# Choteau County Resource Guide

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Child Services

**CASA of Hill County**
2229 5th Ave, Havre, MT 59501  
406-265-6743 ext. 1135  
casa@hrdc4.org

*CASA consists of volunteers who advocate for children who have been removed from their homes for allegation of abuse and neglect.*

**Child and Family Services**
1020 13th St, Fort Benton, MT 59442  
406-622-5414

[http://dphhs.mt.gov/CFSD](http://dphhs.mt.gov/CFSD)

*The Department of Child and Family Services is the office that investigates and provides protective services to children who are abused or neglected. Their mission is to keep children safe and families strong. They also may provide assistance in referring families to support services to help preserve the family unit.*

**Child Care Licensing**
College Park Center 2300 12th Ave South, Ste 216, Box 6, Great Falls, MT 59405  
406-453-0526

*Regulates and monitors child care facility licensing and registration. Surveys facilities and investigates complaints.*

**Child Support Enforcement Division**
201 1st St South, Ste 1A, Great Falls, MT 59405  
406-727-7449


*The division provides federally mandated child support enforcement services. These include locating absent parents; establishing paternity; establishing financial and medical support orders; enforcing current and past due child support; offering medical and spousal support; and modifying child support orders.*

**Family Connections MT**
202 2nd Ave S, Suite 201, Great Falls, MT 59405  
406-761-6010 or 800-696-4503

[https://familyconnectionsmt.org/](https://familyconnectionsmt.org/)

*Family Connections makes referrals for a number of child care organizations.*

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Disability Services

**Blind and Low Vision Services**
201 1st St S, Ste 2, Great Falls, MT 59405
1 (888) 279-7527 (toll-free consumer line)
(406) 454-6060 (voice)
http://dphhs.mt.gov/detd/blvs

*Blind and Low Vision Services provides services to assist individuals in finding or maintaining employment, learning to live with low vision or blindness, and increasing independence.*

**Development Disability Program**
Region II Office
201 First Street South, Suite #3, Great Falls, MT 59405
(406) 454-6085
http://dphhs.mt.gov/dsd/developmentaldisabilities

*The organization ensures that quality care providers meet state and federal regulations when providing services to people with disabilities.*

**Disability Rights Montana**
1022 Chesnut Street Helena, MT 59601
(406)449-2344 (voice)
(800)245-4743 (toll free)
http://disabilityrightsmt.org/

*Disability Rights Montana is the federally-mandated civil rights protection and advocacy system for all of Montana. We have the legal authority to represent almost any person with a disability.*

**Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services**
201 First Street South, Suite #3, Great Falls, MT 59405
(406) 454-6060 (voice)
(888)279-7527 (toll-free)
http://dphhs.mt.gov/detd/vocrehab

*Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services combines the general and the blind vocational rehabilitation programs in a single unit in order yo maximize access to in-demand and high-quality careers by Montanans with disabilities seeking dignity through choice, integration, and self-reliance.*
Financial Services

**Big Sandy Chamber of Commerce**
PO Box 411, Big Sandy, MT 59520
(406) 378-2418
[http://www.bigsandymontana.com/chamber.html](http://www.bigsandymontana.com/chamber.html)

*The Big Sandy Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture is dedicated to promoting local farms and businesses and improving our lovely rural community.*

**Chouteau County Office of Public Assistance**
1020 13th St, PO Box 459, Fort Benton, MT 59442
(406)622-5432
[http://www.co.chouteau.mt.us/pages/des.htm](http://www.co.chouteau.mt.us/pages/des.htm)

*Provides economic and medical assistance to those in need due to lack of income or employment*

**Fort Benton Chamber of Commerce**
PO Box 12, Fort Benton, MT 59442
(406) 622-3864

*The Fort Benton Chamber of Commerce is a community organization whose goal is to promote, stimulate, increase, and improve business conditions, and to build a better community through positive participation and involvement.*

Food Services

**Chouteau County Food Bank**
PO Box 459 1020 13th St, Fort Benton, MT 59442
(406) 622-5433

*Chouteau County Food Bank is a Food Pantry, but is also connected to the Office of Public Assistance.*

*Hours: 8-5 Monday – Friday.*

Health Services

**Alcoholics Anonymous, Area 40 Montana**
1-888-607-2000
[https://www.aa-montana.org/index.php](https://www.aa-montana.org/index.php)

*ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS® is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience,*

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strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

Chouteau County Health Department
1020 13th St, Fort Benton, MT 59442
(406) 622-3771
http://www.co.chouteau.mt.us/health/
Provides immunizations, flu shots, new mom and baby visits, health education and more.

Chouteau County Mental Health Service
1020 13th St, Fort Benton, MT 59442
(406) 622-5414
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

Housing Services

Chippewa Cree Housing Authority
75 Laredo Rd, Box Elder, MT 59521
(406) 395-4370
The Housing Authority creates affordable housing opportunities for Montanans whose needs are not met by the market.

Legal Services

Chouteau County Attorney
1309 Franklin St, Fort Benton, MT 59442
(406) 622-3246
The Chouteau County Attorney, Stephan Gannon, is an elected official who serves as both the public prosecutor for the State of Montana and as the legal advisor for all county officials within Chouteau County. The County Attorney's office is divided into two divisions: Criminal and Civil.

Chouteau County Courthouse
1308 Franklin St, Fort Benton, MT 59442
(406) 622-5024
The Clerk of Court is Rick Cook
Hours: Monday – Friday 8 to 5

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Chouteau County Justice of the Peace
1215 Washington, Fort Benton, MT 59442
(406) 622-5502
The County Justice of the Peace is Susan Spencer

Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA)
616 Helena Ave, Ste 100 Helena, MT 59601
(800)666-6899
http://www.mtlsa.org/
Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA) is a law firm that empowers low-income people by providing legal information, advice, and other services free of charge. MLSA works both on individual cases and under a systemic approach to help low-income people escape domestic violence, keep their housing, preserve their public benefits, protect their finances, and more.

Self Help Law Center – Cascade County (Serves Chouteau County)
13 6th St South Great Falls, MT 59401
(406)205-0347
http://courts.mt.gov/selfhelp/ne-region
The Court Help Program is a free service provided by the Montana Supreme Court to assist people with civil, non-criminal legal problems. Our goal is to give you the information you need to understand your legal rights and responsibilities and to help you resolve your legal problems on your own if you cannot afford an attorney or if you choose not to hire one.

Hours: Monday: 9 am - 5 pm
Tuesday 9 am - 5 pm
Wednesday 9 am - 5 pm & 6 - 7 pm at the YWCA
Thursday 9 am - 5 pm
Closed Friday

Senior Services

Adult Protective Services
201 1st St S Ste 3, Great Falls, MT 59405
(406) 268-7960
http://dphhs.mt.gov/SLTC/APS
Adult Protective Services Specialists help to protect vulnerable adults from abuse, neglect and exploitation. They help end abuse by matching the needs of the person, with community

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partners in their area. Partners like mental health, public health, law enforcement, the courts, the aging network, community groups and the public.

Area III Agency on Aging
North Central AAA, 311 S Virginia St, Ste 2, Conrad, MT 59425
(406) 271-7553

Montana’s Area Agencies on Aging are public or private non-profit agencies, designated by the Aging Services Bureau, to address the needs and concerns of older Montanans at the local level.

Big Sandy Senior Center
166 Johannes Ave, Big Sandy, MT 59520
(406)378-2405

Offer meals for a reasonable price and delivery at no charge.
Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Geraldine Senior Center
420 Main Street, Geraldine, MT 59446
(406)737-4362

Golden Age Center
1410 Front St #A, Fort Benton, MT 59442
(406)622-3601

Open 7 days a week has daily lunches and hosts bingo, dinner and pinochle parties.

Veteran’s Services

American Legion: Big Sandy Post 50
(406) 378-2271
Organizes commemorative events, lobbies on behalf of veterans, and provides veteran assistance.

American Legion: Fort Benton Post 26
711 21st St Fort Benton, MT 59442
(406) 622-5556
Organizes commemorative events, lobbies on behalf of veterans, and provides veteran assistance.

Montana Veterans Affairs

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(406) 265-4225 (Havre)
(406)452-2265 (Great Falls)

A statewide network of service for discharged veterans and their families that provides services and assistance for all Montana veterans, and surviving spouses and dependents in coordination with associated federal and state agencies, veterans' services organizations, private organizations and individuals.

Veteran Crisis Hotline
1-800-273-8255
www.veterancrisisline.net

Women’s Services

Hi-Line’s Help for Abused Spouses
300 North Virginia, Ste 307, Conrad, MT 59425
(406)278-3342 (Office)
1-800-219-7336 (Crisis Line)
http://www.hlhas.com/

Services include a 24 hour Crisis Line, one-on-one advocacy, child advocacy, victim witness services and an informational referral network.

Other Services

Boys and Girls Club of the Hi-Line
500 1st Ave Havre, MT 59501
(406)265-2606
http://www.bgchi-line.net/home

As the premier youth development program of the Hi-Line, we strive to enable all young people, especially those who need us most to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens.

Chouteau County Extension Office - MSU
PO Box 459 Fort Benton, MT 59442
(406)622-3751
http://www.msuextension.org/chouteau/

Provides unbiased research-based education and information that integrates learning, discovery and engagement to strengthen the social, economic and environmental well-being of individuals, families, and communities.

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Chouteau County Diaster and Emergency Services
(406)622-3027
(406)622-3022
http://www.co.chouteau.mt.us/pages/des.htm

Emergency Management is the organized analysis, planning, decision making and assignment of available resources to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the effects of all hazards. The goal of emergency management is to save lives, prevent injuries, protect property, and the environment if an emergency occurs.