

Sweet Grass County Resource Guide 2020

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Child Services

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) - Human Resources Development Council

Physical Address: 7 North 31st Street Billings, MT 59101 (Serving Sweet Grass County)

Phone: (406) 247-4700

childcare@hrdc7.org

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/ChildCare/CACFP>

<https://www.hrdc7.org>

Provides reduction in costs of child care and ensuring that children have healthy meals.

Application necessary.

Child and Family Services

Physical Address: 115 West 5th Street - Annex Building Rooms 4 and 6 Big Timber, MT 59011

Phone: 406-932-5267

Fax: 406-932-3019

<https://sweetgrasscountygov.com/government-departments/other-departments/department-of-family-services/>

Specializing in child protection services, child placement, and family planning.

Child Protection Specialist: Chris Bly, cbly@mt.gov

Child Protection Specialist: Kathi Ellison, kellison@mt.gov

Child Care Assistance Program - HRDC

Physical Address: 7 North 31st Street, Billings, MT 59101 (Serving Sweet Grass County)

Phone: 406-247-4732 or Toll Free 800-433-1411

Fax: 406-248-2943

<https://hrdc7.org/how-we-help/child-care/>

HRDC offers the State of Montana's Best Beginnings scholarship for six counties. Application necessary.

Child Care Referrals – HRDC

Phone: 406-247-4700

Mail applications to: PO Box 2016 Billings, MT 59103, Attention: Child Care Referral Specialist

<https://hrdc7.org/how-we-help/child-care/#Child-Care-Referrals>

Website provides multiple options for child care providers in each region of Montana state.

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Office of Public Assistance

Physical Address: 111 North 31st Street Billings, MT 59101

Phone: 888-706-1535

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/officeofpublicassistance>

Provides food and financial assistance.

The Office of the Child and Family Ombudsman

Phone: 1 (866)-820-5437

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

They value the safety of our 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

Physical address: 111 North Last Chance Gulch, Suite 4C 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

Phone: (406) 442-9411

Email: mabadmin@mabsop.org

Address: 1802 W Park Ave Anaconda, Montana 59711 United States

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

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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.

Disability Rights Montana

Physical and Mailing Address: 1022 Chestnut Street Helena, MT 59601- 0820

Phone: (406) 449-2344

Phone: (800) 245-4743 (Toll free)

Fax: (406) 449-2418

<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.

Email: advocate@disabilityrightsmt.org

Montana Developmental Disabilities Program

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

Phone: (406) 259-8122

Fax: (406) 652-1895

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

Create a system that coordinates resources, supports and services for people to have meaningful lives in their communities.

Montana Independent Living Project

Phone: 406-522-7300

Address: 2015 Charlotte Suite 2 Bozeman, MT 59718

<https://abilitymt.org/>

getinvolved@abilitymt.org

Promoting independence for people 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: (800) 833-8503 (voice/TTY)

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

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 Services

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Physical and Mailing Address: 111 North Last Chance Gulch, 4C, PO Box 4210, Helena, MT 59604-4210

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

Sweet Grass Office

2121 Rosebud Dr, Ste C

Billings, MT 59102

406-248-4801 (voice/TTY)

888-279-7532 (toll-free)

406-652-1781 (fax)

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

To maximize access to in-demand and high-quality careers by Montanans with disabilities seeking dignity through choice, integration, and self-reliance.

Email: vrinfo@mt.gov

Financial

Montana Department of Revenue

Physical address: 444 North 9th St., Suite 2 Columbus, MT 59019

Mailing address: PO Box 359 Columbus, MT 59019-0359

Phone: (406) 780-6950

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

DORPADRedLodge@mt.gov

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

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Montana Office of Consumer Protection and Victim Services (OCPVS)

302 N. Roberts Street

Helena, MT 59620

Located in the Basement

P. O. Box 200151 Helena, MT 59620-0151

Toll-Free: 800-481-6896

Phone: 406-444-4500

Facsimile: 406-444-5275

E-mail: contactocp@mt.gov

<http://www.doj.mt.gov/consumer/default.asp> and <https://doj.mt.gov/victims/>.

Among other things, the OCPVS helps educate Montana consumers and businesses to prevent fraud and offers information and referrals to victims of crime. For more information about the OCPVS.

Food

Big Timber Community Food Bank

Physical Address: 10 Bridge Street, Big Timber, MT 59011

Phone: 406-932-4070

<https://mfbn.org/resource/big-timber-community-food-bank/>

Food pantry for Big Timber residents. Mondays 12pm – 4pm and the first and last Fridays of the month 12pm – 4pm.

Meals on Wheels – Hospitality House Senior Center

Physical Address: 208 McLeod, Big Timber, MT 59011

Phone: 406-932-5455

<http://www.bigtimber.com/list/member/hospitality-house-senior-center-41> Provides a hot meal to residents of Sweet Grass County with disabilities.

Health

Alcoholics Anonymous

Meeting Address: Big Timber Lutheran Church (4th and Hooper) 115 West 4th St. Use the alley door in the back of the Church.

Meetings (all open): Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 7pm.

<https://www.aa-montana.org/index.php?city=Big%20Timber>

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ASPEN – Abuse Support & Prevention Education Network

[Formerly Tri-County Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence]

Business Office: 411 E Callender Street Livingston, MT 59047

Mailing Address: PO Box

Crisis Line: 406-222-8154 (Open 24/7)

Phone: 406-222-5902

Fax: 406-333-2285

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

Provides support services to victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

Big Timber Mental Health & Addiction Services

Physical Address: 515 Hooper Street, Big Timber, MT 59011

Phone: 406-932-5924

Fax: 406-932-3022

After Hour Emergencies: 1-800-266-7198

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

Professional and confidential services for Big Timber and the surrounding area.

Pioneer Medical Center

Physical Address: 301 West 7th Avenue, Big Timber, MT 59011

Phone: 406-932-4603

<https://pmcmt.org/>

Services include hospital, emergency, clinic, assisted living, long-term care, adult day care, hospice, ambulance, public health, and rehabilitation care.

Public Health and Human Services Department

515 Hooper St, Big Timber, MT, United States, Montana

(406) 932-5449

ichappell@pmcmt.org

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

Provides wide array of services to Big Timber community regarding health issues and other services to individuals and families; including Medicaid services.

Housing

Harmony House - Human Resources Development Council (HRDC)

Physical Address: 7 North 31st Street, Billings, MT 59101 (Serving Sweet Grass County)

Phone: 406-247-4732

info@hrdc7.org

<https://hrdc7.org/how-we-help/homeless-services/>

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Transitional living program for young women and children. Application necessary.

Housing Counseling - The Home Center

3126 1st Ave N Billings, MT 59101 (Serving Sweet Grass County)

Phone: 406-206-2717

<https://thehomecenter.org/>

Provides counseling for first time home buyers, including education classes.

Contact: homecenter@hrdc7.org

Low Income Energy Assistance Program - Human Resources Development Council

Physical Address: 7 North 31st Street, Billings, MT 59101 (Serving Sweet Grass County)

Phone: 406-247-4778

<https://hrdc7.org/how-we-help/energy-assistance/energy-assistance-low-income-energy-assistance-program-lieap-energy-share/>

info@hrdc7.org

Provides energy conservation services to low-income families to improve energy efficiency and ensure the health and safety of the household. Application necessary.

Rural Section 8 Housing - HRDC

Physical Address: 7 North 31st Street, Billings, MT 59101 (Serving Sweet Grass County)

Phone: 406-247-4732

Mailing Address: Montana Department of Commerce, Housing Assistance Bureau, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, PO Box 200545, Helena, MT 59620-0545

<https://hrdc7.org/how-we-help/housing/rural-section-8-housing/>

Helps families to secure affordable, safe, and sanitary housing by paying a portion of the rent in an approved dwelling unit. Income eligibility guidelines involved and application necessary.

Legal

Justice/City Court

County Courthouse (upstairs office): 200 West 1st Ave Big Timber, MT 59011

Mailing Address: PO Box 1432 Big Timber, MT 59011

Phone: 406-932-5150

Fax: 406-932-5433

<http://sweetgrasscountygov.com/government-departments/county-govt/justice-city-court/>

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To administer and process to completion traffic, criminal, civil, and small claims in a judicious and timely manner and to provide the State of Montana and the public accurate records and information regarding these cases.

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)

Physical address: 616 Helena Ave, Ste 100 Helena, MT 59601

Physical address: 207 North Broadway #430 Billings, MT 59101

Phone: (800) 666-6899

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

Intake hours (Helena and Billings): Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM – 12:00 pm and 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Friday by appointment only

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. Must be federal poverty level qualified and have limited assets.

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>

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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.

Public Defender's Office

Physical Address: 502 South 19th Street, Suite 211, Bozeman, MT 59718

Phone: 406-582-2450

<https://publicdefender.mt.gov/>

Provides services to represent a defendant in a criminal proceeding who is unable to afford legal assistance.

Yellowstone County Court Self-Help Program

Physical Address: 216 N 29th Street Billings, MT 5911

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

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

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.

Sweet Grass County Clerk of District Court

Physical Address: 200 West 1st Ave Big Timber, MT 59011

Mailing Address: PO Box 698 Big Timber, MT 59011

Phone: (406) 932-5154

Fax: (406) 932-5433

Official keeper of all district court records for Sweet Grass County.

Contact: clerkofcourt.sweetgrass@my.gov

Sweet Grass County Attorney

Physical Address: 300 West First Ave Street Big Timber, MT 59011

Phone: 406-932-4376

Fax: 406-932-5690

County Attorney: Patrick Dringman, sgcountyatty@itstriangle.com

Native American Services

Helena Indian Alliance

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Physical and Mailing Address: 501 Euclid Ave. Helena, MT 59601

Phone: 406) 449-5796

info@hia-mt.org

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

Nonprofit organization established to develop, implement, and maintain cultural, social, and economic programs for families, seniors, and youth. Services include tobacco abuse prevention program, senior lunch program, CA traditional healing, ambulatory primary care clinic, diabetes foot clinic, substance abuse counseling, education of the affordable care act, behavioral health department, mental health and social services, Blackfeet service unit transportation, apply for Medicaid, afterschool youth program, and mental health services.

Senior

Hospitality House Senior Center

208 McLeod Street, Big Timber, MT 59011

406-932-5455

<https://bigtimber.com/hospitality-house/>

Provides meals, activities, health screening, group trips and other services for seniors.

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.

Senior and Long-Term Care Division

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

Elder Abuse phone line: (800) 551-3191

Aging Services phone line: (406) 444-4077

Montana Lifespan Respite: (800) 332-2272

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

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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.

Veterans

American Legion

Physical Address: 110 East 3rd Avenue Big Timber, MT 59011

Phone: 406-932-5486

Advocates patriotism and honor.

Montana Veterans Affairs

Physical Address: 1500 University Dr, College of Education Building, Billings, MT 59101

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5715 Helena, MT 59604-5715

Phone: (406) 248--8579 (Billings), (406) 841-3740 (Helena)

Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1 (800) 273-8255

<http://montanadma.org/montanaveterans-affairs>

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

Veteran Crisis Hotline

Phone: 988 (Press 1) or text 838255

www.veterancrisisline.net

Women's Resources

WIC Clinic

Physical Address: 515 Hooper Street Annex Building, Big Timber, MT 59011

Phone: 406-222-4145

https://www.wicprograms.org/ci/mt-big_timber

Provides food and health services to women, infants, and children.

Other

Carnegie Public Library

Physical Address: 314 McLeod Street Big Timber, MT 59011

Phone: 406-932-5608

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<http://bigtimberlibrary.org/>

Community Thrift Shoppe

Physical Address: 16 McLeod Street Big Timber, 59011

Phone: 406-932-4024

Consignment services and shop.

Montana Fair Housing

Physical Address: 501 East Front Street Suite 533 Butte, MT 59701

Phone: (406) 782-2573 or 1 (800) 929 2611

Fax: (406) 782 2781

<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

Sweet Grass County Sheriff

Physical Address: 200 West 1st Avenue, Big Timber, MT 59011

Phone: 406-932-5143

<http://sweetgrasscountygov.com/government-departments/county-govt/sheriff/>

Sweet Grass County Chamber of Commerce

Physical Address: 1350 Highway 10 W, Big Timber, MT 59011

Phone: 406-932-5131

<http://www.bigtimber.com/list/member/sweet-grass-county-chamber-of-commerce-184>

A nonprofit, voluntary organization of businesses and individuals that have joined together for the purpose of promoting business and commerce in Sweet Grass County.

Sweet Grass County Volunteer Fire Department

Physical Address: 111 Anderson Street, Big Timber, MT 59011

P.O Box 264 111 Anderson St, Big Timber, MT 59011

Phone: 406-932-5483

<http://sweetgrasscountygov.com/government-departments/county-govt/fire-department/>

The Big Timber Volunteer Fire Department, under the leadership of Fire Chief Kris Novotny, is in charge of fire protection throughout the county. Several rural departments help with that charge including the Melville Volunteer Fire Department lead by Chief Matt Cremer, McLeod Volunteer Fire Department lead by Chief Stuart Stenberg, the Bridger Creek Fire Brigade and the Deer Creek Fire Brigade.