

Community Resources

Ferris at Southwestern Michigan College

This compilation of resources is not intended to be a full and complete list of services that may be available to you in the Dowagiac area. Many of the organizations listed here were taken from free community service publications. The Ferris State University has no fiscal or referral arrangement with any third-party organizations listed.

Title IX (Sexual Assault) Compliance

Ferris State Title IX Coordinator – All Campus Locations

Title IX (Sexual Assault) Compliance

Ferris State University Title IX Coordinator

Kaitlin Zies, Title IX Coordinator

KaitlinZies@ferris.edu

(231) 591-2088

www.ferris.edu/title-ix

Southwestern Michigan College Title IX Coordinator

Brent Brewer, Chief of Staff (Title IX Coordinator)

Bbrewer01@swmich.edu

(269) 782-1276

<https://www.swmich.edu/security/sexual-responsibility>

Lyndon Parrish, Student Conduct and Community Standards Coordinator (Title IX Administrator)

lparrish@swmich.edu

(269) 782-1321

<https://www.swmich.edu/security/sexual-responsibility>

Public Safety/Law Enforcement

Ferris Department of Public Safety

John Allen, Director of Public Safety

1319 Cramer Circle, Big Rapids, MI 49307

Emergencies: 911

Non-Emergency Contact: (231) 591-5000

Campus Crime Hotline: (231) 591-5900

www.ferris.edu/htmls/othersrv/campussafety

Southwestern Michigan College Campus Security

Denis Burns, Campus Security Coordinator

dburns01@swmich.edu

Emergencies: 911

Non-Emergency Contact: (269) 782-1234

SMC Security: (269) 783-2970

<https://www.swmich.edu/campus-services/safety>

Dowagiac Police Department

241 S. Front St., Dowagiac, MI 49047

Emergencies: 911

Administration: (269) 782-9743

After Hours: (269) 782-6689

<https://www.cityofdowagiac.com/government/police/index.php>

Cass County Sheriff's Office

321 N M-62 Hwy, Cassopolis, MI 49301

Emergencies: 911

(269) 445-2481

www.ccsso.info

Food/Nutritional Support**United Way of Southwest Michigan**

2015 Lakeview Avenue, Saint Joseph, MI 49085

(269) 982-1700 or Dial 2-1-1

<https://www.uwsm.org/>

Salvation Army – Niles

424 N. 15th Street, Niles, MI 49120

(269) 684-2660

<https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/niles/>

Salvation Army - Benton Harbor

233 Michigan St., Benton Harbor, MI 49022

(269) 927-1353

<https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/bentonharbor>

Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank, Benton Harbor

1488 East Empire Ave., Benton Harbor, MI 49022

(269) 926-2646

<https://www.feedwm.org/wands/bentonharbor/>

Provides food to local food pantries and hunger relief agencies for needy individuals in SW Michigan.

Decatur Human Services (Food Pantry)

102 South Phelps Street, Decatur, MI 49045

(269) 423-6474

<http://www.decaturhumanservices.org/foodpantry.html>

Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency

185 E. Main Street, Suite 303, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

(269) 925-9077 or (800) 334-7670

<https://www.smcaa.com/>

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

306 Courtland St., Dowagiac, MI 49047

(269) 782-7033

<https://www.stpaulsdowagiac.com/>

Federated Covenant Church

202 Center St., Dowagiac, MI 49047

(269) 782-5656

<https://www.facebook.com/fedcovchurch/>

Housing/Shelter**United Way of Southwest Michigan**

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Emergency Shelter Services, Inc. on Pipestone

185 E. Main Street, Suite 103, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

(269) 925-1131

<https://www.essberrien.org/>

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<https://www.smcaa.com/>

Legal/Social Support**United Way of Southwest Michigan**

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<https://www.uwsm.org/>

Legal Aid of Western Michigan – St. Joseph Office

901 Port St., St. Joseph, MI 49085

(269) 983-6363

Toll Free: (888) 783-8190
www.legalaidwestmich.org

Medical Care/Hospitals/Urgent Care

Birkam Health Center & Pharmacy-FSU

1019 Campus Drive, Big Rapids, MI 49307
(231) 591-2614

<http://ferris.edu/htmls/studentlife/hcenter/homepage.htm>

The Birkam Health Center staff wishes to welcome students and families to the Health Center website. Ferris students and their families are eligible for medical care including evaluation and treatment for illness and injury anytime during the entire calendar year. Patients are seen on a walk-in and by appointment basis.

Borgess-Lee Memorial Hospital

420 W. High St., Dowagiac, MI 49047
(269) 782-8681

<https://healthcare.ascension.org/Locations/Michigan/MIKAL/Dowagiac-Ascension-Borgess-Lee-Hospital>

Lakeland Hospital

21 N. Saint Joseph Ave., Niles, MI 49120
(269) 262-5233

<https://www.lakelandhealth.org/>

Cass County Health Department

260 South Street, Lawrence, MI 49064
(269) 621-3143

www.vbcassdhd.org

Southwestern Medical Clinic

2002 S. 11th St., Niles, MI 49120
(269) 687-0200

<https://www.lakelandhealth.org/>

MedNow – Non-Emergency Medical

(844) 322-7374

<https://www.spectrumhealth.org/app/video-visits>

Video visits cost no more than \$45 and may be fully covered by your insurance plan!

Medical Care - Family Planning

Berrien County Health Department

2479 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 926-7121

<http://bchdmi.org/771/Family-Planning>

Mental Health/Counseling

Personal Counseling Center-FSU

1019 Campus Drive, Big Rapids, MI 49307
(231) 591-5968

www.ferris.edu/htmls/studentlife/PersonalCounseling

The Counseling Center staff builds on the foundation that personal counseling is a therapeutic and educational experience for students in their personal and academic growth. The Counseling Center also assists students who are experiencing more serious forms of stress and disruption to their normal functioning by utilizing a variety of therapeutic interventions. Prevention and educational aspects of a healthy lifestyle are emphasized throughout the counseling process as well as through programs targeted at significant topics for students.

Woodlands Behavioral Health Care (24-hours)

960 M-60 East, Cassopolis, MI 49034
Crisis Hotline: (269) 445-2451 or (800) 323-0335

www.woodlandsbhn.org

The ARK (Kalamazoo)

1441 South Westnedge, Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(269) 381-9800

<http://ccdok.org/the-ark-shelter/>

Elkhart United Way Info HELP line (24 hours)

601 CR 17, Elkart, IN 46515
(574) 295-1650 or 211

<https://www.unitedwayec.org/get-help>

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

(800) 273-TALK (8255)

www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Substance Abuse**United Way of Southwest Michigan**

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Southwest Michigan Area Narcotics Anonymous

(800) 230-4085

www.michigan-na.org/sw_michigan

Western Michigan Area Assembly Alcoholics Anonymous
(800) 837-4247
www.wmaa34.com

Narcotics Anonymous (NA)
(877) 338-1188
<https://www.na.org/>

Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence/Harassment

United Way of Southwest Michigan
2015 Lakeview Avenue, Saint Joseph, MI 49085
(269) 982-1700 or Dial 2-1-1
<https://www.uwsm.org/>

Domestic and Sexual Abuse Services (24 hours)
Crisis Hotline: (800) 828-2023
(269) 278-5122
dasasinfo@dasasmi.org
www.dasasmi.org

Child and Family Services Safe Shelter (Benton Harbor)
2450 S. M-139, Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Crisis Hotline: (269) 925-9500
(269) 925-1725
<https://www.theavenue.ngo/>

National Domestic Violence Hotline
(800) 779-7233
<https://www.thehotline.org/>

National Sexual Assault Hotline
(800) 656-4673
<https://www.rainn.org/about-national-sexual-assault-telephone-hotline>

Women's Information Services, Inc. (WISE)
24 Hour Sexual Violence Crisis Hotline: (800) 374-9473
<https://wiseagainstviolence.org/>

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