

Community Resource Guide



For Portage County Residents
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Job & Family Services



Welcome!

Are you interested in the resources that Portage County has to offer? The Community Resource Guide can assist you with any barriers, needs, or even just contact information. This guide is your link to success! The Community Resource Guide offers a brief explanation of available resources in Portage County.

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Numbers to Remember

24 Hour Crisis Hotline

(Townhall II) 330-678-4357
(Coleman Access) 330-296-3555

Area Agency on Aging

800-421-7277

Children’s Advocacy

330-297-8838

Children’s Advantage

330-296-5552

Coleman Professional Services

330-673-1347

Drug Task Force

330-296-8626

Family & Community Services

330-297-7027

Mental Health & Recovery Board

330-673-1756

National Alliance on Mental Illness

330-673-1756

National Runaway Switchboard

330-786-2929

Ohio Domestic Violence Network

800-934-9040

Ohio State Highway Patrol (Portage)

330-297-1441

Place of Peace

330-296-4522

Portage County Job & Family Services

CARES Children/Adult Protective Services

330-296-2273

Child Support Enforcement Agency

330-297-3791

OhioMeansJobs Portage County

330-296-2841

Public Assistance

330-297-3750

Portage County Sheriff

330-297-3408

Safer Futures

330-673-2500

Townhall II

330-678-4357

United Way

330-297-4636

UH Portage County Medical Center

330-297-0811

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ADULT RESOURCES

Coleman Adult Day Services

6695 N Chestnut St
Ravenna, OH 44266
(330) 296-3214

AdultDay@colemanservices.org

Open Monday – Friday 7:30am-5:30pm

Provides an adult-day care program in a supportive, socially stimulating environment. Service is for those with declining or limited physical and cognitive abilities. Service is offered through a progressive model of health care at an affordable rate.

Best Choice Senior Meals & Catering

7988 Infirmary Rd
Ravenna, OH 44266
(330) 296-9211

Assists the elderly by providing one nutritionally balanced meal each weekday to individuals 60 years of age and older. Services are provided at various locations throughout Portage County. Home delivered meals are available.

Hiram Christian Church

6868 Wakefield Rd
Hiram, OH 44234
(330) 569-7697

Phone to make a reservation.

Loans gently used medical equipment to individuals who need it and offers a congregate meal for older adults.

Independence of Portage County

161 E Main St
Ravenna, OH 44266
(330) 296-2851

Open Monday – Friday 9am-5pm

Provides a day program for adults with developmental disabilities in an activity center. Provides activities, training and assistance based on the needs of the individual. This may include recreation, crafts, daily living skills, personal hygiene, medication administration, transportation, vocational development, production skills, etc. also provides group homes for those who need 24 hour supervision, and cannot live completely independently.

Mature Services

408 9th Street SW
Canton, OH 44707
(330) 479-0874
(866) 534-6312

Open Monday – Friday 8:30am-5pm

Develops workforce skills in unemployed, low-income older adults age 55 and older with poor employment prospects. Program participants are assigned to paid community service placements with a non-profit organization or governmental entity for purposes of training and acquisition or improvement of skills that may lead to unsubsidized employment or a job that is not subsidized by the program. In collaboration with the participant, the program must develop an Individual Employment Plan, which outlines steps for achieving goals as determined through personal interviews and assessment instruments.

The program participants are assigned to local non-profit agencies for 20 hours a week at the prevailing minimum wage to receive training in employment areas.

- Who Qualifies: Serves ages 55 and older, whose income is 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- Serves: *Portage, Stark, Tuscarawas, Carroll, Holmes and Wayne Counties*

People Tree at Faith Evangelical Church

10585 Windham-Parkman Rd
Windham, OH 44288
(330) 527-40658

Open Monday – Friday 9am-5pm

Provides walkers, crutches, wheelchairs, hospital beds, and other medical aids (when available).

- Who qualifies: Serves residents of Windham, Windham Twp, Garrettsville, Nelson, and Freedom.
- Required Documents: Proof of residency, such as a current utility bill or benefits statement.

Portage County Senior Services Center

705 Oakwood St
Garden Level
Ravenna, OH 44266
(330) 297-3456

Offers social and recreational activities for senior citizens. Provides a variety of other services which include distribution of Farmers Market Coupons for free locally grown produce, bus trips, and free exercise classes and Tai Chi classes.

Portage Senior Corps Office

135 E Erie St
Ste 301
Kent, Ohio 44240

Offers a prescription program, Vial of Life, and helps with health insurance through OSHIIP. Also offers volunteer positions for the older adults.

The Portage Park District

705 Oakwood St. Suite G-4
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
(330) 297-7728

The Portage Park District is committed to providing quality outdoor exploration opportunities of Portage County. Provides nature education and outdoor recreation programs for all ages at our park locations throughout Portage County. Visitation to parks and trails are free and open to the public year round!

Substance Abuse Treatment

Coleman Professional Services Addiction Recovery Services

3922 Lovers Lane
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
(330) 673-1347

www.colemanservices.org

Licensed and caring staff use a combination of interventions designed to address and provide help for people with substance abuse and dependence. Research-based therapeutic services provide the assistance one might need to move forward when suffering from addiction.

Family and Community Services

143 Gougler Ave
Kent, Ohio 44240
(330) 677-4124

www.fcsohio.com

The counseling department provides counseling for chemically dependent individuals, their spouses, and/or other family members. Services are provided to adolescents and adults.

**Referrals are accepted for mandatory and voluntary clients. Private pay, sliding fee scale, insurance, and Medicaid accepted.*

Root House

Undisclosed location

Family and Community Services
Ravenna, Ohio
(330) 677-4124

Root House is a residential treatment facility for men recently released from incarceration who struggle with addiction. Support staff works with the men to overcome addictions and offer support so they may continue living a sober life.

Townhall II

155 E. Main Street

Kent, Ohio 44240

(330) 678-3006

www.townhall2.com

24 hour Crisis Line: 330-678-4357

Licensed, professional, and caring counselors provide an array of services designed to help people learn how to effectively manage their addiction and begin recovery.

Cost for services are charged based on a sliding fee scale (for Portage County residents), taking into consideration family size and income. Select private insurance and Medicaid are accepted. No one will be turned away due to inability to pay.

Horizon House (Townhall II)

Undisclosed location

(330) 678-3006

Horizon House is a women's residential halfway house that specializes in long-term, individualized alcohol and drug treatment. Typical stay is for 90 days. Individual and group counseling for resident's family members is available, as well as involvement in self-support recovery activities such as AA and/or NA.

- **Who Qualifies:** Adult women who are Ohio residents and have completed a drug and alcohol assessment through an ODMHAS certified program.
- **Fees:** When applicable, women are expected to contribute food stamps and a portion of their general assistance to help pay towards room and board.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Best Practices in Schizophrenia Treatment (BeST) Center

Department of Psychiatry
Northeast Ohio Medical University
4209 State Route 44, PO Box 95
Rootstown, Ohio 44722
(330) 325-6695
bestcenter@neomed.edu

The BeST Center promotes recovery and improves the lives of as many people with schizophrenia as possible by accelerating the adoption of evidence-based and promising practices by working with mental health consumers, family members, expert consultants, policy makers and mental health partners from northeast Ohio. We offer training, consultation, evaluation, education and outreach activities to build the capacity of local systems to provide state-of-the-art care.

Children's Advantage

520 N. Chestnut St.
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
(330) 296-5552
www.childrensadvantage.org

Open Monday – Thursday 8am-8pm; Friday 8am-5pm

Children's Advantage provides mental health/behavioral health services for children and adolescents teens with emotional or behavioral issues. Services offered include diagnostic assessments, individual, family, and group counseling, child psychiatry, disorders, community support services, school consultation services, early childhood mental health services and counseling by certified trauma therapists for children and teens who have experienced trauma.

- **Fee:** Sliding fee scale is available for qualifying Portage County residents. Insurance and Medicaid is also accepted.

**Coleman Professional Services
Behavioral Health**

5982 Rhodes Rd
Kent, Ohio 44240
(330) 673-1347
24 HR Crisis Line: (330) 296-3555
24 HR Crisis Walk-in:
Coleman Access
3922 Lovers Lane
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
www.colemanservices.org

24/7 Crisis Help Line and Access Services available to provide crisis intervention and stabilization when a stressful life event overwhelms an individual's ability to cope effectively.

Behavioral health services for adults include psychosocial rehabilitation, diagnostic assessment, case management, pregnancy support, addiction recovery and psychiatric management. Behavior health services for children and adolescents include diagnostic assessment, case management, and psychiatric management.

Counseling services are also offered for adults, children, and adolescents. Sessions are offered in group, individual, and family formats. Counseling provided include but is not limited to: depression, trauma, addiction, PTSD, grief and bereavement, anger management, anxiety disorders, and chronic pain.

Family and Community Services

143 Gougler Ave
Kent, OH 44240
(330) 677-4124
www.fcsOhio.com

Provides counseling for individuals and families; including individual, marital, family, and couples therapy. The counseling department specializes in domestic violence treatment, trauma, grief, parenting, and post-traumatic stress issues.

Psychiatric service provides diagnosis, evaluation, treatment, and medication monitoring for adolescents and adults. (Medicaid Only)

**Referrals are accepted for mandatory and voluntary clients. Private pay, sliding fee scale, insurance accepted.*

FIRST Portage County

5982 Rhodes Rd
Kent, 44240
(330) 676-6859

<http://www.neomed.edu/academics/bestcenter/bestpracticefirstepisodepsychosis/first-portage-county>

A comprehensive treatment program for individuals who have had an initial episode of a schizophrenia spectrum disorder who reside in Portage County.

Kent State Counseling and Human Development Center

Kent State University
325 White Hall
Kent, Ohio 44240
(330) 672-2208

<http://chdc.educ.kent.edu/index.htm>

Hours vary between semesters. Call for accurate hours of operation.

The Counseling Center offers individual and group counseling services for a wide variety of concerns for individuals from the university and community. The Center represents an opportunity to pursue progress, healing, or education relating to individual concerns.

- Fees: *From the University*: Free of Charge; *From the Community*: Rates based on income and varies from \$0-\$25.

Kent State University The Psychological Clinic

176 Kent Hall
Kent State University
(330) 672-2372

<https://www2.kent.edu/CAS/Psychology/clinic/index.cfm>

Open weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM with some evening appointments available.

Does not provide emergency/walk-in services or same-day appointments.

The Psychological Clinic prioritizes providing high quality services and for adults, adolescents and children. Services are provided by masters and doctoral students under the close supervision of clinical faculty members who are licensed psychologists.

- Fees: Clients from the community: Rates based on income and varies from \$0-\$25. Kent State Students: Therapy fee is \$5.00 per therapy session including the intake.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) - Portage County

330-673-1756 ex 201

A national organization of people with mental illness, their families, friends and community activists who work toward improving the lives of the mentally ill.

Townhall II

155 E. Main Street

Kent, Ohio 44240

330-678-3006

www.townhall2.com

24 hour Crisis Line: 330-678-4357

Services are available for victims of crime, survivors of trauma/sexual assault or abuse, for clients having relationship issues or experiencing mild/moderate mental health concerns.

- Fees: Cost for services are free for an individual who has been a victim of crime. For others, costs are based on a sliding fee scale (for Portage County residents), taking into consideration family size and income. Select private insurance and Medicaid are accepted. No one will be turned away due to inability to pay.

GAMBLING SUPPORT

Townhall II

155 E. Main Street

Kent, Ohio 44240

330-678-3006

www.townhall2.com

24 hour Crisis Line: 330-678-4357

For individuals who are concerned about their gambling, services are designed to either halt the behaviors associated with pathological gambling or to help reduce the frequency/amount of gambling episodes/behaviors.

Cost for services are charged based on a sliding fee scale (for Portage County residents), taking into consideration family size and income. Select private insurance and Medicaid are accepted. No one will be turned away due to inability to pay.

GAMBLING SUPPORT

ANIMAL SERVICES

People Care Pet Pantry

Ravenna Township, Ohio 44266

(330) 389-5116

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

Please call and leave a message, the call will be returned in one to two business days.

Provides pet food on a month to month basis and provides names and numbers of low cost clinics for spay/neuter and shots for pet owners experiencing financial hardship.

Portage Animal Protective League (APL)

8122 Infirmary Rd.

Ravenna, Ohio 44266

(330) 296-4022

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

Tuesday – Thursday, 12pm-4pm; Friday, 11am-3pm; Saturday, 11am-3pm.

Promotes the spaying and neutering of dogs and cats by sponsoring programs to provide low-cost alteration for animals who already have homes. Offers “Friends of Animals” certificates that can be used at local veterinarian clinics for low cost spay/neuter. Also offers a monthly mobile clinic for neuter/spay for cats and sponsors a PetFix clinic for the county.

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE

Child Care Connection

Main Office

703 S Main Street, Suite 211

Akron Ohio, 44311

(330) 376-7706 (800) 407-5437

www.childcare-connection.org

Open Monday - Friday 8am-5pm

Connects families to child care options including licensed child care centers, family child care homes, preschools, school age programs, summer camps, and in home child care. Provides information on choosing quality child care, and provides professional development opportunities for individuals in the early care and education field.

- **Who Qualifies:** State Subsidized Child Care is for parents who are working or in school.
- **Fees:** Must apply with Job and Family Services in the county where resident resides. A fee or co-payment may be necessary based on income.

Portage County Department of Job and Family Services

449 S. Meridian St

Ravenna Ohio 44266

(330) 297-3750

www.co.portage.oh.us/jfs/index.html

Open Monday – Friday 8am-4pm

Assists with child care expenses for parents or guardians of minor children. Recipients who qualify will only be responsible to pay a monthly fee (calculated based on income) to the child care service of their choice. Individuals must choose a licensed child care center, school-age program, head start, a home provider or a certified in-home aide. Child care services are also available for children who require special-needs care or who are in need of protective child care services.

- **Who Qualifies:** Must be a Portage County resident, currently employed, in school, or participating in workplace training for initial application. Income must be 200% or less for current Federal Poverty Limit.
- **How to Access:** Walk-in for service
- **Fees:** Families may have to pay a co-payment based on gross income.

DISABILITY SERVICES

Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Dennis M Coble Administration Building
2606 Brady Lake Rd
Ravenna, OH 44266
(330) 297-1202
www.portagedd.org

Open Monday – Friday 8am-4pm

Assists individuals in developing their abilities to achieve a life as active members of our community. Services and supports are provided across the lifespan which include services to young children, preschool and school age special education services, adult day services, family support services program, recreation and leisure activities, residential providers, transportation and waivers.

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD)

161 S High Street Suite 103
Akron OH 44308
(330) 643-3080
www.ood.ohio.gov

Open Monday – Friday 8am-5pm

Ohioans with disabilities who want to work can rely on one of two OOD bureaus: **The Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR)** –assists people with physical, mental and emotional disabilities through vocational rehabilitation and other services. **The Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired (BSVI)** assists individuals who are blind or have visual impairment. Once you complete an application for services, an interview will be set up between you and a counselor. Information will be gathered to assist in determining if you are eligible for our program.

- Eligibility is based on three factors:
 - (1) You have a physical or mental impairment which results in a substantial impediment to employment;
 - (2) You can benefit from services that lead to employment; and
 - (3) You require VR services to prepare for, secure, retain, or regain employment.

DISABILITY SERVICES

The ARC- Summit and Portage Counties

3869 Darrow Rd

Ste 109

Stow, Ohio 44224

(330) 836-5863

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

Open Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm

Provides advocacy and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families. Assists parents with development, implementation and monitoring of a formal Individual Education Plan (IEP) for their children and assists adults with the development, monitoring, and implementation of a formal IEP.

- Who qualifies: Children and adults with developmental disabilities, and their families.

CLOTHING NEEDS

Brady Lake Post Office
2231 Brady Lake Rd.
Brady Lake Ohio 44211
(330) 678-0793

Open Monday – Friday 8am-12pm, 3pm-5pm; Saturday, 8am-12pm

Provides a variety of gently used clothing for free; availability will depend upon what has been donated.

Deerfield Evangelical Friends Church
1261 St Rt 14
Deerfield, OH 44411
(330) 584-6777

Distribution is second Saturday of each month, 10am-12pm

Distributes free clothing once a month.

Phyllis Zumkehr County Clothing Center
3377 State Route 59
Ravenna Ohio, 44266
(330) 296-0503

<http://www.fcsohio.org/programs-services/basic-needs/county-clothing-center/>

Open Monday – Friday 10am-2pm; Tuesday & Thursdays evenings, 6pm-8pm

Provides gently used clothing at no cost to individuals and families in need. Provides special clothing needs upon request. Provides durable goods/household goods with a referral from an agency. Also has a Christmas season program where young children can shop for three presents for other family members.

HOUSEHOLD NEEDS

Family and Community Services

3377 State Rte. 59
Ravenna, OH 44266
(330) 296-0503

<http://www.fcsohio.org>

Open Monday – Friday 10am-2pm, Tuesday and Thursday 6pm-8pm

Provides household goods to families and individuals in need. Items may include small used appliances (toasters, irons, alarm clocks, etc.), silverware, pots and pans, dishes, curtains and bedding, small and possibly larger furniture pieces (i.e. kitchen chairs, tables, end tables, beds, couches, etc.). Large appliances (such as stoves and refrigerators) are also sometimes available.

Restore Site

1510 S Water St
Kent, OH 44240
(30) 677-8881

<http://habitatofportage.org/>

Open Tuesday – Saturday 10am-5pm

Offers new and like-new building and home improvement materials, furniture, appliances, and housewares at low cost. Offers low-cost new and gently used building items for home improvement or construction. Items offered vary depending on what has been donated. May also have furniture. Occasionally offers large appliances for resale.

Renaissance Family Center

9005 Wilverne Dr
Windham, OH 44288
(330) 326-3003

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

Open Monday and Tuesday 10am-4pm; Friday, 12pm-4pm

Provides a thrift shop where people can shop for used items such as furnishings and clothing. Does not carry large appliances.

- Fees: Fixed fee

EDUCATION

Fortis College

653 Enterprise Pkwy
Ravenna, OH 44266
(330) 297-7319
www.fortis.edu

FORTIS College and FORTIS Institute campuses prepare students for careers in healthcare, business and technology and various trades. FORTIS also offers online learning platforms for many of its programs. FORTIS in Ravenna provides training in Practical Nursing, Medical Assisting, Health Information Technology, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, HVAC-R, and Welding. Our programs train students so that they can excel in these fields and be successful. We are offering hybrid online programs in Practical Nursing and Medical Assisting—a combination of online learning and classroom experience.

- Fees: Financial aid is available to those who qualify.

Maplewood Career Center

7075 Ohio 88
Ravenna Ohio 44266
(330) 296-2892
<http://www.mwood.cc/GED.aspx>

Open Monday – Thursday, 6pm-8:30pm

Provides adult basic education in literacy, improving reading, writing, and math skills. Offers GED preparation, job readiness, employability skills, English speaking citizenship preparation other languages (ESOL).

- Fees: There is no fee for the classes or materials. When the student is ready to take the GED test, paperwork may be completed to receive an \$80 voucher, making the price of the test \$40.

Student may choose the site they prefer to attend:

- Goodwill
- Opportunity Resource Center
- Streetsboro Community Center (Municipal Center)
- Windham High School

Lovelight
154 N Water St
Kent, OH 44240
(330) 673-5839

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

Open by appointment, M-F 9am-7pm

Provides tutoring on a wide variety of subjects including academics. Tutoring includes aspects of Blomberg Rhythmic Movement Training.

Renaissance Family Center

9005 Wilverne Dr
Windham, OH 44288
(330) 326-3003

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

Offered Tuesday and Thursday, 3:30pm-5:30pm.

Offers tutoring for elementary students.

- Who qualifies: Elementary age students, generally 5-10 yrs old.

Upper Room Cultural Development Corp.

3090 St Rt 59
Ravenna, OH 44266
(330) 296-2178

Provides after school tutoring during the school year for children.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Community Action Council of Portage County

1036 W Main St | 1115 Franklin Ave | 9005 Wil-Verne Dr
Ravenna, OH 44266 | Kent, OH 44240 | Windham, OH 44288
(330) 297-1456

<http://cacportage.net/>

Available to provide assistance once per heating season, November 1st - March 31st. It is eligible for low-income homeowners. In addition to renters that are disconnected, threatened with disconnection, or have less than a ten-day supply of bulk fuel. E-HEAP will restore or maintain primary heat source and/or secondary energy source. Benefit is based on total dollar amount needed to resolve crisis situation for the primary and/or secondary energy source, and does not cover total debt owed by the client.

- **Who Qualifies:** Must have a primary/secondary energy source (gas/electric) that has been disconnected, is threatened with disconnection, or have less than a 10 day supply of bulk fuel (fuel oil, propane, wood, coal). Must also be at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines and have an energy bill that is in an adult member of the household's name.
- **How to Access:** Walk-in to apply, or call for appointment.
- **Fees:** Free

Consumer Credit Counseling

705 Oakwood St
Ste 106
Ravenna, OH 44266
(888) 258-0694

<http://www.fcsohio.org/programs-services/financial-services/cccs/>

Provides financial counseling, court required counseling for those filing for bankruptcy, as well as debt management which works to establish a payment plan between client and creditors. Also offers alternate payee services for individuals who are unable to manage their finances due to physical and/or mental illness and addictions. This office is not affiliated with the agency now called Apprisen.

HEATING HELP

Housing & Emergency Support Services (HESS)

705 Oakwood St, Suite 115

Ravenna, Ohio

(330) 296-1111

<http://www.fcsohio.org/programs-services/shelter/hess/>

Assists families and individuals with longer term solutions to increase household stability. Provide crisis intervention service, short-term case management, and coordination with other community resource to ensure that maximum support is available to meet each household's needs. Emergency financial assistance is also available which includes housing start-up costs for the homeless, eviction notices for those at risk for homelessness, and limited utility, prescription, and hotel assistance.

- Who Qualifies: Portage County residents in addition to funding requirements set forth by local, state, and government entities.
- How to Access: Client must go through Coleman Access and must be homeless before moving into a unit.
- Fees: Cost is based on a sliding fee scale for Portage County residents, taking into consideration family size and income. Select private insurance and Medicaid are accepted. No one will be turned away due to inability to pay.

Emergency Assistance

Catholic Charities
206 W. Main St.
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
(330) 297-7745

<http://ccdoy.org/locations/catholic-charities-serving-portage-and-stark-counties/>

Open Monday – Friday, 8:30 am- 4:30 pm

Combines material and financial assistance with advocacy efforts for people in need. Services include emergency rent and mortgage assistance, emergency utility assistance, work-related expenses, community and agency referrals and possible other services essential to well-being. *Please note that services may vary by site.*

- Who Qualifies: Serves Portage residents with income at or below 200% Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- Required Documents: Valid photo ID with current address, utility bill for proof of residency
- How to Access: Call for appointment
- Fees: Free

Portage County Job and Family Services

PRC
449 S. Meridian St 2nd floor
Ravenna Ohio 44266
(330)297-3750

http://www.co.portage.oh.us/jfs/pdfs_misc/PRC_PLAN.pdf

Open Monday – Friday 8am-4:30pm

Provides benefits and services to needy families and low-income employed families who are in need of help with essential support to move out of poverty and become self-sufficient. Provides new opportunities to develop and implement creative and innovative strategies and approaches to remove families from a cycle of dependency on public assistance and into work.

- Who Qualifies: Must have a minor child living in the household and have gross household income at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.
- Required Documents: Recent utility bill, 3 months proof of income and social security numbers for all adults in household.
- How to Access: Walk in for application or call to schedule appointment.
- Fees: Free

Saint Vincent Depaul Society

Saint Joseph's Parish
2643 Waterloo Rd
Mogadore, OH 44260
(330) 628-9941

Open: Monday – Tuesday and Thursday – Friday 9am-5pm

Provides limited financial assistance in emergency situations. Generally assists with rent, rental deposit, mortgage payment, transportation, utilities (gas, electric, heating fuel), making the home more accessible for people with disabilities or injury and prescription payment assistance.

- **Who Qualifies:** Serves residents of Randolph, Atwater, Suffield, and Mogadore (within Portage County). Generally serves low-income households and/or those experiencing temporary financial or medical difficulties. Assistance is for short-term emergency situations and is given on a case-by-case basis.
- **Required documents:** Three forms of identification (Photo ID, Social Security card, utility bill with current address, etc.) Will also require documentation of the situation such as past due rent notice, utility shut off notice, prescription receipt, etc.

Catholic Charities
206 W. Main St.
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
(330) 297-7745

<http://ccdoy.org/locations/catholic-charities-serving-portage-and-stark-counties/>

Open Monday – Friday, 8:30 am- 4:30 pm

*By appointment Monday and Wednesday, 1pm-3pm, Friday, 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm.
Schedule is subject to vary.*

Provides help to individuals and families on an emergency basis and offers emergency food pantries at both of their Ravenna and Canton locations. In cooperation with the Akron-Canton Regional Food bank, each site provides non-perishable food items as well as taxable items.

- Who Qualifies: Serves Portage residents with income at or below 200% Federal Poverty Guidelines. Service is available once in a 30 day period.
- Required Documents: Valid photo ID (State ID or Driver's License). If current address is not on the ID, you will need to bring a recent piece of mail as proof of having a Portage address.
- How to Access: Call for appointment
- Fees: Free

Church of Christ Ravenna
3897 Summit Rd
Ravenna Ohio 44266
(330) 296-3637

www.ravennachurchofchrist.org

Open second Wednesday of every month, 8 am-10 am

Distributes emergency food to those living in Ravenna, Ravenna Township, Rootstown, and Charlestown Township. Households in Ravenna should not have received help already from the Center of Hope.

- Who Qualifies: Serves households at or below 150% of poverty guidelines.
- Required Documents: Current proof of address (photo ID or current utility bill), family size (social security cards, birth certificates, school records), and income (pay stub, benefits letter) is required.
- How to Access: Walk-ins welcome. May phone the church office for more information anytime (leave a message and the call will be returned).
- Fees: Free

Crestwood 4C's
Hilltop Christian Church
4572 W. Prospect St.
Mantua, OH 44255
(330) 274-3310

<http://www.mantuacentercc.org/4cs.htm>

Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1pm-3pm

****Pantry closes if Crestwood Schools closed for inclement weather****

Provides food on an emergency basis to needy families in the Crestwood School District. Residents of Crestwood school district include Hiram, Hiram Township, Shalersville, Mantua and Mantua Township, parts of Streetsboro, Aurora and Ravenna Township. Residents may use pantry once in a 30 day period.

- Who Qualifies: Residents of Crestwood School District.
- Required Documents: Photo ID for adult picking up the food and proof of address (mail or utility bill) for all adults in the household.
- How to Access: Walk-in for service. Appointments may be scheduled if needed outside of operating hours. If needed, clients may send a representative in their place (with proper paperwork) to pick up food.
- Fees: Free

Lifepointe Church of Atwater
6498 Waterloo Rd.
Atwater, OH 44201
(330) 947-2259 General Information
(330) 257-3753 Emergency Services
<http://www.callithome.org/>

Open first Saturday of the month, 10am-12pm

Emergencies by appointment 7 days a week, 9am-7pm

Provides emergency food (generally about 75 pounds of food).

- Who Qualifies: Serves those with low income or who are facing temporary hardship
- Required Documents: TEFAP self-declaration form
- How to Access: Walk-in for services or call for emergency appointment
- Fees: Free

Riverwood Community Chapel

1407 Fairchild Ave.

Kent, OH 44240

(330) 678-7000

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

Open Tuesdays, 9 am-11 am, 1 pm-3pm

Office open Monday – Friday 8:30 am-5pm

Provides emergency food to individuals and families in the Portage and Summit county area.

- Who Qualifies: Portage County residents. May only access service once per month.
- Required Documents: State ID or Driver's License
- How to Access: Walk-in for service
- Fees: Free

Salvation Army Center for Worship and Service

9005 Wil-Verne Dr.

Renaissance Family Center

Windham, OH 44288

(330) 326-6133

www.salvationarmy.org

Open Monday and Tuesday 10am-3:30pm

Main office open Monday – Friday 9am-4pm

Windham Distribution (Red Shield Pantry North), 4th Tuesday of every month, 11am-1pm

Provides emergency food to individuals and families who live in the Garrettsville and Windham School Districts. Residents may only access service once every 30 days.

- Who Qualifies: Serves residents with income at 200% or less of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- Required Documents: Photo ID and proof of residency (mail or utility), proof of income, and proof of children and ages in home.
- How to Access: Walk-in for service
- Fees: Free

Streetsboro Christian Cupboard

10206 Page Rd.
Streetsboro, Ohio 44241
(330) 626-5449

Open by appointment Monday – Friday. However, most appointments occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Provides emergency food assistance to residents of Streetsboro. Clients are advised to bring their own boxes or bags. Households may only use cupboard once every month.

- Who Qualifies: Serves residents of Streetsboro and Hudson. Income limits go by TEFAP guidelines (approximately 150% of the federal poverty guidelines or below).
- Required Documents: None
- How to Access: Call to schedule appointment
- Fees: Free

Streetsboro United Methodist Church

8940 State Rt 43
Streetsboro, OH 44241
(330) 626-2239

*Open by appointment Monday – Tuesday, 1pm-4pm;
Thursday – Friday 9am-12pm.*

Provides emergency food for Streetsboro residents. During November and December, pantry clients may sign up to receive supplies for a holiday meal, while supplies last.

- Who Qualifies: Serves Streetsboro residents in need of food as well as Hudson zip code 44236 on Wellman Street onkly. Households may use the pantry one time per month.
- Requiried documents: Adult picking up food must bring current photo ID and proof of address for each adult member of household (a current piece of mail or utlity bill). Must declare number of children as well as their ages.

Trinity Lutheran Church
600 S. Water St.
Kent, Ohio 44240
(330) 673-5445
<http://www.trinitykent.org/>

Open 1st Wednesday of every month, 9am-12pm

Emergency assistance offers up to forty food vouchers for eggs, milk, and bread at a first come first serve basis.

- Who Qualifies: Serves Kent and Franklin Township area residents. Service may be accessed once per month.
- Required Documents: None
- How to Access: Walk-ins welcome
- Fees: Free

Winfield Church of God in Christ
6595 Winfield St
Ravenna, OH 44266
(330) 296-5880.

Open last Monday of the month, 11am-12pm

Provides emergency food, packed according to family size.

- Who qualifies: Serves Portage County residents
- Required Documents: Photo ID

Volunteers of America

1063 N Aurora Rd.
Aurora, Ohio 44202
(330) 562-2118

<http://www.food2share.org/aurora/>

Open by appointment Wednesdays and Fridays, 2pm-4:30pm

Provides emergency food for Aurora residents. Targets, but is not limited to older adults, the unemployed, and those receiving government assistance.

- Who Qualifies: Aurora residents who are facing financial hardship.
- Required Documents: Adults picking up food must bring current photo ID as well as a current piece of mail (within the last 30 days) addressed to all other adult members of the household. Will need to declare number of children as well as their ages.
- How to Access: Call for appointment
- Fees: Free

HOUSING

Freedom House – Veteran’s Shelter

1213 Anita Drive
Kent, Ohio 44240
(330) 673-0705

<http://www.fcsohio.org/programs-services/shelter/freedom-house/>

Services available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Freedom House provides emergency shelter and supportive services to adult male veterans who are experiencing a housing crisis. Provides a 90-day shelter that includes individual case management, advocacy, information and referrals to area resources. The Resident Advocate meets regularly with the shelter residents to establish a case plan that will focus on goals such as housing, income, job training, education, counseling, financial planning and other goals.

Miller Community House

(330) 673-0034

<http://www.fcsohio.org/programs-services/shelter/miller-community-house/>

Miller Community House provides emergency shelter to Portage County adults and children in a housing crisis while also providing support, advocacy and referrals to encourage self-sufficiency and movement towards permanent housing.

- Who Qualifies: Homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Last permanent address in Portage County and must currently be sober. Must not be actively psychotic, suicidal or homicidal. Must not have any active warrants out for arrest and does not have a violent criminal history.
- How to Access: Call for services.

Miss Liberty House – Veteran’s Shelter

643 Crown Street
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
(330) 703-2585

<http://www.fcsohio.org/programs-services/shelter/liberty-house/>

Miss Liberty Home will serve to empower women veterans and their dependent children through housing and specialized resources. Services will center on intensive home-based case management and family/individual development. Services include linkage and coordination of community services and resources, counseling, support groups, parenting support, transportation, crisis intervention, and other services as needed.

Safer Futures

Portage County Sheriff's Office
8240 Infirmary Rd
Ravenna, OH 44266

<http://www.fcsOhio.org/programs-services/shelter/safer-futures/>

Offers assistance in dealing with the justice system to victims of violence, stalking, sexual assault or related crimes. Acts as intake for all restraining order in Portage County. Will help the victim fill out and file any necessary paperwork and will accompany victim to all legal proceedings.

Safe Path

705 Oakwood St
Ravenna Ohio 44266
(330) 346-0623

<http://www.fcsOhio.org/programs-services/shelter/safe-path/>

Safe Path is a transitional housing program for families who have experienced domestic violence. This facility is in a secure location that requires a code for entrance. Partnered with Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority (PMHA), therefore many residents are eligible for reduced rent and security deposits. Participants may stay at building for up to two years, while working on building a violence free life and acquiring permanent housing. Safe Path offers participants Case Management, Counseling, and personal/career development, on site, to help meeting their goals and self-sufficiency.

Coleman Professional Services

Housing Services

5982 Rhodes Rd

Kent, Ohio 44240

(330) 673-1347

www.colemanservices.org

Assists in accessing safe, decent, affordable housing. Also assists with funds for utility connections, security deposits, and past due bills as well as with rental subsidy (short or long term).

Note: some funds are location specific and some are only for homeless persons.

- **Who Qualifies:** Those engaged in treatment, have a mental diagnosis and are working with a therapist. Families who have children who are severely and emotionally disabled are also eligible.
- **How to Access:** Client must go through Coleman Access

Fair Housing Contact Services, Inc.

441 Wolf Ledges Parkway, Suite 200

Akron, Ohio 44311

(330) 376-6191

(877) 376-6191

www.fairhousingakron.org

Fair Housing Contact Service strives to prevent and eliminate housing discrimination and to promote equal housing opportunity. They provide assistance to individuals pursuing legal rights and remedies related to fair housing, offering housing assistance and counseling, providing community education, promoting community involvement, performing research in the area of housing and assisting the professional housing industry in designing, implementing and evaluating programs for affirmative action towards an open housing market in the greater Akron region.

Habitat for Humanity

6630 Cleveland Rd
Ravenna, OH 44266
(330) 296-2880

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

Operates as a non-profit housing ministry working in partnership with people in need to build decent, affordable housing for low-income families. Houses are built with volunteers and approved families, then sold to qualifying recipients with a no-interest mortgage and for no profit. Offers home ownership training for recipients and continued support after moving into the house.

- Who qualifies: must be 21 yrs of age or older. Must have willingness to live in Portage County, have low to moderate income, currently living in substandard living conditions or rent-burdened. Must have the ability to make payments on a zero interest, no money down loan and have the willingness to commit to sweat equity hours.
- Required documents: proof of income and expenses; will be advised about other documents

Housing Services Council

3920 Lovers Ln
Ravenna, OH 44266

Hours vary. Group meets quarterly on the second Tuesday of the month (January, April, July, and October)

Assists in the coordination and development of services for those who are homeless through planning, education, and advocacy.

Neighbor 2 Neighbor

Fuller Center of NW Portage County
PO Box 96
Aurora, OH 44202

(330) 548-4170 (Leave a message)

<http://www.n2nofnwportage.org/>

Provides a faith based, volunteer driven home repair service to low income and disabled persons in Northwest Portage County. Typical projects include refurbishing roofs, installing or rebuilding plumbing, renovating porches and steps, installing wheel chair ramps, installing insulation and weatherizing homes. Does not do repairs of a purely cosmetic nature.

Neighborhood Development Services

120 E Main St
Ravenna, OH 44266
(330) 297-6400

<http://www.n2nofnwportage.org/>

Open M-F 8am-5pm

Provides down payment assistance and rehabilitation funds for new home purchases. This program can be used in conjunction with the agency's Home Ownership Program. It revitalizes neighborhoods and communities in Northeast Ohio through the provision and/or promotion of affordable housing, economic development through low or no interest loans, housing counseling for first time homebuyers, and foreclosure prevention program.

Portage Area Transitional Housing (PATH)

Renaissance Place
5650 S. Prospect St, #101
Ravenna Ohio 44266
(330) 296-0024

<http://www.fcsOhio.org/programs-services/shelter/portage-area-transitional-housing/>

PATH supports single adults and homeless families with children in their efforts to secure and maintain permanent housing up to 12 months. The program provides transitional housing and supportive services to assist clients with achieving education, training, gaining employment, addressing personal barriers that impact their client's stability and self-sufficiency.

Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority (PMHA)

2832 State Route 59
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
(330) 297-1489

<http://www.portagehousing.org/page5.html>

PMHA provides subsidized housing to low and moderate income families and individuals. It has 305 units owned and operated by PMHA. Offers resources for self-sufficiency, adult education, construction, job training, and homeownership programs to agency tenants. Section 8 waiting list is currently closed.

- **Who Qualifies:** Low income households in Portage County may be eligible for Public Housing as well as the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program.

White House
642 W Main St
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
330-703-2585

<http://www.fcsohio.org/programs-services/shelter/white-house/>

Serves up to 4 formerly homeless and disabled veterans. Each apartment includes one bedroom, one full bathroom, a kitchen with an eating area, and a living room. Veterans work toward sobriety, employment and/or community volunteering as well as independent living.

HOT MEALS

American Legion Post 674

9960 E Center St.
Windham, OH 44288
(330) 326-3188

Open last Tuesday of every month, 5pm-6pm

Provides a free community meal. The meal is provided by the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church of Warren.

Caritas Café

200 W Main St
Ravenna OH 44266
(330) 297-7745

Open Monday – Friday 9am-11:30am

Provides hot coffee, refreshments, and socialization.

Center of Hope

1081 W. Main St.
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
(330) 297-5454

<http://www.fcsohio.org/programs-services/food/center-of-hope/>

Open Monday – Wednesday & Friday 9am-3pm; Thursdays 9am-5pm

Meals Served – Monday – Wednesday & Friday 11:30-12:15pm; Thursdays 4pm-5pm

**Dinner served at 4:00 on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sunday of each month.*

Hot meals are offered at no cost five days a week and typically include 75-100 individuals per day. Opportunities for socialization, cooking classes and referral services are also offered.

Christ Lutheran Church

10827 Main St.
Mantua, OH 44255
(330) 274-2849

www.lutheransonline.com/christmantua

Open 3rd Monday of every month, 5pm-6:30pm

“Loaves and Fishes” community meal is a free meal for all community members. Access meals through the basement.

Covenant Bible Fellowship

8146 High St. Garrettsville, OH 44231
(330) 527-4205

Open 3rd Tuesday of every month, 5:30pm-7pm

Provides a hot meal and worship services.

First United Methodist Church of Ravenna

263 S. Prospect St.
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
(330) 297-7196

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

Open Saturdays 11:30am-12:30pm

“Loaves and Fishes” is a weekly free lunch program. It is held every Saturday in Fellowship Hall on the second floor. Various Ravenna area churches and community groups rotate the preparation and service of the luncheon.

Hilltop Christian Church

4572 W. Prospect St.
Mantua, OH 44255
(330) 274-2771

<http://www.hilltopchristianchurch.org/index.html>

Open 3rd Wednesday of every month, 12pm-2pm

Provides a hot meal for the community.

Kent Social Services

1066 S. Water St.
Kent, Ohio 44240
(330) 673-6963

<http://www.fcsohio.org/programs-services/food/kent-social-services/>

Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 11:30am-12:30 pm, and Thursday 4pm-5pm, Sunday 5pm every 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th weeks.

Hot meals are offered at no cost five days a week and typically include 50 to 60 individuals per day. Opportunities for socialization, cooking classes and referral services are also offered.

Kent United Church of Christ

1400 E Main St.
Kent, OH 44240
(330) 673-9534

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

Open 3rd Sunday of every month, 5pm-6pm

Provides a monthly hot meal for the community. Walk-in for service during scheduled meals. Schedule may change around major holidays, call to check schedule Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9am-3pm and Thursday 12pm-5:30pm.

Lake Brady United Methodist Church

1995 Brady Lake Rd.
Brady Lake Ohio 44240
(330) 673-0145

Open 3rd Wednesday of every month 5:30pm-7:00pm

Provides a monthly meal for the community.

Mantua Center Christian Church

4118 St. Rt. 82
P.O. Box 550
Mantua, Ohio 44255
(330) 274-8258

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

Open the last Thursday of every month, 5pm-6:30pm.

Loaves & Fishes Community Meal was formed to meet the social, financial and spiritual needs of people and families in Mantua, Hiram, Garrettsville, and surrounding communities. Walk-ins are welcome. Eat-in or take-out (limit 4 per adult on take-out) in the Fellowship Hall. Arrangements can be made to deliver meals to shut-ins.

Nelson United Methodist Church

9367 St Rt 305

Nelson Township, OH 44231

(330) 527-2268

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

Open Last Friday of every month, 4pm-6pm.

Provides a monthly hot meal and worship services.

- Who qualifies: Nelson, Nelson Township, Garrettsville, and Windham residents.

Randolph / Suffield / Atwater Food Shelf

St. Joseph Church School

2617 Waterloo Rd.

Atwater, OH 44201

(330) 628-1801

<http://stjosephmantua.com/free-community-meals>

Open 4th Monday of every month, 5pm-6pm

Offers weekly community meals at three local churches.

Randolph / Suffield / Atwater Food Shelf

St. Nicholas Church

755 S. Cleveland Ave.

Mogadore, OH 44260

(330) 628-1801

<http://stnickoca.org/stn/index.html>

Open 2nd Monday every month, 5pm-6pm. Each site serves from 5pm-6pm.

Randolph / Suffield / Atwater Food Shelf

Suffield United Church of Christ

1115 State Rte. 43

Suffield Township, OH 44260

(330) 628-4038

Open 3rd Monday of every month, 5pm-6pm

Renaissance Family Center

9005 Wilverne Dr
Windham, OH 44288
(330) 326-3003

Open fourth Thursday of the month, 5pm-6:30pm. No meal in December.

Provides a monthly hot meal. Offers recreational activities for the community and meeting space for groups.

Saint Paul Lutheran Church of Ravenna

170 N Freedom St.
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
(330) 297-7336

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

Open last Sunday of every month 4pm-6pm

Provides a monthly community dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Walk-in for service through main church entrance.

Skeels Vernon L. Mathews Community Center

4378 Skeels St.
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
(330) 297-0192

Open Wednesdays and Fridays, 12pm-1pm

****Site is closed when Ravenna Schools are closed****

Streetsboro United Methodist Church

8940 State Rte. 43
Streetsboro, OH 44241
(330) 626-4393 Church
(330) 626-4439 Food pantry line
<http://www.streetsboroumc.com/>

Open 4th Tuesday of every month 5pm-6:30pm

Provides a monthly community meal for Streetsboro residents. Meals are held in the Fellowship Hall. Handicap entrance is located behind the church.

Suffield United Church of Christ

1115 St Rt 43
Suffield Township, OH 44260
(330) 628-4038

Open Tuesday – Friday 11:30am

Provides a congregate meal for older adults

- Who qualifies: Serves Portage County residents age 60 and older

Trinity Lutheran Church

600 S. Water St.
Kent, OH 44240
(330) 673-5445

<http://www.trinitykent.org/home>

Open Saturdays, 11:30am-12:30pm

“Lord Lunches” are served to approximately 30 people each week.

Upper Room Cultural Development Corp.

3090 St Rt 59
Ravenna, OH 44266
(330) 296-2178

Open second Saturday of every month, 12pm-1pm

Windham Congregational Church

United Church of Christ (Brick Chapel)
900. N Main St.
Windham, Ohio 44288
(330) 326-3926

Open 2nd Saturday of every month, 12pm-1pm.

Winfield Church of God in Christ

6595 Winfield St.
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
(330) 296-5880

Open Mondays 2:30pm-3:30pm

FOOD PANTRIES

Brimfield Cupboard

Faith United Methodist Church
1235 Tallmadge Rd.
Kent, Ohio 44240

Open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30am-11:30am

Provides groceries on a monthly basis for Brimfield residents who need assistance. The cupboard is located in the basement of the Faith United Methodist Church. Cupboard may be used once a month, with 30 days between usages.

- Required Documents: Must take current proof of address (mail with current address) and documentation of low-income (pay stub, W-2, benefits letter).

Center of Hope

1034 W. Main St.
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
(330) 297-5454 or (330) 296-2158

<http://www.fcsohio.org/programs-services/food/center-of-hope/>

Open Monday – Wednesday and Friday, 9:15am-11:15am & 12:30pm-2:30pm, Thursday 9:15am-3:30pm

Groceries are available monthly through the Christian Cupboard. Pantry hours correspond to open hours above, but require an appointment to be made in advance for a specific time. It is recommended to call 3-4 days in advance if possible.

- Required Documents: None.

Kent Social Services

1066 S. Water St.
Kent, Ohio 44240
(330) 673-6963

<http://www.fcsohio.org/programs-services/food/kent-social-services/>

Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30am – 2:30pm; Tuesday 1pm – 2:30pm; Thursday 12:30pm – 2:30 pm

Groceries are available monthly through the Lord's Pantry. The Lord's Pantry provides three bags of groceries to income-eligible households per month. Groceries, diapers and personal care products are also provided in emergency situations. Additionally, holiday food is offered at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Toys are distributed to over 600 children at Christmas. Serves Kent, Brady Lake and Franklin Township residents. Service may be used once per month.

- Required Documents: Proof of residency such as a utility bill and photo ID.

Nelson Garretttsville Community Cupboard

8147 Center St.
Garrettsville, Ohio 44231
(330) 527-2011

Open Mondays 3pm-6pm, and Wednesdays 9am-12pm

Provides groceries to all eligible residents who live in the James A Garfield School District. Participants may visit the cupboard once every month with no appointment necessary.

- Required Documents: Photo ID and proof of residency (recent utility bill or mail).

Salvation Army
251 W. Spruce St
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
(330) 296-7371
www.salvationarmy.org

Open Monday – Thursday, 9 am-4pm

The Salvation Army operates two monthly bulk food distribution sites for Portage County residents. Food is government surplus. Must bring own bags or boxes. There are often weekday and evening activities such as prayer groups, family events, lunch groups, youth clubs, and meetings for seniors.

Ravenna Distribution (Red Shield Pantry South), 1st Wednesday of every month, 11am-1pm, Registration begins at 10:15am.

- Required Documents: Current photo ID (Driver's License or State ID)

St. Joseph Church
St. Joseph Parish & School
2643 Waterloo Rd.
Mogadore, OH 44240
(330) 628-9941

<http://stjosephrandolph.org/website>

Provides short term food assistance for eligible clients. Appointments often fill up two weeks in advance and is not considered an emergency pantry. *By appointment only.*

Streetsboro Church of Christ

1386 Russell Dr.
Streetsboro, OH 44241
(330) 626-4282

<http://streetsborochurch.org/>

Open 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month, 2pm-4pm
Office open Monday – Thursday 9am-3:30pm

Provides Portage County residents with a 3-5 day supply of food packed according to family size. Packages may contain frozen meat and milk. Residents must be below or at the 200% federal poverty limit.

- Required Documents: Must bring photo ID. Family will have to fill out a form stating income, family size & ages.

Trinity Lutheran Church

600 S. Water Street
Kent, Ohio 44240
(330) 673-5445

www.trinitykent.org

Open last Saturday of every month, 9am-12pm through the Akron Food Bank

Distributes surplus food at the end of the month to those in the community who are in need.

- Required Documents: Photo ID

JOB SKILLS

Community Action Council of Portage County Inc.

243 S Prospect Street

Ravenna Ohio 44266

(330)296-8720

www.cacportage.net

Open Monday – Friday, 9am-5pm

Offers free basic computer training through CONNECT OHIO. Classes are 6 hours long and held twice a week for those interested in job preparation training, work experience, or pursuing training in technology.

- Fees: There is a fixed fee for the classes but financial assistance may be available.

Coleman Professional Services

Employment Services

5982 Rhodes Rd

Kent Ohio 44240

(330) 673-1347

www.colemanservices.org

Coleman Employment Services works in conjunction with area agencies that have an interest in assisting youth and adults obtain and maintain employment. The employment coordinators help find meaningful employment for people with disabilities. These services can be used by those with mental or physical disabilities, mental or physical health limitations, drug and/or alcohol dependencies, developmental disabilities, disabilities related to military service, and auditory or visual impairments.

- Who Qualifies: Portage County residents with disabilities.

OhioMeansJobs Portage County

253 South Chestnut Street

Ravenna, OH 44266

Phone: (330) 296-2841

www.ohiomeansjobs.com/portage

Open Monday – Friday, 8am-4:30pm

Provides a center where individuals can access fax machines, telephones, copiers, computers with internet access, and printers to conduct job searches and create/update resumes.

Workplace staff offer basic computer skills training, job search, and placement assistance, vocational and literacy evaluations, and labor market information.

- Who Qualifies: Portage County residents who are age 14 and over
- Fees: Free

Portage County Job Club

OhioMeansJobs Portage County

253 South Chestnut Street

Ravenna, OH 44266

(330) 297-3829

www.ohiomeansjobs.com/portage

Job Club is designed to help OWF applicants and anyone interested from the public with obtaining necessary skills to seek and obtain employment. Workshops are led by an instructor who is there to relay necessary information about job search skills as well as offer assistance and support to those seeking employment.

Course Topics

Adult Education

Keyboarding

Alcohol & Drug

Education Mental

Health Awareness

Applications

Mock Interviews

Behavioral Interview

Networking

Career Exploration

Ohio Consumer Counsel

Computer Skills

Ohio Means Jobs

Tutorial

Customer Service

Resume & Cover Letters

Dress for Success

Social Media

Ethics

Soft Skills

Financial Education

Time Management

Goal Setting

(S.M.A.R.T.)

WIA Orientation

Job Search Techniques

LEGAL SERVICES

Portage County Clerk of Courts

Common Pleas Court
203 West Main Street
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
(330) 297-3644

http://www.co.portage.oh.us/clerk_pdfs/the%20expungement%20process.pdf

A person may file for expungement after 3 years of a final discharge of a felony and after one year of final discharge of a misdemeanor.

- **Who Qualifies:** Must be “eligible offender” pursuant to applicable sections of the Ohio Revised Code. An “eligible offender” is a person convicted in this or any other jurisdiction (R.C.2953.31) who has no more than one felony and one misdemeanor conviction, or not more than two misdemeanor convictions, if not from the same offense.
- **Fees:** \$75 filing fee. In some cases, an additional \$50 may be required.

Community Legal Aid Services Inc.

250 S Chestnut St Suite 22
Ravenna, OH 44266
(330) 297-1569

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

Open Monday and Wednesday, 9am-12pm; Tuesday and Thursday, 1pm-4pm

Civil legal aid in Ohio refers to the free legal services provided by hundreds of attorneys and paralegals throughout the state. These professionals work through local, and regional, legal aid offices, volunteer, pro bono programs, and reduced fee contracted services to help thousands of low-income people gain access to legal representation. Civil legal aid helps low-income people resolve urgent, non-criminal legal problems that make a difference in their everyday lives.

- **How to Access:** 1-800-998-9454 (Community Legal Aid’s HelpLine). Apply for help online and someone will contact within two business days.

HEALTHCARE PLANS

Buckeye

1 (800) 998-9454

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

Open Monday and Wednesday, 9am-12pm, and Tuesday and Thursday, 1pm-4pm

CareSource

1 (800) 998-9454

www.caresource.com

Open Monday and Wednesday, 9am-12pm, and Tuesday and Thursday, 1pm-4pm

Molina

(800) 246-4358

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

Paramount

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

United Health Care

1 (800) 905-8671 TTY: 711

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

Open 8am-8pm, 7 days a week

PARENTING RESOURCES

Help Me Grow

Family & Community Services
705 Oakwood St., Suite 221
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
(330) 298-4545

<http://www.fcsohio.org/programs-services/youth-services/help-me-grow/>

Designed for families who have children birth age to three years old. Help Me Grow works with families who have children with developmental concerns or special needs and with first-time pregnancy mothers, or first time parents of children less than 6 months old. Service Coordinators can provide developmental screenings for the child, share information on child's growth and development, and connect with helpful community resources and services.

First Step Center for Family Support

Catholic Charities Serving Portage and Stark Counties
206 W Main St.
Ravenna, OH 44266
(330) 297-7745

<http://ccdoy.org/locations/catholic-charities-serving-portage-and-stark-counties/first-step/>

Open Monday – Friday, 9am-5pm

Offers services to those facing an unplanned pregnancy. Offers pregnancy counseling, parenting skills training, and links to community resources that may be of help to expectant or new parents. They provide general expectant/new parent assistance programs, outreach programs for parenting issues, parenting skills classes, and pregnancy counseling.

Parent Enrichment Program (P.E.P.)

195 E. Tallmadge Ave.
Akron, Ohio 44310
(330) 253-4071

www.pregnancycareonline.org/services

Classes designed for clients that are involved with Children Services. P.E.P is also suitable for clients that are required to take a parenting class through court order. These parenting classes provide a more intensive curriculum, with one-on-one interaction. Assistance and resources will be given dependent on client's case.

- Fee: *Intake Fee* \$30 per person, *Classes* \$15 per person per class

Passages

122 N. Prospect St.
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
(330) 296-3237
www.passages-oh.org

Dedicated to enriching the quality of life for children, fathers and mothers. Passages strives to be the provider of self-improvement resources that inspire and empower individuals to lead the lives they most desire. Also assists in transportation assistance, re-entry facilitation, child support, and custody mediation. Passages provides workforce development trainings, father or mother and child retreats, custody and visitation referrals, legal assistance, child support direction, among a host of other important services.

- Who Qualifies: Must be a Portage County resident, or a non-resident with a Portage County child support case. Must be eligible for TANF or PRC funds in some way.
- Required Documents: Must have child support case and must be eligible for TANF or PRC funds.
- How to Access: Call or walk-in for service

Place of Peace Center

705 Oakwood St Ste 122
Ravenna, OH 44266
(330) 296-4522

Provides supervised visitation services.

Portage – Summit Diaper Bank

PO Box 805
Kent, Ohio 44240
(330) 283-8120
www.portage-summitdiaperbank.org

Portage-Summit Diaper Bank helps provide diapers to families in need through a network of partnered social service agencies. Diapers are provided to ensure that all children have access to clean, dry diapers to help them avoid issues such as severe diaper rash, yeast, and staph infections. For a complete list of agencies receiving diapers please visit www.portage-summitdiaperbank.org/families.html.

- Who Qualifies: Each agency has its own eligibility requirements, so please contact the agency before going to their site.

PREGNANCY SUPPORT

Coleman Pregnancy Center and Infant Clothing

5982 Rhodes Rd.

Kent, Ohio 44240

(330) 839-9919

www.kentpregnancy.com

Tuesday – Thursday by appointment

Assists and supports those facing expected or unexpected pregnancies. Provides confidential pregnancy testing, verification of positive pregnancy tests, honest education about all options, free prenatal vitamins, pregnancy care support, faith based pregnancy support (when indicated), and adoption information (when indicated). Material goods are also available containing diapers, clothing, wipes, toys, and other essentials for free. Other services include employment readiness support and educational programs.

- **Who Qualifies:** Women who suspect they are pregnant, know they are pregnant, or have a child under the age of one. Services also provided for fathers when applicable.

First Step Pregnancy & Family Support Program

206 W Main St

Ravenna OH 44266

(330) 297-7745

<http://ccdoy.org/locations/catholic-charities-serving-portage-and-stark-counties/first-step/>

Open Monday – Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

Provides individual and family support for those facing unplanned pregnancy; offering resources such as diapers, clothing, and baby formula for infants. Also provides items to ensure the safety and well-being of an infant such as baby monitors, electric socket covers, etc.

- **Who Qualifies:** Pregnant women and families residing in Portage county with children through three years of age, at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or those identified with extreme need.

Pregnancy Care Of Summit County

705 Oakwood St. Ste. 108
Family and Community Services Bldg.
Ravenna Ohio 44266
(330) 309-2543

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

Open by appointment Monday – Friday 10am-3pm

Provides emergency items for those who are pregnant or who are the parent or guardian of a newborn or young child. Provides diapers, infant formula, cribs, strollers, maternity clothes, children's clothing, etc. Children's clothing is available through age six. Also provides a structured educational program that provides prenatal education (for teens and adults), parenting and life skills classes, and pre job guidance.

- Who Qualifies: No geographical restrictions.
- Required Documents: Photo ID.

WIC Program

Portage County Administration Building
449 S. Meridian St. 1st floor
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
(330) 297-9422

<http://www.co.portage.oh.us/wic.htm>

Open Monday – Friday, 8am-4:30pm & First/Third Wednesday 10am-6:30pm

WIC provides food benefits redeemable at local grocery stores for milk, eggs, juice, cereal, peanut butter or beans, whole grains, fruits and vegetables, baby foods and infant formula. Services include nutrition education, breastfeeding education and support, immunization screening and referrals for health care and social services. In addition, those receiving assistance from OWF, Food Assistance or Medicaid are income eligible for WIC services. Farmers' market coupons are available in the summer months.

- Who Qualifies: Pregnant and breastfeeding women; non-breastfeeding postpartum women; infants and children birth to age five who are present at the clinic appointment and able to provide proof of identity; residents of the state of Ohio; income eligible – 185% of Federal Poverty Income Guidelines; at medical/nutritional risk based on health and diet information assessed by a health professional at the time of certification

PERSONAL GROOMING

Family & Community Services

705 Oakwood Rd., Basement

Ravenna Ohio 44266

(330) 297-7027

<http://www.fcsohio.org>

Open Monday – Thursday, 11am-3pm. Closed all major holidays.

Provides showering services with soaps included. Also allows one load of laundry per visit. Lunch is provided.

- Who Qualifies: Serves Portage County residents with no other means for showers or laundry
- Fees: Free

TRANSPORTATION

Emerald Transportation

1640 Franklin Ave
Kent, OH 44240
(330) 673-9258

Call for arrangement to use services.

Emerald Transportation is a medical transport service company providing local medical transportation in Kent, Ohio. Please contact Emerald Transportation directly to inquire about various medical transport services provided.

- How to Access: Call for service
- Fees: \$24.32 each way, plus \$2.31 per mile. Taxi Cab Service throughout Portage County.

PARTA

2000 Summit Rd.
Kent, Ohio 44240
(330) 678-1287 Scheduling
(330) 678-7745 Administration
www.partaonline.com

PARTA is committed to providing transportation services to all of Portage County without regard to race, color, or national origin.

Fees: \$4 each way, seniors or persons with disabilities \$2 each way, 10 - ride passes \$30 or \$15

Single

Persons with disabilities

\$1 Single Trip

\$.50 per trip

\$9 - 10 ride passes

\$4.50 – 10 ride passes

\$45 Monthly unlimited

\$22.50 monthly unlimited

\$2 Daily Pass

VETERAN SERVICES

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

705 Oakwood St #221
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
(855) 234-7310

The Veteran Administration's goal for the SSVF program is to promote housing stability among very low-income veteran individuals and families who reside in or are transitioning to a permanent housing. This goal is met by providing a wide range of supportive services designed to resolve the immediate crisis and promote housing stability.

- **Who Qualifies:** Must be a Veteran or member of a family in which the head of household is a veteran. The Veteran must have served active duty and have an other than dishonorable discharge. The Veteran must be very low-income and must be homeless, or at-risk of becoming homeless.

Veteran's Services

449 S. Meridian St
Ravenna, OH 44266
(330) 297-3545

<http://www.co.portage.oh.us/veterans.htm>

Open Monday – Friday, 8am-4:30pm

The Veterans Service Commission was established for the purpose of assisting veterans and their dependents who have met with unexpected hardship as a result of sickness, injury, disease, or lack of employment. Of primary importance to the Veterans Service Commission are the basic necessities of life, such as food, shelter, utilities, etc. It is the purpose of the Commission to assist veterans and their dependents temporarily until a permanent solution to their difficulties can be arranged.

- **Who Qualifies:** Veterans must have been a bona fide resident of Portage County for three months. The applicant must have been honorably discharged with a minimum of 90 days active military service performed for purposes other than training, unless injured during training.

Required Documents: Discharge records DD-214, proof of all income, current bills, and proof of Portage County residency.

VISION CARE ASSISTANCE

Local Lions Clubs provide eye care (testing, purchase of lenses and frames) for low income residents. Contact the club for eligibility details

Atwater Lions Club

Virginia Rd
Atwater, OH 44201
(330) 947-2160

Brimfield Lions Club

Faith United Methodist Church of Brimfield
1235 Tallmadge Rd
Brimfield OH 44240
-or-
2543 Palm Rd Mogadore, OH 44260

Crestwood Lions Club

4705 Grand Elm Dr
Mantua, OH 44255
(330) 274-2516

Garrettsville Lions Club

8311 Windham St
Garrettsville, OH 44231
(330) 524-2646

Kent Lions Club

1464 River Tr.
Kent, OH 44240
(330) 677-4216

Randolph Lions Club

PO Box 391
Randolph, OH 44265
(330) 325-9702

Ravenna Lions Club

Elks Lodge
776 Freedom St
Ravenna, OH 44266
(330) 389-5943

Streetsboro Lions Club

PO Box 2335
Streetsboro, OH 44241
(330) 931-5312

Suffield Lions Club

(330) 628-5071

Windham Lions Club

9135 Hickory Cr.
Windham, OH 44288
(330) 326-3387

Vision Care Outreach Program

Becky Lehman (330) 296-9919 EXT 137
Ali Mitchell (330) 296-9919 EXT 129

The Vision Care Outreach Program is for children and families who are in need of an eye exam or glasses. Each participant must meet the 200% Federal Poverty Guidelines, have no access to vision insurance, have not used the program in the last 2 years, and must be an Ohio resident.

YOUTH SERVICES

**21st Century Learning Centers
CAC Youth & Family Center**
PO Box 917, 519 N Walnut St
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
(330) 297-1456

Open Monday – Friday 2pm-6:30pm (School Year)

Open Monday – Friday 8am-4pm (Summer)

The CAC works with Ravenna School District in a partnership to serve students at Brown Middle School and Ravenna High School. Students receive math and reading remediation and enhancement through the use of online programs. In addition, students are provided with STEM enhancement (STEAMM) which includes activities and investigation in science, technology, engineering, art, math and medical areas designed to enhance student interest and learning. Students are provided with health and physical movement opportunities and the chance to explore community resources.

Bair Foundation- Kent Office

275 Martinel Dr
Kent, OH 44240
(330) 673-6446

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

Open Monday – Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

Provides therapeutic foster care for emotionally troubled children, including those with severe mental issues as well as those who may have suffered abuse and neglect, and recruits, trains, and certifies foster parents. Provides in-home mental health services to needy families to prevent removal of children and to facilitate reunification.

- Who Qualifies: Serves youth age 0 -17 in Portage, Geauga, Summit, Columbiana, Stark, and Cuyahoga Counties who are covered by Medicaid.

Big Brothers & Sisters of Portage County

705 Oakwood St
Ste 103
Ravenna, OH 44266
(330) 296-6655

Offers volunteer adult mentors (“bigs”) to serve as role models, tutors and friends for eligible youth (“littles”). Volunteers spend twelve hours a month for at least a year with their little brother or sister.

Chesty Puller Young Marines

VFW Post 1055
5998 New Milford Rd | 4202 Marks Ave
Ravenna, OH 44272 | Rootstown, OH 44272
(330) 807-7174

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

Provides troop activities with the goal of fostering values based on the United States Marine Corps including discipline, self esteem, respect, and drug demand reduction. The Young Marines is not a recruiting organization for any branch of service, or a troubled youth boot camp.

- Who qualifies: Generally serves youth 8-18 years of age.

Children's Advocacy Center of Portage County University Hospitals- Portage County Medical Center

6847 N Chestnut St
Ravenna, OH 44266
(330) 297-8838

<http://childadvocacyportage.org/>

Open Monday – Friday 8:30am-4:30pm, other times may be arranged if necessary

Provides medical examinations and forensic interviews for child abuse/sexual assault victims as well as victim advocacy for the child and non-offending family members. Provides community and professional education on preventing and reporting child sexual abuse and raises awareness throughout the community.

Portage Learning Centers

145 N Chestnut St
Lower Level
Ravenna, OH 44266
(330) 297-7795

<http://portagelearningcenters.com/>

Open Monday – Friday 8am-4:30pm. Hours of service vary

Provides the federally funded Head Start and Early Head Start programs in Portage County. Works to develop social competence and school readiness in children and to empower their parents/caregivers to assist them. Provides services including nutrition and special education.

- Who qualifies: Open to children ages 3-5 with family incomes up to 130% of the federal poverty level. All children in foster care in Portage County are eligible. 10% of enrollment opportunities are reserved for children with special needs.
- Required Documents: Birth certificate, proof of income, immunization record, completed medical and dental forms.

The Portage Park District

705 Oakwood St. Suite G-4
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
(330) 297-7728

The Portage Park District is committed to providing quality outdoor exploration opportunities of Portage County. Provides nature education and outdoor recreation programs for all ages at our park locations throughout Portage County. Visitation to parks and trails are free and open to the public year round!

Youth Development Services

705 Oakwood St
Ste 115
Ravenna, OH 44266
(330) 297-6667 Ex 323

<http://www.fcsohio.org/programs-services/youth-services/youth-development/>

Works with at-risk youth in Portage County, providing social skills, work readiness, mentoring activities, and recreation programs.