

Livingston County Resource Guide

Surviving Tough Economic Times in Livingston County

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Introduction

Livingston County Resource Guide: Surviving Tough Economic Times in Livingston County was developed to connect you to community resources. These resources can help you and your family survive unexpected life transitions. The information in this guide is helpful for those seeking help for the first time.

Each section of this guide is laid out with:

- First steps
- Tips
- Other local businesses

This guide was designed by the Livingston County Community Needs Assessment and Evaluation Workgroup, a sub-committee of the Livingston County Human Services Collaborative Body (HSCB).

Review the HSCB website at: <https://milivcounty.gov/hscb/> for more information and resources.

First Steps:

MI Bridges

Phone: 2-1-1

Website: <https://newmibridges.michigan.gov/>

The most thorough support can be accessed by applying for assistance through MI Bridges. MI Bridges connects community businesses with its internal assistance. On the MI Bridges website, you can:

- Receive One-on-One Assistance
- Work with a Navigation Partner can guide you on using MI Bridges,
- Apply for Benefits
- Work with an Access Partner who can provide computers, tablets, or mobile devices for clients

Food Assistance

First Steps:

Food is a large expense for many single people and families. Reducing food expenses can free up additional cash for other expenses. Take steps to reduce your food costs and look to community resources for extra support.

Food pantries, community dinners, and government programs can help you and your family with needed food.

Michigan State Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

2280 E. Grand River, Howell, MI 48843

Phone: 844-464-3447

Website: www.michigan.gov/mibridges

The most complete support can be accessed by applying for food assistance. Apply through the Michigan State Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). You can apply for food assistance in person at your local DHHS office, or online.

When applying for food assistance through DHHS:

- Have documents and identification cards readily available. To verify identity, age, income, address, employment status, immigration status, etc., for all family members.
- Protect your DHHS Benefit information like other personal information; do not share - prevent identity theft.
- Check the status of your food assistance application online through MI Bridges at: <https://bit.ly/41Dsruj>

Tips:

- Call 211 or visit mi211.org for listings of food pantries and other agencies
- Look at your community's congregations for free meals weekly or monthly.
- Apply for The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP provides food benefits to low-income families.
- Use Food Finder online. It is an interactive map of food pantries and free food assistance programs available on foodfinder.us

Food Assistance Resources	
Livingston County Hunger Council Website: www.livingstonhunger.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/hungercouncil	Online resources to access local food pantries, groceries, hot meals (Fish and Loves), school programs, and holiday food.
Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan 5924 Sterling Dr, Howell, MI 48843 Phone: 517-548-3710	Shared Harvest Pantry within Gleaners offers monthly grocery shopping appointments and weekly produce drive-throughs. Call for an appointment or more information Monday through Friday 9 am-3 pm. Do not leave a voicemail, continue to call and stay on the line until someone can take your call.
The Salvation Army Food Pantry 503 Lake Street, Howell, MI 48843 Phone: 517-546-4750 Email: usc.gld.lc.socialservices@usc.salvationarmy.org Website: https://bit.ly/3xeZXu1	The pantry is often able to provide fresh vegetables, fruit, and dairy products, like milk, yogurt, and other items as they are donated. Pantry is by appointment only. Please call to schedule an appointment Monday-Friday 9 AM - 4 PM. No walk-ins will be accepted.
Women Infants & Children (WIC) 2300 E Grand River Ave, Howell, MI 48843 Phone: 517-546-5459 Website: https://bit.ly/LivCoWIC	Serves low-income pregnant and breastfeeding women, and their children up to age 5.
Meals on Wheels Phone: 810-632-2155 Website: www.mealsonwheelsmi.org/	The Livingston County Senior Nutrition Program, "Meals On Wheels" offers a nutrition service for senior adults over the age of 60. Well, balanced hot meals are delivered five days a week.

Financial Assistance

First Steps:

When experiencing a change in life, money management becomes important. Financial assistance may come in the form of money, education, or advisors to help you improve your money management.

Start by assessing where you are now, then connect with community resources for more support.

The Salvation Army of Livingston County

503 Lake St., Livingston County, Michigan 48844

Phone: 517-546-4750

Website: centralusa.salvationarmy.org/livingstoncounty/

The Salvation Army Social Services Department offers a comprehensive range of support to individuals and families in need. Our services include rental assistance, energy assistance, emergency shelter, clothing vouchers, household goods vouchers, personal care items, and food pantry assistance. Additionally, we provide seasonal support through programs such as Summer Lunch Brunch and our Thanksgiving and Christmas initiatives. For those seeking more sustained support, we offer long-term case management through our Pathway of Hope program.

Tips:

- Start communicating with your landlord, creditors, etc. as soon as you anticipate a cash flow problem.
- Organize related bills, documents, and notices. Keep them together in a folder or binder - ready for each consultation.
- Keep a record of all phone and in-person conversations with and get promises in writing.
- A HUD-approved financial counselor can often help budget and renegotiate debt
- Don't be afraid to consult the experts. They can also let you know of your rights.
- Read everything until you understand it – before signing anything!
- Avoid scams by never agreeing to make payments to a third party. Or anyone other than the direct company you are working with.

Debt Resources	
Earned Income Tax Credit or “EITC” Website: https://bit.ly/3Vwkq6s	EITC is a refundable federal income tax credit for low to moderate-income working individuals and families. If you qualify for this tax credit, you are entitled to free tax preparation at certain community sites, or free online tax preparation that you can complete yourself. Calculate your eligibility online at www.eitc.irs.gov.
GreenPath Debt Financial Wellness 36500 Corporate Dr, Farmington Hills, MI 48331 Phone: 833-838-9058 Website: www.greenpath.com	This resource includes: • Debt Counseling • Debt management plan development • Self-help on-line info • Online financial calculators Call to schedule an appointment.
Money Management International Phone: 866-889-9347 Website: www.MoneyManagement.org	Free online or by phone assistance. • Budget, credit, and housing counseling • Debt management services • Bankruptcy counseling & education • Online financial education

Budgeting and Money Management Classes	
Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA) 2300 E Grand River Ave #107, Howell, MI 48843 Phone: 517-546-8500 Website: https://www.olhsa.org/events	Provides budgeting and money management classes to persons who are struggling with paying for housing and other bills. Classes include: • Budgeting and Saving • Improve Your Credit • Debt Reduction/Negotiation • Budgeting and saving for mortgage approval and home ownership Online registration is required for classes.
Love in the Name of Christ (Love INC) 820 E Grand River Ave, Howell, MI 48843 Phone: 517-552-3620 Website: www.livingstonloveinc.org/	The Love INC New Creation Program offers financial classes through the support of area churches. Please call for a schedule and location. Classes include: • Overcoming Financial Challenges • Creating a Spending Plan • Managing Debt • Taking Out Loans • Preparing for Emergencies • Setting Savings Goals • Individual Financial Coaching & Mentoring

Health Insurance Assistance	
Health Insurance Marketplace Phone: 810-318-2596 Website: www.healthcare.gov/	This online resource helps those who do not qualify for Medicaid or Medicare. Or if you have no options or bad options for coverage. Check if you qualify for savings, browse plans and costs, find local help, and learn how to save money.
Washtenaw Health Project Phone: 734-544-3030 Website: washtenawhealthproject.org/	This program assists Southeast Michigan residents with questions and concerns about health insurance.

Utility Assistance

First Steps:

Struggling to pay utility bills or receiving a shut-off notice can be very difficult. However, there are more resources available to you before and after a notice.

Start by calling to find out if your provider allows you to slowly eliminate a past balance without losing your current services. Many utility companies have case management lines you can call to talk about payment plans before your account gets behind.

Michigan State Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

2280 E. Grand River, Howell, MI 48843

Phone: 844-464-3447

Website: www.michigan.gov/mibridges

DHHS can help prevent overdue bills or reacting to notices.

State Emergency Relief (SER) provides help or assistance for emergency housing, utility, and more. Apply for SER assistance at your local DHHS office or online.

Tips:

- The name on the bill must match the name of the person requesting assistance.
- You may still be legally responsible for bills in your married spouse's name regardless of marital status
- To apply for assistance when the account is listed in the landlord's name - present your lease agreement which shows this arrangement.
- Most frequently requested documentation includes: picture ID, proof of custody for all children (birth certificates, immunization records, etc.), documentation of all household income and expenses for the past 30 days, and the account information for the utility bill(s).
- If you receive mail at a post office box, the address listed as the service address on the bill should match the address on your driver's license.

How to Handle Utility Shut-Off:

Most assistance programs require your account to have a “shut-off” status before they can offer assistance. “Late,” “past due,” and other warnings would not qualify for assistance.

Apply for SER assistance at your local DHHS office or online. This should be completed as soon as you receive a shut-off notice. You will be asked to provide shut-off notices, proof of financial claims, proof of family relationships, and address verification.

Once a completed application has been turned in, a hold may be placed on the utility account by DHHS to suspend the shut-off. These holds are typically 7 to 14 days in length. ‘

Call the utility company within a few days of application to check on the hold status. If a hold has not been placed, call the DHHS Office to check the status of your application.

A DHHS caseworker will contact you to set up an interview. Once a decision is made, you will receive a decision notice indicating the services available to you.

Other community agencies may be able to help you with bills not covered by DHHS. If a bill is large, more than one community agency may need to assist.

Utility Company Case Management	
DTE Phone: 800-477-4747 Website: https://bit.ly/3ZVyatR	Before being behind on bills use your utility company's case management services for options. If you are behind on your energy bill, please contact DTE to avoid service disconnection. They offer several payment assistance programs to help customers pay their energy bills.
Consumers Energy Phone: 800-477-5050 Website: https://bit.ly/3BIA51v	Before being behind on bills use your utility company's case management services for options. If you need help with your energy bill, the Consumers Affordable Resource for Energy (CARE) Program may be right for you. Fill out an online form or call to see if you qualify.

Utility Assistance Resources	
<i>Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency (OLHSA)</i> 2300 E Grand River Ave #107, Howell, MI 48843 Phone: 517-546-8500 Website: https://www.olhsa.org/events	Emergency utility assistance is available through OLHSA.
The Salvation Army 503 Lake Street, Howell, MI 48843 Phone: 517-546-4750	The Salvation Army programs include emergency utility assistance and enrollment into cost-effective programs with Consumers and DTE that reduce monthly bills.
Love in the Name of Christ (Love INC) 820 E Grand River Ave, Howell, MI 48843 Phone: 517-552-3620 Website: www.livingstonloveinc.org/	Emergency utility assistance is available through Love INC. Call Mondays through Thursdays 10 AM - 2 PM

Unemployment Assistance

First Steps:

Unemployment affects people emotionally and financially

Start by filing for benefits with the Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) within the first week you are laid off.

Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA):

5217 Perry Robinson Circle, Lansing, Michigan, 48911

Phone: 866-500-0017

Website: <http://www.michigan.gov/uia>

UIA runs the State of Michigan's unemployment insurance program. This program pays weekly unemployment benefits to eligible workers.

You must file by Friday the week after your last day of work.

Tips:

- If you apply for unemployment online or by phone you will still need an initial in-person. Visit your local Michigan Works! Service Center for this.
- Michigan Works! Offers computer access stations for resumes and job searches.
- Stay connected to people. They can offer support, or sometimes help you find your next job.
- Create an up-to-date copy of your resume.
- If you leave a job voluntarily and without a good cause (medical, dangerous environment, emergencies, relocations, etc.) you cannot request unemployment.

Unemployment Resources	
Michigan Works! Southeast Livingston Service Center 1200 Byron Rd Howell, MI 48843 Phone: 517-546-7450 Website: www.mwse.org	Michigan Works! Livingston Service Center provides employers and job seekers in Livingston County with “one-stop” employment and training information. All job seekers benefit from many services at no cost. These services include: ● Registration for Michigan’s Talent Connect ● Job seeker workshops ● Internet, phones, fax machines, copiers ● Assistance with resumes, interviewing skills, and other job search skills ● Career assessment and counseling services ● GED preparation
Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) Phone: 866-500-0017 Website: https://bit.ly/49FenSJ	The LEO can help you file for unemployment and walk you through the process. Follow their Claimant Roadmap on their website for a clear understanding.

Housing Assistance

First Steps:

There are many different types of housing. Some rent, own, and live with friends, and others share their home with extended family. Because of this, there is not one way to address every housing problem. OLSHA can help you target your specific needs and direct you to where to go next.

Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency (OLHSA)

2300 E Grand River Ave # 107, Howell, MI 48843

Phone: 517-546-8500

Website: www.olhsa.org/en-us/

OLHSA can help you create a personalized action plan and work with lenders to identify alternative options for foreclosure through their Home Preservation Counseling classes.

Tips:

- Talk to your landlord about options.
- Find ways to decrease costs in your residence right now like getting a roommate or sharing costs with family members.
- Negotiate with your homeowner's association to reduce association fees
- Keep track of your monthly expenses and stop or cancel non-essential activities.
- Look for shelters near you. Note that most shelters require you to stay one night within the county you want to receive shelter in.
- Apply for SER

State Emergency Relief (SER) provides help with housing costs (rent, security deposit, short-term emergency housing). Apply for SER assistance at your local DHHS office. This step should be completed as soon as possible because OLHSA requires a decision notice from DHHS before they can help.

Once you receive a decision notice, apply for assistance at OLHSA. All services offered through OLSHA are confidential, and your personal information is protected.

Housing Expense Assistance	
The Salvation Army 503 Lake Street, Howell, MI 48843 Phone: 517-546-4750	The Salvation Army programs include emergency housing assistance. • Must have current court documentation, for example: 7-day notice, demand for possession • Must have current income
Love in the Name of Christ (Love INC) 820 E Grand River Ave, Howell, MI 48843 Phone: 517-552-3620 Website: www.livingstonloveinc.org/	Emergency housing assistance is available through Love INC. Call Mondays through Thursdays 10 AM - 2 PM
Foreclosure Prevention and Information	
Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA) 2300 E Grand River Ave #107, Howell, MI 48843 Phone: 517-546-8500 Website: www.olhsa.org/events	In addition to counseling, OLSHA offers resources and classes for foreclosures, including: • What To Do When You Cannot Pay Your Mortgage • What To Do If You Cannot Pay your Property Taxes • Reaching Your Financial Goals (Budgeting and Saving) • Improve Your Credit • Debt Reduction/Negotiation Online registration is required.
Right At Home Website: www.rightathomeanswers.org	This online resource offers comprehensive information on housing issues, including foreclosure information and many links to additional housing-related information resources.

Eviction Assistance	
Livingston County DHHS 2300 E Grand River Ave, Suite 1 Howell, MI 48843 Phone: 844-464-3447 Website: Michigan.gov/mibridges	You can apply for State Emergency Relief in person with a paper application or on the lobby kiosk, at your local DHS office, or online.
Legal Services of South Central Michigan 3490 Belle Chase Way #50, Lansing, MI 48911 Phone: 517-394-2985	Attend court hearings to avoid a potential default judgment being entered against you. You will have the option to speak with Legal Services at these hearings.
Emergency Housing	
LACASA Crisis Shelter 1920 Tooley Road Howell, MI 48855 Phone: 800-799-7233	This is a secure setting for survivors of child abuse, domestic violence, and sexual assault. They offer a non-violent environment for you, your children, and, your pets. Shared common rooms include a fully equipped community kitchen, a large dining area, a living room, a multimedia den, and a serenity room.
The Connection Youth Services 4736 East M-36 Pinckney, MI 48169 Phone: 866-440-7233	The Transitional Living Program provides apartment and host home living opportunities to homeless youth 16-21 years old for up to 18 months. For more information or to determine TLP program eligibility please call.
Warming/Cooling Shelter The Salvation Army - 503 Lake St. Howell M-F 10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm	A safe place to warm up or cool off during any season.

Medical Assistance

First Steps:

If you have lost your health care coverage and need medical care, consult your doctor or hospital for available payment plans.

Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act

Phone: 866-444-3272

Website: www.dol.gov/general/topic/health-plans/cobra

The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) gives workers and their families who lose their health benefits the right to choose to continue group health benefits provided by their group health plan. The plan is for limited periods of time under certain circumstances such as voluntary or involuntary job loss, reduction in the hours worked, transition between jobs, death, divorce, and other life events.

Tips:

- Use MI Bridges to apply for assistance, check your eligibility status, and manage your account.
- Stay within your network to make medical care more affordable.
- Discuss with your provider if they can assist with costs based on household income, retirement status, age, and children in the household.
- Request itemized bills and check them carefully. Make sure that you receive all of the services, medications, and other items on your bill.
- Use generic prescriptions..
- Discuss a payment plan with your provider and insurance agency.
- Apply for Medicaid or Medicare.

Free Health Care	
The University of Michigan Student-Run Free Clinic 103 E Main St, Pinckney, MI 48169, Phone: 734-936-7804 Email: medical-school-umsrhc@med.umich.edu Website: www.umstudentrunfreeclinic.org/	The University of Michigan Student-Run Free Clinic (UMSRFC) is a student-run organization dedicated to providing quality health care, free of charge, to uninsured or underinsured community members Saturday mornings: 8 AM-1 PM Wednesday afternoons: 2 PM-7 PM By appointment only
Livingston County Health Department 2300 E. Grand River, Howell, MI 48843 Phone: 517-546-9850 Website: https://milivcounty.gov/health/	Provides a range of free medical testing and screening for disease. Offers immunizations, flu clinics,
Washtenaw Health Project Phone: 734-544-3030 Website: https://bit.ly/41BKPmX	A safety net healthcare program. Enrollment is only for low-income individuals who are not eligible for any other health coverage.

Child Care	
Women Infants & Children (WIC) 2300 E Grand River Ave, Howell, MI 48843 Phone: 517-546-5459 Website: https://bit.ly/LivCoWIC	Serves low-income pregnant and breastfeeding women, and their children up to age 5. The program also screens clients for health problems and makes referrals to health services.
Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Phone: 517-546-9850 Email: cshcsfc@michigan.gov Website: https://bit.ly/4gmRWVe	A State of Michigan program designed to provide early identification and advocacy for children with eligible medical conditions as well as assistance with medical costs.
Great Start Livingston 1425 W Grand River Ave, Howell, MI 48843 Phone: 517-540-6829 Website: https://greatstartlivingston.org/	Great Start Livingston is a partnership of local community agencies, businesses, early childhood, and K-12 educators and parents & families.

Health Care Plans	
Livingston County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) 2300 E. Grand River, Suite 1 Howell, MI Phone: 844-464-3447 Website: www.michigan.gov/mibridges	By applying for healthcare coverage through DHHS, you can check your eligibility for various health plans. Michigan offers several medical assistance programs.
GoodRx Website: www.goodrx.com/	GoodRx is a website and mobile app that gives discounts on prescription drug prices. It isn't insurance, but you can use it instead of insurance if it gets you a better deal.
Michigan Drug Assistance Program (MIDAP) Website: https://bit.ly/3VyvHTP	The Michigan Drug Assistance Program (MIDAP) provides prescription medication and vaccine copay/coinsurance coverage for qualifying Michigan residents with HIV. MIDAP also includes two other programs. The Premium Assistance (PA) Program helps qualifying MIDAP clients pay their health insurance premiums, and the Insurance Assistance Program (IAP)
MiRx Prescription Card Program Phone: 1-877-681-7540 Website: https://mirx.mihealth.org/	The MiRx (My Prescription) Card is a prescription drug discount program for Michigan residents who do not have any prescription drug coverage.
Dental	
VINA Community Dental Center 400 E. Grand River Ave., Brighton, MI 48116; Phone: 810-844-0240 Website: www.vinadental.org	VINA provides low-cost dental care to Livingston County adults with no dental insurance and limited incomes (250% of the Federal Poverty Level). VINA also partners with two local organizations to provide free dental care for veterans in need.
My Community Dental Center (MCDC) 1335 Byron Rd, Howell, MI 48843 Phone: 517-552-0321 Website: https://www.mydental.org/	My Community Dental Centers accepts all forms of Michigan Medicaid for both adults and children. General dental care including extractions and dentures is provided by their experienced dentists. Most Medicare dental plans are also accepted. Uninsured can apply for reduced pricing based on income.

Transportation Assistance

First Steps:

Reliable transportation is necessary for everyone. Since most people in Livingston County have to commute, it can be difficult to afford. Start by speaking to your employer about travel reimbursement.

Livingston Essential Transportation Service (L.E.T.S.)

3950 W Grand River Avenue, Howell, MI 48855

Phone: 517-546-6600

Call to schedule a ride (at least 1 day in advance), and to determine costs.
LETS GO mobile scheduling app - book and pay for your trip using your mobile device.

Tips:

- Talk to your provider about medical transport for appointments.
- Look for opportunities to have groceries, prescriptions, and meals delivered at a lower price if you are over 60 years old or have a disability.
- Talk with coworkers about carpooling and park-and-rides in your area.
- Consider walking, taking a public bus, or biking if conditions allow.
- Talk to your insurance provider to see if they can help you reduce costs.

Community Transportation Resources	
People's Express Phone: 877-214-6073	People's Express has collaborated with Livingston County Essential Transportation Services (LETS) to help with transportation. Phone-in booking operations Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM
Brighton Senior Center 850 Spencer Rd., Brighton, MI 48116 Phone: 810-299-3818, option 3	Medical, shopping and social transport provided Monday - Friday, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. Please call 24 hours in advance to schedule rides. Must be age 50 or older or disabled. Wheelchair lift access. Cost varies, based on distance.
Hartland Senior Center 9525 Highland Rd, Hartland, MI 48353 Phone: 810-626-2135	Medical, shopping and social transport provided Monday - Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Must be age 50 or older or disabled and a resident of Hartland School District, Tyrone, or Deerfield Townships. Wheelchair lift access. Door-to-Door Service. Cost varies, based on distance.

Transportation-related Cash Assistance	
Livingston County Department of Health and Human Services 2300 E Grand River Ave, Suite 1 Howell Phone: 844-464-3447	Limited DSS Funds are available to assist with employment-related transportation services (vehicle purchase, vehicle repair, car insurance, gas cards) There is no entitlement for DSS. The goal is to remove employment-related barriers
Love in the Name of Christ (Love INC) 820 E Grand River Ave, Howell, MI 48843 Phone: 517-552-3620 Website: www.livingstonloveinc.org/	Please call Monday - Thursday 10 AM - 2 PM

Mental Health Assistance

First Steps:

This can be a very stressful time for anyone, but especially for those who have never had to reach out for help before. Start by sharing your feelings, stay connected with other people, realize that you are not alone, and look for the resources to help you through this time.

If you need support beyond your family, friends, and social networks, seek out community services (such as support groups and counseling services) to help you deal with these unexpected changes.

Livingston County Community Mental Health

2280 E. Grand River, Howell, MI 48843

Phone: 517-546-4126

24-Hour Crisis Line: 800-615-1245

Website: www.cmhliv.org

Community Mental Health also offers emergency services, assessment, health and medication services, client services management, individual and group therapy, assertive community treatment, older adult services, respite, substance abuse services, community supported living, wraparound and psychosocial rehabilitation.

Tips:

- Look for relaxation or wellness programs or apps
- Talk with your primary care provider first for a referral to mental health services.
- Contact your insurance company for a list of covered providers.
- Ask someone you trust to help you find help.
- Check to see if your employer offers an employee assistance program (EAP).
- Connect with your congregation.

Support	
Livingston County Catholic Charities 2020 E Grand River Ave #104, Howell, MI 48843 Phone: 517-545-5944 Website: www.Livingstoncc.org	Counseling is available for individuals, adolescents, marital, and families of all ages. LCCC participates with many major insurance companies, managed care programs, and specialized grant programs. LCCC also provides a sliding fee scale (based on total household income) for persons who are uninsured and who do not qualify for services through a managed care or grant program.
National Alliance on Mental Health Phone: 703-524-7600 Website: https://bit.ly/41VIqUF	NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. Resources include counseling, education, and support.
LACASA 1920 Tooley Rd, Howell, MI 48855 Phone: 866-522-2725 Website: lacasacenter.org	LACASAs Counseling Center provides a wide spectrum of counseling services for children, teens, and adults. This is a safe place for victims and survivors of child abuse, domestic violence, and sexual assault to heal from the trauma of violence.
Livingston Family Center 4736 M-36, Pinckney, MI 48169 Phone: 810-231-9591 Website: https://bit.ly/3P0KBOW	Livingston Family Center (LFC) offers outpatient mental health treatment to children, adolescents, adults, and couples. The Livingston Family Center has a sliding fee scale based on household income. We are also able to accept most insurance plans. Please contact their office to verify insurance.

Substance Use	
Livingston County Area Alano Club 5754 Whitmore Lake Rd, Brighton, MI 48116 Phone: 810-299-8110 Website: https://livcoalano.org/	Provides 32 recovery-based meetings every week. They also provide safe, sober, social, and personal growth opportunities events.
Key Development Center 2418 Grand River Ave, Howell, MI 48843 Phone: 810-220-8192 Website: www.keycenters.org/	Counseling and therapy for substance abuse, and mental health services. For all ages, families, and couples.
Stepping Stones Engagement Center 2020 E. Grand River, Suite 102 Howell, Michigan 48843 Phone: 517-376-6262	Counseling and therapy for substance abuse, and mental health services. For all ages, families, and couples.
Alcoholics Anonymous of Livingston County Website: https://bit.ly/3ZCpmbc	Livingston County, MI - District 8 Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other.

Veteran Assistance

First Steps:

The best place to start if you are a veteran or family of a veteran, is your local veteran service center.

Livingston County Veteran Services

1420 Lawson Dr, Howell MI, 48843

Phone: 517-546-6338

Website: <https://milivcounty.gov/veterans/>

Livingston Counties Veteran Services offers guidance in regards to benefits and how to help you with your specific needs. They also help veterans and their families access discharge documents, get connected to Veteran Service Officers, and find services to assist in their needs. They also can navigate benefits and legal documents.

Tips:

- There are benefits you can use before and after service. Including education, home loans, and insurance.
- There are time-sensitive VA benefits when retiring. Check for disability, educational counseling, and health care.
- File a claim for disability compensation for conditions related to your military service, and manage your benefits over time.
- If you served on active duty, register to do business with the VA and get support for your Veteran-owned small business.
- If you served on active duty during wartime, are at least 65 years old, or have a service-connected disability, and have limited or no income, find out if you qualify for Veterans Pension benefits.
- If you have a service-connected disability, find out how to apply for a housing grant to make changes to your home so you can live more independently.
- If you are experiencing a mental health emergency, call **9-8-8 then press 1** for the veterans crisis hotline.

Medical	
Howell VA Clinic 3399 East Grand River Avenue in Howell, MI Phone: 517-552-3700 Website: https://bit.ly/41th1cq	VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System opened its newest clinic. Services provided at the CBOC include primary care, mental health, social work, dietetics, and blood draw services.
VINA Community Dental Center/ Victors for Veterans 400 E. Grand River, Brighton MI 48116 Phone: 810-844-0240 Website: https://bit.ly/41DAvv0	VINA hosts University of Michigan Dental School students and faculty dentists to provide dental care to veterans twice a month at the clinic. Free services for those registered in the clinic include full exams, extractions and oral surgery, root canals, fillings, dentures, crowns, bridges, and more.
Veterans Connected 134 W Main Street, Suite 300, Brighton, MI 48116 Phone: 810-291-9231 Website: https://bit.ly/41DktRJ	Services include recovery programs, medical supplies, home assistance, auto repairs, financial guidance, and many more.
Women Veterans Call Center Phone: 855-829-6636 Website: www.va.gov/womenvet/	Offering medical benefits, and mental health assistance for female veterans or supporters of them.

Transport	
Veteran Transportation Services with Ann Arbor - Transportation Navigation Hub Phone: 877-838-5438 Website: https://bit.ly/3Dg1t1n	The Transportation Navigation Hub (TNH) is a "one-stop shop" for your VA transportation needs! The TNH operates Monday - Friday from 7 AM- 5 PM
Livingston Essential Transportation Service (L.E.T.S.) - VA Line 3950 W Grand River Avenue, Howell, MI 48855 Phone: 517-546-6600	To schedule a ride, please call LETS Transportation at (517) 546-6600. Select option 3 and let the dispatcher know you are a veteran.

Housing	
National Call Center for Homeless Veterans Phone: 877-424-3838	Veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness—and their family members, friends, and supporters—can make the call to or chat online with the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans, where trained counselors are ready to talk confidentially 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
VA Housing Assistance Website: https://bit.ly/4gAm5Qh	VA housing assistance can help Veterans, service members, and their spouses buy a home or refinance a loan.