seniors with dementia or Alzheimer disease.

Adult Day Service Visitation

ADS Coordinator stays in contact with the client and family to insure everyone is informed of the progress of the senior in the ADS program.

GEAUGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT ON AGING Continued

Chore and Home Maintenance

This program provides skilled and unskilled assistance to help Seniors live safely in their own homes; includes things related to safety, security, adaption for ADA and fire prevention.

Friendly Visitation and Telephone Reassurance

Weekly contacts by agency volunteers are made to homebound or at-risk Seniors, to maintain community involvement.

Health Programs

These include: respite, blood pressure checks, exercise programs, and coordinated programs with the Cleveland Sight Center, Alzheimer's Association, and UH Extended Care/Senior Assessment.

HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program)

We help Seniors complete necessary forms to qualify for this assistance.

Information and Referral

We provide Seniors and their families access to current data concerning available services in our community. 440-285-2222

Legal Services

Professionals provide Seniors with legal services including living wills, health care power of attorney and wills. Geauga Seniors may access the service on a first come-first serve basis.

Mass Outreach

Outreach includes our Geauga Senior News, trainings provided in the community, newspaper articles and community events.

Socialization and Home Visits

Senior centers provide a daily program including educational and social activities. Home Visits allow senior center staff to stay in contact with the client when they have a temporary reason to miss coming to the centers.

GEAUGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT ON AGING Continued

Supportive Services

We link Seniors with other programs in the county.

Transportation

Transportation is provided to and from the senior centers, the ADS program, out of county medical appointments and special events.

Volunteer Programs

The program recruits, places and supervises volunteers in all five senior centers and in all program areas.

GEAUGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

12480 Ravenwood Dr., Chardon, Ohio 44024

440-285-9141

info@geaugajfs.org

www.geaugajfs.org

Our mission is to promote self-sufficiency and family stability by providing financial, protective and employment services to our community.

Craig Swenson, Executive Director

Adult Protective Services

The department accepts calls for concerns for adults over the age of 60 that may be at risk or in need of services and provides ongoing services as needed.

Supportive Services

We link Seniors with other programs in the county.

Day Care Subsidy

Eligibility for Ohio subsidy for child care services is determined at our agency.

Child Protective Services

We accept calls for concerns from parents and the community in relation to children at risk of abuse, neglect or dependency. We provide information, referral to supportive services available in the community, and provide services for families in need of services.

GEAUGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES Continued

Emergency Services

The agency determines eligibility for non-recurrent short term benefits that are designed to deal with a specific crisis situation or episode of need. Examples include emergency heating assistance, late rent assistance, assistance with car repair and to help maintain employment, employment and training preparation for eligible individuals.

Food Assistance Program

This program, formerly known as “Food Stamps,” is designed to raise nutritional levels, to expand buying power and safeguard the health and well-being of individuals in low-income households in Ohio. Food assistance benefits can be used to buy most food or food products intended for human consumption.

Foster, Adopt, and Kinship Services

This program provides home studies, training, and placement services for families interested in adding to their home by fostering, adoption or kinship relationships. Learn more at **GeaugaKids.com**

Healthy Start and Healthy Families Medicaid

These Medicaid programs provide eligible Ohio children, pregnant women and families comprehensive health coverage for services like doctor visits, prescriptions, hospital care, immunizations, vision and dental care, substance abuse, mental health services and more.

Medicaid Expansion

For Adults who may not qualify for Healthy Start Healthy Families Medicaid. Apply at **benefits.Ohio.gov**

Independent Living Services

Provides support for children 14 to 21 that are either in the custody of the agency or have emancipated from the agency’s custody.

Medicaid for Older Adults and People with Disabilities

This Medicaid category is available to certain Ohioans to assist with medical expenses. Persons who are aged, blind or have a disability (as determined by the Social Security Administration) must meet established

GEAUGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES Continued

financial guidelines. Covered services include prescription drugs, home care, doctor visits, hospital care, and long term care in nursing facilities. Apply at **benefits.Ohio.gov**

Ohio Works First

This program provides time-limited cash assistance to eligible families and emphasizes building self-sufficiency through work programs.

Public Speaking

We can provide speakers to the community in regards to Child or Adult Protective Services.

Transportation

Transportation is provided to and from the senior centers, the ADS program, out of county medical appointments and special events.

Volunteer Programs

The program recruits, places and supervises volunteers in all five senior centers, and in all program areas.

440-285-2222

www.co.geauga.oh.us/Departments/Aging/Info.aspx

www.co.geauga.oh.us/Contact-Us.us/Contact-Us

www.co.geauga.oh

GEAUGA COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CENTER

470 Center Street, Building 2, Chardon, Ohio 44024 **440-279-1700**

gc_info@geaugaesc.org

www.gcesc.k12.oh.us

Student, Family and Professionals resources from the Ohio Department of Education

Autism

Specialized teaching for students with autism and resource support.

Early Childhood Programs

County preschool programs are held at Geauga County Public School District elementary schools.

GEAUGA COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CENTER Continued

Geauga Academy

This alternative high school meets on the campus of Lake Erie College.

Gaitway High School

This alternative high school is located at Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center and developed to focus on the strengths of the non-traditional learner. The program incorporates hands on, experiential learning opportunities into the curriculum, a therapeutic component to support emotional support, and a vocational component to develop essential employability skills.

GEAUGA COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

470 Center Street, Building 8, Chardon, Ohio 44024 440-279-1950
info@geaugacountyhealth.org www.geaugacountyhealth.org

Adult Clinic

Adult immunizations (see schedule), blood pressure checks (no charge), TB control testing available.

Adult Flu Vaccines

Adult and children's influenza vaccines are available with no office visit charges throughout the flu season, typically October to March. All insurance plans are accepted, as well as check or cash payments

Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMh) (Ages 0-21 years)

The bureau assures that children with special health care needs receive comprehensive coordinated care. Home visits are available.

Children and Adolescent Immunization Clinics (2 mos. – 18 years)

Immunizations are available to Geauga residents per clinic schedule. Insured patients should bring insurance card and all are urged to bring their immunization records

Lead Program (1 – 6 years)

Lead level in blood is tested for \$10.00 at clinic (see schedule).

GEAUGA COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT Continued

Maternal/Newborn Home Visiting (Infants)

Free home visits are made to assess and evaluate early childhood development and provide health education to parents from a registered nurse.

SIDS Home Visits

Staff provides free support, information and referral to family members.

Sight for Students Vision Program

Staff nurses will assist income-eligible students under 19-years old in completing application for assistance in obtaining vision correction. For any of the services in the Personal Health Service Division call.

Infant and Child Restraint and Car Seat Injury Prevention Program

Families of children, from pregnancy to age 5, currently on WIC program are provided low cost car seat/boosters, class education/video instruction on proper car seat installation the Chardon clinic. All Geauga residents can receive assistance in proper installation of car seats from a certified car seat technician (see schedule).

WIC Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children

WIC is offered to pregnant and breastfeeding women and women who recently had a baby, infants and children up to five years old that meet income eligibility and provides supplemental nutritious food, breastfeeding support and nutrition education, counseling, community referrals year round at clinics in Middlefield and Chardon.

WIC Breastfeeding Class

The class provides prenatal breastfeeding families education and support. Contact the Geauga WIC Office at: **440 279-1936**

Vital Statistics

The office maintains and provides certified copies of birth and death records since 1909 in Geauga County. The office can now provide birth certificates for anyone born in Ohio. **440-279-1902**

GEAUGA COUNTY SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM (SART)

Geauga County Sheriff's Office

440-279-2009

12450 Merritt Road, Chardon, Ohio 44024

SART is a multidisciplinary collaboration dedicated to promoting societal intolerance of sexual assault in our community. The collaboration supports the rights and choices of those who have been sexually assaulted throughout their involvement with health, social and justice systems while working to effectively prosecute and hold offenders accountable for their actions.

GEAUGA COUNTY SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION

Chief Operating Officer at Ravenwood Health

440-285-3568

Jenn Bartone

440-286-6264

jbartone@namigeauga.org

www.namigeauga.org/geauga-county-suicide-prevention-team.html

The Coalition was formed to reduce the suicide rate by addressing the stigma surrounding suicide. The Coalition increases the community understanding of suicide through education and a public awareness campaign. A speaker's bureau provides suicide prevention trainings to professionals, schools, social service organizations, community groups and civic organizations. A teen suicide prevention campaign is implemented in local schools.

GEAUGA COUNTY TRANSIT

12555 Merritt Road, Chardon, Ohio 44024

440-279-2150

www.geaugatransit.org

webmaster@geaugatransit.org

Geauga County Transit travels across Geauga County through all 16 townships. From doctor's offices to shopping areas, to government services buildings, to entertainment areas, to our county parks and just across the street to your neighbor, we can get you there.

GEAUGA FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL

12480 Ravenwood Dr., Chardon, Ohio 44024

440-285-1201

www.geaugaffc.org

Nancy Seelbach, Coordinator

nancy.seelbach@jfs.ohio.gov

GEAUGA FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL Continued

Family Stability/Wraparound Services

Individualized support and flexible services geared to strengthening families and keeping children in their own homes. Family Stability services increase the involvement of parents and maintain children in the least restrictive and safest environment possible.

Placement Services: Multi-Disciplinary Team

Cases are presented to the team for treatment recommendations, for residential placement or for therapeutic foster care. Any case can be presented, including those difficult ones for which one is looking for direction or suggestions.

Screening Committee

The Screening Committee is the entry point for Council funded programs for children age 6 and over, including BRIDGES (a partial hospitalization program) and the Therapeutic Youth Center.

Cases are presented to a team to ensure that the children presented receive services appropriate to their needs. Both the Multi-Disciplinary Team and Screening Committee are composed of people from different agencies and disciplines in Geauga County. Parents and agency staff are encouraged to present cases to either team.

Geauga Therapeutic Youth Center

A residential therapeutic program for youth 12 to 17, who, because of mental health or substance dependency issues, are unable to remain in a family setting which is provided through a partnership between the Geauga Board of Mental Health & Recovery Services, the County Commissioners and Ravenwood Health.

Brad Welch

440-285-1203

Brad.welch@jfs.ohio.gov

Help Me Grow

A program for pregnant women and families with infants and toddlers between the ages of birth to 3 years old to assure that newborns, infants and toddlers have the best possible start in life. Services include pre-natal visits, developmental screenings, family support, and links to community resources all of which promote children's growth and development.

Meredith Myers

440-729-5250

mmyers@geaugadd.org

GEAUGA HUNGER TASK FORCE

209 Center Street, Unit H, Chardon, Ohio 44024

440-285-2261

www.geaugahungertaskforce.org

Non-profit program administered by Geauga United Way made up of church and community volunteers to supply emergency food to Geauga County Residents. Serving 7 food pantries, hours and days vary. Contact United Way or dial 211 for dates and times of distribution.

GEAUGA METROPOLITAN HOUSING ASSOCIATION

385 Center Street, Chardon, Ohio 44024

440-286-7413

Sonia Whidden

www.geaugamha.org

Families may obtain application forms from our office during normal business hours. Applications are available on our website at www.geaugamha.org and also available in our vestibule. Applications may be submitted by mail, electronic media, or in person Monday - Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and Fridays 8:00 am to 11:30 am. Applications must be filled out completely in order to be accepted by the PHA for processing. If an application is incomplete, the PHA will notify the family of the additional information required. Duplicate applications will not be accepted.

LAKE-GEAUGA RECOVERY CENTERS, INC.

209 Center Street, Unit E, Chardon, Ohio 44024

440-255-0678

info@lgrc.us

Driver Intervention Program

The Mike Link Driver Intervention Program is a 72-hour state certified driver intervention program conducted by licensed professionals. Education and discussion topics include: Impairment and the Law, Patterns of Consumption, Medical Aspects, Social Aspects, The Family, and Recovery and Resources.

Outpatient Services

The outpatient services include: intake, assessment, ambulatory detox, education, referral, drug and alcohol individual and group counseling, gender specific dual diagnosis groups and individual counseling, family groups, aftercare, relapse prevention, intensive outpatient program,

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drug/alcohol testing, medication assisted treatment, opiate recovery program, grief support and psychiatrist consultation.

Prevention Services

Services include education, events, and alternative activities for youth in collaboration with other groups including the Chardon Community Action Team, Teen Institute, Law Enforcement through clerk/server training and compliance checks, drug-free workplace services, as well as schools and faith-based organizations programs.

Residential Services; Lake House for men; Oak House for women Nevaeh Ridge (women supportive housing)

Long-term, non-medical residential treatment focuses on individual needs, addiction, sobriety, support systems, and acceptance of addiction, sobriety skills, and access to churches, YMCA, 12-step meetings, stores and social service agencies. LGRC also offers Recovery Housing; Water Street in Chardon for men, Nowlen Manor in Mentor for women and Bill Horvath House in Painesville for men. These Level II recovery houses are open to Lake & Geauga County residents.

Saturday Education Program

An eight-hour education program is offered the third Saturday of each month focusing on substance use and abuse.

NAMI GEAUGA COUNTY

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National Alliance on Mental Illness is America's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affect by mental illness such as major depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, panic disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, and borderline personality disorder.

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NAMI Geauga County offers **free** support and education programs for both those diagnosed with an illness (peers) and for their loved ones. It is our mission to offer mutual support and empowerment to persons and their families affected by serious mental illness through education, advocacy, and emotional support.

Support Groups for peers that have a mental illness meet weekly in Chardon and Middlefield. Family and friends of those with a mental illness support groups meet monthly in Chesterland and Middlefield.

Educational Courses to gain knowledge and understanding of mental illness, medications, coping skills, and more.

Peer-to-Peer Education: 10 sessions; for those with a mental illness interested in establishing and maintaining wellness.

Family-to-Family Education: 12 sessions; for family members, friends and caregivers of loved ones with mental illness emphasizing the knowledge and skills needed to help cope with mental illness.

NAMI Basics: 6 sessions; for parents of children and teens with behavioral and emotional problems and mental illness.

Presentations for students, teachers, school personnel and parents about identifying and treating mental illness in school-age children. Our speakers will come to your event.

Parents and Teachers as Allies: for teachers, parents or both; designed to help schools meet academic objectives and needs of students living with mental illness so they can improve the quality of student's lives, prevent unnecessary daily struggles and challenges.

Ending the Silence: for students; an in-school presentation about mental health designed for high school students.

Wellness Wednesdays: drop-in activities every Wednesday.

NAMI Crafters: meet twice per month to make items for fundraising.

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STRIVE: An event-driven group for young adults age 18-28.

Mental Health Communications for parents, teachers and the community are provided by NAMI Geauga County. These include Geauga Matters and Panorama, a newsletter from the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services.

Contact our office or visit our website for more complete information.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

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We bring the knowledge and research of the University to the residents of Geauga County. We provide programming and educational materials in agriculture, horticulture and family life including parenting classes, health and nutrition, food preservation and financial literacy.

RAVENWOOD HEALTH

12557 Ravenwood Drive, Chardon, Ohio 44024

440-285-3568

<http://ravenwoodmhc.org/>

ACT – Assertive Community Treatment

ACT is an intensive program for individuals with chronic, severe mental illness who have not experienced recovery with less intensive, more traditional treatment. The program strives to help these consumers remain in the community and out of the psychiatric hospitalization and incarceration cycle. This team often consists of a therapist, community psychiatric supportive treatment worker, nurse, supportive employment specialist, peer support worker and a psychiatrist. Services are most often provided in the home and community.

Adult Partial Hospitalization - New Beginnings

This intensive treatment program consists of variety of therapy groups and is designed to increase community tenure and decrease psychiatric hospitalizations. A dual diagnosis track for those clients with a mental health and drug and alcohol diagnosis is available. The program meets Monday through Friday from 9:45-1:45.

RAVENWOOD HEALTH Continued

Amish Program

This program provides outreach, community support, counseling, consultation, referral and psychiatrist services to the members of the Amish Community in a culturally sensitive manner.

Amish Support Specialist Middlefield Site: 440-632-5355

Chagrin Falls Park Program

Outreach is provided at no cost to the participant, to residents of the Chagrin Falls Park Community at the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center and in the Kenston Schools.

Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment - Child

Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment Workers work closely with children, youth and their families to monitor, link advocate and remove barriers to recovery. Child CPST services have the goal of lessening the effects of mental illness in children and families through skill building, symptom management and reduction and assistance with acquiring resources. Services offered to children and youth are designed to facilitate healthy emotional development. The Children and Youth CPSTW coordinates with outside providers such as the schools, courts and other involved agencies and link the child and family to needed resources.

Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment (CPST) - Adult

Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment Workers strive to address barriers and promote the recovery of the adult consumers that they serve. Activities include education, monitoring, coordinating, intervening, linking and supporting those consumers with severe mental illness.

Drug and Alcohol Counseling

Assessment and counseling are available for individuals with chemical dependency issues and co-existing mental health issues as well as for their families and significant others. **440-286-1631**

RAVENWOOD HEALTH Continued

Drug and Alcohol Prevention

Drug and alcohol prevention services are provided to the Geauga Community. The majority of these services are provided to the county schools. Prevention workers participate in such school based programs as Red Ribbon and Teen Institute. "Choices" is a group provided in the school setting to youth that are identified as at risk. **440-285-3568**

Dual Diagnosis Treatment (Addiction and Mental Health)

Thorough assessments are completed to determine whether the client meets criteria for a diagnosis of drug and or alcohol abuse or dependency. The client's mental health needs are also assessed. Counseling is available for individuals with chemical dependency issues as well as for their families and significant others.

Early Warnings

This is an early intervention and education program provided to adolescents and their parents or guardians. It is designed to educate about dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. Many referrals come from juvenile court when you have experience their first contact with law enforcement related to drugs and/ or alcohol.

Emergency Services:

CopeLine

This hotline service provides 24-hour linkage for mental health, child/elder abuse and neglect, domestic violence, or substance abuse related emergencies in Geauga County. Staff is also able to provide information on other social services concerns such as counseling resources, food banks, and national hotline numbers.

440-285-5665 or 1-888-285-5665

Crisis Intervention

Mental health intervention is offered 24 hours a day to individuals who are experiencing a mental health or substance related crisis. Masters level therapists respond by telephone or face-to-face to individuals and their families in an effort to de-escalate the crisis situation and stabilize the person.

RAVENWOOD HEALTH Continued

Individuals are assessed to determine what the least restrictive environment is that will allow for safety, stability and a reduction in the symptoms which led to the evaluation. The outcome may include follow up telephone calls, treatment or psychiatric hospitalization.

Contact Trauma Specialist during business hours: 440-285-3568

After hours through the CopeLine: 440-285-5665/888-285-5665

Forensic Therapist

Assessment and counseling are provided to individuals involved in the court system, most typically due to drug and alcohol issue. The forensic liaison works closely with the courts, probation officers and other community professionals with the goal of helping clients achieve recovery and decreasing recidivism.

Housing and Residential Services:

Community Residence

These are apartments in the community which are available through Ravenwood for individuals with Severe Mental Illness.

Shelter Plus Care

This is a HUD funded program that provides permanent housing and supportive services to homeless persons with severe mental illness.

Supportive Housing Program

This is an apartment complex owned by the Board of Mental Health & Recovery Services funded in part by HUD. The program is operated by Ravenwood and consists of 8 single units and 2 family units. It serves homeless individuals and families with severe mental illness.

Middlefield Site: 440-632-5355

Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing

This is HUD funded grant that provides emergency financial assistance for rents, security deposits and utility assistance to persons with severe mental illness who are homeless, at imminent risk of eviction, or facing a utility shut off.

RAVENWOOD HEALTH Continued

Therapeutic Group Home

This residential program is for youth who can no longer remain in their family home or other less restrictive environment because of their mental health and/or drug and alcohol diagnosis. The program provides group, individual and family counseling. The goal is to work intensively with the youth and family to enable their successful return home.

Transitional Living Center (TLC)

This is a nine bed facility for adults with severe mental illness. The intent is to provide a supervised living situation for individuals while they stabilize and develop skills that will enable them to live more independently.

In Home Based Family Services

This is a comprehensive treatment program includes assessment, individual and family counseling, crisis response and CPST. Intensive Home Based Treatment is provided in home, school, and community settings and is designed to improve the mental health functioning of the youth and family in each of these domains. In-Home Treatment is distinct from other therapy programs in that services are delivered by a “treatment team” which includes (but is not limited to) a therapist, a psychiatrist, a CPST worker, emergency services therapists as well as representatives from all other community agencies that are involved with that youth and family.

IOP - Intensive Outpatient Program for Adolescents

This program is for youth that have been diagnosed with a drug or alcohol dependency. The program meets three nights per week for three to four hours, and AA attendance and parental participation are necessary.

440-286-1631

Mental Health Counseling

Individual, marital, family and group therapy is provided to those individuals and families who desire a change in their mental and emotional health and functioning.

RAVENWOOD HEALTH Continued

A multi-disciplinary approach to treatment offers integrated service delivery and an opportunity to blend the strengths of the agency's staff of therapists, community psychiatric supportive treatment workers and medical personnel towards the goal of improving overall mental health functioning.

Murray's - Social / Recreation Center

The John Murray Center is a drop in and activity center that provides social and recreational opportunities for individuals who have or are experiencing significant mental illness. Interested individuals need not be a client of Ravenwood. 440-286-2588

One on One Program

The One-on-One program is a short term, non-clinical, home-based respite program designed to help children who may either be at risk for placement outside of the home or who have already been placed outside of the home and are having some difficulties adjusting to their new environments. One-on-One arranges for a qualified staff person to be in the home or other settings (such as school or day care) working on an individual basis with the child or adolescent.

Prevention

Drug and alcohol prevention services are provided to the Geauga Community. The majority of these services are provided to the county schools. Prevention workers participate in such school-based programs as Red Ribbon, and Teen Institute. Choices is a group session provided in the school setting. Participants are youth that are identified as at risk.

Psychiatric Services

This program provides outpatient medical care to individuals who are experiencing psychiatric and chemical dependency disorders, and does so with the goal of maintaining or improving functional capacity.

The staff includes Board Certified Child and Adolescent and General Psychiatrists as well as a psychiatric nurse.

RAVENWOOD HEALTH Continued

Psychiatric assessment and ongoing care are offered on an outpatient basis, as well as pharmacological and psychotherapeutic interventions. Central Pharmacy services are available for qualified consumers. These services are available at the office in Chardon and Middlefield.

Vicki Clark, CEO **440-285-3568**
James Rodio MD, Medical Director **440-285-3568**

Residential Services for Adults with Severe Mental Illness

The Housing Services program provides a continuum of housing opportunities to best meet the need in the least restrictive setting for Geauga County Residents with severe mental illness. Programs include Community Residence, Shelter Plus Care, Housing Assistance program (HAP) and Homeless Assistance. **440-632-5355**

Safety Center Psychiatrist and Therapist

Psychiatric and mental health services are provided to residents of the safety center on an emergency and as needed basis

Sexual Abuse Treatment Program

The Sexual Abuse Program provides therapeutic intervention for sexually abused individuals and their families. The program is available for Geauga County residents who are victims of child sexual abuse, their families and individuals who've acted out sexually. Treatment typically consists of a combination of group, individual and family therapy. Case management services are available to increase victim and family advocacy. Case management services can be accesses for education services also for those families who would like to initially just get some education and feedback.

Sexual Abuse Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment (CPST)

Supported Employment

Employment Services are offered to Geauga County adults who are severely mentally disabled. Employment Services for adults consist of helping consumers identify, acquire, and maintain competitive employment in their community. Competitive employment may be part time or full time and pay at least minimum wage.

RAVENWOOD HEALTH Continued

Vocational services for eligible consumers

Youth Partial Hospitalization - Bridges

Senior Bridges -This intensive treatment program is for youth 11 -17 who are at risk for psychiatric hospitalization or residential treatment placement. It consists of a variety of treatment groups and is designed to decrease out of home placements.

Youth Partial Hospitalization - Junior Bridges

Junior Bridges - This intensive treatment program is for children 8 to 11 yrs. who are at risk of psychiatric hospitalization or residential treatment placement. **440-729-2757**

STARTING POINT

209 Center Street, Suite H, Chardon, Ohio 44024

440-285-9121

www.starting-point.org

Starting Point is Northeast Ohio's child care and early education resource and referral agency, serving families, early childhood professionals and the community.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS GEAUGA MEDICAL CENTER

13207 Ravenna Rd., Chardon, Ohio 44024

440-285-6000

www.uhhospitals.org/geauga

The center is a full-service, non-profit, acute care hospital providing comprehensive health care services including a recently upgraded and expanded Orthopedic & Spine Center, Women's Health, Diagnostic Imaging, Ireland Cancer Center, UH Harrington-McLaughlin Heart & Vascular Institute, Neurological Institute, and Emergency Medicine.

We also provide Rainbow Kids Care, an adult Behavioral Health Care Unit, and minimally invasive surgical capabilities.

UNITED WAY SERVICES OF GEAUGA COUNTY

209 Center Street, Suite H, Chardon, Ohio 44024

440-285-2261

www.211.org

www.uwsgc.org

United Way Services of Geauga County unites people and resources to improve lives. Dial 211 to find information and referral to health and human service programs in Geauga County such as: food, housing and utility assistance; services for seniors and individuals with disabilities; substance abuse and mental health treatment; tax assistance and credit counseling; employment programs and volunteer opportunities. 211 is a free and confidential referral service offered by United Way.

US DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS

5310 ½ Warrensville Center Rd., Maple Hts., Ohio 44137 216-707-7901

Offers veterans assistance with obtaining benefits and determining eligibility for benefits. Offers evaluations/referrals, psychological /psychiatric evaluations, subject specific counseling, combat veterans reintegration, mental health education, substance abuse/assessment and/or testing.

YOUTH LED PREVENTION

Geauga Mental Health and Recovery Board

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Youth led peer prevention in Geauga County is funded by the Geauga Mental Health and Recovery Services Board. The mission is to help kids build and maintain healthy relationships and engage in productive activities, which serve as the foundation for them to make continued healthy choices. All Geauga county schools are encouraged to have youth led peer prevention groups in their junior and senior high schools (these include groups such as Teen Institute, and S.A.D.D.). The Geauga County Educational Service Center provides free consultation and training.

VICTIM ADVOCACY

Geauga County Sheriff's Office

12450 Merritt Rd., Chardon, Ohio 44024

Tracy Jordan

440-279-2062

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Professionals trained to support victims of crime are available. Advocates offer victims information, emotional support, and help finding resources and filling out paperwork. Sometimes, advocates go to court with victims.

WOMENSAFE

12041 Ravenna Rd., Chardon, Ohio 44024

For 24 Hour Crisis Support, call Copeline

440-286-7154

1-888-285-5665

www.womensafe.org

WomanSafe provides emergency shelter and support services for victims of domestic violence throughout Northeast Ohio. It is a non-profit organization that offers emergency shelter, information, counseling, education, referrals and support to adults and children fleeing violence in their home.

Visit our Resale Shoppe

12601 Chillicothe Rd., Chesterland, OH

440-729-2780

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

General Information Dial 211

A free community service you can use to get information about social, health and government resources 24 hours a day, every day.

Emergency Services Dial 911

If you are experiencing a physical, mental health, drug & alcohol or other emergency that requires immediate attention.

Poison Control Center of Northeast Ohio: 800-222-1222

Operates a 24-hour telephone service which provides emergency and background information regarding accidental or food poisoning. Offers information about occupational health, hazardous materials and drug interactions.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION Continued

City of Chardon Police Department: 440-286-6123
111 Water St # 1, Chardon, OH 44024

Geauga County Sheriff's Office: 440-286-1234
12450 Merritt Dr., Chardon, OH 44024

Ohio State Highway Patrol: 440-564-5477
530 Center St, Chardon, OH 44024

Geauga County Department of Emergency Services: 440-279-2170
12518 Merritt Road, Chardon, Ohio 44024

www.co.geauga.oh.us/Departments/DES/Plans

Emergency operations and response plans, keeping Geauga County Safer Through Preparedness.

Geauga County CopeLine: 440-285-5665 toll free: 800-285-5665
24-hour Crisis Hotline for mental health, child/elder abuse and neglect, domestic violence, or substance abuse related emergencies in Geauga County. Staff is also able to provide information on other social services concerns such as counseling sources, food banks, and national hotline numbers.

NAMI HelpLine: 800-950-6264

A well-trained and knowledgeable team of volunteers, interns and staff responds to calls. Staff members and volunteers have experience living with a mental health condition or providing care and support to a family member with a condition, and therefore, better able understand and empathize. Call Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.–6 pm

Ohio Text Help Line: Text "4 Hope" to: 741741

Trained crisis counselors are available to respond and share information on a range of issues, including thoughts of suicide, bullying, depression and self-harm.

VA Crisis Line: 800-273-8255 Press 1: Caring responders helping Veterans and their families of all ages and circumstances receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

WarmLine: 216-886-5950

A peer-run listening line staffed by people in recovery themselves. This is for non-emergency calls for someone that just needs someone to talk to that will listen.

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NAMI Mahoning Valley

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NAMI Summit County

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