

Community Resources Directory (CRD)

For Van Buren County, Arkansas

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Please send updates, corrections and additions to sjpico@artelco.com

IF YOU DON'T NEED ASSISTANCE,
CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO ONE OF THESE WORTHY PROGRAMS.

DIAL 2-1-1 is an easy to remember telephone number that, where available, connects people with important community services and volunteer opportunities. Dial 211 from a land line for referral to United Way resources in your area. Go to <http://www.211arkansas.org/> to use the web site to find assistance. While services that are offered through 2-1-1 vary from community to community, 2-1-1 provides callers with information about and referrals to human services for every day needs and in times of crisis.

ITEMS YOU MAY NEED WHEN APPLYING

When you have these items with you, it shows you are serious about attaining assistance. You will not waste time going back and forth if you are ready in the first place. Be prepared to fill out an application there and then! Be prepared by keeping these important papers together.

- Birth Certificate(s) for all family members
- Social Security Card(s)
- Valid Photo Drivers License or Valid Photo State ID Card
- Most Recently Dated Medicaid/Medicare Card
- A current Decision Letter from your local Board of Social Services Office Services or Social Security, Food-stamps, stating the amounts you are receiving.
- Should you be disabled, a copy of your most current Med-1 Form from your County Social Services Office or your Social Security Decision Letter stating your disability.
- Proof of any and all of the programs that you are attending.
- Proof of need, whether a utility bill that is due or letter or lease from your landlord.
- Phone numbers and addresses of landlord, utility company, etc.
- Hospital's Charity Care Papers
- Fire Report
- Anything else you have that will prove who you are and that you have a valid need.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR VAN BUREN COUNTY OR LOCAL AREA

BENEFITS CHECK UP

<https://www.benefitscheckup.org>

A free service of the National Council on Aging (NCOA), this is a nonprofit service and advocacy organization in Washington, DC. Quickly find benefit programs that could help you pay for medications, health care, food, and more. Answer a series of questions to help identify benefits that could save you money and cover the costs of everyday expenses. You will get a report created just for you that describes the programs you may get help from. You can apply for many of the programs online or you can print an application form. This is available to all ages.

LEGAL AID FOR ARKANSAS

800-952-9243 If your problem is urgent, or if you would rather apply by phone, call the HelpLine.

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To apply on line go to <http://www.arlegalservices.org/applyonline>

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. , 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., also Tuesday 5:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Legal Aid of Arkansas and the Center for Arkansas Legal Services help low-income Arkansans with civil legal issues. They do not help with criminal cases other than criminal eviction and record expungement. If you've been charged with a crime, contact a public defender. Qualifying for help is based on your income and assets. It is also based on the type of legal problem you have.

TRAVELERS AID and COMMUNITY SERVICE (TACS)

Michael Powers (Assembly of God) 501- 757-1002

George Odell (Clinton Methodist Church) 501- 745-5181

Michael Battlefield (New Hope Baptist Church) 501 253 5830

Call one of the Pastors listed for assistance to travelers and VBC residents, funded by the churches joined in the Ministerial Alliance

DRIVING ARKANSAS

<http://www.idrivearkansas.com/> road and traffic conditions for the state of Arkansas

CHILDREN

BACK 2 SCHOOL BLESSING - ANNUAL EVENT:

501-253-1204 Billy or Elizabeth West Reece

Formosa Baptist, 192 county line rd., Formosa

501 757-1021 Cindy Bradley

General Baptist Church at 664 AR-16, Clinton

501 654-4639 Shirley Eddie Ragsdale

Shirley First Baptist, 10277 Hwy 16 East Shirley

Event Date: **AUGUST 6, 2016** from 10am-1 pm. Free school supplies, haircuts, food, games, prizes, and fun. Many churches gather donations, three locations for pick-up.

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE

<http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/dccece/Pages/ChildCareAssistance.aspx>

Program for low-income families, provides financial assistance for quality child care and is made possible by the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF).

HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters)

501-940-8159 or www.facebook.com/mainstreetkidshippy

Sponsored by Arkansas Children's Hospital, serving Van Buren and Stone Counties

Providing tools to be your 3 and 4 year old child's first teacher, free books, school supplies, and lessons

VBC ANGEL TREE

501 745-6500

DHS or Clinton Chamber of Commerce, 290 Main Street, Clinton, Applications begin Oct 1.

Paperwork has to be done by a person who lives in the household and has an ID

VBC FOSTER CARE COALITION

501-860-1917 Lorrie Ellis - DHS/DCFS or Lorrie.ellis@dhs.arkansas.gov

*Recruit new foster and adoptive homes for children in care in VBC

*Advocate for children in foster care

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*Provide supports to current foster homes, DCFS, and children and families involved in the child welfare system.

The YOUNG MOMS HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM

501 745 9304 Brandi or 501 745-7004, ext. 9305 Melissa Smyth, Director
Registration is open to Pregnant Mommies and/or Babies up to 3 months.
Offering parenting advice, assistance with diapers, formula, and more

CLOTHES

ANGEL GOWNS NICU Helping Hands

website www.nicuhelpinghands.org Nona Vandergriff
Help for families who have lost babies
Donations of wedding dresses welcome

FREE CLOTHES CLOSET

501 893 2714
Center Ridge First Baptist Church, 3631 Hwy 92, Center Ridge
Open Wednesdays 4 to 7 and first Saturday of every month.
All sizes Children's, Women's and Men's clothes, shoes, and coats. Take all you need! Donations welcome.

FREE CLOTHES CLOSET

501 745 6113
Clinton First Baptist Church, 211 1st Baptist Rd
Open Mondays from 9 am to noon
Family Life Center (between buildings, thru' covered bridge into second floor) Donations welcome.

FREE CLOTHES CLOSET

870-447-2223
Leslie Baptist Church
Open 10-12 on Tues, Thurs, and Sat.

THE WELL – opening soon, Church of the Nazarene Clinton.

WINTER COAT AND SHOES DRIVE

502 253 2578 Jimmy & Lisa Coots,
159 Mt Zion Rd Bee Branch, AR. 72013 (4 miles past Snappy's on Hwy 92 toward Greers Ferry, directly behind the Morganton Fire Dept. in a sharp curb, Big Rock Church) Donations welcome.

FOOD

(Call ahead to see if they need ID and what paperwork you'll need to supply.)

FISHES AND LOAVES PANTRY

LESLIE Methodist Church at 202 High St
Open Monday 12:30 – 3 pm.
Pick up food once a month, but come in every Monday to visit over coffee or juice.

FOOD BANK

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501 745-7897

Choctaw Church of Christ, 233 Hwy 65 and 330 East

Pantry hours: Wednesdays 11:00pm - 6:00pm.

FOOD BANK

501-514-8535

TNT Church (The Zoo Church) Hwy 65, Dennard

Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday (sometimes on Wednesday afternoons). Minister on site and can help at any hour during the day with your food needs.

FOOD FOR LIFE

501 745-2332

599 Highway 65 Bus., Clinton, AR 72,031

10 am to 3 pm Tuesdays and Fridays. (NOT closing – soon under new Director)

FOOD PANTRY

501-294-9755

Damascus United Methodist Church 17194 Hwy 65 South

Monday 9:00am to 1:00pm Thursday 2:00pm to 6:00pm

FORMULA FOR BABIES

501-253-2578 Pastors Jimmy & Lisa Coots

The Power House, 159 Mt Zion Rd. Bee Branch, AR. 72013

(4 miles past Snappy's on Hwy 92 toward Greers Ferry, directly behind the Morganton Fire Dept. in a sharp curb, Big Rock Church)

GREATER GOOD CAFÉ

501 253 4716 Jackie Sikes

Dirty Farmers Community Market, 364 Main Street in Clinton

Open for lunch Tuesday - Saturday 11 am - 2pm, offers "Eat what you need and pay what you can,"

lunch includes the main dish of the day, a side and a drink and may be 'purchased' for any amount the eater can afford.

MOTHERS' MILK BANK

1 866 810 0071

moms@texasmilkbank.org

“With support from the Van Buren Health Unit, we are connecting generous women with breastmilk to share with the families who need it the most. They are helping to meet the growing demand from hospitals for donor human milk for premature and medically fragile infants.” To be screened as a milk donor and donate milk, lactating moms are asked to email or call the Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas

OUR DAILY BREAD FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

501 654-4271 Brandi Goodchild

Dennard Faith Baptist Church, South side of Hwy 254

Meals served in the Evening Shade Church

Approximately 3 miles West of U.S. Hwy 65

Community soup kitchen provided every other Saturday thru.

The STATION AT DAMASCUS

501-335-7092

11 West Main - the Station is in process of moving, be sure to call for current information.

Food bank serves residents of Van Buren, Faulkner, Conway, and Cleburne Counties. Clients must not receive more than 150% of the federal poverty guideline in income. Also support the foster families of Van Buren County.

Open Monday and Wednesday from 9 until 1.

STORE HOUSE

501 825 6655

First Assembly of God Church, 50 Victory Lane, Greers Ferry

Food bank open Wed and Sat from 9 to 11

Serving zip codes: 72044, 72067, 72088, 72153, 72013, and 72130

WIC

501-745-2485 <http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/>

Van Buren County Health Unit, 526 Quality Drive (P.O. Box 452), Clinton, AR 72031

Hours 8 am - 4:30 pm

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk

THE WOODSON WAY

Facebook: **The Woodson Way / Clinton-Shirley AR**

Post if you have a meal, groceries, or food to share, contact the giver if you need the meal they are sharing. The only contact is on Facebook.

WHYHUNGER HOTLINE

11-800-5HUNGRY (800-548-6479)

If you were unable get help with your food needs in your area, please contact

The hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST

HEALTH / RECOVERY / SAFETY

911 - If you think you are in immediate danger, call 911 right away!

ALZHEIMER'S ARKANSAS

TWO support groups for those caring for loved ones with dementia or Alzheimer's

501-745-9495 D.K. Olmstead LPN/SSD

*First Wednesday of every month at 2 pm

Ozark Health Board Room, Ozark Health Nursing Home, Clinton

501-745-7004 Option 2 Ron Henson RN

*Third Wednesday of every month, at 2 pm in the library

Indian Rock Village, 265 Dave Creek Pkwy, Fairfield Bay

AMERICAN MEDICAL ALERT (AMAC)

800 645 3244 <http://americas.tunstall.com>

Personal emergency response system (you might qualify for free service)

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Managed by White River Agency on Aging home health care VBC

ARKANSAS MISSION OF MERCY (ArMOM) – An annual free dental clinic. Here is a link to the website that discusses eligibility—which is basically just show up medically healthy and able to stay the full day to wait your turn. Check out the website for the once a year date, location and very helpful details about what to expect on the day of the event. <http://www.arkansasmissionofmercy.org/patient-information> . The event is sponsored by the Arkansas Dental Association and they move the location to different areas. 2015 it was in Little Rock. 2016 was on May 1st and 2nd at Monticello.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY – Church of the Nazarene

CHI ST. VINCENT COMMUNITY CARE

<http://www.chistvincent.com/>

CHI ST. VINCENT COMMUNITY CARE - CONWAY INTERFAITH

1301 Museum Road, Conway, AR 72032. Phone: 501-932-0559

CHI ST. VINCENT PRIMARY CARE - CONWAY

3025 Fountain Dr. #100, Conway, AR 72034. Phone: 501-932-5060

CHI ST. VINCENT PRIMARY CARE - MORRILTON

1711 E. Harding Street, Morrilton, AR 72110. Phone: 501-354-4637

CHI provides free or discounted care for dental, emergency or other medically necessary care to patients who qualify.

COMMUNITY SERVICE, INC

501 745 2956 Clinton

Having difficulty with your child/teen and struggling to know how to handle it? Services offered to youth (ages 2 – 19 years) and their families in the following areas: Mental Health Services, Prevention & Education, Therapeutic Foster Care, Rehabilitative Day Treatment, Substance Abuse Services, and Juvenile Justice.

CSI accepts the following payment sources: AR Kids First, Medicaid, Employer medical insurance and others but “no family is turned away”

EXTENSION WELLNESS AMBASSADOR PROGRAM (EWAP)

501-745-7117

Volunteer Ambassadors encourage everyone to live healthy lifestyles and conduct programs based on research to improve the lives of Van Buren County residents. Programs include exercise classes and educational workshops designed to improve every individual’s health and overall wellness. There is much to accomplish and more volunteers are needed.

FAIRFIELD BAYS LIONS CLUB

501 884 3202 Lions Club Member Jeannie Hooper

Help with eye glasses, eye exams, and basic medical equipment, such as wheelchairs, walkers, bedside commodes, etc. to loan.

ICAN AT4ALL

1-800-828-2799 outside of the Little Rock area or 501-666-8868 in Little Rock <http://www.ar-ican.org/> Statewide assistive technology program making technology available and accessible for everyone who needs it (It’s FREE) Services include: Information and Referral, Equipment Loans, Equipment recycling, etc.

SERENITY RIDGE

501 253 1673 Vickie Sprott

501 617 1308 Frank McIlroy

501 253-6373 Forrest Smith

184 3rd Street, Clinton, AR 72031

Sober living recovery home for men with addiction, services provided thru Church of Christ.

TEA COALITION - THUGS (Teens Having United Goals)

501-745-7004 ext. 120

Brian Henderson, TEA Coalition Coordinator, brian.henderson@myozarkhealth.com

Encourages youth to achieve their full potential, a youth leadership council playing a vital role in TEA's efforts by serving as role models in our schools and communities to raise awareness of the dangers and consequences of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs

UAMS NORTH CENTRAL MEDICATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

501 268 5000 Teresa Henry, THenry@uams.edu

Office hours: 8 am-12 pm Monday- Friday

Help finding free and/or discounted medications for patients that cannot afford their medication.

VAN BUREN COUNTY HEALTH UNIT

501 745-2485 <http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov>

In Home Service: 501 745 2432

526 Quality Drive, Clinton, AR 72031

VISION USA EYE CARE SERVICES

501-745-1295 Linda Appleby

Call to set up appointment. Eye care made possible for low income families in VBC. Free eye exams and glasses to individuals who have no vision care insurance. Eligibility is based on income.

ZENNI OPTICAL

<http://www.zennioptical.com>

Mission: Give people glasses they can actually afford but still make them look like a million bucks.

They have frames from as low as \$6.95, but even the more expensive frames are affordable. You'll need your prescription and pupil distance to order.

UTILITIES

OZARK OPPORTUNITIES

501 745 2437 Clinton

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday from 8-4 closed 11:30-1:00

870-448-2414 Marshall

Tuesdays 9:00-3:30 closed 11:30-1:00.

NON-EMERGENCY HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE FUNDS

These funds take 35 days to reach the utility and will NOT stop a shut off order, must qualify

CRISIS HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE FUND

Available on **announced dates twice a year** winter and summer, when funds are available, must qualify

Both programs continue until funds are gone (but funds usually last only a few days to a few weeks)

“OTHER or SPECIAL” ASSISTANCE Department of Human Services (DHS) CLINTON

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501 745 4192 Lisa Regal

Applications are taken the first Wed of each month only

This is a special fund for assistance with utilities, rent, and other expenses. Funding is from Wear and Share donations and an endowment.

ASSISTANCE AFTER A FIRE or DISASTER

METHODIST THRIFT SHOP

501 745-3533

570 Griggs St, Clinton, AR 72031

Open Tues and Thurs from 9-4

Assistance to victims of house fires, Van Buren County fire report required

METHODIST CHURCH

501 745-5181

Assistance to victims of house fires

PROJECT SURGE

501 592 1380 David Holcomb

Providing assistance for folks in need

RED CROSS

501 428 4682 James Kelley - anytime

Red Cross provides food, clothing, and shelter to those affected by a home fire or disaster. This number covers Van Buren, Faulkner, Conway, Perry, and Cleburn Counties.

STATE and COUNTY SERVICES:

911 NON-EMERGENCY please call 501 884 6005, vbc911@artelco.com

RED CROSS – SAFE AND WELL

<https://safeandwell.communityos.org>

If you are currently being affected by a disaster somewhere in the U.S., click List Myself as Safe and Well or if you are concerned about a loved one in the U.S., click Search Registrants. Safe and Well is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and is accessible in both English and Spanish.

POISON CONTROL

800-222-1222

MISCELANEOUS / EMPLOYMENT / EDUCATION

ARKANSAS CAREER PATHWAYS INITIATIVE

Pathways can assist you in obtaining a GED, and the campus may have funds available for *Tuition and Textbooks, *Childcare, and/or *Transportation.

Enables your local two-year college to offer qualified applicants career training and college classes
Pathways will provide you with a counselor/advisor and tutor to help you choose classes, get enrolled, and put you and your family on the road to a better life. For more information contact the two-year college in your area.

CLINTON, AR HELP WANTED on Facebook

List available jobs or positions wanted on this Facebook page.

DO NOT CALL

888-382-1222

The phone you use will be registered to stop telemarketing calls

JOB SEARCH

<http://www.indeed.com>

Type in kind of job or location for search

NORTH CENTRAL ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

501 745 6554

Clinton Campus located at 100 Success Dr.

870-447-3098 Ncadulted1@gmail.com

Leslie Campus located at 402 Oak St.

Classes are taught by certified teachers, tuition is FREE. Course offering: College Preparation, Job Preparation, High School Diploma Equivalency (GED) Preparation, and English as a Second Language (ESL). Enroll anytime. Work at your own pace. Work on the skills YOU want to work on.

TRIO EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY CENTER

501 745 7777 or 745 6554 or **870-391-3129** Della Hand

Van Buren County Adult Ed Center at 100 Success Dr. Clinton

Available in Clinton on Tues 10 am to 3 pm

Assists adults 19 or older to enter college or obtain technical training. The Center offers a variety of educational counseling services. ALL SERVICES ARE FREE.

VBC DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS)

501 745 4192 <http://humanservices.arkansas.gov>

449 Ingram St., Clinton, AR, 72031

SENIOR ADULTS & COMMUNITY CENTERS

AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS and DESIGNATED LOCAL CONTACT AGENCY FOR NURSING FACILITY RESIDENTS

866 801 3435

brad.nye@dhs.arkansas.gov or <http://www.choicesinliving.ar.gov>

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DREAMS FOR VETERANS

(888)4DREAMS (888 437 3267)

www.dreamfoundation.org/veterans

Effectively tailors the dream experience for Veterans and their families. Recipients are U.S. military Veterans 18 years or older with a life expectancy of 12 months or less, and who lack the means to make his or her dream come true unassisted.

EXPERIENCE WORKS Clinton

501 745 1295 Linda Appleby

Improving the lives of 55 and older folks through training, community service, and employment, must

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meet other eligibility requirements.

If you represent a public or nonprofit organization wanting to partner with EW to provide community service assignments for older workers, give us a call.

If you are an employer interested in hiring someone with the reliability and dedication of older workers, let us know.

CLINTON SENIOR CENTER

501 745 2544

311 Yellow Jacket Lane Suite 1, open Monday thru Friday, 8 am / 1 pm

FAIRFIELD BAY SENIOR CENTER

501 884 4881

385 Dave Creek Parkway, open Tuesday – Friday 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

SCOTLAND SENIOR CENTER

501-592-3377 Judy Simmons - Director

11763 Hwy 95 West, Scotland, Arkansas 72141

Open Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. lunch served daily.

SHIRLEY SENIOR CENTER (the Community Center)

501 723 4669

Hwy 9E, open Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

THE NATIONAL AGING IN PLACE COUNCIL

202 939 1770

akrapacs@ageinplace.org or <http://www.ageinplace.org/> .

Living at home helps seniors stay healthy, maintain independence, and remain close with family and friends. The NAIPC connecting seniors to service providers who can help them stay in their own homes.

USA.GOV

844 USA GOV1 (844 872 4681) www.usa.gov

A wealth of information for retirees, featuring retirement calculators and guides to post-retirement health benefits, retiree rights, and financial planning. A quick search on USA.gov will help you answer most, if not all of your retirement questions.

VBC AGING PROGRAM, INC.

501 745 2244

311 Yellow Jacket Lane Suite 2, Clinton.

Open Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. / 4 p.m.

ANIMALS

ALF PET NETWORK

www.alfpetnetwork.com

Reunite lost and found pets with their owners. Anyone who is missing or who has rescued a pet in Arkansas is welcome to submit information.

COMPANIONS SPAY AND NEUTER CLINIC

501-679-7900, fixyourpet@alliancecable.net or <http://www.companionsspayandneuter.com>

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589 Highway 65N, Greenbrier, AR 72058
Affordable means to spay & neuter

FAIRFIELD BAY ANIMAL PROTECTION LEAGUE
501-884-6005

FAIRFIELD BAY ANIMAL SHELTER
501-884-6417 ffbanimalshelter@gmail.com
Tuesday-Friday 12:00 p.m-3:00pm, and Saturday from 10-3 for adoptions only

FUZZY HEARTS ANIMAL RESCUE:
501-215-6096
Van Buren County (spay/neuter & pet food assistance)
On Facebook: Fuzzyheartsanimalrescue

"OPERATION KINDNESS"
870-221-1630 Chopper operationkindness@yahoo.com
Searcy County Humane Society with a mobile-van spay-neuter service
<http://searcycountyhumanesociety.webstarts.com/index>

VAN BUREN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER
501 745 2121
187 Tester Street Clinton, AR 72031
Monday - Friday 8:00 - 4:30