

Missoula County Resource Guide

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Boys & Girls Club of Missoula County

1515 Fairview Ave, Suite 243, Missoula MT 59801

406.542.3116

www.bgcmissoula.org

With six clubhouses throughout Missoula, the local chapter of the Boys & Girls Club administers after-school programs everyday during the school year and a 9-week club in the summer. It also offers full-day programming on days that schools are closed.

Child Care Resources

500 N. Higgins Ave #202, Missoula MT 59802

406.728.6446

www.childcareresources.org

Child Care Resources seeks to better children's early learning experiences. It connects parents with suitable child care providers and administers Montana's Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship program which helps low income families pay for child care.

Child Development Center

3335 Lt Moss Rd., Missoula MT 59804

406.549.6413

800.914.4779

www.childdevcenter.org

The Child Development Center is a non-profit that supports children with developmental delays and disabilities through four main programs: Montana Milestone Early Intervention, Autism & Behavioral Services, Family Education & Support, and the Life Skills Program. The majority of its services are provided at no cost to families and it helps children of all ages.

Child Start Inc – Head Start

Whittier Building: 1001 Worden Ave., Missoula MT 59802

406.728.5460

Convergence Ministries: 3020 South Ave. W., Missoula MT 59804

406.728.1219

Child Start Inc, operates part day, full day center based, and home based head start programs in five counties in Western Montana, including two in Missoula. The organization offers support and education for children and low-income families.

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Child Support Enforcement Division (Region 5)

2675 Palmer St., Suite C, Missoula MT 59808

406.329.7910

www.dphhs.mt.gov/csed.aspx

The Child Support Enforcement Division is a branch of the Department of Health and Human Services that calculates and enforces child support mandates concerning Montanan children. CSED (as it is commonly called) can also establish paternity and help to locate a parent involved in a case.

Even Start of Missoula

310 S. Curtis St., Missoula MT 59801

Adult Education: 406.523.4033

Preschool: 406.523.4034

Even Start is a national program that seeks to promote literacy among children and incorporates parents and care-givers into their kids' educational environment to further promote learning at home.

Families First Learning Lab

301 E. Main St., Missoula MT 59802

406.721.7690

www.familiesfirstmt.org

Located on the second floor of the new Missoula public library, Families First Learning Lab offers a number of educational resources to promote healthy, nurturing families. These include Circle of Security, a parenting program that aims to cultivate a healthy dynamic by teaching parents and care-givers how to better understand a child's emotional needs, and Children in Between, which seeks to lower the negative impacts of divorce and separation on kids.

First Step Resource Center

902 N. Orange St., Missoula MT 59802

406.329.5776

www.montana.providence.org/services-directory/services/f/first-step-resource-center

A part of Providence St. Patrick Hospital, First Step provides resources and support for victims of sexual abuse and assault including medical evaluations, mental health treatment, and referrals for both children and adults. As a nationally accredited child advocacy center, it conducts coordinated forensic interviews with abused children.

Missoula Early Head Start

2121 39th St., Missoula MT 59803

406.251.9410

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www.ravalliheadstart.org/Missoula-early-head-start/

Missoula Early Head Start is a free program that seeks to educate parents with children, ages 0-3, and pregnant mothers about child development.

Parenting Place

1644 S. 8th Street W., Missoula MT 59801

406.728.5437

www.parentingplace.net

The Parenting Place works to prevent child abuse and neglect in order to support healthy, nurturing families for Missoula's children. The organization provides a number of classes for parents including the Nurturing Parenting Program, the Parent Aide Program, and Support for Families Impacted by Incarceration through the Missoula Pre-Release Center and the Missoula County Detention Facility. It also provides free, short-term childcare on weekdays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. – nutritious meal included.

Partnership for Children

2825 Stockyard Rd., A-11, Missoula MT 59808

406.543.5531

www.pfcmt.org

Partnership for Children maintains in-home support services to help stabilize families and offers extensive therapy services for individuals and families experiencing trauma which may stem from domestic violence, abuse, or the loss of a family member. It also runs two therapeutic children's homes: the Rosemary Gallagher Children's Home and the Missoula Sunrise Children's Home. Staff at these locations provide relationship-based care for kids, ages 4 – 14, who have undergone significant trauma.

Planet Kids (YWCA)

1130 W. Broadway St. Missoula MT 59802

406.542.3346

www.ywcaofmissoula.org/services/planet-kids/

Planet Kids is a program through which staffers safely coordinate visitation for families with a variety of concerns which may include a history of domestic violence and/or mental health concerns, abduction fears, and orders of protection. It provides monitored exchanges and on-site supervised visits. Registration costs \$25 and exchanges cost \$5.

Watson Children's Shelter

Buckhouse Shelter: 4978 Buckhouse Ln., Missoula MT 59804

Fort Missoula Shelter: 2901 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, MT 59804

406.549.0058

watsonchildrensshelter.org

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The Watson Children's Shelter is a pair of groups homes in Missoula which house, care for, and support children, ages 0-14, in crisis. Each shelter accepts kids from throughout Montana in need of emergency and transitional care. The organization offers a scholarship program to support alumni aged 16+ in their post-high school endeavors. Staffers also administer Healthy Foundations, a program that provides free support for anyone parenting a new baby in the Missoula area. Specialists makes regular house visits to offer in-home support and answer questions for families raising newborns.

Youth Homes

PO Box 7616 Missoula MT 59807

406.721.2704

youthhomesmt.org

Based in Missoula, Youth Homes offers an array of services including family therapeutic support, foster care and adoption through its Dan Fox Family Care Program, and Group Home Care for children and teens.

Disabilities

Blind and Low Vision Services

2675 Palmer St., Suite A, Missoula MT 59808

406.329.5400

www.dphhs.mt.gov/detb/blus

A branch of the MT Department of Health and Human Services, Blind and Low Vision Services aims to increase independence and employment opportunities among those living with low vision or blindness. Its program offerings include Vocational Rehabilitation, Business Enterprise Program, and Older Blind.

Brain Injury Alliance of Montana

3535 W. Broadway St., #6, Missoula MT 59808

406-541-6442

www.biamt.org

With its headquarters in Missoula, the Brain Injury Alliance offers a free helpline and support groups for people affect by brain injuries across the state. It also conducts a speaker's bureau which educates the general population about issues related to brain injury.

Child Bridge Montana

P.O. Box 310, Bigfork MT 59911

406.837.2247

www.childbridgemontana.org

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An organization that seeks to place foster children who have experienced abuse and neglect with experienced and prepared families.

Opportunity Resources, Inc

2821 S. Russell St., Missoula, MT 59801

406.721.2930

www.orimt.org

Opportunity Resources In., is an organization that offers an assortment of programming to support, educate, and better overall quality of life for Montanans with disabilities.

Summit Independent Living Center

700 SW Higgins Ave., Suite 101, Missoula MT 59803

800.398.9002

www.summitilc.org

The Summit Independent Living Center is a nonprofit that aims to increase independence among people with disabilities. The organization offers referrals, advocacy services, skills training, and transition services.

Food

Christian Life Center Food Pantry

3801 S. Russell Street Missoula, MT 59801

406.542.0353

www.mfbn.org/resource/clc-food-pantry/

A part of the statewide food bank network, the Christian Life Center Food Pantry distributes food to the community on the second and fourth Mondays each month from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

City Food

2811 Latimer St., Missoula MT 59808

406.721.7804

www.revivemt.org/outreach/

Administered by Revive Church, City Food is a food pantry that distributes food on a weekly basis. The pantry is open for walk-ins 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. every Saturday.

Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program

2825 Santa Fe Court, Missoula MT 59808

406.258.4200

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www.missouladuplace.org/expanded-food-nutrition-education-program.html

The Missoula Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program conducts classes on nutrition and food preparation for low income families.

Missoula Food Bank

1720 Wyoming St., Missoula MT 59801

406.549.0543

www.missoulafoodbank.org

The Missoula Food Bank operates to ensure food security for all community members. It conducts free cooking classes concerning low-cost food preparation through the Bill & Rosemary Gallagher Learning Kitchen and distributes free food from its office on weekdays (Mon., Tues., and Thurs. from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. & Wed. and Fri. from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) It also operates satellite locations in Potomac and Lolo.

Montana Food Bank Network

5625 Expressway, Missoula MT 59801

406.721.3825

www.mfbn.org

The Montana Food Bank Network is the only statewide food bank organization that works to ensure access to healthy, nourishing food for all Montanan communities.

Health

Alcoholics Anonymous

888.607.2000

www.aa-montana.org

Alcoholics Anonymous is a national organization with a number of local meetings and resources for those seeking to pursue recovery. Meeting locations and schedules are listed on their website.

Blue Mountain Clinic

610 N. California St., Missoula MT 59802

406.721.1646

www.bluemountainclinic.org

Blue Mountain Clinic is a community health care resource that provides family practice, as well as primary, reproductive, mental health and abortion care for Missoulians.

Carole A. Graham Home

1330 S 4th Street Missoula, MT 59801

406-549-8309

www.wmmhc.org/index.php/missoula/1516

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A 24-hour residential program for substance abuse, pregnant and/or parenting women and their children.

Missoula City and County Health Department

301 West Alder St., Missoula MT 59802

406.258.4750

www.missoulacounty.us/directory/health-department

All Nations Health Center

830 West Central Missoula, MT 59801

406.829.9515

<https://www.allnations.health/>

ANHC aims to provide medical, community, and behavioral health services for members of the Native community in Missoula.

Nurse on Call Community Medical Center

406.327.4770

www.communitymed.org/find-a-community-provider/nurse-on-call

Administered through Missoula's Community Medical Center, this 24/7 telephonic service connects every caller with a registered nurse to help each determine whether their symptoms merit immediate care or if they can be handled later by a primary care physician.

Open Aid Alliance

1500 West Broadway St., Suite A, Missoula, MT 59802

406.543.4770

www.openaidalliance.org

Open Aid Alliance is an organization that promotes harm reduction and provides non-judgmental services to all clients. It offers HIV testing, peer support, advocacy, a syringe exchange program, mental health services, among a number of other programs.

Partnership Health Center

401 Railroad St. W., Missoula MT 59802

406.258.4789

www.partnershiphealthcenter.com

The Partnership Health Center has multiple locations throughout Missoula and seeks to provide health care services to any and all members of the community. Eligible patients can receive services at a reduced cost. Staffers also offer medical and behavioral health care through a clinic in the Poverello Center.

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Planned Parenthood

219 E. Main St., Missoula MT 59802

406.728.5490

www.plannedparenthood.org

A part of the national organization, the Missoula provider offers an array of medical services including general health care, birth control, STD testing, and more.

Share House Missoula

1335 Wyoming St., Missoula MT 59801

406.532.9830

www.wmmhc.org/locations/Missoula-county-missoula/1516/

Share House Missoula is a transitional living environment that supports people pursuing substance abuse treatment and includes a detox unit.

Teen Challenge Women's Residential Center

3815 S. 7th St. W., Missoula MT 59804

406.453.1912

www.teenchallengepnw.com

The Center is a 20 bed facility for adult women who are looking to enter treatment for substance abuse disorders. The residential care center is a part of a national faith-based organization that provides services to youths and young adults struggling with addiction.

Western Montana Mental Health Services

1325 Wyoming St., Missoula MT 59802

406.532.9800

www.wmmhc.org

Within Missoula County, Western Montana Mental Health Services operates a number of centers and facilities where children and adults can access mental health treatment and support in areas including substance abuse, crisis stabilization, and jail diversion among others.

Youth Dynamics

619 S.W. Higgins Ave., Unit E, Missoula MT 59803

406.728.9672

Provides resources and support to families with children suffering from mental health issues. Services include caregiver education, respite care, therapy, substance abuse treatment, and more. Offers services at a sliding fee scale and accepts Health Kids MT along with private pay and insurance.

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Housing

Gateway Assessment Center

339 West Broadway St., Missoula MT 59802

406.549.0710

www.transitionalhousing.org/li/mt-gateway_assessment_center_

The Gateway Assessment Center can provide short-term shelter services to families waiting to move into Ada's Place, the YWCA's shelter.

Human Resource Council

1801 S. Higgins Ave., Missoula MT 59801

406.728.3710

www.humanresourcecouncil.org

The Human Resource Council is a nonprofit that participates in community action partnerships to divert available funds and resources to help meet the needs of low income Montanans.

Missoula Housing Authority

1235 34th Street Missoula, MT 59801

406.549.4113

www.missoulahousing.org

Housing solutions for low and middle income households.

Poverello Center

1110 West Broadway St., Missoula MT 59802

406.728.1809

www.thepoverellocenter.org

The Poverello Center offers short-term, emergency housing for adults, a specialized housing program for veterans, daily food services, and a number of additional supportive services throughout the day.

Salvation Army (Emergency Help)

355 S Russell St., Missoula MT 59801

800.728.7825

www.missoula.salvationarmy.org

The Salvation Army's Missoula location provides a myriad of services including emergency shelter, meal assistance, and utility assistance.

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ASUM Legal Services

University Center Room 116 Missoula, MT 59812

406-243-6213

www.umt.edu/asum/asum_agencies/New_Legal_Services/

Represents students in legal proceedings. Fees are dependent upon case.

CASA of Missoula

1018 Burlington Ave., Suite 201, Missoula MT 59801

406.542.1208

www.casamissoula.org

The Missoula CASA trains volunteers to serve as court appointed special advocates for children involved in the court system who have experienced abuse and neglect. Volunteers work to ensure the well being and needs of their children are represented in court.

Crime Victim Advocate Program

317 Woody St., Missoula MT 59802

406.258.3830

www.missoula911.com/crime-victim-advocate.html

The Crime Victim Advocate Program connects victims of crimes like sexual assault and domestic violence with trained advocates who offer counseling and legal information to help interested victims navigate the court system especially when seeking to establish orders of protection.

Missoula County Clerk of District Court

200 W Broadway St., Missoula MT 59802

406.258.4780

www.missoulacounty.us/government/civil-criminal-justice/district-court/clerk-of-court

The Clerk of District Court is the official record keeper for Missoula County's district court. All district court cases can be filed with the clerk.

Montana Legal Services Association

1535 Liberty Ln., Suite 110D, Missoula MT 59808

800.666.6899

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.

Montana Office of Consumer Protection

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555 Fuller Ave., Helena MT 59601

406.444.4500

Toll-Free: 800.481.6896

www.dojmt.gov/consumer/

A branch of the MT Department of Justice, the Office of Consumer Protection works to protect consumers statewide from unfair business practices like scams and identity theft.

Montana Office of Victim Services

P.O. Box 201410, Helena MT 59620-1410

406.444.3653

Toll-Free: 800.498.3653

www.dojmt.gov/victims/

A division of the MT Department of Justice, the Office of Victim Services offers information and resources to assist crime victims statewide in recovering from traumatic experiences. One such resource is the Address Confidentiality Program which provides a substitute 'fake' address for victims who wish to conceal their address from an abuser.

The Office of Child and Family Ombudsman (OCFO)

P.O. Box 201417, Helena MT 59620

844.252.4453

As a division of the Montana Department of Justice, the Office of the Child and Family Ombudsman seeks to prevent child neglect and abuse by examining and bettering the states child protective and welfare services.

Office of the State Public Defender (Region 2)

610 Woody St., Missoula MT 59802

406.523.5140

www.publicdefender.mt.gov

The Office of the State Public Defender offers free legal representation for low-income people in criminal matters.

Self-Help Law Center

200 W. Broadway St., Room 271, Missoula MT 59802

406.258.3428

www.courts.mt.gov/selfhelp/west-region

Administered by the Montana Supreme Court, the Missoula County Self Help Center is a free resource that provides legal forms and information to help locals better navigate the civil legal system. The center

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deals mainly in family law matters such as parenting plans and dissolutions, but can provide referrals to other agencies and organizations concerning certain legal matters.

Senior

Adult Protective Services

2681 Palmer Street, Suite K, Missoula MT 59808

406.329.1309

Statewide Reporting: 844.277.9300

www.dphhs.mt.gov/sltc/aps

Adult Protective Services is a division of Montana's Department of Health and Human Services that aims to safeguard adults who are vulnerable from abuse and/or neglect.

Meals on Wheels

337 Stephens Avenue, Missoula MT 59801

406.728.7587

www.missoulaagingservices.org/our-services/nutrition-program/meals-on-wheels/

Provides a hot meal to homebound seniors and adults with disabilities who are residents of Missoula County. Meals are delivered Monday-Friday by volunteer drivers.

Missoula Aging Services

337 Stephens St., Missoula MT 59801

406.728.7682

www.missoulaagingservices.org

Advocates for seniors, housing information, medical benefits information, care management, meal programs, transportation, and financial management.

Missoula Senior Center

705 South Higgins Avenue, Missoula MT 59801

406.543.7154

www.themissoulaseniorcenter.org

The Missoula Senior Center provides free lunch to seniors and other members of the Missoula community at a reduced fee on weekdays and hosts educational and recreational events for the public. It also runs the underground thrift store.

Regional Ombudsman - Office on Aging

337 Stephens Ave., Missoula MT 59801

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406.728.7682

www.area2aging.org

Provides help to investigate vulnerable adults who have been abused, neglected, or exploited in nursing home/assisted living facilities.

Western Montana Chapter

2681 Palmer St., Suite K, Missoula MT 59808

406.327.7886

www.westernmontanachapter.org

A nonprofit dedicated to providing eligible clients with neutral, objective third party sustainable management of assets and comprehensive management and work to protect clients from abuse.

Transportation

Destination Missoula

101 East Main St., Missoula MT 59801

800.526.3465

www.destinationmissoula.org/transportation

Helping community members find transportation to get around Missoula.

Mountain Line - Public Transportation

200 West Pine St., Missoula MT 59802

406.721.3333

www.mountainline.com

Free bus service for Missoulians.

Veterans

David J. Thatcher VA Clinic

2687 Palmer St., Suite C, Missoula MT 59808

406.493.3700

As a community based outpatient clinic, this center provides medical and mental health care as well as physical therapy and social services.

Missoula Vet Center

910 Brooks St., Missoula MT 59801

406.721.4918

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www.va.gov

Community-based and VA affiliated. Assisting combat veterans and their families with readjustment counseling, employment and referrals; also providing military sexual trauma counseling and bereavement.

Montana Veterans Affairs Office

1911 Tower Street Missoula, MT 59804

406-542-2501

montanadma.org/montana-veterans-affairs

Veteran's benefit information and good place to check in when returning from service.

Veterans Crisis Hotline

800.273.8255

www.veteranscrisisline.net

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Crisis Line is a 24/7 confidential resource that serves active and reserve service members, veterans, and their family members/friends. People in crisis can call, text, or chat online with a trained responder to discuss their situation.

Women's Resources

Mountain Home Montana

2606 S. Ave. W., Missoula MT 59804

406.541.4663

www.mountainhomemt.org

Mountain Home Missoula is a shelter that provides housing and services to young mothers in Missoula.

Nurse-Family Partnership of Montana

301 W. Alder St., Missoula MT 59802

406.240.3759

www.nursefamilypartnership.org

Serving communities across the nation, the nurse-family partnership connects first-time, expectant mothers with nurses from a few months into the pregnancy through the first two years of the child's life. Its services are free for eligible women.

Student Assault Resource Center -- University of Montana

634 Eddy Ave., Missoula MT 59812

406.243.4429

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24-hour Support Line: 406.243.6559

www.umt.edu/student-advocacy-resource-center/

The Student Assault Resource Center is a group that seeks to provide support and services to victims of sexual or other types of violent assault. For students, services are free and confidential.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program

301 W. Alder St., Missoula MT 59801

406.258.4740

WIC is an educational program that aims to help expectant mothers and other caregivers for young children by providing access to information about nutrition, vouchers for healthy food, breastfeeding support, among other services.

UM Women's Resource Center

University Center 210, Missoula MT 59812

406.243.4153

www.umt.edu/wcenter/

The Women's Resource Center is a student-run organization that aims to increase awareness concerning women's and gender issues and to provide a safe meeting place for all people.

Women's Opportunity and Resource Development, Inc.

2405 McIntosh Loop, Missoula MT 59801

406.543.3550

www.wordinc.org

The Women's Opportunity and Resource Development, Inc. is a nonprofit that provides education, training, and support to promote women's independence and choice in the economy. It offers case management for low income families, housing assistance, summer camp, and a drop-in family resource center.

YWCA

1800 S 3rd St W., Missoula MT 59801

406.543.6691

Crisis Line: 800.483.7858

www.ywcaofmissoula.org

Missoula's YWCA provides a number of programs and resources for women and families in the community including supervised visitation and exchanges, shelter services, crisis counseling for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, and a leadership empowerment program for girls, ages 9 – 18.

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The LGBTQ+ Community Center

127 N. Higgins Ave., Suite 202, Missoula MT 59802

406.543.2224

www.gaymontana.org

The LGBTQ+ Center offers a number of groups, gatherings, and educational events for members of the LGBTQ+ community and its allies. The Center also provides information concerning important issues facing its community on its website.

The Lifelong Learning Center

310 Curtis Center, Missoula, MT 59801

406.549.8765

www.missoulaclasses.com

The Lifelong Learning Center offers a multitude of classes — from arts and crafts to professional development — for locals who are motivated to learn a new skill or to better their abilities in a variety of fields.

Missoula County Public Library

301 E. Main St., Missoula MT 59802

406.721.2665

www.missoulapubliclibrary.org

The Missoula Public Library has branches throughout Western Montana from Swan Valley & Seeley Lake to Frenchtown and Big Sky. Its main space in downtown Missoula provides a number of services to locals including educational classes, computer labs, a landline phone, and notary services. The library also offers cards to rent books, magazines, and films for free without requiring proof of address.

Missoula Job Service – Pathways

539 S St. W, Missoula MT 59801

406.728.7060

www.montanaworks.gov/job-service-montana

The Missoula Job Service is a part of the national job service program and aims to connect locals with the resources to find new jobs and apply for unemployment benefits.

Missoula Police Department

435 Ryman St., Missoula MT 59802

Emergency: 911

406.552.6300

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www.ci.missoula.mt.us/332/Police-Department

Missoula Sheriff's Department

200 W Broadway St., Missoula MT 59802

Emergency: 911

406.258.4810

Office of Public Assistance

2677 Palmer St., Suite 100, Missoula, MT 59808

406.329.1200

888.706.1535

www.dphhs.mt.gov