2024–2025 RESOURCE GUIDE

Campus and Community Resources
for the University of Southern Indiana

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Resource Key

CAMPUS **Located on USI campus**

ONLINE **Digital resource found online**

LOCAL **Local resource found off campus**

FEDERAL **Federal agency resource**

FREE **Services are provided free**

To suggest additional resources to this guide, please contact
USI Disability Resources at usi1disres@usi.edu.

EMERGENCY

- **USI Public Safety**
  812-492-7777
  USI.edu/public-safety

  Emergency assistance to students, faculty and staff on campus.

Academic

- **Peer Mentoring Program**
  CAMPUS FREE 812-464-1939
  USI.edu/university-division/academicskills

  Provides support and guidance to undergraduate students as they transition from high school to college life.

- **USI Academic Skills**
  CAMPUS FREE 812-464-1743
  USI.edu/university-division/academicskills

  Provides on-site subject based tutors, supplemental instruction and writing help (Writer's Room).

- **USI Career Counseling**
  CAMPUS FREE 812-465-1606
  USI.edu/university-division/career-counseling

  Assists students in identifying a career path.

Baby & Prenatal

- **Have a Healthy Baby**
  LOCAL 812-435-5287

  Prenatal nutrition and lifestyle choice education provided by Purdue Extension of Vanderburgh County.

- **Safe Haven Baby Boxes**
  LOCAL FREE 888-742-2133
  shbb.org

  Prevent illegal abandonment of newborns by raising awareness, offering a 24-hour hotline for mothers in crisis and offering the Safe Haven Baby Boxes as a last resort option for women who want to maintain complete anonymity.

- **Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)**
  FEDERAL FREE 1-800-457-8283
  in.gov/isdh/24809.htm

  WIC is a nutrition program that provides assistance for healthy foods and counseling to needy mothers.

Childcare

- **4C of Southern Indiana**
  LOCAL FREE 812-423-4008
  child-care.org

  Connects parents with various need-based childcare programs, such as childcare expenses, nutrition, finding providers, etc.

Clothing

- **Hangers**
  LOCAL FREE 812-435-0913
  evscfoundation.org/hangers

  Hangers is a clothing resource committed to serving EVSC students in need by providing them every-day living essentials that would otherwise be unaffordable. By providing clothing, school supplies and hygiene products, we strive to improve the self-esteem and confidence of each student served, and in turn, ensure greater student success and fulfillment.

- **USI Suits for Student Success**
  CAMPUS FREE 812-464-1865
  USI.edu/careerservices/career-resources-for-students/suits-for-student-success

  Provides USI students professional clothing for interviews.

Disabilities

- **ABLE Accounts**
  LOCAL 888-609-3457
  savewithable.com/in/home.html

  ABLE accounts, also known as 529A accounts, allow for individuals with disabilities to save for their future and pay for disability related expenses without jeopardizing access to public benefits. The intent is to ease financial burdens on individuals with disabilities to allow for tax-free savings to cover qualified expenses such as education, transportation, housing and medical needs.

- **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Resources**
  FEDERAL FREE
  ada.gov/resources

- **The Arc Evansville**
  LOCAL
  arcofevansville.org

- **Autism Evansville**
  LOCAL 812-202-6087
  autismevansville.org

- **Evansville Association for the Blind**
  LOCAL 812-422-1181
  evansvilleblind.org

  The Evansville Association for the Blind is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering individuals with disabilities, particularly those who are visually impaired. It offers a variety of services to help clients live independently and participate fully in their communities. Their summer program at USI provides an opportunity for students with disabilities to gain experience in a college setting. During the first week of the program, students will have the chance to become familiar with the campus environment and learn essential skills for navigating college life while having a support person with them. In the following five weeks, students will enroll in college courses offered by USI, including a Study Skills course. This program is open to students with any disability. This program is funded through Vocational Rehabilitation or available through private pay.

- **Evansville Regional Airport**
  LOCAL FREE 812-421-4401
  flyevv.com

  Sunflower program, Therapy dogs, CAMSE sensory kits available to passengers.

- **Garling Mobility**
  LOCAL 812-459-0714
  garlingmobility.com

  Garling provides non-emergency medical transportation specializing in door-to-door wheelchair and ambulatory transportation for the elderly, disabled and people with limited mobility.

- **Indiana Disability Resource Finder**
  ONLINE FREE
  indianadisabilityresourcefinder.org

- **Job Accommodation Network (JAN)**
  FEDERAL FREE
  askjan.org

  JAN helps employers recognize the valuable contributions that qualified workers with disabilities add to the workforce by providing accommodation solutions, trusted strategies and practical guidance on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

- **Maggie's Mobility**
  LOCAL 812-682-1118
  maggiesmobility.com

  Maggie's Mobility provides non-emergency medical transportation, non-ambulatory (wheelchair) transportation and ambulatory transportation services.

- **Rise Autism**
  LOCAL
  riseautism.com

  Therapy service for children and teenagers.

- **TSA Cares**
  LOCAL FREE 855-787-2227
  tsa.gov/travel/tsa-cares

  Call ahead to alert the staff you will need assistance and they will greet you and assist at any location.

- **USI Disability Resources**
  CAMPUS FREE 812-464-1961
  USI.edu/disabilities

  Assists students to receive academic accommodations.

Domestic Violence

- **Albion Fellows Bacon Center**
  LOCAL FREE 1-800-339-7752
  albionfellowsbacon.org/services

  Emergency shelter for males, females and dependent children, as well as advocacy and non-residential services.

- **The Chloe Randolph Organization**
  LOCAL FREE
  thechloerandolph.org

  Provides life-saving services that allow survivors to become successful, on their new journey free of abuse while healing, becoming self-sufficient and to thrive.

- **Evansville YWCA**
  LOCAL FREE 812-422-1191
  ywcaevansville.org/what-were-doing/housing-programs

  Provides shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children. 24-hour domestic violence hotline as well.

- **Holly's House**
  LOCAL FREE 812-437-7233
  hollyshouse.org

  Report abuse and/or receive support if student or a loved one is a victim of abuse.

- **House of Bread and Peace**
  LOCAL FREE 812-425-6754
  houseofbreadandpeace.org

- **Tertia**
  LOCAL FREE
  tertia.team

- **Vanderburgh County CASA**
  LOCAL FREE 812-424-5825
  vandcasa.com

- **Vanderburgh County Crime Victim Resources**
  LOCAL FREE
  vccvr.org

- **Victims Assistance and Protective Orders**
  LOCAL FREE
  evansvillegov.org/county/topic/index.php?topicid=1044&structureid=269

Employment

- **USI Career Services**
  CAMPUS FREE 812-464-1865
  USI.edu/careerservices

  Assists students in transitoning from college to career, provides internships, job search strategy, workshops, resume assistance, etc.

- **Vocational Rehabilitation**
  CAMPUS FREE 812-425-1367
  in.gov/fssa/ddrs

  Provides assistance with tuition, job coaching, life coaching and much more.

- **WorkOne Southwest**
  LOCAL FREE 812-424-4473
  workonesouthwest.com

  Connects people with employers and job resources.

Financial

- **Community Action Program of Evansville (CAPE)**
  LOCAL 812-425-4241
  capeevansville.org

  CAPE provides services such as housing stability, childcare, minority health initiatives and an emergency pantry for those in need. Their programs promote economic and social self-sufficiency.

- **Indiana Emergency Rental Assistance (IERA)**
  LOCAL FREE 877-428-8844
  indianahousingnow.org/press/articles/EmergencyRentalAssistance.html

  The IERA program provides financial assistance for rent and utility payments for Indiana residents whose income has been negatively impacted by the pandemic.

- **Linda L. M. Bennett Student Care Endowment**
  CAMPUS FREE 812-464-1862
  USI.edu/dean-of-students

  Requests for needs (excluding tuition) can be requested through the USI Dean of Students Office.

- **USI Financial Assistance**
  CAMPUS FREE 812-464-1767
  USI.edu/financial-aid

  Financial aid resources for USI students.

Food Pantries

- **Archie's Food Closet**
  CAMPUS FREE 812-461-5268
  USI.edu/rfw/facilities-and-services/archies-food-closet

  Provides non-perishable foods and personal hygiene products to USI students and employees. Ask for "Archie" at the front desk of RFWC.

- **Catalyst Food Pantry**
  LOCAL FREE 812-250-6636

  3232 Claremont Ave, Evansville, IN. Open Thursday 4–6 p.m.

- **Deliverance Center**
  LOCAL FREE 812-746-1147

- **Family Nutrition Program (County Extension Service)**
  LOCAL FREE 812-435-5287

  Nutrition information, especially for those on limited incomes.

- **First Call for Help (United Way)**
  LOCAL FREE 812-421-2800

  Information and referral service.

- **The Gathering**
  LOCAL FREE 812-402-4456

  Cedar Hall Elementary: Monday 5:30 p.m.
  Evans Elementary: Thursday 5:30 p.m.

- **Medicaid, Food Stamps, TANF Applications**
  LOCAL FREE 1-800-403-0864

- **Mission of Grace**
  LOCAL FREE 812-464-2919

  Food for Thought w/free food pkgs.

- **Nativity Food Pantry**
  LOCAL FREE
  1167 S Green River Rd, Evansville, IN.

- **Oakhill Baptist Church**
  LOCAL FREE 812-476-3450

  5600 Oakhill Rd, Evansville, IN. Open second and third Saturdays of the month from 10 a.m.–Noon.

- **Outreach Ministries**
  LOCAL FREE 812-464-1025

  Food for Thought w/free food pkgs.

- **Patchwork Central**
  LOCAL FREE 812-424-2735

  100 Washington Ave, Evansville, IN. Open Monday–Thursday 9:30–11:45 a.m.

- **Potter's Wheel**
  LOCAL FREE 812-401-4440

  333 Jefferson Ave, Evansville, IN. Open Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

- **Salvation Army**
  LOCAL FREE 812-422-4673

  1040 N Fulton, Evansville, IN. Open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1–3 p.m.

- **Simpson United Methodist Church**
  LOCAL FREE 812-423-7636

  2201 W Illinois St, Evansville, IN. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:30–3:30 p.m.

- **St. Anthony's Center for Family Life**
  LOCAL FREE 812-423-6406

- **St. Mary's Catholic Church**
  LOCAL FREE 812-425-1577

  613 Cherry St, Evansville, IN. Call ahead to see if you are in their limited service area.

- **St. Matthew United Church of Christ**
  LOCAL FREE 812-422-8023

- **St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry**
  LOCAL FREE 812-425-3485

- **SNAP Federal Program**
  FEDERAL FREE 1-800-221-5689
  fns.usda.gov/snap/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program

  Provides supplemental food budget for needy families, website allows students to see if they're eligible and shows how to apply for SNAP based off of state.

- **Swipe Out Hunger**
  CAMPUS FREE 812-464-1862
  USI.edu/dean-of-students/swipe-out-hunger-and-additional-resources

  A meal swipe assistance program for USI students experiencing food insecurity.

- **Tri-State Food Bank**
  LOCAL FREE 812-425-0775
  tristatefoodbank.org

  Provides information about local food banks and soup kitchens in the Tri-state area.

- **Zion Missionary Baptist Church**
  LOCAL FREE

  1800 S Governor St, Evansville, IN.

Furniture

- **Sleep in Heavenly Peace**
  LOCAL FREE 884-432-2337
  shpbeds.org/chapter/in-evansville

  Provides free beds to kids in need including a custom wooden twin bed, mattress, sheets, pillow and comforter.

Grief

- **Grief Resources**
  ONLINE FREE
  griefcounselor.org/resources/helpful-websites

- **Grief Share Groups**
  LOCAL FREE
  griefshare.org/countries/us/states/in/cities/evansville

  Grief support groups that meet in the Evansville, IN area.

Homelessness

- **Aurora Evansville**
  LOCAL FREE 812-428-3246
  auroraevansville.org

  Serves homeless and near homeless in Evansville and provides permanent, long-term housing solutions.

- **Commission on Homelessness**
  LOCAL FREE 866-211-9966
  evansvillehomeless.org

  Resource of organizations, services, food pantries and meal providers helping the homeless.

- **Dorothea McGregor Family Shelter**
  LOCAL FREE 812-435-5388

  Apply at 907 8th St, Evansville, IN.

- **Evansville Rescue Mission**
  LOCAL FREE 812-421-3800
  evansvillerescuemission.org/what-we-do/residence-center

  Provides meals, shelter, clothing, life counseling and work programs for those who are homeless in the Evansville, IN area.

- **House of Bread and Peace**
  LOCAL FREE 812-425-6754
  houseofbreadandpeace.org

- **JHG Memorial Laundromat**
  LOCAL FREE 812-305-3366
  jhgmemorial.org

  Christian community laundromat that is a non-profit outreach and free to those in need.

- **Lucas Place (ECHO Housing)**
  LOCAL FREE 812-423-8422
  echohousing.org/what-we-do/lucas-place

  Lucas Place provides permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless families with minor children.

- **Ozanam Family Shelter**
  LOCAL FREE 812-422-2214
  ozanamfamilyshelter.org

  Provides safe, short-term shelter with resources to help them secure long-term housing.

- **United Caring Services**
  LOCAL FREE
  unitedcaringservices.org

  Provides values-based, low barrier, sustainable and high-quality homeless shelters, services and solutions.

- **YWCA Evansville**
  LOCAL FREE 812-422-1191
  ywcaevansville.org

  Provides safe housing, case management, mentoring and support for women and children working to reach their full potential.

Hot Meals

- **Evansville Rescue Mission**
  LOCAL FREE 812-421-3800
  evansvillerescuemission.org

  500 E Walnut St, Evansville, IN. Open 7 days a week.

- **First Ebenezer Baptist Church**
  LOCAL FREE 812-424-9524

  518 S Linwood Ave, Evansville, IN. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from Noon–2 p.m.

- **Meals On Wheels**
  LOCAL FREE 812-476-6521

  Need Physician Referral

- **Potter's Wheel**
  LOCAL FREE 812-401-4440

  333 Jefferson Ave, Evansville, IN. Open Tuesday 11 a.m.–1 p.m. and Saturday 9–11 a.m.

- **Salvation Army**
  LOCAL FREE 812-422-4673

  1040 N Fulton, Evansville, IN. Open Monday–Friday 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

- **St. John's Catholic Church**
  LOCAL FREE 812-424-9261

  617 Bellemeade Ave, Evansville, IN. Open Sunday at 2 p.m.

- **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**
  LOCAL FREE 812-422-9009

  301 SE 1st St, Evansville, IN. Open Saturday 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

- **SWIRCA**
  LOCAL FREE 812-464-7807

  Southwestern Indiana Regional Council on Aging.

- **United Caring Shelter**
  LOCAL FREE 812-426-9960

  324 NW 6th St, Evansville, IN. Open daily at 9 a.m, Noon and 5 p.m.

Legal

- **Pro Bono Indiana**
  LOCAL FREE 812-618-4845
  auroraevansville.org

  Service is offered twice monthly, from 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. (Central Time) on the 3rd Tuesday of the month and from 4:30–6 p.m. (Central Time) on the 1st Thursday of the month ONLY. Callers can pose simple civil legal questions and receive guidance from volunteer attorneys. Contact 888-594-3449 during clinic hours. Open Monday–Friday 8–9 a.m. in Room 207 of the Civic Center Courts Building.

- **Vanderburgh County Victim Assistance**
  LOCAL FREE 812-435-5158
  vanderburghprosecutor.org/?page_id=92

  Assists victims/witnesses of crimes in questions they may have and gives guidance about the criminal justice system.

LGBT+

- **Az-U-R**
  LOCAL FREE 812-677-0285
  facebook.com/profile.php?id=100081064731238

  An inclusive community that comes together to share stories and find inspiration.

- **Coming Out Resource (UC Davis)**
  ONLINE FREE
  lgbtqia.ucdavis.edu/support/coming-out

- **Gender Nexus**
  FREE 317-650-5988
  gendernexus.org

  Empowers gender-diverse people and their loved ones to live healthy, authentic and joyful lives.

- **Indiana Youth Group**
  FREE
  indianayouthgroup.org

  Creates safer spaces to foster community and provides programming that empowers LGBTQ+ youth and magnifies their voices.

- **It Gets Better Project**
  ONLINE FREE
  itgetsbetter.org

  Stories from LGBT+ people talking about how life gets better. For LGBT+ students struggling with issues due to identity.

- **LGBT National Help Center**
  ONLINE FREE 888-843-4564
  lgbthotline.org

  Provides free and confidential peer-support, information and local resources through national hotlines and online programs.

- **LGBTQIA+ Resources**
  CAMPUS FREE 812-228-5107
  USI.edu/campus-life/lgbtqiaplus-resources

  The Center for Campus Life provides resources and programming to cultivate a diverse and inclusive environment for everyone on campus.

- **Mental Health Resources for Queer & Transgender Communities of Color**
  ONLINE
  docs.google.com/document/d/1pnNNTe-HhHiQPMT6rcJVebZLTPHPuQ5ObaEC5ibU8OA/edit#heading=h.k0ejtxtyoird

- **The Rainbow Jacket Project**
  LOCAL FREE
  rainbowjacket.wixsite.com/home

  A free clothing resource for trans, non-binary and gender non-conforming people in Evansville and surrounding areas.

- **Southern Indiana Pride Business Alliance**
  LOCAL
  soinpba.com

  Promoting and advocating for a visible and unified LGBTQ+ business community in Southern Indiana.

- **The Trevor Project**
  ONLINE FREE 866-488-7386
  thetrevorproject.org/get-help-now

  Phone, online chat and text options avaliable for LGBT+ students in crisis.

- **Tri-State Alliance**
  LOCAL FREE 812-480-0204
  facebook.com/tristatealliance

  A social service and educational organization that serves the local LGBTQ+ community.

Medical

- **Echo Community + Healthcare**
  LOCAL 812-421-7489
  echochc.org

  Provides comprehensive medical care (see "services" part of website) to uninsured, under-insured and homeless in the Evansville, IN area.

- **USI Deaconess Clinic**
  CAMPUS FREE 812-465-1250
  USI.edu/deaconess-clinic

  Provides medical care to USI students and employees.

- **USI Dental Clinic**
  CAMPUS 812-464-1706
  USI.edu/health/dental-clinic

  Provides low-cost dental hygiene treatment to adults and children.

Mental Health

- **Crisis Text Line**
  ONLINE FREE
  crisistextline.org

  Text HOME to 741741 for free, 24/7 crisis counseling in English and Spanish.

- **The Jed Foundation**
  ONLINE FREE 1-800-273-8255
  jedfoundation.org

  Text and phone hotline for those in suicidal crisis, along with web resources, including how to help a friend who may be suicidal.

- **Lampion Center**
  LOCAL 812-471-1776
  lampioncenter.com

  Provides counseling services for trauma, stress, grief, anxiety/depression, abuse, child behavior issues, relationship, etc. Insurance or affordable rates.

- **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**
  ONLINE FREE 1-800-273-8255 or dial 988
  suicidepreventionlifeline.org

  Free, 24/7 phone or online chat (lifeline chat) and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources.

- **USI Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)**
  CAMPUS FREE 812-464-1867
  USI.edu/caps

  Provides USI students with counseling services for a variety of reasons including adjusting to college life, depression, anxiety, body-image concerns, trauma and more.

Multicultural Resources

- **The American Indian Center of Indiana**
  LOCAL FREE
  americanindiancenter.org

- **Black Emotional and Mental Health Collective**
  ONLINE FREE
  beam.community

- **Carver Neighborhood Center**
  LOCAL FREE 888-423-2612
  carverorg.org

- **Evansville Black Chamber of Commerce**
  LOCAL
  facebook.com/blackchamberevv

- **Free Black Therapy**
  ONLINE FREE
  freeblacktherapy.org

- **Indiana Latino Coalition**
  LOCAL
  facebook.com/IndianaLatinoCoalition

- **Mental Health Resources for Black, Indigenous and People of Color**
  ONLINE FREE
  mentalhealthlistings.com/mental-health-resources-for-black-indigenous-and-people-of-color-bipoc

- **Mental Health Resources for Queer & Transgender Communities of Color**
  ONLINE
  docs.google.com/document/d/1pnNNTe-HhHiQPMT6rcJVebZLTPHPuQ5ObaEC5ibU8OA/edit#heading=h.k0ejtxtyoird

- **NAACP Evansville Branch**
  LOCAL
  naacpevansville.com

- **South Asian Mental Health Initiative & Network**
  ONLINE FREE
  samhin.org

Sexual Violence

- **RAINN**
  ONLINE FREE 1-800-656-4673
  rainn.org

  Free, 24/7 phone or online chat for people facing sexual violence, rape, sexual assualt, etc. Provides confidential support, local support, someone to talk to, referrals, etc.

- **Title IX Coordinator and Affirmative Action Officer, Institutional Equity Office**
  CAMPUS FREE 812-464-1703
  USI.edu/institutional-equity

  This office provides support to students and employees who have experienced sexual harassment, sexual/intimate partner violence or related misconduct. They offer assistance in guidance, reporting, resources and support to individuals navigating the effects of such experiences, whether the person chooses to formally report the incident or not. Their goal is to ensure a safe and supportive environment, offering options for counseling, academic accommodations and connections to other campus or community resources to help individuals affected by these issues.

Substance Abuse

- **Comprehensive Treatment Center**
  LOCAL 812-512-9175
  indianactc.com/location/evansville

  Treatment facility with counselors, doctors and nurses, accepts Medicaid and most commercial insurances.

- **Counseling for Change**
  LOCAL 812-491-2615
  counselingforchangeinc.com

  Treatment facility for adult clients participating in an outpatient treatment program, works with clients to make treatment affordable.

- **Evansville Recovery Alliance**
  LOCAL FREE
  evansvillerecoveryalliance.com

  Distributes free nasal Narcan, drug testing kits, safer-use kits, condoms, HIV home tests and referrals to treatment and wrap-around resources in Vanderburgh County.

- **Free Rehab Centers**
  ONLINE FREE 866-972-0589
  freerehabcenters.org/state/indiana

  Connects people with local treatment centers for drug and alcohol abuse.

- **Indiana Narcotics Anonymous**
  LOCAL FREE
  narcotics.com/na-meetings/indiana

- **SAMHSA Helpline**
  FEDERAL FREE 1-800-662-4357
  samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline

  Free, 24/7 information service in English and Spanish for individuals and family members facing mental and/or substance use disorders. Provides referrals to local treatment facilities, support groups, etc.

University Services

- **Employee Assistance Program (EAP)**
  CAMPUS 812-464-1815
  USI.edu/hr/benefits/employee-assistance

- **Housing and Residence Life**
  CAMPUS 812-468-2000
  USI.edu/housing

- **Multicultural Center**
  CAMPUS 812-465-7188
  USI.edu/multicultural-center

- **Religious Life**
  CAMPUS 812-464-1871
  USI.edu/religious-life

- **USI Name Change Form**
  CAMPUS FREE
  USI.edu/registrar/academic-records/preferred-or-chosen-name-policy

Veterans

- **GovTranz**
  LOCAL
  govtranz.net

  GovTranz is dedicated to providing the best possible transportation services to VA hospitals and Veteran community.

- **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**
  FEDERAL
  va.gov

- **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs – Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Program**
  FEDERAL 812-465-6202 ext. 73733
  socialwork.va.gov/IPV

  Helps veterans, their partners and VA staff who are impacted by intimate partner violence.

- **Veterans' Employment and Training Service**
  FEDERAL 317-232-6803
  dol.gov/agencies/vets

  Helps veterans, their partners and VA staff who are impacted by intimate parnter violence.

- **Veteran Financial Resources**
  ONLINE
  annuity.org/financial-literacy/veterans

- **Veteran, Military and Family Resource Center**
  CAMPUS 812-464-1857
  USI.edu/veterans

  This deparment recognizes military members and dependents have special needs and concerns. Our office seeks to ease the transition from military to civilian life, and will guide you as you embark on or continue your college experience with us.

MEDICAID INFORMATION

Introduction to Medicaid

If you're a student or parent caring for a family member with a developmental disability, the Medicaid Waiver might be a valuable resource. You may think your loved one doesn't qualify, but the Medicaid waiver differs from traditional Medicaid. It allows individuals to receive services at home rather than in an institution without considering family income.

When a student transitions from high school to adult life, they may not get insurance at their workplace if not working full time hours. Once a student is 18 years old and has attained adult status, a young adult may no longer qualify for their parent's insurance coverage unless they go to college or vocational school. This should be addressed prior to exiting high school.

Medicaid is a form of medical insurance and was created to provide health care to specific groups of low income individuals:

- Families with children
- Pregnant women and children
- Aged
- Blind and disabled

To be eligible for Medicaid, a person must belong to one of those groups and meet the financial criteria for that group. Once you become 18 years old, your parent's income is not considered any longer when determining eligibility. Your local Department of Family Resources (DFR) Office is a single point of entry for Medicaid and other social services available in Indiana.

You may call DFR Toll Free: 800-403-0864 for information.

- An application must be completed
- A caseworker is assigned
- An appointment will be scheduled to determine eligibility
- An interview will be conducted
- Eligibility determination will be made within 90 days

What is the Indiana Medicaid Waiver Services Program?

Bureau of Disability Services
7409 Eagle Crest Blvd, Suite A
Evansville, IN 47715
812-423-8449

The Medicaid Waiver program began in 1981, in response to the national trend toward providing Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS). In the past, Medicaid paid only for institutionally based long-term care services, such as nursing facilities and group homes. This new program "waived" the requirement of an admission into an institution in order for Medicaid to pay for the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS).

► *in.gov/fssa/ompp/health-coverage/medicaid-hcbs-programs*

The goals of Waiver services are to provide to the person meaningful and necessary services and supports, to respect the person's personal beliefs and customs and to ensure that services are cost-effective.

Waivers for children and adults whose needs are primarily medical in nature assist a person to:

- Be as independent as possible
- Live in the least restrictive environment possible while maintaining the safety in the home

Waivers for children and adults with a developmental disability assist a person to:

- Become involved in the community where he/she lives and works
- Develop social relationships in the person's home and work communities
- Develop skills to make decisions about how and where the person wants to live
- Be as independent as possible

Kentucky Medicaid Waiver

HCB provides assistance to the elderly or to adults and children with physical disabilities to help them live in the community as independently as possible.

► *chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/dca/pages/hcb-waiver.aspx*

Similar to Indiana, they have a program called a Medicaid waiver that allows individuals to receive services outside of an institutional setting, and it also waives family income requirements. It's important to note that when people hear "Medicaid," they often think of traditional Medicaid, but this is different. While the person receiving the service does need to be on Medicaid, the income is waived for this program.

Kentucky has several waivers, currently, the HCB waiver has 4,000 people on the waiting list, however they have been releasing about 200 people per week and expect this to continue, which should reduce the wait time significantly. The Michelle P. waiver has 9,000 people on the list, so it will take longer, but applying for one waiver means you are applying for all seven waivers available. This is beneficial because even if you are chosen for one, you can remain on the waiting list for the others.

Once you complete the application, a reviewer will decide which waiver you qualify for first, which will likely be the HCB waiver. This service can provide a staff person to come to your home so you can attend school, run errands or handle other tasks.

Social Security

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal income supplement program funded by general tax revenues (not Social Security taxes). It is designed to assist aged, blind and disabled persons who have little or no income. SSI provides cash assistance to meet basic needs for food, clothing and shelter and can be financial support as you prepare to enter the workforce.

Basic eligibility requirements for SSI include: Age 65 or older, blind or disabled; U.S. National or Citizen of the U.S. or an alien who meets the applicable requirements; have financial need (income and resources within specified limits); and have filed an application.

Definition of Disability: Applicants must have a physical or mental condition(s) that very seriously limit his/her activities; the individual must not be substantially gainfully employed ($1000 per month for 2010); condition(s) must have lasted or be expected to last at least one year or to result in death.

Important Information

If you already receive SSI or Childhood Disability benefit, ***you must be re-determined following adult disability guidelines upon reaching age 18.*** Also, periodic medical reviews are conducted for anyone who receives SSI payments based on disability. In addition, periodic non-medical reviews are conducted to ensure SSI beneficiaries are still within guidelines (income, resource and living arrangement) for eligibility. Many students receiving Special Education Services are eligible for SSI. Parental income is not considered in the application process after the age of 18. If parental income has disqualified you prior to age 18, an application based solely on your income may be submitted one month prior to your 18th birthday.

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) is a program financed with Social Security taxes paid by workers, employers and self-employed persons. SSDI is available only to the person who has paid into the Social Security system through taxes. The monthly disability benefit is based on the Social Security earnings record of the insured worker on whose Social Security number the disability claim is filed.

Some facts about Social Security Disability Insurance and Childhood Disability Benefits: You, as a dependent, may qualify for payments if a parent who has contributed to the Social Security system is now deceased, disabled or retired. SSDI is not based on economic need so there are no resource limitations as with SSI. Dependent benefits end at age 18 (or age 19 if still in high school). However, you may continue to receive benefits for life if you were disabled prior to age 22. The minimum work (credits) required for you to draw Social Security on your own earnings record is reduced when you have been disabled prior to age 31.

SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE

Applying for Social Security: The application processes for SSI and SSDI are the same. You may complete and submit a Disability Report online at *socialsecurity.gov /adultdisabilityreport*, or if filing for someone under the age of 18, you may visit *socialsecurity.gov/childdisabilityreport*.

Completing the disability form online does not mean that you have applied. An appointment is still required to file an application.

To make an appointment for your SSI or SSDI application: call the Social Security Administration at 877-768-5679 between the hours of 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Deaf or hard-of-hearing applicants may call the "TTY" number at 800-325-0778 during the same hours.

For your appointment, information you will need includes: School records, medical records and personal income. There are Work Incentives designed to assist disabled beneficiaries to go to work by minimizing the risk of losing their Social Security and Medicaid benefits. Some incentives allow the government to disregard some income and resources. Other incentives protect your Medicaid coverage. For more information about Work Incentives that you may qualify for, contact Indiana Works at 866-646-8161 or TTY: 765-641-8285 for deaf and hard-of-hearing beneficiaries.

EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

WorkOne Services & Workforce Development

4600 Washington Avenue
Evansville, IN 47715

800-891-6499 or 812-424-4473
in.gov/dwd

WorkOne and the Indiana Department of Workforce Development assist people with or without disabilities with employment and training services.

Services available may include:

- Career Counseling on education, training, jobs and local employers
- Information on colleges/universities, financial aid and scholarships
- Free workshops on resume writing, job search methods and interviewing skills
- Referrals to job openings that match interests and skills
- Steps to Employment search
- Assess your skills: take a skills inventory by making a list of your strengths and experience
- Remember to include volunteer opportunities and in-school work experience
- Identify Jobs: once you have an idea of your skills, you can start to create a list of potential jobs and/or employers
- Resume and Cover letter: the best resume is the one that quickly summarizes your work history and skills
- Approach Employers: now that you have a resume in hand, you're closer to your real goal – a successful interview
- Interview Process: the best way to be prepared for the actual job interview is to plan ahead for questions and practice your answers
- Follow through for success: never underestimate the power of a "thank you"
- Letter after an interview
- Continue to build skills: in today's global economy, it is important to sharpen your skills and advance your career

Like with everyone else, substantial employment to support themselves and their families is a basic desire of people with disabilities.

Vocational Rehabilitation

Vanderburgh County Office
401 SE 6th Street, Suite 212
Evansville, IN 47713

812-425-1367

An adult must be eligible for Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services by qualifying with a physical or mental impairment that substantially interferes with the ability to work, making services necessary to become employable.

How to Apply

1. Make the appointment. Anyone (including you) can assist with contacting the nearest VR office to make a referral.
2. Go to the appointment prepared with:
    a. Social Security Number
    b. Medical information
3. Names, addresses and phone numbers of all physicians, therapists and mental health professionals.
4. Medication information.

5. Treatment information i.e. therapies, mental health and occupational/ physical/speech therapy.
    a. History of previous school and work experience
    b. Copies of all diagnostic testing results (if available)
6. Student is found eligible or ineligible – must be determined within 60 days.
    a. If eligible, VR counselor will help identify services that help the vocational goal.
    b. If ineligible, individual has the right to appeal (must be within 15 days from receiving notice).
7. A Vocational Rehabilitation Plan for Employment is developed with the individual.
8. The individual begins planned services.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The ADA prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in employment, state and local government, public accommodations, commercial facilities, transportation and telecommunications. It also applies to the United States Congress.

To be protected by the ADA, one must have a disability or have a relationship or association with an individual with a disability. An individual with a disability is defined by the ADA as a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, a person who has a history or record of such an impairment or a person who is perceived by others as having such an impairment. The ADA does not specifically name all of the impairments that are covered.

Section 504

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is a national law that protects qualified individuals from discrimination based on their disability. The nondiscrimination requirements of the law apply to employers and organizations that receive financial assistance from any Federal department or agency, including the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). These organizations and employers include many hospitals, nursing homes, mental health centers and human service programs. Section 504 forbids organizations and employers from excluding or denying individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to receive program benefits and services. It defines the rights of individuals with disabilities to participate in, and have access to, program benefits and services.

Who Is Protected from Discrimination?

Section 504 protects qualified individuals with disabilities. Under this law, individuals with disabilities are defined as persons with a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities. People who have a history of, or who are regarded as having a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, are also covered. Major life activities include caring for one's self, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, working, performing manual tasks and learning. Some examples of impairments which may substantially limit major life activities, even with the help of medication or aids/devices, are: AIDS, alcoholism, blindness or visual impairment, cancer, deafness or hearing impairment, diabetes, drug addiction, heart disease and mental illness.

In addition to meeting the above definition, for purposes of receiving services, education or training, qualified individuals with disabilities are persons who meet normal and essential eligibility requirements.

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For purposes of employment, qualified individuals with disabilities are persons who, with reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential functions of the job for which they have applied or have been hired to perform. (Complaints alleging employment discrimination on the basis of disability against a single individual will be referred to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for processing.) Reasonable accommodation means an employer is required to take reasonable steps to accommodate your disability unless it would cause the employer undue hardship.

ELECTION DAY VOTING CENTERS

Previously, a voter was required to vote at the polling place within the precinct they resided. Now, a voter can choose to vote at any Vote Center that is convenient for them.

On Election Day, **November 5, 2024**, the polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 6 p.m.

If you need information about a voter's registration, you can call the Voter's Registration Office at 812-435-5223.

For other election questions, you can call the Election Office at 812-435-5122.

Location	Address	Zip
4-H Fairgrounds Activities Building	210 E. Boonville New Harmony Rd.	47725
Academy for Innovative Studies	2319 Stringtown Rd.	47711
Bethel United Church of Christ	3029 N. Green River Rd.	47715
Bethlehem UCC	6400 Oak Hill Rd.	47725
Blue Grass Church	14200 Petersburgh Rd.	47725
Calvary Temple Assembly of God	5050 N. First Ave.	47710
Caze Elementary School	2013 S. Green River Rd.	47714
Cedar Hall Elementary School	2100 N. Fulton Ave.	47710
Fairlawn United Methodist Church	2001 Parker Dr.	47714
McCutchanville Fire House	9219 Petersburg Rd.	47725
Memorial Baptist Church	605 Canal St.	47713
Methodist Temple	2109 Lincoln Ave.	47714
Northeast Park Baptist Church	1215 N. Boeke Rd.	47711
Plaza Park School	7301 Lincoln Ave.	47715
Glenwood Leadership Academy	901 Sweetser Ave.	47713
Simpson United Methodist Church	2201 W. Illinois St.	47712
St. James West Church	3111 Hillcrest Ter.	47720
St. Lucas United Church of Christ	33 W. Virginia St.	47710
St Paul's UCC	8701 Big Cynthiana Rd.	47720
Southern Ind. Career & Technical Center	1901 Lynch Rd.	47711
Washington Square Mall	4801 Washington Ave.	47715
West Side Christian Church	1200 N. Red Bank Rd.	47720

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