

Lake County Resource Guide

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Child and Family Services

Child and Family Services Division of DPHHS

2677 Palmer St, Suite 300, Missoula, MT 59808

(406) 523-4100

Child Abuse Hotline: 1(866) 820-5437

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/CFSD>

Protects children who have been or are at substantial risk of abuse, neglect, or abandonment

Child Support Enforcement Division of DPHHS

2675 Palmer St., Suite C, Missoula, MT 59808 (Region 5)

(406) 329-7910

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/CSED>

Pursues financial and medical support of children by establishing, enforcing, and increasing public awareness of parental obligations

Head Start Programs

Head Start promotes school readiness for children under 5 years, for low income families with support services through education, health, social and other services

Polson

301 8th Ave W, Polson, MT 59860

(406) 883-5451

Pablo

2 5th Ave E, Pablo, MT 59855

(406) 275-2777

35639 Stranger Loop, Pablo, MT 59855

Ronan

30 2nd Cir NE, Ronan, MT 59864

(406) 676-8390

417 Andrew St., NW, Ronan, MT 59864

Saint Ignatius

28 Toweepah Ln, Saint Ignatius, MT 59865

(406) 745-4483

307 Hwy. 93 South, Saint Ignatius, MT 59865

Nurturing Center

146 3rd Ave. W., Kalispell, MT 59901

(406) 756-1414

<https://nurturingcenter.org/>

Provides a variety of services to strengthen families and support healthy nurturing environments including child care scholarships, healthy food program, child care provider services, child care services, and other family resources like Safe Havens supervised visitation

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Disabilities

A.W.A.R.E. Inc.

20 3rd St. East, Kalispell, MT 59901
(406) 755-9471

1055 W Sussex, Missoula, MT 59801
(406) 543-2202

<http://aware-inc.org/>

Provides mental health and disability services to adolescents and adults, including job placement

Disability Rights Montana

1022 Chestnut St., Helena, MT 59601
(406) 449-2344

Toll free: 1(800) 245-4743

Fax: (406) 449-2418

<http://disabilityrightsmt.org/>

Provides a wide net of services to people with disabilities through advocacy and legal representation

Opportunity Resources, Inc.

2821 S. Russell Street

Missoula, MT

(406) 721-2930

<https://www.orimt.org>

Supporting individuals with disabilities, work programs, case management, art program, residential properties and specialized programs in Western Montana.

Summit Independent Living

124 Main St, P.O. Box 434, Ronan, MT 59864

(406) 215-1604

Toll Free: 1(866) 230-6936

Fax: (406) 552-1028

<http://www.summitilc.org/>

Provides consumer and advocacy services to people with mobility, neurological, hearing, visual and other disabilities

Financial

CAPNM (Community Action Partnership of Northwestern Montana)

214 Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901

(406) 752-6565 or 1(800) 344-5979

Lake County (by appointment only)

110 Main St, (Mezzanine Level), P.O. Box 132, Polson, MT 59860

(406) 883-3470

<https://capnm.net/>

Offers a variety of services to increase financial security including financial literacy classes and employment training

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OPA (Office of Public Assistance)

49627 Hwy 93, Polson, MT 59860

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/OfficeofPublicAssistance>

Administers programs for low-income Montanans including SNAP, Medicaid, medical assistance, emergency aid for dependent children, and TANF

Food

Food Banks/Pantries

Bigfork Food Bank

7535 Hwy 35, Bigfork, MT 59911

(406) 837-2297

Food distribution: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 4-6 pm & 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 9-1 pm

Bread Basket

10 6th Ave SW, P.O. Box 346, Ronan, MT 59864

(406) 676-4357

<http://ronanbreadbasket.org/>

Provides emergency food services (3-4 days' worth of food, once a month) to needy families in Ronan, Charlo, and Moiese areas, Tuesdays & Fridays 10-2pm, closed for lunch 12-12:30 pm

Food Distribution

410 Mountain View Dr., St. Ignatius, MT 59865

(406) 745-4115

Must live on an Indian Reservation

West Shore Food Bank

7150 Hwy 93 S, P.O. Box 192, Lakeside, 59922

(406) 844-2779 or (406) 261-4560

Rotation weekly -Mondays 4-6 pm & Tuesdays 9-11 am

Mission Valley Food Pantry

203 Baine Street, St. Ignatius, MT 59865

(406) 745-5484

Food Service for needy families at or below 200% of the poverty level, Tuesday & Friday 10-2 pm

Polson Loaves and Fish Pantry

904 1st Street E, Polson, MT 59860

(406) 883-6864

Food service for needy families in Lake County, Tuesday 2-6 pm & Friday 10-2 pm, call for donations

Health

Mental Health Crisis Line

(406) 752-6262

24-Hour crisis intervention line for mental health emergencies

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Sunburst Community Service Foundation

103 Whitewater, Suite A, Polson, MT 59860
(406) 883-4061
109 1st Ave, St. Ignatius, MT 59865
(406) 745-3681

<https://www.sunburstfoundation.org/>

Provides licensed outpatient mental health services to children, adults and families including psychiatric assessments, medication management, therapy, community rehabilitation, vocational support, and case management at Polson and St. Ignatius locations:

Western Montana Mental Health Center

<http://www.wmmhc.org/>

Mental health counseling and services for adults, children and families with offices in Ronan and Polson

Lake County Mental Health Center Ronan
8 2nd Ave SW, Ronan, MT 59864
(406) 532-9170
Fax: (406) 676-8503

Lake County Mental Health Center Polson
1105 1st St E, Polson, MT 59860
(406) 883-3556
Fax: (406) 883-3558

Lake House Crisis Facility
7 13th Ave W, Polson, MT 59860
(406) 872-0474

Housing

CAPNM

214 Main St., P.O. Box 8300, Kalispell, MT 59901 (Main Office)
(406) 752-6565 or 1(800) 344-5979

Lake County (by appointment only)

110 Main St, (Mezzanine Level), P.O. Box 132, Polson, MT 59860
(406) 883-3470
Fax: (406) 883-3481

<https://capnm.net/>

Offers services for several housing specific needs, including a Section 8 Voucher program for very low-income people, a low income home ownership program (Community Land Trust), and some emergency housing solutions. CAPNM also facilitates the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) to help pay a portion of winter heating bills and a home weatherization program

Montana Fair Housing

501 East Front St. Suite 504, Butte, MT 59701
(406) 782-2573 or 1(800) 929-2611

<http://www.montanafairhousing.org/>

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Investigates allegations of housing discrimination and facilitates the complaint process for victims of housing discrimination

Samaritan House

124 9th Ave W., Kalispell, MT 59901

(406) 257-5801

<http://www.samaritanhousemt.com/>

Provides food, housing, resources, and case management for the homeless with low or no income in Kalispell and beyond the Flathead Valley. Also services Veterans by providing resources for physical and mental health check-ups, and affordable housing

Legal

Law Enforcement

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Police Department

51396 Hwy 93 N, P.O. Box 278, Pablo, MT 59855

(406) 675-4700

Emergency: Dial 933

<http://www.csktribes.org/judicial/tribal-police>

Polson Police Department

106 1st St E, Polson, MT 59860

(406) 883-8211

Emergencies: Dial 911

<http://www.cityofpolson.com/polson-police/>

Ronan Police Department

109 2nd Ave SW, Ronan, MT 59864

(406) 676-0223

Emergencies: Dial 911

<http://www.cityofronan.com/departments/police-department/>

Lake County Sheriff

106 4th Ave E, Polson, MT 59860

Crime Stoppers Tip Line: (406) 883-7309

Non-Emergencies (406) 883-7301

Emergencies: Dial 911

<http://www.lakemt.gov/sheriff/index.html>

Courts

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Court

P.O. Box 278, Pablo, MT 59855

(406) 275-2740

Fax: (406) 675-4704

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Polson City Court

106 1st E, Polson, MT 59860
(406) 883-8219
Fax: (406) 883-8233

Ronan City Court

207 Main St, Suite B, Ronan, MT 59864
(406) 676-0211
Fax: (406) 676-0213

St. Ignatius City Court

12 1st Ave, P.O. Box 103, St. Ignatius, MT 59865
(406) 745-3791
Fax: (406) 745-2800

Polson Justice Court

106 4th Ave E, Polson, MT 59860
(406) 883-7260
Fax: (406) 883-7343

20th Judicial District (Lake County)

106 4th Ave E, Polson, MT 59860

Clerk of District Court -Lynn Fricker

106 4th Ave E, Polson, MT 59860
(406) 883-7254
Fax: (406) 883-7343
<http://courts.mt.gov/locator/dist20>

Lake County Attorney -Steve Eschenbacher

106 4th Ave E, Polson, MT 59860
(406) 883-7245

Flathead County Self-Help Law Center

920 S. Main St. (Basement), Kalispell, MT 59901
(406) 758-2496

<http://courts.mt.gov/selfhelp/nw-region>

Provides free legal information and fill-in-the-blank court forms for self-representing litigants

Missoula County Self-Help Law Center

200 W Broadway, Room 271, Missoula, MT 59802
(406) 258-3428

<http://courts.mt.gov/selfhelp/west-region>

Provides free legal information and fill-in-the blank court forms for self-representing litigants

Montana Legal Services Association

211 N. Higgins Ave., Suite 401, Missoula, MT 59802

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Helpline: 1(800) 666-6899

Office: (406) 543-8343

<http://www.mtlsa.org/>

Attorneys that works with low-income people by providing legal information, advice, and other services free of charge. MLSA works to help low-income people escape domestic violence, keep their housing, preserve their public benefits, protect their finances, and more.

Office of Public Defender, Nick Aemisegger

1205 S. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901

(406) 751-6080

Fax: (406) 751-6083

Toll-free: (855) 412-5661

Polson Public Defender, Eldena Bear Don't Walk

110 N Main, P.O. Box 1150, Polson, MT

(406) 883-6080

Fax: (406) 883-6089

Tribal Prosecutors Office

P.O. Box 278, Pablo, MT 59855

(406) 275-2765

Fax: (406) 675-2732

<http://www.csktribes.org/judicial/tribal-prosecutors>

Tribal Public Defenders Office

P.O. Box 278, Pablo, MT 59855

(406) 275-2897

Fax: (406) 675-2212

<http://www.csktribes.org/judicial/tribal-defenders>

Senior

Adult Protective Services

121 Financial Drive #B, Kalispell, MT 59901

(406) 755-6493

Lake County Regional Number: (406) 751-5968

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/SLTC/APS>

Helps protect vulnerable adults (60 years old or older) from abuse, neglect, and exploitation

Agency on Aging

110 Main St, Suite 5, Polson, MT 59860 (Area VI)

(406) 883-7284

Fax: (406) 883-7363

<http://www.westernmontanaagingservices.org/>

Serves people with the goal of enabling persons 60 years or older to lead independent, meaningful, and dignified lives, by providing direct services, contracting for services, and networking with the community to locate services

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Lake County Council on Aging

528 Main Street SW
Ronan, MT 59864
(406) 676-2367 main line
(406) 676-2368 transportation
(Fax: (406)676-2365
www.LakeCountyCOA.org

It is the mission of the Lake County Council on Aging to support the aging residents of Lake County, Montana in living as independent lives as possible. Demand response public transportation (48-hour notice), food program, in-home housekeeping (cost), respite care for caregivers (cost), foot clinic and farmer's market. Senior Centers in Arlee, Charlo, Polson, Ronan, St. Ignatius. Tribal Centers in Arlee, Elmo, Polson, Ronan and St. Ignatius

Senior Subsidized Housing

Cherry Hill Village

400 Cherry Hill Court, Polson, MT 59860
(406) 883-3978

Lakeview Village

Highway 93 S, Polson, MT 59860
(406) 883-2222

Maxwell Apartments

411 1st Ave SW, Ronan, MT 59864
(406) 676-7898

Western Montana Chapter

2681 Palmer St, Suite K, Missoula, MT 59806
In Missoula: (406) 327-7886
Toll free: 1(877) 327-7886
Fax: (406) 329-1313

<http://www.westernmontanachapter.org/index.php>

Protects and promotes the health and welfare of persons with disabilities and elderly by managing their SSI, SSDI, and VA benefit funds

Transportation

Lake County Council

528 Main Street SW
Ronan, MT 59864
(406) 676-2368 transportation
www.LakeCountyCOA.org

Provides rides in Lake County, to Missoula and to Kalispell, 48-hour notice, cost per person

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Veterans

Disabled American Veterans

203 6th Ave E, Polson, MT 59860
(406) 883-5686

Referral, information, advocacy, and hospital equipment loan to disabled veterans

Samaritan House

124 9th Ave W., Kalispell, MT 59901
(406) 257-5801

<http://www.samaritanhousemt.com/>

Provides food, housing, resources, and case management for the homeless with low or no income in Kalispell and beyond the Flathead Valley. Assists Veterans by providing resources for physical and mental health check-ups, and affordable housing

Women's Resources

Abbie Shelter

P.O. Box 1401, Kalispell, MT 59901-1401

(No physical address)

Office: (406) 752-4735

Violence Free Crisis Line: (406) 752-7273

www.abbieshelter.org

Provides victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence with confidential advocacy, crisis intervention, emergency shelter, safety planning, and support

Crime Victim Advocate

820 S. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901

Kalispell: (406) 758-7780

Flathead County: (406) 758-2108

http://flatheadcountysheriff.com/?page_id=1062

Assists with orders of protection and related services for victims of partner or family member assault as well as the public

Domestic Violence Programs Intervention (DOVES)

P.O. Box 1773, Polson, MT 59860

(406) 883-3350

Advocacy and support to victims of domestic violence and their families

Montana Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

P.O. Box 818, Helena, MT 59624

(406) 443-7794

Toll Free (888) 404-7794

<http://mcdsv.com/>

Works to end domestic and sexual violence through advocacy, education, public policy, and program development, and can provide direct legal assistance for survivors of sexual assault

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Safe Harbor

P.O. Box 497

Ronan, MT 59864

(406) 676-9242

24-Hour Crisis Line: (406) 676-0800

<http://safeharbormt.org/>

Provides emergency shelter, crisis intervention, and emergency advocacy for victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault in Lake County and Flathead Indian Reservation

WIC (Women, Infants, and Children)

7 3rd Ave W, Polson, MT 59860

(406) 883-4605

Supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children, providing short term, low cost, preventative health services to families who are at risk due to nutrition related health conditions

Other

Montana Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1(800) 273-TALK (8255)

Or text "MT" to 741 741

Montana Warm Line

1(877) 688-3377

<http://www.montanawarmline.org/index.html>

Provides a friendly, understanding person when you just need someone to talk to, Monday – Friday 4 – 10 PM and Saturday – Sunday 10 AM – 10 PM