

Community & Family Resources in RUSH COUNTY



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I. Early Childhood

FIRST STEPS

Indiana's First Steps System provides early intervention services to infants and young children ages birth to the third birthday, who are experiencing developmental delays and/or have a diagnosed condition that has a high probability of resulting in developmental delay in the areas of:

- Cognitive development
- Physical development, including vision and hearing
- Communication development
- Social and/or emotional development
- Adaptive development, including eating, dressing and toileting skills, etc.
Assessments and any needed therapies for children are typically provided in the convenience of a child's home or daycare setting for little or no cost to families. Most common services provided are Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Developmental Therapy.

Rush County families are served through Thrive Alliance- First Steps Southeast

Anyone can make a referral to First Steps!
Just call Toll-free at 1-866-644-2454
Email: firststepssoutheast@thrive-alliance.org
www.firststepssoutheast.org

HEAD START - RUSH COUNTY

INTERLOCAL COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

Head Start is a no-cost preschool program that helps develop school readiness skills necessary for children to be well-prepared and successful in school and throughout their learning. Head Start has four classes at three locations in Rush County with some transportation available. Children must be 3 or 4 by August 1st of the current year. Interested families can contact the Main Office at 765-529-4403.

- Locations in Rushville, Milroy and Knightstown
- Full day classes
- Free for families that qualify
- Limited bus service available

PRESCHOOLS

Rush County has several options for pre-kindergarten education. Head Start, Rush County Schools, Mays Community Academy, some of our churches and some private businesses offer parents a choice.

CHILD CARE VOUCHER PROGRAM/ CHILDREN'S BUREAU

The Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) otherwise known as the voucher program, is a federal program that assists low-income families, families receiving temporary public assistance, and those transitioning from public assistance in obtaining childcare so they can work, attend training, or continue education.

Parents/foster parents must be working or going to school or have a referral from Department of Child Services (DCS) or a referral from TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)/ IMPACT (job training), be within income guidelines, have proof of identity for all family members and be a resident of the county in which they are applying for assistance.

The family receiving assistance must be U.S. Citizens or qualified legal aliens. There is currently a waiting list for child care voucher services in all counties (including Rush County) and income guidelines apply.

Call 1-866-494-5330 and leave a message requesting a waiting list application along with your name and full address (including city and zip code).

You may also download the waiting list application. <https://www.childrensbureau.org/corp/services/ccdf.php>

The voucher program is provided through Region 5A of the Children's Bureau, which serves Rush, Bartholomew, Brown, Decatur, Fayette, Franklin, Hancock, Henry, Johnson, Shelby, Union and Wayne counties.

CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL

Huffer Memorial Children's Centers offer Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) services that are designed to equip families with the information they need to make informed choices about early care and education for their young children. Personalized, free child care referrals to legally operating child care providers are supplied promptly, usually within 48 hours of the request. Child care referrals from Huffer CCR&R are comprehensive and are accompanied by child-age specific resources and an interview checklist to assist in identifying high quality care.

Huffer Memorial Children's Center

Servicing Delaware, Fayette, Hancock, Henry, Madison, Randolph, Rush, Shelby, Union and Wayne Counties.

Contact Information:

3413 W. Fox Ridge Lane

Muncie, IN 47304

Phone: (765) 284-0887

Toll Free: (800) 554-9331

Website: <http://www.huffermcc.org>

RUSH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Resources for parents:

- Board Certified Pediatrician
- SafeSitter® Courses
- Specialized Pediatric Emergency Supplies and Equipment in Emergency Department
- Tobacco Cessation & Education Programs
- "Call Before Noon, Be Seen the Same Day" Program – offered Monday-Friday for sick visits
- After-Hours Walk-In Clinic – no appointment necessary
- Diabetes Education
- Immunizations & Allergy Injections
- CPR classes

1300 N Main Street Rushville, IN 46173

(765) 932-4111

<http://www.rushmemorial.com>

II. Elementary/ Extra-curricular activities

BOYSCOUTS OF AMERICA

The Crossroads of America Council of the Boy Scouts of America serves the youth and adult volunteers in 26 counties in central Indiana. Rush County is served by Bear Creek District serving 7 of those counties locally. For more information on any of our program opportunities for young men and women, ages 6-20, you can search for the following keywords: Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Exploring, STEM Scouts, Sea Scouting and Reaching for Tomorrow.

Our mission is to provide character development, citizenship training, and growth in physical, mental and spiritual fitness, to help create the next generation of leaders.

Vision Statement

Crossroads of America Council, Boy Scouts of America aims to beneficially involve every eligible child and his or her family in the fun and adventure of our programs.

We will provide extraordinary youth development programs that: strengthen values, develop leadership skills, provide lifelong learning and instill the habit of service to others. Crossroads of America Council will be widely acknowledged as a community and national leader in serving youth, families and neighborhoods.

This result will be achieved through the partnership of: (1) children and families, (2) strong community organizations, (3) committed, trained volunteers, and (4) districts, board and staff able to align community resources in support of Scouting and Learning for Life.

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty To God and my country and to obey the Scout Law, To help other people at all times, To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

For more information on any of our program opportunities for young men and women, ages 6-20, you can click on the following links: Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Exploring, STEM Scouts, Sea Scouting and Reaching for Tomorrow.

Like our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/BearCreekDistrictCrossroadsOfAmericaCouncil> to keep up on the exciting things going on in the district.

To schedule an appointment with our District Executive, Everett Young, to discuss opportunities for your organization or youth; contact him at evyoung@crossroadsbsa.org or at 765-265-2204.

GIRL SCOUTS OF CENTRAL INDIANA

At Girl Scouts, we're all about practicing everyday leadership, preparing girls to empower themselves, and promoting G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)[™] experiences. Because girls who practice leadership like a Girl Scout are more likely to reach their full potential.

Join the fun today! Financial assistance is available to help cover membership dues, program registration fees, and more.

For more information contact Melissa Lovett
mlovet@girlscoutsindiana.org
(317) 924-6883

PURDUE EXTENSION- RUSH COUNTY

4-H Youth Development

The 4-H program is delivered by Cooperative Extension—a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation that provides experiences where young people learn by doing. Kids complete hands-on projects in areas like health, science, agriculture and citizenship, in a positive environment where they receive guidance from adult mentors and are encouraged to take on proactive leadership roles. Kids experience 4 H in every county in the country—through in-school and after-school programs, school and community clubs and 4 H camps, and in rural, urban, and suburban areas.

4-H is available to youth in 3rd-12th grades, and there is also a Cloverbuds program that is offered for Kindergarten- 2nd grade. 4-H is a community based program that connects almost six million young people, 3,500 4-H professionals and 500,000 volunteers. Family involvement is encouraged in the program and makes for a more successful experience. Also available are different educational programs and opportunities for school enrichment. Further information about joining 4-H and the other educational programs offered can be obtained by contacting our office. Online enrollment is encouraged each year from October 1 – January 15.

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BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF RUSH COUNTY

The mission of the Boys and Girls Club of Rush County is to enhance the quality of life for boys and girls as participating members of a richly diverse society.

The Boys & Girls Club helps youth help themselves by realizing their potential for growth and development as they grow into contributing human beings with the necessary skills for living.

For this to be accomplished, we must provide service based on principles of behavior guidance which will achieve the health, social, educational, character and leadership development of our members.

Any boy or girl between the ages of 5 and 19 can join. No child will be turned away because of the inability to pay the dues.

Hours during the school year are as follows:

Monday – Thursday – after school until 7:00 pm

Friday- after school until 6:00 pm

2-hour delay, vacation, and summer hours are posted.

1590 North Sexton Street, Rushville, IN 46173

Phone: (765) 932-2765

Like “Boys & Girls Club of Rush County” on Facebook

INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE – ARLINGTON ELEMENTARY

Sponsored by Arlington PTO

Grades Kg – 6th grade

Saturday mornings, 5 weeks in January/February

2533 N 700 W Arlington

765-663-2416

CARTHAGE COMMUNITY SPORTS

Variety of activities and sports leagues for our community and surrounding areas.

Open to teens and adults alike.

Find out what's coming up at:

www.facebook.com/CarthageCommunitySports

Message or email to cccsports2@yahoo.com

Hosted by Carthage Community Church

511 E Second St.

Carthage, IN 46115

RUSH COUNTY LITTLE LEAGUE

Spring Leagues: April – June
Contacts: Andrew Wainwright – (765) 561-0920
Craig Kuhn – (765) 561-6113
Developmental League Baseball-Boys and Girls, ages 4-6
Girls' Softball – Ages 5-18
Boys' Little League Baseball – Ages 5-12
Babe Ruth Baseball – Ages 13-16
Laughlin Park – 2nd & Spencer Streets, Rushville
rushcountyll@gmail.com
www.rushcountyll.com

OPTIMIST YOUTH SOCCER

Boys & Girls, Kg – 6th grade, Saturday mornings, September/October
Soccer fields behind Rushville Elementary School
Contact: Rushville Breakfast Optimist Club
P.O. Box 311
Rushville, IN 46173
Chuck Kemker: ckemker@frontier.com
Cell: 317-752-2073

RUSH COUNTY YOUTH FOOTBALL

Full contact football – grades 1-6
FLAG football - Kindergarten
Sign-ups in May; Practices-August; Season runs through October
All home games played on high school football field
Games on Saturdays
Website: <https://rushcountyfb.webs.com>
Contact: Matt Colvin – colvinm@rushville.k12.in.us

YOUTH SWIMMING LESSONS

Waggener Community Pool
1601 N. Sexton Street, Rushville
Each summer in July – All ages of kids accepted
Contact: Rita Kaster
(765) 932-7100 (on or after Memorial Day weekend)

WACKY WEDNESDAY
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

From September to April
Wednesdays from 2:30 pm – 4:15 pm
Milroy United Methodist Church
114 N. Pleasant, Milroy, IN 46156 765-629-2683
For Elementary students: Christian stories, crafts, snacks, and music
No charge.

AWANA CLUBS

Wednesdays during School Year, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Starting August 14, 2019
Preschool – High School
Hosted by Carthage Community Church
511 E 2nd Street, Carthage, Indiana
For more information – call Andy at 765-571-0653

III. Middle/High School

THE FILLING STATION

The Filling Station, Inc. is a religious non-for-profit organization located at 219 N Perkins St. in Rushville. Our purpose is to create a safe Christian atmosphere where local youth can be introduced to the hope that is in Christ Jesus. The Filling Station was established in 2003 and has been in this location since 2007. The Filling Station is open during the school year on Friday and Saturday from 7 to 10 p.m. Youth, ages 12-18; 7-12th grade, are welcome to attend. We have board games, Xbox, Play Station, Wii, air hockey, pool, foosball, music, and food. We are volunteer-based and supported by the community.

Contact: Sarah Smith
(765) 561-6788
admin@rushvillefillingstation.com
<http://rushvillefillingstation.com/>

LIONS SNACK SHACK & Cat's Clothing Closet

Lions Snack Shack and Cat's Clothing Closet are available to Rush County Schools' students & their families. The Lion's Snack Shack opens the 3rd Thursday of each month from 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm. It is located at RCHS in Room #169, which is accessible through the parking area located off of Sexton Street and across from the Community Building.

Please note: The parent must have current documentation of student enrollment, but does NOT have to be accompanied by the student to pick up food. Students may come alone or with other students.

ROWDY Wednesday

Sponsored by Little Flatrock Christian Church
September – May Wednesdays after School – 5:00 pm
For Middle School & High School Youth
Food/Snacks/Games/Homework Help/Bible/Life Lesson
1315 N Morgan Street, Rushville
(one block east of RCHS)
317-474-5623 for information
Hosted by Pat & Terri Smith

HOOSIER YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY

The Indiana National Guard Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy is part of the National Youth Challenge Program, which was established in 1993 by the National Guard and has graduated over 90,000 Cadets. The Youth Challenge Program was developed to change the life path of young men and women between the ages of 16 and 18 who have dropped out of high school or are severely deficient in credits by bringing structure and discipline to these unfocused lives with an emphasis on the eight Core Components: Leadership and Followership, Responsible Citizenship, Academic Excellence, Job Skills, Life Coping Skills, Health and Hygiene, Service to Community, and Physical Fitness.

Participant Requirements

- 16 – 18 years old
- Volunteer to come to HYCA
- High school dropout, expellee, or deficient in credits
- Unemployed or underemployed
- Drug free
- No felony convictions or pending court cases

This academy is designed to offer its students a variety of educational opportunities as well as the necessary life skills to be successful members of their community, work, and school.

The Hoosier Challenge Academy is a 17 and ½ month program; two-phase quasi-military modeled training academy. The Residential Phase consists of 5 and ½ months while the Post-Residential Phase is 12 months. This program is offered to residents of Indiana 100% tuition free. There is NO MILITARY OBLIGATION for those who participate.

”There are only a few times in life when you get a second chance. The Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy is one of them.”

For more information:
Phone: 1-866-477-0156; 765-345-2020
Email: info@hoosieryouth.org

IV. Continuing Ed

IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ivy Tech Community College offers classes in more than 75 communities and has grown to become the largest public postsecondary institution in Indiana and is the largest singly-accredited community college system in the entire country. Ivy Tech offers certificates and Associate degree programs.

More information on available programs can be found at: www.ivytech.edu/programs

For more information, please contact our Express Enrollment Center at
(800) 659-4562 ext. 1202;
or Mary Roller, Rushville Site Manager at
mroller1@ivytech.edu

V. Family Fun

RUSHVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

It is the mission of the Rushville Public Library to:

Respond to the information needs of all citizens of our community;

Enhance and encourage imagination, exploration, recreation, and intellectual growth;

Anticipate and address the cultural, educational, business, and technology interests of the public; and

Develop and provide a welcoming environment that promotes literacy, learning, and an improved quality of life.

The library provides programs for all ages, but focuses on children from infants to 18. Some of these programs include weekly story times for preschoolers (infants to 5 years old), monthly after-school programs for children K-12, and a summer reading program for infants through adults (May-July). All children (pre-school – 12th grade) can get a free library card no matter where they live within Rush County. See page 10 for more information. Library services are free to those who reside or own property within the Rushville city limits. People who live outside the city limits must pay a fee which is determined by the State of Indiana. Some county townships pay part of this fee. However, everyone is welcome to visit the library and use its resources in-house at no cost. It's a relaxing, peaceful place for parents and grandparents to visit with their children and discover the joys of books and learning.

Rushville Public Library
130 W. 3rd Street Rushville, IN 46173
www.rushvillelibrary.com
(765) 932-3496
info@rushvillelibrary.com

THE OPEN BOOK

The Open Book is an all-volunteer non-profit partially funded by the sale of donated used books. Our mission is to promote all aspects of literacy in Rush County. We believe literacy is more than just reading skills. To achieve our mission we plan to develop and deliver several different types of student and adult literacy programs and classes including:

- One on one tutoring
- Homework help
- Learn to read program
- Understanding computer and digital concept classes
- Personal growth and skills enforcement programs
- Financial literacy workshops
- Cultural heritage programs, basic job skills training, and
- Other

Volunteers are welcome!

Store Hours:

Monday and Wednesday – 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

103 N Main St Rushville

Located in the Campaign Flats Apartment Building

103northmain.weebly.com

theopenbook@yahoo.com

(765) 389-0778

Like us on Facebook

HENRY HENLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY- RIPLEY TOWNSHIP

Open Tuesday & Thursday – 10 am – 6 pm

Saturday – 10 am – 2 pm

Public computers & Free Wifi

Children's Story Time

Literary Guild meets on the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Summer Reading Program runs for 9 weeks starting in June.

102 N Main Street, Carthage, Indiana

765-565-8022

Facebook – Henry Henley Public Library – Carthage Librar

CITY OF RUSHVILLE

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Parks & Recreation Department provides families with acres of outdoor enjoyment. The system consists of six beautiful parks with playground equipment, miles of walking trails, and numerous special events throughout the year for children and adults. Riverside Park, on the south side of Rushville, boasts a beautiful amphitheater where music lovers can enjoy various concerts from spring to autumn. On the north end of Rushville, Waggener Community Pool is a center of summer fun from just after Memorial Day until mid-August.

The Parks & Recreation Department also sponsors:

- Valentine's Day dance for middle school students
- Halloween Parade & costume judging
- Summer camp in the Parks (July)
- Movie Nights in the Park
- Summer Concert Series at Rushville Riverside Amphitheater
- And more!!!

For a romp in the outdoors, a family picnic, or a healthy walk, visit one of Rushville's beautiful parks!

For more information:

Parks Office (765) 932-4146

Email parcs@cityofrushville.in.gov

Shelter houses can be reserved in advance by contacting City Center at 765-932-3735

<https://cityofrushville.in.gov/departments-services/city-departments/parks-department/>

The Riverside Park Amphitheater

Riverside Park Amphitheater is an outdoor music venue located at 100 W. Water Street in Rushville, IN. The venue is a great FREE concert destination annually hosting live music events and creating a great family-friendly environment with all performances taking place on Saturday evenings. Participants are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets. There are several different Vendors on site to purchase food and drinks from. Parking is conveniently available in gravel lots or in the surrounding business lots with easy shuttle service to and from the Amphitheater. Special handicap parking is also available.

The covered pavilion is available for rent, in advance, at each event by contacting the City Center at (765) 932-3735 or e-mail: secretary@cityofrushville.in.gov

For more information,

rushvilleamphitheater.com

facebook.com/Rushvilles-Riverside-Park-Amphitheater-Concert-Series

VI. Parenting/Family Resources

RUSH COUNTY SCHOOLS FACS EDUCATION

Students attending Rush County Schools receive parenting education through the Family & Consumer Science (FACS) classes. All 8th graders have 1 semester of FACS at Benjamin Rush Middle School. In that class they will explore: Life & Careers, Financial Literacy & Resources, Nutrition & Wellness, and Human Development and Relationships.

At Rushville Consolidated High School students may choose FACS classes as electives. Class choices may include Child Development and Parenting, Advanced Child Development, Nutrition and Wellness, Advanced Nutrition and Wellness, Fascinating Foods, and Interpersonal Relationships. FACS classes are one semester each and not all classes are offered every semester.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES Rushville Elementary schools – East & West

The Home/School Liaisons of Rushville Elementary Schools East & West serve as a link between home and school. We strive to work together to support our students and families. We are able to provide assistance through individual, group, or family sessions. We also teach positive character traits through our school-wide incentive programs.

We are able to offer a variation of research-based strategies to foster social-emotional learning with an effort to incorporate all formal and informal support systems. We are able to offer ideas to families through our “Parenting with Love & Logic” program. The philosophy of this parenting program is to teach children responsibility while avoiding power struggles. The goal is to assist children in developing into self-confident, motivated individuals prepared to handle real world situations. Please contact the school for additional information.

RES East Home/School Liaison
(765) 938-1616

RES West Home/School Liaison
(765) 938-1509

ALL PRO DAD

This program was started in 1997 by Tony Dundy. We meet once a month during the school year, except for December. Dads and their children eat breakfast and work through an All Pro Dad Agenda. The meeting, which focuses on different family topics, lasts 45 minutes.

MISSION STATEMENT: Our goal is to enhance the family unit in our school community by promoting the importance of the family structure through the male role within our school. We want to meet the children's needs socially through mentoring and mental support by being present and supporting the importance of education. We also want to have children promote respect to adults, peers and themselves; develop character and self-respect; and to strengthen academic excellence.

OUR PHILOSOPHY: It takes a family unit, open communication and a positive environment to advance children socially and academically to enhance the importance of education achievement.

Rushville Elementary School East

(765) 938-1616

Rushville Elementary School West

(765) 938-1509

Milroy Elementary

(765) 629-2323

MENTORS OF RUSH COUNTY EMPOWERING YOUTH ***(M.o.R.E. for Kids)***

M.o.R.E. for Kids, a local and independent volunteer mentoring organization, was established in 2018. Prior to 2018, this organization was a Big Brothers Big Sisters agency. Our mission is to support and empower Rush County youth through one-to-one mentoring. M.o.R.E. for Kids utilizes best practice for mentoring organizations that are specifically tailored to meet the needs of our Rush County community.

We know that kids sometimes need a little more of something to help them be successful in life. Maybe they need more time with a positive adult who cares about them. Maybe they need more male role-models. Maybe they need more time outside of the house to be active and learn new things. The goal of M.o.R.E. for Kids is to help fill in some of those gaps through matching local children with caring mentors. We operate two programs – Lunch Buddy and Community-Based Mentoring. Any Rush County child, age 6 to 16, who needs and wants a mentor is eligible to apply for our traditional Community-Based mentoring program. Teachers and staff nominate children for our Lunch Buddy mentoring program at local elementary schools.

(765) 932-5449

www.rushcountymentors.org director@rushcountymentors.org

PURDUE EXTENSION
RUSH COUNTY
HEALTH & HUMAN SCIENCES

“IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES THROUGH INFORMAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS.”

As the Health & Human Sciences Extension Educator with Purdue Extension in Rush County, I provide a variety of programs, materials, and information for the residents of Rush County in areas that affect the quality of their lives. I work with individuals, groups, and organizations in the areas of foods and nutrition, family resource management, human development, and health education.

Programs dealing with parenting include Parenting Counts, Block Party, Strengthening Families, and the Just in Time Parenting e-newsletters.

Information about our programs can be obtained by contacting our office.

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NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Nutrition Education Program (NEP) through Purdue Extension provides free information about foods & nutrition for individuals & groups. The program assistant uses a variety of hands-on-food preparation and other interactive activities. The Community Wellness Coordinator works within the community in areas of policy, systems and environment to make the healthy choice the easy choice. NEP helps people make healthy changes, and serves anyone who has limited resources.

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JUST IN TIME PARENTING

Just in Time Parenting (JITP), from eXtension.org, is an outreach innovation that brings quality, research-based information to families at the time it can be most useful and make the biggest difference in their lives. Over the past 25 years, Cooperative Extension faculty in land-grant universities have developed and evaluated an unusually parent-friendly series. Capitalizing on the “teachable moment,” monthly “just in time” newsletters are delivered – keyed to the age of each parent’s child. A team of Extension professionals from over 30 land-grant universities are transforming these research-based age-paced newsletters into a national interactive Internet resource on parenting.

When registering for the newsletters please use the Indiana coupon code— IN-10JITP.

Website: <http://www.extension.org/parenting>
Facebook: <http://facebook.com/JustInTimeParenting/info>

VII. Assistance

2-1-1

Indiana 2-1-1 is a one-stop shop for people in need of human services. Indiana 211 is the place to start when you don't know where to turn for help with anything from utilities and transportation assistance to food and domestic violence support. 2-1-1 is a free, confidential referral service that's accessible 24/7 by dialing 2-1-1 on your phone or texting your ZIP code to 898211.

Contacting 2-1-1:

Dial: 2-1-1 or 1-866-211-9966 (available 24/7)

Text: Your ZIP code to 898211 (available Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm)

SALVATION ARMY, RUSH CO. CHAPTER

The Salvation Army is a faith-based international organization whose mission is to help those in need, dedicated to doing the most good. The Rush County chapter helps those in need with financial assistance. Citizens are allowed to receive assistance no more than two times per year.

Funds may be requested on the 1st & 2nd calendar days of each month.

Approved funds will be dispersed the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

220 North Morgan Street – Phone: (765) 932-2195

“RIDE RUSH” PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

"Ride Rush" is a public transportation service for all people in Rush County. This service is provided through the Rush County Senior Citizens Services, Inc. located at 504 W. 3rd St. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Office hours to schedule rides are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Monday thru Friday fares for people 60 and over is a suggested donation of \$1.50 per stop. Fares for people under 60 are \$2.00 per person per stop. Exact change is required when entering vehicles. Pick-ups must be scheduled 24hrs. in advance by calling (765) 932-2935.

RUSH COUNTY VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE

"Rush County Victims Assistance works to offer a safe shelter and support services to victims of domestic violence and abuse; and to educate the Rush County community regarding domestic violence and its prevention."

Phoenix House is a crisis shelter that provides safe housing to victims of domestic and/or sexual assault and their families. Our volunteer staff is caring, compassionate, and supportive. Our Executive Director provides specific services including crisis counseling and intervention, advocacy, legal and court direction, community education, and referrals to available services in Rush County.

Rush County Victims Assistance
Phoenix House
P.O. Box 303
924 N. Main St.
Rushville, IN 46173
www.RCVAPhoenix.org

Barbara J. Kuhn, BSW
Executive Director
(765) 938-1555
Cell (765) 561-3419
rcva924@frontier.com

WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

WIC is a nutrition program that provides nutrition and health education, breastfeeding support, healthy foods and referrals to other services free of charge to Indiana families who qualify. Income guidelines do apply.

Who is eligible?

Pregnant women

New moms (up to six months after delivery)

Breastfeeding moms (up to one year after delivery)

Infants and Children to the age of 5

Opened Tuesdays

For more information contact

Julianna Potter

(765) 983-8044

julianna.potter@centerstone.org

For Rushville office (765) 938-5502

509 Conrad Harcourt Way

Rushville, IN 46173

RUSH COUNTY CASA

The Court & Child Advocacy Group's Rush County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) program is a local nonprofit organization that trains and supports community citizen volunteers to speak and act as advocates for the best interests of children in the foster care and child welfare system

For additional information about the Rush County CASA program contact:

Kelly Smith Ford at (317) 392-1212 Ext. 700

kelly.casa.ccag@gmail.com

Lisa Sanchez at (317) 392-1212 Ext. 702

lsanchez.casa.ccag@gmail.com

You can also learn more by visiting the National CASA Association's website
<http://www.childadvocatesnetwork.org/find-your-local-program/rush-county/>

MAIN STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH CLOTHING CLOSET

Open every Tuesday & Thursday from 9 am to noon, and by appointment by calling (765) 932-2997 – 615 N Main Street

GOD'S STOREHOUSE INC.

God's Storehouse ministry collects, stores, and distributes donated items for individuals and families in need. Our mission is to help those who find themselves in crisis situations and to help with unexpected burdens. There is no cost for these items. Some of the items include bedding, kitchen utensils, appliances, furniture, handicap accessories, car seats, baby beds, clothing in all sizes, and various other items as available.

For more information or to schedule an appointment contact:

Mary Jayne Apple @ 765-561-3690

Tim Starkey @ 765-561-0457

I.C.A.P. IN RUSH COUNTY

Interlocal Community Action Program

Energy Assistance Program (EAP) - November through May 15th or until funds are exhausted (A one-time benefit toward electric and heat for income eligible households) EAP can help assist families with a portion of their heating costs.

Head Start – Head Start is a comprehensive program for preschool age children and their families. The program provides school readiness skills to preschoolers while enhancing the health, safety, physical and developmental growth of each child regardless of their cognitive level through an array of activities and services. For information about completing an application call (765) 529-4403. More information about Head Start can be found on page 5.

Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program - Client must first be placed on the wait list. At the time of printing the wait list is closed and there is not a date available as to when it may open. When client's name comes to the top of the wait list, a packet of information is mailed to them. Once the required information is returned, income and assets are verified and a criminal background check is completed, the client is issued a voucher and begins seeking safe & affordable housing.

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program is a volunteer network serving Henry, Hancock and Rush Counties. People age 55 years of age or older volunteer in their community to help make a difference by mentoring or tutoring children, assist victims of natural disasters, lead fundraising efforts, clean up the environment and much more.

The Foster Grandparent Program offers anyone age 60 years of age or older the opportunity to provide children the much-needed attention that can change lives. They must be able to volunteer an average of 20 hours per week; meet income guidelines, and love children. Foster Grandparents can help children to read, care for children with disabilities and offer counseling to those who need it. Foster Grandparents are the people children in need depend on for love, wisdom, and support.

Rush County Interlocal CAP, Inc.
525 E 7th Street
Rushville, IN 46173
765-932-2863 www.icapcaa.org

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Free and voluntary.
- Provides resources, information and referrals.
- In-home visitation program.
- Community Liaisons assist families with developing and meeting specific, family-centered goals.
- Liaisons help families discover and connect with local community supports and services.
- Families are eligible if they have a child under the age of 18 in their care and custody that resides in Rush, Fayette, Franklin, Union, Henry, and Wayne Counties.
- Families cannot be actively involved with Department of Child Services or Healthy Families.

Community Partners for Child Safety- Region 12
2508 Western Ave., Suite E, Connersville, IN 47331
Tel: (866) 431-4439
Fax: (765) 827-6097

DIVISION OF FAMILY RESOURCES

The Division of Family Resources determines eligibility for Cash Assistance, Food Assistance and Medical Assistance to families, single adults and children. There are financial and resource requirements for most programs. An application can be filed on-line at <https://www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/2999.htm> or by calling 1-800-403-0864. Or you may come to the office and complete an application.

148 U.S. 52 E. Rushville, IN 46173
Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4:30 pm

DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) protects children from abuse and neglect, and works to ensure their financial support. If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, call Indiana's Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline today. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. You do not have to be afraid anyone will find out who made the report because you can report abuse and neglect anonymously.

Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline
Don't Wait! Make the Call.
Report Child Abuse and Neglect in Indiana.
1-800-800-5556
Rush County DCS Office
1340 North Cherry Street
Rushville IN 46173
Phone: (765) 932-2392
www.in.gov/dcs

MANNA MISSION

The Manna Mission was developed through an outreach study, which began at Main Street Christian Church in late 2011. Our goal is to provide healthy, appetizing meals at least monthly and at no cost to those in our community who are in need. We seek to recognize the worth and value of every person in our community. We also want to provide a place of hospitality and fellowship, regardless of faith. Our mission is to allow God to reach others through the Manna Mission and to represent Christ to all who come through the door.

During our monthly mealtimes, we strive to provide an atmosphere of comfort and acceptance. We often have activities for the children geared to help them learn more about the Lord. In addition to our meals, the Manna Mission provides donated clothing and other items to our patrons. We see a wide age range of guests, from infants to the elderly.

Free Meal – Last Tuesday of every month; 5 pm – 7 pm
**November and December meal dates vary
Meals served in the dining room of Main Street Christian Church
615 N Main Street, Rushville, Use the Morgan Street Door
Carryout also available for all meals
Contact: Main Street Christian Church (765) 932-2997
mannamissionrc@gmail.com
Find us on Facebook – “Manna Mission of Rush County”

INDIANA ADOPTION PROGRAM

Children in foster care, particularly older youth are waiting to be adopted. The Indiana Adoption Program welcomes responsible, caring adults who are ready to share their time, their hearts and their lives with our waiting children. When you adopt a waiting child, you will be giving that child a permanent family and another chance in life. Every child deserves a loving, committed, safe and permanent family.

1-888-25ADOPT
www.adoptachild.in.gov

CARTHAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Dinner

3rd Sunday of each month
6:00 pm
Open to the public

Lydia's Closet

Clothing Ministry
Open 4pm-7pm, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Also open during Food Pantry hours
Please use 1st Street entrance
Clothes, coats, shoes, purses, and other accessories
ABSOLUTELY NO COST – Donated items accepted
Look for us on Facebook!!
Questions? Contact Roger or Sally – 317-440-2783

Food Pantry

2nd & 4th Thursday
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Please use 1st Street entrance.
Questions? Contact Roger or Sally – 317-440-2783
Carthage Community Church
511 E 2nd St Carthage, IN 46115
Like us on Facebook!!

RCCA FOOD PANTRY

The Rush County Community Assistance Food Pantry is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-1pm. We require a proof of residency, for example a utility bill, insurance receipt or hospital bill. Everyone can receive commodities a second day per month, which is the 4th Monday of every month from 11:30 – 1 p.m.

Rush County Community Assistance
109 E 3rd Street
Rushville, IN 46173
RCCAFoodPantry@gmail.com
Like “Rush County Community Assistance” on Facebook

MILROY FOOD PANTRY

The Milroy Food Pantry will be open the 1st Saturday of the month from 10am -12pm and the 3rd Monday of the month from 5pm to 7pm. at the Milroy Elementary School at 300 N Walnut St, Milroy, IN 46156.

If additional information is needed, please contact the Rush County Community Assistance @ 109 E 3rd Street Rushville, IN 46173 or at RCCAFoodPantry@gmail.com

ST. MARY FOOD PANTRY

512 N Perkins, Rushville

Open Wednesdays 5:00 pm-6:00 pm for distribution
Call 932-2588 by 4:30 pm on Tuesday
May receive assistance once per month.
Rush County residents only

***ST PAUL'S UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH'S
HOPE SPOT CLOTHING MINISTRY***

HOPE SPOT (Helping Other People Everywhere, St. Paul's on Tour) is a clothing ministry, offering mostly gently used clothing for all ages. Events are held 5-6 times each year, with the dates publicized each year. Each household individual can receive up to a specified number of clothing items, depending on the supply. HOPE SPOT events are held in the Education building just south of the church.

HOPE SPOT is also available to help with emergency clothing needs in personal or community disaster situations.

Contact: Church Office
426 N. Morgan Street
Rushville, IN 46173
765-932-3777

Typical Office hours: Monday - Friday, 9am – 1pm

***LIONS SNACK SHACK &
Cat's Clothing Closet***

Lions Snack Shack and Cat's Clothing Closet are available to Rush County Schools' students & their families. The Lion's Snack Shack opens the 3rd Thursday of each month from 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm. It is located at RCHS in Room #169, which is accessible through the parking area located off of Sexton Street and across from the Community Building.

Please note: The parent must have current documentation of student enrollment, but does NOT have to be accompanied by the student to pick up food. Students may come alone or with other students.

RUSH COUNTY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

An up-to-date listing of the Rush County Township Trustees can be found at <http://rushcounty.in.gov/township-trustees/>. The township trustee is designated as the administrator of emergency assistance within his or her township.

CHANGING FOOTPRINTS SHOE CHARITY

Changing Footprints is a mission devoted to supporting the basic need of shoes and other footwear to anyone in need anywhere in the world. Although we provide shoes, boots, slippers, athletic shoes, cleats, water shoes, etc. to people of any age, children remain our focus. There are no requirements, no paperwork, and no money involved.

Shoes can be obtained from the Changing Footprints warehouse located at 310 N Julian Street Rushville, IN on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month between the hours of 10 a.m. – Noon. If there is a need at any other time, contact information is posted on the door. We are so pleased to be active in the Rushville and Rush County communities.

Learn more about us at
<http://www.changingfootprints.org/> and
like us on Facebook – Changing Footprints.

ASSISTANCE UPDATES

Rush County offers a variety of assistance programs.
Use this space to list ones not included in this booklet.

VIII. Health & Wellness

RUSH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Rush County Health Department was established to promote and enforce public health laws and needs. They:

- Record vital records including births, death and legal name changes.
- Investigate environmental concerns/complaints and oversee residential/commercial sewage disposal systems in the county.
- Provide public health nursing, childhood immunizations and track communicable disease in the county.
- Investigate complaints that pose a threat to public health.
- Issue annual/temporary food permits.
- Issue septic permits.
- Provide various pamphlets and information regarding drug and alcohol rehab/treatment centers, mental health facilities, addiction centers, senior information, family and children resources.

Some fees will apply.

Public Health Officer: Russ Daugherty, M.D.
Rush County Courthouse
101 East Second Street, Room 105
Rushville, IN 46173 (765) 932-3103 rcdh@localhealth.in.gov
<http://rushcounty.in.gov/health-department-2-2-2/>
Like us on Facebook – Rush County Health Department

HOPE CENTER

The Hope Center is a pregnancy resource center for men and women in Fayette County and surrounding counties. We offer medical services that include STI testing and treatment; limited OB ultrasounds; and pregnancy testing at no cost to our clients. We are a nonprofit, confidential center providing physical, emotional, and spiritual support while empowering individuals and families to make life affirming decisions. We have been in Fayette County since 1997 and continue to grow our services while staying relevant to our community needs.

Monday 12pm-3pm
Tuesday 12pm-4pm
Wednesday 12pm-5pm
Thursday 1pm-7pm
Friday CLOSED

Jennifer Young, Executive Director
(765)825-1244 / Fax (765) 222-1143
531 N. Central Ave., Suite 6
Connersville, IN 47331
www.hopecenterconnersville.com

MERIDIAN HEALTH SERVICES

Meridian Health Services is a family health practice specializing in “whole person” health integrating physical, mental and social well-being.

We care for patients from infant to elderly; men, women, and children. We accept Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance and offer a reduced fee for patients that do not have insurance coverage based on household income.

Our hours are Monday – Friday, 8 am until 6 pm

Meridian Health Services
509 Conrad Harcourt Way
Rushville, IN 46173
During Hours: (765) 932-3699
After Hours: (800) 656-3690
www.meridianhs.org

HEALTHY FAMILIES

Healthy Families of New Hope Services is a home-based service designed to support families in preparing for and adjusting to a new baby. Our services are free, voluntary and confidential. Parenting is a very demanding job and new parents have questions, worries and stress. Healthy families can help by giving parents answers to their questions and support.

Healthy Families offers:

- Access to the latest information on early brain development in infants.
- Information about the health, safety, and general care of newborns and children
- Information about family-and/or child-centered services available in the community
- An opportunity for parents to receive a home visit from a Family Resource Specialist who will bring information about the following:
 - Child development
 - Community services
 - Budgeting and finance information and resources
 - Transportation options
 - Effective discipline techniques
 - Continuing education
 - Employment opportunities

Healthy Families also offers on-going home visiting services to families. A Family Support Specialist may work with a family member before the baby is born until the child turns 3. They bring families up-to-date information regarding Baby's health and development along with specific activities families can use to help their child reach his/her full potential. Additionally, the Family Support Specialist helps parents with setting and meeting goals for their family, as well as accessing community resources.

Please call for more information for the following counties:

Franklin, Fayette, Rush and Union-- PH: 765-377-7019

or Fax: 765-377-7074

RUSH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Resources for parents:

- Board Certified Pediatrician
- SafeSitter® Courses
- Specialized Pediatric Emergency Supplies and Equipment in Emergency Department
- Tobacco Cessation & Education Programs
- “Call Before Noon, Be Seen the Same Day” Program – offered Monday-Friday for sick visits
- After-Hours Walk-In Clinic – no appointment necessary
- Diabetes Education
- Immunizations & Allergy Injections
- CPR classes

1300 N Main Street Rushville, IN 46173

(765) 932-4111

<http://www.rushmemorial.com>

ASPIN

ASPIN is a 501(c) 3 network of community mental health centers throughout the state that provides four major service lines: behavioral health services, training and workforce development, grants management, and health improvement.

Through our health improvement initiative, we utilize dually trained Navigator/Community Health Workers to support enrollment in health care coverage; facilitate community outreach events; provide education to improve health and insurance literacy; assist with appeals and exemptions; and submit direct referrals to Indiana’s Tobacco QuitLine. Specific contact information about one of our health improvement programs can be found below.

Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

The Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provides low-cost health coverage to children in families that earn too much money to qualify for traditional Medicaid. Our CHIP Navigators can also assist finding health insurance to some low-income people, families and children, pregnant women, the elderly and people with disabilities. For additional information please call 1-877-313-7215 or go to <http://aspinhealthnavigator.org/>

CENTERSTONE

Centerstone provides a wide array of behavioral health services for children, adolescents and adults available at locations throughout south central Indiana. Walk-in evaluations are available in most areas. Centerstone uses the most current evidence-based treatment in practice.

Child and Adolescent Services, include:

- Parental guidance, education, and skill building
- Individual family therapy
- Skill building groups
- In-home, community, and school-based therapy and rehabilitation services
- Residential services
- Psychiatric evaluations, medication management and psychological testing
- Specialized treatment of oppositional defiant disorder (ODD), attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), depression, anxiety, and substance abuse

Individual and group services are also provided which are designed to:

- Develop conflict resolution and anger management skills to educate adolescents and teens about prevention of and treatment for drug and alcohol problems
- Support positive parenting
- Increase self-esteem and family cohesiveness

For more information about services call 1-800-344-8802 or visit our website at <https://www.thecarecenters.com/show/Centerstone-Rush-County-Rushville-IN>

Centerstone
1400 N. Cherry Street
Rushville IN 46173
(765) 932-3974
Fax: (765) 932-3576
Crisis line: 1-800-832-5442

HARCOURT COUNSELING SERVICES, INC.

Harcourt Counseling is a private counseling office offering confidential counseling to individuals and families. We work with children (starting at age three), adolescents and adults and have over 25 years of experience. Treatment specialization includes:

- Depression and Anxiety
- Panic Attacks and Phobia
- Relationship Problems
- Divorce Recovery
- Grief and Loss
- Work and Career issues
- Stress Management
- Behavior Problems in Children
- Parenting and Family Issues
- Conflict Resolution/Anger Management
- Eating Disorders
- Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

With sensitivity and compassion, we help families find solutions to a wide range of life challenges. Our goal is to provide confidential counseling and develop a trusting, professional relationship with our clients. We realize that beginning therapy can create some anxiety so we offer a relaxed, comfortable environment to put our clients at ease.

We want to provide the treatment that will be most helpful for each client. Our therapists and clients work together to develop a treatment plan that fits each client's unique needs. We help clients and families build on their strengths and achieve their goals.

Many health insurance policies cover services. Please call our office with your insurance information to determine if your health insurance might cover services for you.

For more information please visit www.harcourtcounseling.com

Harcourt Counseling Services, Inc.
117 East Third Street Suite C Rushville, IN 46173
(765) 932-5905 / Fax: (765) 938-4545
Email: harcourtcounseling@yahoo.com

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS & AL-ANON

Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous are recovery programs for the person who has a problem physically, mentally, and spiritually with alcohol or drugs (legal and/or prescription). These 12-step programs help this person understand and manage this addiction without the use of mind-altering drugs. They are not drug “treatment” programs, but a group effort to deal with the problem.

Al-Anon is for the family, close friends, and loved ones concerned with someone’s problems with alcohol and drugs. This program helps them to understand and cope with the “disease”. This, also, is a 12-step program to help find serenity despite active drinking and/or drugging.

In Rush County, Self-Help Meetings are held:
Monday at 7:30 p.m.: AA/Al-Anon
St. Paul’s United Methodist Church
Education Building
426 N. Morgan Street, Rushville, IN.
Phone (765) 938-2421 for more information.

Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.: NA
First Presbyterian Church,
226 N. Morgan St. Rushville, IN

Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. (open to all)
“Brianna’s Hope”
The Filling Station
219 N. Perkins St. Rushville, IN.

Thursday at 7:00 p.m.: AA/NA
Centerstone
1400 N. Cherry St, Rushville, IN.

Friday at 6:30 p.m.: NA
Main Street Christian Church
615 N. Main St. Rushville, IN

Saturday at 12:00 p.m.: NA
Trinity Presbyterian Church
631 N. Harrison St. Rushville, IN.

Sunday at 5:30 p.m.
Rushville Church of the Nazarene
“Celebrate Recovery”
Christ-centered, 12-step program
1214 N. Main St, Rushville, IN

A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA’S HOPE

We are a participant-driven, faith-based, and compassion-filled addiction support group. We offer hope and help to people struggling with addiction. If you are an addict, struggler, or overcomer and want a judgement-free place to openly talk about recovery, please join us. We hold weekly support group meetings. We are here to provide assistance in securing rehabilitation services for those who otherwise could not afford to do so. Weekly meals are served at these meetings.

Meetings every Wednesday 6:30 – 8:00

219 North Perkins Street

PO Box 268

Rushville, IN 46173

For more information, please contact a Team Hope member:

(765) 561-6247

jennyengel78@gmail.com

maryjaneapple@hotmail.com

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, 12-step program where we can gain freedom, acceptance, and accountability for life’s “hurts, habits, and hand-ups.” It is a place where you can share the struggles

with others without judgement or someone trying to “fix” you. It is a place where all people are welcome from every walk of life no matter what your religious background or beliefs might be.

We meet weekly at the Rushville Church of the Nazarene

1213 N Main Street, Rushville, IN

Sundays at 5:30 pm

Phone 765-561-5315 for more information

Like us on Facebook – Celebrate Recovery - Rushville

INDIANA YOUTH INSTITUTE

Mission: Our mission is to improve the lives of all Indiana children by strengthening and connecting the people, organizations, and communities that are focused on kids and youth.

Vision: Our vision is to be a catalyst for healthy youth development and for achieving statewide child success. We strive to create best practices models, provide critical resources, and advocate for policies that result in positive youth outcomes.

The Indiana Youth Institute is a partner and ally to those who service our state's youth. We educate, equip, and engage others to collectively meet the needs of every Indiana child.

Trip to College Text Alerts

Join Trip to College and receive text alerts focused on college and career readiness!

Grade-specific messages will keep you, your family and mentors on track with college and career planning, one text at a time. This is a free service to all Indiana youth, seventh grade through senior year.

Trip to College alerts provide thoughtful resources including information about:

- Test & application deadlines
- Scholarship & financial aid
- Options for career training after high school graduation
- Tips for managing stress and balancing school and life.

Text the word "**grad**" plus your (or your student's) high school graduation year to 69979 to receive free text reminders with great tips for college and career planning.

Youth Worker Cafes

Youth Worker Cafés equip and empower the people, organizations and communities that are focused on improving the status of Indiana youth. Hosted in 75+ Indiana communities and reaching more than 6,000 attendees each year, Cafés are designed to be responsive and relevant to the challenges that practitioners and youth face.

For more information, please contact East Central Outreach Manager Alison Palmer at 855.499.2503 or at apalmer@iyi.org

ANTHEM

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield works with the state of Indiana to offer the Hoosier Healthwise (HHW), Hoosier Care Connect (HCC) and Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) health insurance programs for 435,000 Medicaid beneficiaries. Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield is committed to ensuring consumers have access to high-quality, affordable health benefits.
Contact the customer service line at 1-844-284-1797.

MENTAL HEALTH OF AMERICA – RUSH COUNTY

“Dedicated to promoting mental health and achieving victory over mental illness through advocacy, education and services.”

Rush County Mental Health volunteers **give**:

- Self-esteem programs to elementary school students;
- A program teaching about teen-age depression to Benjamin Rush Middle School health classes;
- Support to the Young Parent Group (young mothers who are staying in school to get their education) at the high school.

The Mental Health office has free brochures about Preventing Child Abuse, and free brochures for teen-age problems such as drinking alcohol, using tobacco, using marijuana, eating disorders, self-esteem, teen-age depression and many others. The office will gladly mail brochures, if requested.

315 N Main St Rushville, IN 46173/ (765) 932-2004/ hornadayjan@gmail.com

IX. Disability Resources

FIRST STEPS

Indiana's First Steps System provides early intervention services to infants and young children ages birth to the third birthday, who are experiencing developmental delays and/or have a diagnosed condition that has a high probability of resulting in developmental delay in the areas of:

- Cognitive development
- Physical development, including vision and hearing
- Communication development
- Social and/or emotional development
- Adaptive development, including eating, dressing and toileting skills, etc. Assessments and any needed therapies for children are typically provided in the convenience of a child's home or daycare setting for little or no cost to families. Most common services provided are Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Developmental Therapy.

Rush County families are served through Thrive Alliance- First Steps Southeast

Anyone can make a referral to First Steps!

Just call Toll-free at 1-866-644-2454

Email: firststepssoutheast@thrive-alliance.org

www.firststepssoutheast.org

ARC OF RUSH COUNTY

We are a support group. Our mission: The Arc promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetime. The Arc of Rush County is also affiliated with the State and National Arc. It has a strong voice with our politicians to get done what needs to be done for those with mental and physical challenges.

Arc of Rush Count

PO Box 44

Rushville, IN 46173

Phone – 765-932-2195

<https://www.arcind.org/location/rush/>

FAMILY VOICES

Family Voices Indiana is a family-led organization that provides information, education, training, outreach, and peer support to families of children and youth with special health care needs and the professionals who serve them.

Do you have a child with special health care needs and/or a disability?

Do you support or teach a child with exceptional needs?

Do You Need Help With: First Steps? Special Education? Medicaid? Medicaid Waivers? Respite? Health Care Funding? Health Care Services?

Family Voices Indiana is staffed by trained family leaders who have children with special health care needs, and expertise in these programs. We have specialists who speak Spanish, too.

CALL US AT 844-F2F-INFO (844-323-4636)

EMAIL US AT INFO@FVINDIANA.ORG

FAMILIES UNITED FOR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT (FUSE)

“FUSE” empowers families and individuals with disabilities and mental health needs by providing information, training, support and encouragement. FUSE serves families throughout Central Indiana. Monthly meetings are offered in Hancock and Shelby counties, but are open to families from any county. Rush County families can request information or find resources to help their children by calling the FUSE Office contacting us through email or our website:

FUSE, Inc.

1133 W Main St Suite E

Greenfield, IN 46140

Email: info@fuseinc.org

Call (317) 462-9064

Visit our website www.fuseinc.org

ABOUT SPECIAL KIDS (A.S.K.)

We are the place for families and professionals in Indiana to go to “ASK” questions about children with special needs and to access information and resources about a variety of topics such as health insurance, special education, community resources, and medical homes. ASK is your connection to family support in the state of Indiana.

Website: <http://www.aboutspecialkids.org>

Central Office

7172 Graham Road, Suite 100

Indianapolis, IN 46250

Toll Free: 1-800-964-4746

familynet@aboutspecialkids.org

asktraining@aboutspecialkids.org

Business Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm

IN*SOURCE

IN*SOURCE provides information and support to families to help them understand the special education process and how to advocate for the needs of their children so that they might achieve educational success. We have regional offices throughout the State, and all our Program Specialists have a family member with a disability. Assistance is available locally by contacting Aimee Rankin, the program specialist who works with families in Rush and surrounding counties. She can be contacted by email at arankin@insource.org

For more information, contact IN*SOURCE at 1-800-332-4433

Email: insource@insource.org.

INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER OF EASTERN INDIANA

We work with anyone with any type of disability of any age free of charge. We have five core services: (1) information and referral, (2) individual and system advocacy, (3) independent living skills training, (4) peer support and (5) transition. We strive to educate, enable, and empower persons with disabilities and their families to achieve independence, inclusion, and the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We serve the following counties: Fayette, Franklin, Union, Rush, Decatur, Henry and Wayne counties.

Many individuals are not aware of the services and/or programs that are available to them and their family. The Independent Living Center of Eastern Indiana can provide parents and/or caregivers with information to help guide them through complex programs and application processes. These services include advocating for children in schools through case conferences and/or during transitioning from school to school, from school to higher education, and from school to community living. We can also assist children and their families with accessing services and linking them to available adaptive/assistive technology that may help children in their home, at school and in their community.

Independent Living Center of Eastern Indiana
1818 West Main Street
Richmond, IN 47374
1-877-939-9226
www.ilcein.org

Community Links:

Rush County Government – rushcounty.in.gov

City of Rushville – cityofrushville.in.gov

Rush County Chamber of Commerce – rushcounty.com

Heart of Rushville Farmers' Market –
localharvest.org/heart-of-rushville-farmers-artisans-market

The Pioneer Engineer Club – pioneerengineers.com

Rush County Fair – rushcountyfairin.com

Clean Green Rush - cleangreenrush.org

Mahoning Valley - mahoningvalley.org

Rush County Schools - rcs.rushville.k12.in.us

Mays Community Academy - mayscommunityacademy.com

St. Mary's Catholic School - stmaryrush.org

Miller's Merry Manor - millersmerrymanor.com/locations/rushville

Flatrock River Lodge - flatrockriverlodge.com

Work One Express – (Rush to Work Job Center) easternindiana-works.org

Rushville Animal Shelter – rushvilleanimalshelter.org

The City Center

The City Center houses our Rushville Mayor's Office, Code Enforcement Office, Area Plan Office, City Clerk-Treasurer's Office, City Utilities Office, Ivy Tech, and the Princess Theater.

Located at 330 N. Main Street.

For more information visit: cityofrushville.in.gov

Clean Green Rush

Clean Green Rush is a tox-away center located on Smiley Avenue Disposal Center (just beyond the Animal Shelter)

Services include drop-off for recyclables.

Hours: Monday through Friday: 8am to 4pm

Saturdays: 8am to Noon.

Visit our website at: cleangreenrush.org

For more information call Carole Yeend at (765) 938-1342 or
(317) 407-3221

Notes

The Rush County Parenting Council is a project committee of Rush2Health, Rush County's health coalition.

*The coalition, **Rush2Health**, is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific, and educational purposes, more specifically to engage the citizens of Rush County to improve the health of our community in multiple ways – physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and environmental.*

Membership is open to anyone with this shared mission. For coalition updates, please like our Facebook page at "Rush2Health". Message us for meeting information and community projects.

This listing of Parenting Resources has been compiled by the Rush County Parenting Council. The most up-to-date version can be found at: www.extension.purdue.edu/rush and may be printed from that site.

Corrections and additions should be sent to

Purdue Extension – Rush County, 101 E 2nd Street, Room 103, Courthouse, Rushville, IN 46173.

765-932-5974

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PARENTING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Third Thursday of each Month

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

OBJECTIVES

To raise awareness of available programs offering assistance in strengthening parenting in Rush County.

To motivate participation in opportunities to strengthen parenting effectiveness.

For more information contact:

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