Niagara County Resource Directory for New Parents

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Infancy Leadership Circle/Niagara



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Introduction

This first edition of the *Niagara County Resource Directory for New Parents* is the result of a group of community partners collaborating across systems to positively impact the well—being of children, ages zero to three, and their families. Known as the Infancy Leadership Circle/Niagara, these community partners have been working diligently to raise their voices for babies and young children. Their goal is to promote the value and importance of the first three years of life for healthy child development. To that end, this resource directory offers helpful information to support the journey of new families.

The Infancy Leadership Circle/Niagara is part of a project of the New York Zero to Three Network to build a communication pipeline for the infancy movement in New York State by establishing Circles of professionals in local communities who work with infants and toddlers and their families to facilitate professional networking, development and communication. The Circles help move local issues to the state level and take state issues to communities to advance better policies and comprehensive services for babies and their families. They build on existing local and state efforts, strengthening the "infancy voice" within broader early childhood initiatives. To learn more about Infancy Leadership Circles, please e-mail infancycirclenys@nyzerotothree.org.

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DISCLAIMER: All directory information is up-to-date and accurate as of December 1, 2012

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Chart of Organizations and Services Provided

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| Alcoholism Council of Niagara County | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| American Red Cross | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Beacon Center | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CareNet | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Carolyn's House | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| Catholic Charities | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | |
| Catholic Charities- WIC | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Center for Young Parents | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | √ | | | ✓ | |
| Child Advocacy Center of Niagara | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Child Health Plus | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | |

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| Child Protective Services | ✓ | | | | | , | | | | , | | | | , | | | |
| Clearview Treatment Services | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Community Child Care Clearing House of Niagara | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| Community Health Center of Niagara | | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | √ | | plus Dental & HIV screen | | |
| Community Health Worker Program – NFMMC | | | ~ | ✓ | ~ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | √ | ✓ | ✓ | √ | ✓ |
| Community Missions | | | | | | \ | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| Cornell Cooperative Extension Diaper Ministry | | | | | | √ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Emergency Hotlines: See Appendix A | | | | | | • | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | |

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| Everywoman Opportunity Center | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | ✓ |
| Family and Children's Services of Niagara | ~ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Family Health Plus | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Family Resource Center Network – Focus on Families | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | √ | |
| Food Pantries- See Appendix B | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Grace Church Thrift Shoppe | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hannah House | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| The Health Association of Niagara County, Inc. | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Healthy Families Niagara | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | |

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| Healthy Neighborhood Program | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Healthy New York | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Help Me Grow - Western NY | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| Hospitals in Niagara County: See Appendix C | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Horizon Health Services | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Infancy Leadership Circle/Niagara | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| La Leche League | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March of Dimes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Medicaid | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Mental Health Association of Niagara County | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Mom's Net Program | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Monsignor Carr Institute Children's Clinics | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | |
| Native American Community Services | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| Niagara Community Action Program (NIACAP) | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Niagara County Department of Health | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | √ | | |
| Niagara County DOH – Pre-K Program | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | < | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Niagara County DOH – Children with Special Needs (Referral Only) | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Niagara County DOH – Children with Special Health Care Needs | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |

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| Niagara County DOH - Early Intervention Program | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Niagara County DOH - Physically Handicapped Children's Program | | | | | √ | | | | | < | | | | | | ✓ | |
| Niagara County DOH - Nursing Div. and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Niagara County Drug Abuse | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Niagara County DSS | | | | | | | | | | | | | √ | | | | ✓ |
| Niagara County Head Start | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| Niagara County School Districts- See Appendix D | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Niagara County Sheriff's Dept Sexual Offenders Notification | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Niagara County Sheriff's Dept Victim Assistance Unit | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Niagara Falls Literacy Zone Clothes Closet | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Niagara QIP (Referral Only) | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| Niagara Rx | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Northpointe Counsel | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NYS Abandoned Infant Protection Act- See Appendix E | | | | √ | | | | | | | | | | | √ | ✓ | |

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| NYS Police Crime Victim Specialist | | | | | | * | , | | | | | | | | | | |
| NYS Association for the Education of Young Children | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | √ | |
| Office of Child and Family Services | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Parents as Teachers | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| Partnership for Prescription Assistance | | | | | | | | | | | | | √ | | | | |
| Planned Parenthood | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Public Housing | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| Rx Assist | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| St. John the Baptist Outreach Ministry | | | | | | • | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| St. Vincent de Paul | | | | | | • | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |

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| Summit Life Outreach Center | | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| Tuscarora Community Health Worker Program | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Transporta- tion Services- See Appendix F | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ |
| United Way of Greater Niagara | | | | √ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | √ | ✓ | |
| WNY Infant Toddler Resource Network | | | | √ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | 1 | |

Descriptions of Organizations

| Organization All telephone number area codes are 716 unless otherwise noted | Descriptions |
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| Alcoholism Council of Niagara County | |
| Lockport: 433-3846 North Tonawanda: 694-3214 | Outpatient counseling services for substance abuse. |
| American Red Cross Lockport: 434-8876 Niagara Falls: 731-4030 www.redcrossencc.org | Offers a variety of training courses in first aid, CPR, AED, life guarding, swimming, babysitting, care giving and more. The health and safety training meets OSHA guidelines. Classes also available online. |
| Beacon Center | |
| 282-4480 <u>www.beaconcenter.net</u> | Drug and alcohol treatment including group and one-on-one counseling. |
| CareNet | Lockport's CareNet Pregnancy Center offers free pregnancy tests, accurate information, confidential support, and community referrals from compassionate, trained peer |
| 434-0251 24-hour Help-line: 1-800-395-HELP <u>www.care-net.org</u> | counselors. Learning Life program allows you to earn new baby items (car seat, crib, and mattress, stroller, or booster high chair) while you learn about your pregnancy and vital parenting skills. Services are free of charge. |
| Carolyn's House | A 19 apartment supportive housing program for homeless women and children operated by the YWCA of Niagara. Located in Niagara Falls, NY, Carolyn's House is more than just a place to live. The programs offered help women gain stability in their lives |
| 278-9662 <u>www.carolynshouse.org</u> | while preparing for economic self-sufficiency including GED instruction, Culinary Arts Institute cooking skills, life skills, pre-college workshops and assistance with college enrollment for qualified residents. |

| Catholic Charities Lockport: 433-0246 Niagara Falls: 282-2351 North Tonawanda: 692-1440 www.ccwny.org | A Catholic human services agency serving anyone in need in eight WNY counties. Services include counseling of all ages, basic emergency assistance and referrals, child and adult mental health services, chemical dependency treatment, education and vocational services, services to aging, parish outreach and advocacy, child and adult day care, and a variety of programs addressing prevention and treatment of family issues. |
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| Catholic Charities – Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Niagara County: 285-0975 www.ccwny.org | Federal nutrition program which provides food through food checks, participant-centered nutrition education, breastfeeding education and support and referrals for eligible pregnant women, breastfeeding women, and infants and children under 5 years old. Catholic Charities WIC has 16 clinics throughout Erie and Niagara Counties and provides services to approximately 20,000 participants per month. |
| Center for Young Parents 286-0763 www.uwgn.org | An alternative middle and senior high school academic program and social agency developed to meet the educational, health, psychosocial, childcare and parenting skills needs of pregnant teenagers and adolescent fathers and mothers. Services offered include, individual, group, and family counseling, pre- and post- natal classes, and extensive career and youth employment program. |
| Child Advocacy Center of Niagara 285-0045 www.cacofniagara.org | A multi-disciplinary program responding to reports of physical and sexual child abuse. Services provided include a child-friendly atmosphere for interviews, medical evaluations, counseling, forensic interviews, information and referral, and education and training. |
| Child Health Plus 1-800-698-4543 www.health.ny.gov | Health insurance plan for children under age 19. Eligibility is determined based on gross family income. Contains information on medical benefits, cost, and where to take children for healthcare services. |
| Child Protective Services Niagara Falls: 278-8650 Lockport:439-7707 North Tonawanda: 743-4400 | There are two CPS units in the county that investigate complaints of abuse and maltreatment or neglect against children under the age of 18 years. Caseworkers initiate investigations within 24 hours after receiving a report from the hotline and are prepared to begin a safety assessment of children involved. |
| Clearview Treatment Services 298-2115 www.msmh.org | Inpatient addiction rehabilitation center located in Mount St. Mary's Hospital. Programs and services include 24-medical care, traditional and non-traditional approaches to recovery, specialized women's and men's programs, pastoral and spiritual guidance, family interventions, and total confidentiality. |

| Community Child Care Clearing House of Niagara: Niagara County Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) 285-8572 www.childcareofniagara.com | Informational source for child care providers, parents, businesses, and the community relating to child care needs. Administered by Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. which provides many other complimentary services and programs to those who qualify based upon income. |
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| Community Health Center of Niagara 278-4418 | Provides primary medical services to individuals of all ages, regardless of their ability to pay. Offers family and internal medicine, pediatrics, dentistry, HIV testing and other medical services. |
| Community Health Worker Program – Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center (NFMCC) Niagara Falls: 278-4623 Tuscarora Nation: 297-0598 www.nfmmc.org/services/communityhealthworker | Serves pregnant women throughout Niagara Falls and the Tuscarora Nation. |
| Community Missions 285-3403 www.communitymissions.org | Food, clothing, emergency shelter, advocacy, adult residences, Future Visions Clubhouse, respite program, youth services, supportive employment and referrals. |
| Cornell Cooperative Extension 433-8839 www.cceniagaracounty.org | Provides knowledge and skill development in the areas of nutrition, healthy eating, food safety, food resource management, and physical activity. Free classes are held at convenient locations, and provide fun, hands-on lessons on meal planning, shopping, eating on a budget, feeding your family, and much more. |
| Diaper Ministry 283-6507 www.themagdaleneproject.net | A volunteer program that collects donations (both cash and disposable diapers) to parents who find themselves in temporary economic need. |
| Everywoman Opportunity Center 282-8472 www.everywoman.org | Provides career planning, job search assistance, advocacy and referrals for women. |

| Family & Children's Services of Niagara 285-6984 www.niagarafamily.org | Emergency domestic violence center, 24 hour hotline, intervention, advocacy, individual and group counseling for victims and their children. Workshops and support groups. Groups for adolescents and their families. Assessment and services for male abusers. Mental health services and Intensive Case Management. |
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| Family Health Plus 1-877-934-7587 www.health.ny.gov | Is a public health insurance program for adults who are aged 19-64 who have income too high to qualify for Medicaid. It is available to single adults, couples without children, and parents who are residents of NYS and are US citizens or fall under one of many immigration categories. It provides comprehensive coverage and is provided through managed care plans. |
| Family Resource Center Network – Focus on Families 286-0745 www.nfschools.net | This Niagara Falls City School District program provides support to all families through parenting classes, home visits, parent child activities, support groups, community agency speakers on various topics of interest, family social activities and linkages to community resources. |
| Grace Church Thrift Shoppe 106 LaGrange St., Lockport, NY www.gracelkpt.org/ThriftShoppe.dsp | Hours- Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. |
| Hannah House 804-6823 www.hannahhouse2002.org | Clothing closet that has children and adult clothing and sometimes baby furniture such as cribs, strollers. Always accepting donations. Call for days and hours. |
| Health Association of Niagara County, Inc. (HANCI) 285-8224 www.hanci.com | Not-for-profit community organization providing diversified programs and services across generations. |
| Healthy Families Niagara 278-1605 www.niagarafamily.org | (Associated with Family and Children's Services) Home-based, comprehensive services to families during pregnancy and with newborns. |

| Healthy Neighborhood Program 278-8292 http://www.niagaracounty.com/health | A grant funded program designed to improve the environmental health and safety of individuals living in targeted areas. Home visits are conducted to assess health and safety concerns. |
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| Healthy New York 1-866-432-5849 www.dfs.ny.gov/healthyny | Supports comprehensive and quality health care insurance for individuals, self- employed and small business owners. |
| Help Me Grow – Western New York 880-3876 www.helpmegrownational.org | A program to support families with newborns, infants and toddlers by giving health information, positive parenting education and connecting families to community resources. It identifies children from birth to five years of age who are at risk for developmental, behavioral, social-emotional and/or mental health issues and strengthens the system of early identification and referral in the Niagara and Erie County region. |
| Horizon Health Services Niagara Falls: 505-1060 or 831-1840 Lockport: 836-1767 www.horizon-health.org | Provides comprehensive mental health services and psychiatric services including individual and group therapy, women as batterers group, domestic violence counseling, addictions counseling, psychiatric evaluations and medication management. |
| Infancy Leadership Circle Niagara www.nyzerotothree.org | Promotes communication and collaboration between groups of professionals who serve babies (0-3 years of age) and their families, explores local issues to raise the voice for babies across the state. |
| La Leche League of Niagara Falls 297-1194 www.lllusa.org | Helps mothers to breastfeed through mother-to-mother support, encouragement, information, and education, to promote a better understanding of breastfeeding as an important element in the healthy development of the baby and mother. |
| March of Dimes 691-3805 www.marchofdimes.com | Provides research, programs, advocacy and education to improve the health of all babies by preventing premature birth, birth defects and infant mortality. |
| Medicaid 1-800-541-2831 439-7777 http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/ | A program for New Yorkers who can't afford to pay for medical care. Apply through the local Department of Social Services. |
| For more resources dial 211 | Visit www.211w |

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| Mental Health Association of Niagara County 433-3780 www.mhanc.com | Promotes mental wellness by sponsoring and implementing advocacy, education and community service programs. |
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| Mom's Net Program | The goal of the program is to bring awareness and education to women, families, doctors and health care providers about postpartum depression. The |
| Warm Line (M-F 9am-4pm): 433-3780 x 312 Warm Line (evenings and weekends): 433-5432 or 692-8800 http://www.mhanc.com/momsnet.html | program offers a Warm-Line, a Resource Guide, education, literature, and screenings. Information and free materials available. Also features a Warm-Line for New and Expectant Moms: A phone line to share feelings and concerns with a caring staff member. M-F from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 433.3780 x 312; Evening and weekends at 433.5432 or 692.8800. |
| Monsignor Carr Institute Children's | |
| Clinic | Comprehensive, coordinated psychiatric treatment for children, including mental health assessments and diagnosis for community service agencies. |
| Niagara Falls, NY: 205-0825 Lockport, NY: 478-0315 | |
| Native American Community Services 299-0914 www.nacswny.org | Assists Native Americans who live off the reservation with programs and referrals to make socio-economic improvements in their lives. Healthy Generations is a home visiting program for Native American parent(s) expecting their first child and families with young children (0-5 years of age). |
| New York State Association for the Education of Young Children (NYSAEYC) 1-518-867-3517 www.nysaeyc.org | Mission is to promote excellence in early care and education services for NYS children and families through education, advocacy and the support of the profession. |
| New York State Office of Children and | |
| Family Services | The New York State Office of Children and Family Services provides a range of resources to help parents with their child care needs, people who want to start or are currently |
| Child Care Complaint Line: 1-800-732-5207 Child Care, Foster Care and Adoption: 1-800-345-5437 www.ocfs.state.ny.us | running child care programs, and anyone with a concern about the health or safety of a child in a day care program. |
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Niagara Falls: 285-9681 Lockport: 433-6632 North Tonawanda: 694-9727 www.niagaracap.org An agency dedicated to reducing poverty by initiating and conducting programs of self-sufficiency. The goal is to empower individuals and families to reach their fullest potential. Provides assistance with utilities, food, clothing and referrals.

Niagara County Department of Health – Early Intervention Program

278-1991 www.niagaracounty.com/Health

Niagara County Department of Health – Children with Special Needs Program

278-8194

www.niagaracounty.com/Health

Niagara County Department of Health– Physically Handicapped Children's Program (PHCP)

278-1991

www.niagaracounty.com/Health

Niagara County Department of Health-Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN)

278-1991

www.niagaracounty.com/Health

Niagara County Department of Health – Pre-K Program

278-1991

www.niagara county.com/Health

Provides service to individuals from birth up to three years who have a qualifying disability and/or developmental delay. Program enhances the child's developmental capabilities and prepares parents so they are capable to raise the child. Offers the following: service coordination, speech pathology, social work services, special education, occupational & physical therapy, vision and hearing services, family training, assistive technology, parent/child groups, toy loan closet, and other services as needed.

Insure children with special needs have access to necessary services through coordination and delivery of medical, educational and related services. The goal is to enhance the child's quality of life and improve the capacity of the family to meet the child's specific/unique needs.

Offers financial assistance for families with children 0-21 years with chronic conditions. An orthodontic program and orthopedic clinic are offered. Parental co-pay based on income.

Information and referral program for children 0-21 years of age who have chronic conditions or are developmentally delayed, and their families. Staff can assist with various activities including assistance with application processes and appointments.

Program provides services to individuals 3- 5 years old with a developmental disability or delay. Provides evaluation, center-based preschool programs, special education itinerant services, speech, physical & occupational therapy, transportation, and other services as identified.

Niagara County Department of Health – Nursing Division

Immunization Program: 278-1903 Lead Poisoning Prevention Program: 278-8212 NCDOH Immunization Program: Offers all required and recommended immunizations at our Adult/Travel clinics and Children's Immunization clinics. Our goal is to prevent the occurrence and transmission of vaccine preventable diseases by ensuring the delivery and availability of vaccines to all children and adults. We also routinely provide education on the importance of immunizations.

NCDOH Lead Poisoning Prevention Program: Children are mandated to be checked for lead at ages 1 and 2 if a child is at risk for lead poisoning they should continue to be tested up to six years of age. Children can be poisoned from many sources of lead. Most common way is from dust caused by chipping or peeling paint. Lead poisoning damages a child for life. It steals the child's ability to learn, has negative effect on behavior and can cause long term health problems.

Niagara County Drug Abuse

(Trott Access Center) Provide out-patient drug and alcohol treatment, methadone maintenance.

278-8110

Niagara County Department of Social Services

Niagara Falls, NY: 278-8400 Lockport, NY: 439-7600 Medicaid Department: 439-7777 www.niagaracounty.com/SocialService

Niagara County Head Start

Administrative Office (901 24th Street, NF): 285-8883

Niagara Falls (1631 Main Street): 285-8117 Lockport (85 North Adams Street): 433-1055 Burt (6048 Godfrey Road): 778-5802 North Tonawanda (35 Grant Street): 693-7660

Niagara County Sheriff's Department Sexual Offenders Notification

Email: notifications@icrimewatch.net

Provides a variety of family services including adult services, employment services, medical transportation, child services, cash assistance, medical, food stamps, HEAP, day care, nursing homes.

Child development program which provides educational experiences, medical and dental services, nutritional meals, counseling, and opportunities for parent involvement to help prepare low income children ages 3-5 to enter and succeed in school.

You may sign up for e-mail notice of neighborhood sexual offenders.

| Niagara County Victim Assistance Unit 438-3306 | Acts as a liaison between law enforcement, District Attorney's Office, medical providers, employers, insurance companies and any other agencies to try to meet the needs of the victim. 24 hour On Call availability. | |
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| Niagara Falls Literacy Zone Clothes Closet (Trott Access Center) 278-8599 | Clothing cost is \$.25 per filled plastic grocery bag. There may be an additional charge for shoes. There are also books, wall hangings, etc. Ground floor near Ashland Street, M, T, F from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. | |
| Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center 278-4000 | The largest provider of women's health in Niagara County. It is a safety net hospital for the medically underserved, uninsured and underinsured. It operates several satellite facilities including Summit Healthplex, Tuscarora Health center, Schoellkopf Health Center, Child Advocacy center of Niagara. It offers wellness programs, childbirth and parenting programs, breastfeeding classes and a Family Medicine Residency Program. | |
| Niagara Quality Improvement Project 286-8567 | Funded by The Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation and the Grigg-Lewis Foundation, Niagara QIP is a collaborative partnership between Niagara University, United Way of Greater Niagara, Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, and the Niagara Area Foundation. The Project enhances the quality of early child care within Niagara County using an embedded mentoring and coaching model, and includes a series of professional development opportunities. | |
| Niagara Rx 1-877-321-2652 www.countyrxcard.com/niagara | Niagara County residents who are uninsured or underinsured have access to steep discounts on prescription medications via the discount card endorsed by the county legislature. The program is the ProAct Prescription Drug Discount Card with 10-20% savings on name-brand drugs and 20-70% discounts on generic drugs. | |
| Northpointe Council, Inc 282-1228 www.northpointecouncil.org | Offers non-medical detoxification, prevention programs, out-patient treatment and methadone maintenance program. | |
| Parents as Teachers 478-4751 www.lockportschools.org/pat | Early childhood parent education and family support program which offers four different components to the community; a play center, home visits, referrals, and developmental screenings. Families are able to participate in all the components of the program or just the components that they need for their family. | |
| Partnership for Prescription Assistance 1-888-477-2669 www.pparx.org | Helps patients without prescription drug coverage get the medications they need. Many will get medications free or at low cost. | |

| Planned Parenthood of Niagara 433-4464 www.plannedparenthood.org | Community education on a variety of issues, gynecologic and reproductive health care and pediatric services. |
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| Public Housing Niagara Falls, NY: 285-6961 Lockport, NY: 434-0001 | These apartment buildings are subsidized by the Federal Government through a variety of programs including the Section 8 rental assistance program discussed above, and the Section 202 rental subsidy program. The 3 public housing authorities in Niagara County operate some of the complexes and buildings. Other buildings in the county are subsidized through the FHA, other HUD programs, and through state funds. Applicants should apply to the housing authorities or directly to the managers of other buildings listed. Some buildings have Resident Advisors who provide counseling and assistance to residents to help them find needed services to continue to remain in their apartments. |
| Rx Assist 1-401-729-3284 www.rxassist.org | Helps you learn about ways to use pharmaceutical company programs and other resources to help reduce medication costs. |
| St. John the Baptist Outreach Ministry 433-5252 | Offers basic necessities to needy households in Eastern Niagara County. Staffed by volunteers. Sister Helen's Food Pantry: Open M,W,F from noon to 3 p.m. Diaper Pantry: Open M, W, F from noon to 3 p.m. Clothing Center: Open M, W, F, from noon to 3 p.m. |
| Summit Life Outreach Center 298-8600 | Services for women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy. |
| Tuscarora Community Health Worker Program 297-0598 | This program is an outpatient satellite facility of the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center serving the Tuscarora Indian Reservation. It is part of the Prenatal-Perinatal Service Network. It provides a medical clinic with a range of services, monthly food give-aways, parenting classes. WIC services are available at the site. |
| United Way of Greater Niagara 216-4582 or 216-4251 www.wwgn.org | Works to build and improve the community by bringing together individuals in business, government, health, labor, education, and human services, to develop initiatives to address aspects of community need. |
| Western NY Infant Toddler Resource Network 877-6666 www.wnyinfanttoddlersolutions.com | Offers support to families and providers caring for children 0-3 years of age. Through the website, or by calling the Infant Toddler Hotline at 1-866-281-4739, ext. 3065, families and providers can receive information on resources and topics related to children |

Appendix A

Emergency Hotlines

Child Abuse Hotline

New York State: 1-800-342-3720

Mandated reporters line: 1-800-635-1522

Adult Survivor's of Sexual Assault: 278-1940

24 Hour Hotline: 285-3518

Crisis / Suicide Hotline: 285-3515

Domestic Violence Hotline

Niagara Falls (P.A.S.S.A.G.E. Program): 285-6984

Lockport (YWCA of Niagara): 433-6716

Tonawanda (YWCA Tonawanda): 692-5643

Police: 911

Poison Control Center of WNY: 1-800-222-1222

Rape Crisis Hotline: 433-6718

Runaway Hotline: 285-7125

Appendix B

Food Pantries

Many food pantries only serve particular zip codes. You may need to check to see if you live in the right zip code by phoning the food pantry.

Barker

Faith United Methodist Church Pantry (Serves Barker School District)

1449 Quaker Road, Barker, NY 14012 795-9945

Lockport

Salvation Army Pantry (Serves Eastern Niagara County)

50 Cottage Street, Lockport, NY 14094 434-1276

Neighborhood Center-Lockport (Serves Niagara County)

160 Washburn Street, Lockport, NY 14094 433-6632

www.niagaracap.org

Raymond Community Center Pantry (Serves Lockport)

6597 Rapids Road, Lockport, NY 14094 434-3175

Sister Helen's Food Pantry (Serves zip code 14094)

160 Chestnut Street, Lockport, NY 14094 433-5252

Niagara Falls

Salvation Army-Niagara Falls (Serves Niagara County)

7018 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14304 283-7697

Word of Life Ministries Pantry (Serves zip code 14305)

1941 Hyde Park Boulevard, Niagara Falls, NY 14305 297-2951

Food Pantry and Community Kitchen—Community Missions (Serves parts of zip code 14303)

285-3403

www.communitymissions.org

Hannah House-Lighthouse International Ministries (Serves WNY)

1943 Whitney Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 534-6999

www.hannahouse2002.org

Heart and Soul Food Pantry (Serves mainly Niagara Falls and north end of county)

939 Ontario Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14305 282-5681

Mt. Zion Baptist Church Food Bank (Serves Niagara County)

1334 Calumet Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14305 282-3655

Neighborhood Center-Niagara Falls (Serves Niagara County)

564 19th Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14301 282-4375

www.niagaracap.org

Newfane

Migrant Food Pantry and Clothes Closet (Serves Newfane School District)

6047 East Avenue, P.O. Box 66, Newfane, NY 14104 778-9216

Newfane Community Food Pantry (Serves Newfane School District)

3455 Ewings Road, PO Box 87, Newfane, NY 14108 778-9822

North Tonawanda

YWCA Tonawandas Pantry (Serves North Tonawanda)

49 Tremont Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 692-5580

www.ywca.org/tonawandas

Neighborhood Center-North Tonawanda (Serves Niagara County)

316 Thompson Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 694-9727

www.niagaracap.org

North Tonawanda Inter Church Food Pantry (Serves North Tonawanda)

100 Ridge Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 692-8552

Pendleton

Pendleton Food Pantry (Serves Starpoint School District)

7416 Campbell Boulevard, Pendleton, NY 14120 692-1478

Appendix C

Hospitals in Niagara County

Degraff Memorial Hospital

445 Tremont Street North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Tel: 694-4500

Web: degraff.kaleidahealth.org

Eastern Niagara Hospital - Lockport Division

521 East Avenue Lockport, NY 14094

Tel: 514-5700

Eastern Niagara Hospital - Newfane Division

2600 William Street Newfane, NY 14108

Tel: 778-5071

Mount St Mary's Hospital and Health Center

5300 Military Road Lewiston, NY 14092

Tel: 297-4800

Web: www.msmh.org

Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center

621 Tenth Street Niagara Falls, NY 14302

Tel: 278-4000

Web: www.nfmmc.org

Appendix D

Niagara County School Districts

LEWISTON-PORTER CENTRAL SCHOOL

4061 Creek Road Youngstown, NY 14174 Phone: (716) 754-8281 www.lew-port.com

LOCKPORT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

130 Beattie Avenue Lockport, NY 14094 Phone: (716) 478-4820 www.lockportschools.org

NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

6273 Charlotteville Road Newfane, NY 14108 Phone: (716) 778-6850 www.newfane.wnyric.org

NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

630 - 66th Street Niagara Falls, NY 14304 Phone: (716) 286-4225 www.nfschools.net

NIAGARA WHEATFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

P.O. Box 309

Sanborn, NY 14132 Phone: (716) 215-3000 www.nwcsd.k12.ny.us

NORTH TONAWANDA CITY SCHOOLS

175 Humphrey Street North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Phone: (716) 807-3510 www.ntschools.org

ROYALTON-HARTLAND CENTRAL SCHOOLS

54 State Street

Middleport, NY 14105 Phone: (716) 735-2000

www.royhart.org

STARPOINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

4363 Mapleton Road

Lockport, NY 14094 Phone: (716) 210-2347 www.starpointcsd.org

WILSON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

412 Lake Street P.O. Box 648

Wilson, NY 14172

Phone: (716) 751-9341 www.wilson.wnyric.org

Appendix E

New York State Abandoned Infant Protection Act

This important act allows a parent to abandon a newborn baby up to 30 days of age anonymously and without fear of prosecution if abandoned in a safe manner. A hospital, staffed police station, and fire station are examples of safe suitable choices.

Appendix F

Transportation

Includes free transportation from programs and hospitals for those qualified and link to Metro

Mount St. Mary's Hospital: Van Go

298-2370

Niagara County Department of Social Services: Medical transportation

304-3335

Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center: Care Express

278-4444

Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority- Metro Bus:

855-7286 or 285-9319

Tri Community Ambulance Service:

731-2604