

Legal Assistance

LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MISSOURI 816-474-6750

1125 Grand, Suite 1900, KCMO 64106

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

www.hauw.org or call 816-474-5112

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, 7 days-a-week covers a 23 county area surrounding metropolitan Kansas City.

Substance Abuse

AA, AL-ANON, AND ALATEEN 816-373-8566

MISSOURI: www.missouri-al-anon.org

INDEPENDENCE: www.kansascity-al-anon.org

COMPREHENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH 816-254-3652

10901 Winner Road, Independence, MO 64052

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

ASK A NURSE 816-751-3754

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

NCADD (NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG DEPENDENCE)

816-361-5973 www.recoverycentral.org

633 East 63rd Street, KCMO 64110

Community education and prevention programs.

Health

INDEPENDENCE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

816-325-7185 www.indepmo.org/health

515 South Liberty Street, Independence, 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: Food handler classes (325-7194). Food-related complaints (325-7803).

Animal Services (325-7205): Services and animal bite reports.

Code Compliance (325-7193): Property/residence safety, complaints, neighborhood clean ups.

JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

816-404-6415 www.jacohd.org

313 S. Liberty, Independence, 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).

NURSES ON CALL (HCA) 816-751-3754

7:00AM – 11:00PM 7 days per week. Answering service to allow parents to ask a registered nurse for advice regarding ill children.

PARENT STRESS HELPLINE 1-800-367-2543

PARENT LINK 1-800-522-8522

SIDS RESOURCES INC. 816-569-6956

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 Road, Independence, MO 64050

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

Grief Support

GRIEF SUPPORT 816-461-1093

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP 816-363-2600

1625 West 92nd Street, KCMO

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

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS 816-531-6464

19201 R.D. Mize Road, Independence, MO

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

COOL SITES

www.kidshealth.org

(health-related topics for parents, teens, & kids)

www.vh.org

(virtual hospital... way cool)

www.childrensmc.org

(cool info right here in KCMO)

www.missingchildren.org

(Net Smartz stresses internet safety tips)

<http://www.missingkids.com> (information

pamphlets for adults and children FREE)

www.thetruth.com

(about tobacco & stuff)

www.abovetheinfluence.org

(a prevention site by kids, for kids)

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The Coalition would like to express our appreciation to all those individuals and agencies who work toward the goal of "Keeping Our Children Safe."

For information about the Coalition, call 816-325-7185 or visit our website www.coalition4childsafety.org

Independence Family Resource Guide 2009-2010

Coalition for  Child Safety

The mission of the Coalition for Child Safety is to mobilize the community and to work cooperatively to provide the children and families of our community with an environment that is safe, supportive and responsive.

Members include:

American Medical Response • Caring Communities • Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA) • City of Independence Health Department, Police Department, and Fire Department • Community Services League • Comprehensive Mental Health • Division of Social Services/Children's Division • The Examiner • The Family Conservancy • Family Literacy Center • Head Start • Hope House • Housing Authority of Independence • Independence School District • Local Investment Commission (LINC) • Midwest Foster Care & Adoption • Ministerial Alliance • MO Dept. of Health & Senior Services • Mothers Outraged at Molesters • North West Community Development Corporation • Parents As Teachers • Salvation Army • Swope Health Independence • Sunshine Center • TMC StartRight Teen Moms • Truman Heartland Community Foundation • Bi-County United Way of Cass & Jackson Counties



Child Abuse Prevention

CAPA (Child Abuse Prevention Association) 816-252-8388
503 East 23rd Street, Independence, MO 64055
www.childabuseprevention.org

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.

MOTHERS OUTRAGED AT MOLESTERS (MOMS)
P.O. Box 3166, Independence, MO 64055

816-478-2355 • www.momskc.org • 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 ABUSE HOTLINE 1-800-392-3738

Child Care

CHILD CARE SOURCE 913-573-CARE (2273)
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.

CHILDREN'S DIVISION OF CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE
816-325-5800 www.dss.mo.gov
201 Partridge, Independence, MO 64055

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 SCHOOL'S CHILD & FAMILY LEARNING CENTERS 816-521-5300

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

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF KC-ST. JOSEPH 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 West Maple, P.O. Box 4178, Independence, MO 64050

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 is required).

SALVATION ARMY 816-252-3200
14700 East Truman Road, Independence, MO 64050

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
101 West Linwood Boulevard, KCMO 64111
www.salarmy-mokan.org

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

CROSSROADS SHELTER 816-461-1093
14704 East Truman Road, Independence, MO 64050

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

UNITED SERVICES COMMUNITY ACTION 816-833-4333
3675 S. Noland, Suite 201, Independence, 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

Parenting Support

BI-COUNTY UNITED WAY SUCCESS BY 6 RESOURCE CTR
816-461-0300 • 4727 Logan Avenue, KCMO 64136

A resource center of toys and information for parents, grandparents, or caregivers.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF GREATER KANSAS CITY
INDEPENDENCE CAMPUS • www.bgc-gkc.org
(816) 461-1422 • 315 S. Leslie St., Independence, MO 64050
(816) 257-7010 • 16995 Dover Ln., Independence, MO 64050

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.

CAPA (Child Abuse Prevention Association) 816-252-8388
816-461-0300 • 503 East 23rd Street, Independence, MO

Parent-Child sexuality class; helps parents talk with their 10-12 year children about sexuality, changes in puberty, and related questions.

CAR SEAT INSTALLATION INFORMATION
"BUCKLE UP OUR FUTURE" CABLE-DAHMER CHEVROLET
816-254-3860 • 1834 S. Noland Rd., Independence, MO 64055
Provides professional installation of child car seats the second Saturday of each month from 10am - 2pm.

THE CHILDREN'S PLACE 816-363-1898
2 East 56th, KCMO 64113

Parent support, counseling, and family services.

EARLY HEAD START 816-521-2907 X 340
218 N. Pleasant, Independence, MO 64050

Independence Early Head Start is a birth to 3 program that offers free child care for families that qualify and empowers families toward increased self-sufficiency by providing comprehensive support and assistance.

THE FAMILY CONSERVANCY 816-373-7577
3737 S. Elizabeth, Suite 100, Independence, MO 64057
www.thefamilyconservancy.org

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.

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.

HEAD START 816-521-2760

1511 Kingshighway, Independence, MO 64055

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.

Kansas City District 816-418-8425
Fort Osage District 816-650-5531
Raytown District 816-268-7430
Lee's Summit District 816-986-2488

LIFEGUARD YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

816-836-TEEN (8336) www.guardyourself.org
815 N. Noland Road, Suite 4 & 5, Independence, MO 64050
A source of answers for today's teens. Lots of activities & FUN.

PARENT LINK TOLL FREE 1-800-552-8522
TOLL FREE IN SPANISH 1-888-460-0008

www.outreach.missouri.edu/parentlink

Available 8-5 M-F. Answers parenting questions for MO parents and professionals. Registered dietician & Spanish line available.

PARENTS ANONYMOUS 816-257-1582
16995 Dover Lane, Independence, 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
INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT: 816-521-5300
3225 S. NOLAND ROAD, INDEPENDENCE, MO
FORT OSAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 816-650-7647

A free program sponsored by Independence Schools to provide practical, effective support to families with children, prenatal through five years of age. Services include personal visits, parent meetings, and developmental screenings.

UP WITH PARENTS & OTHER CAREGIVERS 816-682-2578
snerussell.1@netzero.net

A training program which 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.

STAND UP PARENTING/TOUGH LOVE 913-492-1200
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.

Personal Safety

CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE 1-800-392-3738

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.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING
INDEPENDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT
816-325-7255 (816-325-7072)

223 N. Memorial Drive, Independence, MO 64050

IPD Intelligence Unit investigates the exploitation of children and adults in Independence as well as the United States and International Human Trafficking.

MOCSA (Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Abuse) 816-531-0233 (816-931-4527)

3217 Broadway, Suite 500, KCMO 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'S SCHOOL VIOLENCE HOTLINE
1-866-748-7047

www.schoolviolencehotline.com

Report threats against students, teachers, schools.

SAFE PLACE QUIK-TRIP STATIONS
<http://nationalsafeplace.org>

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

Domestic Violence Hotline: 816-452-8535

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

SUICIDE HELP LINE 1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433)