

Helpful Resources in Independence County

Food Assistance

- **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. Only for Independence County Residents (must have photo I.D.) 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.
- **American Red Cross:** 1-800-364-7524; Provides emergency assistance for clothing, food and shelter.
- **North Heights Church of Christ:** 870-698-1441; **The Wednesday Night Food Program** hands out a monthly food box to all in need at 7:00 each Wednesday night. The initial visit requires paperwork (bring driver's license). 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.
- **Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church "Master's Table":** 870-793-2077; Hand out monthly food box. Requires name and age of each person in household and address. Pick up on Saturday 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
- **Fellowship Baptist Church Southside--Angel Food Boxes;** 501-658-5994 or 870-251-1918; \$25 Food Boxes to feed a family for a week. Must order ahead of time. EBT accepted.
- **Cedar Ridge Food Pantry (Oil Trough):** 870-251-1605; Tuesdays 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Thursdays 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.; Driver's license or photo ID required. Must be a Cedar Ridge School District Resident
- **First Baptist Church Food Pantry:** 870-793-9859; Sundays 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- **Harbor of Hope Food Bank (Cave City):** 870-805-8911; Mondays 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- **Southside 4H Food Pantry:** Located at Southside High School; Thursdays 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- **Every Child is Ours (Tuckerman):** Food Pantry 201 Hwy 67 Tuckerman
- **Batesville 7th Day Adventist Church:** 870-307-8285; Food boxes by appointment
- **Some Local Schools:** offer free meals to children and inexpensive meals to adults throughout the summer

Hot Meals

- **First United Methodist Church:** Free breakfast every Saturday at 8:30 a.m.
- **Our Father's Table:** Soup Kitchen @ Bethel AME (9th & Oak); Mon & Tues 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. & Saturdays on Central Ave on Westside Batesville in front of bowling alley 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- **St. Paul's Episcopal Church:** Free Thursday night meal 6:00 p.m. 424 E. Main St.
- **Believers' Community Church:** 870-793-8365; Free Community Meal Fridays 6:15 p.m.
- **Batesville First Assembly:** 870-793-5489; Free Breakfast Sundays 9:00 a.m.; Transportation available
- **Central Ave United Methodist Church:** 870-793-2365; Free breakfast last Sunday of month 9:00 a.m.

Clothing Assistance

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- **Coats for Kids:** 870-799-4547.
- **Grace Communion Fellowship (Southside):** 870-283-9311; Clothing Outreach 2nd Saturday of each month 12:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- **North Heights Church of Christ:** 870-698-1441; Clothes closet; Thursday mornings 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- **HOUSE FIRES:** 870-793-4011; Voucher for clothing and household things at the Family Violence Prevention Resale Store beside China King. Go to the office in the Court House at Broad & Main Street to get vouchers.

Shelter

- **Batesville Housing Authority/State-Regional** 870-368-5200; Wed 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.; Offered to low income families based on household size.
- **Independence Apartments:** 870-793-1092; Disabled low income housing apartment subsidized by the federal government's HUD
- **Family Violence Prevention/Batesville Rape Crisis Center:** Outreach Office 870-793-4011; Women's Shelter 870-793-8111; Taylor House Men's Shelter 870-569-8024; Rape Crisis Hotline 870-689-0006; 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. Initial Stay-30 Days.
- **NADC (Rental Assistance):** 870-793-5765
- **White County Domestic Violence Prevention, Inc. (Searcy):** 870-278-5130; Women & Children allowed; Can stay up to 30 days.
- **White River Battered Women's Shelter (Newport):** 870-523-5000 870-523-9902 877-221-6660 Home for battered women & children.
- **North Arkansas Special Housing:** 870-257-4411; Section 8 maybe accepted and/or there are apartments that are income based (30% of adjusted gross income) HUD.
- **Lighthouse Group Home:** 870-793-8922; Disabled low income housing apartment subsidized by fed HUD.

Utilities

- **NADC(Assistance with Utilities):** 870-793-5765
- **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
- **Independence County Health Unit:** 870-793-8847; Community Services: Communicable Disease Investigation and Intervention, Hometown Health Improvement, Voter Registration, Environmental Health, Private Well Water Sampling, West-Nile Virus Surveillance, Family Planning, Pregnancy Testing, HIV/Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Immunizations, Maternity, Breastfeeding, Prenatal Care, Private Option enrollment assistance, Public Health Preparedness, TB Program, Preventative Treatment, Treatment, Vital Records, Birth Certificates, Death Certificates, WIC, Breastfeeding Support/Breast Pumps, Nutrition Counseling, Women's Health, BreastCare; Open: Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm.
- **Medication Assistance AHEC:** 870-698-9996; 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.
- **Batesville Behavioral Health Clinic:** 870-698-2100; 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 \$60,000 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.; M-Thurs 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- **My Choice Clinic:** 870-613-7860; M, W, Th 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Free pregnancy test, ultrasound, free prenatal vitamins as needed

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 Early Learning & Enrichment Center:** 870-793-0630, 870-793-8050; 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.
- **Batesville School of the 21st Century Before and After School Care (Kid Care):** 870-612-5676
 - **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 Summer Program:** (Summer To Always Remember) is a summer child care program for school age children (K-6th grade). The program offers weekly themed activities and field trips designed to give each child fun filled memories to last a life time. Each week the children get to go swimming. There will also be plenty of inside and outside activities to choose from on-site.
- **Southside Preschool:** 870-251-2297; Birth-5 years. Preschool standards and requirements have come a long way in the past few years. You can take pride in knowing that your child will not only be well taken care of, but will have a great foundation in the essential skills needed to achieve success once they reach elementary school. We have numerous tuition resources, such as, Arkansas Better Chance (ABC), Voucher, and private pay.
- **Southside T.R.A.C.K.S.:** 870-251-2297
 - **After School Program:** TRACKS is for school age children (K-6th grade) in the Southside School System. This program starts after school until 6:00 p.m.
 - **TRACKS Summer Program:** TRACKS is a summer care program offered at Southside Schools. The program runs from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. every week day. They take field trips every week along with spending each Friday at the pool. The cost of attendance is \$70.00 per week per child.
- **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):** 870-793-0627; In the past, this program has provided support and connections to resources to those involved. As we move forward, the GAP program will seek to provide grandparents and guardians with access to resources that will better enable them to care for their children. We aim to educate them of their rights, to provide them with the opportunity to network with each other, and to connect them to community services. As guardian-grandparents, you will face many new issues as you deal with your children's health and development in addition to social, legal, and medical issues.
- **Batesville Montessori School:** 870-698-1341; 18months-6 years
- **Batesville East Head Start:** 870-698-0014
- **Helping Hand Child Care of Batesville:** 870-698-0543
- **North Batesville Head Start:** 870-698-9127
- **Bright Beginnings:** 870-698-1211
- **First Presbyterian Day School:** 870-793-3272; Preschool 3 and 4 year olds
- **The Community School Inc.:** 870-698-1529
- **Ascent:** 870-793-3334

- **STARS Academy:** (Students with developmental needs); 870-793-3200
- **Little Rascals Child Care:** 870-834-1009
- **New Beginnings Childcare:** 870-613-8159
- **Compass Early Learning Center:** 870-301-3062
- **Sulphur Rock Head Start:** 870-799-3415
- **From the Beginning (Cave City):** 870-283-1034
- **Midland Preschool:** 501-345-2643
- **Kids' Corner Day Care (Newark):** 870-613-0836

Family Services

- **Child Care Aware of North Central Arkansas:** 870-793-5233; 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.
- **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
- **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.

Counseling Services

- **Life Strategies Counseling:** 870-793-3199; Emergency: 1-855-919-1949
- **Methodist Family Clinic:** 870-569-4890
- **White River Medical Center Behavioral Health Services:** 870-698-2100
- **Nikki Penn Counseling LAC, LAMFT:** 870-793-0071
- **The Pointe Behavioral Health:** 870-793-6774

Legal Services

- **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.

Substance Abuse

- **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
- **Celebrate Recovery:** 870-793-8365; Friday's at 7; Support groups for all addictive behaviors
- **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
- **The Father's House (Memphis, TN):** 901-574-9262
- **Renewal Ranch (Men's Addictions):** 501-269-4306; Free 6 month program, Houston, AR

Employment

- **AID Temporary Services:** 870-698-0801
- **Ambassador:** 870-698-9400
- **ESA Staffing & Screening:** 870-569-8084
- **Goodwill Career Center:** 870-569-4030
- **Onin Staffing:** 870-569-4960
- **Staff Mark:** 870-698-2800
- **Synergy HR:** 870-569-4912
- **Workforce Center:** 870-612-8199