

Sanders County Resource Guide

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Child Services

CASA of Lake & Sanders Counties (Court Appointed Special Advocate)

410 1st Street E, PO Box 511, Polson, MT 59860

Phone: (406)-883-0158

Email: casa20jd@gmail.com

<http://casa20jd.wixsite.com/polson-montana-casa>

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CASA trains community members to serve as Guardians ad litem (GAL) for kids involved in the foster care system. CASA services reduce the cost placed on the court system by replacing court financed guardians with volunteer community members. Additionally, because each GAL is only assigned one to two cases, CASA's advocates can assist families in attorneys don't always have time to do. Offering parenting classes and supervised visits in Thompson Falls, Plains and Polson.

We are people in the local community willing to volunteer on behalf of children who have a right to be treated fairly. Children who have been abused or neglected should never be overlooked.

Child and Family Services Division of DPHHS

2504 Tradewinds Way Suite 4, Thompson Falls, MT 59873

Phone: (406) 382-3036

Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline: 1-866-820-5437

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/cfsd/fostercareindependence/westernregionv>

Improve the economic stability of families through the establishment and enforcement of parental obligations,

The CSSD provides the following child support services: locating parents, establishing paternity, establishing financial and medical support orders, enforcing child support orders, including medical support orders, and modifying child support orders.

Child Development Center

1725 MT HWY 35, Kalispell, MT 59901

Phone: (406)-755-2425

www.childdevcenter.org

Partners with families to support the developmental needs of children where they live, play and grow. Providing Autism services, Early Intervention Services, Developmental Education Services,, Family Education and Support Services, and more for children of all ages. Now offering Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy for children under 3 years.

Child Support Services Division of DPHHS (Region 5)

(Formerly Child Support Enforcement Division CSED)

PO Box 202943, Helena, MT, 59620

2675 Palmer Street, Suite C

Missoula, MT 59808

Phone: (406) 329-7910

Fax: (406) 329-5468

<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/cssd>

Nurturing Center Inc.

322 2nd Ave W Ste B & C Kalispell, MT 59901

*Their office will move in Spring 2020. Updated address will be listed on website

Phone: (406)-756-1414 or Toll Free: 1-800-204-0644

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Email: info@nurturingcenter.org

<https://nurturingcenter.org/>

Provides supportive, respectful services that strengthen families, increasing the number of children raised in healthy, nurturing environments. Child care scholarships, child and adult food program, child care provider services and child care referrals.

Disabilities

Disability Rights Montana

1022 Chestnut St., Helena, MT 59601

Phone: (406) 449-2344 or Toll free: 1(800) 245-4743

<http://disabilityrightsmt.org/>

Protecting and advocating for the rights of people with disabilities to employment, education, health care, transportation, housing and other services through legal representation.

Opportunity Resources

2821 S. Russell Street, Missoula, MT 59801

Phone: (406) 721-2930

Fax: 406-721-8744

<https://www.orimt.org>

Supports individuals with disabilities, providing caregivers, work programs (Missoula, Kalispell and Polson), art program, residential properties and specialized programs in Western Montana.

Summit Independent Living

Covers Missoula, Ravalli, Mineral, Lake, **Sanders**, Flathead and Lincoln counties.

Kalispell Office: 1203 HWY 2 W., #35, Kalispell, MT 59901

Phone: 800-995-0029

Ronan Office: 124 Main St.,

Ronan, MT 59864

Phone: 800-230-6936

Missoula: 700 SW Higgins Ave, Ste. 101, Missoula, MT 59803

Phone: (406)-728-1630

Toll Free: 1-800-398-9002

The Summit Independent Living Center is a non-residential Center for Independents that provides peer-delivered services that are unique in the world of human services designed to give people with all types of disabilities the tools and resources that are needed to improve independence, self-confidence, knowledge, skills, and access to community resources.

Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services

121 Financial Dr., Ste. B, Kalispell, MT 59901

Phone: 406-300-7400

Toll Free: 877-296-1760

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Mission: *To maximize access to in-demand and high quality careers by Montanans with disabilities seeking dignity through choice, integration, and self-reliance. Services include: evaluation services, career counseling and guidance services, medical or psychological services, training and educational support services, job development and placement, post employment services, and referrals.*

Financial

Office of Public Assistance

HelpLine: 1-888-706-1535

Kalispell Field Office:

121 Financial Drive, Suite A ,Kalispell, MT 59901

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

Rural Dynamics Inc.

Phone: 1-877-275-2227

<http://www.ruraldynamics.org/contact-uscs.org>

Offers credit counseling, debt management, loan services, foreclosure counseling and more.

Food

Church on the Move

300 Central Ave S., Plains, MT 59859

Phone: (406)-826-3800

Food Bank: 9:00am-2:00 pm Tuesdays

Soup Kitchen: 11:00am-1:00pm Tuesdays

Clothing Bank: 9:00 am-2:00 pm Tuesdays

Community Harvest Food Bank (Thompson Falls)

704 ½ Preston Ave W. Thompson Falls, MT 59873

Phone: (406)-827-6333

Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 10- 3pm and by appointment.

Salvation Army (Kalispell)

110 Bountiful Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901

Phone: (406)-257-4357

Provide 2 meals a day (breakfast and lunch), Monday-Friday to anyone who is hungry.

Health

Gateway Community Services

Kalispell: 1312 North Meridian Rd, Kalispell, MT 59901

Phone: 406-756-8546

Crisis Line: 406-261-6474

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<http://gatewayrecovery.org/>

Critical Care Access Center for alcohol and drug abuse

Narcotics Anonymous

National Helpline: 1-800-990-6262

Local Meetings:

<http://www.namontana.com/index.php>

Western Montana Mental Health Center

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602 Preston Ave., Thompson Falls, MT 59873

Phone: (406)-532-9190

Email: thompsonfalls@wmmhc.org

Western Mental Health Center (Plains)

200 E. Railroad, Plains, MT 59859

Phone: (406) 826-5529

Western Montana Mental Health Center offers comprehensive health services to individuals and families in our communities that improve access, health and economic and social outcomes. Out-patient mental health therapy, licensed addiction counseling (LAC) and substance abuse services and medication management services.

Clark Fork Valley Hospital and Family Medicine Network

10 Kruger Road, P.O. Box 768, Plains, MT 59859

Thompson Falls: (406)-827-4442

Plains: (406)-826-4810

Hot Springs: (406)-741-3602

The Clark Fork Valley Family Medicine Network provides a unique base of service to Sanders County with three Family Medicine offices and an expansive rehabilitation program. Additional services are offered by our network of specialty care providers to keep your medical care closer to home, family and friends. Physical therapy, counseling, mental health referral to community providers

Sanders County Public Health

1111 Main St., P.O. Box 519, Thompson Falls, MT 59873

Room 120 of Thompson Falls Court House

Phone: (406) 827-6931

Mission: To protect, improve, and preserve the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Sanders County. Services include immunizations, WIC program, and education. Offering walk in vaccinations and boosters on Mondays 8-4pm.

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Housing

A Ray of Hope

46 5th Ave. W., Kalispell, MT 59901

Phone: (406)-755-4673

<http://arayofhopemontana.com>

A Ray of Hope provides a safe harbor for those in the community with nowhere else to turn. Those who seek help are provided with food, clothing, shelter and most importantly, job training about financial, emotional, family, legal and rehabilitation challenges. Offering limited financial assistance, shelter and housing services for women and children.

Montana Fair Housing

501 East Front St. Suite 504, Butte, MT 59701

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

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

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

Samaritan House

124 9th Ave W, Kalispell, MT 59901

Phone: (406)-257-5801

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

Homeless shelter with a transitional living program that provides food, housing, and case management, referrals and other resources to those experiencing homelessness. Support for Veterans,

Sanders County Community Housing Organization

303 Main St, Thompson Falls, MT 59873

Phone: (406)-546-7183

Fax: (406)-827-4642

<http://www.sanderscountycommunityhousingorganization.org/index.htm>

Hours: Monday/Tuesday 9:00am-5:00pm, and Wednesday 9:00am-1:00pm.

Non-profit that offers low-income housing to Sanders County residents and offers a Senior Home Repair Program to qualifying seniors

Legal

County Attorney

1111 Main St, PO Box 519, Thompson Falls, MT 59873

Phone: (406)-827-6903

Legal Services Developer Program, Aging Services

Phone: (800) 332-2272

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

Develops 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 health directives.

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

Helpline: 1(800) 666-6899

Apply online: www.mtlsa.org

<https://www.montanalawhelp.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.

Office of the Child and Family Ombudsman (OCFO)

Phone: 1(844) 252-4453

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

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.

Office of Consumer Protection and Victim Services

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Phone: (406) 444-3653 or Toll Free: 1(800) 498-6455

Email: dojovs@mt.gov

<https://doj.mt.gov/victims/>

The OCPVS helps educate Montana consumers and businesses to prevent fraud and offers information and referrals to victims of crime.

Probation & Parole Bureau

1047 Main Street, Thompson Falls, MT 59873

Phone: (406)-827-3590

Public Defender's Office (Regional Office #1)

1205 S Main St, Kalispell, MT 59901

Phone: (406)-751-6080

Sanders County District Court

1111 Main St, PO Box 519, Thompson Falls, MT 59873

Phone: (406)-827-6962

Sanders County Justice Court

1111 Main St, PO Box 519, Thompson Falls, MT 59873

Phone: (406)-827-6941

Self-Help Law Center

920 S Main St, Kalispell, MT 59901

Phone: (406)-758-2496

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

Sheriff's Office

1115 W Main St, PO Box 910, Thompson Falls, MT 59873

Phone: (406) 827-3584

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

Senior

Adult Protective Services Sanders County

2504 Tradewinds Way #4, Thompson Falls, MT 59873

~~Regional Contact: Shirley Hofland at (406) 529-8122~~

Elder abuse hotline: 1-844-277-9300

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

Helps protect vulnerable adults from abuse, neglect, and exploitation

Montana Legal Services Association

Helpline: 1(800) 666-6899

Apply online: www.mtlsa.org

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<https://www.montanalawhelp.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 (ACLE), 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.

Plains/Paradise Senior Center

205 Meany St, PO Box 935, Plains, MT 59859

Phone: 406-826-3018

Meals available at 12pm each day, offer dine in or grab and go options.

Thompson Falls Senior Center

1191 Mt. Silcox Dr, Thompson Falls, MT 59873

Phone: (406) 827-3457

Meals available Mondays and Thursdays at 5:30, with grab and go options if you call before 3pm.

Sanders County Council on Aging

203 Main St, PO Box 339, Hot Springs, MT 59845

Phone: (406)-741-2343

The Sanders County Council on Aging is a non-profit organization working under the Federal Older Americans Act to provide assistance to individuals over 60. Nutrition Programs and In-Home Services are available. Services include: public transportation services and ADA compliant accessible transportation, telephone re-assurance, assistance with LIEAP applications.

-Homemaking services in Plains, Thompson Falls and Hot Springs.

-Meal delivery services in Noxon and Dixon, congregate meals and food program.

Western MT Chapter Prevention of Elder Abuse

2681 Palmer St., Suite K, Missoula, MT 59808

Phone: 1-877-327-7886 or (406)-327-7886

Fax: (406)-543-0944

www.westernmontanachapter.org/

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Protects and promotes the health and welfare of persons with disabilities and elderly by financial management of their SSI, SSDI, and VA benefits.

Western Montana Agency on Aging (Area VI)

Statewide: 1-800-266-4188

For Regional Information and Assistance: (406) 334-3499

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

Services include information and assistance, caregiver support groups, case management, volunteering, food and nutrition, foster grand-parenting, and counseling

Transportation

Sanders County Transportation

Phone: (406) 741-2346

Toll Free: 1-800-246-5899

www.rideSCT.com

Routes and Schedules: <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/publictransit/missoula.shtml>

Reliable service to surrounding areas for those who don't drive or are in need of transportation. Service areas include: Hot Springs, Plains, Thompson Falls, Trout Creek, Noxon, Heron, and Dixon.

Veterans

Veterans Employment Services

Job Service Kalispell

427 1st Ave East, Kalispell, MT 59901

Phone: (406)-758-6200

Helps Veterans and other eligible persons secure employment and training, benefits counseling.

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Hot Springs (Post 05159): 208 A St, Hot Springs, MT 59845

Phone: (406)-731-3344

Plains (Post 03596): 201 W. Lynch St, Plains, MT 59859

Phone: (406)-826-5960

Women's Resources

Montana Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

P.O. Box 818, Helena, MT 59624

Phone: (406) 443-7794 or Toll Free (888) 404-7794

<http://mcadsv.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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Sanders County Coalition for Families

303 E Main St, Suite 4, Thompson Falls, MT 59873

Helpline: (406)-827-3745 or 1-800-265-0415

Office: (406)-827-3218

Provides services to victims of crime focusing on victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence, Child Abuse and Stalking. Services include 24 Hour Crisis Help Line, Peer Crisis Counseling, Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy, Emergency Financial Assistance, Emergency, Legal Advocacy, Information and Referral, Personal Advocacy, Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Crime Victim Compensation Application Assistance, Women's Support Group, food bank, limited financial vouchers and Transportation.

Other

Sanders County Bookmobile

Phone: (406)-274-6490

Email: bookmobile@co.sanders.mt.us

<http://co.sanders.mt.us/departments/bookmobile/>

Thompson Falls Public Library

911 Main Street, Thompson Falls, MT 59873

Phone: (406)-827-3547

Thompson River Animal Care Shelter

PO Box 1589, Thompson Falls, MT 59873

Phone: (406)-827-8722

All adoptions by appointment only at this time.

<http://www.pet-tracs.com/>