

Independence Family  
Resource Guide  
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**The Mission of the Coalition for Child Safety is to mobilize the community and work cooperatively to provide the children and families of our community with an environment that is safe, supportive and responsive.**

**For information about the Coalition, call 816-325-7185 or visit our website:  
[www.coalition4childsafety.org](http://www.coalition4childsafety.org)**

*Members include: City of Independence Health Department, Police Department, and Fire Department, Child Abuse Prevention Association, Independence School District, Head Start, The Examiner, Hope House, Comprehensive Mental Health, Division of Social Services/Children's Division, The Family Conservancy, Mothers Outraged At Molesters, LINC, American Medical Response, Caring Communities, Midwest Foster Care and Adoption, Community Services League, Salvation Army, Northwest CDC, Sunshine Center, TMC StartRight Teen Moms Program, Ministerial Alliance, MO Dept. of Health and Senior Services, Housing Authority, Truman Heartland Community Foundation, Swope Health Independence*

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**Personal Safety**

**Hope House 816-461-HOPE**

**P.O. Box 520409, Independence, MO 64052**

A shelter and outreach counseling center for battered women and their children. Are you and/or your children being beaten by someone and you want to leave the situation? Come to a safe shelter for women who suffer physical, emotional or sexual abuse. Counseling for drug and/or alcohol abuse also available for battered women. Life skills program also offered. 24 hour emergency service. No charge.

**Special Victims Unit—Independence Police Department 816-325-7344**  
([CLoring@indepmo.org](mailto:CLoring@indepmo.org))

**223 N. Memorial Drive, Independence, MO 64050**

This comprehensive program has been established to assist any victim of crime during a very difficult time in their life. The intent of Victim Advocate services is to assist victims with specific issues.

**MOCSA 816-531-0233—crisis line (816-931-4527 office. Hours 8- 5 M-F)**  
(Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Abuse); 3100 Broadway, Suite 400, KC,MO 64111

Caring for victims of sexual assault and abuse. Treatment for sexually abused children and their families. Crisis counseling and weekly support sessions for adult survivors of abuse or incest. Free services for victims in crisis. Medicaid accepted for children.

**Missouri School Violence Hotline 1-866-748-7047**

[www.schoolviolencehotline.com](http://www.schoolviolencehotline.com)

Reports threats against students, teachers and schools.



A network of sites marked by yellow SAFE PLACE signs that provide immediate safety for teens in danger.

**Synergy Services Children's Shelter**

**Crisis Hotline: 816-741-8700**

**DV Hotline: 816-452-8535**

A lifeline for families and individuals in crisis. Services include crisis intervention, transitional living, counseling, and emergency shelter.

**Suicide Help Line 1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433)**

**Child Abuse Prevention**

**CAPA 816-252-8388**

**(Child Abuse Prevention Association); 503 E. 23rd St., Independence, MO**

Provides counseling for the victims of child abuse and neglect. Services include

educational programs, individual counseling, and support groups. Parents and Children Together program provides parent education while including children in the process. CAPA also has a Women's Empowerment group.

**Child Abuse Hotline 800-392-3738**

**Kansas City Abuse & Neglect 1-800-922-5330**

**National Hotline for Child Abuse & Neglect 1-800-422-4453**

**Mothers Outraged at Molesters organization 816-478-2355**

[www.momskc.org](http://www.momskc.org)

**P.O. Box 3166, Independence, MO 64055 [momskc@momskc.org](mailto:momskc@momskc.org)**

Helps prevent sexual abuse through public awareness. This is accomplished through speaking with parents about the dangers on the internet as well as right here in their own homes and communities. FREE 50 page handbook available upon request.

### **Child Care**

**Children's Division Child Care Assistance 816-325-5800 [www.dss.mo.gov](http://www.dss.mo.gov)  
201 Partridge, Independence, MO**

Funds for child care assistance for income-eligible families, with parents working, in school or job training programs full time. Parents may select their own day care provider as long as it is licensed by the Department of Health.

**Independence Schools- Child and Family Learning Centers 816-521-5300**

High quality child care for Independence school district children ages 3 through 11. Children benefit from age-appropriate activities, time for homework, and supervised free time.

**Child Care Source 913-573-CARE (2273) [www.childcaresource.org](http://www.childcaresource.org)**

Promoting quality early childhood care and education in Missouri and Kansas. Need help finding a child care provider? Child Care Source will help you.

### **Emergency Assistance (Food, Rent, Utility, Medications, Shelter)**

**Catholic Charities of KC-St Jo 816-221-2178**

**1112 Broadway, Kansas City MO 64105**

Adoption services, services for pregnant women, abstinence education, emergency assistance, foster care services, services and ministry for persons with disabilities, professional counseling, services to the elderly and disabled

**Community Services League 816-254-4100**

**300 W. Maple, Independence, MO**

Providing emergency assistance to low income families in Eastern Jackson County. Services include: Food Pantry, Clothes Closet, Utility Assistance, Rent Assistance, Prescription Assistance, School Supplies and Christmas Store. Work Express services include assistance with job search, resumes and work clothing. Small grants available as funds allow for the above needs. Income verification

and proof of residence required.

**Hillcrest Ministries 816-461-0468**  
**401 N. Spring, Independence, MO 64050**

Hillcrest Transitional Housing is a 90-day transitional housing program that helps a homeless family achieve self-sufficiency through a high accountability budgeting and life skills educational curriculum while living in a fully furnished, rent-free apartment. We provide a food and toiletry pantry that covers their needs while in the program. Further, we provide intensive one-on-one budget counseling, goal setting, problem solving, and other relevant skills to break the cycle of poverty.

**Salvation Army 816-252-3200**  
**14700 E. Truman Rd., Independence, MO**

We provide assistance to individuals and families in the Eastern Jackson County area. Our services include emergency food, shelter, meals, clothing for work, household needs, utility and rental assistance, ministry to sick and homebound elderly, after school programs, summer camps, family and individual counseling, disaster services, seasonal services such as Christmas and Back to School, in addition to worship services and Bible studies.

**Salvation Army 816-471-4337 [www.salarmy-mokan.org](http://www.salarmy-mokan.org)**  
**101 W. Linwood Blvd., KC, MO64111**

Emergency housing and care for children. Access housing for adults.

**Crossroads 816-461-1093**  
**14704 E. Truman Rd., Indep., MO**

An emergency temporary shelter providing safe shelter, transportation assistance and referrals to a self-help program. Requires adults to seek employment. Chemically free environment—no drugs or alcohol allowed.

**United Services Community Action 816-833-4333**  
**3675 S. Noland, Suite 100, Indep., MO**

Same as Community Service League and Salvation Army. We provide both emergency and long-term solutions to the poverty conditions affecting our citizens.

Programs include: Family Intake/Assessment/Referral, Case Management, Work Experience Program, Job Readiness Program, Life Skills Classes, Back-to-School Fairs, Job Fairs, Senior Citizens' Fair, Holiday Programs, Emergency Assistance Programs, Micro-Enterprise program and Free Tax Program.

**Homeless Hotline 816-474-4599**

**Grief Support**

**Grief Support 816-461-1093**

**Compassionate Friends 816-531-6464**

**19201 R. D. Mize Rd., Indep., MO**

Self-help support group offering friendship and understanding to bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents.

**Bereavement Support Group 816-363-2600**

**1625 W. 92nd St., K.C., MO**

On-going support group for persons suffering from the loss of a loved one. Referral for further counseling if needed.

**Legal Assistance**

**Legal Aid of Western MO 816-474-6750**

**1125 Grand, Suite 1900, K.C., MO**

MC+ Access issues reviewed. Provides legal counsel in civil and municipal court matters to persons who cannot afford an attorney, including: discrimination, housing problems, public benefits, consumer cases, bankruptcy, and immigration matters. Filing fees required.

**United Way 2-1-1 Information Line 816-474-5112; [www.unitedwaygkc.org](http://www.unitedwaygkc.org)**

United Way announces a new service to help people: 2-1-1. United Way's 2-1-1 helps people find and give help. It is an easy-to-remember central phone number connecting people with available community resources and volunteer opportunities. This service, available 24-hours-a-day, 7days-a-week covers a 23 county area surrounding metropolitan Kansas City.

**Parenting Support**

**United Way Success by 6 Resource Ctr. 816-521-5485**

**1511 S. Kingshighway; Independence, MO 64055**

United Way Success by 6 Resource Centers provide a Toy and Resource Lending Library filled with educational toys and books appropriate for children birth to age 8. All materials are available for checkout free of charge to anyone who works or lives with children in Jackson County.

**Boys and Girls Club of Greater Kansas City: Independence Campus**

**816-461-1422; 315 S. Leslie St.; Indep., MO 64050**

**816-257-7010; 16995 Dover Lane; Indep., MO 64056**

**[www.bgc-gkc.org](http://www.bgc-gkc.org)**

Club programs and services promote and enhance the development of boys and girls by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence. Boys & Girls Clubs are a safe place to learn and grow—all while having fun. They are truly “The Positive Place For Kids”

**Car Seat Installation Information “Buckle Up Our Future”**

**Cable-Dahmer Chevrolet; 816-254-3860; 1834 S. Noland Rd; Indep., MO 64055**

Provides professional installation of child car seats, see website for dates and times: <http://www.coalition4childsafety.org/buckleup.html>

**CAPA 816-252-8388**

**(Child Abuse Prevention Association); 503 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Indep., MO**  
Parent-Child Sexuality Class; helps parents talk with their 10-12 year children about sexuality, changes in puberty, and related questions

**Children's Place 816-363-1898**  
**2 E. 59th, KC, MO 64113**  
Parent support, counseling, family services.

**The Family Conservancy 816-373-7577 [www.thefamilyconservancy.org](http://www.thefamilyconservancy.org)**  
**3737 S. Elizabeth, Ste. 100, Indep., MO**  
Provides Family, individual and children's counseling. This agency helps families prepare their children for a lifetime of success by offering services and counseling to families, individuals and children, as well as promoting quality childcare options.

**Parents Anonymous 816-257-1582**  
**16995 Dover Lane, Indep., MO 64056**  
A free, weekly group of parents who meet in a safe, supportive setting to share the concerns, challenges, and stresses of being a parent. The groups are led by parents and facilitators. Parents Anonymous\* Children's Program is available (birth - 18 years) during meeting times.

**Parents As Teachers (*Pending budget cuts for the 2010-2011 school year*)**  
**Indep. School District; 816-521-5300; 3225 S. Noland Rd, Indep., MO**  
A free program sponsored by Indep. Schools to provide practical, effective support to families with children prenatal through five years. Services include personal visits, parent meetings, and developmental screenings.

**Up With Parents & Other Care Givers 816-682-2578;**  
**[snerussell.1@netzero.net](mailto:snerussell.1@netzero.net)**  
A training program that provides positive ideas for parents and caregivers. Addresses a critical need for additional parent education materials that are easily understood between children and those who care for them. Assists in helping to eliminate everyday discipline problems and aids in removing causes of child abuse. Curriculum approved by the Missouri Department of Health Bureau of Childcare.

**Head Start Independence School District Sites:**  
**Hanthorn Head Start 1511 Kingshighway 64055, 816-521-5654**  
**Sunshine Center Head Start 18400 E. Salisbury Rd 64056, 816-461-0893**  
Head Start is an early childhood education program for low income children and their families. Children ages 3-5 may qualify based on their family's income. It offers a comprehensive family program covering educational, physical and social development of the child. Full-day services are available for parents who are working or going to school. Services for children with disabilities are also provided.

**Head Start District Office: Independence School District 816-521-5300**  
It provides services for low-income families beginning when the mother is pregnant through the child's third birthday. Child care and early education are provided as well as mental health services, disabilities services, health tracking, and developmental screenings. Families must meet eligibility requirements for

Head Start.

Kansas City District 816-418-8425

Raytown District New Trails Early Learning Center 816-268-7430 (Raytown Head Start 816-268-7203)

Lee's Summit 816-986-2488 (905 NE Blue Stem Dr., Lee's Summit, MO 64086)

**The Guardian Program 816-257-9236**

Supervised visitation and monitored exchange in a safe, neutral, child-friendly environment. There is no contact between non-custodial and custodial parents. Guardian Program staff and Independence Police officers monitor and facilitate all activities at the program.

**Lifeguard Youth Development 816-836-TEEN(8336) [www.guardyourself.org](http://www.guardyourself.org)  
815 N. Noland Rd Suite 4 & 5, Indep., MO 64050**

A source of answers for today's teens. Lots of activities & FUN for teens.

**Stand Up Parenting/Tough Love 913-492-1200 [www.standupparenting.org](http://www.standupparenting.org)**

A self-help program for parents troubled by adolescent behavior. Will help develop new strengths to give young people firm, selective, yet loving support. Call for meeting times and places.

**Parent Link Toll Free 1-800-552-8522; Spanish 1-888-460-0008**

[www.outreach.missouri.edu/parentlink](http://www.outreach.missouri.edu/parentlink) Available 8-5 on Mondays through Fridays

Answers parenting questions for parents and professionals in MO. Registered dietician and Spanish line available.

**Health**

**Independence Health Department 816-325-7185; [www.indepmo.org/health](http://www.indepmo.org/health)  
515 S. Liberty St., Indep., MO 64050**

The Independence Health Department provides education and services to ensure the health and safety of the community.

**Health Promotion** 315-7185: Health related education, smoking cessation classes, emergency preparedness, communicable disease reporting, surveillance, and prevention.

Birth and death certificates available (fees apply)

**Food & Institution Division:** 325-7194 for food handler classes, 325-7803: food-related complaints

**Animal Services** 325-7205 services and animal bite reports

**Code Compliance** 325-7193 property/residence safety, complaints, neighborhood clean ups

**Jackson Co. Health Dept. 816-404-6415**

**313 S. Liberty, Indep., MO 64050**

Well Child Clinic, Immunizations, Lead Testing (uninsured children) STD Clinic, HIV/AIDS Case Management, Traumatic Brain Injury Case Management, Health Education, Show Me Healthy Women, TB testing and Case Management.

Missouri birth and death certificates available (fees apply).

**SIDS Resources Inc. 816-569-6956 [www.sidsresources.org](http://www.sidsresources.org)**

SIDS Resources Inc., offers community education services on reducing the risk of sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and bereavement Services for families who've experienced a SIDS loss.

**Suicide Help Line 1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433)**

**The Women's Clinic of Kansas City 816-836-9000  
815 N. Noland Rd., Indep., MO 64050**

Free pregnancy tests, counseling, education, 24 hour help-line and adoption referral.

**Nurses on Call (HCA) 816-751-3754  
7:00 AM through 11:00 PM---7 days per week**

Answering service to allow parents to ask a registered nurse (RN) for advice regarding ill children and other health questions.

**Ask A Nurse 816-751-3754**

24 hour answering service to allow parents to ask a registered nurse for advice regarding ill children.

**Substance Abuse**

**AA, AL-ANON, and ALATEEN**

Missouri web site: [www.missouri-al-anon.org](http://www.missouri-al-anon.org)

Independence : Al-Anon Info 816-373-8566

[www.kansascity-al-anon.org](http://www.kansascity-al-anon.org)

**Comprehensive Mental Health 816-254-3652**

**10901 Winner Rd., Indep., MO 64052**

**(Addiction Center is located at 5840 Swope Prkwy, Kansas City, MO)**

Counseling for emotional stress and mental health problems for adults and children in Northeastern Jackson County. 24 Hour Emergency Crisis Intervention available.

**Narcotics Anonymous 1-877-855-8590**

**Suicide Help Line 1-800-SUICIDE**

**NCADD: National council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence 816-361-5900**

**[www.recoverycentral.org](http://www.recoverycentral.org) 633 E. 63<sup>rd</sup> St, KCMO 64110**

Community education and prevention programs. It is the mission of First Call, NCADD) to reduce the impact of alcohol, drugs and other addictions by providing quality services to individuals, families and the community.

**Cool Sites**

[www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org) (health-related topics for parents, teens, & kids)

[www.childrensmercy.org](http://www.childrensmercy.org) (cool info right here in KCMO)

[www.missingchildren.org](http://www.missingchildren.org) (Net Smartz stresses internet safety tips)

<http://www.missingkids.com> (information pamphlets for adults and children)

FREE)

[www.thetruth.com](http://www.thetruth.com) (about tobacco & stuff)

[www.abovetheinfluence.org](http://www.abovetheinfluence.org) (a prevention site by kids, for kids )