

Chouteau County Resource Guide

(See Hill County Resource Guide for Box Elder Resources)

(SW) = State-wide Resource

Addiction Services	
	(See also: Chemical Dependency, Mental Health / Counseling)
Alcoholics Anonymous, Area 40 Montana	Phone: 1-888-607-2000 Website: http://www.aa-montana.org/ Services: Consult hotline or website to locate a meeting in Chouteau County
New Horizons	Phone: (406) 622-3211 Address: 1313 Washington, Fort Benton, MT 59442 Services: Alcoholism treatment program
Adoption	
	(See Office of Public Assistance information under Office of Public Assistance)
American Legion	
	(See also: Veteran's Resources)
Big Sandy Post 50	Post Commander: George Rice Phone: (406) 378-2271 Email: conradh@mtintouch.net Website: http://mtlegion.org/district/district-2.html Services: Social and mutual-aid veterans' organization that organizes commemorative events, lobbies on behalf of veterans, and even provides veteran assistance. Post Meeting: 2 nd Monday
Fort Benton - Post 26 - Henry Griesbach Jr.	Post Commander: Tyler Naeseth Phone: (406) 750-2975 Email: tynaeseth@gmail.com Website: http://mtlegion.org/district/district-8.html Post Meeting: 2 nd Wednesday
Animal Services	
Florence Dedman Animal Shelter and Foundation of Fort Benton	Phone: (406) 622-5657 Address: 2400 High Street, Box 1282, Fort Benton, MT 59442 Website: http://www.dedmanfoundation.org/
Benefits Services	
	(See Office of Public Assistance information under Office of Public Assistance)

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Chamber of Commerce	
Big Sandy Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture	Phone: (406)378-2418 Address: PO Box 411 Big Sandy, MT 59520 Email: bsmtchamber@yahoo.com
Fort Benton Chamber of Commerce	Phone: (406) 622-3864 Address: PO Box 12, Fort Benton, MT 59442 Email: info@fortbentonchamber.org Website: http://www.fortbentonchamber.org/
Child Services	
CASA of Hill County	Director - Mike Douglass Phone: (406) 265-6743 ext. 1135 Address: 2229 5th Ave, Havre, MT 59501 Email: casa@hrdc4.org Services: Local office of Court Appointed Special Advocates. Typically court-appointed.
Child and Family Services (Local Office)	Phone: (406) 265-1233, (406) 262-2879 (Fax) Address: 232 1st West #B, Havre, MT 59501-3408
Child and Family Services North Central Region II Office	Regional Administrator - Marti Vining Phone: (406)727-7746, (406) 268-3788 (Fax) Address: 2300 12th Ave S, Ste 201, Great Falls, MT 59405 Email: mvining@mt.gov Website: http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/cfsd/childfamilyservices.shtml
Child Care Licensing DPHHS / QAD / CCL	Contact: Shelly Stone Phone: (406) 453-0526, (406) 453-0504 (Fax) Address: 2300 12th Ave South, Ste 126, Box 6, Great Falls, MT 59405 Contact Email: sstone@mt.gov Services: Regulates and monitors child care facility licensing and registration. Surveys facilities and investigates complaints.
Child Support Enforcement Division Regional Office	Phone: (406) 727-7449, (406) 454-3106 (Fax) Address: 201 1 st St South, Suite 1A, Great Falls, Mt 59405

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Family Connections MT	Phone: (406) 761-6010, (800) 696-4503, (406) 453-8976 (FAX) Address: 202 2nd Ave S, Suite 201, Great Falls, MT 59405 Email: fcinfo@familyconnectionsmt.org Website: http://familyconnectionsmt.org/ Services: Makes referrals for a number of child care organizations and services.
Clothing Assistance	
(See Office of Public Assistance information under Office of Public Assistance)	
Community Resources	
Chouteau County Extension Office	Phone: (406)622-3751, (406) 622-3012 (Fax) Address: 1308 Franklin Street, P.O. Box 459, Fort Benton, MT 59442 Email: lwilliams@montana.edu Website: http://www.msuextension.org/chouteau/ Services: Extension of Montana State University that offers a variety of educational and informational materials.
Crisis Resources	
Chouteau County Disaster & Emergency Services	County Coordinator: Linda Williams Phone: (406) 622-3751 (406) 622-3012 (Fax) For an Emergency dial 622-5451 or 9-1-1 Address: 1308 Franklin Street, PO Box 459, Fort Benton, Montana 59442 Email: lwilliams@montana.edu Website: http://www.co.chouteau.mt.us/pages/des.htm Services: Prepares and manages plans and programs directed at disaster preparedness and coordination of response and recovery.
Cultural Resources	
The River and Plains Society	Phone: (406) 622-5316 Address: P.O. Box 262, Fort Benton, MT 59442 Office Email: fbmuseums@mtintouch.net Archives-Library Email: riverplains@mtintouch.net Website: http://www.fortbenton.com/museums/ag.html Services: Resource for a number of museums, including the Museum of the Northern Great Plains, The Hornaday/Smithsonian Buffalo and Western Art Gallery, a Homestead Village, The Museum of the Upper Missouri, and The Upper Missouri River Breaks NM Interpretive Center. Hours: 10:30 AM to 4 PM – Weekdays and Saturdays, Noon to 4 PM Sundays

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Fort Benton Restoration Committee	Address: P.O. Box 262, Fort Benton, MT 59442 Email: hxbaztb@rdtaf.hiy
Disability Resources	
Blind and Low Vision Services (Regional Office)	Phone: (406) 454-6060 (Voice), (406) 454-6080 (TTY), (888) 279-7527 (Toll Free), (406) 454-6084 (Fax) Address: 201 1st Street South, Suite 2 , Great Falls, MT 59405-1884
Developmental Disability Program (Region II Office)	Phone: (406) 454-6091, (406) 454-6082 (Fax) Address: 201 First Street South, Suite #3, Great Falls MT 59405
Vocational Rehabilitation Regional Office	Phone: (406) 454-6060 (voice), (406) 454-6080 (TTY), 888-279-7527 (toll-free), (406) 454-6084 (fax) Address: 201 1st St S, Ste 2, Great Falls, MT 59405
Domestic Violence	
	(See also: Women's Resources, Police)
Hi-Line's Help for Abused Spouses	Phone: (406) 278-3342 (Office), (406) 278-5137 (Fax), 1-800-219-7336 (24-hour Crisis Line) Address: 300 North Virginia, Suite 307, Conrad, MT 59425 Email: hlhas@mcn.net Website: http://www.hlhas.com/ Services: 24-hour crisis line that provides several services in the area of domestic violence, sexual assault, and victim witness's of crime.
Educational Resources	
Big Sandy High School	Phone: (406) 378-2502, (406) 378-2275 (Fax) Address: 398 1st Avenue, Big Sandy, MT 59520 Website: http://bigsandy.k12.mt.us/
Chouteau County Superintendent of Schools	Superintendent: Rick Cook Phone: (406) 622-3242 Address: Chouteau County Courthouse, 1308 Franklin Street, Fort Benton, MT 59442
Fort Benton Public Schools	Principal: Scott Chauvet Phone: (406)622-5691 Address: P.O. Box 399, Fort Benton, MT 59442 Email: suptscott.fbs@gmail.com Website: http://www.fortbenton.k12.mt.us/
Employment Resources	
	No local resources, see nearby counties or statewide resources

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Financial Resources	
	No local resources, see nearby counties or statewide resources
Fire Departments	
Big Sandy Fire Dept	Phone: (406) 378-2210 Address: PO Box 476, Big Sandy, MT 59520 Email: gophus@bigsandyfire.com Website: http://www.bigsandyfire.com/
Fort Benton Volunteer Fire Department	Phone: (406) 622-3212 Address: , 1315 Choteau Street, PO Box 1175, Fort Benton, MT 59442
Loma Rural Volunteer Fire Department	Phone: (406) 739-4224 Address: 211 Third Avenue, Loma, MT 59460
Food Services	
Choteau County Food Bank	Phone: (406) 622-5433 Address: 1020 13th St, Fort Benton, MT 59442 Services: Chouteau County Food Bank is a food pantry. Hours: 8 to 5 Mondays through Fridays, usually closed from 12 to 1 for lunch.
Government/Administrative Resources	
	No local, see nearby counties and statewide resources
Housing Resources	
	(See Office of Public Assistance information under Office of Public Assistance) For issues related to mortgages (including foreclosure) see: Financial Resources and Legal Services/Resources
Police	
Chouteau County Sheriff's Office	Sheriff: Vern L. Burdick Phone: (406) 622-5451, (406) 622-3815 (Fax) Address: 1215 Washington St, PO Box 459, Fort Benton, MT 59442 Website: http://www.co.chouteau.mt.us/pages/sheriff.htm
Public Library	
Big Sandy Branch Library	Phone:(406)378-2161 Address: 230 1st Avenue North, Big Sandy, MT 59520 Website: http://www.co.chouteau.mt.us/pages/lib.htm Hours: •Mon. & Wed.: 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, •Tues. & Thurs.: 10:00 AM to 3:00PM, •Fri., Sat., & Sun: Closed

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Chouteau County Public Library	<p>Phone: (406)622-5222, (406)622-5294 (Fax) Address: 1518 Main Street, Fort Benton, MT 59442 Website: http://www.co.chouteau.mt.us/pages/lib.htm Winter Hours: •Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday: 9:00 AM-8:00 PM, •Thursday & Friday: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM •Saturday and Sunday: Closed Summer Hours: •Monday: 9:00 AM-8:00 PM, •Tuesday- Friday: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, •Saturday and Sunday: Closed</p>
Geraldine Branch Library	<p>Phone: (406)737-4331 Address: 254 Main Street, Geraldine, MT 59446</p>
Highwood School and Community Library	<p>Phone: (406) 733-2081 Address: 160 West St S, Highwood, MT 59450</p>
Legal Resources and Services	
Chouteau County Attorney	<p>Contact: Stephen Gannon Phone: (406) 622-3246 Address: 1309 Franklin Street, Fort Benton, MT 59442</p>
Chouteau County Courthouse	<p>Phone: (406) 622-5024 Clerk of Court: Rick Cook Address: 1308 Franklin Street, Fort Benton, MT 59442</p>
Chouteau County Justice of the Peace	<p>JP/City Judge - Susan Spencer Phone: (406) 622-5502, (406) 622-3815 (Fax) Address: 1215 Washington St, Fort Benton, MT 59442 Mailing Address: PO Box 459, Fort Benton, MT 59442</p>
Chouteau County Self Help Law Center	<p>Phone: (406) 437-2034 Email: cascadecountyselfhelp@gmail.com Website: http://courts.mt.gov/selfhelp/default.mcp Hours of Operation: Alternating Wednesdays, by appointment Services Offered: Legal information and forms for pro-se litigants pursuing civil cases. No charge for services and there are no eligibility requirements.</p>
Medical Resources	
	SEE ALSO: Mental Health/Counseling, Addiction Services, Chemical Dependency Services

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Chouteau County Health Department	<p>Phone: (406) 622-3771 Address: 1020 13th Street, Fort Benton, MT 59442 Website: http://www.co.chouteau.mt.us/health/ Services: Breastfeeding assistance, flu clinics, school screenings, foot clinic, vision screening, new mom and baby visits and more.</p>
Mental Health / Counseling	
Chouteau County Mental Health Service	<p>Contact: Paulette Albers Phone: (406) 622-5414 Address: 1020 13th Street, Fort Benton, MT 59442 Services: The Mental Health and Services Division develops, mobilizes and manages resources for mental health services to residents of Chouteau County. The Division is responsible for providing or contracting for a continuum of counseling services, assessment and referral to adults, adolescents and children with mental health issues. The Division facilitates access and authorizes reimbursement to providers.</p>
Migrant Services	
	No local, see nearby counties and statewide resources
Newspapers	
The Mountaineer	<p>Phone: (406) 378-2176 Address: PO Box 529, Big Sandy, MT 59520 Email: bsmnews@mtintouch.net</p>
The River Press	<p>Phone: (406) 622-3311, (406)622-5446 (Fax) Address: 1408 Front Street , Fort Benton, MT 59442 Mailing Address: PO Box 69, Fort Benton, MT 59442 Email: riverpress@live.com Website: http://www.riverpressnews.com/The_River_Press.html</p>
Public Internet	
	(See: Libraries)
Office of Public Assistance	
Choteau County Office of Public Assistance	<p>Phone: (406) 622-5432, (406) 622-3472 (Fax) Address: 1020 13th Street , PO Box 459, Fort Benton MT 59442 Provides economic and medical assistance to those in need due to lack of income/employment.</p>

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Senior Resources	
Area III Agency on Aging	<p>Director - Karen Roehm Phone: (406) 271-7553, (406) 271-2769 (Fax) Address: North Central AAA, 311 S Virginia St Ste 2, Conrad, MT 59425-2335 Email: Ncaaafin@3rivers.net Services: Aging Services in Glacier, Toole, Liberty, Pondera, Teton, Chouteau, and Blaine Counties.</p>
Area VIII Agency on Aging	<p>Director: Tina Hoebelheinrich Phone: (406) 454-6990, (406) 454-6991 (Fax) Address: 1801 Benefis Court, Great Falls, MT 59405 Email: rrung@co.cascade.mt.us Services: Aging Services in Great Falls</p>
Big Sandy Senior Center	<p>Phone: (406) 378-2405 Address: PO Box 557, 166 Johannes Ave, Big Sandy, MT 59520</p>
Geraldine Senior Center	<p>Phone: (406) 737-4362 Address: 420 Main Street, Geraldine, MT 59446</p>
Golden Age Center	<p>Phone: (406) 622-3601 Address: 1410 Front Street, Fort Benton, MT 59442</p>
Highwood Senior Citizens	<p>Phone: (406) 733-5141 Address: 1447 Otto Road, Highwood, MT 59450</p>
Senior and Long Term Care Division	<p>Phone: (800) 551-3191 (Elder Abuse Line), (800) 332-2272 (Aging Services Line), (406) 444-4077 (Aging Services Line [Local]) Website: http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/sltc/services/APS/index.shtml Services: Provides protection and intervention services for senior citizens who are being abused, legal access for the elderly, and general information and assistance on various issues involving seniors.</p>
Veteran's Resources	
	(See also: American Legion)
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4047	<p>Phone: (406) 622-3433 Address: 1411 Main, Fort Benton, MT 59442 Meetings: 7:30 pm, Third Tuesday of each month</p>
Women's Resources	
	(See also: Domestic Violence)

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