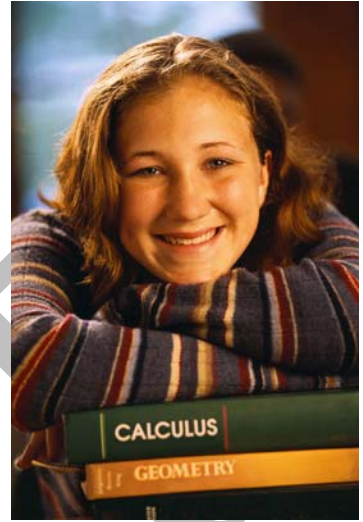


TEEN RESOURCE GUIDE

For Teens & Their Foster/Adoptive Parents

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**Kalamazoo County Dept. of
Human Services**

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Kalamazoo, MI 49001
269-337-4900

CPS: 269-337-5046
(24 hrs/day)

Foster Home Licensing:
269-337-5064

Adoption: 269-337-5070

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*This Resource Guide is dedicated to all foster teens transitioning to adulthood,
and to the foster parents and caseworkers who guide them along their way.*

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Kalamazoo County Dept. of Human Services

Foster Youth In Transition: www.michigan.gov/fyit

This is a web site for current and former foster youth. It provides links on how to develop supports, find services, get answers to important questions and just keep you posted on what's new. It was the result of a recommendation made by the **Statewide Task Force on Youth Transitioning from Foster Care** in 2006. Over 100 people from public and private organizations that care about improving services to foster youth participated. Youth representatives served on the Task Force along with the State Court Administrative Office, Child Welfare Services Division; the Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice; the Department of Human Services, Child Welfare Institute; the Office of the Children's Ombudsman; and Children's Charter of the Courts of Michigan. We honor the work done by the Task Force, especially the youth representatives.

If you know of any other resources that should be added to the **Teen Resource Guide** please contact Jane Mecomber (MecomberJ@michigan.gov or 269-337-5064). Thank you!

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CRISIS HELP

Gryphon Helpline (Suicide & Crisis Prevention 24 hours/day)

211 (Kalamazoo County)

www.gryphon.org

Crisis Helpline through Gryphon (24 hours/day, 7 days/week). Cell phone users will need to call 381-HELP if they are unable to get through on the 211 line.

Access Center / Mobile Crisis Response (24 hours/day)

269-373-6000/888-373-6200 (toll free)

www.kazoocmh.org

Kalamazoo Community Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services. Provides support & assistance to individuals with mental health or substance abuse problems and their families & friends. Provides comprehensive help & clinical services.

Family Violence and/or Sexual Assault Crisis Lines (24 hours/day):

- **Children's Protective Services (Kalamazoo County DHS)** **269-337-5046**
www.michigan.gov/dhs
- **Domestic Assault & Sexual Assault Program (YWCA)** **269-385-3587 (Crisis)**
www.ywcaalamazoo.org
- **National Domestic Violence Hotline** **1-800-799-SAFE**
- **National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline** **1-866-331-9474**
www.loveisrespect.org

Runaways (24 hours/day):

- **The ARK (Kalamazoo County)** **1-800-873-TEEN(8336)**
Crisis intervention, emergency shelter, and counseling services. Serves residents of Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren counties. Shelter and stabilization services (on a fee basis) for youth awaiting longer-term placements or living arrangements. Respite care by arrangement on a fee basis.
- **National Runaway Switchboard** **1-800-RUNAWAY / 1-800-786-2929**
www.1800runaway.org
Administers Greyhound's Home Free Program, providing one-way ticket for runaways between ages 12-20 to return to their parents/legal guardian. Crisis intervention and message relay between runaways and their parent.
- **RAP Line (Michigan)** **1-800-292-4517**
Crisis intervention and message relay between runaways & their families.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

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Website developed by a task force that included youth representatives. Provides information & links on a variety of issues important to current & former foster youth. Including how to develop supports, find services, get answers to important questions and it keeps you posted on what is new.

Gryphon Help-Line (24 hours/day)

www.gryphon.org

211 (Kalamazoo County)

269-381-1510 (office)

Information and Referral Help-Line through Gryphon (24 hours/day, 7 days/week). Cell phone users will need to call the 381-HELP number if they are unable to get through on the 211 line.

ADULT EDUCATION / ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

Visit www.michigan.gov/fyit - Foster Youth in Transition – for more resources

Barclay Hills Education Center

Parchment Schools

1125 E. Mosel, Kalamazoo, MI 49004

Provides an educational setting to assist middle & high school students in achieving established goals in a safe & challenging environment.

269-488-1470

www.parchmentschools.org

Comstock Alternative High School

3010 Gull Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49048

The Alternative High School's major purpose is to provide an educational alternative for individual's ages 14 through 19. The program also is designed to meet the educational needs of pregnant teens and school-aged parents. Classes are available throughout the day and as well as evening classes.

269-388-9461

www.comstockps.org

Focus Program

A collaborative program that assists students to make the transition from KVCC to WMU.

269-488-4779 (Robyn Robinson)

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www.michigan.gov/fyit

Kalamazoo Public Schools: Adult Education

713 S. Westnedge, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Designed to meet the unique needs of the adult learners in the county.

269-337-0422

www.kalamazoopublicschools.com

Kalamazoo Public Schools: CEYF

Continuing Education for Young Families

Loy Norrix High School, 606 E. Kilgore Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Program for KPS students who are pregnant and for parenting teens. Services include: prenatal care, health services, WIC services, prenatal/parenting class, and on-site child care center.

269-337-0200

www.kalamazoopublicschools.com

Kalamazoo Public Schools: New City Success Center

John F. Kennedy Center

1411 Oakland Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Alternative program for students who have not been successful in the traditional program due to problems with behavior, social skills and interactions with peers and adults.

269-337-0760

www.kalamazoopublicschools.com

Kalamazoo Public Schools: Phoenix High School

John F. Kennedy Center

1411 Oakland Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Alternative pathway to graduation that incorporates core curriculum, community service and real-life experiences into the students' plan for completion from high school.

269-337-0760

www.kalamazoopublicschools.com

Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Texas Township Campus

6767 West O Ave., P.O. Box 4070, Kalamazoo, MI 49003-4070

269-488-4400

www.kvcc.edu

New Genesis, Inc.

1340 Cobb St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Offers multiple educational services, both school based and after school including; mentoring, tutoring, Michigan College Tour Program, Youth Outreach Center, Project IMPACT.

269-343-7023

www.newgenesisinc.org

Portage Community High School

1010 West Milham, Portage, MI 49024

Alternative education program that assist students in achieving a high school diploma or GED.

269-323-6700

www.portageps.org

Youth Advancement Academy

622 W. Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Alternative education program that serves students ages 14-20, including students who have been expelled by other schools. Students earn credit toward graduation. This is a program of Kalamazoo Regional Educational Services Association (KRESA).

269-276-9036

www.reachandteachpp.com

TUTORING/HOMEWORK HELP

Visit www.michigan.gov/fyit - Foster Youth in Transition – for more resources

After School Homework Center

120 Roberson St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Open after school Monday –Thursday until 5:30 p.m. at Mount Zion Baptist Church.

269-388-3111

www.mtzionkalamazoo.org

Homework Help (Kalamazoo Public Library)

Live Homework Help: Connect to a professional tutor in this online classroom (4:00-10:00 p.m., 7 days/week) – math, science, social studies and English (K-12th grade). Homework Helpers: Collection of databases, websites, and other library resources on a wide variety of topics.

www.kpl.gov/homework

Homework Help (Portage District Library)

www.portagelibrary.info/KidsConnect/HomeworkHelp.html

Provides links for assistance researching & a link that connects you to a librarian that will assist students with research & answer questions they may have. (Hours vary dependent on service needed)

Kalamazoo County Literacy Council

Individual tutoring, specific to reading, for adults with a volunteer.

269-343-8666**Loy Norrix Academic Achievement Center**

606 E. Kilgore Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49001

After school tutoring program at Loy Norrix High School. Monday-Thursday (2:30-3:30 p.m.)

269-337-0200

www.kalamazoopublicschools.com

Portage Community Outreach Center

325 E. Centre Ave., Portage, MI 49002

Tutoring for K-12 students. Volunteer tutors include professionals from the community, college students, as well as high performing high school students. Call Tia about elementary tutoring or Ruth about secondary tutoring.

269-323-1942

Tia Harding, Coordinator

SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS / FINANCIAL AID

Visit www.michigan.gov/fyit - Foster Youth in Transition – for more resources

Aquinas College “Fostering Success” Scholarship Initiative

www.aquinas.edu

This initiative will ensure that total assistance from scholarships and grants will cover tuition, room, board and book costs for up to **two** prospective students each academic year.

Casey Family Scholars Program

www.orphan.org

Provides scholarships of up to \$10,000 for young people, under the age of 25, who spent at least 12 months in foster care and were not subsequently adopted. This program also provides on-line mentoring.

Children’s Benefit Fund

Contact: MCI Superintendent, Michigan Dept. of Human Services

517-335-6152 - MCI Office

www.michigan.gov/dhs

Provides educational supports that include the purchase of computers. Youth must be a state ward (parental rights terminated) to qualify. Contact Michigan Children's Institute (MCI) Office for information.

Derek Jeter Scholarship / Turn 2 Foundation

Kalamazoo Community Foundation

Provides scholarship support for Kalamazoo County high school graduates who demonstrate leadership in their community while promoting abstinence from drugs and alcohol. To be eligible you must be planning to enroll full time in an accredited college or university to earn a two- or four-year degree.

269-381-4416

www.kalfound.org

Education and Training Voucher (ETV)

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan

ETV Office, 209 E. Washington, Suite 284, Jackson, MI 49201

Youth eligible for this funding opportunity must meet Michigan's Youth in Transition (YIT) fund eligibility requirements. Youth who were adopted on or after their 16th birthday are also eligible. Funds from this source are available to youth until their 23rd birthday as long as all eligibility requirements continue to be met.

877-660-METV (6388) (toll free)

517-789-5049 (fax)

www.mietv.lssm.org

Ferris State University

Offers services to youth through the local DHS office to those interested in or attending Ferris State University.

www.ferris.edu

Fostering a Future Scholarship

Children's Action Network

Scholarship for youth who were adopted from the U.S. foster care system after age 13. Applicants be graduating high seniors, maintain or improve qualifying grade point average throughout applicant's senior year, and demonstrate financial needs. Go to Children's Action Network website for application.

www.childrensactionnetwork.org

800-525-6789

Kalamazoo Community Foundation

151 S. Rose St., Suite 332, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

The Kalamazoo Community Foundation administers a scholarship program that each year helps local students pursue their dreams after high school graduation.

269-381-4416

www.kalfound.org

Kalamazoo PROMISE

Kalamazoo Communities in Schools

125 West Exchange Place, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Provides each Kalamazoo Public Schools graduate with the opportunity to attend post-secondary education with up to a 100% tuition scholarship. All students who graduate from KPS, are residing in the district, and have been KPS students four years or more are eligible. (Enrollment and residency must be continuous, though there may be exceptions for foster children.)

269-337-0100

www.kalamazoopromise.com/

Macomb Community College – United Way Scholarship

United Way for Southeastern Michigan

Scholarship for students who are current/former foster teens attending Macomb Community College.

586-463-5660

Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver

Michigan Department of Human Services

Tuition for students who are at least one-quarter American Indian. The award is approved by the Inter-tribal Council of Michigan. Youth apply directly to the Financial Aid Office at their school.

517-335-7782

Michigan State University

Foster Care Youth Endowed Scholarship Program

A scholarship program for tuition and living expenses for incoming MSU Freshman & provides a mentor.

517-335-0333

Dr. Gary Anderson – 517-335-7515

Michigan Student Financial Aid

State of Michigan website about student financial aid (such as Michigan Promise Scholarship).

www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid

Montague Myers Scholarship (Kalamazoo Community Foundation)

151 South Rose St., Suite 332, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

269-382-4416

www.kalfound.org

A scholarship program for Kalamazoo residents who were previously orphaned, abused, abandoned, or neglected as children and who are able to demonstrate financial need to pursue post-secondary education.

Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)

1-888-4GRANTS (1-888-447-2687)

Office of Scholarships and Grants, Bureau of Student Financial Services www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid
Helps pay for tuition and fees for the first two years of college and beyond. Contact the Tuition Incentive Program, Office of Scholarships and Grants for eligibility information.

University of Michigan

734-763-4119

Blavin Scholarship, 2011 Student Activities Building
515 E. Jefferson St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109

www.umich.edu

Scholarships to University of Michigan available for students who have aged out of the foster care system.

Western Michigan University

www.wmich.edu/fyit

Foster Youth & Higher Education Initiative / Seita Scholarship

John Seita Scholarship and work study opportunities are available for foster youth along with stable, year-round on-campus housing. Other supports include mentoring, academic tutoring, student networking, counseling and other student and academic support services. For information contact fyit-info@wmich.edu.

Youth in Transition (Y.I.T.)

www.michigan.gov/fyit

Department of Human Services funding source that can provide educational supports. The Y.I.T. fund source is available until the youth turns 21 years old. To qualify, the youth must have been in foster care after age 14. Contact your local DHS office for information.

Other Online Resources:

- Black Excel—The College Help Network www.blackexcel.org
- College Answer: The Planning for College Destination www.collegeanswer.com
- College Board: Connect to College Success www.collegeboard.com
- Fast Web: Matching Students to Scholarships www.fastweb.com
- Federal Student Aid (U.S. Dept. of Education) www.studentaid.ed.gov
- FinAid: The Smart Student Guide to Financial Aid www.finaid.org
- Financial Aid 4 You www.financialaid4you.com
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Imagine America Foundation www.imagine-america.org
- Michigan Alternative Education Organization (MAEO) www.maeo.org
- National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators www.nasfaa.org
- National Foster Parent Assoc. – Scholarships www.nfpainc.org
- Orphan Foundation of America - Scholarships www.orphan.org
- Scholarships 101 www.scholarships101.com
- Students.gov – federal government resources www.students.gov

CHILD DAY CARE

Child Care Resources

3304 Mindi Lane
Kalamazoo, MI. 49001

Provides advocacy for quality childcare in the community through education and referral services.

269-349-3296 / 866-424-4532 (toll free)

269-337-4923 (at DHS)

www.workfamilysolutions.com

Child Development & Care Program

Kalamazoo County Dept. of Human Services
322 E. Stockbridge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Provides financial support for low income working parents and to foster parents & relative caregivers with foster children to help with cost of child care. Apply at local DHS.

269-337-4900

www.michigan.gov/dhs

Kalamazoo Drop-In Child Care Center

269-382-3640

129 South Park St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

269-343-0123 (fax)

Provides free part-time childcare, parent education and support to low-income families with preschool children.

EMPLOYMENT / JOB TRAINING

Visit www.michigan.gov/fyit - Foster Youth in Transition – for more resources

Connections Program - MRC Industries, Inc.

1310 Bank St., Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Provides services to students (ages 14-26) with learning disabilities and emotional impairments who need assistance and guidance to successfully make the transition from school to work.

269-343-0747

www.mrcindustries.org

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Michigan

420 E. Alcott St., Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Provides education, training, and employment services to select individuals including the youth, disabled individuals and those who are economically disadvantaged. "Workers on Wheels" program assists low-income residents with the purchase of a reliable vehicle.

269-382-0490

www.goodwillswmi.org

Job Corps (U.S. Dept. of Labor)

110 Hall Street, S.E.

Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Provides educational and vocational training in a residential setting. Earn your high school diploma or GED while completing vocational training. Low-income youth (ages 16-24). The closest office is in Grand Rapids.

616-243-6877

800-733-JOBS (5627)

www.jobcorps.dol.gov

Kalamazoo Deacon's Conference

1010 N. Westnedge, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Program in conjunction with Michigan's Work First & Goodwill that provides skills training and employment assistance.

269-344-7333

www.deaconsconference.org

Michigan Career & Technical Institute

11611 W. Pine Lake Rd., Plainwell, MI 49080

Vocational and technical training & support services in a residential setting for disabled adults.

877-901-7360 (toll-free)

www.michigan.gov/mcti

Michigan Indian Employment & Training Services

724 W. Centre St. Suite 209, Portage, MI 49024

For information about eligibility requirements and placement, call for an appointment.

269-323-0234

Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS)

4210 S. Westnedge, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Provides vocational services to persons with disabilities who want to maintain or return to work.

269-337-3700

www.michigan.gov/mdcc

Michigan WORKS!

1601 Burdick St., Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Job Bank for employers to list jobs; Talent Bank for job seekers to submit resumes and prepare cover letters; FREE "Job Readiness" workshops; Career information and planning; Rehabilitation services and training through partner agencies.

269-383-2536

<http://www.michpartners.org/>

Michigan Youth Challenge Academy

Attn: Admissions & Graduate Affairs

5500 Armstrong Rd., Bldg. 13, Battle Creek, MI 49016-1099

Program offers a second chance for high school dropouts to shape a rewarding future for themselves. Must be between ages of 16 through 18.

800-372-0523

www.ngycp.org/state/mi

Youth Development Center (City of Kalamazoo)

230 E. Crosstown Pkwy., Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Programs include: computer classes; typing tutorial; digital camera classes; youth leadership development; Youth Action Council; and more.

269-337-8009

Youth In Transition (YIT)

Kalamazoo County Dept. of Human Services
322 E. Stockbridge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Teens aging out of foster care may be eligible for help with employment-related expenses such as uniforms, tools, equipment, apprenticeship and other required fees, and transportation costs even after foster care case has closed. Contact your DHS caseworker to apply.

269-337-4900<http://www.michigan.gov/fyit>**Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU)**

422 East South St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Employment and training opportunities for youth ages 16-21 not currently in school as well as youth at least 16 years old who are seniors in high school. This program is in partnership with Michigan WORKS! and KRESA.

269-349-9676www.kresa.org**CAREERS IN THE MILITARY****Air Force**www.airforce.com

or call:

1-800-423-USAF (8723)**Air Force Reserve**www.afreserve.com

or call:

1-800-257-1212**Air National Guard**www.goang.com

or call:

1-800-TOGOANG (8646264)**Army**www.goarmy.com

or call:

1-800-USARMY (872769)**Army National Guard**<http://www.1800goguard.com/>

or call:

1-800-Go-Guard (4648273)**Marines**www.marines.com**Navy**www.navy.com**U.S. Coast Guard**www.gocoastguard.com

or call:

1-800-438-8724**U.S. Coast Guard Reserve**www.gocoastguard.com

or call:

1-800-438-8724**Local Recruiting Station:**

6794 S. Westnedge Ave.
Portage, MI 49002

Air Force: **269-323-8776**Marines: **269-324-4122**Army: **269-329-1555**Navy: **269-323-9913****SERVICES FOR DISABLED YOUTH & ADULTS**

Visit www.michigan.gov/fyit - Foster Youth in Transition – for more resources

Community Advocates for Persons with Developmental Disabilities 269-342-9801

814 S. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

www.communityadvocates.org

Community education, advocacy, and referrals for evaluation and service.

Disability Resource Center of Southwestern Michigan

517 E. Crosstown Pkwy., Kalamazoo, MI 49001

www.drccil.org

Provides advocacy and services to people with disabilities.

269-345-1516 (voice)

269-345-5925 (TTY)

1-800-394-7450 (toll-free)

Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS)

4210 S. Westnedge, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Provides vocational services to persons with disabilities who want to maintain or return to work.

269-337-3700www.michigan.gov/mdcd**Social Security Administration**

317 S. Drake Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Benefits for disabled adults & children through Social Security Disability & Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

269-381-2313/1-800-772-1213www.socialsecurity.gov**WMU Disabled Student Resources & Service**

2113 Faunce Student Services, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Assistance to WMU's disabled students, including campus transportation, supportive services, counseling, registration assistance, campus accessibility information and tapes for the blind.

269-387-2116www.wmich.edu

EMERGENCY FOOD / FOOD ASSISTANCE

Kalamazoo Gospel Mission

448 N. Burdick, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Provides meals for every person. You must attend a church service at their location.

269-345-2974

www.kzoogospel.org

Loaves and Fishes

913 E. Alcott, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Provides access to food pantry during an emergency.

269-343-3663

www.kzoolf.org

Michigan Department of Human Services

Kalamazoo DHS, 322 E. Stockbridge, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Provides food assistance (food stamps), cash assistance, medical assistance (Medicaid), and other financial assistance for those that qualify. **Foster Care Transitional Medicaid** for former foster youth (see page 14).

269-337-4900

www.michigan.gov/dhs

Ministry with Community

440 N. Church, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Provides hot meals, access to showers and laundry, and other services for homeless.

269-343-6073

www.ministrywithcommunity.org

WIC (Women, Infant & Child Supplement)

Kalamazoo Co. Health & Community Services Dept.

3299 Gull Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Family Health Center, 117 W. Paterson, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

WIC is a health and nutrition program that has demonstrated a positive effect on pregnancy outcomes, child growth and development. Includes nutrition education, breastfeeding help, referrals to other health services, and WIC food coupons.

www.michigan.gov/mdch

269-373-5002

269-349-2647

HOUSING / EMERGENCY SHELTER

Visit www.michigan.gov/fyit - Foster Youth in Transition – for more resources

The ARK

990 W. Kilgore Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Provides emergency shelter (up to 14 days) and aftercare counseling to youth between the ages of 10-17 years of age. Also provides short-term and emergency residential care for youth.

1-800-873-TEEN (24 hours/day)

www.arkforyouth.org

Caring Network

Van Domelen Center, 1441 S. Westnedge, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Four transitional living apartments for pregnant homeless women who are participants in the Caring Network program. Must be 18 and older with no other children. Occupancy is based on availability and some eligibility requirements apply.

269-381-1234

www.catholicfamilyservices.org

Domestic Assault Shelter (YWCA)

353 E. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007-3844

Provides shelter for women and children experiencing assault and/or stalking.

269-385-2869/Crisis Line: 269-385-3587

www.ywcakalamazoo.org

Emergency Overnight Shelter

440 ½ N. Church St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Emergency housing and meals, independent living skills and support services are available for single homeless men and women in Kalamazoo County. Must be 18 or over.

269-388-3680 www.kalcounty.com/hcs

269-373-5300/377-4962(emergencies)

Hannah's House Maternity Home

Alternative Women's Care Center

4200 W. Michigan Ave., Suite 100, Kalamazoo, MI 49006

Christian, family-style maternity home providing a loving, caring environment for pregnant women and teens as they await the birth of their babies. Contact Alternative Women's Care Center for information.

269-345-0725 (office)

www.pregnancychoices.com

Holy Cross – Supervised Independent Living Program

213 W. Walnut St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Provides supervised, supportive living arrangements and life skill instruction as well as educational/vocational planning, job search assistance, counseling, financial planning and community resource development for youth ages 16-20 years old (males, females, and females with babies). Youth must be referred by their caseworker.

269-552-3475

www.hccsnet.org

Homeless Youth Program

1819 Gull Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Services include skill development and assistance with affordable and safe housing, education and employment.

269-381-9800/800-873-TEEN

www.catholicfamilyservices.org or www.arkforyouth.org

Housing Resources, Inc.

345 N. Burdick, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Provides short-term, emergency shelter for homeless families, transitional housing, & help locating affordable housing.

269-382-0287x.120/Fax:269-382-6173

www.housingresourcesinc.org

Kalamazoo Gospel Mission

448 N. Burdick, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Provides emergency shelter for men, women, and children with three free meals per day along with clothing. Youth must be over 18 to stay at the shelter. Programs include New Life Recovery Program for men and Family Hope Recovery Program for women with children.

269-345-2974

www.kzoogospel.org

Lutheran Social Services – Youth Independent Living Program

3234 S. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Services include independent living placement and supervision, life skills training, educational & vocational referrals and support, employment referrals, mentors. Youth must be referred by their caseworker.

(269) 345-5776

www.lssm.org

Michigan Housing Locator

Search for housing (including low-income housing) on-line at this website. Service of Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA).

www.MichiganHousingLocator.com

Next Door (for young women)

1215 W. North St., Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Open Door (for young men)

414 Ranney, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Provides free shelter, food and mentoring for homeless young people ages 17-35.

269-349-2119

<http://www.opendoornextdoor.org/>

269-345-1431

<http://www.opendoornextdoor.org/>

Transitional Living Program (Catholic Family Services)

1819 Gull Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Provides supportive living arrangements & services to homeless & at-risk for becoming homeless youth between the ages of 18-21. Services include independent living skills, case management, aid in finding housing & support in maintaining a positive housing environment. Weekly "Life Skills Groups" to help youth form friendships, build support systems and develop essential life skills. Transitional housing apartments available for young adults.

269-381-9800 x. 211/800-873-TEEN (toll free)

www.catholicfamilyservices.org or www.arkforyouth.org

HELP WITH CLOTHING & FURNITURE

Goodwill

4408 Stadium, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

269-372-6127

www.goodwillswmi.org

Kalamazoo Deacon's Conference

1010 N. Westnedge, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

269-344-7333

<http://www.deaconsconference.org/>

Nu Way Thrift Store

211 E. Cork St., Kalamazoo, MI 49001

269-343-7108

Salvation Army

1700 S. Burdick, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

269-344-6119

www.usc.salvationarmy.org/kalamazoo

St. Vincent de Paul
513 Eleanor St, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

269-388-4544

Youth In Transition (YIT)
Dept. of Human Services
322 E. Stockbridge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49001

269-337-4900
www.michigan.gov/dhs

Teens aging out of foster care may be eligible for services even after the foster care case has closed. YIT provides help with household startup costs such as: security deposit and first month's rent, household supplies, furniture. Contact your DHS caseworker to apply.

HEALTH and WELLNESS

Visit www.michigan.gov/fyit - Foster Youth in Transition – for more resources

CARES (Community AIDS Resource & Education Services)

629 Pioneer, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

AIDS prevention programs, support services for persons affected by HIV, and free HIV testing.

269-381-2437
www.caresswm.org

Family Health Center Clinic

117 W. Patterson, Kalamazoo, MI 49007
2030 Portage Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49001

269-349-2641
WIC: 269-349-2647
269-349-0888

WIC: 269-488-0838/ Dental: 269-488-0833
Appointments (both offices): 269-488-0831

Health care & dental care for low-income people & those experiencing homelessness.

Free Clinic of Kalamazoo

2918 Portage Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Free health care for low-income adults (18 and over) without health insurance, in addition to dental and vision referrals and maintenance prescription. Walk-in only (first come – first served). Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 am-5:00 pm, Tues. & Thurs. 5:00 -9:00 pm / Dental Clinic Tues. & Thurs. 5:00-9:00 pm

269-344-0044
www.kazoofreeclinic.org

Health Care for the Homeless

431 N. Rose St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Health care program for homeless adults. Services provided by the Family Health Center.

269-385-2217

HIV/AIDS Hotlines:

- National AIDS Hotline
- Michigan AIDS Hotline

1-800-432-2437
1-800-872-2437

Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies (KCMS) – MSU

1000 Oakland Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Provides health care services to those with insurance and/or Medicaid.

269-337-6345/337-6450
www.kcms.msu.edu

Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department

3299 Gull Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Provides a wide array of health care services to under-privileged families and youth:

- Dental Clinic
- HIV/AIDS Counseling & Testing
- Immunization Clinic
- Maternal/Infant Health Program
- STD Clinic
- Vision and Hearing Screening
- Well Child Clinic
- WIC

www.kalcounty.com/hcs

269-373-5217
269-373-5208
269-373-5203
269-373-5068
269-373-5203
269-373-5008 or 269-373-5031
269-373-5100
269-373-5002

Kalamazoo County Health Plan**269-344-6168**

Residents who do not meet the requirements for Medicaid, Medicare, or any other program may be eligible for a community-sponsored program called Kalamazoo Health Plan, Plan B. This program is **NOT** insurance. It provides basic medical care at little or no cost to the member.

Medicaid – Kalamazoo County DHS**269-337-4900**

322 E. Stockbridge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Teens aging out of foster care are eligible for **Foster Care Transitional Medicaid** once the foster care case is closed. Contact your local DHS office for information. To be eligible, youth must meet the following criteria:

- Under 21 years of age
- In out-of-home placement under DHS supervision at time of 18th birthday
- Not currently incarcerated

Mobile Dental Clinic**Contact Caseworker**

Free dental clinic for children/youth on Medicaid. Foster children/teens in Kalamazoo County can receive services from Mobile Dental Clinic at Kalamazoo DHS. Contact caseworker for an appointment.

Partnership for Prescription Assistance**1-888-477-2669(toll-free)/www.pparx.org**

Provides free or nearly free prescriptions for uninsured or underinsured. Program is sponsored by pharmaceutical research companies.

Pfizer’s “Sharing the Care” Program**1-866-706-2400(toll-free)/www.pfizerhelpanswers.com**

Program by Pfizer Inc. that makes prescription drugs available for free or nearly free to residents who are income eligible through the Family Health Center in Kalamazoo.

Planned Parenthood of Southwest Michigan**269-372-1200**

4201 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

www.ppscm.org

Provides STD diagnosis & treatment, HIV testing & counseling, pregnancy testing & options counseling, and birth control methods. Access to information on sexuality education, parent communication and healthy relationships.

COUNSELING / MENTAL HEALTH

Visit www.michigan.gov/fyit - Foster Youth in Transition – for more resources

ACCESS Center**269-373-6000 (24 hrs/day)**

Kalamazoo Community Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services

888-373-6200 (toll free)

418 W. Kalamazoo Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

www.kazoocmh.org

Access to KCMH and contracted providers for adults and children with developmental disabilities, severe emotional disturbances and/or mental illness. Crisis intervention & 24-hour emergency services available.

The ARK**1-800-873-TEEN (24 hours/day)**

990 W. Kilgore Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

269-343-8765 www.arkforyouth.org

Free counseling for youth ages 10-17 and their parents or caregivers either as part of their stay at the ARK or on an out-client basis (call 269-381-9800 for out-client counseling).

Borgess Mental Health Inpatient & Partial Hospitalization**269-226-7406/269-226-8000(24hr/day)**

1521 Gull Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49048

www.borgess.com

Provides mental health services to youth 11-18 years old including diagnostic and treatment services, inpatient and partial hospitalization.

Catholic Family Services**269-381-9800**

1819 Gull Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49048

www.catholicfamilyservices.org

Counseling to individuals, couples, children and families. Many types of insurance accepted. Assistance available for those unable to pay.

Center for Counseling and Psychological Services (WMU)

1903 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Counseling services for children, adolescents & adults. Fees are based on a sliding scale.

269-387-5105

www.wmich.edu

Delano Outpatient Clinic (Borgess)

1722 Shaffer Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Crisis intervention; counseling; psychotherapy for individuals, groups, couples and families.

269-226-5600

www.borgess.com

Douglass Community Association

1000 W. Paterson, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Crisis intervention, advocacy, education & training, outreach, individual, couple, family & group therapy and evaluation.

269-343-6185

www.douglasscommunity.org/

Elizabeth Upjohn Community Healing Center

2615 Stadium Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Outpatient counseling/therapy for children, adolescents and adults; psychiatric & psychological evaluations; crisis intervention. Fees based on a sliding scale. Insurance, self-pay & Medicaid accepted.

269-343-1651

www.communityhealingcenter.org

Family and Children Services

1608 Lake St., Kalamazoo, MI 49001

- **Case Management:** Program coordinates services for young adults with mental illness.
- **Counseling Center:** Provides services that enable clients to understand their social, psychological, and interpersonal issues affecting their relationships or job functioning. Fees are based on a sliding scale.

269-344-0202

www.fcsource.org

InterACT

610 S. Burdick St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Services for adults experiencing mental illness. Contact CMH Access Center.

269-381-3700

www.interactmichigan.org

Journeys

Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan

222 North Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 100, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Group for grieving children, teens and their families. Separate groups for ages 13-18, 9-12, 5-8, and parents/caregivers.

269-345-0273

www.hospiceswmi.org

Wraparound

Family driven, strength based, family centered services for youth with serious emotional disturbance. Services provided by CMH in collaboration with other community organizations including DHS and Family Court.

www.kazoocmh.org

YWCA

353 E. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007-3844

Domestic Assault and Sexual Assault programs. Shelter program and counseling services available.

269-345-5595/ 385-3587 (Crisis Line)

www.ywcakalamazoo.org

SEXUALITY

Visit www.michigan.gov/fyit - Foster Youth in Transition – for more resources

Kalamazoo Community-based Abstinence Initiative

New Genesis, Inc.

1340 Cobb St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Educates teens on how to successfully practice abstinence through refusal skills, personal stories, parent support and multi-session interactive programs conducted by trained Peer Educators using age appropriate curriculum.

269-343-7023

www.newgenesisinc.org

Kalamazoo Gay Lesbian Resource Center

629 Pioneer, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Educational outreach to the community; workplace trainings; resource information and support; sponsored community activities; facilitator-led youth group; speaker's bureaus. **SW Michigan High School Gay Straight Alliances:** Contact: River Artz-Iffland, Outreach Coordinator for information

269-349-4234

www.kglrc.org

Planned Parenthood of Southwest Michigan

4201 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49006

Provides STD diagnosis & treatment, HIV testing & counseling, pregnancy testing & options counseling, and birth control methods. Access to information on sexuality education, parent communication and healthy relationships.

269-372-1200

www.ppscm.org

SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES & SUPPORT GROUPS

Visit www.michigan.gov/fyit - Foster Youth in Transition – for more resources

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)

933 S. Burdick, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

269-349-4410 (24 hour/day)

www.aa.org

NA (Narcotics Anonymous)

1835 Nichols, Kalamazoo, MI 49006

269-382-NANA(6262) (24 hour/day)

www.michigan-na.org or www.na.org

NarAnon of Michigan

www.nar-anon.org/michigan

Nar-Anon members are relatives and friends who are concerned about the addiction or drug problem of another. Nar-Anon's program of recovery is adapted from Narcotics Anonymous and uses Nar-Anon's Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts.

ACCESS Center

Kalamazoo Community Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services

418 W. Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Provides assessment and access to substance abuse services for adolescents and adults.

269-373-6000 (24 hrs/day)

888-373-6200 (toll-free)

www.kazocmh.org

Alano Club

933 S. Burdick, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

269-343-2711

AA Meeting Hotline: 269-349-4410

Community Healing Centers (Kalamazoo)

1910 Shaffer, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

2615 Stadium Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Detoxification and residential treatment, intensive outpatient program, outpatient counseling, recovery support, and women's program. Fees are based on a sliding scale, and insurance, self-pay. Medicaid is accepted. (See **LIFE SKILLS TRAINING** section for prevention services offered through this agency.)

www.communityhealingcenter.org

269-382-9820

269-343-1651

Portage Community Outreach Center

325 E. Centre Ave., Portage, MI 49002

PCC offers a prevention/education program to middle school students regarding substance abuse issues, with a focus on alcohol and tobacco use and abuse. Please call Ruth 323-1942 for more information.

269-323-1942

www.portagecommunitycenter.org

Online Substance Abuse Resources:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Join Together: Advancing Effective Alcohol & Drug Policy, Prevention and Treatment
- Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free
- Methamphetamine Resource Site (Michigan)
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Narcotics Anonymous (Southwest Michigan)
- NarAnon of Michigan
- National Clearinghouse for Alcohol & Drug Information
- National Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence (NCADD)
- National Health Information Center
- National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
- National Institute on Drug Abuse
- NIAAA Teen Website (Cool Spot)

www.cdc.gov

www.jointogether.org

www.alcoholfreechildren.org

www.michigan.gov/meth

www.na.org

www.michigan-na.org/sw_michigan

www.naranonofmi.org

www.health.org

www.ncadd.org

www.health.gov/nhic

www.niaaa.nih.gov

www.nida.nih.gov

www.thecoolspot.gov

- Office of Minority Health www.omhrc.gov
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration www.samhsa.gov

LEGAL SERVICES

Visit www.michigan.gov/fyit - Foster Youth in Transition – for more resources

Legal Aid of Western Michigan

201 W. Kalamazoo Ave., Room 308, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Provides free legal services for non-criminal cases to low-income residents.

269-344-8113/888-783-8190 (toll free)

www.legalaidwestmich.org

LIFE SKILLS TRAINING / TRANSITION SERVICES

Visit www.michigan.gov/fyit - Foster Youth in Transition – for more resources

Casey Life Skills

Free and easy to use tools to help young people prepare for adulthood. The life skills assessments provide instant feedback. Customized learning plans provide a clear outline of next steps, and the accompanying teaching resources are available for free or at a minimal cost.

www.caseylifeskills.org

Cooperative Extension

3299 Gull Rd., 4th Floor, 2nd Wing, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Program teaches meal planning, budgeting, shopping, and meal preparation within the home.

269-383-8830

www.kalcounty.com/msue

Foster Club

Online resource for foster youth, including links to information and resources, message boards, news.

www.fosterclub.com

Michigan Teen Conference

Sponsors: Michigan Federation for Children & Families,

Michigan Dept. of Human Services, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan

Annual conference for foster teens at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

www.michfed.org

Community Healing Center

2615 Stadium Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Prevention programs for children and teens. **“Family & Friends Program”** for adults.

269-343-1651 ext. 120

www.communityhealingcenter.org

Prevention Works, Inc.

611 Whitcomb, Suite A, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

- **All*Stars** –Character-based approach to preventing high-risk behaviors (ages 11-15).
- **Peer POWER**- Facilitated by highly trained youth peer educators. Four unique curricula: Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs, Violence Prevention, Healthy Choices & Dive Into Diversity.

269-388-4200

www.prevention-works.org

YOTP (Youthful Offender Transition Program)

Ninth Circuit Court – Family Division

1400 Gull Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49048

YOTP is designed to help court involved youthful offenders, age 16-21, that are currently, or have been previously, involved in the court, transition to adulthood. Support services offer treatment in education, employment, and independent living skills development.

269-385-6058

www.kalcounty.com/courts

Felix Brooks Jr., Coordinator

PARENTING SKILLS TRAINING

Visit www.michigan.gov/fyit - Foster Youth in Transition – for more resources

New Beginnings - YWCA

353 E. Michigan, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Nine-week parenting and support group for families facing stress and/or helplessness due to the demands of single parenting or parenting within crisis. Sponsored by YWCA.

269-345-5595/345-8230(fax)

www.ywcakalamazoo.org

Parent to Parent of Southwest Michigan

406 E. Michigan, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Offers services at no cost to families who have children with disabilities or special needs. Services include: mentoring, referrals, information, recreation opportunities, bi-monthly newsletter, learning exchanges & informal social events.

269-345-8950/345-5363(fax)

www.p2pswmi.org

Strengthening Families Program (Prevention Works)

611 Whitcomb, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Designed for youth ages 10-14 and their parents or caregivers to prevent teen substance abuse and other behavior problems, while strengthening parenting skills.

269-388-4200

www.prevention-works.org

Teen Parenting Program

Catholic Family Services

1441 South Westnedge, Kalamazoo, MI. 49008

Provides information and services to pregnant and parenting teens. Counseling, parenting classes, and direct assistance for clothing and baby needs.

269-381-1234

www.catholicfamilyservices.org

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Visit www.michigan.gov/fyit - Foster Youth in Transition – for more resources

ACT NOW – Youth Leadership Council

Greater Kalamazoo United Way

709 S. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49006

Youth based council focused on community service learning; peer empowerment and strength-based activities to help youth enhance leadership skills. Teaches youth how to initiate change in their community.

269-343-2524

www.kalamazoounitedway.org

ARK Ambassadors

990 W. Kilgore Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Youth volunteers meet on a weekly basis to participate in service-learning projects that raise community awareness about the ARK.

269-381-9800/1-800-873-TEEN

www.catholicfamilyservices.org or www.arkforyouth.org

Counselor in Training

Youth Development Center

230 E. Crosstown Parkway, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

For teens ages 12-17 with an interest in working with children. Receive hands on experience in learning leadership skills by working with youth in group activities at many program sites.

269-337-8009

Jeter's Leaders Program

Turn 2 Foundation, Inc.

350 E. Michigan Ave., Suite 205

Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Recognizes students in Greater Kalamazoo area for their academic achievements, extracurricular activities and community services. Leaders are responsible for delivering a positive message to their peers.

269-381-4416

www.derekjeter.com

KidBiz Young Entrepreneurs

Minority Business Alliance of Southwest Michigan

Program designed to help at-risk youth, ages 9 to 18, understand concepts that could lead to the creation of a business they could run. Weekly meetings for six months include sessions on life skills and business training.

269-388-3853 ext. 204

KYDNet (Kalamazoo Youth Development Network)

269-343-2524 ext. 224

Greater Kalamazoo United Way
709 S. Westnedge, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

www.kalamazoounitedway.org

Supports, advocates, and actively participates in youth-centered activities that include community forums, youth conferences, school and after-school activities, skill-building trainings for youth and adults, and youth fairs.

Michigan Youth Leadership Academy

517-322-1200

7426 N. Canal Rd., Lansing, MI 48913

Provides young men (ages 14 to 16) with an opportunity to learn leadership and decision-making skills, as well as build positive relationships with law enforcement officers. Activities include lessons on leadership, responsible citizenship, respect, trust, health, community service and life-coping skills.

PeaceJam

269-343-2524 ext: 245

Greater Kalamazoo United Way

www.kalamazoounitedway.org

709 S. Westnedge, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Educational experience to teach high school aged youth leadership skills and the importance of serving the community.

Volun-TEEN (Volunteer Center of Greater Kalamazoo)

269-382-8350/fax:269-382-8362

709 S. Westnedge Ave., Suite A, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

www.volunteerkalamazoo.org

Recruits and refers teenagers who want to volunteer for non-profit agencies.

Youth Action Council – Youth Development Center

269-337-8009

City of Kalamazoo Dept. Of Parks and Recreation

230 E. Crosstown Pkwy., Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Middle and high school students who spend time in community service, leadership training, and coordinating and implementing special recreation events for area youth.

Youth Advisory Board - Prevention Works, Inc.

269-388-4200

611 Whitcomb, Suite A, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

www.prevention-works.org

High school aged youth who work to increase awareness of the dangerous effects of alcohol, tobacco & other drugs.

Youth Entrepreneurial Preparation

269-345-9622

YMCA (Kalamazoo County)

www.kzooyymca.org

1001 W. Maple St., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Leadership development program enlists 12-13 year olds in the process, educates them, enlightens them through activities and empowers them to become investors in themselves as well as their communities.

Youth United Way (Greater Kalamazoo United Way)

269-343-2524

709 S. Westnedge, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

www.kalamazoounitedway.org

Youth United Way seeks a diversity of Kalamazoo area youth interested in gaining leadership skills, making friends and contributing to our community. New members are welcome.

MENTORING

Visit www.michigan.gov/fyit - Foster Youth in Transition – for more resources

Big Brothers/ Big Sisters

269-382-6800/fax:269-382-4108/toll-free:888-898-3001

3501 Covington Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

www.bbbscommunity.org

Creates, develops and nurtures quality relationships between mentors and youth up to age 17.

FAMILY

269-343-1651

Community Healing Center

www.communityhealingcenter.org

2615 Stadium Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Mentoring program for young people ages 8-16 years. Mentor matched when training completed.

Kalamazoo Public Schools Education Foundation

269-337-0075

714 S. Westnedge, Kalamazoo, MI 49007
Provides mentors and tutoring services to youth in need.

Kid's Connection (Kalamazoo DHS)

269-337-5081

322 E. Stockbridge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Provides supportive friendship and socialization activities for youth outside of the home, with the opportunity to experience new events.

YWCA Mentoring Program

269-345-6025

353 E. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

www.ywcakalamazoo.org

Mentoring program for young women (ages 13-19). Provides personal support and encouragement to women & girls seeking self-sufficiency through education and employment.

RECREATION & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Visit www.michigan.gov/fyit - Foster Youth in Transition – for more resources

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kalamazoo, Inc.

269-349-4485/fax:269-383-2642

915 Lake St, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

www.bgckzoo.org

Free activities for youth ages 6-18. Youth development programs & activities in 5 areas: Sports, Fitness, and Recreation; Participating Arts; Education & Career Development; Character & Leadership Development; and Health & Life Skills.

City of Kalamazoo - Parks & Recreation Dept.

269-337-8191/fax:269-552-6457

251 Mills St., Kalamazoo, MI 49048

www.kalamazoocity.org

Recreation, leisure & cultural programs for youth, developmentally disabled, senior citizens, and youth & adult sport programs.

Foster Club / Transition Club

www.transition.fosterclub.com

National network for youth in foster care. Web site designed for youth preparing to transition out of foster care. Includes resources, success stories, scholarship opportunities, discussion forums, youth boards, advocacy and legislation information. Formerly: fyi3

Portage Community Outreach Center

269-323-1942

325 E. Centre Ave., Portage, MI 49002

www.portagecommunitycenter.org

After School Program for Middle School Students: Monday-Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Friday from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (school year only). Activities include pool, Wii video game, dance, basketball, ping pong, arts, games, outings. Students must be registered to attend. For more information contact Ruth at 323-1942 or rhelmmick@charter.net. **Summer Middle School Recreation:** PCC puts on a summer program every year for middle school students. Contact Ruth at 323-1942 for more information.

Teen Services – Kalamazoo Public Library

269-342-9837

315 S. Rose St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

www.teens@kpl.gov

Cultural, informational and recreational services to youth in both middle and high school.

YMCA (Kalamazoo County)

269-345-9622

1001 W. Maple St., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

www.kzoymca.org

Recreation and leisure activities, fitness and social development and urban outreach for underprivileged children and youth. **Late Night:** Basketball, swimming, hip-hop, social times and more for 14-18 year olds.

Youth Development Center (City of Kalamazoo)

269-337-8009

230 E. Crosstown Pkwy. Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Programs include: computer classes; typing tutorial; digital camera classes; youth leadership development; Youth Action Council; and more.

SUPPORT GROUPS FOR FOSTER and/or ADOPTIVE PARENTS

New Beginnings Foster and Adoptive Parent Support Group

P.O. Box 487, Galesburg, MI 49053

Open to all foster and adoptive parents from any agency. Provides support as well as educational workshops. Meets the second Saturday of the month (10:00 a.m.-Noon) at Kalamazoo Friends Meeting House (508 Denner, Kalamazoo). Contact Sue Collins, President, for more information.

269-665-7116/269-377-7678 (cell)

E-mail: NBSupportGroup@aol.com

Advocacy Services for Kids (ASK)

414 E. Michigan Ave

Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Support group for parents of children who are severely emotionally disturbed (SED)

269-343-5896

www.askforkids.org

E-mail: mail@askforkids.org

CHADD

Children & Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorders

Support group for parents of children with ADD/ADHD

269-384-2270

www.kazoochadd.com/

Parent-to-Parent

Kalamazoo Parent Network

Support group for parents of children with developmental & physical disabilities.

269-345-8950

www.p2pswmi.org

Parents and Caregivers of Sexually Abused Children

Support group for parents of children who have been sexually abused.

269-343-1651 ext. 142

PFLAG of Kalamazoo/Southwest Michigan

629 Pioneer St, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

PFLAG - Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

www.pflagswm.org

Second Time Around/Kinship Care Support Group

3299 Gull Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Program designed to provide kinship care providers information, support and access to community resources.

269-384-8054

www.kalcounty.com/msue/grand

KALAMAZOO COUNTY INTERAGENCY FOSTER CARE COALITION

- ❖ **Bethany Christian Services**, 6687 Seeco Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49009
Phone: 269-372-8800
- ❖ **Family and Children Services**, 1608 Lake St., Kalamazoo, MI 49001
Phone: 269-344-0202
- ❖ **Kalamazoo County Dept. of Human Services**, 322 E. Stockbridge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49001
Phone: 269-337-5064 (Foster Home Licensing)
- ❖ **Lutheran Social Services of Michigan**, 1803 Whites Rd., Suite 5, Kalamazoo, MI 49008
Phone: 269-345-5776 -- Toll Free: 1-800-809-LSSM (5776)
- ❖ **Starr Commonwealth**, 155 Garfield, Battle Creek, MI 49037
Phone: 269-968-9287 -- Toll Free: 1-800-037-5591
- ❖ **Ninth Circuit Court – Family Division**, 1400 Gull Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49048
Phone: 269-385-6000 (**NOTE:** Foster families for court involved adolescents only)