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Child Services

Child & Family Services

North Central Region II
2300 12th Ave. South Ste. 211
Great Falls, MT 59405
(406) 727-7746
(406) 268-3788 (Fax)

*Serving these counties: Blaine, Cascade, Chouteau, Hill, **Liberty**, Petroleum, Fergus, and Judith Basin. Provides state and Federal Mandated Protective services to protect children who are at risk of being abused, neglected or abandoned and strives to assure that all children have a family who will protect them from harm.*

Family Connections MT

Great Falls: Region 5 office
202 2nd Ave S Suite 201
Great Falls MT 59405
406.761.6010
800.696.4503
Fax: 406.453.8976
Connects families to childcare resources.

Child Support Services Division

1-800-346-5473
CSSD Central Mail Unit
PO Box 202943
Helena, MT 59620
CSSD provides the following services: locating parents, establishing paternity, establishing financial and medical support orders, enforcing child support orders including medical support orders, modifying child support orders.

Head Start/Early Head Start (Northern Montana Child Development Center)

2229 5th Ave.
Havre, MT 59501
(406) 265-6743
<https://hrdc4.org/northern-montana-child-development-center/>
Northern Montana Child Development Center (NMCDC) Head Start and Early Head Start is a no-cost, comprehensive program serving primarily low-income expectant families and families with children ages 0 to 5 years old in Hill, Blaine, and Liberty Counties.

State Child Abuse Hotline

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(866) 820-5437

The Children's Division Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline accepts confidential reports of suspected child abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Reports are received through a toll-free telephone line which is answered seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Division-Children

(406) 444-5978

The Office of Child and Family Ombudsman (OCFO)

1-844-25-4453

<https://dojmt.gov/enforcement/specialservices/ocfo-home/>

OCFO value the safety of children and shall provide the resources necessary to train and assist those who protect them. The mission of OCFO is to work to prevent child abuse and neglect and increase safety, well-being and permanency for Montana's children through fair and just advocacy, education, outreach and investigation.

Disabilities

Blind and Low Vision Services

201 1st St. South, Ste. 2

Great Falls, MT 59405

(406) 454-6060 Or (888) 279-7527

(406) 454-6080 (TTY)

(406) 454-6084 (Fax)

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/detd/blvs/blvs-vr>

The vocational rehabilitation program provides services to assist individuals with visual disabilities or blindness find or maintain employment or function as a homemaker.

Developmental Disabilities Program- Region II Office

201 1st St. South Ste. 3

Great Falls, MT 59405

(406) 454-6085

(406) 454-6082 (Fax)

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/BHDD/DisabilityServices/developmentaldisabilities/DevelopmentalDisabilitiesRegionalOffices>

The organization provides case management, support services, and waiver services, including: skills training, residential, community inclusion and employment support based on the person's assessed level of needs.

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North Central Independent Living Services (NCILS)

1120 25th Ave. NE

Black Eagle, MT 59414

(800) 823-6245

<https://ncils.org/>

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These CILs do not offer places to live at the centers; however, they provide services to anyone with a disability including children, students, middle-aged adults and people who are elderly.

Vocational Rehabilitation

48 2nd St. Ste. 213

Havre, MT 59501

(406) 265-6933 or (877) 296-1294

(406) 265-9271 (Fax)

Provides services to individuals with a physical or mental disability to aid them in entering or returning to employment.

Financial

Office of Public Assistance- Havre

48 Second Avenue Suite 200

Havre, MT 59501

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8 am- 5 pm

Telephone: 1-888-706-1535

Provides SNAP, TANF, LIEAP and other government assistance

Food

Human Resources Development Council (HDRC) Food Bank

453 7th Ave. North

Havre, MT

(406) 265-2007

*Hours: M, T, Th, F from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Serving Blaine, Hill, and **Liberty** Counties*

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Office of Public Assistance

48 Second Avenue Suite 200

Havre, MT 59501

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8 am- 5 pm

Telephone: 1-888-706-1535

Provides SNAP, TANF, LIEAP and other government assistance

www.dphhs.mt.gov

Supplemental food assistance for low-income families and individuals

WIC Retailers

Chester Supermarket

1498 US Highway 2

Chester, MT 59522

(406) 759-5538.

Chester Mail-A-Meal Drop Site

618 W Jefferson Avenue

Chester, MT 59522

(406) 759-5174

Group of churches provides meals to people in the Chester community. This number takes people to a law office that can direct people to the church that

Health

Golden Triangle AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)

Calvary Evangelical Church

115 2nd Street Northeast

Rudyard, MT

Healthy Montana Kids

Office of Public Assistance

48 2nd Ave. Ste. 200

Havre, MT 59501

Telephone: 1-888-706-1535

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

Healthy Montana Kids (HMK), Children's Health Insurance Plan offers a free or low-cost health insurance plan providing coverage to eligible Montana children up to age 19. Covered services include medical, dental, eyeglasses, and other related services. Medical benefits are

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administered through the Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) of Montana Provider Network, except for Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, dental, pharmacy, eyeglasses, ambulance, durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and medical supplies (DMEPOS) and Community Based Psychiatric Rehabilitation and Support Services which are administered by Montana Healthcare Programs. Treatments and services must be medically necessary and the member must be enrolled at the time the service is delivered.

Logan Health- Chester

315 West Madison

Chester, MT 59522

(Clinic) or (406) 759-5181 (Hospital)

<https://www.logan.org/logan-health-chester/>

Housing

Human Resources Development Council (HDRC)

District 4

2229 5th Ave.

Havre, MT 59501

(406) 265-6743 or (800) 640-6743

Section 8 rentals and other housing options for low income families, energy assistance program (LIEAP)

Legal

Citizen Advocate Office

(406) 444-3468 or (800) 332-2272

Liberty County Attorney

PO Box 683

110 E. Jefferson

Chester, MT 59522

(406) 759-5174

<https://www.libertycountymt.gov/attorney>

rpadmos@libertycountymt.gov

Liberty County Clerk and Recorder

111 1st Street East

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Chester, MT 59522

(406) 759-5365

clerk@libertycountymt.gov

<https://www.libertycountymt.gov/clerk-and-recorder>

Liberty County Clerk of Court

111 1st Street East

Chester, MT 59522

(406) 759-5615

aseidlitzmelton@mt.gov

<https://www.libertycountymt.gov/clerk-of-court>

Liberty County Justice of the Peace

111 1st Street East

Chester, MT 59522

(Lower level of the Courthouse)

(406) 759-5213

christopher.case@mt.gov

Open MWF from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

<https://www.libertycountymt.gov/justice-of-the-peace>

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*

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- *Meet certain income requirements*

Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA)

616 Helena Ave. #100

Helena, MT 59601

(800) 666-6899

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

No cost legal advice and representation, referrals, and self-help clinics relating to civil legal matters for low-income individuals

Office of Consumer Protection

302 N. Roberts Street

Helena, MT 59620

Located in the basement

Toll-Free: 800-481-6896

Phone: 406-444-4500

Facsimile: 406-444-5275

E-mail: contactocp@mt.gov

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

Crime Victim's Advocate

Amy Jacques: 406.759.8255

voca@libertycountymt.gov

Stephanie Hurley: 406.450-0335

shurley@libertycountymt.gov

Montana Innocence Project

(406) 243-6698

<https://mtinnocenceproject.org/>

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.

Senior

Adult Protective Services

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201 1st St South Suite 3

Great Falls MT 59405

Cell: (406) 836-1866

Fax: (406) 268-7964

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

Investigates reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation of seniors and individuals who have disabilities.

North Central Area Agency on Aging

600 S. Main St. Ste. 4

Conrad, MT. 59425

Phone: 406-271-7553

Toll Free Phone: 1-800-551-3191

<https://www.ponderacountymontana.org/aaa>

*Serving these counties/reservations: Blaine, Blackfeet, Chouteau, Fort Belknap, Glacier, **Liberty**, Pondera, Teton, Toole*

Liberty County Community and Senior Center

PO Box 13

618 E. Adams Ave.

Chester, MT 59522

(406) 759-5244

<https://www.libertycountymt.gov/senior-center>

center@itstriangle.com

Activities, meals, and transportation services for seniors

Social Security Administration

123 5th Avenue

Havre, MT 59501

1-877-583-4114

TTY: 1-800-877-8339

Hours: Tuesday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

State Long Term Care Ombudsman

1-800-332-2272

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

*Provides help for residents in long term care living facilities to understand and exercise their legal rights. Serving the following counties: Blaine, Chouteau, Glacier, Hill, **Liberty**, Pondera, Teton, Toole*

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Logan Health Assisted Living- Chester

111 6th Street West

PO Box 400

Chester, MT 59522

(406) 759-5787

Logan Health Assisted Living Chester (formerly Wheat Country Estate), is a modern 18-bed facility where care services are provided 24 hours a day in accordance with the individual needs of the residents. Assistance with personal care includes supervision in self-medication and similar routine activities of daily living.

Legal Services Developer Program, Aging Services

(406) 444-7787

Montana AAA Legal Services in the Office on Aging provides - among other resources - pro bono and local legal services referrals, training materials and telephone assistance to seniors on related matters together with legal clinics across the state designed to assist with documents (such as Wills and advanced directives) common in the senior population.

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.

Transportation

Liberty County Transit (Bus Service)

(406) 759-5244

Provides transportation to Shelby, Havre, and Great Falls

Liberty County Road Department

1354 3360 Rd. South

Chester, MT 59522

(406) 759-5623

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road@co.liberty.mt.gov

Veterans

Great Falls Vet Center

615 2nd Ave. North

Great Falls, MT 59401

(406) 452-9048

Open Monday-Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

<https://www.va.gov/great-falls-vet-center/>

We offer confidential help for Veterans, service members, and their families at no cost in a non-medical setting. Our services include counseling for needs such as depression, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and the psychological effects of military sexual trauma (MST). We can also connect you with more support in VA and your community.

Montana Veterans' Affairs Division

232 1st St. West

Havre, MT 59501

(406) 265-4225 or (877) 265-8387

VA Clinics

8 2nd Ave. SE

Cut Bank, MT 59427

(406) 873-9047

1400 29th Street South, Suite 1

Great Falls, MT 59405

(406) 771-5800

Mental Health Care: (406) 447-6000

1753 US Highway 2, Northwest, Suite 3

Havre, MT 59501-3463

(406) 265-4304

Mental Health Care: (406) 447-6000

Women's Resources

Hi-Lines Help for Abused Spouses

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault 24-Hour Crisis and Support Hotline

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1(800) 219-7336

To report a possible case of child abuse or neglect

1 (866) 820-5437

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

*Non-profit organization serving victims of abuse in these north central Montana counties: Chouteau, Glacier, **Liberty**, Pondera, Teton, and Toole*

Hi-Line Pregnancy Resource Center

315 1st St

(406) 265-3255

Havre, MT 59501

Open Monday-Thursday: 10:00am – 4:00pm.

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

This non-profit provides client support, pregnancy tests, education programs, and adoption referrals.

Human Resources Development Council (HDRC)

District 4

2229 5th Ave.

Havre, MT 59501

(406) 265-6743

Toll Free: 1(800) 640-6743

Email: reception@hrdc4.org

*Provides services to victims of domestic abuse, including shelter, help with orders of protection, and education and intervention classes to Montanans in Blaine, Hill, and **Liberty** Counties*

Planned Parenthood Great Falls

Phone: (406) 454-3431

Fax: (406) 454-3433

211 9th Street South

Great Falls, MT 59405

<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/health-center/montana/great-falls/59405/planned-parenthood-great-falls-2442-90790>

Planned Parenthood delivers vital reproductive health care, sex education, and information to millions of women, men, and young people worldwide.

Other

Montana State University-Liberty County Extension

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(406) 759-5625

(406) 759-5996 (Fax)

PO Box 607

111 1st St. East

Chester, MT 59522

jlf@montana.edu

<https://www.montana.edu/extension/liberty/About.html>

An educational resource providing information on agriculture, gardening, food preservation, financial management and other topics.

Liberty County Fire Department (Chester-West Liberty Volunteer Fire Department)

710 W. Monroe Ave.

Chester, MT 59522

(406) 759-5743

For emergencies dial 911

Liberty County Library

PO Box 458

110 E. 1st St.

Chester, MT 59522

(406) 759-5445

<https://www.libertycountymt.gov/library>

Email: library@libertycountymt.gov

Hours: The library is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Liberty County Museum

230 2nd St. East

Chester, MT 59522

(406) 759-5256 (Summer)

Opens June 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday

Closes Middle of August through May.

<https://www.libertycountymt.gov/museum>

Liberty County Sheriff's Office

111.5 East Adams Ave.

Chester, MT 59522

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 170

(406) 759-5171

<https://www.libertycountymt.gov/sheriff>

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Email: sheriff@libertycountymt.gov

For emergencies dial 911

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