

Helpful Resources in Independence County

Food Pantries

- **Help and Hope:** 870-793-9181; Offers food, clothing and personal assistance. Eligibility determined by income and household size. Must be recommended by government association, fill out application and present Social Security cards of each person living in the household. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8am to 12pm.
- **Batesville Early Learning & Enrichment Center:** 870-793-0627; Food Pantry for families in need.
- **Food Stamp Program: (SNAP)** 870-698-1876; Eligibility depends on household size, income, and resources available.
- **Women, Infants, and Children (WIC):** 870-793-8848; Applicants must meet income guidelines and provide proof of income. Proof of income examples include check stubs, W-2 forms, income tax returns, unemployment letter, proof of eligibility of Medicaid, AR Kids First, TEA, Food Stamps, etc. Applicants must also be nutritionally eligible and live in the State of Arkansas.
- **Angel Food Network:** 870-251-1918; Open to all families. There is no limit on income; this service is provided to any family in need of food.
- **American Red Cross:** 1-800-364-7524; Provides emergency assistance for clothing, food and shelter.
- **Coats for Kids:** 870-799-4547.
- **North Heights Church of Christ:** 870-698-1441; **The Wednesday Night Food Program** hands out food to all in need at 6:45 each Wednesday night. The initial visit requires paperwork. Subsequent visits allow more one on one discussion with individuals in need. The amount of food given is enough for several small meals for a family of four.
- **Harrison Street Church of Christ:** 870-793-3152. Soup Kitchen on Tuesdays.
- **First United Methodist Church:** free breakfast every Saturday.
- **Batesville Early Learning & Enrichment Center:** offers free meals to children and inexpensive meals to adults throughout the summer.

Shelter

- **White River Regional Housing Authority (HUD):** 870-793-6688
Offered to low income families based on household size.
- **Family Violence Prevention/Batesville Rape Crisis Center:** 870-793-8111; Assists individuals and families experiencing domestic abuse and sexual assault. There are staff that maintain the 24 hour shelter and crisis hotline, provide peer counseling, court advocacy, social service referrals, and advocacy, adult and children support groups and classes, transportation, develop individual safety planning and case management, community education, food and clothing.
- **Battered Women's Shelter (Safe Haven):** 870-793-8111
- **Independence Inn:** 870-793-2311 The Day Treatment program offers rehabilitation and services for people who meet the eligibility qualifications. Acceptance into the program is through referrals by hospitals or therapists and will serve as temporary housing for those in need-typically 1-2 nights.

Utilities

- **NADC(Assistance with Utilities):** 870-793-5765 <http://www.nadcinc.org/>
- **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program:** 870-793-5765; The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps low income households primarily in meeting their immediate home energy needs. The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) provides assistance to low income families to help them pay their utility bills. Emphasis is placed on helping pay winter fuel bills.
- **Weatherization Assistance Program:** 870-793-5765; The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) enables low-income families to permanently reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient. Funds are used to improve the energy performance of dwellings of needy families using the most advanced technologies and testing protocols available in the housing industry.

Medical

- **AR Kids First:** 1-888-474-8275 (English); 1-800-482-8988 (Spanish)
- **Independence County Health Unit:** 870-793-08848; Services: WIC, Immunizations, Family Planning, BPCCP (Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program), Maternity Care, Communicable disease testing and treatment, Environmental Health services, and in-Home services. Open: Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm. Late clinics available. Call for times and dates.
- **Medication Assistance AHEC:** 870-698-9991; May qualify for help with your medicine if: have no prescription coverage, are in coverage gap or insurance no longer covers your medication, meet total household gross income guidelines (Proof of income is required) , live in Sharp, Fulton, Stone, Independence, Marion, Baxter, Izard, Cleburne, Van Buren, Searcy county. AHEC does not pay for any medications, does not pay for past medication costs, and may not be able to help with all medications. Most medications are provided at no cost. Some pharmaceutical companies may require a small fee for medicine. Please have a list of medications (prescribing doctor information) and your total household gross income information from ALL sources ready when you call.
- **Children's Medical Services:** 870-269-8062
- **Batesville Behavioral Health Clinic:** 870-793-8925; Parenting classes, family counseling and education, coaching, modeling parenting skills and play therapy.
- **The Brandon Burlsworth Foundation (Free Eye Glass Program through Wal-Mart):** 1-866-534-2875 Families must have less than \$50,000 in income and not be covered by personal insurance, Medicaid, or AR Kids.
- **ALPHA Pregnancy Center:** 870-698-1008; Provides confidential support, parenting classes, free pregnancy testing and peer counselors.
- **Arkansas Health Care Access Foundation:** 1-800-950-8233 or 501-221-3033; Prescription drug assistance

Education & Child Care

- **Single Parent Scholarship:** http://www.aspsf.org/students_spscholarships.html; The purpose of our Single Parent Scholarship is to provide supplemental financial assistance to single parents living in Arkansas who are pursuing a course of instruction that will improve their income-earning potential. In most cases, scholarships may be used for tuition, books, utility bills, car maintenance, childcare or any other financial need that contributes to the recipients' success in school. However, the guidelines

for the manner in which the scholarship may be used are at the discretion of each scholarship provider.

- **Ozark Literacy Foothills Project:** 870-793-5912; empowers adults by teaching them to read and by teaching English to non-native speakers. One-on-one tutoring is available for adults who read below an 8th grade level. One-on-one ESL services are provided to students who do not read, write, or speak English fluently.
- **Batesville School District:** 870-793-6831; the mission of the Batesville School District is to provide an appropriate and quality education for all students in a safe, harmonious environment in partnership with parents and the community. Individuals will be provided the opportunity to develop their unique potential as they become productive citizens in an ever-changing world.
- **Batesville Pre-School:** Batesville Campus 870-793-0630, Sulphur Rock Campus 870-799-8687; The Batesville Preschool serves children within the ages of birth-5 years in Batesville and the surrounding areas. Children are placed in classrooms according to their age, developmental level, and how comfortable they are in that given environment.
- **Parents as Teachers:** 870-793-0627 The Parents as Teachers program utilizes the award-winning curriculum “Born to Learn”. Services are provided to children and their families throughout Independence County free of charge. Visit the preschool office to register your child.
- **GAP (grandparents as parents):** A support group for relatives as caregivers.
- **Beginning Steps with Batesville Schools:** Partners with White River Health Systems in providing a newborn program.
- **Batesville School of the 21st Century Before and After School Care (Kid Care):** 870-612-5676
Before School Program: The Before School Program is available for children of parents who have to be at work before 7:30AM (time that school opens). The program opens at 6:00AM daily, and at 7:30AM the children are dismissed to catch their bus to their respective schools.
After School Program: Batesville Kid Care is for school age children (K-6th grade) in the Batesville School System. The program provides a safe, fun environment for children whose parents are not available to pick them up at the end of the school day.
Batesville Star Program: 870-612-5676 The STAR Program is open from 6:00AM to 5:30PM. The summer’s activities include swimming, bowling, miniature golf, and gymnastics activities. There are many activities to choose from, both inside and outside.
- **Batesville Montessori School:** 870-698-1341; 18months-5years
- **First Presbyterian Day School:** 870-793-3272; Preschool 3 and 4 year olds
- **NADC Head Start:** 870-698-0014
- **From the Beginning (Cave City):** 870-283-1034
- **Midland Preschool:** 501-345-2643
- **Cord Charlotte Preschool:** 870-799-3051
- **Bright Beginnings:** 870-698-1211
- **Oil Trough Preschool:** 870-264-3321
- **The Learning Center of Batesville:** 870-307-0116
- **Hope Lutheran School:** 870-793-3078; Pre-K & Kindergarten
- **New Horizons Alternative School:** 870-251-2036

- **Helping Hands Daycare:** 870-698-0543
- **Child and Youth Pediatric Day Clinic:** 870-793-3334
- **Miracle Kids Success Academy:** 870-793-3200
- **The Community School Inc.:** 870-698-1529

Family Services

- **CHILDREN of North Central Arkansas:** 870-793-5233; CHILDREN of North Central Arkansas is a network of services dedicated to enhancing the quality and availability of child care; advocating for children, and providing information, education guidance and support to parents, providers, employers and the community. It is a non-profit program that helps parents locate child care in eight counties of North Central Arkansas. They profile licensed and registered child care facilities and match the parent's needs with a provider. This service is free of charge.
- **Arkansas Department of Human Services:** 870-698-1876; Services: Food Stamps, Medicaid, Welfare-to-Work, help finding a job, childcare, after school programs, WIC, Immunizations, child support services, education and job skills training, GED, housing, emergency food, emergency utility assistance, clothing and other goods, counseling, alcohol and drug treatment, services for battered women, and first call for help.
- **Success by Six:** 870-793-5991; Success by Six focuses on activities that include parenting education, toy making, child development, family literacy, arts and crafts, community mobilization and overall family support. Success by Six envisions a countywide early childhood collaborative that will success in assuring children are healthy and ready for first grade.
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters:** 870-612-8888; BBBS of North Central Arkansas provides one on one mentoring and school based mentoring to children of all ages.
- **Network of Community Options:** 870-612-5900; Early intervention, parent training, evaluation and assessment, and referrals to speech, physical and occupational therapy
- **Workforce Center:** 870-793-4156
- **North Central Arkansas Development Council (NADC):** 870-793-8027
- **NADC WIA Program:** 870-307-6805; The local WIA programs provide job related training and assistance to adults, dislocated workers, and youth who are looking for work or are interested in upgrading their work skills. Services such as applicant referrals, job screening and labor market information are provided to employers as well. The WIA programs are intended to bridge the gap between those seeking work, those who provide workforce training and employers.
- **NADC Head Start Programs:** 870-793-3234; Head Start provides health and nutrition education for families and their 3 to 4 year old children and provides services for handicapped children.
- **Arkansas Rehabilitation Services:** 870-793-4224 www.arsinfo.org ; Assists persons with disabilities so they are empowered to become employed. Services include transition services for students finishing high school, services for those with special communications needs, and specialized assessment and treatment. To determine if you are eligible, call the office and set up an appointment to interview with a counselor.
- **National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC):** A useful resource for all types of victims of crime. Includes domestic violence and other websites for every state; elder abuse posters that can be ordered from NCVC; a discussion forum for both victims and professionals; overview of elder abuse laws and policies; and regularly-updated news stories from across the country.

- **University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service:** 870-793-8840; Offers childcare training, a self-study childcare training program, grandparents training, nutrition information and training to low income families.
- **White River Specialized Industries:** 870-793-6943; Provides a wide variety of programs to adults with disabilities including adult development, work activity, assessment/work adjustment, sheltered employment, and job placement in the community.

Counseling Services

- **Consumer Credit Counseling Service:** 501-753-0202; 628 W. Broadway, Suite 203 North Little Rock, AR 72114; Website: www.helpingfamilies.org; A private, nonprofit community service that provides money management counseling to individuals and families, assisting them in arranging mutually acceptable debt repayment plans with their creditors. Counseling sessions are free and confidential, regardless of income level or location.
- **Family Violence Prevention:** Hotline – 870-793-8111; Toll-Free – 1-800-894-8821; Office – 870-793-4011; Website: www.nofamilyviolence.webs.com; We offer a 24 hour crisis hotline; safe shelter up to 30 days; individual, family, and group counseling; referrals for housing, legal services, employment and education; assistance in getting orders of protection.
- **Health Resources of Arkansas:** 870-793-8900 x 1132 for appointments; Crisis Phone: 1-800-592-9503; 1800 Myers Ave. Batesville, AR 72503; www.healthresourcesofarkansas.com
- **Life Strategies Counseling:** 870-793-3199; Emergency: 1-855-919-1949; 101 North 12th Street Batesville, AR 72501
- **Methodist Counseling Clinic:** 870-569-4890; 500 E. Main St., Suite 310 Batesville, AR 72501
- **White River Medical Center Behavioral Health Services:** 870-698-2100; 2230 Harrison Street Batesville, AR
- **Nikki Penn Counseling LAC, LAMFT:** 870-793-0071; 548 N. Central Avenue Batesville, AR 72501
- **The Pointe Behavioral Health:** 870-793-6774; 400 Harrison Street Batesville, AR 72501

Legal Services

- **Blair & Stroud:** 870-277-4087; 500 E. Main St Batesville, AR 72501
- **Blankenship Law Firm:** 870-793-2499; 157 N Broad Batesville, AR 72501; email: blankenshiplawfirm@yahoo.com
- **Gregg, Farris, & Bumpers :** 870-793-7556; 262 E Boswell St Batesville, AR 72501
- **Hance Law Firm:** 870-793-7083; 927 E. College Ave Batesville, AR 72501; Email: cehance@sbc.net
- **Legal Aid of Arkansas:** 800-967-9224; Provides equal access to justice and high quality legal representation in civil matters to those individuals whose income is under the federal poverty guidelines.
- **Murphy, Thompson, Arnold, & Skinner:** 888-902-5580; 1141 East Main Street Batesville, AR 72501
- **Steve Bell, Attorney at Law:** 870-793-4247; 500 East Main Street Batesville, AR 72501; Email: steve@belewandbell.com

Alcohol and Drug Treatment Centers

- **Wilbur D. Mills:** 501-268-7777; Emergency: 1-800-592-9503; Inpatient, outpatient, aftercare, day
- **John 3:16 Men's Addictions:** 870-799-2525; 75 Holmes Road Charlotte, AR 72522

- **John 3:17 Women's Christian Recovery Center (with Children):** 870-217-5603; Jackson County, AR
- **Butterfly Ranch Women's Center:** 870-485-2000; 2700 Jackson Cty Road Swifton, AR 72471

Community Clubs and Organizations

- **Bereavement Support Group:** 870-612-0685; 870-793-4161
- **GAP (grandparents as parents) Support Group:** 870-793-0627
- **Moms of Military Prayer and Support Group:** 870-251-2100
- **Widowed Persons Support Group:** 870-793-2430
- **Al-Anon:** Tuesdays @ 5:30; St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Parish Hall; 424 E. Main Street Batesville, AR; batesvilleafg@hotmail.com
- **Alcoholics Anonymous:** Wing & A Prayer Group Contact 870-793-3857; Principles over Personalities Group Contact 870-834-3932; Find a meeting www.arkansasaa.org

Employment

- **AID Temporary Services:** 870-698-0801
- **Ambassador:** 870-698-9400
- **Employer's Staffing:** 870-793-2868
- **Staff Mark:** 870-698-2800
- **Workforce Center:** 870-793-4156