

# Columbus Area Social Services Resources For Referrals

*A guide to finding local help in the Columbus area*



***“Build a Bridge of Friendship and  
Let Jesus Walk Over It...”***

**Vineyard Columbus  
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Dear Friend,

Welcome to Vineyard Columbus! As a church community, we believe that God accepts us just as we are. No matter what stage in life, no matter what we have done, no matter what we look like, say, or do, He loves us. He loves us with such a rich love that He gave His one and only Son to die for us on the cross. It is a free gift that is extended to you today. You do not have to purchase or do anything to receive it. The Word says that by simply confessing and believing that He paid the penalty for your sin, you can receive everlasting life- life to the full. I invite you to accept His precious gift.

We hope you can use this booklet to find information for social service resources available in the Columbus area. You can always call the central referral agency **HANDS-ON**. We know how difficult it is to live life alone. If you are not connected to a small group, we want to encourage you to look for one in our Small Group Booklet. Our Community Center also can provide services for families and individuals. Check out the listings of programs they have in their booklet.

Finally, Vineyard Church has many support and recovery groups and a counseling center. Please feel free to contact us at the church at 614-890-0000 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about our ministries.

Warmly,  
Vineyard Columbus

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**HANDS ON at 221-2255 or 211**

**(24 Hour Hotline)**

## **Columbus Area Shelters & Housing**

**If you are looking for shelter for anyone who is homeless, all requests are now centralized through Faith Mission. You must call them FIRST. Do not send anyone directly to the shelters.**

**The number to call is 1-888-4SHELTR or (1-888-474-3587).**

### **MEN'S Shelters**

#### **Faith Mission.**

151 N. 6th Street, intake 24 hours (must be 18).

#### **Faith Mission on 8th**

599 E. 8th Avenue, intake 24 hours (must be 18).

#### **Friends of the Homeless**

924 E. Main Street, intake 24 hours (must be 18).

### **WOMEN'S Shelters**

#### **Choices**

For victims of domestic violence & children under 18. Call 24 hrs/day. 224-4663.

#### **Faith Mission (Nancy's Place)**

325 E. Long Street, intake 24 hours (must be 18), NO KIDS.

#### **Rebecca's Place**

(FOH) Must be 18. Call for intake (must be 18), Contact 251-2937.

### **YOUTH Shelter**

#### **Huckleberry House**

1421 Hamlet Street. Call 24 hours, must be 12-17. Contact 294-5553.

### **FAMILY Shelter**

#### **YWCA Family Center**

900 Harvey Ct., 24 hour shelter available by phone. Contact 253-7970.

#### **Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center**

Assisting men to live soberly. 1675 S. High St. Mon-Fri. 8am.-3:30pm. Contact 221-4269.



## Columbus Area Shelters & Housing

### **YMCA**

40 W. Long Street. Single rooms for single men. Contact 573-3616.

### **YWCA**

65 South 4th Street. Single rooms for single women. Contact 224-9121 ext. 1270.

### **Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority**

880 E. 11th Avenue. Low income & Section 8 housing. Contact 421-6000.

### **Columbus Housing Network**

957 E. Broad St., ADAMH, Supportive Housing. Contact 251-1700.

### **Columbus Housing Partnership**

562 E. Main St. Assists with low-income housing for working individuals & families. Contact 221-8889

### **National Church Residences**

398 S. Grant St. (Individuals) & 5560 Chantry Dr. (Families). Permanent supportive housing. Contact 224-9988 for Commons at Grant & 863-9772 for Commons at Chantry.

### **HUD (Housing Urban Development)**

HUD's mission is to increase homeownership, support community development and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination. Contact 469-7345.

### **Salvation Army Direct Housing Program**

Emergency housing for individuals in transition. Please call 221-6561.

### **Community Connections**

Affordable housing for ex-offenders/individuals in transition. Contact 252-0660.

### **Roommates in Recovery**

Provides affordable housing @ \$80 p/week. Located on Agler Road area. No sex offenders or arsonists. Random drug screens are a requirement. Contact Connie & Joe at 648-1350 or 337-0564.

### **Passages of Grace Sober Housing**

\$400/mo or \$100 week, fully furnished, \$200 deposit. Must be employed with minimum income of \$900 month. Must have 30 days current and continuous sobriety. Contact 614-915-5910 for info or application.

### **Lutheran Social Services**

Has affordable housing for seniors and disabled. Contact: 228-5200

## Free Meals



### **Central Presbyterian Church**

132 S. Third Street, Breakfast on Sunday: 8:30-9:00am., Lunch: Tues.-Thurs., 11-11:30am.  
Contact 224-9119.

### **Community Kitchen**

640 S. Ohio Avenue, Lunch served 11:30am- 12:30pm. Monday– Saturday.  
Contact 252-6428.

### **Faith Mission**

#### **Men:**

151 N. 6th Street, Meals served daily. Breakfast 6:30- 7:15 a.m., Mon.- Fri.; Sat & Sunday  
8:30-9:30 am.; Lunch 12:30-1:30 p.m.; Dinner served 6:45-7:45 p.m. Contact 224-6617.

#### **Women:**

151 N. 6th Street, Meals served daily. Breakfast 8:00-8:45 a.m.; Lunch 11:30-12:15 p.m.;  
Dinner 5:30-6:15 p.m. Contact 224-6617.

### **Holy Family Soup Kitchen**

57 S. Grubb Street, Lunch served 10:30 am.-12:30 pm., Mon.- Fri. Contact 461-9444.

### **Mt. Olivet Baptist Church**

428 E. Main Street. Lunch served 11:00-2:00 p.m., Friday only. Contact 221-3446.

### **First English Lutheran**

1015 E. Main St. Sundays: Breakfast, 8:30-9:30 am. McAllister Entrance.

### **New Life UMC**

25 W. 5th Avenue, Breakfast served Tuesdays, 9:00-11:00 a.m. & Sundays, 6:30-9:00 a.m.  
Dinner served last Sunday of month, 3-5:00 pm. Contact 294-0134.

### **Rehoboth Temple**

1111 E. Long Street, Lunch served 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Wednesdays. Contact 252-8219.

### **St. John's Evangelical**

59 E. Mound, Lunch served Wednesdays, Noon to 1:30pm. Contact 224-8834.

### **St. Lawrence Haven**

200 S. High St., Lunch served Mon-Fri., 1:30-3:30pm. Contact 228-0799.

### **Stowe Baptist Center**

911 Parsons Ave. Lunch served 11:00am-12:25pm. Mon-Thurs. Contact: 443-1120

### **Southside Settlement House**

310 E. Innis Ave. Lunch served at 11:00am. Mon-Fri. Contact: 444-9868



## Columbus Area Food Pantries

### **Vineyard Columbus Food Pantry - Fruit of the Vine**

181 East 5th Ave., Columbus. Area served: 43201. Intake: 9:00 am.-11:30 am., Saturdays. First come, first served- no appointment necessary. Services: Provides emergency non-perishable food once a week, once a month per family. ID required. Contact : 259-5441.

### **Better Way Ministries**

38 W. Greenwood Avenue, Columbus. Area served: 43201 within 2 mile radius. Walk-ins ok. No referral needed. Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays from 7:30-8:30 pm. Contact: 348-2263.

### **Christian Center -Gahanna**

298 South Rocky Fork Drive, Gahanna, OH 43230. Area served: 43230, 43213, 43219 (North of 5th Avenue, East of Sunbury Road) and 43224. Intake: 9:00am.-11:00am, Saturdays. No referral needed. Requires photo ID proof of residency for all household members. Walk-ins ok. Services: Offers short-term emergency supply of food. Contact: 471-3036.

### **WARM/Paul's Pantry - Westerville**

175A E. Broadway No walk-ins. Only HANDS-ON referral. Area served: 43081, 43082, 43229, 43230, 43231, Westerville school district. 1st & 3rd Mon. 5:00-7:00pm., Tues. 9:00-11:00am & 1:30-3:30pm., Wed. 9-11:00am., Thurs. 4:00-6:00pm. Contact: 899-0196

### **Epworth UMC Food Pantry - Northside**

5100 Karl Road. Area served: 43229. Must have referral from HANDS-ON, No walk-ins. Contact: 885-8015. Monday, 9:00am-6:30pm. and Tues. thru Thurs., 6-6:30 pm.

### **Northland Church of Christ - Northside**

4581 Cleveland Avenue. HANDS-ON referrals. No boundaries. Contact: 410-5860. Open on Wed. , 7-8:00pm.

### **Dublin Food Pantry**

81 W. Bridge St. Area served: 43016 and 43017, Dublin school district. Walk-ins okay. Mon. 6-7:30 pm., Tues. 10am-1pm., Thurs. 4:30-6:30pm. Contact 889-6590.

### **Freshstart Church of God-Reynoldsburg**

1001 Rosehill Rd. Area served: All Franklin County. Walk-ins okay. No referral needed. Tues. 5:30-8:30pm., 4th Fri. 9am-11am., 4th Sat. 9am-noon. Contact: 864-6350.

## Columbus Area Food Pantries

### **Salvation Army-Worthington**

760 Worthington Woods Blvd. No walk-ins. HANDS-ON referrals. Area served: 43016, 43017, 43026, 43081, 43082, 43085, 43086, 43214, 43220, 43221, 43234, 43235, Powell, Delaware. Mon. -Thurs. 11:00am.-1:00pm. Contact: 846-1884

### **Calvary Rd. Community Church - Grove City**

5108 Norton Rd., No referral needed. Walk-ins ok. 2nd & 4th Thurs. 9-1:00am. Contact: 878-2887

### **Community Res. Center- Clintonville/Beechwold**

14 W. Lakeview Ave. Area served: 43202 N. of Hudson, 43214. Walk-ins ok. No referral needed. Mon. 12-4:00pm., Tues. 12-7:00pm., Wed. 12-4:00pm., Thurs 12-7:00pm., Fri. 12-4:00pm. Contact: 268-3539

### **Native American Indian Center of Central Ohio**

67 East Innis Ave. Area Served: serves residents of 43205, 43206, 43207. Native American heritage is not required. No referrals needed. Walk-ins ok. 10:00am-noon, Tues.-Fri. Services: Offers 5 day emergency food supply every 30 days. Food supplies vary, call for availability. Photo ID required for adults ages 18 and older; ages 17 and younger need birth certificate or health card. Proof of address (recent piece of mail) required. Clothing pantry available 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Contact 443-6120.

### **Neighborhood House. Inc.**

321-B North 20th Street. Area served: 43203, SW-I-71/Broad, SE-Nelson Rd./Broad, NE-Nelson Rd./I-670, NW-Cleveland/5th. Walk-ins ok in boundaries. Other served one time and referred elsewhere. Wed. & Fri. 9:30am-12:30 pm. after the 10th of the month only. Contact 258-0969

### **New Salem Baptist/Bread of Life**

3019 Cleveland Ave. Walk-ins ok. Area served: 43224. 6-7:30pm. Mon.-Thurs. Contact: 267-2536 ext. 446

### **Inner City Ministries**

842 Sullivant Ave. Area served: 43215,43222,43223. No referral needed. Walk-ins ok. Mon,Tues. -Thurs.,Fri. 9:30am-11:00am. Need photo ID mail less than a month old as proof of residence. Contact: 469-7920

### **Eastview UMC Pantry**

1045 Ross Rd. Area served: 43068,43204,43209,43213,43227,43232 Walk-in ok, must have photo ID. Mon.- Fri., 1:00-3:00pm. Contact: 235-7895.



## Columbus Area Food Pantries

### **St. Stephens Community House**

1500 East 17th Avenue. Area served: 43081,43201,43211,43219,43224,43229, 43230,43231. Walk-ins okay in service area. Open: 1- 3:45 p.m. Mon-Fri. Contact 294-6347, ext. 310.

### **Stowe Baptist Church**

911 Parsons Avenue. Area served: 43206 and 43207. Must have referral from HANDS-ON. Open: 11:00am-12:25pm. Mon.-Thurs. Contact 443-1120.

### **Victory Ministries, INC**

2955 Switzer Ave. Area served: No boundaries. Intake: walk-in 12:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri., last 20 days of month. Services: Food and clothing pantry provides short-term emergency food supply once a month, and clothing for adults and children. Seniors ages 60 and older may come more than once per month. No third-party pick-up. Must bring a picture ID (driver's license, welfare ID, work ID, etc.), proof of address for each adult in household (utility bill, medical card, lease, etc.), proof of family size (social security cards, medical card, birth certificates, etc.), and verification of need (if employed, recent pay stub and rent receipt or lease; if on assistance programs, document confirming current situation, award letter or health care). For more information contact 252-2500.

### **Clair United Methodist Church**

South Side Settlement House, 310 East Innis Avenue. Area served: 43207  
Walk-in ok. 10:00-noon, Mon.,Tues.,Thurs. Contact 444-9868.

### **Southside Community Ministries**

225 E. Gate St. Area served: 43206 & 43207. Walk-in only once. 3rd & 4th Tues. & Thurs. 1:00-2:30pm., last Tues & Thurs. of month 6-7:30 pm. and 3rd Wed. 2:30-4:00pm. & last Fri. of month 1-2:30 pm., and 3rd Sat. 1-2:30pm. Contact 444-1669.

### **Lutheran Social Services/South**

1460 S. Champion Ave. Area served: Franklin County. Walk-ins ok..  
11:00am-3:00pm Mon. thru Fri. and 1:00-3:30pm. Sat. Contact: 443-4508

### **Lighthouse Ministries**

2295 S. High St. Area served: 43207,43123,43223 No referral needed.  
Walk-ins ok. 9:00am-noon, Tues.,Wed.,Thurs. Contact: 444-1524

## Free Clothing



### **New Life United Methodist Church**

25 W. 5th Ave. Tues. and Weds., 9:00-11:30 a.m. Contact 294-0134.

### **Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church**

1727 & 1729 Brice Rd., Wed., 10:00 am-7:00 p.m. and Sat. 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Contact 866-1680.

### **Inner City Ministries**

842 Sullivant Ave., Columbus, OH 43223. Provides clothing for area residents.  
Open 9:00- 12:00 p.m. Tues.-Fri. Contact 469-7920.

### **Victory Ministries, Inc.**

2955 Switzer Avenue, Columbus. Directions: From the east, take I-670 to exit # 9 (Cassady Ave. exit). Go left on Cassady Ave., then left on Johnstown Rd. and an immediate right on Switzer Ave. Victory Ministries is the third building on the right. From the west, take I-670 to Johnstown Rd. exit # 9 (bear to the right on exit). At stop sign, go right on Johnstown Rd. two blocks to Switzer Ave., turn left and Victory Ministries is the third building on the right. For more information, contact 614-252-2500.

### **Maternity Resource Center**

Grace Baptist Church, 3475 Paris Blvd., Westerville, OH 43081. Provides maternity clothing, baby and young children's clothing (up to age 4), baby equipment and supplies. By appointment only. Contact 890-0078 ext. 10. Directions: Located in the Huber Ridge subdivision. From I-270, exit Route 3, or Route 161. Just south of I-270, a few blocks east of Route 3 on Paris Blvd.

### **Clothes Closet**

Contact 221-7719.

### **Salvation Army**

Material assistance provided. Open 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Mon.- Fri. Contact 221-6561 Ext. 404.

### **Christian Center Gahanna**

298 South Rocky Fork Drive, Gahanna, OH 43230. Area served: 43230, 43213, 43219 (North of 5th Avenue, East of Sunbury Road), 43207, 43211, and 43224. Intake: 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Saturday. Requires proof of identification and verification of need. Contact 471-3036.

### **United Methodist Free Store**

946 Parsons Ave. Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, 10am-1pm; Wednesday & Friday, 3-6:00pm. Vouchers available. Contact 443-1713.

## Free/Low Cost Health Care Services

### **Vineyard Free Health Clinics (5th Ave.)**

171 E. 5th Ave. **Medical:** Walk-in, 1st come, 1st served, Wednesday evenings. 10-20 patients will be seen (dependant on staffing). Sign-in begins at 5:30 pm. Line forms earlier. Provides diagnosis and treatment of illnesses only. No lab tests, injections, physicals or x-rays. **Vision:** By appointment only. Offers routine eye exams and information on obtaining discounted eye glasses. Call Fridays 10-10:30 am to schedule vision appointments. 614.259.5428. **Dental Clinic:** Only for residents of 43201 zip code area. 1st & 3rd Fridays and 1st & 3rd Mondays. Registration is 8:00 am., line starts early. Bring photo ID and proof of residency like a bill or post-marked letter. Only exams, fillings, extractions and cleanings.

### **Vineyard Free Health Clinics (Cooper Road)**

6000 Cooper Rd, Columbus, OH 43081. **Medical:** Walk-in, 1st come, 1st served, 1st Tuesday evening of the month. 10-20 patients will be seen (dependant on staffing). Sign-in begins at 5:30 pm. Line forms earlier. Provides diagnosis and treatment of illnesses only. No lab test, infections, physicals or x-rays. **Dental:** By appointment only. Provides dental exams, fillings and extractions. No bridgework, orthodontics, dentures, crowns, or root canals. Call Fridays 9-9:45 am to schedule appointments. 614.259.5428. **Vision and Chiropractic** by appointment only. Call Fridays 10-10:30am to schedule vision & chiropractic appointments. 614-259-5428.

### **Lower Lights Christian Health Center**

1251 W. Broad St. Faith based non profit clinic working with insurance and non-insurance patients. Will do sliding scale fees. Call 274-1455 for appointment.

### **Columbus Free Medical Clinic**

2231 North High Street. Northwood- High Building (located at Rardin Family Practice Center) Arrive no later than 4 p.m. Patients seen at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact 404-8417.

### **Columbus Health Dept.**

240 Parsons Ave., CMA Free Clinic, open Mon 4:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. TB Clinic, open Mon. 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Tues. 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Wed. 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Contact 240-7430 for CMA Clinic, and 645-2199 for the TB clinic.

### **Columbus Free Clinic (Free Clinica Latina)**

2231 N. High Street. Open 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Thursdays. Sign up starts at 5:00. Calls made to the clinic are only returned on Thursdays. Contact 404-8417. (For all Latina clients, please call for an appointment).

### **Physicians Free Clinic**

431 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215. Sign-in begins at 4:30 p.m. No appointment necessary. First come, first served basis. No documentation required. Patients must live in Franklin County, and must be uninsured. Contact 240-7430.

### **Stowe Baptist Dental Clinic**

888 S. Parson,s Ave. Every Monday evening, and 1st & 3rd Thursday nights. Doors open at 1:30 pm for waiting inside. Dental service starts around 5:45 pm.

**\*\*For a complete list of health care resources, please visit [www.publichealth.columbus.gov](http://www.publichealth.columbus.gov). Click on: Resources for Healthcare Providers / Local Health Referral Lists.**

## Rent/Utility Assistance

### **HEAP** (gas or electric)

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is a federally funded program administered by the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Community Service (OCS). It is designed to help eligible low-income Ohioans meet the high costs of home heating. HEAP provides a one-time payment for PUCO regulated utility customers for the winter heating season. Vouchers are issued to non-regulated utility customers, master-metered and other applicants who do not have a utility bill in their name. For more information contact 1-800-282-0880. Project Warm-up 719-8734. Starts November 1st and lasts until funds run out.

### **AT&T**

Lifeline Ohio program for assistance with deposit /installation services plus monthly discount if qualify. 800-335-8721

### **Central Community House**

CCH provides limited assistance for health issues, housing, and utilities on an emergency basis. For more information contact 252-3157. Only for 43205 zip.

### **JOIN** (gas, water, meds, infant)

First come, first served basis. Hours 10-11:30am. and 1:00-2:00pm. Monday thru Friday. For more information contact 241-2531..

### **Salvation Army Direct Housing Program**

Emergency housing for individuals in transition. Please call 740-369-5301.

### **Community Shelter Board**

Provides referrals, service, and emergency housing for individuals in transition. Please contact 221-9195 for more information.

### **AEP Ohio**

Percentage of Income Plan (PIPP) Program for low income customers. You can also contact the IMPACT office to apply in the fall. 1-800-747-1038. Winter Payment Option program. Information: 800-277-2177 Also have the Neighbor to Neighbor program, 800-683-7036.

**Breathing Association** will has summer and winter assistance programs through HEAP, electric bill help, air conditioners for medical need. 457-2997.

**Community Mediation** will help with rent disputes with landlord. They can often help buy time. 228-7191.

**Compass Program** will help pay \$100 towards rent in 12 month period with eviction notice. 463-9612.

## Mental, Health, Alcohol, & Drug Treatment

**Vineyard Counseling Center** 259-5409

### **NetCare Access**

199 S. Central Avenue, 741 E. Broad Street. Open 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.  
For more information contact 1-888-276-2273, or 276-2273.

### **Maryhaven**

Detox Admissions. 24 hours a day. Contact 445-8131.

### **Southeast, Inc.**

16 W. Long Street. Open Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For more information  
contact 225-0990.

### **Cocaine Anonymous**

Referral to support groups. Contact 251-1122.

### **Narcotics Anonymous**

Referral to support groups. Contact 252-1122.

### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

Referral to support groups. Contact 253-8501.

### **House of Hope**

Treatment services for Men, Women, and Children.  
Open Mon.- Fri., 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Contact 291-4691.

### **CompDrug Corp.**

Counseling and treatment. Open 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Contact 224-4506.

### **Amethyst**

527 S. High Street. Residential treatment for Women and Children.  
Open 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Contact 242-1284.

### **Salvation Army**

600 S. Front Street. Assessment and treatment for men. Open Mon.-Fri.,  
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Contact 221-4269.

### **Volunteers of America**

624 Harmon Avenue. Six-month residential treatment ninety-day transitional  
residence. Open Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Contact 849-0145.

### **Columbus Health Department**

240 Parsons Ave. Outpatient treatment for substance abusers. Open Mon.-Fri.,  
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Contact 645-7306.

### **Columbus Aids Task Force**

1751 E. Long Street. Outpatient treatment for substance abusers.  
Open Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Contact 299-2437.

**Talbot Hall OSU** 257-3760 (good program)

## Miscellaneous Services

### **GED Preparation/Testing**

6000 Cooper Road, Westerville. Includes instruction and tutoring in all five subjects-reading, writing, social studies, science and mathematics. Offers daytime classes - Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 - 11:30a.m. and evening classes, Tues. & Thurs. 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Maria Broeckel at 259-5296.

### **Life Skills Center**

Multiple locations:

2400 S. Hamilton Road, Columbus, OH 43232. Contact 863-9175.

1900 E. Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43229. Contact 891-9041.

3088 Southwest Blvd. Grove City, OH 43123. Contact 801-1366.

### **Columbus Literacy Council**

The Columbus Literacy Council (CLC) is a volunteer-based organization dedicated to increasing the level of functional literacy of adults in central Ohio through teaching the English language skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Contact 221-5013.

### **Employment & Job Preparation**

#### **Franklin County Dept. of Jobs and Family Services**

Various centers available, call for locations. Open 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Contact 462-4000.

#### **Columbus Works, Inc.**

251 E. Livingston Ave. (43214) Intensive job training, placement and retention services for out-of-school youth and young adults. Contact 223-1553.

#### **Columbus Urban League**

The Columbus Urban League Career Development Services provides employment opportunities for African Americans and other citizens through advocacy, research, training, Contact 257-6300.

**JobLeaders** 614-559-5500 or [www.cowicjobleaders.org](http://www.cowicjobleaders.org)

**Vineyard Community Center** - Monday morning open session in computer lab, one-on-one monthly coaching at Career Clinic, monthly group through the Career Network. 259-5238 for info.

### **Legal Assistance**

#### **Vineyard Free Legal Clinic**

6000 Cooper Road, Westerville, OH 43081. Open 1st Mon. of the month 5:30 p.m., consultations from 6:30- 9:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. Vineyard Community Center. For more information contact [vclegalclinic@vineyardcolumbus.org](mailto:vclegalclinic@vineyardcolumbus.org).

#### **Legal Aid Society of Columbus**

1108 City Park Ave. Various services. Contact 241-2001.

**Columbus Bar Association** For more information contact 221-4112.

**Capital University Legal Clinic** 303 E. Broad. 236-6245

**Equal Justice Foundation** 88 E. Broad. 800-898-0545



## Miscellaneous Services

### **Social Services**

#### **Catholic Social Services**

For more information contact 221-5891.

#### **Lutheran Social Services**

For more information contact 228-5200.

#### **Franklin County Children Services**

For more information contact 229-7000.

#### **Job and Family Services**

For more information contact 719-8600.

#### **Refugee and Immigration Services**

For more information contact 235-5747.

### **Hotlines and Counseling**

#### **NetCare Access 24 Hour Hotline**

Contact 276-2273.

#### **Suicide Prevention 24 Hour Hotline**

Contact 221-5445.

#### **Riverside's Rape 24 Hour Hotline**

Contact 267-7020.

#### **Choices Domestic Violence 24 hour Hotline**

Contact 224-4663.

#### **Riverside Crisis Hotline**

Contact 566-5056.

### **Parenting and Pregnancy**

#### **Vineyard Value Life Ministry**

Provides practical and loving support to women who have experienced an unplanned pregnancy. Contact 890-0000 ext. 5318.

#### **Pregnancy Decision Health Centers**

665 E. Dublin Granville Road (Main Offices). Various locations. Provides assistance to mothers facing a crisis pregnancy. Provide free pregnancy testing, and infant clothing. To find a center near you, contact 441-4411.

#### **The Nurturing Network**

Provides women with the resources they need in order to continue their pregnancies. Volunteer members form an extensive employment, medical, educational, counseling and residential network which enables a mother to continue the life of her unborn child without sacrificing her own hopes and dreams.

Contact the Network's toll free number: 1-800-866-4666.

#### **Pregnancy Care Connection**

For more information contact 227-9866.

## Miscellaneous Services

### **Veterans Services**

#### **Franklin County Veterans Services Commission**

250 W. Broad Street. Veterans benefits and financial assistance. Open Mon. and Wed.-Fri., 8:00 am.-4:00 pm. Contact 462-2500.

#### **Vet Center**

30 Spruce Street. Mental health services and readjustment counseling. Open Mon.-Fri., 8:00 am.-4:30 pm. Contact 257-5550.

#### **VA Outpatient Clinic**

543 Taylor Ave. Medical, mental health, social services. Open Mon.-Fri., 8:00 am.-4:30 pm. Contact 257-5200.

#### **Volunteers of America**

Employment services and computer resource center. Open Mon.-Thurs., 8:00 am.- 5:00 pm. Contact 351-1881.

### **State ID Info**

#### **State of Ohio Bureau**

Contact 752-7600.

### **Transportation**

#### **COTA**

Local bus service. For more information contact 228-1776.

#### **Project Mainstream**

COTA's paratransit service for eligible persons who are unable to use the fixed route service as a result of their disability. Guidelines for COTA Project Mainstream eligibility are based upon the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Inability to drive a car, distance from bus stop and age are not qualifying conditions in determining eligibility. Project Mainstream provides service during the same hours as the fixed route bus system. To verify current times, call (614) 228-1776.

#### **Furniture Bank of Central Ohio**

Provides free furniture and household goods to families in Columbus area. Must have a referring agency. They do have criteria for assistance. Call 272-9544.



## Other Organizations

### **Joint Organization for Inner City Needs (JOIN)**

578 E. Main Street. Offers many services: funeral assistance, homebound food delivery and pantry referrals for 43204,43209,432111,43219,43223, some housing assistance if no income, prescription assistance, supplemental foods, utility assistance once every 12 months with one utility, vision assistance. Contact: 241-2531

### **Coalition for the Homeless**

Provides advocacy, directory of nonprofit housing organizations and agencies, youth resource and empowerment. Contact: 280-1984

### **Columbus Neighborhood Health Center**

600 W. Spring St. with various health center locations that provide dental services, shots, healthcare for homeless, and other services. Main number is 645-5500.

### **Columbus Urban League**

788 Mount Vernon Avenue. Many programs to assist, ie. fair housing, GED preparation, Head Start, Victim Assistance Program, Career Development and others. Contact: 257-6300

### **Community Connection for Ohio Offenders**

993 E. Main Street. Employment services, ex-offender services, support groups. Contact: 252-0660

### **Community Refugee and Immigration Services**

3628 Bexvie Avenue. Services range from ESL classes, direct resettlement, employment services, human trafficking case management, immigration legal services, translation/interpretation. 3 locations. Contact: 235-5747.

### **Gahanna Residents in Need (GRIN)**

c/o Mifflin Presbyterian Church. Takes donations, volunteers, some financial assistance and referrals. 43230 zip code area. Contact: 471-4491 ext. 61

### **Impact Community Action (CFCCAA)**

700 Bryden Road and other locations. Energy Assistance program, Emergency HEAP, Percentage of income payment plan (PIIP), Regular HEAP. Contact: 1-800-747-1038

## Other Organizations



### **LifeCare Alliance**

1699 W. Mound St. Many services for senior citizens. Contact: 278-3130

### **Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission**

111 Liberty St., Suite 100. Various programs of assistance like Single Family Housing Rehab, Guaranteed Ride Home Program, Housing Rehabilitation Loans, Mortgage Assistance Program One and Two, Residential Energy Conservation Program, Ride Solutions, Transportation and Resource Locator. Contact: 228-2663.

### **National Federation of The Blind**

4501 N. Fourth St. Services include advocacy, Braille Monitor, Cane Bank, Digitized Newspaper reading service by phone, form assistance. Contact: 262-9378.

### **Ohio Hispanic Coalition**

6161 Busch Blvd., Suite 311. Services include community education and outreach, domestic violence hotline (746-3534, 24 hrs.), ESL, legal and immigration services, prenatal and postnatal health. Contact: 840-9934.

### **Rent/Utility Assistance (other)**

**IMPACT** (rent, gas, electric) 614-252-2799

**Prevention, Retention and Contingency** Call Jobs & Family Services for electric and gas, 1-877-852-0010 - must call LEADS before PRC.

**Lutheran Social Services** (gas & other) 614-228-5200

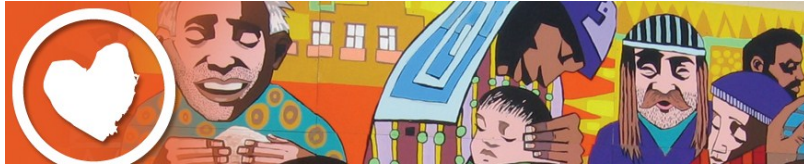
**Dept. of Aging** 55 & older. Large variety of help including utilities and jobs. 614-462-5230

**Lifeline Assistance (AT&T Ohio)** 1-800-335-8721

**PUCO** 1-800-686-7826

**Creative Housing** Provides safe, affordable housing for people with disabilities. 418-7725





**Central Call Service for Referrals  
in all areas of need**

**HANDS-ON: 221-2255 or 211  
24 hours, every day**

**Foodlink hotline** provides referrals for services in Franklin County. Contact **341-2282**. 7:00am.-4:00pm., Mon., Wed., Fri. and 7:00am.-8:00pm., Tue., & Thur.

**370 South Fifth Street, Columbus, OH 43215**

**The Ohio Benefit Bank**

A service to help qualify those in need for government assistance programs or help with taxes. Please call 1-800-648-1176 to meet with a counselor at a location near you or go online to:

**<https://selfserve.thebenefitbank.com/ums>**

*Info Taken from the Columbus Coalition for the Homeless Street Card, FIRSLINK, and Columbus Health Dept. along with varying websites.*



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