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Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is in Benton County! All preschool children (birth until their fifth birthday) living in Benton County are eligible to participate. There is no cost to you thanks to Imagination Library, Benton County and the Benton Community Foundation. Each month a new, carefully selected book will be mailed in your child's name directly to your home. He/She can look forward to new and exciting reading adventures from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library until he/she turns five years old as long as you remain a resident of **Benton County**. Should the child move outside **Benton County**, he/she automatically exits the program. Register your child today. Call 765-884-0541 for more information or visit your nearest Benton County Library to get a registration brochure.



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Thank You!

Thank you to all of the organizations, Benton County businesses, and individuals who contribute to Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, Benton County, making it possible for all Benton County preschoolers, who are registered for the program, to receive their free book each month. The names of contributors can be found on the back of the registration brochure available at your nearest Benton County Library.

ADDICTION SERVICES

Alcoholics Anonymous

- Information and Counseling Services(765) 742-1666
- Local Information: Surf Club (765) 742-1033

Al-Anon

- Hotline is available 24 hours(866) 898-9474
- Confidential self-help fellowship that offers support, understanding and recovery for relatives and friends of alcoholics. Call for meeting information.

Indiana Prevention Resource Center(800) 346-3077

Narcotics Anonymous Information(765) 762-6187

Wabash Valley Out Patient, brochures available

Federal Addiction Help Line.....(800) 662-4357

Indiana Division Of Mental Health

CHILD CARE

First Steps of Mid-North Indiana encourages you to seek and demand quality childcare.

Childcare comes in several forms. Parents are the best judges of the kind of care that meets the needs of their child and family.

Quality programs have several things in common:

- ❖ A warm friendly place
- ❖ Trained, caring providers
- ❖ Safe, clean facilities and equipment
- ❖ Learning activities that are age appropriate
- ❖ Limited numbers of children per adult

All parents have the right to expect that a provider will:

- ❖ Give their child full attention while the child is in their care
- ❖ Provide a healthy, safe place for their child
- ❖ Fix healthy snacks and meals
- ❖ Enjoy playing with and teaching their child
- ❖ Keep their child clean and comfortable

Parents have the power to stop using a provider who does not respect their wishes. The best solution to problems is prevention. Talk to the childcare provider daily and be honest. Be clear about what you expect and what is fair for you and your child's provider.

The Child Care Resource Network

1100 Elizabeth Street, Suite 1, Lafayette, IN 47904.....(800) 932-3302
Fax.....(765) 742-7105

(www.childcareresourcenetwork.org) Helps parents find child care for their children and by letting them know what to look for in a quality childcare provider, also what to look for in a childcare facility; recruits and trains child care providers; and develops unique child care resource and referral programs for employers of working parents. Provides services for parents

Licensed Child Care Providers in the County:

Norma Rodriguez: Little Cozy Korner Daycare

P.O. Box 103 Boswell, IN 47931(765)869-5450

Nikki Kingery: Country Cottage Child Care

903 E 6th Street Fowler, IN 47944(765)884-8455

Alice Williams: Little Wonders Daycare.....(765) 884-1097

103 E Maple Street Fowler, IN 47944

Mary Fultz: Mary's Little Angels Home Day Care

411 S. Main St. Otterbein, IN 47970(765)583-0509

Dianne Hands: Helping Hands Daycare

517 Main St. Otterbein, IN 47970(765)583-4868

Jacky Apache: Apache Day Care

311 W. Ventura St. Otterbein, IN 47970(765)583-2904

Pam Cobb: Pencilbox

Otterbein.....(765)583-2280

Sharon Hueston: Doodle Bug Day Care

206 W Vine Street, P.O. Box 147, Oxford, IN 47971.....(765)385-2666

Joyce McAfee: Little Rascal's Daycare

204 N Sheets Oxford, IN 47971..... (765)385-5391

Red Cross Babysitting Entrepreneurship Training Graduates

The students listed below have completed the Red Cross Babysitter Training Course and are ready to help you when you need a babysitter.

Maritza Alconedo.....(765) 464-9401

Ambia 47917

Zoey Burke..... (765) 583-0618

Otterbein, IN 47970

Teena Hicks.....(765) 385-0104

Oxford, IN 47971

Grace Ann Holzer.....(765) 884-8198

Fowler, In 47944

Sophie Marquie(765) 884-0979

Fowler, IN 47944

Harley Ann Myers.....(765) 884-9236

Fowler, IN 47944

Selicia Parker.....(765) 8848309

Fowler, IN 47944

Shelby Samuelson.....(765) 404-8715

Oxford, IN 47971

CRISIS INTERVENTION

Adult Protective Services (765) 420-1587

Serves clients that are incapable of making decisions due to mental illness, or other related illness. Investigates adult abuse and neglect, alcohol/substances abuse, physical and/or mental abuse. Advise individuals on such matters. Must be 18 or over to access services. Daytime hours only. For emergency service, contact your local police department.

Benton County Department of Child Services(765) 884-0120

Director: Elva James FAX (765) 884-8758
307 E 6th Street Fowler, IN 47944 HOTLINE (800) 800-5556

A 24-hour, seven-days-a-week service that rings into the Benton County Department of Child Services during working hours, or to local law enforcement officials after hours. Call to report child abuse and neglect.

Indiana Suicide and Lafayette Crisis Center (800)SUICIDE (800)784-2433

Lafayette Crisis Center(765) 742-0244

1244 N 15th St
Lafayette, IN 47904
Fax..... (765) 742-0247

Web Site: www.lafayettecrisiscenter.org

E-Mail: info@lafayettecrisiscenter.org

Call or walk in. A 24-hour free and confidential crisis line.

Crisis Center Teen Line..... (765) 423-1872

Survivors of Suicide Group..... (765) 742-0244

Meet once a month - Open to anyone-NO FEE

First Call Information and Referral Service.....(765) 423-2255

Provides information about area non-profit organizations & community services.

Mourning and Dancing Inc.

Contact: Brenda Kerolis.....(765) 420-1739

Support and counseling to anyone who is grieving. This is an outreach to the community, families, schools, organizations and service agencies that provides programs in the area of grief and loss.

Grief Share

Contact: Terry Smith.....(765) 884-1886

Grief recovery support group that meets weekly on Tuesday 7:00 –

8:30 pm. Meeting at Fowler Christian Church, 106 N Madison Ave, Fowler, IN

47944.....(765) 884-0219

Email: fccgrief@att.net

Web Site: <http://www.griefshare.org/>

Sorry, no child care provided.

YWCA (A 24-HOUR HOT LINE).....(888) 345-1118

Emergency Shelter

For women and children in crisis. Available 24 hours a day, seven days

a week. Resources are given to help them find housing, financial resources, legal options, childcare, and counseling.

YWCA Domestic Violence Intervention and Prevention Program

Outreach Program Coordinator:

Jasmine Dowd.....(765) 423-4486

Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month, 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the Benton County Public Library. The public is welcome to attend and participate. Spanish assistance is available.

EDUCATION

Early Head Start(765)793-4881

Contact: Amy Whartom

Head Start now has Early Head Start from birth to age 3 with home visiting and prenatal mothers.

Head Start.....(765) 385-0712

(765) 793-4881

Contact: Sherry Max

Center-based or home-based preschool program for economically disadvantaged or handicapped 3 to 5 year olds.

Cooperative School Services.....(800) 832-3394

Director: Patricia W. Kem

1389 Staint Gaspar Drive Rensselaer, IN 47978

Work with parents, teachers, and school personnel to meet needs of special education students. Early intervention special education services also available for 3 to 5 year olds.

Preschools

Sacred Heart Preschool

Contact: Daphne Budreau.....(765) 884-0710

Sacred Heart School

607 N Washington Avenue Fowler, IN 47944

Otterbein Preschool

Contact: Dianne Hands.....(765) 583-4868

Otterbein Methodist Church.....(765) 583-4441

Boswell Preschool

Contact: Amber Harman.....(765) 869-5523

Boswell Elementary School 414 W Main Street Boswell, Indiana

Classes meet: Monday through Thursday

8:30a.m. – 11:00a.m. & 12:30p.m. – 3:00p.m.

Little Prairie Preschool & Daycare

Contact: Bri Weitlaus.....(765) 884-1600 ext.2146

Benton Central High School 4247 E 300 S Oxford, IN

The Learning Tree Preschool

Contact: Heather Leak or Lymarie Fry.....(765) 869-5428

(765) 585-2669

101 E Main Street, P. O. Box 315 Boswell, IN 47921

Parochial Elementary School

Sacred Heart Elementary School.....(765) 884-0710

607 N Washington Avenue Fowler, IN 47944

Benton Community School Corporation

405 S Grant Avenue Fowler, IN 47944.....(765) 884-0850

Elementary Schools:

Boswell Elementary

414 W Main Street Boswell, IN 47921(765) 869-5523

Otterbein Elementary

P.O. Box 368 Otterbein, IN 47970(765) 583-4401

Prairie Crossing Elementary.....(765) 884-3000

2758 S. 400 E. Oxford, IN 47971

Junior-Senior High

Benton Central Junior-Senior High School

4241 E 300 S Oxford, IN 47971.....(765) 884-1600

www.benton.k12.in.us

Purdue Cooperative Extension Service(765) 884-0140

604 E Second Street

Fowler, IN 47944

Educational materials and programs are available in the following areas: Agriculture and Horticulture, Consumer and Family Science, 4-H and Youth Development.

Vocational Rehabilitation Service

138 E Lincoln Highway (Rt. 30), Schererville, IN 46375

Contact: John Fricot.....(219) 864-8163

(877) 428-8513

Fax..(219) 864-8314

Benton County Counselor: Milicent Driver

(She will come to Benton County to meet you.)

Continuing Education and GED for Adults

G.E.D. Preparation: Benton and Warren Counties

Presently, classes are offered in Benton and Warren Counties to improve basic reading, writing and math skills and classes for GED preparation. Those classes are offered at NO CHARGE!

Benton County G.E.D.

Benton Central High School (Room J117)

Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30pm-8:00pm

Contact: Ashley Higgins (Director)

office: (765) 884-1600 Ext.1117

Mobile: (765) 491-9962

e-mail: ahiggins@benton.k12.in.us

Website: <http://benton.k12.in.us/adulated.html>

Mailing Address....4241 E. 300 S. Oxford, In47971

Williamsport Learning Center

Monday and Wednesday 5:30pm-8:00pm

Contact: Ashley Higgins (Director)

office: (765)8841600 Ext.1117

Mobile: (765) 491-3133

e-mail: ahiggins@benton.k12.in.us

Website: <http://benton.k12.in.us/adulated.html>

Mailing Address...4241 E. 300 S. Oxford, In 47971
Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday
9:30 am-12:00 pm and 12:30-3:00 pm
Contact: Lisa Cruea(765) 764-1880

G.E.D. on TV

A distance-learning program for adults who could not complete high school.

Indiana College Network

www.icn.org(800) 426-8899

Indiana's colleges and universities deliver various distance educational courses to hundreds of locations across the state, even your own home.

Twenty-first Century Scholars Program.....(888) 301-9251

Purdue University 501 Harrison SCC-A

West Lafayette, IN 47907.....(765) 496-0046

Benton Community Foundation is here to connect donor partners with community needs. We are here to convene community leaders and facilitate change to improve the quality of life for all who live, work, and study in Benton County.

Libraries

Benton County Public Library

102 N. Van Buren Ave, Fowler, IN 47944.....(765) 884-1720

Monday: 9 am-5 pm

Tuesday: 8 am-7 pm

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday: 8 am-5 pm

Saturday: 9 am-12 pm

Boswell Public Library

101 E. Main, Boswell, IN 47921.....(765) 869-5428

Monday: 12 pm-7 pm

Tuesday: 10am-5pm

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 12:00 pm-5pm

Saturday: 9am-12pm

Earl Park Public Library

102 E. 5th St. P.O. Box 97, Earl Park 47942(219) 474-6932

Monday, Tuesday: 12:00-5:00 pm

Wednesday: 1:00-7:00 pm

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Otterbein Public Library

Director- Sarah Rainey

23 E. 1st P.O. Box 550 47970, Otterbein, IN(765) 583-2107

FAX.....(765) 583-2337

Monday: Closed

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Thursday: 10:00 pm-8:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Oxford Public Library

201 E. Smith, Oxford, IN 47971.....(765) 385-2177

Winter Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday: 10:00 am-6:00 pm

Tuesday: 10:00 pm-7:00pm

Saturday:10:00 am-2:00 pm

Summer Hours:

Monday through Friday: 10:00 am-6:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

York Township Public Library, Raub.....(219) 474-5547

Tuesday & Thursday: 4pm-7pm

Wednesday: 10am-12pm

Hours are Central Time

EMPLOYMENT TRAINING

CDC Resource, Inc.

1320 E. Angelica, Rensselaer, IN 47978.....(219) 866-3282

FAX.....(219) 866-5152

Hours: 8:00 am. to 4:30 pm.

We believe that every person should have the opportunity to develop to the maximum of his/her potential. In partnership with the community and families, we offer progressive services for individuals with disabilities that nurture their talents and skills to become fully productive citizens. Services are for children ages 0-5 and individuals age 16 and up. Play Scape licensed childcare 18 months-10 years.

Community Action Program.....765) 385-0623

Contact: David Kurth

105 S Howard

P.O. Box 445

Oxford, IN 47971

Hours: 1st Thursday of each month, 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.

Employment and training services such as counseling, occupational skills training, on-the-job training, work experience, and job search are available to eligible participants.

Elderly Services: Health Care Facilities

Benton County Retirement Village

Contact: Linda Butler.....(765) 884-0589

3639 E 200 S Oxford, IN 47971

Assisted living, private rooms, meals and laundry service. Weekly activities include church services, bingo, singing, etc. Benton County and Non-Benton County residents welcomed. Short term care provided. Also provide Day Care.

Caldwell Memorial Home.....(219)474-6136

5098 W 550 N Earl Park, IN 47942

Retirement home for women residents only, over 70 years of age, who are mobile and somewhat able to take care of themselves. Private rooms.

Green Hill Manor

Contact: Dusty Sizemore.....(765) 884-1470
501 N Lincoln Avenue Fowler, IN 47944(765) 884-1889

4-bed intermediate care facility equipped with both private and semi-private rooms. Serving mainly geriatric patients in a 24-hour care, home-like environment. Dietary, therapy, social, activity needs provided, licensed by State and Medicaid certified. Skilled Care.

Elderly Services:

Senior Centers/Nutrition Sites

Benton County Senior Center & Nutrition Sites

Director: Bob Pilotte.....(765) 884-0527
218 E 5th Street
Fowler, IN 47944
Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am. to 3:00 pm.

Drop-in center for seniors. Some special programs, entertainment, monthly Nutrition lessons, card parties. Lunch served Monday through Friday at noon. Home delivered meals available in Fowler and Earl Park. CHOICE or homemaker services help prevent premature institutionalization of the elderly or disabled.

Boswell Senior Center

Director: Timothy Kumeh.....(765)869-4350
108 W Main Street
Boswell, IN 47921

Drop-in center for seniors. Share program is available. Blood pressure check on second Tuesday of the month. Bingo on Wednesday.

Oxford Nutrition Site

Director: Helen Bruner.....(765) 385-2863
Oxford Federated Church
103 S 5th Street
Oxford, IN 47971

Meals are served at 11:45 a.m. Monday – Friday. Also delivers out patient meals.

Elderly Services:

Miscellaneous

Area IV Agency on Aging and Community Services

Director: Sharon Wood.....(800) 589-2673
Lafayette number.....(765) 382-7556
Supervisor, Benton County: Michelle Smiley
Case Manager, Benton County: Michelle Smiley
E-mail Address: Area4@wcic.cioe.com

A non-profit organization which provides case management services for eligible persons of all ages and all income levels. It provides coordination of services for programs such as SSBG, CHOICE, Medicaid Waiver and pre-

admission Screening for Nursing Facility Placement. Services under these programs include homemaker, home-delivered meals, transportation, respite care and home health aides. Take application for Medicare buy-in.

Senior Health Insurance Information Program

(SHIIP)..... (800) 452-4800

A free, unbiased counseling program provided by the Indiana State Department of Insurance. Prevention benefits include mammograms, pap smears/pelvic exams, colorectal screenings, diabetes management, bone mass measurement, and prostate screenings.

Long-term Care Ombudsman

Contact: Andrea Smothers.....(765) 423-5327

639 Columbia Street, P.O. Box 1455, Lafayette, In 47901

Legal Services.....(800) 382-7581

Handles complaints and concerns regarding nursing home care.

Emergency Services

Ambulance (FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY).....911

Benton County Ambulance..... (765) 884-1210

Director: Brad Hoaks

Boswell Station.....(765) 869-5132

Otterbein Volunteer Fire Dept.....(765) 583-2287

American Red Cross.....(765) 742-6975

Executive Director: Bob Wollenburg

615 N. 18th St. Suite 101

Lafayette, IN 47904

Contact for disaster assistance.

Benton County Food Pantry

Senior Center.....(765) 884-0527

Hours: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Director: Bob Pilotte

218 E 5th Street Fowler, IN 47944

Provides 3-day food for individuals and families referred by trustee, minister, or DRC, etc.

Benton County Emergency Management.....(765) 884-1359

Contact: John Feilds

Benton County Highway Department.....(765) 884-0420

Contact about problems with county roads, bridges, or culverts.

Benton County Sheriff.....(765) 884-0080

105 S Lincoln Avenue Fowler, IN 47944

Food Assistance

Food Share Program.....(765) 869-5140

Contact: Norma Sigler

Sign up monthly for the next months groceries. \$22.00 buys about

15 articles. \$11.00 buys a variety of fruits and vegetables. Costs are estimates.

Community Food Pantry

Contact: Norma Higley.....(765) 884-0885

Hwy US 52 Fowler, IN

Open the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 9:00-11:00a.m.

Fowler Senior Center..... (765) 884-0527

218 E. 5th Street Fowler, IN 47944

Oxford Nutrition Site

Contact: Florence McCoskey, Director.....(765) 385-2863

Community Action Program, Inc. Food Program.....(765) 385-0623

105 S 5th Street

Oxford, IN 47971

Indiana's Directory of Food Assistance Organizations is only clicks away:

1st click: www.cfs.purdue.edu/safefood/sfhungry.html

2nd click: Food Assistance Organization Directory

3rd click: Search Online

4th click: Your county on the state map

Indiana Department of Health(317) 233-1325

TDD... (317) 233-5577

Contact if unable to reach local Department of Health.

Indiana Department of Transportation..... (765) 884-1500

Contact regarding problems with State Highways or bridges.

Indiana State Police

Lafayette Post.....(800) 382-7537

Lafayette Area Road Information.....(800) 261-7627Indiana State Road

Information.....(800) 261-7623

Indiana Poison Center.....(800) 222-1222

Pan Handle Pipeline

Trunkline Gas.....(765) 869-5521

Township Trustees

Provide emergency assistance for utilities, medical, rent, etc.

Bolivar Jennifer Renee Pritchett(765) 583-4539
306 S Main Street Otterbein, IN 47970

Center Angie A. Brunton.....H (765) 884-0503
O (765) 884-1278
101 S Harrison Ave. Fowler, IN 47944

Gilboa Jack Wealing.....(219) 261-2825
11449 E 400 N Remington IN 47977 mobile (219) 863-2760
e-mail: jwealing@hughes.net

Grant Sherri Massie(765) 869-4356
3275 W 900 S Boswell, IN 47921

Hickory Grove Katie (Leona) Butts.....H (765) 869-5023
O & FAX (765) 869-5023
hgtrustee@yahoo.com
202 E Pine Street Ambia, IN 47917

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always@localline.com
201 N Justus Street, P.O. Box 412 Oxford, IN 47971

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djmjab@kentland.ffni.com
7602 W. 300N Earl Park, IN 47942

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FAX (765) 884-1045
1853 S. 600 E Fowler, In 47944

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dmuller@kentland.ffni.com
208 N Maple Street Earl Park, In 47942

Union Bernice Gilbert.....(219) 261-2827
gilbert@ffni.com
4896 E 900 N Remington, IN 47977

York Pam Molter.....(219) 474-5097
7382 N 700 W Earl Park, IN 47942

For giving. For good. For Benton.

Energy Services

Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana

(C.A.P.) (765) 385-0623

105 S Howard P.O. Box 445 Oxford, IN 47971

The weatherization Program is designed to assist low income families in stopping the entrance of cold air into their homes, and includes insulating, caulking, weather stripping, and other minor repairs.

Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana Energy Assistance Program

(CAP).....(765) 385-0623

105 S Howard

P.O. Box 445 Oxford, IN 47971

One-time credit on heat electric accounts for eligible house-holds, to offset financial hardship of higher winter utility bills.

Utilities – CALL BEFORE YOU DIG.....(800) 382-5544

Contact to locate any buried utility lines or gas pipelines before digging. There is no charge. Open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

Family Services

Unlocking The Puzzle

Support Group for parents of kids with Special Needs.

Contact: Michelle Snethen.....(765) 884-1822

Web site: www.unlockthepuzzle-benton.org

Benton County Department

of Family Resources.....(765) 884-0120

305 E 6th Street Fowler, IN 47944.....(800) 403-0864

Determines eligibility and provides services for TANF, IMPACT Program, Medicaid and Medicaid Waivers, Hoosier Healthwise Enrollment, Food Stamps, Child Care Licensing.

Benton County Child Services(765) 884-0120

FAX...(765) 884-8758

307 E 6th Street, P.O. Box 226

Fowler, IN 47944

Report child abuse and or neglect.

Salvation Army Crisis Assistance

Contact: Jan Goetz.....(765) 884-0120

Benton County Prosecuting Attorney(765) 884-1511

Child Support.....(765) 884-0488

105 S Grant Ave., P.O. Box 101

Fowler, IN 47944

Child Support Administrator:

Ellen Pence.....(765) 884-0488

Boswell Ministerial Assoc.

Contact: John Mooris.....(765) 869-5744

Car Seat Safety Checks

Kim Crowder & Lori Brewer.....(765) 793-4881

Provide car seat checks the first Thursday of each month at the Early Head Start Office, 1pm-3pm.

1325 South Second Street

Covington, IN 47932

Clothing

Fowler:

Community Food Pantry.....(765) 884-0885

Hwy. US 52 Fowler, IN 47944

Clothing articles 25 cents each. Open the 2nd/4th Tuesday of the month from 6-8:00 p.m. and the 2nd/4th Saturday of the month from 9-11:00 a.m.

Families United, Inc (765) 762-0611

303 S Perry

P.O. Box 340 Attica, IN 47918
Healthy Families Indiana program, out patient counseling for children and families, home based case management services, sexual abuse treatment groups, supervised visitation and anger management classes.

Reading to your children is one of the best gifts you can give them!

Family Services.....(800) 875-5361

615 N. 18th St. Suite 201
Howarth Center Lafayette, IN47904

Education and therapy for families. Programs include:consumer credit counseling , Healthy Families, Life Skills, Homemaker Service (cleaning & errands), and Pre-marital Counseling.

Family Focus.....(219) 871-8104

Contact: Jim Burnes or Kristy Fletcher.....(800) 582-4198
901 S Woodland Avenue Michigan City, IN 46360

Intensive home based program to help and support families.

First Steps of Mid-North Indiana

For information or to make a referral.....(877) 811-1644
State Web Site.....www.state.in.us/fssa/first_step/

First Steps of Mid-North Indiana is an early intervention program that coordinates services for children birth through age three years old, that have or may be at risk of having a developmental delay, so that parents can easily find these services and access them.

Indiana Family Nutrition Program, FNP

Linda Klemme, FNP Program Assistant.....(765) 884-0140
Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, Benton County
604 E Second Street, Suite A Fowler, IN 47944
E-mail: Klemme@purdue.edu

Practical activities to learn basic nutrition, menu planning, food safety, budgeting, food selection, and shopping.

Benton County Ministerial Association

Contact: Rev. Joshua Johnson.....(765) 884-1998

Share Program

Assistance with food program for senior citizens

Fowler

Contact: Majorie Moore.....(H)...(765) 884-0809
Or Bob Pilotte.....(765) 884-0527

Oxford

Contact: Joan Lesch.....(765) 385-2445
Or Mary Rockwell.....(765) 385-2835

W.I.C. (Women, Infants & Children)

Community Action Program

Contact:.....(765) 385-0623
1105 S Howard
P.O. Box 445 Oxford, IN 47971

A national nutrition program designed to assist pregnant and nursing women, infants, and children up to age 5. Eligible families receive food vouchers and individualized nutrition counseling. Open in Benton County 1st, 2nd, and 4th Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 3rd Thursday from 10:30a.m. to 7:00p.m.

Housing

Habitat For Humanity

Of Benton, Fountain, and Warren Counties

President: Steve Nehrig.....(765) 385-0514

Vice-President: Sandy Tabert.....765) 385-2454

For more information contact:

Benton: Ann Kumeh.....(765) 869-5158

Fountain: Dianne Cotten.....(765) 793-4401

Warren: Mike Link.....(765) 762-0262

Housing Assistance

Community Action Program.....(765) 385-0623

105 S Howard

P.O. Box 445 Oxford, IN 47971

Forms for Section 8 Rental Assistance Program to ensure decent, safe housing at affordable rates to low-income renters. Applications are then sent to Covington office for further processing.

Oxford Place Apartments.....(765) 793-4881

Contact: Alice Young or Tina Houchens

Apartments for income-eligible. Rent includes all utilities.

LEGAL SERVICES

Indiana Legal Services.....(800) 382-7581

(765) 423-5327

639 Columbia Street Lafayette, IN 47901

Provides advocacy, advice, and representation in civil legal matters such as housing, public benefits, consumer, health, and family law, for low-income and elderly clients. Also provides assistance to groups of low-income persons and outreach services to those who may be unable to travel to their offices.

Social Security Office.....(800) 772-1213

Provides general benefit information.

MEDICAL/HEALTH SERVICES

American Cancer Society.....(800) ACS-2345

401 S. Earl Avenue, Suite 1A.....(765) 449-4799

Lafayette, IN 47904

Web site: www.cancer.org

Wide variety of educational programs on cancer prevention, early detection, self-examination, etc., for groups, schools, businesses.

Specific Programs:

- “Road Recovery” Transportation to treatment in Lafayette and Indianapolis from anywhere. Need 48 hour advance notice.
- “Reach to Recovery: Volunteer breast cancer survivors visit new breast cancer patients still in the hospital. Doctor referred.
- “Look Good Feel Better: Addresses cosmetic problems of skin and hair related to cancer treatments. Cosmetology and wigs for men and women.
- Durable medical equipment for patient, free.

Benton Bloodmobile

Contact: Mary Gardner.....(765) 884-0306

Bi-monthly blood donations at Fowler United Methodist Church

Benton County Cancer Society

Contact: Nancy Rainier.....(765) 884-0187
1301 E. Fourth Fowler, IN 47944

Financial assistance for cancer patients such as hospital equipment for home use, prosthesis items, supplies, etc.
Pay transportation for treatment.

Benton County Health Department(765) 884-1343

Melinda Foley-Minks, RN , Health Nurse
Dr. Petrie, Health Officer F AX...765) 884-2026
706 E. 5th St. E-mail: bentonhealth@gmail.com
Suite 16
Fowler, IN 47944

Immunizations, Lead Program, TB Screening, Educational Programs, Parenting Sessions, Blood Pressure Screenings, and more!

Read to your baby everyday!

Benton County Sanitation Department

Contact: Sally Slavens.....(765) 884-1728
Building Commissioner/Health Inspector
706 E 5th St. Fowler, IN 47944 Suite 12
Fax:.....(765) 884-2072

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday- Friday.
Health and building inspections, substandard housing, septic system permits, water samples, and building permits.

Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library! Register your child today!

Benton County Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Coalition

Contact: Vanessa

Cohran.....(765) 385-5387
Leave message.....(765) 793-4881

Provides information regarding tobacco prevention activities and cessation programs.

Coalition For A Drug Free Benton County

Coordinator: Vanessa Cochran.....(765) 385-5387
Chair: George Franz.....(765) 583-2200
Email: calition_bc@yahoo.com

Provides information at monthly meetings about drug problems and to help stop drug use in Benton County. New members are always welcome.

Doctors & Dentists

Fowler Family Dentistry
Dr. William Border, DDS.....(765) 884-0740
809 N Washington Fowler, IN 47944
Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:00am to 4:00pm
Dr. Keith Jones, DDS.....(765) 884-0740
809 N Washington Fowler, IN 47944
Hours: Friday, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm & Saturday, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Dr. Robin Sheets, DDS.....(765) 884-0018
98 S 100 E, Suite B Fowler, IN 47944
Mailing address: P.O. Box 456, Fowler, IN 47944
Benton County Medical Center
Dr. William D. McCarthy MD.....(765) 884-1111

Family Medicine
1004 S East Street Fowler, IN 47944
Hours: Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00 am
Cathy Bowlin NP
Hours: Monday–Thursday, 8:00 am–5:00pm;
Friday, 8:00am–12:00 pm

Otterbein Clarian Arnett Health.....(765) 583-4415
Dr. A. Edwards, MD
Dr. V. Bentinganan, MD
Dr. C. Patel, MD
Korby Thiel, NP
Hours:

Fowler Medical Clinic
Dr. Raymond Petrie, MD.....(765) 884-1330
801 E Fifth Street Fowler, IN 47944
Hours: Monday-Wednesday 8:00am; CLOSED Thursday;
Friday 8:00 am

Home Health Care Services

St. Elizabeth Regional Home Health Hospice(765) 449-5046
1415 Salem, Suite 202 W
Lafayette, IN 47904

Social service, physical, occupational and speech therapy; home health care, hospice, and infusion pharmacy.

Drayer’s Medical Equipment.....(765) 447-3443
210 Professional Court Lafayette, IN 47905
Hours: Monday-Friday; 8:00 am-5:00 pm

Hospitals/Clinics

Arnett Clinic, Lafayette.....(800) 899-8448
Community Health Clinic, Lafayette.....(765) 742-1567
Clarian Arnett Hospital.....(765) 448-8000
Toll Free.....(800) 899-8448
Home Hospital, Lafayette.....(765) 447-6811
St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette(765) 423-6011
Unity Healthcare, Lafayette.....(765) 447-8133
Women’s Clinic, Lafayette.....(800) 733-6944

Pregnancy Services Birthright.....(219) 866-4555
216 ½ W. Washington Rensselaer, IN 47978

Services offered include free pregnancy testing, support and counseling, maternity and baby clothes at no cost.
Hours: Monday-Saturday; 10:00 am-1:00pm (Central Time)

Matrix Lifeline Pregnancy Center.....(765) 742-1533
1824 Maple St. Lafayette, IN 47904

Services offered include free pregnancy testing, educational classes: Earn While You Learn, maternity & baby clothing, diapers, formula and baby equipment, prenatal financial assistance, abstinence resource center, post abortion support, and community service referrals.

For giving. For good. For Benton.

Parenting Self-Sufficiency Project (PSP)

Contact: Benton Central Jr-Sr. High School.....(765) 884-1600

The PSP program is for pregnant teens. The program provides support, education and resources to pregnant teens and their families so they can get the earliest possible prenatal care. Contact Benton Central for referral.

Pharmacies

Denny’s Pharmacy.....(765) 884-1520
500 S Grant Avenue Fowler, IN 47944

Indiana Family Helpline(800) 433-0746

To receive information about children with special health care needs, pregnancy health care, child/adolescent health care, support groups, immunizations, lead screening, family planning, substance abuse programs, GED, dental care, Medicaid providers, WIC sites, Hoosier Healthwise, minority health services, women’s health, emergency shelters/food pantries, sudden infant deaths (SIDS), genetic/newborn screening services, job training sites, day care, respite care, stop smoking/drinking programs, Medicaid transportation providers and much more.....

NOTE: Language line available

YWCA of Greater Lafayette Women’s Cancer Program

Contact: direct.....(765) 742-0075
605 N Sixth Street Lafayette, IN 47901.....(800) 770-9004

Education and programs on breast and cervical cancer. Low cost or free screenings including mammograms and pap tests. Transportation and child care available if needed.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Mental Health America.....(765) 742-1800

914 S St. Lafayette, IN 47901
Support groups and educational programs.

Stembel Psychological Services.....(765) 884-1506

708 E 9th Street Fowler, IN 47944
Shari Stembel, Ph.D. HSPP
Clinical Psychologist: Specializing in child, adolescent, and family services.

Wabash Valley Hospital, Inc.....(765) 463-2555

2900 N River Road West Lafayette, IN 47906
Inpatient psychiatric services, low cost to no cost.

Wabash Valley Hospital

Outpatient Mental Health Services (765) 423-2638

610 Main Street Lafayette, IN 47905
Counseling for adults, adolescents, children, families experiencing emotional or chemical dependency problems.

Wabash Valley Hospital Benton County Outpatient Services

106 S Main Street Otterbein, IN 47970
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 586 Otterbein, IN 47970
Contact: Adena Vanderwielen, Ph.D.....(765) 583-0186

TRANSPORTATION

Boswell Area Transit Van (BAT VAN)(765) 869-4350
Call to schedule a ride. An all volunteer public transportation service for persons of all ages and disabilities living in the towns of Boswell, Oxford, Ambia, Dunnington, Chase, Tab, and Talbot. No fee but contributions welcomed.

“HOPE” Transportation Program(765) 385-1042
.....(765) 404-1174

Federated Church
103 S Fifth Street Oxford, IN 47971
A county-wide, volunteer transportation program for persons 60 years and older, with mobility impairments and eligible Medicaid recipients who live in Benton County. Trips are for medical purposes only. There is no fee but passenger contributions are encouraged.

VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

American Legion Post 57(765) 884-9961
400 E Fifth
Fowler, IN 47944

Amvets

116 E 5th Street Fowler, IN 47944
Contact:
Richard Ripberger(765) 8840054
Jim Hardebeck(765) 8841879

Benton Community Foundation

Ashley Bice, director(765) 884-8022
P.O. Box 351 Fowler, IN 47944
Fax:(765) 884-8023
Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 8:00 am - 7:00 pm
Web site: www.bentoncf.org

The foundation connects donor partners with community needs. It convenes community leaders and facilitates change to improve the quality of life for all who live, work and study in Benton County.

Benton County Indiana Historical Society, Inc(765) 884-8839
President: Joe Kult
404 E Sixth Street Box 341 Fowler, IN 47944

Volunteers donate their time to the collection and maintenance of local historical items of interest with monthly meetings being held the 1st Tuesday of the month except August and December.

Boswell Community Center(765) 869-4350
108 W. Main Street Boswell, IN 47921

To register for use of center call: Boswell Town Hall at(765) 869-5951

Earl Park Legion(219) 474-5090
102 S Oak Street, Earl Park, IN 47942

Earl Park Lions

President: Al Crace(219) 474-6523
1467 S 400 E Fowler, IN 47944

Fowler Chamber of Commerce

Contact: Mike Brewer(765) 884-0222

Kappa Kappa Kappa (Tri-Kappa)

Contact: Colleen Budreau.....(765) 884-1551
An Indiana Sorority promoting charity, culture, and education.

Reading to your children is the best gift you can give them!

Musettes Music Club

President: Lois Miller.....(765) 385-2531
Open to Benton County residents who like to sing, Monthly meeting on the 4th Monday of each month. Musical programs usually presented during May and December. Others upon request.

Serenity Hospice.....(765) 884-7000

103 S Grant Ave. Fowler, IN 47944
Sincere quality end of life care with compassion. The ultimate hospice concern for the patient is comfort. Volunteers are always welcome!

Oxford Lions

Contact: Wayne Oneal.....(765) 385-2461
P.O. Box 463 Oxford, In 47971
Community service group providing a variety of services.

Rotary

Boswell – Linda Gibson.....(765) 869-5719
Fowler – Bill Silver.....(765) 884-9333
Otterbein - Wayne Buck.....(765) 583-2067 **VFW**
Bernard Gick:.....(765) 884-0629
501 Taylor Avenue Fowler, In 47944

YOUTH SERVICES

4-H (Purdue Cooperative Extension).....(765) 884-0140
Benton County Extension Office
604 E Second Street, Suite A Fowler, In 47944
4-H/Youth Development CFS Extension Educators:
Jimmy Bricker.....jimmy.bricker@ces.purdue.edu
Linda Pitstick.....lmj@purdue.edu
Web Site.....<http://www.ces.purdue.edu/ces/Benton/>

- Benton County 4-H program offers hands-on exploration of more than 60 subjects ranging from aerospace to woodworking. This youth enrichment program is open to youth in grades 3-12 or through age 19. Leadership opportunities, youth exchanges, camps, conferences, and additional county, area, and state activities are sponsored as well.
- Exploring 4-H activities are coordinated for children in grades K-2.

Boy Scouts: Contact: Mel Nichols... ..(765) 884-0668

Cub Scouts: Contact: Tricia Algeri.....(765) 884-0605
Youth development program stressing communication, citizenship, good will, outdoor activities, community projects, life skills. Cub Scouts, ages 7-11; Boy Scouts, ages 11-18.

Girl Scouts

Contact: Cheryl Byers.....(765) 884-0515
Kelsie Muller.....(765) 385-0122
Or Girl Scouts Of Central Indiana.....(800) 875-0059

Helps every girl reach her full potential through participation in indoor/outdoor activities, community service, and discussion of contemporary issues. Grades K-12.

Benton County Churches

Ambia

Tri-County Baptist Church.....(765) 869-5780
307 S 3rd Street
Ambia, IN 47917
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 38 Ambia, IN 47917
Pastor: Daniel Meece

Tab Christian Church.....(765) 986-2089
8049 W Indiana Street
Ambia, IN 47917
Pastor:

Locus Grove Methodist Church.....(765) 869-5158
8362N 600 W
Ambia, IN 47993
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 217 Ambia, IN 47917
Pastor: Anne Kumeh

Ambia Methodist Church.....(765) 869-5158
108 S 3rd Street
Ambia, IN 47917
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 217 Ambia, IN 47917
Pastor: Anne Kumeth

Boswell

Boswell Church of Christ.....(765) 869-5744
310 S Clinton Street
Boswell, IN 47921
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 431 Boswell, IN 47921
Minister: John R. Morris

Boswell United Methodist Church.....(765) 869-5228
State Road 352
P.O. Box 332
Boswell, IN 47921
Pastor: Charles Anderson

Free Methodist Church.....(765) 869-4176
402 S Old US Highway 41
Boswell, IN 47921
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 367 Boswell, IN 47921
Parsonage: 303 W South Street Boswell, IN 47921.....(765) 869-5196
Pastor: Lauren Eicher

Dunnington

St Mary's Catholic Church.....(765) 884-1818
2961 S State Road 71
Dunnington, IN
Mailing Address: 107 E Main Street Fowler, IN 47944
Pastor: Father Donald Gross

Earl Park

Earl Park Presbyterian Church.....(219) 747-6882
108 N Elm Street
Earl Park, IN 47942
Clerk of Session: Randy Kitterman.....(219) 474-5702

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.....(219) 474 5514
205 S Chestnut Street
Earl Park, IN 47942
Mailing Address: 409 E Allen Street Kentland, IN 47951
Pastor: Father Rob Bernotas

Fowler

Fowler Baptist Church.....(765) 884-0211
1409 E 12th Street
Fowler, IN 47944
Pastor: Tony King

Fowler Christian Church.....(765) 884-0219
106 N Madison Ave.
Fowler, IN 47944
Pastor: Kurt Zimmerman

First Presbyterian Church.....(765) 884-1817
501 E 6th Street
Fowler, IN 47944
Pastor: Rev. Ann Williams

Fowler United Methodist Church.....(765) 884-1067
908 E 12th Street
Fowler, IN 47944
Pastor: Rev. Phil Abram

Hope Wesleyan Church.....(765) 884-0422
207 Grant Ave.
Fowler, IN 47944
Pastor: Joshua Johnson
Parsonage: 801 E 3rd Street.....(765) 884-1998

Fowler Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.....(765) 884-0342
807 E 12th Street
Fowler, IN 47944
Presiding Overseer: Jeff Hinshaw.....(765) 884-0672

Mt. Gilboa United Methodist Church.....(248) 672-8596
8322 E 300 N (248) 672-8597
Fowler, IN 47944
Pastor: Jason Davis

Sacred Heart Catholic Church.....(765) 884-1818
Main Street & Washington Ave.
Fowler, IN 47944
Pastor: Father Donald Gross
Mailing Address: 107 E Main Street Fowler, IN 47944

Wadena Baptist Church.....(765) 884-0542
2416 E 595 N Pastor's Home Phone
Fowler, IN 47944
Pastor: Joe Bosen
Mailing Address: 106 N Park Ave. Fowler, IN 47944

Otterbein

Otterbein United Methodist Church.....(765) 583-4441
23 S Brown Street Otterbein, IN 47970
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 156 Otterbein, IN 47970
Pastor: Linda Dolby web site: www.otterbeinumc.org
Email: srpastor@otterbeinumc.org

St. Charles Catholic Church.....(765) 583-4641
109 N Meadow
Otterbein, IN 47970
Mailing Address: 502 S Michigan
Oxford, IN 47970
Pastor: Father Robert Klemme

Oxford

Oxford Church of Christ.....(765) 385-2194
5th Street & Luin
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 82 Oxford, IN 47971
Parsonage: 404 N 5th Street Oxford, IN 47971
Pastor: Larry McMillan

Oxford Federated Church.....(765) 385-2863
103 S 5th Street
Oxford, IN 47971
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 47 Oxford, IN 47971
Pastor: Priscilla J. Bazler CLP

Oxford United Methodist Church.....(765) 385-2392
213-215 S Howard
Oxford, IN 47971
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 43 Oxford, IN 47971
Pastor: Linda Sproull

St. Patrick Catholic Church.....(765) 385-2587
502 S Michigan
Oxford, IN 47971
Pastor: Father Robert Klemme

Raub

Raub Methodist Church.....(219) 474-5616
8404 N State Road 71
Earl, Park, IN 47942
Pastor: Jack Snell.....(219) 285-2662

Talbot

Talbot Missionary Baptist Church.....(765) 869-5839
7040 S 680 W
Talbot, IN 47984
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 55 Talbot, IN 47984
Pastor: James Elrod

Benton Community Foundation is a public charity organized to serve greater Benton County. Our three primary services include that of a grant maker, vehicle for philanthropy and community leader. Led by a volunteer board from throughout the community, professional staff and numerous committees, our organization's main goal is to improve the quality of life in Benton County.

