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Child Services

Child and Family Services Stillwater County Office

Address: 809 E 4th Ave N, Unit C Columbus, MT 59019

Phone: (406) 657-3120

Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline 24/7: 1 (866) 820-5437

Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline 24/7 (TTY): 1 (866) 341-8811

Fax: (406) 322-4643

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/cfsd/Index>

The division provides state and federally mandated protective services to children who are abused, neglected, or abandoned. This includes receiving and investigating reports of child abuse and neglect, working to prevent domestic violence, helping families to stay together or reunite, and finding placements in foster or adoptive homes.

The Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline – Toll Free, 24 hours a day

Phone: 1 (800) 422-4453

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

The Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline is dedicated to the prevention of child abuse. Serving the U.S. and Canada, the hotline is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with professional crisis counselors who—through interpreters—provide assistance in over 170 languages. The hotline offers crisis intervention, information, and referrals to thousands of emergency, social service, and support resources. All calls are confidential.

The Office of the Child and Family Ombudsman

Phone: 1 (844) 252-4453

<https://dojmt.gov/enforcement/childrensjustice/>

Email: dojombudsman@mt.gov

About: The Ombudsman is an independent, impartial, and confidential resource to Montana citizens in the Office of the Child and Family Ombudsman. The Child and Family Ombudsmen duties include: reviewing requests involving the Child and Family Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services, supporting best practices in working with children and families, and providing education on how best to protect and serve Montana children and families.

Child Support Services (CSSD)

Address: CSSD Central Mail Unit

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PO Box 202943, Helena, MT 59620

Phone: (406) 655-5500 (Billings Office)

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/cssd/Contacts>

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.

Healthy Montana Kids (HMK)

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/hmk/>

Eligibility questions, call the Public Assistance Helpline (888) 706-1535

Healthy Montana Kids (HMK), Children's Health Insurance Plan is just one of many Montana Healthcare Programs offering a free or low-cost health insurance plan which provides coverage to eligible Montana children up to age 19.

Human Resources Development Council (HRDC) District 7

Address: 7 N 31st, Billings, MT 59101

Phone: (406) 247-4732

Email: info@hrdc7.org

About: At HRDC, we envision a world in which individuals don't have to choose between heating their homes or feeding their families, where jobs pay a living wage and homes are affordable, where children receive early learning to promote healthy development, and all community members are provided equal opportunity, free from economic barriers, to achieve their full human potential. HRDC delivers programs and supportive services which encourage self-sufficiency and community collaboration for the betterment of Montana's most disadvantaged. We do this through our promise of community action. We believe community action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities and makes Montana a better place to live.

Montana Milestones Part C Early Intervention

Early Intervention Supervisor: Sandy Cade

Phone: (406) 522-2261

Email: scade@mt.gov

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/ecfsd/childcare/montanamilestones/index>

Comprehensive system of early intervention services and supports for families who have infants or toddlers, from birth through three who have significant developmental delays or disabilities or have been diagnosed with an established condition associated with significant delays in development.

Disability

Blind and Low Vision Services

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Physical address: 111 North Last Chance Gulch, Suite 4 Helena, MT 59604

Mailing address: PO Box 4210 Helena, MT 59604-4210

Phone: (877) 296-1197 (Toll free) or (406) 444-2590 (Voice/TTY)

Fax: (406) 444-3632

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/detd/blvs>

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am-5:00 pm

Our mission is to advance work and independence for Montanans with blindness or visual disabilities. Blind and Low Vision Services provides services through three programs to assist individuals in finding or maintaining employment, learning to live with low vision or blindness, and increasing independence. These programs are (1) Vocational Rehabilitation, (2) Business Enterprise Program, and (3) Older Blind.

Email: vrinfo@mt.gov

Montana Association for the Blind

Address: 1802 W Park Ave Anaconda, MT 59711

Phone: 406-442-9411

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

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am-12:00pm

The mission of the Montana Association for the Blind is to promote the economic and social self-sufficiency of blind Montanans through the facilitation of quality education, learning, training, and employment services and opportunities, and to foster a positive understanding of blindness.

Email: madadmin@madsop.org

Disability Rights Montana

Address: 1022 Chestnut Street, Helena, MT 59601

Email: advocate@disabilityrightsmt.org

Toll Free: 1-800-245-4743

Voice: (406) 449-2344

<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.

Montana Developmental Disabilities Program (DDP) Region 3

Regional Manager: Stephanie Marquis

Physical Address: 2121 Rosebud Dr. Suite H Billings, MT 59102

Phone: (406) 259-8122

Fax: (406) 652-1895

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/dsd/developmentaldisabilities>

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Services provided to eligible persons through the Developmental Disabilities Program are available at no cost to individuals of any age. Many kinds of services are offered through providers in communities or self-directed options. This support is separate from other assistance that is provided through schools, Medicaid, private insurance, Social Security, and other sources.

Ability Montana

Address: 825 Great Northern Blvd, Suite 105, Helena, MT 59601

Phone: 1 (800) 735-6457 (Toll Free) or (406) 442-5755 (Voice/TTY)

Email: getinvolved@abilitymt.org

<https://abilitymt.org/>

Ability Montana (Ability Montana) is a nonprofit and one of four Centers of Independent Living (CIL) in the state of Montana. Ability Montana's mission is to promote independence and advocate for people living with disabilities.

Montana Telecommunications Access Program (MTAP)

Physical Address: 111 North Last Chance Gulch, 4C, Helena, MT 59604

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4210 Helena, MT 59604-4210

Phone: 1 (800) 833-8503 (voice/TTY)

<http://montanarelay.mt.gov/index.shtml>

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

Provides no-cost phone equipment to those who are deaf, hard of hearing, have a speech or mobility disability.

Email: relay@mt.gov

Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services

Address: 2121 Rosebud Dr, Ste C Billings, MT 59102

Toll Free: 888-279-7532

Phone/ Voice/TTY: (406)-248-4801

Email: vrinfo@mt.gov

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/detd/vocrehab>

Mission Statement: Montana Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services promotes opportunities for Montanans with disabilities to have rewarding careers and achieve maximum personal potential.

Living Independently for Today and Tomorrow (LIFTT)

Address: 1201 Grand Ave Suite # 1, Billings, MT 59102

Phone: (406)-259-5181

<https://liftt.org/>

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Mission Statement: Living Independently for Today & Tomorrow, Inc. is a Montana non-profit organization committed to empowering persons with disabilities to live freely and equally in Southeastern Montana through the provision of independent living services which reduce societal barriers.

Financial

Billings Job Service

Address: 2121 Rosebud Dr. Ste. B, Billings, MT 59102

Phone: (406) 652-3080

Email: BillingsJSC@mt.gov

<https://montanaworks.gov/job-service-montana/#billings>

Montana government job service helps people find jobs and training. Vets are especially invited to stop by.

Stillwater Economic Development Department

Director, Stephanie Ray

Address: West Annex 431 Quarry Rd, Columbus, MT 59019

Mailing Address: PO Box 1287 Columbus, MT 59019

Phone: (406) 322-8050

Fax: (406) 322-8028

Stillwater Community Grant Application:

<https://www.stillwatercountymt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/342/SWC-Community-Grant-Application-2021-041421-cb-PDF?bidId=>

Stillwater Community Grant Parameters:

<https://www.stillwatercountymt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/340/GRANT-PARAMETERS-2021-SWC-Community-Grant-cover-sheet-FAQ-PDF?bidId=>

Stillwater Office of Finance

Physical address: West Annex 431 Quarry Road, Columbus, MT 59019

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 795 Columbus, MT 59019

Phone: (406) 322-8014

Finance assists with the planning, organizing, directing, and coordinating activities to include the following: general accounting, payroll, cash management, grant reporting and monitoring. We provide information and assistance to all County Departments, Elected Officials, and the general public.

Montana Department of Revenue

Field Office Address: 444 North 9th St, Suite 2, Columbus, MT 59019

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Mailing Address: PO Box 359 Columbus, MT 59019

Email: DORPADRedLodge@mt.gov

<http://revenue.mt.gov/home>

Assists Montanan taxpayers and businesses with tax forms, instructions, and records. The Department of Revenue serves Montana by providing high-quality services, ensuring equity and fairness, and constantly improving efficiency.

Office of Public Assistance

Physical and Mailing Address: 111 N. 31st St. Billings, MT 59101

Public Helpline: 888-706-1535

<https://www.stillwatercountymt.gov/government/departments-staff/office-public-assistance>

The division provides cash assistance, employment training, supplemental nutrition assistance (formerly food stamps), Medicaid, child care, meal reimbursement, nutrition training, energy assistance, weatherization, and other services to help families move out of poverty and toward self-support.

Email: hhshcsopayellowstone@mt.gov

Stillwater County Chamber of Commerce

Physical address: 565 N 9th St. #50 Columbus, MT 59019

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 783 Columbus, MT 59019

Phone: (406)-322-4505

www.stillwatercountychamber.com

The purpose of The Stillwater County Chamber of Commerce shall be to foster good will among its members, to promote any worthy enterprise that will benefit the communities of Stillwater County, and to enter with and support such area development that will in turn assure better living within these communities. Membership prices varies, and offers free information for tourists.

Hours: Oct-May Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:00pm, June-September Monday-Sunday 8:00am-4:00pm.

Email: admin@stillwatercountychamber.com

Stillwater County Treasurer

Treasurer, Jerry Friend

Physical Address: 400 East 3rd Avenue North Columbus, MT 59019 (M-F 8 am- 5 pm; title work until 4 pm)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 629 North Columbus, MT 59019

Phone: (406) 322-8020

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Email: treasurer@stillwatercountymt.gov

<https://www.stillwatercountymt.gov/government/departments-staff/treasurer>

Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:00am-5:00pm *Title work until 4:30pm, Closed on Holidays

The office is divided into two groups. One deals with motor vehicle matters, including registrations, title transfers and applications, and the issuance of temporary stickers and permits. The other serves as the general office for activities including receipts from taxes, fees and intergovernmental transfers. It also processes disbursements, invests funds, maintains bank accounts, seizes tax delinquent property, handles tax protests, and issues moving permits for mobile homes.

Montana Office of Consumer Protection and Victim Services (OCPVS)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 200151, Helena, MT 59620-0151

Physical Address: 302 N. Roberts Street, Helena, MT 59620 (*located in the basement*)

Email: contactocp@mt.gov

Phone: (406)-444-4500

Toll-Free: 800-481-6898

<https://dojmt.gov/consumer/>

About: The Office of Consumer Protection seeks to protect Montana consumers from, and educate them about, harmful and unfair practices by retail businesses.

USDA Montana Rural Development State Office

Address: 2229 Boot Hill Court, Bozeman, MT 59715

Phone: (406) 585-2587

Business Programs: (406) 309-3350

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/mt>

About: *USDA Rural Development supports rural prosperity in Montana by investing in modern infrastructure such as high-speed internet and water and waste treatment systems. We help eligible rural Montanans buy or rent affordable housing, and we can partner with you to build or improve essential community facilities such as hospitals, libraries, and schools. We boost rural economic development by funding technical assistance for small business owners and entrepreneurs, helping them design robust business plans, find new markets, and promote their goods and services. We also help eligible businesses and manufacturers expand or improve, and we support energy programs that finance renewable systems for agriculture and industry.*

Food

Absarokee Area Food Bank (Food Distribution Center)

Address: 101 S Woodard Ave, Absarokee, MT 59001 (Community Congregational Church)

Phone: (406) 328-4761

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Project Hope Food Pantry

Address: 428 East Pike Ave. Columbus, MT 59019

Phone: (406) 322-8537

Email: projhopecol@gmail.com

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9am-2:30pm; 1st Sat of the Month 12-2:30 pm

Services residents of Stillwater County with a food bank, thrift store, and various outreach programs

Health

Al-Anon Family Group-Absarokee

AA Hotline: 833-800-8553

Meeting address: 101 S. Woodard Ave. Absarokee, MT 59001 (Open Meeting)

<https://www.aa-montana.org/index.php?city=Absarokee>

Meeting time: Wednesday 8:00 pm

To help families of alcoholics. We do this by practicing the Twelve Steps (adapted from Alcoholics Anonymous), by welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics, and by encouraging and understanding the alcoholic. Meeting on Wednesdays at 7pm. Open meetings allow attendance by people who are not only families and friends of alcoholics but who are interested in learning about Al-Anon Family Groups. People who may come to open meetings occasionally include students and professionals who work with alcoholics but do not necessarily feel that they have personally been affected by alcoholism.

Alcoholics Anonymous-Columbus Stillwater Group (Closed group)

AA Hotline: 833-800-8553

205 East 4th St. Columbus, MT 59019

Stillwater Group (closed) Tuesday Meeting Discussion at 8pm at Little Stone Church

<https://www.aa-montana.org/index.php?city=Columbus>

A.A. members to "share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism." Toward this end, A.A. groups have both open and closed meetings. Closed meetings are for A.A. members only, or for those who have a drinking problem and "have a desire to stop drinking."

Columbus Mental Health & Addiction Services

South Central Montana Regional Mental Health Center

Address: 407 A Street Columbus, MT 59019

Phone: (406) 322-4514 or (800) 266-7198 (after hours emergencies)

Fax (406) 322-4515

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<https://www.mhcbillings.org/locations>

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday-Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Prime For Life Classes: Tuesday nights 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for four weeks

Ages Served:

Mental Health services – children, teens and adults

Chemical Dependency services – teens and adults

Environmental Health for Stillwater County

Physical address: West Annex 431 Quarry Road, Columbus, MT 59019

Phone: (406) 322-8055

Fax: (406) 322-8028

<https://www.stillwatercountymt.gov/184/Environmental-Health>

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am-12:00pm, 1:00pm-5:00pm

Environmental Health's mission is to minimize food and water hazards through routine inspections and permitting of wholesale and retail food service establishments, cottage food operations, temporary food services, public accommodations, trailer courts and campgrounds, swimming pools and spas, schools, daycares, and community homes, tattooing and body piercing establishments, and onsite wastewater systems.

Email: Shannon Fisher, Sanitarian in Training, sfisher@stillwatercountymt.gov

Stillwater Billings Clinic

Physical address: 710 N 11th St. Columbus, MT 59019

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 959 Columbus, MT 59019

Phone: (406) 322-1000 (*for appointment scheduling*)

Email: stillwaterinfo@billingsclinic.org

<http://stillwaterbillingsclinic.com/>

Clinic hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm, Sat. 8:00am-12pm

Hospital hours: 24/7

Provides a network of services such as community health, emergency, inpatient nursing care, laboratory, nutrition, outpatient, radiology, rural health clinic, specialty clinics, and therapy.

Ag Worker Health and Services

Address: 3318 3rd Ave N Ste. 200, Billings MT 59101

Phone: (406)-248-3149

<https://agworker.org/>

Mission: *Ag Worker Health & Services provides primary and preventive medical, dental, and behavioral health care services in 4 year-round sites in Billings, Fairview, Dillon & Lolo Montana,*

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and 1 year-round site located in Powell Wyoming. These clinics are operated through the Montana Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Council, Inc. Services are also provided through mobile units and seasonal sites as needed during peak agricultural seasons. We are committed to ensuring that all patients seeking care receive services regardless of ability to pay or insurance status. Our health center continues its commitment to establish and maintain a sliding fee discount program for the medical, dental, and behavioral health services we provide.

Indian Health Services

Address: 2900 4th Ave North, Billings, MT 59101

Phone: (406)-247-7248

<https://www.ihs.gov/billings/>

About: *The Billings Area Indian Health Service office in Billings, Montana, oversees the delivery of public health, environmental health, health care services, and community-based disease prevention services to more than 70,000 American Indian and Alaska Native people in Montana and Wyoming. These services are delivered through seven IHS-operated Service Units, three tribally-operated health departments, and five Urban Indian health programs.*

Legal Services

Stillwater County Attorney

Address: 544 North Diamond St, Columbus, MT 59019

Phone: (406) 322-4333

About: *The County Attorney is the chief legal officer for Stillwater County. The County Attorney is an elected position and serves a 4-year term.*

Stillwater County Clerk and Recorder

Email: hstadel@stillwatercountymt.gov (Heidi Stadel, Clerk & Recorder/Election Administrator)

Address: 400 East 3rd Ave. North Columbus, MT 59019

Phone: (406) 322-8000

Fax: (406) 322-8069

About: *The Clerk and Records office is the keeper of public records.*

Clerk of District Court

Address: 400 East 3rd Ave. North Columbus, MT 59019

Phone: (406) 322-8030

<https://www.stillwatercountymt.gov/government/departments-staff/clerk-district-court>

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am -5:00 pm

Responsible for filing and maintain criminal, civil, domestic, juvenile, probate, guardianship, dependent/neglected youths, mentally ill, paternity and adoption cases. Establish and maintain

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court calendars of trials and hearings, issue marriage licenses, summons, executions, and subpoenas. Attend and record court proceedings, administer oaths to witnesses, take court minutes, court fines, and fees.

Email: mrانstrom@mt.gov (Melissa Ranstrom, Clerk of District Court)

Columbus City Court

Judge: Lee A. Cornell

Clerk: Brooke Wiss

Phone: (406)-322-5313 (ext. 200)

Physical address: 408 East 1st Ave. North Columbus, MT 59019

Mailing address: P.O. Box 549 Columbus, MT 59019

<http://townofcolumbus.com/city-court/>

Hours: Tuesday – Thursday - 8:00am – 5:00 pm, closed 12-1pm,

Dealing with violation of ordinances, traffic violations, paying tickets, pet/animal licensing, speeding/stop-sign violations. This court handles misdemeanors only.

Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (DSVS)

Stillwater Office Address: 565 N 9th St, Suite 30, Columbus, MT 59019

Mailing address: P.O. Box 314 Red Lodge, MT 59068

Phone: (406) 446-2296

Helpline: (406) 425-2222

<http://dsvsmontana.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/DSVSMT>

Office hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am-5:00pm

With immediate assistance and solutions, DSVS is there for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. We serve all of Carbon and Stillwater Counties. Our services include: Crisis intervention, Emergency shelter and transport, SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse's Examination) Transport, Hospital, law enforcement, and court accompaniment and advocacy, Assistance in applying for orders of protection and for crime victim compensation, Individual support for adults, and for children, Assistance with parenting plans and immigration issues related to domestic or sexual violence and free therapy services to victims.

Email: info@dsvsmontana.org

Stillwater County Victim Witness Advocate

Tammie Mullikin and Lari Shank

<https://www.stillwatercountymt.gov/249/Victim-Witness-Advocate>

About: The Office of Victim Services (OVS): Seeks to elevate the status of victims and their rights; Serves as a central reference point for victims of crime, and offers information and referrals; and provides training and information for those who work with victims, including law

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enforcement, victim advocates, probation and parole workers, and local community organizations.

Montana Family Transition Project

Phone: (406) 543-8343 extension 207

Email: mediate@mtlsa.org

The Montana Family Transition Project offers you the chance to decide what's next for your family, instead of going to court and having a judge decide. A trained professional mediator will help you and your co-parent talk through the issues and make a plan that will work for your lives. You can also get legal advice from an attorney and help calculating child support, all at no cost to you. Both parties need to participate.

To qualify, you and the other party must:

- *need a parenting plan or divorce*
- *Have at least one child*
- *Have a case in a Montana court or be planning to file in Montana*

At least one of you must

- *Not have a lawyer*
- *Meet certain income requirements*

Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA)

Address: 207 N Broadway Ste. 430, Billings, MT 59101

Toll Free Helpline: 1-800-666-6899

Email: helpline@mtlsa.org

Apply Online: www.mtlsa.org

About: *Provides civil, non-criminal legal services to low income Montanans living in all 56 Montana counties and on all Tribal Reservations to increase access to justice for all Montanans, regardless of income or geographic location.*

Other resources they offer:

- <https://www.askkarla.org/> (Online question and answer platform where the public can ask questions to volunteer attorneys)
- <https://www.montanalawhelp.org/> (Free legal information and forms for the public)
- <https://www.mtcrimevictimhelp.org/> (Connecting crime victims with legal help and supportive services)

Montana Innocence Project (MTIP)

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About: *It is the mission of the Montana Innocence Project to free the innocent and unjustly incarcerated, and advocate for systems of justice that are accurate, accountable, and fair for all. MTIP was founded in 2008 and is based in the Alexander Blewett III School of Law at the University of Montana. MTIP achieves its mission through a combination of advocacy, pro bono legal representation, and education. To learn more, visit mtinnocenceproject.org*

State Bar of Montana

Address: 33 S. Last Chance Gulch Suite 1B, P.O. Box 577, Helena, Montana 59624

Phone: (406) 442-7660

Email: mailbox@montanabar.org

Find a lawyer: <https://www.licensedlawyer.org/mt>

<https://www.montanabar.org/For-the-Public/Legal-Resources-FAQs>

Yellowstone County Court Self-Help Program

Physical Address: 216 29th Street Billings, MT 5911

Phone: (406) 869-3531 or (406) 869-3532

Email: yellowstonecountyselfhelp@mt.gov

<http://www.courts.mt.gov/selfhelp/default.mcp>

Hours: *Due to staff shortage, **appointments are required** for in-person services, please call or email to schedule an appointment. Remote services remain available through the same contacts.*

About: The Self-Help Law Program (SHLP) of the Montana Supreme Court Office of the Court Administrator assists self-represented litigants and other people in finding legal information, forms and other resources.

Legal Services Developer Program

Physical Address: 1100 North Last Chance Gulch PO Box 4210 Helena, MT 59604

Phone: (406) 444-4077

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/sltc/aging/legalservicesdeveloper>

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm

The Legal Services Developer in the Office on Aging provides - among other resources - develops pro bono and local legal services referrals, training materials and telephone assistance to seniors on related matters. As well as legal document clinics across the state designed to draft estate planning documents (such as Wills and Durable Power of Attorney's) with Montana's older adult population and enrolled Tribal Members.

Juvenile Probation

Physical Address: 400 East 3rd Avenue North Columbus, MT 59019

Mailing Address: PO Box 1417 Columbus, MT 59019

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Phone: (406)-322-8045

Fax: (406)-322-8046

About: *The Youth Services Division of the Department of Corrections includes Community Transition Centers, Juvenile Parole, Pine Hills Youth Correctional Facility, Riverside Youth Correctional Facility, Fiscal Specialists, Juvenile Interstate Compact, and Juvenile Detention Licensing. The unit encompasses a large geographic area and offers varied services. The unit works cooperatively with other divisions within the Department of Corrections and with other state agencies. This is a State Office, located on the first floor of the Courthouse.*

Stillwater County Justice Court

Justice of the Peace, Lee Cornell

Head Clerk, Kaity Williams (stillwaterjcc@mt.gov)

Physical Address: 400 East 3rd Avenue North Columbus, MT 59019 (*Located on the third floor of the Courthouse in the northeast corner*)

Phone: (406) 322-8040

Fax: (406) 322-8048

Initial Appearances: Mon & Wed at 9 am

Native American Services

Helena Indian Alliance

Address: 501 Euclid Ave. Helena, MT 59601

Phone: (406) 449-5796 (24/7)

<https://hia-mt.org/>

We are a Federally Qualified Health Center providing primary care and mental health services for the entire Helena community. We are an Urban Indian Health Center. At Helena Indian Alliance, you'll find affordable, quality care, regardless of enrollment in a federally recognized tribe. Helena Indian Alliance is open to all.

Make an appointment today: <https://hia-mt.org/contact-us>

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Defenders Office

About: *The mission of the Tribal Defenders Office is to provide a requisite balance of quality legal representation to Indian criminal defendants in the prosecution of criminal cases within the courts of the Tribal system and State system. For more information, visit:*

<https://csktribes.org/index.php/judicial/tribal-defenders>

Senior Services

Adult Protective Services (APS) South Central Region

Stillwater County Specialist, James Dahl: (406) 426-0089

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Regional Office: 935 Lake Elmo, Suite C, Billings, MT 59105

Phone: (406)-839-4156

APS Toll-Free Intake Line: 1 (844) 277-9300

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/SLTC/aps/>

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

Area II Agency on Aging

Stillwater Commission Representative, Jeff Ruffatto: jruffatto@stillwatercountymt.gov

Address: 1502 4th St W. PO Box 127, Roundup, MT59072

Phone: (406) 323-1320

Toll Free: 1 (800) 551-3139

Email: Areatwo@middrivers.com

<http://www.area2aging.org/>

About: Area II Agency on Aging has partnered with the Senior and Long Term Care Division of the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services to provide Information and Assistance (also known as Information and Referral) Services to our service area. Our Information and Assistance (I&A) Technicians are available to help senior citizens, adults with disabilities, their families and caregivers with information about services as well as to refer people to the appropriate service programs and agencies.

Carbon/Stillwater Community and Senior Programs (CSCS)

Address: PO Box 197, 110 E Central Ave, Joliet, MT 59041

Phone: (406) 962-3800

Email: cscsprogramsgmail.com

<https://columbuscommunityfoundation.org/about/carbon-stillwater-community-senior-programs-cscs-programs>

About: CSCS Programs provides multiple programs to assist aging and disabled persons. Serving all of Carbon and Stillwater counties, CSCS Programs provides access and direct services that will assist our clients' independence to live a life with dignity and respect within our communities. CSCS Programs helps individuals, families, and caregivers with many Senior issues through the Information & Assistance services. A comprehensive solution may involve several referrals addressing needs such as food assistance, utility assistance, Medicare/Medicaid help, Social Security assistance, or other non-long-term care needs.

Columbus Senior Citizens Center

Contact: Rhonda Golden (mgolden27@msn.com)

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Address: 620 Palladium Place Columbus, MT 59019

Mailing address: P.O. Box 655 Columbus, MT 59019

Phone: (406) 322-4287

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am -2:00pm

About: Our Senior Center serves Columbus and the surrounding area of Stillwater County. The Center provides nutritious and tasty meals Monday through Friday at noon in our spacious and clean building. Our volunteers deliver meals free to the homes of members that cannot make it to the center through our Meals on Wheels program. We offer a monthly blood pressure clinic, exercise sessions twice per week and jam sessions once per month. We have a weekly bridge group and a monthly bingo party. We serve fresh hot cinnamon rolls and coffee every Wednesday morning. The Senior Center provides special birthday dinners, holiday activities, and a special veterans day dinner and recognition. We also recognize Mothers and Fathers DAY and we even sponsor a Halloween Dress Up Contest.

Montana Legal Services Association

616 Helena Ave #100, Helena, MT 59601

Phone: (800) 666-6899

Website: www.mtlsa.org

MLSA is a federally and privately funded nonprofit organization that provides non-criminal legal aid to low-income people throughout Montana. Residents seeking civil legal help can contact MLSA via phone, online, or walk-in to request free information, advice, and/or representation.

Thanks to a grant from the federal Administration for Community Living (ACL), Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA) currently has more resources to address the civil legal needs of elderly Montanans. MLSA civil legal assistance helps vulnerable elderly people address a wide range of civil legal problems, including financial exploitation, debt and consumer issues housing issues, and abuse.

The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program (Area II)

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/sltc/aging/longtermcareombudsman>

Helpline: 1(800)-332-2272 (only available during normal business hours)

The Long Term Care Ombudsman program works on behalf of residents in long term care facilities and Assisted Living facilities. Ombudsman help residents in long term care

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living facilities and their families and friends understand and exercise the rights they are guaranteed by law.

Stillwater Senior Citizens Center

Physical Address: 7 South Woodard Ave. Absarokee, MT 59001 (or 6 N Woodard Ave, Absarokee, MT 59001)

Phone: (406) 328-4869

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/548322357076917/>

About: We provide a variety of services dedicated to the Senior members of the Absarokee community. We serve lunches Monday thru Thursday and they are available through the Meals on Wheels program, carry out, or at the Senior Center. While the Meals on Wheels program is for those meeting certain qualifying criteria, carry out and onsite meals are available to all. Our onsite meal is served at 12 noon. We request that you call us before 9 a.m. to reserve your carry out meal or a spot for lunch at the Senior Center. Monthly menu will be posted here or you can request one be sent to you each month. Call Michelle or Jason at (406)328-4869 with any questions you may have or PM us here. We also have BINGO! every other Wednesday. If you need a meeting space or spot to host your small event, we may be able to help.

Veterans

Columbus American Legion

Physical Address: 34 Countryman Creek Rd, Columbus, MT 59019

Phone: (406) 322-8699

<http://mtlegion.org/>

American Legion Department of Montana

Physical Address: 1956 Mt. Majo Ft. Harrison, MT 59636

Phone: (406) 324-3989

Email: deptmtadjutant@gmail.com

<http://mtlegion.org/>

Mission: To enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military, and our communities by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Montana Veterans Affairs

Address: 1956 Mt. Majo St., PO Box 4789 Fort Harrison, MT 59636

Phone: (406) 324-3742

Crisis Text Line: Text MT to 741-741

Email: MVAD@mt.gov

<https://dma.mt.gov/mvad/>

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Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am-5:00 pm

Provides general services, assistance, and resource referrals for veterans and their families.

VFW-Columbus Post 4762

Quartermaster: Jerry Davdelin

Commander: Ric Brayley

Meeting Location: 132 N. Pratten Columbus, MT 59019 (*2nd Monday of the Month, 6 pm*)

Mailing Address: PO Box 223 Columbus MT 59019

Phone: (406) 322-8688

<https://www.vfw.org/find-a-post>

24/7 Veteran Crisis Hotline

Phone: Dial 988 then press 1

Text: 838255

Helpline Support for Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Dial 711 then 1-800-273-8255

Chat Online: <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help-now/chat/>

www.veterancrisisline.net

State Veterans Cemetery

Phone: (406) 324-3742

Bureau Chief: (406) 721-2995

Email: MVADcemeteries@mt.gov

State Veterans Benefits

Phone: (406) 324-3742

Bureau Chief: (406) 721-2995

Email: MVAD@mt.gov

Women's Resources

Columbus WIC Clinic

Address: 407 North A St. Columbus, MT 59019

Phone: (406) 247-3370 (To make an appointment)

<https://riverstonehealth.org/healthy-families/women-infants-children-wic/>

Hours: 9:30 am – 12:00pm, 1:00pm – 3:15pm, on the 3rd Wednesday/Monthly

WIC is a supplemental food and nutrition education program for women, infants, and children that meet income eligibility guidelines. This program provides foods high in nutrients that are necessary for health in women, infants, and children. It also provides nutrition education for the individuals and families participating in WIC. Stillwater WIC offers one clinic per month. WIC

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appointments are scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday. Immunizations are offered to WIC clients during that time.

Montana Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

Address: PO Box 818 Helena, MT 59624

Phone: (406) 443-7794

Toll Free: (888)-404-7794

Email: mtcoalition@mcadsv.com

<https://www.mcadsv.com/>

Vision and Mission: *We are a coalition of individuals and organizations working together to uproot violence and oppression in order to end domestic and sexual violence in Montana. We envision a Montana that honors individual dignity and celebrates diversity, equality, and peace. We seek to inspire, engage, mobilize!*

YWCA Billings

Address: 909 Wyoming Ave, Billings, MT 59101

Phone: (406) 252-6303

24-Hour Help Line: (406) 245-4472

24-Hour Text Line: (406) 702-0229

Email: info@ywcabillings.org

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

Mission: *YWCA Billings is dedicated to saving and changing lives. We offer women and children safe shelter, and affordable housing with transitional services that offer a hand up rather than a hand out—helping people gain solid footing and break out of the cycles of violence and poverty. We are also committed to YWCA USA’s mission to eliminate racism, empower women and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.*

YWCA Missoula

Address: 1800 S 3rd St W, Missoula, MT 59801

Phone: (406) 543-6691

About: YWCA Missoula opens doors to opportunity and self-sufficiency for women and families facing poverty, violence and discrimination. With over 110 years of experience, the YWCA is the leading organization in Missoula for moving women and families out of crisis and empowering them to achieve lasting independence. Find more information at

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

Other

Montana Fair Housing

Address: 519 E. Front St. Butte, MT 59701 (8:30-4:30 M-F)

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Phone: (406) 782-2573

Toll Free: 1-800-929-2611

<http://www.montanafairhousing.org>

Montana Fair Housing investigates allegations of discrimination in housing, counsels victims of discrimination, and facilitates both the state and federal complaint process. They also assist victims of housing discrimination, under specific circumstances, in securing the representation of counsel when the filing of a complaint in court is deemed the best option.

Email: inquiry@montanafairhousing.org

Stillwater County Library

Physical Address: 27 4th St, Columbus, MT 59019 Phone: (406) 322-5009

Fax: (406) 322-8071

<https://stillwatercountylibrary.org/>

Hours: Mon-Fri: 9 am – 6:30 pm, Fri: 9 am – 5:30 pm, Sat: 10 am – 4 pm, Sun: Closed

The Stillwater County Library is a full-service public library located in south-central Montana. Books, audiobooks, DVDs, CDs, and magazines are available for checkout. Newspapers, public access computers, free wi-fi, printing, copying, and faxing services are available in the library.

Stillwater MSU Extension Office

Extension Agent, Ryan Noack: ryan.noack@montana.edu

Physical Address: 17 North 4th St. Columbus, MT 59019

Phone: (406) 322-8035

<https://www.montana.edu/extension/stillwater/>

Extension means reach out and "extending" resources, solving public needs with university resources through non-formal, not credit program. Stillwater County Extension staff is proud to provide: 4-H and Youth Development, Agriculture and Horticulture, Natural Resources, Community and Economic Development, Family and Consumer Science, and more.

Email: stillwater@montana.edu

Montana 211

Website: Montana211.org is a mobile friendly website that can be easily searched for your city's non-profit and government services. Search by organization name or keyword, based on the services you need.

Phone: The 2-1-1 phone number works in some areas of Montana at this time. When dialing 2-1-1 in those areas a trained resource specialist will help you navigate the services in your area.

About: *Montana 2-1-1 is a free, easy-to-remember phone number connecting callers with health and human services in their community. Information and Referral is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week throughout the year. The website is available to anyone with internet access across*

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the state. If you are calling from outside of Montana, or have technical difficulties when dialing 2-1-1 from your cell phone, voice-over-IP, or office location, please check the website for resources at montana211.org for contact information in your area.

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