

Helpful Resources in Independence County and Surrounding Areas

If you find this listing needs updated, please call 870-612-2040.

Clothing Assistance

- **Batesville Preschool:** 793-0630; Clothes closet available to anyone in Batesville School district.
- **Family Violence Prevention Resale Store:** 192 East Main Street (beside China King), 870-793-4011; Helps with house fires. 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.
- **First Baptist Church Food Pantry:** 870-793-9859; clothing closet closed during COVID pandemic – otherwise, Sundays 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **Help and Hope:** 2622 E. Main, 870-793-9181; Offers food, clothing and personal assistance. Eligibility determined by income and household size according to the government income guidelines. Identification required for all members living in the household, photo ID for adults, school ID or social security card for children. Application required. Independence County residents only. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.; school policy for closure during inclement weather is followed.
- **UACCB Clothing Closet:** Located at 2005 White Drive in the Main Campus Building. Student ID encouraged. For hours or assistance, please call 870-612-2173.

Counseling Services

- **Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings:** 24-hour hotline (800) 604-HELP(4357) or find local Arkansas meeting at <https://alcoholicsanonymous.com/aa-meetings/arkansas/>
- **Life Strategies Counseling:** 70 Batesville Blvd, Suite C, Batesville, 870-793-3199; Emergency: 1-855-919-1949; www.lscihelp.com, offer individual family therapy sessions, age 4 and up, physio nurse available
- **Methodist Family Clinic (Little Rock):** 870-569-4890 mainly offer children's counseling, however also offer adult counseling, licensed psychiatrist and licensed therapist available
- **Nikki Penn Counseling LAC, LAMFT:** 870-793-0071; Individual, family, marital and grief counseling. Ms. Penn also specializes in EMDR therapy for trauma. Their office accepts most insurance companies except Medicare, Medicaid and ARKids. We also offer a sliding scale fee for non-insured clients.
- **The Pointe Behavioral Health:** 870-793-6774, thepointebhs.com. Mental and behavioral health, most medical insurance accepted.
- **UAMS North Central:** 1993 Harrison Street, Batesville, 870-698-9996; Behavioral Health Specialist. Open Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Education & Child Care

- **Batesville Montessori School:** 195 North 11th Street, 870-698-1341; 6 weeks to 6 years
- **Batesville Preschool:** 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. They also have before and after school services for Batesville school age children.
- **Bright Beginnings Day Care:** 445 White Drive, 870-698-1211; infant care – pre-K
- **Compass Early Learning Center:** 4440 Harrison Street, 870-301-3062; childcare facility, Mon-Fri 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., 6 weeks to 5 years
- **First Presbyterian Day School:** 775 East Boswell Street, 870-793-3272; preschool 3- and 4-year-old
- **From the Beginning (Cave City):** 401 South Main Street, Cave City, 870-283-1034; early intervention day treatment center, 6 months – 6 years, must meet requirements for developmental therapy
- **Home Visiting Program:** 650 Vine Street, Batesville; 793-0627; family support and kindergarten readiness, home visiting developmental screening, play groups, connection to community resources, books and developmentally appropriate materials for families, free to anyone prenatal through kindergarten for anyone in the Batesville School district.
- **Kids' Corner Day Care (Newark):** 115 East Sixth Street, Newark, 870-613-0836; accept 6 weeks old – pre-K, after school care
- **Midland Preschool:** 501-345-2613; center located at Pleasant Plains (birth – 3 yrs.) and Floral (3 yrs. – pre-K). ABC program, accept vouchers.
- **NADC Early Head Start and Head Start:** 1900 Lyon Street, 870-793-3234 (administrative office); childcare services for birth to 5 years, open Mon – Fri 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., free to those who qualify. Available in these towns: Calico Rock, Cave City, Evening Shade, Highland, Melbourne, Mtn View, Salem, Sulphur Rock and Viola.
- **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. Financial literacy assistance.
- **Parents as Teachers:** 650 Vine Street, 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. We also provide a year around food pantry and diaper depot. Visit the Batesville preschool office to register your child.
- **Single Parent Scholarship:** www.aspsf.org; 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.
- **Southside Preschool:** 70 Scott Drive, Batesville, 870-251-2297; 18 months – kindergarten. We have numerous tuition resources, such as, Arkansas Better Chance (ABC), Voucher, and private pay. lisa.mcghee@southsideschools.org

- **Southside T.R.A.C.K.S.:** 70 Scott Drive, Batesville, 870-251-2297; lisa.mcgee@southsideschools.org
 - **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 to any child. The program runs from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. every weekday. They take field trips every week along with spending each Friday at the pool.
- **STARS Academy:** 200 General Street, 870-793-3200; Mon-Fri 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., offers speech, occupational therapy and physical therapy, and therapy for developmental delays, Medicaid funded facility, 6 months – pre-K
- **Summer Program at Batesville:** 650 Vine Street, Batesville, 870-793-0630. Completed kindergarten through 6th grade. May 31 – Aug 10, 2022, from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- **The Community School Inc.:** 295 Mockingbird Street, 870-698-1529; 6 weeks – pre-K, regular day care spots, accept day care vouchers, provide early prevention services, occupational and physical therapy services, RN nurse on site, transportation for eligible children
- **UAMS North Central:** 1993 Harrison Street, Batesville, 870-698-9996; Pre-Health Professional. Schedule an appointment to talk about courses offered through UAMS. Open Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Employment

- **AID Temporary Services:** 355 South Broad Street, 870-698-0801; www.aidtemps.com, staffing agency, never a placement fee to the employee, could lead to a permanent position.
- **Ambassador:** 1614 Harrison Street, 870-698-9400; www.teamambassador.com looking for full time employees, mostly factory work, occasionally office and pharmacy work
- **Arkansas Workforce Center:** 396 Barnett Drive, 870-612-8199 or 793-4156; Services include assistance with job search assistance, resume building and interview skills. Career Readiness Certification testing, information about TEA or TANF services and assistance filing unemployment claims. Job search website: www.arjoblink.arkansas.gov
- **ESA Staffing & Screening:** 400 Harrison Street, Suite 109, 870-569-8084; on-line application www.esa-staffing.com, call after completing the application
- **Goodwill Career Center:** 3209 Harrison Street, Batesville. Help find employment, must be 16 and have reliable message phone. For appt call 870-569-4030.
- **Synergy HR:** 7240 Harrison Street, 870-569-4912
- **UACCB Work Opportunities for Students:**
 - Campus work study positions and part-time positions: <https://uaccb.edu/financial-aid/>
 - Positions available from partnered employers: <https://uaccb.emsicc.com/work-opportunities>
- **WRPDD WIOA program:** 4441 Harrison Street, Batesville, 793-5233 www.ncaworks.com, Tuition assistance, helps people get back to work (low income, homeless, laid off, offender, foster parents, military, general loss of income, adults and older youth)

Family Services

- **Arkansas Department of Human Services:** 100 Weaver Avenue, 870-698-1876; Services: Food Stamps, Medicaid, Welfare-to-Work, help finding a job, childcare, after school programs, 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.
- **Arkansas Rehabilitation Services:** 111 North 12th Street, Batesville, 870-793-4153; www.arcareered.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. Independent living services are available. Services for the deaf and hard of hearing.
- **Celebrate Recovery at Believer's Community Church:** 3645 North Main Street, 870-793-8365; Hurts Habits and Hangups, faith based, available to men, women, teenagers and children, free meal Friday at 6:15 p.m.
- **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 fourteen 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. Resource center for teachers to check out for classroom use.
- **National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC):** victimsofcrime.org, 1-202-467-8700; Their mission is to forge a national commitment to help victims of crime rebuild their lives through collaboration with local, state and federal partners. They are dedicated to serving individuals, families and communities harmed by crime. The National Center offers an array of services, resources and training for victims of all types of crime, their advocates, attorneys and law enforcement. The National Crime Victims Bar Association focuses on civil justice and connects victims to the best attorneys for their cases. The VictimConnect Resource Center offers a confidential, compassionate helpline and resources for victims of all crime.
- **Network of Community Options:** 870-612-5900; Early intervention, parent training, evaluation and assessment, and referrals to speech, physical and occupational therapy. Two daycares in Highland for birth to 5 years old. Two adult day centers, one in Batesville and the other in Ash Flat. Also, CES Waiver in 20 counties.
- **North Central Arkansas Development Council (NADC):** 550 9th Street Batesville, 870-793-5765; Head start and early head start programs, and assistance with utilities (electricity, gas and propane)
- **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.

Food Assistance

- **American Red Cross:** In natural disaster situations (fire, tornado, flood, earthquake, etc.), provides emergency assistance for clothing, food, shelter, and information. 1-800-REDCROSS
- **Batesville 7th Day Adventist Church:** 30 Gap Rd, 870-307-8285; Food boxes by appointment.
- **Batesville Preschool:** 870-793-0630; Food Pantry for families in need, available to anyone in Batesville School district.
- **Fellowship Baptist Church Southside:** 870-251-1918; weekend food bags are available to anyone in the Southside School District, contact Southside School Counselor.
- **First Baptist Church Food Pantry:** 870-793-9859; Sundays 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., drive-thru due to COVID pandemic – otherwise Sundays 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **Food Stamp Program: (SNAP):** 870-698-1876; Eligibility depends on household size, income, and resources available. SNAP applications available by Ben Baxter, MCB 238
- **Harrison Street Church of Christ:** 1536 Harrison Street Batesville, 793-3152; Friday 10:00 – 11:00 food pantry
- **Help and Hope:** 2622 E. Main, 870-793-9181; Offers food, clothing and personal assistance. Eligibility determined by income and household size according to the government income guidelines. Identification required for all members living in the household; photo ID for adults, school ID or social security card for children. Application required. Independence County residents only. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.; school policy for closure during inclement weather is followed.
- **North Heights Church of Christ:** 200 Warrior Road, Batesville, 870-698-1441; Food Pantry
- **Parents as Teachers:** 650 Vine Street, 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. We also provide a year around food pantry and diaper depot. Visit the Batesville preschool office to register your child.
- **Southside 4H Food Pantry:** Located at 99 Scott Drive, across from Southside Jr. High School; bring identification for each member of the family; limit of one visit per month; Thursdays 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- **UACCB Food Pantry:** Located at 2005 White Drive in the Main Campus Building. Student ID encouraged. For hours or assistance, please call 870-612-2000.
- **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.

Free Meal

- **Batesville First Assembly Church:** 1949 Lyon Street, Batesville 870-793-5489; free meal Sunday 5:30 p.m. before Celebrate Recovery.
- **Celebrate Recovery at Believer’s Community Church:** 3645 North Main Street, 870-793-8365; Hurts Habits and Hangups, faith based, available to men, women, teenagers and children, free meal Friday at 6:15 p.m.

- **First United Methodist Church:** 615 E Main St., Batesville; Free breakfast every Saturday at 8:30 a.m., take out only during COVID pandemic
- **Our Father’s Table:** 548 N Central, use side door facing Charles Street; Soup Kitchen, Mon & Tues at 5:30 p.m., Saturday 11 – 1 p.m., brown bag lunch
- **St. Paul’s Episcopal Church:** 424 E. Main, Batesville; 870-793-2203; Free Wednesday night meal 6:00 p.m.
- **Storefront Pentecostal Church:** 1705 Central Avenue, Batesville, 847-5121; free Community Meal: Thurs 5 – 6 p.m.

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. Call to apply or visit their website at this web address: arlegalaid.org.

Medical

- **AR Medicaid Assistance (AR Kids First):** 1-855-372-1084, ask for Service Center. Apply over phone, local Department of Human Services, or online at access.arkansas.gov. AR Kids First is available from birth to age 19. Basic requirements: household size, household income and medical status.
- **Free Eye Exams and/or Free Eyeglasses through Walmart:** The Brandon Burlsworth Foundation, 1-866-534-2875; Services available to pre-school through 12th grader. Family income less than \$60,000 and NOT be covered by personal insurance, Medicaid, or AR Kids.
- **Independence County Health Department:** 870-793-8848; 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; Normal Business Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm.
- **The ALPHA Pregnancy Center:** 2131 Fitzhugh Street, 870-698-1008; Mon, Wed, Thurs 11:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Provides confidential support, parenting classes, baby supplies, free pregnancy testing and peer counselors.
- **The ALPHA Pregnancy Center “My Choice Clinic”:** 194 West Main Street, 870-613-7860; M, W, Th 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Free pregnancy test, ultrasound, free prenatal vitamins as needed and early pregnancy counseling.
- **UAMS North Central:** 1993 Harrison Street, Batesville, 870-698-9996; Family Medical Clinic. Nurse Practitioners and Doctors available for all your medical needs including immunizations; accepts most major medical insurance. Open Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pre-Health Professional. Schedule an appointment to talk about courses offered through UAMS.

Shelter

- **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; Toll free for all services 1-800-894-8821; 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.
- **Jacob's Place Homeless Mission (for Families):** 301 East Market Avenue, Searcy, 501-380-8283; specializes in homeless families
- **Mission Machine (Searcy):** 1982 North Main Street, Searcy, must call be coming (501) 230-9356 Homeless camp, indoor clinic for elderly, drug test and background test required.
- **Mission Outreach of Northeast Arkansas:** 901 E Lake St, Paragould, 870-236-8080, 60 bed emergency homeless shelter for a six county region www.missionoutreachnea.com
- **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.
- **North Central Arkansas Development Council (NADC):** 550 9th Street Batesville, 870-793-5765; Head start and early head start programs, and assistance with utilities (electricity, gas and propane), sometimes does rental assistance
- **Our House:** 302 E Roosevelt Rd, Little Rock, 501-374-7383; Dormitory-style home for 80 people. 2 dorms: one for men, and one for women and children. All residents must be willing and able to find and maintain a full time job (minimum 32 hours/week) after 3 weeks. Career center also available to the community. www.ourhouseshelter.org Resource hotline available only during COVID: 501-291-0584
- **White River Regional Housing Authority:** area office in Melbourne, 870-368-5200; rental assistance, based on income and household size.
- **White River Women's Shelter (Newport):** 870-523-5000 (24 hour) or 870-523-5403. Home for battered women, men and children.

Substance Abuse

- **Adult and Teen Challenge of the Greater South:** Corporate Office at 700 East Parkway, Russellville, 1-866-567-7101; teenchallenge@live.com accepts men and women into the program; 18 years old and older
- **Agape House for Men:** 44 Kenmore Street, Corning; 870-857-1520; 18 years and older, parenting and counseling classes available, faith based facility
- **Agape House for Women:** women house at 57 Lancaster, Paragould, 870-586-0314; 18 years and older; parenting and counseling classes available, faith based facility
- **Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings:** 24-hour hotline (800) 604-HELP(4357) or find local Arkansas meeting at <https://alcoholicsanonymous.com/aa-meetings/arkansas/>
- **Celebrate Recovery at Believer's Community Church:** 3645 North Main Street, 870-793-8365; Hurts Habits and Hangups, faith based, available to men, women, teenagers and children, free meal Friday at 6:15 p.m.

- **Hedge Ministry-** PO Box 274 Concord, AR 72523, 479-981-6054, Ministry through Missionary Baptist Church, Christian home for men, graduates of faith based programs dealing with addiction and community outreach program.
- **John 3:16 Men’s Drug and/or Alcohol Addictions:** 75 Holmes Road, Charlotte, 870-799-2525; men’s only, 21 years and older, 6-to-12-month program
- **John 3:17 Women’s Christian Recovery Center:** 870-217-5603; 431 Highway 145 South, Newport, AR www.john317ministry.org; suzannerudd@john317ministry.org ; all types of addictions
- **New Hope Refuge:** 10 Bell Grove Rd. Batesville 870-307-0000 (landline); 7-month faith-based recovery for women
- **Project New Start** - 1515 Dewey Ave, Newport, AR (870) 523-8413; any type of substance abuse
- **Renewal Ranch (Men’s Addictions):** 75 Lake Drive, Houston, AR; 501-269-4306; www.therenewalranch.org; Men only, 21 years and older, 12-month program

Utilities

- **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program part of North Central Arkansas Development Council (NADC):** 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) helps low income families to help them pay their utility bills. Emphasis is placed on helping pay winter fuel bills.
- **North Central Arkansas Development Council (NADC):** 550 9th Street Batesville, 870-793-5765; Head start and early head start programs, and assistance with utilities (electricity, gas and propane)

Other

- **Database of Resources (food assistance, help paying bills, other free or reduced cost programs):** auntbertha.com – This curated database of resources is provided by Aunt Bertha, a Public Benefit Corporation; find programs for your zip code
- **Free Air Machine 24/7:** Kent’s Firestone, 1308 E Main St, Batesville, AR 72501 793-5566 and Hawg’s Exxon, 1150 N St Louis, Batesville, 612-8661
- **Learn to read/speak English:** Ozark Foothills Literacy Project, 285 East College Street, Batesville, 870-793-5912; www.myoflp.weebly.com,
- **Tuition Assistance:** WRPDD WIOA program, 4441 Harrison Street, Batesville, 793-5233 www.ncaworks.com
- **Veterans Services:** 870-793-8812 Mon – Thurs; A van leaves for both VA hospitals in Little Rock every Monday and Wednesday at 7 am by the Extension Service, next to the Sheriff’s Office. Passengers must call ahead of time, must be able to walk into the van, recommend appointment times before noon, and appointments finished before 3 pm when the vans depart for home. No charge.