

# Transition Planning

## Employment/Job Placement

**Occupational Development Center ODC**, 1202 E. Bell Street, Bl. 61701

Carmenn Hamilton – Training Services Manager

[chamilton@odcbln.org](mailto:chamilton@odcbln.org), (309) 820-0723 ext 307

Megan Halperin – Placement Services Manager

[mhalperin@odcbln.org](mailto:mhalperin@odcbln.org), (309) 820-0723 ext 321

Vocational and Employment Opportunities for those with Disability

**MARC First** – employment and training for people with disabilities

Margaret Jobst-Intake/In-home/Quality

1606 Hunt Drive, Normal, Il 61761

(309) 451-8888 ext. 214

[www.marcofillinois.org](http://www.marcofillinois.org)

Services:

Case Management

Early Intervention

Leisure Activities

Pre Vocational Training

Respite Care

Support Employment

Supported Living

### **Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)**

Julienne Longworth, BHS Counselor

David Reed, Bloomington DRS Director

207 S. Prospect, Bloomington, Il 61704 (309) 662-1347

Services:

Assistive Devices

Career Counseling

Education/Training

In-Home Assistance

Job Placement

Vocational Rehabilitation

### **Career Link**

207 E. Hamilton Road, Bloomington, Il 61704

(309) 827-6237 Voice, (800) 526-0844 TTY

(309) 828-2967 FAX

[www.careerlink16.com](http://www.careerlink16.com), [dweth@careerlink16.com](mailto:dweth@careerlink16.com)

Adult Program (Age 22 & older)

Dislocated Worker Program

Youth Program (Age 17 – 21)

Fees: No fees

Referral Procedures: Walk in or call for appointment. Applications available at the Illinois Employment and Training Center or individuals may request information through the Career Link website.

Services:

Employment Job & Training

Dislocated worker Program

**Post High School Education/Training**

**Hairmasters Institute of Cosmetology, Inc.**

506 S. McClun, Bloomington, Il 61701, (309) 828-1884,  
Financial Aid Office: (309) 827-6971

**Heartland Community College**

1500 W. Raab Rd., Normal, Il, 61761

[www.heartland.edu](http://www.heartland.edu)

Anita Moore, Coordinator of Disability Support Services

(309) 268-8029

(309) 268-8000 Adult Education

(309) 268-8180 Essentials

(309) 268-8047

(309) 268-8020 Financial Aid Office

Adult Education – GED, ESL, Pre-Job Guidance

Certificates

Degree Program

English As Second Language

Essentials Program – Business, Manufacturing and Information Technology

**Illinois Central College**

One College Drive, East Peoria, Il, 61635, (309) 694-5011

Financial Aid Office: (309) 694-5311

**Illinois State University**

Office of Disability Concerns

[www.disabilityconcerns.ilsu.edu](http://www.disabilityconcerns.ilsu.edu)

[ableisu@ilstu.edu](mailto:ableisu@ilstu.edu)

350 Fell Hall, Normal, Il 61761, (309) 438-2111

Hours: M–F, 8:00am – 4:30 pm

No fee

**Lincoln College**

715 W. Raab Rd., Normal, Il 61761, (309) 268-4314, (800) 569-4314

Financial Aid Office, (309)268-4318

**Midwest College of Cosmetology**

755 W. Raab Rd., Normal, Il 61761, (309) 451-1373, (800) 811-2228

Financial Aid Office: (309) 452-0500

**Midstate College**

411 W. Northmoore Rd., Peoria, Il 61614, (800) 251-4299

Ask for the Financial Aid Office

**Parkland College**

2400 W. Bradley Ave., Champaign, Il 61821, (217) 351-2200

Financial Aid Office: (217) 351-2222

**Richland Community College**

One College Park, Decatur, Il 62521, (217) 875-7200

**Life Center for Independent Living (Life-Cil)**

Gail Kear, Executive Director

2201 Eastland Drive, Suite 1, Bloomington, IL 61704, (309) 663-5433

[jdoan@lifeil.org](mailto:jdoan@lifeil.org), (309) 663-5433

Life Cil provides assistance to individuals with disabilities that may need independence training in the home, community, and on the job. Additional services include advocacy, in-service, medical equipment loan, and peer counseling.

**Paul Mitchell**

The School of Normal

1503 E. College Ave Suite L, Normal, IL,

(309) 862-3400 Voice

(309) 862-3405 FAX

## Alternative Education/Training Program

### **Compassion Center**

313 N. East Street, Bloomington, IL 61701

(309) 829-4593 Voice

(309) 829-3245 FAX

Public transportation accessible

Hours: M – F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Accessibility: Full wheelchair access

Eligibility: Based on the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care (COC) guidelines

### **GED Instruction\*Homeless People**

Description: GED and reading class assessment and placement; tutoring for GED, reading, and college preparation; and support services for students in GED classes.

Fees: No fee

### **GED/Adult Literacy Program**

905 N. Main Street, Suite 2, Normal, IL 61761

(309) 888-9884 Voice

(309) 888-5120 GED Testing

(309) 862-4457 FAX

[www.roe17.k12.il.us](http://www.roe17.k12.il.us)

[jfritsch@roe17.k12.il.us](mailto:jfritsch@roe17.k12.il.us)

Joyce Fritsch, Director

Public transportation accessible

Hours: M – F, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Area Served: McLean and Livingston Counties

Other Languages: Spanish

Accessibility: Full wheelchair access

Services

### **Citizenship Classes**

#### **Citizenship Test Preparation**

Description: Eligible students are legal permanent residents who are preparing for the CIS interview and test to achieve U.S. Citizenship.

Fees: No fee

Referral Procedures: Students may register by phone.

### **English as a Second Languages**

Description: English as a Second Languages (ESL) classes are open entry and continue to accept new students throughout the school year. Classes meet mornings, afternoons and evenings, two to four times per week for two to three hours.

Fees: No fee

Referral Procedures: ESL students can register by phone or in person when the class meets.

### **GED Instruction**

Description: The GED/Adult Literacy Program provides Adult Basic Education classes in GED Review, Pre-GED, Learn to Read, and Pre-Employment computer Skills to individuals 16 years or older who are no longer enrolled in school.

Eligibility: Classes: Prospective students must take the test of Adult Basic Education (TSBE) and participate in orientation and assessment.

GED: Individuals can take the GED test if they are 17 years of age or older and are a resident of Illinois. The DeWitt-Livingston-McLean Regional Office of Education gives the GED test each month.

Fees: There is no cost to students for any of the classes or books. There is a \$35 fee for the GED test which includes the test and issuing the certificate.

Referral Procedures: Students should call ahead to schedule an appointment to register for any of the classes offered.

## **Heartland Community College – Essentials Program**

1500 W. Raab Road, Normal, IL 61761

(309) 268-8045 Voice

(309) 268-8048 Essentials Program Registrar

(309) 268-7992 FAX

[www.heartland.edu](http://www.heartland.edu)

[pam.westerdahl@heartland.edu](mailto:pam.westerdahl@heartland.edu)

Pam Westerdahl, Director of Workforce Services

Public transportation accessible

Hours: M – F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Area Served: McLean, Livingston, DeWitt Counties and District #540

Accessibility: Full wheelchair access

Documents Needed: Proof of income, proof of residency, Social Security number, GED, and must take assessment test administered by HCC.

Services

### **Business Essentials**

#### **Vocational Education\*Business Issues**

Description: Business Essentials is a comprehensive 16 credit hour college level certificate program taught in a closed classroom setting. Successful completers receive an accredited Illinois Community College Board Certificate and the benefits of a program of learning designed to overcome educational, social, and economic barriers to sustainable employment. Successful completers are also provided with job placement assistance and continuing supportive services.

Hours: Program participants meet from 9:00 am to 2:45 pm, four to five days per week.

Eligibility: Applicants must;

- Be a resident of HCC District #540
- Be currently unemployed or underemployed
- Possess a high diploma or GED
- Have a demonstrated financial need

Fees: There are no out-of-pocket expenses. Students are required to file for and use financial aid or other available government assistance to pay for tuition. Students receive textbooks, assistance with child care and transportation, all necessary classroom supplies, and a computer complete with all classroom software to use in the home for the duration of the program.

Referral Procedures: Must register for and attend a mandatory orientation session.

### **Information Technology Essentials**

#### **Vocational Education\*Information Technology Occupations**

Description: The Information Technology Essentials Program is a comprehensive 16 credit hour, college level certificate program taught in a closed classroom setting. Successful completers receive a Heartland Community College certificate and are qualified to sit for the A+ Certification. Successful completers benefit from a program designed to support students as they overcome social and economic barriers to sustainable employment. Graduates are provided with job placement assistance and continued supportive services as they find positions as computer support specialists.

Fees: There are no out-of-pocket expenses. Students are required to file for and use financial aid or other available government assistance to pay for tuition. Students receive textbooks, assistance with child care and transportation, all necessary classroom supplies, and a computer complete with all classroom software to use in the home for the duration of the program.

Referral Procedures: Must register for and attend a mandatory orientation session.

## **Manufacturing Essentials**

### **Vocational Education\*Production/Processing Occupations**

Description: Manufacturing Essentials is an occupational credit bearing certificate program preparing students to center employment within manufacturing production. Manufacturing Essentials will provide a fifteen credit hour occupational program certificate that will include a series of hands-on work site and employer-driven experiences integrated into program curriculum and designed to meet workplace as well as life skill development needs. It will be 16 week schedule, from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm., five days per week. There are no out of pocket expenses for students, and all textbooks, classroom supplies and tools will be provided. Assistance with transportation and childcare is also included within the program.

### **Heartland Community College Adult Education Program**

1500 W. Raab Road, Suite 1600, Normal, IL 61761

(309) 268-8180 Voice

(309) 268-7783 FAX

[www.heartland.edu](http://www.heartland.edu)

[jill.blair@heartland.edu](mailto:jill.blair@heartland.edu)

Jill Blair, Director

Public transportation accessible

Hours: M – F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Area Served: McLean, Livingston, and Logan Counties

Accessibility: Full wheelchair access

Services

### **Adult Basic Education**

#### **GED Instruction**

Description: Provides basic skills instruction and GED preparation to adults aged 16 and older who have officially withdrawn from high school. Child care is available on a limited basis. Free context specific tutoring available through Heartland's Academic Support Center.

Fees: No fee

Referral Procedures: Students may register any time during the semester. New registrations are accepted during class during class time. Students may call for class schedules or to set up an appointment with a registration specialist.

### **English as a Second Language**

Description: Provides English instruction to adults aged 16 and older. Beginning, intermediate, and advanced classes are available. Heartland also offers academic ESL courses at no charge to students. Child care is available on a limited basis. Free content specific tutoring available through Heartland's Academic Support Center. Call for complete schedules and registration information.

Fees: No fee

Referral procedures: Students may register any time during the semester. Students may call to set up an appointment with a registration specialist.

## **Job Corps**

Job Corps is a federal program that could greatly benefit students who may need extra help earning their high school diplomas and getting on track for careers in high-demand industries.

Job Corps is a hands-on career training and education program that can help students find the path to personal and career success – all at no cost to eligible youth. While enrolled, Job Corps students have the opportunity to obtain their high school diploma or GED and plan for their careers.

The Job Corps program provides student with individual attention, smaller classrooms and an education plan that is personal to his or her situation.

To arrange a meeting with a Job Corps representative, please call the center nearest you or (800)733-JOBS, (800) 733-5627.

<http://mifuture.jobscorps.gov> (Española)

Eligibility:

- 16 through 24 years of age
- Citizen or legal resident of the US
- Meet program income qualifications
- Serious about starting a career
- High school graduate who wants to pursue career technical training or advance to college
- A student who wants to complete high school diploma or GED

## **Lincoln's Challenge Academy**

### **Illinois National Guard**

205 Dodge Avenue, Rantoul, IL 61866

(217) 892-1397 FAX

(800) 851-2166 Toll-free

[www.ngycp.org/state/il](http://www.ngycp.org/state/il)

David Lakin, Regional Coordinator-McLean County

Accessibility: Designated parking

Documents needed: ID/Driver's License, Social Security Number, Birth Certificate, Immunization Record.

Services

### **Alternative Education**

Description: Young people between the ages of 16 through 18 years can volunteer to participate in the academy which provides a seventeen-month life skills program, with the first five months in residency at the Main Facility. They must be a high school drop-out, not seriously involved in the legal system, drug-free, a U.S. Citizen, an Illinois resident, and a volunteer. Youth receive GED instruction, self-discipline, life-coping skills, and career counseling while living in a structured, military environment. During the remaining twelve months, they are assigned a mentor from their community. Youth must continue their education in a post-secondary institution or obtain employment. They may be eligible to receive a monetary stipend from the program to assist in education or employment costs. Youth may also receive scholarships to select post-secondary education institutions.

Maximum Income Guideline: None

Fees: Minimal costs for personal items.

Referral Procedures: By phone, walk-in, or by appointment.

Sites: 1 2 3



## **YouthBuild McLean County**

502 South Morris, Suite D, Bloomington, IL 61701

(309) 827-7507 Voice

(309) 827-9035 FAX

[www.youthbuildmcleancounty.org](http://www.youthbuildmcleancounty.org)

[youthbuild@youthbuildmcleancounty.org](mailto:youthbuild@youthbuildmcleancounty.org)

Suzanne Fitzgerald, Executive Director

Public transportation accessible.

Hours: M-Thurs, 7:30 am – 4:30 pm

Area Served: McLean County

Other Languages: Spanish (limited).

### Services

#### **Job Training\*At Risk Youth**

Description: A nine-month youth development program for men and women that offers: construction rehabilitation of affordable housing, stipends, bonuses and scholarships; education toward a GED and higher education; personal support and advocacy; training in community leadership; computer training; help with child care and transportation; and help in finding jobs or further education. Two days a week are spent in the classroom working on educational goals and leadership development and two days are spent on a job site building houses for low-income individuals and families.

Eligibility: Men and women, ages 18 through 24, are eligible. 75% of youth must be considered to have a very low income. All youth must live within McLean County. An application process, orientation, and probation period must be completed before any youth is accepted into the program in good standing.

Maximum Income Guideline: 75% of enrollees must be very low income.

Documents Needed: Proof of income, Social Security number, birth certificate, and driver's license or ID.

Fees: No fee

Referral Procedures: By phone or walk-in. Recruitment is during September or October of each year.

#### **YouthBuild Contractors**

##### **On the Job Training**

Description: YouthBuild contractors is a six-month program for low-income community members interested in starting their own contraction sub-contracting business. The program is construction focused, teaching participants about entrepreneurship and providing experience in being a contractor.

Eligibility: McLean County resident; drug free; valid driver's license.

Maximum Income Guidelines: 80% of participants must be low income.

Documents Needed: Proof of income, social security card, driver's license.

Fees: No fees

Referral Procedures: Recruitment in October of each year.

**Self Help Housing****Sweat Equity Programs**

Description: Self Help Housing is a home construction program in which the borrower actually helps in the building process. A group of eligible participants work together to build their homes under the direction of qualified instructors. The program is designed to help lower the overall mortgage and monthly payments through sweat-equity and a borrower-friendly mortgage through the USDA mortgage loan program.

Eligibility: Willing to place substantial work in to their home. Qualify for a USDA Rural Development mortgage loan.

Maximum Income Guideline: 80% or less of AMI.

Fees: No Fees

Referral Procedures: Call for Appointment.

**Hispanic Families Work Group (HFWG)**

P O Box 5285, Bloomington, Il 61702-5285

(309) 454-1770 Voice – Chairperson

Karen Major, Chairperson

**Community Action/Social Advocacy Groups**

Description: One of the outcomes of this work group is a directory of services written in Spanish, giving our local Hispanic families access to social services in McLean County. Each organization listed in the directory provides their services in the Spanish language. “Donde Esta?” is a condensed version of the PATH Directory, printed in February, 2007. It is available free to anyone, and any service provider, in the community that could use it. To obtain a copy, contact Susan Williams at Path or Karen Major, Chairperson of HFWG, at The Baby Fold.

Agency Mission: HFWG mission is to improve opportunities for Hispanic families in McLean County

## **Guardianship**

**Todd E. Bugg** – Specializes in Guardianship  
1001 N. Main, Bloomington, IL 61701, (309) 828-6241

### **Prairie State Legal Services**

316 W. Washington, Bloomington, IL 61701

(309) 827-5021 Voice

(800) 874-2336 Toll-free

(309) 828-3776 FAX

(309) 828-3896 TTY

[www.pslegal.org](http://www.pslegal.org)

Stacey Tutt, Managing Attorney

Public transportation accessible

Hours: M-F 8:30 am – 5:00 pm; Closed 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Attorneys are available by telephone to discuss new matters, 9:05 to 11:45 am and from 1:05 to 4:00 pm.

Area Served: Mclean, Livingston, Woodford Counties

Other Languages: Spanish

Accessibility: Full wheelchair access

Maximum guideline – 125% of poverty level

Fees: There are no fees for services. Sometimes clients must pay filing fees and other costs of litigation but these can often be waived. Donations from clients are encouraged when possible

Referral Procedures: First contact should be by telephone; may walk in if no access to telephone or in an emergency.

## Recreation

### SOAR – Special Opportunities Available in Recreation

109 E. Olive Street, Bloomington, IL 61701

(309) 434-2260 Voice

(309) 434-2483 FAX

(309) 829-5115 TTY

[www.cityblm.org/soar](http://www.cityblm.org/soar)

Shelley Schultz/Mary Jo Johnson

Public transportation accessible

Hours: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Area Served: Serves all counties

Other Languages: Can make arrangements for interpreters

Accessibility: Full wheelchair access

### **Recreational Activities/Sports**

Diseases/Disabilities

Description: A community therapeutic recreation program serving individuals with disabilities who are unable to successfully participate in regular recreation programs.

Provides services in four component areas:

- 1) Cultural Arts (dance, performing arts, music, crafts).
- 2) Special Events (out of town trips and events, overnights, holiday events, dances).
- 3) Special interest (educational, outdoor/nature, cooking, social, horticulture, games, self-improvement).
- 4) Sports and Fitness (exercise, fitness, recreational, 11 Special Olympia Sports).

Eligibility: Individuals, ages four through adult, who are in special education classes, workshops, nursing homes, or who have leisure needs not met by traditional recreation programs are eligible.

Fees: Vary; scholarships and payment plans are available.

By phone for initial contact.

### **MarcFirst**

1606 Hunt Drive Normal, IL 61761-2192

(309) 451-8888 Voice-MARC

(309) 451-8989 FAX-MARC

(309) 451-088 TTY

(309) 452-0069 Voice-SPICE

(309) 862-0380 FAX-SPICE

[www.marcofillinois.org](http://www.marcofillinois.org)

Options Program

### **Leisure Activities**

Description: The Options Program is a recreational and leisure program. A committee made up of people receiving services from the Marc Center review ideas of places to see, events to attend, or social activities happening in the next couple of months. These ideas are then placed on a calendar and sent to people receiving Marc Center Services. People then make the choice as to which events, if any, they would like to participate in.

Transportation to the activities is provided by the Marc Center. Regular activities include bowling, Conklin's barn II Dinner Theater, bingo tournaments, and special trips to Brookfield Zoo, The Shedd Aquarium, and Six Flags.

Fees: Some of the activities are free while others have a nominal fee.

## **Bloomington Parks and Recreations Department**

115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Il 61701

(309) 434-2260 Voice

(309) 434-2260 SOAR

(309) 434-2483 FAX

[www.cityblm.org/parks](http://www.cityblm.org/parks)

[bwells@cityblm.org](mailto:bwells@cityblm.org)

Dean Kohn, Director

Public transportation accessible.

Hours: M-F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Fees: Many programs are free of charge. There are a limited number of scholarships available for many programs where a fee is charged.

Services

### **Parks/Recreations Areas**

Description:

- 1) Adults – Fitness classes, sport leagues, art classes, open gyms, trips and tours, and a variety of other special interest leisure activities.
- 2) Facilities – Two swimming pools, boat rentals, picnic shelters, Miller Park Pavilion, three golf courses, Lincoln Leisure Center, tennis courts, sport courts, disc golf and ball diamonds are all part of the park system.
- 3) Golf – Highland Park Golf Course located on South Main, Prairie Vista Golf Course on Hamilton Road, and The Den located on Fox Creek Road are open for public play.
- 4) Miller Park Zoo – Open every day of the year (except Christmas). Group tours and petting zoo available.
- 5) Teens – Quarterly dances for junior high students, teen trips and special interest classes.
- 6) Youth – A variety of after school and Saturday programs are available throughout the school year, ranging from elementary basketball to the Junior Zookeeper program. Summer programs include day camps, tennis lessons, t-ball and other recreational pursuits.

Maximum Income Guidelines: Scholarships available for recreation programs generally based on 150% of poverty level.

Referral Procedures: Walk-ins or appointment.

### **Senior Center**

Located in the lower level of Miller Park Pavilion, offers special events, card clubs, exercise classes, arts and crafts, socialization, and information about other senior social services.

Hours: M – F, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

**Boys Scouts of American, Bloomington Service Center**

203 E. Locust Street, Suite C, Bloomington, Il 61701

(309) 828-6983 Voice

(309) 828-6935 FAX

(800) 369-5069 Toll-free/Peoria Hdqtrts

[www.wdboyce.org](http://www.wdboyce.org)

Scott Thiessen, Senior Executive/Crossroads District

Public transportation accessible

Hours: Office & Scout Shop: M-F, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Area Served: Serves 14 counties including McLean, Livingston and DeWitt.

Other Languages: Spanish.

**Leisure Activities\*Soccer**

Description: The Boy Scouts of America has developed its Soccer and Scouting program as an outreach for Hispanic American/Latino youth and their families, but is not limited to them. All boys, ages 7 to 10, who want to learn to play soccer and at the same time be Cub Scouts are eligible to join.

**Scouting Programs**

Description: Scouting programs are designed to be fun while building desirable qualities of character and ethical behavior as well as helping scouts to develop in the areas of citizenship, leadership and physical/mental fitness. Scouting offers different programs at different age levels, from first grade to age 21.

**Boys and Girls Club of Bloomington-Normal**

1615 W. Illinois, Bloomington, Il 61701

(309) 829-3034 Club

(309) 827-3233 Administrative

(309) 828-7108 FAX-Club

(309) 827-3213 FAX-Admn

[www.bgch-n.org](http://www.bgch-n.org)

[boys.andgirlsclub@verizon.net](mailto:boys.andgirlsclub@verizon.net)

Evelyn Young, Executive Director

Public transportation accessible

Hours: M-F, 3:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Summer: M-F, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

Area Served: McLean County, but open to others as needed.

Accessibility: Limited access

Services:

**Boys/Girls Clubs**

Description: Offers a variety of recreational, educational, cultural, and social development programs for youth 5 to 18 years of age. Leadership and citizenship development are all a part of the Club's objectives for participating boys and girls. The club also offers an after-school program. Transportation is provided to and from most area schools in District 87 and Unit 5, all public housing sites, and other designated points.

Fees: After-school program is \$10 registration plus monthly fee; call for specific information.

Referral Procedures: For after school program, clients must come to the Club and fill out an application and attend parent/child orientation.

### **Day Camps**

Description: Summer Day Camp opportunities for children 5-12 years of age. Runs June through August; call for stat date.

Fees: Set fees: scholarship available.

### **Easter Seals**

2404 E. Empire, Bloomington, Il 61704

(309) 663-8275 Voice

(309) 662-7872 FAX

[www.ci.easterseals.com](http://www.ci.easterseals.com)

Erin Rogers, Vice President, Program Services

Public transportation accessible

Hours: M-F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Area Served: McLean, Livingston, Woodford, and Champaign Counties.

Accessibility: Full wheelchair access.

Referral Procedures: By phone

### **Therapeutic Camps**

Description: inclusive recreation and camping programs, year round, for children and adults with disabilities. Residential and weekend programs available. Facilities on Lake Bloomington available for rental.

Fees: Programs at Timber Pointe Outdoor Center have scholarships available on a sliding fee scale, based on income and family size.

Sites: 2

### **Western Avenue Community Center**

600 N. Western Avenue, Bloomington, Il 61701

(309) 829-4807 Voice

(309) 829-3910 FAX

(309) 829-9231 Hispanic Outreach (Se habla Espanol)

(309) 827-5428 LINC

[www.westernavenuecc.org](http://www.westernavenuecc.org)

Charla Cullen, Interim Director

Public transportation accessible

Hours: M-Thurs, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, F, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

### **Recreational Activities/Sports**

Description: WACC program members (grade school children through senior citizens) can participate in a wide range of activities which include a full court gymnasium, basketball leagues, After School Club, aerobics, and special events.

Referral Procedures: Membership applications available at front desk.

Sites: 2

**YMCA of Bloomington-Normal**

602 S. Main Street, Bloomington, Il 61701

(309) 827-6233 Voice

(309) 827-0807 FAX

[www.bnymca.org](http://www.bnymca.org)

[dennism@bnymca.org](mailto:dennism@bnymca.org)

Dennis Mohrman, Executive Director

Public transportation accessible.

Hours: M-F, 5:30 am – 9:00 pm

Sat, 7:00 am – 6:00 pm (Winter hours until 8:00 pm)

Sun, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Area Served: McLean County

Services

**Day Camps**

Description: Ten one-week sessions (M-F, 7:00 am – 5:30 pm) are available each summer for children 4-14 years of age.

Fees: \$100 per week.

Referral Procedures: By phone.

**Y Facilities**

Description: The YMCA’s mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind, and body for everyone. The YMCA is for men, women, boys, and girls. Programs are offered in three broad areas:

- 1) Aquatics – Full swim program.
- 2) Health Enhancement – Exercise equipment.
- 3) Youth and Family Life Enrichment – Youth sports, day camp, family programs, all of which stress character development such as honesty, respect, caring and responsibility.

Documents Needed: Proof of income.

Fees: Fees have been established for a variety of membership categories, i.e., adult, youth, family. It is the goal of this YMCA to fulfill its charitable purposes and to provide educational, social, benevolent, religious, and health enhancement services to people regardless of their ability to pay. Waiver or reduction of fees is available, subject to facility and program capacity and demonstrated need, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability.

**YouthBuild McLean County**

502 South Morris, Suite D, Bloomington, Il 61701

(309) 827-7507 Voice

(309) 827-9035 FAX

[www.youthbuildmcleancounty.org](http://www.youthbuildmcleancounty.org)

[youthbuild@youthbuildmcleancounty.org](mailto:youthbuild@youthbuildmcleancounty.org)

Suzanne Fitzgerald, Executive Director

Public transportation accessible.

Hours: M-Thurs, 7:30 am – 4:30 pm

Area Served: McLean County

Other Languages: Spanish (limited).



Services

### **Job Training\*At Risk Youth**

Description: A nine-month youth development program for men and women that offers: construction rehabilitation of affordable housing, stipends, bonuses and scholarships; education toward a GED and higher education; personal support and advocacy; training in community leadership; computer training; help with child care and transportation; and help in finding jobs or further education. Two days a week are spent in the classroom working on educational goals and leadership development and two days are spent on a job site building houses for low-income individuals and families.

Eligibility: Men and women, ages 18 through 24, are eligible. 75% of youth must be considered to have a very low income. All youth must live within McLean County. An application process, orientation, and probation period must be completed before any youth is accepted into the program in good standing.

Maximum Income Guideline: 75% of enrollees must be very low income.

Documents Needed: Proof of income, Social Security number, birth certificate, and driver's license or ID.

Fees: No fee

Referral Procedures: By phone or walk-in. Recruitment is during September or October of each year.

### **YouthBuild Contractors On the Job Training**

Description: YouthBuild Contractors is a six-month program for low-income community members interested in starting their own contraction sub-contracting business. The program is construction focused, teaching participants about entrepreneurship and providing experience in being a contractor.

Eligibility: McLean County resident; drug free; valid driver's license.

Maximum Income Guidelines: 80% of participants must be low income.

Documents Needed: Proof of income, social security card, driver's license.

Fees: No fees

Referral Procedures: Recruitment in October of each year.

### **Self Help Housing Sweat Equity Programs**

Description: Self Help Housing is a home construction program in which the borrower actually helps in the building process. A group of eligible participants work together to build their homes under the direction of qualified instructors. The program is designed to help lower the overall mortgage and monthly payments through sweat-equity and a borrower-friendly mortgage through the USDA mortgage loan program.

Eligibility: Willing to place substantial work in to their home. Qualify for a USDA Rural Development mortgage loan.

Maximum Income Guideline: 80% or less of AMI.

Fees: No fee

Referral Procedures: Call for appointment

### **YWCA McLean County**

1201 N. Hershey Road, Bloomington, IL 61704

(309)662-0461 Voice

(309) 454-1451 Senior Services

(309) 454-7676 Transportation Services

(309) 662-7826 Child Care

[www.ywcamclean.org](http://www.ywcamclean.org)

Becky Hines, CEO

Public transportation accessible

Area Served: McLean County

Accessibility: Designated parking, elevators.

### **Day Camps**

Description: Summer camp opportunities for ages 5-12. Call for schedule.

Sites: 1

### **Y Facilities**

Description: Health and Fitness Services:

- 1) Adult Activities – Land and water fitness classes, Group Active, Group Ower, Group Step, personal training, Karate, open/lap swimming, open gym (basketball, and volleyball), swimming lessons, sauna/whirlpool, fitness center.
- 2) Kids Activities – Swimming lessons, Karate, summer camp.

Hours: Regular Hours:

M – F, 5:00 am – 9:00 pm

Sat. 6:30 am – 4:00 pm

Summer hours (Memorial Day – Labor Day):

M – F, 5:00 am – 9:00 pm

Sat., 6:30 am – 1:00 pm

Referral Procedures: By phone/walk-in

Sites: 1

## **2008 Poverty Level Guidelines**

### **Who Qualifies?**

This is not an easy question. Every program has its own guidelines. Some look at how much money a household had in the past 90 days, some look at the amount of income in the last 30 days, some give credit for how much is paid on other household bills such as utilities, and some consider your gross income only.

Having said all that, this is a table to give people an idea of whether it is worth their while to apply for assistance. The figures are based on poverty level, which is set by the federal government and changes annually.

Here is an example. The poverty level for one person is \$10,400 per year. If the program allows people to make 150% of poverty level, they can earn \$15,588 and qualify ( $866 \times 12 \times 1.5$ ).

### **30 Day Income**

Family Size	100%	125%	150%	185%	200%
1	866	1082	1299	1602	1732
2	1166	1457	1749	2157	2332
3	1466	1832	2199	2712	2932
4	1766	2207	2649	3267	3532
5	2066	2582	3099	3822	4132
6	2366	2957	3549	4377	4732
7	2666	3332	3999	4932	5332
8	2966	3707	4449	5487	5932

For each additional person, add \$300.

The poverty guidelines are updated by the Department of Health and Human Services in February or March of each year. The numbers reflect poverty guidelines for the 48 contiguous states and Washington DC (Alaska and Hawaii are different).

Updated information can be obtained at <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/08poverty.shtml>

## Housing

### Subsidized Housing for Moderate and Low-Income Families, Elderly, and Disabled

The following apartment complexes in the Bloomington-Normal area provide subsidized housing (Section\*) to low-income families, the elderly (62 years and older), and person with disabilities. Program 236 and Section 42 are moderate-inc

Eligibility and application procedures are determined individually at each location. Applications may be made at all locations. Applicants must be capable of independent living and basic self-care.

#### **Amanda Brooke – Section 8**

Serves low-income families, elderly and physically challenged  
1402 E. College: Bldg C, Normal, Il., 61716, (309) 454-2322  
Hours: M-F, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, closed 12:00 - 1:00 pm

#### **Angler’s Manor – Section 8**

Serves elderly and physically challenged  
1017 S. Mercer Ave., Bloomington, Il., (309) 663-6527  
Hours: M-F, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, closed 12:00 – 1:00 pm

#### **Briarwood II Apartments – Section 8 and Section 42**

Serves moderate-income families and elderly  
100 Northfield Dr., Normal, Il., 61761, (309) 888-9478  
Hours: M-F, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Sat., 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

#### **Downtowner – Section 8**

Serves elderly and physically challenged  
109 W. Market, Bloomington, Il., 61701, (309) 829-0669  
By appointment; leave message with answering service

#### **Fairview Ridge Apartments – Section 8**

Serves low-income families, elderly, and physically challenged  
711 W. Orlando, Normal, Il., (309) 888-4083  
Hours: M–F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

#### **Lincoln Square – Program 236 and Section 8**

Serves moderate-income families, elderly, and physically challenged  
1700 N. School St., Normal, Il., 61761, (309) 452-9474  
Hours: M-F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Lincoln Towers – Section 8**

Serves elderly and physically challenged  
202 S. Roosevelt, Bloomington, Il., 61701, (309) 827-6289  
Hours: M–F, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, closed 12:00 – 1:00 pm

**Orlando-Northbrook Estates – Section 8**

Serves Low-income families, elderly and physically challenged  
710-1 W. Orlando, Normal, Il., 61761, (309) 454-4144  
Hours: M–Thur., 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**Phoenix Towers – Section 8**

Serves elderly and physically challenged  
202 W. Locust, Bloomington, Il., 61701, (309) 827-0041  
Hours: M–F, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

**Public Housing**

Public Housing, is owned and managed by the Housing Authority of the City of Bloomington, Public Housing serves low income families, elderly, and individuals with disabilities.  
Housing Authority of the City of Bloomington, 104 E. Wood, Bloomington, Il., 61701  
(309) 829-3360

Hours: M–F, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm: closed 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Serves low-income families and physically challenged:

Sunnyside Court, Holton Homes, Evergreen Place, Wood Hill Family Complex

Serves elderly and physically challenged:

John Kane Homes, wood Hill towers (Wood Hill accepts ages 55 & over)

Serves low-income and physically challenged:

Irvin North and South, McGraw Apartments, Nierstheimer East and West

**Homes of Hope, Inc.**

401 Pine Street #1, Normal, Il 61761  
(309) 862-0607 Voice  
(309) 452-7131 Fax

**Central Illinois Services Access, Inc. (CISA)**

Vicky Ortega  
1415 Valle Vista Blvd., Peking, Il 61554, (309)347-7202  
Vicky Ortega, Contact Person  
[Vicky@cisagroup.org](mailto:Vicky@cisagroup.org)

CISA is the **eligibility, screening, and funding source** for individuals/families that are seeking a supported living arrangement or home based services for those with developmental disabilities.

## **Respite Care**

### **MarcFirst**

#### **Respite Care**

Description: The in-home respite program is a service designed to provide a break or “respite” for families who have a loved one with a developmental disability living in their home. Trained caregivers provide short-term relief so that families have the opportunity to leave the home knowing that their loved one is being well cared for. The objective of this program is to provide the support needed so that the child can remain in the family home as long as possible.

Kim Brown

1606 Hunt Drive, Normal, Il 61761, (309) 451-8888 ext. 238

[Kim.brown@marcofillinois.org](mailto:Kim.brown@marcofillinois.org)

### **BroMenn Adult Day Services**

#### **Adult Day Health Programs**

Description: A structured, comprehensive program for functionally impaired adults who reside in the community. Provides a variety of health, social, and related support services in a protective setting. Many families use this program for respite care which gives them a break from 24/7 responsibility. Participants may attend from one to five days a week. Meals are provided.

Eligibility: Primarily for individuals over 60 years of age; those between 18 and 60 will be considered based on need.

Maximum Income Guidelines: Determined according to the client’s need for assistance through Community care Systems.

Documents Needed: Medical information, Living Will, Social Security number, and Power of Attorney, if applicable.

Fees: Call for information. Fees are often subsidized by other agencies.

Referral Procedures: By phone. Referrals accepted from individual, doctor, social worker, family, friends.

202 E. Locust Street, Bloomington, Il, 61701, Voice (309) 829-0782, FAX (309) 829-0723

[www.bromenn.org](http://www.bromenn.org)

[dhoefs@bromenn.org](mailto:dhoefs@bromenn.org)

Debra Hoefs, ADS Coordinator

Public transportation accessible

Hours: M – F am – 5:30 pm

Area Served: McLean and Woodford Counties;

transportation from Bloomington/Normal area only.

Accessibility: Full wheelchair access.

### **Subsidized Child Care and Preschool Referrals**

Most of the child care enters have a limited number of subsidized spaces for low-income families; there may be a waiting list. Please refer to the individual agency’s listing within this directory for program details.

#### **Bloomington Day Care**

309 E. Wood St., Bloomington, Il 61701, (309) 829-1541

Ages 6 weeks to 6 years

#### **Kids Club East**

2708 E. Lincoln, Bloomington, Il. 61701, (309) 663-5437

Ages 6 weeks to 6 years

### **Day Care Center of McLean County**

Dana David – Executive Director

315 N. Stillwell, Bloomington, Il 61701, (309) 829-4202

### **Child Care Resource and Referral Network**

Provides referrals to parents in McLean, DeWitt, Ford and Livingston counties.

207 W. Jefferson St., Suite 301, Bloomington, Il 61701

(309) 828-1892 or (800) 437-8256

[www.ccrn.com](http://www.ccrn.com)

### **Child Care Subsidy**

Administers the Department of Human Services child care subsidy program

Working parent with children under age 13

### **Child Care Referrals**

Provides referrals to parents in need of child care in McLean, DeWitt, Ford & Livingston Counties

### **Children’s Home and Fair/The Children’s Foundation**

403 S. State, Bloomington, Il 61701, (309) 827-0374

Crisis Nursery - Safe haven for children, infants through 6 years, who are at risk of abuse/neglect and offers respite and support to families in emergency/crisis circumstances

Therapeutic Child Care - For infants through pre-K who have been abused/neglected or who have special needs (e.g. attention deficit disorder) and who cannot be served by “regular” child care programs.

### **Early Start and Healthy Start Programs**

Heartland Headstart

206 Stillwell, Bloomington, Il., 61701, or P O Box 1585, (309) 662-4880

- Preschool for children ages 3-5
- Full-day classes are available for parents who are working and/or attending school 35 hours per week (work and school hours may be combined).
- McLean and Livingston Counties

## Counseling

### **ABC Counseling and Family Service**

705 E. Lincoln Suite 303, Normal, Il.

(309) 451-9495 Voice

(309) 451-9404 FAX

[www.abcounseling.org](http://www.abcounseling.org)

Lynn Willard, Executive Director

Public transportation accessible

Hours: M–F, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Area Served: Central Illinois. Adoption Program serves all of Illinois

Other Languages: Spanish

Accessibility: Full wheelchair access.

Services:

#### **Adolescent/Youth Counseling\***

#### **Child/Adolescent Sex Offenders**

Description: Juvenile Sex Offender Assessment/Treatment Program (JSOA/TP) is available for adolescent sex offenders who meet certain criteria and may be served in a community-based treatment program. JSO A/TA provides a comprehensive assessment and testing process to assist in determining placement and treatment need. JSO specific treatment includes individual and group counseling for the offender and their parents or caretakers. Eligibility requires waiver of confidentiality.

Area Served: Central Illinois

Fees: Insurance accepted; otherwise, sliding fee scale.

#### **Child Abuse Counseling**

Description: Child Victims of sexual abuse and Sexually Reactive Children – Assessment, treatment, and comprehensive risk assessment to determine treatment need of child. Psychol-educational classes are available for parents of children affected by sexual abuse. Also offers individual and group counseling

### **Agape Counseling**

220 N. Eldorado Rd. Suite A, Bloomington, Il 61701

(309) 663-2229 Bloomington, Il

(309) 663-2246 Fax number

(309) 263-5565 Morton

(309) 692-4433 Peoria

Dr. Gino Vaccaro, President

Public Transportation accessible

Office: Monday - Friday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday and evening appointments available

24 – hour crisis line for clients

Accessibility: Full wheelchair access



### **Catholic Charities**

603 N. Center St., Bloomington, Il 61701

(309) 829-6307 Center St., Office

(309) 820-7616 Morris Ave. Office

(800) 345-9049 SASS Program

Business Hours: M– F, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Family Counseling Program: Monday & Tuesday, 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Wednesday & Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Services:

SASS (Screening Assessment/Support Services)

Youth Intervention Program

Family Counseling – Outpatient Mental Health Care

Family Solutions – Family Preservation Program

Family First – Family Preservation Programs

Pregnancy Counseling

### **Chestnut Health Systems Counseling and Family Services**

1003 Martin Luther King Drive, Bloomington, Il 61701

(309) 820-3500 Voice, Counseling and Family Services

(309) 820-3501 Voice, Consumer Credit Counseling

[www.chestnut.org](http://www.chestnut.org)

Public transportation accessible

Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 9:00 pm

Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Fees: Sliding fee scale for all programs but available only to McLean County residents. Accepts insurance.

Services:

Family Violence Counseling

Outpatient Mental Health Care

Battered Women Support Group

Personal and Family Counseling

Financial Counseling

Substance Abuse Treatment

### **Collaborative Solutions Institute**

200 W. Front, Suite 400A, Bloomington, Il 61701

(309) 828-2860 Voice

(309) 827-2637 Fax

[www.collaborativesolutions.org](http://www.collaborativesolutions.org)

[admin@collaborativesolutions.org](mailto:admin@collaborativesolutions.org)

Cheryl Gaines, MS, LCPC, President/CEO

Public transportation accessible

Hours; M–F, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; evening hours by appointment

**Services:**

Anger Management

Family Violence Counseling

**Countering Domestic Violence (CDV)**

Mid Central Community Action  
1301 W. Washington, Bloomington, Il 61701  
(309) 828-8913 Business  
(309) 827-7070 Voice/TTY  
24-hour Confidential Hotline  
(309) 888-5521 State's Attorney/DVU  
(309) 829-2425 FAX  
(800) 799-7233 Nat'l Domestic Violence Hotline

[www.mccainc.org](http://www.mccainc.org)

[cdvnev@mccainc.org](mailto:cdvnev@mccainc.org)

Deborah White, Director

Public transportation accessible

Other Languages: Spanish. The Bilingual Court Advocate provides legal, social, and can serve as an interpreter as needed

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible

Fees: All services are free and confidential

**McLean County Center for Human Services, INC**

108 W. Market St., Bloomington, Il 61701

(309) 827-5351 Voice

(309) 829-2069 Medical Services

(309) 827-6808 Fax

Tom Barr, Executive Director

Public transportation accessible.

Monday, 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 8:00 am – 7:00 pm

Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible

Fee: Sliding scale

**Services:**

Outpatient Mental Health Care

24 hour emergency crisis intervention team

**Twin Cities Behavioral Health**

403 W. Virginia Ave, Mecherle Hall, Normal, Il 61761

(309) 451-2910 Voice

(309) 451-2913 Fax

[www.bromenn.org](http://www.bromenn.org)

April Brucker, Practice Manage

Public transportation accessible

Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Some Saturday and evening hours by request

Area Served: All of Central Illinois

Accessibility: Full wheelchair access

Fees: Set fees for services unless otherwise indicated

**Services:**

ADHD Clinic

Pastoral Counseling

**Project Oz**

1105 W. Front St., Bloomington, Il 61701

(309) 827-0377 Voice

(309) 829-8877

[www.projectoz.org](http://www.projectoz.org)

[projectoz@projectoz.org](mailto:projectoz@projectoz.org)

Peter Rankaitis, Executive Director

Public transportation accessible

Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

24 – hour emergency services for Youth Initiative Program

**Services:**

Youth Initiative Program

Runaway Counseling

Transitional Living Program

Transitional Housing/Shelter\*Homeless Youth

Juvenile Diversion

School Outreach for High Risk Youth

Project Same

Street Outreach programs Homeless Youth

## Health

### **All Kids & Family Care**

P. O. Box 19122, Springfield, IL 62794-9122

(866) 255-5437 Toll-free

(877) 204-1012 TTY

[www.allkidscovered.com](http://www.allkidscovered.com)

Area Served: Illinois

#### **Services:**

##### **Health Insurance**

Description: All Kids is complete health insurance for Illinois children. All Kids covers doctor visits, hospital stays, prescription drugs, vision care, dental care and eyeglasses. All Kids covers regular check-ups and immunization shots. All Kids also covers special services like medical equipment, speech therapy and physical therapy for children who need them. The All Kids Bridge provides coverage for children with pre-existing conditions who become too old for All Kids and have no access to insurance. These young adults, who suffer from cancer, diabetes, and other pre-existing conditions, will be able to continue coverage until the age of 21 at the same cost they paid for All Kids. The Moms & Babies Program covers pregnant women and their babies. Some families can choose to get help to pay for private health insurance for their children through a rebate option. The All Kids rebate is a monthly amount for families that already pay for private or employer-sponsored health care for their children.

FamilyCare covers parents living with their children 18 years old or younger. FamilyCare also covers grandparents or other relatives who are raising children in place of their parents. Like All Kids, FamilyCare covers doctor visits, dental care, specialty medical services, hospital care, emergency services, prescription drugs and more.

Eligibility: Children can get All Kids health insurance if they live in Illinois; are age 18 or younger; and they meet the insurance requirements (that children must be uninsured for 12 months to get All Kids).

Maximum Income Guideline: There are no income limits; children can qualify for All Kids no matter how much money their parents earn. FamilyCare has recently been expanded to include parents with an annual income of up to 400% of the Federal Poverty Level (equal to an annual income of \$82,500 for a family of four). For more detailed information about FamilyCare costs, see the web site or call to request the "Income Standards and Cost Sharing Chart."

Additional Information: How do parents find doctors that accept All Kids? Illinois Health Connect is a new program that works with All Kids to manage enrollees' healthcare by helping them pick a doctor or clinic for their medical home. Most enrollees have to pick a medical home. Illinois Health Connect or the Illinois client Enrollment Broker helps enrollees choose a medical home.

Fees: Some families get All Kids for free and some families have to pay premiums and co-payments: it depends on their income.

Referral Procedures: The easiest way to apply for All Kids is using the Internet. Parents can fill in and submit All Kids applications online or they can download and print a copy of the All Kids application form from the website, then send it in. They may also request to be sent an application in the mail, by calling the All-Kids phone line. Parents and children can apply on the same application.

### **Children's Health Care Council of McLean County**

P.O. Box 3384, Bloomington, Il 61702-3384

(309) 828-1892 Voice

(800) 437-8256 Toll-free

(309) 828-0526 FAX

[www.ccrn.com](http://www.ccrn.com)

[info@ccrn.com](mailto:info@ccrn.com)

Pam Womack, Contact

Hours: M-F, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Area Served: McLean County

Accessibility: Full wheelchair access

Fees: No fees

#### **Medical Expense Assistance\*Children**

Description: A non-profit, charitable, and educational organization whose primary purpose is to provide financial assistance for children's medical bills. Any individual age 18 and under living in McLean County may apply for assistance in the area of testing, medication, dressing, and professional services (doctors' fees included).

Maximum Income Guidelines: Varies based on family size, income, and need.

Referral Procedures: Contact the Children's Health Care Council representative at the phone number listed above or walk-in assistance is available at the Child Care Resource and Referral Network, Illinois House Building, 207 W. Jefferson #307, Bloomington.

### **Community Health Care Clinic**

902 Franklin Ave, Normal, Il 61761

(309) 888-5521 Voice

(309) 888-5530 Fax

(309) 888-4653 Medication Refill Line

Shirley Drazewski, Director

Public transportation accessible

Monday – Thursday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Friday, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Closed 12:30 – 1:30 pm

Area Served: McLean County

Other Languages: Spanish

Accessibility: Full wheelchair access

Services:

Community Clinics

Eligibility: To be eligible for clinic services, a client:

- Must not be eligible for any entitlement programs
- Must have an income level at or less than 185% of the current federal poverty guidelines
- Must be a resident of McLean County
- Must not have Health Insurance

Fees: No set fees. \$5.00 donation requested for each medication dispensed.

Referral Procedures: Exams are provided by appointment only. Individuals are asked to pick up an eligibility application at the clinic. Once returned, the application will be reviewed and the individual will be contacted for an appointment, if eligible.

**McLean County Health Department**

200 W. Front St., Bloomington, Il 61701

(309) 888-5450 Main Number

(309) 452-8479 Fax

(309) 888-5060 Animal Control

(309) 888-5482 Environmental Health

(309) 888-5517 Family Case Management/Teen Parent Services

(309) 474-0800 Toll-free for Family Services

(309) 888-5455 Immunization Clinic & Records

(309) 888-5435 STD Clinic/HIV/AIDS Services

(309) 888-5457 WIC

(309) 888-5480 Medical Reserve Corp (MRC)

[www.mcleancountyil.gov/health](http://www.mcleancountyil.gov/health)

Robert Keller, Director

Public transportation accessible

Area Served: McLean County

Other Languages: Spanish (limited)

Accessibility: Full wheelchair access

Services:

AIDS/HIV Prevention Counseling

Anonymous HIV Testing

Sexually Transmitted Disease Treatment

Animal Control, Rabies Vaccinations

Family Case Management Program

Case/Care Management

Families with Infants/Toddlers

Teenage Parents

Reserve Corp (MRC)

Childhood Immunizations

Well Baby Care

All Our Kids: Early Childhood Network

Community Groups

Family with Infants/Toddlers

Dental Care

Eye Care \* Glasses

Health Education

Lead Poisoning Screening

Environmental health Division

Public Health Nursing

SARS: Tuberculosis Control

WIC

Description: women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a federally funded program which provides a supplemental package of food and nutrition education for income-eligible (185% of poverty level) women, infants and children to promote health, growth, and development. The program encourages regular health care and promotes good nutrition through education. Special supplemental foods are provided to eligible pregnant, nursing or post-partum women, infants, and children up to five years of age.

Documents Needed: Birth certificate, proof of income

Referral Procedures: Call for appointment

**Children’s Health Care Council of McLean County**

P O Box 3384, Bloomington, Il 61702-3384

(309) 828-1892 Voice

(800) 437-8256 Toll-free

(309) 828-0526 Fax

[www.ccrn.com](http://www.ccrn.com)

[info@ccrn.com](mailto:info@ccrn.com)

Pam Womack, Contact

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Fees: No fees

Services:

Medical Expense Assistance \* Children

Description: A non-profit, charitable, and educational organization whose primary purpose is to provide financial assistance for children’s medical bills. Any individual age 18 and under living in McLean Count may apply for assistance in the areas of testing, medication., dressing, and professional services (doctors’ fees included).

**McLean County Prescription Drug Discount Card**

McLean County Health Department

200 W. Front Street, Bloomington, Il 61701

(877)321-2652 Toll-free

<https://naco.advancerx.com>

Area Served: McLean County

**Prescription Drug Discount Cards**

Description: A drug discount card, available through McLean County government, may save residents an average of 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed medicines.

Available to any county resident, people can use the cards to get discounts ONLY on prescription medicines for which they don’t have insurance coverage.

Eligibility: Uninsured or underinsured County residents.

Maximum Income Guidelines: None.

Fees: None

Referral Procedures: No enrollment form required. Cards are available at the Community Health Care Clinic, McLean County Health Department, McLean County clerk’s office, Bloomington Public Library and normal City Hall. In addition, County residents may call the toll-free number or visit the web site for assistance.

**Scott Health Resources Center**

Township Center, 607 S. Gridley St., Bloomington, Il 61701

(309) 823-4224 Voice

(309) 827-3667 Fax

(309) 829-5115 TTY

[www.cityblm.org](http://www.cityblm.org)

[rafraker@cityblm.org](mailto:rafraker@cityblm.org)

Ruth Ann Fraker, Director

Public transportation accessible

Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Closed noon – 1:00 pm

Area Served: McLean County

Other Languages: Spanish speaking staff available most days

Full wheelchair access

Eligibility:

- Household assets must be below \$1,000 per person up to a maximum of \$2,000 per household (not including house).
- Must be a resident of McLean County (for at least four months).
- Must be 18 years old or older

Maximum Income Guidelines: 185% of poverty level.

Documents Needed: Proof of income, ID, residency, and assets; Social Security number

Referral Procedures: Interviews by appointment only; can call or walk-in to request information or schedule an appointment

Services:

Dental Referrals, Medical Expense Assistance

Eye Care \* Glasses

Eye Care \* Adults

Description: The Eye Care Program provides referral for eye examinations and glasses for income-eligible ADULTS only.

Eligibility: Serves McLean Count ADULTS who DO NOT have a Public Aid medical card, insurance or other third party payment source.

Additional Information: Scott Health Resources Center runs this program (serving adults only) from July through December each year and the McLean County Health Department runs the program (serving adults and children) January through June. There is a counterpart program available for individuals who DO HAVE a Public Aid Medical Card (McLean County Eye Care Referral Network for Public Aid) which is accessed through Scott Health, as well.

Fees: \$40 co-payment required for glasses.

Home Delivered Meals

Description: Meals are prepared and delivered by Peace Meal

Senior Nutrition Program. This program serves homebound residents of Bloomington-Normal or one-half mile beyond, who are unable to prepare their own meals.

Medical Equipment/Supplies

Medical Transportation

Prescription Expense Assistance



## **Department of Human Services (DHS)**

501 W. Washington St., Bloomington, IL 61702  
(309) 451-6000 Voice  
(800) 447-4278 Child Support Enforcement Hotline  
(309) 862-2830 TTY  
(309) 451-6012 Fax  
www.dhs.state.il.us

Terry Rice, Administrator

Public transportation accessible

Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Area Served: McLean County

Other Languages: Spanish, Sign Language

Wheelchair accessible

Services:

Burial Services

Food Stamps

Medicaid

KidCare/All Kids

Description: All Kids Program is a complete healthcare program for every child in Illinois. Illinois is the first state in the nation to ensure that every child, regardless of medical conditions or income, has access to healthcare. Children can get All Kids health insurance if: They live in Illinois, they are age 18 or younger, they meet the insurance requirements. Children can qualify for All Kids no matter how much money their parents earn. KidCare and Medicaid are now part of All Kids. Children who have KidCare or Medicaid are automatically enrolled in All Kids. Illinois' FamilyCare health insurance covers parent but there is a limit to how much income parents can have to get FamilyCare. Parents and children can apply on the same application.

## **Child Support Assistance**

### **TANF**

Description: Assists Illinois residents in achieving self-sufficiency, independence, and good health to the maximum extent possible by providing integrated family-oriented services, promoting prevention, and establishing measurable outcomes in partnership with community.

The following programs may be available:

- 1) Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) – Provides financial aid, medical care, self-support services to clients needing temporary assistance to become self-sufficient, information, and referrals.
- 2) Front Door Program – Provides financial assistance to working clients (or just returning from a temporary absence) who are TANF eligible, but not currently receiving TANF.
- 3) The Child Only Grant – Provides financial assistance to grandparents raising grandchildren.
- 4) Teen Parent services – Provides comprehensive services to young parents.
- 5) Employment and training – Work experience, employment, job search, and some educational assistance for TANF recipients.
- 6) Disaster Relief
- 7) Refugee/Repatriate Programs

Referral Procedures: Phone, walk-in, or make an appointment.

## **Emergency**

### **PATH - Providing Access to Help**

201 E. Grove St., Bloomington, Il 61701

(309) 827-4005 Voice

(309) 828-1022 Business

(800) 570-7284 Toll-free

(309) 827-7485 Fax

[www.pathcrisis.org](http://www.pathcrisis.org)

[swilliams@pathcrisis.org](mailto:swilliams@pathcrisis.org)

Karen Zangerle, Executive Director

Public transportation accessible

Monday – Friday, 8:30 am –

24 hour Crisis, Information & Referral Service

Fees: No fee

Referral Procedures: By phone or appointment

Services:

Adult Protective Intervention/Investigation \* Elder Abuse Victims

Benefits Assistance \* Homeless People

Outreach Program \* Homeless People

Caregiver Counseling

Caregiver Support Network

Caregiver Support Groups

Caregiver Training

Geriatric Counseling

Information and Referral

Description: Information and referral service available 24-hours by telephone. PATH maintains a comprehensive database of community resources including social service programs, support groups, local events and activities, etc.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Money management & Older Adults

Outreach Programs \* Older Adults

Rent Payment Assistance

Utility Assistance

Telephone Crisis Intervention

Description: Twenty-four hour telephone service providing crisis assessment, response, and linkage to professional intervention from McLean, Livingston, and DeWitt Counties. Also provides answering services for Stepping Stones Sexual Assault Program, Project Oz, and organizations needing a 24-hour contact.

**Salvation Army, Bloomington Corps**

611 W. Washington St., Bloomington, Il 61701

(309) 829-9476 Voice

(309) 827-8997 Fax

[www.use.salvationarmy.org](http://www.use.salvationarmy.org)

Captains Scott and Jolinda Shelbourn, Corps Commanding Officers

[Scott\\_Shelbourn@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Scott_Shelbourn@usc.salvationarmy.org)

Public transportation accessible

M–Thurs., 9:00 am – 12:00 pm – Welfare Services

M–Thurs., 1:00 am – 4:00 pm – Food Pantry

Accessibility: Full wheelchair access

Sites:

**Salvation Army, Bloomington Corps**

611 W. Washington St., Bloomington, Il 61701

(309) 829-9476 Voice

Captains Scott and Jolinda Shelbourn, Corps Commanding Officers

Public transportation accessible

**Safe Harbor Shelter**

212 N. Roosevelt Ave, Bloomington, Il 61701

(309) 827-5216 Case Managers

(309) 829-7399 Voice

Public transportation accessible

Services:

Food Pantries

**Description:** Non-perishables/canned foods for those in need. There is limit as to how often the pantry may be accessed in a one-year period .

M – Thurs., 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm only

Also by appointment and/or referral from other agencies

Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter

Personal/Grooming Supplies

Rent Payment Assistance

Transitional Housing/Shelter

Sharing Utility Assistance

Holiday Programs

**Home Sweet Home Ministries, Billy Shelter Center**

303 E. Oakland Ave, Bloomington, Il 61701

(309) 828-7356 Voice

(309) 828-1530 Mission Mart

(309) 827-6415 Fax

hshministries.org

[hshinfo@hshministries.org](mailto:hshinfo@hshministries.org)

Mary Ann Pullin, CEO

Public transportation accessible

24 – hours, 365 days a year

Area Served: Principally McLean, Livingston, DeWitt, Ford, Logan, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties, though open to all as space is available

Full wheelchair access but limited as to capacity

Formerly known as Home Sweet Home Mission

Services: Food Home Delivered Meals \* Holiday Programs

Description: Food services – Provides 3 served meals daily to residents, and lunch/dinner to non-residents. Non-residents must complete brief pre-screening. Please call for appointment.

**Homeless Shelter**

Description: Temporary Services – Safe shelter, food, clothing, counseling, and ministry support to individuals in crisis. Depending on level of need, services may be basic (short-term stay), or intensive (longer-term stay). The latter usually involves a needs-based case plan designed to move a resident to independent living as quickly as possible.

**Threshold** – A Christian-based residential program (up to 24 months) designed to help students overcome chronic barriers to independence.

**Mission Mart** – Retail thrift stores offering quality goods at less-than-thrift prices. Currently in Bloomington (301 E. Oakland), Clinton (104 E. Side Square), and Lincoln (616 Broadway). Please see separate listing for details

### **Compassion Center**

313 N. East St, Bloomington, Il 61701

(309) 829-4593 Voice

(309) 829-3245 Fax

Public transportation accessible

Hours: M– F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Full wheelchair access

Eligibility: Based on the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care (COC) guidelines.

Services:

Benefits Assistance \* Homeless People

Bus Far/Gas Money \* Homeless People

Case/Care Management \* Homeless People

Employment Preparation \* Homeless People

GED Instruction\*Homeless People

Health Care \* Homeless People

Homeless Drop In Centers

Description: The Compassion Center serves as a central point for services for families and individuals who are homeless. Services include case management, mental health screening, GED teacher, life skills teacher, job developer, transportation assistance, vouchers for medical assistance, and more.

House Goods Storage \* Homeless People

Mental Health Evaluation \* Homeless People

Prescription Expense Assistance \* Homeless Mentally Ill

### **Community Action, Mid Central**

1301 W. Washington, Bloomington, Il 61701

(309) 829-0691 Main Office

(309) 828-8811 Fax

(309) 827-7070 CDV Hotline

(309) 827-2967 Mayor's Manor

Mayor's Manor, 504 W. Washington, Bloomington, Il 61701

Patrica Hohulin, Program Manager

[www.mccainc.org](http://www.mccainc.org)

[mcca@mccainc.org](mailto:mcca@mccainc.org)

John Burrill, Executive Director

Public transportation accessible

Hours: M – F, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Area Served: McLean and Livingston Counties

Other Languages: Spanish (limited)

Accessibility: Full wheelchair access

Maximum Income Guidelines: Varies depend on program

Fees: No fees

Referral Procedures: Phone or walk-in for appointment

Services:

Automotive Repairs

Description: Emergency assistance is available on a limited basis. To receive help, the owner of the vehicle must be working and requires the care to get to work or medical treatment.

### Countering Domestic Violence

Description: Countering Domestic Violence, a program of Mid Central Community Action, provides emergency domestic violence shelter for women and children at Neville House.

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### Mayor’s Manor

Homeless Permanent Supportive Housing

Description: Permanent housing with supportive services for low income individuals, people with disabilities, and homeless individuals.

### Housing Counseling

#### Foreclosure Assistance

Counseling, (888)995-HOPE, (888)995-4673, for free foreclosure prevention counseling 24/7. Certified HUD housing counselor will meet face to face to help w/budgeting, financial plan and assistance in connecting their lender.

### Transitional Housing/Shelter

Description:

- Housing Counseling – Will help determine affordable housing costs, counsel on tenant rights and responsibilities, and communicate with landlords.
- Transitional Homes and Apartments – Self Sufficiency Program – Units are available for families who are homeless or living in unsafe housing. Maximum residency is 24 months.
- Central Illinois Coalition for Affordable Housing – Down payment and closing cost assistance for low to moderate income, first-time home buyers.

Referral Procedures: By phone

### HUD Counseling Agencies

Description: Mid Central Community Action offers an eight-hour pre-purchase housing counseling workshop. The workshop is held twice a month and provides information in the following areas: Budgeting, shopping for a home, shopping for a loan, what to expect at the closing, the responsibilities of being a home owner, and more. At the end of the workshop, the participants will receive a certificate of completion. MCCA is a HUD certified housing counseling agency and the certificate earned will meet the requirements for numerous programs requiring housing counseling.

Fees: Workshop fee is \$100

### Rental Payment Assistance

Description: Financial assistance for rent or mortgage and other crisis needs.

Maximum Income Guidelines: 125% of poverty level

Documents Needed: 90 day proof of income, proof of residence, Social Security card, I.D.

Referral Procedures: Phone for appointment

### **Home Purchase/Construction Financing**

MCCA now has a mortgage lending program which offers competitive rates for traditional and nontraditional buyers. Can finance up to 100% of property value and has flexibility w/ credit scores. Can also use IDHA down payment and closing cost assistance grant. Will help people move to self sufficiency.

## **Second Chance Renters Program**

### **LIHEAP**

#### Utility Assistance

Description: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) – Payment assistance for winter utility bills. Emergency furnace repair/replacement from September until April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Emergency payments for shut-offs may be available.

Eligibility: On September 1, people who have been shut off, those with disabilities, and those over 60 years of age may apply for assistance. All others are eligible to apply on November 1,

Eligibility is based on the past thirty days' income as follows:

House hold size of 1=30 day income of \$1,196

2=30 day income of \$1,604

3=30 day income of \$2,012

4=30 day income of \$2,420

5=30 day income of \$2,828

6=30 day income of \$3,236

7=30 day income of \$3,644

8=30 day income of \$4,052

Maximum Income Guidelines: 150% of federal poverty guidelines

Documents Needed: Proof of income for last 30 days, Social Security cards for everyone in the household, heat and electric bills

### **Weatherization Programs**

Description: Weatherizing of family and individual residences to increase energy efficiency, furnace repairs or replacement, and water heater repairs or replacement.

Maximum Income Guidelines: 150% of poverty level or LIHEAP eligibility

Documents Needed: Proof of income proof of residence, Social Security card, and proof of home ownership

Fees: No fees if home is occupied by the owner; 50% if it is rental property

**City of Bloomington Township, Office of General Assistance**

607 S. Gridley St, Bloomington, Il 61701

(309) 828-2356 Voice

(309) 827-3667 Fax

[rafraker@cityblm.org](mailto:rafraker@cityblm.org)

Ruth Ann Fraker, Supervisor

Public transportation accessible

Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Closed 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Area Served: City of Bloomington

Accessibility: Full wheelchair access

Maximum Income Guidelines: In accordance with adopted State of Illinois guidelines for townships.

Documents Needed: Documentation of residence, income, assets, photo ID, and other pertinent data will be requested to determine eligibility for general and emergency assistance

Referral Procedures: Individuals seeking services must attend a Township Orientation. These orientations are offered four times a week as follows: Monday and Wednesday at 3:00 pm; Tuesday and Friday at 10:00 am.

Services:

General Assistance

Description: The primary goal of General Assistance is to promote employment and self-sufficiency in the future.

Emergency Assistance Program

Rent Payment Assistance

Utility Assistance



## **INCOME SUPPORT**

### **Social Security Administration**

207 N. Williamsburg Drive, Bloomington, IL 61704

(309) 662-1836 Voice

(800) 772-1213 Toll-free

(309) 662-9194 TTY

(800) 325-0778 TDD Toll-free

(309) 662-6893 FAX

(800) 663-4227 Toll-free Medicare Hotline

[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

Bill Carter, Assistant District manager

Public transportation accessible.

Hours: M-F, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Area Served: Mclean, Livingston, Dewitt Counties

Other Languages: Spanish

Accessibility: Full wheelchair access

### **SSI**

Description: A federal income maintenance program with supplemental state funds administered by the Social Security Administration that provides basic financial assistance in the form of monthly checks for people.

Eligibility: Supplemental Security Income eligibility is based on financial need as well as being age 65, blind or disabled.

### **Department of Human Services (DHS)**

501 W. Washington St., Bloomington, IL 61702

(309) 451-6000 Voice

(309) 888-5959 Child support Enforcement Hotline

(888) 447-4279 Toll-free

(309) 862-2830 TTY

(309) 451-6012

[www.idhslink.com](http://www.idhslink.com)

Terry Rice, Administrator

Public transportation accessible

Hours: M–F, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Services:

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KidCare/All Kids

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## **Medical Transportation**

### **First Transit**

(877) 725-0569 Voice, must have BHS Medical Card to use this service.

(800) 526-0844 TTY

(312) 327-3855 FAX

<http://www.hfs.illinois.gov/transportation/040504netspap.html>

Hours: M – F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Eligibility: Medicaid and All kids recipients.

Services

Medical Transportation

Description: DHS' Medical Assistance (Medicaid) will pay for rides to and from non-emergency medical care appointments for individuals who have a current medical card, if the ride is approved by First Transit.

Referral Procedures: The DHS participant, medical provider, or transportation provider may call to receive prior approval for single trips, but requests for standing orders must be made in writing to First Transit and can only be made by the medical provider. Medical providers may fax the standing order requests to First Transit (number above)

### **Scott Health Resources Center**

Township Center, 607 S. Gridley Street, Bloomington, IL 61701

(309) 823-4224 Voice

(309) 827-3667 FAX

(309) 829-5115 TTY

[www.cityblm.org](http://www.cityblm.org)

[rafraker@cityblm.org](mailto:rafraker@cityblm.org)

Ruth Ann Fraker, Director

Public transportation accessible

Hours: M – F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm; Closed noon – 1:00 pm

Area Served: Mclean County

Other Languages: Spanish

Accessibility: Full wheelchair access

Eligibility:

- 1) Household assets must be below \$1,000 per person up to a maximum of \$20,000 per household (not including house).
- 2) Must be resident of McLean County (for at least four months).
- 3) Must be 18 years old or older

Maximum Income Guidelines: 185% of poverty level.

Documents Needed: Proof of income, ID, residency, and assets; Social Security number.

Referral Procedures: Interviews by appointment only; can call or walk-in to request information or schedule an appointment

### **Medical Transportation**

Description:

- 1) Transportation of Cancer Patients – Volunteer drivers use agency minivan to transport cancer patients to and from treatments within Bloomington-Normal
- 2) Maternal/Child Health Transport Project – Transportation to medical care for sick children and to prenatal and WIC appointments for pregnant women in Bloomington-Normal when they lack a safe, reliable source of transportation. The minivan and all car seats have been donated and all drivers are volunteers. Ridges are provided when volunteers are available.

Fees: None

**YWCA McLean County**

1201 N. Hershey Road, Bloomington, IL 61704

(309) 662-0461 Voice

(309) 454-1451 Senior Services

(309) 454-7676 Transportation Services

(309) 662-7826 Child Care

[www.ywcamclean.org](http://www.ywcamclean.org)

Becky Hines, CEOI

Public transportation accessible

Area Served: McLean County

Accessibility: Designated parking, elevators

**Medivan Medical Transportation**

Description: Medivan provides safe and affordable door-to-door transportation to and from doctor appointments and/or returning home from hospital stays for residents of McLean County who:

- 1) Use a wheelchair and cannot use the regular public city transit system or rural transportation systems due to physical or mental limitations; or
- 2) Are ambulatory but require door-to-door assistance. Handicap accessible vans are each equipped with a wheelchair. When needed, a hydraulic lift or ramp is available.

Hours: Medivan hours of operation: M – F, 7:00 am – 6:00 pm, Sat., 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Scheduling appointments: M – F, 8:00 am 5:00 pm

Fees: \$25 (one-way), payable at pick-up. Some insurance and medical plans cover the cost of transportation. To inquire if a particular insurance covers the service, call YWWCA Transportation Services in advance to verify coverage. Medicaid (public aid medical card) is also accepted.

Referral Procedures: Customers must call to schedule appointments between the hours listed.

Sites: 2

**Wheels-to-Work Transportation, Local**

Description: Transportation is provided in agency vehicles to and from jobs on Sundays (only), 6:00 am to midnight, when B-NPTS buses do not operate.

Hours: M – F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm to register for rides

Fees: \$1.00 per one-way trip. Transportation to a child care provider is available for an additional \$1.00 for each family per one-way trip

Referral Procedures: Pre-registration is required by calling the WYCA Transportation Services phone number.

Sites: 2

## Autism

### Autism Program of Illinois

928 South Spring Steet, Springfield, Il 62704-2725

(217) 525-8332 Voice

(217) 789-1420 FAX

[www.theautismprogram.org](http://www.theautismprogram.org)

[theautismprogram@thehopeinstitute.us](mailto:theautismprogram@thehopeinstitute.us)

Georgia Winson, M.S., LCPC, Director of Operations

Area Served: State of Illinois

#### Services

Description: The Autism Program is a network of services and supports for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families. The Autism program's three centers and two affiliates (one is located at Illinois State University) offer unique services and supports in each region of Illinois. All of the services and supports model best practice standards for diagnosis, treatment and support for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ADC), based on current leading research and expert consensus.

Programs include:

**Diagnostic Screening Services:** Two levels of assessment are available – Level One screening and Level Two assessment. Level One screening is designed to provide an initial screen for autism spectrum disorders as well as other developmental and neurodevelopmental disorders, leading to recommendations for appropriate assessment and intervention. In Level Two, a team of clinical experts conducts a comprehensive assessment including measuring psychosocial, developmental, behavioral, language, cognitive and adaptive functioning.

#### **New Diagnosis Family Orientation**

Program: Assists parents, extended family and friends. It is the first step in the family's journey to create optimum growth, independence and joy for their child with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. The program includes three sessions, offered in a multi-family group format.

**Family Focused Consultation:** Focuses on increasing parent empowerment, recognizing the family as the agent of change and connecting the family with community resources and support.

**“Getting Along With Others” Social Skills Group:** Focuses on the development and enhancement of adaptive social skills in a peer-focused, professional-mediated format. The program offers monthly alumni club meetings after graduation from the group.

**ABA Crisis Clinic:** Supports families with a child who is having behavior difficulties. The clinic is intended for families who are in crisis and is lead by a behavior analyst. The clinic includes four to six sessions.

**Takoda Summer Camp:** Creates a comfortable and motivating environment in a week long day camp that will help each camper develop their individual abilities. The emphasis is on building self confidence, gaining independence and developing social skills in a fun setting. The camp is co-sponsored with the Autism Society of McLean County and Easter Seals.

### **Web Sites\*Autism**

Description: The Autism Program's web site has a wealth of information developed and designed to offer resources related to Autism Spectrum Disorders (ADS) in the form of research, training, special events, trips and techniques and other information intended for use and application by families affected by autism and professionals in the field.

#### **Autism society of McLean County**

2404 E. Empire, Suite, 231, Bloomington, Il 61702-1644

(309) 661-0440 Voice

[www.autismmclean.org](http://www.autismmclean.org)

[j.mace@autismmclean.org](mailto:j.mace@autismmclean.org)

Jacque Mace, Executive Director

Area Served: McLean County and surrounding area

Accessibility: Full wheelchair access

Description: The purpose of this organization is to promote the general welfare of children and adults with autism and to provide support for their families; to support the education, vocational training and recreation of those with autism and to aid in the collection and dissemination of information.

ASMC member benefits include bi-monthly newsletter "The Maze"; voting privileges; discounts at participating businesses; family support and community outing opportunities; parent support groups\*; sibling support; playgroup; dinners and other family events.

ASMC offers two parent support groups and also promotes the "Autism Support Group at The Baby Fold."

#### **Autism Support Group – The Baby Fold**

108 East Willow, Normal, Il 61761

(309) 452-1170 Ext. 7219 Voice

[www.thebabyfold.org](http://www.thebabyfold.org)

[vsmeltzer@theybabyfold.org](mailto:vsmeltzer@theybabyfold.org)

Kathy Case, Contact

Public transportation accessible

Hours: M – F, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, to reach contact person

Area Served: McLean, Livingston, DeWitt, Tazewell Counties

Accessibility: Full wheelchair access

Fees: None

Description: Parent support and education on various aspects of autism and its impact on families. Time is allowed for general concerns and questions. The group is open to friends and professionals, as well.

Meetings; Third Thursday in September, November, January, March, and May, 6:30 to 7:45 pm, at Hammitt Schools. Child care is limited, please call.

## **Easter Seals**

2404 E. Empire, Bloomington, IL 61704

(309) 663-8275 Voice

(309) 662-7872 FAX

[www.ci.easterseals.com](http://www.ci.easterseals.com)

Erin Rogers, Vice President, Program Services

Public transportation accessible

Hours: M – F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Area Served: McLean, Livingston, Woodford, and Champaign Counties

Accessibility: Full wheelchair access

Referral Procedures; By Phone

## Services

### Description:

- 1) P.L.A.Y. (Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters) Project – Provides individualized interventions for young children (ages 18 months – 6 years) with autistic spectrum disorders. Children with ASD, and their families, receive interventions that are time intensive, integrated with school and other therapies, developmental, individualized, and relations-oriented.
- 2) Autistic Spectrum Disorder Early Diagnosis Clinic – ASD Clinic is a 2-day process that includes a play-based assessment, speech and language evaluation, neurodevelopmental examination, and psychological/behavioral assessment.

### Fees:

- 1) Program services are provided to families on a sliding fee scale. Easter Seals can bill private insurance, DSCC, IDHS or early intervention/CBO
- 2) The PLAY Project and In-Home Respite programs have sliding fee scales and scholarship options to qualifying families.
- 3) No one is denied services due to inability to pay.

## **Peri-Normal Social Group**

Description: social group for older students and young adults with autism.

Virginia Moody, MD, Contact person

(309) 862-0064 Voice [Ted.moody@verizon.net](mailto:Ted.moody@verizon.net)

### **Psychological Services Center**

Campus Box 4625, Normal, IL 61790-4625

(309) 438-5629 Voice

(309) 438-7446 FAX

[www.psychology.ilstu.edu/psc](http://www.psychology.ilstu.edu/psc)

[psc@ilstu.edu](mailto:psc@ilstu.edu)

Brenda Huber, PhD, Director

Public transportation accessible

Hours: M – F, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Area Served: Central Illinois

### Autism Service

706 E. Oglesby Avenue, Suite 303, Normal, IL 61761

Directions: From the corner of North Main and Willow Street (at the water tower south of University High School) turn east at the stop lights, proceed east until the stop lights at Beech Street, make a left turn and continue north for seven blocks to Oglesby Avenue

Autism Service encompasses four main areas:

- Intervention for children and their families, either clinic-based or home-based;
- Consultation with schools and families regarding individual children or specific issues related to autism;
- Workshops or in-service training designed to provide education and training to professionals, paraprofessionals, and parents who are working with individuals diagnosed with autism; and
- Evaluation of intervention effectiveness and acceptability.

A treatment team comprised of Illinois State faculty, graduate student clinicians, and undergraduate students addresses the needs of children diagnosed with autism.

Because of the Autism program Grant, there are no charges at this time. However, the standard fee for individual treatment is \$25 per session and the fee for group treatment is \$10; the fee for school consultation is \$40 per hour. Workshops are \$250-\$450 per day. Insurance benefits typically do not apply at psychology graduate student training facilities. Interest in Autism Service is most welcome and appreciated. Contact Autism Service by e-mail or call (309) 438-5629 if you have any questions or a request for services.